

# STOP POPULATION GROWTH NOW

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## From the Convenor (Bob Couch)

### We need your help to recruit members

We must recruit more members. We are still well short of the 500 we need for federal electoral registration. Federal registration is extremely important. This allows us to have the name of our party printed next to our candidate names on the ballot paper.

It is interesting that, although persons I speak to are invariably enthusiastic and supportive of our aims, it is very hard to get them to actually join up.

As previously advised we have produced a flyer (attached to the last Newsletter, which is shown on our website) that we have been letterboxing. We have distributed approx 5000 of these to date, and they have been quite successful. We very much need help in distributing more of these. I find I am able to letterbox 500 in a day without too much trouble (in suburbs with average housing density).

If you cannot help personally, we would accept donations that we can use to employ a conscientious lady we know (and who needs the money at present) to do this.

If you can help, email me ([convenor@stoppopulationgrowthnow.com](mailto:convenor@stoppopulationgrowthnow.com)) or phone on 0488071799 and we will get flyers and instructions to you.

The flyer is tailored for South Australia . If you live interstate, and can assist in distribution, we can supply a version applicable to your state.

Also, we have included a blank application form in this envelope. We hope you can pass it on to someone you think may be interested in joining us.

Finally, your committee would welcome any other ideas you have that may help with recruitment.

### Lenswood Show

At John Ton's suggestion, I visited the Lenswood Show. I handed out about 150 flyers. The great majority of people I spoke to politely accepted the flyer, and quite a few immediately indicated enthusiastic support for our policy . Two persons joined up on the spot.

### Annual General Meeting

This will be held in the Verdun Hall on Sunday 17th July, at 2.00pm. An agenda will be forwarded soon. The location has been chosen as a lot of our members live in the Adelaide Hills.

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### Fighting Fund

Some of you came to a public meeting we sponsored in the Woodside Town Hall last year. At that meeting we collected a sum of \$1010 for a fighting fund to oppose housing development in the Adelaide Hills. This money is now being used for the reason it was collected . I do not wish to be more specific at this moment, because we do not want to telegraph our moves to those opposed to us, but I thought it was our responsibility to report progress. I wish to thank John Tons (SPGN Committee) for his activism in this matter.

### Membership fees

How time flies. Some persons have been members for a year already. Ordinary Members will therefore start receiving accounts on the anniversary of their date of joining. Associate members will not receive such accounts, as Associate membership is now free.

### Stickers

For those who normally get their Newsletter by email, you will note that this Newsletter has been posted to you. This is so you can receive the enclosed sticker, which is designed to be attached to your vehicle. Please display it prominently if you can.

### Stable Population Party of Australia (SPPA)

Subsequent to my last Newsletter advice about this party, we are still awaiting a formal response to our request for further information. A member of their committee (Kris Spike) visited Adelaide on 20<sup>th</sup> February, to play in a Fringe concert. At his invitation, I met with him, and we had a general discussion. William Bourke, the founder and Convenor of SPPA plans to be in Adelaide in May or June, and has suggested our committee meet with him. We have indicated we will be pleased to do so.

### Auditor

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 . You do not need to be an accountant. The ability of MYOB (the accounting program we use to administer our records) to produce extracts of the accounts helps makes the job very quick and easy. Call or email me if you can assist.

### Film Showing

A NSW film maker has made an excellent film about the NSW Government forcing high rise development into residential areas, against the wishes of the local residents. We are obtaining a copy of this film, and plan to show it at public meetings, initially in Mount Barker. Watch for newspaper ads announcing these showings.

Regards

Bob