

STOP POPULATION GROWTH NOW

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Annual General Meeting

This will be held in the Glandore Community Centre, 25 Naldera St, Glandore on Sunday 22nd July at 2pm (Opal Room). Nominations for the Committee (President, Secretary, Treasurer, plus 5 committee members) signed and seconded by 2 current members, will be received by the Convenor (Box 134, Brighton SA 5048) until 17th June, 2012. In accordance with the Constitution, Robert Couch, John Coulter, and John Tons leave the committee, and offer themselves for re election.

A further advice of this meeting, with an agenda, will be sent closer to the meeting date.

All members are welcome to attend. However, note that, in accordance with the Constitution, only Ordinary Members are eligible to vote.

Note that previous meetings have always been held in the Adelaide Hills, as this is where our initial core of members is located. However, now our members are much more widespread, we wish to give a greater opportunity for non Adelaide Hills members to attend. There is plenty of free parking at the Glandore Community Centre, and there is a tram stop close by.

New members

We welcome those members who have joined since our last Newsletter.

Why we exist

I believe this is worth repeating from time to time. We exist because the evidence is overwhelming that population growth is lowering our quality of life (water supplies restricted, fisheries denuded, hospitals overloaded, roads choked, housing unaffordable for many, high density/multi storey housing thrust onto communities etc). We don't need population growth, and about 70% of Australians don't want population growth. Yet Labour and Liberal want more people, and the Greens have a very weak and ambivalent position. Our basic objective is to give those of you who want population growth stopped, someone to vote for.

Nicole Foss lecture

SPGN co-sponsored a lecture by Nicole Foss, a noted Canadian scientist, on Thursday 23rd February, in the Hawke Theatre on North Terrace. Nicole argued convincingly of the need for a new economic model that would allow us to have a sustainable future, based firmly on an acceptance of Nature's constraints.

There was a very good attendance at this event (160). We handed out SPGN recruitment flyers to all attendees as they entered. John Coulter (SPGN Committee) organised, and chaired the event on behalf of the 4 sponsoring organisations.

Press articles

SPGN members have been very successful recently in having articles published, as follows:-

John Coulter – Canberra Times 10/4/2012.- Why Labour lost the Queensland election

John Tons – Courier – Cost of population growth

Bob Couch – Sunday Mail 15/4/2012 – Disputing Kevin Foley’s article on 8th April proposing more development

Michael Lardelli – Advertiser about 10th April – same subject as above

Member (name kept confidential) – Sunday Mail 15/4/2012 – same subject as above

Robert Jameson - Sunday Mail 15/4/2012 - Each addition to SA population costs \$200,000 for infrastructure

Michael Lardelli – InDaily 2/4/2012 – Economic gain despite growth

Michael Lardelli – InDaily 12/4/2012 – Australian Population Growth is harming Australians both economically and environmentally

Murray Darling Consultation meeting in Adelaide

Michael Lardelli (SPGN Committee) and myself, set ourselves up outside the entrance to the Convention Centre where the above meeting was held on Tuesday 3rd April. We had our SPGN sign on display, and offered our flyers to attendees. Michael managed to hand one to the federal Population Minister (Tony Burke) , but I do not think he will join up somehow!

Membership recruitment

Although we are making steady progress, we still have some way to go to recruit the members we need for federal and state registration as a political party. If you can help us by letterboxing our recruiting flyers, and/or donating funds that will allow us to employ personnel to do this for us, it would assist us greatly. Call the Convenor on 0488 071 799 or (08) 8296 3451 if you can assist.

It is our intention, once we are registered, to seek applications for nomination as SPGN candidates at the next State and Federal elections

Lenswood Harvest Fair

Robert Jameson (SPGN Committee) organised and manned an information stand for SPGN at this event recently. His eye catching posters attracted considerable attention. Robert was successful in recruiting one member on the spot, and another joined later. Thank you Robert for your work , and thank you John Tons (SPGN Committee) for your preparatory work.

Did you know?

The Indian Prime Minister has released a survey that shows that 42 percent of Indian children under 5 are underweight (Advertiser 12th January). He has described this as a matter of national shame. Yet there are those in this world who argue that overpopulation is not a problem! I bet they did not ask those children.

Can you visualize 850 jumbo jets landing today and each deplaning 250 people? If so, you will have a good grasp of daily, real-time global population growth - over 200,000 persons per day! Nearly four of those jumbo jet loads ends up in Australia.

Jack mackerel, rich in oily protein, is manna to a hungry planet, a staple in Africa. Stocks have dropped from an estimated 30 million tonnes to less than a tenth of that in two decades. The world's largest trawlers, after depleting other oceans, now head south towards the edge of Antarctica to compete for what is left. Why is this happening? To feed the population referred to in the previous para!

Stickers

If you would like to advertise SPGN, we have car stickers available for members .Please telephone or email the Convenor if you would like one.

Various administrative matters

We still need an auditor. Do we have any members (or others) who are prepared to volunteer for this? I estimate from my experience that this would only take 2 or 3 hours once per year. Call or email the Convenor on 0488 071 799 or (08) 8296 3451 if you can assist.

Note that SPGN is very careful to protect the confidentiality of your membership. Members of the committee have access to membership records, and then only for essential administrative tasks. When we lodge our application for registration, we will need to supply your details to the electoral authorities. Apart from the aforementioned, details of individual members are not released.

(On behalf of Management Committee)

Bob Couch Convenor

PS If you have received this by post, it may mean your email address does not work for us. If you would prefer we communicated by email, please advise your current email address to convenor@stoppopulationgrowthnow.com .

Going to the beach in China



Reputed to be the largest sandy beach in Asia, the number one bathing beach is situated on Huiquan Bay in Qingdao, Shandong Province. Also called Huiquan Bathing Beach, this beach is noted for its clear water, mild waves and soft sand. Even in winter this place is crowded with keen swimmers.