

FIRST MARDI GRAS INC.

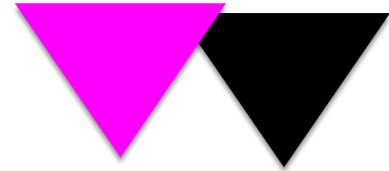
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40th @ The Colombian

Don't forget our social event to toast the **actual** 40th anniversary of the first Mardi Gras Parade: **Sunday 24th June, from 1.30pm** Colombian Hotel, corner Oxford and Crown Streets, Darlinghurst.

- Complimentary finger food
- Raffle with great prizes
- Retro music
- 78er Toby Zoates will be showing his new artwork "Mardi Gras Party" at the event.

Toby Zoates 2018 "Sniffer dogs" detail from "Mardi Gras Party".



RSVP to info@78ers.org.au by 18th June.

SGLMG will also be launching their art installation at Taylor Square at 4.00pm.

Next General Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be held on **Saturday 30th June 2.00pm-4.00pm** at East Sydney Community and Arts Centre, 34 Burton St Darlinghurst. Russ Gluyas from ACON will be attending to talk about ACON's programs for older LGBTI and how we can potentially work with ACON. All welcome.

University of Sydney Conference

78ers are eligible for free registration to *Pride of Place: Mardi Gras 40th Anniversary Conference* on June 25th and 26th. Just put "78er" in the Job Title box at:

<https://uniofsydney.ungerboeck.com/prod/emc00/register.aspx?OrgCode=10&EvtID=6089&AppCode=REG&CC=118040903651>

Inquiries: mark.gillespie@sydney.edu.au

40th Anniversary Festival Recap

We hope you were able to attend one of the events staged by First Mardi Gras during Festival Season this year:

- 78ers Trivia Night at the Bank Hotel
- 78ers Night at Red Raw
- *The First Mardi Gras: Was the Pain Worth the Gain? An afternoon with 78ers*
- *40 Years of Queer Art: Rebellion and Subversion*
- Fair Day stall
- 78ers Cocktail Party



78ers enjoy the Cocktail Party

All events were extremely well attended and received great feedback. For the 40th Anniversary, members of First Mardi Gras also completed over 40 media engagements including local and international TV, radio, online and print coverage.

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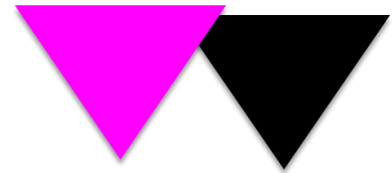
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Around 130 photos taken by Associate Member Anne Morphett at our Anniversary events have been placed in a Dropbox folder. Scroll through the collection and download your favourites (no charge!):
www.dropbox.com/home/First%20Mardi%20Gras%20Photos

What's in store for the future?

Now that we're moving on from the 40th Anniversary, we are looking at future activities. At a recent general meeting we agreed that we would focus on:

- Working with other organisations on ageing issues for LGBTI
- Community connections for more isolated members of our community
- Advocacy on LGBTI human rights
- Regular social functions and educational forums
- Upgrading our website to add more content and to keep current

Social Connections Day

ACON is running a social connections day for LGBTI 55+ years on Tuesday 26th June 10.30am - 5.45pm, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Rd Glebe. More info at www.acon.org.au/getinvolved/events/#here-for-ageing-socialconnection

If you are interested in First Mardi Gras' community connections project, this day would be good background.

Student projects

We regularly receive requests from high school students undertaking projects on LGBTI issues.

We have a current request from queer HSC student Shannah Barrish who is researching the wellbeing of children in same sex families and relationships. She is hoping to talk to same sex parents or children of same sex parents. Shannah can be contacted at:
Shannahbanana0812@outlook.com

Telling Tales @ The Imperial

78er Peter de Waal and other activists talk at the Imperial on 22nd June. Tickets:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/telling-tales-live-tickets-45170358759?aff=eac2>

TELLING TALES *live!*

40 Fabulous Years of Floats, Fun, Fantasy and Fortitude of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras

TEDDY COOK: Producer of *Queer & Country Town* (documentary)
PETER DE WAAL: Activist, *Liberal Board & CNRP* (documentary)
STEPH SANDS: *1970s Mardi Gras* (documentary)

TERESA SAVAGE: Activist & *2017* (documentary)
SALLY RUGG: *Parade* (documentary)
BRENDAN DE LA HAY: *Parade* (documentary)

Four influential members of the LGBTIQ Community join together to discuss the symbolism, social impact & relevance of the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras as it officially turns 40.

FRI 22 JUNE, 7-9PM | THE IMPERIAL ERSKINEVILLE
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM | 35 ERSKINEVILLE RD

TICKETS FROM \$25
(PLUS BOOKING FEE) LIMITED CAPACITY

BOOKINGS
[eventbrite.com/e/telling-tales-live-tickets-45170358759](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/telling-tales-live-tickets-45170358759)

An important and timely event!

Join First Mardi Gras

If you enjoyed one or more 40th Anniversary events staged by First Mardi Gras and/or support our objectives, please consider **renewing your membership** if you are an existing member **or joining** if you are not already a member.