

# MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay, Bisexual Men & Supporters

JULY & AUGUST 2023



Jo [Minister of Pitt Street Uniting Church], Wendy, Liz, Steve, Terry

Photo courtesy of Steve

## Issues discussed at the LGBTQI+ Aged Care Forum

The lack of specific LGBTQI+ / Queer services for Aging and Aged Care

The need for a Directory of Queer Friendly Aging and Aged Care

Services [perhaps via ACON]

Inclusiveness training Aged Care

IT problems in Aging including navigating **My Aged Care**.

Approx 22 people attended the Forum.

It was very pleasing that around 70% of the attendees were from MAG.

## LGBTQI+ AGED CARE DISCUSSION FORUM



You are invited to an LGBTQI+ Discussion Forum to explore your needs and preferences for Aged Care Services.

Hosted by the Pitt Street Uniting Church, the 78er's and MAG.

Guest speakers from Pitt St Uniting and ACON's LOVE Project



FREE EVENT for Sydney Pride Month

Date: Saturday 17th June

Time: 2pm - 4.30pm

Location: Pitt Street Uniting Church, 264 Pitt Street Sydney

The Forum's poster



We care for each other by sharing friendships and offering support where needed to other guys, so as to lead a fulfilled life.

MAG's website is [www.magsydney.org](http://www.magsydney.org)



Events planned for MAG Members in 2023

- Saturday 9th July —
- Saturday 29th July —
- Saturday 13th August —
- Saturday 26th August —
- Saturday 9th September —
- Saturday 30th September —

Kindly check our Facebook page for updated information on our meetings

Our Website is [www.magsydney.org](http://www.magsydney.org)

MAG's mid-week social function

is held on a Wednesday evening, from 6pm at the City of Sydney RSL Club, George Street, Sydney - up on the 2nd floor  
Further details contact our Secretary, Steve Warren on 0417 393 877

VALE



Jacqueline Hardy  
16 May 2023  
Age 65 years



Ken Mears  
13 June 2023  
Age 77 years

Ken had been Treasurer of MAG some time ago.

Disclaimer

The opinions expressed in this Newsletter are those of individuals and do not necessarily reflect the policies of MAG Sydney Inc. MAG is committed to the health and welfare of the mature-aged gay, bisexual men & our supporters. MAG has no political or religious affiliations.

Hello Members and friends.

Hope you are all keeping well. It is with much regret that I let you all know, that I have tendered my resignation as President of MAG, to the Secretary, to take effect at the end of July. I have really enjoyed my time serving MAG as Secretary from 2001 to 2013, then as President from 2014 to now; with not much thanks for doing so. [22 years in total]. I am not in it for thanks; but for the pleasure I receive in helping others.

However, in recent months, I have not been enjoying my time at MAG.

I understand that you can't please everyone, all the time; but when complaints about how I do things eg setting up the meeting room etc, then its time I go, so others will do a much better job than what I have done.

Also, at a recent committee meeting, the yearly membership fee was increased from \$15 to \$20.

I ask the question – why, when MAG has \$15,000 in the Bank, yes \$15,000.

I strongly disagree with this, hence another reason why I should step down as MAG's President.

The current committee will need guys to now **STEP UP** and help out. In setting up the meeting room, cleaning after the meetings and packing away the gear.

In addition, I would like to list some of the duties that I presently attend to for the benefit of MAG:-

- Prepare a bi-monthly Newsletters and arrange for them to be send as an email attachment, or posted to our Members; as well as sending a copy to the Lesbian & Gay Archives in Victoria.

- Forward an electronic copy to the NSW State Library, Sydney & National Library in Canberra.

- Retain issues of the Newsletters for archives purposes. Maintain Attendance Sheets & the Membership Rolls. Arrange for the MAG website to be updated; as well as the Facebook page.

- Make returns to the NSW Dept of Fair Trading each year, as per our Incorporation requirements

- Prepare Agendas & take Minutes of Committee Meetings.

- Maintain MAG's website Domain name registration.

