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IT'S TIME TO GET REAL
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EDITORIAL

Well to say there are a lot of upset people about the whole Ben Roberts-Smith saga would be an understatement. While Fairfax spin the charges and the case in all sorts of ways the amount of flack they must be getting would be worrying. Hoodies Media is not quite Fairfax but even we've had tens of thousands of reactions to the BRS charges so they must be getting inundated. It will be very interesting to see if the narrative around BRS changes from Fairfax in the coming weeks especially with ANZAC Day now not far away.

The next big question will be do we hear from Muslim groups talking about war crimes? And who'll be hosting the interviews? But while we wait to see what the next moves of the mainstream media and the government will be Roberts-Smith has forgone his right to apply for bail and will remain in prison as his very talented legal team work out the right way forward for their client.

Speaking at a news conference over night US KING OF WAR, Pete AMERICA FUCK YEAH Hegseth, has said now that the Strait of Hormuz is reopening the rest of the world needs to help keep it open. Mr War King said the US didn't use the Strait that much so it's up to the rest of the world to protect it...that should go well.

Surprise surprise Jackie O once of ARN told the management team at the station she'd had enough of Kyle months before the final melt down live on air. Now if that's true and Jackie can prove it, Joe Bogan's aka Karl Stefanovic, move to the station might be on hold given the money involved! But we shall watch this space, not closely, but it's mildly interesting.

While Fairfax are deciding who to stitch up next the utter morons down at News dot com dot au have been taking photos of toilet roll being delivered to a supermarket and suggested that the loo roll wars are back! Not only is that complete horse shit but who thinks of this garbage? And that's the level they have to stoop to to get eye balls on content? Bring back phone tapping if that's all they can come up with!

And finally Prince Harry has had to start cutting ticket prices to his Melbourne show where he tells everyone how to be a delusional rich person. Personally I'd pay, \$10 for the privilege but tickets now start at \$1970 for the two day conference that is aiming to help the mental health sector, which is great because anyone that does pay \$1970 to listen to anything Harry has to say probably is mental!

IT'S TIME TO GET REAL

As parents we want to protect our kids from the realities of the world. We want to teach them the realities and we never want to see them suffer, but the cold hard reality of the world is that it can be a horrible place, it can put you on your ass and if you don't have the ability to bounce back from adversity it will leave you there.

Wars are not places any of us want to go but there are those that will kill and maim their enemies at any opportunity. In Australia we want to give people the opportunity to live and be who they want, but if a trans person goes to certain places and states who and what they are then they'll be killed. The same with religion if you go to the wrong country and profess your beliefs to the wrong god then you will not survive.

We here in the west and Australia seem to hold people to different standards than to those who will cut the heads off anyone they feel is a threat. Now that's all very nice and moralistic but how do we fight against those who will stop at nothing for the sake of a cause?

It's the same with climate change. I mean look at the fuel crisis, yes Trump has blown up the world economy but Australia barely has enough fuel for the farmers because the federal government has had one eye on pursuing renewable energy sources. A good portion of the world has a lot more fuel in reserve and yet here in Australia we seem to be on this evangelical crusade to absolutely nowhere over the sake of inner city woke votes or lobby groups who have money to make.

Why is it that we here in Australia seem closed off to how the real world works? Why are we heaping pressure on our farmers when they could be easily looked after with tax exemptions, fuel discounts and transport discounts? Why are we so beholden to net zero when it obviously fools gold and impossible to achieve? And why is there an SASR soldier sitting in a jail cell accused of war crimes?

The world is not rainbows and unicorns but it seems to sell newspapers and get eye balls on content and sadly we are all the worse for it. It's time to get real!

WHY IS AI TAKING OVER?

Writer, podcaster, journalist and Ai expert Karen Hao recently posed a very serious question about Ai, why are we allowing technology and in this case Ai to take away the use of humans? The role of technology in modern society isn't to eradicate humans it is support society and to enhance it. Sadly though it appears that at every opportunity the latest generation of tech nerds get their focus is to get rid of the human element, why is that?

I have to say that I think Ai in particular Claude is extraordinary, yes it's a mega version of Google but its ability to offer clear concise feedback on specific tasks is far beyond anything I've ever seen. For me to get the feedback I have now from Claude would've previously come from an external consultant. Someone with a marketing degree or a business degree that understood news and media, a very specific skill set, so in that way I am complicit in taking tasks away from humans, but it's the bigger picture that's really worrying.

Yes we can turn to Ai for help on a range of tasks but consulting firms adapt and will now doubt be experts in Ai pretty quickly but what about low skilled jobs? What about manufacturing jobs, where skill is required but where technology and Ai can and is replacing human labour? Why are we allowing Ai companies to build machines that enable automation on such a scale and that seems to have zero accountability?

Data centres that suck water and energy at alarming rates are being built on any spare price of land available with the support of governments, and yet aren't we supposed to be moving to renewable energy sources? How do we do that when our energy sector isn't ready to do so? How are governments supporting the massive growth of Ai when it will ultimately lead to job losses? Is it money? Is it lobby groups? What?

