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2012





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Exit Annual Report 2012

Front cover : This Cathy Wilcox cartoon ran alongside a front page story in The Age / Sydney Morning Herald on 24 August 2012 of Exit's plans to establish a Dignitas-style assisted suicide clinic in Fiji.

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/nitschkes-death-clinic-on-agenda-for-fiji-20120823-24p2b.html>

Back cover: Max Dog Brewing Nitrogen cylinders

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - 2012

Perhaps more than other years, 2012 has been a year of trials and tribulations. The dominant challenging issues that have needed addressing concern the two separate investigations of the Australian regulator (AHPRA) into my fitness to hold medical registration as a doctor. In my opinion both complaints are spurious. Both remain unresolved some 12 months and 6 months, respectively, after they were commenced. The particularly political nature of the second investigation (into my non-medical activities concerning Max Dog Brewing) raises genuine questions about the separation of Church and State in Australia.

A second issue that has distracted me this year is the unfortunate defamation action that was launched against the organization and myself by a fellow Australian VE

organization. The action came about mid-year as a result of questions raised in the Exit newsletter in relation to the five million dollar bequest of the former Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Clem Jones.

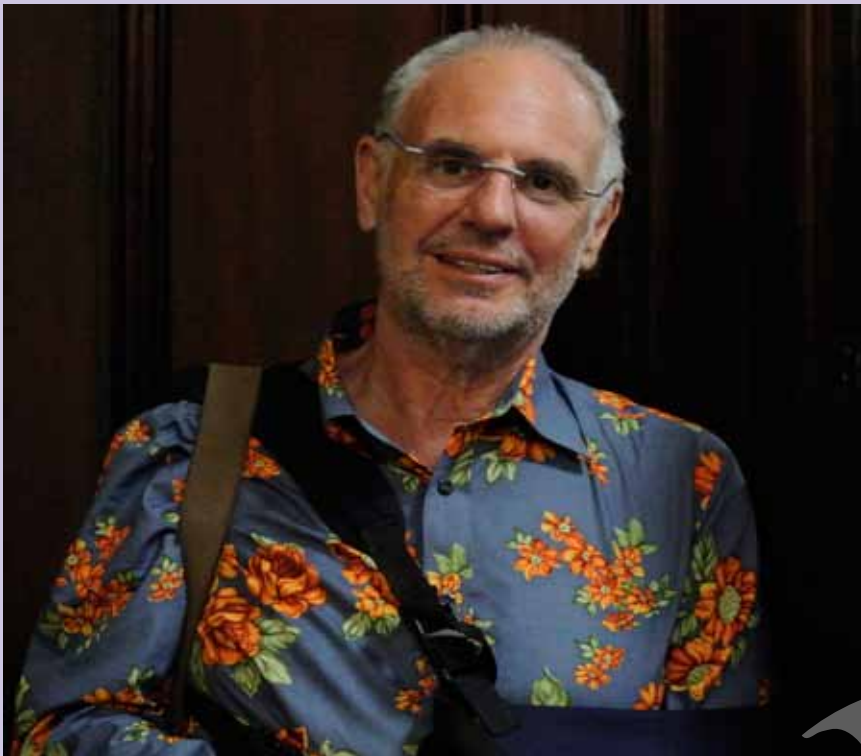
No sooner had I queried the bequest, than I was contacted by lawyers outlining legal action. To date, I have not (and have no plans to) apologized. What for? At the time of press, it saddens me that the incident remains unresolved. This is surely an unfortunate low point in the history of the Australian VE movement.

Despite these setbacks, I remain very pleased at the progress made this year on the Research and Development front. In 2012, I spent much of my time in Australia, establishing the new - and much awaited - Exit mobile laboratory. This project

was made possible, in part, as a result of several significant bequests. To this end, Exit has turned a financial corner and for this I am very grateful. In coming years I will continue to ensure that when Exit Members do remember Exit in their will, their gifts deliver tangible benefits for VE more broadly and to the Exit International community, in particular.

Along with the launch this year of Max Dog Nitrogen, I am proud to say that Exit Members have never been so well equipped when it comes to having practical end-of-life strategies (and the peace of mind this brings) in place.

In closing, I would like to thank my small staff for their on-going support and dedication. They are the unsung heroes of my work. There would be no Exit International without them!



