

MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men
MAY & JUNE 2018



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

A Regal Galabration

A Royal decree has been issued under the official seal and signature of DDDM for all MAG Members and Friends, to be in attendance at the MAG Meeting that is scheduled to be held on Saturday, on **26th May 2018 AD**, commencing at 7pm.

This gathering of MAG persons will celebrate the Royal Wedding of His Royal Highness Prince Henry Charles Albert David of Wales to Ms Megan Markle.

(This joyous occasion will have already taken place on 19th May, but we are not missing out on having a party)

A joyous, sumptuous feast and entertainment shall be offered to all who attend to really enjoy the nite.

A Dress Regulation SHALL apply -

PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING REGAL AS FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN PERSONS BEING SENT TO A NEW PENAL COLONY LOCATED IN THE AUST CAPT TERRORITY (ACT) (possibly next door at the residence of Peter Dutton MP - (haha) ATTENDEES wearing REGAL attire shall be praised and showered with many gifts of wonderful adornments.



Dame Dolly Devine of Marrickville

Events planned for MAG SYDNEY INC in 2018

SATURDAY, 12th May — *'Vicious'* - plan to attend this Meeting.

SATURDAY, 26th May — *A Regal Galabration Event* - A Royal decree, under the official seal and signature of DDDM, has been issued inviting all MAG Members & Friends to celebrate the royal marriage of Prince Henry [Harry] to Megan Markle. This decree also directs that all attendees be dressed in REGAL attire. This decree adds that those who fail to do so, they could be sent to a new penal colony. Plus will be disappointed that they did not *'dress for the evening of celebration'*.

SATURDAY, 9th June NO MEETING AS THE ACON BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED

SATURDAY, 30th June — **Joe's Video — 2018 Mardi Gras Parade**
includes ACON, MAG, 78ers & Sydney Swans

Please visit MAG's web site for up to date information on Guest Speaker/Topics etc

www.magsydney.org

Our Thursday nite social gathering:-

If you are not doing anything on a Thursday night, then why not join some MAG guys who meet at the Petersham RSL Club, from around 7pm. The RSL Club is located very close to Petersham Railway Station.

We chat over various matters, enjoy a very reasonably priced meal, drink of whatever [some of us even partake of a slice of beautiful lemon meringue pie with ice cream — off course it is 99% fat free - haha

It is a nice environment with a relaxed atmosphere - everyone is encouraged and most welcome to join us

Please call David for further details on 0447 600 966



Steve in better times

Steve Warren

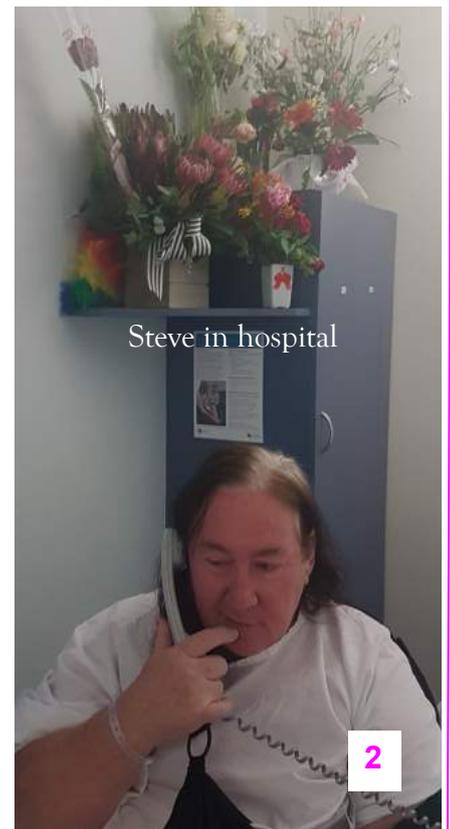
Member Steve Warren, pictured, is presently in Bankstown Hospital after having a Stroke.

He is in good spirits and is having the best treatment to get back to good health.

It does look as if he is in a Florist Shop, with all the flowers he has received from his many friends, especially those from the 78ers.

Trevor, David & other MAG guys have visited Steve to help lift his spirits.

We are sure that all MAG members will want to wish Steve all the very best for a speedy recovery.



