

MAGazine

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



Some pics of 'Our Belles' in this year's Mardi Gras Parade

Photos courtesy of Valery, Michelle & William

Events planned for MAG SYDNEY INC

Sat, 11th May - Michael Atkinson, ACON's Program Manager, Safety, Inclusion & Historical Justice

Monday, 13th May - A Blue Mountains Excursion. See page 4 for details

Sat 25th May - A DVD on a famous NSWGR Steam Loco

Sat, 8th June - No Meeting - sorry Building closed due to the Queens' birthday Long Weekend

SAT 22nd JUNE - Serpentine to Skytrain (A SCOG event) Check out page 5 for further details

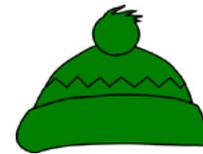
Sat 29th June to be advised

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



A Beanie must be worn

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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

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

Congratulation !!!!

James Falconer, known to some of us guys as Jim, has reached the ripe old age of 80.

He never thought this would happen. So, from today onwards, Jim will be known as **Jim Falconer OBE.**

No, not a recipient of an Order of the British Empire, BUT **Over Bloody Eighty.**

Well done Jim,



The greatest gift you can give someone is your time. Because when you give your time, you are giving a portion of your life that you will never get back.

Greetings Members and friends,
We have recovered from a great Mardi Gras festival for MAG.

There was a surprise visit from *the Easter Bunny* to a recent meeting. *He* gave out Easter Eggs to all present.

As Lewis was absent, Trevor & David combined to provide supper for that meeting. I made some potato salad from a recipe of my dear old Mum. I was pleased everyone enjoyed it. Interestingly, I took some of the potato salad to my Mum in her nursing home to taste & she told me that I could have added more *Mayo*—*haha*.

See a pic of a beautifully presented supper - thanks to the lovely guys in the Kitchen for their help on the night.



Trevor / David's mail meal



Easter bunny in Asian shirt

Trevor has arranged a train Excursion up to the lovely Blue Mountains, on **Monday, 13th May**. Details are on page 4. We hope many guys will join us. Only \$2.50 pensioner opal card fare, plus money for meals.

Trevor also highlights **LOVELINES**, arranged by The Love Project. Details are below the Blue Mts Excursion information.

Member Kevin Eadie, who is also a member of SCOG [Southern Cross Outdoor Group], has asked me to add information in our Newsletter on an outing that Kevin is arranging. Details are on page 5. The outing will include a ride on the new *driverless* Metro train, from Tallawong to Epping Stations.

On the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend, the ACON Building will be closed, so there will be no MAG meeting on that Saturday, 8th June 2019.

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.

Our Members doings :-

Richard King attended the 25th Jewish LGBT+ World Congress in March in Sydney.

Steve Warren & myself attended the funeral of the late Daphne Dunne, aged 99 years and 4 days. Photos right. Daphne was given the title of *Prince Harry's Granny in Australia*. She met him 3 times, when he visited Sydney. Steve is a friend of the family, and I know her daughter, Michelle; who always would take pics of Dame Dolly at Fair Day.

James Falconer turned **80** in April. So from now on, Jim, as I know him will be know as Jim **OBE** - **Over Bloody Eighty** - **congratulations Jim**.

With winter coming, keep warm - David - President



David & Steve wearing medals, as a mark of respect, after the funeral service for Daphne Dunne. Daphne served in the Aust Women's Army Service during the Second World War.



A Blue Mountains Excursion ~



On Monday **13th May**, Trevor our Treasurer/Secretary, has arranged an excursion for interested MAG members and friends to travel to the beautiful Blue Mountains.

Details are as follows:

The train is departing **Central** at **8.48 am**.

[Trev will advise platform number at the 11th May meeting.]

This train is an express train and will arrive Katoomba at **10.32 am**.

We will walk from the station and view the historic and splendidly restored **Carrington Hotel** and have some **morning tea**. We will then depart **Katoomba** by the **12.17 pm** train for **Blackheath** arriving **12.30 pm** where we can have lunch at the **New Ivanhoe Hotel**, then afterwards take in a walk around **Blackheath**.

We will return on the train leaving **Blackheath** at **3.08 pm** - arriving at **Central** at **5.21 pm**.



If you would like to come along for a fun day out, with fellow MAG members [train fare is only \$2.50 for a Pensioner Concession], plus some extra money for morning tea & lunch - **kindly let Trevor know**.



