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# HOODIES DAILY

LOOKS LIKE THE LIBS STILL  
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# EDITORIAL

Well if anyone thought the Libs had some issues before they seem to have got a whole lot worse as all sides of the divided and dysfunctional rabble play out their views via the media. State liberal party president, ie the person who is supposed to keep the peace, supposedly, Phil Davis has gone to The Age and suggested the division is being pumped up by the Murdoch press, mainly Peta Credlin. Remember when Daniel Andrews declared victory over Covid with some top shelf booze? I wonder what Jacinta Allan is drinking today?

Speaking of dysfunctional it appears the pressure is getting to one Donald Trump who has been caught out yelling at the Iranians to open the fucking Strait (of Hormuz). It's hard to imagine the Iranians not laughing their arses off at an upset Trump and while they may not live to regret any possible laughter it must feel like some kind of small victory having Trump so upset. A suggestion in the New York Times that middle America is still supportive of what Trump is doing in the Middle East may be the case but a good portion of the rest of the western world has had enough and wants its oil!

Off the back of one of the great rescue operations in US military history, the rescue of the missing F15 fighter pilot, it's now been established that it was the ultra elite, Seal Team 6, that rescued the pilot. Seal Team 6 was the outfit that killed Bin Laden but was also the topic of a Netflix documentary about how some of their former fighters were dealing with PTSD via hallucinogenics. A fascinating documentary into some of the bravest and most skilled special forces soldiers on the planet. Along with our own SAS it is comforting to know there are people out there capable of such extraordinary things when the shit really does hit the fan.

Has anyone heard Chris Bowen talk about renewables or EV's lately? Lucky he hasn't he might get one of those Ebikes shoved up his arse because people are pissed off! Bowen has announced that 3.4% of petrol stations in Australia have run out of fuel but that the federal government has secured petrol supply via Japan and Singapore. Our stocks get us well into May apparently but there are ships in the way to make sure we get past that. I do have to say I've got some empathy here for Bowen, yes I'm sure he's aware we need to have better oil reserves here in Australia but this isn't his fault, it's Trumps and now the responsibility of making sure farmers get diesel is on him! Chris will earn that over generous pay packet over the next few months that's for sure!

And finally while Bendigo Barbie sits back and watches the Libs blow themselves up she's of course done sweet FA about the enquiry into the recent bush fires across the state, but hey this is Victoria! We don't investigate shit until we've been asked to something about it til we've been asked six or seven times...for further information please contact IBAC!

# INFLUENCERS & MISINFORMATION

As the world struggles with the cost of living crisis and now a fuel crisis the influencer seems to be shifting its attention to the cost of goods. Now there's no doubt that things cost more money but there are now a number of social media users using their platforms to garner outrage by highlighting pricing in supermarkets.

Supermarkets are unquestionably blood sucking parasites but that we have the so called influencers running around supermarket aisles highlighting cost of high end items reeks of people wanting to grow a following rather than offer any kind of real support and criticism in a crisis. But the role of the influencer begs the question are we over the influence of the deluded influencer?

A recent post from a luxury car dealer showed the car retailer receiving a call from said influencer who said she wanted a car in return for her postings on her socials. The person was quite upset when the car retailer wouldn't hand over the keys to a \$200,000 Porsche for the suggested postings and you have to say, I'm not sure real celebrities would ever ask such a thing. Yes there are sportspeople who receive cars, watches etc in brand deals but they're mega famous! Yes there are a select few social media personalities who can demand product for posts but they're again in short supply and yet businesses seem beholden to some of these so called influencers.

Now I am not a 25 year with a social media following of 50,000 neither do I want to be but if you're thinking that any of these people can help your business then you are kidding yourself. There was a young man recently who decided to host an in person signing for his 150,000 followers, no one showed up. And herein is the thing while trends can emerge online and then go viral influencers don't actually have real influence instead they're just a bunch of free loading wannabes who don't really have anything to contribute to your business.

If influencers are in your business plan you're on the wrong track, you absolutely need to be posting on your socials and you unquestionably need a plan to roll your brand out but you do not need any kind of influencer validation.

What the influencer does do very well is propagate misinformation which comes back to supermarket pricing and it does nothing but increase discontent in a modern society that doesn't need any more bullshit in it!

