

MAGazine

MAG will be 21 in September 2012

**Our 21st birthday celebrations will be held on
Saturday 8 September.**

**We thank Steve Ostrow whose idea it was for an
older gay mens' group, and also ACON for
supporting Steve's idea, and for their continued support.**

**We offer our sincere appreciation to all those
wonderful guys [many of whom have passed way] who
laid the foundations for MAG to be the success that
it is to day.**



*Look us up on the web
magnsw.org*

2012 EVENTS

Hayden Orpheum,
the Art Deco Cinema
at 380 Military Road, Cremorne
will be screening the following films: -



Cost is only \$13.00, which includes the movie, sandwiches and cuppa afterwards.

This is an inexpensive, fun day's outing.

I am pleased to receive good reports that the guys who went to see the "Sapphires" on 22 August thoroughly enjoyed it - Ed.

2012/13

Membership Fees

Another *friendly* reminder that the 2012/13 Membership Fee, to be a financial member of MAG, is due.

[1st July 2012]

The cost is \$10.00.

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

Sincere thanks to all who have renewed!

COMING MEETINGS

for September and October

8 SEPTEMBER

Our 21st Celebration evening - please see Page 5 for details

Sunday, 16 SEPTEMBER

Parramatta Pride Picnic,
at Parramatta Park

MAG will not be having a Stall this year, but please go along and enjoy the festivities, if you have not been before

29 SEPTEMBER

A **HOT** Popcorn Evening!
Come along and see - **you'll** be very pleasantly surprised!

13 OCTOBER

Guys who went on the Sri Lanka trip talk of their experiences plus a slide show

27 OCTOBER

Past MAG Members
are Remembered

Reminder - Wednesday evenings - MAGnet

A few 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

This is the first MAGazine since our AGM which was held in July and I thank our members for their support as I have been re-elected for the next year.

I welcome the new members of our Committee Ken Mears, Alan Jones, and Warren Sawkins who have stepped forward to serve



MAG members for the next 12 months. Although he has stepped down as Treasurer Jon Allwood has agreed to remain on the Committee and I thank him for his sterling service as he tackled the headaches and frustrations as we attempted to align our financial records and accounting as they were absorbed into the ACON accounting system. Ken Mears has agreed to take on this role as our new Treasurer.

I also thank our retiring Committee members Joe Mula and Mario Panzarino, who did not seek re-election, for their service and dedication to MAG as well as personal support to me during the last year.

I am also pleased to announce that Lewis Turtur has been elected Vice President by the Committee.

I recently attended a Commitment Ceremony in Bali of a gay couple who have been together for 22 years, it was a really beautiful ceremony which to my mind was **truly a "marriage" and I don't know why** Australia cannot join the other 11 or 12 countries in the world who recognise same-sex marriage so I hope you will pressure your political representative to urge the Australian Government to change the laws regarding same-sex marriage, I am realistic in my belief that it will eventually happen but sadly I doubt it will be in my lifetime.

However it will not happen unless continual pressure is put on our Governments to recognise that gay people can and do have a loving and successful partnership as a heterosexual couple and that they are entitled to the same recognition.

MAG will "come of age" this year as we celebrate our 21st birthday so what is our future???

Our active membership is declining, we are not attracting new members and with the exception of some special occasions our regular meeting nights have not attracted the same response that MAG enjoyed in the Commonwealth Street building.

The Committee would welcome your comments and suggestions as to how MAG can become more relevant to our older members in the future and how we are to attract new members. I put the question to you - **have you "spread the message"?** - have you tried to interest your friends in MAG and invited them to come along to a MAG meeting?

Do YOU have any suggestions or ideas to put to the Committee? Please let us know!!

Enjoy a beautiful Spring and I look forward to a great roll-up to our 21st Birthday in September.

Eric Ellem, President

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.

STEVE OSTROW

Hi All,

Well by our meeting on 8 September, MAG will have turned 21 and me 80 years old 16 September!

A hundred and one years to look back on.

There are many things in my life that I am proud of - my son, daughter, three grandchildren and one GREAT Grandchild.



I won't bore you with the rest, BUT MAG is one of my proudest creations.

It was September 1991 that we had our first MAG Meeting and WOW how the world has changed including us.

And the marvel of MAG is our fantastic volunteers who make it possible for us to relax and enjoy.

