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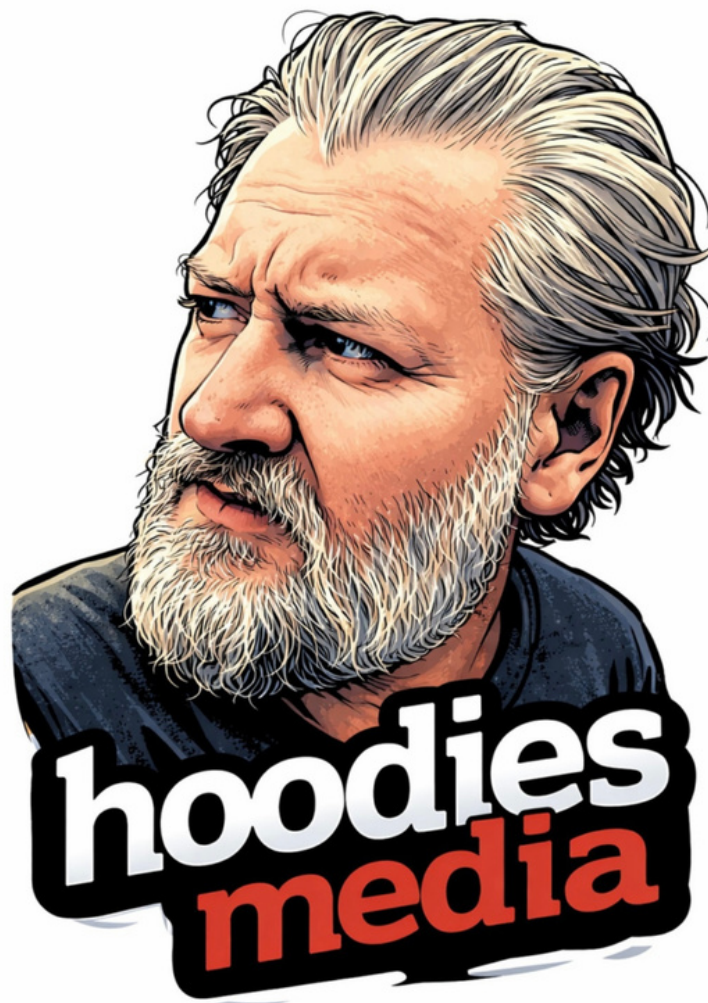
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SHAG, MARRY OR SNOG?
ALL CLASS FROM ALBO



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EDITORIAL

Despite the disappointment of the Socceroos losing on penalties at their knock out game against Egypt the lads did us proud and world sport again showed that there are some very classy players past and present out there. Losing on penalties is hard for anyone and team, how many times have England done it, but for 18 year old Lucas Herrington it is especially hard. The kid stood up to take a penalty on the world stage and blew it, that's the reality but what happened afterwards showed true class from two champions. The never shy but epically talented Zlatan Ibrahimovic who is commentating for Fox during the World Cup, was straight to the defence of Herrington and went so far as to tell the young lad to reach out if he wanted to talk, class. The other was from Liverpool legend Mo Salah. When the Egypt penalty went in Mo was straight over to the Aussie players to support them. So while Australia will be back and while our team of young future stars develop here's hoping they also took some lessons from two legends of the game about humility and sportsmanship. Class.

Ok, so. Back in the really world...while the World Cup is going on Albo and his mate Wellsy are back at trying to 'fix' gambling ads. While Wellsy has been to a few AFL games and Albo isn't sure what code he really likes the government has cut back on free to air gambling ads! Woohoo! Ohhhh hang on...they've done what? Oh ok great...gambling ads on streaming services are now ok so long as you have the chance to opt out? It's also the case that free to air TV is dying and the bigger audience is actually is on streaming so what are we doing?! But hey! Guess what? The government is broke and will not only allow gambling ads on streaming services, they'll be selling off Wellsy's Chanel handbags soon!