# IT'S ALL A MURDOCH PLOT?

The almost angelic face that The Age has had on its online paper of Peta Credlin would suggest that butter wouldn't melt in her mouth, but ask Phil Davis about what he thinks about Credlin and I'd suggest Phil would say Peta is far from angelic and while she might not melt butter she'd probably pour hot lava on anyone that stood in her way. See, it appears that there are those within the Liberal Party that want uncle Rupert to hold sway over the party and there are others that want the party to side with truth justice and the way of the leftists, ie The Age, but no matter who wants what this is all music to the ears of Jacinta Allan!

Phil Davis, the state liberal party president has suggested in an interview with The Age that there are those within the party that have a hotline to Credlin and that the Murdoch empire is pushing for things to head the way in which they want and that's nowhere near the left. That's not to suggest anyone in the party wants to steer away from the right rather they want different version of the right.

Davis believes the Murdoch hit squad want the party to team up with Aunty Pauline and One Nation which Davis and his camp are absolutely against believing the Libs can win in their own right come the November election. Now that remains to be seen but what is true is that if the Libs can't get on the same page and soon it'll be Allan that becomes the first female elected premier of Victoria.

The whole Moira Deeming saga recently came back again to haunt the Libs via some members of the party's in vain attempt to ditch Moira. Some within the party had lined up a candidate that did actually beat Deeming in preselection but then had to drop out because he'd been a character reference for a convicted pedophile. Davis admits that the selection process of certain potential candidates wasn't what it should have been, but did say background checks were done by a party backed intelligence company. We'd suggest that process might need some updating? Regardless of the process it left egg on the faces of the whole party because it had tried to shaft one of their own and failed. It also saw a party member in Louise Staley offer her own opinions on Deeming's initial preselection loss, which was along the lines of good riddance, not exactly a unified message now was it?

It's interesting to read Davis suggest that Murdoch press wants to make inroads into the state Liberal Party and force a union with One Nation. While One Nation is possibly the future of Australian politics the Libs are dying a slow death and moving towards irrelevance so maybe it's a plot from the Murdoch empire to bring one nation into the fray but it's a risky move asking them to get onboard with the Libs.

You kind of think that Murdoch would think a bit more outside the box of trying to control the dysfunctional liberal party or at least wanting to have a hand in its future. But I remember being told by a senior member of the Murdoch team some time ago that they have zero interest in changing the direction of their news service, which I thought was pretty short term thinking but what do I know?! So maybe Credlin and Davis will shake hands and make up and if it is true that Murdoch, senior or junior is pulling the strings on the direction of the Liberal Party Phil wants to watch out because the Murdochs rarely lose a fight.

# JOE BOGAN AND THE FUTURE OF RADIO

There are a lot of podcasts in Australia wanting to be the next Joe Rogan. While some have done an ok job in taking up the mantle of being a comedian turned journalist turned political analyst turned expert on everything and MMA fighter the man who is really about to become Australia's answer to Rogan is our very own Joe Bogan, aka Karl Stefanovic. Karl does have some decent street cred when it comes to journalistic integrity given he's been on the Today show for the last 55 years! Ok it's not that long but he's been around.

Karl, despite his mega salary from Channel 9 is one of those rare people who still has the ability to connect with the average punter. The late great Shane Warne had the same thing, Karl I'm sure isn't on the great man's level but nonetheless he's got this unquestionable ability to connect to people no matter who they are or what they do.

Karl it would seem has been planning his Today show exit for some time now given he's has started his own podcast but off the back of that has now apparently signed on with Kyle and Jackie O's former employer ARN. It's not immediately clear what Karl will be doing with ARN but it's surely going to be a bigger version of his already successful podcast. Will Karl keep the podcast and do the morning show or just the Podcast it's not clear but what is clear is that off the back of ARN's disastrous dealings with Kyle Sandilands they want the bloke who can rebuild the network!

Out of all the podcasters, out of all the radio people it's Stefanovic that's the one that could indeed become the Aussie Joe Rogan. The only other person who could is Ross Stevenson from 3AW but I'm not sure the AM legend could be bothered and given his extreme wit and intelligence I suspect he'd end up running rings around anyone he didn't find interesting.

So what does the future hold for Joe Bogan? It remains to be seen, but what is true, the airwaves of Australia are in for a massive shake up!

# CULTURE

## **Bayreuth**

I have been lucky enough to see opera at the Met in New York, Covent Garden in London, the Bastille in Paris, La Scala in Milan, Staatsoper in Vienna, La Fenice in Venice and the Sydney Opera House but even though I haven't been there nor seen an opera in the theatre I think the best opera house in the world is the Bayreuth Festspielhaus in Bayreuth Germany. Why? Because it is the only theatre of all the great opera houses built specifically for one composer, and that composer was Wagner.

