

The AIDS crisis in Darlinghurst

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MOODY BITCH DIES OF AIDS



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LOVED BY DAVID MACDARMID, JACK ALLEN, BILL WHITTAKER, CARLOS BOHNINGER (DEAD), TONY CUTHBE (DEAD), STEPHEN ALLEN, ANDREW SHOUENS (DEAD), STELLA GIBSON, MARTIN HASSANO, DAVID NICH, ROGER BLACKMON (DEAD), VERNON JOLLY, MAX FINELL, RON SMITH AND DORIS FISH (DEAD)

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Insight
VIEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

Looks at a decade of despair – and the bravery

The courage is unbelievable — at the front line and among those standing staunchly by

A DEATH A DAY

Ten years ago, a tiny item appeared in an American medical journal, noting the incidence of a strange phenomenon afflicting five hospital patients – all gay men. It was the first mention of an illness the world would soon come to view with terror.

Ten years later the first-line infected with AIDS are mostly dead or close to death – one person is dying every day.

And it is a young disease – a killer whose time has only just begun. The prognosis is frightening. Experts predict that in this, the second decade of AIDS, we are facing the second wave – a new ideal wave of infection that will affect both homosexual and heterosexual.

AIDS will no longer remain a remote disease that only strikes ‘someone else’. Each and every Australian family will be touched – we will ALL know of someone who has been afflicted.

Earlier this month America reeled in shock from the announcement that one of their greatest sporting heroes, Earvin ‘Magic’ Johnson, basketballer extraordinaire, was HIV positive – the precursory condition to AIDS.

He had contracted the disease apparently from an unsafe heterosexual encounter. His confession has been seen as a catalyst to hopefully make the straight community from its apathy.

With World AIDS Day on December 1, the AIDS Trust is gearing up for COUNTERAIDS, the largest World AIDS Day fund-raising event set for November 28.

SALLY MACMILLAN looks at the emerging picture, the warnings and the human face of the devastation – the unbelievable courage of those under a death sentence and those who stand staunch beside them.

CLOSE your eyes and think of five to 10 people in your life who are important to you.

Now imagine they are ALL dead within a period of two years... that five to 10 of your closest supports are wiped out, gone.

That is the sort of grief-everybody the gay community is experiencing right here, right now in Sydney.

AIDS has decimated the Australian family, shattered marriages, struck later we have 1700 died out of 15,224 HIV positive.

And it's a time bomb waiting to explode. From August 1 to August 31 this year, 74 people tested positive. There are people who have undergone testing. Thousands of others possibly at risk have not.

fection are going to kill.

‘Probably 80 to 90 per cent of people in Australia will either know someone who has AIDS or has died of AIDS.’

AIDS activist Lloyd Croome, convener of a lobbying and watching group called People Living With AIDS goes straight to the heart of the matter.

‘When Newcastle was devastated. Well, the devastation in Newcastle is nothing compared to the devastation on the streets of Darlington.’

‘We have individuals who have lost 100 per cent of their friends. Their families have deserted them, they’ve been thrown out of their homes.’

TIM – a graduate of NIDA, playwright, actor, writer – has just turned 22.

There was no celebration last week. He spent his birthday instead, at the St Vincent’s Hospital bedside of his lover, John, who is dying.

Tim is too. He just happens to be a little physically stronger than John, his high school sweetheart and lover of 15 years. He will probably hold on longer. At least for a little while.

Tim looks great. That’s how false the insidious disease can be. HIV positive for 18 years, this talented and articulate young man has battled and overcome a number of secondary infections that have landed him, too, in hospital. He’s on steroids to counter one such infection – hence his false good health.

From this interview Tim leaves to make out his will. He has already seen to John’s. He has contemplated suicide too. Yet he, like many other people living with AIDS, pretends an awesome courage. He asks that his last name be deleted for the sake of his father. But a photo is important.

For Tim believes he is the face of Australian AIDS that the straight community would rather ignore. The clean-cut human face of AIDS. He could be your son, your brother, your cousin, the next door neighbour.

