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SYDNEY LEATHER MEN

INC.



PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Brothers, Another month has passed, hard to believe we're already heading toward the end of the year. We'll send out a full Year in Review wrap-up in December, but for now I want to encourage everyone to lean in and make the most of our final events for 2025.

This Friday is our Monthly Social, our **final dedicated Monthly Social of 2025**. If you've been meaning to come along, this is the one. We've come very close recently to beating our attendance record from back during World Pride 2023, let's see if we can nudge past it together.

We'll have our membership desk open from 7:00–8:30 PM for anyone needing help with digital cards, renewals, or the new member portal.

Following our social, we move into **UNITY on Friday the 5th of December**, now proudly co-presented with WAQK, DOB Sydney, and we're excited to welcome SYD-PAH into the fold. **UNITY is free and is about community first**. Yes, it clashes with another party later that night, so we've brought in the **incredible DJ George Roussos from 8 PM to 11 PM** in the dance room at Darling Nikki's. Come socialise, stay for the sweat and have a fantastic night with likeminded people.

On Saturday 6 December, we roll into Trash Daddy at the Oxford. SLM members get discounted entry with presale tickets, or show your digital member card at the door and the discount still applies.

To finish the year, we're taking things outdoors on **Sunday 7th December from Midday for the Leather Feast Picnic**, casual, relaxed and BYO. Despite the name, wear whatever makes you comfortable. It's about connection, not dress code. Our motto still applies: Show Up and Connect. We have some surprises in store.

A quick update on recent venue-related chatter: we shared details with financial members regarding the Harbour City Bears shifting their regular Fridays to the Kings Cross Hotel. **SLM will not be moving**. We have a strong, supportive relationship with The Oxford Hotel, and our events and community have flourished there throughout 2025. We wish the Bears well in their new space and continuing the great relationship we have built with them.

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In more good news, we are approaching 200 financial members, smashing our 2025 target well ahead of schedule. Thank you for being here and believing in what SLM is creating.

We're really pleased to see so many of our members and the wider community using our website as the central source of truth for news, events, and galleries. Our analytics show a strong increase in traffic across the site, which tells us that people are shifting to the platform we own rather than the ones that restrict us. Thank you for adapting with us as we continue to navigate META's ongoing throttling and the removal of fetish-related pages and groups. We're refining our communication strategy to rely less on social media, email and our website will remain central going forward. If you haven't already, please make sure you're following us on Bluesky and Fetlife, as more kink and leather communities are relocating there. Your presence and engagement help keep our community visible and connected.

We also want to extend our best wishes to everyone involved with GEAR'd Adelaide. With several people stepping up for the Adelaide titles, we congratulate all contestants and hope the weekend is an incredible success for the organisers, volunteers, and community alike. In other news around the country, there are reports circulating that the Laird Hotel in Melbourne may be in the process of being sold to the team behind HANKY Party, interesting times ahead for the Melbourne leather and fetish scene. Change brings opportunity, and we look forward to seeing how these developments contribute to the growth and visibility of leather culture.

A few extra dates worth locking in:

- **Sunday 23 November** – Rooftop BBQ at Bears on Sunday at the Townie, SLM volunteers will be there supporting our titleholder Luis and friends as they cook the BBQ.
- **Saturday 20th December** – SLM Coat Check Volunteers are Needed at **Bear Pit** (Darling Nikki's). If you're able to help, please reach out, this is a great way to give back and meet people.

As we round out the year, there's still plenty happening, and 2026 is shaping up to be massive.

Thank you for showing up, for supporting local, and for being part of our community.

See you out and about,
Igor 'Coach' Rudar
President - Sydney Leather Men Inc.



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

We've relaunched our mailing list to strengthen email communication following the recent Meta issues, and in October we officially launched our new Member Platform, a major step forward for SLM and our ability to communicate information by email to members and our wider audience.