Ai can at the moment only learn and expand on what it's taught by humans. Yes it's ability to compute and analyse data is already beyond what 99% of humans are capable of but it can't cure cancer, it can't solve the great issues of humanity but will it be able to? And why is it a case of western Ai developers saying it has to be their way or it'll be the evil Chinese that take over the world?!

Ai is unquestionably a growing part of society and is already having profound impacts on our lives but like all forms of new technology we need a real plan for it. Governments are not good at planning and not good at thinking about the future but with Ai they need to be. If they're not Ai will force mass job losses and put pressure on government services they were never designed to handle. Yes we need to embrace Ai but we need it to serve us and not the other way around.

CANAVAN IS RIGHT

I think Matt Canavan has to be commended for being one of the few politicians that is actually starting to think about changing the world and country we live in. The Libs don't think they need to change and that people will at some stage want a dysfunctional rabble to run the country, Labor have no real need to change because there's no competition and One Nation haven't really, as yet, offered policy documents on profound change, so Matt thought he'd have a crack.

Canavan's changes aren't really ground breaking and are easy to cast aside by the lefty tree hugging EV driving wokes but he's not wrong;

- Scrap Net-zero
- Fire up oil production in Australia
- Dig for more coal
- Cut migration
- Increase the birth rate
- Re-establish Australian manufacturing

All of these are good ideas but given Australia is run by socialists the chances of much of it happening are slim, but not impossible especially if One Nation does actually get into power. The point of Canavan's pitch though is that he's absolutely right to be suggesting we need profound change.

Australia isn't what it was in the 1990's, we've lost our identity and while we need to reclaim it we also need to get very real about what it is we are doing to, dare I say, make Australia great again. The stark reality of net zero is that it's a pipe dream, the fuel crisis has showed that we are not ready to rely on renewables so we need to produce more oil and coal and we need to do it here to avoid having to be reliant on overseas producers. No that won't make the inner city E-bike riders happy but who cares? I guarantee that when the farmers have to put prices up the inner city lefty will be the first one to complain about the price of their that goats milk latte!

Migrants helped built this country, we're all migrants, but migration becomes virtually impossible when we can't produce housing! If our younger generations are struggling to find places to live what on earth are we doing for people who come here in hope of a better life? But migration goes beyond housing it goes to skilled labour, it goes to education, it goes to social services...the NDIS is already broken and the social services system struggles how do we add more migrants to the system when it is barely fit for purpose already? So yes! Cut migration!

The issue with manufacturing is the cost here in Australia so the only way it does work is with government subsidies and if migrants are going to come here then perhaps the government can subsidise their wages? There are all of ways we can restart manufacturing here in Australia but we have to invest in ourselves before we do deals with the likes of China to produce things we can do here!

Canavan is right to be suggesting profound changes to Australian way of life it's just a shame that his ideas will more than likely be cut down by lefty wokes who think socialism is still the best way forward.

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CULTURE

The Wagner Tenor

In my life I have stood next to several Wagner tenors and it is an experience that is akin to standing next to an amplifier at a concert. These are men usually the size of house and can produce sound that is so loud you wonder how they can do what they do, but oh my they do and they are the kings of the tenor voice!

Now yes I know the Spinto tenor gets all the good arias, gets the girl and has all the top notes but the Wagnerian tenor stands at the top of the pile because they have voices that are not only huge in size but they have this ability to keep going. what I mean by that is that Wagner for the tenor is relentless. It's lyric tenor music on crack! It's high, it's set against massive orchestras and it goes on and on.

To give you an idea of the lyricism required for a Wagner tenors, the great Wagnerian tenor Wolfgang Windgassen used Mozarts Magic flute to bring back line to his voice. When I say line I mean he sang Taminos aria that has much less orchestration to it to work on the nuances of his singing, he listened more intently to his voice and leaned in and out where necessary. He used Tamino, the tenor in Magic Flute, as his base line for lyricism that he then took back to things like Tristan, Siegfried and Walther.

I remember standing next to the Finnish tenor Heiki Sukola, who was probably 6'7" and build like the proverbial, the sound he made was astonishing and he was a regular Wagner singer but it isn't always about the size of the man, it can also be simply about how these kings of the tenor produce their sound. See while the size can be a contributing factor it's also the cut the voice has that can send it over the massive orchestras these men sing with. The idea of big men singing big repertoire is that their bodies act as resonance for their voices but if you have someone like Peter Hofmann who wasn't a big man you can still hear him because he has a cut on his voice. Big helps but it's not the only way to become a true Wagnerian.

For a long time I was a Spinto fan and still am but nowadays I have come to realise that it's not all about top notes and being the hero, it's about who can stand there the longest and produce their mightiest sounds that can be heard over the loudest orchestras on the planet. The Wagnerian tenor is the king of the tenor.

SOUL

Honesty

I have nothing if I am not honest. How can we genuinely live any other way? After I'd gone through my own personal soul search I had a tattoo done on my left forearm, it reads,

La force, Le courage et la verite

Strength courage and truth...it's how I live, it's how I have built what I have and it's how I feel we all need to live. There is so much utter bullshit in the world and while we don't need everyone to have my brutal grip on reality what we do need at the very least is some more honesty in the world.

