

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men
JULY & AUGUST 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 25 years of service to the gay & bi-sexual men of our community on Thursday 29th September 2016. Please page 4 of this Newsletter for further details.

MAG Memberships will fall due on 30th June 2016. Kindly visit our web site and print off a copy of the Renewal Application Form; or see our Treasurer at a MAG Meeting



A fantastic shot of the Coat Hangar in the rainbow colours. The SHB along with the SOH were centre pieces of the magnificent Sydney Vivid Light Show

Pic courtesy of David B

Look us up on the web www.magsydney.org

Events planned for MAG SYDNEY INC

SATURDAY 9th July — Speaker to be advised

SATURDAY 30th July — MAG SYDNEY INC's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
& ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2016/2017/2018

SATURDAY 13th August — The Guest Speaker is to be advised

SATURDAY 27th August — Jane Costello from Positive Life - How to cope living with HIV

SATURDAY 10th September — The meeting will be conducted on level 3, due to the Cafe Area
being used as a Polling Booth for election for the City of Sydney.

The Guest Speaker is to be advised

VALE - JOHN CHARLES

It is with much regret we announce the passing of another of our much loved members.

John, who was often referred as "Mother", sadly passed away on Sunday, 5th June 2016.

He was just short of his 87th birthday. John always told us that no body knew he was gay.

John was a real character at our meetings in the old Commonwealth Street building.

He often played the piano and was a hit with our sing-alongs that we had from time to time.

Below are two [2] wonderful photos of John at his 80th birthday at MAG. I decided to call the Police to come arrest John for turning 80. This Police Officer arrived, and then proceeded removed his uniform, down to his blue G String, much to John's and everyone present's pleasure.

Harry West OAM turned 87 around the same time as John turned 80; so we had a double celebration for these two much loved members. Beautiful birthday cake.

Both these lovely men are now in heaven. Gee what wonderful the memories we have !!!

If you think you know the face of the *Police Officer* - **you do!!**

He was our **Santa** at our 2015 Christmas party.



Hello everyone,

I would like to let members know that your MAG SYDNEY INC's Memberships for 2016/2017 are due from 1st July 2016. Renewal Membership Application Forms are now available.

Please check with our Treasurer, Bill Alford.

For guys how do not regularly attend meetings, I am trying to send you an application with your Newsletter. If not, please check our web site and print off a copy of the Renewal Form.

If you wish to send a cheque with your Renewal Application, kindly make the cheque out to

MAG SYDNEY INC. Cheers

A number of members went to see the Vivid Sydney lights on the Queen's birthday Saturday, as there was no MAG Meeting, due to the building being closed. From all accounts it was an enjoyable evening. Sadly, no one took a pic of the group. Michelle and myself went to see the lights a few evenings before that weekend, and I found them to be well worth while seeing. Especially the one in the Sydney Botanical Gardens, which I did not know until being there are celebrating 200 years this year. The lighting of the Sydney Harbor Bridge on the Opera House side as fantastic, as was the SOH itself. I also enjoyed Customs House, and that it projected when the next show was to take place. I took the pic of Michelle and then she one of me — both under the long canopy of small flower shaped yellow lights — it was amazing.

Our Annual General Meeting [AGM] and the election of Office Bearers for the next 2 years, as per the MAG Constitution will be conducted on Saturday, 31st July 2016.

Guys who feel that they could serve MAG in a more positive way, might like to give some thought of nominating for a position. All positions are OPEN such as:-

The President, The Secretary, The Treasurer, or you could nominate for the MAG Committee, as there are **4 Committee positions.**

Before you think about nominating, a word of advice; **you must be prepared to come in early to help set up - or stay back after the meeting has finished to pack up our gear up to level 1.**

As I stated in the previous Newsletter, I do sincerely thank the guys on the present Committee for their hard work for the continued success of MAG.

Our prayers and love are extended for the victims, their families and loved ones of all those tragically killed or injured in the Orlando Gay Night Club recently. Words sometimes cannot express one's thoughts. We observed a moments silence as a mark of respect at our meeting on 25th June 2016.

