

MAGazine



Gerry and Phil joined other MAG guys in celebrating Her Majesty **Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee** as our monarch at **MAG's Queen's birthday celebrations held on 9th June.**

Just love Gerry's stiff upper lip and salute; which by the way is incorrect, as he is wearing a Naval cap but giving an Army salute, with thumb bent - another no no.

Anyway, well done Jerry 'old chap' and also Phil - you certainly added to the success of the evening- Ed.

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Look us up on the web
magnsw.org

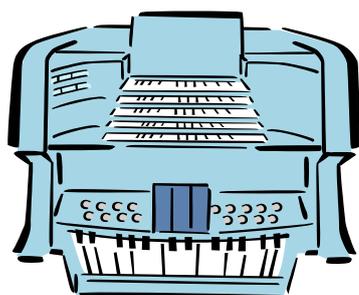
2012 EVENTS

WEDNESDAY MOVIE LUNCHEON



Hayden Orpheum,
the *Art Deco Cinema*
at 380 Military Road, Cremorne
will be screening its Wednesday
Luncheon Movies on
25th July & 22nd August at 11.00am
the movies are shown above.

Cost is only for \$13.00,
which includes the movie,
sandwiches & cuppa afterwards.
This is an inexpensive, fun day's
outing at the beautifully restored
art deco Cinema.



Please be advised that "Bel Ami"
is not an adult educational movie.

COMING MEETINGS for July & August

14 July

Our Annual General Meeting

28 July

ACON's work in the field of
GLBT ageing - an update
Ian Walker

29 July

SPAIDS Tree Planting
See page 11 for more
details

11 August

Overseas
adventures
& miss-adventures

By Member

John White

25 August

Peace of mind
Vicky Coumbe

MAGnet -

Wednesday evenings

- With the closure of the Taxi Club, some of our guys are now meeting at the Paddington RSL Club, in Oxford Street, just opposite the Paddington Town Hall, for a meal and get together.
- Some of our guys stay on after the meal to play Trivia that is arranged by Barry from the old Taxi Club.
- The venue is comfortable and we have been made welcome.
- The meals are not too bad either, and they can be ordered from 5.30pm.

PRESIDENT

As many of you are aware I have been travelling for the past weeks – a cruise from Vancouver to Alaska and then a coach tour of the Rocky Mountains in Canada; words cannot adequately describe the grandeur and the majestic peaks of these mountains and it is hard to come back to reality! However there is no place like home and I am pleased to be back. I thank David Bowron and Committee members for looking after the affairs of MAG in my absence.



I am relieved that the matter of our Logo has been settled maybe not to the satisfaction of all but we have to face the fact that we had no choice and it is now time to move on. I thank ACON for the work that it has done to design the new Logo. I am aware that there has been some criticism of the relationship between MAG and ACON in recent months but I would like **to remind all members that without ACON's** support it would be extremely hard if not impossible for MAG to continue, we would not have sufficient income or resources to provide our members and friends with the facilities and services currently available to us.

Members should be aware that MAG's AGM will be held in July, this means that there will be an election conducted for Office-bearers and Committee members. ALL positions will be declared vacant and I am aware that some of the existing Committee members have decided to stand down and not seek re-election so I urge members to seriously consider coming forward and be prepared to accept nomination.

As I conclude my term as President of MAG I thank members of the Committee for their support and hard work during this past year

AND I also thank you our members for your support and encouragement.

I am sure that with your continuing support MAG will go forward and continue to provide a place for friends to meet and opportunities for enjoyment, education and friendship.

Eric Ellem, President

Souvenir
Programme
of the Queen's
Coronation in
1953.
Cost was 3/6d



A Book on the
Crown Jewels



Sandwich Fillings

For those who are interested, John O'Dea has provided the recipes for the fillings of the delicious finger sandwiches we devoured at the Diamond Tiara Evening - they were:

1. Steamed chicken thighs, with celery and mayo.
2. Shredded ham, cheese & mayo.
3. Eggs, cut into quarters and folded with sour lite cream.
4. Salmon with malt vinegar, tomato sauce, mayo.

