

# MAGazine

The Newsletter for Mature Age Gays

May and June 2010 Edition



## MAG Memberships are now due!!

Membership of MAG is now due, and our dear Treasurer, John O'Dea *esquire* will be most pleased to accept your \$10.00 from any one who cares to send him their fees. Cheques should be made payable to MAG. We thank all those wonderful guys who will or who have taken the trouble to pay their fee for Membership of MAG.



Great shot of Lionel, Harry, Lance and *Christine* from Scone at the 2010 Mardi Gras Fair Day, sitting outside one of the ACON Tents.

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# President MAGazine



Hi Guys,

I hope you all had a very Happy Easter and Anzac long weekend. Soon it will be our Annual General Meeting and all positions will be up for re-election.

I would like to thank all of the out going committee for their part in helping to keep MAG running smoothly and making us such a successful group. I encourage any energetic guys to put their names forward and join our team of dedicated workers.

Recently I had the pleasure to be a part of a panel at a GAMMA meeting in the ACON building, along with Steve Ostrow our founder of MAG. We were able to give these guys an insight into what MAG is all about. There were guys on the panel from other gay groups who were also very interesting. We are hoping that some of these groups will be able to come and give us at MAG an insight into their groups and what they have to offer our members.

It will soon be winter and I hope that you will all keep warm and continue to come to our meetings despite the cold and often wet conditions.

Once again thank you to all who helped make MAG such a huge success over the past year and I look forward to a bigger and better year to come,

Love from your President, Erroll.

## Remembering MAG in your Will

Previous members have bequeathed a small amount of funds 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.

REMEMBER!!  
SAFE SEX  
ALLWAYS  
ALWAYS

Should you no longer wish to receive this *MAGazine*, kindly inform our Secretary – thanks

## OUR PLANNED EVENTS

8 May  
**MAG's** Annual  
General Meeting

29 May  
To be advised

12 June  
To be advised

26 June  
To be advised



Hi Guys,

Below is an excerpt from my just published Auto-bio '**Saturday Night at the Baths Book 2 'The Best is Yet To Come'**. Hope you enjoy...I did!!

Love Steve

CHARLIE CAN

She had a sultry come-hither look as she languidly leaned against the wall, a half-smoked cigarette lazily dangling from a corner of her pink-lipped mouth, very Marlena Dietrich. In the moment it took to take all this in, I had walked past her. But something about her drew me back. I continued my walk for a respectable distance, pretended to peer through a shop window and then retraced my steps to saunter past her again.

She took notice of me, and with lips parted in a half-smile, breathed, 'Hello,' never once changing her composure or posture.

'Hello,' I answered. 'How are you tonight?'

The husky Dietrich voice spoke: 'I'm fine. Are you alone?'

'Why, yes, unfortunately,' I said, my pulse beating in quick tempi.

The pink lips blew out a perfect *O* of smoke.

'Where do you live?' the voice asked through the ring of white cloud.

'As a matter of fact, my apartment is right up the next escalator.'

'Would you like some company?' she said, not having budged since we started to speak.

'Why not?' I said, reaching for her hand.

It was 1978; I had just closed the Continental and opened another Sauna in Canada.

**As we walked together towards home, I couldn't help thinking how great I was doing.**

Only a short two weeks in Montreal, and I had latched onto the girl of my dreams, a genie with light blonde hair.

'Nice going, Steve,' I said to myself as we walked to my little French *pied-à-terre*.

In the dim light of a flickering amber candle, the girl was even more beautiful than I had imagined. There was something so sensual about her, like a purring cat whose fur is soft and silky but can shoot out static sparks when stroked, which is what happened as she allowed me to thread my fingers through her lustrous hair. The V of her open white shirt, exposing her long throat, fascinated me, and I gently unfastened the rest of the buttons.

'My name is Steve. What's yours?' I asked, realising that we had not bothered with such trivialities. The wide sensual eyes under long blonde lashes looked up at me even as I continued to undo her shirt.

'Charlie,' she purred, the eyes not blinking.

My fingers paused in their journey momentarily as the realisation of what was happening sank in.

'Is that a problem?' she asked, the eyes still focused on mine.

