



## State Manager's Report

# New

✓ CONSTITUTION  
✓ BOARD  
✓ COUNCILLOR!!!

*"Behold, I make all things new."  
Rev 21:5*



**The CDP has been blessed with the essence of this scripture with many new things.**

**New Constitution** – After nine years of trying, our updated Constitution was passed by democratic vote at our Constitutional Convention on 26 August. Our new Constitution was also submitted to the regulators and has been accepted and registered.

**New Board** – under the authority of our new Constitution the former "Management Committee" is now our "State Board" and it may take us some time to adjust to the new title and drop the old reference. A number of long standing "Management Committee" (MC) members voluntarily resigned their positions stepping down as they advised, to make way for new younger people, and I am sure we all thank them for their long service to the CDP in those official positions. Also under the new democratic

functions of the new Constitution a round of nominations were submitted for the vacant (MC) Board positions, resulting in a number of new Board members being democratically voted in. These include: State Membership Officer: Angela Stretton, State Chaplain: Rev George Capsis, Prayer Convenor: Marianne O'Connell, Regional Representative: Lisa Salmon, Regional Representative: Elizabeth Anderson, and two continuing regionals; Regional Representative: Ian Hutchinson, Regional Representative: Keith Pech. This means with four reps and Nella as Electorate Manager we have five people forming part of my commitment to keeping the regional areas connected.

The other office holders on the new Board with no other nominations forthcoming include re-elected; President: Rev Dr Ross Clifford, Treasurer: Ian Smith, Senior Deputy State President: Rev Hon Fred Nile, Junior Deputy State President: Hon Paul Green, State Policy Officer: Milton Caine. In line with new regulations Paul Green and Milton Caine are now voting members of the Board.

**New Councillor** election success – We had four CDP branded teams and one CDP member stand for Local Council elections with great results. I stood for Parramatta and achieved a high vote of 2,683 being 12.67% yet due to the vagaries of voting I did not get in even though I achieved a higher vote than other candidates who did get elected. For example, a friend of mine got elected on 2191 votes in a different ward. If Parramatta Council operated without wards as many do I was ranked 13 out of 15 candidates and would be elected. So, a great vote result for a CDP branded Council candidates. Ryde had two teams with Julie Worsley 10.51%, Maureen Chan 8.84%, Hurstville Wanwen Wen 3.46%. The other big news is that one of our members Nella Hall got elected as a non-branded candidate with Nella now Councillor for Strathfield – set to bring a very CDP Christian voice to that Council. CDP is not stagnant but new things are happening so stay with us as we keep moving forward, keep renewing, and as I like to say; God is not finished with the CDP yet.

*Craig Hall – NSW State Manager*

**A big THANKYOU to our amazing volunteers who tirelessly helped out at pre-poll and on Election Day for the Local Government Elections. We truly appreciate your commitment and hard work**



**New** These Orange CDP caps made their debut with volunteers wearing them at the Local Council Elections

**Three more By-Elections for NSW!** On October 14 there will be By-Elections in the seats of **Cootamundra, Blacktown, and Murray.** CDP is seeking members to nominate as candidates for those electorates – if you would like to represent the party in one of these seats, please contact us!



**Save Marriage and Vote NO!**  
CDP has produced bumper stickers and prayer brochures to help share this important message. To order stickers for your car or prayer brochures for your church, contact us – [headoffice@cdp.org.au](mailto:headoffice@cdp.org.au).



**Christian Democratic Party** **SAVE MARRIAGE!**  
**VOTE "NO"**

## + YCDP

### Convenor's Report

#### Notes from YCDP:

In July, I had the privilege of hearing UK religious rights barrister, Andrea Williams from Christian Concern and the Christian Legal Centre. Her message was that we as Christians need to speak up, and not be silent on this issue. Ms Williams outlined the impact of same-sex marriage on the UK, where Christians are now being punished for publicly expressing their faith.

At the Annual CDP Convention, I gave a report on Young CDP – what we have been up to in the past year since my report at the last Convention, and what we are seeking to do in the future. I outlined our activities: social events, travel opportunities, campaigning, networking with other organisations, training opportunities, and new initiatives.



Julia, Michelle, and Joshua with Rev Fred Nile, Silvana Nile, and Craig Hall at CDP Convention

The highlight for me was when two YCDP members, Joshua and Julia, shared the platform with me and spoke on their vision and ideas for the future of Young CDP.

LG17 – it was great to stand at the polling booths and CDP candidates for the Local Government Elections on the September 9. Well done candidates!

On the September 16, the Coalition for Marriage had their campaign

launch in Sydney. Congratulations C4M for a great event – the speakers were excellent, and their messages for people to #VoteNo were compelling. It was great to be there and to support them.

Want to receive our YCDP emails?

Contact Michelle Ryan and Young CDP at [youngcdp@cdp.org.au](mailto:youngcdp@cdp.org.au)

Find us on social media [www.facebook.com/YoungCDP](http://www.facebook.com/YoungCDP)

Michelle Ryan – Young CDP Convenor

**Membership Matters – We thank God for each Member and encourage each of you.**

#### Pray for

- > Laws that continue to value life with respect to **Abortion, Euthanasia and Suicide**
- > **Families and Individuals affected by these**

#### Please consider

- > **Donating** to CDP Election campaign – if receiving this as a printed publication, please contact CDP Head Office
- > **Becoming a Member** of the CDP

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