

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men
MAY & JUNE 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 — details to follow

NUTRITIOUS DELICIOUS & SUPER SIMPLE



A FREE EVENT FOR LGBTI 55+

A SOCIAL EVENT & TASTING NIGHT SHOWCASING HEALTHY FOOD IDEAS

We invite you to join our host Tobin Saunders for a night featuring a delicious six course tasting menu and mocktails.

Prepared by chef Ian Rogan and with nutritional advice from dietician Ali Grattan-Smith (Clinic 16) the night will also include healthy ageing and recipe information.

This is a FREE event but a gold coin donation is appreciated. A lucky door prize will also be drawn on the night. Bookings are essential for catering purposes.

The event is hosted by ACON's LOVE Project (Living Older Visibly and Engaged). The LOVE Project aims to empower LGBTI seniors to lead healthy, active and social lives. This project is funded by NSW Family and Community Services.



Date & Time

Wednesday 25 May, 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Location

ACON, 414 Elizabeth St, Surry Hills

RSVP

**By 23/5/16 | loveproject@acon.org.au
Russ (02) 9206 2017**



Look us up on the web www.magsydney.org

Events planned for MAG SYDNEY INC

Thursday evening social nights at the Petersham Inn Hotel on Parramatta Road at Petersham.
Drinks from 6.30pm — Dinner approx 7pm — all most welcome to join us.

Saturday 14th May — 2016 Mardi Gras Parade - photo nite pics from Michelle & Valery

Saturday 28th May — Dr Justin Koonin, President of ACON

Saturday 11th June — ~~There will be~~ **NOMEETING** — sorry

~~The ACON building will be locked down as it is~~

~~the Queens Birthday Long Weekend — So, may we say *God Save all the Queens*~~

Saturday 25th June — To Be Announced

SATURDAY 30th July —

**MAG SYDNEY INC's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
& ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR
THE PERIOD OF 2016/2017/2018**

Hello | 您好

UNSW
The University of New South Wales

CSRH
Centre for Social Research in Health



This study is endorsed by ACON



Researchers at The University of New South Wales are seeking volunteer research participants to learn about the experiences and health of **ethnic Chinese gay men** living in Sydney.



We are particularly interested in the experiences of mature age Chinese gay men who have been living in Australia since the 1980s or earlier.



We will conduct a face-to-face interview (It's a relaxing chat!) with eligible participants about their stories as Chinese gay men living in Sydney. **No real name is needed. All information will be kept confidential.**

Participants will receive a \$25 grocery gift voucher after the interview.

For more details please contact Horas Wong

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Fax: +61 2 9385 6455 (Attn: Horas)

Study website: <http://rainbowendstudy.info>

Your President

I send greetings to everyone,
 Thank you to all those MAG guys who supported The Love Project's "Afternoon Delight", and attended this function that was held at the Events Cinema in George Street, Sydney — as part of the Seniors Week, now called the Seniors Festival.
 I enjoyed the *shorts* and *the main feature* — which was a doco on heart throb — **Tab Hunter**. I did have one problem, that that I am still singing one of his songs that was shown in the doco — **"Young Love"**.

After the screening, there were delicious refreshments served by lovely hostesses, which was very pleasant and enjoyable, however I thought the bar in the middle of the area made it difficult to "circulate".

We again had Robina Beard [*'You know you are soaking in it'* ads] as our NSW Seniors Festival Ambassador. Robina certainly embodied the *grow young* theme.

She was lovely and gave us some interesting stories of her life, which we all enjoyed.

I would have liked more of our members to have been in attendance. ACON in conjunction with various partners hosts this afternoon for us - senior members of the gay community and we should be strongly supporting this event. It only cost a gold coin donation — very expensive!

I would like to remind everyone that MAG SYDNEY INC's Memberships for 2016/2017 will be required as from 1st July 2016. Renewal Membership Forms will be available shortly.

Please check with our Treasurer, Bill.

Currently we have 123 Members, which I am very pleased with. I would like to place on record my appreciation to those guys who give a helping hand at meetings and those members who regularly attend our meeting and functions. Naturally, we do have members who are not in a position to do that, but support us in *spirit*. Thanks everyone!!

The handsome Tab Hunter



I am with two of the lovely hostesses



I am with one of the lovely hostesses
 The overhead pink lighting made a pics taken in a certain area turn out *pinkish*.

Forewarning members and friends that MAG SYDNEY INC's Annual General Meeting [**our AGM**] will be held on Saturday, 30th July 2016.

As our Constitution stipulates, an election of Office Bearers is to be held sometime in 2016. Guys who feel that they could serve MAG in a more positive way might give some thought of nominating for a position from

President, Secretary, Treasurer, or nominate for the MAG Committee. Thank you to our present Committee

Best wishes to all,

David
President



In front of the Looking Glass at the Events Cinema

Afternoon Delight 2016



Some of our lovely hostess
Michael who is on his mobile in the background



John & David with a most attentive
hostess — lovely finger sandwiches and
delicious cake of all description

The overhead pink lighting made a
pics taken in certain areas turn out
'pinkish'.

