

# MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men

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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](http://www.magsydney.org)

# What a magnificent 40th Anniversary of Mardi Gras



Mark



Chris



Wayne



Our Bus main side



Trevor



Valery



Our Bus other side



## Events planned for MAG SYDNEY INC in 2018

**SATURDAY, 10th March** — **Postmortem on our Fair Day & Parade efforts**

**SATURDAY, 31st March** — **NO MEETING AS THE ACON BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED**

**SATURDAY, 14th April** — “Jacky” - My Glamorous Life

**SATURDAY, 28th April** — Peter Sage — A 35mm Slide Show of photos  
Historical Sydney Transport

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

[www.magsydney.org](http://www.magsydney.org)

### Our Thursday nite social gathering:-

If you are not doing anything on a Thursday night, then why not join some MAG guys who meet at the Petersham RSL Club. It is located very close to Petersham Railway Station, from around 7pm.

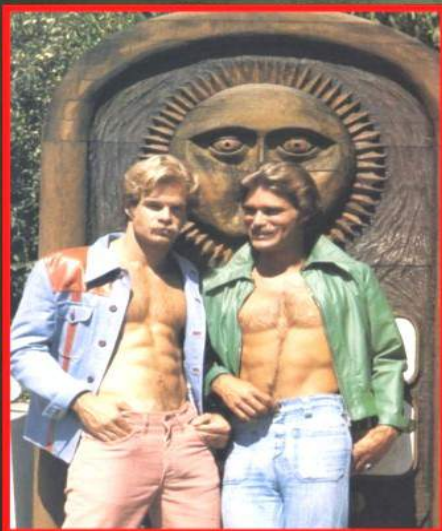
We chat over various matters, enjoy a very reasonably priced meal, drink of whatever [some of us even partake of a slice of beautiful lemon meringue pie with ice cream — off course it is 99% fat free - haha

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

## 7 RULES OF LIFE

1. Make peace with your past so it won't disturb your future.
2. What other people think of you is none of your business.
3. The only person in charge of your happiness is you.
4. Don't compare your life to others. Comparison is the thief of joy.
5. Time heals almost everything Give it time.
6. STOP thinking so much It's alright not to know all the answers.
7. SMILE You don't own all the problems in the world.



Personal Photo: The Marc-Leons: New York City  
The day before our “Exchanging of Vows”  
as a recognised de facto Gay Couple  
April 6<sup>th</sup> 1975

*For all those in M. A. G.  
Congratulations for all who will soon legally marry  
I offer you, Leon's and My "Exchanging of Vows"  
Saturday: 6<sup>th</sup> of April. 1975*

“I, [Leon / Marc] promise, to love you, to honour you, to care for you. To respect you, to support and defend you, not matter what. To acknowledge and celebrate the differences in our personalities and backgrounds and to work together with you in our gay union through all the good times and the bad as your soul mate, lover and partner, together for as long as I live”.

Then Rodger our J.P asks both of us:

“Do you [Leon / Marc] take [Leon / Marc] and publicly acknowledge him as your soul mate, lover and partner, together for as long as you live”

And the answer is. “I do”. Leon and I then slip the rings on each other's ring finger.

Then Rodger says “By this legal declaration before witnesses and signed by yourselves and those same witnesses, and as your Lawyer and as a Justice of the Peace in the State of New York, I declare you, Leon and Marc are a legal de facto / cohabiting couple in the State of New York and as such you, Leon and Marc now enjoy the rights and privileges of this status. You may hence forth be known as the Marc-Leons. You may kiss your soul mate”