Items 1,2 & 4 were placed in a food processor and made the night before. Item 3 was folded very gently.

STEVE OSTROW

OTHER SIDE OF 50

Hi Guys,

I think there comes a time when we have reached the halfway mark - which incidentally is no longer 30 or 40, but more likely 50, in view of the fact that it is predicted we will all be living to the centenarian mark in the very near future... that we have to ask ourselves what we want to do with those bonus years?

What have we not achieved or enjoyed or experienced? What facets of our capacities have remained un tapped? Or perhaps it's time to just take a walk in the sun, look at the sky, enjoy the life-giving green of the foliage that enhances our existence...for without their photosynthesis providing us with their oxygen, we would cease to exist.

Probably by the time you have turned 50 or more, most of your life has been dictated by the needs, ambitions or criteria of social conformity. But suppose, just for a moment, you could separate yourself from all that. Suppose, just for a moment, you could recapture the innocence of your childhood, when you gazed at everything for the first time, not complaining that water was wet or rocks hard, but just accepting. Who would you then be, cleansed of 5 or more decades or primordial decadence?

Okay, if you could start again, what path would you take? Would you still want to be the you you are now? How many of your 18 to 20,000 days were really enjoyable?

How many hours? minutes? seconds? Well, if you are on the other side of 50, you are indeed lucky, for there are billions who have lived on this planet who never saw that age.

What a gift, to be able to take some control of your own destiny now.



Perhaps when you really think about it, a simpler, more naturalistic life is what you might now long for. Or perhaps not.

But don't wait another 50 years or so, my friends, to decide. The time is now!

Come to a MAG Meeting and find love and companionship. What a great way to start!

See you. Love
Steve Ostrow - MAG
Project Officer,
(www.magnsw.org)
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2012/13

Membership Fees

Our Treasurer has advised that the 2012/13 Membership Fee, as a financial member of MAG, will be due on 1.7.2012. The cost is \$10.00.

If sending a cheque kindly make it payable to **ACON Health Ltd**

STOP PRESS!! A post card has been received from beautiful Coogee - it reads: "Dear Jon, Dolly & John O'Dea, on behalf of Mahmood and myself, we wish to express our THANKS and appreciation, for all your effort and hard work you put into the Queen's birthday "DO" at MAGs on Saturday night!

The DINNEN was great, with the pre-dinner nibbles, and the delicious finger sandwiches "spot on", also the "special" drinks! Plus of course, the lucky door numbers, and your costume Dolly, all added to the evening! It was a pity there was not a bigger turn up!

Again MANY THANKS! Signed Michael."

Thanks Michael for your kind words, glad you both enjoyed the evening - Ed.

Remembering MAG in your Will

Previous members have bequeathed a small amount from their wills to MAG, following their passing.

We would be very honoured if members or friends of MAG may care to consider doing something similar.

SECRETARY

Queen's Diamond Tiara Party.

Another highly successful social function was held on the Queen's birthday long weekend.

We celebrated the Queen's 60th Diamond Jubilee with creative outfits, plenty of lovely food and liquid refreshments; and a royal trivia to boot.

I wish thank all those who went to the trouble of wearing a tiara, and guys who went *all the way* with an outfit like - Jerry, Phil, Lionel, Joe, Ken, Geoff, Alan & Michael.

Please see pics on pages 6 & 7.

Thank you to John O'Dea & Allan for

the lovely sandwiches & other food items, including scones, jam & cream.

Dr Jon for the soft drinks & ice.

I was pleased to be able to donate the wine, home made punch & crackers with cheese. Thank you to those who helped clean up & took down the decorations, it made my job in packing up a lot easier. It is nice to

receive compliments, and I thank the guys who did appreciate my efforts in decorating the Café, and told me so.

On the down side - I am very disappointed that many guys did not attend in a costume or even with a cheap \$2.00 Tiara, to add to the fun of the evening.



