

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men
JULY & AUGUST 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

MAG Memberships for 2019/2020

are now due [as from 1st July 2019]

MAG will be turning 28 in September 2019



MAG guys on the steps of the beautifully restored Carrington Hotel, at Katoomba

Chito, Harley, Harley's bf, Michael M, Trevor, Lewis, Chris, Michael T, James, John S & John O'D

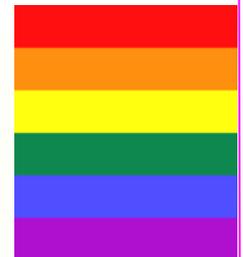
Photos courtesy of Trevor

It is with much sadness, we advise that a good friend & MAG Member, Chris Hurtado passed away on **5th May 2019**. He was **79**. Chris was a great supporter of MAG. He helped Dame Dolly out on many occasions by spruiking at MAG's Fair Day Stalls. He dressed up as "**Christine from Scone**" We used to say she was also a member of the CWA {Country Women's Assoc}, who baked lovely scones. Chris was also a member of ACON's Safe sex Packing team **Rest In Peace Chris.**



Your President

Greetings Members and friends,



On Saturday, 27th July, we will be holding **A Winters in July Social Evening**. For all who will be joining us for this fun evening, you will **NEED TO WEAR A BEANNIE**.

We will be celebrating our 28th Anniversary of service to older gay and bi-sexual community of Sydney on 14th September this year. A colour from the Rainbow Flag is the theme of the evening. We ask that attendees wear a colour from the flag.

Renewals of MAG Memberships for the period 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020 are now due. Forms are available from Trevor of Treasurer/Secretary. Guys can also down load the form from the MAG Web site. www.magsydney.org
Your continued support of MAG financially is very much appreciated by myself and YOUR Committee.

Our Members doings :- MAG guys were involved with outings: A train trip to Katoomba & Blackheath. A walk on a freezing Saturday to South Ponds Creek.

On a sad note, Member Chris Hurtado passed away on 5th May. We were saddened at Chris' passing. He was a great supporter of MAG as well as a member of ACON's Safe Sex Packing Team. He would also help Dame Dolly out by being a back up spruicker at our Fair Day Stalls. Christine from Scone was his *alter persona*. We used to ask him for the recipe of those beautiful scones that the CWA (Country Women's Assoc) ladies make.

Please keep rugged up and stay WARM — David - President

An elderly patient gets hearing aids from a doctor. After short time, he meets the doctor again.

Doctor, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased."

Patient, "Oh, I am in a funny situation now. I haven't told my family yet. I just sit and listen to their conversations. In a month, I've changed my will three times!"

Ho Chow calls into work and say, 'Hey, I no come work today, I really sick. Got headache, stomach ache and legs hurt, I no come work.'

The boss says, 'You know something Ho Chow, I really need you today. When I feel sick like you do, I go to my wife and ask her for sex. That makes everything better and I go to work. You try that.'

Two hours later Ho Chow calls again. 'I do what you say and I feel great. I be at work soon..... You got nice house.'

Events planned for MAG SYDNEY INC

SAT 13 JULY "My Life" - Brad who is now Ava

Sunday 14 July Afternoon Delight - Events Cinema, George Street, City 2pm - 5pm.

SAT 27 JULY A Winters Night in July - A Social Evening



Beanies must be



worn



PLEASE



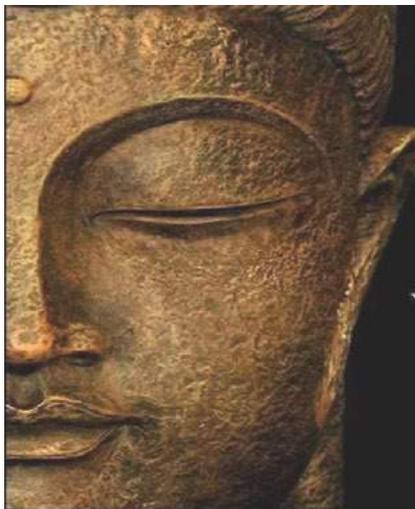
SAT 27 JULY - Cooma Gaol in the 1950s, 60s Patrick Abboud

SAT 27 JULY - Vivid Sydney 2019 as captured by Michelle

Sunday 25 August Afternoon Delight - Carrington Hotel, Katoomba, 2pm - 5pm.

