


# New census for expats

 Australian expats can make sure they are counted despite being out of the country on census night.

To coincide with the official Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census on Tuesday evening, advocacy organisation the Southern Cross Group (SCG), in partnership with networking group Advance, are launching One Million More, an independent census on the overseas population.

With an estimated one million Australians outside the country, SCG co-founder Anne

MacGregor said it was vital an accurate snapshot of the Australian diaspora was taken.

"The Australian census is great in that they are going to count everybody at home on Tuesday, but, there are a million more people overseas," she said. "Australia is not just Australians in Australia, it is the sum of all Australians no matter where they are. They all make us great."

The SCG has been campaigning for the rights of Australian expats for the past seven years, providing submissions to the Australian


Government on issues such as access to information, citizenship and voting rights.

MacGregor said more precise information about the global expat community was needed than that which had been collected in previous academic surveys.

"We are hoping that this survey will be more representative than anything that has been done before," she said.

■ To fill in the survey, follow the links at [www.southern-cross-group.org](http://www.southern-cross-group.org). The survey is open until September 30.

## Crikey! Aussie boys enter race in a £100 beat-up car

 Five Australian blokes are aiming to win a European rally in a car worth less than £100.

The group — who are the only Australian team in the four-day Staples2Naples rally — have named themselves Team Crikey and are using the Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin as their mascot.

The Staples2Naples rally starts on September 22 in Calais, finishes in Naples, and takes the 191 teams entered on a 2400km journey through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.

The five lads in Team Crikey are: Ken Elkin, Tom Connor and Brendan Brewer, all from Brisbane, and Andrew Sharpe and Chris Dumbrell, both from Sydney.

The team, aged in their late twenties, all live in the UK except for Brewer, who is flying over especially to take part.

"It's not a race, it's more of an event with a whole heap of different tasks you have to perform on the way," Elkin told *TNT*. "It's also a banger rally, that means the cars had to cost less than £100."

In keeping with that rule, the team managed to buy themselves an Audio 80 they hope will last the distance.

Elkin said they decided to compete after a friend did it last year.

"We've been planning it for a year now because registration was last September and the spaces filled up in two minutes," he said.

The team's chosen charity for the event is Breast Cancer Research.

Winning the Staples2Naples rally is not just about crossing the finishing line first — it is also about winning as many of the challenges as possible to get maximum points. Elkin said they have no idea what



Team Crikey will be flying the Aussie flag in the Staples2Naples rally

sort of challenges they will be expected to perform, but they are usually entertaining and light-hearted. The winners of the rally will take away £1000, those in second place will win £350 and the third place team will get £150.

■ To follow their progress, see [www.teamcrikey.moonfruit.com](http://www.teamcrikey.moonfruit.com).

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### AUGUST 2006

M	•	7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
W	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	31
F	4	11	18	25	•
S	5	12	19	26	•
S	6	13	20	27	•

### August 10

KEA are hosting an event to discuss New Zealand's All Whites plans to develop their team in time for the 2010 World Cup. It's at New Zealand House, Haymarket, SW1. For more, see [www.keanewzealand.com](http://www.keanewzealand.com).

### August 29-September 15

New Zealand artist Makoure Scott is holding an exhibition at New Zealand House. The exhibition is open between 9am and 7pm weekdays on the mezzanine level, 80 Haymarket, SW1. See [www.makourescott.com](http://www.makourescott.com).

### September 9

3peaks3weeks, a group of women planning to scale Africa's highest mountains for charity, are holding a black tie ball at Shoreditch Town Hall, Old St, EC1. For information or tickets, see [www.3peaks3weeks.org](http://www.3peaks3weeks.org).

### SEPTEMBER 2006

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### August 12

A team of four South African friends are holding a fundraiser for their upcoming Breakthrough Breast Cancer Weekend Walk. It's at GJ's bar, 62 High St, SW19. For tickets, email [thebuttercups@hotmail.com](mailto:thebuttercups@hotmail.com).

### Until September 2

The Rebecca Hossack Gallery is hosting an exhibition of Torres Strait Islander printmaker Dennis Nona. The works are on show Mondays to Saturdays at 35 Windmill St, W1. For more, see [www.r-h-g.co.uk](http://www.r-h-g.co.uk).

### September 27

The Britain Australia Society are hosting the fourth in the series of Australia Uncorked tutored wine tasting sessions. It's at 7pm at Australia House, The Strand, WC2. See [www.britain-australia.org.uk](http://www.britain-australia.org.uk).