

1975

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

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Date	Location (if not Sydney)	Event	Reference
22 March 1975		The Second Seminar on Female Homosexuality, funded by the Federal Government is held.	CI V4N5
June 1975		Patchs nightclub opens at 33 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.	OWN 62
18 June 1975		The Women's Collective of CAMP (NSW) re-forms as the <i>Gay Feminist Group</i>	CI V4N5
16-17 August 1975	Melbourne	The first National Homosexual Conference with the support of the Australian Union of Students (AUS) is held with 800 people attending.	KD
1 September 1975		The first issue of <i>Campaign</i> magazine is published by Rod Stringer.	KD
7 September 1975		A Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) and Gay Liberation Front counter-demonstration outnumbers a rally organised by Anglican Dean Lance Shilton and Festival of Light in the Domain.	KD
17 September 1975	Adelaide	South Australia becomes the first Australian state to fully decriminalise homosexual acts, and the first jurisdiction in the English common law world to make no distinction between homosexual and heterosexual.	MM RF
22 September 1975		Following on from the First National Homosexual Conference a meeting of 35 women support the formation of a separate Lesbian-Feminist Movement.	CIV4N7
29 September 1975		CAMP makes a submission to the Royal Commission into Human Relations.	KD
October 1975		The executive of CAMP NSW urges members to support the beleaguered Federal Labor government.	CN 75_10
October 1975		CAMP NSW decides not to take part organising the Second National Homosexual Conference, supporting a feminist boycott.	CN 75_10
8 October 1975		Peter de Waal and Mike Clohesy appear on Channel 9 discussing the CAMP NSW submission to the Human Relationships Commission.	CN 75_10



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11 October 1975		CAMP NSW representatives attend a seminar on the legal aspects of discrimination organised by WEL and the Women Lawyers Association.	CN 75_10
13 October 1975		Michael Clohesy is sacked from teaching at the Marist School in Eastwood due to his gay rights advocacy. He appears on Channel 9's Current Affair discussing his dismissal.	KD CN 75_10
19 October 1975		200 demonstrate outside Sunday Mass at St Mary's Cathedral against the sacking of CAMP spokesperson Mike Clohesy from his teaching position at Marist Brothers, Eastwood.	KD
22 October 1975		Col Eglinton and Ron Austin speak with Police Cadets on homosexuality.	CN 75_10
4 November 1975		The NSW Gay Teachers Group is formed following on from the sacking of Mike Clohesy.	MM
6 November 1975		A weekday demonstration protesting Michael Clohesy's dismissal begins at the Catholic Education Office in Broadway and proceeds to St Marys Cathedral.	CN 75_10
10 November 1975		The first meeting of the NSW Gay Teachers' Group is held in Cremorne.	CN 75_10
19 November 1975		Representatives from CAMP NSW appear before the Human Relationships Commission.	CN 75_10
6 December 1975		An Abortion march is held.	CN 75_10
19 December 1975		The Royal Commission into Human Relationships accepts a submission from CAMP.	MM

Sources:

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KD = Ken Davis

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CI = Camp Ink

CN = CAMP NSW Newsletter

OWN = Oxford Weekender News

