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ARE HARRY & MEGHAN
THE MODERN FACE OF
THE ROYAL FAMILY?





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EDITORIAL

What a day we had yesterday for the conspiracy theorists! An oil refinery in Geelong goes up in flames and guess what? It's all a plan! Ugh god the internet is tiresome. Anyway, quite rightly when Chris Bowen was asked about this very thing he laughed it off, but he did make the point that we should be looking to make sure we can rely on renewables in the future. No, nothing will ever replace the V8, but while we do still unquestionably need oil it's a finite resource so let's find other solutions but let's do it properly not half arse it like both sides of the political divide.

Former PM Paul Keating has decided to come out of cryogenic freezing to have a crack at Angus Taylor. Now it's of course true that the Libs are now One Nation lite rather than Labor lite but Pall bearer is obviously still upset with John Howard given his criticisms of not only Taylor but John Howard as well! God I miss the good old days of politics when Keating would take the opposition apart with his quick wit and even quicker tongue.

The election commission has decided that four weeks after the South Australian election there needs to be a recount in the seat that One Nation won by 57 votes. The election commission is saying there are votes that haven't been counted. Four weeks later seems a stretch but while 57 votes is indeed a slim margin how is this a thing now?

In the wake up the Bondi attacks NSW Premier Chris Minns passed anti protest laws to stem the tide of antisemitism in NSW, but pro Palestine groups took the state government to the court of appeal and have won. So look out Sydney the protestors are back and coming soon to a synagogue near you!

The age and Fairfax media, the self proclaimed purveyors of truth when it comes to Ben Roberts Smith have gone out of their way to let everyone know that BRS plans to seek tax payer money to fund his legal case. The legal case that accuses him of murder, accuses him, not says he's guilty before the trial, but read beyond the headline and BRS is applying to the Afghanistan Inquiry Legal Assistance Scheme. A scheme that gives accused current and former ADF members the opportunity to apply for financial assistance for legal fees as set out in the Brereton Report. So yes the age is correct but really poor headline.

And finally the campaign is on to get Moby to release his performance of Natural Blues with Jacob Lusk from Coachella. Get onto your socials people and let's make Lusk and Moby LIVVEEEEEEE!

IS HARRY THE FUTURE OF THE ROYALS?

The only real reason I gave the whole Harry and Meghan tour of Australia thing any time of day was because I'd heard celebrity reporter Peter Ford talk about it across his socials and on his various radio and TV spots. I've got a lot of time for Peter as he was very kind to me when I first set out on the Hoodies Journey by agreeing to an interview with me about his career.

So with Peter's influence I have paid some attention to Harry and Meghan and what I've found is that they're actually not that bad after all. I genuinely liked Meghan Markle in Suits and always thought Harry was the man most unlikely to be King but he was entertaining in his antics. Jump forward a good few years and is it possible that while Kate and William parade about as English toffs are Harry and Meghan the real future of the monarchy?

There's no doubt that when Queen Elizabeth died the Royal Family lost their foundation. Then with the whole (Prince) Andrew debacle the royals were on the nose. Prince Charles becoming King while expected wasn't great for the monarchy and with Kate becoming ill and taking a step back from royal duties the royals were on the back foot. The rift between Harry and William has also been an issue but with Harry and Meghan getting out of dodge so to speak, could it actually see them become the real face of the English monarchy?

In Australia Harry and Meghan have been nothing but delightful. Meghan has yes been filming a TV show while Harry has been talking to real and relevant people about mental health. Harry's team could've easily called the AFL and said hey let's do mental health with all the bells and whistles but they didn't. They kept the AFL (and Eddie McGuire) at bay, talked to the relevant men's mental health charity and actually talked to people. The response has been overwhelmingly positive for both young royals unlike their English counterparts who are struggling to find relevance in the modern world.

After the first part of their Melbourne tour Harry and Meghan have indeed shown they understand their role in modern society. Yes they're here to make some money but nowadays who isn't?! So if the Royals are watching the whole Harry and Meghan thing roll around the world here's hoping they're thinking these two could well be the future of the monarchy for their sakes and ours.

IS AI THE FUTURE OF HOLLYWOOD?

Is Ai about to end the Hollywood studio system? Ben Affleck has just sold his Ai production studio to Netflix and it promises to revolutionise the film and TV industry.

The Ai studio basically enables a film maker to have actors do their thing in front of grey screens and then after the shooting is done add in the backgrounds. For example if the scene is two people walking down the stairs of an aircraft then film two people walking down a small flight of stairs and then in post production Ai add in the plane. Walking up a hill? Sure. Have the actors walk up a slight slope in front of the grey screen and boom add in the Ai hill later on.

It's already the case that you can ask Claude or Chat GPT to put your musings into script format and have Ai Generate images, but this post production Ai tool that Netflix now owns is a licence to make as much content as they want. The next question is though, who's writing the scripts? Ai or real actual writers who want to get paid? Well at least Affleck made some money out of it unlike a good portion of Hollywood that are just about to lose their jobs.



TOTTENHAM? WREXHAM?!

When Australia's big Ange won the Europa Cup with Tottenham everyone thought here we go, Tottenham are on their way back to being a top club! Jump forward to 2026 with 6 games to go in the Premier League season and Spurs are in the relegation zone. And it's not like they're in the drop zone on goal difference, nope they've played 32 games just like West Ham and are two points behind them.

I always thought Daniel Levey was the issue at Spurs but he left months ago and here they are, about to go down! It's actually staggering!

What's also staggering is the performance of the Ryan Reynolds and the other bloke owned Wrexham. Reynolds and the other bloke got involved with Wrexham several years ago and have since turned the club into a global powerhouse. Every year they've gone up! Starting in basically the semi professional football level they're now in the fight for a playoff spot to get into?! The Premier League!

