

# MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay & Bisexual Men  
SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2021



Our October Picnic gathering of MAG guys,  
in Prince Alfred Park, Chalmers Street,  
near Central Station, on Saturday, 30th October 2021

Our Chrissy gathering will be held on Saturday, 18 December

Kindly contact the President for further details

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**2021/ 2022 MAG Memberships are now due**

Kindly contact our Treasurer should Members wish to renew their Memberships

**MAG will celebrate its  
30th Anniversary in 2022  
Possibly in May 2022.**

Attendees will be required to wear Pearls —  
either around your neck, ear rings or brooches

We caring for each other, sharing friendships and affection  
with each other in similar situations to lead as full a life as possible

Our web site [www.magsydney.org](http://www.magsydney.org)

## Events planned for MAG Members

Saturday evenings of 11 September. Sat 25 September.

9 October. 30 October. 13 November. 27 November. 11 December.

These Meetings were not held due to *Lock Down*

Pease see our **FACEBOOK PAGE** for updated information.

Details that are on the foot of all pages of the Newsletter.

Our Web Site is **www.magsydney.org**

Our Picnic Gatherings in Prince Alfred Park are to be held on **Saturday 30 October and 27 November**. Our Chrissy gathering on **Saturday, 18th December**.

All gatherings in Prince Alfred Park, Chalmers Street, are near Central Railway Station.

They will commence from 4pm. We meet at tables & seats near the Rainbow Pathway.

Kindly bring along your own refreshments and nibbles, that you may like to share.

For the Chrissy Gathering, we plan to have guys who intend to be there to bring certain items.

We will also plan to obtain some hot pizzas.

### Your President

Hi Members,

This Newsletter is a shortened version, as our usual Newsletter is unable to be printed in the ACON Office, as their staff are working from their homes.

There is Important News for our members, and I want everyone to know about these things.

MAG has applied to be part of the 2022 Mardi Gras Parade entry. It will again be held at the Sydney Cricket Ground [SGC], like it was in 2021. MAG only had 10 people in our group, which was very disappointing. Our 2022 theme is:

**United We Shine We At Mature Age Gays Are All In Our Ageing Prime Some On Walking Sticks, Though Many Without We Are Gay, Grey And Proud To be Out.**

Our Contingent participants will be required to wear **black shirt** and **black pants**. MAG will supply all our participants with — A Silver Cap, that will have colourful fairy lighting around it. An amazing shinny Vest, beautifully created by our own Michelle. Some guys will carry walking sticks, as props, some will wave Large Rainbow Coloured Flags. We will require 2 guys to carry the Mature Age Gay Banners. Our application has been lodged to Mardi Gras by Trevor and we await their Approval. We have asked for 30 people to be in our group. There will be a total of only 6,500 participants in the 2022 MG Parade.

Our music will be **“I only want to be with you”**, by Dusty Springfield.

We plan to do a short dance routine on the *board walk*, where we are shown on the SCG Large Scoreboard Screen. We thought, we could hobble onto the dance floor, then when the music starts, those with the walking sticks could take them in both hands and do a few leg kicks and so on. We will require a talented person to help with our dance routine - Any volunteers please. The guys with the Large Flags will wave them in time with the music. We'll certainly make a statement, that MAG is part of the Sydney Gay Community and despite our age, we are showing Sydney and the world that we do enjoy ourselves and know how to have fun !!

Please let know Trevor if you wish to be part of a amazing evening — **as soon as possible** — for making of outfits.

Sadly, we cannot meet in the ACON Cafe until February 2022, so a number of us have been enjoying a picnic gathering in Prince Alfred Park on Saturday, 30th October. Following on from that, we are planning to gather on Saturday, 27th November & have a Xmas gathering on Saturday, 18th December. We gather from 4pm, at seats near the Rainbow Pathway, that runs along side the Swimming Pool. If guys come along on 27 Nov, we will work out what goodies guys can bring along to our Chrissy Picnic. We'll get some pizzas delivered to make the festivities a bit more enjoyable. Should members seek clarification, or further information, please contact me — thanks. **MAG Memberships for 2021 / 2022 are now due**. For those guys who wish to renew their MAG Memberships, kindly contact Trevor our dear Treasurer. My sincere thanks to those who have already renewed !!

I wish every one a very Merry Christmas and hope you all have a healthy and happy 2022.

Best wishes to all and please keep safe. David - President



One of Michelle's Vests



## MAG's mid-week social function.

With Lockdown now over, a number of MAG guys have again been meeting up at the Petersham RSL, on a Wednesday evening, from 7pm to 9pm.

We have an enjoyable evening of chatting, laughter, as well as enjoying a nice meal and a drink of what you enjoy.

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

**A Double Vaccination Certificate is required along with photo ID**

For further info, please contact MAG's President.



The ONLINE LOVE Club Gathering is a social catch-up and check in for LGBTQ people 50 plus. This is via Zoom every Tuesday. The aim of this catch up is to support the community's ongoing connection to each other and to share:

How are you keeping busy? How are you managing your health and wellbeing ?  
What are you watching or listening to ? What making you laugh ? And any other anecdotes or stories

**When:** Every Tuesday from 10.25am to 11.30am

**Where:** On your mobile device or computer.

**How:** If you have not used ZOOM before, download it to your intended device (mobile phone, laptop or desktop) be following the prompts when you click on Download ZOOM. Do this well before the scheduled meeting so you can get familiar with how it works, check that the audio and video work, and how to mute/unmute.

JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING at the time of the event. Your device may need a few seconds to open ZOOM. Click the "Allow" screen to join us all online. Zoom may also ask you to use your computer audio. Click "YES" to this option so we can hear each other.

**Register your Interest here** [https://www.loveproject.org.au/online\\_love\\_club\\_gatherings](https://www.loveproject.org.au/online_love_club_gatherings)  
to receive a weekly reminder and Zoom link. Or contact Russ Gluyas, Program Coordinator Ageing, if you have any questions.

**Phone:** 02 9206 2017. **Email:** [rgluyas@acon.org.au](mailto:rgluyas@acon.org.au)



## 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



### Office Bearers:



**Vice President/  
Treasurer:**  
Trevor Pritchard  
9369 4206

**Secretary:**  
Steve Warren  
0417 393 877



**President:**  
David Bowron  
0447 600 966



### The Committee:



Lewis Turtur

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Wayne Youngman



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**

## 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 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



Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2022

We hope to see all members at our meetings starting in February 2022