Speaking of Albo is he a complete flog or what!? He goes on yet another dip shit podcast to try and connect with the cool kids who unquestionably think he's a fuck wit like the rest of us and is asked would he, shag, marry or pash Aussie music icon, Kylie Minogue. Albo's answer? All three, so long as he wasn't married. When did the office of PM become so disrespecting of the role itself? Yes Bob Hawke told jokes, said anyone that sacked a worker for not going to work after we the Americas Cup was a bum but we loved Bob, everyone loved Bob. Albo? Well, no one likes Albo and when he suggests he'd shag, marry and snog Kylie it's a) not funny and b) creepy old man stuff especially after Kylie and her family have recently had to deal with a stalker...classy stuff from Albo.

So while Mick Gatto hasn't been charged with any kind of corruption, illegal activities or anything else the big fella is in Bali. Mick is smoking cigars and chilling by the photo saying he's looking forward to being on the podcast with Karl Stefanovic...well Karl all we can say is if Mick goes on your show you'll have the opportunity to ask him some real questions but it's not really about freedom of speech now is it?

I take one for you on a Sunday morning and watch Insiders so you don't have to and guess what? The ABC has quite genuinely lost the plot when it comes to non bias reporting and Nick Savva? Jesus! So while we all know how bad the ABC are why on earth do Liberal Party MP's go on Insiders?! Dan Tehan got slaughtered but given only five woke matcha drinking inner city lefties and me were watching Dan might be ok.

Any finally the funeral of Daweish Mohamed was held yesterday. His family of obviously devastated and all they said to the media was; the government urgently needs to take action over knife crime. Now we know Allan and he minions will blame everyone but themselves especially given one of the accused was out on bail, but seriously when is enough enough. The time has come for absolute zero tolerance!



LET IT GO MOIRA

As Queen Elsa said, let it go and Moira it's time to do the same thing. After yet another court appearance Moira Deeming is safe from being booted from the Liberal Party, for now. While Moira awaits a hearing in a few weeks she took to messaging her so called colleagues to let them know she's taking the action she is to help the party not hinder it. Now she may well believe that and maybe she is right but it is unquestionably ripping the party apart.

As the Deeming saga continues and mind you there is still the John Pesutto issue to deal with the Libs look like they couldn't agree on which colours they'd like on a black and white chequered flag. The knock on is that while Moira may be claiming she's doing it all for the party it's a bit like who wants the baby and who wants to see it ripped in half.

Over at Labor Party HQ it would be staggering but not unsurprising if Jacinta Allan is the leader to take Labor to the polls. The idea that Allan could just say she's sorry about the alleged corruption on big build sites was laughable and polls suggest she is cooked but the Libs seem to be Labor's biggest fans!

The massive variable in the Victorian election is One Nation. A party that doesn't have a leader in the state, currently holds one seat but is leading in the polls even though it blows the minds of left wing media outlets and Kos Samaras. When it comes to the One Nation effect it isn't about racism, bigotry or division it's actually about the fact that people are sick of government and bureaucratic spin that does absolutely nothing for the average punter. In fact at the moment what ever the main parties do has a negative impact on people and they have had enough!

The more major parties and media outlets go on about racism etc the more they push people to One Nation. The more the major parties show how inept they are the more people go to One Nation and the more Moira heads off to court the more it becomes clear that the majors aren't listening.

So who wants to run Victoria? Well Moira does and Pauline does...maybe it's actually time to let them have a go because really could it get any worse? In reality though Moira is finished and she just doesn't know it yet and if Wilson can keep her party in line then she will be Premier but there's still time for more drama and for Moira to write a book!

WHERE'S THE PRIDE IN THE OFFICE OF PM?

Ok so we know the world is a very different place from the days of fine suits, manners, men being men and women being the home parent. Times needed to change we needed to adapt and to realise that different generations need different parameters to live within but what happened to decency and really manners?

When Bob Hawke told jokes and said any boss was a bum for sacking someone for not coming to work after Australia won the Americas cup we loved him. When Paul Keating absolutely slayed the opposition benches with his quick wit and poison tongue we had to admire the brilliance of the man, but Albo? Yeah nah. See the difference between all these PM's is that while times have changed Albo is just such a try hard.

