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EDITORIAL

If I went to ChatGPT and told it to make up a story about a woman who wanted to stick up for women's rights, a party leader, a right wing political party and the infighting within that party the Ai platform couldn't make up a better story than the one unfolding right now in real life!

So the Libs obviously had a plan to ditch Moira Deeming and had Dinesh Gourisetty run against her for preselection. As no doubt was planned Moira gets rolled only for Old Dinesh to be found to be giving character references for a convicted child sex offender and that he paid out \$25,000 to the health department for having an unclean restaurant.

In the aftermath of Moira getting rolled former Liberal Party MP Louise Staley and a few other Liberal stalwarts took to their socials to say goodbye to Moira using less than supportive language. But now we hear that while Dinesh is now blocked from running again for preselection the Libs are going to run the whole process again to see who wins second time round.

So we ask, are the Libs for real?! They have what is basically a 15 year old with a law degree running the party at face value while the inner workings of it run it and the future of the state into the ground! Congratulations to Jacinta Allan on becoming the first ever female elected Premier of Victoria and thanks to the Libs for making it a reality!

Up in Canberra on a zoom call Albo actually made a decision, petrol excise cut in half! Woohoo! How hard was that?! But while Albo and Chalmers will now be on the look out for new ways to fleece the tax payer Albo has said publicly he wants clarity on what the actual fuck Trump is doing with Iran! Ok he didn't say the fuck bit but he like the rest of us want some answers from the Don!

While Australians struggle with cost of living and with petrol prices going through the roof two women of note and power have told the average punter to basically harden up. Recruitment specialist and rich lister Sarina Russo has told people to stop whinging about the government and to get a second or even third job...ah don't you love a rich person offering advice! And Luci Ellis, chief economist at Westpac has said they're forecasting two rate rises in the immediate future! Well thanks for that Luci, you may be right but your LinkedIn post was pretty low on empathy and given you work for a bank maybe you could show some for your customers!

And finally the scumbag who shot Neal Thompson and Vadim de Waart-Hottart is dead and good riddance. The families of Neal and Vadim now have at least some closure. And to the men and women of Victoria police who never gave up on justice thank you.

Have a great day to all!

THE ARROGANCE OF THE LIBS IS THEIR DOOM

I don't get arrogance that makes you think you are above any kind of criticism or even helpful advice. The greatest sportspeople, the best leaders, the most courageous of adventurers were all able to take advice and listen to what those around them had to say. Yes these men and women often did things their own way and didn't suffer fools but they were successful because they took advice from the right people.

When it comes to the Liberal Party, who are they listening to and who thinks they have any chance at survival (let alone winning an election) if they're listening to the wrong people or not listening at all?!

I don't understand a party whose founder had the good sense to use freedom as one of his key fundamentals that can't see its relevance today. I can't understand a party that refuses to listen to people who can advise and who have done so in the past to help the party win!

The reality for the libs is that their form of conservatism is dead. They will say it's not and while they are Labor lite the idea of centre right politics is finished. The party isn't listening and arrogantly don't realise that there are still people that want to go further to the right. Yes ok some of them are boomers but that is very broad brush to paint because there are equal portions of younger people who share their views. But who do these people vote for? One Nation.

The blind arrogance of the Libs is what will push them towards One Nation and allow Labor to get back into power come November. The worst part is that even with this whole Moira Deeming saga they are still determined to be this infighting mess of division. Louise Staley? Really? A mean girl tweet for a defeated woman? Hate your colleagues but aren't you all on the same team? Unified in your hatred of Labor? Want to win!?

The Libs are arrogant and are currently a train crash, but they won't really care because they'll be fine, it's us that are completely and utterly fucked when Allan gets in in her own right.

THE MEDIA AND HOSPITALITY

Melbourne's dining scene is one of the city's great cultural exports, yet its relationship with the Victorian media feels like a long, dramatic marriage—equal parts admiration and exasperation. One week, a new opening is breathlessly crowned “the next big thing”; the next, a beloved institution is quietly dismantled or thrown under the nearest bus in a column that reads like a eulogy with attitude. It's a cycle Melbourne knows well.

