

2013

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

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Date	Location (if not Sydney)	Event	Reference
February 2013		Professor Patrick Parkinson questions the legal ability of any state-level legislation to allow same sex couples to marry due to the overriding nature of the federal Marriage Act. However, Professor George Williams, believes it is possible for the states to legislate on same-sex marriage.	SSO 1163
February 2013		<i>Please Like Me</i> , a comedy by Josh Thomas about a young man dealing with his sexuality, his parents and his friends, begins screening nationally on the ABC.	SSO 1164
12 February 2013		The LGBTI charity, Aurora Group holds its annual Fat Tuesday fundraising dinner at Slide.	SSO 1164
13 February 2013		Harbour Party '13 is held at the Botanic Gardens. Performers include David Morales, Moto Blanco, Alex Taylor GI Jode and Ricki-Lee Coulter.	SSO 1163
20 February 2013		An on-line LGBTIQ oral history collection, <i>100 voices</i> , is launched at Paddington Town Hall by NSW Governor, Marie Bashir.	SSO 1164
24 February 2013		<i>Love Me</i> ACON fundraising concert, featuring Steve Smyth, Courtney Act, Christa Hughes, Elana Stone, Sheridan Harbridge, Cabaret Decadance and Tom Sarah is held at The Standard, above Kinselas.	SSO 1163
26 February 2013		A temporary, month-long rainbow pedestrian crossing was launched at Taylor Square by Lord Mayor Clover Moore.	SSO 1164
March 2013		A community action group, "Police Service, Not a Police Force", issues a statement calling on the NSW police to curtail heavy-handed tactics at queer events and agitating for greater police accountability.	SSO 1167
March 12 2013		Channel Ten cuts dialogue and footage from several implied sex scenes and sexual discussions between male and female same sex partners from the <i>Glee</i> episode, "I do". Ten claims this was because of the show's PG time slot of 7:30pm.	SSO 1167
March 23 2013	Melbourne	<i>My Ex-Boyfriend the Space Tyrant</i> , Australia's first gay computer game, is launched at Hares and Hyenas Bookshop.	SSO 1167



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July 2013	UK	The UK parliament passes same-sex marriage legislation. Same-sex marriages are recognised and performed in England, Scotland and Wales, but not Northern Ireland from 13 March 2014.	YYY p98, Wiki UK
7 September 2013	National	The Federal election is held and a Coalition government led by Tony Abbott is elected.	YYY p100
22 September 2013	Canberra	The ACT Assembly passes marriage equality legislation. See also 12 December 2013.	Wiki ACT
12 December 2013	National	The High Court rules that ACT's same-sex marriage act was "inconsistent" with the federal Marriage Act 1961 and "of no effect". The High Court also found that the federal Parliament is able to make laws about all types of marriage, including same-sex marriage.	YYY p101 Wiki ACT ABC

Sources:

YYY = Yes, Yes, Yes: Alex Greenwich and Shirleene Robinson, 2018

YT = Youtube, [LINK](#)

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