

YOUR SAY

The best reader comments from print and online

It's a crime to expect us not to name you



MY SAY
SHARYN O'NEILL
JOURNALIST

AS journalists we report on court proceedings relating to crime and corruption every day.

But even in my years of working as a photojournalist I still get shocked at cases of animal cruelty.

Like the case of the ears being cut off cattle and tied to the gate of a property.

While it is unknown if the animals were dead or alive at the time, once has to wonder at the reason behind such an act.

We don't report on these things to shock the reader.

We report on these, and other court and crime related activity, for a variety of reasons.

In the animal cruelty case it is to help solve the crime, as the police ask for public assistance and urge anyone who may have seen anything to contact the Rockhampton and Rural Crime Investigation Squad or Crime Stoppers.

We report to educate the public on what is happening in the community, both good and bad, and as part of the process of the court system.

I have taken calls this week from people requesting we don't print their names after they have appeared in court.

One even told me we were treating them like a criminal.

If people don't behave like a criminal, we won't treat them that way.

The best way to keep your name out of the paper is to keep out of court.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not everyone is happy with netting ban

ONCE again Bill Byrne goes public and states how proud he is of wiping out jobs in the fishing industry, severely affecting incomes not only in the fishing industry but associated businesses.

How can someone be proud of that?

Plus once again he states how he gets continually stopped in the street by people thanking him for the netting bans. I really wonder about the authenticity of that.

Must be the different circles we mix in Mr Byrne as I get the opposite reaction from lots of people. From those who don't fish but enjoy eating it and even some recreational fishers as well as commercial fishermen.

Mr Byrne knows the fishing industry was sustainable. He told me personally. So his comment

that people are saying that now they'll 'have the opportunity to teach their children to fish and actually catch legal sized specimens' doesn't hold much weight.

As for Mr Byrne finding fault in Deb Frecklington's comments I'd say take a look at Leanne Donaldson's comments in an interview on ABC radio. According to her she spoke to a fisherman who brought in 200 tonnes of fish in a night!

I wish she asked him where he got that lot from. I could do with a few more dollars. She should stop letting the office girl whip out these 'figures' and actually go and speak to people in the fishing industry. While she's at it go and speak to wholesalers in the local area and ask about how their figures have plummeted.

To all of these people who



Member for Rockhampton Bill Byrne is proud of his achievement of banning nets from the Fitzroy, but not everyone supports the ban. PHOTO: CHRIS ISON ROK040816CCARPARK1

are stating how the Fitzroy is going to be the greatest as far as fishing tourism goes, why don't you put your money where your mouth is and get cracking making money and creating

Rockhampton as the fishing capital of Queensland, if not Australia?

The Queensland Labor government isn't content in severely destroying the fishing industry in certain

regions unnecessarily, they're now having a crack at the taxi industry too.

This government knows how to destroy people's lives
— Dave Swindells
Cap Coast

The effrontery, the audacity of it all

MAN, but I am so glad we have the politicians that are currently managing our Australian economy.

We have just gone over one trillion dollars net government debt, apparently.

\$1,000,000,000,000.00. 23 million Aussies. That's a billion dollars for every 23 of us.

I am so glad that Peter Costello took all that money from the futures fund and put it into the superannuation fund of the government and public servants and sold most of our gold reserves for around \$300 an ounce.

But, we are in safe hands. We have 457 visas

“some are even suggesting that the biggest multinational corporations that pay no tax in Australia should actually pay tax

flooding the country to keep us going with their pay going overseas.

Cheaper than paying an Aussie for doing those hard to fill jobs like truck driving and so forth.

And, thank you Pauline

Hanson for helping the government kick those mongrel unemployed and pensioners in the head.

How dare those pensioners expect to be given enough to live on, just because they agreed to pay a tax to fund the pension back when they actually worked?

Isn't pet food cheap anymore?

Ok, the dog food from China may have bits of dog in it, but hey, they are only pensioners.

And those single mothers. Ms Hanson knows all about them. I have been told she has children by different partners and drew that pension.

So she knows what they get up to. She has real

knowledge.

Good thing she is onto those fake religions, like Islamophobia. A splinter group of Xenophobia I hear.

A bit like Christianity, which seems to have been started by some Jew I hear. And those bloody unions. How dare they expect a living wage?

Who do they think they are? Bank CEOs?

So, now we get to the crux of the problem.

Ordinary Australians are costing so much that it is becoming hard to fund the \$50 billion in tax cuts to the deserving wealthy business community.

Even the \$30 billion or so subsidies to the profitable mining sector are in doubt.

And, dear Lord, some are

even suggesting that the biggest multinational corporations that pay no tax in Australia should actually pay tax?

The effrontery of it all! The audacity.

Yes sir. Steady hands are at the helm.

— Donald Bambrick
Byfield

International education is vital

I CANNOT stress enough the importance of international education and training to Queensland jobs.

Globally, it is one of the fastest growing service industries and Central Queensland is well placed to take full advantage of this global growth.

FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN DAYS LIKE THESE WITH

Knowing the time value of money



DAVID FRENCH
THE FRENCH LESSON

IF YOU study any formal course in finance it won't be long before you are faced with the concept of "time value of money".

What it means is that there is a cost to the delay in receiving money and so we say that 'a dollar received today is worth more than a dollar received in the future'.

There are two reasons why it is better to receive a dollar today than a dollar in the future.

First, if you receive a dollar today, then you can invest it and get an additional return.

Second, there is always a risk that you will receive less than promised, or nothing at all.

So you might consider accepting 97 cents now, rather than \$1.00 in a year's time. If with certainty, you could earn three cents in interest over the year, then (taxes aside) you would be just as well off taking the 97 cents now, as waiting a year

for your \$1.00.

If you could pay off a loan, say a credit card, with the money received now, you might be as well off taking 85 cents now, rather than wait a year and pay credit card interest.

Essentially, the more risk you might not receive the money in the future and the greater the return you can gain from investing the money now, the less you'd be prepared to accept now.

So in finance, time has a clear monetary value and as touched on above, the methods of working out that value are well-established.

But what about other ways

of putting value on time?

Applying the time value of money concept, it's quite clear that getting something signed off or delays in finishing a project can be costly.

That's probably obvious when considering large constructions - delays in finishing a big hotel (for example) mean there is a lot of money sitting around earning nothing - but it applies just as much to day to day activities that we all undertake at work.

When the tax office mucks you around, when the local council continues to vacillate over an approval,

when legislative changes or indecision prevents you from making a choice, these things create risk and delay.

They stall the receipt of revenue, they create project risk and they burn time you could be spending on other things.

Sometimes these delays and problems are so bad that they involve employing additional people. Overall, the delays themselves make it more expensive to do business.

Perhaps the monetary side of that is obvious, but there are personal and social costs too.

Not building an efficient

road network or a high speed rail link between Sydney and Melbourne steals people's time.

Small amounts each trip perhaps, but that adds up over one's lifetime - time that could be spent with the family, time spent fishing or at golf, time spent blowing the froth off a few with good friends.

Perhaps that sounds trite, but I put it to you that those people who create delay, who aren't productive, who don't care, who give you the run-around, these people are stealing your life.

It's time to take a stand on time-thieves.