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This is a members’ party, we really need YOU

As a national organisation we have re-grouped, re-affirmed our beliefs and returned the ownership of the party to the members in our electoral lull. We have licked our wounds, confirmed that there is still a need and a place for us in Australian political progress and picked up the baton, as members with minimal resources. *We didn't need a hero.*

Specifically, we have:

- Chosen our logo and colours, to give us a uniform look around the country.
 - Updated, animated and repaired our websites.
- Established issue based, member driven policy groups that work to a contemporary and accessible development process and standardised format.

- Re-established administration and functional management roles.
 - Re-established the Western Australian and Tasmanian Divisions of the party.
- For the first time since 2004, offered quality candidates for State, Territory and Federal elections including contesting all State & Territory 2010 Senate vacancies
 - Returned to publishing this members’ National Journal on a regular quarterly basis.
- Collated much organisational memory that was lost.
 - Begun to develop a sustainable funding strategy.

So now we need more members taking part. To grow our membership, secure resources, engage with our communities, develop policy and keep Australian politics honest.

AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Please get involved in any way you can – any time, energy, money or expertise you can contribute will go a long way. The last page of this Journal has the contact details for the relevant office bearers that can assist you to get started. If you see something we could be doing better, please offer to help.



The Australian Democrats are what we make it. It's about what we do as individuals and making it work collectively.

With your help we can be ready for the opportunities that will be presented to us in this unsettled, ideas-free zone that is the current Australian political climate.

Julia Melland

National President | 11 May 2011

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NATIONAL TREASURER

TAX and DONATIONS

In the lead up to the end of the financial year a lot of people will begin to worry that perhaps they haven't paid enough tax.

Well, have I got the answer for you! Donations (and your membership dues as well) of up to \$1,500 to the Australian Democrats are completely tax deductible each year. Not only does this help you but it also helps us. Donating is an excellent way that members can assist in bringing the Australian Democrats back into parliament.

Every bit helps!

A donation of \$50 for example, could purchase 30 signs for upcoming elections. And if you are one of those people who always manage to owe the Tax man, perhaps you could consider a regular direct debit to the party. It's a win-win really. Remember that you must do this on or before 30 June each year to gain the tax deduction for that year.

Bruce Carnwell

National Treasurer

Australian Democrats

Alcohol and Other Drugs Law Reform Policy

(Draft as at 20th December, 2009)

***This policy is for your consideration and input.
Please see page 7 for further information***

Policy Statement:

1. The vast majority of drug-related harm in Australia comes from the legal drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
2. Prohibitionist and 'tough on drugs' approaches to illicit drugs are not working.
3. Our law-makers have repeatedly failed to base their decisions on the available scientific information about drugs.
4. Drug and alcohol issues are more appropriately dealt with as health rather than criminal matters.

Policy Objectives

- a) To discourage drug use, particularly amongst young people (whose brains are still developing neural connections)
- b) To encourage informed scientific debate about the positive and negative impacts of drugs
- c) To reduce and, where possible, prevent the harms associated with the use of licit and illicit drugs
- d) To ensure drug laws are based on the best available scientific evidence
- e) To distinguish between the use and abuse of recreational drugs, and to intervene where there is a recognised cost to society

Policy Elements

- (i) Expansion of needle and syringe programs nationwide
- (ii) Continuation of methadone maintenance programs
- (iii) Greater availability of drug diversion programs through the court system
- (iv) Setting of penalties that reflect the relative harms of different drugs
- (v) More detox and rehabilitation facilities
- (vi) School-based programs centring on scientific evidence of the relative harms of drug-taking without moralising or scare-mongering
- (vii) Trials of cannabis, ecstasy and heroin for medical purposes
- (viii) Decriminalisation of the possession and use of cannabis
- (ix) Tax to be levied on the sale of cannabis



WA DIVISION PRESIDENT REPORT

Over the next few months the Western Australian Division will be doing some exciting things; so if you're in WA you'll probably want to get involved!

To start, we are very pleased to welcome Brian Greig back into the party! Brian was a federal senator for WA from 1999–2005 and the leader of the party in 2002, and rejoined shortly after meeting with us for a productive planning session in March.

We are also starting to get back into campus politics: on the 10th of May we were represented by Jason Heeris at a UWA Political Club Q+A titled "Small Parties: Their Place, Influence and Future." Jason sat alongside representatives from the Sex Party, the Christian Democratic Party, One Nation, the Socialist Alliance and the Citizens Electoral Council, where he spruiked the party's principles and policies and fielded questions about our role in Australian politics.



We will be having a meeting on the 14th of May, and the 13th of May is when submissions close for our own executive elections. From the feedback we have been receiving our elections will be a success, and we will be implementing the first member voted executive in WA for quite some time. The WA executive thanks everyone who is helping us out with these elections.

Dowerin Field Days

In August (and you'll hear more about this as time draws closer) we will be attending the Dowerin Field Days. It's a two day event, and we will be having PA announcements and entry signage promoting our presence. The major achievement for us will be the show bags we have produced — just like the ones you get at the royal shows, but with our logo on the side, and filled with goodies including material from Beyond Blue, bottled water,

the Green Pages, our policies, Democrats bumper stickers, plus loads more...but most importantly a membership application!

We continue to grow in Western Australia, and look forward to a super future!

Paul Young

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*Photo: Jason Heeris
(long hair, centre-right)
at the UWA Politics Club*

ACT DIVISION PRESIDENT REPORT

There's been quite a few changes on the political landscape of the ACT is changing. This week, the Chief Minister announced his resignation and forthcoming retirement from the Legislative Assembly. This opens a new opportunity for broader representation and some possibly some new faces in the electorate of Ginninderra at next year's ACT Election.

We have multi-member electorates in the ACT. Ginninderra is my electorate and we have five MPs. We have held a seat in Ginninderra before (Roslyn Dundas, 2001 to 2004). Just over three years ago, despite losing the numbers to continue registration with Elections ACT, we tried a variety of methods to try to achieve a result. We looked at the options of forming an "umbrella party" with other groups (to enable combined registration); and a joint ticket with the Climate Change Coalition and a couple of Independents; amongst others considerations

Eventually, I ran against the Chief Minister in Ginninderra as an "Ungrouped, endorsed Australian Democrats

candidate. This was problematic and in spite of very good coverage, the result was nowhere near what we'd hoped. We need a party column to participate effectively under the Hare-Clark PR voting system.

Last month, I invited member input into a discussion on the "Future Directions of the Party." We begin that discussion this month. That may well include how we aim for re-registration for next year's election, or how we participate in the election in some other way - among many other things.


I look forward to members sharing their ideas. What the outcome will be, only time will tell, I suppose. However, I am excited at the opportunity for ACT members to join with me in helping us determine how the "progressive centre" will be involved in the future of politics.

