

e-Deliverance

Practical Options - Real Choices

September

Exit International

EOL Discussion Forums Launch

On Wednesday 31 August, Exit launched its new Discussion Forums at its *ExitInternational.net* website. These moderated Forums provide Exit members with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss end of life options, including technical information. It is expected that members who were using the *ve-aust* bulletin board, started by Exit in 1999 will make use of this new service. There are 4 Main Forums: *Technical and Drug Information*, *Political Strategies*, *VE News & Social*. Although only Exit members will be able to *post*, the public will be able to *read* the contributions. All forums will run until 5 January 2006, when the commencement of the new anti-VE censorship laws will mean that some content will have to be taken down or moved off-shore.

Until then, the Forums will provide a virtual meeting place to discuss the merits of various political strategies and to organise events. People will be encouraged to ask questions and contribute their know-how to Exit's R&D work into the Exit Bag, Helium use, and the new generation of carbon monoxide generators. The Exit News Forum will allow members to post information which other members might find useful. The Social Forum will be a place where members can get to know each other and share information and their interest in VE. Exit encourages members who have Internet access to register, log on, and participate at www.Exitinternational.net/forums

Peanut



Time

Exit is reliably informed that there is a great deal happening with Peanut. Tight security surrounds the project with only the general concept being discussed publicly.

The Peanut Project involves a group of elderly (and terminally ill) Australians who are pooling their combined skills to each make themselves a *Peaceful Pill*. All participants are members of Exit International.

According to the organisers, the location and time of this event remain confidential, known only to the 20 participants of the first workshop. Several observers from overseas (New Zealand and North America) are also attending and will be looking to see whether this model of empowering the elderly may be suitable in other countries.

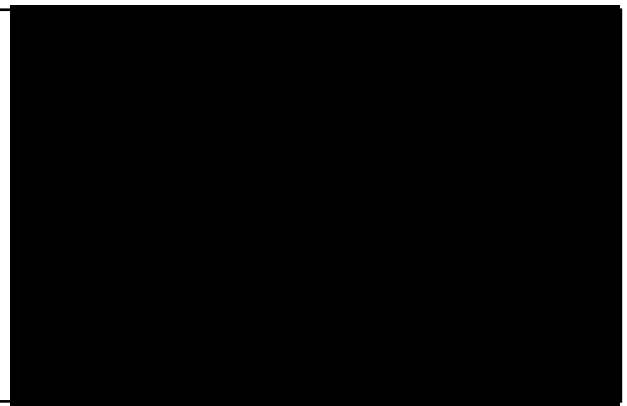


Those participating in the first workshop are only a small fraction of the more than 100 people who have already listed their name for a Pill workshop.

The organisers are asking that those not involved in the first workshop to please be patient. Subsequent workshops will happen in 2006 and will benefit from the lessons learnt from

Chapter Leaders Needed

If you are committed to the Exit cause, you can help by volunteering your time. We need *Exit Chapter Leaders* across Australia to organise occasional, local, social get togethers for Exit members. Many Exit members wish to meet other Exit members. Exit Chapter Leaders help make this happen by representing Exit at the local level. Please call the Exit office for an information sheet and volunteer



Exit Conference Update

Due to popular demand, Exit's forthcoming conference in Brisbane on November 5-6 has been expanded from 190 to 250 delegates. If you have not already booked and would like to do so, please complete the registration form on Page 6.

Conference Breakfast with Reverend Dr George Exoo

In addition to the Conference program announced in the July / August edition of *Deliverance*, Exit has added a special event. Unlike other conferences where there has been a conference dinner, it was decided that this time there would be a fully-catered Conference Breakfast. What better way to start the day? The Breakfast will be held in the Rooftop Terrace Room of Rydges Hotel Southbank (adjacent to the conference venue). The guest speaker at the Breakfast is the Reverend Dr George Exoo of Compassionate Chaplaincy in West Virginia in the US. The breakfast will be hosted by former Australian Democrats Senator Brian Greig who will co-present with Judy Dent - the 2005 Bob Dent Award.

