

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men
MARCH & APRIL 2020



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 MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE Coronavirus



Peter Bridge (*Kitty Devine*) pictured with [L to R] Lewis, Jon, Trevor, David, John W. Peter gave a very personal and deeply moving presentation of his experience with domestic violence which resulted in his finding escape, much needed comfort and ongoing support from Safe Relationships.

The Safe Relationships Brochure is on page 3 - please check it out

Events planned for MAG Members

SAT 14 MAR — Domestic Violence in GLBT Community

By *Kitty Design*

SAT 28 MAR — NO MEETING was to be *Sister Eileen Dover* who is a Sister from the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence

SAT 11 APRIL — NO MEETING due to **EASTER** Holidays

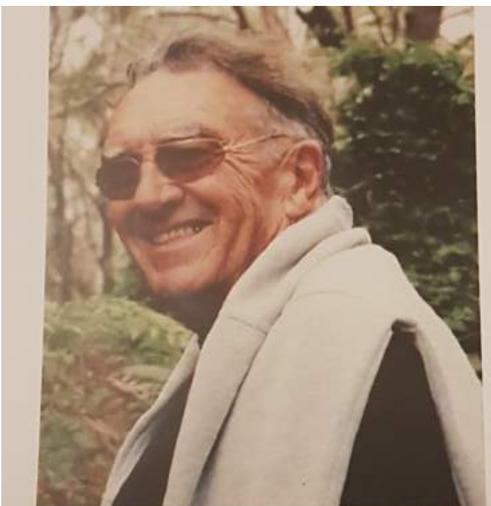
SAT 25 APRIL — NO MEETING due to **ANZAC** Day Holiday

SAT 9 MAY — NO MEETING MAG's web site is

www.magsydney.org

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

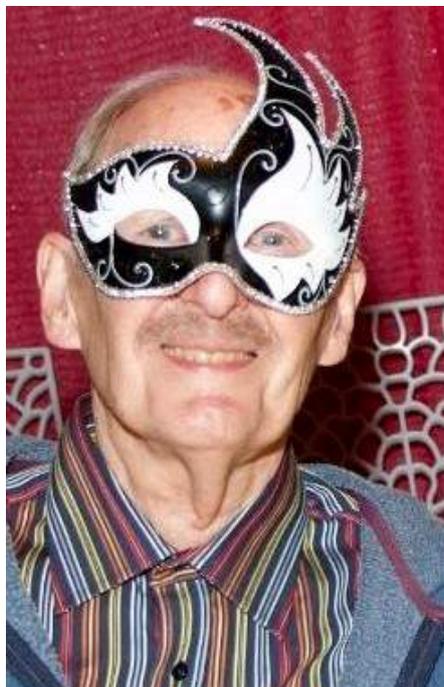
Rest In Peace three [3] wonderful MAG Guys



Donald Gordon Boden

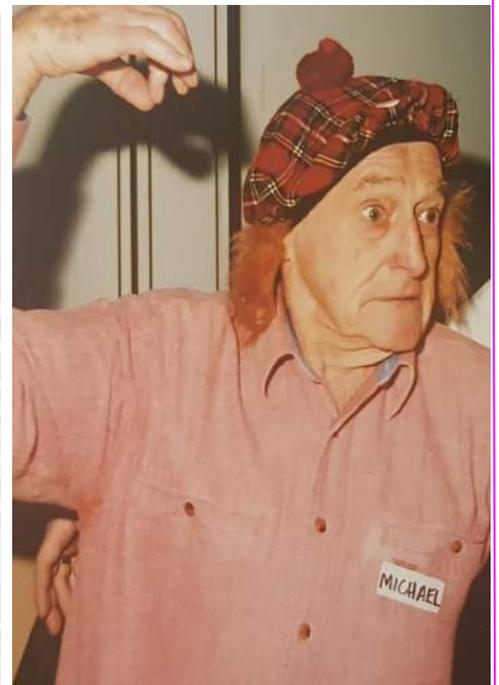
23RD MARCH 1931 – 11TH JANUARY 2020

DON BODEN



LIONEL GREEN

Lionel was 89 years



MICHAEL BOWLER

Michael was 89 years

Don was a long time Member, but due to ill health over the past years, Don was not able to attend meetings. His good friend Jim Devine paid his members fees and Don received our Newsletters. Lionel was a relatively new member. He attended meeting when he was able to, with a carer. Michael was a long standing member. He was affectionately know was **Coogee Michael**.