Darren Churchill

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Website Revamp: it's time to share

 If you've visited the national website lately you will have noticed some changes. It has been updated to look more in line with the times and to be more user friendly: <http://democrats.org.au>

The main pages have been revamped but when you dig deeper you'll notice the mixture of old and new styles.



This might seem a little strange but re-formatting the 100's of pages is a big and on-going Task that will take quite a while to complete.

There is a lot of interesting content that is now much easier to find. In fact, if you use the "Search" function (now working properly) you'll be amazed at what will turn up – you'll find articles, campaigns, speeches and media releases going back a decade or more.

Unfortunately the old Members Community forum is still not working but the solution might be to set up a totally new state-of-the art forum so that all members can easily interact with each other and the wider community.

In the meantime, the easiest way to get involved and spread the Democrats message is to "Share" content on our websites with the visitors to social

networking communities such as Twitter and Facebook.

Just look for the "Share" button. When you click it a drop down box will show the myriad of social networking sites you can join.

The Internet is the easiest, cheapest and most effective way to promote the values and policies in which we believe. With limited human and financial resources this is the one medium in which we can compete on an even playing field.

Don't think of our national and state websites simply as static billboards.

They are much more than that.

They are tools we can all use to promote our values, attract members, interact with voters and put the democrats back on the map.

Robin Davis

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NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Go Forth and Multiply – Do it Weekly



IMAGINE IF by doing one simple and reasonably pleasurable thing each week you could produce one new member every three months?

IMAGINE IF those new members did likewise?

After 3 months your efforts would have increased our membership by one, after 6 months by 3, after 9 months by 7 and after 12 months by 15.

3 months $1 + 1 = 2$

6 months $2 + 2 = 4$

9 months $4 + 4 = 8$

12 months $8 + 8 = 16$

Then it gets interesting ...

15 months $16 + 16 = 32$

18 months $32 + 32 = 64$

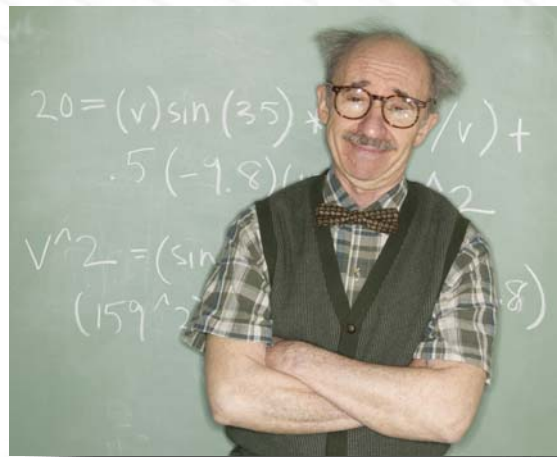
21 months $64 + 64 = 128$

24 months $128 + 128 = 256$

After 2 years your efforts could produce 255 new members. Now, **IMAGINE IF** 9 other current members achieved the same? That would mean 2,559 more members than we have now – and just in time for the next federal election.

Is this pie in the sky? It might have been a few years ago, before the enormous rise in popularity of online social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

Now it's as easy as visiting one of our websites, finding an item that you think might inspire like-minded people to join us and clicking on the "Share" link.



If you and every other member does nothing more than this simple thing every week, thousands of people will be aware of the Australian Democrats values of **honesty, empathy and equality and our common-sense policies**. Some will join and our membership will grow.

Of course, first you will need to join a social media network such as Facebook or Twitter. But don't limit yourself to one, there are plenty more, as you will see when you click on the "Share" link.

More members mean more expertise, more credibility, more revenue – more people doing more of the things we need to do to bring back the Democrats.

**Go forth. Share. Do it weekly.
Do it for Australia.**

National website: <http://democrats.org.au/>

To reach your State website, click on the link at the top right of each page.

Robin Davis

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NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY POLICY COORDINATOR

POLICY CORNER: Policy Working Groups

Since the last National Journal the National Policy Committee has been reactivated and we are slowly seeing the revival of our policy working groups. This is only the start of things to come.

Draft Policy Alcohol and Other Drugs

In this journal, page 3, we are seeking your feedback on the draft policy for alcohol and other drugs. This is the first policy consultation for over a year. This is your opportunity to tell us as members whether you agree or disagree with the draft policy and your opportunity to debate the issues and suggest amendments through letters to the editor of the journal or directly to the National Policy Committee via email to

policy@democrats.org.au

for the policy committee or Editor of the National Journal (contact details on the back page of the Journal).

Draft Population Policy

The policy committee has also referred the Draft Population Policy back to its respective working group for review. This is a hot issue given the Government's failure to outline through the results of the Burke inquiry how it is going to address our fast growing population and the social, environmental and

economic issues that will result. This is an opportunity for the Democrats to show the other parties how Population policy should be done.

The Population Working Group is seeking more members to update the current draft policy as we move it forward towards consultation and ballot.

Get Involved: Simple Steps

If you want to be a part of building our policy future, get involved today. Contact me or the relevant policy coordinator – details next page.

The bulk of the ideas and policy development comes from our policy working groups. These policy groups stay in touch via email groups and our central policy wiki website.

1. Send an email to policy@democrats.org.au to let us know you want to get involved. Let us know your issues / area of interest.

2. You will be allocated to a working group or groups according to your expressed interests. You will be subscribed to the appropriate email group and assigned a username and password for the wiki.

3. You are ready to go. Use the wiki's forums to discuss ideas. You can also add links to appropriate research, upload documents and add your comments to the working group pages. If you need help with this, let us know using the policy email above and we can guide you through how to use the wiki. There are also instructions on the wiki itself.

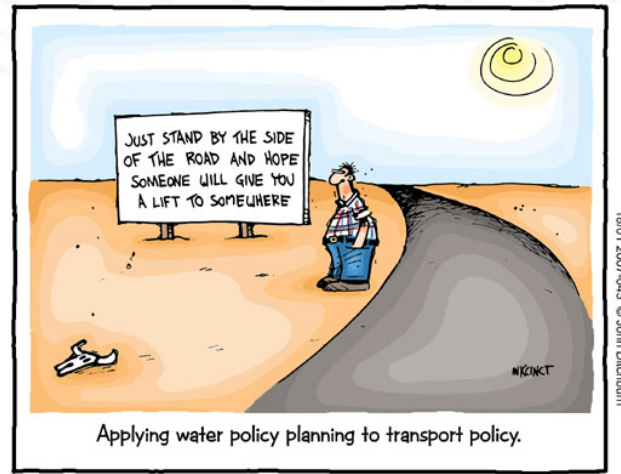
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Wanted: Policy Coordinators

If your interest goes beyond being a member of a policy working group and you would like to coordinate a working group, please send in your nomination for the vacant coordinator positions (a list is provided below) with a copy of your CV and an outline of your experience.



