

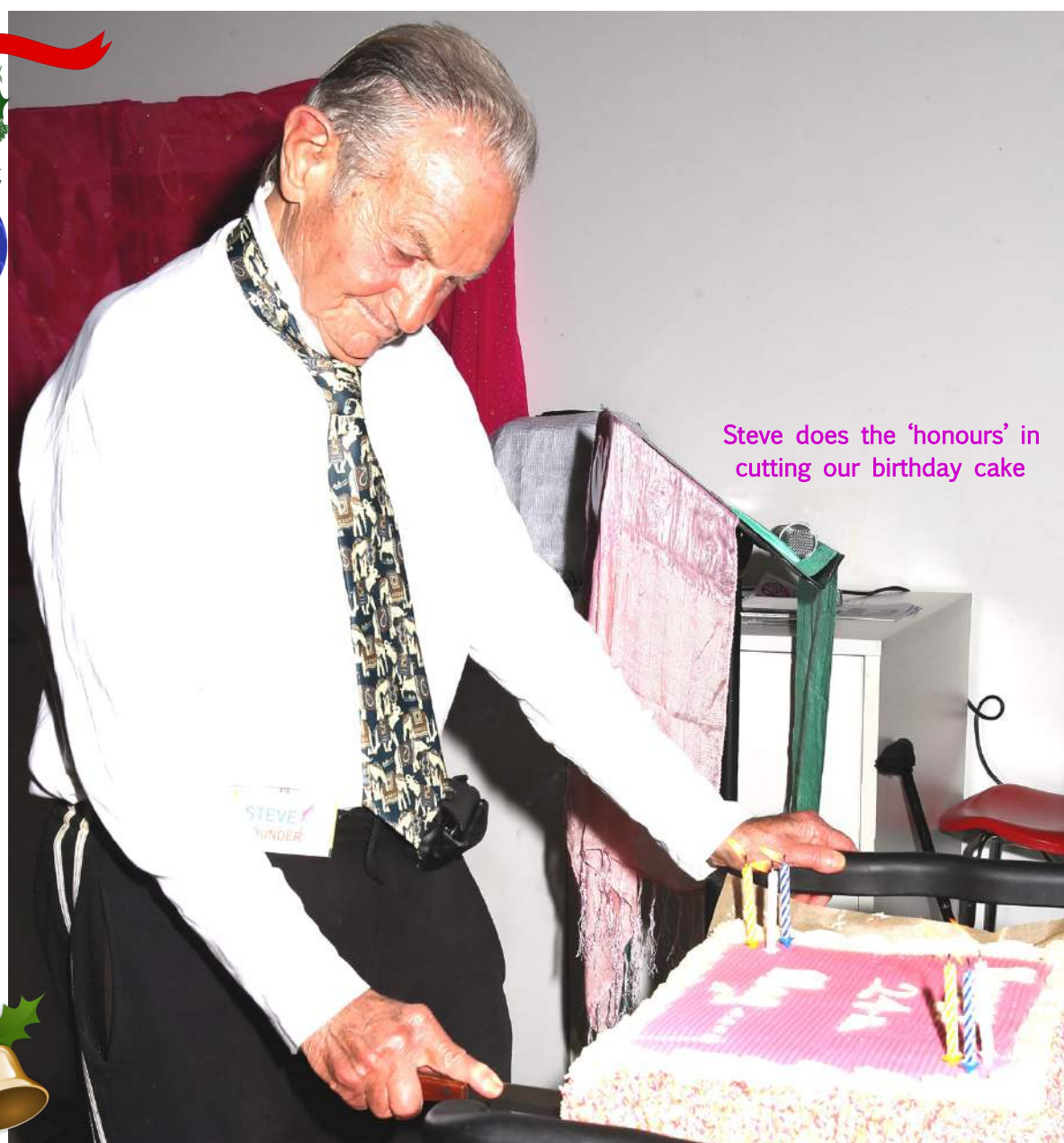
MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2015



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

Our 24th Anniversary function was a great success!!!!



Steve does the 'honours' in cutting our birthday cake



Look us up on the web www.magsydney.org

MAG'S EVENTS in 2015 — *what is left of the year*

Thursday evenings, at the Petersham Inn, on Parramatta Road, Petersham, are still happening in 2015. Peter and Merv again 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 a number our guys have joined the Pub's Social Club, hoping to have their badge drawn out, and possibly win some cash.

Saturday 14th NOVEMBER — Walter Roper – Chronic pelvic pain.

