## MAGazine

The Newsletter for Mature Age Gays

July and August 2010 Edition



# MAG's Executive Re-elected

We are pleased to report that MAG's Executive — President, Erroll, Secretary David and Treasurer John were all re-elected unopposed to their respective positions.

President Erroll said that he was honoured by the faith shown by the Members present at the AGM to re-elect him and *his partners*.

There was a change to the Committee with Bradley Falappi, Mario Panzarino, Eric Ellem and Joe Mula being elected.

Erroll thanked the outgoing members of the Committee for their contribution to MAG.

SHAME CHANNEL 7 SYDNEY, SHAME on your *outing* of the now the ex-Transport Minister, David Campbell on 20th May 2010. We await *karma* returning *the favour* to your company and the reporter in question, Adam Walters.

Along with many, many others, Members of MAG were totally appalled by this homophobic action.

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## President MAGazine

Well our Annual General Meeting has been and gone for another year. Many thanks to all the outgoing committee for their contribution over the past year and a very warm welcome to our

newly elected committee for 2010/2011. Our President re-elect is yours truely along with our workaholic's treasurer John O'Dea and our Secretary David Bowron, (aka Dame Dolly Devine). Thank you to all the financial members who gave us again their vote of confidence and I am happy to announce the two new members on our team are Eric Ellem and Joe Mula. I am sure we will make the coming year bigger and better than the past year. It would be very pleasing if more guys became financial members. It is only \$10.00 per year and has been this amount for quite a number of years now, so come on you guys and join up NOW.

I am embarking on another trip to the UK in late June to visit my long distance partner and I am so looking forward to this after such an up and down 2009 health wise. I would especially like to thank Noel Hunter for his kindness and concern over the past few weeks when I had a heart scare. Noel does such a wonderful job for MAG and I am sure most MAG guys wouldn't be aware of what he does. Well I can assure you if you ever get sick or hospitalised Noel will be there for you. Well done Noel. Finally I would just like to mention a letter I received from a guy, I don't know if he is a financial member or not as the letter arrived in a plain envelope with no return address on the back and it was signed by Willy. Well the letter was a about the Newsletter complaining of the number of pictures of Dame Dolly (David) in it. Firstly to David's defence he does a great job preparing this Newsletter and as we have said on many occasions if you have something or some pictures YOU would like put in the Newsletter, PLEASE send them to David and he would be happy to oblige. Finally if you have a gripe with anything at all to do with MAG, it would be appreciated if you would indicate your identity and a return address so an official reply can be sent to you. None of us are perfect and we do these things on a voluntary basis. It is also interesting to note that at our Annual General Meeting there was no other nominations for the top 3 positions. Until next time. Love from your re-elected President, Erroll.

Dame Dolly Devine would like to respond to 'Willy' by saying that *she* is so sorry for wearing red on the Mardi Gras Parade night so as to make her stand out. She does not consider there are many pics of her. There is one picture of her on page 7 with Ken, and also other pics with other contingent members on the other pages. The Secretary's page there are only 2 pics — one by herself which is her *face* pic and another together with our own *Suzie Wong*. 'Willy' please send a pic of yourself and we'll only be pleased put it in the Newsletter — We promise!

#### OUR PLANNED EVENTS

10 July
Tony Breinl
Fall Prevention

31 July Charlotte Wenham Prime Life Aged Care

#### 14 August

Donna Drew from Walter Carter Funerals, at Bondi Junction

What to do when death happens

Donna spoke to us about grief and bereavement on 29th May

28 August
To be advised

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## steve Ostrow MAGazine

Hi Guys,

Well it's a rainy Sat morn here and I am doing this newsletter article direct from fingers to PC keyboard which is very unusual for me as all my previous writing has been done by scripting with pencil to pad and then having my long-term soul mate Charles suffer my reading it to him as he transcribes it onto the very same keyboard I am now using.

But Charles is now overseas for the time being, so here I am in the 21<sup>st</sup> century pounding away with lonely fingers, although the truth is I will send this by email to Charles for editing and spelling, whatever that is.

Went with my friend Tony to a wonderful concert last nite at the Opera House. It featured Mahler's Fifth Symphony, which for me is very emotional as I first heard the Fourth Movement Adagietto from the symphony in the treasured 1971 Visconti film 'Death in Venice'.

This is a film which depicts the final opening-up of the main protagonist's heart, a man in his late 50's, to admit that what he, Von Aschenbach, as played by Dirk Bogarde, feels for the beautiful young boy Tadzio is not just an appreciation of beauty but...love.