This together with the ongoing support of ACON providing us with a safe and nurturing ambience for us all to feel secure so that we can interact and enjoy each other's company and fellowship.

So congratulations to us all and let's hope we can enjoy MAG's MAGnificence ad-infinatum!

Love Steve Ostrow -
MAG Project Officer.



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My experience as
Guest at a
MAG Saturday

When my friend, Kat Armstrong, Volunteer and Director of WIPAN, received an **invitation to be Guest Speaker at MAG's Saturday meeting, she asked me: "How can Mature Age guys possibly be interested in my work in the Women in Prison Advocacy Network?"**

What is the link between mature gays and **women in prison?"**

"Oh, don't worry", I told her, "there are many links (marginalised groups have similar experiences despite the different reason of their marginalisation and discrimination) but you don't have to point out any of them. I think those guys from MAG, are an engaging and politically aware group, they are honestly interested to hear what is going on in the wider community.

I am sure they will appreciate hearing about any work focused on helping disadvantaged people, advocating for better society and raising awareness about the ways our culture creates and imposes differences as **a political weapon".**

I could see she was relieved and she really enjoyed speaking to the MAG members. Actually, we really had a very good and interesting evening. The meeting had all the ingredients that make life good in general - a lot of humour and laughter, brief review of recent events relevant for the community, good food and a lot of warmth and humanity.

And the best part for me was - the special time reserved for random hugging between group members which brought completely new, fresh, playful energy as every positive, loving and nurturing interaction brings.

We even got special gifts - boxes of thoughtfully chosen chocolates that made us feel really special and appreciated.

MAG cares about everything. Great job guys! You may be MAG but you are very YSG (Young Spirit Guys).

Thank you Natasha for your kind words and we are pleased that you and Kat enjoyed your time with us - Ed.

SECRETARY

Results of our AGM held 14.7.2012

At our recent AGM Eric Ellem was elected as your President, myself as your Secretary and Ken Mears as your Treasurer.

The guys elected to the Committee were: Allan Jones, Lewis Turtur, Warren Sawkins, **John O'Dea & Jon Allwood.**

Thanks to the outgoing Committee guys

Joe Mula, Mario Panzarino and Stuart Ferguson did not seek re-election and on behalf of all the guys at MAG we thank them for their service and support of MAG.

Harry West OAM

One of our oldest members, Harry has not been in the best of health in recent times. I am now pleased to report that Harry is steadily improving very well.

We wish you best wishes, Harry.

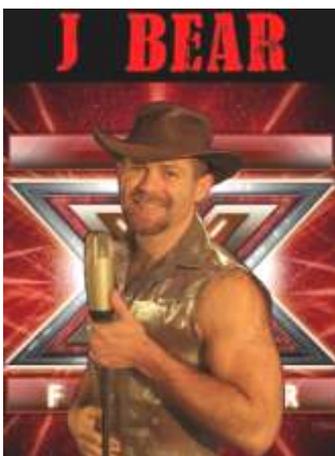
JBear

"JBear" as we call him visited us on

11 August, to tell us of his latest *venture* and why he was going on the programme.

He is auditioning for the X FACTOR on Channel 7.

He asks if we could support him in our thoughts and prayers.



We most certainly will do that for our friend Justin Standley.

As this Newsletter goes to print he received a great response after appearing on the auditions of the show.

Should he continue, I would ask our members and friends to please help Justin out by voting for him as the show progresses - thanks.

Financial Membership

I would like just give a gentle reminder to our readers, that to be a true MAG member, one should be **FINANCIAL.**

The membership fee of \$10.00, was due as of 1st July 2012.

Should one wish to do so, kindly make your cheques out to

ACON HEALTH LTD, not to MAG please - thanks guys.

Our 21st Birthday

We will be having our 21st birthday celebrations on Saturday 8 September. The Committee decided not to have a themed evening.

However, I would ask guys who plan to attend to come along in their finest attire so we can make this evening another great social occasion that MAG is renowned for.

I am sure that those guys who normally come along in some magnificent, creative and colourful attire will do so on the evening, like Joe, Phil and Gerry just to name a few. I certainly will be.

We will be having a Special Guest. So mark your dairies for the September 8.

MAG Banners

As mentioned in the previous newsletters MAG is no longer able to use its old logo. ACON has most kindly provided us with two [2] new roll up banners with our new logo on them, as well as a long banner.

