

2001

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 2001		A new guide <i>HIV Tests and Treatments</i> is launched by the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisation (AFAO) and the AIDS Council of NSW (ACON).	SSO 543
1 January 2001		PRIDE's <i>Pagan Night</i> is held at the old Showgrounds and attracts 8,000.	SSO 540
3 January 2001	Adelaide	Police seize a book of photographs by Robert Mapplethorpe. The Office of Film and Literature subsequently decides the book should be freely available.	SSO 543
11-12 January 2001		The International Trade Union Confederation Lesbian and Gay Conference is held in Sydney.	SSO 540
February 2001		Former Satellite Group founders Greg Fisher and Jonathon Broster appear in the St James Local Court on criminal charges brought by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC).	SSO 545
February 2001		Steve Dow's book of essays about gay life in Australia, <i>Gay</i> is published.	SSO 546
February 2001		Kelly Gardiner is appointed Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras (SGLMG) CEO.	SSO 547
February 2001		The Australian Tourism Commission launches its <i>Gay Australia Guide</i> .	SSO548
1 February 2001		OutFM returns for one month's transmission until 28 Feb.	SSO 544
1 February 2001		The appointment of a former Pharmaceutical industry lobbyist to the Federal Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee by the Federal Health Minister, leads to the resignation of Martyn Goddard, a consumer representative.	SSO 545
9 February 2001		23,000 celebrate the launch of the 2001 Mardi Gras season on the forecourt of the Opera House.	SSO 544
6 February 2001		CAMP Inc's founder members and the curator of the LGBTI history exhibition, <i>Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know</i> Michael Flynn, mark the 30 th anniversary of the first public meeting of CAMP Inc at St John's Church Hall in Birchgrove.	SSO 545



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16 February 2001		Artist Trevor Fry is advised by Mardi Gras Festival director, David Fenton, that his work <i>Favourite Things</i> was removed from the Mardi Gras Nude Salon exhibition.	SSO 547
17 February 2001		<i>Hey Hetero!</i> an exhibition of posters parodying the predominate heterosexual imagery by Deborah Kelly and Tina Fiveash is launched through Avant Cards and at the Seymour Centre.	SSO 544
23 February 2001		<i>Cleansing Songs</i> , a programme of music made up of works by lesbian and gay composers is performed at Government House.	SSO 546
27 February 2001		The Gay and Lesbian Holocaust Memorial Project and South Sydney Council hold a dedication ceremony for the new Green Park monument.	SSO 547
March 2001		<i>Queer City – Gay and Lesbian Politics in Sydney</i> a collection of essays edited by Paul Van Reyk and Craig Johnston is launched.	SSO 551
March 2001		The Bobby Goldsmith Foundation records its most demanding month, with 467 clients requesting assistance.	SSO 554
1 March 2001		Dr Marie Bashir, Governor Elect of NSW grants vice regal patronage to the Gay and Lesbian Counselling Service (NSW).	SSO548
3 March 2001		The 24 th annual Mardi Gras Parade is held. The lead float is titled <i>Behind the Pink Picket Fence</i> and is intended to send a strong political message about gay and lesbian parents and their children.	SSO 546
4 March 2001	Canberra	<i>Lucille Balls</i> , the multi orbed dress designed by Ron Muncaster forms part of the <i>Eternity</i> exhibition at the National Museum of Australia.	SSO 550
6 March 2001		The latest issue of the GLBTQ weekly, <i>G</i> , is shrouded in controversy as the editor and staff cease working and there is a rumoured break between the publisher and the investor.	SSO 551
9 March 2001		<i>Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know</i> , an exhibition that covers 100 years of Lesbian, gay and transgender history in NSW opens in the Fountain Court of the NSW Parliament House.	SSO548
18 March 2001		The UK television series, <i>Queer as Folk</i> screens on TV Channels 53 and 62 at 10pm.	SSO 550