By now I had exposed enough of her body to see that the lovely pink-nippled chest was indeed that of a delicate boy. In my mind I was laughing, but not wanting to upset the androgynous youth before me, I gently smiled.

'No problem we can't solve,' I said.

Charlie warmed me through the icy Canadian winter, and then some. He had taken to hanging out in the Galleria to pick up cigarette money. No one had actually gone the distance with Charlie before, usually freezing up in the moment of truth and giving him five or ten dollars to get home with. But now, under my wing, we became great buddies. **Years after I left Montreal, I received a letter from Charlie...inviting me to his wedding!**

# Secretary MAGazine

Apols for the Newsletter problems on page 8 I offer my apologise for the bad settings of page 8 of the previous issue of the Newsletter. ACON decided to insert an ad for an Afternoon Delight — Movie Matinee and Tea Party for the last Saturday in March. This was after I had finalised the Newsletter, and resulted with the photos of our Halloween Evening being compressed. To make matters worse ACON's copier had problems, with some copies being printed off centre.

Missed out on birthdays I have been informed that two of our members names did not appear on the birthday page of the previous Newsletter (Brian T [birthday was 26 February] and also Roger D [birthday was 12 April]). My apols for this error, but if a guy does not tick that he wishes his name to appear on the birthday listing on the Membership Form (and a number do not want for this), then your name will not appear. I have corrected this and your names have been locked in and will appear in the 2011 issue of the March & April Issue. Anyway the most important thing is that you both had a great day on your respective birthdays, as we hope all guys will who have celebrated a birthday.

2010 Mardi Gras Parade 11 guys, plus our photographer, Michelle, participated in MAG's walking group. We joined the ACON Contingent.

We met in the ACON Building, and very well looked after by the ACON guys with sandwiches, biscuits and liquid refreshments [tea, coffee and bottled water]. Thanks you to all at ACON for taking care of us guys. After a reasonable short wait in Goulburn Street, we moved off.

We were well received by the crowds again, although I am sure they did not know what MAG meant. At the conclusion of the Parade in Moore Park, we walked back together to the ACON building for a well earned late supper refreshments. I thank Lionel for doing my face and Marcia Monterey of Muswellbrook for my Swans outfit, and hope all our other participants in the Contingent also enjoyed the evening. Michelle has some many great pics of the Parade and you can check out her photos at MAG Meetings, or contact her on 0409 777 971. The cost is only \$5.00 per photo.

I thank both Michelle and Valery for the Parade pics.

Pollys On 22nd May there is a Pollys Show and Dance at the Marrickville Town Hall. I am would like to arrange a MAG table, as it will not clash with one of our meeting nights, as they normally often do. Should anyone wish to attend and join us in an evening of fun, kindly telephone me or see me at a Meeting. We would like all attendees to dress up in outrageous outfits [if you want to], so as to make an impression that **OLDER GAYS CAN ENJOY THEMSELVES TOO!**

Membership Fees As was mentioned on the front page, Membership Fees for 2010 are now due. Kindly send your cheques for \$10.00 made payable to MAG.

**The address is John O'Dea, Treasurer MAG,**  
PO Box 350, Darlinghurst NSW 1300.

Your financial support is very much appreciated.

David, Secretary and Newsletter Editor

Tel: [02] 9516 2063.



David (Dame Dolly)  
[carn the Swans!]  
and Lionel  
(Suzie Wong)



**Members of MAG's 2010 Parade Contingent**

Left to Right — Lionel (Suzie Wong), Bradley, John G, Damian, John O'D, Harry [an original 78'er], Ken, [seated], Nigel [seated] (trying to bite of Dame Dolly's Order of the Garter), Chris (Christine from Scone in blue) and David (Dame Dolly Devine of Marrickville).



Ready to start Parade — in Liverpool Street



Harry battles to keep his hat on above his blonde wig, in the wind.

**Harry's** sash indicates he was an original **78'er**



Now in Oxford Street

And some more pics

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John G carries the **M**, Damian the **A** and Bradley the **G**. Just behind Bradley is Matthew from ACON (in the black shirt and wearing a bandana). Mathew assisted us along the Parade route.



