

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men

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SYDNEY INC
Est. 1991

Caring for each other, sharing friendships & affection with each other in similar situations to lead as full a life as possible

Happy New Year to all our Readers !!!

We are pleased to announce that MAG is now an Incorporated Association.

MAG SYDNEY INCORPORATED

Please see the President report on this milestone in MAG's history.



This lovely **'young' lady** graced our Chrissy party; but only for a short period of time. The outfit was made of a jump-suit type fabric, and she was sweating to death in it! Thanks Joe for helping to make the evening a great success. You, along with all the other guys who took the trouble to come in chrissy attire made the night.

The President says, "Thank you guys!!!!"

Look us up on the web - magsydney.org

MAG'S FORTHCOMING EVENTS in 2015

Some MAG members are continuing to meet up in 2015, on Thursday evenings, at the Petersham Inn, on Parramatta Road, Petersham, as was happening in 2014.

The Agenda items:- socialising, partaking of some liquid refreshments and enjoying a meal. Discussions on all and everything that matters to guys present takes place

Guys start arriving from around 6pm - fellow MAG members and their friends are warmly invited and would be most welcomed to come along.

There is in fact NO Agenda items — just threw that one in for a reaction.

Saturday, 10th January — A Pop Corn Evening

Saturday, 31st January — Photos of Israel — AllBoyz Tour of Israel June 14

Saturday, 14th February — David Riddell, BGF— HIV & Ageing

Friday, 20th February — Trivia with a Twist This is a BGF event, being held at the Paddington RSL Club at 7pm. MAG will have a table of trivia players, to support BGF. The cost is \$25.00 for concession card holders. MAG will contribute \$12 towards the cost of a ticket, so those who wish to attend will only have to pay \$13.00. At the time of printing there are 4 guys who have put their names to attend.

If you wish to join the MAG table, please contact your President on 9516 2063. "1st in best dressed" to join our table.

Sunday, 22nd February — FAIR DAY, Victoria Park, Camperdown
MAG will have a Stall, so why not come out and say "hi" and participate in what is our community's day.

To many Fair Day is Mardi Gras, and not the Sydney G & L M G Parade.

Dame Dolly Devine of Marrickville will be at the MAG Stall spruiking on what we will have to sell, besides offering information on our group to those interested individuals.

She would love all MAG members and friends come along and have a photo taken with her — it will only cost you \$1.00 — profits going to MAG!!

Monday, 23rd February— **"HATS OFF! TO THE HITS" at the York**

Theatre, Seymour Centre, City Road, Chippendale, at 8pm to 10.30pm.

A glorious, camp celebration of the pop classics that have transformed into Broadway dynamite in Hats Off to the Hits. Witness theatrical fireworks from faces and voices you have known and love as well new ones they are sure to grow to love.

Cost of tickets vary from \$95 to \$35. MAG will contribute \$20.00 towards the cost of a ticket. Please contact your President on 9516 2063 for details.

Saturday, 28th February — TBA

Saturday, 7th MARCH — MARDI GRAS PARADE

MAG will be having a double decker bus in this year's Parade. Numbers will be limited, so please contact the President ASAP.



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The President's Report

Our 2014 Christmas Social function was a well attended and very successful evening. I was very pleased that a large number of guys made an effort to turn up in chrissey attire. Some guys were just **magnificent** – to an organiser this effort is most pleasing, as it does add to the atmosphere of the function. Our catering guys provided an excellent supper – thanks Lewis, Lionel and John. As well as the other guys who helped out in the kitchen.

Thanks Michelle and Valery for taking your time, to take pics of the guys.

Valery's pics are in this Newsletter. Hopefully we will have some of Michelle's in the next issue. Michelle always produces a fantastic book of the pics she takes. At future meetings, please check out Michelle and have a look at her pics. She also has copies for sale.

I have not checked out her pics of me as yet, but will do so soon.

At the meeting of our Christmas function, I did a very sneaky thing, I knew we would have a large number of MAG Members present, so

I asked for the General Meeting's thoughts on the Committee's recommendation that a draft MAG Constitution, that the Committee had been discussing, to be adopted.

I thank the Members for their vote of confidence in me, as President and the Committee elected, in approving this Constitution.

Also want to pay special mention of two guys - Steve Warren and Bill Alford - for their input into getting the draft ready for consideration by the Committee and subsequent adoption by the General Meeting at our Christmas function, prior to the festivities commencing.

I then completed 2 Forms [Form A1 and A2] and posted them to the NSW **Department of Fair Trading at Bathurst, together with a copy of MAG's Constitution** and paid \$171.00 for them to register our name and Constitution.

