

Recent gay bashings

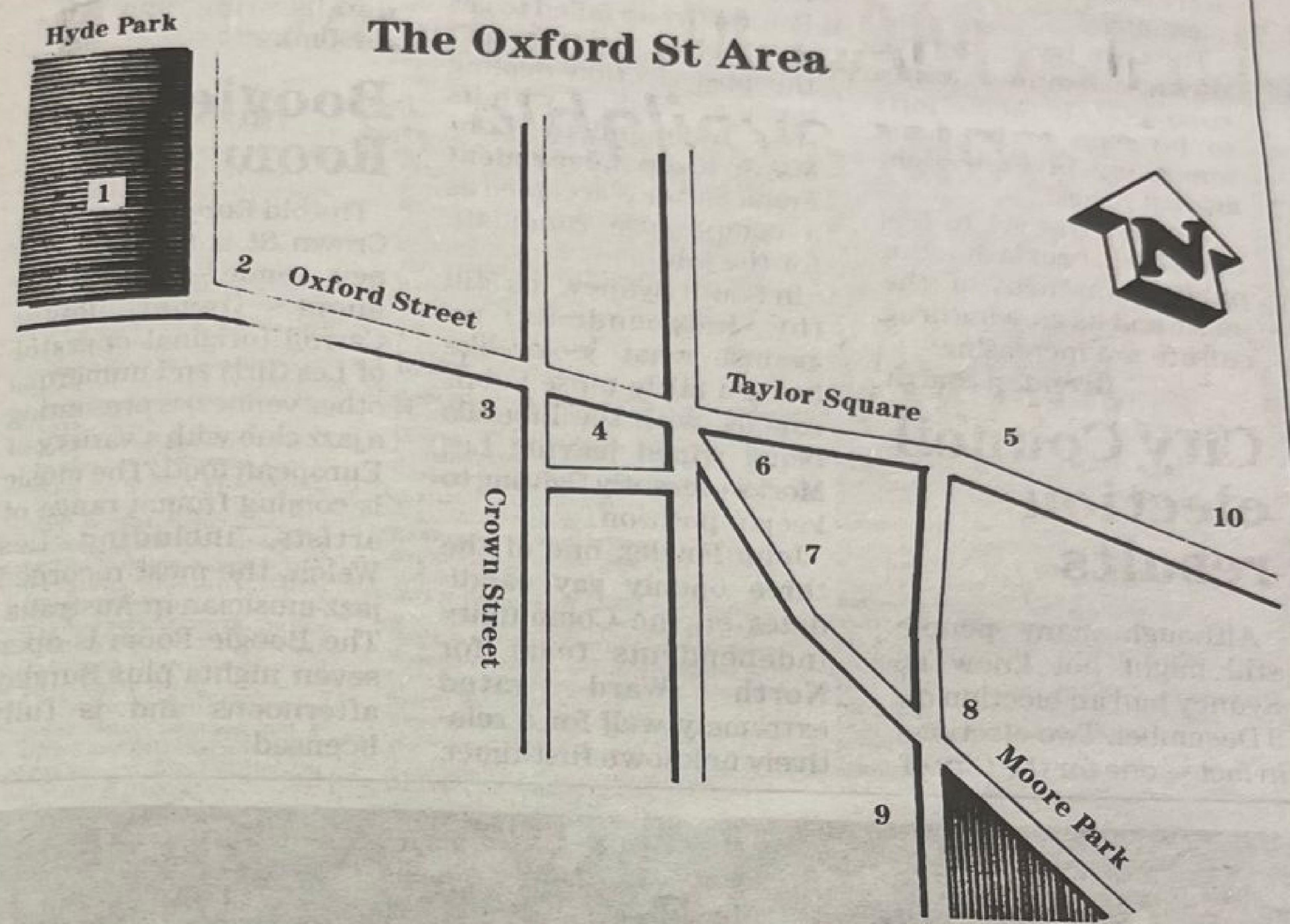
As part of the current Streetwatch campaign, the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby has collected details of attacks on gay men and lesbians in the last three to four months.

The list does not claim to be exhaustive. But it illustrates the viciousness involved, and the variety of times the attacks occurred.

The GLRL is urging people who have experienced any kind of harassment to report the incident (anonymously if you wish).

Streetwatch is aiming to monitor levels of violence in order to make a case for better protection of the gay and lesbian communities.

Incidents should be reported to the Gay and Lesbian Counselling Service (319 2799 4pm to midnight) or Lesbian Line (550 0910 Fridays 6pm-10pm).



- 1** Gay man attacked and robbed walking through Hyde Park at 8pm by a gang of youths. Suffered cuts and bruises to head.
- 2** Two gay men abused and threatened walking past Exchange.
Gay man bashed by men from "Animal Bus".
- 3** Five gay men set upon by gang of about ten youths. They took refuge at the Midnight Shift. When one of the men left later on, he was chased down Crown Street by three of the youths who had been waiting outside.
- 4** Gay man attacked by two men at 10pm. He was admitted to hospital with broken pelvis.
Gay man bashed, having his arm broken in three places.
Gay man chased by two men shouting, "Faggot. We're out to get you."? Finds refuge in the Albany Hotel.
- 5** Three gay men attacked by six men around 10pm. They escaped with only minor cuts.
- 6** Lesbian bashed by gang of men, suffering lacerations from razor blades.

- 7** Gay man attacked outside Taxi Club in early morning.
- 8** Gay man chased in the vicinity of Moore Park beat by three men. Took refuge with a local resident for 45 minutes. When he left the house the same men were waiting for him in a car. He escaped.
- 9** Gay man attacked near Freedom Furniture by four men at 4.30pm. One smashed both his ankles with a mallet; he was in hospital for six weeks.
- 10** A gay man was attacked by ten men with wooden clubs in Green Lane, Paddington.

The following attacks are not located on the map:

- Alexandria Park, South Sydney:**
Gay man bashed by gang of eight youths. He needed hospitalisation with severe cuts and bruises.
Gay man robbed by two men at knifepoint.
- Waterloo Park, South Sydney:**
Gay man attacked by gang of eight youths early evening

- near oval. Taken to hospital by passerby where he had to have plastic surgery.
- King Street, Newtown:**
Gay man attacked by two skinheads around midnight. Suffered two black eyes, abrasions and neck injury.
- Evens Street, Rozelle:**
After women's dance at Rose, Shamrock & Thistle, a group of lesbians were attacked by a gang of men. Four injured including one with a broken leg and another with wounds about the head from a broken bottle.

Wentworth Park, Ultimo:
Two gay men chased by a gang of 12 youths wielding wooden clubs. Escaped but they had their car window smashed.

- Redfern:**
Two gay men chased by bashers on their way home. Escaped by getting a lift from a passing police car.
- Imperial Hotel, Erskineville:**
Two gay men were attacked by three men, one suffering minor injuries.

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