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## Menzies Campaign Launches

With the Federal election now finally set for Saturday 24 November, the Menzies Campaign is in full swing. The campaign Office launch was held on Thursday 11 October, the first round of letter boxing commenced the weekend 13/14 October, and the supermarket meet and greet program has begun.

With the lead slogan of 'Vote Choice - a Human Right', the 2007 Campaign offers the best opportunity to unseat Kevin Andrews who has consistently failed to represent the views and aspirations of a growing percentage of the Menzies electorate.

For Philip, the policy agenda focuses on the so-called 'moral' issues of Voluntary Euthanasia, contraception and pregnancy choices for women, the promotion of stem cell research and the introduction of equal rights for same sex couples. These are all issues that the Member for Menzies - as one of the most morally conservative members of the Coalition government - has voted against; at a parliamentary level, within Government cabinet and in committees.

These issues sit alongside other equally important policy areas such as the Member for Menzies' role in the unfair Work Choices legislation, his recent treatment of Dr Mohammed Haneef and subsequent allegations about other foreign

trained doctors. There is also the Minister's refusal to recognise human rights on Australia's offshore refugee detention centres, his highly controversial Citizenship test, and, most recently, his racist criticisms of African refugees.

In contrast, Philip has taken a strong position of support for the environment. The need to address global warming, sign the Kyoto protocol, and the need to push renewable, non-nuclear,

non 'smart coal' energy future for the nation are all priorities. These are issues that show the failings of the Howard Government to respond to the global crisis that is upon us.

To date, around \$106,000 has been donated from Voluntary Euthanasia supporters from all over Australia. This is an impressive amount and allows us to run a very credible campaign. But we still need the flow of donations to continue so that we can continue with the same level of activity

throughout the long five week campaign.

The official Menzies Election campaign launch date is yet to be announced. Once confirmed, everyone will be invited.

**Philip Nitschke**



**Independent  
for  
Menzies**

***Vote Choice: A Human Right***

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# Menzies Campaign Office Launch

In what is described as a 'coup', Menzies Campaign Manager, Lindy Boyd, has been rewarded for her efforts and secured the upper floor of a prominent local real estate agent in the Macedon Square shopping centre in Lower Templestowe, for the 2007 Campaign office.

Right in the middle of the Menzies electorate, the open plan floor consists of several offices and meeting rooms. The office has good size windows with street frontage (see photo) which has enabled floor to ceiling posters to be prominently displayed, leaving no one in doubt that Philip Nitschke is standing as an Independent Candidate in Menzies.

Lindy Boyd said one of the drawcards of the office was the offer by the owners for the campaign to use the existing infrastructure (Internet, printers, computers and furniture), thereby freeing campaign funds to be spent in other key areas. Our Candidate is now spending the best

part of each day in his front office while volunteers drop in for a chat, cup of coffee and take on the day's tasks.

Philip says, "this office provided the best facilities we have had to fight an election and provides great exposure. Judging by the reaction I've received in the street, there are many locals who are pleased to see me back. Many are pleased that the VE issue is back on the political agenda and that someone is prepared to take on the challenge of defeating Kevin Andrews."



1st Floor, 16 Macedon Rd Lower Templestowe

The campaign office is open to all and welcomes supporters dropping by. If you are a registered voter in Menzies you are particularly welcome to come in and sign Philip's nomination form. All independent candidates are required to obtain 50 or more nominations by registered Menzies voters before 1st November. Please contact the Campaign office on 03 9850 8192 if you are able to support the campaign in any way.

## Join us in Menzies on Election Day

If you are passionate about your *right to choose* and want to help oust Kevin Andrews from Menzies, then 'We Want You' to join us in Melbourne on Election Day (Saturday 24 November).

To make the most of the day and our potential to capture a sizeable proportion of the primary vote, we need around 300 volunteers to staff the 32 polling booths of the Menzies electorate from 8am to 6pm close. Working in shifts of 2 hours at a time, this means we need a large, committed team of more than 300 to help out.



In return, all volunteers will be guests of honour at our Election Night party, which will of course be held in Menzies.

What better way to watch the national tally than over a pig on a Menzies BBQ spit? Make no mistake about it, the 2007 election will be one to be remembered for many years to come.

If you are interested in joining us, please complete the back page slip and send it to the Menzies Campaign office now or call the office on 03 9850 8192.