Ken zips up *Dame Dolly*, whilst she zips up her **Swans bag**



BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY'S  
HEALTH & WELLBEING 1985-2010

Below is our photographer  
extraordinaire (**Michelle's**) telephone  
number for any photos orders.



I just saw that Harry Potter film. A bit unrealistic if you ask me. I mean, a ginger haired kid with two friends?

I had a mate who was suicidal. He was really depressed, so I pushed him under a steam train. He was chuffed to bits.

I was reading in the paper today about this dwarf that got pick pocketed. How could anyone stoop so low.

A drunk staggers into a Catholic Church, enters the confessional booth, sits down, but says nothing. The Priest coughs a few times to get his attention, but the drunk continues to just sit there. Finally the Priest pounds three times on the wall. The drunk mumbles, **“Ain't no use knockin, there's no toilet paper on this side either.”**

Three Irishmen, Paddy, Sean and Shamus having left the Pub a wee late one night, found themselves on the road which lead past the old graveyard. **“Come have a look over here, ” says Paddy, “It's Michael O'Grady's grave, God bless his soul. He lived to the ripe old age of 87. Good blood, those O'Grady's!”**

**“That's nothing,” says Sean. “Here's one named Patrick O'Toole, it says here he was 97 when he died. Aye, those O'Toole's are a hardy bunch, they are.”**

**Just the, Shamus yells, here's a fella that lived to be 145 years old!”**

**“What was his name??” asks Paddy and Sean.**

Shamus stumbles around a bit, awkwardly lights his lighter to see what else is written on the stone marker, and exclaims, **“Miles from Dublin.”**



Sample of MAG's  
2010  
Membership Card



**Disclaimer:** The opinions expressed in this Newsletter are those of individuals and do not necessarily reflect the policies of MAG or ACON.



As the Editor it is very pleasing to receive a compliment, for a change, and I do sincerely thank Steve from the ACT very much for his letter. Steve writes

**"Just a quick note to say how much I enjoy the MAG Newsletter and congratulate you on a very high quality production. I think there was some light controversy a while back about 'nudity' in the MAGazine but I can only say that the shots on page 10 of the January/February Issue are delightful. The pictures of JBear are good to. Best wishes for 2010. Regards Steve".**

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Steve also received a complementary letter from Tony Breinl. Tony spoke at MAG on three occasions back in 2009.

**"Thank you for inviting me to be a speaker at your group. And a special thank you for asking Anna and myself to your dinner gathering after the meeting. I have to say I found MAG to be one of the most responsive groups I have talked to, and Anna and I very much enjoyed talking to your people after the meeting. We would like to thank you all for the courtesy extended to us. I also have to say a very large thank you for the munificence of the gift — I have never expected to be given anything, as I find my own reward in actually giving the presentation. And I am addicted to Earl Grey tea. Once again, thank you for the invitation, and if you ever need me back it would be a very great pleasure. Could you pass this on to your group. And good fortune go with you all. Regards Tony and Anna Breinl.**

**Well, the Executive Committee was so impressed with Tony's presentations in 2009 we have arranged for him to be our Guest Speaker on [10 April](#), [10 July](#) and [9th October 2010](#). Please note your diaries and calendars. (Sorry 10 April has already been — Ed .)**



**MAG**  
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



By Warren Sawkins  
MAG MAGazine  
POET

## THREE STRIKES AND THEN YOUR OUT.

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

I lived my whole life being gay,  
I knew no other way.

Early days as a young boy, a next door girl  
and in my youth a woman, both as a friend.

**That's where I thought it would end.**

I finish my youth with my 5 year lover,  
the truth about him, I finally did discover.

As a result of my not so, 5 year lover bliss.

I decided to make a life style change, put an end to this

**In my 20's I tried with a woman at the start as a friend,**  
this satisfied society in general to no end.

I moved on to the society next desired step.

A woman for a wife,

I found this was not my way of life.

I still realized, I needed a male lover instead of my  
Wife.

Step two, to please societies again way,

I left Wife One, to get away from my mental strife.

Simply starting over again,

my present confused life, and try another woman as a  
Wife.

Only to find through the years, months,  
days unhappiness was destined, to stay.

As time passed, I foolishly tried again to please society  
and be straight, but over the years,

God knew it was too late.