Applying water policy planning to transport policy.

Cartoons from www.nwksmd4.blogspot.com

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Water	VACANT	You?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Holiday Choice?

I know that as Australian Democrats we should be broad minded, but if I was planning to go on a holiday, with or without Refugee friends, I think I would feel more comfortable staying in a more welcoming community rather than one that embraces Pauline Hansen?

Consequently, with reference to the NSW Upper House Election results my holiday choices might be influenced by the following;

Pauline Hansen Vote (by NSW seat)

Vaucluse 0.46%
Maroubra 0.51%
North Shore 0.56%
Balmain 0.59%
Cabramatta 0.60%
Willoughby 0.61%
Ku Ring gai 0.63%
Sydney 0.65%
Davidson 0.65%
Lane Cove 0.72%
Bega 0.72%



NSW State Average – 1.67%

Port Stephens 5.21%
Myall Lakes 4.92%
Tamworth 3.67%
Maitland 3.6%
Lake Macquarie 3.55%
Barwon (River) 3.38%
Clarence (River) 3.20%
Dubbo 3.10%
Tweed River 3.05%
Wallsend 3.05%

Makes you think doesn't it? Ports, Rivers and Lakes, not so good for Refugees?

Garry P Dalrymple
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Stable Leadership

As a reasonably long term member of the Australian Democrats (joined 1990) I have witnessed during this period quite a number of leadership changes. This (in my opinion) will not attract the support of the voters.

Compare the turmoil in leadership over the years in a small political party with the stable leadership in the Greens which was also a small party but now growing larger. If we had been able to portray stable leadership to the voting public I venture to suggest we would be in a better position electorally, in spite of the debacles caused by Cheryl Kernot jumping ship and the disastrous GST deal.

Of course it is not too late; we still have many good policies and dedicated members of the party. What we need to demonstrate to the voting public that we are in fact a stable party and in for the long term.

Arthur Rutter, aande42@bigpond.com

Get Involved

As the March 26 Election approached I was faced with a choice between Love and Politics, as I had been granted 'honorary journalist' status to cover part of the 2011 Australian Romance Readers Conference, scheduled for the 25th to the 27th of March. However, a choice was unnecessary as illness struck and on the 26th all I could manage was to crawl out of bed and vote.

I was disappointed by the 'headline' vote announced for the Australian Democrats, so shortly after the election I grabbed preliminary seat and polling booth figures for the Upper House vote off the Electoral Authority's website and with a little bit of spread sheet

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manipulation I came up with some results that interested me greatly. I looked at how our vote compared to other minor parties and I created a best to worst listing of the Democrat vote at all 3,000ish polling booths. Would you believe a Democrat vote of 10.87%? It really did happen!

Our top five polling booth votes were:

1. Sunshine Bay Public School, Bega – 10.87%.
2. Tuncurry Salvation Army Hall, Myall Lakes – 7.25%
3. Manning Gdns Public School, Myall Lakes – 5.48%
4. St Matthews Anglican George Town, Port Stephens – 4.26%
5. Jim Southee Community Centre, Blacktown – 4.08%

I'd really like to know what was going on at these polling booths, what were we doing right? And what was happening at the other 70 or so booths where the Democrat vote was over 2%, the magic 'half quota'?

Three other things emerging from this analysis surprised me;

Firstly at a large number of small rural polling booths the Democrat vote equalled or exceeded that of the Greens, (did they show up?).

Secondly, a very large number of our 'more than 2%' results were from absentee voting at Sydney Town Hall, our best manned polling booth and from pre-poll postal votes, so there is still a reservoir of pro-Democrat voting intention if we are seen to be there, closer to 4% than the 'less than one percent' overall vote figure indicates.

Thirdly and deeply concerning is that there were a large number of polling booths where not a single Democrat vote was recorded, mostly at small booths, but including some where two to three thousand people voted. Given the number of 'null vote' booths, if we had got even an 'average' vote of 1% at these, then Arthur would have been a lot closer to getting up.

I've got these figures to hand; contact me if you would like a look. I feel that they could be used as guidance to the places where individual Democrats could stand and gain a visible result in this year's round of NSW Council and Mayoral elections.

Wishing you well in all things and hoping to hear from you soon.

Garry P Dalrymple Willing to have a go at standing for Mayor of Canterbury

Being Australian

Why are we waiting to "push forward?"

There is a lot of goodwill out there for the Australian Democrats.

Members should be looking for ways to engage with younger people who do not directly connect with the political system.

What's good about "us"? We gave Australia the GST and took out fresh food and other essentials to make it fairer. The result was the really wealthy people now pay tax on high cost items. Then John Howard started reducing income tax and handed out "child money" to families. Goodness, was that our fault??

Passing messages like this around highlights the patriotic party we really are.

For example, what is happening to our fertile farming area? This asset should only be owned by Australian residents and if not farmed properly vested into State agricultural agencies until sold on to skilled farmers.

Let's keep at it & Every Member Get a Member

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Economic Muscle and the Democrat Constituency

When the supermarkets started discounting beer, the largest beer company stopped delivering until the supermarkets got the message. When the supermarkets discounted milk the dairy farmers said they could not do anything except cry foul as the discounting would put them out of business. Why the difference? It's to do with the perceived difference in economic muscle. The beer companies know they have muscle. The dairy farmers don't.

But if the dairy farmers had AD advisers with the modern tools of political movements (twitter, Facebook, wiki) we could have had a different outcome. Rather than pouring the milk down the drain or sending it to the supermarkets at less than the cost of production, we could have advised sending the milk to the cheese factory until they get a reasonable price. But some cannot see a good match between Democrats and dairy farmers so where is our natural constituency? When the French gave the Americans the Statue of Liberty they included a hopeful plaque with the inscription "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free". Maybe the poor are a more natural AD fit as Democrat voters. To start with we

don't need all of them as there are a lot of poor. The ALP used to be the natural home of the workers and the poor but when the ALP is in power it becomes the natural home of big business as business pushes the government for favourable treatment. To be fair, the ALP says workers need jobs, so they push the deals with business which produces jobs, but the poor get forgotten. But the poor should not be forgotten as they get a lousy deal. Why do 5% of the world's population hold 95% of the world's wealth? That does not look fair, even when the figures are given as 10% and 90%. The ratio is slightly better in Australia but the wealth is still very unevenly distributed. So what sort of numbers are we talking about? Business executives complain when workers ask for a \$5 rise in the basic wage. To put this in perspective, QANTAS executives were expecting a \$91 million (yes million) bonus if their private equity takeover of the airline succeeded.

