

1994

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 1994		Bridges Sharp Consulting negotiate 3 deals with mainstream companies worth \$40,000 and product for the 1994 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras (SGLMG).	CQ 72
January 1994		An exhibition of paintings by Rod McRae <i>Angels at the Oxford</i> , is held at the Oxford Hotel.	CQ 69
January 1994		JBF nightspot hosts an exhibition of art works by Manuela Chapman and Marie Azzopardi.	CQ 69
January 1994		An exhibition of pencil works by Peter Wright is held at the Stronghold Bar, Clock Hotel.	CQ 69
January 1994	Melbourne	The Catholic Superannuation Fund bows to legal pressure and pays a gay HIV positive man his superannuation entitlement.	CQ 70
January 1994		Duncan McGregor, a commercial lawyer fills the Mardi Gras Board position vacated by Richard Cobden. Cobden fills a recently created Honorary Secretary position and Jane Marsden a human performance analyst, fills the remaining Board Vacancy.	CQ 73
1 January 1994		The Volunteer Community Street Patrol starts up again. They call police over couple of incidents at the PRIDE NYE party.	CQ 69
7 January 1994		Young Liberals at their National Convention pass a resolution acknowledging the diversity of family groupings including same sex couples and their children.	SSO 226
22 January 1994		The AIDS Memorial Quilt is unfurled at the Exhibition Hall Darling Harbour.	SSO 226
29 January 1994		<i>House Wisdom</i> dance party is held at the Alexandria Basketball Stadium.	CQ 69
February 1994		A major donor to the Lesbian Space Project withdraws \$50,000 after she was named publically against her wishes.	SSO 228
February 1994		Darlinghurst Patrol, a new community policing body is formed and aims to operate in conjunction with local police and be a lookout for anti-gay and lesbian violence.	SSO 228



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February 1994		The response to the Federal Court ruling that a pre-operative tranny (sic) was not entitled to a Wife's Pension under the Social Security Act, the Federal Social Security Minister, Peter Baldwin calls for a complete review of service delivery towards transys.	SSO 229
February 1994		An exhibition, <i>Prejudice and Pride</i> is held at the Australian Museum. It looks at anti-gay/lesbian prejudice, the Mardi Gras, gay and lesbian political groups and media.	SSO 229
February 1994		<i>Deaf and Gay</i> , a cabaret jointly produced by Theatre of the Deaf and the Deaf Lesbian and Gay Association is staged to mark the 10 th anniversary of the Deaf Gay and Lesbian Association at the Stables Theatre.	SSO 229 CQ 75
February 1994		At the UNSW a gay committee and lesbian committee replace the current gay and lesbian officers.	CQ 74
February 1994		<i>Talk of Mad Women</i> a lesbian show is held at the Stables Theatre.	SSO 229
February 1994		Acyclovir is approved for use against HIV by the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee.	CQ 76
February 1994	Greenland	The Greenland Parliament votes to allow gay men and lesbians to marry.	CQ 76
4 February 1994		6 lesbian and gay families join Nic Enright at the Museum of Contemporary Art forecourt to launch the 1994 SGLMG Festival to the theme of "We Are Family".	SSO 228
4 February 1994		The Opera House Trust refuses to allow the Opera House to be lit up (pink) for the SGLMG launch, because it believes it is not an event of international significance.	CQ 74
4 February 1994		The Liquor Administration Board rules in favour of local residents concerned about noise generated by the SGLMG parties held at the Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) Showgrounds.	CQ 74
4 February 1994		(+) <i>Positive</i> , a group show at the City Art Gallery, Campbelltown, and curated by John Marsden, includes works by Philippa Playford, William Yang and the late Brad Levido.	CQ 72
5 February 1994		<i>Word of Mouth IV</i> , a lesbian exhibition opens at the Warehouse, Chippendale.	CQ 73

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7 February 1994		<i>Out Art 94</i> at the Ground Gallery, Surry Hills is the Mardi Gras main exhibition of 50 local lesbian and gay artists.	CQ 72
8 February 1994		The Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby, calls upon the NSW Government to amend the De Facto Relationship Act (1984) to include gay and lesbian relationships.	CQ 74
9 February 1994		<i>Queerography</i> , a photography exhibition including the works of Road McRae and Lisa Zanderigo is held at the Roslyn Oxley 9 Gallery.	CQ 72
11 February 1994		<i>Remain in the Light</i> , an exhibition of 25 photographs, including Vivienne Binns, William Yang and Robert Rosen, curated by Luke Roberts and Scott Redford, is held at the Blaxland Gallery at the Grace Brothers city store.	CQ 72
13 February 1994		Fair Day is held at Jubilee Park, Glebe.	CQ 74
15 February 1994		<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> , is the first gay and lesbian exhibition held at the Australian Museum.	CQ 75
15 February 1994		John Douglas's show of 25 portraits of strippers and drag queens, is held at the Inner Circle Gallery.	CQ 72
15 February 1994		A group show of lesbian and gay artists, including David McDiarmid, is held at the Barry Stern Gallery.	CQ 72
17 February 1994		NSW Chief Secretary, Anne Cohen, promises Mardi Gras and Sleaze Ball dance parties will go ahead despite onerous noise restrictions imposed by Liquor Administration Board.	SSO 229
22 February 1994		Maree Azzopardi solo exhibition, <i>Divine Zones</i> , is held at the Lime Gallery.	CQ 72
26 February 1994		<i>Looking Good</i> , the first Aboriginal gay and lesbian visual arts exhibition is held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists' Co-op.	SSO 228
26 February 1994		The Lesbian Cancer Forum is held at Burland Hall, Newtown. The Lesbian Cancer Foundation aims to assist with emotional and physical support for lesbians facing cancer.	SSO 229
March 1994		An Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO) report finds 37% of transgender people have experienced workplace discrimination, 34% have been raped and their suicide rate is 5 times higher than the average.	CQ 78