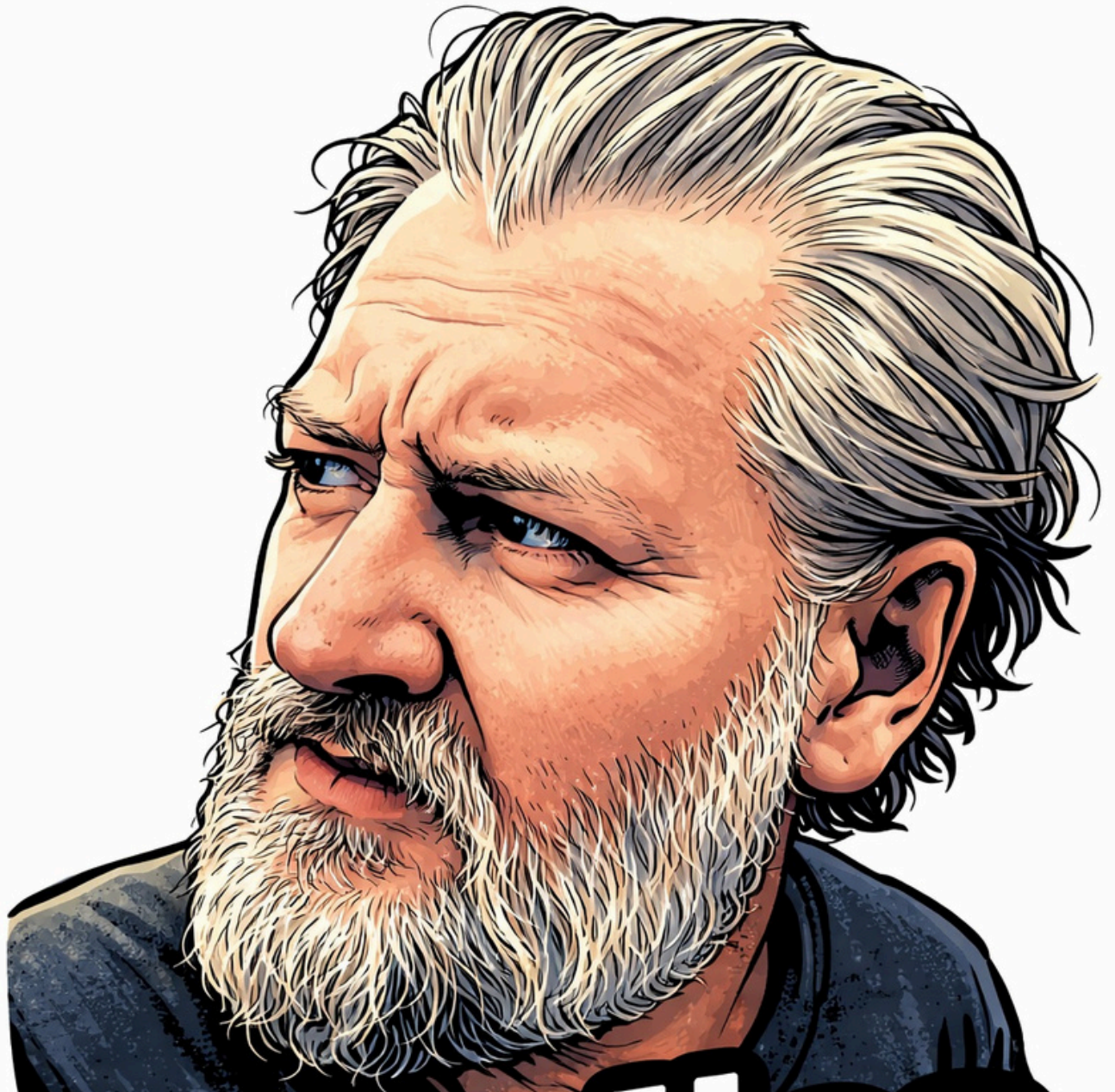
When I say honesty I'm not talking about the Jim Carrey movie, Liar Liar, I'm talking about being as direct and as upfront as we can with people without causing offence. Men and women both know how to handle relationship questions about truth but what's wrong with calling it like you see it in the corporate or media world? So long as the honesty comes from a place of wanting to make a change or difference then say it like it is.

Honesty isn't about being manipulative or offering truth to offend it is about offering realities. If you do this that will happen, is that the outcome you want? If this person does that the outcome will be, and so on. Honesty is indeed the best policy but will it make you popular? No. Will people like you more? Probably not, but will you be able to sleep at night? I'd say yes, but if you are going to be honest with people understand you won't have many friends.

While honesty isn't the popular choice for many people the one person you must be honest with is yourself. You cannot bullshit yourself because of you do, who else is going to call you out? Who else is going to say you've screwed up? Who else is going to make changes in your life? No one. As the saying goes, no one is coming to save you so be honest with yourself a what's possible or you won't survive.

Honesty is always easier said than done and believe me honesty has cost me a lot, but I'd rather be honest with myself and the world at large than live my life as someone else and not rooted in reality.

Have a great day to all!



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