*I hope that you'll be as happy as we were.*

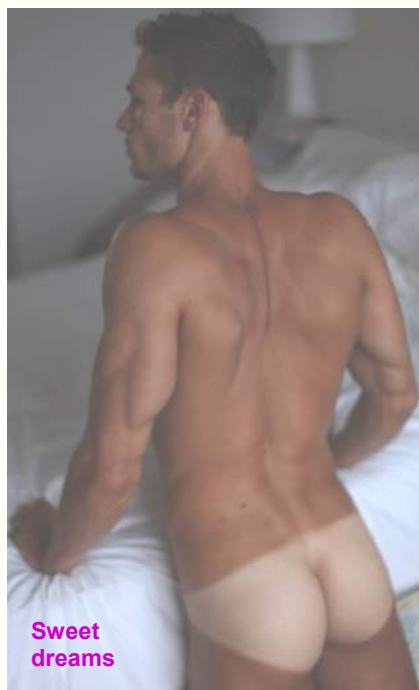
*Marcantonio*



Greetings Members and friends,  
 Happy Mardi Gras !!! MAG was at Fair Day and in the 40th Anniversary Mardi Gras Parade. We *flew the flag*, as they say in the classics and were well and truly seen on the SBS TV coverage. Our very own Trevor was interviewed; together with some us guys in background shots, in “a post card clip”, prior to our bus being shown. I was very impressed on Trevor’s words and how good our bus looked on the TV. Thanks to John, Lionel, Trevor & Lewis for helping out at Fair Day. Thank you to all who came by to say ‘hi’, or donated goods to sell, or who purchased an item or two. We raised \$135 from the sale of *good quality second hand goods*. The hire of the stall cost us \$330; so we lost money on the day, **BUT** MAG was there and lots of people noticed our Stall, thanks to the new rainbow backed banners, that were above the stall, even though they started to collapse in the strong afternoon breeze. In the Parade MAG’s Mantra was **“We know we’re grey, but we’re here & we’re proud to be gay!”** MAG had just under 40 participants in the group, a lot walked in front of the bus, instead of walking behind it, where the music was blaring out of our 5 speakers. I am pleased everything worked well for this Parade. Thank you Mark to putting together our songs, ‘Love is in the Air’ and ‘Love in the First Degree’. The crowds were bopping along to our music. Thank you Glen for your help in getting the gear to Leichhardt and suggesting the design of the sequins and yellow plastic floral sheeting with our sequin MAG name banners [made many years ago by Ken Mears - thanks to Ken’s efforts these banners have lasted well and still look **magnificent**]. Thanks to all who helped ‘dress’ and ‘undress’ the Bus like — Glen, Belinda, Trevor, Valery, Chris and friends of the bus driver Shirli. Thank you John for help in getting all the gear back to my home in the early hours of the Sunday morning following the Parade — much appreciated. Thanks Geoff for your hospitality for our after Parade soiree. Valery and Michelle took many, many photos, as did John M. Everywhere you looked, there was a MAG photographer checking you out - thanks guys for taking your time and efforts in doing this. Please check out Michelle at future MAG meetings for her beautifully presented Parade Books. *Our unofficial Social Secretary* – Trevor did a terrific job in arranging bookings for various Mardi Gras Festival events — like “Strangers in Between” at the Seymour Centre, starring Simon Burke. We visited “The Museum of Love and Protest” at the National Arts School [in the old Forbes Street Gaol]. Participated in a Gay History Walk with *Cardinal French* & the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgent, which was so entertaining and informative. We did a walk around Kings Cross with Joseph Carmel Chetcuti on the first Mardi Gras. We also attended a *drag show* at the Seymour Centre “Lifetime in Lipstick” with Mitzi Macintosh. We saw the Australian LGBTI Military Service since WWII at the Tap Gallery. It was well put together. All the events were thoroughly enjoyable. I must acknowledge *Cardinal French* for his wealth information on the *good olde days of gay Sydney*. We have one more event to attend — next week, “*Fucking Men*” at the New Theatre, Newtown — which should be interesting.

Thank you Trevor for arranging all the bookings and tickets — much appreciated by myself and the MAG guys who attended those events. I liked Simon Burke in “Strangers in Between”, I could relate to his character at times. I am pleased a number of our guys attended, as Trevor mentioned these events at Meetings, so guys could attend and enjoy each other’s company, outside a MAG Meeting environment.

**Happy 40th Anniversary**  
**Mardi Gras**  
**David President**



Sweet dreams



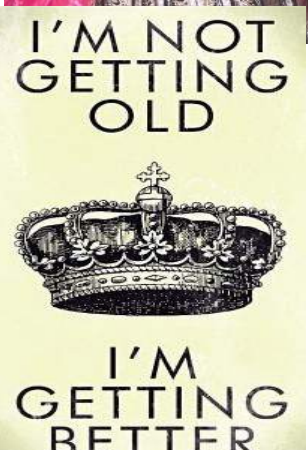
My outfit by Miss Marcia Monterey of Muswellbrook