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March 1994		The proprietor of J.B.F. nightclub at Taylor Square, Theo Sourlas, is declared bankrupt.	SSO 230
March 1994		<i>The Courage of Our Convictions</i> , a report on HIV and AIDS law reform in NSW, is presented to Ron Phillips, the State Minister of Health.	SSO 231
March 1994		The NSW Branch of the Public Sector Union is threatened, abused and harassed after the union organised a Labor Council NSW endorsed float for the 1994 Mardi Gras Parade. Twenty members of the union resign in protest.	SSO 232
March 1994		A report by the Lesbian and Gay Anti-Violence Project, <i>Count and Counter Report</i> , reveals violence against gays was on the decrease.	CQ 78
March 1994	Canberra	The Australian Council for Lesbian and Gay Rights, begins meetings with the Australian Defence Force representatives to propose the ADF implement education programs and anti-discrimination policies.	CQ 84
3 March 1994		The US film about AIDS and homophobia, <i>Philadelphia</i> , opens in Sydney.	SSO 229
4 March 1994	Melbourne	The Cadbury Schweppes company withdraws advertising from the TV show, <i>Hey, Hey Its Saturday</i> when it hears there will be a live cross to the SGLMG Parade.	SSO 231
5 March 1994		The 17 th annual SGLMG parade of 146 floats and 11,000 participants is held and ends at the RAS Showgrounds ahead of a sold out party of 19,000, at which Kylie Minogue performs.	SSO 230
5 March 1994		The Bobby Goldsmith Foundation organises paid tiered seating for Mardi Gras spectators.	CQ 73
5 March 1994		American anti-homosexual religious figures, authors of <i>When the Wicked Seize the City</i> Reverend Dr Chuck and Donna McIlhenny speak at a rally organised by the Festival of Light prior to the Mardi Gras parade at Scots Church	SSO 229
6 March 1994		A petition signed by 90 Federal MPs in an effort to re-schedule the ABC telecast of the SGLMG parade fails, and the telecast goes ahead at 8:30pm Sunday night capturing 45% of the Sydney TV audience.	CQ 77
9 March 1994		The Lesbian Space Project canvases the Project's future after a \$50,000 pledge was withdrawn.	SSO 229

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11 March 1994		Cath Phillips announces that <i>Burn</i> the only national lesbian and gay coalition magazine would close.	SSO 230
15 March 1994		An episode of the <i>G.P.</i> television series sparks a huge response to the ABC from viewers, some favourable, many homophobic.	SSO 232
21 March 1994		Queer TV quits Community Television Sydney ending a 4-year bid to produce GLBTQ programming for Sydney audiences.	SSO 232
25 March 1994		<i>Relative Merits</i> , one of Barry Lowe's hit plays of 1993 begins a return Sydney season at the Stables Theatre, then tours NSW schools. The cast includes David Campbell and Anthony Cugin.	SSO 231
28 March 1994		South Sydney City Council holds a gay and lesbian consultative session to get comments and input into its Plan to identify social needs and issues of gay and lesbian residents.	SSO 231
April 1994		Waverley Council enters into an agreement with the NSW Department of Housing to develop public housing for people living with HIV/AIDS.	SSO 232
April 1994		The Women's Library is established at Alexandria Town Hall, Redfern with a collection of more than 9,000 books.	SSO 252
April 1994	New York	The United Nations Human Rights Committee finds that the Tasmanian anti-homosexual Crimes Act violates the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.	RF
April 1994		A new initiative by the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras to fund the development of artist proposals – The Development Funding Scheme – is announced.	CQ 83
2 April 1994		<i>Venus</i> dance party is held at the Alexandria Basketball Stadium.	SSO 231
8 April 1994		A British and French medical study published in the <i>Lancet</i> confirms anti-HIV drug AZT delays the onset of AIDS symptoms if taken early, but it does not extend a person's life.	CQ 82
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16 April 1994		A rally of 50-100 people outside the Cadbury-Schweppes Melbourne plant protests against the company's withdrawal of advertising on <i>Hey, Hey Its Saturday</i> .	SSO 233
22 April 1994		Barbara Farrelly resignation as editor of the Sydney Star Observer takes effect.	SSO 231
27 April 1994		Dasmac Productions stage <i>Sammy and Dave: a one night stand love story</i> , written and directed by Noel Anderson at the Sandringham Hotel, Newtown.	SSO 234
May 1994		A 30-year-old Chinese National is granted asylum in Australia by the Refugee Review Tribunal because of his fears of anti-gay 'intimidation and ostracism' in his homeland.	SSO 236
May 1994		The NSW Minister of Health announces a \$1M refurbishment of HIV patient facilities at St Vincents Hospital, after 2 years of community lobbying.	SSO 234



