

People's Views

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Hinch's Hiccup

When I was a kid in the 1980's, I used to read the original Toorak Times, edited by Jack Pacholli with articles also by John Somerville-Smith.

I remember one time on TV (around 1982?), 60 minutes did a story on the old Toorak Times (which I think was on High St, Prahran those

days), starring old Jack Pacholli himself, old John Somerville-Smith and the "BOSS", Oscar Pacholli, the dog!

I remember the then 3AW talk-back King, Derryn Hinch, saying that reading Toorak Times was sailing in a see-through glass boat, going along a river full of s.ludge (reminds us of the Yarra River back in that era).

I loved the way Jack used to bag Derryn Hinch by referring to Hinch as "Hunch", or "Darryl Hinch", exposing the double-standards of the Kiwi journo's attacks on drink-drivers on his TV show's "shame-file", whilst pointed out by Jack, that Mr Hinch used to get himself "blind-drunk" and get chauffeur driven back (in his own Rolls) to his Mansion in Toorak.

Hinch also was very anti-Catholic during that era and constantly made attacks against the Church over allegations of paedophile Priests, along with that other loud-mouthed, swearing idiot of that era, Claudia Wright.

Hinch I remember also deliberately broke Court Orders, upsetting senior Legal figures, like John Galbally.

I think overall Hinch was still stuck in a "time-warp" (pre 1983) in that 3AW timeslot, claiming to be a hard-hitting Newsmen, but in reality stuck in the past like the rest of the "oldies" at 3AW.

I wish Jack was alive to see everyone in the Media Industry sticking their boots into Derryn Hinch now, I'm happy to see Jack's children and John's son carrying the Toorak News into the 21st Century with relevant news and advertising that appeals to all ages of people.

Keep up the good work
MARTIN MCNIECE, Ormond.

Kicked Started

We in northern Victoria and Southern NSW asked for Mr Pacholli's help, and he kicked started investigations. Lawyers were pinged, and one was jailed this year by the company commission.

In May 2002 the tax office raided law and accounting offices after lawyers tried to close down a mass marketed tax scheme, and keep the questioned tax deductions.

Peter Costello was upset about tactics like those his new James Hardie Act has thwarted.

The Appeal Court in "Solicitors B & G v Victorian Lawyers RPA Ltd" found a "scandalous position" and "tactics and delays" in a case where the Law Institute lacked legal power to sell off mum and dad mortgages to lawyers related to politicians and the ethics investigator.

The "Legal Practice (Validation) Act" 2003 proved Jack was right about the ethics cops doing things without legal power S.17F(3) of that Act, in secret, stripped every victim, except Mr B and Mr G, of the right to sue the Institute.

Jack mightn't have stopped the legal and political manouevring, but at least voters in Melbourne know the real story. We miss Jack.

TAYLOR CLAN, Wodonga.

DHS Apology

As a avid Trak News reader, I wasn't shocked to read about DHS' apology for the bully boy tactics used on a new mum who got wrongly accused of neglect.

It reminded me of Jack's expose of a government 'carer' charged with spiking a drink and raping a fellow. He was protected until Jack's readers put the esteemed nabob under surveillance.

It reminds too of the case picked up later by the Herald Sun in "Welfare Workers Urged to Lie." Peter "H" and others claimed compo for harassment for allegedly refusing to remove stuff that exonerated a wrongly accused dad.

It reminds me too of the case against disabled people in crisis care homes made unviable by DHS' "good intentions".

The tactics in those cases helped topple the Kennett Government as readers everywhere read the same stories about bed blockers, psych patients jumping the queue in hi rise housing commission flats, and raffles of government grants.

How can Ministers trust Brack's all his bureaucrats. I'm certain the devisers of democ-

racy in ancient Greece never thought Sir Humphrey Appleby ran the show.

THEO TAZIKIS

Success Fee?

I know where Neil Mitchell can drub up donations for the Royal Childrens. Ask Cain-Kirner's David White for a donation.

David earned his recent success fee for the really hard haggling he did. It was tough for this ex Cain Minister, on behalf of Cain-Kirner Kids' Kompany, to get over-the-top rent out of Steve Bracks' broke health department.

Ex Health Minister Dave White denied his success fee was \$500,000. How much was it? More than enough I bet for a donation to sick kids who aren't related to Ministers.

JOHN CHU, Carlton.

Brax's Sex tax!!!

It's true. Says Government Gazette GN 20, 25 May 05, the, revenueurs are trawling porn sites, and titles office records, for customer details to identify tax 'evaders'.

I see in your paper that Bracks stamp duty office wants our date of birth too, and I'm yet to get my birthday card. Why jerk us off Mr Bracks?

RICHARD TAYLOR, Pascoe Vale.

Social Reforms

Read your piece about Jack's social reforms, and I don't doubt it. I met him through that National Crime Authority persecution and County Court trial. Upset a few Labour PMs by exposing things. He had gutz.

Can you ask Steve Bracks why his new law doesn't apply to crooked directors, only his hospitals. He will legally conceal and delay bad hospital news, eg deficits, from voters until after the next Election in 2007. Brilliant. We of the Order for the Immaculate Deception salute you. Voters just can't be trusted with facts.

CARL KIRKWOOD, Mt Buller.

Al Capabracks

Branch-stackers in the ALP are sending bullets and threats to anti-corruption campaigners in the ALP, says Steve Roach of the ALP in the Age. Roach is an idiot for calling on Brumby and Bracks to stamp this out.

I'd call on Elliott Ness to stamp out protection money before I call on experts on tolls, land tax and stamp duty. Someone's making too much money from deals done with Labour mates, I say.

CAROLINE STAPLETON, Doncaster.

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