

Progressive Atheists Inc.

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The next Progressive Atheists Inc. Open Meeting

Our next Progressive Atheists Inc. Open Meeting will be held on Saturday 25th January 2014 – 12 pm for lunch and discussion at Clover & Rye Café: 410 Bridge Road, Richmond, VIC. All members and prospective members welcome.

New Pages on our Website

Ex-Muslims: <http://progressiveatheists.org/news/freethought-media/ex-muslims/>
Achievements 2013: <http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/achievements-2013/>

Newly Appointed AAI Membership Director

PA Inc. member and committee member Elida Radig has been elected to the position of Membership Director for the Atheist Alliance International. We wish Elida luck in her new role and know that she will make us proud!

Mobile Library

The Progressive Atheists Inc. now has a members library. If you would like to become a member in order to use this library please email your request to our Membership Officer: membership@progressiveatheists.org
Website page: <http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/pa-library/>

Proudly Atheists T-shirts

ONLY \$15 for members!
Order your t-shirt on our website:
<http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/products>
Sales Rep. Elida Radig
tshirts@progressiveatheists.org

Melbourne Atheist MeetUp Group – Event Calendar

Keep in touch with atheists around Melbourne via the Melbourne MeetUp:
<http://www.meetup.com/Melbourne-Atheists/events/calendar/>

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"Your participation is PA's future"

Our New Year's resolution ...



**... working to promote evidence based reasoning,
social equality and a secular Australia!**

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- PA Plan for the year ahead – 2014
- Evangelical Tour - Report
- Royal Commission Update
- Darwin Day – February 2014
- Easter Zombie Sunday Invitation – March 2014
- Pathways – sharing our worldview
- Committee Profiles – The President of PA
- Meetings / News / Mobile Library / T-shirts

New Years Resolution – Assist to make a difference!

Ask for a membership form at your local MeetUp
Join Us @ \$20 – let's encourage positive change!
membership@progressiveatheists.org

CONTACT INFORMATION

President – Alice: president@progressiveatheists.org
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Progressive Atheist News

Presenting our plan for the year ahead - 2014



You are welcomed to join us on Wednesday 29th January at 7.30pm at La Notte Restaurant, 140-146 Lygon St, Carlton. The Progressive Atheists Inc. will be presenting an outline of our plans for the coming year, current and upcoming projects, campaigns and events. To register your interest and for further information email contact@progressiveatheists.org

Evangelical Tour of Australia & Pacific - Review and Updates

The witch hunting and homophobic tour is over. To see our report and other related links please visit our website:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/campaigns/evangelical-tour-of-australia-pacific/>

Royal Commission Update

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will be holding the first public hearing on 28th January 2014. They will inquire into the responses of The Salvation Army (Eastern Territory) to child sexual abuse within its children's homes at:

- Alkira Salvation Army Home for Boys, Indooroopilly, QLD
- Riverview Training Farm (also known as Endeavour Training Farm), Riverview, QLD
- Bexley Boys' Home, Bexley, NSW
- Gill Memorial Home, Goulburn, NSW

The hearing will also examine The Salvation Army's processes in investigating, disciplining, removing and/or transferring anyone accused of, or found to have engaged in, child sexual abuse in these homes.

Any person or institution who believes that they have a direct and substantial interest in the Scope and Purpose of the public hearing is invited to lodge a written application for leave to appear at the public hearing by 18 December 2013.

For more information go to: www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au



Darwin Day – February 2014

This year we plan to celebrate Darwin's birthday a day early, on Tuesday, 11th February. Again we will host a Darwin Day BBQ starting at 5 pm at the [Unitarian Church Hall](#) in East Melbourne followed by a lecture starting at 8 pm by Rick Barker from the Philosophy Forum on "The Pleistocene Epoch and the Emergence of the Genus Homo". We look forward to sharing your company then.

Easter Zombie Sunday Invitation to Participate – March 2014

Easter is on the horizon and so our preparations commence for our Easter Zombie Sunday event. The event provides an opportunity for us to demonstrate the ridiculousness of heeding claims made by a book written hundreds of years before the advent of modern science. In this case the words of Matthew 27:50-53.

Please register your interest to participate with our event coordinator Elida Radig: zombie@progressiveatheists.org and see our website for more information:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/events/calendar/easter-zombie-sunday/>

Pathways – sharing our worldview with young people

The Progressive Atheists have been invited to participate in a multi-faith activity, where young people of different worldviews go into secondary schools to share their stories. If you are, or know a young atheist who would suit this role, please get in touch with us to express your interest: contact@progressiveatheists.org

Committee Profiles

PA Inc. Members have expressed an interest in knowing more about the committee; term 2014. Here is a short profile of the current president:

Alice grew up in the 70's and 80's with divorced parents, one involved with a doomsday cult, the other an atheist and social justice activist. Alice has worked as an advocate for people with acquired brain injuries and people with multiple and server disabilities. She has served as a Lifeline Counsellor. In addition, she has a keen interest in compassionate communication.

As of July 2007, Alice identifies as a philosophical naturalist. Working in solidarity with others to promote human rights, social justice and a secular society is a natural next step.