



MAG

Newsletter For Mature Aged Gay Men

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am sorry that we have not been able to publish the MAGazine for some time but hopefully we are back on track and the new Newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis, thank you for your patience. As you are aware David Bowron was the editor as well as MAG Secretary and his resignation was accepted with regret. I take this opportunity to thank David for his contribution to MAG over many years.

MAG is gradually moving towards becoming an autonomous organisation, we have agreed on the terms and wording of the Memorandum of Understanding and these terms setting out our future relationship with ACON have been presented to two meetings of our members and accepted by our membership, there will be a formal signing of the document in the near future.

We are grateful to ACON for the continued support it has promised MAG, we will continue to hold our meetings in the ACON Building with use of the kitchen facilities etc. We have been given the facilities of a "hot-desk" in the ACON Office for 3 days each week and ACON will facilitate the printing and postage of the MAG Newsletter for which MAG will reimburse the relevant costs. MAG will be responsible for its own Public Risk insurance in the future.

It will be necessary for MAG to become incorporated and ACON have promised to assist us with the preparation of the necessary requirements for incorporation. All funds held by ACON on our behalf will be transferred back to MAG. It has been decided that the existing Committee will remain in office until after incorporation when MAG members will have the opportunity to elect a new Management Committee.

Due to funding cuts ACON could no longer employ Steve Ostrow as the MAG Liaison Officer but Steve will still be a major force and influence with MAG and he has promised to ensure we all give each other the customary hug on meeting nights, we thank Steve for creating and guiding MAG for the past 22 years and we look forward to many more years of Steve's participation as an honoured member of MAG

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well hello everyone. This is my first secretary's report since David's resigned as Secretary. I have stepped in at short notice I am only acting in this position until "post incorporation", after which, we will have elections and a new and enthusiastic committee can be elected.

This is an interim Newsletter to try and keep you up to date with what's happening with the MAG Inc.

The Bi-Monthly MAGazine will be replaced with a quarterly newsletter. The editor to be elected at the general Committee meeting coming up soon. If there is anyone amongst the membership who has web page "know how" and can assist in this matter please step forward. Thanks for your patience and support during this time of transition-After incorporation, MAG Inc. will be responsible for the cost of

producing and posting the Newsletter. Previously, this cost was borne by ACON. In order to keep in budget, the Newsletter will be distributed to our financial members and those who have indicated that they want it. The Newsletter will be available for collection by on the MAG night after publication. It will also be sent as an email to those who have requested it that way.

The lucky MAG members who attended the "Continental" movie premiere at the Dendy Quays last August were not disappointed. The evening was a huge Social & financial success.

We must thank Pip, at the City of Sydney, for her assistance in bringing this event together. Thanks too, to Adrian and the guys from ACON who organized the food and wine and ferried it to the event for us.

The 28th September saw the end of Steve Ostrow's employment with ACON. after 22 years of service. We wish Steve well with his change in lifestyle and as they say in the classics "You ain't seen the last of me" would be the appropriate term to use here. We had a party night at MAG to celebrate our 22nd birthday and to say so long to Steve.



Bruce Wormald brought his accordion along and we had a great sing along. John and the guys in the kitchen excelled with the food as always, and a good time was had by all.

The MAG entry for the 2014 Mardi Gras Parade is well under way. The theme will be "You can't stop the music" (with the word "music" crossed out replaced with the word "AGEING") and it will have a Village People theme to it. We would like a strong contingent of MAG members to take part in this great event. Roscoe has very kindly volunteered to drive the truck for us, good on yer mate. Get dressed up....and party, party, party. There will be a flat top truck, lavishly decorated with lights and music blaring. This will be followed by a 12 seater mini bus (also decorated) for MAG members who have difficulty walking the distance or would like to be involved but rather sit in the bus. The bus will be available to return members to Central Railway at the conclusion of the parade. We are in need of someone to drive the minibus on the night. No special licence is required for this...any offers please???

At this point I should be announcing some coming events like speakers and MAG outings. I am sad to say there seems to be nothing on the horizon. This is where you come in guys. "please help me". Being new to this and I need your input. Any suggestions you can make will be helpful and any assistance you can give MAG will be appreciated. Let's work together & make MAG. a huge success.

Oh! What a pretty picture



There is another sad loss for our group in Erroll & Jonathan. Erroll was our President for 10 years and Jonathan has been on the committee now for some time. The guys are relocating to Queensland to work on their tans. We wish them both happiness and success in their new life. They say they will still be Financial Members and would visit MAG whenever they will be in Sydney. From all of us at MAG hugs and XXXXXXXXXXXXX.

In the library.....

Amongst the variety of books in the library there are a few fun and light-hearted books by Australian writer Neal Drinnan, and they are:

Pussy's Bow - a fun story involving mayhem and murder set in a gay share house in Melbourne.

Three guys share an Art Deco mansion in Ellwood, near St Kilda. Add a next-door neighbour with appetites of her own. Throw in a young lad, country-fresh and curious. And you have a recipe for excess.

Glove Puppet- a young English man moves to Sydney and enjoys men as much as his mother did - she was a prostitute.

Youth and sex are forbidden currencies that Johnny loves to spend. With the seeds of ruin planted deep in the pockets of his genes, he'd sell his soul. If only someone would buy it...

Izzy & Eve - a gay man and his female flatmate live in Kings Cross. He's a party boy in the Sydney gay scene; she's a receptionist in a brothel. Funny and moving.

When gay men of a certain age start to disappear without a trace, then Israel (Izzy) goes missing. Evangeline (Eve) must summon her greatest powers-intuition and sex-for a journey through bars, sex clubs, a dungeon mysterious dream messages, and several jolting silt trips in an effort to grasp what's happened. Along the way, a complex portrait emerges of the relationship between two erotic outlaws.

Quill - a Sydney Mum contemplates the imminent release of her gay son's autobiography.

Rose (the mother) isn't the only one to feel the sharp prick of Quill. Once the feathers start to fly no-one's secrets are safe.

Sometimes books change your life forever. Occasionally one will blow your mind...

Drinnan is described in the American Book Journal as "hip, intelligent, sexy and racy as hell."

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Meeting Times:

We meet on the *second* and *last* Saturdays of each month at 6.30pm, with meetings starting at 7.00pm. Our meetings consists of *Guest Speakers, Social Nights, Trivia Nights, "Pop Corn" Nights* or other *Entertainment.* *A Light Supper follows, provided by our great team of Kitchen Members headed by John O'Dea.*



Anniversaries'

8 Oct	Valery Devyver	26 Nov	James Batty
6 Oct	John Murphy	21 Nov	Eric Ellem
		4 Nov	Eric Sinfield
		16 Nov	John Smit



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