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TRUMP NOT MENTIONED AS  
AUSTRALIA AND EUROPE DO FREE  
TRADE DEAL





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# EDITORIAL

Protesters were again seen in their tens of thousands on the streets of Melbourne yesterday but they were not the protesters the state government wanted to see. No, yesterday the protesters were the state's public school teachers and they had the full support of everyone that was asked about their cause. There were no racist taunts, no inappropriate hand gestures, no violence rather it was an over worked and under paid group of people from an industry that was once celebrated on Victorian number plates, the education state. Yes ten years ago teachers and education were at the forefront of Victoria planning but now? Not so much. This is not what Barbie needs at the moment, but with no deal done the teachers are promising more strikes and more bad press for Allan and Carroll.

European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen has been in Australia to sign a free trade agreement between Europe and Australia. The \$10 billion annual deal for Australia not only allows Australian industry free trade pathways to Europe the deal was also a major snub of the US president, one Donald Trump. While the free trade agreement has been in the works for some time the announcement timing was no mistake. The world has almost reached its limits with Trump and the devastating effects his personal or so called patriotic wars are having on everyone. The EU and Australia are unquestionably planning for a future that does not include the US.

What would Melbourne, the most liveable city in the world be without another arrest at gunpoint of another teenager that doesn't seem to understand decency, societal standards or the law. Parkdale station saw police pointing guns at a cocky teenager who refused to get on the ground as requested. The young man was indeed handcuffed and taken away, but really? Guns drawn? What have we become, but thank god for the police! Speaking of Police, where is Mike Bush? Theo big boss of Victoria police? Surely Barbie didn't say anything?

ANZ have released their own report on the consumer confidence figures, which are at their lowest since 1973. For those of you like me when it comes to understanding economics I need it broken down into its simplest form, so it goes like this...Less spending → weaker businesses → slower growth → job pressure → even lower confidence...no doubt Big Jim and Albo will blame Trump but as Michelle Bullock said at the last RBA meeting Australia had economic issues before Trump stuffed the global economy. No matter how you look at things, people are spending less and it appears it's all going to get worse before it gets any better.

And finally we are calling it, Jacinta Allan will not be labor leader at the November election. Labor can't carry her to the election, her brand is cooked and her supporters are drifting slowly away. Yes she took her minions out for a succulent Chinese meal but there is a storm coming and it will wipe away the smile on barbies face once and for all.

There are some big changes happening at Hoodies media so watch what we do next! Have a great day to all.

# AUSTRALIA & EUROPE TURN THEIR BACKS ON TRUMP

The Australia–European Union free trade agreement arrives at a moment that feels anything but accidental. Its timing, more than its fine print, tells the real story: two long-time Western partners quietly choosing each other as the United States becomes a less reliable anchor of global trade.

For decades, the global system revolved around Washington. Deals flowed through or around the U.S., and its economic leadership set the tone. But in recent years—through tariff wars, protectionist swings, and an increasingly inward-looking posture—that certainty has fractured. Into that gap steps this agreement. Canberra and Brussels are not just signing a trade deal; they are building a parallel lane that deliberately bypasses American influence.

The symbolism matters. Europe has been aggressively pursuing agreements across the Indo-Pacific, while Australia, burned by trade shocks with China and wary of U.S. volatility, is diversifying fast. The deal reflects a shared calculation: dependence on any single power is now a risk. By linking directly, both sides reduce their exposure to Washington's unpredictability without openly confronting it.

Yet the strategic clarity at the top contrasts with unease on the ground. Australian farmers, particularly in beef and sheep meat, see the agreement as a compromise dressed up as progress. While tariffs ease, strict quotas remain, limiting meaningful expansion into European markets. For many in agriculture, the timing stings. As global supply chains shift and new alliances form, they expected stronger access, not another set of ceilings.

That tension captures the deal's dual nature. Geopolitically, it is sharp and deliberate—a signal that middle powers are reordering trade without waiting for the United States. Economically, it is more uneven, privileging services and strategic industries over traditional exports.