Dr Philip Nitschke

EXIT CHAPTERS



Exit's Chapters are the backbone of the organization

*Brisbane Chapter Coordinator
Angelika Minner at the launch in
Sydney of her Exit Chapters Training
Video which forms a valuable induction
kit for new Exit Chapter Coordinators
around the world.*



Increasingly, Exit Chapters provide *the* focal point for Exit Members. These are the groups that support members daily and at a very local level. They are often the first place members turn when they are in need. As the first points of contact, Exit Chapters have assumed an importance within Exit that cannot be under-estimated.

As with any volunteer group, the face of Exit Chapters is open to change. This year was no different. What was different was that the organization lost three much-loved Chapter Coordinators in close succession.

They were: Bettina O'Meara (Central Coast NSW), Paula Westoby (Dunedin NZ) and Paul Scott (Hervey Bay Qld). While Bettina and Paula were both in their 80s and both died after drinking Nembutal, Paul

was only 73 when his life was cut short by bowel cancer. They will all be greatly missed. Exit will remain indebted to them for the incredible contributions each made to the organization over the years.

As is ever the way with life, death and renewal, Exit has been heartened by the enthusiasm of those left behind who have rallied to carry on Bettina, Paula and Paul's good work. In this regard the organization has welcomed Rick Dorland to Hervey Bay and Jenifer Green to the Central Coast chapters.

Other new coordinators include John Mackenzie who has re-established the Newcastle chapter, John Froehlich who has founded a brand new group in Bendigo in central Victoria and Bill Le Boeuf who has gotten Exit's first US Chapter

off the ground in LA/ southern California. The organization welcomes them all.

In terms of Chapter activities, one of the highlights of the year was the annual Chapter Planning weekend which was held in Sydney in January. The weekend is always much valued as it provides the opportunity for everyone to come together, regroup, share ideas and strategies and have a good time together.

At this year's weekend, Brisbane Coordinator, Angelika Minner, launched her Exit Training Video. The product of many months work and a dedication that is simply outstanding the video provides an induction process for new coordinators.

The DVD is complemented by Exit materials that have been

EXIT CHAPTERS

collated with the sole purpose of encouraging others to establish Exit groups in their local village, town or city. Angelika is to be commended for her fine work and the enormous amount of work that the Kit required. Exit is extremely grateful. The Kit is available from Exit's office.

Another theme which has defined the 2012 Chapter year has been the popularity of Exit 'coffee and chat's. These are informal groups of two to five members who meet ad hoc to offer friendship, support and information at the very local level. Some groups are held out at cafes, others in members' homes. The aim is to ensure that members feel connected to others of like mind. Because these groups are small in terms of membership, they are flexible with their schedules and fill a gap between larger, more formal

meetings of Chapters and Exit workshops which are held annually in Australian capital cities.

Looking forward, Exit is looking to form a new Chapter in Vancouver in British Columbia with another to follow in New York; both locations where folk have volunteered. At times like these the Exit Induction Kit will prove invaluable. There are also plans afoot to ensure that members of Exit's London UK chapter benefit from more regular meetings and an increased flow of information.

With Exit workshops planned in 2013 for the Netherlands and Germany, other Chapters may follow. Internet technology will then allow Dr Philip Nitschke to liaise with members personally regardless of their location in the world.

In 2012 Exit Chapters were alive and kicking in:

Adelaide (SA)
Auckland (NZ)
Canberra (ACT)
Bendigo (Vic)
Brisbane (Qld)
Bundaberg (Qld)
Cairns (Qld)
Central Coast (NSW)
Dublin (Ireland)
Gold Coast/ Tweed Heads (Qld)
Hervey Bay (Qld)
Launceston (TAS)
Los Angeles area (CA, USA)
Melbourne (Vic)
Nelson (NZ)
Newcastle (NSW)
Perth (WA)
Southern Highlands (NSW)
Sunshine Coast (Qld)
Sydney (NSW)
Townsville (Qld)
Wellington (NZ)



(l to r) Angelika Minner (Brisbane), David Swanton (Canberra), Muriel Arnott (Melbourne) & Carol O'Neil (Western Australia) with Philip Nitschke & the Max Dog prototype



(l to r) Bron Norman (Sunshine Coast), Marj Lawrence (Townsville), late Paul Scott (Hervey Bay)

EXIT SPEAKING

In 2012, the invitations to speak continued as in past years. These occasions provide an excellent opportunity for Exit to address audiences who may be unfamiliar with the organization's work and who would be unlikely to attend a workshop. However, these engagements come at a cost and account for much of Philip's time away from home.