Steve in hospital

Greetings Members and friends,

After the highs of Mardi Gras, MAG members have been enjoying events outside of MAG — such as The Love Project's events at the Glebe Town Hall. Both these events were full of worthwhile and interesting information for 'us oldies'; plus we are able to meet new guys, share experiences; and at the last event we even were taught how to dance the Tango and Salsa. I had fun trying NOT to step on my partners' toes. The lunches were yummy, with plenty of fruit platters, little cakes for all to enjoy. I know - I did enjoy them !

[Many thanks Russ and Manjusha for arranging these informative & fun functions and Steph for the lovely food.

A number of MAG guys will be enjoying 'Afternoon Delight', on Sunday, 21st April, at the Events Cinema Complex in George Street, Sydney. A full report in the next MAGazine.

The Love Project conducts these events for us older gay & lesbians, so please support them. They are good fun, as a lots of our guys can tell you.

We have been sadden by the news of the passing of members Theo Greuter and David Ritchie. A tribute to these wonderful guys appears on page 4.

Steve Warren had a stroke in early April. He is in Bankstown Hospital. He is in good hands and progressing slowly; but I am sure he will OK in the end. A number of MAG guys, including my self, have visited him, to lift his spirits. His Physio is a rather handsome guy, I must say.

The ACON building will be closed on the Queens's Birthday Long Weekend — Saturday, 9th June 2018 - So there will be no MAG meeting. I am planning to celebrate, on Saturday, 26th May, the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry to Megan Markle. See the front page with details of the Royal Decree.

We would be so pleased for all attendees to wear something **REGAL**, to add to the fun of the evening. Maybe wear a tiara [haha].

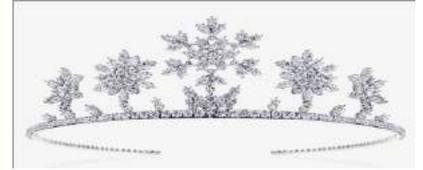
We will have many surprises, so please plan to join us, in something **REGAL**. To those guys who wear something **REGAL**, will be so pleased that they did.

Anyone, not feeling the best of late, we hope you will soon be felling top of the world. So, please take good care of yourselves. As we all know, good health is so important.

Best wishes. **David President**



**BE HUMBLE
YOU COULD
BE WRONG**



**All you need is love
and a tiara.
and maybe a cookie**

The secret to
living well and longer is:
eat half, walk double,
laugh triple and
love without measure.

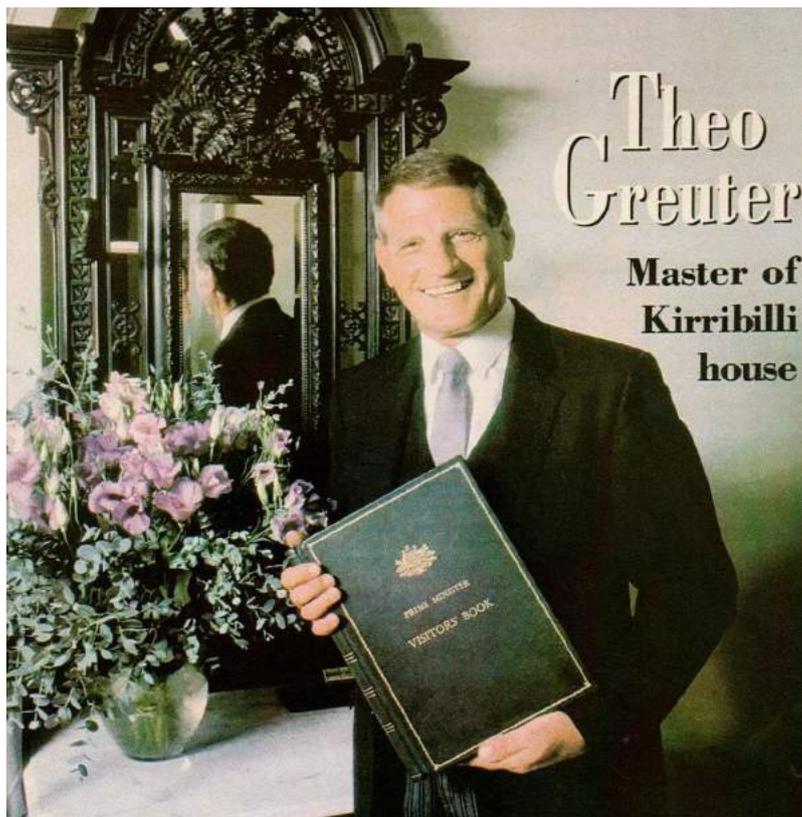
Tibetan Proverb



I wonder where he shops

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Theo Greuter 13th March 2018 Aged 78



