

COMING OUT IN THE 70s

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LIST OF WORKS

COMING OUT IN THE 70s

Before the 1970s same-sex relationships were taboo in most Western societies. In Australia, lesbianism was largely unrecognised and sex between men was illegal. Same-sex attraction forced many people to live secretive and fearful lives.

The 1960s ushered in an era of change. Civil rights movements around the world created opportunities to reform society. The 1969 Stonewall riots in New York triggered the rise of gay rights movements internationally and Australians soon took up the fight. Sydney quickly became a hub of activism. 'Coming out' — openly admitting same-sex orientation at the risk of rejection, discrimination, abuse or even death — became a brave political strategy, challenging the sexually conservative attitudes of Australian society.

This exhibition marks the 50th anniversary of the emergence of the gay and lesbian rights movement in Australia. Although the struggle for equality is not over, sexual diversity is widely acknowledged in Australia today and celebrated through annual pride festivals like the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras. Many of the rights we take for granted are the direct result of the personal sacrifices and hard-fought activism of the 70s.

A gay manifesto

by Carl Wittman, 1970

Sydney University student broadside collection, HF 2014/34

CAMP Ink

published by CAMP Inc

August 1971; November 1971 (Queensland issue); August 1972 (David Widdup election campaign issue); December 1972 (sexism and women's liberation issue); February 1973 (aversion therapy issue); April 1975 (International Women's Day issue); March 1977 (Anti-Discrimination Act issue)

Gay[s] Counselling Service of New South Wales records, MLMSS 5836/Box 6

A special reporter

Cover letter and typescript of Bulletin article

by Garry Wotherspoon, 1971

Garry Wotherspoon papers, ON OFFER

Bulletin, 13 March 1971

Q079/15A

Graphics:

CAMP Ink (remaining issues 1970-77)

Gay[s] Counselling Service of New South Wales records, MLMSS 5836/Box 6

The manuscript cupboard

photo by Eve Langley, September 1970

Eve & June Langley pictorial collection, PXE 1333/Folder 17

Lesbian film makers, July 1978

photo by Geoff Friend

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Being seen

In the 1970s few Australians had any understanding of sexual difference, and the mainstream media rarely mentioned homosexuality except as sinful, criminal or sick. Fed up with lies, ridicule and abuse, a small group of lesbians and gay men decided to speak out.

Sydney friends and neighbours Christabel Poll and John Ware started the Campaign Against Moral Persecution (CAMP Inc) as a letter writing campaign to challenge public statements misrepresenting gay people. On 10 September 1970 *The Australian* reported the formation of CAMP with an invitation to join the group. A week later Ware was interviewed on the ABC television program *This Day Tonight*.

The effect of this prominent media coverage was electric. Newspapers, magazines, radio and television rushed to report on the 'new-found' minority group and public attitudes began to shift. The media coverage also let gay men and women across the country know they were not alone.

Going public

Australian, 19 September 1970

BN453

Media monitors

Scrapbook of newscuttings relating to the early history of gay liberation in Australia and on the AIDS epidemic

compiled by Terrence Bell, c 1966-89

MLMSS 8689/11X

Newsclippings

compiled by Dennis Altman, Peter de Waal and others, 1970-79

Dennis Altman papers, MLMSS 3969/Box 2; Peter de Waal papers, MLMSS 6089/Box 6; EPHEMERA/HOMOSEXUALITY/Box 1

Mainstream media

TV Times, 29 June 1974

Q654.1705/1

Cleo, July 1976

Q 059 180

Women's Day, 3 September 1973

Q640.5/7

Homosexual: Oppression and Liberation

by Dennis Altman, 1972

301.424/38; ML Book Jackets/1972 (A-Bo)

Poster: The body politic presents Dennis Altman, author of Homosexual: Oppression & Liberation

