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SYDNEY LEATHER MEN INC.



PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Welcome to our new-format SLM Newsletter!

We hope you find this version more engaging, informative, and easier to navigate as we continue to evolve how we communicate with our members and community. This new approach also aligns with our ongoing focus on making our website the central source of truth for all SLM news, updates, and information.

This newsletter will always remain a public document, so it won't include member-only content. For that, please continue to check the Member Portal, where you'll find exclusive updates, offers, and information tailored to financial members.

Committee life is often a rewarding yet challenging experience. It requires balancing the vision and trajectory of SLM with diverse opinions and expectations of our wider community. It takes personal time, commitment, and a genuine passion for community. With that in mind, I want to share that **Phil Reilly, who has served as our President since January this year, has made the difficult decision to resign from the committee effective immediately.** This decision comes as Phil manages professional commitments and a need to balance his workload.

We fully respect Phil's choice to prioritise his wellbeing and professional life, and we thank him deeply for his leadership, creativity, and advocacy for our community and the arts. We hope to see Phil at events and around the community, he's been an incredible asset to SLM and a true community champion.

Following Phil's resignation, the committee has endorsed me to step into the role of President until the next AGM in the first half of 2026. As a co-founder of SLM, I'm proud to take on this responsibility. I remain deeply passionate about SLM's continued growth and success and remain confident that, together, we'll continue building on the strong foundations already laid.

This change also means that our Treasurer and former President, Mick Watson, will be stepping into the role of Vice President. Mick will continue his Treasurer duties while we implement workload improvements across the committee, and his experience and support will be invaluable.

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Communications and Events

You'll also notice in this issue details about the recent social media challenges and restrictions we've faced on Meta platforms. In response, we've developed a new communications strategy that places our website at the heart of all information, supported by our new presences on Bluesky, Fetlife, and WhatsApp. We'll continue to use Meta platforms for now, but primarily as referral points directing people to our website. Please be sure to follow us on Bluesky (@SydneyLeatherMen) and Fetlife (SydneyLeatherMen) to stay up to date.

Our Events Team has confirmed our 2026 Socials at The Polo Lounge, Oxford Hotel, and we look forward to continuing this great partnership while exploring new opportunities for accessible venues and events throughout the year. We appreciate the feedback around accessibility and remain committed to doing our best within the constraints of available spaces.

If you have concerns or suggestions, I encourage you to speak directly with me or the Events Team rather than through social media. Constructive dialogue always leads to better understanding and solutions.

Member Platform & Mailing List

We've also 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. This has been a significant investment of both time and money, and I want to give special thanks to Mick Watson for his tireless work in getting it operational. You'll find more details about the platform and how to access your member profile in this issue.

Thank you for being part of SLM and for helping us continue to grow, evolve, and thrive as a community. As always, I welcome constructive feedback and open two way conversations, we may not always agree, but the first step is to listen and understand.

See you at our next social on Friday 17th October, and remember to tag your moments with #WeAreSLM

Leather and pride,
Igor 'Coach' Rudar
President – Sydney Leather Men Inc.

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 their podcasts on <https://hearthis.at/urpsyne>



URPSYNE

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Over the past few weeks, we've seen a worrying trend: fetish community pages and profiles being removed or restricted by social media platforms. **Sadly, this has affected us too.**

SLM itself has now been flagged as "at risk." This means our page no longer appears in search or recommendations, making it harder for people to find us. We're deeply concerned about losing years of history and connection at the push of a button or through unreasonable AI.

Challenges like this also give us the chance to grow stronger. We're using this moment to build a renewed communications strategy, centered on our own website, a home that we can own our content. We'll supplement that with an increased presence on Bluesky, Fetlife and our Whatsapp Community. We will beef up our newsletters and relaunch our mailing list for email updates. We will initially continue to place generic posts to Instagram, Threads and Facebook as a means of referral only, which presents a degree of risk in itself.

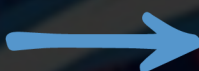
It's frustrating to face **unfair restrictions and throttling**, but it's also a reminder of how resilient our community is. **Platforms may silence pages, but they can't silence connection, friendship, or the energy we create together.**

It sometimes feels like Meta is working to silence or erase the alternative sides of life and community, which makes word of mouth more important than ever. We need your help to spread the word about SLM: **tell your friends, share our events, and help promote what we do every chance you get.**

Check our website regularly, watch your inbox, and follow us Bluesky and Fetlife. The future remains bright, and we're excited to shape it with you. #weareslm



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NEWS FEED



@sydneyleathermen.bsky.social



FetLife
BDSM & Kink



https://fetlife.com/SydneyLeatherMen

LINKS TO OTHER COMMUNITY BLUESKY PAGES.