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May 1994		The Gay/Lesbian Room is opened at Sydney University following intensive lobbying by GLOSS and FLOSS (gay and lesbian respectively) campus social and support groups.	SSO 234
May 1994		Kevin Hume is the new editor of the Sydney Star Observer.	SSO 234
May 1994		Murray Ward, the long-term partner of Labor MLC Paul O'Grady dies aged 26. O'Grady had been engaged in a long-standing fight to have Ward recognised as his official spouse.	SSO 235
May 1994		Qantas enters into a lucrative 'quid pro quo' sponsorship deal with SGLMG.	SSO 235
May 1994	Cannes	<i>Priscilla, Queen of the Desert</i> receives a standing ovation at the Cannes Film Festival.	SSO 235
May 1994		Former convenors of the Gay and Lesbian and Students Association form a new organisation, the Gay and Lesbian Family Association.	SSO 236
May 1994		A Chinese national, bashed and harassed in his homeland, is granted asylum in Australia.	SSO 236
May 1994		Proposed amendments to the Anti-Discrimination Act in NSW Upper House to specify one "dominant" ground if there are multiple discrimination grounds, is opposed by the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby, ACON, the Democrats and Labor.	CQ 86
May 1994		The NSW Law Reform Commission recommends that gay and lesbian couples be able to adopt children.	CQ 86
May 1994		An exhibition of the late John Jenner's photography is held at the Bare Gallery, Newtown.	CQ 86
8 May 1994		Leather Pride Week commences with the Forbes Street Fair and concludes with Recovery Parties at the Midnight Shift and the Stronghold the following Sunday.	SSO 234
13 May 1994		Reforms pass the lower house of NSW Parliament outlawing HIV/AIDS related vilification.	SSO 235
14 May 1994		The <i>Thai Drag Queen Charity Fundraising Party</i> is held at the Capital Hotel Ballroom.	SSO 234
14 May 1994		Sydney Leather Pride Association presents <i>Inquisition II</i> at the Dome at the RAS.	SSO 234
15 May 1994		150 people take part in the first AIDS Grove Commemorative Garden Planting at Sydney Park.	CQ 87 SSO 234



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15 May 1994		The Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby holds its annual <i>We are family</i> picnic in the Domain.	SSO 234
21 May 1994		Fire sweeps through the middle floor of the Beresford Hotel, causing around \$100,000 damage.	CQ 88
22 May 1994		11,500 attend the annual AIDS Memorial Procession from Taylor Square to the Domain.	SSO 236
26 May 1994		The Australian Press Council rejects a complaint about an article in the <i>Country Leader</i> on March 14 which compared AIDS to the rabbit virus myxomatosis.	SSO 237
28 May 1994		<i>Toys or Arse</i> dance party is held at the City Bowling Club, College Street.	SSO 235
29 May 1994		The Boys Own Bake Off is held at the Oxford Hotel. It is judged by Leo Schofield, Denise Roberts and Maggie Kirkpatrick.	SSO 235
June 1994		ACON's Women Partners of Bi-Sexual men Project launch <i>Do you think your partner could be having sex with men?</i>	SSO 237
June 1994		The National Centre for HIV Epidemiology seek HIV positive people for a 12-month trial to assess the immunological benefits for interleukin – 2.	SSO 237
June 1994		Portraits of drag divas including Cindy Pastel hang in an exhibition by Atsuo Nagai at the TAP Gallery, Darlinghurst.	SSO 237
June 1994		<i>Eye the Law</i> , three stories dramatized by the Death-Defying Theatre and written by Komninos, goes on tour. One story is about a gay man, a victim of entrapment.	SSO 237
June 1994		The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare releases a report that reveals the rate of new diagnoses of HIV is stabilising from 1206 in 1992 to 996 in 1993.	SSO 238
June 1994		The Women's Library is opened in the Alexandria Town Hall 73 Garden Street, Alexandria.	SSO 238
June 1994		The Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby calls on the National Council on the International Year of the Family to "please explain" why gays and lesbians were not included in the Council's first discussion paper.	CQ 90
4 June 1994		Polly's social group holds the <i>Time Warping</i> dance at Coronation Hall, Mascot.	SSO 236

