

**Pride History Group Oral History Interview with Terry Goulden**

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Summary TAPE 1</b>	<b>Keywords</b>
File 01 0000	Terry was born in 1945 in Marrickville NSW. He grew up in Loftus and went to Sutherland Primary School, Sutherland High School.	Marrickville Sutherland Primary and High School
0116	His father died when he was 7. His mother remarried when he was 12, but his step father left in a couple of years. Spent some time, on and off with his Grandmother in Tempe from 13 – 18 yrs. She lived in the ground keeper's house in Tempe Reserve.	Tempe Reserve
0400	He had to stick up for himself at school.	
0440	He was good at English, but dreadful at woodwork. He did business and economics. There was not much pressure on people to decide on what they were going to do after leaving school.	
0600	He did the public service exam and went straight into the Dept of the Auditor General. He was bored with accountancy and book keeping and after a while he moved to Department of the Master of Protection Jurisdiction, as a Trust Officer. The Master is a judge of the Supreme Court and looks after the estate of mental patients.	Dept of the Auditor General Dept of the Master of Protection Jurisdiction Supreme Court
0800	Wasn't aware of the Wanda sand hill murders and got picked up by the police. Wanda sand hills were a gay sun baking beach. He was let go. He came out to his parents at this time.	Wanda
0900	He got caught in the Royal National Park having sex with a friend. His mother found out, he had a court case and he was put on a good behaviour bond. His friend was sent back to England. He lost his job. His union didn't want to know anything about it "they facilitated my being thrown out of the public service. As far as I am concerned unions aren't my favourite organisations."	Royal National Park
1018	Then got local jobs. One was with "16 Millimetre" which was part of the Greater Union organisation. Storekeeping/clerical jobs. Then he got involved with CAMP and Peter Trebilco put him forward for Executive Secretary's job with the NSW Mental Health Association. Then went to the National Association of Mental Health.	16 Millimetre Greater Union CAMP Peter Trebilco NSW Mental Health Association National Assoc of Mental Health

1150	Left these and went overseas, and when he came back the Gay Counselling Service was close to being funded by Dept of Community Services. He took 3 months off without pay and organised a case for the GCS to be funded for an executive officer, which he was appointed to (Executive Director). He was head hunted by Sydney Sexual Clinic to be an AIDS counselor.	Gay Counselling Service Dept of Community Services Sydney Sexual Clinic
1334	He was burnt out by this, but he decided to become General Manager of the MG. This was a disaster. He was surrounded by people who "were even more impractical and tantrum throwing than normal". "It was like trying to herd a tribe of cats". He left.	Mardi Gras
1525	He took a couple of years off and this turned into full retirement. He has been successfully breeding cats for sale.	
1645	When John (Greenway) (his partner) retired they moved from Summer Hill to Wentworth Falls. They don't have much contact with the local gay community.	John Greenway Summer Hill Wentworth Falls
1800	The interview goes back to his job at Mental Health. He was Secretary of GCS, which was to all intents and purposes was the President.	
1920	After 16 Millimetre he was produce manager for Clifton Trading, a major hide export firm. He has a trade certificate in tanning. Sales were by telex and he had to organise shipments.	Clifton Trading
2107	Had met John while at 16 Millimetre, at a party in Bronte. When they decided to live together they lived in John's flat in Maroubra in 1969.	Bronte Maroubra
2230	After they got involved in CAMP, Peter Trebilco was the Chairman of the Mental Health Association and that's when he head hunted Terry for the job.	CAMP Peter Trebilco Mental Health Association
2300	He went to the Purple Onion with his second boyfriend, Peter Cornwell, in 67/68.	Purple Onion Peter Cornwell
2340	Terry goes back and explains that when he first came out, he met a guy on a beat, who was a barman and involved with a number of the drag queens. Close friends of Judy Burnett. They would go to Chez Ivys. When he moved out from him, he lived with group of friends in Woolloomooloo and they would go to the Birdcage. At one of these places he met Peter. He remembers Kandy's version of Cabaret he did at the Onion.	Judy Burnett Chez Ivy Woolloomooloo Birdcage Kandy (Johnson)
2600	He recalls his visits to the Birdcage. He had given evidence at a Select Committee on Prostitution, whether he has seen any police corruption. He said that "every Sunday night at the Birdcage, Ivy would walk through and say "stop holding hands boys" and the local fuz would come through to go upstairs and obviously to get their pay off and he said it was far too regular to be anything other than a pay off".	Birdcage Select Committee on Prostitution Birdcage Ivy (Richter)

