

# MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men  
MARCH & APRIL 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](http://www.magsydney.org)



**MAG's very successful 2019 Fair Day Stall**

## Events planned for MAG SYDNEY INC

- Sat, 9 MARCH - Video Clips of MAG's 2019 Mardi Gras Parade Entry
- Sat, 30 MARCH - Russ Gluyas The Love Project's - "LOVE CLUB"
- Sat, 13 APRIL - to be advised
- Sat, 27 APRIL - to be advised

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

**DON'T MESS  
WITH  
OLD PEOPLE**  
WE DIDN'T GET THIS AGE  
BY BEING STUPID

### VALE KEVIN CARTER

Kevin Carter was a much liked member who looked forward to our meetings, sadly passed away on 22nd January 2019. He was aged 83.

Kevin had not been in the best of health recently. He was looking forward to being part of our 2019 Mardi Gras Bus, but sadly it was not to be. We thought of Kevin and other past MAG members, as we celebrated this year's Parade. We give thanks to all past MAG guys, as MAG would not be here today, without these guys laying the foundations for us.

RIP Kevin - many thanks for your friendship



### Our WEDNESDAY nite social gathering:-

We have changed our social evening get together to a **WEDNESDAY night**. So, if you want a fun night out, then why not join some 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 a delicious dessert with ice cream *off course it is 99% fat free — haha*

**Everyone is very welcome to join us.** For any further information, please contact David on 0447 600 966

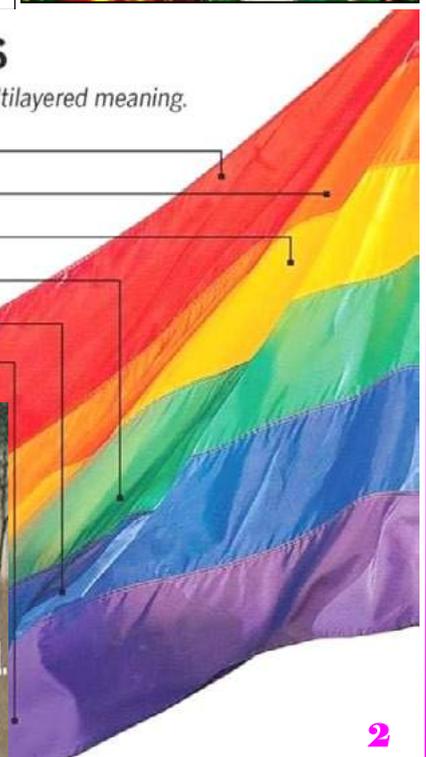
### BEHIND THE COLORS

Gilbert Baker's flag scheme has multilayered meaning.

- Red** for life
- Orange** for healing
- Yellow** for sunlight
- Green** for nature
- Blue** for harmony
- Purple** for spirit

4 things you can't get back:

- The **stone** after it's thrown.
- The **word** after it's said.
- The **occasion** after it's missed.
- The **time** after it's gone.



Greetings Members and friends,  
MAG celebrated the 2019 Mardi Gras Festival in style. Thanks to everyone who supported MAG at Fair Day.

It was a great team. Thanks James for your lovely plants and crockery. Thank you to those who came along to say 'hi'.

Thanks Morris for your refreshments for *Dame Dolly* — much appreciated. Our Stall attracted a lot of attention, which is great to let younger gays know that us older gays do exist and we can and do enjoy ourselves.

We were in the 41st Mardi Gras Parade, and despite us not being shown on the SBS TV tragic coverage of the commentators; not the Parade, we were seen by many people in the crowds along the route — they acknowledged us 'older gays'.

Thank you to everyone who joined our contingent. All went well on the night, excepting for the bus driver changing the music and making us walkers, dance non stop to "Don't Stop Us Now". We certainly worked up a sweat.

Trevor's Mantra suggestion for the Parade was well received by everyone. Thank you Trevor for being the co-ordinator for both events. He has reported on Fair Day & The Parade in this Newsletter — please check them out.

Michelle & Valery were at both events and took some fantastic pics. At a one of our meetings, please check out Michelle's beautifully presented Photos Books of the Parade.

Copies can be ordered from her. I bought a number for my album; as did a lot of our guys — great keep sakes.

On a sad note, member Kevin Carter passed away in January 2019. Kevin enjoyed our meetings and loving *dressing up* for our social evenings. He was looking forward to riding on our Mardi Gras Bus, but sadly passed way beforehand.