But if we take this on as a campaign platform we must know our subject as well as the opposition. The anti-green movement for example recently said that "large sections of Australia's rich are engaged in a conspiracy to screw the poor in the name of saving the planet". They refer to electricity feed in tariffs where those with solar panels on the roof are "subsidised" to supply renewable energy to the grid. So what do we do? Well, we must support both the poor and renewable energy. And we must stop subsidising fossil fuel use. The Australian Conservation Foundation has identified 17 Australian Government programs which subsidise fossil fuel use. So when the debate is on about the ETS or a carbon tax let's be clear, we are not talking about the imposition of a tax, it's the elimination of fossil fuel subsidies that will pay for the change we need to have.

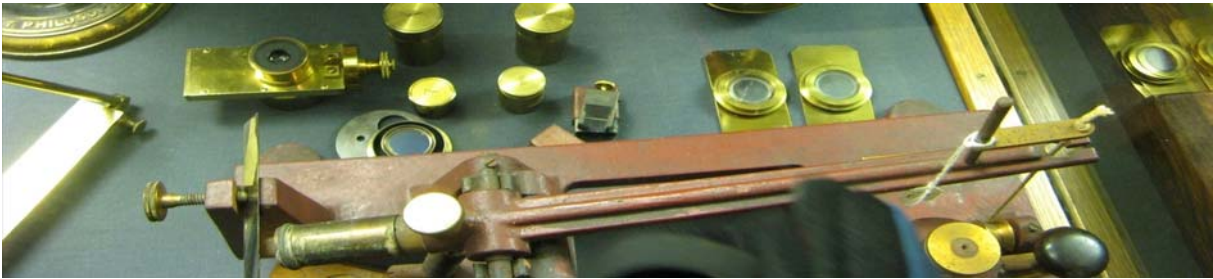
See: Peter Saunders "Down and Out, Poverty and Exclusion in Australia"


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Cartoon from www.toonpool.com

WHY THE DEMOCRATS NEED A SCIENCE POLICY – NOW



 In early March this year a rumour emerged regarding possible budget cuts of up to \$400 million to medical research. It was one rumour out of several floating around; it was not part of a call to arms or outraged opinion piece, just another party leak that made it into the news cycle.

But the response from the community was phenomenal.

Within days, the "Discoveries Need Dollars" campaign was launched. Soon it was all over Facebook and Twitter, there were pieces written about it on Crikey and ABC's *The Drum*, and eventually there appeared editorials and human interest articles in the Australian and most state papers. More than 12,000 people turned up to rallies in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Canberra, Perth, Darwin and Brisbane — not just scientists, but administrators, scientific support staff, survivors of diseases made treatable by Australian research, and relatives of those whose lives were lost to disease but still improved by medical science. Central business districts became a sea of white coats, orange signs, business attire, petitions, clipboards and cameras.

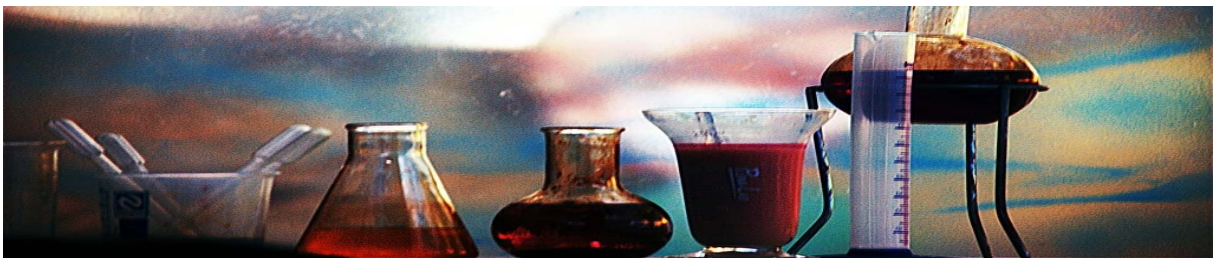
All over Science

If this proves anything, it's that although science is not a high profile issue, and it's certainly not as well funded as most scientists would like, Australia does not take it for granted. Not always, anyway.

Science is something of a personal issue for me. I myself am a scientist... well, sort of. I have degrees in physics and in engineering, and I currently work as a research and development engineer for a small company in Western Australia. I've worked under a scholarship at the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO), taught undergraduates at university, and been a science communicator and theatre demonstrator at a science centre.

During my career (short as it is so far), I've had senior Australian scientists advise me to "get out of Australia before it's too late for me." I've read complaints from private schools stating that they should have been warned that a planetarium show about cosmology would contain elements contradicting their teachings of the origin of the universe. I have watched academics work for free at universities until they literally ran out of money and took jobs with companies to which they were morally

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opposed. I have seen tech companies limp along close to bankruptcy when, with a little investment or assistance, they could have been growing and generating wealth for Australia — while overseas companies receive land grants, incentives and no-strings-attached cash to open shop here.

Scientists all over the country are feeling deeply cynical about the point of their work, and find it hard to give potential students a reason to enter the field. Entrepreneurs who attempt to turn a profit from scientific breakthroughs find themselves stared at by baffled bankers and ignored by state and federal governments until their endeavours are rendered futile. Teachers with no background in science struggle to teach it to their students who will, in turn, find it hard to see the point of it in the future.

Clearly, there are some problems with science in Australia

It was while working at ANSTO in 2003 — the research organisation built around the Lucas Heights research reactor — that I really started to see the disconnection between science and politics in Australia. I realised it was not just The Big Two or the more extreme conservative minor parties that engaged in scaremongering and dishonesty. The Greens are certainly partial to using technophobia in much the same way as Labor or Liberal use xenophobia or class warfare to score points based on peoples' fears, but it doesn't stop with them. Time and time again I saw

politicians, journalists and activists make completely untrue claims about the organisation, the research, the scientists and the site. And not simply "matter of opinion" untrue, or "ambiguous data" untrue — I continually read statements that actually contradicted all known laws of physics, chemistry and medical science.

This applies across the board on science. Environmental activists vs. ANSTO. Christian lobby groups vs. stem cell research. Oil company funded think tanks vs. climate scientists. Each of these groups has their associated politicians who tap into this fear and get media time for it. Popular political parties will make declarations of support for science while completely contradicting themselves in order to continue to play on whatever happens to be their most profitable fear.

Over the subsequent years I realised more and more than there was no political party that was truly comfortable with science — and I have to say, this still includes the Democrats. We used to have an action plan on science and technology, but now it is relegated to history. (Incidentally, it was pretty good.) Scientists in Australia still feel completely disconnected from the political process and are highly sceptical that this will ever change.