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‘I’d like people out there to think a little about it. To think that every time someone dies of AIDS a large range of people is affected. There are friends, there are families, lovers, workmates and that by treating people with HIV as something ‘other’ they are denying the fact that they’re human and have a life and that people are dependent on them.’

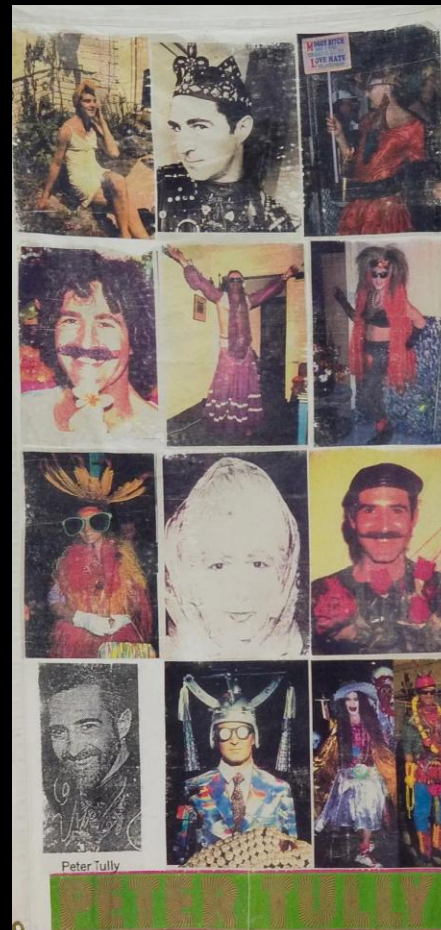
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‘Hope is for those only recently infected’

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FIERCE QUEEN DIES OF AIDS: Attitude survives



Peter Tully 1947-92

‘A death a day...stories from the front line’

Daily Telegraph 1991

‘Fierce Queen, 1993

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Discos

- 1 Flo's, 97 Oxford, Darlinghurst.
- 2 International Vanities, 163 Oxford, Darlinghurst. 31 8034.
- 3 Patches, 33 Oxford, Darlinghurst.
- 4 Tropicana, 85 Oxford, Darlinghurst.
- Carlisle House (The Old COSTELLO), 2 Kellie St., Kings Cross.

Bars

- 5 BADLANDS at the Beresford Hotel, 354 Bourke Street.
- 6 Signal, Crown Lane, East Sydney.
- 7 Barracks, 7 Flinders St., Taylor Square.
- 8 Ruby Reds, 275 Crown Street, Darlinghurst.
- 9 Barrel Inn, 12 Challis Ave., Potts Point. 358 2454.
- 10 Tuna's 242 Williams, Kings Cross.
- 11 Traffic Light, 242 Oxford, Paddington. 31 3208.

Steam Baths

- 12 Bondi Inlet, 109 Oxford, Bondi Junction.
- 13 King Steam, 127 King, City. 232 4254.
- 14 KKK, 83 Anzac Pde., Kensington. 662 1357.
- 15 Roman Baths, 250 Pitt, City. 233 3249.
- 16 253, 253 Oxford, Darlinghurst.

Business Directory

- Gaymate . . . Psychologist, 63 Crown, East Sydney. 33 3931.
 Moore Park Pharmacy, 608 Crown St., Surry Hills. 699 7547.
 L'uomo, 22 Cooper, Double Bay. 32 0553.
 Plasterpuss Bookshop, 716 George, Sydney.
 Reily's Pharmacy, 715 Oxford St., Darlinghurst. 357 4603/9am to 10 p.m.
 Neville's Shoe Repairs, 7 Oxford St., Paddington.
 The Link, 91 Crown St., Darlinghurst.
 Pleasure Chest, 646 George St.
 Electricians: George and Ian, 699 5735.
 Broadway Record Centre, 247 Broadway, Ph. 660-4711.
 License Plaza Records MLC Centre, Martin Plaza, City.
 Studio One (Clothing) 440 Oxford St., Paddington 357-5535.
 STD Clinic (VD Clinic), 47 Albert St. Ph. 240 1947.

