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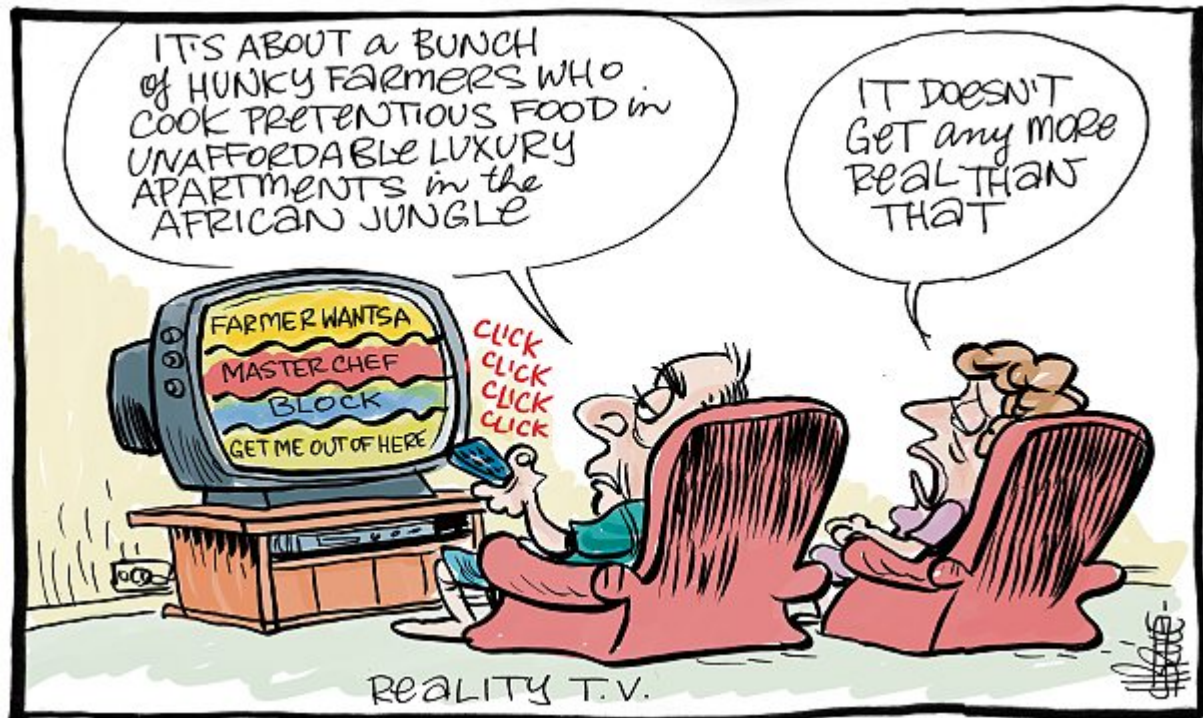


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HARRY'S VIEW



De-Centralisation that Governments have been squeaking about for some decades now.

And it might also make it expedient to re-instate some passenger services on what's left of our once extensive railway system.

John Christie  
The Range

Please define indigenous recognition

NOEL PEARSON is telling us that it's more important to have a referendum on indigenous recognition in the Constitution than to have a referendum on the republican issue. In fact, Noel wants the recognition referendum to take precedence over any vote for a republic.

However, I would like for Noel to tell us what he means by indigenous. The dictionary tells me that indige-

nous is someone born in a country. In which case all those born in Australia are indigenous. It does appear that the word has been hi-jacked by the Aboriginal lobby to only apply to themselves.

This to me is a selfish definition of the word.

Pray tell us Noel, what you think of those who call themselves "indigenous" and who look Euro-Australian?

Jay Nauss  
Glen Aplin

More Commonwealth jobs are needed in town

LAST month there was a letter in the Morning Bulletin about the loss of Commonwealth Government jobs in Rockhampton, and the impact these job cuts had to businesses in Rockhampton.

The silence from the two Federal

members in Rockhampton is concerning – do they believe in the LNP approach of Newman who when sacking employees stated: "We get the pooper scooper out every day of the week"?

Rockhampton used to be the service centre for Central Queensland, and the fortnightly wages from Canberra a consistent boom for the local cafes, restaurants, clothing shops, and variety stores.

The loss of Commonwealth employees coupled with the Newman jobs cull has directly impacted our town. Commonwealth jobs creates a flow-on for more local jobs for Rockhampton.