Chat Centre, Toronto, c 1971

Dennis Altman papers, MLMSS 3969/Box 2

Invitation: Gay book launch

Angus & Robertson, 2 July 1973

Dennis Altman papers, MLMSS 3969/Box 2

John Lee, David McDiarmid, Robert Tucker and another going to Altman's book launch in July 1973

photoprint from digital file

Courtesy Gregg Blachford

Black Hours

by Wayne King, 1996

305.89915/161

All That False instruction

by Elizabeth Riley (Kerryn Higgs), 1975

823/R573.2/1

Kerryn Higgs at abortion rally, Martin Place

photo by Anne Roberts, c 1975

PXA 962/35

Shadow and Substance: Reflections of a Lesbian

by Joyce Geake, 1973

MLMSS 8701

Joyce Geake

photoprint from 'Shadow and Substance: Reflections of a Lesbian'

MLMSS 8701; FL17974033

Gay press

William & John, vol 1, no 1, 1972

W/Q059/178

William & John, vol 1, no 1, 1972 (Victorian Issue)

W/Q059/178

Butch, vol 1, no 1, 1972

Q059/179

Stallion, August 1974

Q059/289

Gayzette, September 1974

F059/73

Feminist press

MeJane, March 1973

MLMSS 3999/MLK2981

Cauldron: A Feminist Journal, vol 1, no 2, 1975

396.05/6:

Pandora's Box, c 1976

MLMSS 9782/Box 77

Refractory Girl, no 5, summer 1974

396.05/6

Student press

Honi Soit, May 1976

University of Sydney Students' Representative Council (SRC)

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Tharunka, Gay Pride Week edition, 8 September 1973

University of NSW Students Union

Craig Johnston collection, MLMSS 4620/MLK3926

O'Week show bag, c 1975

Peter Murphy papers, MLMSS 6642/2

Show bag contents, 1976

KY sachet, badge, 'A guide to your gay show bag' brochure, (reproduction) magazine covers

Gay[s] Counselling Service of NSW records, MLMSS 5836/Box 08

Graphics:

Sydney Mardi Gras, 24 June 1978, photo by Branco Gaica

Courtesy Branco Gaica, Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras records, MLMSS 9332/BOX 81X

Gay Solidarity / Women marching, morning of first Mardi Gras, 24 June 1978, photo by Sallie Colechin

Sallie Colechin collection, ON OFFER

Domain following May Day March, 5 May 1974, photo by Anne Roberts

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0034; FL4499349

St Clement's demo

Handbill: 'Blatant oppression'

produced by Sydney Gay Liberation, 1972

Peter de Waal papers, MLMSS 6089/
Box 5

Letter

from ABC to Peter Bonsall-Boone, 23 October 1972

Peter de Waal papers, MLMSS 6089/
Box 5

Letter

from St Clement's Church to Peter Bonsall-Boone, 9 November 1972

Peter de Waal papers, MLMSS 6089/
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Demonstration at St Clement's Church, Mosman

b&w photoprints by News Ltd/the Australian, 12 November 1972

Peter de Waal papers, MLMSS 6089/
Box 5

Demonstration at St Clement's Church, Mosman

colour photoprint from digital file

Courtesy Gregg Blachford

William & John, November 1972

W/Q059/178

Graphics:

Film rushes, Chequerboard, ABC TV, 31 October 1972

Peter de Waal papers, MLMSS 6089/
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Being heard

Talking openly about homosexuality sparked hope in many lesbians and gay men living in isolation around the country. As activists fought for change, they created one of the most successful reform movements in Australian history.

Activists lobbied politicians and community leaders for law reform to address discrimination and violence. They used humour and catchy slogans to attract media attention and gain public support. They made the personal political, marching in solidarity and 'shocking the straights' with spontaneous actions known as 'zaps'.

Graffiti affirmed that 'Lesbians are lovely' and 'Gay is good', while newsletters, manifestos, flyers and posters spread the word about gay issues. Badges and T-shirts proudly displayed a connection to the cause. Gay and lesbian groups encouraged shared identity and offered safe meeting places.

Festivals and conferences created temporary havens of community and the chance to build new fields of study. Gay Pride Week 1973 was a highpoint for Sydney's gay rights movement, but it was also a turning point as groups began to change or split apart, looking for different ways to achieve their goals. In 1978 and 79 Sydney activists joined tens of thousands in solidarity in International Days of Gay and Lesbian events around the world.

