

## **Southern Cross Group E-Bulletin to Members**

8 April 2002

### **Dual Citizenship Party 23 April**

Dear Southern Cross Group Friends,

Many people have been writing in asking us when the Governor-General will give Royal assent to the new Act which repeals Section 17 of the Australian Citizenship Act 1948. We hope this will occur in the next few days, and will send another e-bulletin as soon as we have news that it has happened.

We understand that the Governor-General has the paperwork but has not sat down with it yet. From the date that the Governor-General signs the Act, no further Australians will forfeit their citizenship on taking another citizenship.

In the meantime, we wanted to let everyone know that to celebrate the repeal of Section 17, and the successful end of what has been a very drawn out and at times quite tortuous campaign, we are having an Australian Dual Citizenship Party in London, on Tuesday 23 April, at 6.30pm, in the Covent Garden area. Although many receiving this message are not in the UK, we hope that you'll pass on this invitation to any Australian friends and family in the London area. Everyone is welcome - we really have something to celebrate!

Further details can be obtained from our UK Coordinator, Lorraine Buckland, on 020 7584 7268, or from [info@southern-cross-group.org](mailto:info@southern-cross-group.org). Preregistration for the event is necessary, using the form which can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.southern-cross-group.org>

Looking forward to seeing many of you in London on 23 April,

Best regards,

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