On the surface, yes—it's about eyeballs. In a crowded digital landscape, outrage and hype travel faster than nuance. A scathing review or a glowing “must-visit” list drives clicks, shares, and dinner-table debate. Media outlets are competing not just with each other, but with influencers, TikTokers, and everyday diners who now shape reputations in real time. The pressure to stand out pushes coverage toward extremes: brilliance or disaster, rarely the messy middle where most restaurants actually live.

But it's not just cynical economics. There's a deeper cultural stake. Melbourne prides itself on being Australia's food capital, and the media acts as both cheerleader and gatekeeper of that identity. Criticism, even harsh criticism, is often framed as protecting standards—holding chefs accountable in a city that expects excellence. At the same time, there's an undeniable intimacy: journalists, restaurateurs, and publicists orbit the same social circles, blurring lines between critique and familiarity.

The result is a dynamic that feels personal. Restaurants aren't just businesses here; they're cultural symbols. So when the media swings between praise and takedown, it's not just chasing clicks—maybe it's about trying to hold Melbourne to account? But remember what I said rainbows and unicorns? Sadly a good portion of food journos are no longer about finding the diamond in the rough rather it's about image and a range of shallow reasons it wasn't up to standard...thanks but we'll pass and you should all be banned!

STAFF FINDER - PEOPLE

People. They are at the core of what we do as business owners, as employers, as managers, as workers, as kids...people make us who we are and facilitate business and life. Get the wrong people in any facet of life and they will have disastrous consequences, but get the right people around you and things take a much better turn.

For nearly four years I've run my own recruitment company and can read people like a book. That's not to be egotistical it's just the truth and right now, more than at any other time in our lives we need to be choosing the right people to have around us. Why is it more important than ever? Because times are tough, because we need people that understand that and can adapt to change. If you're an owner, a manager or someone that runs a business then you need people that can motivate the team to adapt. No it's not about getting people to work past finishing time for free, no it's not about ripping people off, it's about making sure everyone shows up and is switched on from the moment they start working.

People need purpose and right now they also need reassurance that their jobs are safe. In some cases it may be the case that jobs aren't safe but tell people that and take action rather than leaving things hanging. Clear communication rather than micro management, control and secrecy are the things that are key now.

Having the right people that can lead, that can get things done and motivate others are the people you want right now. These people are the ones who are going to stick with you if you have those open lines of communication and you look after. Employing people isn't all about rainbows and unicorns rather it's being real, upfront and supportive. If you can keep your people engaged and happy these hard times with the right people will pay dividends for you in much better ones.

