

# MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men  
JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2016



Caring for each other, sharing friendships & affection with each other in similar situations to lead as full a life as possible

MAG will celebrate its 25th year of outreach & service to gay & bi-sexual men of our community in 2016

*Happy New year to all*



At our most enjoyable 2016 Christmas Social Evening, *Santa* made a surprised visit . Here he is taking John W's hand

Look us up on the web [www.magsydney.org](http://www.magsydney.org)

## 2016 Events planned for MAG SYDNEY INC

The Thursday evening social nights at the Petersham Inn Hotel, on Parramatta Road, at Petersham, will again be taking place in 2016. A very warm invitation is extended from Peter and Merv to all MAG guys and their friends to come and enjoy our friendly company.

So if you do not have anything on a Thursday nite, please feel free to pop in from say 6.30pm for drink and then have a nice meal from 7pm.

Saturday 9th January — John Sawyer — My interesting Life

Saturday 30th January — Queer Screen — Paul Suttors

Saturday 13 February — Fran Bowron — Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras

SUNDAY, 21st February — FAIR DAY — Victoria Park, Broadway — MAG will have a stall — so please come along and say "Hello".

Saturday 27th February — Betty Ramsay - George Institute — Ageing Healthy

*To all our readers ,we send our very best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016.*

*Please kind to yourself and to each other.*



### What Makes You..? The Australian LGBT Happiness Survey

Researchers from La Trobe University have just launched the What Makes You..? survey! What Makes You..? is the first Australian study to focus on the positive aspects of being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT).

The study has been approved by the La Trobe University Ethics Committee.

If you are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender (18+ yrs) and living in Australia - La Trobe University researchers want to know

What Makes You HAPPY, What Makes You SAD,

What Makes You RESILIENT and What Makes You GREAT!

Please help them by filling in this new online survey

[www.whatmakesyou.org.au](http://www.whatmakesyou.org.au) They ask that you kindly share the survey with your friends.

Your President asks all Members and friends, who have computers to kindly go online and complete this survey — Cheers.



**THE GRAND YANGTZE RIVER & HONG KONG TRIP**  
1st — 17th SEPTEMBER 2016

Our Cruise Ship Victoria

Three Gorges Dam

Great Wall of China

Pandas at Chengdu

Harbour of Hong Kong

East China

Please contact David on (02) 9516 2063 for further information or for an Itinerary

**Computer Problems** Should any Members and friends have computer problems, please contact Jason Pearce for efficient & professional service. Jason comes highly recommended by 2 MAG Members — Geoff O & David B.

#### Jason Pearce

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## The President's Report

Gentlemen and Michelle,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas Day and are ready for an exciting 2016.

I extend my best wishes to all for a happy, prosperous and most importantly a healthy new year. My thanks to Lewis, Lionel, John, Michael F for preparing a fantastic supper for us to enjoy at our Christmas Social on 10th Dec '15. Thank you to all who came along *dressed* to make the nite a fun one. I certainly enjoyed the supper & evening.

We even had a surprise visit from a very friendly *Santa*, who *entertained* the 71 people present. Thank you Russ from the Love Project for your attendance. I hope Members & friends enjoyed the evening as much as I did. Thank you to those who helped me clean & pack up. Our thanks Michelle & Valery for taking the many pics you did. Valery's pic are on the following pages of this Newsletter. Michelle will have her pics for viewing & may be ordered at our meeting on 30th January.

I am seeking unwanted **metal knives and forks**. So if readers have some not being

used, please bring them in, as I would like to have them for our suppers instead of us using the plastic knives & forks — Cheers.

**Fair Day is on Sunday, 21st February** — MAG will be having a Stall selling second hand goods, so if you have items that are in good condition and would like to donate them, please bring them along to our stall at Fair Day, on the actual day — thank you.

MAG will also be participating in the 2016 Mardi Gras Parade, on **Saturday night, 5th March** — our theme is **Xanadu**, and our double

decker bus will be dressed in white sequins & we'll be blasting the song **Xanadu** made famous by our very Olivia Newton John. I am sure the crowd will love it as much as our Bus Driver — *Shirl*.

There is a cost of \$25.00 per person to be part of our Parade contingent.

**Guys wanting to be part of our group, please let our Secretary, or myself know — thanks.**

If you have never been in a Parade, and thought you would like to do so; then please consider coming along with us, you will certainly enjoy the night, and have many great memories.

