



MAGazine

A Newsletter for Mature Age Gay, Bisexual Men & Supporters

FEBRUARY 2025

Hello 2025!



I hope all our MAG community had a good festive season! It can be a time of mixed feelings. Christmas is not quite as exciting as those younger years of looking forward to sitting on Santa's lap or awaiting a visit from his Elves. The Christmas season can be a mixed time of family or friends. We hope you all have a fruitful healthy year in 2025!

We had a fun relaxing Christmas Dinner at MAG put together by Lewis & his wonderful kitchen team. Our members & guests had an enjoyable evening as the photos on the following page reflect. Michelle had fun taking some special memory photos.

We kicked off the year with a small dinner gathering at Club Sydney and a Picnic off the rainbow path in Prince Alfred Park. 2024 was a hectic year for us, especially with the loss of our big-hearted founder Steve Ostrow. We continue to welcome

new members. Given the age band of MAG & having grown up in an era of strong homophobia it increases the value of support through a family like MAG. We always welcome new members.

Mardi Gras season will soon be upon us with a MAG presence at Fair Day & Parade night. Keep an eye out for our announcements on these events & associated activities.

We hope to see you at one of our MAG nights at ACON, social dinner nights or outings & events.

Best wishes

Steve

MAG President

magsydney.org | facebook.com/MatureAgeGays

Events

MAG's Mid-week social

Club Sydney, Wednesday nights
smaller group, 6.30pm to 8.45pm,
L2, 565 George St, City, next to
Cheers bar + opposite World Square.

Look for a large table of older guys.



Disclaimer

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**For MAG inquiries contact our Secretary
Roland 0448448445**



Photo: Michelle Mika



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We hope 2025 is treating you all well and the all the best for the rest of the year.

As Steve has already said MAG is attracting new members and we are extremely grateful for these new memberships. At our last meeting on 25th January, we welcomed 4 new guys, two of whom have already become members: Douglas Paisley and Alain Robert. Many thanks to you both for joining.

The Mardi Gras Festival starts on Friday 14th February and continues onto Sunday 2nd March. Fair Day is on Sunday 16th February in Victoria Park on the corner of City Road and Parramatta Road and MAG will be there with a stall. Our position in Victoria Park is similar to the 2023 World Pride Fair Day Position - Zone 10, Stall Number 10.20

The Mardi Gras Parade is on Saturday 1st March and MAG will be an entrant. Our position in the Parade is 46, joining the Parade at 8.15 pm. Will advise in due course meeting up times. Again this year we'll have a bus for our entry, and participants will be either walking or on the bus in the Parade. If members would like to join the MAG entry, could you please either email me : trevrm@ihug.com.au or text to 0437586442. There will be a cost to joining which I will know when I learn how many will join us. The cost covers the entry in the Parade and the Bus hire. Owing to Mardi Gras requirements we not only have a driver, but a backup driver also.

Trevor
MAG Treasurer

Outings

Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence History Walk on Newtown

Sat 23rd February '25

Time: 9:45am for a 10am start.

Event meeting point: In front of the Inner West Council Pride Centre, King Street, Newtown (formerly Newtown Town Hall), 1 Bedford Street, Newtown.

Day trip to Berry

We plan on having a day excursion to Berry in March. The date to be advised. Berry will be a full day as it is a train trip to Kiama, and then change to another train for Berry. Will either be a Monday or Tuesday. In the second half of last year, MAG teamed up with SCOG - Southern Cross Outdoor Group to promote one another's day outings. This is proving very enjoyable for both groups.



WIN \$50 VOUCHERS

LGBTQ+ DEATH LITERACY SURVEY

We want to hear from LGBTQ+ people, people living with HIV and carers, 18 years or over, across NSW, to better understand your experiences and knowledge of palliative care, end of life decisions and general death literacy.

Understanding your needs and preferences will help us develop workshops and activities, as well as improve ACON's existing Taking Control: LGBTQ+ Toolkit for Palliative Care and End of Life Decisions. Our aim is to empower LGBTQ+ people, PLHIV and their carers to have discussions, have a better understanding of their rights and have access to information and resources to make informed decisions about palliative care and end of life care and planning.

survey to share with the person with a reply-paid envelope.

Once you have completed the survey you can choose to enter the draw to win one of three \$50 vouchers. To enter the draw, provide your best contact email. Your contact information will not be connected to your survey response, which will ensure that your answers to the survey remain anonymous.

form.123formbuilder.com/6771974/lgbtq-death-literacy-survey

If you know of any LGBTQ+ people in NSW who may not have seen this survey or do not have online access, and who you believe would like to receive a printed copy of this survey through the regular post, please phone Russ Gluyas on 02 9206 2017 or email rgluyas@acon.org.au. We will post you a copy of the

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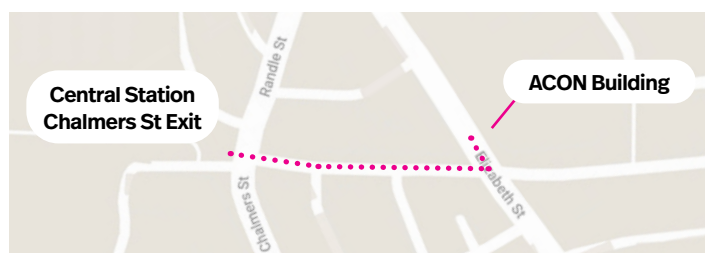
Logos: NSW Government, LVE (Living With HIV), ACON, and the NSW Ministry of Health.

Funded by the NSW Ministry of Health

MAG meets

WHEN: Second and last Saturday of the month @ 6:30PM-ish - 9PM

WHERE: 414 Elizabeth St
Surry Hills
(Near intersection of
Devonshire St and Elizabeth St



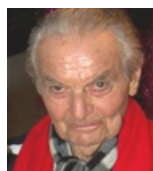
Our meetings starts with an informative
Guest Speaker and light supper for just \$5.

To book, please contact:

Lewis 0482 672 635

Trevor 0437 586 442.

When leaving a message for MAG please
mention MAG & your contact details.



Founder

Steve Ostrow



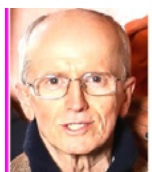
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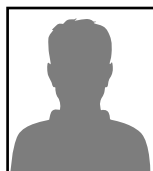
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Community Details

ACCEPTANCE (Gay Catholics) - Tel. 9568 4433. Friday Mass,
8pm. St. Joseph's Church, Bedford Street Newtown

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 - 04066450759206

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 - 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.
Info at www.countrynetwork.com.au

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/

MATURE AGE MEN (MAM) - Brisbane
Contact Noel - 0421 238 107

MCC GOOD SHEPHERD WESTERN SYDNEY INC -
Tues 7pm 9 Carlton Street, Granville. Pastor Robert Clark Tel.
0412481195 Contact Noel - (07) 31721170

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.
southerncross.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