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7 June 1994		Performer Simon Reptile dies of a AIDS related disease. He is 40 years old.	SSO 239
7 June 1994		Sweden becomes the third country after Denmark (and Greenland) and Norway, to legalise gay marriage.	CQ 91
10 June 1994		Young gays begin to move into Twenty-Ten's budget priced accommodation block. The building in Annandale remains the property of the Department of Housing and is leased to Twenty Ten at a peppercorn rent.	CQ 90
11 June 1994		<i>Hand in Hand</i> the ACON fundraiser, is held at the Hordern Pavilion.	SSO 234
11 June 1994		The Dolphin Motor Club celebrates its 15 th anniversary.	SSO 237
12 June 1994		A benefit for Women and HIV/AIDS ACON Working Group is held at On the Other Side Bar at Kinselas.	SSO 236
13 June 1994		Gay solicitor, John Marsden, is awarded the Medal of Australia.	CQ 91
18 June 1994	New York	<i>Unity '94</i> , the fourth Gay Games is held. Around 200 representatives from Australia participate in 20 categories of sports.	SSO 237
22 June 1994		<i>Out with Pride</i> , an exhibition marking the 25 th anniversary of the first mardi gras is at the bARE gALLERY in Newtown.	SSO 230 SSO 237
23 June 1994		The Bottoms Up Bar celebrates its 37 th birthday.	SSO 237
25 June 1994		A Stonewall Rally assembles at Taylor Square and marches to Kings Cross.	SSO 237
26 June 1994		Boomerang's <i>Xmas Cums Early Yulefest</i> harbour cruise is held.	SSO 237
July 1994		170 gay owned or run businesses in Sydney call on the Tasmanian Government to repeal its anti-gay laws. Oxford Street venues take part in a boycott of Tasmanian produce.	CQ 94
July 1994	USA	The anti-HIV drug d4T is approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration. d4T is thought to be an alternative to AZT and other drugs.	SSO 239
July 1994		Kimberley O'Sullivan is the new editor of the <i>Wicked Women</i> magazine.	SSO 239
July 1994	New York	The conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association expels groups whose principle aims are the advocacy of paedophilia, because these aims are not compatible with those of the ILGA.	SSO 239



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July 1994		<i>He did it her way: Carlotta legend of Les Girls</i> by Carlotta and James Cockington, is published by Ironbark Press.	SSO 242; CQ 95;
July 1994		Lesbian sex poses a “non-existent risk” for the transmission of HIV, a study in the current issue of the <i>Lancet</i> finds.	CQ 97
July 1994		Under new Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras membership application procedures, applicants are asked if they identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or straight and if they are not gay, lesbian or transgender, they are asked to demonstrate their support for the gay and lesbian community.	CQ 97 CQ 100
1 July 1994		Gay and lesbian employees of the Australian Tax Office are eligible for paid leave to care for same sex partners under an agreement with the Community and Public Sector Union.	CQ 94
4 July 1994	Brisbane	Queer Collaborations week-long conference, commences in Albert Park.	CQ 95
6 July 1994		Terry Patterson, owner of the <i>Midnight Shift</i> for 13 years, sells the venue to Herman Melkman.	CQ 95
9 July 1994		<i>Bent</i> dance party is held at Cell Block, Forbes Street, Darlinghurst.	SSO 237
9 July 1994		The South Pacific Motor Club clubrooms are re-opened after re-modelling.	SSO 238
12 July 1994		The final report of the Streetwatch Implementation Advisory Committee launched at NSW Parliament House, makes recommendations to reduce and eliminate gay and lesbian bashing.	SSO 239
14 July 1994		20 lesbian and gay activists hold a noisy demo outside the Tasmanian Travel Bureau in the City in protest against the state’s determination to keep its anti-gay laws.	CQ 95
19 July 1994		Billy Yip’s exhibition of watercolours, <i>Hercules and Friends</i> is held at Nevada Gallery, 20 Bayswater Road, Kings Cross.	SSO 239
20 July 1994		Colin Hume resigns as editor of the Sydney Star Observer.	SSO 240
24 July 1994		A preview screening of the Australian movie, <i>The Sum of Us</i> is held at the Greater Union Theatre.	SSO 239
30 July 1994		Rob Patmore becomes the new President of SGLMG, when Susan Harben steps down.	SSO 241