Talking on thoughts – our Founder Steve Ostrow is not in the best of health at present. I mention Steve at all our meetings, and continue his request for us to spread **the love**. We do this by giving each other a HUG. We just want to let you know Steve, that we send you our love, our appreciation & hugs, but we do it gently so as not to hurt your back more. **YOU TAKE GOOD CARE.**

As readers would be aware, I am arranging a tour of China — incl 4 nights cruising on the mighty Yangtze River, thru the magnificent gorges, seeing the Big Pandas in Chengdu, then recuperating in Hong Kong for 2 days. The cost is \$3,500 — the airfare flying Cathay Pacific is extra. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have a vacancy. If anyone would care to join us guys, please let me know ASAP at a meeting or phone me (02) 9516 2063.

I am prepared to take \$500 off the cost. We depart SYD on wed 31st AUG — return home on Sat17th SEPT. Don't delay if you are keen to come. I can hand you an Itinerary.

**I wish everyone good health and much happiness
May I state that it has been my pleasure being your President —
David**

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An Invitation to
all Financial
Members to attend our
25th *soirée*

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MAG SYDNEY INCORPORATED

MAG's President:
David Bowron
414 Elizabeth Street
SURRY HILLS 2010

Dear MAG members

I have much pleasure in extending a cordial invitation to all financial members of MAG, to join with a few dignitaries, and friends in celebrating
MAG's Silver Anniversary -
25 years of service and outreach to Sydney's *elderly gay* and bi-sexual men in our community.

Our celebration will be held on Thursday evening, 29th September 2016, in the Auditorium of the Paddington-Woollahra RSL Club, Oxford Street, Paddington, commencing at 6.30pm

We will be pleased if you can be with us at our *little soiree* to celebrate MAG's 25th.

If you would like to bring a non-member to what will be a magnificent occasion, you are more than welcome to do this. However, you will be required to pay our Treasurer a contribution of \$20.00
- paid prior to the event.

Kindly RSVP to our Secretary, Michael Filipovic on **0429 290 000**,
or to his email fangsta63@gmail.com by no later than **31st August 2016**

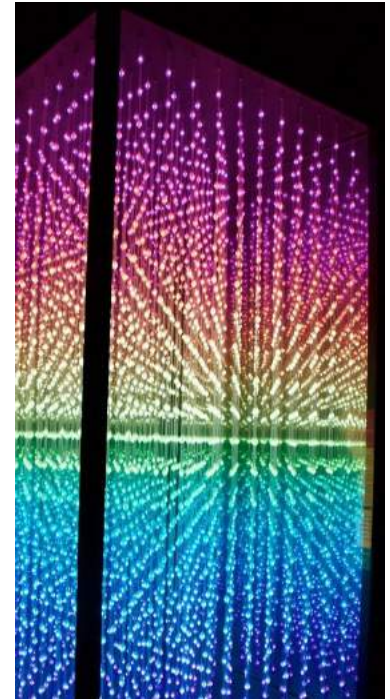
Thank you

My best wishes,

David Bowron

David Bowron
President
MAG SYDNEY INC

MAG is committed to the health and welfare of the mature-aged gay & bisexual men.
We have no political or religious affiliations. *Our web site is* www.magsydney.org

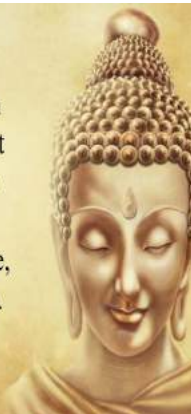


These fantastic photos were taken by Valery.

He kindly showed some of these pics to our meeting that we held on 25.6.2016.

Set an example:

Treat everyone with kindness and respect even those who are rude to you - not because they are nice, but because you are.







Photos courtesy of Richard Hedger, 2015

HERE FOR AGEING



Our LOVE (Living Older Visibly and Engaged) Project is about creating better conversations and improved social engagement with older lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people.

FACT SHEETS

In response to consultations with community members and health professionals, a series of healthy ageing fact sheets have been developed covering topics specific to our LGBTI elders' needs.

For more info or to download the factsheets, visit:

WWW.LOVEPROJECT.ORG.AU

or contact:

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- Ageing and HIV
- Alcohol and Prescription Drugs
- Dementia
- Depression and Anxiety
- Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence
- Fitness and Exercise
- Health Checks
- Health Screens
- Legal Tips
- Nutrition
- Smoking
- Social Connections



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; and is 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 - contact the President for Steve's mobile

The Committee:

Lewis Turtur 9319 1280
 John Waterstreet 0449 290 898
 Geoff Ostling 9568 3029
 Ken Mears

MAG/C - MAG in the Community:

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

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

Our 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/>
<http://www.gongguys.info/>