

STOP POPULATION GROWTH NOW

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Why we exist

I have been challenged to answer this in just a few words. 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 at least 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.

Membership recruitment

We still have some way to go to recruit the members we need for federal and state registration as a political party. Your committee has tried a number of methods to recruit members with varying degrees of success. However, we have found that letterboxing of flyers, whilst labour intensive, does get results.

We have just received a fresh batch of flyers. A copy of the current version is enclosed. We would be greatly assisted if any members could help with letterboxing. Would you call the Convenor on 0488 071 799 if you can assist. It would be much appreciated (Note – the flyer enclosed is tailored to SA. If you are interstate, we can tailor one for your particular region). If you can't do letterboxing, we invite you to consider forwarding the enclosed flyer (at our web site www.stoppopulationgrowthnow.com under Newsletter No 8) to your email list.

You will note that this Newsletter has been posted to you as it contains an Application Form to join SPGN. We ask that you do your best to recruit at least one more member using this form. It may help if you remind them that Associate Membership is free.

Confidentiality

Please 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.

Annual General Meeting

This was duly held at the Verdun Hall, on Sunday 17th July at 2pm. Thank you to those who attended. What follows is a brief report on the proceedings:-

Convenor's Report - Highlights

As this was the first AGM of SPGN, the Convenor provided a report on events that had transpired since SPGN's founding.

Finances – Excess of Income over expenditure to 30/6/2010 = \$1089.
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Net assets shown in Balance Sheet as at 30/6/2011 = \$1185.09

Membership numbers – a long way to go to get the 500 we need to register federally, but achieving the 150 South Australian members we need to register as a state party is within reach.

Convenor thanked all who had contributed to our cause.

(If any member would like a full copy of the Convenors Report (which includes a detailed financial report), please contact us.)

Other Items

Members Gary Goland and Robert Jameson were appointed to the Management Committee. All existing members retained their positions (this means the Management Committee now has 6 members).

Subscriptions (only apply to Ordinary Members) were approved unchanged.

Change to constitution - the meeting approved changes to the constitution that were needed to allow us to run candidates at state level, as well as federal (subject to us having sufficient members). It also approved changes to make it easier for members to change from one category of membership to another. These changes have now been approved by the Office of Business and Consumer Affairs.

After the meeting, some of the members adjourned to the Stanley Bridge Hotel for dinner (it was excellent) and drinks.

Thank you in particular to John Coulter for chairing the meeting, and to Phyllis Coulter for meeting administration.

Relationship with Stable Population Party of Australia (SPPA)

Management Committee members met with Mr William Bourke, the National Convenor of this party in Adelaide on Saturday 9th July. A discussion on possible co-operation / amalgamation took place. Our committee viewed the meeting as unproductive. Subsequently, we have written to SPPA advising that we will initially seek state registration, and that, in the event that SPPA requires assistance in a federal election, we will be open to an approach from them, but will determine the terms and conditions at the time.

It is still the intention of SPGN to seek federal registration if the required number of members can be recruited.

Showing of State of Siege

We had our second showing of the film "State of Siege" at the Semaphore Odeon on Wednesday evening 17th August. About 60 persons attended. John Coulter opened the proceedings with a short address, followed by the film. The film was very well received. Some attendees then adjourned to the restaurant next door for coffee and socialising. A number of citizens active in opposing the Cheltenham and St Clair developments were present. It was pleasing to note the passion and commitment of these people.

I wish to thank all those who supported this event, and assisted with administration, particularly, Gary Goland and Robert Jameson. I also wish to thank Jacki and staff from Wallis Theatres for their very professional and friendly services.

Renewal of Subscriptions

Thank you to those who have renewed. Receipts are not being forwarded unless specifically requested, or unless the payments are being made in cash. This is to save paper and postage, of course.

Constitution

If any member would like a copy of SPGNs constitution, please contact us

Regards

On behalf of Management Committee
Bob Couch
Convenor