

# MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men  
JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2021

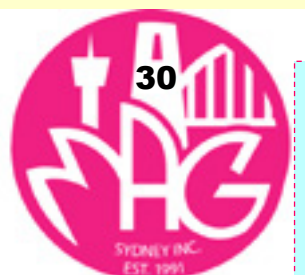


**CONGRATULATIONS  
STEVE OSTROW  
OUR FOUNDER  
ON YOUR OAM,  
ON AUSTRALIA DAY  
2021**



**Participants of MAG's 2021  
Sydney Gay & Lesbian  
Mardi Gras Parade at the  
SCG on 6 March 2021.  
It was a *magnificent* evening.  
More photos on pages  
5, 6 & 7  
We had a terrific time !!!**

**As from the 10th April 2021,  
MAG has been given permission to  
hold our meetings on the second &  
last Saturday evenings of the month,  
in the cafe area of the ACON  
Building, under strict  
approved Covid guidelines.  
Only 26 persons  
will be permitted in the cafe area on  
any particular meeting.  
Bookings must be made via the  
President.**



MAG celebrates its **30th year** this year, of caring for each other, sharing friendships and affection with each other in similar situations to lead as full a life as possible  
please check our web site [www.magsydney.org](http://www.magsydney.org)

**Events planned for MAG Members**

9 JAN. 30 JAN NO meetings were held

13 Feb. 27 Feb. 13 Mar. 27 Mar NO meetings were held

SAT 10 APRIL A Social evening  
SAT 24 APRIL Our Annual General Meeting  
SAT 8 May To be Advised  
SAT 29 May To be Advised See the note below

Please see **FACEBOOK PAGE** for updated information.

Please see those details that are on the foot of all pages of the Newsletter

Our web site is **www.magsydney.org**



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

A number of MAG guys have been meeting at the Petersham RSL, on a Wednesday evening for a few years now. With lockdown, we stopped gathering. However, after lockdown [June 2020] we started to meet up again. We are there from 7pm till 9pm. A relaxed atmosphere ensures. We have an evening of chatting, enjoying a nice meal & a drink of what ever takes your fancy. Guys who are not members, will need to join the Club, at a cost of \$5.00 per year. **Photographic ID is required.** For further info, please contact MAG's President.

**Requirements for attending MAG Meetings:**

Only **26** persons will be permitted in the Cafe area of the building.

**PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF FEELING UNWELL.**

Use hand sanitiser at the entrance  
Everyone to sign in by QR Code or by manual notations.

Physical distancing to be observed  
To remain seated at all times, seated on already positioned chairs.

**MUST BOOK WITH THE PRESIDENT.**

**ONCE the 26 has been reached, then guys are asked to kindly book for another meeting.**



In 2021, MAG will celebrate its **30th** Anniversary of providing support to older gay men in the GLBT community. We plan to celebrate this milestone in style, on Saturday, 11th September. **PLEASE NOTE YOUR DIARIES.**

If any of our readers are up in Brissy, please check out the MAM gatherings. You will be made very welcome.



## Your President

I send **congratulations** from all at MAG to the Founder of MAG, Steve Ostrow for his OAM, Awarded in this year's Australia Day Honours. **Well done Steve.** I also wish to congratulate & thank Mary, for taking care of Steve when she brings him to and from our meetings, *before the Covid shutdown.*

Our gatherings on the last Saturdays in Prince Alfred Park on Saturdays, since Boxing Day, have been fun. I thank to all those guys who have come along for a relaxed afternoon

Our Mardi Gras Parade Continent totalled only 10 people, but we had a great evening walking around the perimeter of the hallowed Sydney Cricket Ground [SCG]. SBS showed our banner on the TV coverage, then cut to another scene. So, typical of SBS. The atmosphere and lighting was great and we were well very received from the crowds in the Grand Stands. There was no need for the spectators to have a milk crate to stand on. **Haha.** Many thanks Trevor for organising our entry. I was very honoured to be able to pay for a lovely celebratory dinner for 6 of our participants, in Chinatown. To me it as the icing on the cake, after a great Parade. We enjoyed a relaxing party afterwards, with lots of lovely food and champers. Michelle and her daughter joined us in the Parade. Michelle took heaps of pics of our guys. I have seen her beautiful presentation books. So, when you come along to one of our next meetings [from 10.4.2021], please check them out. Michelle always captures the fun and excitement of a Mardi Gras Parade.

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, membership fees for last year have been waived. So fees for the 2021/2022 year will be required as from **30th June 2021.** I also mentioned that any donations from members and friends will be most gratefully receive. I am so pleased to say that a good friend and members have given our Treasurer a help, to boost our finances. Thanks to those guys.

ACON kindly sponsored Afternoon Teas for MAG Members on a Thursday Afternoon. We had a few gatherings over the past few months. I would like to sincerely thank Shane and Russ from the Love Project for their efforts in arranging these gatherings. Thanks Steve W for your suggestion.

We have been given approval to hold meeting in the Café Area of the ACON Building as from **10th April 2021.** We will all need to comply with **Strict Covid Protocols.** Only **26** person will be permitted into the Café Area. You will need to book with me, so that once we have **26** names listed, then I will be suggesting you place your name on a different meeting date.

**The Meeting on 24th APRIL 2021 will be our Annual General Meeting. According to the Constitution, this Notice is served to all members.**

We sadly lost 2 members over the lockdown period, Shane Bonner and Michael Glynn, to non Covid related deaths. Pictured right, is Michael, who I was privileged to travel with on a number of Geoff Ostling's **All Boyz Tours.** Michael is sipping coconut juice, at Lake Inle, in Burma, on our Tour of Mysterious Myanmar in 2013. Sitting next to Michael is Alan, from Glenelg East, South Aussie, who is a MAG member and was Michael's traveling companion on a number of the tours. We always had fun with Michael & I have wonderful memories of him. May both he and Shane Rest In Peace.

