

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men
JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2018



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

please check our web site www.magsydney.org



Pics from our magnificent Chrissy social



Events planned for MAG SYDNEY INC in 2018

SATURDAY, 13th January — MAG's Steve Warren will tell us of his involvement during the production of the ABC's tele movie 'RIOT' [to ensure authenticity]. Steve was in the 1st Mardi Gras.

SATURDAY, 27th January — A representative from Queer Screen will tell about the upcoming 2018 Mardi Gras Film Festival

SATURDAY, 10th February — A representative from the 78ers will tell us about the 40th Anniversary of 1st Mardi Gras in Sydney

SUNDAY, 18th February — **FAIR DAY** at **VICTORIA PARK**, just off **BROADWAY**

SATURDAY, 24th February — Tim Ellis — Falls Prevention

SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH — 40th Anniversary of Mardi Gras

MAG by its participation, will be showing Sydney, the many visitors to our fantastic city & to the world [via the TV coverage of the Parade on SBS TV]

with our message "We know we are **grey**, but we're **here** & we're **proud** to be **gay!!**"

Some of our guys will be riding on our beautifully sequined *dressed* Hong Kong Heritage Bus; while others of our contingent will be walking behind our Bus, smiling, waving & throwing many air kisses to the large crowds along the Parade route. Dame Dolly will be curtsying many, many of times.

We will have a absolutely magnificent nite!!

Please visit MAG's web site for up to date information on Guest Speaker/Topics etc

www.magsydney.org



This is a pic of the suggested rainbow waterfall Steve Warren had made to the Sydney Lord Mayor for the year's midnight fireworks.

It was to acknowledge the 40th Anniversary of Mardi Gras.

Tis a pity that the actual outcome was not as suggested by Steve.

Steve is a proud 78er & MAG Member.

Our Thursday nite social:-

If you are not doing anything on a Thursday night, then why not join some MAG guys who meet at the Petersham RSL Club [which is very close to Petersham Railway Station] around 7pm. We chat over various matters, enjoy a reasonably price meal, drink of whatever [some of us even partake of a slice of beautiful lemon meringue pie with ice cream — off course it is 99% fat free - haha].

It is a nice environment with a relaxed atmosphere - everyone is encouraged to join us.

Please call Steve Warren for further details on 0417 393 877

Your President

Happy New Year!

Greetings
Members
and
friends,

Happy New
Year to our
Members and

friends for a healthy, happy and peaceful 2018.

MAG's 2017 Christmas Social evening was a terrific evening. I thank all those guys who made their presence felt in your *dazzling* Chrissy attire.

Thank you to Lewis, John, Lionel & Trevor for your efforts in the kitchen for a lovely supper, with plenty of nibbles for us to enjoy. Thanks also Fen for your waitering skills & help. Our entertainer Nikoli, thank you for entertaining us all.

A BIG thank you to Michelle and Valery for taking some of their personal time to record all who 'dressed up'. Valery's pics are on pages 4, 5 and 6.

ALSO please see Michelle at any of our meetings and check out her beautifully presented books of the many photos that she took.

Orders can be made with Michelle.

7 of us guys [including moi] travelled to see the Sydney Tramways Museum at Loftus on Wed, 29th Nov & enjoyed the experience of riding the Trams to Sutherland & then down to the ex Royal National Park Railway Station. Please see the pics of all us guys driving Tram 2009 to CANTERBURY on page 4; not to mention Steve chomping on a "*Golden Gaytime*" in front the 'NEXT TRAM' indicator board.

12 MAG guys [including moi] went to the Petersham Town Hall on 2nd Dec, 'TO FOLLOW THAT STAR' for Polly's Christmas Show & Dance.

They put on a really fun evening with lots of dancing & an entertaining stage show with plenty of glam. I even won a prize for being in "*chrissy attire*" - see pic right

MAG will again be flying the FLAG for older gay & bi-sexual men at the Mardi Gras Fair Day. This year it is back at Victoria Park, off Broadway & City Road, near Sydney Uni, on **Sunday 18th February 2018**.

Please come to Fair Day and see the *beautiful sights* - you'll be glad you did. You could even get a souvenir pic with MAG's very own Dame Dolly Devine of Marrickville — at a small cost, which will go to MAG's coffers.

A Heritage Hong Kong Bus will be *our stage* for the 2018 Mardi Gras Parade, **on Saturday 3rd March 2018**. It is the 40th Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade, so this Parade will be one to remember!!

MAG's theme "We know we're **grey**, but we're **here** & we're **proud to be gay!**"

Our numbers are limited. Bearing this in mind, if you want to join our contingent then please let me know yesterday [haha] - **by 17th Feb** should you want to join myself [sorry DDDM] & fellow members. The cost is **\$40.00**. **You must be a financial MAG Member and guys are to wear a WHITE SHIRT**. Should anyone have old CDs, please let me know, as I would like to use them as decorations.