Not only was Bayreuth built for Wagner's operas the man built it himself! He oversaw every design concept and made sure it was built to his exact specifications. The orchestra stuck right up under the stage to give that real sense of music in the distance when required. A stage big enough to accommodate elaborate stagings and seats in an auditorium designed to carry sound the way he wanted. No other theatre in the world can lay credit to any of that and certainly no other composer.

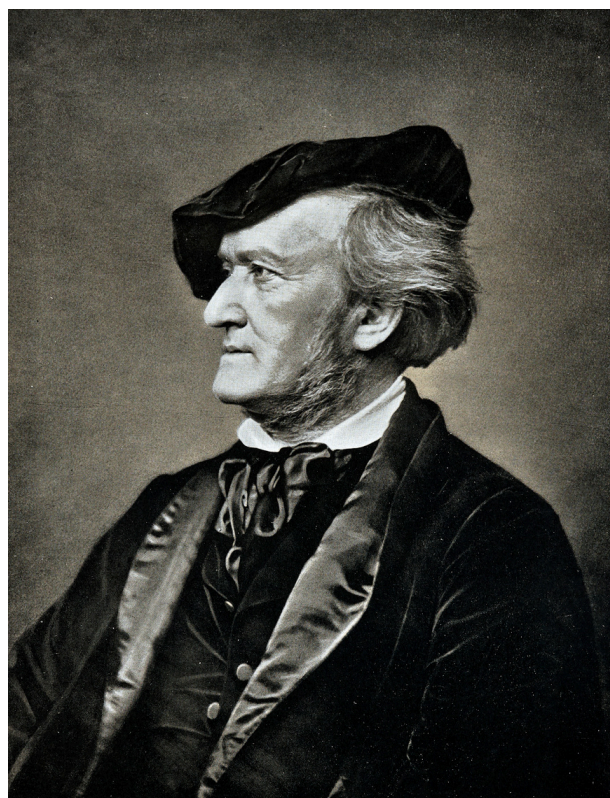
Each year the Bayreuth festival comes to town with the best Wagnerian singers and the best conductors and it is sold out years in advance. Getting a ticket for Bayreuth is as hard as getting a ticket to the Super Bowl! But if you do get one then it is an experience like no other.

Opened in 1876 the theatre has seen the greatest Wagnerians tread its boards and still does today. Closed after the Second World War the festival was started again in 1951 and has not stopped since. Wagner was of course a composer but he wasn't a masterful musician like Verdi or Mozart, rather he was a composer that understood every detail of the theatrical process and experience. He wanted to give life to his operas by writing the music and the librettos himself but took things a whole new level by building a theatre in which he could stage his own works.

In 1871 Verdi had the premier of his latest opera Aida staged in Egypt so he could include elephants and cater for the large chorus and extras required, but the opera didn't have a purpose built theatre for it so today is often staged without many of the things Verdi had included at Cairo. This was of course unlike Wagner who by 1876 had his own theatre and could easily accommodate the destruction of the gods at the end of Gotterdammerung.

The rivalry of Verdi and Wagner is the stuff of legend and of better men than me to discuss but one story of the pair saw them standing only feet away from each other separated by I think a hedge. They could know each other was there but both refused to turn to acknowledge the other and thus never met, a coming together of the two greatest opera composers in the history of western music was never to be.

Bayreuth stands as a homage to the great composer and to the determination of one man to produce operas in the way he wanted and I shall get there one day!



# SOUL

## Resilience in 2026

Coming from a broken home, spending time in foster care and then having to rebuild my life more than once I have learnt the hard way about what resilience is all about. You don't need to have been beaten as a child or suffer immeasurably to understand resilience but it's unquestionably the case that right now all of us need to understand how to be resilient.