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30 July 1994		Bisexual, Transgender and Heterosexual people applying for membership of SGLMG must demonstrate their support for the gay and lesbian community.	CQ 97
30 July 1994		The Pollys Social Group presents <i>Wicked Western Women or How the West was Done</i> at the Coronation Hall, Mascot.	SSO 240
August 1994	Canberra	Federal Cabinet approves counting homosexual couples as families in the next Australian census.	SSO 242
August 1994	Wagga	50 members of the Riverina Gay and Lesbian Support Group attend a luncheon with David McLachlan and Stevie Clayton of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby and outgoing Mardi Gras President Susan Harben to discuss local gay community issues.	SSO 241
August 1994		The Gay Business Association is re-named the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Business Association at its AGM.	SSO 243
August 1994		Craig "Paris" Heywood's mother and friends are forced to remove his body from a morgue bag and dress it for his funeral and then act as pall bearers, because funeral workers refused to touch his body, fearing infection with HIV.	CQ 99
August 1994	London	Neil Tennant of the group Pet Shop Boys, comes out in the August issue of the UK gay magazine <i>Attitude</i> .	CQ 100
2 August 1994		The Rex Hotel's 37-year-old <i>Bottoms Up Bar</i> closes its doors.	SSO 243
2 August 1994		Dr Brett Tindale, head of clinical research at the National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research, dies aged 33.	SSO 241
6 August 1994		Rob Patimore is elected President of the Sydney Lesbian and Gay Mardi Gras at the organisation's AGM.	SSO 241
7 August 1994	Melbourne	More than 460 patrons of the gay and lesbian Commerce Club in Flinders Street are detained and strip searched by police, cracking down on drugs and licencing breaches.	SSO 241
8 August 1994		The annual DIVA Awards Night is held in the Grand Ballroom ANA Hotel and is hosted by Miss Caroline Clarke. Simone Troy wins Entertainer of the Year.	SSO 238 SSO 241
8 August 1994	Melbourne	The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission argue that gays and lesbians be included in the new family leave entitlements before the Industrial Relations Commission.	SSO 240

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13 August 1994	Tuggerah	Central Coast Connection's <i>Hotch Potch Dance</i> is held at the Tuggerah Hall.	SSO 240
17 August 1994		<i>Go Fish</i> a new American lesbian film opens at the Dendy and Academy Twin cinemas.	SSO 241
19 August 1994	Melbourne	Bent TV, a consortium of gay and lesbian film makers, broadcasts its first show, a dating game, <i>In Your Dreams</i> .	CQ 96
20 August 1994		Over 400 attend <i>Where Love Lives</i> , a gay and lesbian fundraiser for the Lesbian Space Project is held at the Skygardens Nightclub.	SSO 238 SSO 242
20 August 1994	Newcastle	The Craig Paton AIDS Benefit Ball is held at the Newcastle Town Hall.	SSO 241
23 August 1994		Photographer and film maker, Stephen Cummins dies aged 34.	SSO 243
27 August 1994		The Boomerangs social group present <i>Close Encounters of the Boomerang Kind</i> at the Leichhardt Town Hall.	SSO 240
27 August 1994		The second Annual Lesbian Masquerade Ball is held at the Exchange Hotel.	SSO 241
27 August 1994		Tim Carrigan, former editor of the Sydney Star Observer dies aged 44.	SSO 243
28 August 1994		Helix social group holds <i>Hollywood's Golden Era</i> dance at the Willoughby Town Hall.	SSO 236
28 August 1994		A second AIDS commemorative tree planting for the Community Support Network is held at Sydney Park, St Peters.	SSO 241
28 August 1994		<i>Wicked Acts III: Strut</i> , is held at On the Other Side @ Kinselas.	SSO 240
29 August 1994		<i>Froot Loops</i> , the inaugural UNSW lesbian and gay art exhibition, is held at the Heinz Harrant Gallery, Roundhouse.	CQ 101
September 1994	Canberra	Geoffrey Cullen, whose lover, a Naval planner died in January, is denied a spouse pension by the Commonwealth Superannuation Appeal.	SSO 245
September 1994		French artists, Pierre et Gillies are chosen to design the 1995 SGLMG poster.	CQ 104
September 1994		North AIDS, is established in Dee Why and is the first community organisation supporting people with HIV/AIDS in Northern Sydney.	SSO 268