About George - Dr George Exoo is the Founder and Director of Compassionate Chaplaincy, a unique organization that provides prayer, counsel and assistance to those wishing to die with dignity. A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, George has assisted at the deaths of over 100 people.

In 2002, Irish police alleged that George traveled to Ireland to help an ill woman to die, using a plastic bag supplied by Evelyn Martens. In late 2005, George remains unsure of the state of the extradition proceedings which were started against him in early 2003. George's work with Compassionate Chaplaincy places him at the cutting edge of the right to die movement internationally. We are excited to have him at our conference.



George with Thomas McGurrin and Philip Nitschke in Washington DC, June 2004

Please note, the presentation of the **2005 Bob Dent Award** for an outstanding contribution to the VE cause will be part of the conference breakfast. To attend the conference breakfast please return the booking form on Page 6 (cost \$28.50). If you have already booked a room at Rydges Hotel which includes breakfast, you can upgrade to attend the conference breakfast for \$8.50. Breakfast places are limited so book now if you wish to attend.

PROGRAM CHANGE

Debate

Sen Lyn Allison & Sen Barnaby Joyce 'Role of Religion in Politics'

In a significant addition to the program, Exit is delighted to welcome Australian Democrats Senator Lyn Allison to the Exit conference.

As a current member of the upper House, Senator Allison joins new, high-profile Queensland Nationals Senator Barnaby Joyce in a debate about the role of religion in Australian politics today. New South Wales Greens MP, Ian Cohen, will chair the session.



Senator Lyn Allison

Saturday Night @ the Movies

While many members may have seen the censored, 55 minute version of *Mademoiselle and the Doctor* on ABC TV in June, or the feature length version at the Melbourne or Sydney Film Festivals. Some will have missed it, especially as the film was rejected by the 2004 Brisbane Film Festival as being "too politically sensitive".

The feature length "Director's Cut" version of *Mademoiselle and the Doctor* will screen at the Conference at 8pm Saturday 5 November.

The film's Director - Janine Hosking - will introduce and discuss the film with the audience. This is a free event.

Conference Tickets

If you have booked for the Conference and not yet received your ticket, receipt and accommodation information, please call the Exit office.

Vale Steve Guest

On Tuesday 26 July 2005, Exit member Steve Guest died. He is survived by his former wife and two adult daughters. Exit's thoughts are with his family and friends.

In July, Steve took the brave step of speaking out about his cancer, launching himself into public life with an impromptu phone call to ABC radio Melbourne's morning show where he pleaded for a "Magic Bullet" - "Peaceful Pill" that would allow him to die with dignity.

The following week Steve addressed Exit's Peaceful Pill Public Meeting in Geelong. Unable to attend in person, Steve gave a passionate and moving speech dictated to Dr Nitschke one hour before the meeting and played to a packed hall of over 150 people. His speech can be heard on the Exit website www.exitinternational.net. In memory of an



Exit Peaceful Pill public meeting at Geelong West Town Hall - Listening to address by Steve Guest, July 21

Suicide Related Materials Offences Bill

Exit Director Dr Philip Nitschke will be meeting with lawyers in Sydney in early September to discuss the implications of this new law. Details of the advice will be reported in the October edition of *Deliverance*. **Note** this Bill does not become law until 6 January 2005. Until this time it is 'business as usual'.

