



SUMMER 2014

MAG

Newsletter For Mature Aged Gay Men

THE BUMS ARE BACK See page 3



PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO ALL MEMBERS OF MATURE AGE GAYS (MAG)

I am pleased to advise that the Memorandum of Understanding between MAG and ACON was signed on 5th February 2014 which effectively means we are no longer a project of ACON but a group in our own right and in future be a partner of ACON. A bank account has been opened in the name of MAG and all funds previously held on our behalf by ACON will be transferred to the MAG account. ACON will continue to provide support to MAG by way of accommodation, use of facilities for meetings etc and will also cover MAG for insurance purposes for the next twelve months.

It is now time for MAG financial members to elect a new Committee and accordingly an election will be held on Saturday 8th March to elect 7 members to the Committee and members of this committee will in turn elect the Office-bearers.

I hope you will attend this important meeting and that there will be a positive response by our members to stand for election. Please remember that MAG is your organisation and its success or failure is in the hands of the members so if you want MAG to continue now is your opportunity to accept nomination to the Committee and just as important to support your elected representatives.

A candidate for Committee shall be nominated without comment, and shall signify their consent to the nomination either personally or in writing before the election.

(I will be happy to answer any question members may have regarding the matters raised)
Eric Ellem (President)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Unfortunately there is no Secretaire's Report due to the lack of a Secretary.

The Committee would like to thank those who have chipped in to help with this most important office.

<p><u>A WORD FROM OUR FOUNDER</u></p> <p>“OK then everyone give someone A HUG”</p>	<p><u>FAIR DAY</u></p> <p>What a lovely day for a “Picnic in the park” Unfortunately as a result of the vast extent of the Fair and the number of stalls, to say nothing of the crowds and congestion. If you were lucky enough to meet someone you knew “Hello, see you later”.</p> <p>The idea not to have a stall seems to have been confirmed when one experienced the slow crowd more interested in each other, or concentrating on not being tripped by some small dog on too much leash. Congratulations to these group who setup tents in the open space (banners were not permitted). I’m sure we should be able to think some means indicate our identity next year. Let the new committee have your suggestions or better still offer to assist with this project. MAG need your brain power possibly more than brawn.</p>
<p><u>MARDI GRAS 2014</u></p> <p>Don’t forget that the Sydney Gay Mardi Gras Parade and Party, is on Saturday the 1st March. Here is a reminder that it was accepted at the February meeting that MAG will subsidise its Financial Members whom wish to sit in the Glamstand seating to the tune of \$70. Please speak to the Treasurer to arrange this refund. Only available for the MAG member.</p> <p><u>Have Your Say/ Fresh Ideas Needed</u> Tour of Rookwood Cemetery. Lunch or Dinner at a nice Restaurant. Ferry trip on Sydney Harbour. Opera House tour/show. Sydney/Sydney 7-14 nights Cruise.</p>	

The **bums** are back after having been tripping round the South Pacific aboard the Royal Caribbean cruise ship “Voyager of the Seas”.





Didn't matter if you were in the pool or at the gym, there was always a god like figure keeping watch over us. A pleasant cruise to Noumea, Lautoka (Fiji), Auckland, Tauranga, Wellington & home to Sydney.

In the LIBRARY...

The library is still happening on level 3 and for anyone interested in a good read it's open just before every MAG night. A few guys have been borrowing books and seemed to enjoy them.

The books cover a vast range of topics and include; fictional novels, non-fiction, auto/biographies, books of short stories and erotica (commonly referred to as one-handed books).

The books by Steve Ostrow are really popular and I can particularly recommend **Saturday Night at the Baths**. Another popular book is the biography of **Tom of Finland** (Lots of good pictures).

Of the many Australian writers in the library we have a few books by Sydney writer Robert Dessaix, they are: **Twilight of Love**, **A Mother's Disgrace**, **Corfu** and **Night Letters**.

I've read quite a few of the books in the library and there's a lot more I'd like to read. I'm sure if you had a look you'd find something of interest.

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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.

Community Contacts

Acceptance

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Michael - 02 9300 9700

Country Network

www.countrynetwork.com.au

Cronulla Gay Group

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GAMMA

Gay and Married Men's Association
02 9267 4000

www.gamma.org.au

Gong Guys

Wollongong Gay Guys

www.wags.net.au

MAM - Mature Age Men

Brisbane Gay Men

Noel - 07 3257 7743

PFLAG

Parents, Families, Friends Of Gays

www.pflagaustralia.org

SCOG

Southern Cross Outdoor Group

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MCC Good Shepherd - Granville

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SPAIDS

Sydney Park AIDS Memorial Groves

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BGF

The Bobby Goldsmith Foundation

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Anniversaries'



7-Dec	PAUL	PELECHATY
15-Dec	BILL	KENDALL
19-Dec	JACK	WALKER
27-Dec	MARTIN	SOBEY
30-Dec	CHRIS	HURTADO
1-Jan	TREVOR	PRITCHARD
24-Jan	JOHN	WHITE
9-Jan	CHRISTOPH	ROSS
23-Feb	MICHAEL	FILIPOVIC