

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men

MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER,
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 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

turned 29

on 16th

September

2020

WE WILL BE BACK



Fingers crossed, we hope our first meeting will be held in February 2021, with the required social distancing & strict hygiene guidelines in place.

We hope that everyone is surviving these unusual times

Events planned for MAG Members

WE HAD NO MEETINGS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES

SAT 9 MAY — SAT 30 MAY — SAT 13 JUNE — SAT 27 JUNE —
SAT 11 JULY — SAT 25 JULY — SAT 8 AUG — SAT 29 AUG —
SAT 12 SEPT — SAT 26 SEPT — SAT 10 OCT — SAT 31 OCT —
SAT 14 NOV — SAT 28 NOV — SAT 12 DEC — SAT 26 DEC —

Our first meeting 2021, we hope, will be on 13th February.
We will follow strict protocols of safe hygiene etc.
Perhaps, we'll chat on how we all survived "the lockdown"

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 of the Newsletter

Forgiveness is not just about the other.

It's for the beauty of your soul

Its for your own capacity to fulfil your life.

MAG's mid-week social function.

A number of MAG guys have been meeting at the Petersham RSL: on a Wednesday evening for a few years now. With lockdown we stopped. After lockdown [June 2020] we started to meet again. We meet from 7pm till 9pm. A relaxed atmosphere ensures. We have an evening of chatting, enjoying a nice meal & a drink of what ever takes your fancy.

Guys who are not members, will need to join the Club, at a cost of \$5.00 per year.

Photographic ID is required.

For further info, please contact MAG's President.

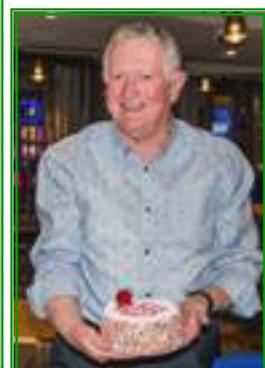


**KEEP CALM
AND
ENJOY
OUR
COMPANY**



May the expectations placed on us be exceeded only by our ability to meet them.

A small number of Members celebrated MAG's 29th Birthday at the Petersham RSL, on 16th September 2020. A pic of our delicious cake is on the right. It was also MAG's Founder, Steve Ostrow's' birthday. Those present made toasts to both MAG & Steve.



Your President

Well, what 2020 has turned out to be. Following our successful Mardi Gras Fair Day & Parade, we were then locked up, not being able to meet. I hope everyone is going OK.

On Saturday, 26th December 2020, we will be gathering at Prince Alfred Park, near Central Station, Chalmers Street, for a Picnic Afternoon. From 4pm a few of us will be there, with a picnic blanket, some nibbles and soft drinks. Hoping hope to catch-up with other MAG guys. Bring your own supplies.

Membership Fees for 2020 — 2021 has been waived.

So membership fees for 2021 2022 will be required as from 30th June 2021. Donations however small or LARGE to help our finances, will be most gratefully accepted by our dear Treasurer.

We hope our first meeting will be held on 13th February 2021 [fingers crossed] This all depends on the ACON meeting rooms being opened. We will chat about how we survived.

The Meeting on 27th February 2021 will be our Annual General Meeting. According to the Constitution, this Notice is served to all members.

In 2021, MAG will celebrate its 30th Anniversary of providing support to older gay men in the GLBT community. We plan to celebrate this milestone in style, on Saturday, 11th September. PLEASE NOTE YOUR DIARIES.

On Saturday, 6th March 2021, the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade will be held at the Sydney Cricket Ground. We are happy to announce that MAG has been granted approval to be part of these celebrations.

Strict protocols will be enforced. There are many, many, too long to list here.

If guys would like to join us, please contact Trevor or myself. We will be wearing silver outfits.

So all guys will need to wear a white T shirt. **The cost will be \$20.00 per participant.**

Our Participants limit is 30 guys. We will be walking around the perimeter of the SCG. So, we don't need to hire a truck or lighting, or sound equipment.

We plan to meet on the corner of Elizabeth Street and Devonshire Street; which is just around from the ACON building. There is a small park type area — the time will be advised once we know more details.

CAMP [Campaign Against Moral Prosecution] celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2020. Planned activities in 2021 'Coming out in 1970' will be held at the State Library of NSW, in Macquarie street, Sydney. Please check it out. More info on their web.

Our Wednesday evenings at the Petersham RSL Club are becoming popular. One evening we had 14 people in our group. So, 10 guys sat at one table, with the remaining guys sitting at another table. We then changed seats, to chat to all present.



About to be arrested



With Alex Greenwich and Clover Moore

Please keep safe and take care

Merry Christmas everyone

We hope 2021 will be a much better one.

David - President.



Flying with Kelvin



Our Michelle was out and about taking photos of our beautiful city in LOCK-DOWN



That VIRUS Ship



Following the March / April 2020 Newsletter, we are pleased to add additional photos from the Parade



**Photos
courtesy
Michelle**





PALLIATIVE CARE AND END OF LIFE NEEDS ANALYSIS FOR LGBTQ, PLHIV AND CARERS

We invite you to share your experience and knowledge of palliative care and end of life care and planning. This is for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people, people living with HIV (PLHIV) who are LGBTQ and/or carers of LGBTQ people and PLHIV who are LGBTQ. Understanding your needs and preferences will help us develop a toolkit to support you.

A community codesign process will focus on empowering LGBTQ people, PLHIV who are LGBTQ and their carers to have discussions, have a better understanding of their rights and have access to information and resources to make informed decisions about palliative care and end of life care and planning.

Complete needs analysis here

This project is a partnership between ACON, Carers NSW, Palliative Care NSW, Positive Life NSW and the Seniors Rights Service. Funded by NSW Health



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:



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

**414 ELIZABETH STREET,
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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

CRONULLA GAY GROUP - www.cronullagaygroup.com.

Contact John 9528 9158

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



**Merry Christmas to everyone
 Hope 2021 will be a better year
 for us all.**