

# MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE !!

MAG Memberships are now due and our dear Treasurer, John, will be extremely pleased to receive \$10.00 for guys who are TRUE MEMBERS OF MAG. Kindly forward your cheque, made payable to MAG, for ten dollars [\$10.00], to our Treasurer at his home address:

**Mr. John O'Dea, 16 Prices Circuit, Woronora NSW 2232.** Our sincere thanks to all those guys who already paid their 2009 memberships.

# **MAG's Executive returned!**

At our AGM on 9 May 2009 MAG's Executive [President Erroll, Secretary, David and Treasurer John] were elected un-opposed by the financial members present.

Three of the Committee did not seek re-election.

We offer our sincere thanks to — John Goosen, John Graham and Damian Feresin for their contribution to MAG's success by serving on previous Committees.

Two new members — Richard King and Mario Panzarino, have joined existing Committee Members of Bradley Falappi and Ross MacKinnon.

Look us up on the web magnsw.org







Hello Everyone,

Our Annual General Meeting has come and gone for another year. Sincere thank yous to John Goosen, Damian Feresin and John Graham for their support over the past year. These guys did not stand for re-election.

It will be a pleasure again working alongside David Bowron and John O'Dea, already proven work- alcoholic; also Bradley Falappi and Ross MacKinnon, they will be complimented by the two newly elected members, Mario Panzarino and Richard King. I am most grateful to all the guys who gave their vote of confidence in re-electing me as President for another term.

It was wonderful to see so many guys turn up at our last meeting in May on a very cold and wintery night, this in itself shows us that MAG is very important to so many of us who may live alone or may be experiencing loneliness or may just enjoy each other's company over a cuppa and a bite to eat.

By the time this article goes to print I will be away visiting the boyfriend in the UK and taking in some warm summer weather.

This will be my 15<sup>th</sup> trip in just over 4 years, I am sure Mario will be able to stand in for me and open the Meetings with the help of John no doubt.

See you all on 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Love and hugs from your President - Erroll.

MAG Mature Age Gays Caring for each other, sharing friendships and affection with each other in similar situations to lead as full a life as possible

# OUR PLANNED EVENTS

11 July Raymond and Fred from ACON's Housing Project 25 July

Joanne, President of the Taxi Club, Darlinghurst 8 August Quentin Dempster ABC journalist Politics and the Media

29 August To be advised





Hi Guys,

Well, here we are again and what a wonderful AGM we had last meeting. Congratulations to our esteemed President, Secretary and Treasurer for agreeing to serve another year in our behalf.

The work these outstanding MAGs do in the service of all of us cannot be measured. If in fact we had to remunerate them at corporate rates we would be bankrupt in less than a week!

And then there are our Executive Board Members who hopefully will assist in **maintaining MAG's** *Magnificence* and initiate new ways to serve our GLBT Community.

With the average age of MAGs now somewhere around 66, we are entering an unknown era where our needs and concerns must be addressed and attended to.

We have battled many wars and traumas in the century recently passed and barring some miracle, which could astound us all, we will never see the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century. But we still have 91 years to go in this one!

As MAG is now the largest gay organization in Australia and the largest in the world catering to the mature aged gay man and as the over 65 segment of our population is the fastest growing of all, can you imagine what MAG will be like in the next century?

We for sure will be remembered for what we have created and I personally can honestly say that of all the projects I have engendered and had a hand in creating, nothing now gives me more fulfillment than having founded MAG 18 years ago.

# And you should all share in what we have added to people's lives these 18 years.

Bless us all.

With Love, Steve

#### A Message from Steve's Manager —

Congratulations and many thanks on behalf of ACON to all those who have committed themselves to support MAG as Executive Committee Members for 2009-2010, be they returning or new members.

ACON acknowledges the amazing amount of work achieved by MAG's dedicated volunteers who provide both social support for the mature aged gay men in our community and outstanding contributions to the broader GLBT community in the fight against HIV by volunteering in ACON's Condom Packing Group and other activities.

I wish you all the best throughout your term of service and invite you to draw on the support of Steve Ostrow, MAG Project Officer at ACON, or myself, whenever the need arises.

Kind regards, Michelle Sparks Community Development Manager, ACON





# Secretary MAGazine

#### 2009 MAG Memberships are now due!!!!!

Financial membership of MAG is a way guys can show their TRUE support of MAG. A lot of guys turn up at Meetings, complain if things are amiss, contribute nothing to the success of MAG; but they always seem to enjoy supper.

