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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 1992		The Rainbow Flag is incorporated into a Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras (SGLMG) poster.	SSO 176
January 1992		The Gay and Lesbian Action on Media Association (GLAMA) is formed to monitor the media's treatment of gay and lesbian issues.	SSO 176
January 1992		Dr David Goldstein, Clinical trials co-ordinator at the National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research, declares the success of AZT/Acyclovir trial a milestone, but "not the end of the story".	SSO 174
January 1992		Leo Cameron, <i>Campaign</i> editor, defends the paper's decision to publish an anti-Asian letter in its letters column.	SSO 175
January 1992		Kevin Gardner, President of the Gay and Lesbian Counselling Service (GLCS) is appointed Senior Education Officer with responsibility for HIV and AIDS education in NSW government schools.	SSO 175
January 1992		The Bobby Goldsmith Foundation (BGF) begins receiving \$1 for each admission to the Bodyline Sauna.	SSO 175
January 1992		The Gay and Lesbian Counselling Service of NSW moves to the GLCS Centre, 197 Albion Street, Surry Hills.	SSO 175
January 1992		Benedict Ciantar's first novel, <i>Distractions</i> is published by Blackwattle Press.	SSO 175
1 January 1992		Leichhardt Council investigates safety concerns over the Attitude NYE Party at White Bay Studios Rozelle.	SSO 174
13 January 1992		The Fitness Exchange re-locates to the Heffron Hall, Darlinghurst	SSO 174
24 January 1992		ACTUP activists set up a mock-up AIDS ward outside the home of the Health Minister, John Hannaford to protest against bed shortages for AIDS patients in NSW hospitals.	SSO 175
25-26 January 1992		Big Boys and Locker Room present, <i>Swelter Australia Day Party Weekend</i> at the Banquet Hall at the Showgrounds.	SSO 173
28 January 1992		NSW high schools now have access to a teaching kit to help them address anti-lesbian and gay violence.	SSO 175



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30 January 1992		David Steven's new play about a widowed father and his gay son, <i>The Sum of Us</i> , previews at the Wharf Theatre.	SSO 174
9 February 1992		SGLMG Fair Day is held at Jubilee Park Glebe with over 50 stalls.	SSO 176
10 February 1992		Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby (GLRL) writes to the NSW Minister for Housing, Joe Schipp, calling on him to grant immediate transfers to gay and lesbian tenants who are being harassed in and around their inner-city Department of Housing apartments.	SSO 180
14 February 1992		<i>Gay Perspectives</i> is launched by Paul O'Grady MLC.	SSO 177
27 February 1992		Carole Ruthchild, co-convenor of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby (GLRL), Derek Williams, co-convenor of Gay and Lesbian Teachers and Students (GaLTaS) meet with Virginia Chadwick, School Education Minister and two high school students who were forced to leave their school after anti-homosexual threats and verbal attacks.	SSO 180
29 February 1992		400,000 watch 75 floats in the 1992 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras parade from Elizabeth Street to Moore Park. One-minute silence is held at 10pm to remember those who died of AIDS. 16,000 partied at the Sydney Showground with tickets restricted to SGLMG members and their friends.	SSO 178
March 1992		After 2 years, Gay and Lesbian Arts Association folds.	SSO 179
26 March 1992		Bruce Brown and Tony Carden have charges against them for causing malicious damage (anti-racist graffiti) outside <i>Campaign's</i> offices, dismissed.	SSO 180
28 March 1992		Fred Hollows is handed a letter from gay activists calling on him to re-consider his views on HIV/AIDS, when he attends a Fred Hollows Benefit Concert at the UNSW.	SSO 180
April 1992		Michael Glynn's <i>Harbour City Times</i> folds after six issues.	CQ 2
April 1992		GaLTaS urges school students to report harassment experiences to the GLRL Anti Violence Project.	SSO180
April 1992		Gay and lesbian flight attendants in NSW, Victoria and Queensland take various airline employers to equal employment bodies, seeking equal benefits rights with heterosexual couples.	SSO 180



