

MAGazine

Afternoon Delight GLBT Movie Matinee and Tea Party

Enjoy an afternoon of escapism with a special selection of short films, showcasing some of the brightest GLBT filmmakers, followed by our topical main feature *I Do*. Delicious afternoon tea will be served by charming matinee guydolls as you mingle at a handy central Sydney location, the NSW Teachers Federation building. Presented by ACON and Queer Screen. More info visit: www.acon.org.au



A special selection of gay and lesbian short films, showcasing some of the best up and coming film makers in the field.

A diverse and entertaining 'chocolate box'!



When British Jack living in NYC falls deeply in love with Spaniard, Mano he is determined to stay in the US, as he also has his "logical family" – sister in law and niece who he is co-parenting.

When he creates a phony straight marriage with his lesbian best friend Ali to gain citizenship, it becomes obvious to all involved that saying *I Do* under current laws is not such a simple solution after all. Featuring great performances from David Ross and Jamie-Lynn Sigler, this most topical of movies is at turns beautiful, romantic, yet bittersweet with themes both intimate and global all at once.

WHEN: Sun 24 March 1.30pm (for 2pm start)

WHERE: Conference Centre Auditorium,
NSW Teachers Federation
37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills 2010

COST: FREE or gold coin donation

BOOKINGS: Essential, contact 02 9206 2028 or
email: aeisler@acon.org.au

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2013 EVENTS

Hayden Orpheum
Picture Palace,
[the Art Deco Cinema]

at 380 Military Road, Cremorne will
be screening the following films: -



The cost is only \$13.00, which includes sandwiches, tea/coffee and a chocolate.

The Secretary went to see "Quartet" last month, and thoroughly enjoyed it. He was surprised to see the theatre very full of elderly patrons.

We have been pleased to promote the 2013 Afternoon Delight in this Newsletter. If you did not attend last year's event, well let us tell you what an absolutely fabulous afternoon you missed out on!!

The lesbian movie was magical and the gay documentary was OK; but the big surprise was the lovely finger food and the delightful cakes, served by the gorgeous hostesses.

MAKE SURE YOU ALL ATTEND THIS YEAR!!!! See the front page...

MEETINGS FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2013

9th March

SPANC Study - Overview and Review
Talk by Andrew and Richard

SUNDAY - 24 March

Afternoon Delight

Afternoon Delight
GLBT Movie Matinee and Tea Party

30th March

Easter Saturday

TBA

13th April

TARS - who we are and what we do

Talk by Pat Joyce

27th April

Intro to Taoist Tai Chi

Talk by Greg Smith

PRESIDENT

I would like to thank all who helped MAG to another successful Fair Day this year, I particularly thank John O’Dea and Harry West for the fantastic effort in making and bottling a couple of hundred jars of jam, to Dame Dolly for being the drawcard outside the stand, but also to the many others who helped out on the day setting up and manning the stall and then of course at the end of the day packing it all away again, a very big thank-you.

I believe Fair Day is very important in the life of MAG, our participation and enthusiasm sends a message to the public that the older generation are not ashamed to wave the rainbow flag and can still have fun!!

We are disappointed that we were not able to join in the Mardi Gras Parade as MAG but some of our members were happy to march behind the ACON banner – we have resolved to make sure that we organise ourselves to fly the MAG banners in 2014.

We are still in discussions with ACON regarding our future plans to rejuvenate MAG and hopefully we will be able to announce more details soon but I must emphasise that the future of MAG is in YOUR hands. If we are going to remain a relevant organisation in the future we need more participation from our members, more ideas and support – we will probably make mistakes but as George Bernard Shaw once said,

“A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing”

I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter.

Eric Ellem
President

DO YOU STILL WISH TO RECEIVE THE MAG NEWSLETTER BY POST?

In a bid to help reduce costs for ACON and MAG, we are asking our readers to let us know if they still wish to have the MAGazine posted out to them.

A question always asked is, do readers find the Newsletters interesting, or are they just putting it in the bin - hopefully the recycle bin?

As a number of guys now have computers and are able to access the Internet, they might care to view the Newsletter *on line*.

We can send an email telling guys that the Newsletter is now on the MAG web site.

www.magnsw.org

Should readers wish to still have the Newsletter posted to them, **THEY must let us know.**

Readers can do this by a number of ways:-

- [1] Send a short note, with your details from the address label, stating you still wish to receive the newsletter, to
MAG Newsletter, PO Box 350, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300
- [2] Telephoning either the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, or a Committee Members - details are on Page 12, saying you still want to have Newsletters sent.
- [3] Send an email to the Secretary - dddenville@yahoo.com
- [4] See the Secretary at a MAG Meeting and tell him that you would still like to have the newsletter posted out.

We have guys who collect the Newsletters at MAG Meetings and this helps to reduce administrative, copying and postage costs.

This Notice shall appear in three [3] successive Newsletters. After this and if we have not had any notification from readers, we are sorry to advise that those non-responsive readers' names will be removed from the mailing list.

STEVE OSTROW

Hi guys,

We are more than we know.