In the novel by Thomas Mann, Tadzio is 11 years old; in the film he is depicted as 14. Visconti auditioned all over the world to find the most beautiful boy before choosing Björn Andrésen, and for those of you who have seen the picture, he surely fits the bill.

I first saw the film in Stuttgart, Germany, when I was living there and singing with the Stuttgart Opera and putting on shows for the NATO troops. I had just turned 55 and could resonate with what Von Aschenbach was feeling for this androgynous youth. And even though the film was in German, I have never forgotten it.

It was a great night and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy, was fantastic.

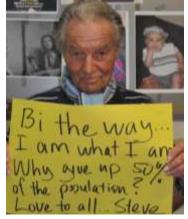
#### Oh ... and there were many MAGs there too, which was fab.

PS Sad to say that many years after the film, Björn Andrésen was seen lurking around a beat in Rome trying to find money to support his drug addiction after no longer being 'the most beautiful boy in the world' and discarded by Visconti and his entourage for someone younger.

Love Steve

#### 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





## **Secretary** MAGazine

An Anzac Tribute I thank the guys who complimented me on the tribute I conducted on Saturday, 24 April, for Anzac Day. The flags of Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand were displayed on the wall, correctly. We played the Last Post, recited the Ode of Remembrance, then played Reville and heard both National Anthems of New Zealand and Australia. I was sorry that President Erroll was not able to be there, due to him being in hospital, as I am sure he would have been surprised to hear me playing the New Zealand National Anthem [he is an ex-Kiwi] along with the Australian National Anthem. I was disappointed to be told after the event that two of our members did not remove their caps for the playing of the Last Post or the National Anthems. Their lack of respect I consider deplorable and their in-actions were noted by a number of our members.

Overseas Visitor I received an email for a chap, Alan from London, who was visiting Sydney in May. Alan asked if someone from MAG could show him some of the sights of Sydney. Seeing I now only work on weekends, I replied that I would be only pleased to do so. Alan arrived on a Wednesday, so after I met him and took him to the Taxi Club for MAGnet. As he was staying in Potts Point and was a keen walker, we walked through The Cross to Oxford Street. I gave him a tour of the Gav Mile and told him of all the bars and saunas etc. Dinner at the Taxi Club. On Thursday, I took him to Harry Café de Wheels, Mrs Macquarie's Chair, the Botanical Gardens, the Opera House, the Quay, the Bridge and the Rocks. Then on Friday we went by Rivercat to Watsons Bay. I wished I could have bottled the weather on that day — it was an unbelievably beautiful Autumn day. We then walked to Camp Cove, Lady Bay beach [where Alan had a nude swim — too bloody cold for me], then to The Gap and Dunbar's Anchor. We had lunch of fish and chips on the wharf and a beer at the Watsons Bay Hotel. Then by bus 380 to Bondi Beach, where we walked on the promenade. Bus 333 took us into the City and back to the Quay for a ferry that passed under the Bridge to Luna Park and eventually to Darling Harbour. Where we saw the old South Steyne ferry and walked through to China Town [very busy being a Friday evening]. Then the light rail to Central, where I put Alan on a train back to The Cross. Alan came to MAG the following evening [our AGM]. Alan really enjoyed chatting with a number of our guys. He has asked me to thank all the guys he meet on the night, as well as thanking myself for showing him our beautiful city and giving my time to do so. It was my pleasure to be able to show a visitor a bit of our magnificent city. Alan's message will appear on the web site shortly

Thank you for your vote of confidence I would like to thank all those financial member for re-electing me to the position of Secretary of MAG Secretary for another year at the AGM. A position I have held since 2001. Re-elected President Erroll and Treasurer John have also expressed their thanks. To the guys who have stood for the Committee, thanks for your intending commitment; and to the outgoing members of the Committee we appreciate your efforts to ensure the continued success of MAG.

Membership Fees We are still pleased to accept \$10.00 from guys who would care to be a financial member of MAG. I do thank all those generous guys who have already renewed their memberships for 2010. The President Erroll and Treasurer John have also expressed their thanks to all those wonderful financial members.

David your Secretary and Newsletter Editor Tel: [02] 9516 2063.



12 May 2010

Dear Friend

As we celebrate National Volunteers Week (May 10-16), I would like to thank you for volunteering for ACON. Your contribution is making a difference in the lives of many people in our community and is making the GLBT community a much healthier and safer place.