2730	There was same sex dancing, "but if there was any problems you had to stay separate, not hold each other or anything". T says Ivy had the police paid off so things were fairly good. He presumes Kandy paid them off, but doesn't know how. The Birdcage was probably licensed.	Ivy (Richter) Kandy (Johnson)
2930	He mentions Maude and Katy. Maude was Graham who worked at the ABC. Katy (Peter B?) was a psych nurse.	Maude/Graham Katy/Peter B
3030	He also went to shows at the Chameleons, Karingals.	Chameleons, Karingals
3150	Remembers Dawn O'Donnell when he went to Tech in Mary Ann Street for his Accountancy course and seeing Dawn in her car park opposite. Remembers her because she was always in pants, which was unusual in the 60s and she was a rather butch character.	Dawn O'Donnell Mary Ann Street
3325	He recalls going to an Easter Parade at a rockpool in the Royal National Park. The parties in the National Park always involved water because it was an opportunity to wear swimming costumes. Everybody would go by car. Trek down with your picnic basket. There would be a well staged parade.	Easter Parade Royal National Pk Woolloomooloo
3525	Blue Mt parties were similarly professionally staged. There were a heap of private parties, the big Ball. If you went to the Ball, you had to wear drag or a formal evening dress.	Blue Mountain Parties
3715	Mentions the Dispensary Hall on Parramatta Road, Carlton Rex – T found the latter pretentious. "You had to pretend you weren't gay. It was all very office ... it was mixed straight and gay". At the Rex at the Cross, he saw Gordon Chater being carried out drunk more than once. The front bar was a bit rough, and the back bar was more queeny. There was also the Chevron in Macleay Street, the Lord Roberts in East Sydney, King Steam and Bondi Jct Steam Baths at Bondi Junction.	Dispensary Hall Carlton Rex Rex Hotel Gordon Chater Chevron Lord Roberts King Steam Bondi Jct Steam Baths
4200	Mentions Gary Bennett's unpublished study on Steam Rooms at the time of other AIDS studies. Kens and the Roman Baths used to sponsor the Counselling Service.	Gary Bennett Roman Baths
4248	T thinks it was the Club that raised money for GCS rather than Kens. John Gilletly and others, the original trustees of the BGF were members of the Club. T talks about getting involved via the GCS. One of the hospitals had reported a casualty with major trauma from fisting and wanted advice on fisting safely. He asked Michael Glynn who referred him on to John Giletly, the President of the Club.	The Club GCS BGF John Gilletly Michael Glynn
4630	He then went on to use John Gilletly as an information resource and referred on callers heading in that direction to him. He considered the Club as a set of very responsible men. The Club threw a fund raising night at Kens. Opened his eyes to a lot of things.	John Gilletly

