

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men
SEPTEMBER 2016



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

The first election of
MAG SYDNEY INCORPORATED,
as an Incorporated Association,
was held on 30th July 2016.

The elected Office Bearers -

Treasurer:- Bill Alford

Secretary:- Michael Filpovic

Vice President:- Lewis Turtur

President:- David Bowron

and

Committee Members -

Michael Darley

Ross Mackinnon

Trevor Pritchard

We thank Russ Gluyas for being the Returning Officer & Horas Wong for acting as our scrutineer.

A BIG thank you to all MAG members who were at the AGM.

MAG's Annual Report and Financial Statement appears on pages 5 and 6

Our function to celebrate MAG's 25 years of service to the gay & bi-sexual men of our community will be held on Thursday 29th September 2016 at the Paddington RSL Club, Oxford Street, Paddington.

Please note times — 6.30pm till 8.30pm —

You **MUST** inform our Secretary of your wish intend to attend; if you have not already done so.

Michael's telephone number is 0429 290 000.

For catering purposes **YOU MUST RSVP** to Michael by 10th September 2016

check us out on the web — www.magsydney.org

Events planned for MAG SYDNEY INC

SATURDAY, 10th September — To be announced [TBA]

Please note that this meeting will be conducted up on level 3, due to the Cafe Area being used as a Polling Booth for elections for the City of Sydney.

SATURDAY, 24th September - to be announced [TBA]

SATURDAY, 8th October - to be announced [TBA]

SATURDAY, 29th October - MAG Members Remembered past loved ones

Please check the MAG web site for Guest Speaker/Topics for the TBA meetings.

MAG Memberships fell due on 30th June 2016.

Should you need to print off a Renewal Application Form, then please visit our web site www.magsydney.org. You can see to our Treasurer at any MAG Meetings; who can give you a renewal application form.

To all who have renewed - Many Thanks !!!!!



Should you know of someone who might like to know about this therapy, tell them to kindly contact Song Nguyen

Song.H.Nguyen
@student.uts.edu.au
Apol for the poor quality of the article

Do you experience distress coming to terms with your sexuality?

Some individuals may face distress when coming to terms with their sexuality. University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) is currently providing 8 weeks of free therapy for those experiencing some of these difficulties. You do not need to be going to UTS to participate in this.

Please contact **Song Nguyen** at Song.H.Nguyen@student.uts.edu.au for more information about this.



Photo courtesy Rainbow Swans

Some Funnies..... Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent. A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything. Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted. A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm, and says, "A beer please, and one for the road". "Doc, I can't stop singing "The Green, Green Grass of home". 'That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome', says the Dr. "Is it common?" I ask. "Well", says the Dr, "It's Not Unusual". Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning." 'I don't believe you', says Dolly. "It's true, no bull", exclaims Daisy. An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either. I went to buy a pair of camouflage trousers the other day, but could not find any. A man woke up in hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel me legs!" The doctor replies, 'I know you can't — I've cut off your arms!' I went to a disco last week ... and pulled a mussel. What do you call a fish with no eyes?? A FSH. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!" A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office, and asked them to disperse. "But why", they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer." Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him A super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

Greetings to all

Many thanks to all those guys and Michelle who have renewed their memberships for 2016/2017.

Your support is greatly appreciated by myself and my fellow committee members.

As of the middle of August, we presently have 100 financial members.

Being a financial member entitles those members to attend MAG's 25th Anniversary celebration on Thursday, 29th September at no cost. Any non-members will be required to pay \$20.00 to attend what will be an absolutely magnificent evening.

I would like to sincerely thank those present at our AGM who elected me as your President for another two years.

I would also like to thank the guys who have stood for other positions as Office Bearers, or the committee. I truly believe we have a great group of guys to keep MAG moving full steam ahead.

I also want to thank Geoff Ostling for helping the committee by agreeing to continue to coordinate Guest Speakers for MAG Meetings. We now seek your help, should members know of a person or persons who may be able to give an interesting talk to our meetings, please contact Geoff - thanks.

9568 3029 is Geoff's telephone number.

Thank you Russ Gluyas from The Love Project and Horas Wong for being our scrutineer — had we needed to hold a ballot. Most guys attend MAG meetings to enjoy the company of like minded elderly guys, sharing friendships, enjoying each other's company & partaking of a delicious light supper which is loving prepared by Lewis & Lionel.

