

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age
Gay and Bisexual Men

MAY, JUNE & JULY
2014

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in similar situations to lead as full a life as possible

This year Young at Heart Culture Club was launched, a monthly event for grown ups, held at the gorgeous Erskineville Town Hall in Sydney's Inner-West. Each month, an exclusive daytime screening with a talk, Q&A or discussion. Come chat with us about movies and the arts over a (free) cup of tea!

<http://www.youngatheart.net.au/culture-club/>

At the dawn of the French Revolution, as turmoil brews in Paris, Versailles carries on, careless and **unworried as if isolated from the rest of the world**. **Sidonie Laborde, the Queen's young reader**, carefree and entirely devoted, takes full advantage of the intimate moments which tie her to Marie -Antoinette, whom she admires so much.

Sidonie is unaware that she is about to live out the last three days she'll ever have at her mistress's side, in the Versailles of pomp, extravagance, games of leisure and luxury. Directed by Benoit Jacquot, starring Diane Kruger (Troy) and Léa Seydoux (Grand Budapest Hotel) -

FAREWELL MY QUEEN was the Opening Night at the Berlin International Film Festival.

When: Thursday 29 May 2014, 10:30am (doors open 10:15am)

Where: Erskineville Town Hall (104 Erskineville Rd, Erskineville, NSW, 2043)

How much: \$6 if you're over 55 (\$10 otherwise)

How to book: ONLINE or by phone (02 9550 2266 during office hours), or try your luck at the door.

How to get there:

Erskineville and Newtown train stations are within walking distance.

Bus route 355 stops on Erskineville Road, near Prospect Street.

Bus routes 422, 423, 426, 428 and M30 stop on King Street, near Erskineville Road.

Limited 2-hour parking is available.

PLEASE NOTE YOUR DIARIES & CALENDARS

Saturday, 12th July 2014 **The Hon. Alex Greenwich MP**
Independent Member for Sydney will be our Guest Speaker.
We encourage all our Members and friends to be
at this meeting.



Look us up on the web - magnsw.org

Your President Reports

At an election held on 9th April 2014, a change in the positions of MAG's President & Secretary were made. Likewise there are some new faces on the Committee. I thank these guys for coming forward to steer MAG into the future. I would like to thank the past Presidents of MAG for their contribution towards to ongoing success of our group. I also place on record my thanks to all who have held official positions on the MAG Committee over the past 22 years, and the many, many guys who have helped in various ways to ensure our meetings are successful and other functions are enjoyable for those guys who **did attend them. I was MAG's Secretary from 2001 to 2013. In 2014 the new President. I look forward to the challenges** ahead.

MAG is no longer a Project of ACON. We are a social group of gay and bi-sexual men meeting in the ACON Building. I thank ACON for their support of MAG, and for their continued support through a Memorandum of Understanding signed in February 2014.

My first challenge is work through the legalities of having a Constitution, then to registered it with the NSW Government's Department of Fair Trading. Obtain a registered Incorporated name, and a registered ABN. Last and very importantly, MAG becoming a Registered Charity, so we can seek funding from NSW Government organisations and other bodies plus have fund raising events.

With everyone's support I see this not as a challenge, but taking MAG into the *gay world* from ACON's protection.

The preparation of a Constitution will be the first item, I commence with. I have been referred to TARS for their assistance in preparing a draft Constitution. It will then be discussed by your Committee, who in turn will ask all financial member to comment of the draft. We will then make alterations to the draft, if any.

The Constitution will be then considered at a Special Meeting and hopefully it will adopt the Constitution.

[We will then forward it to the NSW Dept. of Fair Trading for their approval.](#)

I cannot stress enough the support of our members. All guys who attend MAG Meetings in future will ALL need to be financial members. This is another way MAG can move forward with everyone sharing the load, financially & socially. Should anyone require further information, please ring me on 9516 2063. If I am away from the phone, please leave your details & I will return your call. Best wishes David, President.

Your Secretary Reports

Michael would like to thank all who thought he could do a great job as Secretary & Editor of the MAG Newsletter *On the 29th March meeting was the first with the new Committee.*

David, myself and the Committee Members discussed the possibly of changing the membership from \$10 to \$12 a year - from June 2014 to June 2015. Members and friends who wish to enjoy supper will be asked to contribute at least \$5 for supper [into bucket] and this will be asked when you collect your name badge at the front desk.

Question - "will you be staying for supper, or not".

Another decision made was that Committee Member Geoff Ostling will arrange future Guest Speakers for MAG. So if anyone knows of a person or topic that our members might enjoy, please contact Geoff.

