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HARRY'S VIEW



She has now won an admin job in the public service and they moved to Toowoomba. Why Toowoomba? Her message says: "We would have preferred Rocky but I just can't get any responses from employment up there."

"Toowoomba has a lot of potential work wise. Everyone gets back to me." She was also offered a similar job in Brisbane (admin in the public service) at the same time so she's competitive in the job market. A family we could have had but Toowoomba's gain instead.

I suggest that if we want this town and this region to go ahead, we start by retaining our best and brightest. It's easier to keep an existing customer than it is to attract a new one.

If we don't retain our best and bright-

est, the place will keep going backwards.

The views expressed are my personal views and not those of my employer.

Susan Cunningham
Koongal

Rookwood too dear but Brisbane gets going

ISEE by *The Morning Bulletin* (28/9/19)
Mr O'Rourke is very supportive of the Rookwood Weir. Good stuff, Barry.

Unfortunately I think it is a different story in Brisbane. Couldn't get the Premier to talk about it before the last election and now – surprise, surprise – we have a cost blowout and can't possibly afford to build it to the original design.

This is the same Government that has increased the public service since 2015

by 30,000 (estimated wage bill of \$3 billion) and why don't we give them a bonus (\$250 million). As well, in order to ease the traffic problems in Brisbane, we will build a cross river rail system (cost \$5.5 billion).

That all adds up to nearly \$9 billion, but can the Queensland Labor Government find \$200 million to build the Rookwood Weir to a size that will hold a decent supply of water? No, that's just a waste of money.

Forgive me for being cynical, but I think Barry is just saying what he thinks we want to hear.

Might come back to bite him come election time.

David Barrett
Yeppoon

TEXTS TO THE EDITOR

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

• **MOOSE DEPOT HILL.** They got it wrong with the Churchill medal in the grand final. It should have gone to the referee. He came up with 2 game changing plays, sin binning Cronk and the tackle count restart.

• **DOURSCOT.** RE Activists. A suggestion. Govt pass appropriate urgent legislation now, not next year. Provide any extra police powers needed. Mass arrests – bail first, arrest second, and subsequent arrests no bail, must appear in court. In addition to day courts use night courts as occurs other places. Not enough Magistrates then use 2 JPs on bench. Penalties include monetary and restitution but also have available use of Corrective Services Prison Work Camps. Offenders may then do some good for community. Serious offences term of imprisonment. If offender a foreign national and is sentenced to 12 months and 1 day of imprisonment, automatic deportation.

• **JB ROCKY.** ACM, could you have a look in your bird book again and look up Chestnut finches. If they are not those could you take a photo and send to *Bulletin*. Thank you.

• **NCN MT CHALMERS.** So the Premier broke her foot. With it not being life threatening I certainly hope she waited 4 hours in ED to see a doctor like the rest of us and didn't get special treatment.

• **AS.** Just knew the refs wouldn't give any favours to the Raiders. Just said sorry to Raiders over the six again. That mistake changed the whole game, we will never know if the Raiders would have won? The NRL have got to look into the Roosters salary cap. Got to be under the table deals going on somewhere. Did you see Jared Waerea-Hargreaves running with the ball nearly every time leading with his elbow. He does this all time. My final opinion is that the Roosters maybe the new silvertails.

• **SHANE WANDAL 4700.** As the season is now ended I think we can agree the refs were not great in 2019.

• **STUART PARKHURST.** If we had a more proactive regional council, the council owned land in Olive Street, Parkhurst would be developed into sporting fields. Clubs like Norths Chargers and others would benefit from these extra facilities. I wonder how many ratepaying parents of these kids will attend the 31-million-dollar art gallery.

• **GOTBR.** For your info IC there was never any inference that bicycles were not allowed on the road which always seems to be the riders' go-to defence.

The statement was that there are perfectly good and safe bicycle trails alongside the Scenic Highway as you living in Lammermoor would know, so why are they not used by riders. Oh yes, I should mention that I as a responsible rider use them all the time.

• **ANON YEP.** Get rid of bunker, need new rules, also need new refs, unfair judges, all I can say is clean up NRL.

