



Mel Schwerdt
Co-Chair
Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras

Mel Schwerdt is the Co-Chair of Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, bringing with her 25 years of accomplishments in public service and private industry, first responder engagement, stakeholder liaison and management.

During the marriage equality plebiscite, the team at Mardi Gras spoke out, campaigned, marched, held signwriting workshops, volunteered, fundraised, leafleted, and did everything possible to maximise the YES vote. On the day of the result, Mardi Gras was there at Prince Alfred Park, sharing live video on Facebook as the YES result came through, and the huge crowd cheered as supportive messages came through from across the globe.