You are one of over 700 volunteers providing many hours of their own time to help us continually expand the reach of ACON's services. ACON relies heavily on you to help us run our programs, promote the health and wellbeing of our community, celebrate its diversity and fundraise to help us do all of these things. Without you we could not achieve so much.

ACON celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. As a community-based organisation, our very foundation was the act of volunteers and we have always treasured the part volunteers play in achieving our goals. That is why celebrating the contribution of volunteers to ACON is so important to us.

Thank you sharing your skills, your networks and your love with us - and giving up your time to be part of ACON's journey. You are the back bone of ACON and help make it what it is.

Best wishes

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Mark Orr President

#### Members pass -

It is with much regret that we advise the passing of Dr Damien Deegan on 21 May 2010. He was a very good friend of our Dr Eddie and a lot of other MAG Members. Damien had not been at Meetings recently due to ill health. He was aged 84 years old.

A large number of MAG Members attended Damien's funeral service at Walter Carter Funeral Home at Bondi Junction.

Also we regret to advise that Brian Treloar passed away on 26 May 2010. Brian was 77 years old.

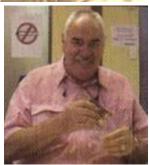
Brain featured in the SX Newspaper on 10 May 2010 in its issue paying tribute to all Volunteers.

Brian was a regular member of ACON's Safe Sex Packing Team know affectionately as 'Black Barbara'. His stories of his experiences and humour will be sadly missed by all at Packing.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of both Damien and Brian.

We were privileged to have known both these lovely guys - Ed.





The photo that appeared in SX

#### The Secretary's 2009 - 2010 Report



I submit my 9<sup>th</sup> report as MAG's Secretary on our activities during the last 12 months. I was elected to the position of Secretary back in 2001.

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. To the present Executive Committee Members of Erroll Higson, Steve Ostrow, John O'Dea, Bradley Falappi, Mario Panzarino, Richard King and Ross 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 - Kent, Alex and Roscoe and the other guys who have assisted in making our members, friends and guests welcomed, when they arrive in the foyer, and for writing out their name tags and recording the numbers of attendees to our Meetings [which is for my information].

2010 MARDI GRAS - FAIR DAY Our 2010 Fair Day effort was once more a great one for MAG - both financially and socially. We flew the MAG flag. It was a very successful presence and a fantastic effort by all concerned. To those generous guys who assisted us, we sincerely thank you - because the day would not have been the success that it was without your help. We again made just over \$2,000 from the plants and jams stalls, together with the wine raffle and hand made greeting cards made by Jon from the UK.

We do have a hard core of guys namely John and Harry, Erroll and yours truly who were there from 7am till 6pm. I again, or should I say Dame Dolly Devine of Marrickville, was a little late as she had to push my shopping trolley thru Newtown with her drag in it. I enjoyed decorating the Stall, with the silver sequins.

Thank you Ken Mears for instructing Erroll on how to construct the wine pyramid [that displayed empty wine bottles]. Punters writing out their own raffle tickets and placing them into the bin did speed things a lot.

Sincere thanks to Harry and John for your magnificent efforts in growing the plants, making and bottling your delicious jams.

2010 MARDI GRAS - PARADE This year we marched with the ACON entry in the Mardi Gras Parade. Only 11 guys participated and Michelle, our photographer extraordinaire. We had a long wait in the comfort of the ACON building and were very well looked after with refreshments of sandwiches and biscuits, plus tea, coffee and soft drinks. We moved out of the building at 7:15pm to the street. By being in the building we missed out on being with people in the street, but on the upside we did not have to line up in the really long gueues to go to the port-a-loos.

I have acknowledged the guys from ACON who looked after us in the Newsletter, but will again thank them. We were well received by the crowds, but would they know what MAG was. Next year we need a trolley or what ever displaying the MAG Letters, plus the wording in full. At the end of the Parade we walked back to ACON, and enjoyed some well earned refreshments and nibbles. Thanks Michelle and Valery for the pics of the Parade and to the 10 other guys who participated in flying the MAG flag in the Parade.

I thank Lionel for doing my face and Marcia Monterey from Muswellbrook for my outfit. CATERING COMMITTEE AND SET UP HELPERS We do have a number of great guys who work behind the scenes at MAG to make it all happen, and this is certainly true of our guys in the Kitchen, who get there early do their magnificent job with the mouth-watering food platters for the supper tables. Then we have guys who set up the chairs in our meeting room; and then those who 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, please approach the President to let him know that you are interested. In future, we will be seeking assistance from a few guys to lends a hand on certain evenings. The white buckets being passed around prior to the start of the General Meetings seem to have been successful – it does save guys fumbling for change to make a donation as they get near the supper tables.

