

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men
APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2021



We are pleased to announce that MAG held its Annual General Meeting on 24th April 2021

The President's & Treasurer's Reports & results of the Election of Office Bearers may be viewed on pages 4 and 5

**RENEWAL OF MAG
MEMBERSHIPS
FOR 2021 / 2022
ARE NOW DUE**

MAG celebrates its 30th year
this year, of caring for each other, sharing friendships and affection with each other in similar situations to lead as full a life as possible

Please check our web site www.magsydney.org

Events planned for MAG Members

- Sat 10 April A Social evening
- Sat 24 April Our Annual General Meeting & Election of Office Bearers
- Sat 8 May DVD Nite - Pollys TV Interview with our Trevor on MAG
- Sat 29 May Tim Ellis - His book on English History
- Sat 12 June No meeting – Queens Birthday Long Weekend
- * Sat 26 June DVD Nite Pollys TV The Sydney City Bears
- * Sat 10 July *Sister Eileen Dover* – Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence
- * Sat 31 July Christmas in July – Social Function
- * Sat 14 Aug DVD Nite
- * Sat 28 Aug Ben Gibson “Funerals”

* Indicates that our meetings were not held due to Lock Down
We will re-schedule our Guest Speakers once we can meeting up again.

Pease see our **FACEBOOK PAGE** for updated information.
Details that are on the foot of all pages of the Newsletter.

MAG’s Web Site is www.magsydney.org

If you have not been vaccinated, then kindly re think this.

As if you contract Covid 19 & end up in hospital & survive; you may have horrific health problems for many years to come.



Possible requirements for attending MAG Meetings, once this lockdown is over:

Only 26 persons maybe permitted in the Cafe area of the building.

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF FEELING UNWELL.

Use hand sanitiser at the entrance

Everyone to sign in by QR Code or by manual notations.

Physical distancing to be observed

To remain seated at all times, seated on already positioned chairs.

MUST BOOK WITH THE PRESIDENT.

ONCE the 26 has been reached, then guys will be asked to kindly book for another meeting.

Your President

The latest extended Lock Down has again played havoc with all our lives and for our MAG Meetings and our social get togethers.

I do hope everyone has been safe AND HAS BEEN COMPLYING WITH ALL THE REQUIREMENTS.

MAG's 30th Anniversary will, fingers crossed, be held sometime in 2021. We will keep all posted

I am so pleased that we were able to hold our AGM and I commend all those wonderful guys who have served MAG on our Committee on previous occasions and into the future. To the incoming committee, I look forward to working with you guys, to make our meetings and functions fun and interesting for our members.

Renewal of Membership for 2021/ 2022 are now being sought. We did not ask for membership for last year [2020/2021], but do seek financial support from our existing members. The Renewal Forms are available from our web site, or at meetings from Trevor, when we meet up again. Completed forms should be posted together with your payment to **MAG, 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills 2010 - thanks.**



Joe as Madame De Farge

On a sad note, I have been advised that two [2] past MAG Members have passed away in recent months - Eric Turton and Joe Mula. Both these gentlemen were members from the Commonwealth Street days. Eric never came to Elizabeth Street. Eric as a leather guy, was always dressed in black & wore a cap. Joe, I remember with much fondness, as when I held my first Social Evening as the new MAG Secretary, back in 2001, we held a French evening, due to the meeting falling on **Bastille Day**. Joe attended dressed as *Madame De Farge*, together with *her* wooden knitting needles. Back in those dark days of the revolution, this lady sat near the wicker basket and knitted, as the heads fell from the guillotine. Joe won **1st Prize**. From then on Joe always dressed to make our social function fun and so much entertaining. Gee we had some great evening, as the pics of Joe show. A previous MAG President, Erroll affectionately called Joe,

'The Lilyfield Lesbian' & Joe just loved that name.

**Please everyone take good care & be safe
David - President.**



Joe with me at one of our Xmas Socials



David Peter Mark Steve John

At a picnic afternoon, in Prince Alfred Park

MAG's mid-week social function.

A good number of MAG guys had been meeting at the Petersham RSL, on a Wednesday evening.

With lockdown, we have stopped gathering. However, we will meet up again after the lockdown is over. We are there from 7pm till 9pm.

We have an evening of chatting, laughter as well as enjoying a nice meal & a drink of what ever takes your fancy.

Guy's who are not members, will need to join the Club, at a cost of \$5.00 per year.

Photographic ID is required.

For further info, please contact MAG's President.



The Annual Report of the Activities of MAG SYDNEY INC [MATURE AGE GAYS] 1st July 2018 to 24th April 2021

Members, as your current President, I have much pleasure in submitting my report on our activities for not quite 2 years. Our Constitution is structured that we hold our AGMs every 2 years – on the even years. Our AGM should have been held last year 2020, but due to Covid restrictions, we couldn't hold it. Due to Covid, MAG's last meeting in 2020 was on 14th March 2020.