<https://sydneyleathermen.com/subscribe/>



NEW

UPDATE

We're excited to share that in the last few days we received confirmation that the **Sydney Leather Community has once again been successful in securing a spot in the 2026 Mardi Gras Parade.** This year's parade entry will ensure the focus remains squarely on community. There are still some details to finalise before participation applications open, but the exciting news is that our wider community will once again have the opportunity to proudly showcase our leather authenticity and culture in 2026.

We are awaiting confirmation on a fair day stall application for the leather, fetish and kink community that we hope will get the go-ahead, stay tuned.

WEBSITE UPDATES

Over the past month we've been talking about making our website the central home for communication and information. Now that our member portal has been improved, we've taken the opportunity to refresh and streamline the website to make it more user-friendly.

We've added filters to the "Events Calendar" so you can now view SLM-hosted events or community partner events at a glance. We cleaned up the menu system and removed unnecessary buttons from the homepage, making everything easier to find. We've added social links to the footer and created a new Committee Identification page so that new members and guests can easily recognise who to approach at events.

Our "About Us" page has been updated for the first time in years. It now reflects our ongoing commitment to our values and mottos: Gear Up. Show Up. Connect., our aim is to build community one connection at a time.

We encourage everyone to explore the "Document Library", where you'll find all our policies including the Code of Conduct, Participation Policy, Consent & Dress Code, Conflict Resolution, and Privacy. Transparency and safe spaces matter, and these documents guide how we show up for each other.

We have more improvements planned, including knowledge and resource sections. **If someone in our community has web development experience and would like to volunteer as our webmaster to support our continued growth, please reach out, we'd love to hear from you.**

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

SLM runs on the power of community. As we grow, **we need volunteers to help with manning doors and coat check** at events, or even assisting with event organisation through to helping cook a BBQ.

Every hour you give helps build our culture and keeps our spaces strong. No experience needed, just willingness to show up and help.

We're looking for someone who would love to volunteer as our social media and communications lead, if you're passionate about helping shape our voice and promotion of clubs like SLM, we'd love to hear from you.

If you believe in connection, visibility, and supporting leather brotherhood, now is the time to get involved.



NEWSLETTER

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

PUNKuture

We're thrilled to have Punkuture Leather as one of SLM's valued sponsors, a name synonymous with bold design, quality craftsmanship, and the spirit of individuality that runs deep in our community.

Founded and run by Sydney-leather artisan Nikki Goldspink, Punkuture has been creating exceptional leatherwear since 1993. Nikki's work combines punk attitude with timeless craftsmanship, every piece is built to last, designed to turn heads, and made to be lived in.



Whether you're gearing up for Inquisition (Punkuture is taking orders now!) or simply want leather that looks incredible and holds up to whatever the night brings, Punkuture has you covered.

SLM members get 10% off the ready-made collection, a perfect excuse to upgrade your look.

You can:

- Shop ready-made pieces online
- Order made-to-measure items in your choice of colours and finishes
- Visit Nikki's Kirrawee workshop by appointment for custom designs

Explore the collection now: <https://punkuture.com/shop>



GOT NEWSLETTER CONTENT OR IDEAS?

EMAIL YOUR IDEAS, INTERVIEWS OR CONTENT

COMMUNICATION@SYDNEYLEATHERMEN.COM

THE SOUNDTRACK OF SLM

The music you often hear at SLM events is produced by one of our very own community members, DJ Urpsyne! Not only has Urpsyne created the incredible soundtrack that sets the tone for our socials, but we're also excited to share that they'll be playing live at an upcoming SLM Social.

Find the podcasts on <https://hearthis.at/urpsyne>



URPSYNE

LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER

As we head into the holiday season, remember to look out for each other. This time of year can be tough for many, so check in, reach out, and stay connected. In the wise words of Gloria Gaynor: We are family. **Let's make sure no one feels alone.**

**ATTENTION
PLEASE**

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

BRENDAN B

Who are you, and what's your role in SLM?