5045	Jim Dykes was also involved in the S & M scene.	Jim Dykes S&M
5225	He met John Greenway at a friend's place in Bronte. John took the mickey out of his partner, Peter, and he didn't like him. They met later and they hit it off.	John Greenway Bronte
5345	First night at CAMP, took a lesbian friend, Janet in, and she was closeted. Through Janet, he knew the matrons of about 6 Sydney hospitals. Sydney, St Vincents, Rachel Forster, Mater. (all but Royal Prince Alfred) Her girlfriend was an assistant to a matron. The matrons used to have a Friday night poker game. (John was involved in Mensa, and Janet used to roneo the newsletter). It was called the (?) Brown Book circle. They were all lesbians, and if you got in their Brown Book you would not get another job in Sydney. That went on through the 60s and 70s. But there were generations of these matrons before this. It was the lesbians who made a career path in nursing.	CAMP Sydney Hospital St Vincents Rachel Forster Mater Hospital Mensa Brown Book Circle
5800	John and T were involved on the periphery of civil liberties, through Mensa. One was the Humanists and one was the Voluntary Euthanasia Association. (Terry was the founding National Secretary of the Australian Voluntary Euthanasia Society in the early 70s). Around that time he spent a year as President of the Humanist Society. At that time Humanists and Civil Liberties were involved in gay law reform.	Humanist Society Voluntary Euthanasia Association Council for Civil Liberties
5948	When he got involved, CAMP were starting meetings to discuss the submission to the Royal Commission on Human Relationships.	CAMP Royal Commission on Human Relationships
10015	Then he was asked to come in onto the board, as the Political Action Group representative. Later became Secretary. The Political Group began as lobbying group. Peter de Waal, Mike Clohesy mostly did all the running. Clohesy had links to the Labor Party through Senator Gietzel, Tom Uren. They would organise with CAMP to hand out how to vote cards in certain electorates. As a result they got favours returned to them. But with law reform in NSW changes hinged on John Marsden having a go at Neville Wran at a Civil Liberties dinner. The other trigger was Justice Murphy, who was Wran's mentor, getting up and supporting Marsden's position on law reform. Confronted publicly, he had no choice.	Political Action Group Peter de Waal, Mike Clohesy Senator Gietzel Tom Uren John Marsden Neville Wran Council for Civil Liberties Justice Murphy
	<b>TAPE 2</b>	
File 02 0000	That was when Wran went off to France had an epiphany and came back announced he was going to have law reform.	France Law Reform
0019	Then he invited people like Lex and Mike Clohesy for meetings. T recalls Wran's foul mouth. They were trying to get the age of consent lowered, but Wran wouldn't come at that. It had to be 18	Lex Watson Mike Clohesy Neville Wran Craig Johnston

	or Wran couldn't get it through, with the caucus. Craig Johnston also attended. Perhaps Robert Johnson.	Robert Johnson
0300	Mg. He was Secretary of CAMP this is probably why they went. T explains that John and he were older than others in CAMP, they had their own home (and thus were class traitors), a couple who could argue with each other. Mike Clohesy, Bonsall and Peter de Waal were a threesome and John and Terry were the couple. John and Terry were like older brothers in the group. "so many of those people of the time, every argument was personal, there was no intellect, no having a discussion to work out what would be the best thing to do, rather you had a personal position and you stuck to it come hell or high water, that was part of the problem of the organisation". But John and T could have an intellectual discussion. A lot came from student politics. Lance Gowland was from the CPA, the women from student politics. "It was sort of the win or else attitude. It really got in the way a lot of, that's why CAMP spilt into that sort of political and gay counselling service because there was no way that the politicians were going to back off the welfare part. They wanted the counselors on the line to push coming out, and at that stage there was a group of us, Bob Hay, myself, Paul Smith, John, Robert Woodward (?) who saw that as a turn off. Our job was to talk the people through where they're at, not where we're at. And that's the great split in the Counselling Service".	Mardi Gras CAMP Mike Clohesy Peter de Waal Lance Gowland Boby Hay Paul Smith, Robert Woodward (?)
0910	"There's no way even today I would say to someone to come out, you owe it to the gay community and you owe it to yourself, blah, blah, blah, ... the person has got to be ready to do that. They've got to be capable of taking those steps without damaging their personality in the process. That was the real big split ... that's the only time I've only moved very politically, we basically realized that we had to get rid of them the ones who wanted to force this down people's throats. So we forced the issue on them."	
1005	T's approach to a caller who said they think that they were gay, would be to turn it back on them and ask them why they thought they were gay. 'The stupid part about it was that the end result was the same'.	
1100	The other approach would be to invite them into the coffee shop and on one level it was social, and on the other it was a politicisation. "If someone said 'I think I'm gay' I would never tell them 'yes you are', because you don't. You don't live in their head". By taking his approach T believes the person has a much better acceptance where they're at the moment. Bob and T came from a mental health, psychology background.	Bob Hay
1230	The coffee shop worked well. The entrances to Glebe and Holt St were difficult to negotiate. One was a long corridor and the	33a Glebe Point Rd

