

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men

MAY & JUNE 2015



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COMMUNITY VISITOR SCHEME

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An Australian Government Initiative

While loneliness and isolation can affect anyone's mental health, the impact can be more severe for older people.

Our Community Visitor Scheme is all about helping older LGBTI people make new friends and have fun social experiences.

Our trained volunteer companions make regular one on one visits where they chat over a cuppa, listen to music, watch a movie or participate in a hobby, game or other activity.

The service operates in Sydney as well as the Hunter, Nepean, Illawarra and Central Coast regions.

The service is available to recipients of Australian Government subsidised Home Care Packages who have been identified by their aged care provider as experiencing or at risk of experiencing social isolation, whether for social or cultural reasons or because of disability.

To get involved as a client, volunteer or service provider please contact us:

(02) 9206 2028

communityvisitors@acon.org.au

ACON is NSW's leading health promotion organisation specialising in HIV prevention and support, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) health.

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Look us up on the web - www.magsydney.org

MAG'S EVENTS in 2015

Thursday evenings, at the Petersham Inn, on Parramatta Road, Petersham, are still happening in 2015. Peter and Merv again extend a warm invitation to all MAG Members and friends to come along and enjoy the night — Drinks at 6pm and Dinner at 7pm. There is a Badge draw during the night, and a number our **guys have joined the Pub's Social Club, hoping to have their badge drawn out, and possibly win some cash.**

Saturday 9th MAY — Fabian Lo Schiavo - A Sister of Perpetual Indulgent.

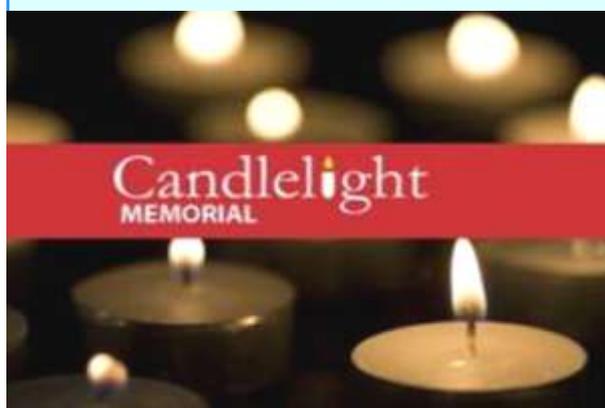
Saturday 30th MAY — Talk by a representative of COUNTRY NETWORK.

Saturday 13th June — Jennifer John — Calm Inside

Jennifer John is an educator writer and integrative counselor who utilises the best of west and east mind-body techniques such as psychology, physics, yoga, qi gong tantra and therapeutic theatre. She has helped hundreds including survivors of prostate cancer and surgery, burns, and PTSD; offering unique strategies to cultivate positive energy and a sense of Calm Inside.

Saturday 27th June — TBA

VIVID SYDNEY will be on from 22nd May to 8th June 2015. MAG will be having a look at the lights on a date yet to be determined.



AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day to commemorate loved ones lost to HIV/AIDS, will be held on Sunday, 17th MAY 2015, at the Eternity Playhouse, 39 Burton Street, Darlinghurst, commencing at 3pm.

Doors will open at 2.30pm.

Guest Speaker Tommy Murphy screen writer & associate producer for the upcoming film **"Holding the Man"**.



The Dawn Service, at the Cenotaph, in a packed Martin Place, Sydney on Sat, 25th April 2015, to mark the 100th Anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli, Turkey.

LEST WE FORGET

The President's Report

Gentlemen and Michelle,

I was very pleased with the number of MAG guys who attended the LOVE PROJECT'S Afternoon Delight, as part of the Seniors' Week functions; and I thank all who attended to support the event and MAG.

Whilst the 1st short had no sub titles, the other 2 shorts were OK. I did, however, enjoy the feature movie, and then the delicious finger food served by the nice *hostesses*.

A photo of me appeared in this year's Seniors Week News promoting the Afternoon Delights movie sessions in Sydney and in other parts of NSW for 2015. After some investigative work, I found the lovely *young lady* who actually appeared in that Seniors Week News with me. That photos of us was taken about 2 years ago, so I asked *her* for an updated pic of us both, and this photo appears [right]; with me holding the Seniors Weeks News Programme with the old pic, taken 2 years ago.

On the 30th June 2015, Membership for 2015/2016 will be sought from those guys who wish to continue being members of **MAG SYDNEY INC.**

An Application for Renewal has been prepared, and is now available to current Members to complete any vacant information parts on the Renewal Form.

A payment of \$12.00 will need to accompany your Application for Renewal for 2015/2016.

Should you wish to pay by cheque, you MUST make cheques payable to **MAG SYDNEY INC**

David - President



Sydney's Town Hall with the Rainbow Flag proudly flying for Mardi Gras



A Telstra Telephone booth in Newtown with a mirror ball & spot lights on top — for Mardi Gras



Michael with lovely hostesses at this year's Afternoon Delight



Bill & Michael at BGF's Trivia Night



Geoff & Steve at BGF's Trivia Night



Merv & Tony with a lovely hostess at last year's Afternoon Delight - photo courtesy of the LOVE Project.



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NAPLAN for SENIORS

A simple start to the day — it should not be any trouble to you guys.

This Nappy test will keep at bay that dreaded disease that effects one's memory ! Maybe.....

- 1) **How long did the Hundred Years' War last?**
- 2) **Which country makes Panama Hats?**
- 3) **From which animal do we get cat gut?**
- 4) **In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?**
- 5) **What is a camel's hair brush made of?**
- 6) **The Canary Islands are named after what animal?**
- 7) **What was King George VI's first name?**
- 8) **What colour is a purple finch?**
- 9) **Where are Chinese gooseberries from?**
- 10) **What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?**

The guys on our stall at Fair Day and some who were on our Mardi Gras Bus certainly stood out in their *hot pink* MAG T shirts.

