## MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men

MAY & JUNE 2022



## MAG WINS MARDI GRAS 2022 FAIR DAY BEST COMMUNITY STALL



We care for each other by sharing friendships and offering support where needed to other guys, so as to lead a fulfilled life.

MAG's website www.magsydney.org

#### Forthcoming Events

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#### **Events** planned for MAG Members in 2022

MAG has been given permission to conduct our meetings in the Cafe area of ACON as from March 2022.

Anyone who would like to attend our meetings, **MUST BOOK** 

with either Trevor or David. Both their phone numbers are on the back of the newsletter.

The total number of all persons in the cafe will be 26 people

Once the number of 26 has been reached, then guys who want to attend a meeting, will be asked to kindly book for future meeting date.

Next listed meetings are for:-

14th May - Bookings FULL Russ Gluyas from The Love Project

28th May - Bookings Open

Dean Walsh his work with Performing Arts 11th June - NO MEETING

**25th June** — Bookings Open To be Announced

Bookings Open 9th Iuly Sister Eileen Dover

30th July - Bookings Open

Our AGM To consider our finances no erections

Kindly check our Facebook page for updated information on our meetings

**Our Website is** 

www.magsydney.org

#### Remembering MAG in your Will

A number of previous members have very generously bequeathed a gift of money in their Wills to MAG, following their passing from this life. Members or friends of MAG might also care to consider this. We would be honoured if members did this.

#### Disclaimer

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#### MAG's mid-week social function.

A number of us MAG guys have been Meeting at the Petersham RSL, on a Wednesday evening, from 7pm to 9pm. We have been doing this for well over 5 years now.

An enjoyable evening is had by all. We chat, laugh, as well as enjoying a lite meal, a drink - of what takes your fancy A Double Vaccination Certificate is required along with photo ID For further info, please contact MAG's President.

#### President's Report

#### Well, what a shock to the system.

MAG won the Sydney Gay & Lesbian 2022 Fair Day Award for Best Community Stall.

Thank you Steve & Lewis for attending the Award evening to collect our lovely Trophy.

Kindly see front cover.

My sincere thanks to Justin and Tom who helped me 'dress up' the Stall, for all to see who we were and thanks Mark who helped Justin and myself pack up the Stall — thanks also to Mark for providing the music for DDDM to dance and sing along to.

Thanks to Lionel, Lewis & Trevor for manning the Stall.

#### IT WAS REALLY A GREAT TEAM EFFORT !!!

Many thanks to all who came along to say 'Hi', and the many punters who purchased goodies or even had a pic taken with Dame Dolly.

As I advised in the previous Newsletter that was my last Fair Day Stall. So volunteers are sought to take over from myself. Trevor does a great job with all the required and necessary paperwork needed to book a Stall. I am so pleased and chuffed for MAG winning this Award. In a way, it acknowledges the almost 20 years I have 'dressed up' the MAG Stalls at Fair Day.

I am disappointed that some guys book to attend a meeting, then are unable to make that meeting. This stops another member from being able to be at the meeting.

Please check out the Love Project's function on Wed, 18th May. Sounds most interesting for the digital thingies that I and am sure other guys cannot to get to operate correctly.

We will be holding an AGM on 30th July to consider our finances. It will not be an election [erection] of Office Bearers. That will be in 2023.

Keep safe, David — President.

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# **TECHNOLOGY** TΕΔ

**Digital** Technology Event

**FREE** event **Bookings** essential

Location Glebe Town Hall. 160 St Johns Rd, Glebe NSW Date Wednesday 18 May 2022

Time 9.30am to 12.30pm

**Contact Russ Gluyas** 

t 02 9206 2017

e rgluyas@acon.org.au













I am sure that a number of MAG Members and friends would appreciate learning more about the devices that we have. If you would, then please book in for this event.

Steph's yummy morning tea is well worth attending this free information morning

#### He chose the road death travelled -Dying to meet Ben

Those who attended our meeting on 9th April, would certainly remember our Guest Speaker - Ben Gibson.