	other a set of rickety step. It was one more step on the road, to meet the people you were warned against all your life, you were taking another step toward admitting what you were.	Holt Street
1415	When you meet them, you may be the first openly gay person they have met. Those from the psychological background knew the dangers of sexual contact with a person in a vulnerable situation, because you are experienced and out, there is a differential. And it would be likely the sexual fantasies don't match, and it is a bad experience for them. Sometimes it took them months to get up the courage to go out on the gay scene after this. They instilled into counselors not to have an emotional or sexual relationship with the caller.	
1715	The political counselors would turn people off, and the caller would not come in, and they would go back to the beats. "Rather than be eased into the gay community, they'd have the culture shock of beats and bars, which at the time I think all of us thought we'd get away from. I don't think we had any ideas of what we'd replace them".	
2010	Something triggered the split, but T can't recall. CAMP had a meeting and counselling faction had the majority. The political faction had no option and they walked out. CAMP was dropped and it became the Gay Counselling Service.	CAMP Gay Counselling Service
2315	T believes that part of the impetus of the first Mg was to involve people in the bar scene. They wanted to make like New Orleans, Gay Pride Marches in the US that were fun.	Mardi Gras New Orleans Gay Pride Marches
2530	There was not much contact with overseas, except Qantas stewards. There was a political willingness to be in solidarity, there wasn't the personal links as there is today. "There was a reasonable anti-American ethos in those days ... in the sense we didn't want to be the same as America and we actually lent more toward Canada and the UK and the continent ... there was this idea that it should be home grown too."	Qantas
2900	"It had to be people who were out. We are talking about coming down a major (street), even though it was at night. You were being seen. So you still had to have .... People who were comfortable and out". The reasons for the start of Mg is "multi factorial".	
3315	He believes the idea was to park the truck at Hyde Park and have a disco in the park, "which would have been pretty bloody awful. Trying to dance on churned up mud, after 5 minutes, in the middle of winter wouldn't have been crash hot .... At that corner of Hyde Park was where the winds meet, in the Southern Hemisphere."	Hyde Park
3400	The police wanted Lance to turn the music off. They were outside Police Headquarters and it would have been	Lance Gowland William Street

	confrontational. Then they tried to drag him out of the truck. At that point, “no one is going to tell us what to do. Let’s march up William Street ... the Cross had more so than Oxford Street, Oxford Street had been around for a while but the Cross had been the gay heart ... They (the police) did 2 stupid things. They cordoned it at the El Alamein, then when we turned around, they cordoned it off again, so basically there was no where else to go, except through them.” T stopped a friend Neville getting into trouble.	Kings Cross Oxford Street El Alamein
3810	Then they went to the police station. They dragged someone in from the Law Society or Civil Liberties to organise everybody. They had access to a fund.	Law Society Council for Civil Liberties
3940	Didn’t attend court. Tied up with work at Mental Health, but was on the phone all the time.	
4054	The social groups were appalled. But they were also quite supportive. Acceptance was supportive, but not openly. Were they politicised? “In the short term it was a big turn off, but in the long run, just the fact that you had a whole heap of queens who stood up to the NSW police force and won. It had a lot of spin offs, and Mg continuing. You can’t any say that any changes happened then, it probably sent as many back into the closet that it had brought out, that’s the nature of that sort of conflict. But I would say ultimately, it set the scene for a lot more gays to be (to have) a lot more self worth, because as Mg continued and you have to look at it over a long period as Mg continued the number of times that I’ve heard people say that the first time they came out was at Mg and it was just mind blowing to go and watch something like that, and in itself was a coming out vehicle because people could go and identify and I suppose nowadays because there would be other things ... more private ways of coming out ... Friendship networks which seem to be a big thing among you people seem to be somewhat more supportive than they were in my day”	Acceptance
4500	They went to most of the early Mg. They had friends coming from overseas, going off to Mg.	
4715	Council of Gay Groups involved some of the social groups for a while. It brought groups like Acceptance to understand the necessity of actually agitating for reform, for a better deal for gays. “It brought them into Mg. That’s one of the things people forget. That the original Mg’s were fairly radical in a sense that they involved the radical groups. The latter Mg brought in the religious groups ... Cronulla Gays, the Polynesians ... it opened the door for them to come in ... A group like Cronulla Gays would see Mg as something they would not be welcome at whereas, specifically with Cronulla Gays John Wall and Murray McLachlan, would have brought those people in. You’ve got the	Council of Gay Groups Acceptance Cronulla Gay Group Polynesians Mardi Gras John Wall Murray McLachlan