You would think I would learn,

from past memories, the wheels of my time in life

I would learn to progress, not regress, with every wheel  
turn.

10 years ago I sought gay counselling.

I had had enough, to hell with all the society stuff.

I was advised, be who you are.

You will have more peace of mind, and be happier by  
far.

**It's got to be true you see,**

the only one I was fooling here was me.

**I think at the start of any gay person's fourth time**  
doubt,

Remember,

**THREE STRIKES AND THEN YOUR OUT.**

**MAGnet**  
MAGnet — is our  
mid week venue for  
mature gay and bi  
men.  
Every Wednesday  
evening meeting at  
the Taxi Club, on  
Flinders Street,  
Darlinghurst, from  
6:30pm for a meal.  
It is a great place to  
be at. We  
recommend guys join  
the Taxi Club — **it's**  
only \$11 per year  
and you can enjoy  
all the benefits.  
For instance the  
Wednesday  
Members Badge  
Drawer — There are  
\$100 badge draws  
from 6pm till 8pm for  
those members  
present.

The meals are  
reasonable priced  
and most enjoyable.

MAG invites all  
mature age gay and  
bisexual men to join  
our guys in having a  
meal, a drink and  
socialising.



## MAG's Details

### *Executive Members:*

President: Erroll Higson 9557 5903  
Secretary: David Bowron 9516 2063  
Treasurer: **John O'Dea** 9521 1953

ACON — Project Officer MAG  
and the founder of MAG:  
Steve Ostrow 9358 1460

### *Committee Members:*

Bradley Falappi 9550 6359  
Ross MacKinnon —  
Mario Panzarino 0438 931 999

### **MAGIC**

MAG in the Community.  
For guys who are ill, in hospital,  
or who require assistance. Please  
contact Noel Hunter on (02)  
96991317.

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

Web site is [magnsw.org](http://magnsw.org)

MAG meetings are held at:  
Lower Ground Floor  
ACON Building  
9-25 Commonwealth Street,  
Darlinghurst

The entrance is at the back of  
the building, on the corner  
of Clarke and Alberta Streets.  
We meet on the second and  
last Saturdays of each month,  
from 6:30 pm for tea & coffee  
with the meeting commencing  
at 7:00pm, usually with a  
Guest Speaker — sometimes  
**we'll have a social evening.**

*A light supper follows.*

The Executive Committee  
meets on the second Saturday  
of the month after the General  
Meeting.

**Editor — David 9516 2063**

## 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 Solomon 9206 2080  
bgay Community News  
Contact Marc on 0404112831.

Country Network a national social network  
of gay men. Sydney Metro contact is Neil  
Maguire on 9547 1258.

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  
Meets on 1st & 3rd Wed every month,  
**at 9 C'wealth St, Surry Hills. Tel. 9267 4000**  
[www.gamma.org.au](http://www.gamma.org.au)

Gaydownunder [www.gaydownunder.com](http://www.gaydownunder.com)  
GLCS Tel. 1800 184 527

GSN - Gay Sydney Nudists  
contact *Tony James* 49725357.

MCC Good Shepherd 6:30pm Sundays  
Pastor *Robert Clark* Tel. 9386 9293  
37 East Street, Granville.

MCC Sydney 10:00am & 6:30pm Sundays  
Pastor (*Vacant at present*) Tel. 9569 5122  
96 Crystal Street, Petersham.

PFLAG Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians  
& Gays. [www.pflagaustralia.org](http://www.pflagaustralia.org)

SCOG Southern Cross Outdoor Group:  
bushwalks and other outdoor activities in the  
Sydney area. Contact *John* 9907 9144.

Email address is [scog@scog.asn.au](mailto:scog@scog.asn.au)

SPAI DS Dates on tree planting days contact  
[josken@zipworld.com.au](mailto:josken@zipworld.com.au) for further information.

Christ Our Hope Community  
Meetings: fortnightly at 320 Riley Street,  
Surry Hills, at 11am. Contact: Father Peter  
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](http://www.wags.net.au)

Apostolic Community of St Nicholas  
Meetings: 1st Sunday of month at 11am.

10/5-6 Edgar Cres, Belfield  
Community Pastor Alexei G Schmidt  
9642 7881