#### The Secretary's 2009 - 2010 Report cont'd

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Although, some guys seem to *bork* at making a donation. This contribution pays for the incidentals such as paper table cloths, paper plates, napkins, tea, coffee, sugar, tomato sauce, washing up liquid, and so on.

To those few guys who do bring in goodies for the supper tables, my sincere thanks for doing so, and may I remind you generous guys that you 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 The MAG Library is maintained by Alex and assisted by a few members, and they are thanked for their work with the Library. Before meetings and during supper Alex can be approached regarding our Library. Books can only be borrowed by financial members.

OUR WEB SITE MAG's Web Site is <a href="www.magnsw.org">www.magnsw.org</a> - our Web Master is Luke Luk who 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.

I sincerely thank Luke for all his 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.

Contributions are always being 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 let me know. I do thank those guys who have sent me positive advice concerning the Newsletters. 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 Newsletters.

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 reasonably priced meal, plus Taxi Club Members go into the drawer to maybe win \$100.00 - every half hour from 6:30pm till 8pm.

ACON Without the support of ACON we would not be the success we are 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, including myself, who are ACON volunteers for the safe sex packing team. The days are most enjoyable, with some of the stories the guys tell that would make your hair curl. All the guys do a great job under the leadership of Big Harry and John O'Dea.

If it was not for Steve Ostrow's dream, we would not be here meeting tonight, so we thank Steve for Mature Aged Gays (MAG). I also thank Steve for your advice to me as the Secretary and for your company on a Wednesday night at the Taxi Club.

Steve is presently ACON's Project Officer for MAG.

GUEST SPEAKERS We thank all our Guest Speakers who have given up their valuable time to come along on a Saturday evening to speak to us. We had some really interesting and informative evenings over the past year. This has also been so when our members have talked on their lives and experiences.

Please let me know if you a have topic you would be interested in hearing about; or would like to address our General Meeting.

#### The Secretary's Report cont'd

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FINANCIAL MEMBERS On behalf of our Treasurer, I sincerely thank all those guys who make a financial contribution to MAG and become a *financial member*. Your commitment is greatly appreciated by the Executive.

I am really concerned that a number of guys who regularly attend meetings and who receive the Newsletters don't contribute financially. We have a strange thing happening – there are guys who live in the country or even interstate that cannot make our Meetings, but are financial members. Our venue is great and is so close to all amenities, our speakers are certainly interesting, our social activities fun and suppers sumptuous plus, it only cost \$10.00 per year to be a true MAG member.

ATTENDANCE To all those guys who do attend MAG meetings, I hope you have enjoyed the meetings that have been arranged – either being a Guest Speaker or one of our social function. The average number of attendees over the past year is 67. As a person who loves to dress up when the occasion arise I sincerely thank all those guys who make great efforts to come along in colourful outfit to our social evenings. They most certainly added to the success of those evening. This was very much evident with our Bus in recent Mardi Gras Parades. Our Christmas Party last year was great as was our entertainer JBear; and we do thank him for his efforts in making the evening a great success.

We look forward to celebrating our 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday in September of this year.

VALE We have lost dear members over the past 12 months. These guys we loved and respected. We do and will miss them all. Our condolences are extended to all who have lost close loved ones and family members over the past year. We do share your loss.

In closing may I tell of that old saying 'you can't please all of the people all of the time' – and how very true this has been for me during the past 12 months.

I have experienced abuse and belittlement from a few guys at MAG. Should you desire to re-elect me to act as your Secretary for another year, please be advised that things will change! Thank you for your attention.

David Bowron, Secretary, Mature Age Gays, MAG.

#### Complementary Message

Natalie Moffatt spoke to us on Saturday, 24th April on the subject of — **'Old Age is Sexy'** and has forwarded a letter to Steve:

"I would like to thank David for the invitation to speak to the members of MAG. I found the whole experience exceptional due to the responsiveness of the whole group. It was a pleasure to receive such positive feedback from all the members to whom I had the opportunity to speak. It was also wonderful to see you honour ANZAC Day with the anthems of both Australia and NZ along with the Ode. I would also like to thank you for the lovely supper and the teddy bear which now happily sits on my bed.

My partner, Tony also enjoyed the evening as did my business partner, Monique. As you would all now be aware from my presentation my passion for our ageing population knows no bounds and should you ever wish to invite me back it would be a pleasure to accept your invitation. Warm regards, Natalie."