Our healthy sandwiches are courtesy of Ian from the Kitchen. The happy chappies who come to meetings look forward to having a good evening and not to listen to negative talk, or people who are continually whining or complaining. In fact, I have had a few guys complaining at this negativity; which concerns me greatly.

If you do not like how we operate, then you might like not to attend our friendly meetings.

Our next AGM will be held in 2018.

On a completely different matter — I joined the Rainbow Swans - a group of LGBTI people who support the Sydney Swans.

The AFL scheduled the first ever Pride Game for competition points, between St Kilda –v– Sydney Swans on Sat, 13th August.

To launch this historic event, the Chairman of the Sydney Swans, two Swans players and fellow Rainbow Swans members attended a press conference that was held outside Kinselas Night Club, in Taylor Square. The Swans President said " the Sydney Swans were delighted to take leadership position on LGBTI issues - taking such steps as the Pride Game which is very important in opening a path where we can be more inclusive and open." The goal umpires waved rainbow coloured flags for a goal or a behind and the field umpires wore rainbow coloured sweat bands on their wrists. The 50 metre arc from the goals, at both ends of the ground was in the rainbow colours. Oh, forgot to say that the Sydney Swans were triumphant by 70 points. There is a great pic of myself trying to choke Swans player Kieran Jack that appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald on Wednesday, 10th August 2016.

Two great photos below were taken by Bernie, a Rainbow Swans member.

I would like to welcome David B and Estee L, our newest MAG Members — I hope you guys enjoy our company.

Also, I was very, very happy indeed to see two ex Members in Damian F & Frank O'S who came along, out of the blue to our meeting on 13th August. We even had a visit from one of our country members, David S from Dubbo, who came to a meeting a few weeks ago. He told me that he enjoyed the atmosphere, camaraderie and company of the guys he spoke to and had a great evening.

This pleased me no end —

Well done guys!!!!.



David Bourron President.

The far left photo is of myself along with Swans players Kieran Jack and Nick Smith; together with fellow Rainbow Swans Members, Adrian and Stephen.

The photo just left, is me in my full Swans supporters regalia & holding my Rainbow Swans Membership Card & footy socks with the rainbow colours on them, that the players wore during the game

Another Funny An Irishman's first Drink with his Son...

I was reading an article last night about fathers and sons, and memories came flooding back of the time I took my son out for his first drink. Off we went to our local bar, which is only two blocks from the house. I got him a Guinness Stout.

He did not like it, so I drank it. Then I got him an Old Style, he did not like it either, so I drank it. It was the same with the Coors and the Bud. By the time we got down to the Irish Whiskey, I could hardly push the stroller back home!!

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MAG SYDNEY INCORPORATED

MAG's President:
David Bowron
414 Elizabeth Street
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Dear MAG members

I have much pleasure in extending a cordial invitation to all financial members of MAG, to join with a few dignitaries, and friends in celebrating **MAG's Silver Anniversary - 25 years of service and outreach to Sydney's elderly gay and bi-sexual men in our community.**

Our celebration will be held on Thursday evening, 29th September 2016, in the Auditorium of the Paddington-Woollahra RSL Club, Oxford Street, Paddington, commencing at 6.30pm

We will be pleased if you can be with us at our *little soiree* to celebrate MAG's 25th.

If you would like to bring a non-member to what will be a magnificent occasion, you are more than welcome to do this. However, you will be required to pay our Treasurer a contribution of \$20.00 - paid prior to the event.

Kindly RSVP to our Secretary, Michael Filipovic on **0429 290 000**, or to his email fangsta63@gmail.com by no later than

10th September 2016

Thank you

My best wishes,

David Bowron

David Bowron
President
MAG SYDNEY INC

**PLEASE LET OUR SECRETARY KNOW
IF YOU INTEND TO JOIN US FOR THIS
MAGNIFICENT MILESTONE!!!**

MAG is committed to the health and welfare of the mature-aged gay & bisexual men.

Members who had health concerns — now on the improve!!



Geoff being well looked after



Geoff with friendly natives in Thuahaik, New Caledonia



Geoff with more friendly natives



Chris H. had an bad accident after a MAG meeting. He is now recovering from his injuries. Get well soon Chris!