[we can use on our Fair Day Stall]

On behalf of the guys, I would like to sincerely thank Adrian Eisler, Manager Community Care for arranging them for us.

Facebook

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, we have a Facebook page.

Thanks to Danny Adams from ACON for creating this for us. So next time you are on line please check it out!

The details appear at the foot of each page of the Newsletter.

DVD of our 2012 Mardi Gras Parade

I have copies of a 3 minute DVD of the MAG Contingent in this year's Mardi Gras Parade. A good friend of mine, Maggie, who came along on the night and took shots of our guys **enjoying themselves and the crowd's reactions** to us in the rain and then when it had stopped raining.

I think the DVD is absolutely MAGNIFICENT!! It has a great sound track and when I have nothing to watch on TV, I put this DVD on and dance away to the music.

I am selling copies for only \$2.00. Should anyone wish to obtain a copy, please see me at our meetings or ring me - 9516 2063.

I am sure you'll love it, other guys have.

David, Secretary

The Secretary's Report. Below is my Report read at MAG's AGM on 14.7.2012.

"Good evening gentlemen and Michelle,

I have great pleasure, as Secretary, in submitting my 11th report on our activities during the past 14 months. For those who are not aware, I was elected as the Secretary of MAG in 2001.

THE EXECUTIVE

Eric Ellem as our President together with Dr Jon Allwood as Treasurer and I as Secretary make up the MAG Executive. I thank both these gentlemen for their generous efforts, their time and their commitment to ensure the continued success of MAG.

THE COMMITTEE

The Committee meets prior to the first MAG meeting each month, and I would like to thank the current members for their inputs to lively discussions we have had. To the present Committee **Members of Mario Panzarino, Joe Mula, Lewis Turtur, John O'Dea and Stuart Ferguson thanks for your contribution.**

GREETERS

Thank you to our Greeters – Lionel, Alex and Lewis, plus a number of other guys who have assisted in making our members, friends and guests welcomed when they arrive in the foyer, and for writing out their name tags and recording the numbers of attendees to our meetings which is for my information.

CATERING COMMITTEE & HELPERS

We do have a number of generous guys who give their time, working behind the scenes at MAG to make it all happen, and this is certainly true of our guys in the kitchen, who arrive early do their magnificent job with the mouth-watering food platters for the supper tables, like John, Allan, Jeff, Lewis and Lionel.

Then we have guys who clean up the Café and kitchen at the conclusion of the evenings like, John, Allan, Lionel, Lewis, Warren, Ken W, Eric and Ken M. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated by me, and on behalf of Members and Friends of MAG I thank you.

We are always on the look out for more guys to lend a hand, especially in the cleaning up of the Café at the conclusion of the meeting. So please let our President know if you would like to help out. To help pay for the cost of us to provide a light supper, we ask guys to donate a gold coin towards this. Debate is always continuing as to what is a \$ amount that covers the cost of the supper, plus the incidentals.

2012 MARDI GRAS - FAIR DAY

Our 2012 Fair Day effort was once more a great one for MAG - we flew the MAG flag and were noticed, as the Stall was decorated in silver sequins.

It was a very successful presence and a fantastic effort by all involved. I was pleased to be the organiser and decorated the Stall early hours on the Sunday. Thanks to the generous guys who **assisted us, namely Glenn, David Allan, Peter, Chris, Roscoe, Alex, Lionel, Lewis, Eric, John O'D, Harry, Jon, Erroll, John Wat, Chris, Valery, Joe and Steve** our sincere thanks to you all as the day would not have been the success that it was without your help. We made just over \$1,000.00 profit from the jams & chutneys, second hand books sales, plants; together with the wine raffle. Sincere thanks to John & Harry for your magnificent efforts in making and bottling your delicious **jams, together with Dr Jon's chutneys, and John Waterstreet's plants.**

Dr Jon was going to make chutneys, and he said then he wasn't, however in the end, and we are pleased he did make them, as they all were sold. The proceeds from wine raffle were very disappointing and *Dame Dolly* will be considering whether she should stand all day and spruik for what was a bad result from the raffle income.

Her photograph did appear in the Sydney Morning Herald twice, so *she* is now calling herself a "**Herald Girl**".

MAG/C MAG in the Community

Is a project of MAG for guys who are ill, in hospital, or who require assistance.