Various posters for our Party 8



Three [3] bad luck stories

1. I am very sorry to advise that the Taxi Club has closed its doors. Just after the previous Newsletter was being printed, we received word that the Taxi Club had ceased operating. Very sad indeed, as a lot of our guys attended the Taxi Club, or "Grosvenor Club", as it was also known over many, many years.
2. KKK, or Ken's Karate Klub, in Kensington closed its doors. Another gay institution in Sydney gone! No doubt many of our members frequented this establishment. I did.
3. **MAG's previous Logo is no longer to be used.** As mentioned by the President in past Newsletters, the Sydney Opera House told MAG that our Logo was in breach of the Sydney Opera House's trade mark.

I am very disappointed we have had to cease using that Logo we have had for the past 9 years, and had an *Official trademark* by Canberra.

ACON has directed us to use the "Logo" as displayed on the front cover of this Newsletter.

Photos

The photo of Sgt Mjr Dolly Pepper [below] was taken in the reception area of the ACON building.

I have now found a good place to have photographs taken with a great back drop. Please see some pics on page 6 of the creative guys who did make an effort for our Diamond Tiara evening. Again, I cannot express my appreciation enough to them for doing so.

Facebook

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, MAG now has a Facebook page. I want to again thank Danny Adams for creating this for us.

Next time you are on line please check it out! The details appear at the foot of each page of the Newsletter.

The 2012/2013 membership fee of \$10.00, is due on 1st July 2013.

David, Secretary



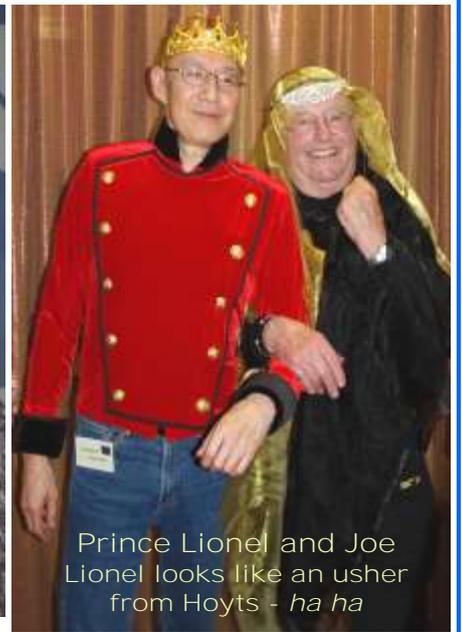
Diamond Tiara Event **MAGazine**



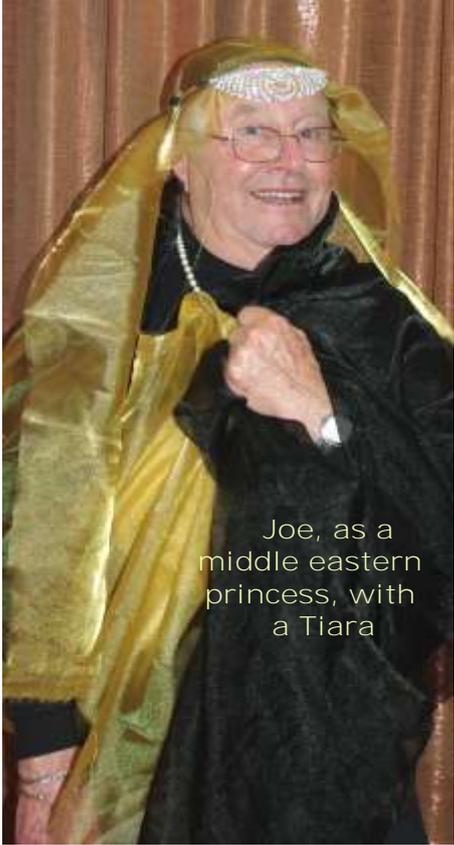
Laurie and Eric with their colourful Tiaras