Saturday 28th NOVEMBER — Tony Breinl — Lifestyle changes to avoid cancer

Saturday 12th DECEMBER — Our Christmas Social

Please dress in some festive attire — so to add to the ambience of the evening.

Saturday 26th DECEMBER — WE WILL **NOT** have our MEETING as the ACON building will be locked down.



To all our readers may you have a very enjoyable Christmas Day and the best of all good wishes to you all for the new year with plenty of good health.



VALE

It is with much regret that we advise the passing of Peter Taylor [21st August], James Condon [3rd October 2015], who was the loving partner of Brian McKenzie and John White [3rd October 2015].

Peter Taylor



Peter was 82 years old. He had not been at our meetings for a while, although he was sent our Newsletters.

James Condon



James was 74 years old. He loved a glass of champers or two, and was a talented musician; playing the violin in various Orchestras.

He had not been in the best of health for a number of years of late.

John White



John was 83 years old and attending meetings on a regular basis, although he was not in the best of health, which prevented him from attending during the past winter months.

John was awarded an OBE on his 80th birthday in 2012 by the then Secretary, David. Not an "Officer of the British Empire"; but an "Over Bloody Eighty" medal, for which he was most appreciative in receiving.

They are now at peace — we give thanks for having known them

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The President's Report

Gentlemen and Michelle,

Well our 24th Anniversary function was a magnificent event. Thanks to all who attended and who wore a neck tie. Thank you Lewis & Lionel for your hard work in the kitchen and Ian from Catering Specialists for the lovely Thai Green Chicken Curry - it was delicious. Thank you Alex Greenwich MP for giving up your valuable time to be with us, as well as the guys from the Thai group. Thank you very much Brian Allen for helping me decorate the Cafe and for Steve Warren helping packing all the gear away.

It was interesting that some of our **Thai** friends did not have a neck tie, but I was only too pleased to help them out with one of my spare **neck ties**. Thanks Michelle for the pics. Our friend Michael Kirby could not be with us on the night, but has told me he wishes to be present for our 25th in 2016, and we will love for him to be with us then.

I decided to *re do* my Will and sought advice from Stuart Sutherland of Logical Legal — Solicitors & Barristers, in his Newtown Office, on King Street — please see his card on **page 10**. Stuart and his partner Michael, came to MAG a while ago and gave an interesting talk on Wills etc. I have bequeathed a small amount of money from my Estate to MAG and wanted to let you know that I found the process very easy.

So, if you are seeking any legal advice, I would have no hesitation in recommending Stuart to any of our members and friends. Talking about bequeaths to MAG; we have had some lovely, generous guys do this most kind gesture in the past. So, in the event members feel that they enjoy being part of MAG, then you are more than encourage to do, as I have done. Any bequeath is most gratefully received. The late John Goosen loved attending MAG functions. He and his partner John Smit had told me many times that they felt MAG was “family”, to which I would certainly agree.

John G kindly bequeathed MAG some money from his Estate — a lovely gesture indeed!!

I am saddened to advise the passing of gentlemen I have known for many years. Peter Taylor, James Condon, the loved partner of Brian McKenzie and John White. Peter passed away on 21st August 2015, while James & John died on the same day 3rd October 2015. I enjoyed John's stories of his exploits of what happened after MAG Meetings. He was really pleased to receive an OBE – “Over Bloody Eighty” Award, a few years ago.

To Jackie & Brian we express our heart felt sympathy.

May they all rest in peace.

Tim Ellis gave an interesting talk at MAG on what causes a bad back, in October.

If any readers need help with any back problem, may I suggest you contact Tim Ellis as I am sure he'll only be pleased to help you out. His card is on **page 10**.

At a recent General Meeting, Members adopted a recommendation that I proposed at that meeting for MAG to award Life Memberships to Steve Ostrow and John O'Dea for their outstanding services to MAG. It was a cloak and dagger situation, as both Steve & John were in attendance. I am pleased my motion was accepted.

Framed Life Membership Certificates were presented to our two shocked, newly awarded Life Members — Steve Ostrow & John O'Dea.

Please see their photos on **page 9**.

On Sunday 11th October, 26 people boarded our bus for a trip to the

Temples at Helensburgh & Wollongong. The SVT [Hindu Temple] at Helensburgh & the Nan Tien Temple [Buddhist Temple] at Berkeley. A great day was had by all.

Thanks Shirl & Michael from Southside Buses for taking us to see the Bald Hill Lookout, overlooking Stanwell Park, over the new Ocean Bridge & to see these interesting Temples and for getting us home safely.