Getting organised

CAMP Inc T-shirt, 1970

Lent by Peter de Waal AM, CAMP Inc foundation member

'Sydney Gay Liberation' vest, 1970s

embroidered by David McDiarmid for John Lee

Robert French collection ON OFFER

Gay Lib T-shirt, 1970s

First Ten Years of Sydney Women's Liberation collection

MLMSS 9782/Box 101X

Poster: When you get sick of your own company, meet others: Camp Centre

produced by Camp NSW, c 1974

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CAMP member Gabrielle Antolovich, 1972, detail from *Chequerboard* rushes

Peter de Waal papers MLMSS 6089/
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Protesters outside ABC headquarters, July 1972, photo by John Storey

Courtesy Gregg Blachford

Reform

CAMP Ink, December 71/72

Gay[s] Counselling Service of New South Wales records, MLMSS 5836/Box 09

Brochure: Camping: A society for the rights of the homosexual, 1970

produced by CAMP Inc, c 1970

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

Membership card: CAMP Inc

produced by CAMP Inc, 1971/72

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

Membership badges

produced by CAMP NSW, 1970s

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER;
lent by Peter de Waal AM, CAMP Inc foundation member

Brochure: Do you know CAMP NSW

produced by CAMP NSW, c 1973

EPHEMERA/HOMOSEXUALITY/Box 1

Brochures: Phone a friend telephone service

produced by CAMP NSW, c 1976

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

Telephone, bakelite

used for 'Phone a Friend' telephone service, c 1970

Lent by Peter de Waal AM, CAMP Inc foundation member

Poster: Family portrait (John Ware and David Widdup)

produced by CAMP NSW, 1972, photo by Phillip Potter

Lex Watson collection ON OFFER

Poster: Sisterhood feels good

produced by Times Change Press NY, 1971, photo by Donna Gottschalk

POSTERS/2015/308

Graphics:

Robert Tucker at St Clement's Church, Mosman, 1972, photo by John Storey

Courtesy Gregg Blachford

John Lee outside ABC headquarters, 11 July 1972, photo by John Storey

David McDiarmid papers, MLMSS 8948/
Box 16

Revolution

Booklet: A gay liberation manifesto

produced by Sydney Gay
Liberation Publications
Group, 1972

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Badges, c 1972

Robert French collection, ON OFFER

Photo: badges on denim jacket, 1970s

David McDiarmid papers, MLMSS 8948/
Box 17

Gay Liberation News

produced by Sydney Gay
Liberation, April 1974

Lex Watson collection ON OFFER

Radicalism

Cauldron Hall Collective feminism book

by Cauldron Hall Collective,
1973–74

First Ten Years of Sydney Women's
Liberation collection, MLMSS 9782/
Box 27

Flyer: Lesbian demands

Lesbian Feminist Action
Front, c 1975

EPHEMERA/ HOMOSEXUALITY/Box 1

Clipping: Radicalesbians

Tharunka, 6 March 1974

First Ten Years of Sydney Women's
Liberation collection, MLMSS 9782/
Box 27

Colour photos: ‘Rad-Fem-Les-Lib’ conference, Minto

from Cauldron Hall
Collective feminism book,
1974 (reproductions)

First Ten Years of Sydney Women's
Liberation collection, MLMSS 9782/
Box 27

Badges: Radicalesbians and Lesbians are everywhere, 1970s

Robyn Kennedy collection, ON OFFER

Graphic:

‘W.O.W’

detail from Cauldron Hall
Collective feminism book,
1974

First Ten Years of Sydney Women's
Liberation collection, MLMSS 9782/
Box 27

Demos

Poster: Mary Posters will be persecuted – because she's a homosexual: Bill Posters will be prosecuted – because he's a homosexual

produced by CAMP NSW,
1972

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

Placard: Homosexuals: silence is oppression, c 1975

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

CAMP activists outside the Liberal Party headquarters

photo by Phillip Potter,
6 October 1971

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

Arrest of David McDiarmid

photo by John Storey,
11 July 1972

David McDiarmid papers, MLMSS 8948/
Box 16

Newsclipping: No publicity for camping in Sydney

from *Nation Review*,
22 October 1971
(reproduction)

Peter de Waal papers, MLMSS 6089/
Box 6

Typed note

from John [Ware] to Paul
[Foss], 11 October 1971
(reproduction)