The Democrats need a science policy so that we can show scientists that we are a different brand of political party. Instead of working backwards from some out-of-the-box stance, we need to ask ourselves: do we support scientific research that will improve the lives of

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people around Australia and the rest of the world? Do we support scientific endeavours that will increase our knowledge of how the world works, even if it can't be turned into a packaged product straight away? Do we want to see innovation commercialised by Australians to the benefit of our economy and society? Do we believe that science should inform politics, rather than exist at its whims?

If the answers to these questions are "yes" then we need to follow this principle through. We need to stand up for political independence of scientific institutions and the ARC. We need to work to improve the pay and conditions of academics, scientists and scientific support staff, and to demonstrate that their work is important and has a place in politics. And we need to declare our support not just for CSIRO, but the Nuclear Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and, yes, even ANSTO.

As always, ANSTO and the Lucas Heights research reactor (previously HIFAR, now replaced by OPAL) is a controversial subject, but it is an excellent example of how a poorly thought out science policy just won't cut it. It might seem at odds with our stance on nuclear waste (i.e. "don't make any") to support a scientific organisation built around a nuclear research reactor. But pursuing opposition to anything with the word "nuclear" in its name will only lead us to the same, rather bizarre, conclusions as the Greens: unshakable opposition to the manufacture of nuclear medicine in Australia! It is worth

pointing out that if such a policy were actually enacted, the net amount of nuclear waste generated globally would actually increase — it is just "not in my backyard" politics.

There is a major ethical difference between supporting a nuclear power plant and supporting a research reactor, and that is that while electrical power can be generated by a number of other means, there is simply no way to replace a research reactor. There are many radiopharmaceutical and industrial products that can only be made by bombarding certain elements with neutrons. The same goes for the tools used in medical research, nuclear health and safety research, environmental and geological science, materials science and engineering... and that's just the high profile work. This is not an economic constraint, or some modest engineering challenge — the laws of nature are pretty clear on how to turn one element into another. Until someone comes up with a better kind of neutron factory, only a research reactor can manufacture the samarium-152 or iodine-131 used for radiotherapy, or emits the particles required for intricate scattering experiments.

Support for ANSTO would show that we actually understand (a) high school physics, and (b) that for a nation to get the most out of its scientists, it needs to have different organisations with different facilities and research priorities working in parallel. Otherwise it is obvious to any scientist that we are just paying lip service to some vague

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idealised version of science, with exceptions made where we think we can get more votes.

If the Greens really think that medical research and science should be a priority, why isn't ANSTO right up there with CSIRO or NHMRC in their policy? If Labor really believes the climate science that motivates their carbon tax, why aren't they preparing for the now-inevitable consequences of climate change, such as massive population displacement? If the Liberal party really care about science at all, why did they work so hard to cripple the ARC when they were in government... and WHY have they selected Tony Abbott as their leader — a man who doesn't think that "evolution is a complete and entirely satisfactory scientific explanation of the origin of man"?

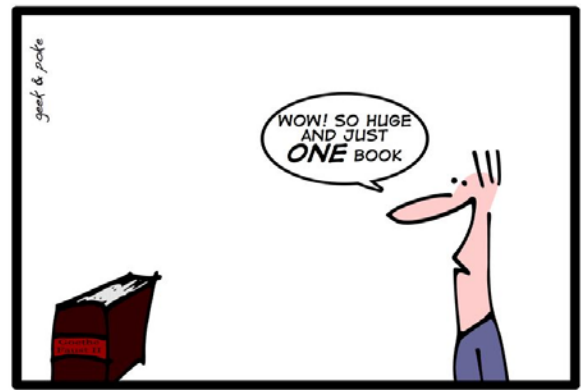
The answer to all of these questions is simple: they don't understand science. They don't understand its significance, how it works, what it can do and why people do it.

Our current lack of a science policy could actually be an opportunity for the Democrats, though. The process of forming a new science policy could, in and of itself, become a campaign. I personally know dozens of scientists, engineers, teachers, academics, investors, business owners, managers and policymakers, who

I could email or call asking for their input into the new science policy of the Australian Democrats.



IN A FEW YEARS MEDICAL SCIENCE WILL HAVE MADE MUCH PROGRESS



COMING UP NEXT: THE EBOOK GENERATION

Cartoons from www.geekandpoke.typepad.com

It's certainly not a magical solution to the problems I've described here, but it would be a step towards bridging the chasm between scientists and politics.

But having a policy that is friendly towards research institutions and the practise of science is, as a mathematician would say, necessary but not sufficient to convince scientists and supporters of science that we take them seriously. Scientists don't want to see science relegated to an area of policy where it can be quarantined and ignored when it's not newsworthy. We want to see science brought to the foreground every time a politician makes a quantitative claim, or every time they say that they want to achieve a certain outcome. And even on top of that, we want to see politicians being informed by science as to their very direction and ideas, instead of just coming up with some new moral crusade or harebrained problem-of-the-week to solve.

I firmly believe that the Democrats can and should work to develop a comprehensive and consistent policy on science, research and technology. I also believe that we can use this as an opportunity to differentiate ourselves to the Australian scientific community, to make them aware that we share their concerns, and ultimately to help them to have more influence in the political sphere.

Jason Heeris

Membership Officer, WA Democrats

VICTORIAN Merchandise

The Victorian Division has a number of items for sale to Australian Democrat members. Clothing items include caps, cotton polo shirts and rain and wind resistant jackets.



Adjustable, one size suits all. Green with gold trim and matching Australian Democrats logo.

\$15



Cool and comfortable green cotton polo shirt. Distinctive gold trim matches the green and gold Australian Democrats logo.

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL

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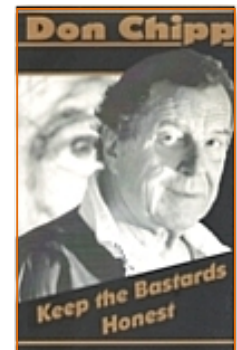


Rain and wind resistant. Warm polar fleece lining. Zip and tie front, zip-away hood and pockets galore. Australian Democrats logo.

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL

\$85

Other items for sale include Don Chipp's 'Keep the Bastards Honest'. In this book Don Chipp asks: "Did the bastards win after all?" One sad fact is certain ... "the bastards are back in business, only they are better at it now."



Another item is Sid Spindler's 'Having a Go'. Sid's life story - from growing up in Poland under Nazi rule to a successful Australian business career and 6 years as Democrats Senator for Victoria.

Both books are fantastic items for anyone interested in Australian politics



All items can be purchased on the Victorian website (www.vic.democrats.org.au) or by contacting the Fundraising Officer at PO Box 135, East Melbourne 8002.

Orders are dispatched within 4 days using Australia Post.