Seasons Greetings to all

David - President



I would be an awful pole dancer



Conductor for Bus trip



I am with Alex Greenwich MP & Steve Warren at our 24th Anniversary party [TIEriffic evening]



Our 24th Anniversary

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Our Thai friends - 'peace brother'

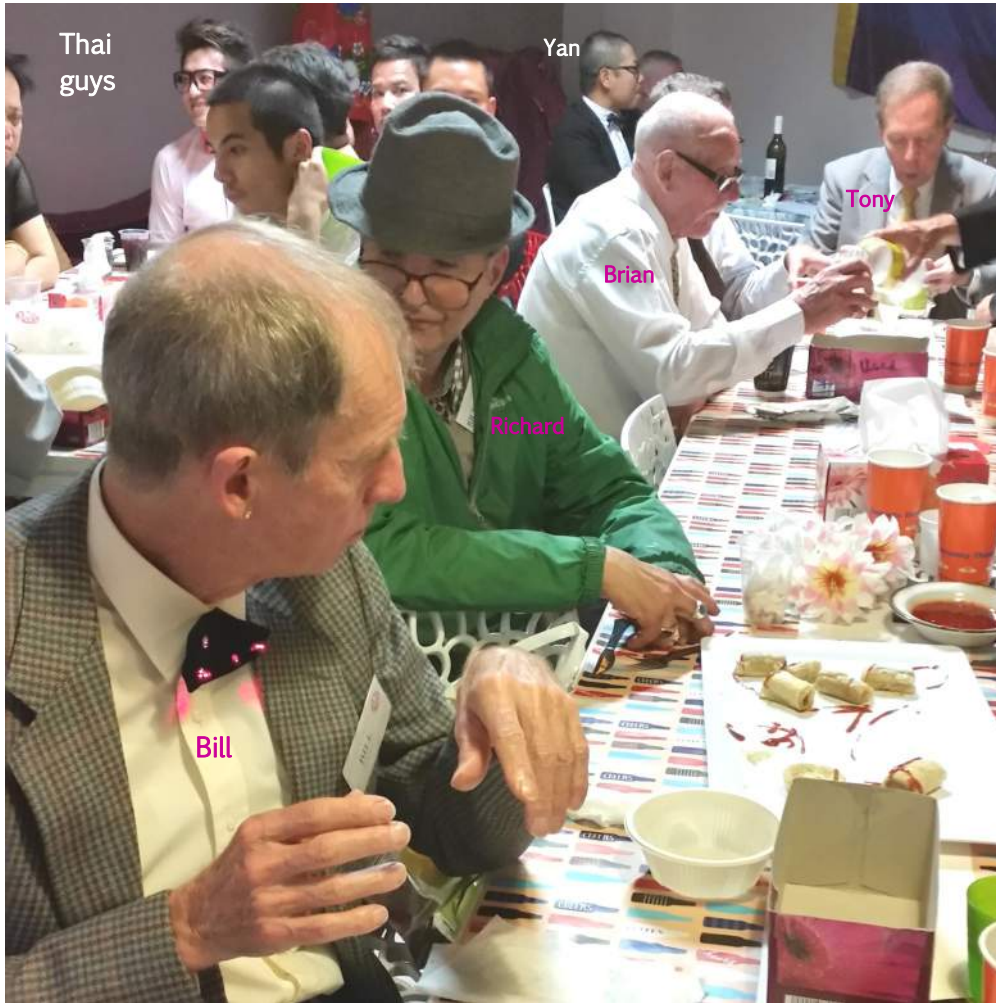


These cute Thai guys were wearing ties

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Brian looking resplendent in pink



Adrian from ACON with one of our Newsletters



"you put your left leg in"



Lionel aka Suzie Wong relaxes with Ross & Peter looking on



Michelle, picture above, took most of the photos of our 24th Anniversary Party. Copies can be purchased from her at \$5.00. Plus she many more that are displayed in her fantastic display books on our various functions — Please see her at any our meetings to have a look at her great pics



Morris



Alex

David

Tatnia Titsoff



James

Jacques

Don

Alex

Victor

Ross

Michael



Richard & Ronghui - interesting way to wear ties.
How many ties is Richard wearing, besides his bow tie ??
Ronghui is even wearing an old MAG T Shirt.