# Menzies Campaign on *YouTube.com*

Following the success of Exit's *Single Shot Peaceful Pill Film*, the Menzies campaign commissioned film maker Steve Hopes to produce a 5 minute Election Campaign Video titled 'Euthanasia Candidate Challenges Kevin Andrews'. This film is available for viewing on YouTube.com

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSjNNhSScwk>

Featuring interviews with voters in the street, Menzies Campaign staff and, of course, our Candidate Philip Nitschke, the video puts the Menzies campaign on equal footing with the Campaigns of the major and minor parties and allows the Voluntary Euthanasia message to reach people all around the world.



In addition to the *YouTube.com* video, the Menzies campaign has produced a full colour handout card (for twice weekly 'meet and greets'), a fortnightly *Menzies 07 Newsletter*, and an A3 brochure which is currently being letter boxed to over 40,000 homes in the electorate.

Exit would like to thank photographer Dave Hancock in Darwin for the campaign portraits, printer Matt Revere for getting these images onto paper, and the many other volunteers who continue their ongoing support for the campaign.

## Out & About in Menzies

Shopping Centre 'meet and greets' started in earnest in Templestowe on Grand Final Day (29 September). To date, reaction from voters has been strong with many questions and statements of support for Philip.



The attitudes expressed about the sitting Member for Menzies, Kevin Andrews varied, but a common sentiment expressed is that the voters of Menzies

never gave their member a mandate for many of the policy initiatives introduced by him while he was the Howard government's Minister for Ageing, Industrial Relations, and finally, Immigration.

Not only has Kevin Andrews allowed his own actions to be influenced by his religious convictions but there is now the more general feeling

that the Howard government has gone 'too far' and is out of touch with the electorate. There has also been considerable criticism of the Federal government's recent approval of the Gunns' pulp mill in Tasmania's Tamar Valley and the realisation that on many important issues, the Labor Party opposition is not offering any real change. This is an election where independent and minor parties can make a difference, and we have our best chance to finish off the political career of Minister Andrews.

Meet and greets are held every weekend at all the main shopping centres in Menzies. Details will be provided in the *Nitschke for Menzies* ads published weekly in the local *Manningham Leader*.

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### Donate to Exit

Exit relies on donations to fund its workshop,  
private visits and R&D programs  
Bequest forms can be obtained from Exit.

# Remembering Bob Dent in 2007

Bob Dent Day 2007 has been celebrated with a street march, speeches in the park and a picnic lunch before Exit ran a packed Information Workshop at Maroochydore Community Centre on 22 September.

Organised by the Sunshine Coast Branch of VESQ, the commemoration of Bob Dent's death is a yearly event. This year Elaine Arch-Rowe joined regular speakers Judy Dent, Philip Nitschke and Marshall Perron. While Marshall outlined the shocking violence in the suicide statistics as they related to older people, Judy gave a particularly powerful speech about the circumstances of Bob's decision to be the first person to use the Northern Territory's *Rights of the Terminally Ill Act* back in 1996.

Not one for public speaking, Judy's address this year was one of the most emotionally charged accounts of how a VE law can work in favour of the terminally ill. Flying in from visiting family in Canada, Judy Dent continues to be a strong and passionate spokesperson for why a VE law is needed throughout Australia.

The Exit workshop that was held immediately after the picnic lunch attracted a crowd of over 50 members. Five newcomers were welcomed to the organisation.

Exit is grateful to June Henderson and Joan Rae of the Sunshine Coast Branch of VESQ for their invitation to speak on the day and to Bron Norman for her assistance with organising the workshop at Maroochydore.

## Exit Annual Report

The Exit Annual General Meeting was held at Northbrook House in Melbourne on Wednesday 26 September 2007. The Exit Annual Report is enclosed with this newsletter. Extra copies are available by contacting the Exit office.

Vincent Phelan and Kerri Dennis were re-appointed as Directors of Final Exit (Australia) Ltd TA Exit International for the coming year. Philip Nitschke continues as the permanent Director.



Judy Dent addressing the crowd at Cottontree Park



VESQ's Henry Krome telling the world his beliefs



Exit Director Philip Nitschke with the 'Signs in the Sand'

## Exit Workshops 2007

With the date of the Federal Election now known, Exit is finally in a position to confirm our workshop dates for the remainder of 2007.

