Notices of Business – 2019 SGLMG AGM

Removal of Police Float in Mardi Gras

The meeting recommends that:

1. The NSW Police, the Australian Federal Police, the Police Association, and any other associated organisations be barred from having floats in the 2020 Mardi Gras Parade.

2. Mardi Gras demand governments abolish the use of sniffer dogs, end Aboriginal deaths in custody, establish independent commissions to investigate police misconduct, end the use of riot squads at protests, reinstate rights to publish assembly and the right of workers to strike.

Preamble

The motions are put forward in response to the following acts:

- The NSW Police sniffer dog program, which the NSW Police uses to disproportionately target young people, LGBTIQA people (including at Mardi Gras events), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; which gives false positive indications 4 out of 5 times; and which resulted in hundreds of humiliating and intimidating strip searches of innocent people.
- The over 400 Aboriginal deaths in police custody Australia-wide since 1990.
- That the NSW Police have shot and killed over 19 people facing acute mental health crises since 1997, taking particularly into account that LGBTQIA+ people disproportionately experience mental illness.
- The NSW Police for their role in at least 16 Aboriginal deaths in custody in the last decade.
- The NSW Police for their implementation of the Suspect Target Management Plan, which uses undisclosed criteria to target individuals with no criminal record, 50% of whom are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, for police searches and surveillance, including children as young as 10.
- NSW Police for their crackdown on pill testing at the Defqon1 Festival in September, resulting in the overdose death of at least one attendee.
- The Victorian Police for the brutality against, and arrests of, African-Australian people defending their homes from alt-right and neo-Nazi violence after Milo Yiannopoulos’ Melbourne show in December 2017.
- The Queensland Police for multiple instances over the last two years in which police officers disclosed the whereabouts of survivors of domestic violence to their abusive ex-husbands.
• The Australian Federal Police for their role in cracking down on people who have blown the whistle on Australia’s immigration detention regime and other government scandals.
• The NSW Government for increasing police powers to allow them to disperse and fine people meeting in any form of public assembly, and for massively increasing the penalties for protests on enclosed lands.
• The NSW Police for failing to adequately investigate almost 90 suspected gay hate murders between 1970 and 2010.

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The Company Secretary
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2. Removing the Police Float from the Mardi Gras Parade

That this meeting affirms that:

1. Mardi Gras acknowledges and condemns:
   a. the NSW Police sniffer dog program, which the NSW Police uses to disproportionately target young people, LGBTQIA+ people (including at Mardi Gras events), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; which gives false positive indications 4 out of 5 times; and which resulted in hundreds of humiliating and intimidating strip searches of innocent people
   b. The over 400 Aboriginal deaths in police custody Australia-wide since 1990;
   c. that the NSW Police have shot and killed over 19 people facing acute mental health crises since 1997, taking particularly into account that LGBTQIA+ people disproportionately experience mental illness
   d. the NSW Police for their role in at least 16 Aboriginal deaths in custody in the last decade
   e. the NSW Police for their implementation of the Suspect Target Management Plan, which uses undisclosed criteria to target individuals with no criminal record, 50% of whom are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, for police searches and surveillance, including children as young as 10
   f. NSW Police for their crackdown on pill testing at the Defqon1 Festival in September, resulting in the overdose death of at least one attendee
   g. the Victorian Police for the brutality against, and arrests of, African-Australian people defending their homes from alt-right and neo-Nazi violence after Milo Yiannopoulos’ Melbourne show in December 2017
   h. the Queensland Police for multiple instances over the last two years in which police officers disclosed the whereabouts of survivors of domestic violence to their abusive ex-husbands
   i. the Australian Federal Police for their role in cracking down on people who have blown the whistle on Australia’s immigration detention regime and other government scandals
   j. the NSW Government for increasing police powers to allow them to disperse and fine people meeting in any form of public assembly, and for massively increasing the penalties for protests on enclosed lands
k. the NSW Police for failing to adequately investigate almost 90 suspected gay hate murders between 1970 and 2010

1. In acknowledgement of the immense violence perpetrated by these institutions, the NSW Police, the Australian Federal Police, the Police Association, and any other associated organisations, are to be barred from having floats in the 2019 Mardi Gras Parade

2. Mardi Gras demands that state and Federal governments:
   a. abolish the sniffer dog program
   b. end all Aboriginal deaths in custody
   c. establish independent commissions whereby any allegation of police misconduct can never be investigated by current or former members of a police force
   d. end the presence of the riot squad at protests, reinstate all rights to public assembly, and enshrine in law the right of workers to strike

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