Theo did not attend many general meetings of late, but came along to a few of our social events. He liked to be kept up to date with our Newsletters. Together with his partner of 45 years, Donald, they bred Dashund dogs. A number of MAG guys attended his funeral. An interesting fact about Theo. He worked at Kirribilli House, on the foreshores of Sydney Harbour. There, he served a number of Australian Prime Ministers and was well respected by those PMs and their families. **Rest In Peace Theo**

VALE

David Ritchie 13th April 2018 Aged 92



David was a founding MAG member, from what we can gather. David was a great supporter of MAG. He and James Falconer were always discussing many subjects when they met up at Meetings. He was a wealth of knowledge and information. He was great at Trivia nights. The Lesbian & Gay Archives were *trying* to get David for an interview, *as he had seen it all*, as they say in the classics. He funeral will be held in Tasmania from the information we have been given. David was our oldest member, until his sad passing. **RIP "David The Cap".**

The Love Project Events

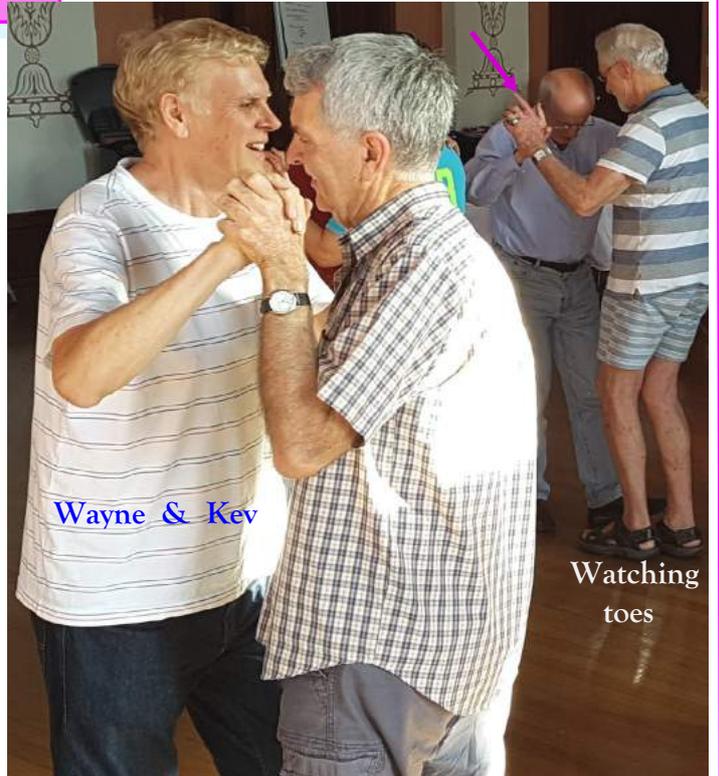
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Trevor & Ian



Trevor & Ian

Photos courtesy of Manjusha of THE LOVE PROJECT



Wayne & Kev

Watching toes



Ian, Kev, Wayne, Trevor & David



David & Ian

Trevor & Harry



These photos are from **The Love Project's** events held at the Glebe Town Hall.

A number of MAG guys attended the latest event which included interesting talks on Self Care, Mindfulness and Chair Yoga, Falls Prevention, Nutrition, Memory and Ageing.

We also had lots of fun learning steps to dances - Salsa and the Tango. We were all hoping not to tread on our partners' feet - haha

The dances included changing partners, so we got to meet new guys, which was nice. Everyone had a great fun day, which had a lovely lunch & healthy fruits and snacks through out the day.

There is a final event in this series, and MAG guys are encouraged to attend.

CREMORNE VILLAGERS SOCIAL GROUP

A photo of some of the guys at the Town & Country Bar, Cremorne.

A number of MAG guys attend these gatherings like - Trevor P, Tony S, Michael D, John M & David B.

It is a fun evening

See the card below ↓



Front: Ricky. Tony, Maxx.

Back: David. Ian. Pierre. Chris. Trevor. Neil.