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26 March 2001		George Pell is appointed Sydney's Catholic Archbishop.	SSO 552
27 March 2001		Company B Belvoir commences a sold- out season of the <i>Laramie Project</i> , a new play about Matthew Shepard who was beaten and left to die in Laramie, Wyoming in 1998.	SSO 550
27 March 2001		Feminist Eva Cox, addresses the first lesbian health forum, <i>Stir It Up</i> put on by ACON and the Lesbian Health Interagency Network.	SSO 551
29 March 2001		A forum on gay male to male domestic violence is convened by LGBTQ community organisations and highlights a lack of resources for gay men.	SSO 553
31 March 2001		The Lesbian and Gay Anti-Violence Project is transferred to the responsibility of ACON.	SSO 553
April 2001		<i>HomoLomo</i> an exhibition of photos taken with old Lomo cameras, goes on display at the Stonewall Hotel.	SSO 554
1 April 2001	Amsterdam	In a world first, a new law granting same sex marriage comes into effect in the Netherlands.	SSO 553
10 April 2001		The Flinders Hotel sells for \$3.74m at auction.	SSO 554
19 April 2001		Fruits in Suits is re-launched by the Gay and Lesbian Business Association at the W Hotel in Woolloomooloo.	SSO 555
21 April 2001		The Australian AIDS Memorial Quilt is displayed at Hall No.1 at Darling Harbour.	SSO 555
23 April 2001		A resolution proposed by the Australian Lesbian Medical Association to end discrimination against lesbian doctors and patients is passed by the Medical Women's International Association.	SSO 556
28 April 2001		<i>Inquisition</i> , a dance party, kicks off Sydney's Leather Pride Week.	SSO 551
30 April 2001		Sydney gay man Johnnie Cass appears in the new reality TV show <i>Big Brother</i> .	SSO 556
May 2001		A community consortium continues the operations of the Positive Living Centre, after the South Eastern Sydney Area Health Service "de-funds" it.	SSO 560
May 2001		David McHugh, the new owner of the former Westpac Bank site at the corner of Crown and Oxford Street plans to convert it into a hotel/bar/restaurant.	SSO 561



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May 2001		Sally Abrahams is appointed Executive Officer of Twenty10	SSO 562
May 2001		A gay survey conducted by recruitment TMP Worldwide found that 39.9% suffered discrimination and 11.7% said they have a "pink glass ceiling" in their workplace.	SSO 562
1 May 2001		A design proposal by South Sydney Council for Taylor Square, featuring outdoor seating, palm trees and a mist fountain goes on display.	SSO 555
6 May 2001		The Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby (GLRL) launches its Parenting Consultation Report in conjunction with a Rainbow Babies Picnic.	SSO 557
7 May 2001		Kitty Fischer, key mover to establish the Gay Holocaust Memorial Project in Green Park, dies.	SSO 559
10 May 2001		The Collective Action Against Homophobia (CAAH) holds a demonstration against the installation of the new Roman Catholic Archbishop, George Pell at St Marys Cathedral.	SSO 558 SSO 559
18 May 2001		David Beschi, artist and venue owner, holds an exhibition of his work at the Quay Gallery.	SSO 559
25 May 2001		Aspirant gay and lesbian community broadcasters, OutFM and FreeFM fail in their bid for permanent FM broadcasting licences.	SSO 561
June 2001		Tim Berry and John Patterson buy the gay and lesbian lifestyle website, Outbiz.com.	SSO 564
June 2001		Sydney 2002 Gay Games appoints new CEO Geoffrey Williams and elects two new co-chairs, Bev Lange and Peter Bailey.	SSO 566
8 June 2001		Greg Fischer, former Managing Director of gay property and publishing company, the Satellite Group is committed to stand trial.	SSO 561
9 June 2001		4,000 attend ACON's annual fundraiser dance Hand in Hand, themed <i>Lust in Space</i> .	SSO 563
27 June 2001		John Marsden wins \$525,000 in damages in the Supreme Court for pederasty allegations contained in Channel Seven's Today Tonight programme.	SSO 565
July 2001		Stevie Clayton is appointed as the new CEO of ACON.	SSO 568