One highlight of 2012 was certainly the IQ2 debate which was hosted by the St James Ethics Centre & the Wheeler Centre and which was held at Melbourne Town Hall in November. This followed a similar debate in Sydney three years earlier.

In contrast to large, public debates have been several small, local events. These include a fund-raising lunch which was held at the Cudley Creek Hotel

in the Adelaide Hills and which raised money for both Exit as well as for a disadvantaged youth program.

In 2012 politics was represented by an invitation to a debate at the University of Adelaide Young Liberals in the August.

Another subject stream of public speaking concerned religion. In this regard, christian/ catholic groups/ institutions continue to invite Dr Nitschke to debate their own. Of note of these events in 2012 were the City Bible Forum forums which were held at multiple venues across Sydney (April), and an ethics debate hosted by the Australian Catholic University Ethics debate and held at the Australian Museum in Sydney (June). Both events featured heated debate from participants who concluded with parties agreeing to disagree.

Within the VE movement, Philip Nitschke was the guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting of Dying with Dignity Queensland (formerly the VE Society of Queensland).

Philip also travelled to Zurich Switzerland to deliver a keynote speech at the biennial conference of the World Federation of Right to Die Societies (June).

Professional development conferences also figured large in Dr Nitschke's activities in 2012 and included invitations to speak at the annual scientific meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists in Tasmania as well as to the 1000-strong audience at the Australian Nursing Federation annual professional development meeting in Melbourne in September.



*IQ2 Debate
Melbourne November 2012*



Sydney Exit Workshop

Note: Dr Nitschke's arm is in a sling following shoulder surgery.

MAX DOG BREWING & NITROGEN



Left: A US MDB Nitrogen Regulator



Above: An Australian MDB Nitrogen cylinder

Max Dog Brewing is a unique Exit International initiative which can offer the elderly and seriously ill a reliable and peaceful death at a time of one's choosing.

Max Dog has been created to provide a reliable, portable, take-home system of inert gas supply that has infinite shelf life. In other words, Max Dog nitrogen can be stored away in a cupboard in the hope that it will never be needed. However, if it is used its reliability is unquestioned.

The Max Dog system comprises a certified, aluminium cylinder filled with 400 litres (14.12 ft³) of pure food grade Nitrogen gas. The gas is compressed to 13.9 MPa.

Max Dog cylinders measure 11.5cm (4.5") x 50cm (20") and weigh 3.4kg (7.5lb). The cylinders are sold with a selection of regulators. The first regulator features a simple click settings which provides a constant flow rate of between 0.5 - 20 litres per minute, depending on the setting. The second pressure regulator provides output pressures of between 0-1000 kPa which is perfect for home brewing requirements.

In 2012 Max Dog launched in Australia with roll out plans to other countries currently in process. The benefits of Nitrogen over other inert gases where it comes to self-deliverance are clear. Firstly there is the fact that a hypoxic death from Nitrogen is undetectable at autopsy. While

many may not be bothered by the cause of death on their death certificate, others will want to avoid the 'suicide' stigma.

The second advantage of a Nitrogen system is that there will never be any shortage. At the current time, there is a global shortage in Helium gas. This has caused the cost of Helium to rise significantly. Because Nitrogen permeates the air we breathe the gas will never be in short supply.

Chapter 5 of *The Peaceful Pill eHandbook* has been updated to take account of the availability of Max Dog nitrogen. Despite a lag time in delivery of 3-4 months, initial shipments of the cylinders sold out with strong sales expected to continue.

AHPRA INVESTIGATIONS



Philip Nitschke with his patient 'Sharon' shortly before her death in late 2011. Six months before Sharon had been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency is the new national organization that oversees and regulates medical (and other health) professional in Australia. One of the priorities of AHPRA is the management of 'investigations into the professional conduct, performance or health of registered health practitioners'. AHPRA states that 'members of the public can make a notification to AHPRA about the conduct, health and performance of a practitioner or student'.