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April 1992		<i>Gay Perspectives: essays in Australian gay culture</i> edited by Robert Aldrich and Garry Wotherspoon is published.	SSO 180
April 1992		Campion Decent and Will Harris take over from Larry Galbraith as joint editors of the Sydney Star Observer.	SSO 181
April 1992		An additional six acute beds for St Vincents Hospital are allocated, bring the total to 24.	SSO 181
April 1992	Newcastle	Teachers from Newcastle Grammar School and Gosford School remove their students from a performance of the Bell Shakespeare Company production of <i>The Merchant of Venice</i> at the Civic Theatre, after the play opened with two men kissing.	SSO 181
April 1992		Gay Fathers, a support group for gay fathers is launched by Bruce Pollack with the support of the GLCS.	SSO 181 CQ 2
April 1992		Alex Harding, the winner of the 1990 Human Rights Award, threatens to return his award unless the Human Rights Commission responds to Fred Hollows' comments on AIDS.	CQ 1
10 April 1992		<i>Capital Q</i> , a GLBTQ newspaper published by Bluestone Media Melbourne, is launched.	CQ1
13 April 1992		A working party including Police Commissioner, Tony Lauer and Sue Thompson, Police Gay and Lesbian Client Services Consultant meet to develop a police response to problems associated with beats.	CQ 2
13 April 1992		Redfern Police and the Gay and Lesbian Action for Safety in South Sydney group (GLASS) organise a meeting of gay and lesbian residents of Redfern, Waterloo and Alexandria to identify local harassment issues.	SSO 180
17 April 1992		<i>Sweatbox: Fish Tank</i> dance party is held at the Alexandria Stadium.	SSO 180
24 April 1992		A NSW Anti-Discrimination Board (ADB) Report on HIV and AIDS related discrimination is launched by Premier Greiner. The Report states, "This inquiry has heard what can only be escribed as horror stories in which people have been treated as less than human".	CQ 2
24 April 1992		<i>Stronghold</i> , a leather bar, relocates from the Unicorn to the Clock Hotel.	CQ 2
25 April 1992		<i>Pride Sydney: Branded</i> dance party is held at the Banquet Hall, Showgrounds.	SSO 181



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26 April – 3 May 1992		The first Leather Pride Week includes the Mr Drummer Australia Final and the Forbes Street Fair.	SSO 182
30 April 1992	Wagga	The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Choir refuses to remove references to homosexuality from its name under pressure from the organising committee of the Australian National Choral Championships.	CQ 3
May 1992		30 lesbians and gays protest against the portrayal of women in the movie <i>Basic Instinct</i> at Village Cinema City.	SSO 184
May 1992		Neil McConachie, one of Australia's most senior psychiatrists focusing on behavioural modification and therapy, retires	CQ 1
May 1992	Newcastle	The Legislation Committee of the University of Newcastle (UoN) refuses to endorse constitutional changes that would have established a gay and lesbian officer on the Student Council.	CQ 5
1 May 1992		Andi Nellsun arrives in Sydney after walking 937km from Adelaide to raise money and awareness of AIDS	SSO 183
1 May 1992		The Boomerangs Social Club celebrates its 25 th anniversary.	SSO 180
12 May 1992		The Telephone Service Providers Association of Australia moves its dating and phone sex lines from 0055 to restricted access 0051 after public and political pressure	SSO 183
17 May 1992		2,000 march from Green Pk to Hyde Pk to attend a Candlelight Rally to remember those who have died of AIDS.	SSO 184
25 May 1992		Bill Bowtell is elected President of the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO).	SSO 185
28 May 1992	Melbourne	A Victorian Supreme Court jury finds a straight man, Robert Marley who killed a gay man, Philip Montague not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter, because Montague provoked Murley who acted in "self-defence".	CQ 6
29 May 1992		Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby Anti-Violence Project (AVP) receives funding from NSW Department of Health.	CQ 5
30 May 1992		FROXS (Faggots Reclaiming Oxford St) launches a poster campaign over 'the repulsion of breeders overtly flaunting heterosexism' in Oxford Street.	SSO 185
June 1992		Teaching kits about violence against homosexual men and women are distributed in 10 educational regions in NSW by the Dept of Education	CQ 6



