

## Progressive Atheists Inc.

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### Progressive Atheists Inc. Open Meeting | 23 August 2014

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Our next Progressive Atheists Inc. Open Meeting will be held on Saturday 23 August 2014, 12 pm – 4 pm for lunch and discussion at Clover & Rye Café: 410 Bridge Road, Richmond, VIC. All who support our purpose are welcome.

#### Progressive Atheists Purpose Statement:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/purpose-statement/>

#### Melbourne Atheists MeetUp Group | Event Calendar

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Keep in touch with atheists around Melbourne via the Melbourne MeetUp:

<http://www.meetup.com/Melbourne-Atheists/events/calendar/>

#### Membership Renewal Term 2015 | 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015

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Progressive Atheists Membership is \$20 per annum.

#### RENEW | Purchase Membership Renewal Online:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/products/membership/renewal-2/>

#### JOIN US | Purchase New Membership Online:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/membership/application/>

#### For other methods to renew and join please see our website:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/membership/>

#### Email our Membership Officer:

[membership@progressiveatheists.org](mailto:membership@progressiveatheists.org)

OR ASK the person who gave you this bulletin

#### Progressive Atheists Inc. 'Proudly Atheist' T-shirts & Badges

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T-shirts ONLY \$15 for members!

Badges \$2.50 each ~ 2 designs / 3 colours

Order your t-shirt or badge on our website:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/products-for-sale/>

Sales Rep. Elida Radig: [sales@progressiveatheists.org](mailto:sales@progressiveatheists.org)

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*"Your participation is PA's future"*

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## August 2014

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### MEMBERSHIP

**Term 2015:** 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015

\*\*\* ONLY \$20 Annually \*\*\*

**Membership Enquires:**

[membership@progressiveatheists.org](mailto:membership@progressiveatheists.org)

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# Progressive Atheist Inc. | Headlines

## Event: World Congress of Families Regional Event

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The Endeavour Forum, founded by Babette Francis, is hosting the "World Congress of Families Regional Event" in Melbourne on 30 August 2014. The Congress will be sponsored and attended by a total of 7 high profile Australian politicians.



Hon. Bernie Finn



Hon. Kevin Andrews



Hon. Robert Clark



Rev. Fred Nile



Hon. Senator Eric Abetz



Hon. Senator Cory Bernardi

## "Bernie Finn & his crazy mates"

~ Ted Baillieu, former Victorian Premier

Endeavour Forum National and Overseas Coordinator, Babette Francis has a habit of cherry picking scientific evidence that supports her Christian based bigoted beliefs despite the scientific community consensus debunking these claims. When Babette can't find a debunked study to cite, she reverts to the use of mockery and ridicule to promote her ideas.

Babette has a hard right conservative Christian agenda to have us all heterosexual, cisgendered, virgins on marriage and pregnant unless we practice abstinence.

Babette's attitude towards people who identify as LGBTI is abhorrent. Babette uses mocking and ridicule to promote her ideas against the acceptance of people who identify as LGBTI. She expresses the view that Lesbianism is a lifestyle that you can teach and that being homosexual is a lifestyle choice that can be changed at any time based on a whim. Babette's ignorance is staggering.

Babette is clearly committed to retrogressive bigoted hard right conservative Christian based views regardless of scientific consensus or evidence to the contrary. Babette's ignorance is staggering, **but what leaves us baffled** is why any Australian politician would want to have any association with such bigoted, immoral and blatantly ignorant views.

The Congress is set to receive 'the welcome they deserve' from a large number of groups including Radical Women, Equal Love, The Block Party Against Hate, Melbourne RadQueer, The Rainbow Army and Progressive Atheists.

Unit with us to Protest in Melbourne on Saturday, 30 August 2014:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/344458612371675/>

## Event: 5<sup>th</sup> International Day Against State Religion | 11 August 2014

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Ghulam Mustafa Lakho of Karachi, Pakistan, has launched a petition to the Secretary-General of the United Nations to recognise "The International Day Against State Religion" in solidarity with victims of the State Religion, namely, non-Muslims and non-believers of Pakistan.

See Sign & Share the Petition:

<http://www.change.org/petitions/the-secretary-general-united-nations-recognize-the-international-day-against-state-religion-5>

Join the FB Event | 5<sup>th</sup> International Day Against State Religion:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1459149754322696/>

## NEWS: Sydney Mother Faces Jail in Lebanon on Adultery Charges

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A Sydney mother faces adultery charges in Lebanon that can attract a 6 months jail term. She also faces death threats from her own family back in Sydney. Whilst awaiting trial in Lebanon the mother of 2 has run out of money, has nowhere to stay and is being pursued by bounty hunters. Staff at the Australian Embassy in Beirut told the mother that they could not help, Foreign Affairs Minister Julie Bishop said it is "outside the scope of their consular role". Progressive Atheists are taking action.

## Donations: HALEA Youth Support Centre Fund

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Early July 2014 the HALEA Youth Support Centre was robbed and over \$7,000 of equipment and cash was stolen. Progressive Atheists set up a fund to assist HALEA rebuild.

We are pleased to announce that together with the International Humanist and Ethical Union fund, that target has likely been reached and HALEA will once again be able to continue their valuable work in some of the poorest parts of Uganda.



Kato Mukasa Executive, Director, HALEA Youth Support Centre, has stated many times his appreciation for the support HALEA has received. In addition Kato wishes to take steps to avoid such devastating circumstances occurring in the future including a move of premises and purchasing insurance.

**Thank you to everyone who donated and made it possible for HALEA to continue!**