I'm Brendan, part of the Sydney Leather Men crew and a General Committee Member. You'll usually find me helping out at events, saying hi to newcomers, or somewhere near the dance floor with a drink in hand. I'm here to support and provide back up to the experts!

Describe yourself in a few words, including why you joined SLM.

Adventurous, curious, a bit cheeky. I joined SLM for the people, the mix of friendship, play, and that spark you only find in leather spaces.

What brings you joy outside of kink and leather?

The beach and sea are my go-to, feel good places. I'm a bit creative ; I like making things – what that looks like can vary greatly and depends on my current obsession and having a good meal or dance with friends. I'm also a lifelong sci-fi and super hero fan. I'd like to think more Superman, but I tend to end up identifying more with the Dark Night.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

Mind-reading.... or flying! The first one is really useful, the second just for fun and the feeling of freedom!

Are there particular kinks or dynamics that are core to who you are, and why?

Leather is my fetish; my kinks are less well defined and are constantly evolving and changing. I don't believe in being boxed into a particular kink but it will be centered on leather. I'll let you know what I'd like to test drive!

What's something you want people to know, something that's important to you?

Community is complex and can be difficult, but connection is essential for our health. Leather's for everyone, every body, every story. Just show up as yourself, have fun, and bring a bit of heart (and maybe a bit of adventurousness and cheekiness).

2026 EVENT BANNER PHOTOSHOOT

We've got something fun brewing... before the end of this year, SLM is teaming up with Darkroom Daddy for a special photo shoot to create the new banners for our Monthly Socials for 2026 events. And rather than using models or stock photos, we want to feature the real stars of SLM — YOU.

If you've ever thought, "I'd look great on a banner" this is your moment.

You don't need to be BLUF, you don't need a title sash, and you definitely don't need to take yourself too seriously. We're looking to highlight the personality, diversity, and gear that shows up at our events, from full leather to denim and kink. Bring your look, bring your confidence, and bring your sense of fun.

If you're interested in being one of our 2026 banner faces, reach out to Darkroom Daddy via email (darkroomdaddy@outlook.com) and put "SLM Shoot" in the subject line.



SEPTEMBER SOCIAL UPDATE

Wow, what an amazing night! The room was absolutely packed, once again nudging the record books and marking the most people we've ever had at two consecutive events. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and made it another unforgettable SLM Social!

What made this one extra special was the incredible mix of guests from all over Australia and beyond. A big shoutout to those who travelled from New Zealand, especially Shaun from the Auckland Gear Up Thursday group, and to BB and Craig, the Laird Leathermen, for joining us. We also had visitors from Queensland's sunny state, along with our local titleholders — Zed (Sydney Mx Leather 2025) and the super-talented Bootblack Mia (Sydney Bootblack 2025), all who brought their wonderful energy to the room.

A special thanks also to Eddy (Mr Bavarian Leather 2022 & 2023) and his husband Jerome for joining us. It was fantastic to see so many familiar and new faces, including a large contingent of first-timers, we hope you all felt welcomed and had a great time!

We're thrilled to share that we had 9 new members sign up last night! Huge thanks to Quinn, our volunteer at the member desk, for helping people sign up, activate digital cards, and navigate the member portal. We'll have the member desk open again next month for anyone needing help with digital cards or portal access.

Big appreciation to our door and bag check volunteers, Brendan B, Brendon L, Timo, Mark C, and Colin C, for greeting guests, managing coat check, and keeping things running smoothly.

Congratulations to our lucky prize winners:

🏆 Graeme – \$150 Sax Voucher + Folsom Europe Stickers

🏆 Asim – \$100 Studio Kink Voucher

🏆 Kerry – \$100 Naughty Boy Voucher

🏆 Daniel – Drinks Voucher + Tickets to Trash Daddy

💰 The Member Cash Draw didn't go off this month (sorry, David Ius!) — so next month, it jackpots to \$150!