On the other hand we have guys who do their bit, in whatever way they can and THOSE DEEDS HAVE MADE MAG THE SUCCESS THAT IT IS TO-DAY.

#### TO THOSE WONDERFUL MEN, I CONGRATULATE YOU!! It only costs \$10.00 for membership of MAG.

**Payments can be sent to our dear Treasurer John O'Dea, at his** home address, which is 16 Prices Circuit, Woronora NSW 2232. Kindly make your cheques payable to MAG.

<u>Complaints on too many pics of Dame Dolly Devine of</u> <u>Marrickville in the last Issue of the Newsletter</u>

Dame Dolly Devine of Marrickville found herself in hot water by appearing in *toooo* many photos of herself with others in the last issue of the Newsletter. A number of complaints were received and these have been noted accordingly.

In future, photos of DDDM will appear as per the sample photo at the foot on this page.

DDDM appeared in only 2 shots by herself, the others had spunky guys or other MAG Parade Contingent Members.

I have issued a challenge at a General Meeting a while ago and repeat my words again in this column — To all those who did complain — get off your posterior and do something positive — send me one of your photos, an article or whatever for future Issues of the Newsletter.

# Any photos should have a caption with them plus the sender's name and telephone number.

<u>AGM</u> Our Annual General Meeting was held on 9th May 2009. I am pleased to advise that the President [Erroll], [myself as] Secretary, and the Treasurer [John] were returned unopposed. Thank you to the members for your confidence in returning us to serve MAG. These duties we perform with much dedication, pride and pleasure, otherwise we would not be doing so.

Of our Committee, three Members did not seek re-election — John Goosen, John Graham and Damian Feresin; and I thank these guys on behalf of all at MAG for your contribution to the success of MAG.

The current Committee Members of Bradley Falappi and Ross MacKinnon are now joined by Richard King and Mario Panzarino, and indeed we thank these guys for standing on the Committee. <u>VALE</u> Kevin Steptoe, the partner of Ken Mears, passed away on 29 May 2009. We extend our prayers and thoughts to Ken at this sad time.

#### STOP PRESS CONGRATS

We congratulate our own Harry West on being awarded an OAM for his services to the PNG Assoc of Aust — thoroughly deserved, Harry.

David, Secretary & Editor of the Newsletter. Tel: [02] 9516 2063.

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Should you no longer wish to receive this MAGazine, kindly inform me – thanks



How future pics of DDDM will appear

# **Secretary's Report** tabled at the AGM.



It is my pleasure to submit my 8<sup>th</sup> report as MAG's Secretary on our activities over the past 12 months. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE During the past 12 months, ten (10) Executive Meeting were held. We cancelled two meetings due to our Birthday Celebrations and our Christmas Party, at the Taxi Club. To the present Executive Committee Members of Erroll Higson, Steve Ostrow, John O'Dea, John Goosen, John Graham, Damian Feresin, Bradley Falappi and Roscoe MacKinnon thank for your input into the discussions that we had, and for your contribution towards the success of MAG. greeters Thank you to our greeters - Lionel, Kent, Nick and Roscoe and the other guys who have assisted in making our members, friends and guests welcomed, when they arrive in the fover, and for writing out their name tags and recording the numbers of attendees to our Meetings [which is for my information]. 2009 MARDI GRAS Our 2009 Fair Day effort was once more a great one, both financially and socially. Despite it being grey, cloudy and with some rain, MAG was there flying the flag. It was a very successful presence and a fantastic effort by all concerned. To those generous guys who assisted in whatever way, thank you, because the day would not have been the success that it was without your help. We made just over \$2,000 from the plants and jams stalls, together with the wine raffle and hand made greeting cards made by Jon and old book sales. We do have a hard core of guys namely John and Harry, Erroll and Jon [from the UK] and your's truly who were there from 7am till 6pm, although I was a tad late having pushed a shopping trolley thru Newtown with my drag in it. Thank you Ken Mears for decorating the Stalls and creating the wine pyramid [that displayed empty wine bottles] and your idea of having the *punters* write out their own raffle tickets and placing them into the bin helped speed up the process. We must do the same for next year. Thank you Harry and John for your magnificent efforts in growing the plants, making and bottling your delicious jams, including the fast selling Dame Dolly Orange. You really need to have more of this jam for next year - even though you will be cutting down - we have heard that story before! Thank you John Morrissey from New Zealand for providing a truck to transport the plants from Woronora to Fair Day and to John Bell for assisting in loading and then unloading the plants. Parade entry this year was again another resounding success. 'MAG Salutes the Our World' Thanks Steve Ostrow for your suggestion of the theme, and to all the other themes suggested. Our position in the Parade this year was towards the end, which made the evening a long one. I am pleased to report that all on board had an enjoyable time and we were very well received by the crowds along the Parade Route. Thanks to Ken Mears for your efforts in dressing up the bus with the Mature Age Gay banners on the top deck and flags of nations on the bottom - the Bus certainly stood out. It was a pity however that the Foxtel TV commentators were busy talking to an old guy in the street as we passed by [who wasn't even a MAG Member]. They did give us a fleeting mention 'oh there goes the MAG bus'. Thank you Michelle [from Photomedia] and Allan for taking some great photos of the crowds and the guys on the Bus. Some of these were published in the Newsletter. Our after Parade social, in an empty ACON building foyer on the Lower Ground floor went down a treat and really enjoyed by the guys who helped carry all our gear back into our Store Room. It ended a great evening on an even more positive note. JOKES My thanks to friends John [from NZ], Peter and Bruce together with Bill and Ron for all the jokes I receive from them. I am pleased the Members enjoy them at the Meetings and also in the Newsletter.