I would firstly like to sincerely thank all members for their physical and most importantly their financial support of our Social Club, as without all of this support, then MAG would cease to exist. We are here as an alternate place for older gay guys to meet and socialise in a friendly and safe environment. I hope that members have enjoyed the meetings, especially when we have arranged Guest Speakers. I thank Trevor Pritchard for helping to arrange those speakers. I also thank our Guest Speakers for giving up their Saturday nights to be with us and impart stories and information for our entertainment. The Committee meets whenever we have important issues to decide. I sincerely thank the Committee for their support of MAG moving forward; especially our Vice President Lewis Turtur and Treasurer Trevor Pritchard and our Committee of Geoff Ostling, Steve Warren and Sau Foster. 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 work and produce delicious suppers. So my sincere thanks to Lewis Turtur, Lionel Fong Kee, David Blanch, Chito Teng and other guys for their magnificent efforts.

The MAG Web site is www.magsydney.org and I sincerely 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 am the Admin Officer of the Mature Age Gays Facebook page, and try to keep interested people updated with relevant information and including photos etc. There have been many views of our Facebook page.

I really wish to thank Emily Sharp from ACON for her assistance in printing our Newsletters. Emily is always most helpful. I thank the Members who have asked to receive the newsletters as an email attachment; as this does help save postage costs.

Contributions & articles are always sought to make our Newsletters 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. I hope all our readers have found the Issues interesting & informative.

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, at no cost.

We in return have a good number of MAG Members who are ACON volunteers for the Safe Sex Packing Team. I do thank these guys for helping our community.

Russ Gluyas from The Love Project, who has kindly agreed to be our retuning Officer for tonight's election; has been a great help and support of MAG. I, as well as a number of our guys have thoroughly enjoyed participating in events arranged by Russ for us older gays and lesbians, like 'Afternoon Delight' film afternoons.

Our Mardi Gras Festivals for 2019 and 2020 that we participated in were very successful. Both Fair Days Stalls were outstanding and we proudly flew the MAG Flag and were noticed. MAG had contingent of participants in the Mardi Gras Parades for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Thank you Trevor Pritchard for arranging these entries. A lot of work behind the scenes happens to make our Parade Entry worthwhile, so we can proudly show the world that despite us being grey, we are proud to be gay. My thanks I also extend to Lewis, Lionel & Trevor for their help at Fair Day. **We always have a fun day.**

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Your Committee



Steve
Secretary



Trevor
Vice Pres &
Treasurer



Lewis
Committee



Sau
Committee



Wayne
Committee

Being an Incorporated Association, all people 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. [until Covid]

As of **30th March 2020**, we had **109** Members that included 2 Life Members. We have members in Sydney, country NSW, VIC, SA, QLD, WA & TAS plus a member in Bali.

The average number of people attending meetings in 2019 was **46** and 2020 it was **38**.

It was decided not to ask members to renew their membership due to us not meeting for most of 2020. As a result our finances are a bit lowish. We had to pay for Public Liability Insurance, even though we were not holding meetings etc. We will be asking for memberships in June of 2021 for the 2021/2022 year. I am so pleased that a few friends and MAG members kindly made generous donations to help our finances.

I thank all those guys who make magnificent efforts in coming along to our social evenings in colourful outfits, you guys most certainly added to the success of those social evening.

We will be celebrating our **30th Anniversary** in **September, 2021**. This event will be a very memorable evening.

VALE

We have lost a number of dear members and friends over this past period of time.

In 2018, Theo Greuter aged 78, in March. David Ritchie aged 92, in April. Bill Alford aged 71, in Nov. Johann Knollema aged 79, in Dec.

In 2019, Kevin Carter aged 83, in Jan. Chris Hurtado aged 79, in May. John O'Dea aged 87, in Sept. Lionel Greene aged 89, in Nov.

In 2020, Don Boden aged 88, in Jan. Michael Bowler aged 90, in Feb. Shane Bonner aged 63, in July and Mike Glynn aged 76, in Dec.

These guys were very much loved and respected by us and we have missed their friendship and seeing them.

On behalf of all at MAG, I wish to extend condolences to all who have lost loved ones — parents, family members and 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.

Where we remember those wonderful guys who have passed away, as for without them laying the good foundation for us, then MAG would not be the great success that it is today.

May they all rest in peace.

I wish to thank STEVE OSTROW. Steve founded MAG 30 years ago, this Sept in 1991, **on his birthday, [so he would not forget the date of the MAG 1st meeting]**. If it was not for Steve Ostrow's idea, the support of AFAO and ACON, we would not be here meeting tonight, so on your behalf, I do sincerely thank both Steve and ACON for MAG.

I have enjoyed being your President [since March 2014], and with other members, help to make MAG to be a successful social group for older gay guys, and I look forward to a successful future. I would especially like to acknowledge Trevor Pritchard for his help to me at meetings, together with Lewis Turtur and his band of helpers in the Kitchen like Lionel, David, Chito, for our lovely suppers.