We will miss Kevin's friendship.  
A note on Kevin is on page 2

The pic to the right is of Steve, David, Andrew & Trevor at an Alex Greenwich MP's function at NSW State Parliament House

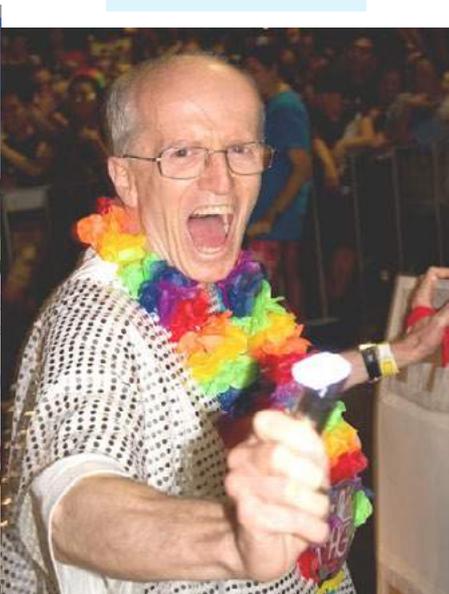
The pic to the left is Trevor celebrating his birthday at an ACON Packing Day.

**Take good care of yourselves & each other. David - President**



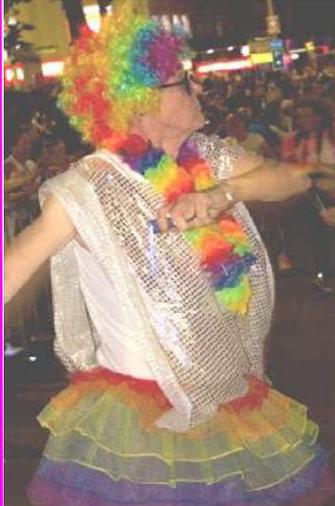
**MARDI GRAS PARADE SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2019**

Much appreciation to David and Trevor for all the work prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> March in organising our 2019 Mardi Gras entry. On the day of Mardi Gras, many thanks again to David and Trevor, and also thanks to Lewis and all the others who worked on our Mardi Gras entry. Our position 78 in the parade meant we started on Oxford Street around 8.40 pm. The bus looked excellent well displaying 'Mature Age Gays'. Peter Trist and Trevor carried our mantra '**WE ARE FEARLESS IN SAYING WE KNOW WE ARE GREY, BUT WE ARE HERE AND PROUD TO BE GAY**'. Dame Dolly Devine's '**IT TAKES BALLS TO BE AN OLD FAIRY**' received much attention from the rows of spectators. Although Freddie Mercury and Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now" was played numerous times, this song well resonated with the crowds. Considering this song was originally recorded in 1978, it was appropriate for Mature Age Gays. Many thanks to Mark Haury for putting together the USB stick of musical numbers. With many thanks to David, the rainbow coloured leis and the silver coloured sequins over white shirts or T shirts looked splendid. Also, Roger, Lionel & Paul Jones looked splendid in their individual outfits. Whilst on the subject of gratitude, thanks to the guys attending from Brisbane and many thanks to Valery and Michelle for their photography. Thanks to all who attended our drinks/nibbles at ACON after the Parade, and thanks to Belinda, David and Trevor for the 'after parade work' on the Sunday. **Trevor Pritchard — MAG's Parade Entry Co-ordinator**