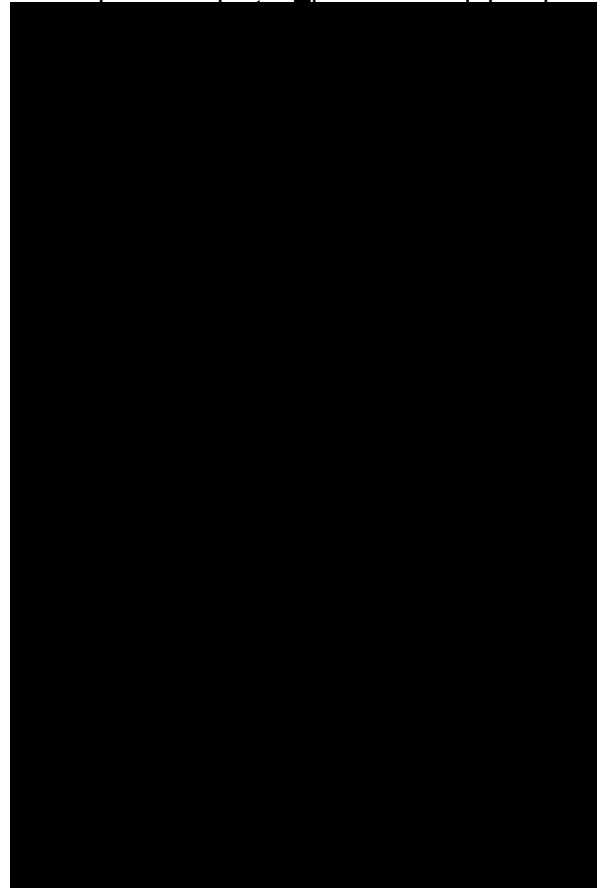
Nancy's Friends Update

The first Nancy's Friends training course is all set to take place in Brisbane on 7-8 November, immediately after the Exit Conference.

In the face of strong outside interest, this first course has needed to be limited to members of Exit. If you have not confirmed your participation, NF Coordinator, Lindy Boyd, encourages you to do so ASAP. Exit expects further Nancy's Friends training sessions to be run in Sydney and Melbourne in the first half of 2006.

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September finds Exit deep in our research and development program, working on



This month, we launch our new Discussion Forums on *ExitInternational.net*. While some forums may need to be abandoned prior to 6 January (the date the new laws come into effect), until that time they will prove a valuable meeting place and information referral point for Exit members. I commend them to you.

Finally, I am pleased to welcome the newest addition to the small Exit staff team - our new receptionist Eboni Grace. Eboni is a smiling, friendly face at Exit and I hope we can all make her welcome.

Philip Nitschke

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New Workshop dates

As the end of 2005 approaches, Exit is pleased to confirm our workshop program for the remainder of the year.*

Brisbane – Thursday 3 November
Maroochydore – Thursday 10 November
Gold Coast – Saturday 12 November
Lismore NSW – Monday 14 November
Perth – Monday 21 November
Sydney – Fri 25 & Sat 26 November
Wollongong - Thursday 1 December
Canberra – Saturday 3 December
Melbourne – Monday 5 December

* Workshops will also be conducted in Adelaide, Hobart and Launceston if sufficient numbers are achieved.

Please note from 3 November 2005, Exit's Introduction and Practical workshops will be combined to form a single workshop. This new format will provide a more informative and concise workshop for all.

Exit workshops are now open to all members of Exit who are aged 50 and over, or who have a serious illness.

New Peaceful Pill Public Meetings

Due to unforeseen events, we have rescheduled the Wollongong and Newcastle public meetings advertised last newsletter. Confirmed Exit Public Meetings in regional centres around Australia are:

Maroochydore - 2pm Thurs 10 November

Maroochy River Coach House
 46 David Low Way, Maroochydore

Lismore NSW - 2pm Monday 14 November

Lismore Workers Club
 31 Keen St, Lismore

Bunbury - 1pm Saturday 19 November

Venue TBC

Newcastle - 11am Monday 28 November

Newcastle Trades Hall
 406 King St, Newcastle

Wollongong - 2pm Thursday 1 December

Illawarra Master Builders Club

End of Life Issues Survey Update

Exit would like to thank all members who have returned their EOL Issues surveys. A special thanks is due to those members who requested additional surveys to hand out to their friends, local club members etc. We greatly appreciate everyone's efforts. Already, more than 1000 surveys have been returned to Exit. The final date for the return of surveys is 15 September. The initial results of this important research will be released at the forthcoming Exit Conference in Brisbane.

Exit Gets a New Receptionist - Introducing *Eboni Grace*

This month Exit is pleased to announce the appointment of Eboni Grace as the new permanent Exit receptionist.

