

The Gunns 20 Bulletin – Feb 2005

- The latest news on the \$6.4million lawsuit against 20 conservationists.

Case Update.

The overwhelming support for this case, that is defending our right and ability to protect our environment, has been pouring in over the last few months. Thanks to all of those wonderful people who have offered help in terms of donations or volunteer time. The 20 defendants are committed to defending these allegations and continuing to work for the ancient forests of Tasmania.

Ongoing donations from our supporters will be crucial. (Details on how you can donate at the end of this message – please tell your friends)

Mid Jan saw most of the 20 defendants go to Melbourne and present some documents to the Victorian Supreme court, saying that they will contest the legal suit against them. Over 200 supporters gathered there on the day along with most of the Victorian media.

All of the individuals involved in the Gunns 20 case now have some sort of legal representation. The next stage now is to prepare what will be a lengthy defence. The Gunns 20 group is also aiming to set up an office in Hobart along with at least one staffer (see below), so the campaign is growing every day.

Position Vacant

Legal Coordinator / Office Manager

The 20 individuals and groups who are being sued by Gunns Ltd for \$6.4 million in damages are seeking a person/s to coordinate their response to the writ.

Location: Hobart

Salary: Up to 50,000 pa, pro rata. Dependant on experience. Initial six month contract with the possibility of extension.

Job Type: Person/s to coordinate distribution of information and legal processes on behalf of The Gunns 20 group. Manage finances. Liaise with supporters and support groups. Administration of office space and volunteers. Job may be done as one position or split into two.

Contact: For a job description call Adam Burling 0429966171. Email: aburling@nativeforest.net Applications close Feb 17th

Paper Clippers – Volunteers are needed to clip newspapers of all the relevant media associated with the case. A few hours per week are all that is needed to help with what is an essential task for the campaign.

Data Entry – Volunteers needed to help input the generous offers of help that are flooding in. A few hours a week is all that is needed. Experience with Microsoft Excel or Access essential.

Email: aburling@nativeforest.net , if you are interested in helping out.

Office Space / Equipment

We have already had a number of offers for space but would still like to hear from anyone else who can donate or provide cheap rent in Hobart. Modern computer equipment (Pentium 3+) would also be most welcomed.

Events

Peter Hicks presents Stage Left.

A celebration of 15 years of music, solidarity, love and struggle. Proceeds to the Gunns 20 defence fund.

Wednesday 16th Feb. 7:00pm. Backspace Theatre - \$5 donation

UTAS 'O' Day fundraiser for The Gunns 20.

Thai massage, Swedish massage and Shiatsu practioners

24/2/05 @4pm outside Lazenby's cafe, Sandy Bay Campus

all money raised goes to The Gunns 20 defence fund.

Gunns 20 Film Fundraiser Roadshow – Showing the films, Mclibel, Battle of Baker's Creek and Tasmania's Forests, A Global Treasure, and A National Responsibility. After the fantastic success of the Hobart event, The Wilderness Society is looking at spreading this film show across Tasmania. Contact Jill at TWS if you are interested in helping out (62241550).

Stickers

The fantastic 'So sue me' stickers are available from The Greens Shops in Hobart and Launceston, also at The Greens Salamanca Market stall. The equally great "I love Tassie's forests so sue me too" stickers are also available at the above places and at The Wilderness Society shop.

Website

The Gunns 20 website is soon to be launched after some great work from Lilia Letsch and Neil Cremasco. Keep an eye on the www.gunns20.org space to read all the latest information on the legal case.

What you can do

Letters to the editor are just one of the many ways that you can help this campaign for Free speech and democracy. Write to your local and national papers telling them that this is an attack on the right to protest and protect the ancient forests of Tasmania.

Donate: You can give money to help with the fight against this corporate giant. Ongoing financial support will be crucial and your help is greatly appreciated.

Donating to Gunns 20 Fund via Bob Brown- Cheques/money orders can be made out to Bob Brown (Gunns 20) - please include all contact details in order to be receipted and post to GPO Box 1562 Hobart 7001 or in person at the Greens Shop 230 Liverpool St Hobart. For more info call 03 62 341 633.

Donating to The Gunns 20 Fund via The Wilderness Society.
Send cheques / money orders made out to The Wilderness Society to GPO Box 716, Hobart, Tas, 7001, or at your closest Wilderness Society Shop or Campaign centre. For more info call 1800 030 641.

For comments or enquires: aburling@nativeforest.net