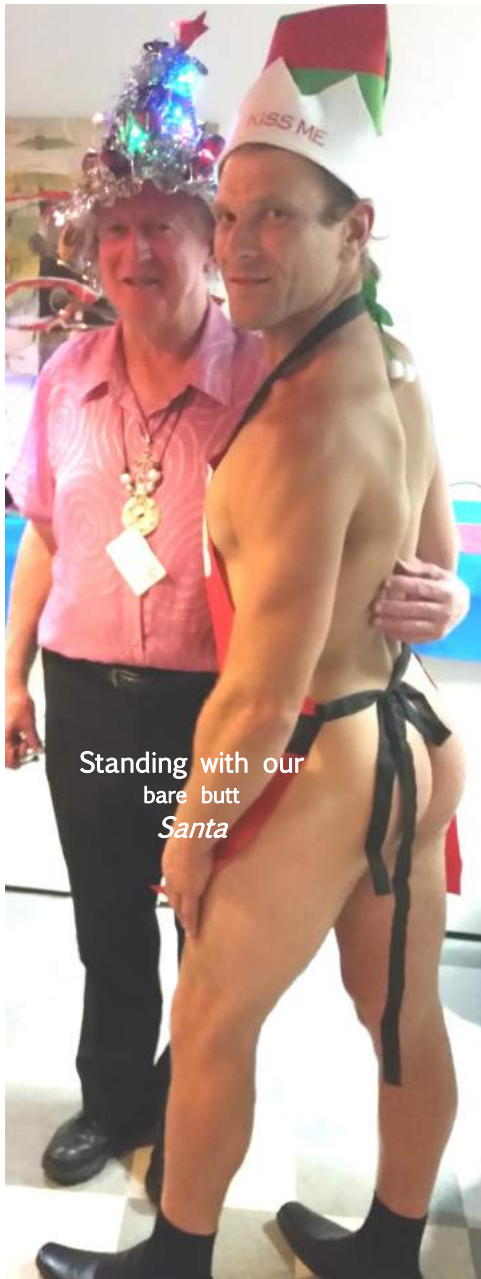
I was asked by a MAG Member to investigate arranging a trip to China travelling along the mighty Yangtze River for four days, visiting the Pandas in Chengdu, and then stopping off in Hong Kong. In 2009, an All Boyz Tour going to the same places was cancelled. Geoff is now unable to arrange further trips. So, I approached David Vuong Travel in Newtown to help arrange the Trip. He has contacted his people in China to put my ideas into an Itinerary. A brochure has been prepared.

The cost will be around **\$5,200.00. AUD**

In order to give the Travel Agent an idea of the possible travellers for this Trip, interested guys are kindly asked to ring me on (02) 9516 2063 **ASAP** — cheers

For any other information, please feel free to ring on the above number.