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September 1994		A new AIDS education campaign designed to target non-English speaking groups, is launched by Southern Sydney HIV/AIDS Services.	SSO 243
September 1994		Mardi Gras accepts an offer by French artists, Pierre et Gilles to design the 1995 Poster.	SSO 244
September 1994		Chris Puplick, former Liberal Party senator, replaces Steve Mark as president of the Anti-Discrimination Board.	SSO 244
September 1994		<i>The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert</i> , a camp road movie about three drag queens, is released.	CQ 103
September 1994	Lismore	Tropical Fruits Inc lodge a complaint with the Anti-Discrimination Board, claiming a letter published in the Southern Cross University student newspaper, vilified gays, lesbians and Jews."	CQ 105
September 1994		<i>play off</i> artwork by Kay Shumack is exhibited at the Firstdraft Gallery.	CQ 106
3 September 1994		The Spring (Lesbian) Ball, A Lesbian Space Project fundraiser, is held at St George's Hall, Newtown.	SSO 240
3 September 1994		The South Pacific Motor Club present, <i>Black and Blue (An event for the Leather Community)</i> at the Moore Park Bowling Club.	SSO 241
3 September 1994		The Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO) begin plans to challenge state prison rules that continue to enforce discriminatory policies for HIV positive inmates.	SSO 243
4 September 1994		NSW Young Labor releases a discussion paper <i>Young Labor Comes Out</i> supporting full equality for gays and lesbians. It does not deal with transgender issues.	SSO 243; CQ 99;
7 September 1994	Albury	The Carlton Albury Hotel closes its bar early because management "didn't want them (the Albury-Wodonga Gay Group) there". The AWGG subsequently files a complaint with the Anti-Discrimination Board.	SSO 246
11 September 1994		2 gay men lodge a complaint against a homophobic taxi driver with the Anti-Discrimination Board. RSL taxis finds the taxi driver reaction to the gay men 'understandable'.	SSO 244
11 September 1994		The TV series of Armistead Maupin's <i>Tales of the City</i> premieres on the ABC.	SSO 243



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16 September 1994	New York	The International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA)'s consultative status is revoked by the UN after pressure is applied by the US, which claims some of its constituent groups promoted paedophilia.	SSO 245
17 September 1994		The Booth 'Sisters' Nite Club, a new lesbian venue, opens at 185A Forest Road, Hurstville.	SSO 243
20 September 1994		The NSW Liquor Act is amended to accommodate the Sleaze Ball by allowing a special Governor's License to be granted to 'significant community events such as festivals, concerts, sporting events and so on'.	SSO 244
October 1994		The Lesbian Space Project (LSP) abandons plans to buy the Distaff building in Church Street, Camperdown.	SSO 245
October 1994		A landmark episode of the ABC TV series, <i>The State of Grace</i> , features a lesbian relationship.	SSO 245
October 1994		Susan Harben is endorsed as the ALP candidate for the State seat of Bligh, held by Independent member, Clover Moore.	SSO 246
October 1994		South Sydney Council approves a \$50,000 grant to assist Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras parade and party.	SSO 246
October 1994		Ayesha and Christie McNichol are refused service at <i>Illusions Night Club</i> , when they are told "We don't serve drag queens here". <i>Illusions</i> subsequently apologises.	SSO 247
October 1994		National Mutual Insurance Company scraps its two-year HIV exclusion clause which prevented people with HIV claiming for death or disability on group and automatic insurance policies.	SSO 247
October 1994		<i>Suck My Toes</i> , short fiction by Fiona McGregor is published by McPhee Gribble.	SSO 247
1 October 1994		Dorothy Porter launches her new novel <i>Monkey Mask</i> at the Feminist Bookshop.	SSO 244
1 October 1994		1994 Sleaze Ball is held at RAS Showground. 17,000 attend and \$180,000 is raised.	SSO 245
8 October 1994		At a public meeting of the Lesbian Space Project, lesbians vote 27:15 in favour of the resolution to restrict membership to women born female.	SSO 246
10 October 1994		Bernie Sheehan is the new editor of the Sydney Star Observer.	SSO 244

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14 October 1994		Zohm, a new gay and lesbian nightspot opens in Penrith.	SSO 245
18 October 1994		AIDS activist Tim Conigrave dies aged 35 years.	SSO 247
19 October 1994	Canberra	Sexual privacy legislation, The Human Rights (Sexual Conduct) Bill is passed by the Federal Parliament.	SSO 248
19 October 1994		The South Sydney Council approves a \$50,000 grant to assist SGLMG stage the 1995 festival, parade and party.	SSO 246
19 October 1994		Bruce Meagher is the only candidate for the Presidency of AIDS Council of NSW (ACON), when Peter Grogan does not re-nominate.	SSO 245
21-23 October 1994		The Fifth National Conference of People Living with HIV/AIDS is held.	SSO 247
22 October 1994		The Bluetongue lesbian writers' group conference, <i>Tongue in Cheek</i> , is held at the NSW Writers Centre, Rozelle.	SSO 246
24 October 1994		The NSW Users and AIDS Association launches its latest <i>Tribes</i> project with postcards, stickers and a pamphlet at the Lizard Lounge.	SSO 246
28 October 1994		The annual <i>Reclaim the Night</i> march takes to the streets to focus public attention on the issue of violence against women and children.	SSO 247
29 October 1994		The <i>Violence in Lesbian and Gay Relationships Committee</i> holds a conference for service providers and survivors of violence.	SSO 245
31 October 1994		AIDS carer, organiser, educator, counsellor and activist, Don Carter (aka Dodge Traffic) dies.	SSO 249
November 1994		SGLMG finalises a lease on 21-23 Erskineville Road, Erskineville and moves from Rushcutters Bay.	SSO 247
November 1994		Test transmissions of Sydney's first gay and lesbian radio station, brainchild of Barrie Unsworth and John Singleton begin.	SSO 248
November 1994		Dr David Cooper accuses AIDS and medical organisations of failing to advocate effectively for HIV people's access to drugs like ganciclovir and clarithromycin.	SSO 248