Pics courtesy of Valery,
Steve & David



Saul & Michael with our lovely *tallish* hostess



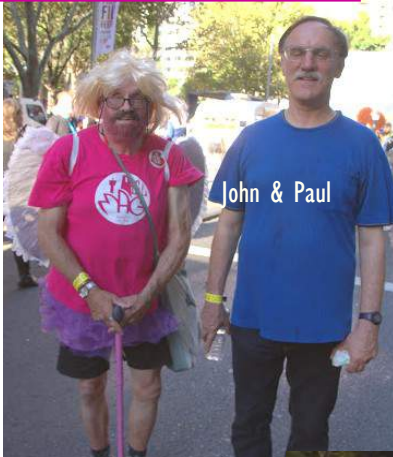
Jon hugging our lovely *tallish* hostess

Afternoon Delight 2016

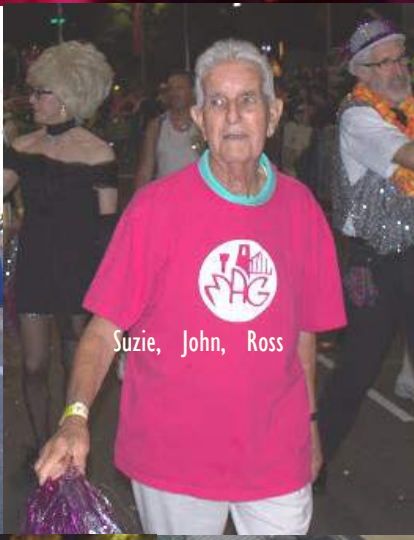


Group shot of all of our lovely hostesses

Late pics of 2016 M G Parade



John & Paul



Suzie, John, Ross



Roger, Noel



John



Jon



Chito



Nigel

THE PERFECT HUSBAND

Several men are in the changing room of a golf club.

A mobile phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands-free speaker function and begins to talk.

Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello"

WOMAN: "Hi Babe, it's me. Are you at the club?"

MAN: "Yes."

WOMAN: "I'm at the shops now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$5,000; is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, go ahead if you like it that much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Mercedes Dealers and saw the latest models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "\$450,000."

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the bells and whistles. Leather seats etc."

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing..."

I was just talking to Margaret and found out that the house I wanted to buy last year is back on the market. They're asking \$11,000,000 for it."

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and make an offer of \$10,500,000."

They'll probably take it. If not, we can go the extra five hundred-thousand if it's what you really want."

WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you so much!"

MAN: "Bye! I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are staring at him in astonishment, mouths wide open.

He turns and asks, "Anyone know who's phone this is?"

Sherlock Homes & Dr Watson.

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson went camping. They pitched their tent under the stars, After dinner and a bottle of wine, they lay down for the night, and go to sleep.

Sometime in the middle of the night, Holmes nudged and woke his faithful friend and said: "Watson, look up at the stars, and tell me what you see."

Watson replied: "I see millions and millions of stars."

Holmes said: "and what do you deduce from that?"

"Well, if there are millions of stars, and if even a few of those have planets, it's quite likely there are some planets like earth out there. And if there are a few planets like earth out there, there might also be life."

Holmes said: "and what do you deduce from that?"

Watson pondered for a minute.

"Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets."

"Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo."

"Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three."

"Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant."

"Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow."

Watson replied:

Holmes said: "Watson, you idiot, it means that somebody stole our bloody tent."

Thoughtful husband

A thoughtful Scottish husband was putting on his coat and hat on to make his way down to the local Pub. He turned to his wee wife before leaving and said,

"Maggie – put your hat and coat on, lassie".

She replied, "Awe Jock that's nice – are you taking me tae the Pub with you?"

'Naw', Jock replied, ' I'm turning off the heat while I'm out'.



COMMUNITY HOUSING CONSULTATIONS

A FREE EVENT FOR LGBTI SENIORS



The event is hosted by ACON's LOVE Project (Living Older Visibly and Engaged). The LOVE Project aims to empower LGBTI seniors to lead healthy, active and social lives. This project is funded by NSW Family and Community Services.

IDENTIFYING AND PROMOTING MODELS OF SECURE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We invite everyone to attend one of our community consultations throughout NSW, to discuss local challenges and solutions to secure and affordable housing.

We're currently exploring housing models in order to contribute to an increase in the proportion of older people in the LGBTI community who have secure and affordable housing.

Please come along to this FREE event and share your lived experience of housing challenges and workshop some ideas for solutions.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Date & Time

**Monday 16 May
6.00pm - 8.00pm**

Location

**ACON
129 Maitland Rd Islington**

RSVP

By 13/5/16

Date & Time

**Thursday 19 May
6.00pm - 8.00pm**

Location

**ACON
414 Elizabeth St Surry Hills**

RSVP

By 17/5/16

Date & Time

**Monday 23 May
6.00pm - 8.00pm**

Location

**Lismore Workers Club
231 Keen St Lismore**

RSVP

By 20/5/16

Date & Time

**Thursday 26 May
6.00pm - 8.00pm**

Location

**TBA
Western Sydney**

RSVP

By 24/5/16

RSVP

Russ | (02) 9206 2017 | loveproject@acon.org.au



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/>