Terrence Bell scrapbook, MLMSS
8689/11X

Leaflet: Demonstration

outside offices of the ABC,
11 July 1972

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

Stickers

Craig Johnston collection, MLMSS
4620/MLK3928; Lex Watson collection,
ON OFFER

Flyer: Zap a Newsagency, c 1975

Craig Johnston papers, MLMSS 4620/
MLK3928

Request for information card, c 1975

Craig Johnston papers, MLMSS 4620/
MLK3928

Graphics:

Mim Loftus leading chants outside the ABC, 11 July 1972, photo by John Storey

Courtesy Australian Lesbian and Gay
Archives (ALGA)

iPad:

Demonstrations outside NSW Liberal Party headquarters, Ash Street, 6 October 1971, and ABC headquarters in Castlereagh Street, 11 July 1972

All photos by Phillip Potter, Lex Watson
collection, ON OFFER

Getting political

Poster: I've got my eyes on Billy's seat!

produced for the David
Widdup federal election
campaign, 1972

Donated by Peter de Waal, 1999,
POSTERS 1278

Poster: Martin Smith for Waverley

produced for the Martin
Smith state election
campaign, 1973

Robert French collection, ON OFFER

Poster: Vote Socialist Workers

produced for the federal
election, 1975

Peter de Waal papers, MLMSS 6089/
Box 2

Flyer: How to vote 1 poofter

produced for the federal
election, 1975

Peter de Waal papers, MLMSS 6089/
Box 2

Campaigning against discrimination

Booklet: A critique of aversion therapy for homosexuals

by Robin Winkler, Sydney
Gay Liberation, 1972

ML131.342/1

Press release: Students seek disaffiliation of university college for anti-homosexual bias

produced by Macquarie
University Students' Council,
19 June 1973

Peter de Waal papers, MLMSS 6089/
Box 3

Letter

from Builders Labourers' Federation to Peter de Waal, 25 June 1973

Peter de Waal papers, MLMSS 6089/Box 3

Flyer:

Homosexual trainee teacher victimised,
4 April 1974

Sydney University student broadside collection, HF 2014/35

Graphic:

Graffiti, University of Sydney, 1974

Courtesy the University of Sydney Archives, G77_1_0488

Campaigning for law reform

Brochure: What do you think?

produced by the Royal Commission on Human Relationships, July 1975

Refractory Girl Collective records, MLMSS 3999/MLK 02981

Speech notes

by Michael Clohesy, December 1975

Peter de Waal papers, MLMSS 6089/Box 2

Demonstration in Support of Michael Clohesy

b&w photo, March 1976

Robyn Kennedy collection, ON OFFER

Campaign badges from the 1970s

First Ten Years of Sydney Women's Liberation collection, MLMSS 9782; Robert French, Robyn Kennedy, Lex Watson and Pride History Group collections, ON OFFER

Handbill: When a mother is a lesbian ...

produced by Sydney Gay Solidarity Group, 1979

First Ten Years of Sydney Women's Liberation Collection, MLMSS 9782/Box 27

Out & proud

Protest banner: Lesbians & homosexuals demand the right to work, 1978s

Robert French collection, ON OFFER

Poster: Gay Pride Week

6-18 September 1973

Craig Johnston collection, MLMSS 4620/MLK3926

Broadsheet: Homosexuals are everywhere

published by Socialist Lesbians and Male Homosexuals, 1977; includes Italian, Greek, Yugoslav and Macedonian translations

EPHEMERA/ HOMOSEXUALITY/Box 1

Poster: Day of International Gay Solidarity

march, public meeting, festival 24 June 1978

designed by Chris Jones for the University of Sydney Gay Solidarity Group

Robert French collection, ON OFFER

Poster: The Sun - eggs hit police

Monday 26 June 1978

produced by Associated Newspapers, Broadway

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

Poster: Drop the charges against the arrested women's and gay rights demonstrators

march and rally, 4 November 1978

Garry Wotherspoon collection, POSTERS 1643/13

Poster: 'Drop the charges - gay rights rally & march'

rally and march, 15 July 1978

produced by the University of Sydney Gay Solidarity Group

Robert French collection, ON OFFER

Poster: Gay Solidarity Week

23-30 June 1979

produced Earthworks Poster Collective, Tin Sheds Art Workshop

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

Poster: Gay rights now!

