

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men

MARCH & APRIL 2017



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



MAG's very successful 2017 Mardi Gras Parade Bus

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Events planned for MAG SYDNEY INC in 2017

SATURDAY, 11th MARCH — To be advised

SATURDAY, 25th MARCH — To be Advised

**SATURDAY, 1st April - "Forbidden" a walking tour of
gay & lesbian Sydney — please see details below**

SATURDAY, 8th APRIL — To be Advised

SATURDAY, 29th APRIL - To be Advised

**Please visit MAG's web site for up to date information on Guest Speaker/
Topics or the to be announced meetings etc www.magsydney.org**

**Doing nothing on a Thursday night — then why not join some MAG guys who meet at the Petersham RSL Club
[near Petersham railway station] around 7pm.; for a meal, a drink of whatever, and even partake of a slice of beautiful lemon
meringue pie with ice cream . We discuss various matters in a nice & relaxed atmosphere & environment.
All are encouraged to join in. Please call Steve Warren for further details on 0417 393 877**

Forbidden - a walking tour of gay and lesbian Sydney. Saturday, 1st April 2017. **This is no April Joke; but a great change to learn of Sydney's Gay & Lesbian Past.**

There were many outrageous & forbidden characters from Sydney gay history - the gay bushranger hanged at Darlo Gaol, the preacher who scandalized the infant colony with his behavior, the lesbian gangster who always carried a knuckleduster in her handbag. And many, many more.

We go from the infancy of the new colony to the growth of Sydney as one of the great cities of the world. We visit forbidden places, talk about forbidden people — even come across a forbidden patch of asphalt.

The tour starts at Hyde Park Barracks, in Macquarie Street, at **6.30pm SHARP**.

Please do not be late!!! The tour goes for 2 hours.

It is a leisurely walk, and will finish at The Shift.

Our Guide will be Kim Knuckey, who's run over 400 walking tours all over Sydney in the past 8 years.

The cost to financial MAG Members will be **\$15.00**. Payable before hand – thanks.

We can even go and have a bite to eat, if participants wish to.

**Please let the President know if you want to join the tour group.
He feels it will be a most interesting tour & he will be a definite starter.**

Your President

MAG had a very successful 2017 Mardi Gras Festival — Pics from Fair Day and the Mardi Gras Parade follow. Our HK Heritage Bus looked great with Ken Mears' sequins MAG wording & a new front

banner. It was again a great hit with all passengers, other participants and the crowds along the Parade route. SBS TV coverage gave kind words about MAG as we passed the cameras in Taylor Square. There will be a expensive fee payable from who ever wishes to stand in the centre door of the bus in next year's Parade, as the guy who appeared on the TV coverage, was given plenty of coverage. My thanks to all who helped with dressing & undressing the of Bus, including our driver, Shirl and his friends — who were *God sends*. Thanks Suzie for my face [I received many compliments]. Roger for the use of your room, and Miss Marcia Monterey for my beautiful outfit. I was asked by a MAG Member Marcantonio di Cavalconti to rescue a Crown and Scepter that had been in a Mardi Gras Parade back in the 1980s — maybe 85,86 or later — with the help of Miss Marcia Monterey, I was able to restore them both, and pleased to have them as part of my Parade costume. I hope we did them justice. Many members saw lots of movies during Queer Screen's Mardi Gras Film Festival; as well as a number of guys attending The Love Project's Seniors Weeks Afternoon De-light event, which pleases me greatly — hope all enjoyed them. Best wishes to all. David — President.





We had a successful Fair Day at Camperdown Memorial Rest Park. We had a good location in the Park — it was a pity that the back entrance of the Stall was facing a pathway.

Anyway, many people saw US. To all who helped we say a big thank you. Like Michael, Alan, Lewis, Lionel and Trevor.

Many thanks Mark for providing great music with your big sound box system. We did lose money on the day, but that was outweighed with us being there & flying the MAG flag

Photos courtesy of Joe, Michelle & David.



Dame Dolly and Michael, as an Indian, were on page 3 of the Sydney Morning Herald following Fair Day — what great publicity for MAG.

Mardi Gras Parade - 2017



Thank you everyone who joined our bus & made the night a great success !!!



Mardi Gras Parade - 2017



These magnificent photographs are courtesy of Valery. [ALSO](#) Michelle has her photos for sale. Kindly catch up with her at any of our meetings to see many more great pics of the Parade and Fair Day







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:
Russ Gluyas | 9206 2017 | loveproject@acon.org.au

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]
 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:

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Steve Ostrow - contact the President for Steve's mobile

Committee Members:

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

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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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