Below is some information Ben has provided for any other members who might be interested in talking with Ben.

Ben is a holistic Funeral Director and Funeral Celebrant as well as a Marriage Celebrant. He works with Sydney Funerals Company who pride themselves on being independently owned and operated by a LGBTQ team based in Darlinghurst. Sydney Funerals aims to put families and communities first when it comes to end of life and after death decision making, offering affordability and choice to cater for everyone's needs.

Ben's holistic approach sees him walk alongside people at their time of need to fully realise their wishes and support those connected to the dying person, ensuring everything is taken care of with the upmost understanding and care. Acknowledging that no two lives are the same, no two funerals are either. The more we can learn about the individual, the more authentic we can make their end of life arrangements.

Encouraging people to talk about death is something he is passionate about. Seeing first hand that those who are able to have the pre-need conversations which can at first seem tricky, are rewarded with just that bit more relief when the time comes, knowing they are enacting their loved ones wishes.

If anyone wishes to speak with Ben, he is offering his time over a cup of tea to all MAG members who would like to know more as well as create their own funeral plan.

Ben Gibson Funeral Director and Celebrant

Sydney Funerals Co. 0408 162 386 02 8328 0700 (Office)

sydneyfunerals.com ben@sydneyfunerals.com

Ben's talk was indeed most interesting - Ed.



#### Where & when MAG meets

When we are able to, we meet on the <u>second</u> and the <u>last Saturdays</u> of the month at **414** Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills

[which is near intersection with Devonshire Street]
just up from Central Railway Station,
from 6:30 pm for tea and coffee.

Our meetings starts at 7:00pm, with an informative Guest Speaker, or every so often we might hold a social, or a 'pop

corn' night. We have a light supper.

Trevor is maintaining our Guest Speaker Lists.

If any member feel that a certain person could give an informative talk at MAG, then kindly contact Trevor.

He will be very pleased to hear from any of our members or friends.

#### **MAG's Details:**

#### The Founder of MAG:

Steve Ostrow

#### Office Bearers:



Secretary: Steve Warren 0417 393 877



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President:

David Bowron

The Committee:

Lewis Turtur

Justin Grogan

Wayne Youngman



MAG's postal address is the same address, as where we meet:

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Our website www.magsydney.org

Editor of the Newsletter is David Bowron

#### **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

COMPANIONS OF HOPE - Meetings: weekly at home. Contact: Bishop Peter on 9588 6893 or 0419 464 353 Email: petermons@live.co.uk

COUNTRY NETWORK for friend

COUNTRY NETWORK for friendship and support through social events & networking across rural, regional & city. Info at www.countrynetwork.com.au CRONULLA GAY GROUP - www.cronullagaygroup.com. Contact John 9528 9158

GAMMA - Gay and Married Men's Assoc Tel. 9267 4000 - www.gamma.org. au GAY DOWNUNDER - www.gaydownunder.com GLCS - Tel. 1800 184 527

Gay Sydney Nudists - GSN -

www.Meetup.com/en-AU/Gay-Sydney-Nudists contact *Tony James* 49725357.

Mature Age Men - MAM last Saturday of month at the Sportsman's Hotel, Springhill, Brisbane at 4pm Contact Noel (07) 31721170

MCC GOOD SHEPHERD WESTERN SYDNEY INC - Tues
7pm 9 Carlton Street, Granville. Pastor Robert Clark
Tel. 0412481195

MCC SYDNEY - 96 Crystal St, Petersham. 10:00am & Sundays 6:30pm Tel. 9569 5122

**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 contact josken@josken.net
SYDNEY GAY MEDITATION GROUP

Monday — 6.30pm. Heffron Hall cnr Burton & Palmer Sts, East Sydney www.sydneygaymeditationgroup.com

THE LOVE PROJECT - creating better conversations & improving social engagements with older gays & lesbians Phone Russ 02 9206 2017 . Email: rgluyas@acon.org.au GONG GUYS - http://www.gongguys.site90.com

We kindly ask all our readers please get vaccinated and take good care, as well as keeping safe!!