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November 1994		Ita Buttrose resigns as chair of the AIDS Trust of Australia.	SSO 248
November 1994		The <i>Body Space and Iconography</i> workshops are held as part of Pridentities Project to create 20-40 panels for a planned PRIDE centre.	SSO 248
November 1994		Federal Liberal Opposition Leader, Alexander Downer fails to endorse the 1995 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.	SSO 248
November 1994	Blue Mountains	Maria Losurdo's collages in an exhibition <i>Images of Family</i> exhibition, are removed by the Council's General Manager.	SSO 248
November 1994	Darwin	Little Gem Publications releases its first children's book, <i>Uncle Paul Has AIDS</i> . It is written by Phillip Nott and illustrated by Sally Heinrich.	SSO 249
November 1994		PRIDE receives a grant to employ a full-time worker working in the area of HIV/AIDS education and prevention.	SSO 249
November 1994		The National Council for the International Year of the Family recommends a Federal inquiry into laws and policies which disadvantage gay families.	SSO 249
November 1994		A 1993 Australian documentary film <i>Positive Art</i> directed and produced by Greg Shears, about artists in the AIDS crisis wins an international Emmy Award.	SSO 249
November 1994		The Industrial Relations Commission defines "family" as including any member of an employee's household, allowing gays and lesbians access to sick leave to care for partners and family members.	SSO 249
November 1994		A Transgender Anti-Discrimination Bill is introduced into NSW Parliament by Clover Moore.	SSO 249
November 1994		Qdos nightclub changes its name to Senate and Cockpit 100 becomes Top Gun.	SSO 249
November 1994		<i>Fruit: A new anthology of contemporary gay writing</i> , edited by Gary Dunne, is published by Blackwattle Press.	SSO 249
November 1994		<i>Unfolding: the story of the Australian and New Zealand AIDS Quilt projects</i> , is published by McPhee Cribble.	SSO 249
4 November 1994		Chris Puplick, the head of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board launches, <i>A Review of the 1976 Tribunal on Homosexuals and Discrimination</i> , a re-examination of 44 cases of discrimination documented in 1976.	SSO 247



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4 November 1994		Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby, Lesbian Space Project and the Transgender Liberation Coalition meet and support ongoing mediation on the ongoing dispute denying tranny – identified lesbians becoming members of the LSP.	SSO 248
5 November 1994		The National Centre in HIV Epidemiology researcher, John Kalder, predicts AIDS cases to plateau and decline by 1996.	CQ 112
8 November 1994		A second community consultation to discuss the inclusion of transys in the Lesbian Space Project, is held at the Lilyfield Community Centre.	SSO 247
11 November 1994	Canberra	A ground-breaking art exhibition, <i>Don't Leave Me This Way: Art in the Age of AIDS</i> , opens at the Australian National Gallery.	SSO 247
12 November 1994		A meeting of Mardi Gras members in an effort to keep the Mardi Gras and Sleaze parties lesbian and gay, support, the restriction of membership of the organisation to lesbians, gays, trans and bisexuals and reducing tickets entitlement to two per member.	SSO 248
13 November 1994		The 20 th Polympics is opened by Karen Chant at the Erskineville Oval.	SSO 246 SSO 248
19 November 1994		<i>We Are Family Too/The Black Sheep Ball</i> a gay and lesbian fundraiser organised by the Sydney Bisexual Support Network is held at the Eco bar.	CQ 112
21 November 1994		A meeting about a Community Crime and Violence Prevention Bus organised by Neighbourhood Watch, the NSW Police and gay, lesbian and tranny organisations, calls for volunteers to staff the bus.	SSO 248
26 November 1994		The <i>Summer Dance Party</i> is held at the Alexandria Basketball Stadium.	SSO 246 SSO 247
26 November 1994		CounterAid holds a series of fundraising events in the city and at Westfield Warrawong and Mt Druitt.	SSO 249
26-27 November 1994		The Australian AIDS Memorial Quilt goes on display at Darling Harbour Exhibition Hall 5.	SSO 248
27 November 1994		Journalist Stephen Kirby dies from AIDS. He was a former editor of the Melbourne Star Observer and the Sydney Star Observer and Outrage.	SSO 251



