

INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE HUMANIST SOCIETY OF NSW

WORLD HUMANIST DAY SYMPOSIUM ON WHY HUMANISM MATTERS

Sunday 21st June 2015 at Humanist House starting 1.00 for 1.30 p.m.

We begin gathering informally at 1.00pm with light refreshments, moving on to the Keynote address at 1.30p.m. The event will then be launched by the Independent MP for Sydney, Alex Greenwich.

This will be followed by Victor Bien discussing 'The rise of political orders, the Enlightenment, & modern Humanism', then John August will review 'Highlights and Lowlights of Australian Secular History'.

The first session will finish with Peter Furness from Humanist Aid Inc., who will talk about his recent trip to Uganda with the Uganda Humanist Schools Trust, and the work of this charitable foundation.

There will be time for Q&A with each speaker. A break for light refreshments and informal networking will divide this from a second session which will begin sometime between 3.30pm and 4.00p.m.

The second session will contain briefer talks and still include opportunities for Q&A and participation: Erik Alslaksen on 'The goal of evolution remains survival, but the subject of evolution has changed from species to societies, and the mechanism from random mutations to intelligence'; Fay Love on 'Fictional People, Real Issues'; then senior members David Duffy and Brian Edwards will each share their views on the ongoing value of Humanism, and a new Meetup member Steve Hulme will speak at his first event.

The session will be closed by Ian Bryce, President of the Humanist Society of NSW, who will talk about current developments in the work of Humanists at state and national levels.

Things should finish around 5.30p.m. with informal networking and tidy up until 6.00p.m. when participants can move on to a dinner together at a nearby restaurant.

Timings may vary on the day as we balance the values of tight entertaining presentations and open participatory audience involvement. Participants get the opportunity to celebrate the international, national, and local Humanist movement in expressing and sharing those values which bring them to this movement.

This event will be enjoyed best by those who attend for the entire event, so please come for the afternoon and do be ready for the formal start at 1.30p.m. The event is also open to the public and to NSW Humanists Meetup. Please feel encouraged to share this invitation with your associates.