**Happy new year everyone — David - President**



Standing with our bare butt *Santa*



outside the Dendy Cinema, Newtown selling Red Ribbons for ACON on World AIDS Day



Peter has his eyes closed & is not looking up at *Santa's G string*





Kelvin

Russ

Tony

Chris

Roscoe

James

Richard



Chris standing

Jerry

Trevor

Ken



Chito

Lider

Ken



Eddie

Roscoe

Chris



Ben

Peter





Michelle

James

Phil

Jerry

Ken



Santa

Tony



Kelvin

Wayne

Chris



Paul

Colin

Laurie



Ken singing carols whilst playing the piano

Ross

Jason

Roger

Jon

Laurie

Paul



Geoff

Joe



# Our 2015 Christmas

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# Social Evening

These pics courtesy of Valery



Russ  
from the Love Project

Tony



Michael  
holding  
mike



Michelle

Valery

Pics  
kindly  
taken  
by  
Valery



Michael

Merv

A great pic of members  
enjoying the nite







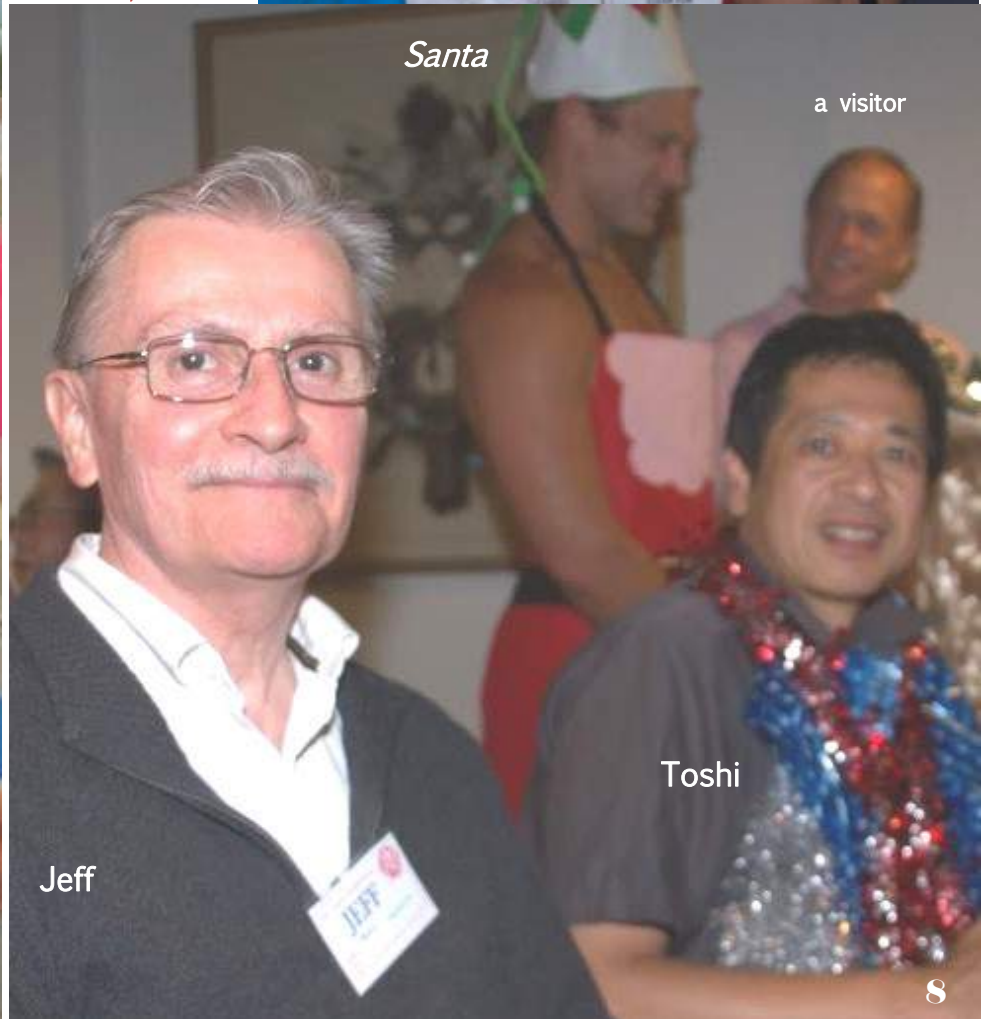
John  
hands as antlers



Michael and Santa



Lewis  
our super kitchen man



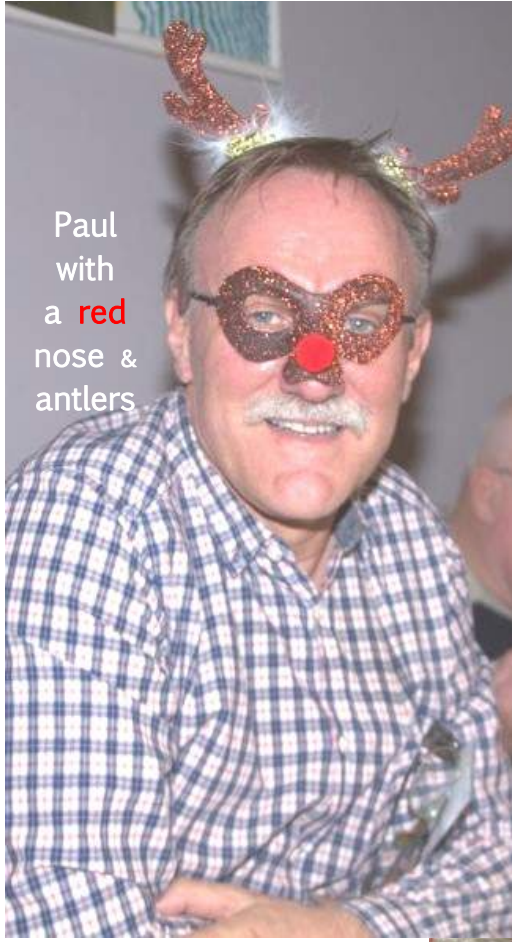
Santa

a visitor

Jeff

Toshi





Paul with a red nose & antlers



John serving our delicious supper to Peter and Ross

Michelle

Peter

Ross



Everyone's eyes are fixed on Santa - except Cliff's

James

Jon

Richard

Mark

Eddie

Alan

David

John

John

David

Cliff

Barry





hard working  
Lionel



Santa stroking  
the back of Michael's  
head

Jim is enjoying it

Bill

Merv

Phil

Jon

Brian

Pics  
kindly  
taken  
by  
Valery



Mark

John



Brian  
very regal  
in  
gold



Chris

Roscoe



Santa  
on the chairs

DON'T  
POKE ME  
UNLESS  
YOU WANT  
TO SEE  
ME  
NAKED





Photos courtesy of Richard Hedger, 2015

# HERE FOR AGEING



## Empowering lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex seniors to lead healthy active and social lives

The LOVE Project is an ACON initiative aimed at creating better conversations and improved social engagement with older lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) community members.

By understanding people's needs and preferences we can facilitate greater social connectivity, improve social inclusion and provide appropriate health information for LGBTI elders.

The LOVE Project welcomes you to get on board to share experiences, interact with other members of your community and maintain a healthy, active and social lifestyle.

Please visit our website, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for healthy ageing information, stories, news and upcoming events.

[WWW.LOVEPROJECT.ORG.AU](http://WWW.LOVEPROJECT.ORG.AU)

or contact:

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### A few funnies .....

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the Doctor to get a physical.

A few days later the Doctor saw Morris walking down the street with an absolutely gorgeous young man on his arm. A couple of days later the Doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You are doing great, aren't you?"

Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc: "Get a hot *mamma* and be cheerful."

The Doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said, "You've got a heart murmur. Be careful."