You wanted Bob you got Bob, you wanted to try and take on Keating then be it on your own head, but with Albo he's trying to be everything to everyone and ending up being not much to not many. Albo went on a podcast with the controversial Abbie Chatfield prior to the election and it was a bit like your Dad trying to be cool in front of your friends. Chatfield to her credit gave Albo the air time and didn't destroy him as she could've but it was still awful and now he's gone and done it again.

Albo has been on some random half wits podcast/show and been pressured into playing Shag, marry or snog and he allowed it to happen. The subject? Kylie Minogue. Albo didn't have the quick wit, the smarts or even the decency to say something like, a gentlemen never tells or I've got too much respect for our Kylie to put her in that position or even say something like, hey that's not even funny... instead? He said all three! Despite as he said having been only married for a second time for six months.

It is unquestionably true that being PM is a juggle, it is hard to balance what people want to hear and what they don't but at some point a quality leader says follow me this is the way we're going and this is how I lead, but Albo? Not so much.

Aussie voters deserve better than a nerdy grub who hasn't got the decency to put himself above a game of shag marry snog so he doesn't lose face when all he's done is again degrade the office of Prime Minister.

GAMBLING ADS

It seems that betting companies are the only ones who have realised that free to air TV is dead. In fact they must be racking up lines of white powder, ordering champagne and booking the strippers for the party when the government actually passes its insane new betting advertising laws.

The federal government thinks we should be stopping betting ads, tick! Good idea. But only on free to air TV, on streaming services the person who owns the account will have to opt out of betting ads to avoid them. Genius!

Everyone at a mainstream media outlet and in government thinks Karl Stefanovic won't get anywhere near the money he was getting at Nine when he's solely online. Really? Well how are those rating at Today going? Karls podcast and You Tube show has had more than 350,000 views on a single episode a figure the Today show can only dream about. Now while the number vary wildly for Karl the point is that the world has moved past mainstream TV and is on line so the idea of enforcing gambling regulations just on free to air TV is insane!

Now I'm all for people making their own choices and I do think companies should be able to make as much money as they can, so all power to the coke heads at the betting companies but if you're going to regulate something regulate it don't piss about!

These new regulations for betting are a joke and while parents need to play a hand in how our kids get information if we leave it to governments we're toast and it'll be the kids running book on how much longer Albo has left as PM!

CULTURE

The next Hamilton?

Right across the country we are seeing Musicals close mid run or not even make it to the stage because of costs, because of cost of living pressures and I'm sorry in some cases because the shows are crap.