	personal contacts ... to be involved ... that expanded Mg amazingly." "The climate has to be right and the personal contacts have to be right".	
5145	T talks about his time as General Manager of Mg. (1993) The organisation was "highly conservative". Even in the workshop there was not a radical bone in anyone's body. "It doesn't have any of its radical roots left".	Mardi Gras
5411	He still looks at its function, "Its function is amazing ... for what it costs in time and effort and money its function far outstrips anything that anybody else can do. The Counselling Service was once the open line into the gay community ... Mg is the entrance point. There has always got to be, for a community like ours that doesn't reproduce its own descendants, there's always got to be an entrance point into that community ... the bars are an entrance point, the saunas are an entrance point, the beats aren't. ... the beats are sort of a way of isolating gays."	Gay Counselling Service
5600	The Mg is a street parade that advertises what the gay community is doing.	Mardi Gras
5650	The main achievement for the GCS was to get funding for it. Through Frank Walker when he was minister for community services. That was through the Labor Party. Ernie Chaples, Peter Trebilco, and maybe Lex. Ernie had entrée to all factions. Peter was involved through the Dept of Health. Walker funded GCS for \$3,000, which was a seeding funding to get together the submission. This is what T did for 3 months. The submission then went through the Department, and with Walker's imprimatur it went through straight away. It has been funded every year since, for an executive officer, to run the organisation. GCS owns Bedford Street.	GCS Frank Walker Labor Party Ernie Chaples Peter Trebilco Lex Watson Department of Health
5950	2010. When it was set up, Gary Bennett and T worked on 2010. T was busy with AIDS work. So they always have some connection with the Counselling Service.	2010 Gary Bennett/Garrett Prestage
10053	GCS has had a role in setting up 2010; Bobby Goldsmith Foundation; Community Support Network, Ankali, ACON.	GCS, 2010, Bobby Goldsmith Foundation Community Support Network, Ankali, ACON
10116	Through the Club we got BGF. T set up a gay interagency with Jim Dykes and MCC, so that they didn't work at cross purposes, he was also involved in the Darlinghurst interagency. He worked with groups in Darlinghurst who were also members of NSW Council of Social Service. One of the things he saw was to set up organisations to deal with specific things. In T's experience, he avoided setting up a monolithic organisation, which was an	The Club BGF Jim Dykes MCC NSW Council of Social Service ACON