A packing and postage fee of **\$3** is added to each item.

Mark Carey
Fundraising Officer
Victorian Division

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE STATEMENTS

NOMINATION FOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Darren Churchill

When I joined the party, I was attracted to the objectives and the principles it stood for. I remain committed to those ideals.

Since then I have held various elected positions including Senior Deputy National President, ACT Division Deputy President / General Secretary and three terms as ACT Division President as well as being Media Officer and Membership Officer for my Division. I have also acted at the national level as National Secretary and Campaign Director.

The National Executive (NE) that takes office in July will likely carry the responsibility of preparing the Party for the next federal election. We must build the best possible campaigning structure to win elections, both in the immediate future and the longer-term.

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It will require leadership and the ability to make decisions that are principled, practical and politically astute. This may require changes in

streamlining the way NE operates and a rethink of how the party is structured.

Campaigning and a visible public presence of the party will be my priorities.

I have been a candidate in federal and territory elections, and recently had the

honour of representing the party at the highest level, as a Senate candidate. I worked on federal, state and territory elections, in NSW the ACT and South Australia.

I believe in a responsible and sensible approach to finances and fundraising is a key priority to finance our campaigns.

Without current parliamentary representation, the role of party spokesperson rests with the President. I have worked hard to build up the party and increase our profile in the community and media. I have been a key proponent for regular media releases. Now, improvement of quality plus engagement with the media and the public is required.

Part of raising our profile is talking to members of the public and community groups and being available for radio, newspaper and television interviews. It is my aim to achieve this.

I also aim to meet with members in all divisions and discuss your ideas at member meetings. This party is a member party and leadership must engage with the rank-and-file.

To be effective politically, the Australian Democrats need to be well organised and have an active engagement of members. We need National Executive to function as a committee which will act as an effective “board of management” to run the day-to-day business of the party, so that candidates can have confidence in the administrative wing of the party.

We must return to the business of “doing politics.” It is my aim to develop our younger activists and attract activists to the party who want to run under our banner.

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It is also essential that we draw on the experience of our older members and former parliamentarians to guide and provide experience for newer and younger members.

I ask for your support and, of course, your vote.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve as President of the Australian Democrats.

Please contact me at any time if you have any questions:

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Roger Howe

This party needs a dynamic leader as President, one who can put campaigning and public presence first and ensure the background supporting functions are in place. The President must be willing to visit, meet and be accountable to members in all divisions.

Ideally this will be someone who has been a senate candidate and a divisional president. This combines experience of running an organisation with the campaigning element required to be putting this great party out into the public eye and show us to be a real option for the Australian People.

In reality we haven't changed much from a principle and policy point of view since we formed in 1977. The issue we need to solve, is having the organisation to get our ideas out to the public, and encouraging the activists in the party to take that message and broadcast it loud and clear. A clear track record of assisting and mentoring all divisions should be a prerequisite for this position.

I believe that I can add the strategic process that has been missing in the last few years as well as get a better handle on our finances and initiate some fundraising events that gather



monies from sources external to the party. In conjunction with this, we need to cut down the bureaucracy at the National level and streamline the National Executive to make it more functional and support the goals iterated above. With regards to involvement with other divisions, I assisted the NSW division with the Candidate Assessment Process (CAC) for the NSW election and I am contributing to the CAC process for the Western Australian Division President election.

I offer my services for the position of National President, and as I am party focused, I am willing to expend my energies in a Deputy role if not elected to the President role.

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Casey Daniel Balk

No statement supplied.

Darren Churchill

Much information for my supporting statement can be found in my presidential nomination, so it is unnecessary and possibly unfair to repeat it here.

As the current Senior Deputy National President, I have re-established regular meetings of the Membership Committee and brought in Membership Officers from the Divisions to discuss membership issues and the way forward.

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I have achieved progress in achieving regular Media Releases and aim to pursue the next stage in improving quality and getting the party back in the public eye.

However, I believe that regaining our political effectiveness through campaigning and re-engaging with the community are essential. Building the teams to achieve this and a growing and active membership will continue to be my focus.

It's not just about who is in the Executive. It's about the team we build – and it's about how we engage and interact with you, the members, the media and the community. Member participation and engagement with the media and the community is everything. By voting in this ballot and coming to meetings and sharing your input, together we take the steps to re-establish voter support and regain parliamentary seats.

I aim to get Australian Democrats policies back in favour with the media and voting public.

I ask for your support and, of course, your vote.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a Deputy National President of the Australian Democrats.

Please contact me at any time if you have any questions for me.

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Greg Croke

No statement supplied.

Roger Howe

As the currently longest serving elected member of the National Executive, I have heavily contributed to the decision making at the highest level. I contribute to discussion, committees and decisions on finance, campaign, communication, constitution, web/IT and membership.

It is important that National Executive members contribute and have success in all areas and at all levels of the party in order to understand the local and wider implications of decisions at the National level. My experience covers being an active party member, Branch President, CAC member, State Executive chair and National Executive member. Real results have come from my initiatives.

I believe that we to become more politically relevant to the voting public and

we should do this by having a greater emphasis on campaigning and activists, using our existing principles and policy. My own activist history includes amongst others: equal rights rallies, Hiroshima Day (Antinuclear) rally through Sydney, Iraq war demonstration and rallies against a proposed toxic dump. I have been a candidate at Federal level including achieving 7.7% against Julia Gillard, including a +2.3% swing.

Please support my nomination, by voting 1 Roger Howe for Deputy National President.



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Paulene Hutton

My name is Paulene Hutton and I am nominating for position of Deputy National President.

I am the Senior Vice President of the Tasmanian Division and was lead Senate candidate last year's election.

I am also the President of the Launceston Division of the Apex Club, which also gives me a seat on the Apex State Board.

I am based in the north of Tasmania in Launceston.

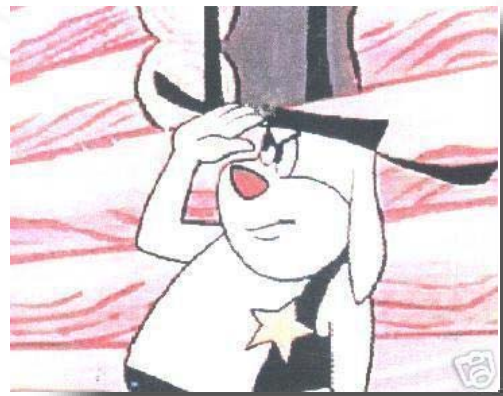
I have recently become a mother for the second time after 22 years. I have a strong interest in the areas of Justice, Youth & Community Service issues. I have enrolled to start a Social Work Degree next year. This along with my volunteer positions keeps my mind active while my Daughter keeps me physically active.

