



NEWSLETTER – August 2004

- Check out our new website address www.greataustralians.org. We are working on a template for the Branches so when we set up a new branch, we can hand it over to them for their own website. I urge all members to gain access to a computer at the library or from a child or grandchild. Then you can visit the website frequently and we can email you a newsletter. We are working on a data base management system which will enable us to email out to all members more frequently and email out a newsletter to all other supporters.
- With a federal Election looming, we are seeking candidates for all Federal seats and the Senate in all States. Members are encouraged to seek endorsement or recruit suitable candidates. I urge you to nominate even if you run a low key campaign just so we can pick up the Senate vote.
- We now have four active branches – Fairfax, Wide Bay and Groom (Toowoomba) in Queensland and Singleton in NSW. Come on the other States.
- We have an endorsed candidate for Groom based on Toowoomba in Noel Wieck. He is EXACTLY the type of candidate we need – a successful dairy and pig farmer with a true understanding of rural and economic issues and supported by a hard working wife Fay who is the President of the Groom branch. I am so happy that Noel has taken this on and urge all members to support him financially and in the many jobs needed to be done.
- On the weekend of 28/29 August I will be delivering a speech to the Sydney Forum. It is entitled “The Diggers Legacy” and is a tribute to our founder and patron John Cumming and a platform on which to base our future political agenda and policies. All members are invited to attend to listen to the speech. I am hoping to get some good positive publicity for this and am treating it as an election opener and I ask all Sydney members to make sure you attend. Unfortunately at the time of writing I am not able to give you the day or time, so please keep looking at the Sydney Forum website www.sydneyforum.net or our web site at www.greataustralians.org. A copy of the speech will be posted on our web site on Monday 29th and CDs will be distributed to all members.
- I have now had many interviews with Derek Smith one of the members of Tax Reform who have put forward the model for the Expenditure Tax. With this newsletter I am forwarding a summary of this tax and I appeal to all members to copy this and distribute it out into the community. For us to stand any chance of bringing in this vital reform, we need to be united as a party and we need to unite the various splinter groups broadly supporting a “Debit Tax” under the same banner of an Expenditure Tax. Please read the attached summary carefully and shoot me any queries you may have.
- I want you all to realise that this will be long term battle and will not happen overnight, but I am so convinced we are on the right track I am prepared to spend the next 15 years of my life if need be to fight for the introduction of our tax and economic reform. Please stick with us. We have built a strong infrastructure now for a political party and we are so fundamentally in the right, we must ultimately succeed once we can get our message out there.
- I welcome your feedback on any issues you wish to discuss or policies you want introduced.

Kind regards

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