However, dementia got the better of Michael, so he was unable to attend meetings. He was the life of a party & when he held them, his *Champagne Cocktails* were a speciality.

WE HAD A GREAT MARDI GRAS FESTIVAL
SUPPORT EACH OTHER MATTERS
SUPPORT MATURE AGE GAYS MATTERS

Fair Day at Victoria Park was very well supported by MAG guys and friends. Trevor was the co-ordinator. I do thank Lewis, Lionel, Chito and Trevor who manned the Stall all day. Thank you Mark for the Sound Box and music. Dame Dolly enjoyed dancing to your choice of tunes. Thanks to all who donated goods for us to sell. I am pleased to say that the cost of the hire of the Stall was covered by the income received and we even made a small profit.



Someone framed Dame Dolly

Our Mardi Gras Truck was BIG. I was the co-ordinator. **That was my LAST PARADE, as organiser.** Thank you to all who joined our contingent. We had more walkers than guys riding on the truck. Despite the hassles of the day and the generator braking down a few times, the lighting & sound people giving me blue and other coloured lighting, when I wanted WHITE; I enjoyed the evening. Thanks Steph for joining us and adding a bit of **glam & colour** to us walkers & thank you for allowing us, at end the evening by enjoying some nibbles, wine & soft drinks in the **Café** afterward. Riding on the Tram from Moore Park to Surry Hills was a good way to travel back to Central. The cost of the Parade entry was **\$3,725.00**.



Dame Dolly with the gorgeous Stephannie

Trevor and myself have made a donation of **\$500.00 each** to help reduce some of this cost. Should other guys wish to help out, kindly talk to our dear Treasurer/Secretary Trevor. Thank you Michelle for creating the magnificent capes for the guys to wear. They looked amazing. I was pleased to give a small gift to people who helped me with MAG's Parade entry. I was really pleased to be able to make a special presentation to Michelle for creating the beautiful capes and for taking the many, many photos of our participants. PLEASE check out Michelle's beautiful souvenir books of the Parade, at any of our meetings. I purchased a number of pics. You might like a great souvenir of the 42nd Mardi Gras Parade.

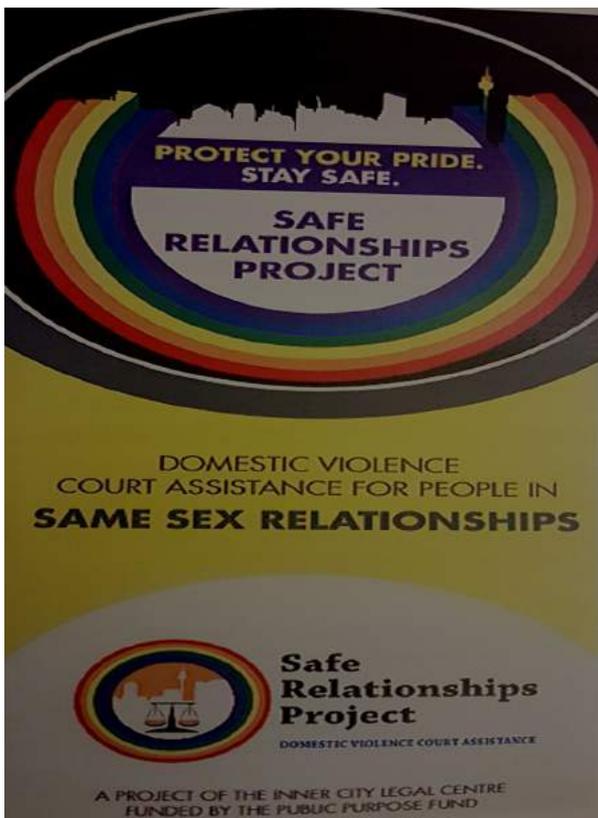
On Saturday, 14 March **Kitty Devine** aka Peter Bridge gave an amazing presentation on domestic violence in our community.

To the left is the brochure for **Safe Relationships Project**. The Domestic Violence line is free and is staffed 24 hours, 7 days a week.

1800 65 64 63

Take good care everyone

David - President.