During the election campaign my mantra was "fair and reasonable." I know I can bring that perspective to the National Executive if given the opportunity. I will be fair and reasonable in all dealings and will let this idea guide me.

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Julia Melland

I have been serving as National President for over two years, after joining the National Executive three years ago and I thank you for your support during that time, as we reaffirmed our beliefs & purpose and rebuilt our party's structural strength and sustainability. We have done the not very



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sexy, but vitally important, hard yards we needed to do to bring the party back to the membership.

During this coming year we can put our party to work developing farsighted policy and campaigning on National, Divisional and Local levels. The rewards for the party are waiting around the corner. Voters are disillusioned with the major parties. We are missed. The hung Federal Parliament highlights to voters the need for balance and the Green's performance in the Senate will be left wanting.

It is important that members get involved. We need the diversity of input. I believe we lost our way when party decisions became hierarchical and out of touch with the membership and that now the membership access has been restored and secured.

I step back from the position of National President this year as I have other commitments needing my time. I am nominating for Deputy National President to contribute to the work at hand and maintain continuity. I am also nominating because of my passion of nearly thirty years membership of the Australian Democrats. Please support my nomination and feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss it – 0431 357585.

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Aaron Moss

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Tim Neal

My name is Tim Neal and I am nominating for position of Deputy National President. I am the current Tasmanian President and also a student at Deakin University. Last year I was Vice president of Administration in Tasmania and also a Senate candidate at the federal election.

I am only 22, but in that time I have made several submissions to discussion groups related to areas of mental health and youth justice. Of particular interest to me is the rising rate of youth suicide and the lack of specialised support services to combat this.

I have recently been selected to attend a youth leadership program that teaches skills in leadership and also allows for networking with other passionate young people. During this program there will be opportunities to network with people in areas of policy creation and implementation. Both are areas of extreme interest to me.



My work with the party has primarily focused on spreading the word. Currently I am working on recruitment. In Tasmania we are slowly attracting new blood to the party but also reminding the old members that we are still around.

I look forward to working with the national executive in the future and trust that our relationship will be filled with many triumphs.

Drew Simmons

Dear Australian Democrat Members,

My name is Drew Simmons and I wish to seek your support for my nomination for one of the positions as Deputy National President of the Australian Democrats in the upcoming election.

I have been a member of the Australian Democrats (in NSW) for the past four years and became actively involved in the NSW Division over the past two years. I currently hold the position of Regional Organiser for the Central Sydney Branch and Acting Returning Officer. During the recent 2011 NSW State Election I held the position of Campaign Director for the party.

I am keen to join the national body of the Democrats to be actively involved with the rebuild process of the party. I am determined to see the Australian Democrats rise to their former glory and ensure the wonderful, sensible and well thought out policies and beliefs of the party are heard by all Australians again. I also believe there is a great deal of changes and growth needed in the party as well.

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I currently work as a Distribution Coordinator in Sydney. I have worked as a newspaper journalist, run and owned restaurants for most of my working life. I am currently studying for my Certificate Four in Training and Evaluation. I am also planning to study the Foundation of Company Directorship this year as well.

I have been involved with the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras for over seven years, firstly as the co-chair of Fair Day Working Group and currently as the co-chair of Membership Working Group.

In 1988, I was awarded Young Australian of the Year in the Wingecarribee Shire on the Southern Highlands in New South Wales.

I grew up in the NSW outback town of Brewarrina, have lived in Bowral and am now a home owner in the Sydney suburb of Tempe with my partner of seven years.

Warm regards,

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Rick Westgarth

Currently I hold the positions of State Executive Member (Victoria) and Deputy National President and have worked to help other members to be involved at all levels of the party. I believe all members that want to be involved should have the opportunity to input however they can.

It is true we have a big task ahead of us to return as a strong and united party that has an impact at all levels of Australian politics, although this will be achieved with a positive forward looking nature.



The last year has seen us move forward with a Federal Election and in many state elections we have made some small progress back.

It is true that not all members have agreed with everything that has happened in recent times although that is why the Executive have to be approachable by all members to offer their opinions. Of course that does not mean all decisions will suit every member but it does mean the Executive will be working with the support and respect of its members.

I hope to be an active & approachable member of the National Executive and work for the continued trek back to power for the Australian Democrats.

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Paul Young

My name is Paul Young; and I have been a member of the Australian Democrats for a number of years. I am currently the Acting WA state president, and was a leader in gaining WA divisional status. Prior to being president, I was the secretary for the WA committee. Recently I was the lead senate candidate during the 2010 federal election.

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I am currently organising the 2011 Australian Democrats conference, and have organised promotional material for the WA division, and begun organising our presence in up-coming WA events.

As you can tell, I do things, and I do things well, if I can't, I find the right person to do it well. I personally feel this is an attribute Deputy National Presidents should have. I believe for the Australian Democrats to be successful, we need to do things now, things like fund raising and raising our profile by being where it counts; out at events and rallies. Every year nominees say what they will and can do, this simply hasn't happened, its now time to elect deputies who will do what they say they will do.

I will, actively seek out the best results for the Australian Democrats, including raising funds, raising our profile and raising membership.

If you want the Australian Democrats to succeed just like I do, I urge you to vote for change so I can do things well for you and the Australian Democrats.

Paul Young, WA



YAD's EXEC STATEMENTS

YAD's PRESIDENT

Hayden Ostrom Brown

My name is Hayden Ostrom Brown and I wish to nominate for the position of National President of the Young Australian Democrats. I believe youth is critical to the Australian Democrats revival, we need to engage with young Australians who may have never heard of the Democrats, sell our past achievements and more importantly what we could achieve with office once again. It is true that the Democrats face a tough challenge to return as a political force that can represent the progressive centre, but this can be achieved through hard work, co-operation and new ideas. All things I would bring to the position.

I currently attend Melbourne University studying Arts, majoring in Politics and Media, and have been actively involved in the Victorian Branch of the party. I believe I can be a good role model for our young members and can help show non-members the opportunities available to young people in the Democrats which in my opinion are unrivalled.

I'm committed to ensuring more young Australians sign up to the Democrats and become active members. We need young members who will attend meeting, create policy, help with campaigns and spread the word. The Australian Democrats are a unique party in that they understand the importance and talent of youth, which is in stark contrast to the major parties. I should know, I have had the privilege of representing the Australian Democrats in the 2010 Victorian state election (at the age of 19), one of the youngest, if not the youngest person in the state to contest a

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seat, and the 2011 Bunyip Ward Council election. Furthermore, I have been in charge of social media nationally since December, all opportunities which would be unlikely in any other party.