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June 1992	Canberra	The Gay and Lesbian Holocaust Memorial Project is refused listing on the Register of Cultural Organisations by the Department of Arts, Sport, the Environment and Territories.	CQ 6
12 June 1992		ACTUP stages a 'die in' outside the Federal Health Dept Building in Kent Street to protest against delays in approving the anti-viral drug ddC.	SSO186
17 June 1992		South Sydney Council approves a community policing centre for Taylor Square	SSO 186
19 June 1992	San Diego	Peter Allen dies from Kaposi's Sarcoma.	SSO 186
19 June 1992		Sacked SGLMG General Manager, Cath Phillips settles her legal case for unfair dismissal.	SSO 186
30 June 1992		Pride appoints Gillian Minervini as President replacing outgoing President, David Wilkins.	SSO 187
4 July 1992	Medlow Bath	An avenue of cherry trees is planted in the Medlow Bath Park as a memorial to those people lost to AIDS.	CQ 8
10 July 1992		Justice Bannon of the Land and Environment Court states that homosexuals have 'unfortunate characteristics'.	SSO 188
24 July 1992		Gay and lesbian groups protest against the ban on lesbians and gays from the defence forces, outside the Labor Party head office.	SSO 188
August 1992		Paul O'Grady MLC, makes a complaint to the Anti-Discrimination Board (ADB) that the State Parliament is denying him the right to travel with his same sex partner.	SSO 189
August 1992	Canberra	The Australian Army reinstates a lesbian officer who was sacked after 18 years' service in the Army Reserve and as a full time officer, after she makes a complaint to the Human Rights Commission.	SSO 189
August 1992	NZ	New Zealand customs are reported to be selectively questioning and searching gay men and lesbians travelling to and from NZ during gay events. It is said they believe gay men are heavy drug users during these events.	SSO 189
August 1992		<i>Red and Silver</i> , an adolescent novel set in Sydney by Ian McNeill is published.	CQ 11
August 1992		<i>My City of Sydney</i> , an exhibition of paintings by Christopher Lewis is held at the Robin Gibson Gallery.	CQ 11



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1 August 1992		Irene Moss, the Race Discrimination Commissioner addresses an Anti-Racism Workshop at Heffron Hall organised by Gays and Lesbians against Racism.	SSO 189
3 August 1992		The Australian Broadcasting Commission TV programme, <i>Four Corners</i> broadcasts a debate about the ban on gay men and lesbians in the armed services.	SSO 189
10 August 1992	Paris	Artist Peter Tully dies from AIDS intestate. His biological family claims his estate and moves it to rural Victoria.	SSO 198
15 August 1992		Peter Kenna's <i>Furtive Love</i> is revived at the New Theatre Newtown.	SSO 189
22,23 August 1992		249 students attend the second national Queer Collaborations Conference at the UNSW College of Fine Arts.	SSO 191
29 August 1992	Wagga	The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Choir wins the Community Choir's section of the Australian National Choral Championships in Wagga.	SSO 191
September 1992		A committee is set up to implement 74 recommendations of the NSW ADB report into HIV related discrimination.	CQ 12
4 September 1992		<i>Night of Your Life</i> , a book of Mardi Gras photography is launched at the POD Gallery.	SSO 190
5 September 1992		Susan Harben is elected President of the Mardi Gras Board	SSO 192
7 September 1992		The Anti Violence Project release <i>The Off Our Backs Report</i> into anti-lesbian violence.	CQ 12
15 September 1992		The Liquor Administration Board gives permission for the SGLMG Sleaze Ball to go ahead.	SSO 193
16 September 1992		The State Government appoints a gay man, John Marsden to the NSW Police Board.	SSO 192
21 September 1992		The <i>Off Our Backs</i> report on anti-lesbian violence is launched at Parliament House.	SSO 193
30 September 1992		Lawyer Peter Grogan is voted in as the new President of the AIDS Council of NSW (ACON).	CQ 14
October 1992		The Australian Catholic University continues to refuse to allow a gay and lesbian support group to form on campus.	CQ 14

