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Unisex Progressive Atheist T-Shirt

We are pleased to announce a new great looking T-Shirt for sale!



Colours

T-shirts with WHITE printing: black, navy, royal blue, dark green, red
T-shirts with BLACK printing: sky blue, yellow

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL

Price: \$25.00 plus \$8.25 P&H within Australia.

Orders: call or text our Treasurer – Brian: 0413 136 336

OR email your order to: contact@progressiveatheists.org

See our website: <http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/products/>

- Avoid postage – pick up from a Melbourne Atheists MeetUp
- Details of further colours and actual measurements of sizes will be available by May 30 2013.
- Windcheaters expected to be available by June 15 2013.

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"Your participation is PA's future"



June 2013

- ✓ Victorian Atheist Conference – 1st June 2013
- ✓ Women in Secularism – News from Washington DC
- ✓ "Freedom of Speech and Muslims: wherein lies the problem"
- ✓ Royal Commission into Institutional Responses on Child Sexual Abuse
- ✓ Melbourne Sunday Assembly
- ✓ Latrobe Atheists Club
- ✓ Gippsland Atheist and Freethinkers Group
- ✓ AAI Atheist Census
- ✓ Unisex Progressive Atheist T-Shirts

Membership

Ask for a membership form at your local meet-up
ONLY \$10 – let's encourage positive change!
membership@progressiveatheists.org

Contact the Progressive Atheists Inc.

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Victorian Atheist Conference – 1st June 2013

The Victorian Atheist Conference held on Saturday 1st June was a great success. Our July bulletin will include a full report on the outcomes of the conference. We all look forward to having more Conferences in the future and we'd like to thank everyone who contributed to the successful running of this one.

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## **Women in Secularism - News from Washington DC**

Elida Radig and her son Eric Palsis have returned from the first of two conferences on Women and Secularism. There they met an array of inspiring women who discussed gender equality, rights, hostilities towards women and different aspects of religion and superstition reasserting itself around the world.

Speakers and panelists present were: Lauren Becker, Ophelia Benson, Jamila Bey, Soraya Chemaly, Greta Christina, R. Elisabeth Cornwell, Vyckie Garrison, Debbie Goddard, Rebecca Goldstein, Jennifer Michael Hecht, Susan Jacoby, Teresa MacBain, Amanda Marcotte, Maryam Namazie, Amy Davis Roth, Rebecca Watson, Stephanie Zyan, Elida Radig and our own Shelly Segal!



Shelly and Elida at the Women In Secularism Conference

Shelly's music is available for purchase. You can order "An atheist album" from:

<http://www.shelleysegal.com/an-atheist-album>

Elida and Eric are to fly on the first week in June to the Dublin Conference titled "Empowering Women through Secularism". During her stay in Dublin she will also attend the Atheist Alliance International AGM, where members will be voting on a number of new positions. Elida has been nominated for the position of Membership Director. We will publish Elida's report on her return from Dublin.

## **Progressive Atheist News**

### **"Freedom of Speech and Muslims: wherein lies the problem"**

On May 15, Secular Party president, Dr John Perkins was a speaker for an event organised by the La Trobe Uni Islamic Society as part of Islamic Awareness Week 2013. Various atheists attending the debate said that the debate went as expected. An attendee concluded that in essence, Br. Mohamad Tabbaa was preaching to the converted. The Islamic speaker presented Islamic arguments against freedom of speech. We also wish to thank Brian Jones for organizing a before and after the debate meetup at Cafe Caffeine and Macca's for atheists.

**News on Royal Commission into Institutional Responses on Child Sexual Abuse** - It was announced that the Commission will commence a crucial phase with survivors of child sexual abuse in institutions. They will be given the opportunity to relate their experienced directly to the Commissioners in face to face private sessions.

**Melbourne Sunday Assembly** has been reported as a success. Comedian Luke Ryan was one of the speakers on the day.

**Latrobe Atheists Club** to start up again! Next meeting will be on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 - 1pm-3pm at La Trobe Bundoora in the Student Union Board Room, Upper West Agora (level 2). Check out updates and other information on: <https://www.facebook.com/LaTrobeAtheists>

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**AAI Atheist Census** : In May over 217,330 atheists have responded. Numbers matter. Stand up and be counted at: <http://atheistcensus.com/>  
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**Gippsland Atheist and Freethinkers Group** have been invited by Gippsland Labor Facebook to submit in writing a document on reasons why religion should be taxed. An offer to present the document at the local branch meeting has been noted as well as sending it to the Federal MP. Anyone wanting to help cover or provide links please contact:  
<https://www.facebook.com/GippslandAtheistFreeThinkersGroup>