



## Vale Godfrey Dunkley

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Mr Godfrey Dunkley, a two-term president of The International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade 1993-97, died on Monday 13th April 2015 in Perth Western Australia.

Mr Dunkley wrote *That all may live: Guidelines Towards a Better Society*, A. Whyte Publishers, Johannesburg, 1990; and a booklet *Land tenure: a time bomb ticking in South Africa*, 1991.

He worked for Mobil Oil for 25 years in Zimbabwe and southern Africa as a Certified Electrical and Mechanical Engineer. Some years ago he migrated to Western Australia where he became a patron of The Georgist Education Association.

"A big South African in all respects (some 6'6" tall) who came to live in Australia in recent years. He did much practical local and national government work in South Africa, with more success at the local level. I read quite a bit of Godfrey Dunkley's material, but one statement always stood out for me: "The character of a nation is shaped by its system of taxation." Perhaps this epitomises Australia's slow decline ever since the Progressive Era, when we led the world with our federal, state land and municipal land taxes – ever before the federal income tax came into existence. Well done, Godfrey Dunkley. Vale.

Bryan Kavanagh

"I met Godfrey back in 1979 at the centenary celebration of *Progress and Poverty* in San Francisco while working on my PhD thesis on the history of the theory of land value taxation. He was, indeed, a lovely fellow. I recall him telling me stories about marihuana use in South Africa and what it did to black workers (this was when I was discovering what the smell was around San Francisco).

A particular interest he had was on the effect of LVT

in preventing excessive urban agglomerations by automatically compensating far away businesses and taxpayers for not getting the benefits of a metropolis.

Terry Dwyer

"I stayed with Godfrey and his lovely wife at their Cape Town home in 2004 and was deeply struck by his great humanity, which had driven his Georgist efforts tirelessly.

Godfrey was made of real Old School principles, in the highest sense of that term. A life well lived, for sure.

Karl Williams

"Godfrey and I worked together on and off over a long period of time. His greatest passion was for his country. He worked tirelessly to demonstrate how the teaching of Henry George could alleviate social inequity and contribute to peace and reconciliation of the disparate communities in South Africa. He built a model of Johannesburg on a map showing the land values of each site to try to communicate the principle of site rent. He spent a great deal of time after the ANC came to power lobbying politicians and giving those who were sympathetic information and papers to argue the case.

He was also involved with trying to alleviate poverty in some of the most desperate situations around Cape Town and entirely practical projects that had become necessary such as feeding starving children in the camps near his home.

He was a noble soul. Some of his South African friends have just published a new book to try and keep the campaign going in South Africa.

Raymond Makewell