- Sydney Fetish Events Page - <https://bsky.app/profile/sydneyfetish.bsky.social>
- Sydney Leather Festival - <https://bsky.app/profile/sydneyleatherfest.bsky.social>
- Studio Kink - <https://bsky.app/profile/studiokinksydney.bsky.social>

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We're thrilled to share that our membership has now reached **178** – already ahead of the goal we set for 2025! This is a fantastic milestone and a strong reflection of the support and passion within our community.

Recently, we launched our new membership system, which makes **membership even more worthwhile year-round**. With dynamic renewal dates, **your membership now runs for 12 months from when you join** or renew, no more waiting until the start of a new year to get the most out of it.



We have introduced a small increase in membership fees, but we remain fully committed to keeping membership great value. Beyond the benefits, being a member is about supporting the growth and future of our club, ensuring we can continue to provide events, initiatives, and spaces that bring our community together. Thank you to everyone who has joined recently, you're helping us build something bigger and stronger.

Our New Member Portal is Live!

Our new member portal and member management system, is powered by Join It – an LGBTQIA+ company based in the US and already trusted by several community groups here in Sydney.

This is fully automated, and we strongly encourage you to enable auto-renew for a smoother experience.

Digital Membership Cards

We're stepping into the modern age! Digital cards can be scanned at events and used with sponsors to redeem benefits. Please upload a profile photo to your member profile to make identification quick and easy. We're excited about this step forward and grateful for your support as we modernise and strengthen our community.

<https://sydneyleathermen.com/membership/>, You can add the web browser app to your phone using - <https://app.joinit.com/login>

Individual - Annual

\$40.00 /annual

* Optional Rebilling

JOIN

Annual Membership of Sydney Leather Men for an Individual. Discover a world of exclusive perks and benefits through our Member Partner Program and benefits shown below.

Interstate Supporter - Annual

\$25.00 /annual

* Optional Rebilling

JOIN

Annual Membership of Sydney Leather Men for an Individual Person who resides outside of NSW. This membership is designed for those who want to support from a distance with an intention to attend events when in Sydney.



GOT NEWSLETTER CONTENT OR IDEAS?

EMAIL YOUR IDEAS, INTERVIEWS OR CONTENT

COMMUNICATION@SYDNEYLEATHERMEN.COM

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SLM BRANDED HANKY UPDATE

During Sydney Leather Festival, we announced pre-orders for a Sydney Leather Men branded hanky featuring a unique black and white design. The original plan was to have them printed through a company, however due to the low volume of pre-orders, we made the decision to pivot and produce the hankies ourselves, from the design, sourcing to hand printing them.

I have been working with fellow committee member Timo Rissanen on this project and his help and input has been invaluable. It has taken some time for us to work out the production, as these are fairly large prints and will see some minor tweaks in the appearance, so we apologise for the delay and thank you all for your patience.

We believe that by hand printing these ourselves, the hankies will have a more authentic feel, made by leather men, for the leather community. We currently have plans to print later in November with pre-orders as a priority. After pre-orders, there will be a limited number of hankies left to sell at socials and for Mardi Gras Fair Day. Our goal is to make the best possible product we can, so we hope you can wait a little longer and look forward to an update in the near future. If the wait is too long then please reach out to discuss. Merchandise Officer – Jaime



*Mockup Only. Colour may not match final product

WOOFCLUB COAT CHECK CHARITY DONATION

On Saturday 20th September, we were honoured to run the Coat Check for the iconic WoofClub party at the Burdekin Hotel. It was an incredible evening, so many hot people dressed to impress, awesome music, and an atmosphere elevated by lasers and lighting that kept the energy high and sweat plentiful.

A huge thank you to Steve and the WoofClub AUSTRALIA team for giving Sydney Leather Men the opportunity to run Coat Check and raise funds for important causes. None of the money raised goes to SLM, instead, thanks to the generosity of everyone on the night, we raised almost \$500, with Steve and WoofClub kindly topping it up to an amazing \$700!

We are proud to confirm donations of \$350 to Twenty10, our clubs chosen charity for 2025 and \$350 to the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation, on behalf of Luis – Sydney Mr Leather 2025 as his chosen charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed, it truly makes a difference.