In the course of 2011 - 2012, two separate notifications (complaints) were made to AHPRA about the conduct of Dr Philip Nitschke. The first of these was made by the Therapeutic Goods Administration after Dr Nitschke allegedly sought to make use of the Special Access Scheme to lawfully import Nembutal to be used as a sleep agent for one of his terminally ill patients. The TGA's Dr Megan

Keaney alleged that such an action would be 'contrary to good medical practice'.

The second complaint was made by pro-life campaigner Mr Paul Russell of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Mr Russell claimed that Dr Nitschke's activities, under the auspice of Max Dog Brewing, made him unsuitable to hold medical registration in Australia.

In particular the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition complaint read: "developed, marketed and are selling an apparatus solely used for the purpose of suicide and as such may not be a fit and proper person to hold registration as a medical practitioner'. Dr Nitschke has since also responded to this spurious complaint and is currently awaiting the outcome of the Agency's investigations.

The political nature of both complaints has meant that both matters have been of considerable interest to the media including *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age* and the *7.30 Report* on ABC TV. Indeed, Dr Nitschke only became aware of the second complaint via a phone call from *The Australian's* catholic journalist Mr Dennis Shanahan whose 'exclusive' read: 'Euthanasia Expert Philip Nitschke accused of gas scam import'. (AHPRA maintains that Dr Nitschke and Mr Russell were both notified simultaneously of the investigation and that the news was not leaked to *The Australian*. Exit maintains that the time lines recorded do not allow this to have occurred.)

The main point of the second is that Max Dog business is not medical practice and therefore has no jurisdiction before AHPRA, regardless of what the Christian lobby may think.

EXIT MOBILE LABORATORY

After years of planning, 2012 saw the mobile laboratory finally become a reality. Funded from a significant and very generous bequest to Exit International, a Renault Master van (with full head room) was acquired mid-year. A further bequest allowed the interior of the van to be tailored to Exit's precise needs.

The laboratory offers a range of equipment for tasks as disparate as the chemical assay of unknown substances, the testing of pressure and purity of gas in both Helium and Nitrogen cylinders, the detection and measurement of concentration of poisonous gases (such as carbon monoxide), as well as a spirometry that allows us to assess lung function of those contemplating the use of inert gases for a peaceful death.

The initial focus is on the testing, both qualitative

and quantitative of sodium pentobarbital (Nembutal). The determination of purity of this substance, especially samples obtained from mainland China, has long been a source of concern by those seeking a peaceful and reliable death. Whilst Exit has offered a home (qualitative) immunoassay kit for some time, the issue that remained unresolved was whether or not the sample obtained had been "cut" (diluted) or otherwise contaminated. For a peaceful and reliable death, one needs to know with certainty that the substance they are planning to take is 100% pure.

The mobile lab offers just this. Test facilities available include water absorption, melting point (on the free acid) and micro-titration of the dissolved salt. A print out of test results is provided and this provides a record of the quality of the

substance they may use should an elective death be undertaken.

The overall aim of the van is to allow Exit members to ensure certainty in whichever end of life strategy they have elected to have on hand, should the need ever arise. The van is intended to take the guess work out of a desired strategy and to minimize risk. It is no use being the proud owner of white powder from China if one has no knowledge of what that white powder is!

There are still some unresolved legal issues that may affect the detailed manner in which this exciting new facility is utilised. Nevertheless, facilities that provide the exact information a person needs to make the most important decision of their lives, can only be seen as beneficial to society, and totally consistent with modern harm minimization strategies.



The new Exit laboratory in action



EXIT AROUND THE WORLD

In comparison to years passed, most of Dr Philip Nitschke's time in 2012 was spent undertaking Research & Development at home in Australia. Despite this, the organization held meetings and workshops in four countries outside of Australia, while field research was conducted in a number of others.

Exit chapter meetings were not only held Australia-wide in 2012 but were also convened at regular intervals in the New Zealand cities of Auckland, Wellington and Nelson. Mid year, Exit held a chapter meeting in London which saw Dr Nitschke attend via the web. The inaugural Southern California chapter of Exit met in LA in late November. The same month, Exit held it's only northern hemisphere workshop in Vancouver in British Columbia.