However, my biggest thank you is to all our loyal financial members and friends of MAG., as for without your support and encouragement MAG will not exist.

Thank you everyone.



**David Bowron
President**

**Our Treasurer's
Report**
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Treasurer's Report for 2019-2020

MAG 2019-2020 FINANCIAL SUMMARY	
START JULY 19 TOTAL MAG ACCOUNTS IS	\$ 11,372.75
INCOME	
MEMBERSHIPS	\$ 1,435.00
SUPPER INCOME	\$ 3,098.00
DONATIONS	\$ 1,115.00
MARDI GRAS DONATIONS	\$ 1,000.00
MARDI GRAS INCOME	\$ 1,705.00
FAIR DAY INCOME	\$ 315.00
T/DEPOSIT INTEREST	\$ 118.32
OTHER INCOME DVD PURCHASE	\$ 40.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 8,826.32
EXPENDITURE	
SUPPER EXPENDITURE	\$ 2,109.88
MARDI GRAS EXP.	\$ 649.80
MARDI GRAS ENTRY	\$ 339.00
MARDI GRAS TRUCK/DRIVING	\$ 836.00
M/GRAS SOUNDWORKS	\$ 3,500.00
FAIR DAY EXPENDITURE	\$ 350.00
ENTERTAINMENT	\$ 390.00
HIRING OF WAITER	\$ 400.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 159.44
INTERPRIDE M/SHIP	\$ 77.14
INSURANCE	\$ 1,213.54
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 10,024.80
TOTAL VARIANCE LOSS	\$ (1,198.48)
END JUNE 2020 TOTAL MAG ACCOUNTS IS	\$10,174.37



On Boxing Day of 2020 we held a gathering in Prince Alfred Park, near Central station, then continued with these picnics in January, February and March 2021. Here are a few photos from those gatherings.

Photos courtesy David



Jiro, Tetsuya, David Trevor



John with a mask on his Corona



Peter, Mark, Steve, John Ross



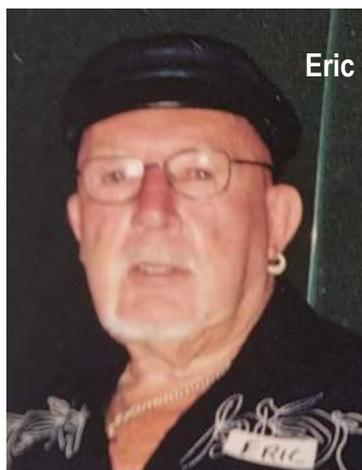
The Rainbow Pathway

V A L E EX - MAG MEMBERS

We are very saddened to report that two ex MAG members passed away, recently. Eric Turton and Joe Mula.

Eric was a great supporter of MAG when we met at ACON's Commonwealth Street building. Eric was always wearing black leather and a cap.

Joe, likewise loved MAG and at the drop of a hat, he would at our socials in some absolutely amazing outfits, that he created



Eric



Joe with his PINK boots is with the lovely Suzie Wong



Joe with Dame Dolly at our red, white & blue social



LOVE
Living Older
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LOVE CLUB

Gathering

The LOVE Club Gathering is a community activity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people who are 55 plus, their supporters and friends. The Gathering aims is to create a safe, respectful and welcoming space to share regular social time and activities.

All sexualities, gender identities, cultures and backgrounds are welcome.

Led by community, for community!

Register online at
www.loveproject.org.au/events

For enquiries contact Russ Gluyas
t 02 9206 2017

e rgluyas@acon.org.au

Location ACON Ground floor Café 414 Elizabeth Street Surry Hills

Date Every 4th Thursday of the month

Time 10.00am to 12.00pm

**DONATIONS
WELCOME**



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 intersection with Devonshire Street]

just up from Central Railway Station,

from 6:30 pm for tea and coffee. Our meetings starts at 7:00pm, with an informative Guest Speaker, or every so often we might hold a social, or a 'pop corn' night.

A **light** supper follows.

The Committee meets whenever the need arises.

David is maintaining our Guest Speaker Lists.

If any member feel that a certain person could give an informative talk at MAG, then kindly contact David on 9516 2063. He will be very pleased to hear from any of our members or friends.

MAG's Details:

The Founder of MAG:

Steve Ostrow



Office Bearers:



**Vice President/
Treasurer:**
Trevor Pritchard
9369 4206

Secretary:
Steve Warren
0417 393 877



President:
David Bowron
0447 600 966



The Committee:



Lewis Turtur

Sau Foster



Wayne Youngman



MAG's postal address is the same address, as where we meet:

**414 ELIZABETH STREET,
SURRY HILLS NSW 2010**

Our web site is www.magsydney.org

Editor of the Newsletter is David Bowron

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

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 AUST. 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

contact *Tony James* 49725357.

Mature Age Men - MAM last Saturday of month 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

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.

Email: southern.cross.outdoors.group@gmail.com

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

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



**please keep safe
and
get the job**