Hotels

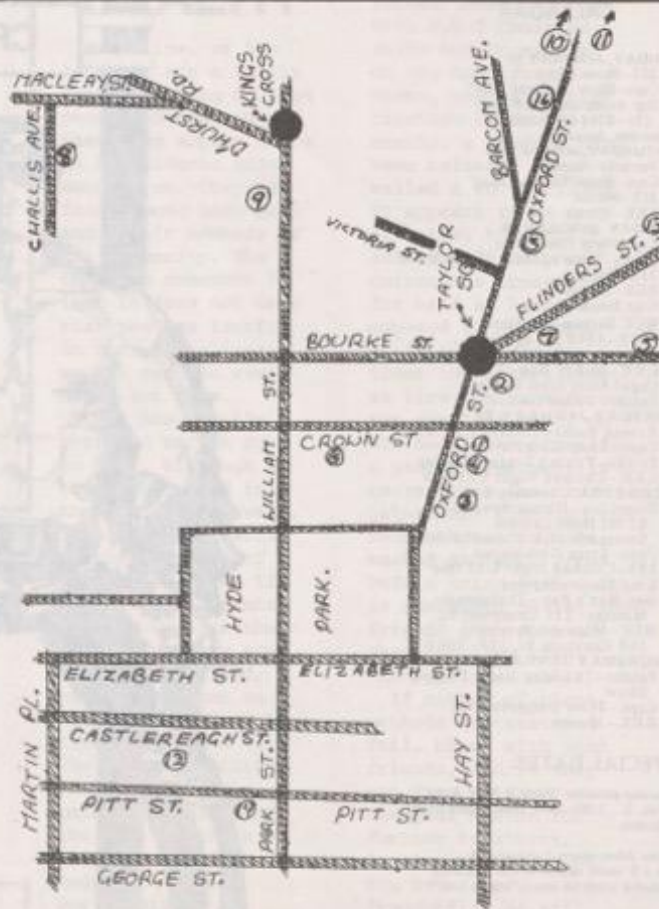
- BADLANDS at the Beresford Hotel, 354 Bourke Street.
 Apollo Bar, Imperial Hotel, 252 Oxford, Paddington, 31 3230.
 Cricketer's Arms, 106 Fitzroy, Surry Hills. 31 3301.
 Bibi's (Woolahra Hotel), 116 Queen, Woolahra, 32 3902.
 Royal George Hotel, Cnr. King and Sussex Sts., City.
 16 Unicorn, 106 Oxford St., Paddington.

Restaurants

- La Lorraine, 212 Chalmers, Surry Hills. 699 3480.
 Carlisle House (The Old COSTELLO), 2 Kellie St., Kings Cross.

Gyms

- City Gym, 72 William, East Sydney. 357 6247.
 Fitness Exchange, 41 Albion Ave., Paddington.
 American Health Spa, 49 Market St., City 61-6981
 Michael Hunt's Health Spa, 120 Pacific Hwy., St Leonards 432699



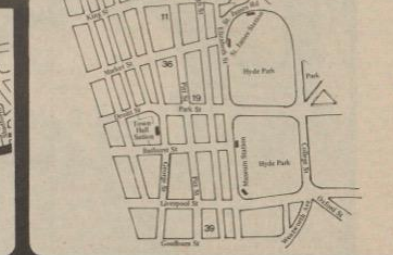
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Paddington

Oxford St.

City



we want to tell you where to go

Hotels:

- 1 Cricketers Arms, 106 Fitzroy Street, Surry Hills.
- 2 Unicorn, 106 Oxford Street, Paddington.
- 3 Beresford, 354 Bourke Street, Surry Hills.
- 4 Flinders, 63 Flinders Street, Surry Hills.
- 5 Railway, 6 Oxford Street, Paddington.
- 6 Exchange, 34 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.