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October 1992		The Grace Brothers store reveals that a previous decision to take <i>The Night of Your Life</i> a book of photographs of the SGLMG by Gerry North off its shelves, has been reversed.	CQ 14
October 1992		The Sydney Lesbian and Gay Community Centre Limited (Pride) records a \$40,000 loss for the last financial year. Its equity now stands at \$163,000.	CQ 15
3 – 4 October 1992		One thousand people attend the Australian Gay and Lesbian Travel Association Expo.	CQ 14
3 October 1992		The jungle themed Sleaze Ball is a success despite noise restrictions and threats of a drugs bust.	SSO 194
15 October 1992	Canberra	The Federal Government passes the Disability Discrimination Bill, providing a guarantee of the rights and freedoms of HIV positive people in Australia.	SSO 194
25 October 1992		Sydney's gay and lesbian swimming club, the Wet Ones, holds its first AGM.	CQ 18
28 October 1992		The news editor of the Sydney Star Observer resigns after sending confidential correspondence to the Sydney Morning Herald (SMH).	CQ 16
30 October 1992		Rob Wardell, the Executive Director of the AIDS Trust is sacked.	CQ 16
November 1992		The Gay and Lesbian Film Festival is set to proceed despite an ongoing dispute between the SGLMG and the Academy Twin Cinema, over who owns the Mardi Gras Film Festival.	CQ 16
3 November 1992		The Land and Environment Court rules in favour of <i>Bodyline Spa</i> and against the South Sydney Council, and allows it to continue operating at its premises in Flinders Street, Darlinghurst.	SSO 196
8 November 1992		Annual Polympics is held at R.A.N. Sports Field, Randwick.	SSO 195
10 November 1992		SGLMG launches its guide at KKK Sauna. Its poster by Kendal Baker is launched at Midnight Shift.	SSO199
21 November 1992		The third annual CounterAid, where celebrities raise funds for the AIDS Trust of Australia by working behind the counters of Sydney retail stores, is held.	CQ 16

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21 November 1992	Newcastle	The Gay and Lesbian Information Service holds a meeting at Newcastle Trades Hall, to establish a Gay and Lesbian Interagency.	SSO 196;
23 November 1992	Canberra	Federal Cabinet decides to lift the ban on gay men and lesbians in the Defence Forces.	CQ 18 SSO 197
23 November 1992		ACT UP activists lay 907 white carnations at the feet of the speakers at the opening of the 5 th National AIDS Conference.	SSO 197
28 November 1992		3,000 attend an anti-discrimination rally in Town Hall Square and march to Green Park. One marcher, Patrick Jennings is hit by a car which drives into the march.	SSO 198
28 November 1992		2000AD holds <i>Hardware II</i> dance party is held at Alexandria Stadium.	CQ 16
December 1992		<i>Temper</i> , a bi-monthly black and white gay and lesbian magazine goes on sale.	SSO199
December 1992		The Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) cancels plans for a live broadcast of the SGLMG parade	SSO199
December 1992		<i>Beaches and Billabongs</i> a gay novel set in the 1960s by Ian MacNeill is published.	CQ 18
December 1992		Wicked Women publish their next issue of <i>hellbent: Queer Mysticism, Sex Magic and Spirituality</i> .	CQ 18
December 1992	Newcastle	The administration of the UoN backs down from its opposition to the Students' Association incorporating a gay and lesbian position on the Student's Representative Council.	CQ 19
December 1992		Gay activist Shane Ostenfeld is elected President of the Council of Australian Post Graduates Association.	CQ 19
December 1992		The Lesbian Space Project launch is hailed as a success after many pledges of support.	CQ 19
December 1992		<i>Angels at the Oxford</i> an exhibition of assemblages by Rod McRae, is held at the Oxford Hotel.	CQ 19
December 1992		Gary Dunne's <i>Shadows on the Dancefloor</i> is published.	CQ 20
December 1992	London	London's lesbian and gay centre goes into liquidation with a \$250,000 debt.	CQ 21
7 December 1992		The AVP launches <i>Get Involved</i> to tackle gay bashings during the 1992-3 summer.	SSO 198



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11 December 1992	Newcastle	The Wickham Park Hotel in Islington, opens as a gay venue.	CQ 18
12-13 December 1992		The 4 th Lesbian Studies Conference <i>Learning from Each Other</i> is held at the UNSW College of Fine Arts.	CQ 19
19 December 1992		Eclectic Events present <i>Dress for pleasure Xmas party</i> , a fundraiser for Ward 17 South an CSN, at the Alexandria Stadium.	CQ 16
23 December 1992	Canberra	The first issue of HIV/AIDS Education kits, condoms and bleach for needles is made to inmates at Belconnen Remand Centre.	CQ 20
30 December 1992		<i>Burn</i> , a national gay and lesbian “coalition glossy” is on sale. Its editor is Cath Phillips.	SSO199
31 December 1992		<i>Bacchanalia: Hyperspace '93</i> dance party is held at a secret inner city warehouse.	CQ 18
31 December 1992		A RAT NYE party is held at the Hordern Pavilion Sydney Showgrounds.	CQ 19

Sources:

SSO = Sydney Star Observer

CQ = Capital Q

