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On the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2009 [www.thegistofit.com.au](http://www.thegistofit.com.au) goes live. The website makes available to all Australians the first season of *The Gist of It*.

*The Gist of It* is an online video program designed to promote free and informed democracy in Australia by making information about the institutions and functions of government and society easy to access and understand.

Each episode is hosted by Mary Kostakidis and features an interview with a leading Australian in their field of expertise. The first season of 12 episodes includes interviews with The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG, The Right Hon Macolm Faser AC CH, Dr Mukesh Haikerwal and Geoffrey Robertson QC.

Liberty Victoria President Michael Pearce SC said, "Most people have a general idea of their human rights and civil liberties but few understand them in detail. This site provides that detailed understanding in an informative and accessible way. It will help all Australians understand and make the most of their democratic freedoms. The project has been a long time in the making and all concerned are thrilled to see it come to fruition."

*The Gist of It* will be launched by Mary Kostakidis at 6 pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May at Flagstaff Chambers – 557 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

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