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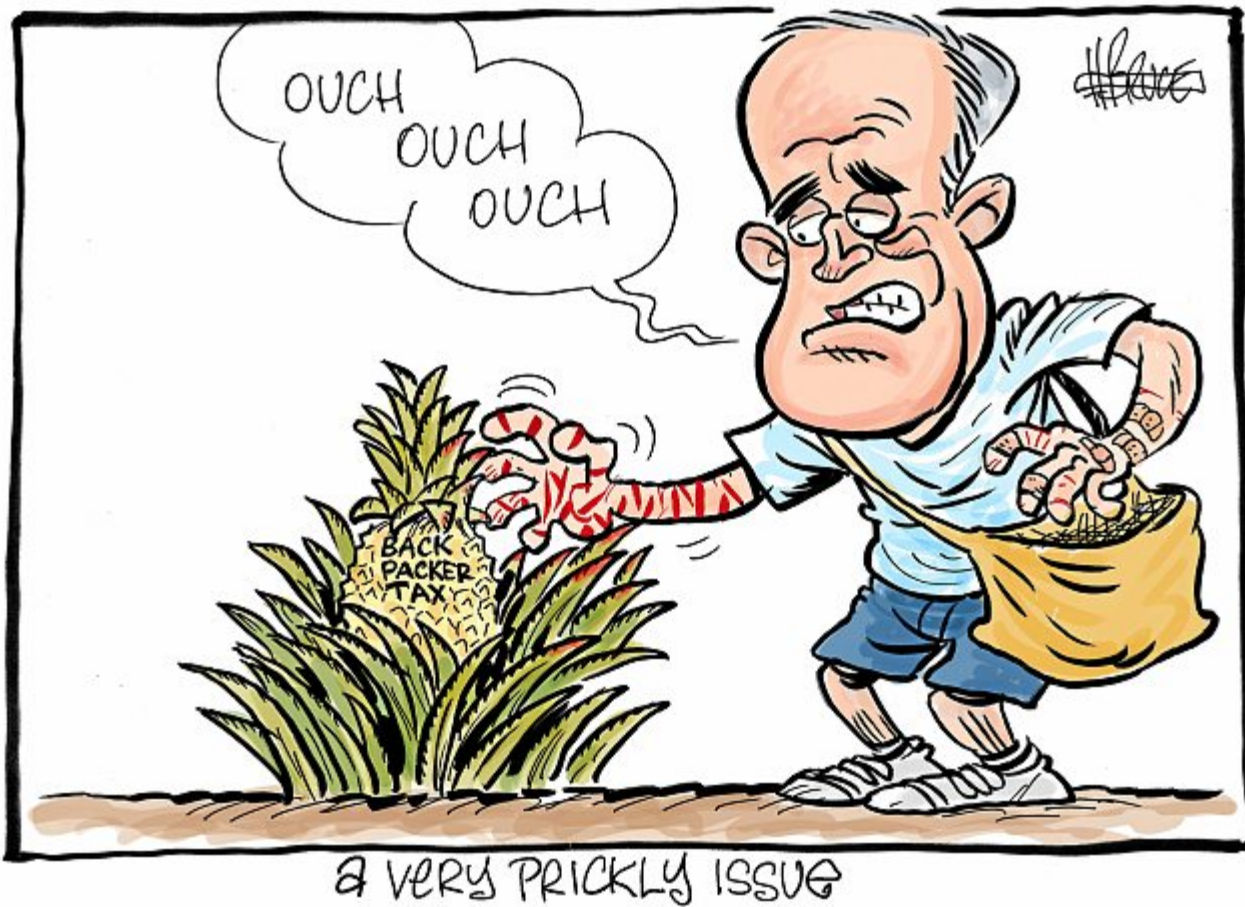


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➤ HARRY'S VIEW



they can't recognise or are just not concerned about dangerous situations. Rural residents don't want \$17 million Krackens, we don't want \$50 million foreshore developments, we don't want \$30 million car parks, we don't even want to spend millions of dollars on our rail corridor to make it a tourist attraction. All we want is a healthy environment and safe roads and a little bit of common sense when money is being spent in our area. Instead of ripping up 1.5km of perfectly good bitumen it would have made far more sense to do a minimum seal on the next section of road. This would have made a far safer and healthier environment for

local residents as well as helping to prevent an accident waiting to happen. They seem to see a need to waste money replacing perfectly good bitumen but it makes no difference how bad gravel roads get; they flatly refuse to do anything about them. We had the rates increase by stealth to supposedly fix rural roads but then the money is wasted. This is not good enough. Now they are starting to talk about an Emu Park foreshore redevelopment. Surely Kinka needs sewerage more than Emu Park needs money wasted on the foreshore. We really do need divisions in the Shire. I'm sure in the Livingstone

Council there are some exceptionally clever people. It is just such a shame none of them have anything to do with rural roads. — Noel Neilsen Mt Chalmers  
**Will Matt Canavan explain his no-show**  
I WAS quite surprised to see that the Rockhampton based, LNP Senator Matt Canavan did not support his own Government regulation when it came to a vote regarding the Adler shotgun. In fact, scouring the Hansard it seems that Senator Canavan did not even show up to vote. Apart from taxpayers paying for MPs to travel to Canberra to vote, and then

not even voting seems such a waste, it also struck me that the Honourable Senator is also a Cabinet Minister. Now the Cabinet handbook clearly states on page 9 that Cabinet Ministers must support their fellow Ministers and the Government policy. Will Mr Canavan consider his position and resign? Or is this just the first step in the LNP breaking apart into the separate Liberal and National Parties once again? Mr Canavan owes it to CQ to explain his non-support for his very own Government policies. — Dan McIntyre Rockhampton

JENKINS ON MONDAY

# he's a symptom

You want more? Page 6 reports that in the financial year to June 30, private sector wages increased by just 1.9 per cent. Public sector wages though increased by 2.3 per cent. Not only are the people in the private sector most exposed to job insecurity, they are experiencing lower wage growth. And let's not get started on the casualisation of the workforce, or the Australian Bureau of Statistics' lap-dog assumption that gainful employment means working as little as one hour per month.

