

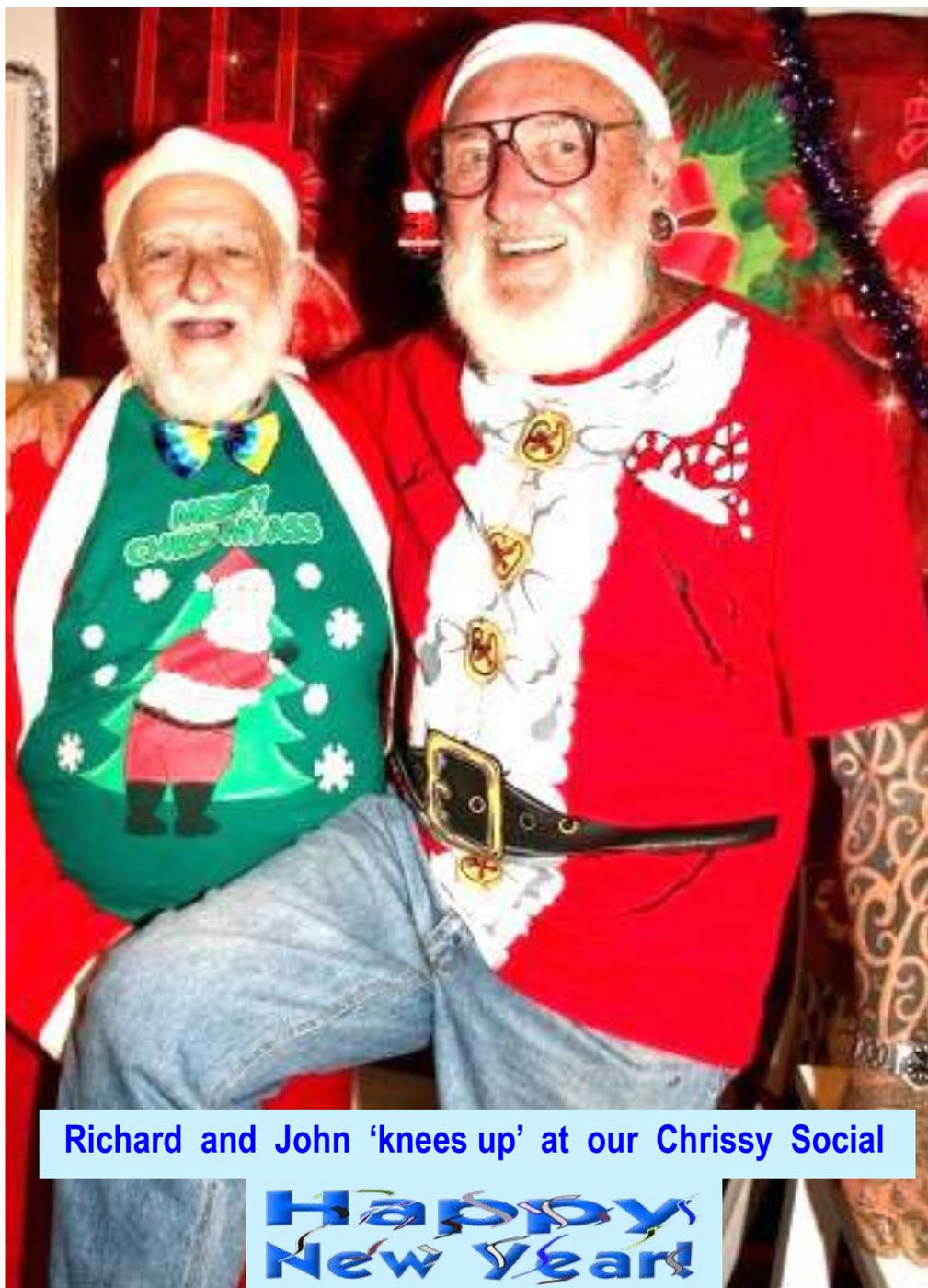
MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men
JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2019



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

please check our web site www.magsydney.org



Richard and John 'knees up' at our Chrissy Social

Happy
New Year!

