A Newsletter for Mature & Bisexual Men NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2014



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### MAG'S FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday evenings at the Petersham Inn, Parramatta Road, Petersham a group of MAG guys meet for drinks & dinner from 6pm. Everyone is warmly welcome to join them. Most interesting conversations are had.

Saturday, 8th November — James Grey, ACON — PrEp Trials

Saturday — 29th November — Stuart Sutherland, a Solicitor — Wills

Saturday, 6th December — **Polly's Christmas Party at UNSW's, Roundhouse, on** Anzac Parade at Kensington. MAG is having a table., so please join us & come & enjoy the night. Please dress in you best Christmas outfits to have a fun night.

Saturday — **13th December is MAG's Christmas Party and we will have** prizes for best outfits — so please come in lots of Christmas colours.

Saturday – 29th December – <u>NO MAG Meeting</u>, as the ACON building will be closed over the Christmas period

Saturday — 10th January 2015 — 'a popcorn evening' Saturday — 31st January 2015 — TBA



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## Marcantonio's Cherry Ripe with White Chocolate Crumble

Ingredients:

500 gms Seasonal Cherries – pitted and halved.

2 cups of Shaved Coconut.

1 cup Coconut Milk.

2/3 cup Condensed Milk.

1 block of prime quality white chocolate – broken into small shards in the Kitchen-wizz.

Almond Meal, Caster Sugar, Cinnamon, Nutmeg, Brown Sugar, Rolled Oats, Butter, Flour and Vanilla Essence. [Usual pantry stuff]

Preparations:

Pre-heat a pan on medium heat, no oil.

Add the coconut slakes, spread them evenly. Toast the flakes, stirring often till golden brown.

In a small sauce pot, combine condensed milk and Coconut Crème, stir well. Add the toasted coconut flakes to the pot. Cook the mixture on medium heat, stirring often for about 15 minutes.

Transfer the mixture into a blender and blend well.

Place the prepared cherries in a large saucepan and cover with water. Simmer covered with lid on med-high till cherries are just tender [usually 5 mins' one water is simmering]. Then drain cherries well and place in a large bowl. Combine: Caster sugar, Cinnamon, White Chocolate and the Coconut Syrup Mix then fold through the cherries. Crumble Mix:

Combine by hand: Flour, Brown Sugar, Rolled Oats, Coconut, Almond Meal, Cinnamon and Nutmeg in a large bowl until evenly mixed through.

Melt butter and add Vanilla Essence to butter and stir through.

Add butter mix to ingredients and mix well using a fork. Ensure all ingredients are moist and mixture has a crumbly texture.

Baking:

Place the cherry mix evenly in a medium casserole dish. Spread crumble over top. Bake at180 degrees C for 30-40 minutes or until the crumble topping is slightly browned.

Enjoy with a large dollop of thickened crème.

WITH PRIDE, PLEASURE AND LOVE.TO OUR SPECIAL TREASURED MAG MEMBERS.	This incident is recorded, in our special, shared moment, that will timelessly pass. As, the night goes on, and we finally say goodbye. In your own individual memorable, alone hours. We hope, that this night with all it's pride, pleasure, love and shared joy. Will have touched you deep inside. Live on forever in your hearts and feelings. This is our dedication, from our MAG heart. To all our treasured, fun loving members. To our special girl and
Written By Warren SAWKINS	
Sunday,10th August,2014.	
The sun rises to the heaven above. With every new days start. Life affects the feelings of every living, fun living, throbbing	
heart. These moments are naturally designed, dedicated, to bringing all of us. Unconditional happiness, and ever lasting joy. Especially to all our treasured MAG members. Our special girl or many boys.	
MAG is holding our 23rd Anniversary, our "Say It in Flowers" Promises to bring you lots of, MAG pride, pleasure and love. Witnessed by our dear, MCC God above. As we settle down, enjoy our times together.	many boys.