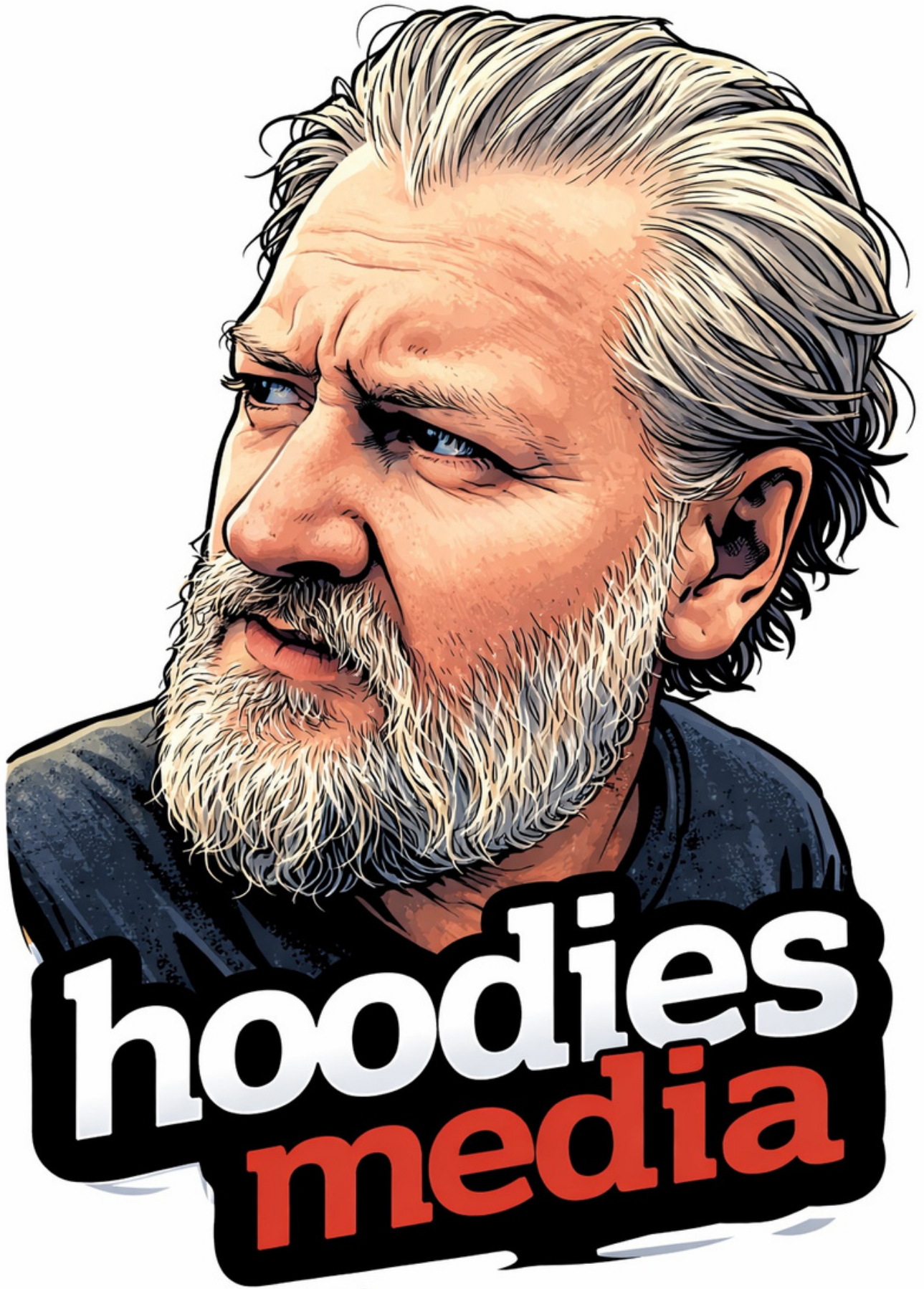
Being the opera person I am even I think the idea of staging performances of Aida with an outdoor audience, animals and the biggest opera names in the world including Jonas Kaufman and Brian Jadge was financial suicide and should've been canceled but when it comes to the musicals, not many of them are the new Hamilton, Phantom or Les Mis.

The reality for the modern musical is that it is no longer using the 20th century for inspiration when it comes to musical style and theatrics.

A history lesson. When Italian opera composer Giacomo Puccini died in 1924 opera as a popular art form died with him. For those of you thinking Puccini was probably just another impoverished artist who suffered for his art you'd be wrong. Puccini was worth about \$200 mil in today's money when he died such was the popularity of his music. Jump forward to the glorious post war era of the 1950's the modern musical emerged with Roger's and Hammerstein et al, then Sondheim and Bernstein and then Lloyd Webber and Schoenberg and even ABBA...

When Hamilton came along it was it had its own identity but still drew in the long phrasing and deep emotions of the previous era and was a smash. Today? Well as much as I haven't been to Broadway or the West End of late the shows that do sell are still the iconic ones not the new ones. Yes part of that is because of the cities they play in but for the industry itself it needs to go back to its core values of emotional connection to an audience something all the great musicals have.

So yes it is hard to keep a musical or a show going at the moment but it's time to reconnect to some soul and give audiences an emotional journey rather than shallow minded crap that doesn't sell.



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