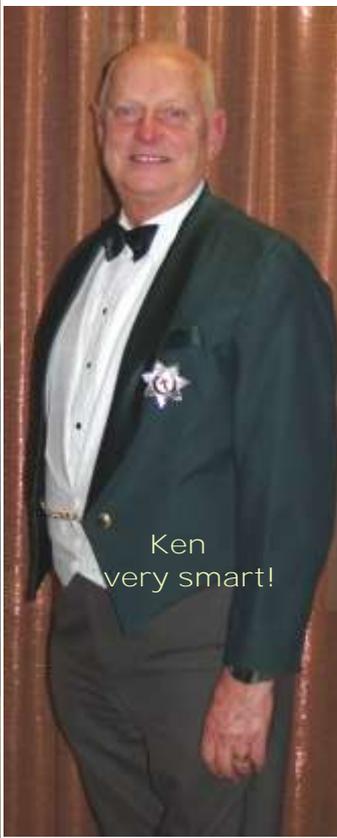
Paul and Tony in front of an Opera House flag - it was displayed upside down - for distress



Prince Lionel and Joe Lionel looks like an usher from Hoyts - ha ha



Joe, as a middle eastern princess, with a Tiara



Ken very smart!



Michael and Alan Alan needs to practice his royal wave - ha ha

Photos courtesy of Ken Mears

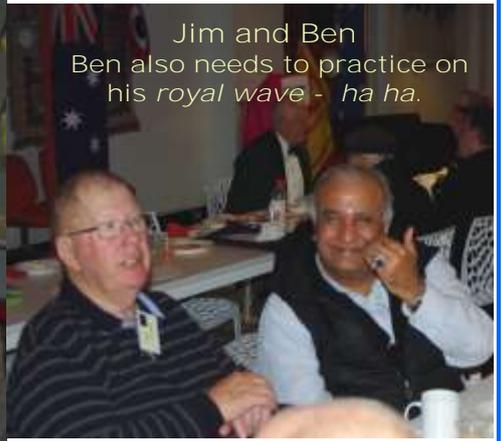
Neville was surprised!



Doug working in the kitchen, cleaning up



Les and Colin Colin lives at Murrumburrah



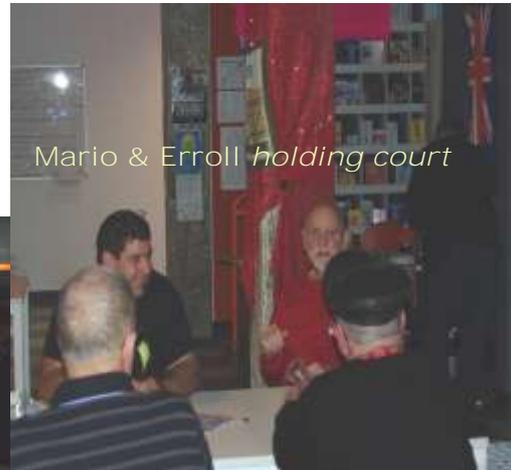
Jim and Ben Ben also needs to practice on his royal wave - ha ha.



Poster for our Party



Geoff, Jim [smiling] and Ben with some of the decorations in the background.



Mario & Erroll holding court



Photos above & below of the guys in the decorated Café.



Sgt Mjr Dolly Pepper salutes as Geoff displays his royal photo



Ron in the foyer

www.planningaheadtools.com.au

Planning Ahead Tools is a website where you can find about Wills, Powers of Attorney, Enduring Guardianship and Advance Care Planning. For Individuals we hope to make our own decisions about our lives. However, illness or accidents could mean that we need to rely on other people to make decisions about our welfare, finances or medical treatment. As part of life planning, it makes sense for all of us to make a Will, Power of Attorney or to appoint an Enduring Guardian. Planning Ahead too has information and resources about how your wishes can be carried out and how to plan for the future. To the right is the home page of the website of www.planningaheadtools.com.au



www.seniorscard.nsw.gov.au



The New South Wales Government's Seniors Card website is great for information on various matters. Planning a trip, Events, Special Offers etc. If you do have a computer, you can add your email address and Senior Card number and receive their Newsletter. To the left is the home page of the web site of www.seniorscard.nsw.gov.au

For those who do not have a computer, we are hopeful, over the next few months, to be able to show guys how these websites work, at a MAG Meeting. Thanks Adrian for the suggestions of the websites - Ed.

