



# GAY LIB NEWS

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### GAY PRIDE WEEK

Gay Pride Week will be held in Sydney (and hopefully in other cities) from September 8 to 16 this year. This was decided at a Gay Lib. meeting on June 29.

Why a Gay Pride Week ?

We want to bring the idea of Gay Liberation, first of all, before as many gays as possible, and, second, confront the whole of society with our oppression and our demands for liberation.

Gay Lib. ideas have infiltrated many minds, both gay and straight, over the past year. But we believe there is much to be gained by concentrating our fire, in one really big effort over one week, to really thrust Gay Liberation before everyone.

That means we have to start off thinking big, taking a gamble on a big turn-out and on a good response from the media, radical groups and others --and of course from gays themselves.

We want to see action happening every day that week, and in several places at once.

Here are some ideas we've dreamt up: Saturday (all day?) a Gay Speak-Out, when gays will give personal experience of oppression and liberation --for instance, experience with the police, courts, psychiatrists, schools, psycho-surgery, etc., etc..

That should be educational for all of us. Want to help organise it, or speak?

On Sunday September 9, a Gay Festival in the Domain --soapbox speakers, zaps, etc..

Then on Monday and Tuesday, seminars, debates etc.. at universities, schools, wherever we can get in..

Then on Wednesday, September 12, a big public meeting. We're already inviting speakers from different organisations to speak out on "why we oppose the oppression of homosexuals." Letters and a questionnaire are also going out to all NSW and Federal MPs. After short speeches from gays and

straights, the meeting will be thrown open for discussion and questions from you..

That should be really something very big and important for Gay Lib...

Then Thursday and Friday, more seminars etc.. on specific topics (e.g. oppression of gay women ?) and zaps leading up to ....

Saturday morning, a big coming-out, demonstration and march on the streets of Sydney. Did you know that 15,000 gays marched in Gay Pride Week in New York last month? We will be happy

several hundred.

For the zaps, which should last all the week, there are plenty of targets... police, courts, psycho-surgeons, police, churchmen, mental hospitals... add your own targets. Then on Saturday night, the biggest dance/celebration this town's seen for many years.

On Sunday, a picnic to enjoy our selves and relax.

*IMPOSSIBLE ? UNREALISTIC? CRAZY?*

*That depends on you...*

Well, we don't think so. It depends on you doing a lot of work. It depends on you coughing up a bit of money and milking your friends for more.

We plan to produce thousands of leaflets, posters, badges, stickers etc.. before Gay Pride Week. That's going to cost money and mean a lot of hard work. We can only depend on ourselves for that.

**WHAT WILL GAY PRIDE WEEK ACHIEVE?**

We've got to reach the thousands of gays closeted in suburbia, leading miserable lives. We've got to encourage those who are gay but don't realise it or have repressed their sexuality, to express their



Gayness with joy and love.  
We've got to hit hard those who  
repress us, without apology, till they  
change, and also liberate themselves  
in the process.

We've got to attack the institutions  
that oppress us. Confront them, and  
demand them to explain or justify  
their oppression.

We want to involve our straight  
friends because they are still only  
really sympathisers and once we

get them together, they'll become  
real friends. But also that means  
that those gays still struggling to  
come out will have a bit of an  
excuse to come along to the differ-  
ent Gay Pride Week activities, even  
if they don't come out immediately,

we're confident they will soon after.

And so Gay Pride Week will be just  
the beginning...

The week should fall around the  
time of the homosexual law reform  
bill in federal parliament.  
That will be a big issue of course,  
including in Gay Pride Week, but we  
don't want to just centre around the  
bill as a single issue, but to high-  
light the total oppression we face and  
and the total liberation we demand.  
Still cynical? Well, wait and see.  
The trouble is that without your  
help, Gay Pride Week will be that  
little bit smaller.

WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH THOSE FUCKING  
POOFAS? DON'T THEY KNOW THEY'RE SICK? THE  
FILTHY BASTARDS! CATCH THEM NEAR MY KIDS I'VE BROUGHT  
MY KIDS UP AS DECENT PEOPLE... I'D WANT THEIR FUCKING  
NECKS. IF I FOUND THEM GOING TO GAY LIB. THE  
UNGRATEFUL BRATS. AND WHAT WOULD THEY WANT  
TO GO THERE FOR? THEY KNOW THEY CAN COME TO  
ME IF THEY'VE GOT A PROBLEM.  
THINK I'LL GO AND SEARCH THEIR  
ROOMS THE LYING LITTLE BASTARDS.  
NEVER COULD TAKE THEM TO THE LINE  
THEIR SLUT OF A MOTHER!

## MACQUARIE DEMO

A demonstration was held at Macquarie University, on 28th.  
June, to show support for Jeremy Fisher who was expelled from  
the Robert Menzies College for being homosexual.

A group of about 50 people gathered outside the Council  
Building and held a quiet protest, 'greeting' the council members  
as they went into their meeting to discuss the issue.

They discussed the issue for two hours and decided to app-  
oint a 'fact finding' committee which will hand in its findings  
on the 27th. July.

Terry Batterham.

OTHER DEMOS... Sydney University Gay Lib. leafletted  
the lunchtime showing of Boys in the Band (see leaflet  
on back of Gay Pride Leaflet in this newsletter). Also  
leafletted Union Night debate on Wednesday July 18. The  
Union night debate a few weeks ago on That Gay is Good,  
was also a sort of a demo... a few gays got up and told  
the "debaters" (?) a few home truths...