Geoff, Joe, Steve, Barry & Joe went on a South Pacific cruise in July for Geoff's 70th birthday. Geoff sadly took sick and had to be medivaced from New Caledonia to RPHA, Camperdown. Here are some pics of their trip. Geoff finally had his 70th birthday at Enmore — pic is below



Joe

Barry

David

Steve Steve

Geoff



Joe who took the holiday pics

Geoff is now doing just fine



The Annual Report of the Activities of MAG SYDNEY INC [MATURE AGE GAYS]

8th March 2014 to 30th June 2016

Members, as your current President I have much pleasure in submitting my report on our activities for the past 27 months [2 years and 3 months]. Our Constitution was structured to have Annual General Meetings every 2 years.

For those who are not aware - I was asked to return to MAG by a number of Members at Fair Day in 2014. I was informed that the then President Mr. Eric Ellem was not seeking re-election as President at an Election of Office Bearers on the 8th March 2014. I was told that if I did not return MAG would probably 'die', as no one seemed to be arranging anything. I did attend that evening and was elected along with Michael Filipovic, Michael Darley, Geoff Ostling, Ken Mears, Lewis Turtur, John Waterstreet and Warren Sawkins to the Committee of MAG. From this Committee, I was elected as President. I had been MAG's Secretary from 2001 until July 2013. I informed the meeting after being elected as President things I felt was very important to me as the new President of MAG.

To have a Constitution for MAG. 2. To register this Constitution with the NSW Dept of Fair Trading, so MAG would be an incorporated organisation, and not just a glorified social club. We would then have rules to abide by.

Since taking over as President I have changed the ways supper was being served and introduced the members using metal knives, forks and spoons during supper. Together with your Committee and with the members' approval we have adopted a Constitution.

This has been registered, so MAG is an Association with an Incorporation Number INC 1500044.

We changed the membership period to follow the dates of the financial year - 1st July to 30th June of the following year.

I have endeavoured to lift the profile of our group to others in the gay community.

We have participated in Fair Days in 2015 and in 2016. We made a very **BIG** impression in the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parades in 2015 and in 2016 with a Hong Kong Heritage Bus decorated in Sequins, with lighting and music blaring from the sides of the bus. First time we have had music & lights on our entry. In both of these Parades we appeared, even for a fleeting moment, on the SBS TV's coverage of these Mardi Gras Parades. I thank Shirl for making his bus available to transport our guys who cannot walk the Parade route. We received fantastic responses from the large crowds lining the streets.

Our Committee previously met every month, but we now meet when there are important issues to decide.

I sincerely thank the guys on Committee for their support for MAG moving forward; especially our Vice President Michael D., our Secretary Michael F. & Treasurer Bill. We have a number of generous guys who give their time, working behind the scenes at MAG to make it all happen, and this is certainly true of our guys in the Kitchen, who arrive early do their magnificent job with the delicious suppers. So my sincere thanks to Lewis, Lionel & John for their efforts.

MAG's Web Site of www.magsydney.org had to be changed from the previous name of www.magnsw.org, as the old Domain name had expired. I thank Luke Luk the web master for his efforts in putting the Newsletters onto the web site and any other material which is relevant to visitors of the web site.

I thank Michael Filipovic for his efforts in updating MAG's Facebook page.

Thanks also to Marco Marvin from ACON's Studio Dept for his assistance in copying and then printing our Newsletters.

I thank the guys who have asked to receive the newsletters as an email attachment.

I hope all our readers have found the Issues interesting & informative. Contributions and articles are always sought to make the Newsletter interesting for all. So if you have an article or whatever you feel that other members may find interesting, please see me.

I sincerely thank those who have sent me positive compliments & notes concerning the Newsletters.

As you would appreciate MAG would not be the success it is today without the support of ACON. They permit us the use of the Cafe for our meetings and storage facilities up on Level 1. We in return have a number of Members who are ACON volunteers for the Safe Sex Packing Team. If any guys would like to help the ACON volunteer team, please speak to Lewis about this.

I wish to thank Geoff Ostling for arranging our Guest Speakers, and thank them for giving up their Saturday nights to be with us and impart stories and information for our entertainment.

We are now able to show movies on the wall of the cafe, together with slide shows of photos such as Michelle's Sydney Vivid photos, or Valery's Mardi Gras Parades pics etc. The short throw projector we use was purchased was from funds bequeathed to MAG by the late Murray Johnstone, who was MAG's Secretary before I was [2001]. I call it "**Murray's Projector**". If you have a topic, or a person you think might be of interest for our members, or you may like to talk about your life or your interests, please let Geoff Ostling know.

