

2005

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 2005		Pope John Paul II attacks gay marriage by opposing any legislation that supports same-sex unions.	SSO 747
January 2005	Washington	President George Bush says there was no reason to press for a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage because of the lack of support in the Senate.	SSO 748
January 2005		Catholic priest Terry Goodall is found guilty of having sex with a 29 year old male in 1982.	SSO 750
January 2005	US	Architect Phillip Johnson dies at the age of 98.	SSO 750
1 January 2005		<i>Menage a Trois</i> , the Sydney Pride NYE fund raising party makes a \$15,000 loss for the organisation with only 1,900 attending.	SSO 746
26 January 2005		Adelaide gay activist Ian Purcell and AIDS fundraiser Stephen Hunt are honoured in the Australia Day awards.	SSO 749
February 2005	New York	The New York Health Department announces the death of a man with a multi-drug-resistant strain of HIV.	SSO 752
February 2005		Founder of the failed Satellite Group of companies Greg Fisher is gaoled after he is convicted on charges of misusing company funds.	SSO 752
February 2005		ACON's western Sydney office is relocated to Surry Hills because of declining client numbers and rising costs.	SSO 753
February 2005	Nth Ireland	American and Canadian Anglican churches are asked to withdraw from a meeting of international Anglican primates over their support for gay rights.	SSO 754
February 2005		<i>Italian and Gay</i> a gay men's social group is formed.	SSO 801
4 February 2005		NSW Governor Marie Bashir, Courtney Act, Bob Downe and Judi Connelli join the launch of the 2005 Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras festival in Hyde Park.	SSO 750
12 February 2005		High profile oral historian Rosemary Block volunteers to conduct an oral history workshop for the Pride History Group.	SSO 751
12 February 2005		The Australian Marriage Equality group is launched.	SSO 751



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16 February 2005		Helix North the 14 year old northern Sydney gay and lesbian social and support group, is re-launched.	SSO 751
20 February 2005		The fifth Rainbow Umbrella Walk is held from Belmore Park to Victoria Park.	SSO 752
20 February 2005		50,000 attend the annual New Mardi Gras Fair Day at Victoria Park.	SSO 752 SSO 753
20 February 2005		ACON's <i>Mates</i> campaign is launched at Fair Day.	SSO 753
25 February 2005		<i>Sauna Sessions: Homo Rooting Music</i> , a CD compilation by DJ Seymour Butz, is launched at Ken's at Kensington.	SSO 753
26 February 2005		<i>Retail Therapy</i> , formerly <i>Shop Yourself Stupid</i> is pared back after the cancellation of its tie-in partner, the East Sydney Festival.	SSO 753
March 2005		Tanya Plibersek, the federal member for Sydney reads a children's book about kids with same-sex parents to a class of year three students at Newtown Public School.	SSO 754
March 2005		Deputy State Coroner Jacqueline Milledge rules the deaths of Ross Warren in July 1989 and John Russell in November 1989 were not accidental and that the first police investigations into their disappearances were "grossly inadequate".	SSO 755
March 2005		The NSW National Party leader Andrew Stoner calls for <i>Koalas on Parade</i> and <i>The Rainbow Cubby House</i> by Vicki Harding to be removed from NSW primary schools.	SSO 758
March 2005		Fred Nile tables a private members bill <i>Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Homosexual Vilification Repeal)</i> to scale back homosexual vilification laws.	SSO 758
March 2005		<i>When Our Children Come Out</i> by Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli, a guide to help family, friends and teachers understand the process of coming out, is published.	SSO 758
5 March 2005		450,000 people watch the annual Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade on its shortened route down Oxford and Flinders Streets. 19,000 revellers continued the celebrations at the Mardi Gras party at Fox Studios.	SSO 755
14 March 2005	San Francisco	Superior Court judge, Richard Kramer rules that California's ban on same sex marriage is unconstitutional; serves no legitimate purpose and should be overturned.	SSO 756