Events planned for MAG SYDNEY INC

Sat, 12th JANUARY - To be advised

Sat, 26th JANUARY - NO MEETING as building will be closed
It is the Australia Day Long Weekend

Sat, 9th FEBRUARY - David's photos of his trip to Japan in Oct 2018

SUNDAY, 17th FEBRUARY - FAIR DAY VICTORIA PARK BROADWAY

Sat, 23rd FEBRUARY - To be advised

Sat, 2nd MARCH - SYDNEY GAY & LESBIAN MARDI GRAS PARADE

Please check out MAG's web site for up to date information on Guest Speaker/Topics etc

www.magsydney.org

ALSO kindly check out **our FACEBOOK PAGE** for updated information -
see the foot of all pages in this Newsletter

Happy New year Everyone best wishes for a healthy 2019

Our Thursday nite social gathering:-

If you are not doing anything
on a Thursday night, then why
not join some MAG guys who meet
at the Petersham RSL Club,
from around 7pm.

The RSL Club is located very close
to the

Petersham Railway Station.

We chat over various matters,
enjoy a very reasonably priced 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 and most
welcome to join us

**Please call David for further
details
on 0447 600 966**

VALE - BILL ALFORD

It is with much regret that we inform our members
and friends of the passing of Bill Alford.
Bill was great supporter of MAG.
The President's tribute to Bill on page 3.

Accept your past
without regret,
handle your present
with confidence,
and face your
future without fear.

All backgrounds are in blue as a tribute to the late
Bill Alford, who loved wearing blue coloured clothing

Greetings Members and friends,

We held a most magnificent Christmas Social evening on 8th December. Thank you to all who dressed and made the evening fun. Thanks to the catering guys who contributed to all present a delicious meal, plus a traditional Christmas plum pudding and brandy custard, not to mention a little bit of Xmas Cake. Thank you Fen for your assistance and looking so cute. Thanks Valery and Michelle for snapping all who were there. Please see Michelle at any of our meetings, to look at her beautifully presented photo albums of the evening. You can also purchase a copy of a pic from her. A nice way of remembering a lovely evening.

Thanks to all who helped clean up, especially Lionel and Trevor. Also in taking up all our gear - thanks Trevor.

A few MAG guys attended the Pollies function at the Marrickville Town Hall and had enjoyable the evening. Thanks Trevor for arranging the seating.

Bill Alford was a good supporter of MAG and his has death has come as a shock to many MAG guys. My words are listed below.

I would ask all members to support Trevor in our Fair Day Stall, or in MAG's entry in the Mardi Gras Parade with our Bus entry.

I send my best wishes for a healthy and contented 2019 to everyone.

Take good care of yourselves. David - MAG President



I was a Wise Man. My fellow 2, got lost in George St with the tram line construction debarkle haha

2019 MARDI GRAS FAIR DAY and the 2019 MARDI GRAS PARADE.

Trevor Pritchard is our coordinator for the 2019 Mardi Gras Fair Day and the 2019 Mardi Gras Parade.

He advises: For Fair Day Sunday 17th February. Our stall has been booked and we received the early bird discount, so the stall cost \$290. Bric-a-brac in good condition would be very welcome, plus pot plants again in good condition. I guess if anyone has books by gay authors, but NO 'R' Rated. Thank you.

As for the Mardi Gras, Saturday 2nd March. As we have been successful in gaining a place in the parade with a Single Decker bus, confirmation payment will be made by 21st December. Mardi Gras have asked what music we will be choosing if known.

The theme for the 2019 Mardi Gras is Fearless and our mantra will be

"WE ARE FEARLESS IN SAYING WE KNOW WE ARE GREY, BUT WE ARE HERE AND PROUD TO BE GAY".

The 'Fearless theme' does apply to Mature Age Gay members past and present as we have all lived through the dark times, and because of those times we have had to be Fearless. The cost for being in the parade with Mature Age Gays will be \$40, which assists in the costs of lighting and sound, creative, Mardi Gras entry and the bus. It would be apt to think of "Fearless" in choosing the music.