As we are now an Incorporated Association, all guys who attend regularly are required to join MAG.

It is most pleasing that we have had a number of new guys wanting to join MAG and continue to attend our meetings.

As of the 30th June 2016, we have 127 Members, including Life Members.

We have members in country NSW, in VIC, in SA, in QLD, in WA & in TAS and 1 member living in Bali.

To those guys who do attend our meetings, I thank you for doing so & trust you have enjoyed the meetings with Guest Speakers or our social functions. The average number of people attending meetings during the past 27 months has been 46.

I thank all those guys who make an effort to come along to our social evenings in colourful outfits, you most certainly added to the success of those evening. This was very much evident with our 24th Birthday function and the 'TIE TRIFFIC' evening. Not to mention the great 2015 Christmas Party — and we must thank **Santa** for adding a bit of flesh colour to the evening.

Everyone had a thoroughly great night

Our 25th Birthday evening will be held on THURSDAY, the 29th September 2016, at the Paddington-Woolahra RSL Club. Guests invited include the honourable Michael Kirby & Johann, Members of the NSW Parliament, plus the President of ACON, Dr Justin Koonin just to name a few. As well as representatives of the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras, the 78er & the Pride History Group. Steve can be very proud of **his baby** turning **25**.

VALE
We have lost dear members and friends over the past 27 months. These guys were loved and respected by many and will miss them. On behalf of all at MAG, I wish to extend condolences who those members have lost loved ones and family members & friends over this time. We do share your loss.

Each year on the last Saturday in October we conduct an Annual MAG Members Remembered Evening. We light a candle and guys can mention the person's name as they light their candle. We remember the guys who have gone before us, as for without them MAG would not be the great success it is today. [May they all rest in peace.](#)

Lastly, I wish to thank STEVE OSTROW.

Steve founded MAG almost 25 years ago this year [back in 1991, on his birthday - so he would not forget the date of the 1st meeting]. If it was not for Steve Ostrow's idea and the support of ACON, we would not be here meeting tonight, so we do sincerely thank both Steve & ACON for MAG.

It has been my pleasure in helping MAG to survive and to move forward.
I have enjoyed being your President since March of 2014, and look forward to us continuing into the future.

David Bowron **PRESIDENT - MAG SYDNEY INCORPORATED.**

Treasurer's Annual Report 1/7/15 to 30/6/16



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MAG started the financial year with \$24033.67

INCOME

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| Bucket for meals | \$3889.80 |
| Memberships | \$1390.00 |
| Bus trip to temples | \$390.00 |
| Bequest | \$1000.00 |
| Mardi Gras Fair Day | \$653.80 |
| Mardi Gras Bus | \$950.00 |
| Total | \$8272.80 |

EXPENDITURE

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Food Costs | \$4976.74 |
| Administration | \$337.22 |
| Public Liability Insurance | \$1266.48 |
| Entertainment | \$200.00 |
| Mardi Gras Fair Day | \$290.00 |
| Mardi Gras Parade | \$2148.13 |
| Mardi Gras Bus | \$700.00 |
| Bus trip to temples | \$600.00 |
| Sydney Star Observer Advertisement | \$880.00 |
| Deposit Paddington RSL Club | \$500.00 |
| Petrol | \$45.00 |
| Total | \$11943.57 |

NOTE:
It should be noted that Bill Alford took over the Treasurer's position from Ken Mears, upon Ken's resignation in June 2015. Therefore Bill's Financial Report commences from **1.7.2015**

On 30/6/16 I have \$1264.65 in petty cash and \$19098.25 in the bank, giving a total of \$20362.90

HERE FOR FRIENDSHIP



LGBTI COMMUNITY VISITOR SCHEME

We're here to help older LGBTI people in our community by providing company and friendship through our Community Visitor Scheme.

Our trained volunteer visitors make regular home visits where they'll chat over a cuppa, watch a movie, listen to music or participate in a hobby, game or other activity.

For more information contact (02) 9206 2000

www.acon.org.au



HERE FOR AGEING



The LOVE Letter



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 meets 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:

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| Treasurer: | Bill Alford | 8096 4891 |
| Secretary: | Michael Filipovic | 0429 290 000 |
| 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

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

GONG GUYS - <http://www.gongguys.site90.com/>
<http://www.gongguys.info/>