Photos  
courtesy  
of  
Valery  
and  
Michelle

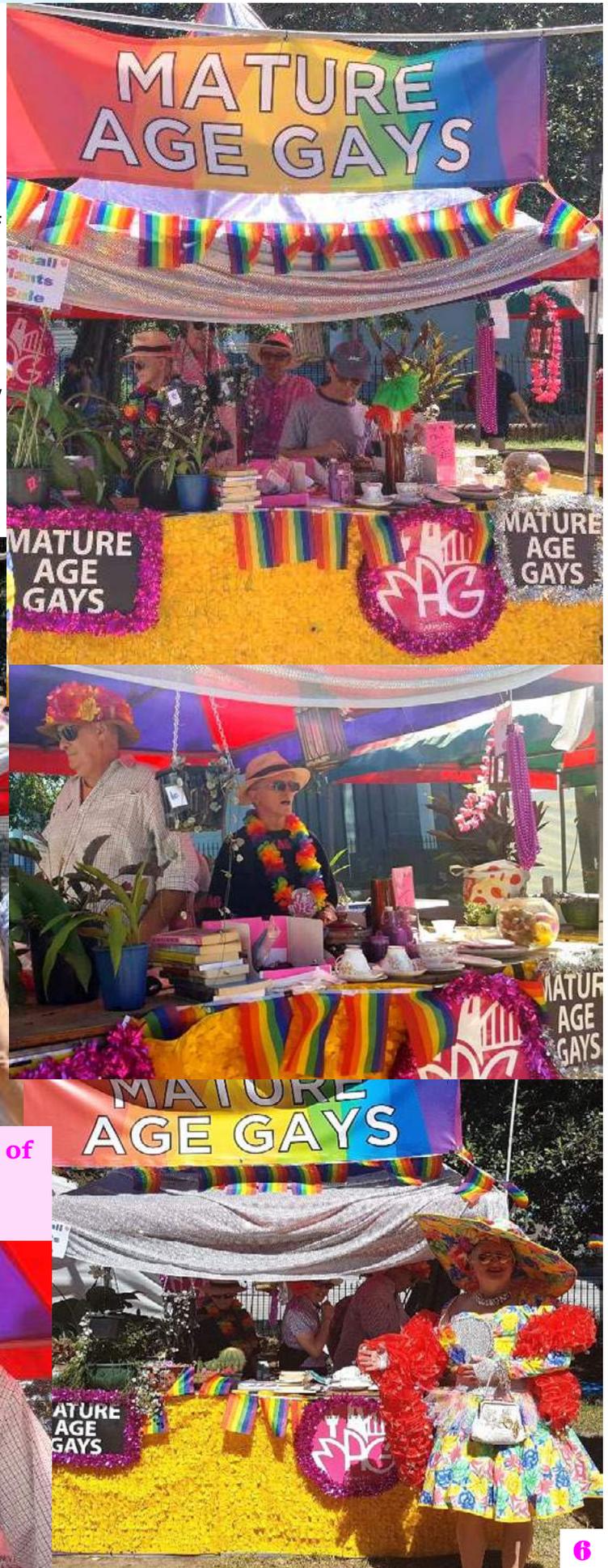




Fair Day at Victoria Park this year proved very successful for MAG. Our position under the trees meant relief from the day's heat, and our Community Stall well displayed 'Mature Age Gays', thanks to David Bowron's work. With many thanks to James Smith for his generous contributions of plants and china, and also to others who contributed to our 'bric-brac', our sales for the day totaled \$490.00. The cost of the hire of the community stall was \$290.00, so therefore a profit of \$200.00.

Again, many thanks to James Smith and also many thanks to Lewis, Lionel and Trevor who worked all day on the stall and also to Dame Dolly Devine being in the chosen Fair Day ensemble encouraging visitors to come to our Stall. Our final thanks to all the MAG Members and others whose visit to us is very much appreciated.

Trevor Pritchard – MAG's Fair Day Co-ordinator



Photos courtesy of Michelle and Valery





# LOVELines

**ACON's LOVE Project invites you to share some creative and social time with older LGBTIQ communities**

Ever wanted to sketch that perfect portrait or discover some creative skills you never knew you had? Ready to make new friends? Now's your chance!

Release your inner creativity at LOVELines, a fortnightly drawing group unlike any other! Hosted by the award winning artist Guy James Whitworth, special guest models and imaginative activities will help you break through those creative blocks and social barriers.

The LOVE Project supports the health and wellbeing of older LGBTIQ people and for the first time is bringing together LGBTIQ people of all ages, gender identities, backgrounds and cultures for a fun, social, activities-based gathering. LOVELines will be a safe, respectful space where acceptance, compassion, creativity and intergenerational conversations will be thoroughly encouraged.

All materials will be supplied or bring your own if preferred.

**All skills levels welcome. Don't be shy!** Entry by donation.

**Location:** ACON Café 414 Elizabeth Street Surry Hills

**Dates & Time:** 13 Apr, 27 Apr, 11 May, 25 May, 15 Jun from 9.30am to 12pm

22 Jun from 9.30am to 2pm (includes exhibition and luncheon from 12.30pm)

To register your interest contact Russ

**e:** [rgluyas@acon.org.au](mailto:rgluyas@acon.org.au) **t:** 02 9206 2017



LOVELines is supported by The Polly's Club



## 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  
contact the President for Steve's mobile



### Office Bearers:



**Treasurer/Secretary:**  
Trevor Pritchard  
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Lewis Turtur  
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David Bowron  
9516 2063



### Committee:

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

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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: 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 Phone Russ 02 9206 2017 . Email: rgluyas@acon.org.au

**GONG GUYS** - http://www.gongguys.site90.com