It was in the capable hands of Noel Hunter, who sadly passed away in April 2012.

We are seeking a responsible person to act as our Welfare Officer. Please let our President know if you would be interested in taking on this most important role.

From time to time we have had Members who have not been well.

We hope all who have been ill and now in better health, and our prayers & thoughts are especially with Harry West who will be 90 next week.

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2012 MARDI GRAS - PARADE

This year we had a small 22 seater community bus for those guys who could not walk the distance. The hire fee was very reasonable, I thought. As the organiser, I asked my friend Glynn McGuire to collect, drive and return the bus to the depot, which he did & I sincerely thank him for doing this. Our Theme was MAGcilla – **Queens of the Sofa. Mardi Gras's Artistic Director, Ignatius Jones was** impressed with the name – thanks Dr Jon for your suggestion. Mardi Gras also kindly approved a grant of \$500 forwards the cost of our pink slipper for the top of the silver sequined covered bus. 26 guys participated either by walking or riding on the bus & I do sincerely thank all for joining the MAG contingent. It was a pity that it rained as we were trying to decorate the bus in College Street. The lights we had were ruined by the rain. Despite these set backs all enjoyed the evening, as can be seen by the video that Maggie, a lady from my previous employer took for me. I had a great evening. My thanks to Maggie and also Michelle and Valery for all photos taken of the Parade in the rain. Despite the wet, we were very well received by the crowd along the parade route. The total cost was \$1,077.28; less the \$500.00 from Mardi Gras grant it cost us \$577.28. Then less again the charge of \$10 per person of \$260.00. So the total cost to MAG was only \$297.28, which I was very pleased with. We now have silver sequins for future events and functions. I would like to thank all who helped dress and then undress the bus. Thanks ACON for the bottled water. I would have liked the slipper to have been bigger, but it was not. All in all it was another resounding success for MAG.

OUR LIBRARY

The MAG Library is maintained by Alex and assisted by a few members, and they are to be thanked for their work with the Library. With us now in new premises, the Library is located on level 3. We have been asked by ACON to prepare a Catalogue, an inventory of all our books – by title & author. This action is yet to be finalised.

OUR WEB SITE

MAG's Web Site is www.magnsw.org – our Web Master is Luke Luk and he really does a terrific job in placing the latest Newsletter onto our Web site, plus adding the photographs and information that may be of interest to browsers of our web site.

I sincerely thank Luke for all his efforts in maintaining our web site. We are hoping to be able to show guys in the near future the MAG web site and other interesting sites, such as the Seniors Card site on a lap top computer in at our meetings.

We are able to check the number of hits on the web site, and the numbers have really shocked me. I did not realise the number of people who are checking out *our site*. I do have reports for anyone to view if you wish to see them.

OUR NEWSLETTER - MAGazine

Our Newsletter known as 'MAGazine' and is published every two (2) months.

As its Editor, I sincerely thank all those guys who submitted articles, jokes and my special thanks to Warren Sawkins for all his poems.

I would like to thank Danny Adams from ACON's Studio Department for all his assistance in printing the Newsletters, and also the guys who have assisted me in folding & inserting them into envelopes for posting to all on our mailing list.

I do hope all our readers have found the Issues interesting & informative.

Contributions of recipes, jokes & interesting articles are always sought to make the Newsletter interesting for all. So if you have an article or whatever you feel that other members may find interesting, please let see me. I sincerely thank those who have sent me positive compliments & notes concerning the Newsletters.

JOKES

My thanks to friends John from NZ, Peter; & Donald for all the jokes I receive from them. I am glad Members enjoy them at the Meetings & also the one published in the Newsletters.

MAGnet

Our social venture on a Wednesday evening was held at the Taxi Club; however following it closures, we now meet at the Paddington RSL Club, on Oxford Street, opposite the Paddington Town Hall. We warmly invite guys to come along and enjoy a meal, and maybe stay on for Trivia, conducted by Barry from the Taxi Club.

Paddington RSL Club Members have a chance of the four members badge draws conducted from 6pm to 7pm. You have to be present if your membership number is called, so it is worthwhile joining the Paddington RSL Club. Steve & I have as well as a number of other guys. **Continued on Page 8**

ACON

As all our guys would appreciate MAG would not be the success it is today without the support of ACON. The use of the Cafe for our meetings, plus the financial the support we receive for the printing and posting of our Newsletters is very much appreciated by all at MAG. We in return have a number of Members who are ACON volunteers for the safe sex packing team.

