

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2017



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



Pics from our successful 26th Anniversary



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Events planned for MAG SYDNEY INC in 2017

SATURDAY, 11th NOVEMBER - "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal." **Phil Slattery**

SATURDAY, 25th NOVEMBER - Sydney Tramways 1861 — 1961
Talk & slide show by Peter Sage

Day & date to be advised - An outing to Sydney Tram Museum at Loftus, either on a Wednesday or on a Sunday is being planned. We will go to Loftus by train Opal Card \$2.50. Admission cost to the museum is \$12.00 for concession holders.



Nikolai Dyumin is recognised for his stylish technical skill, personal warmth and wide ranging repertoire.

SATURDAY, 9th DECEMBER - **MAG's Xmas Social evening**
with **Nokolai Dyumin** as our entertainer

To help with catering, please let David, Lewis, Lionel or Trevor know if you will be at our Xmas Do; also if you intend to bring any friends Please wear some festive attire!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS



30th DECEMBER - The building will be closed

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

If you are not doing anything on a Thursday night, then why not join some MAG guys who meet up at the **Petersham RSL Club** [which is very close to Petersham Railway Station] around 7pm. We chat over various matters, enjoy a reasonably price 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**

Phil Slattery, our Guest Speaker for 11th November has experience in working with teachers, parents, students and carers from various cultural and religious traditions. He worked in Primary Education in ACT, NSW and Queensland for over 40 years as a Teacher, Principal and Consultant before working in the Funeral ministry. Initially he worked at Rookwood Catholic Cemetery: in Customer Service, as Mission Director and Community Relations Officer before working fulltime as a Funeral Celebrant. Phil is a member of the Funeral Celebrants Association Australia. He has worked with Carers in aged care homes; Families; Funeral Directors and Clergy to support those in need .

Sometimes we need someone to simply be there... Not to fix anything or do Anything in particular, but Just to let us feel we are Supported and cared about."

Pollys Dance 30th September

Lewis, Trevor, Raymond, Steve, Wayne, Stephen, David, Michael & Alan enjoyed the Polly's Dance and Show *'The Gays Of Our Lives'*. It was a fun evening.

We even had a few 78ers on our table. MAG plans to book for the **2nd December Christmas Dance at Petersham Town Hall.**

'Follow that Star!' If you would like to join us for this function, kindly see **Trevor** of our

Committee.



It was very pleasing that we had a good roll up of guys attend **Queer Screen's** screening of **"Lavender Scare"**. It was an interesting, sad and enjoyable documentary. Thanks **Queer Screen** for the invite



Greetings Members and friends,

MAG's 26th Anniversary held on Saturday, 9th September was an absolutely **magnificent** evening. My sincere thank to those guys who took the trouble of getting **glammed up** in their **purple attire**.

WELL DONE to those who did !!! Brian x 2, Kevin, Michelle, Valery, Tony, Jerry, Phil, Geoff, John, Roger, Toshi, John S — to name just a few. You can see the great pics that Valery took on pages, 4, 5 & 6. Thanks Valery for taking the time to do this — you certainly captured the fun of the evening. Thanks Domenico for entertaining us - everyone enjoyed the sing-a-longs — I certainly did. Thank Fen for being a lovely waiter in your sexy white **Bonds**. Thanks Michelle for also taking pics of the evening. Guys can catch up with Michelle at future meetings to check out the many pics that she took.

Thanks Lewis, Lionel John & Trevor for all your hard work in the Kitchen.

Thanks Stephanie for the mouth watering **cup cakes**. Can you imagine Steve's "baby" is now 26. Thanks to everyone who came along & for some who wore **purple streamer**. Your support of MAG is much appreciated as are the lovely guys who continue to support us by attending our meetings, being financial members & enjoying the company of other members. As Steve said, "love makes the world go around"!!! Thanks Roger for your beautiful purple material we had as decorations.

If you wish to come to our Christmas Social & we would love for you to be with us, please let us know, so we can ensure that we have plenty of enjoyable goodies for all to enjoy and please dress in festive attire.

Our 2018 Mardi Gras Parade Bus, **\$40** will be charged all participants sorry to report. Our numbers are limited.



Steve & David in a tram mockup at the Model Train Exhibition. MAG will be going to see the Tram Museum in November

Please let me know if you wish to join MAG in the 40th Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras. I am seeking old CDs, as I would like to use them as decorations for our HK Double Decker Bus. They will certainly give great reflection of our lighting. Please let me know if you can help me out - cheers. I enjoyed 'Lavender Scare' - thanks Queer Screen.

Please be good to yourself & others. It is a bit early, but as this is our last issue for 2017, **may I sincerely wish all a very merry christmas and a great & healthy 2018.**

David President.



Am in my purple costume with MAG's 2016 Community Award behind me



Steve had just cut our 26th Birthday Cake. David with knife & Lewis discuss how to serve the lovely cup cakes made by Stephanie from the Cafe



Steve talks to David - he had just arrived from a Swans game which they won



"Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible" St Francis of Assisi







All these magnificent photos of our 26th Anniversary are courtesy of Valery





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

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