



# The Magic Circular

## JANUARY MEETING

### 3rd Monday of the Month

Next meeting 16<sup>TH</sup> February at **THE MAGIC ZONE.**  
25 Michellan Court, Bayswater. Melway Map 64 A4.

#### President's Report:

Happy New Year to everyone. Xmas is a wonderful time to bring magic to others and the holiday period is a great opportunity to practice those routines you have in a drawer somewhere collecting dust. Put in the 2-3 hours of practice that any effect needs to help you feel confident about performing in front of others.

Thanks again to Nicholas Chance who at our November meeting gave us some great insights into the work he does mixing mentalism and magic to entertain his audiences.

The Xmas meeting seemed to be enjoyed by those members and their guests that attended. Well done to our 4 Junior members who put on a great show. Thanks also to Laurie Kelly who will teach them his ring & rope routine at the Feb meeting. Thanks also to those who helped organise food and clean up at the end of the night.

I would also like to thank the committee for all of their help during 2014. Without their time and effort we wouldn't be able to implement the ideas that hopefully make for the enjoyable meetings we have.

In 2015 I would like to encourage everyone to get out of your comfort zone and participate in either Harmony or Time for a Trick. The goal isn't to fool fellow magicians but to entertain and get feedback that will help you when you perform for friends & work colleagues or progress to paying gigs.

#### Upcoming Meetings:

**Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Stan Sangwell is a long time club member who is going to share with us his experience of clowning over many years. Just be careful if he asks you to smell a rose.

We will also have Harmony early in the night with hopefully some new faces performing.

In March we will be holding a Close-Up Competition which is open to all members. Gary has attached the rules as a file and we would appreciate you indicating at the February meeting or by email if you would like to enter. The night is open to guests at the usual cost of \$5 and it will be a good chance for them to watch 10-12 well rehearsed acts and have some fun.

#### **March 16<sup>th</sup> 2015:**

Ron Kreys Shield – Close Up Competition. 8.00pm start.

#### **April 20<sup>th</sup> 2015:**

Guest Lecturer – TBC

#### **May 18<sup>th</sup> 2015**

Librarian Competition – Details will be included in future newsletters.



**Harmony:** Had 9 competitors last month (left to right) Richard Wibberley, Sam Meada, Jordy Doust, Alan Soggett, Don Jones, George Kechichia, Benjamin Hermams & John Cairns.



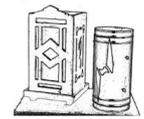
1st place winner Richard Wibberley.



Equal place winners  
Alan Sloggett and Benjamin Hermans



**Time for a trick:** Graham Etherington Performed Number prediction with A4 Posters.



Special guest Nicolas Chance performed mind reading using page numbers & words from three books. He picked three persons to take part in this exercise. (from left to right) Phillip, Nicolas, Lani & Julie.



President Roger Watson with Special guest Nicolas Chance.



## MAGIC CIRCLE CHRISTMAS B.B.Q.



President Roger Watson showing off his B.B.Q. skills with his son Alex.



4 Junior members performed on stage at the Christmas B.B.Q. for over 50 guests and members, well done guys,



Kyle Donohue.



Sam Meada.

for all their hard work and showing their skills in the art of Magic. The club has organized one of our top professional Magicians Laurie Kelly known as (AMOS the magician) he will be teaching them the ring on rope trick.



Benjamin Hermans.



Alex Watson.

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Each month we want to supply to you some information about one of our “Magic Circle” members. Leaving us with nowhere to go but down, we started with the president Thank you Roger for your time.

## Member Profile – Roger Watson

### 1. What got you interested in magic and how long have you been performing?

Like many members I first got interested as a young boy visiting both Bernard’s and Aladdin’s magic shops. The experience of being helped by Gerald Taylor at Aladdin’s, with Gerald recommending tricks he knew if I could do, has stayed in my memory for nearly 45 years.

I then got back into magic about 20 years ago as a result of a request to be a clown at my 6 year old nephew’s birthday party.