I received a letter advising that registration has been granted to the Association effective 8 January 2015.

Association Name: MAG SYDNEY INCORPORATED
Incorporation No: INC1500044.

As I reported in the previous Newsletter the Constitution now gives us procedures we need to comply with, as well MAG no longer being a glorified social club.

I informed the meeting in March of 2014 that this would be one of my aims **when I was voted in a MAG's President back then.**

On a sad note, one of our members who had been with MAG for a long time, from our meetings held in Commonwealth Street, Ken Green.

He sadly passed away in November 2014.

We offer our condolences to his family and friends.

ACON has kindly sent for our approval some designs from their creative Studio Dept a new MAG Logo, which includes our new official name.

Towards the back of the Newsletter, I have included the suggestions.

Members' views would be appreciative. We need to make a decision ASAP, so we can have a banner ready for Fair Day - Sunday, 22nd February and the Mardi Gras Parade - Saturday, 7th March.

Talking of Fair Day – MAG will be have a Stall this year, so please come out and enjoy the sights, and there are some great eye catching bodies on display, as well you can catch up with old friends, have a picnic in the park etc.

Pop by to see the MAG Stall. We would love for all guys to come along and say, "Hi".

MAG will be hiring a double decker bus for the 2015 G & L M G Parade. There will be limited number of participants. Please contact me at either Fair Day or at a meeting, if you wish to be part of our contingent – thanks.

HAPPY MARDI GRAS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

David - President



My erect Chrissy Tree — Someone commented that it has been a while since I have had balls on my face, or is that baubles?



Our 2014 Christmas Social



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Some more Christy
pics

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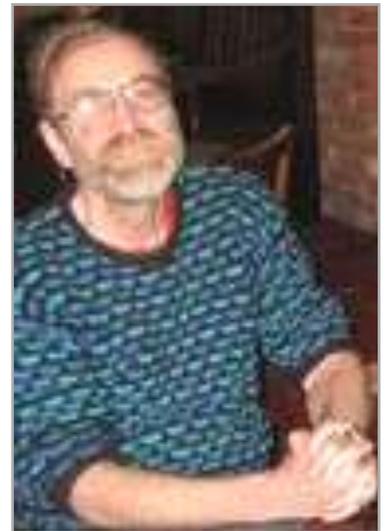


VALE - Kenneth Hayden Green

Ken of Sydney who sadly passed away on 9th November 2014 was a loving, lifetime friend of Andrew Luong and many other friends. Ken was 69 years of age. May you rest in peace!

Our dearest friend (brother) Ken, we all went through life through tears, disappointments as well as some little joy. You are a very intellectual kind person and we respected that. We appreciated your friendship more than these simple words can express. **You will forever be missed but I know in the right time, ... We will all meet again.** LOVE from all your friends (brothers) Andrew Luong, Peter Ewen, Paul, Alan, Michael, ... and many others that whom might have met Ken.

Written by Andrew Luong.



MAG Logo - Members are asked to comment on suggested Logo for MAG. Do you prefer MAG in small letters - mag. Or large capital lettering MAG??



Please contact the President on [02] 9516 2063—he is keen to receive your feed back - thanks. The wording **'Est. 1991'** is to go under the round badge

ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Annual Quiz for seniors — only 4 questions

It's that time of the year to take your annual senior citizen test. Exercise of the brain is as important and exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you lose it! This test is a way to gauge how your memory compares to the last test. Take the test to determine if you're losing it or not. OK. Relax, clear your mind and begin.

1. What do you put in as toaster?

Answer: 'bread'. If you said toast give up now and do something else. Try not to hurt yourself. If you said bread, go to Question 2.

2. Say 'silk' five times. Now spell 'silk'. What do cows drink?

Answer: Cows drink water. If you said 'milk', don't attempt the next question. Your brain is over-stressed and may overheat. However, if you said 'water', proceed to Question 3.

3. If a red house is made of red bricks and a blue house is made of blue bricks and a pink house is made of pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?

Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said 'green bricks', why are you still doing this quiz? You must have cheated on questions 1 and 2. If you said 'glass' go on to Question 4.

4. Without using a calculator — YOU are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales.

In London, **17** people get on the bus. In Reading, **6** people get off the bus and **9** people get on.

In Swindon, **2** people get off and **4** get on. In Cardiff, **11** people get off and **16** people get on.

In Swansea, **3** people get off and **5** get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven in Wales.

