

# 1970

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

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Date	Location (if not Sydney)	Event	Reference
28 January 1970	Melbourne	A Branch of the US lesbian group, the Daughters of Bilitis is formed.	KD
5 March 1970		A small group from the Humanist Society and the Council of Civil Liberties attempt to form a Homosexual Law Reform Committee.	RF
27 May 1970	Canberra	The Federal Attorney-General Tom Hughes advocates homosexual law reform in an address to the Australian Council of Social Services.	RF
28 May 1970		NSW Attorney-General rejects homosexual law reform.	RF
30 June 1970		The newspaper reports of gay liberation marches in the USA to commemorate the first anniversary of the Stonewall riot.	RF
July 1970		John Ware and Christobell Poll make the decision to form an openly homosexual group after checking their legal status with representatives of the Council for Civil Liberties. The group is to be called the Campaign Against Moral Persecution Incorporated (or CAMP Inc).	RF
August 1970		The South Pacific Motor Club is formed.	SS 1/23
31 August 1970	Brisbane	The Labor Party leader Gough Whitlam calls for homosexual law reform at the Labor Women's Conference.	RF
10 September 1970		John Ware and Christabel Poll announce the formation of the Campaign Against Moral Persecution (CAMP) In The Australian newspaper and on television.	RF
15 September 1970	Unknown	The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Australia votes in favour of homosexual law reform.	MM
19 September 1970		Australian publishes <i>Couples</i> about John Ware, Christabel Poll, their partners, and CAMP.	RF
21 September 1970		John Ware is interviewed on the ABC-TV program This Day Tonight.	RF
13 October 1970	London	The Gay Liberation Front is formed.	RF



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1 November 1970		CAMP Ink, the first homosexual magazine in Australian is published	MM
17 November 1970		John Ware and Christobell Poll invite a select group of supporters to a meeting to discuss the future of CAMP Inc.	RF

## Sources:

SS = Sydney Star

MM = Murray McLachlan

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

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