### 2. How would you describe your style of magic and how often do you perform?

I only do close up magic now and don’t work professionally at all. As I work with & train salespeople it is a great ice breaker and helps them remember me. I use comedy and my own personality when performing and often do 3 minutes of magic after lunch breaks etc to reenergize a group of people.

### 3. Who has been your greatest influence?

I met Patrick McCullagh in Perth at WASM (West Australian Society of Magicians) and I did a 10 week close- up course with him. I practiced more in that 10 weeks than I have for the last 20 years but it set me up to perform card magic in particular at an acceptable level. Patrick is an Irish comedy magician and MC so his style reflected my own ambitions.

### 4. Any advice for other magicians?

My advice for any hobby or amateur magician is “less is more”. We all fall into the trap of buying too many tricks or DVD’s without stopping to learn one or two effects properly. You then end up with drawers and boxes full of tricks and DVD’s that are watched for entertainment rather than used to improve your skills and act.

### 5. Do you have any other hobbies or interests?

I breed exhibition budgerigars and have around 100 birds at home. Another hobby left over from childhood which relaxes me at weekends after a long week. The combination of both hobbies kept me single for many years as friends would try to hook me up with their single female friends with the line “You must meet Roger; he does magic and breeds budgerigars”. Most smart ladies didn’t pursue the first date.

### 6. What is your day time job?

I have been in sales training and management most of my career and currently do sales training for Telstra stores. I have worked for big corporate companies like Mars chocolate and Pacific Brands and currently work for a company called Key Business Advisors. <http://www.keyba.com.au/about-us/our-team/roger-watson/>

### 7. How could you help other members?

I am happy to help members with advice on sales processes and ideas that might help their businesses grow. This might not be magic related and if we had several people interested I would be happy to run a session at a club night on the POSITION sales process I wrote for Mars several years ago. It can be adapted to any industry or product and is a consultative process which is aimed at ongoing business that keeps your customers coming back.

## The Close Up Magic Competition: March 2015

Yes, we are holding our Close Up Magic competition (The Ron Krytes Shield) in March 2015 and we want as many members to enter as is possible.

The Ron Kreyts Shield, a competition for close-up magic, is for members of the club.

This competition is held in memory of the late Ron Kreyts, who, for many years, was President of the Club.

The Rules of the competition are:

- 1) Any effect which can be performed to an audience grouped around a drawing room or similar table.
- 2) This includes any apparatus which is suitable for use under these conditions.
- 3) The Magician may stand or be seated at the table according to his wishes.
- 4) A time limit of five (5) minutes will apply.
- 5) A warning bell will sound at the four & a half minute mark.
- 6) The Performer must complete his/her routine before the 5 minute bell sounds, otherwise all points shall be lost and the member shall be automatically disqualified.
- 7) Any number of effects may be performed during the 5 minutes.
- 8) No points shall be lost should the routine not extend to the full 5 minutes.
- 9) Only financial members shall participate.
- 10) Judging to be by 5 appointed judges, who shall be 3 lay judges and 2 Magicians.

Competitors shall be judged on the following criteria:

- Dress and appearance (max 5 points)
- Entertainment value (max 10 points)
- Magical content and skill (max 10 points)
- Routines & scripts (max 5 points)
- Entrance, deportment and exit (max 3 points)

### **Our monthly Raffle**

If you have any new items you wish to donate for our monthly raffle please bring them along.

### **Magic on the net**

Each month Dave & Craig from the "Wizard Product review" discuss and rate new magic products from all over the globe. This is a fantastic site for the new & upcoming magicians. Not only will it give you ideas but it will assist you with your direction in magic. Go to youtube and search wizard product review. Displayed will also be all their previous months.

### **Magic on TV**

There is a magician on the Big Brother series. If you know of a series or show coming up please let us know so we can include it here.

### **Free Public shows**

If you have a show coming up that you would like to advertise here, please let the editor know.

### **Something on your mind?**

The MCV newsletter is always interested in getting new stories and articles to publish. If anyone wants anything put in the newsletter, please feel free to email it to the editor and we will find a special spot, just for you.

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