Apart from meetings, Exit undertook field research for the *Peaceful Pill eHandbook* in Sth America and Asia with members from many countries contributing to the organization's collective knowledge via the Exit forums.

In Europe, the flag was flown proudly by Exit's European Coordinator Tom Curran who began speaking publicly about the need for legislative change in his native Ireland early in the year.

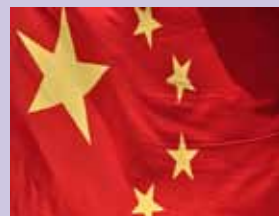
By mid-year Tom had gained the services of pro bono lawyers. By year's end he and his long-time partner Marie, were mounting a challenge in the Irish High Court arguing that Marie was being discriminated against in her ability to end her suffering, because she is paralysed due to her Multiple Sclerosis.

In early January 2013, the High Court ruled in a unanimous decision that it was impossible to liberalise the law on assisted suicide and at the same time protect vulnerable persons such as the aged, the disabled, the poor, the unwanted and others including those who were financially compromised who may be vulnerable to assisted suicide. The case now goes to Ireland's Supreme Court.

In 2012 the *Peaceful Pill eHandbook* attracted increasing numbers of subscribers from all around the world, including from many non-English-speaking countries. More than ever there is now a diversity of views being brought to Exit's Peaceful Pill Forums. It is impressive that Exit members are able to form friendships across the world's borders making our forums a true online global village.



Countries where Exit has held meetings in 2012



Countries where Exit has undertaken field research in 2012



EXIT IN THE MEDIA



A cartoon that appeared in the 'Northern Territory News' the day after Philip Nitschke tripped while jogging; an accident which resulted in a badly dislocated shoulder.

Media coverage in 2012 ranged across a diversity of topics from Exit workshops coming to town, to Exit's Dignitas style plans for Fiji and prominent court cases involving Exit members.

In New Zealand Auckland Exit member Evans Mott received significant international media attention after he pleaded guilty to the assisted suicide of his wife Rosie. In September, Mott was discharged without conviction.

This experience contrasts markedly with the February Supreme Court trial of Merin Nielsen in Brisbane. Nielsen was accused of assisting the suicide of 76 year old Exit member, Frank Ward. Instead of pleading guilty, Nielsen toughed it out, an approach which would see him sentenced to two years imprisonment with a non parole period of six months. This is the first time in Australian legal history that a term of imprisonment has been meted out to a person who

assisted a friend or loved one to die. There was neither clarity nor consistency in how the law dealt with the VE issue.

One issue to attract significant media interest in Tasmania - a place of importance given Tasmanian Premier's stated intention to introduce a Private Member's VE Bill into the State Parliament - was Exit's new mobile laboratory. As the press has done before (and no doubt will again) the van was given such sensationalist headlines as 'Mercy kill clinic bid for Tassie' and 'Mobile euthanasia unit ready for law change'.

On a different note the *Adelaide Advertiser* ran with the headline 'Exit group spruiks \$690 death kits' for their story on Max Dog Brewing while *The Age* ran a front page article on Jay Franklin entitled 'Seeking help to die'.

Never one to let the truth stand in the way of a good

story, *The Australian's* coverage of VE began and ended with the tabloid-esque 'Nitschke accused of gas import scam'. Ross Fitzgerald's sympathetic November opinion piece formed an important exception to the national Murdoch press' usual hostility to the VE issue.

TV and Internet coverage of Exit and its members was far more sympathetic with significant coverage on all Australian commercial stations and the ABC. Of particular note was Channel 7's Sunday program by Mike Duffy which featured Exit member Susan Pott's decision to drink her Nembutal.

One of the quirkier topics to become grist for the media mill was Dr Nitschke's jogging accident mid-year in Darwin. The *NT News* not only produced the cartoon above but featured a page four article titled 'Nitschke discovers dangers of jogging' and which showed a battered and bruised Exit Director.

EXIT PUBLICATIONS

In 2012, Exit produced a total of five *Deliverance* newsletters the last of which was a bumper 10-page edition. *Deliverance* is produced in both an online print formats and distributed to over 10,000 Exit members and the wider VE community globally. This newsletter forms the focus point for all of Exit's activities throughout the year.

