

the murders

Male sexworkers are often the victims of violent crime.

- Bashings
- Stabbings
- Extortion
- Domestic violence
- Robbery
- Rape
- Murder

In May last year RAMS was asked by the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby and the Lesbian and Gay Solidarity Group to help organise a march through King Street Newtown, to draw attention to the bashings and murders of gay men and lesbians.

About 1000 "party animals" turned up to march, a major success for a Saturday lunch time.

Among those there were members of Dykes on Bikes, 2010 Youth Refuge, Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and of course our devoted Male Sexworkers who spent the afternoon raising money for our organisation.

The march was led by RAMS members carrying the banner and chanting things like... "money for sex, money for fun, pay me and it's up my bum".

At the end of the march everyone gathered back at the Newtown Hotel for a "victory celebration"... (a piss up). It was a fabby day and everyone had a BALL.



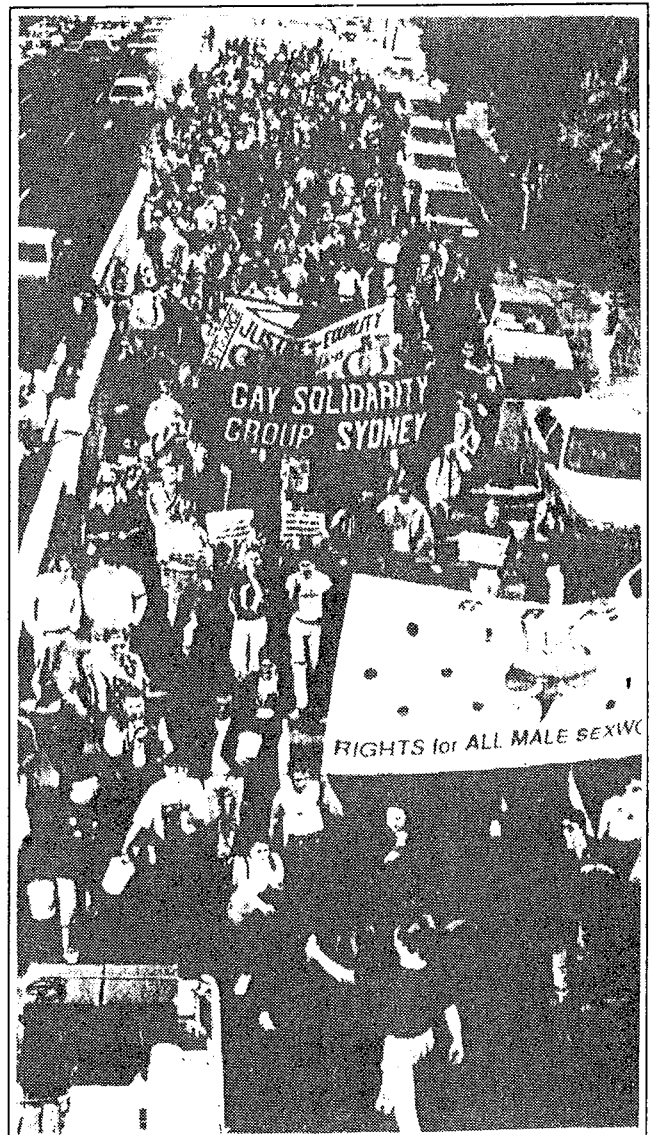
Making a powerful point with a little makeup: at the anti-violence march.

On 12 May, the gay and lesbian anti-violence movement took its campaign to the inner west, with a march through Newtown.

A sense of warm confidence

by Ian MacNeill

It had a remarkable atmosphere, this gathering for the first foray into gay anti-violence in the inner west. The sun strove to dissipate all hint of the rain and the wind dropped. Victoria Park sparkled as we met and greeted one another. It was like fair day on the village common - jolly RAMS people sold us red ribbons, socialists of red and green persuasions sold us newspapers, fabulous prizes were offered to the lucky, the Sisters played musical instruments, some female Brothers were married to the goddess in a touching ceremony, people joined hands and danced to the music of bagpipes and a concertina. All the scene lacked was a glimpse of a fair gooseperson hurrying the flock before the haughty mediaeval edifice of Sydney Uni for a quick dip in the Victoria Park pool, dazzling in the bright sunshine.



The Newtown anti-violence march: reminiscent of the gay lib marches of the 1970's.