Discos:

- 7 Capricorn's, 163 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.
- 8 Eliza's Palace, 97 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.
- 9 Physics, 33 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.
- 10 The Midnight Shift, 85 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.
- 11 Stranded, The Strand Arcade, Pitt Street, Sydney.

Bars:

- 12 The Barracks, 7 Flinders Street, Taylor Square.
- 13 Ruby Reds, 275 Crown Street, Darlinghurst.
- 14 Apollo Bar, 252 Oxford Street, Paddington.

Real Estate:

- 15 D.A. Coleman, 106 Farnham Road, Eastmore.
- 16 Oxford Road Estate, 208 Crown Street, Surry Hills.
- 17 Pitt Street, 482 Bourke Street, Surry Hills.

Baths/Spas:

- 18 Kera Karate Klub (KKK), 83 Anzac Parade, Kensington.
- 19 The Roman Bath, 250 Pitt Street, Sydney.
- 20 21 Baths, 253 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.
- 21 King Steam, Near 128 Pitt Street, Sydney.

Services:

- 22 City Conveyancing Service, 211-1177.
- 23 City What's On, 211-1436.
- 24 STD (VD) Clinic (Gates), 37 Albert Street, Sydney - For information dial 211-9990 (Mon), 211-9993 (Women), G.P.O. Box 415, Sydney, 2001.

Restaurants:

- 25 Athury Dining Room, 6 Oxford Street, Paddington.
- 26 Taurus, 409 Liverpool Street, Darlinghurst.
- 27 The Eatery at The Unicorn, 106 Oxford Street, Paddington.
- 28 Jump at The Cricketers Arms, 106 Fitzroy Street, Surry Hills.
- 29 The Hot House at The Beresford, 354 Bourke Street, Surry Hills.
- 30 Outback at The Flinders Hotel, 63 Flinders Street, Darlinghurst.
- 31 The Green Park Dining, 219 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.
- 32 Stillies Supper House, 47 Norton Street, Leichhardt.

Gyms:

- 34 City Gym, 72 William Street, East Sydney.
- 35 The Fitness Exchange, 51 Holt Street, Surry Hills.
- 36 American Health Spa, 49 Market Street, Sydney.

Bookshops:

- 37 Numbers, 92 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.
- 38 Plasterpuss, 716 George Street, Sydney.
- 39 Alternative, 312 Pitt Street, Sydney.

Clubs:

- 40 Club 80, 48 Little Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.
- 41 South Pacific Music Club, 2 Lilyfield Road, Rozelle.
- 42 The Room, at The Flinders Hotel - Tuesday.
- 43 The Dolphins, at The Beresford Hotel - Wednesday.

Travels:

- 44 Universal Travel, 624 Crown Street, Surry Hills.
- 45 Centro International Travel, 200 Gougham St., Darlinghurst.
- 46 Vanguard Travel, 402 Oxford Street, Paddington.

Chemists:

- 47 Rely's Pharmacy, 213 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.
- 48 House Park Pharmacy, 408 Crown Street, Surry Hills.
- 49 Madway Pharmacy, 115 Madway Street, Potts Point.
- 50 Brian Maguire Pharmacy, 3 Barrack Street, Sydney.

Churches:

- 51 Metropolitan Community Church - Office: Floor 7, 265 Elizabeth Street, Sydney. 264-6120. Sunday service: The Village Church, Oxford Street, Paddington.
- 52 Acceptance (Gay Catholics), Friday: 51 Holt Street, Surry Hills.
- 53 Anglican (Anglican), P.O. Box 26, Hunters Hill, NSW 2110.



'The Guide' SSO, 1979, 1982



Sara Lubowitz, 1990



Peter Vincent, 1986



William Yang: Darlinghurst Ghetto, 1981, NLA

Yang: 'In the 1980s people living in the Darlinghurst, Surry Hills area found they could work at a gay establishment, live in a gay household and fraternise in the gay venues at night. In short, they didn't have to have contact with the straight world at all.'