

# 1969

## A chronology of LGBTIQ+ communities and movements in Sydney from 1969 to 2018

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Date	Location (if not Sydney)	Event	Reference
April 1969		The Humanist Society in New South Wales (NSW) announces its support for homosexual law reform.	RF
27 June 1969	Canada	Reforms to Canadian Criminal Code receives royal assent, decriminalising homosexual acts in private for people over 21.	RF
27, 28, 29 June 1969	New York	The Stonewall Bar riots occur in New York, following police raids and these lead to the formation of the Gay Liberation Front which gives impetus to the formation of similar gay liberation groups around the world.	RF
3 July 1969	Canberra	Dr Thomas Mautner (Australian National University (ANU) Philosophy Dept) and solicitor Michael Landale decide to set up a homosexual law reform group after the conviction and gaoling of a Canberra man. Lex Watson joins the group.	RF
27 July 1969	Canberra	Public meeting forms Homosexual Law Reform Society of the ACT.	RF
23 October 1969	Canberra	Homosexual Law Reform Sub-Committee formed by the Humanist Society. The Sub-Committee subsequently draws up a revised Criminal Code for the ACT	MM
31 October 1969	New York	Time magazine publishes "The Homosexual in America" as its cover story.	RF

### Sources:

MM = Murray McLachlan

"Appendix One: Homosexual Law Reform in NSW, Timeline of Significant Events"

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