**Take good care everyone**  
**David - President.**



Dame Dolly's Parade outfit



Dame Dolly with Meredith a 78er  
Dolly has known Meredith since MCC Sydney Church, Paddington

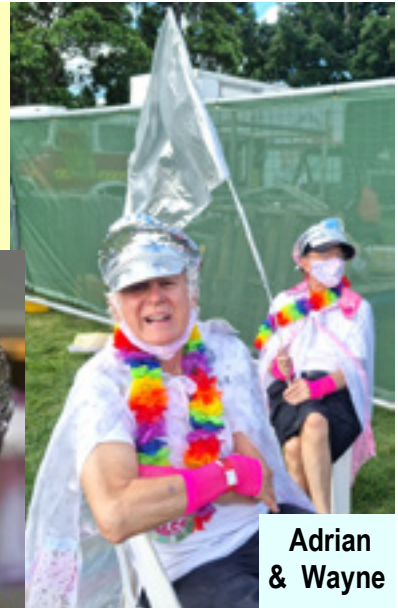






On the Tram, going to SCG

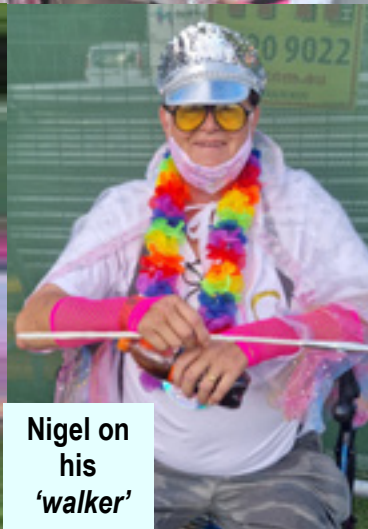
Photos courtesy Michelle, Valery & Steve



Adrian & Wayne



Tom with his flag



Nigel on his 'walker'



Trevor



Valery on the Tram



Elizabeth & Michelle

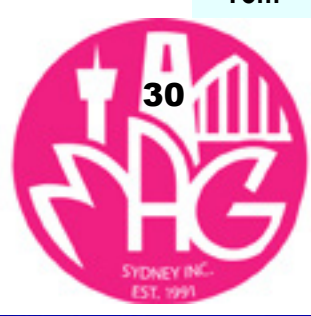
MAG's Mantra was: In 2021 MAG Rises in its 30th Year Resilient, Proud and Outstanding in its Commitment and Work within the LGBTIQ Community



Tom



Walking onto the hallowed turf of the SCG







Around the perimeter of SCG



Around the perimeter of SCG



In the centre of SCG







All 10 participants, dressed and ready to get the Tram to Moore Park

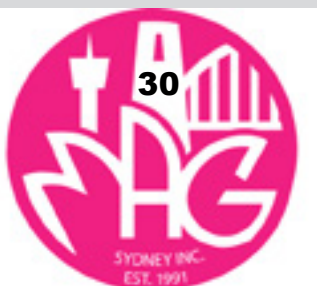
VALE



Shane Bonner sadly passed away on 10 July 2020 Aged 63



Michael Glynn sadly passed away on 17 December 2020 Aged 76



Steve who is a 78er & MAG Member, joined us as we were getting ready, before we walked up to the tram stop, at Riley Street.

**SIX ETHICS OF LIFE:**  
**BEFORE YOU SPEAK - LISTEN**  
**BEFORE YOU SPEND - EARN**  
**BEFORE YOU QUIT - TRY**  
**BEFORE YOU WRITE - THINK**  
**BEFORE YOU DIE - LIVE**  
**BEFORE YOU REST - WORK**



## LOVE CLUB Gathering

The LOVE Club Gathering is a community activity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people who are 55 plus, their supporters and friends. The Gathering aims to create a safe, respectful and welcoming space to share regular social time and activities.

All sexualities, gender identities, cultures and backgrounds are welcome.

**Led by community, for community!**

**Register online at**  
**[www.loveproject.org.au/events](http://www.loveproject.org.au/events)**

**For enquiries contact Russ Gluyas**

**t** 02 9206 2017

**e** [rgluyas@acon.org.au](mailto:rgluyas@acon.org.au)

**Location** ACON Ground floor Café 414 Elizabeth Street Surry Hills

**Date** Every 4th Thursday of the month

**Time** 10.00am to 12.00pm

**DONATIONS  
WELCOME**





## 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 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.

A light supper follows.

The Committee meets whenever the need arises.

David is maintaining our Guest Speaker Lists.

If any member feel that a certain person could give an informative talk at MAG, then kindly contact David on 9516 2063. He will be very pleased to hear from any of our members or friends.

## MAG's Details:

### The Founder of MAG:

Steve Ostrow  
 contact the President for Steve's mobile

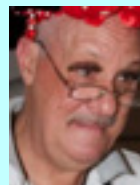


### Office Bearers:



**Treasurer/Secretary:**  
 Trevor Pritchard  
 9369 4206

**Vice President:**  
 Lewis Turtur



**President:**  
 David Bowron  
 9516 2063



### Committee:

Geoff Ostling  
 8354 1416

Steve Warren  
 0417 393 877



Sau Foster  
 9690 0578



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

**414 ELIZABETH STREET,  
 SURRY HILLS NSW 2010**

Our web site is [www.magsydney.org](http://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 friendship and support through social events & networking across rural, regional & city AUST. 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 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** Pastor Rev Dale Yardy 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

Hate takes energy. Love gives vibes.

To all our readers, please be safe