Tony and Paul



More of those cute Thai guys all wearing ties

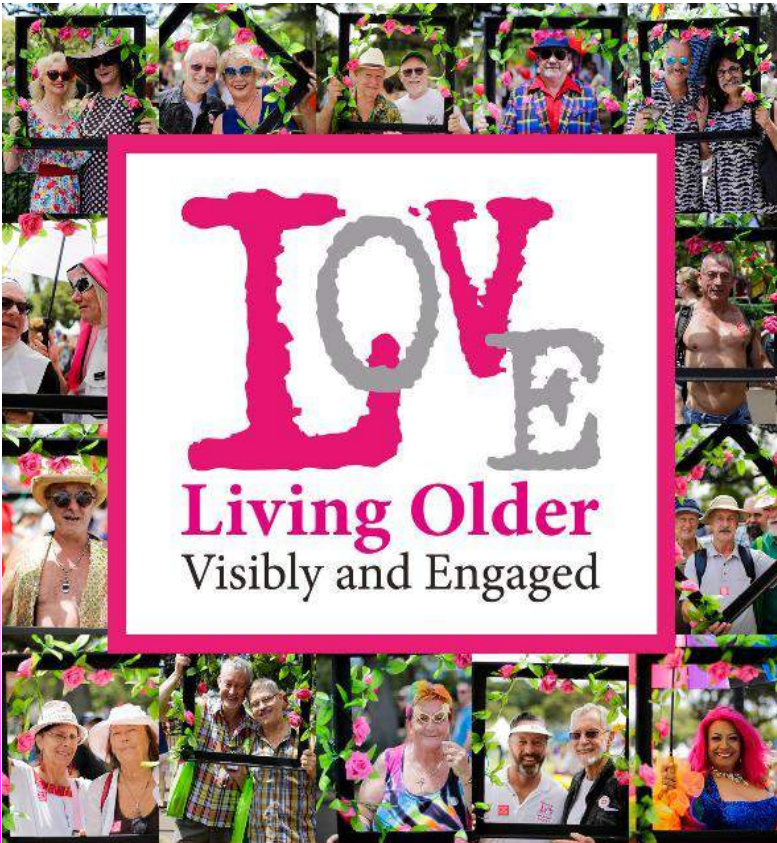


Toshi

Wayne

John — who is sadly no longer with us

Chito



The LOVE Project is an ACON initiative aimed at creating better conversations and improved social engagement with older lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) community members. By understanding people's needs and preferences we can facilitate greater social connectivity, improve social inclusion and provide appropriate health information for LGBTI elders. The LOVE Project welcomes you to get on board to share experiences, interact with other members of your community and maintain a healthy, active and social lifestyle.

Empowering lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex seniors to lead healthy active and social lives

Please visit our website, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for healthy ageing information, stories, news and upcoming events.

www.loveproject.org.au

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A Carer is Sought - Needed !!

Jason Kirk, is a MAG Member, and lives in Blackall Park, near Fassefern; just south of Newcastle. He is seeking someone to be a Carer for him. Jason is happy for a fellow MAG member; or someone might know of a person who could help him out. For further details of Jason's situation/payments/etc, please ring him on **0439 528 035**. Please, no time wasters — thank you.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS



Steve with his Life Membership Certificate



John with his Life Membership Certificate

At a meeting held on 26th September 2015, a recommendation from the President to the General Meeting was moved and seconded, and without any discussion was carried, which is most strange. The reason for this was due to the fact that both Steve and John were present at the meeting.

The President wishes to thank the members for their understanding and adoption of his recommendation that Life Membership be awarded to Steve Ostraw and John O'Dea.

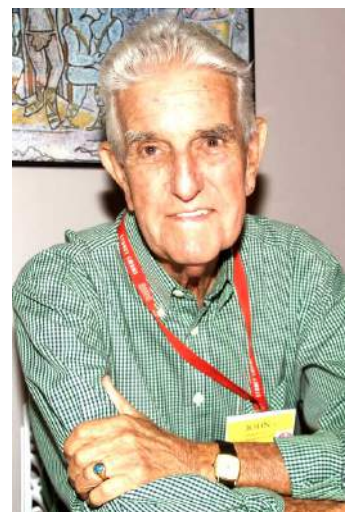
These two gentlemen have been stalwarts of our group & the awarding of Life Membership to them recognises their outstanding contribution and service they both have given over many, many years to MAG.

We also thank Steve for his guiding hand in ensuring the on going success of "his baby."

The pics below, were placed onto their certificates; and we thought our readers will be interested in them.