OCTOBER MONTHLY SOCIAL IMAGE GALLERY - [CLICK THE IMAGE](#)



NEXT EVENT - THIS FRIDAY

November Monthly Leather Social & BLUF Social & Cigar Night.

- Free Entry & Coat Check for Members, \$5 Non-Members.
- Discounted Drinks for Members
- Members Cash Draw and Sponsor Raffles
- Cigar Balcony



COMING UP THIS SATURDAY



Ever wanted to flirt in Auslan?

Or figure out how deaf and hearing can play together safely?

How to enable lip reading without killing the vibe?

This workshop is for you!

<https://www.studiokink.com/#!/sign-and-connect>

COMING UP THIS SATURDAY

Saturday Nov 15 - D.A.R.K.

\$20 at the door DJs all night | Coat Check included

Lvl 2 Burdekin Hotel, Oxford St

Popular themed gear nights are a celebration of our community. DJs to keep the tunes flowing. Eagle Bar Sydney partner with Sydney Leathermen. Members receive 20% off entry on presentation of your membership card.

Eagle Bar Returns for Mardi Gras in 2026 from Friday 20th February to Friday 27th February. Returning for the 6th season of MG events. Themed nights for all gear folk. NO Gear, NO Fear - we don't enforce a door policy.



NEW TITLEHOLDER CHARITY EVENT ANNOUNCED



Sydney Leather Titles Charity Event

Join us on Sat, Jan 24th, 2026 at Darling Nikki's from 6pm till late for the ultimate Sydney Leather Titles Charity Event!

Our amazing Sydney Leather Titleholders 2025 are raising funds & awareness for their chosen charities:

- **Zed** (Sydney Mx. Leather 2025) for <https://qlife.org.au/>
- **Mia** (Sydney Bootblack 2025) for <https://fullstop.org.au/>
- **Margo** (Sydney Ms. Leather 2025) for <https://swop.org.au/>
- **Luis** (Sydney Mr. Leather 2025) for <https://www.bgf.org.au/>

Raffle Prizes to be won! | Big Announcements for the Sydney Leather & Kink community in 2026!

But wait, there's more!



Inquisition 2027 DJ Competition! Think you've got the beats? Win a paid set at Inquisition 2027 + tickets to our Feb 21st dance party!

INQUISITION 2027 DJ Competition Entry Form! - <https://forms.gle/ihodN99iHFazWR6A7>

*Finalists Announced: Friday, December 18, 2025

Competition Finals Date: Saturday, January 24, 2026, at Darling Nikki's (60-minute set required).

Judging: Audience Vote (40%), Sydney Leather Titles (60%). Vote for your favourite DJ on the night!

Tickets On Sale Now!!! - <https://events.humanitix.com/flash-ya-sash>

All proceeds go directly to these incredible charities.

Let's rally together, support our titleholders, and make a massive impact

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NEWSLETTER

UNITY - WHERE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER

**FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER
7PM TO MIDNIGHT**

UNITY is presented by:

- Women & Queers of Kink (WAQK)
- Dykes on Bikes Sydney (DOB)
- Sydney Pups & Handlers (SYDPAH)
- Sydney Leather Men Inc (SLM)



DJ GEORGE ROUSSOS
8PM TO 11PM

**ALL FET!SH
ALL WELCOME**

FREE ENTRY



**DANCE ROOM
DJ GEORGE ROUSSOS
8PM - 11PM**



WHERE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER

LEATHER, FET!SH & K!NK SOCIAL

**FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER
7PM - MIDNIGHT**



UNITY: Where CommUNITY Comes Together – UNITY is a Leather, Fetish and Kink social.

UNITY is about celebrating ALL our community's diversity, embracing ALL fetishes, ALL gender expressions, and ALL pronouns. It's a space for everyone to connect, bond, support, and party together.

This is a final chance for 2025 for all groups, all people in the leather fetish and kink community to come together and celebrate a fantastic year of CONNECTION.