The Lovelines Drawing Classes are organised by Russ Gluyas and Guy James Whitworth and funded by the **Pollys Club** continue on the following dates which are all Saturdays - **11th May. 25th May. 15th June. 22nd June.**

They take place in either the ACON Café or on Level 3.

The classes start at 9.30 am finishing 12 noon

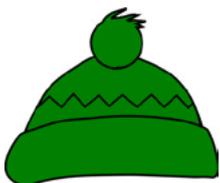
Trevor informed the Editor that the classes are a very enjoyable learning experience.

Trevor has not drawn since his first year of high school days [some 55 years ago].

He is learning so much, whilst having an enjoyable time.

Trevor encourages all our guys to come along and enjoy the classes.

A Winters Night in July Social



On, Saturday, 27th July, we will be holding a social evening, called **"A WINTERS NIGHT IN JULY"**

Sounds a bit corny, but *Christmas in July* has been done like a roast diner, BUT will enjoy each other's company.

YOU NEED TO WEAR A BEANIE, to be admitted.

Plenty of notice is being given so those who want to join us, can wear their own beanie, or for those guys who do not have one, can go to a \$2.00 Shop and buy one.

Surprises for those who do join us for a FUN night.



Holding a grudge doesn't make you strong; it makes you bitter. Forgiving doesn't make you weak; it sets you free.



SERPENTINE TO 'SKYTRAIN'

Saturday, 22nd June 2019

Member Kevin Eadie is also a member of SCOG

[Southern Cross Outdoor Group].

Kevin is inviting MAG members to join with SCOG members on an outing to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the opening of Sydney's Eastern Suburbs Railway on 23rd June 1979, as SCOG takes a ride on Sydney's newest railway, after a walk around Seconds Ponds Creek.

Sydney's Metro Northwest Skytrain, from Tallawaong to Epping Stations.

Meeting place is **Platform 18 at Central Station for a train at 9.36am** for Schofield (on the Richmond line).

Join the second car of the train. We alight at Quakers Hill station at 10.33am.

A 7.5km walk [grading of walk is medium], will follow the parklands surrounding Second Ponds Creek, which flows north to Cattai Creek, and then into the Hawkesbury River, below Windsor.

Participants will not be getting a guided tour of Parklea Prison, or will we be climbing Quakers Hill (as nobody knows where it is) and we will not be climbing the 1804 convict battle site of **Vinegar Hill**, as its been quarried to extinction. For more info, check Mr. Google.

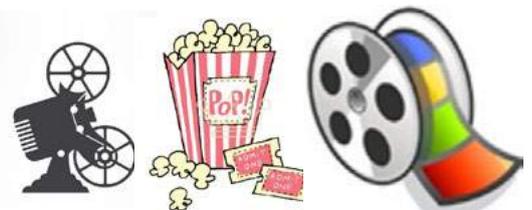
The return journey we'll enjoy front row seats on the new, driverless look-out-the-front Sydney's Metro Northwest Skytrain, using your OPAL Card, with its cable-stayed bridge, long viaduct and tunnels [longest and deepest in Australia] to Epping Interchange Station; where we might have a beer or two, then go our separate ways.

Please bring weather appropriate clothing, sun protection, bottle of water, your morning tea and a packed lunch.

Enquiries Kevin 9819 6052

If the new Metro is not operating on or before 22nd June, then the outing will be postponed until Sat, 20th July.

To round off the weekend, everyone is invited to join SCOG to hear the Melotones Big Band Concert at the *opulent* Cremorne Orpheum Theatre, Cremorne, at 1pm, on Sunday, 23 June. After interval, the musical movie "Silk Stockings" will be screened.