**Happy 40th Anniversary to Mardi Gras
& Happy 25th Anniversary to Queer Screen.**

Please be kind to yourselves & also to others.

David President.



**As I've grown older
I've learned that
pleasing everyone is
impossible, but
pissing everyone off
is a piece of cake.**

Could this apply to YOU ??
It does for me - haha

Outing to Sydney Tram Museum



John



Michael



John



Stephen



Adrian



Tram 1497



Our Tram at RNP
The Conductor
changes 'the pole' to
return back to Loftus



David



Steve

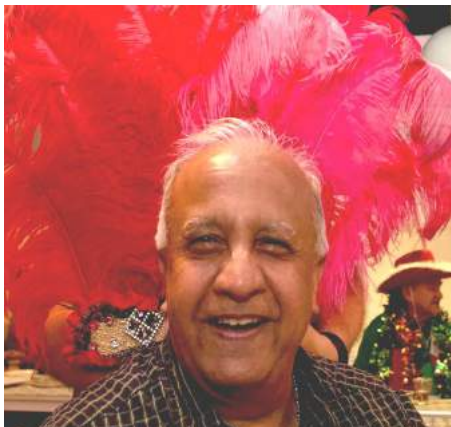


What time is
that Tram
Steve ?



Michael, Steve at back
Stephen, John & John
In the SMOKING
Section of the Tram

Our 2017 Chrissy Social



These magnificent
photos of our Chrissy
Social [& many on the following pages]
are courtesy of Valery
There are some great pics
thanks Val



Our 2017 Chrissy Social



All these magnificent photos are courtesy of Valery capturing everyone enjoying the fun of the evening

Our 2017 Chrissy Social





PHOTO CREDIT: RICHARD HEDGER

HERE FOR AGEING



Date & Time

Saturday 3 February
10.30am - 5pm

Location

Glebe Town Hall | 160 St Johns Rd, Glebe

RSVP

By Thursday 1 February
02 9206 2107 | mmerrymaker@acon.org.au

> acon.org.au

Planning For Your Future: A FREE Community Event for LGBTI people 55 plus

Are you interested in learning about how to navigate the aged care system? Do you want to know about LGBTI inclusive aged care or what it might cost? Do you want to know about your legal rights or Advanced Care Directives?

Talk, share and learn in a safe space about growing older gracefully. Gain a better understanding of the support services available to older LGBTI people. There will be a Q&A and presentations by service providers, health professionals and legal services.

Meet new friends and share a delicious lunch. Bookings essential

This event is sponsored by the City of Sydney and supported by the Seniors Rights Service



HERE FOR HIV & AGEING



COMMUNITY FORUM



Date & Time

Monday 22 January, 5.30-8.30pm

Location

ACON, 414 Elizabeth St, Surry Hills

To register or for more information

Russ Gluyas | 02 9206 2017 | rgluyas@acon.org.au
Lionel Rabie | 02 9206 2086 | lrabie@acon.org.au

loveproject.org.au

Are you isolated, losing independence or feeling vulnerable about ageing with HIV?

Are you 55 plus, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex and ageing with HIV?

ACON's LOVE Project wants to hear how we can better support you to connect with Aged Care Services as a person ageing with HIV. Join us for a chat and tell us the issues that are most important to you for this transitional stage of life. The forum will include community members, service providers and researchers.

Light refreshments and food will be served.

Sponsored by the AIDS Trust Australia, and supported by the Senior's Rights Service.



Where & when MAG meets

We meet on the **second** and the **last** Saturdays of the month at
414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills
 [which is 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, or a 'pop corn' night.

A light supper follows.

The Committee will meet whenever the need arises prior to a General Meeting.

Geoff Ostling is maintaining our Guest Speaker Listings.

Should members feel that a certain person could give an informative talk at MAG, then kindly contact Geoff on **9568 3029**. He will be very pleased to hear from any of our members or friends.

MAG's Details:

Office Bearers:

Treasurer:	Bill Alford	8096 4891
Secretary:	Michael Filipovic	0429 290 000
Vice Pres:	Lewis Turtur	9319 1280
President:	David Bowron	9516 2063



The Founder of MAG:

Steve Ostrow - contact the President for Steve's mobile

Committee Members:

Ross Mackinnon	0439 601 224
Michael Darley	0408 359 989
Trevor Pritchard	9369 4206



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

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

Our web site is www.magsydney.org

The 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.
 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

Country Network for friendship and support through social events and networking across rural, regional & city Australia. Info at www.countrynetwork.com.au

Cronulla Gay Group - 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

Gaydownunder - 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

GSN - Gay Sydney Nudists - 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

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 kindly contact 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

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

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