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July 2001		Creditors vote to liquidate the leaseholder of the Flinders Hotel, after incurring losses of \$5,000 per week.	SSO 569
July 2001	Melbourne	Monash University researchers are hoping that Leutinizing Hormone Releasing Hormone has the potential to rebuild the immune system by stimulating the thymus gland.	SSO 570
July 2001		ACON appoints a women's health promotion officer.	SSO 570
1 July 2001		<i>Revolution '69</i> Dance Party, a fund raiser for the PRIDE Centre is held.	SSO 564
7 July 2001		John Marsden calls for a judicial inquiry into alleged collusion between the NSW Police Service and the Channel Seven Network in preparing a defamatory broadcast.	SSO 567
12 July 2001		19 year old gay man Angel, the creator of Mogenic.com celebrates the first year of his first Australian gay and lesbian youth website that had become a world-wide hit.	SSO 566
13 July 2001		Theo Onisforou purchases the Albury Hotel. The ground floor will become shops and the bars moved upstairs.	SSO 568
17 July 2001		The 12 th General Synod of the Anglican Church receives a report <i>Faithfulness in Fellowship</i> that considers biblical, theological and scientific data on homosexuality.	SSO 569
August 2001	Canberra	<i>Homophobia And Sexuality Discrimination In Sport</i> , guidelines to address sexuality discrimination in sport, is released by the Federal Liberal Sports Minister, Jackie Kelly.	SSO 575
Aug 2001		Gordon Wheatley joins PRIDE as General Manager.	SSO 576
7 August 2001		The GLRL calls on lesbian and gay couples to identify themselves in the national census.	SSO 569
25 August 2001		Julie Regan is elected for a second term as President of SGLMG.	SSO 574
29 August 2001	Canberra	Democrats Brian Greig moves an urgency motion in the Senate to "enact national laws against sexuality discrimination". The motion is passed with support of Labor and the Greens.	SSO 574
September 2001		19 year old Mogenic web site creator Angel is appointed co-convenor of the youth support group Twenty10.	SSO 575
September 2001		GLRL launches a new campaign to alert the community to discriminatory provisions in Federal Superannuation legislation.	SSO 576



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September 2001		South Sydney Council releases proposals to re-design Taylor Square.	SSO 576
September 2001		Edward Young, the partner of a deceased WWII veteran refused a widower's pension by the Federal Department of Veteran Affairs, will have his case heard by the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations.	SSO 577
September 2001		A community consortium headed by ACON will run the Positive Living Centre in Darlinghurst.	SSO 578
11 September 2001		People across Sydney wait for news from friends and colleagues after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon.	SSO 576
11 September 2001	New York	It is speculated that Mark Bingham a 31 year old public relations executive and rugby league enthusiast helped down the fourth terrorist hijacked plane before it could reach its target.	SSO 577
20 September 2001		Gay man, John Fowler, is elected for a second term as the Mayor of South Sydney.	SSO 578
25 September 2001		William Yang's performance <i>Blood Links</i> opens at the Sydney Opera House.	SSO 577
29 September 2001		15,000 attend the SGLMG Sleaze Ball, themed <i>Beastiality</i> .	SSO 578
October 2001		The Family Court upholds the legality of a female to male transsexual's marriage to a woman after a challenge by the Federal Attorney General.	SSO 581
8 October 2001	Melbourne	The Sixth International Congress of AIDS in Asia and the Pacific is held.	SSO 580
27 October 2001		The Albury Hotel, owned in partnership by Leigh Jennings and Nanette Theakstone, closes after 22 years as a gay hotel.	SSO583
November 2001		Don Baxter is appointed executive director of the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO).	SSO 584
November 2001		Father Austin Day, the rector of Christ Church St Laurence and among the first to provide pastoral care for people with HIV/AIDS dies.	SSO 585

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9 November 2001		Gerald Lawrence, activist with SGLMG, GLRL, PRIDE and ACON dies.	SSO 585
24 November 2001		The annual AIDS Candlelight commemoration is held with the numbers down to less than 100.	SSO 587
26 November 2001		The shareholding base of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Community Publishing, publishers of the Sydney Star Observer, is increased by 200 shares.	SSO 587
December 2001		Lachlan Warner, a gay Buddhist artist, wins the Blake Prize for Religious Art.	SSO 588
December 2001		Premier Bob Carr, agrees to waive fees to hold the SGLMG Parade, possibly saving the organisation from financial ruin.	SSO 589
December 2001		The upgrade of Taylor Square by South Sydney Council is shelved.	SSO 590
7 December 2001		Richard Wherrett, theatre director, SGLMG party director and author dies.	SSO 589
19 December 2001	Melbourne	Joy Melbourne, the gay and lesbian community radio station wins its battle to gain a full time broadcasting licence.	SSO 590

Sources:

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