#### Secretary's Report continued



CATERING COMMITTEE AND SET UP HELPERS We are blessed with some wonderful guys who toil with lots of love and kindness, behind the scenes at MAG to make it all happen. They set up the chairs in our meeting room; prepare all those mouth-watering food platters for the supper tables, and clean up and wash up at the conclusion of the evenings. Guys like John, Jeff, Ronnie, Doug and Lionel together with a number of others who are MAG's little doers, and they do it all so well. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated by me, and on behalf of Members and friends of MAG thank you. We are always on the lookout for more guys to help out, to lighten the load. The white buckets being passed around during the Executive Members addressing the Meeting, prior to the Guest Speaker, has proven to be most successful - it does save guys fumbling for change to make a donation towards the cost of providing supper. Guys who do bring in goodies for the supper table do not need to contribute to the buckets. MAGIC [MAG in the Community] Is a project of MAG for guys who are ill, in hospital, or who require assistance. It is in the capable hands of Noel Hunter who can be contacted on (02) 9699 1317. Noel would be pleased to know of guys in these situations so he may be of assistance – a friendly chat and so on. From time to time we have had Members who have not been well. We hope all who have been ill are now in better health. OUR LIBRARY Alex our Librarian does a superb job in maintaining our Library. Alex also sells educational materials [videos and magazines] for MAG. He also keeps his eye out for unusual and interesting titles and unusual gay books, which he purchased for the Library. We are most grateful, Alex for your efforts. Alex is assisted by various guys at times, and they are thanked for their assistance also. During supper, please speak to Alex regarding our Library. Books can only be borrowed by financial members. OUR WEB SITE MAG's Web Site is <u>www.magnsw.org</u> - our Web Master, Luke Luk does a terrific job in placing the latest Newsletter onto our Web site, plus adding pics and information that may be of interest to browsers of our web site. Thanks, Luke for all your efforts in maintaining our web site. OUR NEWSLETTER - [MAGazine] Our Newsletter is published every two (2) months. As its Editor, I sincerely thank all those guys who have submitted articles etc for the Newsletter, especially Warren Sawkins for his poems. I do hope all our readers have found the Editions interesting and informative. Complaints received concerning too many photos of Dame Dolly have been noted, but the challenge is to those who don't like her photos to provide the Editor with theirs, together with a caption for inclusion in a future Editions of the Newsletter. Contributions are always being sought to make the Newsletter interesting for all. MAGnet Our social venture on a Wednesday evening is held at the Taxi Club, located in Flinders Street, Darlinghurst. All are warmly welcomed to attend and enjoy a cheap meal of steak, chips and salad, plus other meals on the menu. ACON Without the support of ACON, MAG would not be the success it is today. The use of their building for our meetings and storing of our gear, plus the financial support we receive for the printing and posting of our Newsletters is very much appreciated by all at MAG. MAG in return has a number of Members on the Packing Team [including myself who has recently joined, now I am only working part time]; and I must admit that these days are most enjoyable: some of the stories the guys tell would make your hair curl. We assist ACON with their packing of safe sex packs and needle packs. All these volunteers do a terrific job under the leadership of Big Harry and John O'Dea.