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December 1994		The Lesbian Space Project (LSP) founder withdraws her \$20,000 donation when the LSP AGM votes to restrict membership to women born female.	SSO 250
December 1994		The Lesbian and Gay Anti-Violence Project secures funding from NSW Dept of Health for a project to look at racism and homophobia and another to investigate and address issues of people with HIV/AIDS being harassed or intimidated in their own homes.	SSO 251
December 1994		The Federal Industrial Relations Commission decides that Australian gay and lesbian workers are entitled to use their sick leave to care for their partners.	CQ 115
December 1994		NSW Labor MP, Dierdre Grusovin, is relegated to the back benches, when she uses parliamentary privilege to accuse gay solicitor, John Marsden of being a paedophile.	CQ 116
December 1994		Glaxo, the manufacturer of the AIDS treatment drug 3TC agrees to supply the drug at no cost to people with less than 250 T cells.	CQ 116
December 1994	Canberra	The Federal Parliament enacts the Human Rights and Sexual Act to override Tasmanian anti-homosexual laws.	RF
December 1994		The president of the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations, Tony Keenan, pulls a controversial piece of gay fiction from the <i>National AIDS Bulletin</i> , fearing loss of Federal Government funding.	SSO 250
December 1994		Drug company, Glaxo, meet with AIDS organisations and agree to supply a new anti-viral drug 3TC on compassionate grounds to people with less than 25 CD-4 cells.	SSO 250
December 1994		<i>Living with Adam</i> , a book of cartoons by Jeff Allan is published by Black Wattle Press.	SSO 250
December 1994	Katoomba	Artist Maria Losurdo lodges a complaint with the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board against the Blue Mountains Council for refusing to display her collage of lesbians and their children in an International Year of the Family exhibition.	SSO 250
December 1994		The Lesbian and Gay Anti-Violence Project secures a grant to explore the links between homophobia and racism with a collaboration with the artists, Rea, Brook Andrew, Andrew Ewing and Haikam Sihpanyaxay.	SSO 250



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December 1994		Former Bottoms Up Bar manager, Jeffery Weeks opens its re-incarnation as Boxers in Springfield Avenue.	SSO 250
December 1994		Moves by South Sydney Council to preserve and develop the distinctive gay and lesbian character of Oxford Street through drawing up a “pink precinct”, meets with a mixed response from local businesses.	SSO 251
December 1994	Melbourne	Some staff at the Royal Melbourne Hospital criticise the Hospital for not disclosing the AIDS status of a staff member who dies. The executive director defends the person’s privacy and the hospital’s safety precautions.	Q 119
December 1994		The Catholic Weekly carries an article by Bishop Pat Power which marks an active and compassionate stance on AIDS.	Q 119
1 December 1994		Anthony Lambert’s <i>Bloodwork</i> , opens at the Stables Theatre.	SSO 249
1 December 1994		Labour opposition front bencher, Deidre Grusovin accuses the President of the NSW Council for Civil Liberties, John Marsden and independent state MP Frank Arkell of being pederasts. She resigns her shadow portfolio.	SSO 250
3 December 1994		<i>Angels from the Oxford and beyond</i> , an exhibition by Rod McRae, opens at 3 Little Bloomfield Gallery, Darlinghurst.	SSO 249
3 December 1994		<i>Pollys Sandy Claus</i> , starring the Beach Blanket Barbies, is held at the Coronation Hall, Mascot.	SSO 249
6 December 1994		Jacques Munroe, a pioneer in the development of services for people with HIV/AIDS, dies.	SSO 250
7 December 1994		<i>Queer Youth Cultural Coalition</i> is launched to encourage the visibility of queer youth through cultural activities.	CQ 116
10 December 1994	Tuggerah	Coastal Connections present <i>Santa’s Dance</i> at the Tuggerah Hall.	SSO 249
10 December 1994		At the Lesbian Space Project AGM, founder and former Co-Convenor Georgina Abrahams withdraws her \$20,000 donation when the meeting accepts a proposal restricting membership to women born female – excluding tranny (sic) lesbians.	SSO 250
13 December 1994		Arthur Dicks, actor, drama lecturer, director and co-founder of the late night gay theatre company at the Stables Theatre, dies.	SSO 251

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14 December 1994		The Mardi Gras Festival guide is launched at the Performance Space.	SSO 250; CQ 117;
16 December 1994	Newcastle	A Women's Only Dance is held at the King George Hotel.	SSO 249
18 December 1994		The Parramatta Gay Social Group aka the Western Area Gay Social Group (WAGS) is formed.	SSO 417
18 December 1994		The <i>Trany Pride Fundraising Ball</i> , is held at the Les Girls nightclub.	SSO 250
18 December 1994	Newcastle	The Newcastle Lesbians group holds its Christmas picnic at Glen Rock Lagoon.	SSO 250
20 December 1994		HIV positive men, Englishman Wayne Brown and his partner are granted permanent residency after a period of lobbying by his mother Joy and local branch of the Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. (PFLAG)	SSO 250
21 December 1994		The Senate on Oxford night spot launches an exhibition featuring the works of Auli Naumanen and Maureen van der Giessen.	SSO 250
31 December 1994		PRIDE holds its <i>Pride New Year</i> party at the Hordern Pavilion and the Banquet Hall RAS.	SSO 247

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