

# Australian Adam Smith Club (Melbourne)

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The intellectuals are the dominant group's "deputies" exercising the subaltern functions of social hegemony and political government. **Antonio Gramsci** (*Prison Notebooks, 1926-37*)  
He who controls the past controls the future. He who controls the present controls the past. **George Orwell** ("*1984*")

## Greg Melleuish

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# Australian Intellectuals Their Strange History & Pathological Tendencies

**The Adam Smith Club will host a meeting on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2013,  
at Bohème Restaurant Bar, 368 Bridge Road, Richmond.**

Why are Australian Intellectuals and academics so hostile to contemporary Australian life? Why do they so often hold disparaging views of their fellow Australians? This was not always the case. In the nineteenth century Australians of an intellectual disposition sought to work with their fellow Australians to build a better and freer country. But from the end of the nineteenth century, beginning with the Bulletin an intellectual culture emerged which was adversarial in nature and increasingly hostile to the aspirations of ordinary Australians. This culture of intellectuals became embedded in key institutions, including the universities, the world of the arts and the ABC. It became a subculture isolated from mainstream Australia in intellectual ghettos. It is a world which bristles with hostility, negativity and nihilism. History has been a favoured domain for Australian intellectuals and they heartedly condemn the Australian past and the Australian people. The only problem is that the more they blacken the past the more they turn off students from studying history. The result is a real crisis in the study of the Australian past. The only way forward is a much more sober and sensible approach by intellectuals, especially in terms of appreciating our Western heritage.

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Attendance is open to both members and non-members. Those desiring to attend should complete the attached slip and return it to the Club no later than Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2013. Tickets will not be sent. Those attending should arrive at 6:30pm for dinner at 7:00pm. The cost is \$40.00 per head for members and \$45.00 per head for non-members (see next page for explanation of arrangements and for electronic booking details).

**Enquiries to Hon. Secretary, mob. 0403 933 786  
or email: [asmith@adamsmithclub.org](mailto:asmith@adamsmithclub.org)**



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Please reserve ..... place(s) at \$40.00 dollars per member and .....place(s) at \$45.00 per non-member for the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Australian Adam Smith Club. I enclose the amount of \$..... in payment for the same.

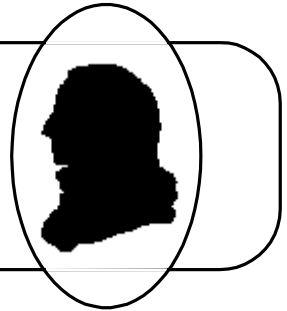
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# Laissez Faire

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## LAISSEZ FAIRE ON THE WEB

This newsletter has an address on the web: <http://www.adamsmithclub.org/laissez.htm>. The Club's web site can be found at <http://www.adamsmithclub.org/>.

### ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

By popular demand, the AASC now offers electronic booking and payment to dinner meetings. Bookings can be made by emailing the number of members and non-members attending to [twarner@adamsmithclub.org](mailto:twarner@adamsmithclub.org); a reply email from the club will then be sent with a link to PayPal where the payment can be made by Mastercard, Visa, AMEX, Diners or PayPal Account. Bookings made after Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of July will not be accepted online. FEES - a \$2 card fee will apply for the transaction.

## MEETING REPORT

We had a very well attended 30th Anniversary anniversary! Dinner in April. Ray Evans spoke on Adam Smith and where he went astray - which prompted a lively question time. Ray's comments on Objectivism touched a nerve, and the discussion post dinner was as charged as I have seen. No dull panegyric for our anniversary!

The new venue was well received. Bohème delivered a fine meal and a great environment. David Bishop gave a wonderful toast for our 30<sup>th</sup> following his equally noted address at our 20<sup>th</sup>. Long live the Australian Adam Smith Club. *TW*

*Copies of our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative booklet - with Ray Evans' address - will be available at the July dinner and will be posted or emailed to those not attending.*

### VENUE ARRANGEMENTS

For the July 17<sup>th</sup> dinner at Bohème Restaurant Bar, there will be a two course dinner (main & dessert, followed by tea or coffee). The restaurant is fully licensed (no BYO). A separate (upstairs) room has been reserved for the dinner meeting. We hope these arrangements do not cause inconvenience and we welcome your feedback. Please note that because the Club must provide final numbers of attendees to the restaurant on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July, **we are unable to admit anyone to the dinner who has not notified the Club of their attendance by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of July.**