MAG's web site is www.magsydney.org

ALSO kindly check out our [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) for updated information -
see details that are on the foot of all pages in this Newsletter



KARMA

"When a bird is alive. It eats Ants.
When the bird is dead..Ants eat the bird..
Time & Circumstances can change at any
time.
Don't devalue or hurt anyone if life.
You may be powerful today. But remember.
Time is more powerful than you!
One tree makes a million match sticks...
Only one match stick is needed to burn a
million trees..
So be good and do good.."

Don't wait for
things to get better.
Life will always be
complicated. Learn
to be happy right
now, otherwise
you'll run out of
time.

Our WEDNESDAY nite social gathering

Our social evening get togethers are now on a WEDNESDAY night.
Why not join fellow MAG guys who meet at the Petersham RSL Club,
from around 7pm.

The Club is located very close to the Petersham Railway Station.
We enjoy a very reasonably priced meal, have a drink of whatever. Some
of us

even partake of delicious desserts with ice cream - Lemon Meringue Pie
or Bread & butter Pudding - off course all 99% fat free —

Everyone is very welcome to join us.

For any further information, please contact David on
0447 600 966

I've found the key to
happiness.
Stay away from idiots.



On a very sunny Monday 13th May, a group (12 in number) of Mature Age Gay members had an excursion to the Blue Mountains organised by Trevor Pritchard. The group were Trevor, Lewis Turtur, John O’Dea, James Smith, Chris Ross, Michael Halliwell, Chito Teng, Michael Taylor, John Mason, Geoff Ostling, Harley and his partner.

The train left Central at 8.48 am, arriving Katoomba 10.32 am and then a short walk to the historic Carrington Hotel for a morning tea.

Devonshire Tea was \$12, or just a coffee or tea was \$4 in the stunning art deco surrounds of the splendidly restored Hotel. Geoff Ostling joined us at The Carrington, and consequently missed being in the photo.

We left Katoomba on the 12.17 pm train for Blackheath, and then a short walk from the station to the New Ivanhoe Hotel. The Hotel had been recommended to me by friends who live in Medlow Bath, one of whom, Gary joined us for lunch. John Waterstreet, MAG Member, and Malcolm, a friend of Geoff also joined us. The recommendation of the Hotel was excellent, particularly for those of us who ordered their pies that are made there on the day. A beef pie with mash and vegetables was \$14, and a very generous large glass of wine \$5.

After lunch, some MAG members took a walk around Blackheath, also inspecting the antique stores, whilst others remained at the Hotel in conversation.

We left Blackheath on the 3.08 pm train for Sydney. I am told that on the line to the Blue Mountains the current silver coloured trains with two seats each side of the carriage will continue to be used as the newer trains with 3 seats on one side and 2 on the other side of the carriage are too wide for that line. The feedback was that the day was very much enjoyed by all who attended, and the question is - when is the next ?

The answer to that question is a day excursion to Newcastle early August. TREVOR

Don’t forget our Winters Night in July Social.

We will be holding this function on Saturday, 27th July. Name of the evening sounds a bit corny, but *Christmas in July* has been really done like a roast diner, But we will enjoy each other’s company.

YOU NEED TO WEAR A BEANIE, PLEASE to be admitted.

We look forward to seeing the different Beanies our members will wear. For those guys who do not have one, you can go to a \$2.00 Shop and buy one. Surprises for those who do join us for a FUN night.



Afternoon Delight for us oldies.

If members and friends can’t make the screening in Sydney at the Events Cinema on George Street, in the CBD on **Sunday 14th July 2019 at 2pm**; then why not enjoy a relaxing train trip up to Katoomba and enjoy the movies at the beautiful Carrington Hotel at Katoomba. It will be held on

Sunday, 25th August 2019 - 2pm till 5pm.

A donation of \$5.00 is required for both Screenings.



On Saturday, 14th September 2019 we will be celebrating our 28th Anniversary.



Steve Ostrow founded MAG with the assistance of AFAO & ACON.

MAG’s first meeting was held on 21st September 1991, at the Clock Tower Hotel on Crown Street, Surry Hills. [which was Steve’s Birthday]

Our Theme will be the colours of the **RAINBOW FLAG**. Guests should come in any colour of the rainbow flag, or even all of them. We look forward to see some really creative creations. **We will have a great evening on the 14th**



Unlocking the story of Australia's gay prison

"Homosexuality is the greatest menace facing Australia."