Over the past 12 months, the newsletter provided regular update on Chapter activities, the AHPRA investigations, public speaking engagements, the laboratory program, Max Dog Brewing, news from Exit's Peaceful Pill Forums, *Peaceful Pill eHandbook* updates and Exit meetings and workshops.

Aside from *Deliverance*, Exit also published five updates to the online *Peaceful Pill*

eHandbook in February, April, May, August and October with the December update published early in the new year. These updates covered issues such:

- Advent of flat-pack Chinese Nembutal
- Developments in Nembutal from Mexico
- News on Dextropropoxyphene
- The availability of Nembutal in Peru
- Home titration test
- Commercial GC/MS laboratory results
- Role of Insulin
- What happens in a Nembutal death
- Max Dog Brewing Nitrogen Two-stage test for the quantitative testing of Nembutal.

Looking forward, Exit has decided to commit significant resources to develop and Android and iPad app for the Peaceful Pill eHandbook. With the growth in mobile devices these platforms have become ubiquitous and have prompted the organization to act.

In 2012 Exit websites continued to be regularly updated and were able to bring breaking news stories about Exit and Exit members to the world. The weekly Exit News & Forum was not revived as anticipated although this is expected to occur in early 2013.

The Peaceful Pill Forums also continued to increase in popularity this year with over 2000 members now active in this online community.



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Balance Sheet As at 30 June 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents	75,989	71,911
Trade & other receivables	5,487	4,096
Input Tax Credits		
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>81,476</u>	<u>76,007</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant & equipment	18,059	30,077
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>18,059</u>	<u>30,077</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>99,535</u>	<u>106,084</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Other Creditors	500	-
GST Payable	9,492	4,752
Amounts Withheld	13,587	4,972
Bank Overdraft	1,771	3,972
Loans	(61,411)	(45,006)
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>(36,061)</u>	<u>(31,310)</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Philip Nitschke	5,500	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>5,500</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>(30,561)</u>	<u>(31,310)</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>130,096</u>	<u>137,394</u>
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	<u>130,096</u>	<u>137,394</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>130,096</u>	<u>137,394</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT: 2012

Profit & Loss Statement Year ended 30 June 2012

INCOME	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Interest received	187	1,235
License Fees	-	5,886
Membership Fees	237,748	185,594
Donations	127,309	351,016
Royalties	39,100	2,229
Merchandise Sales	48,102	
Other income	7,518	57,280
	<u>459,964</u>	<u>603,240</u>
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 EXPENSES		
Accountancy Fees	9,550	7,725
Auditor's Remuneration	3,500	3,200
Bank Charges	3,801	3,763
Communications	114,907	159,802
Depreciation	12,407	12,735
Fines	110	110
Interest Paid	707	741
Laboratory costs	10,429	15,230
Legal & Administrative services	57,046	75,343
Loss on Sale of Non-current Assets	4,488	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	6,935	7,196
Repairs & Maintenance	712	245
Salaries & Wages	158,275	172,135
Staff gifts & bonuses	-	7,500
Superannuation Contributions - Directors	7,739	4,942
Superannuation Contributions - Employees	2,359	
Superannuation Contributions	7,010	5,692
Travel & Accommodation	67,287	64,128
	<u>467,262</u>	<u>540,487</u>
(Loss) Profit before income tax	<u>(7,298)</u>	<u>62,753</u>
Income tax expense	-	-
(Loss) Profit after income tax	<u>(7,298)</u>	<u>62,753</u>

If you are a member of Exit & wish to receive the accompanying notes which form part of these financial statements please contact the organization. These statements should be read in conjunction with the compilation report of De Castro & Sullivan Accountants.

Nitschke faces scrutiny

GIM WHEATLEY

MEDICAL authorities are investigating euthanasia campaigner Dr Philip Nitschke following the death of a terminally ill Victorian woman.

Nembutal as a sedative for the woman, 61, who had spoken of ending her life.

Eternal devotion

But unlike you, Therese, I don't believe in using media spin to insist my husband's "public service" is recognised enough and always to my liking. My husband is Philip Nitschke. Fiona Stewart Elizabeth Bay

working in Practice and

At first glance, Jay Franklin looks like a healthy 35-year-old man. He has bright blue eyes that light up when he laughs and tattoos on his body that tell stories about his life. But this hearty appearance hides a painful truth. Mr Franklin is tired of being sick and wants to die.

