

# 1971

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

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Date	Location (if not Sydney)	Event	Reference
6 February 1971		CAMP Inc (later CAMP NSW) holds its first public general meeting chaired by Dr Ian Black. John Ware and Christabel Poll are elected co-convenors.	RF
21 February 1971	Melbourne	A gay organisation, Society 5 forms.	RF
23 February 1971		The first student gay group Campus CAMP, forms at the University of Sydney.	KD
March 1971		CAMP Inc holds a housewarming party at 393 Darling Street, Balmain and raises \$300, the rent for one month.	CI V1N6
March 1971		<i>William and John</i> Australia's first commercial gay magazine is published.	KD
1 March 1971		The Federal Labor Party frontbencher, Bill Hayden backs law reform.	RF
22 March 1971		Ian Black is interviewed by Anne Deveson on 2GB about CAMP Inc.	CI V1N6
2 May 1971		The first Sunday Bar-B-Q is held at 393 Darling St Balmain.	CI V1N6
19 May 1971		The proposals of the Law Reform Committee is discussed at a General Meeting of CAMP Inc.	CI V1N7
2 June 1971		A meeting of a Church Group is advertised in <i>Camp Ink</i> .	CI V1N7
19 June 1971		A women only meeting of CAMP members is advertised in <i>Camp Ink</i> .	CI V1N7
July 1971		A 'Gay Liberation' cell is formed within CAMP	MM
22 July 1971	Melbourne	The Humanists form a homosexual law reform society.	RF
August 1971		CAMP advertises a 24 hour contact number for CAMP Ink readers who are having trouble with the Law, Church, Society, Family or Self.	CI V1N10
August 1971	Canberra	The Canberra and Goulburn Anglican Synod votes in favour of homosexual law reform.	MM
September 1971		CAMP Inc celebrates 12 months since it received publicity and recruited its first members. It has 2,000 members of and has 4 main aims.	CI V1N11



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September 1971	New York	Dennis Altman publishes <i>Homosexual: Oppression and Liberation</i> .	KD
October 1971		The <i>Sexual Liberation Forum</i> is held at the University of Sydney	MM
8 October 1971		First gay rights demonstration attracts 70 people outside NSW Liberal Party headquarters in support of the pre-selection of Tom Hughes against a right-wing challenge following his support for homosexual law reform.	RF
11 October 1971	Melbourne	The Melbourne Anglican Synod votes in favour of homosexual law reform.	RF
13 October 1971	Adelaide	CAMP SA forms at a meeting at the University of Adelaide.	RF
20 October 1971		A Campus CAMP forum on law reform is held at the University of NSW.	MM
20 October 1971		Campus CAMP Sydney University holds the first Sexual Liberation Forum with Dennis Altman and Wendy Bacon as the principal speakers.	RF

## Sources:

MM = Murray McLachlan

KD = Ken Davis

RF = Robert French

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CI = Camp Ink