Should any one would like to purchase a T Shirt [cost is only \$10.00] please contact your President to order a shirt.

For us to place an order we need a minimum of 10 T shirts.

Remember, you need only 4 correct answers to pass.

..... ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last? **116 years**
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats? **Ecuador**
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut? **Sheep and Horses**
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? **November**
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of? **Squirrel fur**
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal? **Dogs**
- 7) What was King George VI's first name? **Albert**
- 8) What colour is a purple finch? **Crimson**
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from? **New Zealand**
- 10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial air plane? **Orange (of course)**

What do you mean, you failed?

Me, too Ed! (And if you try to tell me you passed, you LIED!)

Pass this on to your brilliant friends.



The Call

The home phone rings and 'the wife' answers.

A pervert, with heavy breathing, says:
"I bet you have a tight ass, with no hair".

The woman replies: "Why yes, I have".

"He's watching TV... Whom shall I say is calling?"

An Engineer

An Engineer could not find a job, so he opens a Clinic & puts a Sign outside that says, "Get Treatment for \$50, If Not Cured Get Back \$100".

A Doctor thinks this is a good opportunity to show up the Engineer & earn a quick \$100. And so he visits the Clinic.

Doctor: "I have lost my sense of taste".

Engineer: "Nurse, bring the Medicine from Box No 22 & place 3 drops in the Patient's mouth".

Patient (Doctor): Spits out the Medicine & says "This is not Medicine, it's Gasoline".

Engineer: "Congrats. You have your taste back That will be \$50".

Doctor gets annoyed & returns after several days to recover his money.

Doctor: "I have lost my memory & can't remember a thing".

Engineer: "Nurse, bring Medicine from Box No 22 & put 3 drops in patient's mouth".

Doctor: "This Medicine is for the sense of taste" protests the Doctor.

Engineer: "Congrats. Your memory is back..... That will be \$50".

The Doctor leaves, but after several days angrily returns for one last try.

Doctor: "My eyesight has become weak".

Engineer: "Well I don't have any Medicine for that. Take this \$100".

Doctor: "But this is \$50 Note".

Engineer: "Congratulations, your eyesight has gotten better.... That will be \$50".

Marcantonio's Aussie Retro Mulberry & Rosella Desert.

Men of my generation, the post war kids, remember the old Mulberry tree as well as the Rosella bushes that used to grow in just about every one's back yard. Back in those day's our mums made jams and pies with these fruits. Sadly with affluence and gentrification of those suburbs in the 1970's, the Mulberry tree and Rosella have all but disappeared. So imagine my delight when I saw for the first time in decades at **Bondi Junction's Norton St Grocer** punnets of Mulberries. Mulberries are seasonal fruits from late October to mid-December where as Wild Hibiscus [Rosella] can be found at the check-out of any reputable bottle shop.



Ingredients: Note one Punnet of Mulberries and one jar of Wild Hibiscus serves two.

One Punnet Mulberries.

Wild Hibiscus: Flowers in Syrup [Rosellas]

Gippsland Thickened Crème.

Sugar and a little bit of orange juice.

Presentation is everything: Use a stemmed water goblet chilled in the 'fridge for this.

First with the juice of an orange line the rim of the goblets with juice [just like a Margarita] then dip into a plate of sugar.

Cut the green stems off the Mulberries then place in a colander and rinse gently in cold water.

Then place in them in the 'fridge along with the jar of Wild Hibiscus – Rosellas.

When ready to serve, place gently a few Mulberries at the bottom of each of the chilled goblets then layer a few Rosellas along with some of the syrup. Repeat until both Mulberries and Rosellas are used up.

Finally add a large dollop of Gippsland Thickened Crème.

Note: If you wish to serve this as a very "posh" desert serve this with a chilled glass of **Apera** [can't call it "sherry" any more] I would recommend...

Sánchez Romate NPU Amontillado: It has lovely amber tones as well as hint of almond aromas along with a touch of oak which gives it a taste that is dry, persistent and unusually delicate.

Enjoy!!!!



Show and Tell is not your run of the mill workshop for the older LGBTI community. Sydney Photographer Richard Hedger invites you to bring along a selection of your personal photographs and slides to this unique social event. He encourages you to share your memories of LGBTI life in Sydney from the 60's, 70's & 80's. This is an informal workshop and a great opportunity to put names to faces, have a laugh with friends or just reminisce about the good old days. Every picture tell a story.

Date and Time: Friday 12 June, 10am til 4pm

Location: ACON, 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills

Lunch and afternoon tea provided.

Please contact Richard on 0420 945 746 or via email: richardhedger2010@gmail.com informal workshop and a great opportunity to put names to faces, have a laugh with friends or just reminisce about the good old days. Every picture tell a story.

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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 maintaining 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:

President: David Bowron 9516 2063
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Secretary: Michael Filipovic 0429 290 000
Treasurer: Bill Alford: 8096 4891

The Founder of MAG: Steve Ostrow - 9358 1460

The Committee:

Lewis Turtur 9319 1280
John Waterstreet 0449 290 898
Geoff Ostling 9568 3029
Ken Mears - email: ken.ophelia.cox@outlook.com

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:

MAG SYDNEY INC
PO Box 350, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Our web site is www.magsydney.org

Newsletter Editor — Michael Filipovic

*It takes a strong person
to say sorry, but an even
stronger person to forgive.*

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

Bobby Goldsmith Foundation [BGF]
to empower & support people living with HIV to live well
L 3, 111-117 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills
www.bgf.org.au 9283 8666

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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+++SESSION DETAILS+++

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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