Sydney Vivid 2019

The 2019 Sydney Vivid Festival will be on show in Sydney from Fri 24th May until Sat 15th June. Highlights will be at:—

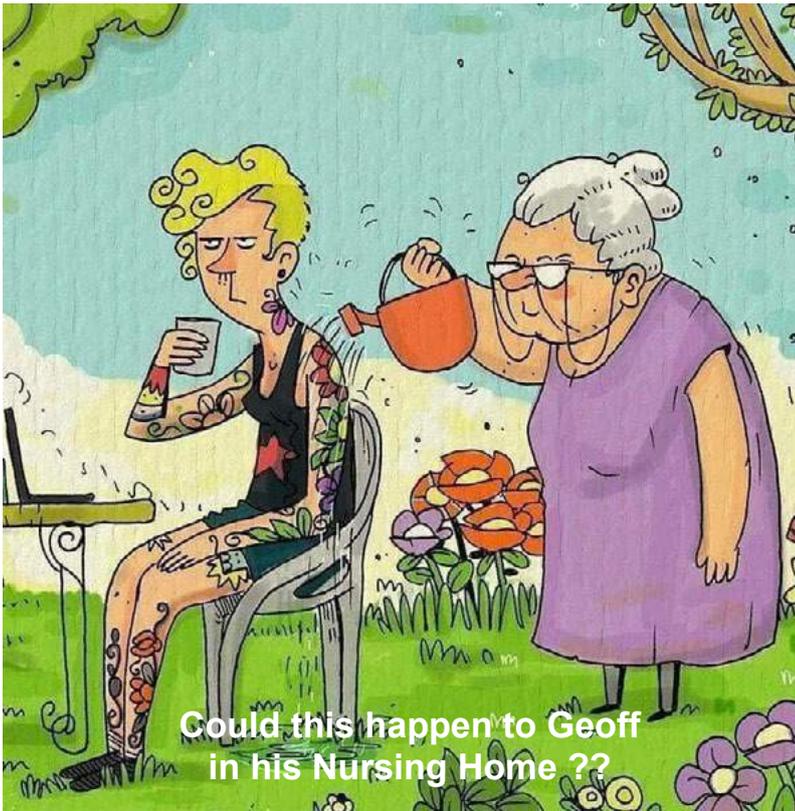
- The Sydney Opera House.**
- Sydney Harbour Bridge.**
- Royal Botanical Gardens, at Farm Cove.**
- Circular Quay. Customs House.**
- MCA & Cadman Cottage. Darling Harbour.**
- Taronga Zoo — Please check out Vivid Sydney**



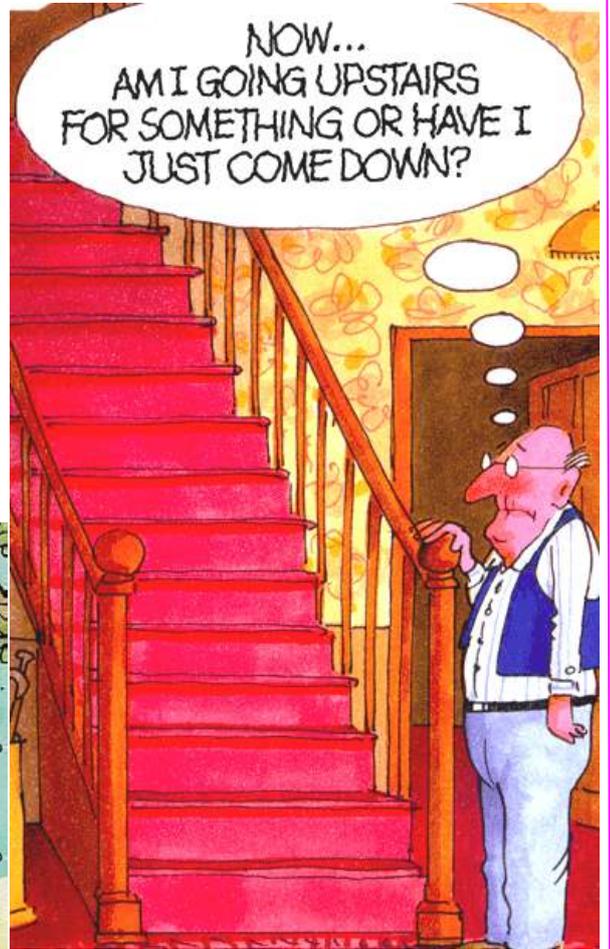
The police just pulled me over and said, "Papers?"

I said, "Scissors, I win!" and drove off.

I think he wants a rematch - he's been chasing me for 45 minutes!



Could this happen to Geoff in his Nursing Home ??



Anyone for a swim

You survived what you thought would kill you. Now straighten your crown and move forward like the queen you are.



Jazz / Pop/ Dance - musicians interested in arranging jam sessions please contact MAG member Kevin on 9819 6052



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 **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 com' 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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contact the President for Steve's mobile



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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>