

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men

MARCH & APRIL 2015



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

WHAT A *MAGNIFICENT* 2015 MARDI GRAS **MAG** HAD



This fantastic shot of the crowd along Oxford Street was taken by our member – Valery pictured below. The people wearing the red T shirts are the volunteers, who always do a wonderful job at every Parade – in fact, a few MAG guys act as volunteers for Parade.

Look at the size of the crowd lining up Oxford Street

Look us up on the web - www.magsydney.org



MAG'S EVENTS in 2015

Our Thursday evenings, at the Petersham Inn, on Parramatta Road, Petersham, are still happening in 2015. Peter and Merv extend a warm invitation to all MAG Members and friends to come along and enjoy the night – Drinks at 6pm and Dinner at 7pm. There is a Badge draw during the night, and many of our guys have joined the Social Club of the PUB, hoping to have their badge drawn out, and may be win some cash.

Saturday 14th March — Greg Millan — Prostate Cancer

Saturday 28th March — Geoff Ostling — DVD 'SKIN' produced by our ABC

Saturday 11th April — TBA

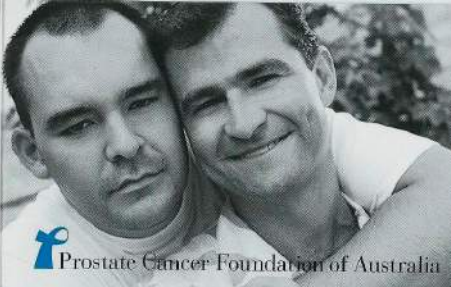
Saturday 25th April — THERE WILL BE NO MEETING — as the ACON Building will be closed.

This day marks the 100th Anniversary of the ANZACs landing on the shores of Gallipoli, Turkey, at a place we know call Anzac Cove.

Saturday 9th MAY — Fabian Lo Schiavo - A Sister of Perpetual Indulgent

Saturday 30th MAY — Talk by a representative of COUNTRY NETWORK

On Saturday, 14th March we had an extremely interesting talk by Greg Millan on Prostate Cancer. All who were present were most attentive to Greg's talk. A copy of their card is below for any guys who may wish to seek further information.

<p>PCFA is working with organisations to improve services and resources for gay, bisexual and transgendered people.</p>		<p>Shine a Light</p>
<p>TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT PROSTATE CANCER TESTING.</p>		<p>Better prostate cancer support for the gay community</p>
<p>RESEARCH AWARENESS SUPPORT</p>	<p>Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia</p>	<p>Shine a Light Support Group for gay/bi men diagnosed with prostate cancer, survivors of & their partners. Meetings held at ACON, first Saturday of the month.</p>
<p>www.pcfa.org.au Freecall 1800 22 00 99</p>		<p>For information contact Greg Millan 0417 772 390 greg@menshealthservices.com.au</p>

A group of 8 guys from MAG supported BGF's "Trivia with a Twist" at the Paddington RSL Club, on the same day as the Rainbow Flag was to be raised on the Sydney Town Hall. All your Committee were invited to the Town Hall function, and then we had to fly to get to the RSL Club for Trivia. A fun night was had and we are pleased that MAG did not come last. Auntie Mavis was fun.

SAFE SEX PACKING DAYS FOR ACON

A number of our guys already help ACON in the making of **THE SAFE SEX PACKS**. The guys get together at 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills. The dates are as follows for April, May & June:
APRIL — THURS 2nd & 16th APRIL & SAT, 18th APRIL.
MAY — THURS 3rd & 21st MAY & SAT, 16th MAY.
JUNE — THURS 4th & 18th JUNE & SAT 20th JUNE. Times are 9am till 1pm.

Your President urges more MAG guy to help our mates, who are already doing a great job for ACON.



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The President's Report

Our 2015 Mardi Gras period was well supported by our Members and friends.

Our presence at **Fair Day**, on Sunday 22nd February was great.

We had a terrific location — under the shade of trees in the morning and then in the afternoon from the setting sun into the west. People noticed our Stall, which made me as President very happy.

I sincerely thank the few guys who did help out —

Michael F., Bill, Lewis, Lionel, Jon, John H., John Wa. and Mark.

I give special praise to **Christine from Scone** for helping to get the punters to come over to see our 2nd hand books, wind mills, and the guessing competition for the number of lollies in the different jars, plus information on **MAG**. Thanks to our guys who came by to say, "Hi".

We did lose money on our Stall costs [**\$23.30**], but I am not concerned at this, as we flew the **MAG Flag** — we were there and were seen!! We were even placed next to the **Pride History Group**, which I thought was a good move, as we both go back a long way.