Steve



John



Marcantonio's Mango and Pistachio Homemade Popsicles

Introduction:

In 1994 our sons were going through their Werewolf years [puberty] and testosterone and hormonal mood surges were a daily occurrences. And as gay parents, all we could do is smile encouragingly, tell them that everything is fine and normal and hand them a roll of paper towels to clean up the mess. They also became acutely body conscience so they insisted on low sugar and natural food meals or desserts. Swapping notes with another gay dad we came up with this highly nutritious dessert that met the approval of our developing sons. So much so that it became a popular favourite when the fresh mango season came about. Ok not all of you have testosterone and hormonal moody teenagers to deal with but this little wonder is a great treat to serve up this summer as El Niño hits. So try this out and enjoy.

Ingredients:

01. 1 1/3 cup THICK Greek Yogurt
02. Can Mango Nectar Concentrate
03. 1 ripe mango, peeled and chopped [about 1 1/2 cups]
04. 1/2 cup granulated sugar
05. 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom
06. 1 tablespoon crystallized ginger, chopped
07. 1/2 cup chopped pistachios



Preparation: Prep Time: 5 minutes active time. Serves: 12

01. Pour the all ingredients, minus the pistachios, into a blender. Cover and blend until mostly smooth.
02. Sprinkle with pistachios and gently fold into the mix then spoon into 12 - regular sized Popsicle moulds.
03. Freeze till nearly solid. Then push a Popsicle stick into the centre of each pop and sprinkle with extra pistachios and press gently.
04. Place back in the freezer until solid. To loosen, place the mould up-side-down under warm running tap water.

Enjoy.



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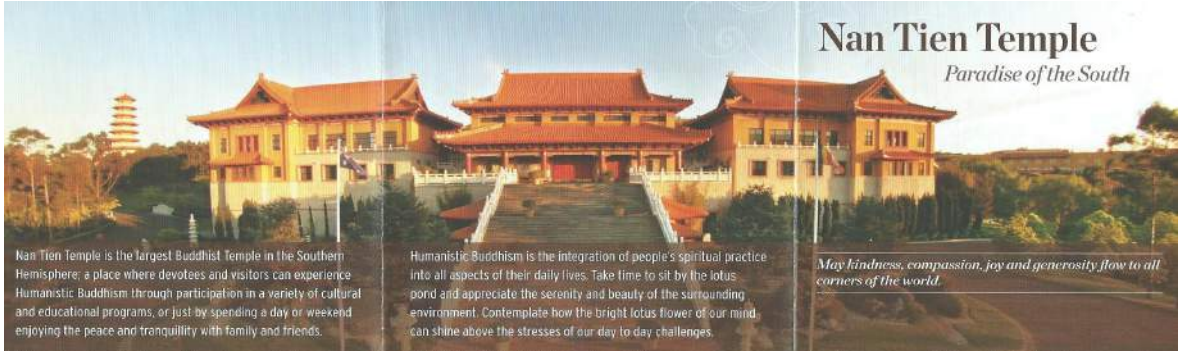


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Trip to two [2] Temples

On Sunday 11th October, 26 MAG guys & friends boarded a bus No. 69, from outside the ACON Building in Elizabeth Street, for a trip to see two [2] Temples south of Sydney — at Helensburgh & at Berkley, which is further south of Wollongong. **Sri Venkateswara Temple [Hindu Temple] at Helensburgh**, & **Nan Tien Temple [Buddhist Temple] at Berkeley** were magnificent. Thank you to our drivers Shirl & Michael, [Michael is also the owner of the Bus — (Southside Buses)], for taking us to see the Temples, then the fantastic view from the Bald Hill Lookout, overlooking Stanwell Park; over the Sea Cliff Bridge, (a cantilever bridge built to connect Coal Cliff with Clifton [It only cost \$52M]) and for getting us home safe and sound. A great day was had by all. We were pleasantly surprised to see a familiar face in John O'Dea, when we were at the SVT at Helensburgh – thanks for coming out to see us John. Thanks to our passengers for supporting the outing – much appreciated – David.



Below is a group photo — less our 3 missing travellers



'show passes and concessions please'



Standing — Chito, Michael, Alan, Morris, Brian, xxx, John, Steve, Adrian, Merv, Roger, David, Alex, John & Jacques. *Guys on the rock* — John, Barry & Bill



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: Bill Alford: 8096 4891

The Founder of MAG: Steve Ostrow - 9358 1460

The Committee:

Lewis Turtur 9319 1280
 John Waterstreet 0449 290 898
 Geoff Ostling 9568 3029
 Ken Mears



MAG/C - MAG in the Community:

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

Our postal address is:

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Our web site is www.magsydney.org

Editor: Michael Filipovic

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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

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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

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