

# DEMOCRATS

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MELBOURNE 19 - 21 MAY, 2006

If you believe, as we do, in the need to invest in the future and in the Democrats - to build a sustainable and a just nation - our National Conference is for you. This year it's in Melbourne on the Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st May, at 9 Darling Street, South Yarra.

**"INVESTING IN THE FUTURE,  
INVESTING IN THE DEMOCRATS"**

The Conference will reflect on the Howard decade - how the promise of sensible reform in those early years, such as gun control, funding reparation in land and intervening in East Timor, gave way to an extreme ideology and a determination to hold onto power with conservative morals dressed up as values, short-term economics and fear.

Where are the vision and the ideas needed to solve Australia's most pressing problems?

We know we can deliver. We took the harshness out of IR and tax reform, we won stronger Federal environment laws, transport emission controls, greenhouse abatement spending and more. But what is required now for long term sustainability and for us to win back our place as the third force in Australian politics?

How can we be a powerful voice for rights and freedoms, equality and fairness; to tackle climate change, water shortages and environmental degradation; to fix our inequitable health and education systems; and to invest in long-term economic

sustainability through innovation, infrastructure, skills and education?

**Saturday** is open to the public and features a great line-up of guest speakers.

Join us too for dinner Saturday night at Rydges, Carlton

**Sunday** is for members to debate some contentious issues, discuss the role of the Senate, how we bring back balance, involve members and the wider community.

**Join** Democrats Senators, MPs from SA and NSW and our speakers for an energising, thought-provoking conference.

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**MELBOURNE**

**REGISTER NOW at**

**[www.democrats.org.au](http://www.democrats.org.au)**



**National Conference**  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2006  
Nine Darling Street  
9 Darling St  
South Yarra  
VICTORIA 3141

We prefer Online Registrations at [www.democrats.org.au](http://www.democrats.org.au). If you prefer not to register online please complete the following Registration Booking Form

**Section A: Contact Details (PLEASE PRINT)**

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**Section B: Conference Fees**

All prices are in Australian Dollars and are inclusive of 10% GST. Registration includes morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea on Saturday and Sunday; delegate satchel; and access to all conference presentations.

REGISTRATION TYPE	FULL	CONCESSION		
Sat/Sun	\$150 x [ ]	\$125 x [ ]		
Sat Only (members and public)	\$85 x [ ]	\$65 x [ ]		
Sun Only (members only)	\$85 x [ ]	\$65 x [ ]	SUB-TOTAL	\$ _____ :
CONFERENCE DINNER, SATURDAY 20th	\$55 x [ ]		SUB-TOTAL	\$ _____ :
PRE CONFERENCE COCKTAILS, FRIDAY 19th	\$25 x [ ]		SUB-TOTAL	\$ _____ :
			<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>\$ _____ :</b>

FOOD REQUIREMENTS  
 x STANDARD  x VEGETARIAN  x OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_

**Section C: Special Requirements**

Please note any special dietary, medical or other requirements \_\_\_\_\_

**Section D: Payment**

Cheque/Money Order (payable to 'Australian Democrats')

Credit Card (please complete details below)

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Please forward your completed Registration Form by 8 May 2006 to:

Australian Democrats National Conference  
 PO Box 1640, FORTITUDE VALLEY QLD 4006  
 Or by email to [treasurer@democrats.org.au](mailto:treasurer@democrats.org.au)

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Full details of the Conference will be available shortly. The following is a brief outline.

**Pre Conference Cocktails – Friday, 19 May**

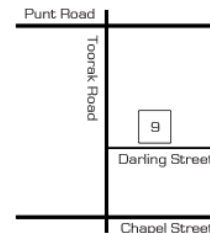
Only 60 places available so book early. Join our corporate donors at the AFL Hall of Fame (Level 2, 292 Swanston St Melbourne) for finger food, drinks and a "virtual" experience of Grand Final Day. 5.30pm start and 7.30pm finish. Cost \$25.

**Conference sessions – Saturday, 20 May & Sunday, 21 May**

Saturday, 9.00am to 4.30pm, Nine Darling Street (**Breakfast and Registration from 7.30am**)  
 Sunday, 9.00am to 3.30pm, Nine Darling Street (**Breakfast from 8.00am**).

Fees are \$150 for both days (\$125 concession) or \$85 (\$65 concession) for Saturday only (open to the public) and \$85 (concession) Sunday only (members only)

Nine Darling Street is a Function Centre located at 9 Darling Street South Yarra. It is set in the heart of South Yarra, surrounded by beautiful botanic gardens and historic churches.



**Conference dinner – Saturday, 20 May from 7.00pm**

The Carlton Room at Rydges Carlton, 701 Swanston St Carlton. Test your trivia knowledge over a three course meal with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine or orange juice on arrival. Cost \$55.

**Public transport.**

Trains:

Third stop from city on train lines Sandringham, Frankston, Cranbourne and Pakenham. The stops are Flinders St Station, Richmond then South Yarra and travel time is about five minutes. Then a five minute walk to Darling Street.

Tram:

Route number 8 travels from Moreland to Toorak with Melbourne city in the middle. Again a five minute walk to the function centre. Rydges Carlton (our dinner venue) is also on this route.

**Accommodation**

The conference registration does not provide accommodation. There are a number of Hotels/Motels in the vicinity. Our website will provide some details of possible accommodation options and prices.

**The conference will be productive and exciting. Please show your support for the Australian Democrats and start planning your attendance now.**

**Investing in the future, investing in the Democrats**