Those were the words of the NSW Police Commissioner in 1958. Vice Squad officers targeted gay men in Sydney, many of whom were sent to Cooma jail in the Snowy Mountains. The government boasted it was the only prison in the world designed to incarcerate homosexuals. Meanwhile, a government inquiry was launched into the "causes and treatment of homosexuality" and its subjects were found in the cells of Cooma Jail.

We know parts of this story from recently uncovered archival material which documentary maker and host of SBS Mardi Gras broadcast Patrick Abboud will present to the MAG meeting on **Sat, 10th August**. But we're looking for more information.

If you know anything about the history of Cooma Jail please get in touch. We're also looking for personal stories of arrests and charges for homosexual offences (from the 1950s to 80s) as well as stories about the practice of aversion therapy in Australia.

If you have any stories or information please contact Simon by email simon.cunich@gmail.com or phone 0438 297 552.

SYDNEY VIVID 2019

On Saturday, **31 August**, Michelle will show some of her many photos of this year's Sydney Vivid Festival. President David was pleased to go out one night [gee it was cold] with Michelle to see the fabulous *lighting show*. David posts 3 photos he took on that night, as well as a pic of Michelle and he, on top of the Cahill Expressway. So please note your diaries for **31st August**; as you will be amazed at the lights of Sydney Vivid 2019.



Teacher: How old is your father?
 Kid: He is 6 years.
 Teacher: What? How is this possible?
 Kid: He became father only when I was born.
 (Logic!! Children are quick and always speak their minds.)

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.
 MARIA: Here it is.
 TEACHER: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America?
 CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?
 GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'
 TEACHER: No, that's wrong
 GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.
 (I love this child.)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?
 DONALD: H I J K L M N O.
 TEACHER: What are you talking about?
 DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?
 CLYDE: No, sir; It's the same dog.
 (I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?
 HAROLD: A teacher.

PASS THIS AROUND AND MAKE SOMEONE LAUGH!
 LAUGHTER IS THE SOUL'S MEDICINE!!

Donuts anybody:

After enjoying the rainbow decorated Donut King shop during this year's Wagga Wagga's Mardi Gras, who would have thought it has a connection with our history.

29th June 2019 is the 50th Anniversary of the New York "Stonewall Riots".

Yes it is a Hotel, well more of a Bar in New York - not just the one in our Oxford Street

The Police raid on the gay bar at Stonewall in 1969 was a tipping point for US & world wide LGBTIQI rights!

The Sydney Gay Mardi Gras was held on 24th June 1978 in solidarity for our colleagues from Stonewall

Stonewall's 50th is a significant event for our community. Not to mention our own Steve Ostrow led a gay rights march on NY City Hall in that time period. It's also important to remember that 1969 in US & 1978 in Australia was not the starting point. Next year is the 50th Anniversary here for one of our first gay groups

CAMP Campaign Against Moral Persecution.

Now back to the donuts.... in 1959 the first known Gay clash & subsequent protests came from a raid on a US LA Donut shop (Cooper) frequented by drag queens & gays (thanks for the heads up Trevor). So next time you have a tasty donut think of that early gay rights beginning from Coopers Donuts & Happy Stonewall 50th! Cheers Steve Warren



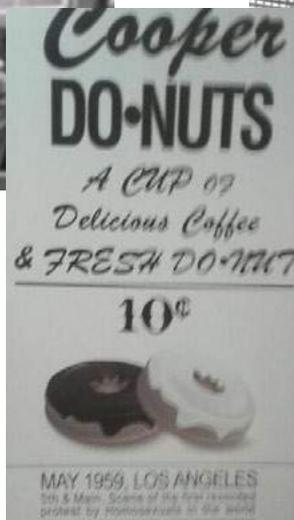
The Donut King Shop in Wagga Wagga



Stonewall Inn in New York



Cooper's Do Nuts Shop in LA



Cooper's Do Nuts Poster



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AFTERNOON DELIGHT



Afternoon Delight is a movie matinee and relaxed social afternoon for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex seniors and their friends. Enjoy the feature film **McKellen: Playing the Part**, and selection of short films followed by a delicious afternoon tea, networking and access to local health information.

SYDNEY: Sunday 14 July, 2pm – 5pm
Event Cinemas: 505 - 525 George Street

RSVP Essential Call: Russ 02 9206 2017
or Email: rgluyas@acon.org.au

loveproject.org.au
acon.org.au/get-involved/events/#afternoondelight

\$5
RSVP online &
pay at the door,
CASH only



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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:

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Steve Ostrow
contact the President for Steve's mobile



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Our web site is www.magsydney.org

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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

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