I thank Steve Ostrow the founder of Mature Age Gays for his vision of setting up MAG. Steve is ACON's Project Officer for MAG.

#### Secretary's Report continued



guest speakers Thank you to all our Guest Speakers for giving up their valuable time, to come along on a Saturday evening to speak to us at MAG. We had a really interesting evening when our members talked on their lives and experiences. For example Bradley on his Titanic memorabilia and Geoff on his painted body on ABC TV Doco. Please let me know if you have topics or would like to address our Meetings. FINANCIAL MEMBERS On behalf of our Treasurer, I sincerely thank all those guys who made a financial contribution to MAG and became a *financial member of MAG*. Your commitment is greatly appreciated by the Executive. It is a concern that a number of guys who attend and receive the Newsletter, don't contribute financially. Richard Buckdale, the President prior to Errol Higson, when he created the MAG Data Base, classed guys who do not contribute \$10.00 each year as 'Interested Non-Members'. Our venue is great and is close to all amenities, our speakers certainly interesting, our social activities fun and suppers sumptuous and it only cost \$10.00 per year to be a true MAG. ATTENDANCE To all those guys who do attend MAG each meeting I hope you have enjoyed the meetings that were arranged - our Guest Speakers, and our social functions. The average number of attendees over the past year is 88. As a person who loves to dress up when the occasion arises I sincerely thank all those guys who made an effort and came along in colourful outfits to our social evenings. They most certainly added to the success of those evening. This was very much evident with our Bus in this year's Mardi Gras Parade. We celebrated our 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday last year in style, as did our Christmas Party at the Taxi Club. It was a pity that we could only have 100 guys present due to OH & S requirements. VALE We have lost dear members in the past 12 months. These guys we loved and respected. We will miss them all. We offer our sincere condolences to all who have also lost close loved ones and family members over the past year. We do share your loss.

In closing may I state that it has been my privilege to be your Secretary. David Bowron

Secretary, Mature Age Gays, MAG.

Letter of Thanks MAG received a letter from Peter Johnson, Pastoral

Leader, Independent Catholic Church of Australia.

**"I write to express our gratitude** [again] for including our little group in your wonderful MAGazine (Community Contacts)! Through Jack and Philip, I have come to appreciate and value the hard work and (often) thankless efforts of your Executive and many fine members make in alerting us (non-members and **"ordinary folk" in the wider community) to the issues of ageism and "older GLBT"** concerns! Well done! May the spirit of Easter Season bless your great contribution to fairness, equity and human rights for all — regardless of age, gender, belief or other man-made barriers to freedom and justice!! Three Cheers for all, and best wishes, Father Peter Johnson.

**PS We'll be publishing your contacts details in our Community Newsletter.** PPS Your April/May/June 2009 Edition which Jack passed on to me is excellent! **Congrats to all concerned.**"



#### By Tarnia and Andrew from ACON's Alcohol and Other Drugs Project

We have all done it or know some who has. It is common in our community to use multiple substances (whether that is prescribed or illicit drugs) and we may not always stop to think about what the outcome of this may be. It is not unusual for someone to have a few drinks, a smoke and then if they get lucky, round the night off with Viagra and an amyl snuffle. All of this may be in addition to prescribed medications.

If you are lucky this may have flowed quite nicely on the night, but there are significant risks you should be aware of if you plan to do it again.

Let us delve into this cocktail and look at just two substances - Viagra and Amyl Nitrite.

Amyl has been around for donkey's years and is one of the most common drugs used in our community. There is a belief that it is harmless, however it can affect your heart and blood pressure. Amyl lowers your blood pressure and this by itself can cause you to feel faint or pass out. Frequent use can also put strain on your heart.

Viagra and other erectile dysfunction drugs also lower your blood pressure, making your heart beat faster. This can result in dizziness, headaches and flushes.

So if you think about it, taking both amyl and Viagra at the same time could cause a severe drop in blood pressure, resulting in breathing difficulties and lack of oxygen. This can lead to fainting, black outs, temporary amnesia, coma or even death in some cases. If you have also been drinking alcohol then the possibility of something going wrong increases.