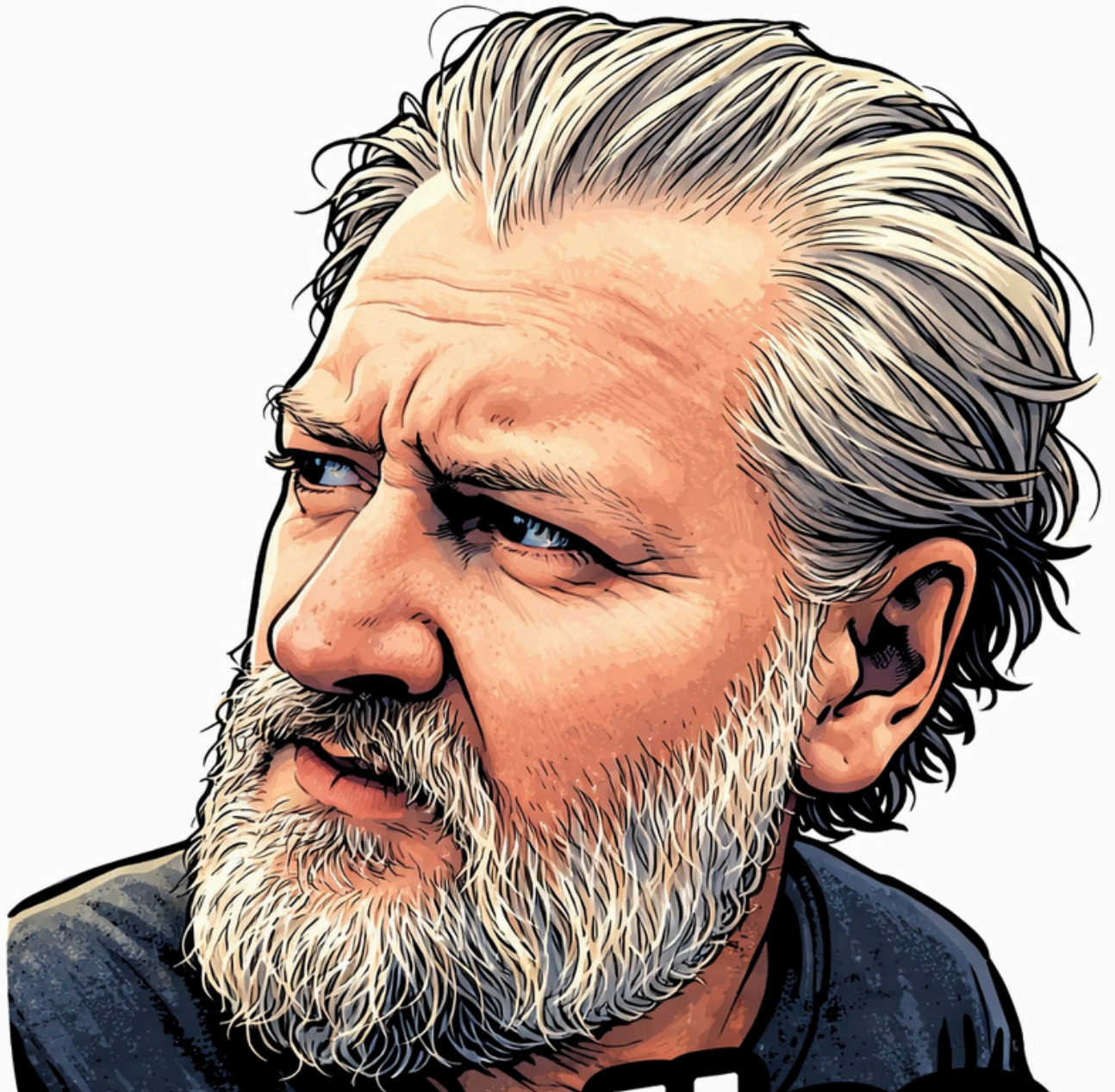
The big thing to remember about finding resilience is that it's your journey! You can indeed take advice from people and social media posts but ultimately you have to find your own way forward and your motivations to keep going.

Resilience is simply the ability to absorb hard and challenging things and keep going no matter what! It's about being pushed to your absolute limits and then finding another gear that says we have to keep going. Right now we need to find resilience in nearly every aspect of our lives. In business, in the cost of living crisis, in keeping food on the table and the lights on and now keeping petrol in the car. These are the things we all have to face but then if you aspire to achieve other things the resilience you need to find is on another level! Not only do you need to be able to deal with modern life, you have to bounce back from rejection and learn from all of it! Being able to overcome all of this is real resilience!

Resilience isn't just about us overcoming the hard things in life we also need to teach it to our kids. None of us want our kids to experience some of the things we had to grow up but they still need to understand that life can knock you down and you absolutely must get up again! We can't protect our kids from all the big bad world will thrust upon them but we can teach them about resilience then they will be much better off.

It is hard to keep going at the moment, it's hard to rise above the noise saying don't bother, rise above the negativity on social media, but we have to ignore all of it, keep going, go again and show the world what your version of resilience actually looks like.

Hard things are hard for a reason and right now things are hard but if you can find you're own resilience you will ultimately be so much better off and you will have learned that from hard times come great success and opportunities! So get on with finding your resilience now.



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