Page 21 reports ASICs popular but probably baseless court case on rigging interest rates, while a Page 4 opinion piece suggests "more than dollars required to achieve education reform" – both of which indicate that the Government is simply incapable of calling things as they are. Thank goodness for the positive news on Page 2 where "young couple could make up to \$3.9 billion from Snapchat float." That certainly makes things seem a lot better. What the trumpeters don't get is that Trump is

not a cause, he is a symptom. If you want different results than Brexit, Donald Trump as President of the United States and the re-emergence and rise of One Nation then you'd better be prepared to do things differently. Start with some proper leadership, far-sighted public policy for the common good and foster a general understanding of economics in the community. Oh, that last one is difficult – none of our local schools offer economics any more.

➤ TEXTS TO THE EDITOR

SMS the Editor on 0428 634 025 with the word ROCK and a space in front of your message.

■ **MARGARET ROCKY** Just for clarity the car park at Yeppoon comes from the same round of 'grant' announcements as Rockhampton's Quay Street. We asked for different things. The most recent round of grant announcements were specifically for disaster resilience. Yeppoon received money for a new Disaster Coordination Centre. Rockhampton received money to help flood proof two important rural roads. Council's have different needs and we both appreciate the support of our state members in securing the grants we requested.  
■ **RAMP** Yeah, Central Queensland is a proud rugby league area and The Broncos have many loyal fans here so why all the secrecy with the recent visit?  
■ **ANON** Hey RM St Lawrence spent my childhood visiting my grandma in Saintry crabbing and walking the gutters with a hook, a lot of times up to your waist in mud. Bloody hard work mate. The locals new when to crab and what to take. I still remember the time some clown used a certain tablet to chase the crabs out of the hole. Dad and his brother weren't happy as it stuffed the hole but then the government banned the use of hooks and along came mass crab pots. RM, I can tell you now as of a couple of weeks ago a local pro crabber showed me what he is getting at the Sydney fish market for rejects and wingies. Mate he is making more for them than what the local fish outlet wants to pay for a grade crab, so mate if you don't own a boat or pots of course you're going to buy black market crab, as the local pro crabber would be stupid to sell for half the price.  
■ **BART FVILLE** I can see Dominic Doble as Pauline Hanson's candidate for Rockhampton. Scary!  
■ **NFA** Oh Virgin. Regarding the Mary Brown saga. Hahahaha we apologise but only that you were not given the correct information not for the way you were treated and the inflexibility of our staff. Mate that will do me.  
■ **RM ST LAWRENCE** Peter Dutton just rushes on willy-nilly from one foot-in-mouth embarrassment to another. Surely there is someone with some intelligence to replace him, it beggars belief that he is on the front bench. He is a walking disaster.  
■ **RG ROCKY** A letter to the editor saying "more guns doesn't equate to more violence". I beg to differ. Every time there is a big shooting in America the sales of guns sky rockets. I know it's not like that here because of strict laws etc., but there is no place in Australia for powerful rapid-fire guns like the Adler full stop.

■ **JOHN BLANCHFIELD.** Anon SMS 25/11 tells TMB readers that the two page spread by RGS indicates to them that economic times are tough. Not sure if their text contains a touch of sarcasm or intended as a yardstick for economic measurement? Times sure are becoming increasingly tough for many folk, especially the elderly and young families and many of our own local businesses. That's why we should all support Rockhampton's businesses, including our local schools.  
■ **ARTY ROCKY.** Good on Ian Chapell being the smartest of the Channel 9 cricket commentators by wearing a hat. The rest of the former cricketers present are poor ambassadors for the cancer council and the good old slip slop slap campaign.  
■ **DJC** To Bob Pacey re 23/11. I can do in the vandals who diverted the Williamson Creek watercourse at the end of Lammermoor Beach. The storm water then undermined the She Oaks and they toppled over and died, the sand was eroded away from under the outriggers camp, canoe stands washed away and a stinking pond remains contaminating the breeze. Bet beachfront Bill and Brittany wouldn't let this happen in CBD area. Can't wait for Mother Nature to rectify the second diversion attempt. Bob, perhaps engineers are sitting back hoping they don't get what they deserve as the road closure keeps prying eyes away. But hey they got chainsaw culprits to catch.  
■ **ANON RTON** To Rosa L regarding Mary Brown's incident with Virgin. If Mary Brown had contacted Virgin's head office herself and told them what she was planning there would not have been any problem. They would have asked for her booking number and arranged for an extra suitcase. I am visiting Vanuatu shortly and I emailed head office telling them of my intentions to take school supplies for the village school and they were only too happy to allow me an extra suitcase free of charge. It is not the responsibility of the travel agency to organise this but the person themselves. Don't put the blame on Virgin when counter staff did not have any record. Anyhow, staff cannot give out free extra luggage left, right and centre.  
■ **GE YPN** Brittany Lauga's announcement regarding Get Back to Work Youth Boost gives prospective employers 20,000 reasons to employ a young person this summer with an incentive of \$20,000 for each person between the ages of 15 and 24 who are employed under the scheme.  
■ **ST MARMOR** Does anybody have the internet service they are paying for in Central Queensland at present?

➤ FACEBOOK

THE mother of a young teenager who took his own life, has blamed his death on the bullying the boy received for being gay.

“The bullies need to be charged, there should be a law for bullying.”  
— Peter Woodeson