Friendly LGBTIQ meet and greet
Second Monday each month 7pm - 9.30pm
The Town and Country Bar
2/350 Military Road Cremorne Sydney

organisers Maxx, John & Ian
Inscremornevillagers@gmail.com

Cremorne Villagers Social Group

website: www.townandcountrybar.com
website: <https://maxxcball.wixsite.com/cremorne-villagers>

- RED BUS 30 stops at the front door
- Parking behind in Parraween Street

Don't run with bagpipes.
You could put an eye out.
Or worse yet, get kilt.



BREAKING NEWS...
A man was arrested yesterday after falling into a combine harvester whilst trying to steal it!!!
He's due to be bailed tomorrow!!



MAG Guys attended a play at The New Theatre — Steve. Trevor. Raymond. John. David. John & Geoff on his walker
There was actually 13 MAG guys present, who saw "Fucking Men".

We send our best wishes to any members or friends who may not be in the best of health at present.
We hope you feel better real SOON

HERE
FOR
AGEING



HIV AND AGEING SURVEY NAVIGATING THE AGED CARE SYSTEM



ACON's LOVE (Living Older Visibly Engaged) Project wants to hear from people who are aged 55 or over, identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex, live in New South Wales and are living with HIV.

We invite you to complete a short survey as fully and accurately as possible. It asks a few basic questions about you, living with HIV and your thoughts on planning for your aged care and navigating the aged care system.

The information you provide will assist ACON in developing a community resource for older people living with HIV. The information you provide will not be identified and will be kept private and confidential.

Survey here - www.surveymonkey.com/r/RXZ8V98

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 Devonshire Street]
 just up from Central Railway Station,
 from 6:30 pm for tea and coffee, with the meeting commencing at 7:00pm, usually with a Guest Speaker — every so often we might have a social, or a 'pop corn' night.

A light supper follows.

The Committee will meet whenever the need arises prior to a General Meeting.

Geoff Ostling is maintaining our Guest Speaker Listings.

Should members feel that a certain person could give an informative talk at MAG, then kindly contact Geoff on **9568 3029**. He will be very pleased to hear from any of our members or friends.

MAG's Details:

Office Bearers:

Treasurer: Bill Alford 8096 4891
Secretary:
Vice Pres: Lewis Turtur 9319 1280
President: David Bowron 9516 2063

The Founder of MAG:

Steve Ostrow - contact the President for Steve's mobile

Committee Members:

Ross Mackinnon 0439 601 224
 Michael Darley 0408 359 989
 Trevor Pritchard 9369 4206

Our postal address is now the same address as where we meet:

**MAG SYDNEY INC,
 414 ELIZABETH STREET,
 SURRY HILLS NSW 2010**

Our web site is www.magsydney.org

The Editor: 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

Country Network for friendship and support through social events and networking across rural, regional & city Australia. Info at www.countrynetwork.com.au

Cronulla Gay Group - www.cronullagaygroup.com.
 Contact John 9528 9158

Cross Section for gays within the Uniting Church phone Des 9319 0722.

GAMMA - Gay and Married Men's Assoc
 Tel. 9267 4000 - www.gamma.org.au

Gaydownunder - www.gaydownunder.com

GLCS - Tel. 1800 184 527

SYDNEY GAY MEDITATION GROUP

+++SESSION DETAILS+++

EVERY TUESDAY 7PM, (*contribution - by donation*)

MEDITATION SPACE, 99 CROWN STREET, EAST SYDNEY

www.sydneygaymeditationgroup.com

GSN - Gay Sydney Nudists - www.gsinc.com
 contact *Tony James* 49725357.

MAM — Mature Age Men — Meets the last Saturday of month Sportsman's Hotel, Springhill, Brisbane at 4pm Contact Noel (07) 31721170 for more details.

MCC Good Shepherd — 6:30pm Sundays 37 East Street, Granville. Pastor *Robert Clark* Tel. 0412 481 195

MCC Sydney - 96 Crystal St, Petersham. 10:00am & 6:30pm Sundays Pastor *Rev Dale Yardy* Tel. 9569 5122

Email — office@mccsydney.org

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 kindly contact josken@josken.net

COMPANIONS OF HOPE - Meetings: fortnightly (2nd and last Sundays) at 11am, Level 3, 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills

Contact: Bishop Peter on 9588 6893 or 0419 464 353

Email: christ-our-hope-community.net

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

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