For those who understand, no explanation is needed.

For those who do not understand, no explanation is possible.

One day I had lunch with some friends. Jim, a short, balding golfer type about 80 years old, came along with them - all in all, a pleasant bunch. When the menus were presented, we ordered, salads, sandwiches and soups, except for Jim who said, "Ice Cream, please. Two scoops, chocolate." I wasn't sure my ears heard right, and the others were aghast. "Along with heated apple pie," Jim added, completely unabashed.

We tried to act quite nonchalant, as if people did this all of the time .. But when our orders were brought out, I didn't enjoy mine.

I couldn't take my eyes off Jim as his apple pie a-la-mode went down. The other guys couldn't believe it. They ate their lunches silently and grinned.

The next time I went out to eat, I called and invited Jim. I lunched on white tuna. He ordered a parfait. I smiled. He asked if he amused me. I answered, "yes, you do, a bit also you confuse me. How come you order rich desserts, while I must be sensible??" He laughed and said, "I'm tasting all that is possible. I try to eat the food I need, and do the things I should. But life's so short, my friend, I hate missing out on something good. This year I realised how old I was I haven't been this old before."

"So, before I die, I've got to try those things for years I had ignored. I haven't smelled all the flowers yet. There are too many trout streams I haven't fished. There's more fudge sundaes to wolf down and kites to be flown overhead.

There are too many golf courses I haven't played. I've not laughed at all the jokes, I've missed a lot of sporting events and potato chips and cokes.

I want to wade again in water and feel ocean spray on my face. I want to sit in a country church once more and thank God for His grace. I want peanut butter every day spread on my morning toast. I want un-timed long distance calls to the folks I love the most. I haven't cried at all the movies yet, or walked in the morning rain. I need to feel the wind on my face. I want to be in love again.

So, if I choose to have dessert, instead of having dinner, then I should die before night fall, I'd say I died a winner, because I missed out on nothing. I filled my heart's desire. I had that final chocolate mousse before my life expired.."

With that, I called the waitress over .. "I've change my mind," I said. "I want what he is having, only add some more whipped cream!!"

This my gift to you - we need an Annual Friends Day!!

Live well, love much and laugh often - BE HAPPY. Share this with your friends.

Be mindful that happiness isn't based on possessions, power, or prestige, but on the relationships with people we like and respect.

Remember that while money talks, CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM SINGS!

STOPPED BY A POLICEMAN AT 2am.

An elderly man is stopped by a police around 2am, and was asked where he was going at that time of the night?" The man replied, "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse & its effect on the human body, as well as smoking & staying out late."

The Officer then asks, "Really?" Who is giving that lecture at this time of the night?"

The man replied, "That would be my wife."

WARREN'S POEM

NOEL HUNTER WAS
SEEN AGAIN IN
HEAVEN



God is slowly getting to know Noel Hunter.
Oh, Noel, Noel, the Angels do say.
This for certain, God feels the same way.

After short weeks, days, hours,
And many minutes of the day.
Heaven is the place of welfare.

A place where everybody wants to share the
care.

Noel has been made,
God's second in charge.

Noel still has his coffee shops,
He visits each day.

Along the many paths,
On his particular welfare way.

Noel doesn't have. His early morning dips in
the sea.

God I have read.

Has his own swimming pool.

Noel uses that instead,

Several people have been known,
To witness this you see.

Noel can be seen most of the nights,

With his many new gay friends,
In God's gay club.

Where all gays are made welcome,
All treated with love.

Noel I am told still rises before seven.
Someone recently said.

NOEL HUNTER WAS SEEN AGAIN IN
HEAVEN.

Written on 5th June 2012.