It would be wrong of me not to say how disappointed I was with ACON in not supporting MAG to **retain its Logo that we have had since 2003, following the Sydney Opera House's advice that this Logo was in breach of their trade mark.**

ACON has had a new Logo designed for MAG to now use on all future publications and at various events & functions. So, that is now closed and we move forward.

I would like to congratulate Adrian Eisler, Manager of Community Care, who is Steve's boss for arranging a fantastic Afternoon Delight Sunday during the 2012 Seniors Week. This function was well attended and all enjoyed the movies, afternoon finger food and cup cakes, served by lovely colourful *young ladies*.

GUEST SPEAKERS

I thank all our Guest Speakers who have given up their valuable time to come along on a Saturday evening to speak to us at MAG. We had some really interesting and informative evenings over the past year. This has also been so when our members talk on their lives and experiences. We are now able to show movies on the wall of the Cafe, together with slide shows **of photos and publications such as Michelle's Sydney Vivid photos & Ian's post cards. The projector we purchased was from funds bequeathed to MAG by the late Murray Johnstone, who was MAG's Secretary before me. I have called it Murray's Projector.**

If you have a topic, or a person you think might be of interest, or you may like to talk about your life or your interests, please let me know - because your talk would be interesting to other guys, I am sure. An example of Allan from our Kitchen guys suggested Patrick Maywood as a Guest Speaker recently. Patrick was very well received by those in attendance. Thank you Allan.

FINANCIAL MEMBERS

On behalf of our Treasurer, I do thank all those guys who have made a financial contribution to MAG and become a *financial member*. This commitment is greatly appreciated by the Executive and the Committee. I am really concerned that a number of guys who regularly attend meetings **and who receive the Newsletters don't contribute financially. We have a funny thing where we** have guys who reside in outlying areas on the state, also guys who live interstate & cannot make our Meetings but they are financial members. Our venue is great & is close to all amenities, our speakers are certainly interesting, our social activities fun & suppers enjoyable & it only cost \$10.00 per year to be a really true MAG member.

ATTENDANCE

To all those guys who do attend MAG meetings I thank you for doing so & trust you have enjoyed the meetings with a Guest Speaker or a social function.

The average number of guys at MAG meetings during the past year is 71. I thank all those guys who make an effort to come along to our social evenings in colourful outfits, you most certainly added to the success of those evening. This was very much evident with our 20th **Birthday function and the Queen's Diamond Tiara evening. I am pleased that we have been able to bestow OBEs [OVER BLOODY EIGHTY] on a number of our members - Joe Mula, John White and John O'Dea in April 2012. Steve Ostrow will be honoured this coming September.**

Our 20th Birthday Evening was a great success with the honourable Michael Kirby and the President of ACON Mark Orr as our Special Guests. The evening was full of surprises when we **had "Opera Bites" who put on a really fantastic entertaining evening - A Night at the Theatre.** Thanks Dr Jon for arranging the food and drinks. Thanks Ken for decorating the café - it looked great. I thank all who did go to the trouble to dress appropriately for the night. Our fantastic birthday cake was created by the very talented Dawn Hough from Pride in Diversity - thanks so much Dawn.

We look forward to our 21st Anniversary in September 2012.

PARRAMATTA PRIDE PICNIC [Organised by ACON]

MAG had an information stalls at he Parramatta Pride Picnic in Parramatta Park for the western GLBT Community. It was not as big as Fair Day, but we were well received and had a few enquiries on MAG.

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VALE

We have lost dear members and friends over the past year. These guys were loved and respected by all and we will miss them. Our condolences are extended to all who have lost close loved ones and family members over the past year. We do share your loss.

Each year in October we now conduct an Annual MAG Members Remembered Evening. On this night, we light a candle & mention the person's name. We do remember the guys who have gone before us, as for without them MAG would not be the success it is today. May they all rest in peace.

THANK YOU STEVE

Steve founded MAG almost 21 years ago this year. He is ACON's Project Officer for MAG. If it was not for Steve Ostrow's idea, and ACON's fantastic support, we would not be here meeting tonight, so we thank Steve for MAG. As the Secretary, I also thank him for his advice and encouragement.