Saturday 10th May

Magazine is to be done quarterly and the first Issue of the new look MAGazine will be out in May 2014.

A Constitution is in the process and we will inform members at the meeting. Change of procedure for the next six months we have arranged to have sandwiches for the 1st meeting of the month and the 2nd meeting will be determined by the Catering Committee.

A Trivia Night is to be held on the 10th of May, so please come along with your thinking hats on, and dress in an outfit that will impress the Judges!!!

We are also exploring a change of the starting time of the meetings to 6.30pm for the winter months.

Saturday 9th April

An election resulting in a new Executive and Committee being elected. Please refer to the back page of the Newsletter. MAG is no longer a Project of ACON, but a social group meeting in the ACON Building.

A Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] has been signed between ACON and MAG. This sets out the aims, roles and responsibilities of each party. ACON has provided Public Liability Insurance for the term of the MOU - for which MAG is very appreciative of. Our funds have been returned to MAG from ACON - for our group to take charge of. We look forward to becoming an [Incorporated Gay & Bi-sexual Men's group in the fullness of time.](#)

We will have a Constitution adopted by the financial members then approved by the [NSW Department of Fair Trading](#), an [Australian Business Name and Number. Then be come a registered Charity](#) - 'a not for profit organisation' to raise funds.

We believe there are exciting times are ahead.

JOKES CORNER

**Little Johnny asks the teacher,
"Teacher, can I go to the bathroom?"**

**The teacher replies, "Yes, but only after
you recite the alphabet, Johnny."**

**Little Johnny says, "Fine!" Then he
quickly babbles out:
"ABCDEFGHijklmno QRSTU-
vwxyz!! !"**

**The teacher asks him, "Where is the P,
Johnny?"**

**Johnny screams, "IT'S RUNNING DOWN
MY LEG!!! PLEASE LET ME GO TO THE
BATHROOM!!!"**

**A furious pounding in a hotel room late at night
awakened a number of guests.**

**The hotel manager was called, and he let himself into
the room.**

**Inside, he found an elderly man cursing and banging
away on the wall with both fists.**

**"Stop that!" the manager ordered. "You're disturbing
the whole hotel."**

**"Damn the hotel!" the elderly man spat. "It's the first
erection I've had in years, and both my hands are
asleep."**

The Catholic priest in a small town had become very perturbed, and he decided to lay it on the line to the congregation.

"Brothers, sisters," he said solemnly, "it has come to my attention that there are tales to the effect that immorality is rampant in our fair town. To be specific, it is being said that there is not one virgin left here. This vile lie must and shall be refuted. In order to do so, I ask every virgin in the congregation to rise."

Not a woman stirred.

The priest said, "I understand the modesty that would make a young lady hesitate to announce her condition publicly, but it is necessary to do so. Young women, I conjure those to rise who are truly virgins."

And still not a woman stirred.

Wrath now moved the priest. "Will you, for the fear of experiencing a small shame, incur a great one? This is an order from the Almighty: Let all virgins stand!"

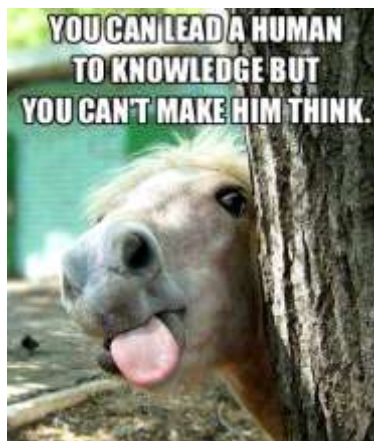
And as his thunderous tones died away, a young lady, far in the rear, with a baby in her arms, rose bashfully.

The preacher stared with astonishment at the baby, then said, "Young woman, I'm asking the virgins to stand."

And the young lady answered indignantly, "Well, father, do you expect this six-month-old girl to stand by herself...?"