#### **Natalie's Business Card**

should anyone need her services in finding the *right* Aged Care Facility. 0416 112 756





Jaimie Moreno also spoke to us on 24th April on the City of Sydney's activities for over 55 year olds and he also sent a letter to Steve:

"I was very surprised at how well the meeting was attended. I think that it was really great to see that many people come to the meeting to socialise and stay connected to the community. I think it is great that you've created a place where older people in a community so youth focused can come together and feel welcome. What else was great to see the level of involvement that members of the group had in the meeting. Members were very actively engaged in asking questions, and getting the information that they wanted both during and after presentations by the speakers. It was also great to have a chat with members after all the programmed parts of the meeting were finished and talk to them about what I presented on, and also about their life experiences and interests. I thought the main speaker for the night was very impressive, she spoke with great passion and conviction about her experiences and also about her service and its relevance to the group. In regard to the speeches at the beginning of the meeting by members of MAG, I thought they were all presented in such a way that you could tell that the speakers were connected with the audience. They were quite funny at times and presented in away that was appropriate for the group that was there, you could tell there was a great rapport between the speaker and the other members. I also think its really good that you actually go through all the community announcements to the whole group during the meeting. All in all I had a great time at the meeting. I was also very impressed with the after meeting dinner. It was huge! I must say thank you very much for inviting me to speak at the meeting. I felt very welcome, and was very glad to be there. And thank you very much for the gift. It was very unexpected, and my bag was very heavy carrying at home.

Kind regards Jaimie Moreno." Jaimie can be contacted on tele no. 9265 9489

#### A note from Corey Irlam

Corey is ACON's National Campaign Officer, and spoke to MAG on Saturday, 29th May 2010.

"As I exited the lift on the lower ground floor, I was amazed to see the overflowing numbers of older gay men who had weathered the rain and wind to attend Saturday night's MAG meeting. The vibe in the air was electric. Full of friendliness, comradery and openness not only to me and new members but old friends as well. As I mature closer towards my twilight years, my experience on Saturday night with 118 other same-sex attracted older men makes me look forward to being eligible to join this special club. I look forward to the next time I am invited to present. Cheers Corey."

#### 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.

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ACHIEVE THINGS IN TIME 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010. Hurry, Hurry,

A need for everything to be done, Yesterday. Maybe consider tomorrow, or a future day. Weather patterns no change, there to stay, Rain, hail or shine.

Still always the need, everything done, anyway. Paint that wall, don't forget the hall.

The ceilings, that door, there is always more.

What about the carpet?

A definite need to clean or replace.

Time never stops, always endlessly moving on.

More wants still at a demanding pace.

What about the paper work?

It needs to be done too!

Come on what's the matter with you? Do a bit tonight.

Feeling tired. Sorry this I can't hide.

Do some more paper work the next day.

Hurry, Hurry please, go away.

When you are by yourself, consider your health. Sometimes we all must rest, to achieve our very best.

Yesterday's are gone, do what you can do today.

Think more Tomorrow or a future time, o.k.

We can't let old hurry, hurry control our every day We are not lazy or committing a crime.

To want to, ACHIEVE THINGS IN TIME.

#### THE BISCUIT STORY

[an old one, but a good one]

Mr Monte Carlo was a very fresh biscuit.
He took Miss Vo-Vo for a Morning Coffee, he put his hand on her Milky Way, and she thought that was Nice, but when he put his Scotch Finger on her Date Slice, she grabbed him by the Ginger Nuts and made him Sao (Say-Oh).

Should you no longer wish to receive this MAGazine, kindly inform our Secretary



By Warren Sawkins
MAG MAGazine
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#### **MAGnet**

MAGnet — 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.

For instance the
Wednesday
Members Badge
Drawer — There are
\$100 badge draws
from 6pm till 8pm for
those members
present.

The meals are reasonable priced and most enjoyable.

MAG invites all mature age gay and bisexual men to join our guys in having a meal, a drink and socialising.

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#### 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 Falappi 9550 6359

Eric Ellem –

Mario Panzarino 0438 931 999

Joe Mula -

#### **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 on 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 (*Vacant at present*) 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.

Christ Our Hope Community

Meetings: fortnightly at 320 Riley Street, Surry Hills, at 11am. 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 Meetings: 1st Sunday of month at 11am. 10/5-6 Edgar Cres, Belfield Community Pastor Alexei G Schmidt

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