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October 2013

- ✓ AGM and Dinner
- ✓ Committee Election
- ✓ Royal Commission Update
- ✓ ACT SSM Bill
- ✓ Zoe's Law
- ✓ Sunday Assembly
- ✓ Victorian and Melbourne Groups
- ✓ 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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Progressive Atheist News

AGM Dinner at La Notte restaurant!

On Tuesday 29th we are holding the Annual AGM and Dinner at La Notte restaurant, 410 Lygon St, Carlton.

Invitations will be sent out early October to all members for a great night . The Guest Speaker is to be announced at a later date.

Invitation Letter to Committee Nominations

On the 29th of October the Progressive Atheists Inc. will be electing new members to the Committee positions. We are pleased to invite members who support and identify with our mission and are wanting to be active in their particular roles. Invitations will be sent out and if you are interested and would like to nominate please send an expression of your interest, by email, to Andrew Rawlings at president@progressiveatheist.org.

Other News:

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

The commission's chief Janette Dines says the public should prepare themselves for the shocking details. Ms Dines has said 50000 have contacted the commission and another 2000 have expressed interest in coming forward.

"We believe the public will be shocked to begin to learn just how difficult life has been for people who have experienced child sexual abuse in an institution,"

Counsel Assisting Ms Gail Furness SC, has said the third public hearing in November is to examine the handling of complaints and civil litigation concerning child sexual abuse in the North Coast Children's Home by the Anglican Diocese of Grafton in 2006 and 2007.

Zoe's Law

Originally introduced into the NSW Parliament by Fred Nile and supported by the Attorney General and former president of the NSW Right to Life, Greg Smith, this bill seeks to change the law and award foetus personhood.

Chris Spence MP and *Brodie Donegan* have redrafted the bill but there are concerns that the bill still separates a woman from the foetus and has various women and legal groups opposing it. The debate has been adjourned.

ACT bill to legalise same sex marriage

The ACT Government says that same sex couples will be able to get married before the end of the year. The bill is expected to pass during this month's sittings with the support of the Green's MLA Shane Rattenbury and all eight Labor MLAs.

Sunday Assembly

The godless of the Sunday Assembly have announced a new location for their fun Sunday get-togethers. From this Sunday, the 29th October, commencing at 11am, you will find them at the **Mary Kehoe Community Centre** at 224 Danks Street, Albert Park.



This month's speaker, refugee, youth worker and community man, is **Abdi Aden** from the SBS series *Go Back to Where You Came From*.

This month's theme is '**Goals**' and the fantastic Catherine Deveny will be hosting the event.

More news to come on the Assembly's "40 dates and 40 nights" missionary tour in next month's Bulletin.

Sunday Assembly –

Come along and have a fun time at the Melbourne Sunday Assembly. For more information see:
<http://www.meetup.com/Melbourne-Atheists/events/131089952/>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/144951125703469/>

Melbourne Atheist Meetup Group – Find out local Meetups Groups of Atheists and freethinkers for conversation and friendship at: <http://www.meetup.com/Melbourne-Atheists/calendar/>

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

Geelong Atheists Meetup – come and join the monthly Meetup group for general discussion on issues relating to atheism and other current events. Contact them at:
<http://www.meetup.com/Melbourne-Atheists/events/131603712/>

Gippsland Atheist and Freethinkers Group have been invited by Gippsland Labor to submit a written document for their Facebook page on reasons why religion should be taxed. Requests to present the document at a local branch meeting and to forward a copy onto the Federal MP were also extended. Anyone wanting to help cover or provide links please contact:
<https://www.facebook.com/GippslandAtheistFreeThinkersGroup>