rally, 15 July 1978

Garry Wotherspoon collection, POSTERS 1643/15

Graphic:

'Away from Sydney today', Ron Owen holding cut-out of Kendall Lovett, Martin Place, Sydney, 15 July 1978, photo by Geoff Friend

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Gay Pride Week 1973

diary and b&w photos by John Englart

Courtesy John Englart, ON OFFER

Gay Pride Week march 1973

colour photo by Barry Charles

Courtesy Barry Charles, ON OFFER

Newsclipping: Militant gay libbers 'zap' Macquarie Street surgery

from the *Tribune*, 12 September 1973 (reproduction)

F335.405/5

Scrapbook

compiled by David McDiarmid, 1972-77

David McDiarmid papers, MLMSS 8948/Box 1

Flyer: Poofers, lezzos and the state

produced by Gay Solidarity Group, 1978

Peter Murphy papers, MLMSS 6642/Box 2

iPad:

May Day march, Park St, 6 May 1973

Tribune collection, ON 162/Item 18/8; FL4585537

May Day march, Haymarket, 5 May 1974, photo by Anne Roberts

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0036/5; FL4492779

May Day march, George St, 5 May 1974, photo by Anne Roberts

Tribune Collection, ON 160/Item 0034/27; FL4499360

May Day march, Park St at Hyde Park, 5 May 1974, photo by Anne Roberts

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0034/43; FL4499334

After the May Day march, Domain, 5 May 1974, photo by Anne Roberts

Julie McCrossin (centre) and Marcia Knight (right)

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0034/16; FL4499349

After the May Day march, Domain, 5 May 1974, photo by Anne Roberts

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0034/17; FL4499350

After the May Day march, Sydney, 5 May 1974, photo by Anne Roberts

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0034/1; FL4499334

After the May Day march, Sydney, 5 May 1974, photo by Anne Roberts

Dianne Minnis (centre)

PXA 962/16; FL17768035

Central Police Court, Liverpool St, 26 June 1978, photo by Anne Roberts

PXA 962/79; FL17768164

Central Police Court, Liverpool St, 26 June 1978, photo by Anne Roberts

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0351/18; FL4552133

Freedom march, Martin Place, 15 July 1978, photo by Geoff Friend

1001674/Item 01; FL6071501

Freedom march, George St, 15 July 1978, photo by Geoff Friend

1001674/Item 02; FL6071557

Freedom march, George St, 15 July 1978, photo by Geoff Friend

1001674/ Item 03; FL6071487

Freedom march,
George St near Queen
Victoria Building, 15 July
1978, photo by Geoff Friend

