

# SYDNEY GAY LIB

We are homosexuals who no longer want to accept the position society has defined for us.

And that position is **RATSHIT!**

We don't seek tolerance in this supposedly liberal society but see ourselves participating in the sexual revolution.

All of us realise that we can be our own worst enemies: for we too have internalized this society's sexual norms and values which are anti-homosexual.

We have been denied a positive identity for too long. But we can change this. We can get together like homosexuals have never got together before — not in a club or the old familiar ways in the camp sub-culture but with a sense of genuine community where we can debunk false perceptions of ourselves. We **CAN** be freed from acting out closeted behaviour and we can blow the minds of this society if we assert ourselves on **OUR** terms.

## **WE ARE GOING TO BE WHAT WE ARE!**

Gay Liberation in Sydney started as a small collection of people within Camp Inc, who felt they wanted more than just tolerance. Around that time the gay liberation experience in the US and Britain made us aware of far greater possibilities and since then, "gay liberation" has developed into a movement on its own terms. There are groups at the Universities of Sydney and NSW as well as the original group which now meets at Glebe. This original group has grown to the point where we are now evolving a loose structure in which small groups of people meet regularly to allow for closer communication. A small group will meet on Thursdays at 67 Glebe Pt Rd at 8.00 pm and is open to anyone who may be interested in gay liberation. By doing this we hope to get over the barriers a new person feels when meeting a large and unknown group for the first time. From these Thursday meetings we hope further small groups will develop.

In addition to this "structure" there will also be a monthly general meeting (last Thursday of each month) for everyone, to talk about the developments in the small groups and of course routine matters.

To hang all this together we've planned a monthly newsletter and permanent phone number — **33-5441**. As well as filling you in on gay lib events, the newsletter will contain articles and notes on the gay liberation perspective. Contributions would be great — we'll try to print everything and anything.

Unfortunately all this costs money. We think a dollar will go towards bringing you twelve monthly newsletters, so if you'd like to receive one each month send \$1 to:

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WE NEED YOU AND YOU NEED US . . .**

**Love from Sydney Gay  
Liberation, June 1972**