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26 March 2005		A fundraiser for <i>Slit</i> magazine and Koori Radio, part of the <i>Sheila Autonomista Festival</i> is held at the Kirk in Cleveland Street.	SSO 757
April 2005		William Yang's <i>Objects for Meditation</i> , his latest multi-media presentation based on souvenirs, premiers at the Opera House.	SSO 758
April 2005		Sex and Gender Education (SAGE) petitions the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board in response to the ADB allowing Mission Australia to refuse service to some transsexual and intersex women in June 2004.	SSO 759
April 2005		The 2004 Sydney Gay Community Periodic Survey reveals 20% of respondents have used crystal meth compared 12% in 2002.	SSO 760
April 2005	Saudi Arabia	A court sentences more than 100 men to imprisonment and flogging for alleged "homosexual conduct" following the men's arrest at a private party in March.	SSO 760
5 April 2005	Fiji	Thomas Maxwell McCoskar and local man Dhirandra Nadan are gaoled for having consensual gay sex.	SSO 759
8 April 2005		A queer school formal organised by GL@M, is held at the Manly Youth Centre.	SSO 757
11 April 2005		Celebrity couple Rebecca Cartwright and Lleyton Hewitt are named patrons of the AIDS Trust of Australia.	SSO 760
11 April 2005		15 people demonstrate outside the Fiji Consulate General's office against Fiji's imprisonment of two men for consensual gay sex.	SSO 760
19 April 2005	Rome	Cardinal Josef Ratzinger is elected pope and takes the name Pope Benedict XVI. He is the architect of the Vatican's war on homosexuality.	SSO 761
22 April 2005		ABC television show, <i>Strictly Ballroom's</i> same sex semi-finalists, Alex Bryan and Adam Francis are subject to a "flood" of viewer complaints.	SSO 760
22 April 2005		2000 Olympic trampolining medal winner Ji Wallace reveals he is gay.	SSO 762
May 2005		Ankali, the first group which trained volunteers to support people living with HIV/AIDS, celebrates its 20 th anniversary.	SSO 764



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May 2005		HIV notifications in NSW drop by 14% compared to the 2002-2003 trend of rising notifications.	SSO 765
May 2005	US	The American Psychiatric Association votes to support same-sex marriage.	SSO 766
May 2005		Professor George Williams, UNSW suggests State marriage laws for marriage equality could succeed.	YYY p23
1 May 2005		A same sex marriage community forum at the Newtown Hotel reveals differences between the Greens and the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby's strategies for achieving equal marriage rights.	SSO 763
12 May 2005		Jenni Millbank, former board member of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby argues against state based campaigns for marriage equality and for federal recognition.	SSO 765
14 May 2005		<i>A Tribute to Ruby Reds</i> re-unites former patrons at the Paddington RSL Club.	SSO 764
17 May 2005		The first International Day Against Homophobia (IDAHO) is held.	SSO 763
20 May 2005		<i>Pink</i> , Pinkboard's 10 year anniversary party is held at Arq. The website started in 1986 after Larry Singer discovered Viatel, a primitive form of internet provided by Telecom.	SSO 764
23 May 2005		Lesbian self-defence activist, Penny Gulliver, gives tips to viewers on the television programme, <i>Good Morning Australia</i> .	SSO 765
25 May 2005		Graham Kennedy dies aged 71.	SSO 766
26 May 2005		<i>The Hidden History of Homosexual Australia</i> screens on SBS television.	SSO 766
June 2005		The NSW Education minister Carmel Tebbutt defends the Department of Education's ban on educational material on homophobia for year 9 students after threats from the <i>Daily Telegraph</i> to run a story on the material.	SSO 768
June 2005		The Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby condemn the federal government's immigration policy when an English doctor's same sex partner is ruled not eligible for a family visa.	SSO 769
June 2005		Openly gay Brian Greig retires from politics having served as a Democrats senator since 1999.	SSO 771