1001674/ Item 04; FL6071550

Freedom march,
George St, 15 July 1978,
photo by Geoff Friend

1001674/ Item 06; FL6071494

Freedom march,
Oxford St, 15 July 1978,
photo by Geoff Friend

1001674/ Item 05; FL6071536

Freedom march,
Oxford St, 15 July 1978,
photo by Geoff Friend

1001674/ Item 07; FL6071543

Taylor Square,
Darlinghurst, 27 August
1978, photo by Geoff Friend

1001674/ Item 12; FL6071515

Central Police Court,
Liverpool St, September
1978

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0367/13;
FL4552862

Hyde Park, September
1978

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0367/16;
FL4552867

Near Museum Station,
Hyde Park, September 1978

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0367/27,
FL4552886

**Briggs Initiative
protest,** Park St,
4 November 1978

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0385/32;
FL4402881

**Briggs Initiative
protest,** George St,
4 November 1978

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0385/39;
FL4369601

**Briggs Initiative
protest,** George St,
4 November 1978

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item
0385/40; FL4369603

**Gay Solidarity Week
march,** George St, 30 June
1979

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0450/7;
FL4402881

**Gay Solidarity Week
march,** Town Hall,
George St, 30 June 1979

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0450/3;
FL4402877

**Gay Solidarity Week
march,** George St, 30 June
1979

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0450/12;
FL4402886

**Gay Solidarity Week
march,** George St, 30 June
1979

Tribune collection, ON 160/Item 0450/2;
FL4402876

Speaking up & talking together

**Poster:
Camp NSW seminar:
female homosexuality**

University of Sydney,
31 May –1 June 1975

produced Earthworks
Poster Collective, Tin Sheds
Art Workshop

POSTERS/HOMOSEXUALITY/5

**Poster:
2nd National
Homosexual
Conference**

Sydney, 27–29 August 1976

POSTERS 1643/2

**Poster:
Tribunal on
homosexuals and
discrimination**

University of NSW,
27–28 November 1976

produced by the Actions
Group

POSTERS/HOMOSEXUALITY/4

**Poster:
Lesbian/feminist
festival/conference**

Minto, 6–10 January 1977

produced by Lesbian
Feminist Collective

POSTERS/HOMOSEXUALITY/3

**Poster:
Homosexuals at
work – 4th National
Homosexual
Conference**

Paddington Town Hall,
25–27 August 1978

produced by Fourth
National Homosexual
Conference Collective,
designed by Mark Lyndon
Matherson

Robert French collection, ON OFFER

**Brochure:
International
Women's Year**

seminar 1, March 1975

produced by CAMP

First Ten Years of Sydney Women's
Liberation collection, MLMSS 9782/
Box 27

**Booklet:
Female
homosexuality**

seminar 1: conditioning
processes in education and
mass media, March 1975

by Penny Short

301.424/13

**Handbill:
Lesbian feminist
festival**

Minto Bush Club,
27–30 January 1978

produced the Lesbian
Feminist Collective

First Ten Years of Sydney Women's
Liberation collection, MLMSS 9782/
Box 27

**Minto festival
registration desk**

colour photo, 1978

Robyn Kennedy collection, ON OFFER

**Flyer:
Homosexuals at work**

by Garry Bennett, 1978

Peter de Waal papers, MLMSS 6089/
Box 3

**Brochure:
National Homosexual
Conference**

Paddington Town Hall,
25–27 August 1978

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**Fourth National
Homosexual
Conference
fundraising picnic**

b&w photo by Sallie
Colechin, May 1978

Sydney Mardi Gras collection, MLMSS
9332/Box 81X

Background images:

**Ash Street
demonstration,**
6 October 1971, photo by
Phillip Potter

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

Freedom march,
George Street, 15 July 1978,
photo by Geoff Friend

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**4th National
Homosexual
Conference desk,
'Images of Gays' film
festival,** Paris Theatre
foyer, May 1978, photo by
Sallie Colechin

Sallie Colechin collection, ON OFFER

Being together

Gay culture came to life in the 1970s, and people began to feel its pulse. When lesbians and gay men left their past lives behind in search of personal liberation and sexual freedom, Sydney became their cultural heartland.

Artists, filmmakers, photographers and performers developed unique perspectives that sparked radical individual and collective creativity. Sydney's Feminist Bookshop promoted women's writing, and lesbian bands made 'wimmin's' music. CAMP put on a pottery workshop and social clubs, like Gay Men's Rap, offered cultural and sporting activities. Sydney's first weekly gay and lesbian radio program, Gay Waves, took to the air in 1979.

The movement offered new ways to hook up: at public demonstrations, political meetings, conferences, fundraising dances and parties, bars and commercial gay venues. In the turbulent aftermath of the 78 Mardi Gras, factions in Sydney's gay community began to unite. For many, celebration was a more potent tool than protest, and continued to attract public attention through vibrant poster art.

Poster: CAMP NSW present a gay dance, light show

Glebe Town Hall, 24 July
1976

produced by CAMP NSW
POSTERS/2015/475

Poster: Gay Lib dance Hot 'n Sloppy / Blatant Outrage

Paddington Town Hall,
1 December 1975

produced by Gay Liberation
Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

Poster: Camp International Women's Year dance

Paddington Town Hall,
7 June 1975

produced by CAMP NSW
POSTERS/DANCES/5

Poster: Lesbians are everywhere: we demand the right to live openly

printed by Globe Press Pty
Ltd, 1970s
POSTERS/HOMOSEXUALITY/10

Poster: The Feminist Bookshop, 2 Rowntree Street, Balmain, c 1977 PXD 690/34

Poster: Lesbian spirit is a beauty within every woman produced by Lesbian Posters, 1970s POSTERS/2015/303