Based in Melbourne, Eboni will be answering your calls between 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday. With a background in customer service, Eboni – who has been helping with the Exit phones over recent weeks - has learnt quickly about the way we do things at Exit. A strong supporter of a person's right to die with dignity, Eboni has a sympathetic



Eboni Grace

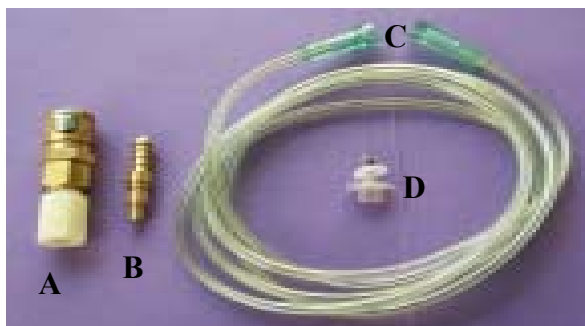
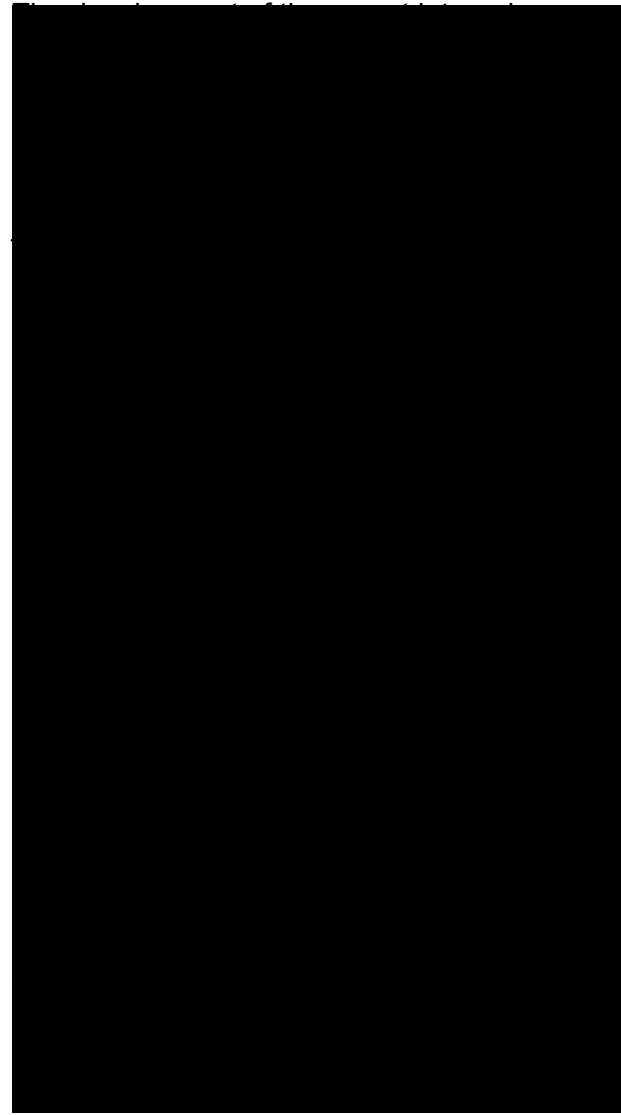
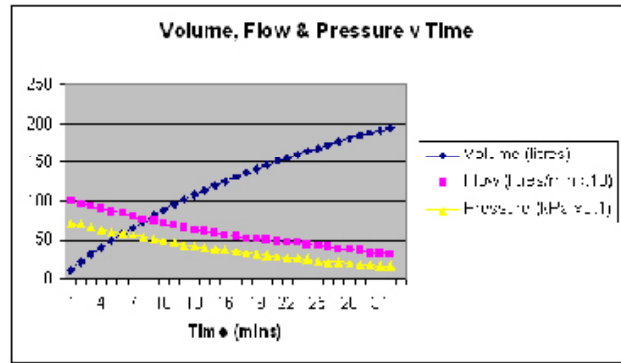
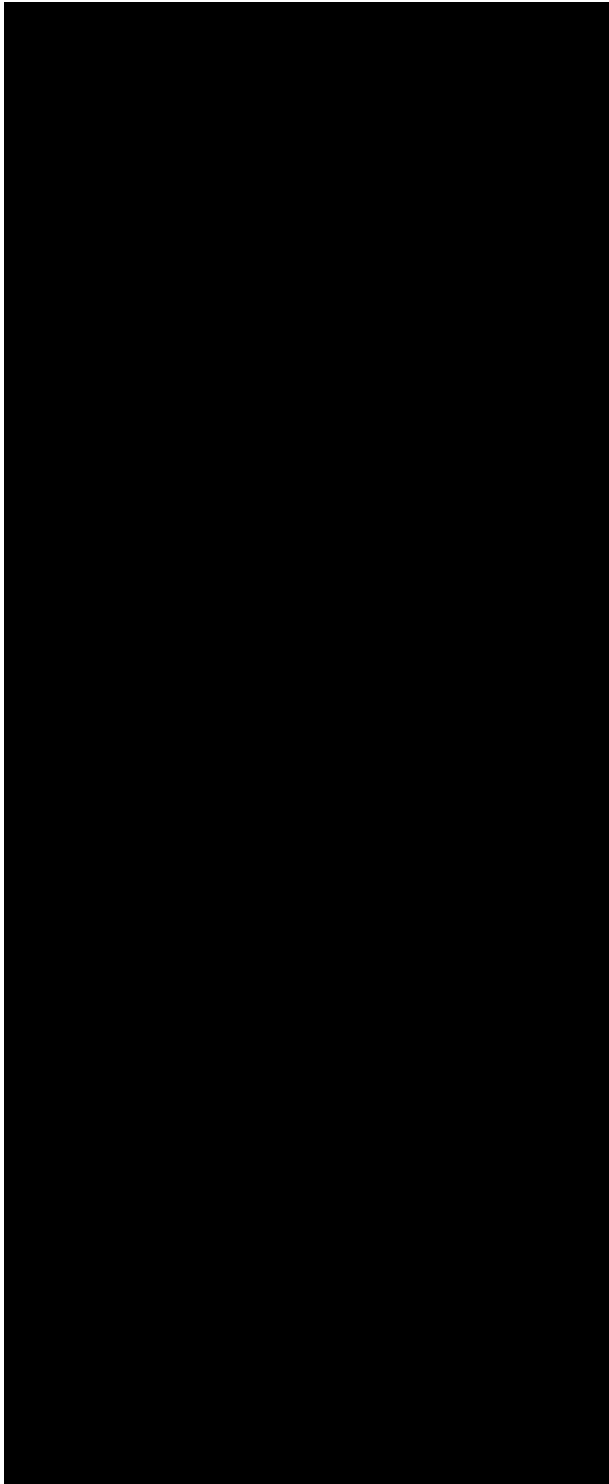
ear and is an important addition to our small staff team. Her first task at Exit, which was a great success, was to organise the recent Geelong public meeting.

The forthcoming Brisbane Exit conference will be an ideal time for members to meet, not only Eboni, but Kerri, Mal, Amanda, Lindy and Fiona, putting faces and names to those who assist Dr Nitschke at Exit.

Apologies - to all members who requested Information Sheets on Nembutal from Mexico and the CoGen, you are not forgotten.

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Helium developments - Regulation made easy



Helium tank "Connection Kit"



Gauge for tank testing - available on loan from Exit Chapter Leaders



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Exit Conference Registration

5 - 6 November 2005, Brisbane Convention & Entertainment Centre

- * Exit Member **\$190.00**
- * Exit Conference package **\$220.00**
(Includes 1 year membership of Exit and Conference, *New Members only*)
- * Open/ Public **\$250.00** *Pensioners **\$220.00** *Single Day Rate **\$125.00**

Conference Breakfast Registration

7.30 - 9am - Sunday 6 November

Rooftop Terrace, Rydges Hotel Southbank, Brisbane

- * I would like to attend the Conference Breakfast \$28.50
- * I would like to upgrade \$8.50 (I have already booked at Rydges for room + breakfast)

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