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June 2005		Sydney's gay men's hockey team, Bentstix, beats its Dutch rivals in the Gold Medal match at the Utrecht Euro Games.	SSO 771
June 2005	Canberra	Senator Guy Barnett calls for legislation to again be put to bar lesbians and single women from IVF.	SSO 772
1 June 2005		<i>Carlotta's Kings X</i> show opens at the Big Top, Luna Park.	SSO 766
4 June 2005		The Pride History Group holds a community forum on pre-Mardi Gras era gay and lesbian venues at the Taxi Club	SSO 764
7 June 2005		A community forum of stakeholders, hear stories of financial losses from Oxford Street business caused by the Sydney City Council's prolonged upgrade of the street.	SSO 768
10 June 2005		The first Bent Art lesbian and gay art exhibition is held in the Blue Mountains.	SSO 757
11 June 2005		More than 4,000 attend the last <i>Big Queer Nation</i> dance party, a fundraiser for ACON, at the Fox Studios.	SSO 769
13 June 2005		The Canterbury Bankstown District Gay and Lesbian Social Group holds a community BBQ with the author Vicki Harding and GLRL's Julie McConnell.	SSO 768
18 June 2005		The sixth Rainbow Umbrella Walk for gay and lesbian rights meets at the Opera House and walks to Mrs Macquarie's Chair.	SSO 769
25 June 2005		<i>Dirty Deal Ain't Clean</i> an exhibition of artworks by Clinton Nain opens at the Sherman Galleries.	SSO 767
26 June 2005		Greg Smith, 12 years the pastor of Sydney's Metropolitan Community Church, delivers his final service.	SSO 771
29 June 2005		Marcus Bourget is elected New Mardi Gras chair and Michael Rolik treasurer at the first meeting of the NMG board.	SSO 772
30 June 2005	Jerusalem	Religious extremist Shai Schlissel stabs three marchers at a gay pride parade.	SSO 772
July 2005		Out gay Olympian Ji Wallace is named an ambassador for the 2006 Chicago Gay Games.	SSO 772
July 2005	Uganda	The Ugandan parliament makes it a criminal offence for a gay or lesbian couple to marry.	SSO 773
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July 2005		<i>My Boyfriend the Space Tyrant</i> , a gay themed computer game by Luke Miller is previewed at the National Computer Conference.	SSO 776
3 July 2005	Spain	The Spanish government's legalisation of same sex marriage comes into effect.	SSO 772
8 July 2005	Perth	Police arrest five protestors at a march following the national <i>Queer Collaborations</i> conference after a protestor used obscene language on a megaphone.	SSO 773
9 July 2005		Gay Anglicans cautiously welcome the election of progressive Brisbane archbishop Phillip Aspinall as the church's new primate, beating off a challenge from conservative Sydney archbishop, Peter Jensen.	SSO 773
15 July 2005		Tennis star and patron of the AIDS Trust of Australia, Lleyton Hewitt, apologises for saying "who is this poofter" to his opponent Guillermo Coria.	SSO 774
19 July 2005	Iran	Human Rights Watch claims two teenage boys executed was for the crime of raping a 13 year old boy and not as previously reported of having consensual gay sex.	SSO 776
20 July 2005	London	<i>The New Scientist</i> magazine reports a French-led trial that shows a strong correlation between circumcision and a lower rate of sero-conversion.	SSO 777

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22 July 2005	Melbourne	The Law Reform Commission recommends same sex parents in Victoria have the same legal recognition as heterosexual partners.	SSO 775
24 July 2005		The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils receives complaints from the Muslim community after visiting US imam Sheik Khalid Yasin tells Australian television homosexuality is punishable by death.	SSO 775
25 July 2005		A position for a specialist City of Sydney staff member to oversee liaison with the gay and lesbian community is endorsed by the City of Sydney council.	SSO 774
27 July 2005		The Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby pull out of co-ordinating a National Day of Action for marriage equality.	SSO 775
August 2005		Businesses in the Mosman and North Sydney area sign on to the <i>Safe Place Program</i> . This is a joint initiative of the Gay Anti-Violence Project and Mosman and North Sydney Councils.	SSO 777
August 2005		John Brogden, the NSW Liberal leader, and a gay community supporter, resigns as Liberal leader.	SSO 780
August 2005		The City of Sydney installs 20 rainbow banners at Taylor Square to commemorate the area as a LGBT landmark.	SSO 780
2 August 2005		Deputy Premier and prominent gay and lesbian rights supporter, Andrew Refshauge announces his retirement.	SSO 776
3 August 2005		Labor Premier, Bob Carr resigns after more than ten years in the job.	SSO 775
9 August 2005	Adelaide	Liberal MP Mark Brindal who had consistently championed gay rights, withdraws his candidacy from the SA election after going public about a same-sex affair.	SSO 777
13 August 2005		1,000 pink hearts are planted in Victoria Park followed by a rally for same sex marriage at Taylor Square and a march to Hyde Park.	SSO 777
13 August 2005		The Australian Coalition for Equality is launched as a national lobby voice for the LGBT community.	SSO 778
13 August 2005		Janet Perkins is re-elected as President at the Dykes on Bikes AGM.	SSO 778



