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

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Date	Location (if not Sydney)	Event	Reference
January 1974	Melbourne	The Victorian Labor Party adopts an equality based homosexual law reform policy.	RF
February 1974		With their <i>Draft Manifesto of Revolutionary Homosexuals in GLF</i> , Communist Party of Australia members Brian MacGahen and Craig Johnston launch their effeminist turn.	KD
28 March 1974		A protest is held at Macquarie University against Penny Short losing her Teachers' Scholarship after she publishes a lesbian poem.	KD
5 April 1974		Martin Smith appears before the Supreme Court of NSW and takes action against the opening of Bobby Limb's play "Norman is that you?"	GLApril74
25 April 1974		The first national conference of Acceptance for gay Catholics is held in Sydney.	KD
1 May 1974		Quentin Buckle's Gay Pride Week trial is held at Central Criminal Court, Liverpool Street.	GLApril74
3 – 10 May 1974		Duncan Week is held to commemorate the murder of Dr Duncan with a series of events, including a memorial service, street theatre and a wreath laying.	GLApril74
6 May 1974		The pro-gay policy of the Australian Union of Students is ratified by mass meetings at 3 of Sydney's university campuses.	KD
8 May 1974		Barry Schultz and Jeff Hart's Gay Pride Week trial is held at Central Criminal Court, Liverpool Street.	GLApril74
14 May 1974		Diane Minnis and Gary Schliemann's Gay Pride Week trial is held at Central Criminal Court, Liverpool Street.	GLApril74
18 May 1974		Gay Liberationist, Brian McGahen stands for the Senate in the Federal Election	GLApril74
24 May 1974		Martin Smith's Gay Pride Week trial is held at Central Criminal Court, Liverpool Street.	GLApril74
June 1974		First issue of the journal <i>Gay Liberation Press</i> produced by supporters of the former Sydney Gay Liberation	RF



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28 June 1974		The NSW Country Party supports homosexual law reform.	MM
	Wauchope	Amazon Acres, a lesbian rural commune, is founded.	KD
August 1974	Canberra	CAMP NSW lobbies Senator Murphy to amend Section 7 of a proposed Federal Human Rights Bill, which is designed to implement the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and which fails to list "sexual orientation".	CN 74_08
August 1974	Canberra	CAMP NSW has written to the Minister for Repatriation and Compensation requesting that changes to compensation benefits be extended to "homosexuals in union".	CN 74_08
August 1974		CAMP NSW is registered as a non-profit organisation and can get the organisation's contact details into the phonebook.	CN 74_08
August 1974		Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) in California, tours Australia. MCC is established in Australia.	KD
4 August 1974		Mike Clohesy appears on the 2CH religious news programme, explaining reasons for CAMP's decision not to support the visit of Troy Perry	CN 74_08
17 August 1974		CAMP organises a meeting of minority groups in Sydney.	CN 74_08
20 August 1974		CAMP's Cross+Section meets after a "temporary lull."	CN 74_08
21 August 1974		The Royal Commission into Human Relationships is established. Family Court Justice Elizabeth Evatt, broadcaster Ann Deveson and the Most Reverend Felix Arnott, Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane are appointed as Commissioners.	RF
18 September 1974	Perth	A Report of the Royal Commission on Homosexuality recommends homosexual law reform.	RF
2 Dec 1974	Canberra	Susan Ryan successfully moves a resolution supporting homosexual law reform in the ACT Legislative Assembly.	RF

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KD = Ken Davis

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CN = CAMP NSW Newsletter

GL = Gay Liberation