Wrexham have only four games to go and are four points out of the play off spots but while they not qualify this season gees don't right them off for next season!

Football/Soccer is a funny thing but it never fails to surprise and this season has again produced some surprises least of all Tottenham and Wrexham!

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Mental health

With Harry in town talking about mental health and with various charities supporting men and women in their mental health journey it's a good time to remember that's there's mental health and then there's wank factor.

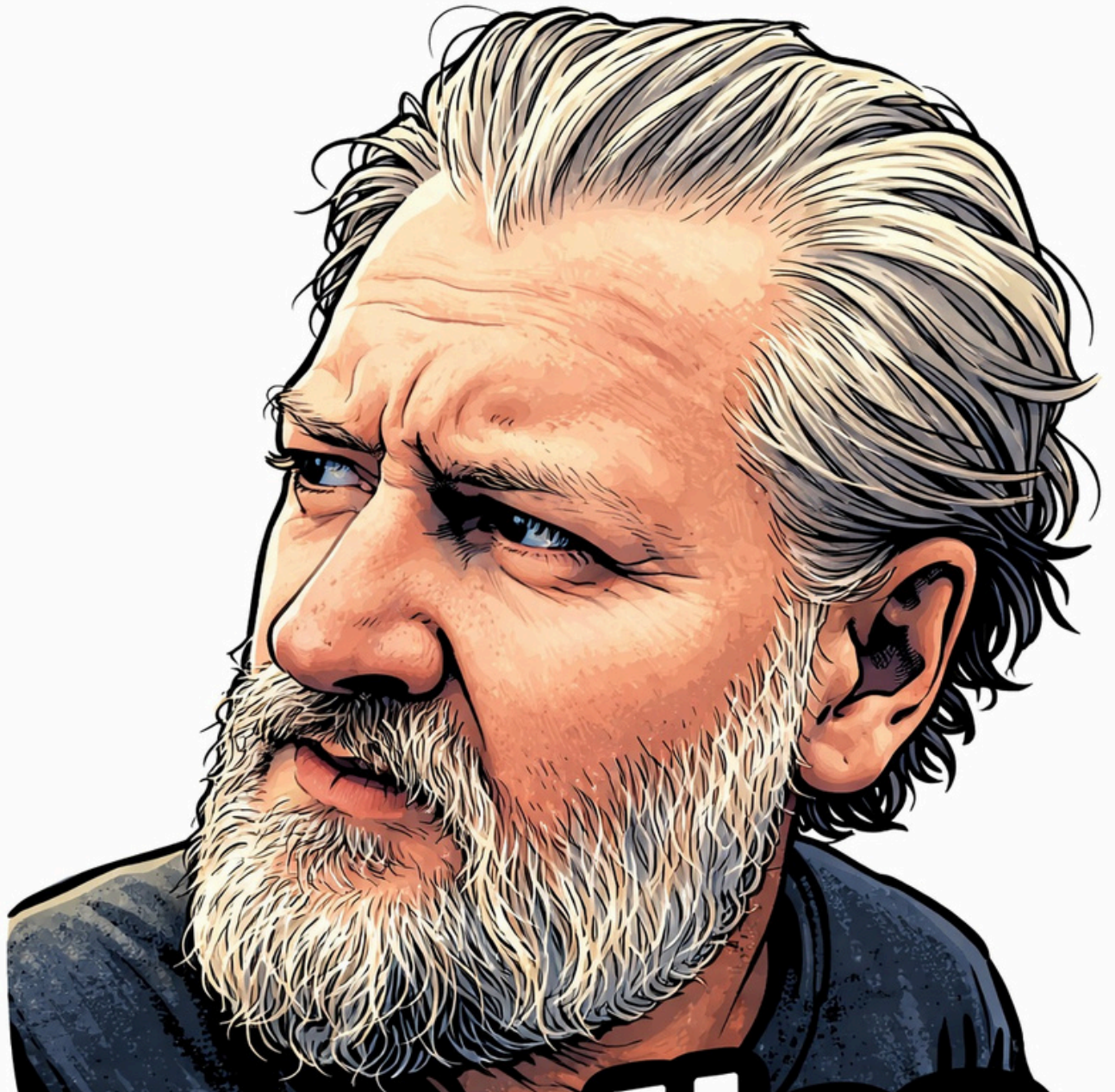
Now I have stood on the precipice of the black hole with a bottle of Cointreau, a packet of Marlboro lights and thought, fuck it. Fuck it, jump into that pit of dark and who cares because it's a better place to be than where I am currently! To this day I'm not exactly sure what stopped me from leaning into and falling into that black hole but I didn't and rebuild my life.

I like countless people before me have called Life line for help. I remember calling them and having someone at the other end of the phone listen to me, take me seriously and offer me a way forward. I was broken, I knew I was broken but found my support networks and survived later to thrive. I was lucky not to suffer from depression but I've known people that have, we all have and it's a pig of a thing so it irritates me beyond measure when people toss of the excuse of mental health. I'm having a mental health day, the drugs and the hookers I was found with were because of my poor mental health, I sent 25 dick pics to a woman that wasn't my wife because I have mental health issues. Piss off!

Real mental health issues are real, yes everyone copes with things differently but we must stop allowing and tolerating mental health to be used as excuse for poor behaviours and decisions. Why? Because there are people out there screaming out for help and can't get it because others are out there wasting the time of qualified people.

We need to be talking more and stop prescribing medication for anyone that has a feeling that's not in tune with what they should be having. The mental health of kids in the post Covid era has never been as bad and what's the advice for the government? Drugs.

If you think you're suffering and need help talk to someone, if you're one of those people that's taking a mental health day to paint the bathroom get a life and stop giving mental health a bad name because right now there are too many people genuinely suffering.



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