Thanks **Mark** for your sound speaker — the music certainly added to the day; and we danced and swayed to the songs. This also attracted the punters to have a pic with **Dame Dolly Devine of Marrickville**. Some great pics of her were taken. It only cost them \$1.00 which went towards our takings, although not many punters paid the fee.



with a very handsome twink



with Alex Greenwich MP

Following on from our successful Fair Day, our Double Decker Bus was seen by many along the Mardi Gras Parade route.

We even appeared on SBS One Television's coverage of the Mardi Gras Parade, on the Sunday night following the Parade. **30** participants joined our **MAG Contingent**. The Gold side of the Hong Kong Heritage Bus looked great on TV. Thank you to the guys who helped *dress* and then *undress* the bus, at the end of the Parade. Thank you to Eddison "Shirl" for allowing us to hire your bus. Stacks of pics were taken of our Bus, as many Asian people knew where it came from. I am pleased we hired a sound system and lighting from **DJ Warehouse in Leichhardt**. Our song "I WILL SURVIVE" went down a real treat with the crowd, who were all singing along to the words as we passed by.

I choose that particular song, as it is so true of many **MAG Members**. **The cost to MAG for our Mardi Gras Parade Bus was \$1,462.23, which I feel is money well spent of flying our MAG Flag.**

David - President

This Issue has extra pages for all the great pics of our guys during the 2015 Mardi Gras



Dame Dolly with Michelle

Our Hong Kong Heritage Bus was a real hit with many Asian people in the crowd



2015 Mardi Gras FAIR DAY



John Wa with his plants that we sold on the Stall



Jon framed

PHOTOS TAKEN BY various people



Dame Dolly & Christine from Scope with wind mills — but no wind to spin them



Jon, Bill & Lewis



Lionel working hard

Our guys certainly stood out in their new MAG hot pink T-shirts. If any one would like to purchase a T Shirt - the cost is only \$10.00— kindly contact the President to order a shirt. Orders need to be of a minimum of 10 T-shirts.

2015 Mardi Gras FAIR DAY



Lionel, Lewis, with John H., Claude & Mark outside



Dame Dolly, Jon, Alana & Michaela — in a Telstra framed pic

2015 Mardi Gras PARADE

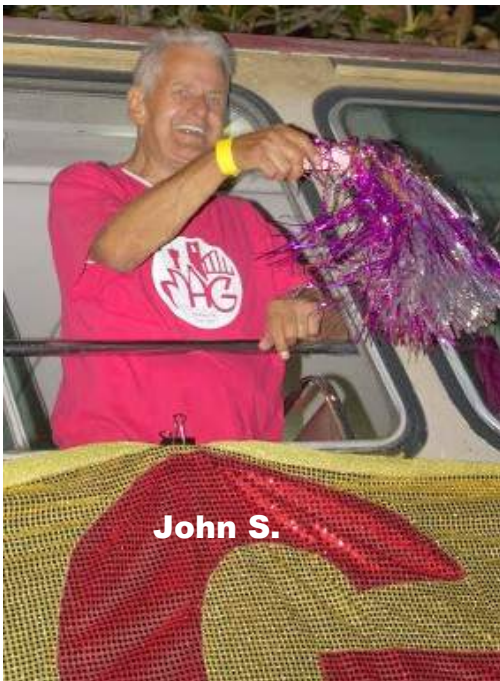


The Gold side of our Bus



The Red side of our Bus

2015 Mardi Gras PARADE



John S.



Nigel



Lider & Chito



Geoff, Michaela & Joe



Victor & Ken



2 cute guys — front & back

PHOTOS of the Parade were taken by VALERY

2015 Mardi Gras PARADE



Another great crowd shot
This pic from top of our bus
showing our walking
group behind the Bus



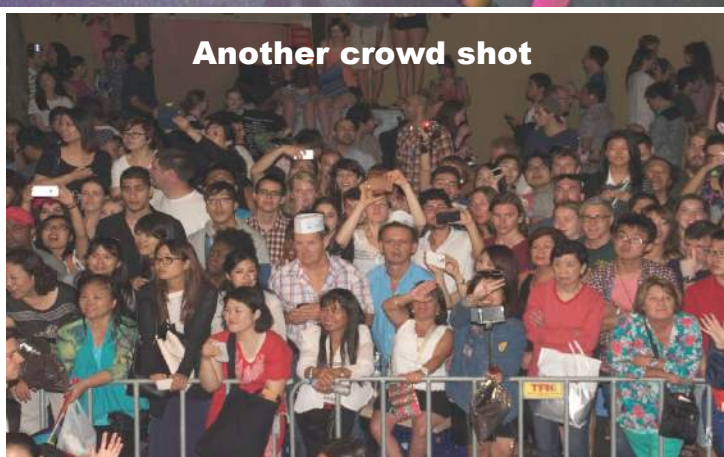
Michelle



Our walking group ready to move off —
Doris, Suzie Wong, Bill, Nigel & Michaela.