#### The President's Report

The Committee was invited to attend a function. hosted by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, to pay tribute to the outgoing NSW Governor, Her Excellency Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO for her support of OUR Community before she retired as our Governor. However Steve & myself were the only MAG representatives. It was a wonderful evening & Dame Marie is an absolutely charming lady, as all who have met would know from the 13 years of faithful service as our Governor. She did get a bit confused with all the community letterings – GLBTQI etc. then she laughed, as we did as well. I am sure you will join me in wishing her & Sir Nick best wishes for a happy retirement. Our 23rd Anniversary "Say it in Flowers" - held in September this year was a really fantastic event. I thank Ian from Catering Specialists for providing some mouth watering nibbles for us to enjoy. Thank you Lewis & Lionel for taking care of warming up the pies & sausage rolls, & Eric for slicing up the delicious ham. My last thank you, I extend to all who did dress for the occasion with your floral outfits &/or head wear it certainly made the night, one to remember.



As I entered the beautiful reception room of the Sydney Town Hall, I met Her Excellency, Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO the then Governor of NSW. I thanked for her support of *our community*, & wished her and Sir Nick best wishes in their retirement.

Good food, good company made for an electric atmosphere – well done everyone. Thanks Michelle & Valery for taking some great photos. The draft Constitution is now ready for consideration by Members. We have used a draft Constitution from the NSW Department of Fair Trading & it has the wording a normal Constitution that most Associations would have. Changes have been made by including our name "MAG SYDNEY INCORPORATED" & referring to GLBTQI people. Should you wish to checkout the draft Constitution, please ring me & I will get a copy to you. I plan to start discussing the draft with Members as of 29th November meeting. The Membership fee is now \$12.00, & our Membership year is from 1st July to 30th June of the following year. Changing the details of members will take a bit of time. There will be no dramas, & I will be working to have everything done to the satisfaction of all our members & new members. We had a pleasant MAG Members Remembered Evening, with the lighting of candles for our past loved ones [MAG members, friends or family]. Donna Drew from Walter Carter Funerals hosted the evening. I was touched by the guys who thanked me for having the night again. I asked our members should MAG should support the SSO to keep it operating. I am pleased that the members recommended we donate \$500.00 to the Sydney Star Observer & we did. Their photographer Anne Marie has been to a number of our functions, & the SSO has given us their support; so we in turn gave them our support, financially. Who could forget to see our very own 'Suzie Wong' touching up her *lippie* on the front cover of the SSO at our 21st Birthday in 2012. MAG had a presence at the Annual Parramatta Pride Picnic, on the banks of the Parramatta River; & was well received by the older guys living out west. Four MAG guys, including myself, made up Red Ribbons for ACON for the 2014 World AIDS Day see Page 7 for a pic of the guys. Attendance at our meetings has been for AUG to OCT: - 9 AUG - 57. 30 AUG - 43. 13 SEPT- 66. 27 SEPT- 37. 11 OCT- 45. 28 OCT- 54. Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, 13th December, and I am sure it will be a really fun night. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON SATURDAY, 27th DECEMBER 2014, as the ACON Building will be closed for the Xmas break. In closing, may I wish everyone a very merry Christmas & a happy & most importantly David - President a healthy 2015.



# ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Three men died on Christmas Eve and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates.

"In honour of this holy season,"

Saint Peter said, "you must each possess something that symbolises Christmas to get into heaven." The first man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. It represents a candle, he

said.

You may pass through the pearly gates Saint Peter said. The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, "They're bells". Saint Peter said you may pass through the pearly gates. The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's

panties.

St. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, "And just what do those symbolise?"

The man replied, "They're Carols".

A young woman asks her mother, "Mom, how many kind of penises are there?"

The mother, surprised, answers, "Well, daughter, a man goes through three phases. In a man's twenties, a man's penis is like an oak, mighty and hard. In his thirties and forties, it is like a birch, flexible but reliable. After his fifties, it is like a Christmas tree." "A Christmas tree?" the young woman asks.

"Yes, dried up and the balls are there for decoration only."



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Two 90-year-olds had been dating for some time, when the man told the woman, "I think it's time we had sex, don't you agree?" The old woman agrees and the two make love that afternoon.