We can speak in general terms of ill effects but the truth is, we really don't know why one night it may all be fine and the next time it all goes wrong. It of course has something to do with the amounts you have taken and how long between ingestion of each substance and individual tolerance to the combinations, but there is also evidence that suggests that your state of mind, environment and even how much sleep you have had the previous night may have an effect.

Unfortunately this all looks grim and it's about to get more complicated. Let's throw in some other substances like medications. For some of us medications are a staple in our lives and forgetting that they will have interactions with other stuff we do seems to be part of the normalisation of medications in our lives.

There are too many medications to cover all the interactions, so lets just look at it this way; for each substance, medication or otherwise, we put into ourselves we add a layer of variability, interactions and risk. Kind of a lasagna of complexity that may or may not pan out the way we plan.

If you are going to take all these substances together, here are some tips that may help to reduce the negative effects. Please keep it in mind that there is no real way to predict what the outcome of combining so many substances will be. Tips

• Talk to you doctor. This will only be of any use if you can have an open and frank discussion with them. If you are concerned about telling your regular doctor of your plans, you can see another doctor - but make sure you tell them *everything*.

• Know your own body. If you have taken this combination before you will have a **rough guide to the effects on your body, but your body's reactions and responses do** change over time. There is also emerging evidence to support the theory that environment and mind-set also influence the way drugs affect us.

• Be aware of the physical effects of each substance you take, but also understand that there is no really accurate way to predict the effects of using multiple substances.

- Never use illicit drugs or drugs that have not been prescribed for you on your own.
- Let your friends know what you have taken. In an emergency this may save your life.

# JOKES MAGazine

## CHARLES AND CAMILLA!!

Camilla bought a new pair of shoes for her wedding which got increasingly tighter & tighter as the day went on. That night after the festivities were finally over, she and Charles had retired back to their room.

Camilla flopped on the bed and said, 'Please remove my shoes darling. Ones feet are killing One.'

Ever obedient, the Prince of Wales attacked her right shoe with vigour. But it would not budge. 'Harder', yelled Camilla, 'Harder'.

Charles yelled back, 'I'm trying darling! But it's just so bloody tight!' 'Come on give it all you've got ' she cried.

Finally when it released, Charles let out a big groan, and Camilla exclaimed 'There! Oh God, that feels so good.'

In their bedroom next door The Queen turned to Prince Phillip and said 'See I told you she was still a virgin with a face like that!'

Meanwhile back in the other bedroom Charles was attempting to remove the other shoe when he cried out 'Oh god, darling this ones even tighter'.

At which point Prince Phillip turned and said to the Queen 'That's my boy, once a Navy man, always a navy man!'

## SPEEDING TICKET

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Did you hear about the 83 year old woman who talked herself out of a speeding ticket by telling the young officer that she had to get there before she forgot where she was going? *Makes perfectly good sense to me....* 

# TRUE FACT

Alcohol does NOT make you FAT – It makes you *LEAN* ... Against tables, chairs, floors, walls, and ugly people!!

PASH is a study of gay and bisexual men about their experiences of and attitudes toward sex and pleasure. It will help us understand how gay and bisexual men are thinking about their sexual health, and provide valuable information for health promotion efforts and policy development. The survey takes about 30 minutes to complete online.

## www.pash-study.net

Please also encourage your gay or bisexual male friends, colleagues and acquaintances to fill it in.

Remembering MAG in your Will.

Previous members have bequeathed a small amount of funds from their wills to MAG, following their passing. We would be very honoured if members or friends of MAG may care to consider doing something similar.



The sun with all its power and glory, leaves the horizon at the beginning of its busy day and kisses the horizon at the end of its event filled way. The moon sits high above adorning all with its beauty, **day or night that's where it will always stay.** The clouds travel in their ever changing weather pattern diversity, they sometimes shadow the moon and the sun. The stars in all their majestic scenery give forth a light show enchanting the earth, like a light orchestra all working

together as one.

The rains fall from the heaven to cleanse the earth and make life grow.

Hail falls to earth causing havoc and hardship wherever it chooses to go.

Thunder echoes around the heaven, lightning lights up and decorates the sky

Storms sometimes cause damage, beyond belief, nobody knows why.

All the wonders of the universe will always remain, a mystery to the day we die.

