

**2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ITEMS OF BUSINESS
FOR SYDNEY GAY & LESBIAN MARDI GRAS LIMITED**

Items of business requested by Members

A number of items of business have been requested by Members and will be decided on a show of hands at the AGM (unless a poll is requested). The following motions have been validly received by Members for consideration at the AGM, and are presented in the order in which they were received. All motions are by ordinary resolution unless specified otherwise.

An Explanatory Memorandum containing the Member's statement in support of the motions, together with the Board's assessment of the arguments for and against the motions, will be issued to Members shortly.

5A. Motions proposed by Crave Liberation Alliance Community Churches Australia (CLACCA) ULC

Proposed by: Rev Comrade Shelly+

Seconded by: Peter Murphy

Motions 1 and 2 – Board composition

1. That 1978ers have a lifetime Director role on the Mardi Gras board of directors in accordance with the Mardi Gras Constitution.
2. That at least one LGBTIQPSGDA+ Aboriginal be elected to the Mardi Gras board of directors every year in accordance with the Mardi Gras constitution.

Motion 3 – Membership

3. That the gender categories of Intersex, Pansexual, Sex and Gender Diverse be included as a category for membership of Mardi Gras in accordance with the Mardi Gras constitution.

Motion 4 – Inclusion of CAAH Sydney and Pride in Protest

4. That Mardi Gras supports equality and will seek to include CAAH Sydney and Pride in Protest.

Motions 5 and 6 – Mardi Gras theme and parade entry

5. That Pride in Protest be adopted as the 2019 theme for Mardi Gras.
6. That anyone who identifies as LGBTIQPSGDA+ and/or is from an equality not for profit community group which supports the LGBTIQPSGDA+ community who lodges an equality entry theme in Mardi Gras every year not be refused entry into Mardi Gras in accordance with the Mardi Gras Constitution.

Motion 7 – AGM Agenda and minutes

7. That Mardi Gras AGM Agenda and Minutes be publicly available on the Mardi Gras website every year for accountability and transparency in accordance with the Mardi Gras constitution.

Motions 8 and 9 – Mardi Gras parade entry

8. That Mardi Gras acknowledges that LGBTIQPSGDA+ people on centrelink benefits fight for equality every day of our lives and have an equal right to march in Mardi Gras and recognises income level should not be a barrier to marching for equality at Mardi Gras in accordance with the Mardi Gras constitution.

9. That Mardi Gras supports the right to protest for equality at Mardi Gras that it was founded on and welcomes all equality not for profit community entries in Mardi Gras who are still fighting for equality in our community for a safe, inclusive, progressive Mardi Gras in accordance with the Mardi Gras Constitution.

5B. Motion proposed by Damien Hodgkinson

Proposed by: Damien Hodgkinson

Seconded by: Greg Small

Motion 10 – World Pride

10. That the membership direct that the board do everything in its power to submit a bid to host World Pride in 2023 by the closing date of June 2019 and work with the local pride committees, other community organisation's and government bodies, where applicable, to produce a compelling and viable proposition.

5C. Motions proposed by Paul Savage

Proposed by: Paul Savage

Seconded by: Greg Small

Motions 11 and 12 – Life memberships

11. In accordance with clause 3.4 of the Company's constitution, that the membership approve life membership for all Lifetime Award recipients and those admitted to SGLMG Hall of Fame as contained in the document titled '**Life Membership 2018**' (inserted as **Addendum 1** at the end of this document), noting that upon approval of the Members that these persons shall be entered on the Register as life members subject to receipt of their agreement to the objects of the Company outlined in the Company's constitution.

12. In accordance with clause 3.4 of the Company's constitution, that the membership approve that all future Lifetime Achievement Award recipients and those admitted to the Hall of Fame are automatically put by the Board to the members at the next general meeting of members to receive life membership to SGLMG in honour of that award or recognition, subject to receipt of their agreement to the objects of the Company outlined in the Company's constitution.

5D. Motions proposed by Pride in Protest

Motion 13 – Scott Morrison / Liberal Party

13. That this meeting affirms that:

1. Scott Morrison's role as a No campaigner, supporter of gay conversion therapy, his comments about 'gender whisperers', and his cruelty toward refugees (many of whom are LGBTIQIA+) mean that he and any party he leads are homophobic;
2. It is not in accordance with Mardi Gras' principles that Morrison or his government be promoted at our parade or any Mardi Gras event.
3. Scott Morrison is formally disinvited from attending any Mardi Gras events in 2019;
4. The Liberal Party is barred from having a float in the 2019 Mardi Gras parade.

Proposed by: Evan Gray

Seconded by: Hayden Walsh

Motion 14 – Human rights and corporate sponsorship

14. That:

1. Mardi Gras affirms its commitment to human rights, freedom and equality.
2. Mardi Gras acknowledges:
 - a. the significant human rights violations perpetrated by the Australian government towards refugees
 - b. the disproportionate number of LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers and refugees who have sought safety in Australia as a result of persecution on the basis of their sexuality, who are now held in detention by the Australian government on Manus Island and Nauru, where homophobic abuse is rampant, and where homosexuality is criminalised.
3. In accordance with this commitment to human rights, freedom and equality, Mardi Gras:
 - a. endorses the Palm Sunday refugee rally
 - b. calls upon the Australian government to:
 - i. end its policy of boat turnbacks;
 - ii. end mandatory detention of refugees and asylum seekers;
 - iii. implement community processing of all asylum seekers, as is common practice in various forms in Spain, Sweden, Canada and more.
4. Mardi Gras commits to review its corporate partnerships on human rights grounds, particularly taking into account:
 - a. the role of Qantas in deporting refugees to danger, including deporting LGBTQIA+ refugees to countries where homosexuality is criminalised; and
 - b. the significant fossil fuel and arms manufacturing investments of ANZ Bank.