Exit apologises if a workshop is not being held in your area. Workshops will resume in late January 2008 with a new format and more locations than ever.

Melbourne - Monday 12 November  
Adelaide - Tuesday 13 November  
Gold Coast - Thursday - 29 November  
Brisbane - Friday 30 November  
Hervey Bay - Monday 3 December  
Perth No 1 - Tuesday 11 December  
Bunbury - Thursday 13 December  
Perth No 2 - Saturday 15 December  
Wollongong - Monday 17 December  
Canberra - Wednesday 19 December  
Sydney - Friday 21 December

Exit workshops are private but the public are welcome to attend (upon a donation of \$50 at the door on the day).

Where possible, the workshops will be followed by end of year social events. For further details please contact local Chapters.

### Special Adelaide Workshop

The only workshop to be held outside Victoria before election day will be in Adelaide. SA members are encouraged to bring friends along to this important workshop where new practical information will be provided on the Single Shot Peaceful Pill process, along with the latest news on the election campaign.

### Supreme Court Trial Date Set

On Friday 5 October, Caren Jennings appeared for the first time in the NSW Supreme Court. Pleading 'not guilty' to the charge of 'murder' and the 'alternative charge' of 'aiding and abetting a suicide', Caren's trial has been scheduled to begin in the NSW Supreme Court at 9.30 am on Monday 5 May 2008.

The trial will be heard by Justice Adams and is expected to last 2 - 3 weeks. Caren will be tried jointly with Shirley Justins who is facing the same charges over the death of Exit member, Graeme Wylie in March 2006.

## Exitorial

This month has been a challenging one with my relocation from Darwin to Melbourne and all the worry and disruption that this can cause. The move, however, has been worth it.

The reception from voters in Menzies is encouraging. Some people have recognised me from past campaigns and welcomed me back. While others are so set upon seeing the end of Kevin Andrews, that they welcome warmly a new candidate with this objective.

Already we are out and about meeting voters and establishing a 'presence' in Menzies. Our profile has been aided by securing a high exposure office in the heart of the electorate, in Macedon Square shopping centre, Lower Templestowe. Located above the Zahn real estate agent in Macedon Road, the office has provided an active focal point for our campaign.

To further promote our 2007 Campaign, we have posted our Campaign Video on *YouTube.com*. We encourage everyone to visit *YouTube.com* and view our campaign statement. We are grateful to Steve Hopes for his production work for this video which, because it is on the Internet, opens the Menzies campaign to people around the world.

Looking forward, we have time between now and election day on 24 November to run an effective campaign. Our official election launch will be held at a later date in the campaign.

Given the commitment demanded by the Menzies campaign, we ask that Exit members be patient as we re-arrange our workshop program to fit in with the election. Two are planned for Melbourne (to be held in the electorate at Bulleen) and we will run one other Peaceful Pill - Single Shot workshop in Adelaide during the campaign. All others have been postponed till after the election on 24th Nov.

Finally, the news this week that the Federal Attorney General is again targeting the Exit workshop program is particularly discouraging. We are currently seeking legal advice about how to best counter this new high level attack, while ensuring that this popular program remains, continuing to bring to our members the best and most recent end of life information available.

*Philip Nitschke*



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## Donate to Exit

I want to donate (join/rejoin) to Exit  (A\$100-150 is the average annual donation)

## Volunteer for 07 Election Day @ Menzies

I want to volunteer to help on Election Day

I would be interested in providing/ obtaining billet accommodation

(cross out which does not apply)

(with a local Exit member - Exit will contact you to arrange this)

## Accommodation Options\*

Beaumonde Hotel (\$250 per room), 934 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster East (03) 9841 9744  
 Quest Doncaster Hotel (\$109 - \$144 pr), 855 Doncaster Road Doncaster (03) 8848 160  
 Hotel Shoppingtown (\$88 pr), 13 - 21 Williamsons Rd Doncaster (03) 9848 6811

\* To book accommodation, please contact the hotels direct, NOT the Exit Office.

### Contact Details

First Name(s).....

Last Name.....

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.....Postcode.....

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Age.....

Telephone.....

### Donation Options

I am giving \$ .....

on (today's date).....

Visa  Mastercard  Cheque

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Name on Card.....

Signature.....