FREE ENTRY

**** UNITY WILL BE THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE NEW MX LEATHER T-SHIRT BY SYDNEY
MX LEATHER 2025 - ZED ** SHIRTS ON SALE.**

BAR AREA & COURTYARD AREA'S SOCIAL SPACE

DANCE ROOM 8PM - 11PM WITH DJ GEORGE ROUSSOS

FOOD AVAILABLE ON SITE, COME EARLY FOR DINNER.

Darling Nikki's, Princes Highway St Peters.

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MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

This year, we're giving our Leather Feast a twist! Instead of gathering indoors, we're taking it outdoors for a relaxed BYO picnic in Centennial Park. It's our way of wrapping up the year, celebrating the connections we've built, and enjoying some downtime together with our leather brothers.

Join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon.



**SAT
DEC 6TH**
OXFORD UNDERGROUND
8PM - LATE



Are you gagging for more? Ready to get Filthy?

TrashDaddy returns: Locked Up Tight, a night of filthy, sleazy, fierce energy. Expect pounding progressive house, hypnotic beats, and a dancefloor packed with your tribe.

Tickets – SLM Members: \$35 +bf
Code In Member Portal Profiles to unlock discounted tickets.

Door Tickets: \$35 (+bf for cards) when you show your SLM members card. YES that's right, same price on the door, so bring your cash or card.

Coatcheck is included in your ticket.



OVER 300 TICKETS GONE!

FIRST RELEASE SOLD OUT! SECOND RELEASE NOW ON SALE

Second Release Tickets Are ON SALE NOW. Grab your tickets now before they disappear <https://hausofsavvy.au/inquisition>

Join us Saturday, 21 February 2026, at the Factory Theatre for the ultimate night of leather, rubber, and pure unrestrained energy.

This isn't just another party. This is INQUISITION — the beating heart of Sydney's kink scene.

INQUISITION 2026 is a fundraising event for the **Sydney Leather Festival in 2026**.

INQUISITION 2026 is proudly supported by Sydney Leather Men Inc. (SLM), DOB Sydney (DOB), Sydney Pups and Handlers (SYD-PAH) and WAQK Women and Queens of Kink (WAQK).

Discount code for tickets is in Members Profiles.

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10% OFF SLM MERCHANDISE

MONTHLY MEMBERS CASH RAW

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



5 FREE CHANCES MONTHLY TO WIN

- \$150 SAX VOUCHER
- \$100 NAUGHTY BOY VOUCHER
- \$100 STUDIO KINK VOUCHER
- \$25 BAR TAB - OXFORD HOTEL



10% OFF WORKSHOPS

MONTHLY MEMBER DOOR PRIZE



\$10 OFF EVENT TICKETS



15% OFF SERVICES



10% OFF STOCKED ITEMS



10% OFF PURCHASES

MONTHLY MEMBER DOOR PRIZE



10% OFF PURCHASES



15% OFF PURCHASES

MONTHLY MEMBER DOOR PRIZE



**MEMBER DRINKS SPECIALS
EVERYDAY ALL DAY.**

MONTHLY MEMBER DOOR PRIZE



20% OFF SINGLE ENTRY

20% OFF MERCHANDISE



10% OFF PURCHASES

**MEMBERS REGULARLY GET DISCOUNTS
FOR TRASH DADDY & BRUTE CLUBS
ROGUE PARTIES AND MORE.**



10% OFF SESSIONS*

***APPLIES TO STANDARD
RATES, DOES NOT APPLY TO
OUTCALLS OR FIRST SESSION
OFFER.**



**ADULT STUFF
WAREHOUSE**

10% OFF PURCHASES



SYDNEY SAUNA

\$8 OFF STANDARD ENTRY

***ONLY APPLIES FOR STANDARD
ENTRY WHEN \$28, DOES NOT
APPLY TO SPECIAL EVENTS OR
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.**

MEMBER BENEFITS AS AT SEPTEMBER 2025.