

# GAA

GAA was formed through the frustration of several gay people who had gone through all the Gay Lib ideology. We were no longer willing to sit and discuss - gay consciousness in Adelaide was being inhibited by failure to put ideology into action. Early 1973 saw the movement fragmented, vague and formless. Gay women were alienated from CAMP; having gained a political consciousness through Womens Liberation, they were the most radical gays in Adelaide, but lacked organisation.

It was only with the Gay-Camp in May, with the inspiration and advice of Melbourne Gay Liberationists (again mostly women) that inactivity in Adelaide had come to the point of crisis.

Resolution of the impasse came with the decision, immediately after the Conference, to form a Consciousness-Raising group (C R group). At least now, some gays were meeting regularly to discuss gay issues at a personal level. The sense of community was once again returned to a small section of the gay population.

At one meeting Jon Ruwoldt announced that the Religious Task Force was to begin a programme of correspondence, not only with members of the clergy, but with Ministers of Parliament and the media. From that first meeting, it was decided that the only possible future for any form of Gay Consciousness would come through the adoption of activity, rather than discussion or socialising.

To identify our intentions we named ourselves the Gay Activists Alliance. (GAA)

Without attempting to be reformist, that is, anologetic to the society we inhabit, our aim is to tackle and confront that society with gays as a united force working within it rather than hiding from it. Militant and proud rather than humble and accepting!