It has again been my pleasure to be the Secretary and Newsletter Editor for MAG; not to mention acting as Vice President when President Eric is absent from our meetings.

Thank you everyone who has supported MAG over the past year!

David Bowron - **Secretary, Mature Age Gays, MAG.**

SOME FUNNIES

OMG, I'm Rich

O.M.G., I'm Rich.

Silver in the hair.

Gold in the teeth

Crystals in the Kidneys

Sugar in the Blood

Lead in the ass

Iron in the Arteries &

An inexhaustible supply of Natural Gas.

I never thought I'd accumulate such wealth!

On a Train

On a train from London to Manchester, an American was berating the Englishmen sitting across from him in the compartment. "You

English as too stuffy. You set yourselves apart too much. You think our stiff upper lips make you above the rest of us. Look at me ... I'm

ME.

I have Italian blood, French blood, a little Indian blood, and some Swedish blood.

What do you say to that?"

The Englishman replied,

"Awfully sporting of your mother, old chap!"

Boom, boom

Just got back from a mate's funeral.

He died after being hit on the head with a Tennis Ball.

It was a lovely Service.

Putty

You know what happened to the honeymoon couple who didn't know the difference between Window Putty & KY?

All their Windows fell out!

Seniors Beware!

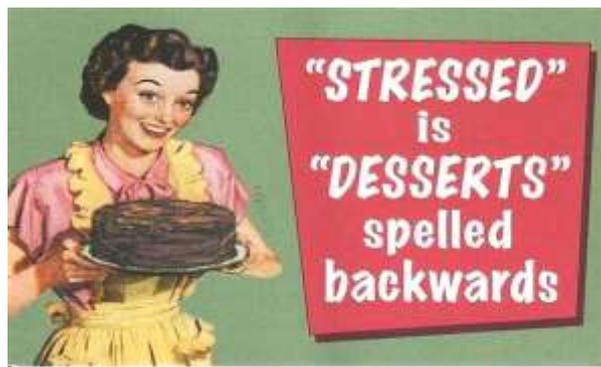
There was a bit of confusion at the Store this morning. When I was ready to pay for my groceries, the cashier said, "Strip down facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to my Member of Parliament about Homeland Security running amok, I did as the cashier had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found that she was referring to my Credit Card.

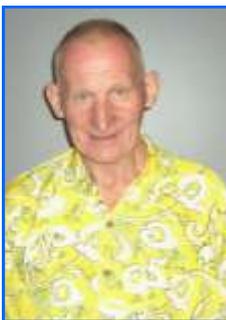
I have been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions to us Seniors a little clearer!



THANKS DONALD FOR THE JOKES - Ed

WARREN'S POEM



Wednesday Night
It's dark outside.

Ceiling lit area inside.

Wednesday Night.

As I sit alone at my writing desk.

With tired eyes shut tight.

Today has been a confusing.

I suppose another day.

A day when my nagging thoughts won't go away.

How do I decide when my thoughts.

Won't let me get away & mentally hide.

Why is all this happening?

In my head, so deep inside.

How do I find the real reason.

For what's disturbing my mind?

To really get to know.

What the future has best installed me for.

I wish something, someone.

Could project me an image.

So I can plainly see.

Where I am to look for the answers.

I know I must personally find.

Is life for me to stay this way?

Please grant me a vision.

If I may!

I know it's up to me.

All the final decisions.

I alone can make.

These welcoming solutions.

Where are they?

How long do they take?

How do I know when my combined.

Thoughts and feelings are exactly right?

Please help me to see.

What's really installed for me.

On this dark outside,

Ceiling Lit are inside.

Wednesday Night.

Disclaimer:

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

After seeing these photos, **I don't** feel so stupid!



MAG's DETAILS

Executive:

President: Eric Ellem 0418 686 429
 Secretary: David Bowron 9516 2063
 Treasurer: Ken Mears see his email below
 ken_me55@hotmail.com

ACON — Project Officer MAG and the founder of MAG:

Steve Ostrow 9206 2072

Committee:

Allan Jones 0423 595 177
 Lewis Turtur 9319 1280
 Warren Sawkins 9833 1496
John O'Dea 9521 1953
 Jon Allwood 0431 062 343

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MAG in the Community.

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

Please contact Eric Ellem on
 0418 686 429

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 St.,**

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) 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.

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 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

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