

# Skeptics Dinner Meeting

**Saturday March 12, 2005**

**The Chatswood Club**

**11 Help St  
Chatswood**

**7.00 for 7.30**

**\$35**

## Whither Darwin in the 21st Century?

For our first dinner meeting for 2005, we celebrate the 196th birthday of Charles Darwin (b. Feb 12, 1809) whose promulgation of the Theory of Evolution, or descent with modification through natural selection, has had as profound an effect on how we view and understand the natural world as any other scientific theory ever proposed.

Dr Alex Ritchie, a palaeontologist, has been at the forefront of scientific research into evolutionary theory for half a century, as a senior scientist at the Australian Museum (from which he retired in 1995) and as the founder and chief scientific advisor to the Age of Fishes Museum at Canowindra. In pursuit of his studies, Alex has visited Antarctica, as well as every other continent and is widely recognised for his contributions to his science. He is also a prominent Skeptic (made a Life Member in 1996) who has led the fight against the pernicious assaults on science from the religious fundamentalists in the creation 'science' movement.

Alex will discuss the science and politics of Darwinian theory and his role in them over his long association with the field. He is an entertaining and informative speaker and it promises to be an outstanding evening (as usual).

We apologise for the lateness of the announcement and urge you to respond as soon as is humanly possible.

**NB.** If you answered the question above "At the Top End of the Top End, where it has been for a century" you should remember that we know where you live.

### **RSVP: *Wednesday March 9***

skeptics@bdsn.com.au, Ph. 9417 2071, Fax 9417 7930 or the address below.  
Please advise the number (and names) of any guests you will be bringing along.

#### **Australian Skeptics Dinner**

**PO Box 268**

**Roseville NSW 2069**

**Please reserve me [       ] places at the March Dinner @ \$35 each.**

**Cheque/MO/Card details enclosed**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guests' Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

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