Without looking up to review, how **old** is the bus driver?

Answer: Oh, for crying out loud!! Don't you remember your own age??

It was **YOU** driving the bus!!

PS: 95% of people fail most of the questions! But not you, I am sure.....

Piss Off

Some of my fondest memories are of beaches that I have urinated on. Now I know that sounds gross. But that is because of the anti-social implications of such an activity. But these were all deserted beaches, or at least nudist beaches, where such behavior is in the nature of things.

I can't really comprehend why the act of urinating should be looked at with any more disdain than that of drinking. For isn't that the same thing, really, but just the other way round?

For that matter, why should defecating be any more obscene than masticating? It's all part of the human equation. What goes in must come out. So why is that to be kept such a secret?

And why should the organs of disposal --- the anus and the penis --- be any more socially objectionable than the mouth, which really is the instigator of the whole process? If anything were to blame, surely it should be held accountable.

But you say the mouth has other redeeming attributes. I am sure it has, but let's face it: where, pray tell, would you be sitting if not on your arse? And would we be having this conversation if not for a penis?

Find a lonely beach and try it. The meaning will come out of the experience.

Steve Ostrow from my book, 'The Other Side of 50'

Where & when MAG meets

We meet on the **second** and the **last Saturdays** of the month at **414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills** [near Devonshire Street — just up from Central Railway Station], from 6:30 pm for tea and coffee, with the meeting commencing at 7:00pm, usually with a Guest Speaker — every so often we might have **a social, a 'pop corn' night** **A light supper follows.**

The Committee meets on the second Saturday of the month, prior to the General Meeting.

Geoff Ostling is going to maintain our Guest Speaker Listings. Should members feel that a certain person could give an informative talk at MAG, please contact Geoff on 9568 3029. Geoff will be very pleased to hear from any members or friends.

MAG's Details:



The Executive:

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The Founder of MAG: Steve Ostrow - 9358 1460

The Committee:

Lewis Turtur 9319 1280
 Bill Alford: 8096 4891
 John Waterstreet 0449 290 898

MAGIC - MAG in the Community:

Guys who are ill, in hospital, or who require assistance. We are seeking someone to help with these responsibilities.

Our postal address is:

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Our web site is www.magsydney.org

Newsletter Editor — Michael Filipovic

Our Community's Details:

Acceptance (Gay Catholics) Tel. 9568 4433. Friday Mass, **St. Joseph's Church, Bedford Street, Newtown**, 8pm.
Alph Australia for gay Jews and friends,
 Contact *Michael* 9300 9700.

Asian Project Contact Min 9206 2080
bgay Community News - www.bgay.com.au.
 Contact Marc on 0406645075

Country Network for friendship and support through social events and networking across rural, regional & city Australia. Info at www.countrynetwork.com.au

Cronulla Gay Group - www.cronullagaygroup.com.
 Contact John 9528 9158

Cross Section for gays within the Uniting Church phone Des 9319 0722.

GAMMA - Gay and Married Men's Assoc
 Tel. 9267 4000 - www.gamma.org.au
Gaydownunder - www.gaydownunder.com
GLCS - Tel. 1800 184 527

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EVERY TUESDAY 7PM, (*contribution - by donation*)
 MEDITATION SPACE, 99 CROWN STREET, EAST SYDNEY
www.sydneygaymeditationgroup.com
GSN - Gay Sydney Nudists - www.gsinc.com
 contact *Tony James* 49725357.

MAM — Mature Age Men — Meets the last Saturday of month Sportsman's Hotel, Springhill, Brisbane at 4pm Contact Noel (07) 325 77743 for more details.

MCC Good Shepherd — 6:30pm Sundays 37 East Street, Granville. Pastor *Robert Clark* Tel. 0412 481 195
MCC Sydney - 96 Crystal St, Petersham. 10:00am & 6:30pm Sundays Pastor *Greg Smith* Tel. 9569 5122
 Email — office@mccsydney.org

PFLAG - Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays.
www.pflagaustralia.org

SCOG - Southern Cross Outdoor Group: Bushwalks & other outdoor activities in Sydney area. Contact *David* 9698 9308.
 Email: southern.cross.outdoors.group@gmail.com

SPAIDS - Sydney Park AIDS Memorial Groves
 Dates on tree planting days kindly contact josken@josken.net

COMPANIONS OF HOPE - Meetings: fortnightly (2nd and last Sundays) at 11am, Level 3, 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills
 Contact: Bishop Peter on 9588 6893 or 0419 464 353
 Email: christ-our-hope-community.net

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