It is time that the Federal Members took a stand and fought for jobs in Rockhampton, and encouraged more Commonwealth jobs in the city.

Dan McIntyre  
Rockhampton

FACEBOOK QUOTE

Nearly 100 Capricornia Correctional Centre inmates are being housed in temporary beds, including mattresses on floors.



Sharyn Bartlem

These inmates are still getting three good meals a day not like the homeless or some of our elderly citizens. Jails are not meant to be a home away from home it is supposed to be a deterrent.

TEXTS TO THE EDITOR

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

BARRY, GLENDALE. my one child goes to high school just wondering when the government will build me a high school for her at glendale .Gracemere wake up no mean no. 1000 children out there you say. that's right no catholic high no private high schools and no state high school.1000 divide by 3 don't add up to spending millions on a state high. is this clear no state high

TOM, KOONGAL. to NXT why don't you just pull your head in I ride my bike all over town and I abide by all the road rules stop at red lights and give right away and don't ride in the middle of the road not like a lot of drivers who speed up when they see a orange light and before they get through it turns red not everyone who rides a bike is a bad road uses

JOHN BLANCHFIELD. To C J McConville, letters TMB 29/1. In answer to your question that you say 'lives in a grey area'. It's not really; And if you refer to Your Keys to Driving in Qld booklet, you will see that a speed limit shown in the roadside signage circle indicates that you must not drive 'above' the indicated speed. Whereas the alcohol limit (for holders of an open licence) refers to when your blood or breath is 'equal' to or 'more' than 0.05.

VAL, ROCKY. We have some negative people in Govt, if none of them can see that Lymes disease is real. It would be straight on the radar, if one of their family had it.

RAP. Ah guys the money wizard adds are meant to tickle ya funny bone and they did for a while but I will say they are now wearing a bit thin.

SC, THE RANGE. I can't believe we have a front page story about the 'poor prisoners' having to sleep on temporary bunk beds or mattresses when we have homeless people sleeping on the

streets! They are prisoners and certainly don't deserve 5 star treatment. Toughen up you law breakers and let's help the homeless first!

RATE PAYER, ROCK-HAMPTON. The new revamped giddy goat, how can u put a permanent structure on a Public footpath ?

ANON. Why not instead of letting prisoners live in their comfortable cells with all their perks. Get them out in chain gangs, cleaning up the place under a careful eye. The prisoners used to work on the railroads. Instead of tax payers paying for them, they can pay for themselves a little.

RON DAVIES, G'MERE. \$700,000 for a skate park at Gracemere? Are you serious? The town needs many other things before that sort of money is wast-



Peter wants more certainty from council about the future of Rockhampton's Heritage Village

ed on a skate park that only a few kids will use. How was this decision made Cr Smith?

ING. Ms or Mr McGregor. I do not care what you call yourself Catherine or Malcolm you do not represent most Queenslanders and your sour grape comments reinforce that view. Why in hell would you think you deserve to be Australian of the year just because you chose to have a sex cgange operation.

CM RTON. boo hoo the poor prisoners are sleeping on mattresses on the floor how sad think themselves lucky they have a bed plenty more deserving people don't

in Monday's Bulletin

pipe dream

Those who think the casino licence will save them are barking up the wrong tree.

Even if a license was granted, the project would simply be put back on the market in the hope someone else will take on the construction risk.

With the exception of a few very boutique resorts, and Hamilton Island (which has been in administration three or four times), Queensland's island resorts are a terrible investment.

This was why Qantas sold GKI resort. I have that direct from the then Chairman, James Strong.

So we love Keppel and we want jobs.

Instead of chasing a pipe dream that is totally outside the control of our community, what

needs to happen is the lease needs to be rescinded, most of the buildings demolished and a multi-standard camping and cabin park established.

I'm not going to share all my ideas on that, but let me tell you this: ordinary people are crying out for affordable, comfortable, accessible and interesting holiday destinations, and for outside visitors lovely grounds on the water's edge is rare indeed.

Locals will make more money quicker out of supporting a camping cabin park rather than the proposed resort, and like the barrage and the Art Gallery, raising the money to get it approved is probably well within our own power.

PHOTO OF THE DAY



BEAUTY: A couple pauses to take in the view of a colorful sunset while walking their dog in a park on January 28, in Portland, Maine. Southern Maine has been in the midst of a January thaw with daytime temperatures above freezing. PHOTO: ROBERT F. BUKATY