

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men

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Happy Mardi Gras



Great pic of MAG's 2022 Mardi Gras Parade Contingent

MAG's 2022 Fair Day Stall



Photos courtesy of Steve & Valery

CONGRATULATIONS !!

All at MAG send their congratulations and best wishes to Nic Packhill, CEO of ACON for his OAM Award in the 2022 Australia Day Awards. Well done Nic !!!!

We care for each other by sharing friendships and offering support where needed to other guys, so as to lead a fulfilled life.

MAG's website www.magsydney.org

Events planned for MAG Members in 2022

MAG has been given permission to conduct our meetings in the Cafe area of ACON, from March 2022.

We have decided to re-start our meetings as from Saturday, 26th March, and we are so happy to be meeting up again.

Members should read the following:

Anyone who would like to attend our meetings, **MUST BOOK** with either Trevor or David.

Both their phone numbers are on the back of the newsletter.

The total number of all persons in the cafe will be **26 people**

So, once the number of 26 has been reached, then guys who want to attend a meeting, will be asked to kindly book for future meeting date.

Next listed meetings are for
26th March — **BOOKED OUT**
A Social Evening

9th April — **Bookings Open**
To be Announced

30th April — **Bookings Open**
Russ Gluyas, The Love Project

14th May — **Bookings Open**
To be Announced

28th May — **Bookings Open**
To be Announced

Kindly check our Facebook page for updated information on our meetings

Our Website is

www.magsydney.org

MAG's mid-week social function.

A number of us MAG guys have been Meeting at the Petersham RSL, on a Wednesday evening, from 7pm to 9pm. We have been doing this for well over 5 years now.

An enjoyable evening is had by all. We chat, laugh, as well as enjoying a lite meal, a drink - of what takes your fancy

A Double Vaccination Certificate is required along with photo ID

For further info, please contact MAG's President.

RIP James Falconer

Sometime in March 2022 — 83 years.

Jim was a *real character*.

He always came along to our Meetings — late.

Afterwards, he would then go to Town Hall Station.

He was always on the look out for something to collect and was keen to show you what he had found.

We will certainly miss his friendly, cheeky grin.



RIP Martin Hogan

Sometime in 2021 — 83 years.

His niece sent a letter following the 2022 Jan/Feb Newsletter, advising of his passing.

Martin lived in Molong, north-west of Orange.

He loved receiving the MAG Newsletter.

Martin had kindly invited us to visit Molong. Covid 19 sadly changed this.

Sadly, we do not have a photo of Martin

Remembering MAG in your Will

A number of previous members have very generously bequeathed a gift of money in their Wills to MAG, following their passing from this life.

We would be honoured if Members or friends of MAG might also consider to do this.

President's Report

We are so happy to be meeting in the café area of the ACON Building.

Only 26 persons are permitted to be in the area.

3 guys who prepare our delicious suppers are part of that total.

Bookings must be made with either Trevor or myself. This will help catering purposes.

In fact, once the restrictions are lifted, I want any guys who wish to attend, to let us know before hand, as this will help our catering guys have enough meals prepared. As on previous occasions, we have had more people than meals; which has been very embarrassing for the committee.

We had a terrific day at Fair Day, Victoria Park, Broadway.

We had an okay location, excepting for the damn generator spewing out fumes all day, for lighting that should have been turned off once it was daylight.

Thanks Justin and Tom VDB for helping me set up the Stall, to make it look presentable and to let the punters know who we were.

Thanks Trevor for doing all the required paperwork and for manning the Stall, together with Lionel and Lewis.

At the end of the long day Justin and Mark H helped me take down all our signage and sequins etc and packed it up. Without this help, our Stall would not be the success it was. From the sale of goods and donations from David M and Trevor, we came out even. Which was a great result.

We were seen and lots and lots of pics taken of yours truly [DDDM].

We do need more guys to step up and volunteer help out for next year, please.

Steve & DDDM practise the royal wave, before the Parade



Great pic with William



DDDM's Official photo



We had 14 participants in this years Mardi Gras Parade, which was a tad disappointing.

Thank you Trevor for all the behind the scenes you did with paperwork and briefings etc.

Thanks Michelle for the beautifully made vest. I was pleased to help with the fairy lights on the sliver caps (we wore last year) together with *tarting up* our face masks.

Thanks Valery for carrying the MAG Banner. Thanks to the guys and Elizabeth for representing MAG. Thank you Michelle for taking many, many photos of us participants. They will make a lovely souvenir of a fun evening.

So, please check out Michelle's beautifully presented books on the Parade. Bring along your \$5.00 notes out to purchase a few. I had a magnificent time, and I'm sure all everyone else did as well.

A number of us enjoyed a wonderful Chinese banquet in Chinatown afterwards.

Thanks Wira for ordering the delicious food for us to enjoy.

Thanks Trevor and Justin for your donations of *lovely* champers.

The ABC TV coverage of the Parade, showed us looking good, on TV, which was very pleasing, especially of our *'hobbling'* Wayne Y with his walking stick.

I WILL NOT BE IN THE MAG 2023 PARADE CONINGENT.

The talented Miss Marcia Monterey of Muswellbrook has kindly asked me to join her.

So I am asking NOW for volunteers to help Trevor.

Keep safe, David — President.

Disclaimer

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A Great shot of some of the group



Michelle & Elizabeth



Wayne L relaxing



Wayne Y, Tom & Wira arms spreading



Valery 'selfie'



Kelvin



We were on the boardwalk
Terrific pic taken by Valery



Selfie taken by Valery



Lovely pic, taken by William, who was in the Grand Stand



A great pic of us was taken by Tim, who was in the Grand Stand



These pics taken by Valery

The MAG Stall

Tom & Justin finish off decorating the Stall.

Lewis, Lionel & Trevor are inside the Stall.

Our Stall was up near the Sydney Uni fence line, near City Road.



Lewis & Lionel



Great pic of the big crowd this pic taken by Ann-Marie



DDDM is now a Dyke on a Bike pic taken by Justin



Hoang, DDDM & Morris



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Afternoon Delight



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Afternoon delight is a movie matinee, afternoon tea and social gathering for the older lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community and friends.

Enjoy the feature film 'Swan Song', and a selection of short films followed by delicious treats, drag celebrities, networking and access to local health information.

Presented by ACON's LOVE Project and funded by NSW Seniors Festival and the City of Sydney, in association with Queer Screen.

Cost: FREE or a gold coin donation.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

Sunday, 3rd April 2022, 2pm to 5pm — Events Cinemas, 505 — 525 George Street, Sydney

Register at https://www.loveproject.org.au/afternoon_delight

Or Contact Russ phone: 9206 2017. email: rgluyas@acon.org.au

Participants must abide by the COVID safety guidelines provided upon entry to the venue.

ACON reserves the right to refuse entry or request the removal of anyone not abiding by the COVID-Safe Guidelines.

Where & when MAG meets

When we are able to, 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. We have a **light** supper.

Trevor is maintaining our Guest Speaker Lists.

If any member feel that a certain person could give an informative talk at MAG, then kindly contact Trevor.

He will be very pleased to hear from any of our members or friends.

MAG's Details:

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

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Our website 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. 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 at the 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 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>

We kindly ask all our readers please get vaccinated and take good care, as well as keeping safe !!