If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, but is still fat. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, while a tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years. And you tell me to exercise?? I don't think so.

**Just grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to remember the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.**

### Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
3. I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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6. If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
7. It's a whole lot easier to get older than to get wiser.
8. Some days you're the top dog, some days you're the hydrant; the early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
9. I wish the buck really did stop here, I sure could use a few of them.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
15. When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.
16. It's not hard to meet expenses.... they're everywhere.
17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter, I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm "here after."
19. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.

**MAG SYDNEY INC Mature Age Gays**

**Caring for each other, sharing friendships & affection with each other in similar situations to lead a full life as possible**



## 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  
**Vice Pres:** Michael Darley 0408 359 989  
**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

### MAGIC - MAG in the Community:

Guys who are ill, in hospital, or who require assistance.

**Our postal address is the same as where we meet:**

**MAG SYDNEY INC,  
 414 ELIZABETH STREET,  
 SURRY HILLS NSW 2010**

**Our web site is [www.magsydney.org](http://www.magsydney.org)**

**Editor: Michael Filipovic**

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.countrynetwork.com.au)

**Cronulla Gay Group** - [www.cronullagaygroup.com](http://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](http://www.gamma.org.au)

**Gaydownunder** - [www.gaydownunder.com](http://www.gaydownunder.com)

**GLCS** - Tel. 1800 184 527

**SYDNEY GAY MEDITATION GROUP**

+++SESSION DETAILS+++

EVERY TUESDAY 7PM, (contribution - by donation)

MEDITATION SPACE, 99 CROWN STREET, EAST SYDNEY  
[www.sydneygaymeditationgroup.com](http://www.sydneygaymeditationgroup.com)

**GSN - Gay Sydney Nudists** - [www.gsinc.com](http://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) 31721170 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](mailto:office@mccsydney.org)

**PFLAG** - Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays. [www.pflagaustralia.org](http://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](mailto:southern.cross.outdoors.group@gmail.com)

**SPAIDS** - Sydney Park AIDS Memorial Groves  
 Dates on tree planting days kindly contact [josken@josken.net](mailto: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](mailto:christ-our-hope-community.net)

**GONG GUYS** - <http://www.gongguys.site90.com/>  
<http://www.gongguys.info/>