

Progressive Atheists Inc.

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Progressive Atheists Inc. Open Meeting | 25 October 2014

Our next Progressive Atheists Inc. Open Meeting will be held on Saturday 25 October 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

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

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

OR ASK the person who gave you this bulletin

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

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



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"Your participation is PA's future"

October 2014

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MEMBERSHIP

Term 2015: 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015

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

Membership Enquires:

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CONTACT

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Report: Keep Education Secular – Protest ACCESS Ministries

On the 11 September 2014 Progressive Atheists joined with others from Equal Love, WACA and concerned individuals to protest against ACCESS Ministries provision of Special Religious Instruction and Chaplaincy in public schools.



After the protest Progressive Atheists President – Alice Carr, along with a police escort delivered an Open Letter to ACCESS Ministries:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/201409-Open-Letter-to-ACCESS-Ministries.pdf>

Open Letter: The Australian National Imams Council

Progressive Atheists share the concerns of many around the world regarding the rise of ISIS, the implications for the personal safety of Australians and indeed all who are vulnerable to the atrocities of ISIS.

Open Letter to The Australian National Imams Council

<http://progressiveatheists.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/201409-Open-Letter-to-The-Australian-National-Imams-Council-ANIC.pdf>

News on Terrorism:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/news/international/terrorism/>

Report: Ageing Atheists Workshop | 29 September 2014

On Monday, 29th September 2014 Progressive Atheists hosted a discussion and workshop "Ageing Atheists: How can we ensure a secular experience?"

Discussion Items included:

- Hospital & Home Visiting
- Retirement & Dependent Accommodation
- End of Life Choice
- Ensuring Wishes are Respected

A large percentage of the many government grants for the provision of services and accommodation targeted for the ageing population, go to religiously based groups. Many of the religiously based groups are tasked to set up 'secular' services or accommodations, but on closer examination it would seem that religious providers find it hard to withhold their prejudice and discrimination.

We are interested to hear your stories and concerns related to all of the items above. Have you recently had a bad experience with a religiously based service or accommodation provider including home visits or hospital stays? Perhaps an older relative or friend has recently been through the system and can report on their experience relating to retirement or dependent accommodation or end of life choices.

We are in the early stages of this investigation and still at the point of assessing what action needs to be taken in order to ensure a secular experience for ageing atheists.

If you are interested in participating in this project or are able to contribute with questions, personal experiences or professional opinions based on industry experience, please get in touch: contact@progressiveatheists.org | 0422 907 106

Progressive Atheists Annual General Meeting: Monday, 27 October 2014

Progressive Atheists AGM is coming up on Monday, 27 October 2014. At that general meeting Progressive Atheists members will be electing the new committee for Term 2015. All paid up members of Progressive Atheists are eligible to vote at the meeting. Committee members elected into roles will be expected to attend monthly meetings and assist with the smooth running of Progressive Atheists projects, events and campaigns.

Please RSVP

MeetUp: <http://www.meetup.com/Melbourne-Atheists/events/210425452/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/304236066448496/>