In the end, this is less a clean win than a calculated move in a changing world—one where the old centre of gravity is no longer guaranteed, and where even close allies are learning to hedge their bets.

# TRUMP IS SIMPLY A DONUT

So I'm a massive NFL fan and I also love Major League Baseball but as of today I'm giving up on my chances ever to get back to the US of A, why? Because Trump is a complete and utter donut!

For years before he became President Trump was in training with some of history's most powerful and controversial figures. Roy Cohn, the lawyer and political manipulator who told Trump to never admit defeat. Rupert Murdoch gave Trump an understanding of how the media worked and gave him support via his Fox network. Roger Stone taught Trump that Attention equaled power and that there was always value in a good controversy. All these men gave Trump the benefit of their valuable talents for the man himself to basically hold the world to ransom.

Trump may well have grand plans for the US and to make sure no family member is left behind, but at what cost? It's always hard to really understand what's happening inside a country if you don't see it yourself but the US is as divided as anywhere else in the world at the moment but wasn't Trump going to fix all that?

The war in Ukraine rages on long after Trump said he could broker a peace deal and now we have Iran. In 1939 when Hitler invaded Poland Europe and the Allies said yeah nah we're not having that and war broke out. In 2026 Trump, with the help of Israel said let's go get Iran. Yes the allegation was nuclear weapons but then what? Global supply chains are fried because of Trump and his vanity projects

Yes the US have a military bigger than anyone and could well take out Iran but what is knock on for the rest of us? Inflation, petrol shortages and more conflict...this is not what the Don promised the world and it's getting to that time when everyone says enough is enough let the adults take it from here.

# TIME FOR THE ADULTS TO TAKE OVER

Ok Chris calm down mate...we get that there are issues with petrol and its delivery but to be suggesting more work from home isn't going to fly this time round.

Global supply chains thanks to Trump are under massive pressure and while we are seeing price gouging and the feds doing sweet fa about it, real people still need to work to feed their families! As a direct result of the petrol crisis that grows by the day Chris Bowen has suggested? People work from home?

The conspiracy theorists have lost their minds over the whole work from home thing. Some have needlessly said that it's going to be lockdowns and kids back online for school. Mainstream media has of course jumped on the bandwagon and has now taken to publishing supposed government plans for petrol rationing. It's kind of like Covid all over again where it's a case of panic first, don't ask any questions and just listen to what utter nonsense the media can come up with.

Calm heads are what's needed. It is true that having Bendigo Barbie in charge if a crisis really does present itself is worrying but the other side is anyone going to pay attention to her?

There's no question that petrol supplies are on rocky ground but like in all times of adversity we need people making decisions that are based on facts and what's fair and right. Will we get those decisions from Albo? It remains to be seen but right now we don't need panic and sensationalism, we need the adults to take over.

# THE CULTURE

## **My five cultural necessities**

### **Giuseppe Verdi**

Giuseppe Verdi stands as the most important and influential opera composer in the history of Western music not simply because of his enduring popularity but because he reshaped what opera could be. Writing in nineteenth-century Italy, Verdi transformed opera from a decorative aristocratic entertainment into a powerful vehicle for human drama and political expression. His works such as *Rigoletto*, *La Traviata*, and *Aida* brought real emotional depth to characters who felt recognisably human, rather than mythic archetypes.