Mature Age Gays

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



SPAIDS

"Dear David,

Sydney City Council has advised SPAIDS
that we will be having a tree
planting at Sydney Park on
**Sunday 29 July 2012 between 11am
and 2pm approximately.**

Noel Hunter was a friend of ours for many
years - Ken knew him and Jock
in the 70s - and we were shocked here in
Melbourne to hear of his death
when we received a copy of your latest
newsletter.

This SPAIDS planting day will be an
occasion for us to plant trees in
memory of Noel and also to place his
name in our Names book.

<http://www.josken.net/spaids.htm>

We thought we should let you know as
soon as we heard the date so that
any of Noel's family, friends and
acquaintances from MAG and elsewhere
who wish to remember him by planting
trees will be able to be at Sydney
Park on that Sunday.

We will be there, no matter what the
weather does, as we have been since
1994. This will be our 37th planting since
then, with over 8,000 trees being planted.

We also always have our complete names
list from the first planting
onwards with us at each planting.

Hope to see some MAG people there.

Best regards, Mannie & Ken - **SPAIDS."**

Thanks Mannie & Ken for the
information and suggestion of us planting
a tree in memory of Noel & other MAG
guys. For those guys who do not have a
motor vehicle, Sydney Park is opposite to
St Peters Railway Station, on the Princes
Highway - just look for the Old Brickworks
Chimneys entrance. Those who do drive,
there is a car park in Barwon Park Road,
which is just off the Princes Highway past
the Chimneys travelling towards Tempe.
- Ed.

MAG's DETAILS

Executive Members:

President: Eric Ellem 0418 686 429
 Secretary: David Bowron 9516 2063
 Treasurer: Jon Allwood 0431 062 343

ACON — Project Officer MAG
 and the founder of MAG:
 Steve Ostrow 9206 2072

Committee Members:

Joe Mula	—
Lewis Turtur	—
Mario Panzarino	—
Stuart Ferguson	—
John O'Dea	—

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MAG in the Community.
 For guys who are ill, in hospital,
 or who require assistance.

We are seeking a person to fill the shoes of
 the late Noel Hunter - please contact our
 President if you can help us to assist our
 members and friends.

Our postal address is:

MAG, PO Box 350
 DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

web site is

www.magnsw.org

We meet on the second and the
 last Saturdays of each month

at 414 Elizabeth St.,

Surry Hills

[near Devonshire St],

from 6:30 pm for tea & coffee
 with the meeting commencing

at 7:00pm, usually with a
 Guest Speaker — every so

often we'll have a

social, or even a movie.

A light supper follows.

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

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Acceptance (Gay Catholics) Tel. 9568 4433.
 Friday Mass, St. Josephs Church,
 Bedford Street, Newtown, 8pm.

Aleph Australia for gay Jews & friends,
 Contact *Michael* 9300 9700.

Asian Project Contact Min 9206 2080
 bgay Community News Contact Marc on
 0404112831.

Country Network for friendship & support through
 social events & networking across rural, regional &
 city Australia.

Information at www.countrynetwork.com.au
 Cronulla Gay Group Contact John 9528 9158 or
 Eric 9589 1161.

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

GAMMA Gay & Married Men's Assoc
 Tel. 9267 4000 www.gamma.org.au
 Gaydownunder www.gaydownunder.com

GLCS Tel. 1800 184 527

GSN - Gay Sydney Nudists
 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. 9386 9293

MCC Sydney 96 Crystal St, Petersham.
 10:00am & 6:30pm Sundays

Pastor part time *Greg Smith* Tel. 9569 5122
 Email — office@mccsydney.org

PFLAG

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

SCOG

Southern Cross Outdoor Group: Bushwalks and
 other outdoor activities in the 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 for further information.

Christ Our Hope Community
 Meetings: fortnightly (2nd & last Sundays)
 at 11am, 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills
 on level 3.

Contact: Mons. Peter Johnson O.S.C.
 on 9588 6893 or 0419 464 353

WAGS

1st and 3rd Saturdays of month
 ACON, 13 Ellen Street, Wollongong
 7:00pm till 9:00pm.

There is no supper. www.wags.net.au