# I mportant Announcement for the 2010 Mardi Gras

The New Mardi Gras has announced that the 2010 Mardi Gras will have the following key dates: -

Launch and Fair Day – Sunday, 21st February Parade & Parade Night Event – Saturday, 27th Feb Harbour '10 – Saturday, 28th February Party – Saturday, 6th March

#### Harry West Awarded OAM

In the Queen's Birthday Honours List on Monday, 8th June 2009, Harry West was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia [OAM] "for services to the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia." Harry has just completed 10 years as Secretary of the Association, followed by 16 years as President. There are more than 1,600 members worldwide, with the majority scattered throughout Australia and all have close links with Papua New Guinea. A significant object of the Association is to strengthen the civil relationship between the peoples of Australia & Papua New Guinea. Harry will be invested with the insignia of his award by the State Governor at a Government House ceremony in September. All at MAG heartily congratulate Harry OAM, on his receiving this Award.





MAGnet MAG*net* – is our mid week venue for mature gay and bi men. Every Wednesday evening meeting at the Taxi Club, on Flinders Street, Darlinghurst, from 6:30pm for a meal. It is a great place to be at. We recommend guys join the Taxi Club it's only \$11 per year and you can enjoy all the benefits. MAG invites all mature age gay and bisexual men to join our guys in having a meal, a drink and socialising.





# MAGazine

## **MAG's Details**

#### Executive Members:

President: Erroll Higson 9557 5903 Secretary: David Bowron 9516 2063 Treasurer: John O'Dea 9521 1953

ACON – Project Officer MAG and the founder of MAG: Steve Ostrow 9358 1460

#### Committee Members:

Bradley Falappi9550 6359Ross MacKinnon-Richard King0425 248 480Mario Panzarino0438 931 999

#### MAGIC

MAG in the Community. For guys who are ill, in hospital, or who require assistance. Please contact Noel Hunter on (02) 96991317.

Our postal address is: MAG PO Box 350 DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

#### Web site is magnsw.org.

MAG meetings are held at: Lower Ground Floor ACON Building 9-25 Commonwealth Street, Darlinghurst

The entrance is at the back of the building, on the corner of Clarke and Alberta Streets. We meet of the second and last Saturdays of each month, from 6:30 pm for tea & coffee with the meeting commencing at 7:00pm, usually with a Guest Speaker – sometimes we'll have a social evening,

A light supper follows.

The Executive Committee meets on the second Saturday of the month after the General Meeting.

Editor - David 9516 2063

### COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Acceptance (Gay Catholics) Tel. 9568 4433. Friday Mass, St. Josephs Church, Bedford Street, Newtown, 8pm.

Aleph Australia for gay Jews & friends, Contact *Michael* 9300 9700.

Asian Project Contact Solomon 9206 2080

bgay Community News

Contact Marc on 0404112831.

Country Network a national social network of gay men. Sydney Metro contact is Neil Maguire on 9547 1258.

Cronulla Gay Group

Contact John 9528 9158 or Eric 9589 1161. Cross Section for gays within the Uniting Church phone *Des* 9319 0722.

GAMMA Gay & Married Men's Assoc

Meets on 1st & 3rd Wed every month, at 9 C'wealth St, Surry Hills. Tel. 9267 4000

www.gamma.org au Gaydownunder www.gaydownunder.com GLCS Tel. 1800 184 527

GSN - Gay Sydney Nudists

contact Tony James 49725357.

MCC Good Shepherd 6:30pm Sundays Pastor *Robert Clark* Tel. 9386 9293

37 East Street, Granville.

MCC Sydney 10:00am & 6:30pm Sundays Pastor *Gavin Ward* Tel. 9569 5122

96 Crystal Street, Petersham.

PFLAG Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays. www.pflagaustralia.org

SCOG Southern Cross Outdoor Group:

bushwalks and other outdoor activities in the Sydney area. Contact *John* 9907 9144.

Email address is scog@scog.asn.au

SPAIDS Dates on tree planting days contact josken@zipworld.com.au for further information. Independent Catholic Church of Aust

Meetings: fortnightly at 320 Riley Street,

Surry Hills. Contact: Father Peter on 9588 6893 or 0419 464 353

WAGS 1st and 3rd Saturdays of month ACON, 13 Ellen Street, Wollongong

7:00pm till 9:00pm.

There is no supper. www.wags.net.au Apostolic Community of St Nicholas Meeting: 1st Sunday of the month at 11am 10/5-6 Edgar Cres, Belfield Community Pastor Alexei G Schmidt 9642 7881.