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Heritage
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destination
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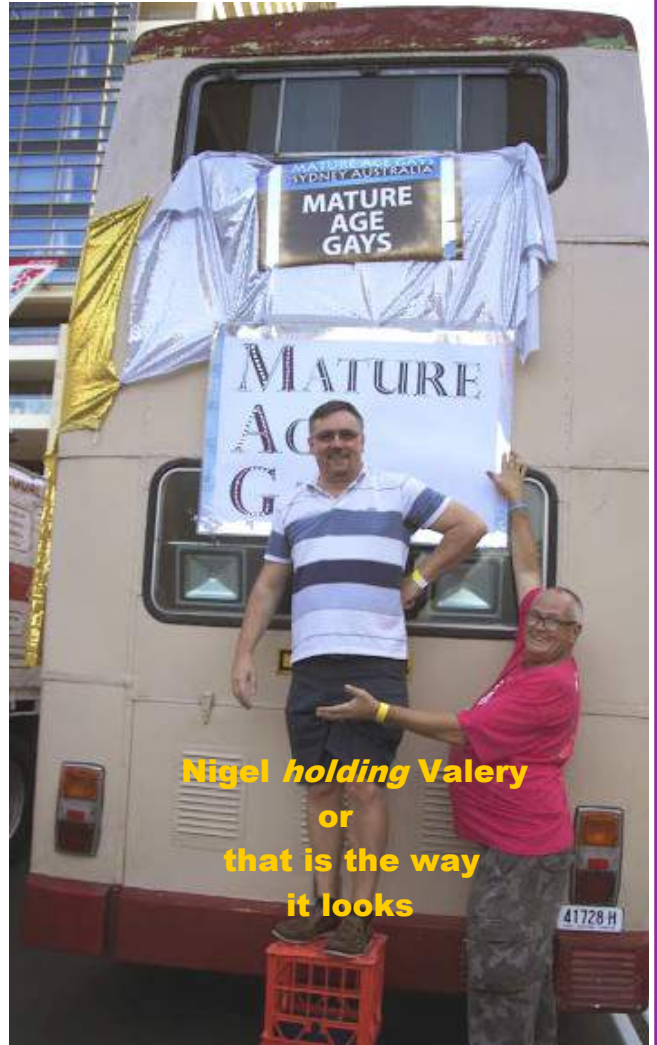


Another crowd shot

2015 Mardi Gras PARADE



Doris splendid in blue



Nigel holding Valery or that is the way it looks



Dame Dolly Devine



Ken & Michael D. with John at the back

2015 Mardi Gras PARADE



Lana is 'a Star'



Tatinia Titsoff & Suzie Wong



we even had Lifesavers on our bus, here are a few with Kevin, who seems to be enjoying himself

Dropping our Load



A FORUM FOR NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE GUYS

Come and join our panel members for a Q&A style forum about HIV treatment. Learn about undetectable viral load, starting treatment, treatment as prevention, and how to prevent HIV transmission.
www.acon.org.au/droppingourload

Event details:

01 DAY
 04 MONTH
 15 YEAR

TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
6PM [6.30PM START]	THE COLOMBIAN HOTEL	117 OXFORD STREET DARLINGHURST

A CONVERSATION

$$[\text{TEST MORE}] + [\text{TREAT EARLY}] + [\text{STAY SAFE}] = [\text{ENDING HIV}]$$



ENDING HIV

TREAT TO MAKE HIV UNDETECTABLE

Improve health, reduce transmission.

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SEARCH: ENDING HIV

ENDING HIV

DROP YOUR VIRAL LOAD

Improve health, reduce transmission. Make your viral load undetectable.

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SEARCH: ENDING HIV

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: Ken Mears - email: ken.ophelia.cox@outlook.com

The Founder of MAG: Steve Ostrow - 9358 1460

The Committee:

Lewis Turtur 9319 1280
 Bill Alford: 8096 4891
 John Waterstreet 0449 290 898
 Geoff Ostling 9568 3029

MAG/C - MAG in the Community:

Guys who are ill, in hospital, or who require assistance. We are seeking someone to help with these responsibilities.

Our postal address is:

MAG SYDNEY INC
PO Box 350, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Our web site is www.magsydney.org

Newsletter 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) 325 77743 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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