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Sydney Leather Men Incorporated

Twenty10 Sydney
1 Bedford St
Newtown
Sydney 2042
Charles No. CFN 11425

Thank you for your support of Twenty10 Sydney, please keep this for your records. Donations over \$5 are tax deductible.

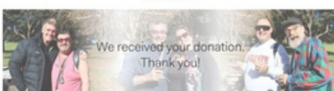
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Received from:	Donation Date:	Description:	Amount
Sydney Leather Men Incorporated	23 September 2025	Donation	\$350.00

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Bobby Goldsmith Foundation



Dear Michael,

Thank you for your generous donation of A\$350.00 to the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation.

Please know how grateful we are for your compassion, your vote of confidence in our work, and most of all, your gift of friendship which helps to transform the lives of those with HIV.

A tax-deductible receipt will be sent to you shortly via email.

Don't hesitate to contact us at donor@bdf.org.au

Again, thank you for your support and standing by us to help people with HIV to thrive.

Warm Regards,
The Bobby Goldsmith Foundation

Gift details

Amount	A\$350.00
Gift date	09/23/2025
Type	One-time gift
Comment	Donating on Behalf of Sydney Mr Leather 2025 as his Chosen Charity.
Anonymous gift	No
Transaction ID	147eb5ab-32e1-4ca1-a0e5-d940ba160422

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

THE EAGLE SYDNEY



The Eagle was founded to fill a need for a regular fetish space during Mardi Gras. Since 2020 we've held 57 events, with great DJs and a variety of fetish theme nights. Each night encourages the discovery and exploration of kinks & fetishes, along with meeting like-minded folk, and dancing the night away.

Eagle Bar Sydney is an inclusive space where everyone is welcome, and fetish gear is encouraged, but not enforced. The strength of this vibrant community helped keep Eagle going past Covid, through a great Sydney World Pride season and onwards into our sixth season, this coming Mardi Gras in 2026.

The money raised from door sales and merch goes straight back into that same community through sponsorship for leather and fetish events and for our local contestants - including for the Sydney Leather Titleholders at IML and IMsL - as well as Bobby Goldsmith and Twenty10.

We're proud to be a founding sponsor of Sydney Leather Men and to see so many of you at our events. Thank you for your ongoing support!

WHAT IS FETLIFE, AND WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN IT.

If you've ever wished for a space that brings together people who share your interests in leather, kink, and fetish, FetLife is that space. Think of it as Facebook for the fetish community, a private, adult social network where you can connect with like-minded people, join groups like Sydney Leather Men, follow events, and explore your interests in a respectful and non-judgmental environment.

- Discover local leather and fetish events (including SLM socials)
- Connect safely with others who share your kinks and curiosities
- Join discussions, read stories and learn from the experience of others
- Stay up to date with what's happening in Sydney's broader fetish community



FetLife
BDSM & Kink

Joining FetLife helps strengthen our visibility as a community and keeps you connected beyond restrictive social media platforms. So if you haven't already, create your FetLife profile and follow Sydney Leather Men. Let's keep our community connected, visible, and growing, one click at a time.

PARRAMATTA PRIDE PICNIC

Last Saturday, a group of our committee volunteers teamed up with our friends at WAQK to run a stall promoting SLM, WAQK and Sydney Leather Festival in Western Sydney, putting boots (literally) on the ground and connecting face-to-face with the community. The day was a great success, with visibility at its heart, and we're hopeful we've gained some new prospective attendees and members. We're planning to do it all again at Mardi Gras Fair Day, so stay tuned!



LEATHER LEGACY

REMEMBERING THE BARREL INN

Hard to imagine now, but Potts Point's cosmopolitan Challis Avenue was once Sydney's leather hub. In 1971 - seven years before Mardi Gras began - the tiny, sleazy Barrel Inn opened, and soon became HQ to gay motorcycle group Roo Bike Club.

Described as "masculine and rugged" with "loud music, lots of leather guys", it maintained a restaurant menu to dodge licensing laws and stay open past 10PM.