Mercy kill clinic bid for Tassie

TASMANIA could have Australia's first mobile medically assisted suicide clinic if the state's euthanasia...

Dr Nitschke said, "I, as a doctor, can't do it to them, rather than the seriously ill at stand-alone clinic in Australia. Chris Lobby state director Mark Brown said he was having to your de Dr Nitschke with the of the sta Dignity Lana Glad terday sh the Bill by this year release a per in "no kerpeto

Unselfish Kiwis back euthanasia

As Bob Dent - the first man to use Australia's Rights of the Terminally Ill Act on September 22, 1996 - said shortly before his death, "If you disagree with voluntary euthanasia, don't use it, but don't deny me the right to use it if and when I want to."

Euthanasia activist speaks in Launceston

It's now time to decide which level ski-run you wish to tackle. In Australia they are graded as to level of difficulty: the Beginner, the Intermediate or the Philip Nitschke.

Mobile euthanasia unit 'ready for law change'

Jail for helping friend suicide 'a savage first'

Nitschke accused of gas import scam

Nitschke visit st euthanasia debate

The investigator is working for the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and the Medical Board of Australia, which has the power to revoke medical licences.

According to pro-euthanasia group Exit International, Mr Franklin is one of a growing number of young people with chronic illnesses who are seeking help to die. Like Mr Franklin, they are not terminally ill, but if they have the right to end their suffering in a peaceful and humane way. Many of them have no other young man in this town is David Bedford. Ten years ago, his career as a chef at a

Nitschke discovers dangers of jogging



Dr Philip Nitschke dislocated a shoulder when he fell while jogging. PHILIP: KATRINA BRIDGEMAN

Jay is sick of being sick

Suicide aide sent to jail

Street Do you support legalising euthanasia?

Yes. People should have a choice in how and when they die. Jaclyn Galpin, 26, Glenorchy

Yes I do. Jordan Cripps, 19, Rosny

If it puts them out of their misery it's not a bad thing. Josh Quigley, 16, Margate

When I am no longer able to enjoy the life I'm enjoying at present, I want to end it. I want to end it on my terms and not linger at someone else's pleasure.

John Paul, of Lanena, near Exeter, joined the group about four years ago. The retired anaesthetist said that most cases information on voluntary euthanasia was only used as a comfort to the sick and dying.

The public meeting starts at 1pm at the Adult Education Centre, 51 York Street, Launceston.

Yes

Community wants it and doctors do it

Fiona Stewart

John Key ought to be congratulated. It's not often that a Prime Minister has the courage or conviction to call a referendum. In Key's case he said the referendum was not a referendum to put doctors practice slow euthanasia to put doctors practice out of their misery. For those who know little of the mechanics of the voluntary euthanasia or assisted suicide debate, slow euthanasia is when a doctor uses an opiate such as morphine to treat a dying person's pain. As long as they maintain that it is not their intention to kill, that they are simply keeping them comfortable, they don't break the law. This is even though doctors know full well that too much morphine will always cause death. Sure, the morphine will treat the pain, but it will also, in the

Exit group spruiks \$690 death kits

EUTHANASIA BILL CHIEF Minister Terry Mill yesterday promised to allow a euthanasia private member's Bill to be brought forward in Parliament. Mr Mills is a church-Christian and is opposed to mercy killing, but said he was wrong for the Federal Government to nullify the Rights of the Terminally Ill Act in 1997. Former chief minister Henderson allowed euthanasia a member's Bill, but it certainly became euthanasia. Philip Nitschke, Mr Mills' conscience



BATTILING: Don Grant and his terminally ill wife, Yoka de Houwer. NZ LISTENER

Courts mirror mood on euthanasia: MP

Rosie should not have died alone

THE man who helped four people kill themselves has spoken about the importance of learning how to take your own life. "I'm not going to encourage you to do it, but I'm going to give you information to do it yourself," euthanasia campaigner Dr Philip Nitschke said.

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Dr Nitschke the director of Exit International, said Ward had discussed euthanasia but not "perhaps naive" but should be in jail, he said.

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Courts mirror mood on euthanasia: MP



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