THE CULTURE

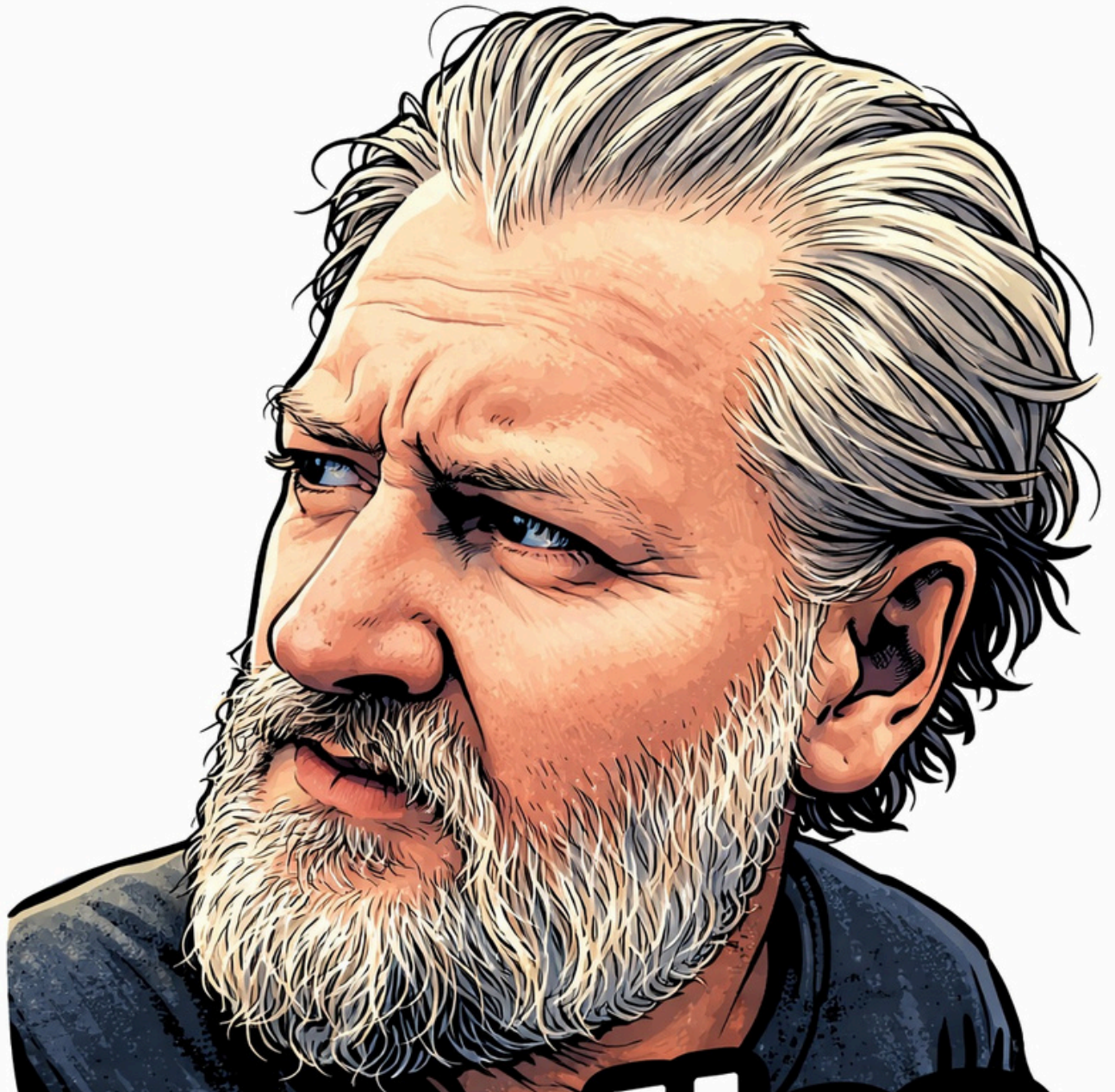
Shakespeare

In an age obsessed with speed, convenience, and the relentless churn of technology, Shakespeare remains not just relevant, but essential. His work cuts through the noise of notifications and algorithms by addressing something far more enduring than any app update: the human condition. While modern life encourages quick fixes and surface-level engagement, Shakespeare forces us to slow down and confront complexity—of emotion, morality, and identity.

His characters are not relics of the past; they are mirrors of ourselves. Ambition, jealousy, love, betrayal—these are not outdated ideas, but daily realities, now playing out on digital stages as much as physical ones. The difference is that Shakespeare gives these impulses depth and consequence. In a world of tweets and headlines, he offers nuance.

Moreover, his language, though centuries old, sharpens the mind. Engaging with Shakespeare is like resistance training for thought: it demands focus, interpretation, and patience. These are precisely the skills at risk of erosion in a culture dominated by instant gratification.

Technology may shape how we live, but Shakespeare reminds us why we live. He anchors us in shared humanity at a time when screens often divide more than they connect. His works endure not because they are old, but because they are timeless—an antidote to the fleeting nature of the modern world, and a quiet rebellion against the idea that everything must be fast to matter.



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