

Progressive Atheists Inc. News

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Vision & Goals 2014 | Report

On Wednesday 29th January members of the Progressive Atheists met to consider our vision and goals for 2014. We presented our achievements in 2013 and an outline of our plans for 2014 in terms of our membership base, public profile, structure, networks, projects, campaigns and events, all with reference to our newly adopted Strategic Plan.

The evening was interactive with members contributing to the conversation, adding valued ideas and views. A report of this event will be produced and made available on our website. Thank you to all who attended – your participation is PA's future!

Evangelical Tour Campaign November 2014 – Report

The final report on the evangelical tour campaign November 2013 is now complete. Please view the report on our website:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Evangelical-Tour-of-Australia-and-Pacific-November-2013-Report-January-2014.pdf>

Creationism Debate

Bill Nye “the Science Guy” has accepted an invitation to debate Ken Ham of Answers in Genesis at the Creation Museum in Kentucky on 4th February 2014. The event will be streamed on the internet live and is being publicised on both sides. The RDFRS has criticised the move stating “Scientists should not debate creationists. Period.”

Read more: <http://progressiveatheists.org/news/international/creationism/>

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/>

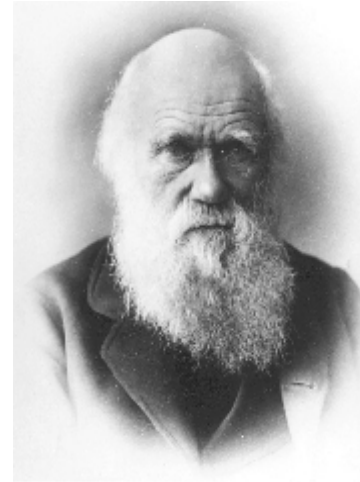
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February 2014



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MEMBERSHIP

Contribute to a humane, just & secular society
Ask for a membership form at your local [MeetUp](#)

Or send us an email:

membership@progressiveatheists.org

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Progressive Atheist Inc. | Events

Darwin Day BBQ | Tuesday, 11th February 2014

Please join us in celebration of Charles Darwin's 205th birthday. In honour of a man who had the courage to go against societal norms and publish his momentous book "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection" in 1859. This year we will celebrate Darwin's birthday a day early, on Tuesday, 11th February.

We will join others for a [Darwin Day BBQ](#) starting at 5 pm at the [Unitarian Church Hall](#), 110 Grey St, East Melbourne VIC 3002, 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.

Secular Activism Conference | Saturday 22nd February 2014

The Sydney Atheists in Coalition with SECOA are hosting the conference at the Hotel Strattons in Sydney. The conference tickets will cost \$45 and lunch is included.

Guest speakers include Professor Marion Maddox author of "God under Howard: The rise of the Religious Right in Australian Politics" and "For God and Country: Religious Dynamics in Australia's Parliament". Professor Maddox's books will be available for purchase at the event.



Lyn Allison who was an Australian Democrats Senator from 1996 to 2008. This included a period as leader of the Democrats from 2004 until 2008. Lyn is an atheist.



Lara Wood who is the Campaign Coordinator for the parent body Fairness In Religion In Schools FIRIS, a Victorian body that aims to see the withdrawal of scripture from state schools.



Cathy Byrne is a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at Macquarie University with an interest in religious intrusion into State schools.

See more details about this event on our website: <http://progressiveatheists.org/events/secular-events/>

Progressive Atheists Inc. Open Meeting | 22nd February 2014

Our next Progressive Atheists Inc. Open Meeting will be held on Saturday 22nd February 2014, 12 pm – 4 pm for lunch and discussion at Clover & Rye Café: 410 Bridge Road, Richmond, VIC. All members and prospective members welcome.

Intelligence Squared Debates: Faith-based Religious Education Has No Place in Public Schools | Wednesday 26 February 2014

Melbourne Town Hall, 6:30PM – 8:30PM, In the late 19th Century, the Australian government decreed that education should be compulsory, free and secular. Over time, most states have seen the 'secular' provisions in their education acts amended, insisting that Primary schools must allow for special religious instruction.

Read more on our website: <http://progressiveatheists.org/events/secular-events/>

Clean Up Australia Day | 2nd March 2014

Clean Up Australia Day is a simple way atheists can take action to clean up, fix up and conserve our prized Australian environment.

In 2013 an estimated 550,300 volunteers removed 16,150 tonnes of rubbish at 7,341 sites right across the country – but we can do better! So lend a hand on Sunday 2nd March 2014, and help clean up Australia.

See website for details: <http://progressiveatheists.org/events/calendar/clean-up-australia-day/>

International Women's Day | 8th March 2014

"The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights"
~ Gloria Steinem ~

See the website: <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

Easter Zombie Sunday | 20th April 2014

Easter Zombie Sunday 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.

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