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13 August 2005	Sydney	First anniversary rally for Marriage Equality begins at Taylor Square and marches to the NSW Parliament. It is organised by CAAH, Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby (GLRL) and New Mardi Gras (NMG).	YYY p26
16 August 2005		Crystal Meth Anonymous holds its first meeting.	SSO 778
20 August 2005	Sweden	A city library in Malmo adds a lesbian and other minority groups to its items for loan – a 45 minute conversation - in a bid to reduce prejudice.	SSO 779
22 August 2005		The 2005 Drag Industry Variety Awards are held.	SSO 779
26 August 2005	Suva	The High Court quashes the convictions of Thomas McCosker and Dhirandra Nadan.	SSO 780
28 August 2005		Harbour City Bears celebrate their 10 th anniversary over two weekends.	SSO 774
September 2005		The Australian Media and Communications Authority clears John Laws of breaching broadcasting codes of practice after he made comments about TV star Carson Kressley in 2004.	SSO 781
September 2005	Venice	<i>Brokeback Mountain</i> a movie about two cowboys who fall in love is awarded the Golden Lion for the best film at the Venice Film Festival.	SSO 782
September 2005	USA	The state government of Massachusetts votes down a proposal to outlaw same-sex marriage.	SSO 783
September 2005		Adam Mills replaces six year president of Canterbury Bankstown District Gay and Lesbian Social Club, Alex Day.	SSO 784
6 September 2005	California	California's state parliament passes a bill to legalise same sex marriage. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger vows to veto the bill.	SSO 781, SSO 782
8 September 2005		<i>The Sequin Revolution</i> , a documentary about the origins of the Sydney Mardi Gras screens at this year's QueerDoc film festival.	SSO 779
10 September 2005		The first "Homosexual Party" is held at the Home night club.	SSO 781
24 September 2005		ACON's Racial Harmony Working Group holds a public forum <i>Diverse City: Tackling Racism in Our Community</i> .	SSO 783



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29 September 2005		<i>Club Health 2005</i> a national conference discussing topics from hearing loss to crystal meth smoking opens.	SSO 784
October 2005	USA	A Vatican-appointed investigation team will visit all Catholic seminaries for “evidence of homosexuality” in response to a child abuse scandal.	SSO 783
October 2005		A Herald-Sun newspaper investigation reveals church and charity group leaders privately urged the Prime Minister, John Howard to push for his government’s ban on gay marriage in 2004.	SSO 786
1 October 2005		The annual Sleaze Ball themed as <i>Sinsuality</i> , is held at Fox Studios. 6,500 tickets are sold – 3,000 fewer than 2004.	SSO 785
7 October 2005		The first meeting of Freedom 2B(e), a support and education group for people who have left Pentecostal and Charismatic churches is held.	SSO 784
11 October 2005		Labor’s Penny Sharpe, a lesbian mother-of-two takes up a seat in the NSW Upper House.	SSO 784, SSO 786
13 October 2005		Mardi Gras considers cutting its festival launch, charge a gold coin entry fee for Fair Day and selling name rights to the Festival, following the poor financial return from the Sleaze Ball.	SSO 786
27 October 2005	Bathurst	The NSW Anti-Homophobia Interagency which includes representatives from the Department of Education, the Attorney-General’s Department and gay groups meet to discuss current research, best practice and ways to establish inclusive school environments.	SSO 787
29 October 2005	Canberra	Labor opposition leader, Kim Beazley addresses the Australian Christian Lobby and re-iterates Labor’s support for marriage as a union of a man and a woman.	SSO 789
29 October 2005		The Sydney Food and Wine Fair in Hyde Park raises \$277,000 for the AIDS Trust of Australia.	SSO 789
November 2005		Three of Australia’s leading AIDS organisations – the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations, the Australian Society for HIV Medicine and ACON place an ad in the gay press supporting the Australian Red Cross policy of not accepting blood donations from men who had sex with men in the last two years. They are responding to gay groups claiming this policy is discriminatory.	SSO 790