I am sure lots of guys will be very keen to do these duties. In conclusion, I wish to sincerely thank those guys who have appreciated my efforts and I want to thank them for their kindness & friendship. I also wish to thank all the ACON staff for all their help to me

I will still remain as a financial member.

**Take good care & be kind to others**  
**David**

May Jacqueline and Ken now be at peace 2

## Monthly In-person

The LOVE Club Gathering is a community activity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people who are 55 plus, their supporters and friends. The Gathering aims to create a safe, respectful and welcoming space to share regular social time and activities.

All sexualities, gender identities, cultures and backgrounds are welcome.

The Gathering is all about maintaining connections, making new ones and building ongoing support networks.

### Activities may include:

- ◆ sharing loved experiences and stories
- ◆ writing, arts or music
- ◆ supporting physical and emotional wellbeing
- ◆ intergenerational conversations
- ◆ community speakers

**When:** Every fourth Thursday of each month from 10.00am to 11.30am

**Where:** Ground floor café at ACON, 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills.

**Register here** — [https://www.loveproject.org.au/love\\_club\\_gatherings](https://www.loveproject.org.au/love_club_gatherings)

## Twice a Month Online

A twice a month (1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month)

ONLINE social catch-up and check in to share-

How are you keeping busy? How are you managing your health and wellbeing?

What are you reading, watching or listening too? What's making you laugh?

Share any funny anecdote or stories.

Guest Speakers

**For more information** — [https://www.loveproject.org.au/online\\_love\\_club\\_gatherings](https://www.loveproject.org.au/online_love_club_gatherings)

## A few more pics from the LGBTQI+ AGED Care Forum



Russ, Jo [Minister of Uniting Church] Steve

Photo  
courtesy  
of  
Steve



Meredith & Wanda

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## Where & when MAG meets

When we are able 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,

**Please don't arrive before 6:30pm**

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. We do offer a light supper.

Should you wish to enjoy supper, please contact **Lewis** on **0482 672 635** or **Trevor** on **0437 586 442**.

We ask attendees to do this, so we do not to waste food; or so we can provide meals for everyone to enjoy at our meetings.

## MAG's Details:

### The Founder of MAG:

Steve Ostrow



### Office Bearers:



**Treasurer**  
Trevor Pritchard

**Secretary:**  
Steve Warren  
0417 393 877



**President: Vacant**

### The Committee:

Sau Foster



Lewis Turtur

Wayne Youngman



Justin Grogan



MAG's postal address is

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

Editor of this Newsletter was **David Bowron**

**YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH  
APPRECIATED**

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:petermons@live.co.uk)

**COUNTRY NETWORK** for friendship and support through social events & networking across rural, regional & city. Info at [www.countrynetwork.com.au](http://www.countrynetwork.com.au)

**CRONULLA GAY GROUP** - [www.cronullagaygroup.com](http://www.cronullagaygroup.com). Contact John 9528 9158

**GAMMA** - Gay and Married Men's Assoc Tel. 9267 4000 - [www.gamma.org.au](http://www.gamma.org.au)

**GAY DOWNUNDER** - [www.gaydownunder.com](http://www.gaydownunder.com)

**GLCS** - Tel. 1800 184 527

**Gay Sydney Nudists - GSN -**

Contact Pieter Nudie Newtown 0415 259 592 or Gerry 0451 893 586.

**Mature Age Men - MAM** last Saturday of month at the 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](http://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](mailto:southern.cross.outdoors.group@gmail.com)

**SPAIDS** - Sydney Park AIDS Memorial Groves Dates on tree planting days contact [josken@josken.net](mailto:josken@josken.net)

**SYDNEY GAY MEDITATION GROUP**

Monday — 6.30pm. Heffron Hall cnr Burton & Palmer Sts, East Sydney [www.sydneygaymeditationgroup.com](http://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](mailto:rgluyas@acon.org.au)

### Remembering MAG in your Will

A number of previous members have very generously bequeathed a gift of money in their Wills to MAG, following their passing from this life. Members or friends of MAG might also care to consider this.

We would be honoured if members did this.