

EFA Treasurer report AGM 2015

2015 has been a year of amazing struggles in EFA as we have attempted with some small success to change the way Australians think about their privacy and how much access they should give the government to the personal details of their lives.

Within the organisation, there has been a constant push to increase the level of finance to enable us to continue to employ our executive officer and as you are now aware to see if we can bring on somebody to manage your communications in the social media space.

We have been at pains to manage our relationship with the ATO and in general that has been relatively successful with the flow of money from the organisation to the ATO to get us back on to the stable footing in terms of our income tax (PAYG) requirements and our super contribution, and within the next few months we feel that we will have those up-to-date.

Our interactions with the ATO continue to be quite cordial and they understand the issues inherent in the change from contractor to employee in terms of Jon's employment, and there is a level of hope involved that we can get the fundraising happening in such a way as to bring the debt to the ATO completely up-to-date in time for the AGM next year.

Plans are underway for the first meeting of the Brisbane chapter and we have been lucky enough to get the local member, Ms Terri Butler to speak on the evening. Currently we are waiting for her office to confirm a couple of appropriate dates, and our first meeting will actually occur at the Stones Corner hotel. Those of you who are located in Brisbane I hope will attend, and I trust you will be able to get something going to increase people's interest in the destruction of their privacy at the hands of our elected government/s.

Lastly, anybody who has ideas about fundraising and can see the importance of the organisation being able to continue as it is I would ask that you make yourself known and if you are not already involved have a talk to one of the board members about joining one of the standing committees.

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