

Progressive Atheists Inc.

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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"



July 2013

- ✓ Progressing Atheism a Victorian Atheist Conference – Melbourne
- ✓ AAI Election/Women in Secularism – News from Dublin, Ireland
- ✓ Melbourne Atheists Meetup Group
- ✓ Latrobe Atheists Club
- ✓ Gippsland Atheist and Freethinkers Group
- ✓ Geelong Atheist Meetup Group
- ✓ Melbourne Sunday Assembly
- ✓ 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

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Progressive Atheist News

"Progressing Atheism a Victorian Atheist Conference 2013"

On June 1st, atheists and freethinkers around Victoria convened in Melbourne for the first Victorian Atheist Conference. High on the Agenda were issues surrounding the upcoming election to be held on September, 2013.

Highlights included a proposal for an Atheist Lobby Group to promote secular principles. A cause to label Halal/Kosher meats was discussed by members and a call for volunteers was requested.

An important aspect of our community was brought forward by members with young children - Family friendly events and meetings should be considered when organising and arranging venues. A 14 point Atheist Manifesto is to be displayed on the PA website and finally a preliminary proposal on raising funds to secure permanent premises and create financial security was presented during the meeting. Another point of discussion was the use of radio and podcasts to reach out to a larger section of the public.

Dr John Perkins, president of the Secular Party of Australia, spoke of the financial burden religion imposes on Australians. Religious exemptions cost \$30 billion per year.

Atheist Alliance International – Election 2013

AAI Annual AGM will be held on the 28th June at the O'Callaghan Hotel in Dublin. PA have nominated Elida Radig for the position of Membership Director. Also nominated for this position is Canadian Tim Larmour.

Women in Secularism – Dublin, Ireland

Elida Radig will be attending the second of two conferences on Women and Secularism held over two days from 29th to 30th June. Titled "Empowering Women through Secularism" the conference will discuss reproductive rights (& Irish abortion law), secular values, separation of church and state,

human rights, politics and campaigning and a Dublin declaration on empowering women through secularism.

Speakers include: Dan Barker, Ophelia Benson, Ann Brusseel, Clare Daly, Carlos Diaz, Doctors for Choice, Jane Donnelly, Rachel Donnelly, Annie Laurie Gaylor, Leonie Hilliard, Anthea McTiernan, PZ Myers, Maryam Namazie, Taslima Nasrin, Michael Nugent, Nina Sankari, Farhana Shakir, Kate Smurthwaite, Ailbhe Smyth, Ann Marie Waters, and Rebecca Watson.

Melbourne Atheist Meetup Group – Find out local Meetups with atheists and freethinkers for conversation and friendship!

<http://www.meetup.com/Melbourne-Atheists/#upcoming>

Latrobe Atheists Club - Contact them for updates and other information on: <https://www.facebook.com/LaTrobeAtheists>

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>

Geelong Atheists Meetup – come and join a monthly Meetup for general discussions of issues relating to atheism and other current events. Contact them at:

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

AAI Atheist Census : In June over 225,800 atheists have responded. Numbers matter. Stand up and be counted at: <http://atheistcensus.com/>

Port Phillip Atheists and Melbourne Sunday Assembly – Come along and meet Port Phillip Atheists ahead of the Melbourne Sunday Assembly. For more information see: <http://www.meetup.com/Melbourne-Atheists/> <https://www.facebook.com/events/118707658332462>