



MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay, Bisexual Men & Supporters

JUNE 2024

Mardi Gras Season

The Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras had a season of mixed events including a great season of Queer Screen. Sadly Fair Day had to be cancelled this year due to unpredictable asbestos contamination in Victoria Park, Broadway where the event is now traditionally held. This is usually an opportunity for MAG to showcase our organisation to the community. We look forward to do this at Fair Day 2025.

The Mardi Gras Parade went well for MAG. We had a bright red bus to help promote MAG & to transport some of our members. The MAG Float attracted good media attention. A big thank you to all our members who participated. We finished off the night with a nice dinner together in Chinatown.

“Afternoon Delights” sponsored by the ACON Love Project wrapped up the season with a fun entertaining afternoon with some good movie features including “Mad About the Boy” documentary on the life of flamboyant Noel Coward’s stage & screen career. The afternoon was topped off with a wonderful afternoon tea.



Photo: Michelle Haywood

Memorial

Sadly for MAG we lost our founder & dear friend Steve Ostrow. 91yrs was a good innings but we’re still saddened by his loss & we miss the incredible energy Steve gave all of us!

MAG organised a fitting Memorial for Steve Ostrow with the generous support of Pitt St Uniting, the Rev Josephine Inkpin & her wonderful team. Mary Elizabeth-Croft, Michelle Mika, Trevor Pritchard & Steve Warren along with the support of other MAG members organised the event. We had an array of great speakers including Jeff Anderson US Embassy, Cr Adam Worling for City of Sydney, Cr William Chan for Alex Greenwich MP & Cr Linda Scott for the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, and Nicholas Parker CEO ACON & a few other speakers including Steve Warren & David Bowron from MAG.

We also lost one of our regular members Adrian Poulter. Losing any members is a big loss to our MAG family.

Events

MAG's Mid-week social

Club Sydney, Wednesday nights
smaller group, 6.30pm to 8.45pm,
L2, 565 George St, City, next to
Cheers bar + opposite World Square.



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Outings

From time to time MAG schedules Outings. Two of our members are also involved in organising Walks. MAG just recently organised a leisurely visit to the revamped Newcastle. A good time was had by all. See below story MAG Out & About. One of our members also organises regular bush trail walks to places of interest. * Contact Mark 02 95595502 for information on Walks.

SEPT 2023 - A picture perfect Spring day was the setting for a group of us MAG guys to take the train to Woy Woy, then a ferry ride across Brisbane Water to Davistown Wharf. At the wharf we were met by a mini bus for transport to the Davistown RSL for lunch. As the picture shows the RSL looks out onto Brisbane water. The return journey was mini bus, ferry and train. A very enjoyable day which we will do again early Spring this year.



NOV 2023 - Another picture perfect Spring day was the setting for a group of us MAG guys to take the train to Kiama. Eating excellent take away fish and chips al fresco was our lunch looking across to the colonnade of palm trees which is so Kiama. A walk after lunch taking in the Blow Hole, and then the return train journey. A very enjoyable day, and our next South Coast destination will be Berry.

FEB 2024 - A group of us from MAG attended the New Theatre's preview performance of a play called "Homos in America" for the Mardi Gras Festival. The play after its opening night gained 4 Star reviews. We all enjoyed the performance, particularly the second part of it, however the first part was done using very fast New York chatter, which at times was hard to follow. We were at a preview performance, and the assumption is that the chatter was slowed somewhat by opening night.

MARCH 2, 2024 - The Mardi Gras Parade. 35 of us from MAG were in the Parade group either walking or on the bus which we hire each year. As always, a great night. Noel Murphy from Brisbane attended the night which he has done for many years. The theme for Mardi Gras was 'Our Future'. Steve Warren's mantra on this

for MAG was “We’re Here For Our Future, Our Future is Your Future”. After the Parade, a number of us MAG guys attended the Chinatown restaurant ‘Superbowl’ which we have been doing annually since 2021. Always a very enjoyable experience at this restaurant. Parade organizing by Trevor and Lewis.