Proposed by: Holly Brooke

Seconded by: Joshua Han

Item 15 – Federal and State Police

15. That:

1. Mardi Gras acknowledges and condemns:
 - a. the NSW Police sniffer dog program, which the NSW Police uses to disproportionately target young people, LGBTIQ+ people (including at Mardi Gras events), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; which gives false positive indications 4 out of 5 times; and which resulted in hundreds of humiliating and intimidating strip searches of innocent people;
 - b. The over 400 Aboriginal deaths in police custody Australia-wide since 1990;
 - c. that the NSW Police have shot and killed over 19 people facing acute mental health crises since 1997, taking particularly into account that LGBTIQ+ people disproportionately experience mental illness;
 - d. the NSW Police for their role in at least 16 Aboriginal deaths in custody in the last decade;
 - e. the NSW Police for their implementation of the Suspect Target Management Plan, which uses undisclosed criteria to target individuals with no criminal record, 50% of whom are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, for police searches and surveillance, including children as young as 10;
 - f. NSW Police for their crackdown on pill testing at the Defqon1 Festival in September, resulting in the overdose death of at least one attendee;
 - g. the Victorian Police for the brutality against, and arrests of, African-Australian people defending their homes from alt-right and neo-Nazi violence after Milo Yiannopoulos' Melbourne show in December 2017;
 - h. the Queensland Police for multiple instances over the last two years in which police officers disclosed the whereabouts of survivors of domestic violence to their abusive ex-husbands;
 - i. the Australian Federal Police for their role in cracking down on people who have blown the whistle on Australia's immigration detention regime and other government scandals;
 - j. the NSW Government for increasing police powers to allow them to disperse and fine people meeting in any form of public assembly, and for massively increasing the penalties for protests on enclosed lands; and
 - k. the NSW Police for failing to adequately investigate almost 90 suspected gay hate murders between 1970 and 2010.
2. In acknowledgement of the immense violence perpetrated by these institutions, the NSW Police, the Australian Federal Police, the Police Association, and any other associated organisations, are to be barred from having floats in the 2019 Mardi Gras Parade.
3. Mardi Gras demands that state and Federal governments:
 - a. abolish the sniffer dog program;
 - b. end all Aboriginal deaths in custody;
 - c. establish independent commissions whereby any allegation of police misconduct can never be investigated by current or former members of a police force;
 - d. end the presence of the riot squad at protests, reinstate all rights to public assembly, and enshrine in law the right of workers to strike.

Proposed by: Andre Bosch

Seconded by: Anna Rowe

Item 16 – Parade workshop and membership fees

16:

1. That
 - a. community floats in the Mardi Gras parade will have full access to the Mardi Gras creative workshop space in recognition that corporate sponsors should not have special benefits over LGBTQIA+ community groups.
 - b. any floats that are in the Mardi Gras parade to represent corporations will not have access to the creative workshop space.
 - c. if existing contracts with sponsors specify access to the space, these contracts will be honoured, but no new contracts will be signed.
2. The membership fee structure of Mardi Gras will be revised so as to make Mardi Gras membership accessible to the most marginalised and low/no-income members of the community. Membership fees will be amended to a sliding scale beginning at \$0, with fees proportionate to income bracket.

Proposed by: Alexander Suhle

Seconded by: Monica Jones

5E. Motions proposed by Jenny Mann

Proposed by: Jenny Mann

Seconded by: Kathy Sant

Motions 17 to 19 – Community parade entrant access to SGLMG workshop

17. That SGLMG provide access to the workshop for LGBTQI community parade entrants for the 2019 Mardi Gras season with a view to advising and assisting LGBTQI community members with float design, development and build.

18. That establishment of a permanent SGLMG community workshop be a specific strategic objective of SGLMG.

19. That access for LGBTQI community parade entrants to SGLMG workshop for the purpose of advice and assistance with float design, development and build remains a requirement of any future SGLMG workshop.

ENDS

ADDENDUM 1 – for Motion 11

Life Membership 2018

HALL OF FAME

1992

Brian McGahen

Bruce Belcher

David Wilkins

Kimberley O'Sullivan

Lance Gowland

Peter Tully

Ron Muncaster

1993

Cath Phillips

Colin Fawcett

Leggs Galore

Robyn Laverack

1994

Barry Cecchini

Bruce Pollack

Peter MacDonnell

1995

Bill Whitaker

Murray McLachlan

Ron Austin

1996

Corby Beard

Miss New Zealand (Brent Beadle)

Richard Cobden

1997

Kathy Pavlich
Susan Harben

1998

Margaret McMann
Stephen Alkins

1999

Gillian Minervini
Phillipa Playford
Tony Crewes

2000

Bill Morley
David McDiarmid
George Petersen
John Marsden

2001

Brian Hobday
Gary Leeson
Ron Smith

2002

Dr Richard Liddy
Jade Kemety-Snow
Katrina Marton
Philip Diment (Doris Fish)
Richard Wherrett

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS**2013**

Gary Leeson
Jem Masters

Laura Jamison
Steve Warren

2014

Ignatius Jones
Jane Becker
Kevin 'Kabi' Rigby
Liz Dods
Ron Muncaster
Steph Sands

2015

Eamonn Lorraine
Michael Rolik

2016

Rene Rivas

2017

Ann-Marie Calilhanna

2018

Leonard Watson

ENDS