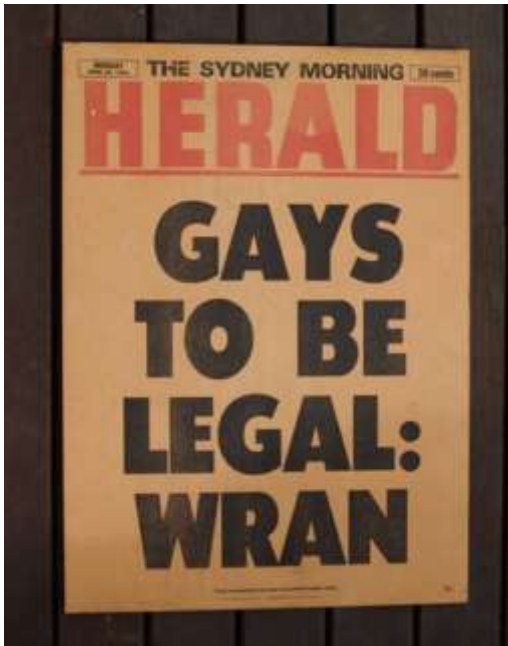
Old age is golden, or so I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder, as I crawl into bed,
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My glasses on the table until I get up.
As sleep dims my vision, I say to myself:
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?
The reason I know my youth is all spent?
Is my get-up-and-go has got up and went!
But, in spite of it all, I'm able to grin
And think of the places my getup has been!



Funny pics on www.Lefunny.net

Thirty years ago next Monday, Neville Wran announced that he was introducing a Private members Bill to legalise gay male sexual behaviour. Wran had come reluctantly to fully support homosexual law reform having not fully supported other Bill... in 1981 & 1982 but community pressure finally forced him to it. He will be remembered for this. This and other gay & lesbian law reforms will be the focus of the Australian Homosexual Histories Conference which we will be hosting at UTS in November. More details will be posted shortly at www.pridehistorygroup.org.au

Comments made by Robert French about our former Premier



I can still remember being astonished by Wran's comments on the news on the Sunday after the '78 Mardi Gras with words to the effect that 'THE GAYS HAD HAD ENOUGH AND HAD OVER STEPPED THE MARK' when in reality it was the local Darlinghurst police who did that in voiding a legal permit. Yet, Wran's government did repeal the Summary Offences Act and did introduce Anti-discrimination protection for **l e s b i a n s a n d g a y s** . For the lesbian and gay communities, his is a mixed legacy.

SATURDAY 26TH APRIL Our Speaker on this night was Robert French and he was talking about **"GAY LIFE IN SYDNEY SINCE THE 1890'S**. Robert's talk was organised by committee member Geoff Ostling and the talk was very, very interesting to hear how much Gays and Lesbians went through to get where we are today.

FUTURE EVENTS PLANNED other than our bi-monthly **MAG** Meetings.
 Sunday 1st June - an Outing to see the fantastic Sydney Vivid Light Show the outing will be by ferry and by foot.
 Date to be advised - a walking tour of **"the Golden Mile"** by Robert French from the **Sydney Gay Pride History Group**.
 Date to be advised - an excursion train trip - Central to Picton and return. At Picton we will proceed to the NSW Heritage Railway Museum at Thirlmere - for viewing of old **NSWGR** rolling stock and enjoy a heritage steam train trip.



'Big Harry', a MAG Member is also a 78'er, & he marched in this year's Mardi Gras Parade

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AFTERNOON TEA DELIGHT 2014

The afternoon tea delight day was very interesting we had three short movies and a main movie it was such tear jerker And we had about 16 people from MAG that attended had lots of yummy sandwiches , cakes and fruit it was a very nice afternoon And the beautiful ladies were there dressed up in their best frocks. And our favourite Sydney Star Observer Photographer Ann Marie Callihanna was present taking pics for the SSO as was the SX magazine photographer.

BELLOW ARE SOME OF THE PICTURES OF MAG MEMBERS



Mardi Gras 2014

The Mardi Gras was very packed this year some of a MAG members still enjoyed the Mardi Gras Parade, even though MAG did not have float this year. The night was perfect and it did not rain till the end of the Parade. There was over 5,000 people in the Parade and over 100,000 spectators, so I thought put in some photos of the night of the Mardi Gras - Ed.

MARDI GRAS PARADE 2014
SOME MAG MEMBERS



MAG's 2014 COMMITTEE



**David Bowron
President**



**Michael Darley
Vice President**



**Michael Filipovic
Secretary &
Editor of our Newsletter**



**Ken Mears
Treasurer**



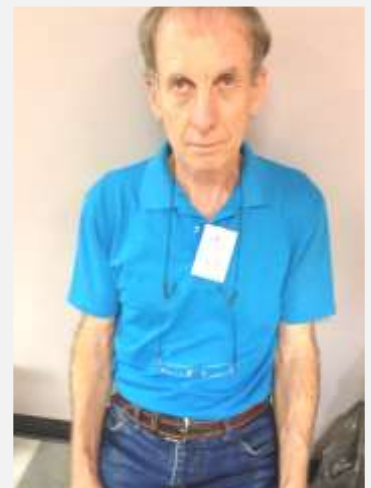
**Geoff Ostling
Committee Member**



**Lewis Turtur
Committee Member**



**Warren Sawkins
Committee Member**



**Bill Alford
Committee Member**



**John Waterstreet
Committee Member**



**Steve Ostrow
MAG's FOUNDER**

The Southern Cross Outdoors Group is a not-for-profit association, formed in 1981. Most people call them **SCOG**. They are based in Sydney and surrounds. SCOG organises bushwalking and other outdoor activities for **gays and lesbians. You don't have to be a member to try their activities.**