If elected to the position I would like to set up the YADS website again and use it as a gathering place for Young Democrats to voice their opinions and a place where young voters can come to see what we stand for and why they should place their vote with us. Secondly, I would like to use the social media avenues more effectively as it is a great avenue to spread our message. Sadly that is being underutilised at the moment with the Facebook page last updated July 2010. Re-engaging with our young members should be of the utmost important to the National President of YADs and these are just two of many ideas I have to ensure we can get the youth wing active once more.

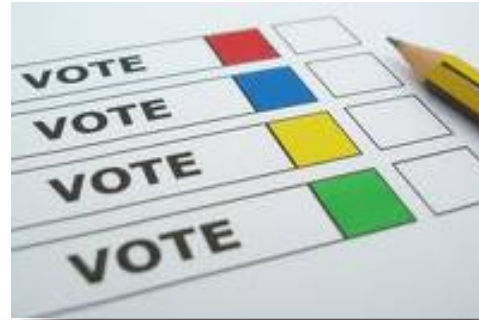
I would love the opportunity to represent the Australian Democrats as National President of the YADs to grow our number of young members and make those already members feel more welcome. You can be assured that I will fight for a more visible and active YADs. We need to create the next generation of Australian Democrats to push the party forward, something I'm determined to do!

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Mark Carey

I nominate for the position of YADs National President.



Young Australian Democrats or YADs represents the youth wing of the Party and in the recent past has been largely inactive. This hasn't always been the case and many of our past and present leadership team rose to prominence through the ranks of YADs. This is why YADs plays an important part of the Australian Democrat structure and in essence, should be the breeding ground for our future leaders, parliamentarians and activists. If we are to truly 're-build' the Party then YADs must become active again. In 2011/2012 the role of YADs must include establishing a committed Executive, building membership, attracting the youth vote, organising fundraising activities and contributing to policy development.

In a few short years, the Australian public will go to the polls. Our election campaign must start now if we are to have any chance of success. The progressive policy development must continue, quality candidates selected and be given the opportunity to do what they do best – campaign. Of course, elections are expensive and fundraising is an important activity for all political parties. Like it or not, money opens doors – it opens up opportunities for marketing our brand, advertising and effectively communicating with our fantastic members. We should be proud of our past achievements in the Parliament but we can not rely on history to get us over the line. The Australian Democrats need to remind the voting public

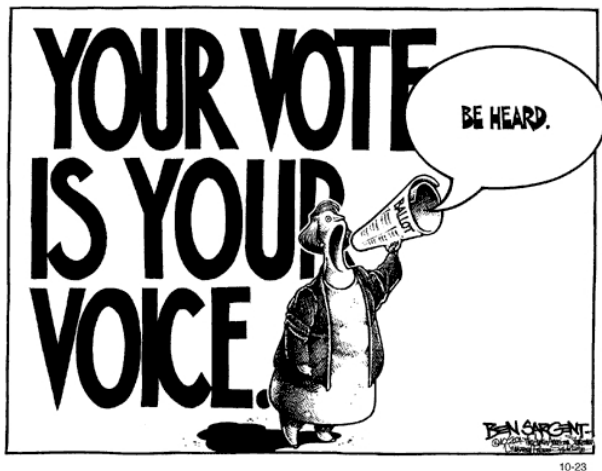
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what we stand for and effectively articulate our visionary plan for Australia if we want to achieve electoral success. We must remember that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow and YADs provides an excellent 'training ground' for the Party's future leaders. What has happened to our gutsy promise to 'keep the bastards honest'? More importantly, who's keeping the bastards honest now? One thing is for sure, the bastards are still there and still need to be kept honest.

For too long the major political parties have seriously ignored the ideas and opinions of young people. Examples include changes to Youth Allowance, reduction in university funding and proposing internet censorship legislation. The Australian Democrats have always led the way in progressive youth policies and given them a voice in the Parliament when nobody else would listen.



Without parliamentary representation this voice is somewhat muted. This must change, and soon.

As a recent post-graduate, I have a solid understanding of the needs and concerns of students within our universities. I have participated in Federal elections and I was a candidate for the seat of Indi in 2010. I have the ability to communicate effectively with the electorate and experience with the media. I believe I am a strong candidate for the position of YADs National President.

If elected, I would like to start my term by reconnecting to our YADs members, organising regular meetings, social events and developing a long-term strategic plan for YADs. I am keen to apply my skills and knowledge to YADs, and I am confident that I would make a beneficial addition to the Australian Democrat leadership team. I look forward to working with my YADs colleagues in other States and Territories and developing a strong, united platform in the lead up to the next election.

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Tasmanian Representative

Aaron Moss

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THE CARTER NETWORK REPORT

"Since 1977 the Democrats have been in the forefront of championing transgender, lesbian and gay rights. And our commitment to you all is this will continue, despite the conservative uprising in the community and in our parliament. Because equal rights are human rights and when we win, you win." Lyn Allison

A majority of the members reading this will remember the Carter Network. The Carter network is a group of politically minded and active GLBTIQ people. We want to bring back this group and as such we are looking for like-minded individuals who wish to work with us. We need people from all walks of life with a range of interests.

If this sounds like you, please email me on tim.neal@democrats.org.au

Tim Neal



National BALLOT Voting Instructions

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Members are entitled to vote once only for each position. Two ballot papers are provided for double membership. Single members should not complete both slips. Only one ballot paper for each member will be counted.

Under sections 14.2.1 and section 4.1.13 of the National Constitution, all financial members, who have been members for at least six months, and members whose membership is un-financial for no more than three months, are eligible and encouraged to vote in this ballot.

Please read supporting statements, then:

- for the **National President**, as there are two candidates, please place a number **1** next to the candidate of your choice.
- for the **Deputy National Presidents**, as there are 11 candidates for five Deputy's, place a number **1** next to the first candidate of your choice. Continue to vote for other candidates by placing a number in order of preference next to these candidates starting from **2**. You may number as many or as few candidates as you wish.
- For the **YAD's President**, vote as above. To vote you must be 30 years or younger.
- For the **Tasmanian Rep** please circle yes or no to indicate support. To vote you must be 30 years or younger and a Tasmanian State member.

– Place the ballot paper ONLY in an envelope with your name, address and signature on the back. If you wish, you may place that envelope inside another.

If you receive a paper copy of this journal and damage or spoil your ballot paper, additional papers can be obtained from your State President, details in directory on back page.

Voting closes on **Tuesday 28 June 2011 at 10pm CST**. Only ballots postmarked before that time will be accepted.

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- To vote in YAD's Ballot you must be 30 years or younger, and
- To vote for the Tasmanian Representative you must be a Tasmanian

YAD'S BALLOT - 2011

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YAD's National President

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Mark Carey

Tasmanian Representative

Aaron Moss YES / NO

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