I proffer that we really don't know who we are. Oh, we know our names, of course. And we know the guy who goes to the office or does what he does to earn a living. We know who we are at breakfast, lunch and dinner and throughout the activities of our lives.

But there are parts of us, large parts, that we have never met. We don't know who we are on a battlefield. We don't know who we are shipwrecked on a desert island. We may not know who we are having lost a loved one, or a child, or even a parent.

We may not know who we are, having reached the pinnacle of success, or in a marriage, or incarcerated in prison, or suffering from a terminal disease, or having lost a limb, or being paralysed, or even lionised. Need I go on?

Every experience in life will introduce us to a you you could not have fathomed prior.

A gratuitous life, bereft of conflict or achievement, will augur for a shallow existence. But perceive the man who has fought the wars and lost the battles; dared to step beyond the known; dealt with the vicissitudes of life and fortune...this is a man whose complexity and depth belie his serenity.

We have much to look forward to in this life, not all at our own behest. Shit does happen, but the stench of fear is even more repugnant. Life itself is a terminal disease, and we are living with that.

THINK OF ALL THE YOU'S YOU HAVE YET TO MEET...ITS WORTH THE TRIP.

**Much love and see you along the way
... Steve. Project Officer ACON.**



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

**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.**

**E N D
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H I V**

Everything has changed. We can end HIV.

[TEST MORE] + [TREAT EARLY] + [STAY SAFE] = [END HIV]



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2013 Mardi Gras Fair Day

MAG had another successful presence at the 2013 Fair Day Sunday, 10th February 2013. A sunny day greeted us as we set up the Stall at 8am, with our banners and silver sequins and a large Rainbow flag showing all that us old guys were present! The wind freshened in the afternoon and everything was *flying* well. Darkened clouds came over late in the afternoon and it was decided to pack up.

We were in a different spot this year [in the sun], on the path going towards the swimming pool.

We were well received by the crowds.

The sale of the jams was a bit slow at times, however the 2nd hand books and a few plants that we had went well.

Dame Dolly even suggested to passers by that the jams were not only great on hot buttered toast in the mornings, but also on hot bodies, however it could mess up the sheets.

These comments drew smiles and laughter, but not many sales, *she* was sorry to report.

We thank John for the jams and thank all the wonderful guys who helped out on the day -

ANOTHER GREAT TEAM EFFORT !!

Dame Dolly Devine of Marrickville had another day of having hundreds of photos taken of *her*.

She always enjoys this day, and even so this year despite being sunburnt. She made the **SX Newspaper on page 58** - posing of course.

Dame Dolly would like to thank Suzie Wong for the loan of the blonde wig!

THANKS ACON FOR PROVIDING OUR STALL

2013 Mardi Gras Parade

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, MAG did not have an entry in this year's Mardi Gras Parade. A few MAG guys did participate with other Groups:- Geoff, Joe and An marched with the Harbour City Bears. Alan and Michael with MCC, Mario danced with Acceptance.

Yes, they had great dance routines to loud dance music and bright lighting - it was a good entry. Adrian with the cap volunteered as a Parade Marshall, and was stationed in Flinders Street, not far from Taylor Square.



This was a typical pose by Dame Dolly - here with a cute Scandinavian guy who had great pecs!!

The President is in the background and was killing himself with laughter, because he thought they might collapse in a heap. Dame Dolly was hoping that would have happened too - but it didn't!



I walked with Sydney Anglican Gays and wore my Turban from India and a silver sequin coat.

I had a fantastic evening and was warmly welcomed by the Gay Anglicans and the crowds. I saw a few people I knew in the crowd, which was great! **Thanks Marsha for the sequin coat - DAVID, SECRETARY.**

Our Stall ready for customers



Dame Dolly and Christine from Scone who were the spruikers for the Stall



Alex with the second hand books



Erroll working hard

Photographs courtesy of Valery and David



John talking to a customer with Eric



Ken securing the Stall, with Lionel arranging the Jams

The Three Sisters Social Group Inc. Presents
The Annual Queens Birthday Ball



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Sunday June 9th

Fairmont Resort Leura

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Before 31st March

A good example of a Brain Study.
 If you can read this out aloud you have a strong mind. And better than that: Alzheimer's is along, long way down the road before it ever gets anywhere near you.
 To my "selected" strange-minded friends:
 If you can read the following paragraph, well done. Only very good minds can read this.
 This is weird, but interesting.

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 N0W, 0N 7H15 LIN3 Y0UR M1ND 1S
 R34D1NG 17
 4U70M471C4LLY W17H 0U7 3V3N
 7H1NK1NG 4B0U7 17,
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If you can read this, you have a strange mind, too. Only 55 people out of 100 can.

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Happy
 Easter !!

Last night, my mad friends and I went to a Ladies Night Club.
 One of the girls wanted to impress the rest of us, so she pulled out a \$10.00 note.
 When the male dancer came over to us, my friend took the \$10.00 and stuck it to his butt!
 Not to be out done, another friend pulls out a \$20.00 note.
 She called the guy back and sticks the \$20.00 note to the other side of his butt.
 In another attempt to impress the rest of us, my third friend pulls out a \$50.00 note and calls the guy over. I was worried about where things are going, but fortunately, she just stuck the \$50.00 note to one of his butt cheeks.
 My relief was short-lived.
 Seeing the way things we going, the guy races over to me.
 Everyone's attention is now focused on me, and the guy is egging me on, to try to top the \$50.00. My brain was churning as I reached for my wallet.