A drunk, straight 1980 recalled: "I bumped into a sweaty body and, turning around, realised that it was a naked young man, gagged and trussed, suspended from the ceiling. I let out a high-pitched shriek. I really needed to go home"

Sources: Colin Simon's Roo BC overlay, [AQuA](#). John Dix' 1980 [visit](#) . (Written by Member - Mark)



SYDNEY MR LEATHER 2025 - LUIS



PROGRESS UPDATE

September and October have been a whirlwind of activities! The start of September kicked off with the excitement of the Harbour City Bear competition right here in Sydney, where our newest family member Jono was sashed.

Straight after, I took an amazing overseas trip, connecting with our international kin in Germany and Spain. A heartfelt thank you to the FLC and ILBS—especially for the spontaneous pub crawl in Frankfurt organised by my brothers Jörg (Mr Fetish Hessen 2025) and Stefan (Mr Fetish Germany 2025), as well as to Ruben Martinez (Mr ILBS 2024) for the warm welcome in Valencia!

Back in Sydney, it was fantastic to catch-up at events like the SLM BLUF night, where I got to pre-celebrate my 40th birthday (Yes, I am 40 now!) and the DOB Black & White Ball. I even got to experience the latter from a new perspective: judging on stage for the first time!

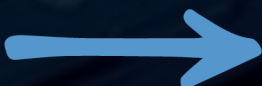
To cap off this busy season, I had the pleasure of attending the national AusPHC competition in Naarm/Melbourne together with my sash-dad Timo, my sash-wife Margo, and other national and international title holders. A huge kudos to all the contestants and congratulations to the two winners Kitty Katastrophy and Pup Lycan.

It has been an incredible few months of community, travel, and fun and I look forward to the next few months, where more leathery and kinky adventures await.

Luis - Sydney Mr Leather 2025



**SEPTEMBER
MONTHLY
SOCIAL
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SEPTEMBER SOCIAL UPDATE

Last Months Monthly Social, combined with the BLUF Sydney Social & Cigar Night, was one to remember, our **second biggest event ever** for attendance in our short history! The room was buzzing with energy, conversation, and connection.

It may have been a little warm thanks to a surprise air-con issue, but honestly, the real warmth came from the friendships, laughter, and genuine effort so many of you made to welcome new faces. By all accounts, those who were new to the space had a fantastic night meeting such a friendly crowd.

A massive thank you to the people who make nights like this possible: Jaime, Tony, Quinn & Mick for holding down the door, our committee members for set-up and pack-down, and Sydney Bootblack 2023 - Jon Nguyen for keeping boots shining. And of course, our incredible sponsors, Sax Fetish, Naughty Boy, Studio Kink Sydney, Oxford Hotel, and Darkroom Daddy for capturing the memories.

Big congrats to George, who walked away with the \$100 Member Cash Jackpot. special shoutout to Bowen, Joey, Tom, and Chris for scoring amazing sponsor prizes too.

NEXT EVENT - THIS FRIDAY

Octobers 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*

**** Special Guests** This Month Include Sydney Mx Leather Zed, Sydney Bootblack Mia, and an international visitor in Bavarian Mr Leather 22/23 here to Join Us.



MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY LEATHER SOCIAL

Gear Up | Show Up | Connect.

Friday 14th November

7:30 pm to 11:30pm



BLUF
Social & Cigar Night



LEATHER FEAST

XMAS - PICNIC IN THE PARK

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

MIDDAY TO 5PM

**SYDNEY
LEATHER
MEN**

LACHLAN RESERVE CENTENNIAL PARK



**NEXT EVENT - Nov 15th
2025**



Nov 15 - D.A.R.K. | \$20 at the door

DJs all night | Coat Check included

lvl 2 Burdekin Hotel, Oxford St

INQUISITION 2026



**DJ RYAN WILLING
DJ BEN DRAYTON
DJ GEORGE ROUSSOS
DJ GEMMA
DJ BUCK NAKED
DJ MAXXXY T**

**STUDIO KINK
MATT-BYLETT (FASHION SHOW)
MISTRESS TOKYO - FIREFLY
MARK DE VIATE
GO-GO DANCERS
LIGHTING: TOM PRODUCTIONS**

SATURDAY THE 21ST FEBRUARY 6PM - 2AM
INQUISITION IS A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR SYDNEY LEATHER FESTIVAL
THE FACTORY THEATRE, 105 VICTORIA RD, MARRICKVILLE NSW

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OVER 300 TICKETS GONE!

FIRST RELEASE SOLD OUT!

Sydney, you've spoken as INQUISITION 2026 is already shaping up to be one of Mardi Gras' biggest kink events!

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.

SYDNEY LEATHER MEN

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.