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November 2005		Local residents, Randwick City Council, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and police mount a campaign against beat users at Little Conwong an unofficial nudist beach at La Perouse.	SSO 791
November 2005		New Mardi Gras signs a \$1.5m sponsorship deal with Gaydar. The festival season will be called the "Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras presented in partnership with Gaydar.com.au".	SSO 792
November 2005	UAE	26 men are arrested at a "mass homosexual wedding" in an attempt to show the UAE does not tolerate open homosexuality.	SSO 793
November 2005	South Africa	The Constitutional Court rules that it is unconstitutional to deny gay couples the right to wed.	SSO 794
11 November 2005		Gay lobby groups urge the LGBT community to send submissions to the federal government to recognise same-sex couples for an impending superannuation law that will increase benefits upon retirement.	SSO 790
15 November 2005		Gay activists join the ACTU National day of Action to protest against the Federal Government's workplace relations package <i>WorkChoices</i> .	SSO 790
22 November 2005		High Court judge, Michael Kirby is named the NSW Australian of the Year.	SSO 792
25 November 2005		Sydney radio station 2DayFM promotes the same sex marriage of its newsreader, Geoff Field to his partner of 13 years, Jason Kerr.	SSO 789
27 November 2005		National gay lobby group, Australian Coalition for Equality (ACE) hosts a focus group to discuss directions for national law reform efforts.	SSO 792
27 November 2005		Marrickville Council's gay and lesbian liaison committee, GL@M hosts a community day out at Camperdown.	SSO 792
29 November 2005		The Vatican releases an official statement banning gay priests, stating homosexuality "presented a destabilising reality for people and society".	SSO 793
30 November 2005	Canberra	Greens Senator Kerry Nettle tables a 4,454 signature pro-gay marriage petition in conjunction with radio 2DayFM 's promotion of gay marriage.	SSO 793



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December 2005		The Sydney section of the Australian AIDS memorial quilt will move to permanent storage at the Powerhouse Museum's storage building at Castle Hill.	SSO 794
December 2005		The NSW District Court sentences a Sydney man Stanislas Kanengele-Yondjo to 12 years in prison for knowingly infecting two women with HIV.	SSO 795
December 2005	Canberra	<i>The Superannuation Contribution Splitting Bill</i> which gives people the option of splitting their super contributions with their spouse in an accumulated fund does not cover same-sex couples.	SSO 795
December 2005		<i>Tab Hunter Confidential: The Making of a Movie Star</i> by Tab Hunter and Eddie Muller is published.	SSO 795
December 2005		A candlelight AIDS memorial in Hyde Park draws 300 people.	SSO 794
December 2005		The City of Sydney converts much of the former Erskineville Town Hall into a neighbourhood centre, reducing the amount of space available for the PRIDE centre.	SSO 797
December 2005	UK	Gay and lesbian couples in the UK win the right to jointly adopt children.	SSO 797
5 December 2005	UK	Gay and lesbians begin registering their new civil partnerships which now entitles them to the same social security, tax inheritance and pension rights as heterosexual married couples.	SSO 794
5 December 2005	UK	Gay Anglican priests will be able to register their relationships but will be barred from consummating the relationship.	SSO 767
8 December 2005		J. Bear is crowned Mr Manacle with a performance of <i>It's Raining Men</i> and <i>We Are Champions</i> .	SSO 795
19 December 2005		The US <i>Queer as Folk</i> series finale screens on SBS television.	SSO 795
23 December 2005		Prime Minister Howard states his opposition to a recognition of civil unions. Five Liberal backbenches declare their support for civil unions the next day.	SSO 797
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