WHAT COULD I DO? The woman in me took over!! I got out my ATM card, swiped it down the crack of his butt grabbed the \$80.00 and ran out!!!



Michael and Alan joined MCC Sydney in the 2013 Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade.



One of the Stalls next to MAG's at Fair Day was

thisoz.com.au

Dame Dolly had a sign prepared for her and was honoured to have her photo taken supporting this terrific campaign -

Speak up for an inclusive Australia!

It was pleasing to see many people supporting the Stall and their campaign by having their photos taken. This photo was taken on Dame Dolly's own camera. Check out their web site to see the many photographs taken at Fair Day.

ANOTHER REMINDER!!

for Afternoon Delight!!

A movie matinee with a delightful finale: a special program of gay and lesbian films followed by a fun and delicious afternoon tea.

Sunday, 24 March 2013 1.30pm - 5.30pm.

NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, 37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills.

A GOLD COIN DONATION BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

(02) 9206 2028 or

aeisler@acon.org.au

In the kitchen with Mitchell



Hi, here is my second recipe for you all to try.

HUMMUS - BITAHINA

**“Uncle Richard's Favourite”
[that is Richard Buckdale]**

Ingredients you will need:

2 x 400 gm canned Chic Peas -
drained thoroughly and rinsed

[I use Italian Chic Peas]
the juice of 2 Lemons

2 gloves of Garlic - sliced

4 tablespoons of Olive Oil

Pinch of cayenne

2/3 cup of Tahini

Sea salt and freshly ground Black Pepper
- to taste.

Place the Chic Peas into food processor and make into a smooth puree.

add the Lemon Juice, Olive Oil and Cayenne and Tahini to the food processor and blend until creamy.

Don't forget to scrape the sides of the bowl of the food processor.

Season with Sea Salt and Black Pepper.

Place in a serving dish and chill
Then serve.

- Vale -

Leo Byrne



Leo had not been to many meetings since we moved from Commonwealth St., even though Newsletters were sent to his home at Bondi.

The latest newsletter was returned with a note "Deceased". Leo was 77 years of age.

I have many fond memories of *looking after* Leo on Geoff's All Boyz Tour of Turkey back in 2005. Infact one of my favourite souvenir's is a blue Turkish Hat that Leo picked out for me to buy in a Bazaar in Antalya, which is on the Mediterranean coast. I wanted to but a red one, but Leo thought the blue one would go better with my blue eyes. **RIP Leo - David.**

- Vale -

John Madell

John Madell of Lane Cove was a loving, lifetime partner of Moty, who sadly passed away 21.2.2013. John was 86 years of age.

Our condolences to Moty.

- Vale -

Peter Harvey

Peter Harvey from Channel Nine was on our TV most evenings for many, many years before he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and his untimely passing.

We will miss his deep voice and his sign off, "Peter Harvey, Canberraa".

Disclaimer

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WARREN'S POEM

Why is reality for some so hard to bear?
To inform someone you are gay.
Most turn away from you, some try to care.
Some folk express definite views,
of what they think you really should be.
Being gay, one knows the life one has lived.
It doesn't have to be explained for all to see.

Why don't some folks reconsider their
thoughts, get real let commonsense open
minded thinking deal.

Why throw into disorder themselves and you.
Live, think love and friendship for the future.
Function each and every day, amicably
through.

Why do we have to hear the way of Adam and
Eve,
no Adam and Steve, a biblical story folks want
us to conceive.

Why be treated like you have a disease?
One informs someone news they find not to
please.

Why give homophobic unwanted emotional
Christmas gifts to end another year?
Why be tormented in your future thoughts and
memories?

Resented for your sexuality by your family you
love so dear.

Gay unanswered questions, daily yearly we'll
always find.

May solace someday be what we seek to
answer those infinite questions that come to
mind.

THANK YOU

The Editor would like to sincerely thank
those guys who have taken the time to
write to him with compliments on
the MAG Newsletter.

He is very pleased to receive your support -
THANKS -

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MAGIC

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

**Please contact Erroll Higson
on 0412 159 168**

**Our postal address is:
MAG, PO Box 350
DARLINGHURST NSW 1300**

Our web site is www.magnsw.org

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

**at 414 Elizabeth Street,
Surry Hills**

[near Devonshire St],

**from 6:30 pm for tea and coffee, with the
meeting commencing at 7:00pm, usually
with a Guest Speaker — every so
often we have a social, or a 'pop corn'
night**

A light supper follows.

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

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Acceptance (Gay Catholics)

[Celebrating their 40th year] Tel. 9568 4433.
 Friday Mass, St. Josephs Church,
 Bedford Street, Newtown, 8pm.

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

Asian Project Contact Min 9206 2080

bgay Community News Contact Marc on 0404112831.

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 Contact John 9528 9158 or
 Eric 9589 1161.

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

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 and 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 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 and 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

GONG GUYS

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