Afterward, as they are lying in bed, the man thinks to himself, "My God, if I had known that she was a virgin, I would have been much more gentle!"

Meanwhile, the woman was thinking to herself, "My God, if I had known that the old geezer could really get it up, I would have taken off my pantyhose."

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# MAG's 23rd BIRTHDAY PHOTOS



MAG's 3 Sisters 'Michaela, Alana & Carole"





Mr President points out the lovely pink shoes that our *Miss Susie* is wearing



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'Sexy' Alana



**'The Star of the Kitchen'** Lewis poses after all his hard work for our 23rd



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'Suzie & Michaela'

John

PHOTOS TAKEN BY

MICHELLE & VALERY

Well done to all who 'dressed up'!!!!

# MAG's 23rd BIRTHDAY PHOTOS Continued







Suzie - our lovely **'pink'** waitress



Toshi & Brian



Michael, Toshi, David, another friend, Ken & Alana



Steve blows out candles on our lovely birthday cake



'Erika & Carole'



# CRUISE MATES SOCIAL CLUB IN SYDNEY

IVIR. Quealy says when he joined the club in 2009 there were less than 25 members. Today the group boasts over 35 members ranging from people in mid 30s to the early 70s. **There's no age restrictions to join the club, among the guest speakers to attend cruise mates** meetings over the past years include; Photographer, Phillip Masaad; Ferry Expert, John Darroch; and a former representative of Classic Voyages.

The Club currently meets one Saturday a month between 2.00pm and 6.00pm at a Conference room in the <u>Sydney Central Youth Hostel</u>. There is a \$10 entry fee for each session. This covers the cost of room hire and refreshments.

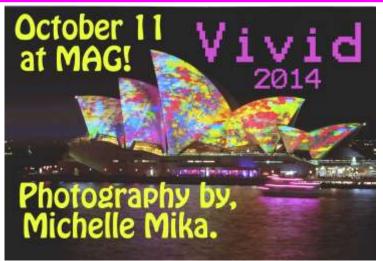
For more information or to attend email for Sean Quealy:<br/>seanquea@bigpond.net.auPhone: Sean 0432546832

#### **RED RIBBONS 2014**



Four MAG guys helped to make Red Ribbons for ACON on Sat, 15th Nov 2014 Pictured standing is Harry & David, and seated is Nelson and Michael.

We were pleased to be on a table with other volunteers that made 2,000 Red Ribbons — a really great effort —



Michelle gave our meeting a colourful evening, displaying the photographs she took of the 2014 Sydney Vivid Exhibition.



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## Where & when MAG meets

We meet on the second and the last Saturdays of the month at 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills [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, a '*pop corn*' night A light supper follows.

The Committee meets on the second Saturday of the month, prior to the General Meeting.

Committee Member Geoff Ostling is maintaining our Guest Speaker Listings. Should one feel that a certain person could give an informative talk at MAG, please contact Geoff on 9568 3029. Geoff will be very pleased to hear from any members or friends.

# **MAG's Details:**

The Executive:



President: David Bowron 9516 2063 Vice Pres.: Michael Darley 0408 359 989 Secretary: Michael Filipovic 0429 290 000 Treasurer: Ken Mears - email: ken me55@hotmail.com The Founder of MAG: Steve Ostrow - 9358 1460 The Committee: Lewis Turtur 9319 1280 Bill Alford: 8096 4891 9568 3029 Geoff Ostling John Waterstreet 0449 290 898

#### MAGIC - MAG in the Community:

Guys who are ill, in hospital, or who require assistance. We are seeking someone to help with these responsibilities.

Our postal address is: MAG SYDNEY INC PO Box 350, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Our web site is WWW.Magnsw.org

Newsletter Editor — Michael Filipovic

# **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

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 or Eric 9589 1161 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) 325 77743 for more details.

MCC Good Shepherd — 6:30pm Sundays 37 East Street, Granville. Pastor *Robert Clark* Tel. 9386 9293 MCC Sydney - 96 Crystal St, Petersham. 10:00am &

6:30pm Sundays Pastor *Greg Smith* 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/ http://www.gongguys.info/