VALE BILL ALFORD -

This was what I was going to say about Bill at his funeral.; but sadly I did not get an opportunity to say it. "Bill was a great supporter of our social group. He served on our Committee and as Treasurer both for a number of years. He only relinquished the Treasurer's role this year, at our AGM, where he decided he would not to stand for re election, as he wanted to concentrate of other interests. And he had many interests. He still attended our meetings and was a popular member. As Treasurer, if you didn't have a receipt, then you didn't get paid. After our meetings on a Saturday, Bill would take all the money that was collected for supper donations [plus coins] to his home in his green shopping bag - Central to Zetland. Bill was a very regular at our Petersham RSL social nites of a Thursday. He would come in, go over to the coffee shop to check out the cakes. Then go to the toilet; get a glass of water, and come over and join our table. He had to tell us what was yummy things were in the coffee shop. Naturally, he also had to say that he reserved the last piece of lemon meringue pie. Thanks Bill. If the conversation was not interesting to Bill, he would nod off, only to awake when we said, 'well we are going to order our meals, now'. The last time I was with Bill, was on a train trip from Petersham to the city. He was very keen to show me a book he had on interesting walks around Sydney, that said that he got from the Vinnie's Op Shop in Crown Street, Surry Hills, where he was a regular volunteer. On behalf of our members thank you Bill for your support of MAG and for your friendship. You are now reunited with your John - may you rest in peace".



Courtesy of John Donohoe



Geoff & Lyn



David & Jeff



Tony & Paul



Group shot



Group shot



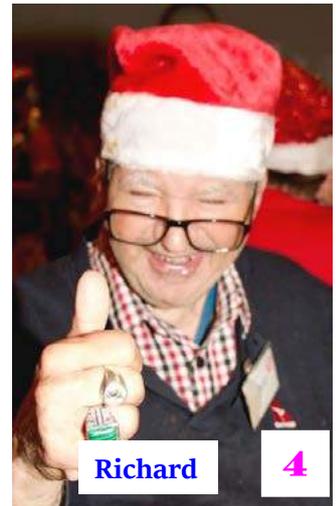
Group shot



Jacques, Victor & John



Ken



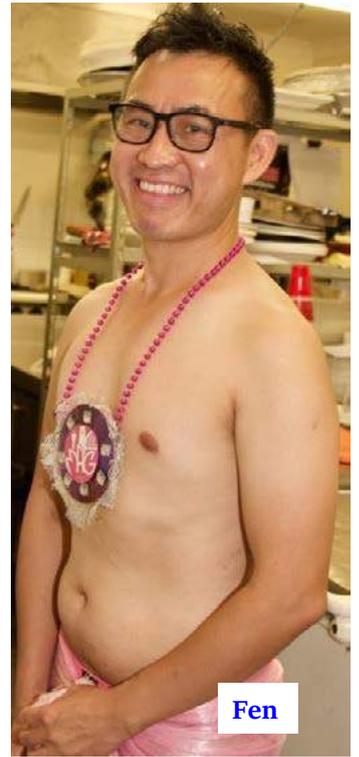
Richard



Chris & Ben



Trevor



Fen



Tables decorated



Lionel



James



Group shot



Group shot



Group shot

Photos courtesy of Valery & David



Murray



Kelvin



Warren & Bradley



Brian playing in foyer, as our guests arrived



John & David



Keith & Ben



Wall Decorations



Mary & Steve

Photos courtesy of Valery & David



Valery



Ian & Michelle



Sau, Lewis & Lionel



LOVE CLUB Gathering

The LOVE Club Gathering is a community activity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) people who are 55+, their supporters and friends. The Gathering aims 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!

For enquiries contact

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Location ACON Ground floor Café 414 Elizabeth Street Surry Hills

Date Every 4th Thursday of the month

Time 10.00am to 12.00pm



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 com' 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
contact the President for Steve's mobile



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

**414 ELIZABETH STREET,
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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: monthly (4th Sunday) 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

COUNTRY NETWORK for friendship and support through social events & networking across rural, regional & city AUST. Info at www.countrynetwork.com.au

CREMORNE VILLAGERS SOCIAL GROUP - 2nd Monday of month, 7pm — 9pm at Town & Country Bar, 2/350 Military Road, Cremorne - Maxx & John & Ian - Organisers
CRONULLA GAY GROUP - www.cronullagaygroup.com. Contact John 9528 9158

CROSS SECTION - for gays within the Uniting Church Des 9319 0722.

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** Pastor *Rev Dale Yardy* 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>