MAY 20, 2024 - After all the recent rainfall, it was a cloudy, but generally dry day for a group of us MAG guys to take the train to Newcastle. After arrival at the Interchange, and then the light rail to Civic for a very enjoyable lunch at the Civic Theatre Café. The theatre is classic art deco, and likewise the cafe and likewise the toilets. An enjoyable walk around Foreshore Park, the view over the Harbour and to finish, a visit to the old Newcastle Railway Station which has become an entertainment venue. This venue was the site of “Pink Salt”, a dinner night for a large gathering as one of the opening events of the 2023 World Pride.



The 3 day trips and the theatre visit organized by Trevor.

Pride Month

There are numerous activities coming up for Pride Month hosted through Stonewall Hotel, ACON & SGLMG.

LOVE Connections, an intergenerational art experience

Date: Saturday 22 June

Time: 10.30am to 2.30pm

Location: Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Rd, Glebe

FREE EVENT - All art supplies provided

The LOVE Project invites LGBTQ+ people of all ages to LOVE Connections: an intergenerational art experience. Explore your inner creativity with community peers

across generations, with artists Peta-Joy Williams and Wayde Clarke.

Peta-Joy Williams is a Wiradjuri woman, born in Sydney, with her feet firmly in both cultures, the inland and the salt water. Peta-Joy finds an affinity with both and finds inspiration from unique elements of the two diverse nations.

Wayde Clarke is a Wiradjuri/Birpai man, also known as Alejandro. Wayde is a queer Aboriginal artist exploring identity and perception through his art, influenced by his experiences as a gay person of color in Australia. Wayde is studying art therapy and is a firm believer in the therapeutic benefits of art.

You will have the opportunity to work with both artists, learn about Aboriginal cultures through art and connect with LGBTQ+ people of all ages, in a welcoming and safe space.

Bookings essential as numbers are limited

Register at:

www.loveproject.org.au/agedcare_update



Join 78ers at TAP Gallery Night

Anniversary 1978 inaugural Gay Mardi Gras Parade (as known on 24th June 1978)

Sunday evening 23rd June '24, TAP Gallery, Level 1, 1/259 Riley St, Surry Hills, in between Albion & Oxford St, near Reservoir St.

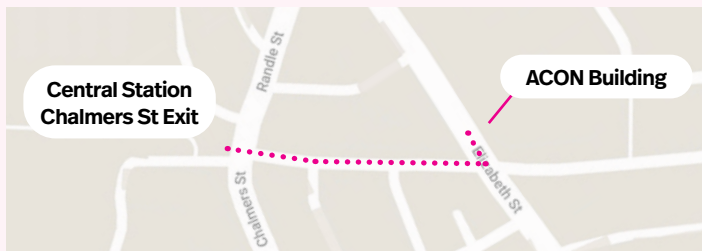
Including artworks from the Archibold Rejects and TAP Pride competition, light entertainment, some food & drinks.



MAG meets

WHEN: Second and last Saturday of the month @ 6:30PM-ish - 9PM

WHERE: 414 Elizabeth St
Surry Hills
(Near intersection of Devonshire St and Elizabeth St)



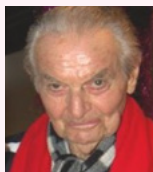
Our meetings starts with an informative Guest Speaker and light supper for just \$5.

To book, please contact:

Lewis 0482 672 635

Trevor 0437 586 442.

When leaving a message for MAG please mention MAG & your contact details.



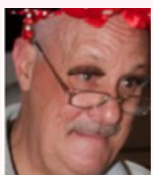
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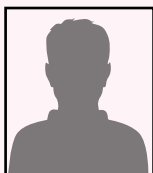
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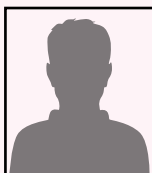
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Community Details

ACCEPTANCE (Gay Catholics) - Tel. 9568 4433. Friday Mass, 8pm. St. Joseph's Church, Bedford Street Newtown

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 04066450759206

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/

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 Contact Noel (07) 31721170

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.

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