	invitation to political infighting. So he helped set up small organisations. ACON he didn't have much to do with setting it up. He was disappointed that it didn't become a broad gay health organisation for lesbians as well.	
	<b>TAPE 3</b>	
File 03 0000	Ankali was something that Jim Dykes brought back from Shanti Project. He brought back (video) tapes which were converted for local use by Channel 9. Shanti was set up by Elizabeth Kubler Ross. T was the executive officer of the Australian Mental Health organisation and brought Elizabeth Kubla Ross to Australia. He had prior knowledge of her work. T knew that it had to be changed for the Australian context – less “emotional verballing”. Jenny Watts, Jim Dykes and T were the first trainers of the Ankali Groups. It also grew out of the AIDS support group that Jim and T ran at the Sexual Health Clinic. Ankali was no longer sitting around with a group of people in a room in a clinic. It was moving the emotional support to one on one.	Ankali Shanti Elizabeth Kubler Ross Jim Dykes Jenny Watts AIDS Sexual Health Clinic
0330	CSN came out of T at a conference in New York. He was pissed off with the conference because Australia was ahead of what was happening there. He visited the Red Cross. The woman sat him down and told him how they were organising support. She sold T a set of tapes, and he brought them back and explained the Red Cross program at a (MCC) church (AIDS) support group.	Community Support Network New York Red Cross MCC
0630	Jim Dykes and T created CSN as a separate organisation. (W?) from MCC ran junk shops and used donated materials for people in need.	CSN MCC
0930	T was also involved with an AIDS Action Committee in the early days. They organised a public forum on AIDS at Holt street. Penny came and spoke (?) Anne Hill invited T to talk to a patient at St Vincents.	AIDS Action Committee Professor Penny Anne Hill St Vincents
1024	So T was given an honorary appointment to the ward. He would go in every couple of days. Anne set up the AIDS ward and then T was part of the team and he brought Jim in in a pastoral role. Sister Mary Mein (?) was a tower of strength but there was certain pastoral work that Jim was more suitable for.	Anne Hill Sister Mary Mein (?)
1135	David Cooper was in charge. From there they set up with Julian Gold, Albion Street. Jim and T set up the counselling service there and they were the first 2 counsellors there.	David Cooper Julian Gold Albion Street
1158	T was head hunted by Sydney Hospital as a part time AIDS worker with Sexual Health and then took over full time.	Sydney Hospital
1225	ACON. There were too many politicians. Went to the first few meetings, but didn't get too involved. He talks about his personal misgivings about the narrow focus it adopted.	ACON

1505	He started to burn out going on to the ward at St Vincents. So he saw his appointment at Sydney Hospital as a way of getting away from the death side of AIDS, to the educational. But one of his roles was to give the diagnosis of HIV+ because the doctors were hopeless at it.	St Vincents Sydney Hospital AIDS
1545	He also ran the St Vincents study at Sydney Hospital. Jo Roberts was the senior social worker at Sydney and she insisted on the names of the patients be removed from the numbers. Only she then T could marry up who was who. T would contact the patient and they would give permission to be contacted.	St Vincents Study Sydney Hospital
1755	Lou MacCallum rang T and asked him to take on as an Ankali client someone who was mentally ill. He was the cause of T's burn out. He then made his bid for the Mardi Gras.	Lou MacCallum Ankali
1930	T feels he was the wrong person for the role. He is a good administrator, good at manipulating people. But he wasn't interested in manipulating things at MG. Personality clash with people. He felt they should organise themselves a lot better, and they thought he had an unrealistic expectation of the artistic type.	
2100	They had someone coming in doing work for himself, using Mg resources. The insurance policy was pretty hefty because of the risks in the workshop. If the person burned down the office, it would be stuffed. The board wasn't interested. "They were off with the fairies. They were interested in their own little ego trips and inter mardi gras (?)internecine wars and infighting ... the workshop manager at the time ... was a dead loss. So we ended up in this confrontation because I wasn't particularly interested in being manipulative as one has to be because I was basically burnt out ... so I resigned."	Mardi Gras
2240	Went into semi retirement. Got involved in breeding cats.	
2405	T got a job at Media Monitors as a courier for a while and worked with Garrett (Prestage) (Gary Bennett) with interviews in a study of sexual behaviour which started out of Macquarie University.	Media Monitors Garrett Prestage Macquarie Uni
2500	T talks about his role as a facilitator in the gay community and the need for people to leave organisations they are heavily involved with, to leave it for younger people and different ways of doing things.	