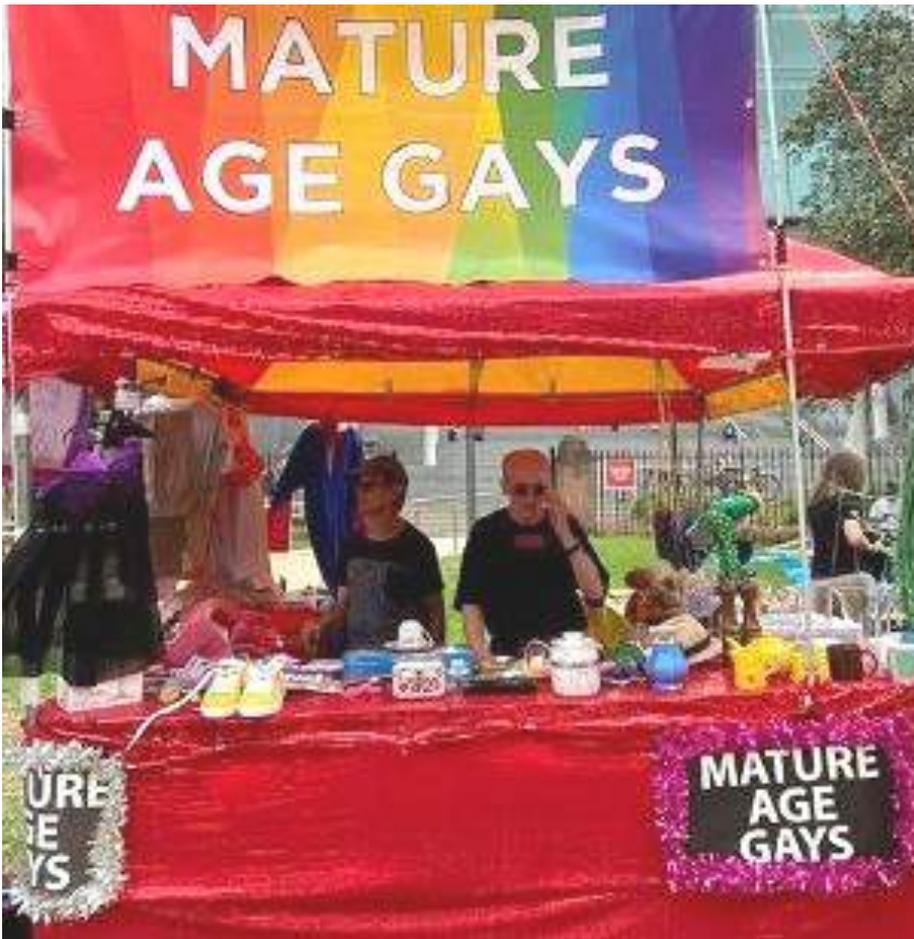


Michelle with the gift from everyone at MAG with thanks for the magnificent vest & taking hundreds of pics of us in the Parade





Photos
courtesy
Michelle



**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.**

**Everyone is encouraged to
join us.**

**For any further information,
KINDLY contact David on**

0447 600 966

Coronavirus (COVID-19) health alert

[Symptoms](#) include **fever, coughing, sore throat, fatigue, and shortness of breath.**

If you have **serious symptoms** such as difficulty breathing, **call 000** for urgent medical help

If you develop symptoms within 14 days of last contact with a confirmed case or of returning to Australia, you should [seek medical attention](#). Your doctor will tell you if you need to [get tested](#).

- Practice good hand and cough/sneeze hygiene
- Avoid handshaking and other physical greetings
- Regularly clean shared high-touch surfaces, such as tables, kitchen benches and doorknobs
- Increase the amount of fresh air by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning
- Buy more goods and services online so you limit visits to the shop
- Consider what travel and outings are necessary, both individual and family, and go to open places such as parks

Call this line if you are seeking information on coronavirus (COVID-19). The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Phone [1800 020 080](tel:1800020080)

**WE REGRET TO ADVISE THAT
MAG MEETINGS HAVE BEEN
CANCELLED
DUE TO ACON CLOSING
THEIR MEETING ROOMS**

**Should anyone require further information, kindly contact
President David on
0447 600 966**

**A number of MAG guys continue to meet on a Wednesday
evening at the Petersham RSL Club, at 7pm
for social interaction, in accordance with the health guidelines.**

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:
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 9369 4206

Vice President:
 Lewis Turtur



President:
 David Bowron
 9516 2063



Committee:

Geoff Ostling
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Steve Warren
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Sau Foster
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MAG's postal address is the same address, as where we meet:

**414 ELIZABETH STREET,
 SURRY HILLS NSW 2010**

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

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

**Have a great 2020 everyone
 and enjoy your friends
 and life**