Their principal objects are:

To promote health and friendly association for gays and lesbians, principally through outdoors activity

To conduct activities that includes both members and non-members

Their Activities include:

- ◆ Bushwalks, hikes and camping trips (usually two or three times a month)
- ◆ Suburban and historical walks
- ◆ Mountain biking
- ◆ Train excursions
- ◆ Restaurant get-togethers
- ◆ Tennis
- ◆ Mardi Gras Bush dance
- ◆ A ski week at Perisher (once a year for various grades)

Skills and fitness requirements vary depending on the activity, so no matter what your experience or interest SCOG will have something for you. Click on Diary - Walks & other activities to find out more.

If you would like further information or would like to lead a walk or organise an activity please email

southern.cross.outdoors.group@gmail.com or

contact either David on (02) 9698 9308 or Joe on (02) 47878029.

ALL BOYZ TOUR OF JORDAN & ISRAEL

The Israel Gay Pride and Jordan Tour JUNE 7TH TO JUNE 20TH, 2014

Vacancies are still available

As an incentive - there is a discount of \$100 for guys who have previously been on All Boyz Tours and further \$100 if you encourage a friend to join the touring party.

Included in the price of \$3500 is: (Your air fare is extra. Twin Wings Air Travel can assist with this!)

- ◆ Gay or Gay-friendly Tour Guides,
- ◆ Comfortable air-conditioned coach travel and all transfers,
- ◆ Good, clean, four star hotels with breakfast and dinner each day,
- ◆ All admission fees, taxes and participation costs
- ◆ Opportunities to meet the local gay community and party with them in Israel

If interested please ring Geoff Ostling on Telephone: (02) 9568 3029

After 19th May - contact Twin Wings Air Travel on Telephone: (02) 9550 9955 (the office is open Mon to Fri)

An additional 4 day tour of Cairo and Luxor as an add on is available & recommended. In Luxor you will be visiting the Valley of the Queens, Valley of the Kings and Tutankhamen's Tomb. Then in Cairo visiting the Pyramids, Sphinx & Museums. Wafik from Twin Wings will be only too pleased to talk to you about Egypt.



Future Events and/or Functions.

Saturday, 10 May MAG Meeting
Trivia Night by Michael Filipovic

Prizes for Answers & Fancy Dress

Saturday, 31 May MAG Meeting

Saturday, 14 June MAG Meeting

Saturday, 28 June MAG Meeting

Saturday, 12 July MAG Meeting

Our Guest speaker will be Alex Greenwich MP
 Ind Member for Sydney

We meet on the **second** and the **last Saturdays** of the month at **414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills [near Devonshire St - 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, or a 'pop corn' night** A light supper follows.

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

Committee member Geoff Ostling will be maintaining our Guest Speaker Listings. So should one feels 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 Contact Details:The Executive:

President: David Bowron 9516 2063
 Vice Pres: Michael Darley 0408 359 989
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 Treasurer: Ken Mears - email:
 ken_me55@hotmail.com

The Founder of MAG: Steve Ostrow - 9358 1460

The Committee:

Lewis Turtur 9319 1280.
 Bill Alford: 8096 4891.
 Warren Sawkins 0413 292 363.
 Geoff Ostling 9568 2039.
 John Waterstreet 9568 3079.

MAG/C - MAG in the Community.

Guys who are ill, in hospital, or who require assistance.
 This position is vacant at the moment

Our postal address is:

MAG, PO Box 350, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Our web site is www.magnsw.org

The Editor of MAGazine is Michael Filipovic

Our Community's Details:

Acceptance (Gay Catholics) Tel. 9568 4433. Friday Mass, St. Joseph's 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 - 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 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 - www.gsNinc.org

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 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

Christ Our Hope Community - Meetings: fortnightly (2nd and last Sundays) at 11am, Level 3, 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills Contact: Mons. Peter Johnson O.S.C.

on 9588 6893 or 0419 464 353

GONG GUYS - www.wags.net.au