

Our 20th Celebrations

MAGazine



Steve MAG's founder cuts our absolutely beautiful 20th Birthday Cake



Lewis



Ken



The cast of *Opera Bites* with Mark Orr, ACON's President. We do thank Mark for joining in the fun which gave a new meaning to the song "what do you do with a problem named Maria, I mean *Mark*".



Lewis & Erroll



Eric & Alex



Max

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Arthur & Dennis



Brian



Joe & Alan



Erroll & Jon



Michelle, who normally takes our photos, poses for us



Harry & John

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David [King Arthur], Mark Orr - President of ACON,
Michael Kirby, a good friend of MAG & Eric [Pharaoh]



David



Jim



Lionel



The cast of the very entertaining *Opera Bites*

A note that was sent to all ACON Staff Members.

Hi all, as some of you may already know, on Saturday night MAG celebrated it's 20 year birthday. While I could only attend for the beginning of the night, I have heard that the whole event was a great success and everyone had a fantastically entertaining evening. I would like to pay tribute to Steve and the many volunteers who have over the last two decades worked so tirelessly on MAG. It is an extraordinary project that provides many in our community with a sense of belonging and connection. Steve has done an incredible job over the last twenty years making MAG the success it is and we owe him a debt of gratitude.

So congratulations to Steve and all of MAG - happiest of Birthdays and well done!
Nic x Nicolas Parkhill , Chief Executive Officer, ACON

Warren's Poem

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WITH A TEAR IN MY EYE, I SAY GOODBYE.

(A Tribute to Tony Gallagher.)

You were my down to earth; loyal,
Lawn mowing client and caring, elderly friend.

Sorry I couldn't be there when,

God decided it was your final end.

You brought me a lot of happiness and joy.

I remember in your kind way,

you referred to me as boy.

You passed away alone,

In your neat and always proud,

Inside and out home.

With a large long backyard,

a place you loved to roam.

I remember on the 4th August, 2011.

Calling to your place to cut your grass.

No one was there to greet me as usual and care.

No one was there for our friendship to share.

I rang your number on your phone.

For some reason I felt alone.

I will miss your company and always remember you.

Before your time came to leave this world.

A moment God chose to be your final end.

I will miss the things that were only you.

The words you used to say and the things you used to do.

That special ingredient that made a person a real friend.

I'm sure God has a lot of things planned for you.

A homely new place for you to be proud of too.

I hope you find peace and suffer no more.

In a place with lots of new friends,

For you to love and adore.

I loved you my friend and always will remember you.

Before a heart attack brought your life to an abrupt end.

Tony Gallagher, My loyal lawn mowing client,

and caring elderly friend.

With a tear in my eye, I say goodbye.

Warren Sawkins
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POET

Written
4th August, 2011.

MAGnet

MAGnet — is our mid week venue for mature gay and bi men.

Every Wednesday evening meeting at the Taxi Club, on Flinders Street, Darlinghurst, from 6:30pm for a meal. It is a great place to be at. We recommend guys join the Taxi Club — **it's** only \$11 per year and you can enjoy all the benefits.

For instance the Wednesday Members Badge Drawer — \$100 is given to lucky Members present at 6pm, 6:30pm, 7pm, 7:30pm & till 8pm.

The meals are well priced and enjoyable.

MAG invites all mature age gay and bisexual men to join our guys in having a meal, a drink and socialising.

REMEMBER!! SAFE SEX
ALL WAYS — ALWAYS

Mature Age Gays

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

MAG's Details

Executive Members:

President: Eric Ellem 0418 686 429
 Secretary: David Bowron 9516 2063
 Treasurer: Jon Allwood 0431 062 343

ACON — Project Officer MAG
 and the founder of MAG:
 Steve Ostrow 9358 1460

Committee Members:

Joe Mula —
 Lewis Turtur —
 Mario Panzarino —
 Stuart Ferguson —

MAGIC

MAG in the Community.
 For guys who are ill, in hospital,
 or who require assistance. Please
 contact Noel Hunter on (02)
 96991317.

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

Web site is magnsw.org

We meet on the second and last
 Saturdays of each month,

**at 414 Elizabeth
 Street, Surry Hills**

[which is near Devonshire St]
 from 6:30 pm for tea & coffee
 with the meeting commencing at
 7:00pm, usually with a Guest
 Speaker — **every so often we'll**
 have a social evening.

A light supper follows.

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

Editor — David (02) 9516 2063



COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Acceptance (Gay Catholics) Tel. 9568 4433.
 Friday Mass, St. Josephs Church, Bedford
 Street, Newtown, 8pm.

Aleph Australia for gay Jews & friends,
 Contact *Michael* 9300 9700.

Asian Project Contact Solomon 9206 2080
 bgay Community News
 Contact Marc on 0404112831.

Country Network a national social network
 for gay men. Sydney Metro contact Max Cluff or
 Ian Campbell Tel. 9648 0304.

Cronulla Gay Group
 Contact John 9528 9158 or Eric 9589 1161.

Cross Section for gays within the Uniting
 Church phone *Des* 9319 0722.

GAMMA Gay & Married Men's Assoc
 Meets on 1st & 3rd Wed every month, at 414
 Elizabeth street, Surry Hills. Tel. 9267 4000
www.gamma.org.au

Gaydownunder www.gaydownunder.com
 GLCS Tel. 1800 184 527

GSN - Gay Sydney Nudists
 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
 Pastor *Robert Clark* Tel. 9386 9293
 37 East Street, Granville.

MCC Sydney 10:00am & 6:30pm Sundays
 Pastor part time *Greg Smith* Tel. 9569 5122
 96 Crystal St, Petersham.

Email — office@mccsydney.org

PFLAG Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians
 & Gays. www.pflagaustralia.org

SCOG Southern Cross Outdoor Group:
 bushwalks and other outdoor activities in the
 Sydney area. Contact *Barry Webb* 9662 6409.
 Email address is southern.cross.outdoors.group@gmail.com

SPAI DS Sydney Park AIDS Memorial Groves
 Dates on tree planting days kindly contact
josken@josken.net for further information.

Christ Our Hope Community
 Meetings: fortnightly at 320 Riley Street,
 Surry Hills, at 11am. Contact: Father Peter
 on 9588 6893 or 0419 464 353

WAGS 1st and 3rd Saturdays of month
 ACON, 13 Ellen Street, Wollongong
 7:00pm till 9:00pm.

There is no supper. www.wags.net.au