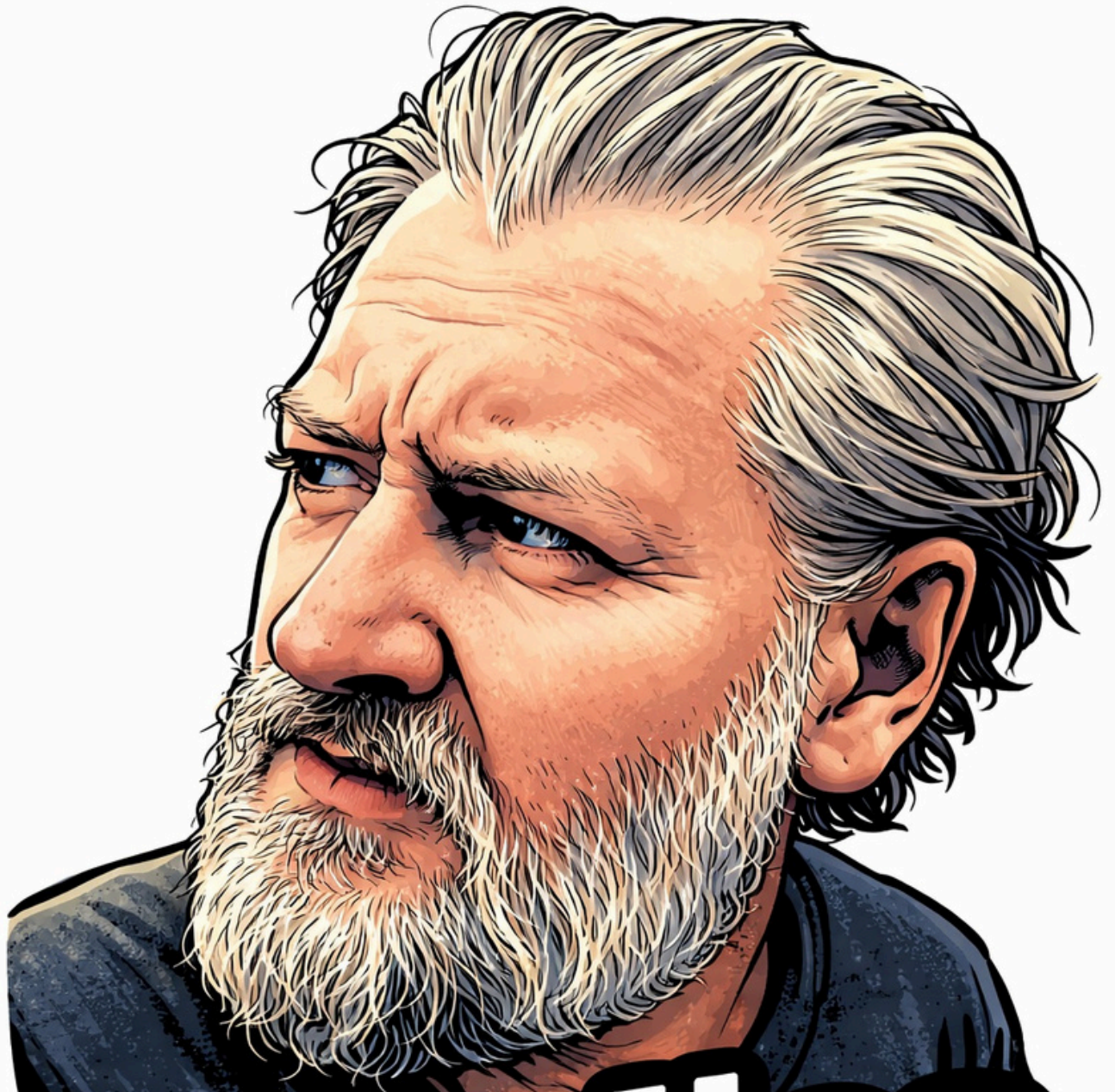
Verdi also revolutionised musical storytelling. He tightened the structure of opera, ensuring that music and drama served each other seamlessly. His melodies were direct and unforgettable, yet always rooted in the emotional truth of the scene. In later masterpieces like *Otello* and *Falstaff*, he achieved a level of dramatic integration that influenced generations of composers, from Giacomo Puccini to Richard Wagner.

Crucially, Verdi became a cultural and political symbol during the Italian Risorgimento, with his music echoing the aspirations of a unified Italy. His name itself became a rallying cry.

Ultimately, Verdi endures because he fused musical brilliance with profound humanity. He did not just write operas; he redefined the art form, setting the standard by which all others are judged. Even today, his operas dominate stages worldwide, proving that his understanding of voice drama and audience connection remains unmatched in the operatic canon and beyond comparison.

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