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**Attorney-General's Department**

**Classification, Legal Services and  
Native Title Division**

12 October 2007

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Dear Dr Nitschke

**Exit Workshops**

The Community Liaison Scheme (CLS), located within the Attorney-General's Department, is a joint Australian Government, State and Territory Government initiative which provides information to publishers, distributors, exhibitors and retailers and members of the public about their obligations under the national classification scheme. As part of this role, CLS officers conduct checks at outlets across Australia where films, computer games and certain publications are advertised, exhibited, hired or sold and also check websites in order to monitor compliance with classification laws.

I refer to the website [www.exitinternational.net](http://www.exitinternational.net) which states in the section on the Exit Workshops that "Workshops are supplemented by *The Peaceful Pill Handbook* (banned in Australia...)".

According to the website, workshops are to be held on 16 and 30 October in Melbourne. Under the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) (Enforcement) Act 1995* (Vic), a person must not sell or deliver a publication classified RC (maximum penalty of \$26,400 or imprisonment for 2 years). Further, a person must not possess or copy a publication classified RC with the intention of selling the publication or copy (section 31). "Sell" is defined to include exchange, let on hire, offer or display for sale or exchange etc. On 24 February 2007, the Classification Review Board classified the publication *The Peaceful Pill Handbook* RC (Refused Classification). I wish to draw your attention to these offence provisions as the workshops may be potentially in breach of the Act.

I further note media reports that a film *Single Shot* is screened at the workshops. We have no record of this film being classified. Under the Act, a person must not exhibit in a public place or sell an unclassified film (sections 6 and 15) (unless the film is exempt from classification). Once again, the workshops may be potentially in breach of classification laws.

Please note, that a copy of this letter has been provided to Victoria Police and as similar provisions exist in classification enforcement legislation in all other jurisdictions, law enforcement agencies in all jurisdictions have been provided with a copy of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Barbara Vosoba  
Coordinator  
Community Liaison Scheme

Cc Classification Enforcement Contact, relevant State and Territory law enforcement agency.



## PRESS RELEASE

### Federal Attorney General Threatens Closure of Euthanasia Workshops – Victorian police informed

In a move that has baffled **Voluntary Euthanasia advocate, Dr Philip Nitschke**, the Australian Attorney General – Philip Ruddock – has demanded that Exit International's highly popular 'Single Shot YouTube' video be withheld from screening at Exit workshops until it has been classified by the Office of Film and Literature Classification. This is despite the film receiving over 4000 viewings in its first month on the well-known video website, YouTube.com.

In a letter to Dr Nitschke on 12 Oct, the Attorney General has warned Exit International about its forthcoming Melbourne information workshops to be held at Tues 16th Oct, Koonarra Hall, 7 Balwyn Rd, Bulleen 10-1.

The letter notes that because Exit's workshops are "supplemented by the [now banned] *Peaceful Pill Handbook*" - reminding Dr Nitschke that it is a crime to *possess* this book – and because the Workshops access the YouTube.com website, they are "potentially in breach of classifications laws."

"We've known for a long time that the Howard government has been searching for a way to silence discussion about Voluntary Euthanasia and end of life choices" said Dr Nitschke from his home in Bulleen.

"First, we had the Kevin Andrews Bill that overturned the world's first Rights of the Terminally Ill Act of the Northern Territory, then we had changes to the Customs Act. We've had the introduction of the Suicide Related Material Offences Act which prohibited the use of the phone to discuss Voluntary Euthanasia and now this attack on my discussing the content of the *Peaceful Pill Handbook*, our use of YouTube.com – in short our whole workshop program.

The workshops in question are due to be held in Doncaster in the Victorian seat of Menzies where Dr Nitschke is running as an Independent Candidate against the incumbent - the Minister for Immigration Kevin Andrews.

"Perhaps the letter has come at this time and in relation to these workshops because the Minister is seriously worried about us taking votes from him at a time when he needs them most. I guess I knew politics could be dirty but I did not think that our Workshops would be the victim."

According to the Attorney General's office, the Victorian Police have been notified of the forthcoming Melbourne workshops. Dr Nitschke said he must prepare for a police raid.

**Contact: Dr Philip Nitschke 0407 189 339**

**Date: 16 October 2007**

**'Single Shot' can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08we89neDUo>**

***Exit International's workshops are now in their 9<sup>th</sup> year and are held regularly around the country.***