Regular couple at Fair Day

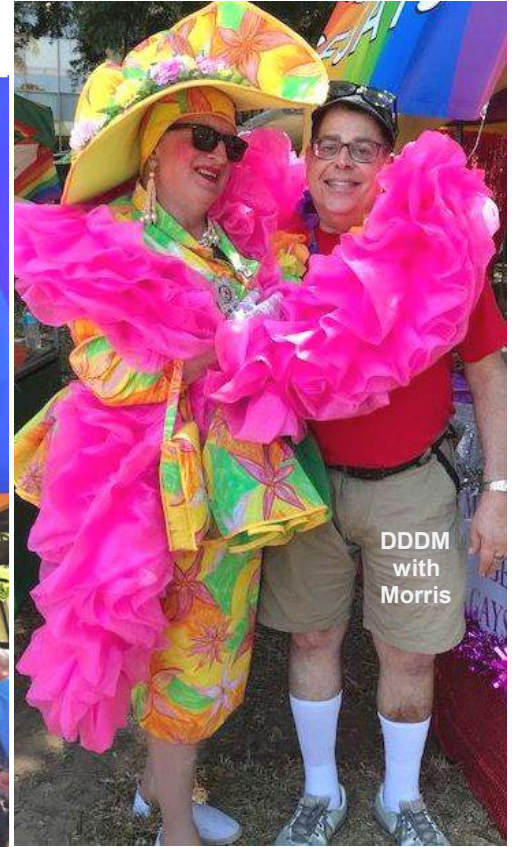


Royal wave





# MATURE AGE GAYS



Our 2018 Fair Day Stall. We were up near the Sydney Uni fence, out of the way, we thought. Then when the afternoon sun and humidity started to bight down in the bottom part of Victoria Park , we were under the shade of big trees, and with cool breezes blowing, we were comfortable. So we got the better end of the bargain.



Dear friends,  
I do hope that my Gay Tas History campaign offers you a clear understanding of the importance of gathering oral interviews (ie: individual life experiences), not previously recorded pre-1970's. It would mean a lot to future generations if you could support Gay Tas History by making a donation or sharing the campaign with your friends. You can see the campaign link here:  
<https://www.gofundme.com/gay-tas-history>  
Kind regards, Robert Thompson  
(Robert was a MAG Member back in the old Commonwealth Street days)

Photos courtesy of Valery & Michelle







Belinda

David with unknown man helping out



Shirl [bus driver]

Belinda



Trevor,

James

Chris

All these magnificent photos are courtesy of Valery



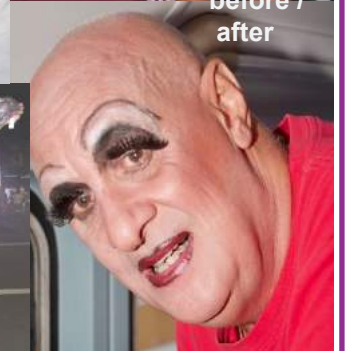
Bill



Thomas



Lewis before / after



John

Adrian



Suzie

Chris



Nigel dancing



Lifesaver

Tatiana TO

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Belinda

Crystal

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Noel from Brissy

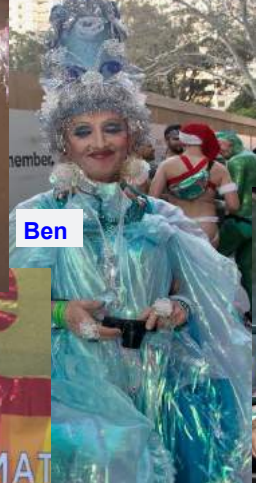


Tatiana Titts Off

Valery

Suzie Wong







**LOVE**  
Living Older  
Visibly and Engaged

# AFTERNOON DELIGHT



Celebrating 10 years, Afternoon Delight is a movie matinee and relaxed social afternoon for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex seniors and their friends. Enjoy the feature film, *Political Animals*, and a selection of short films followed by a delicious afternoon tea, networking and access to local community health information.

Presented by ACON in association with Queer Screen and supported by Uniting and Reliant Health Care.

**SYDNEY:** Sunday 22 April, 2pm – 5pm  
Event Cinemas, 505-525 George Street, Sydney

Cost: FREE or gold coin donation

**\*\* BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL \*\***

Call: Manjusha 02 9206 2107

Email: [mmerrymaker@acon.org.au](mailto:mmerrymaker@acon.org.au)

[loveproject.org.au](http://loveproject.org.au) | [acon.org.au/afternoondelight](http://acon.org.au/afternoondelight)



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HEALTHCARE



## 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:**  
**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](http://www.magsydney.org)

**The Editor: 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.countrynetwork.com.au)

**Cronulla Gay Group** - [www.cronullagaygroup.com](http://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](http://www.gamma.org.au)

**Gaydownunder** - [www.gaydownunder.com](http://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](http://www.sydneygaymeditationgroup.com)

**GSN - Gay Sydney Nudists** - [www.gsinc.com](http://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](mailto:office@mccsydney.org)

**PFLAG** - Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays.  
[www.pflagaustralia.org](http://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](mailto:southern.cross.outdoors.group@gmail.com)

**SPAIDS** - Sydney Park AIDS Memorial Groves

Dates on tree planting days kindly contact [josken@josken.net](mailto: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](mailto:christ-our-hope-community.net)

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