Poster: Witches and faggots, dykes and poofers designed by Matilda Graphics, 1980 POSTERS/2015/457

Poster: Gay radio comes to Sydney!

for 2SER-FM Gay Waves

designed and printed by
Mark Lyndon Matheson at
Stanley Palmer's Culture
Palace, 1979

POSTERS 2333/8

Poster: Dance gay liberation

Balmain Town Hall,
10 November 1973

POSTERS/HOMOSEXUALITY/15

Poster: Gay Lib dance

Paddington Town Hall,
5 May 1973

produced by Sydney Gay
Liberation

POSTERS/INVITATIONS/1

Poster: Clitoris Band

Annandale, c 1975

designed by Cess Lily
POSTERS/2015/243:

Poster: Gay dance

Stage 111 Bar, University of
NSW, 29 April 1978

Robert French collection, TBA

Poster: Fundraising dance

Paddington Town Hall,
5 May, c 1973

designed by David
McDiarmid for Sydney Gay
Liberation

POSTERS/HOMOSEXUALITY/1

Poster: Gay dance

Balmain Town Hall,
31 March 1979

POSTERS/2017/263

Flyer: Read Rouge

Feminist newsletter, c 1979
PXD 673/180

Handbill: Bend over backwards

Sydney Gay Men's Rap,
Palmer Street, Darlinghurst,
Wednesdays, 1979

produced by Stanley
Palmer's Culture Palace

Robert French collection, ON OFFER

Flyer: Gay men's rap

Palmer Street, Darlinghurst,
Wednesdays, c 1978

Peter Murphy Papers, MLMSS 6642/
Box 2

Poster: Come out dancing

Glebe Town Hall,
20 April 1979

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

Poster: A gay dance

Old Union, University of
Sydney, 2 March 1974

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

Poster: Gay disco dance

Surry Hills Acceptance,
13 November 1976

produced by CAMP NSW

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

Poster: Garibaldi's Benefit Weekend

Garibaldi's, 28 April c 1977

designed by Toby Zoates

Danny Abood papers, MLMSS 8095/
Box 1

Poster: Gay Lib Dance

Glebe Town Hall,
7 August 1976

produced by Gay
Liberation/ Tin Sheds

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

Poster: Gay Lib dance

Amended: 'National
Homosexual Conference
Dance, Paddington Town
Hall', 28 August 1978

produced by Gay
Liberation/ Tin Sheds

Robert French collection, ON OFFER

**Poster:
CAMP workshop
pottery**

Sydney, 19 November 1977

produced CAMP NSW

Robert French collection, ON OFFER

**Poster:
Homosexual dance**

Paddington Town Hall,
28 August 1978

produced CAMP NSW

Robert French collection, ON OFFER

Photography

**Poster:
Will Young's
'Sydneyphiles'**

Australian Centre for
Photography, 8 June –
9 July 1977

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**Sydneyphiles
exhibition views, 1977**

b&w and colour photoprints
from digital files

Courtesy William Yang

Film

**Poster:
Images of Gays**

film festival, Paris Theatre,
21–27 May 1978
(reproduction)

Johnny Allen collection, ON OFFER

Paris Theatre foyer

b&w photoprint from
negative by Sallie Colechin,
1978

Sallie Colechin collection, ON OFFER

Art

**Poster:
An exhibition of work
by homosexual &
lesbian artists**

Watters Gallery, Paddington,
23–24 July 1978

designed by David
McDiarmid, produced by the
Fourth National Homosexual
Conference Collective, 1978

Robert French collection, ON OFFER

**Doris Fish and Danny
Abood heading to
Watters Gallery**

colour photo, 1978

Danny Abood papers, MLMSS 8095/
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Performance

**Poster:
Synthetics
Saddington Diamonds**

Paddington Town Hall,
22 April 1977

made by Mark Matheson
and Doris Fish for Sydney
Gay Liberation

Lex Watson collection, ON OFFER

**Flyer:
Sylvia and the
Synthetics**

Paddington Town Hall,
13 October c 1974

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University 'Porn Fest'
show**

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