• **ANON.** To all the refs retired or still doing it since when were you allowed to change your call. The grand final in Sydney yesterday was a joke. No wonder the games dying.

• **SHANE WANDAL 4700.** Question –

our ally Singapore spends 50% on what we do on defence but has 100 fighters 5 submarines and 4000 combat vehicles. Maybe we should get defence advice while they're here as our ADF needs more bang for buck.

• **COL W. ROCKHAMPTON.** Oh please NRL, bring back Tina Turner, at least she is Aussie and can sing.

Editor's note: Tina can definitely sing Col, but I'm pretty sure she's American...
• **RM ST LAWRENCE.** I reckon if we'd swapped the Broncos women into the Broncos men's team, we'd be playing GF today, maybe we could swap coaches. I wouldn't wish the impersonator on any team...

• **RUSSELL BREACH.** Have you ever snorkelled on the GKI observatory? An excellent artificial reef. Loads of species in schools. Don't lose this icon. Rejuvenate or stabilise, but don't destroy one of the best snorkelling spots.

• **SHANE WANDAL 4700.** Will the Bully bring back the column where our federal state and local MPs tell us what they are doing? It was very informative.

• **TERRY.** Paul Hoolihan and Gavin Shuker must be so proud that footy stadiums seen to be more important than the elderly being chemically restrained in aged care homes. Take a bow. Perhaps we stop focusing on the little things please.

• **RJ.** So the LNP gov has loaned millions to build a meatworks at Clermont. If it's such a good idea I wonder why the banks have not taken this on instead of the taxpayer?

• **AV. ROCKY.** Anytime the RBA has a nought then a decimal in official lending rates (0.75%) then we know the LNP healthy & strong economy is just lip service. The hard earned savings investments of retirees has already disappeared. Surely that doesn't pass the pub test.

• **DOURSCOT.** To MPs Barry O'Rourke and Brittany Lauga, seeing as you are apparently both ardent supporters of the Rookwood Weir Project can you tell us what provision will be made for the Red Goshawk, the Powerful Owl, the Fitzroy River Turtle and the White Throated Snapping Turtle that live in that area.

• **RN.** The Insurer AXIS Capital is the latest of numerous insurance companies who will not do business with Adani. What a disgrace to let a mob of Virtue Signalling hypocrites bully them into their decisions not to do business with Adani. Coal is worth billions of dollars to the Australian economy. Many decent Australian families rely on mining, unlike these self indulgent fools. Most of them go back to their homes and enjoy all of the comforts that come from coal. These insurers need to know these hypocrites do not speak for the majority of good and decent Australians.

• **KD. MACKAY.** Would it not have made more sense for those attending the Rookwood Weir Rally to be pushing to build the Upper Connors Dam that would give an all round supply of water with the dam holding 373,662 ml as opposed to 76,000 ml. The Connors Dam was ready to go when Jeff Seeney pulled the plug.

cost you a fortune

thinking ease within which we fall into the conspicuous consumption trap.

These are the kind of uncomfortable truths which an initial consultation with a financial planner may bring to light.

Indeed, these little daily treats lie at the heart of many a marital discord when calculating who is ultimately responsible for the couple's steady decline into debt.

What's a coffee a day compared with the six-pack he brings home every Friday night? What's a six-pack compared with the number of new shoes she buys to go out with the girls.

Somewhere in the mix, a \$6 take-

away latte a day doesn't seem so culpable.

This generation seems to have turned a blind eye to the immense power of small, incremental savings. The thrift of our grandparents' era has all but given way to the spend-thrift compulsions of whatever generation — X, Y, Z — it is that can't be seen without a styrofoam adult-sized sippy cup in hand, regardless if they could just as well have made a cup at home before they went out.

Indeed the whole notion of home as a place within which to exercise domestic economy seems forgotten, judging by the drive-through food queues on any given weekday

evening.

Parents, too busy working to support their family, have taken to buying \$12 burger and chip combos without calculating both the health and financial implications.

Where we, as kids, only got junk food on birthdays or school holidays, today's kids wouldn't know what to make of a homemade meal if it were forced between them and the TV.

So, taking the poor maligned \$6 latte as an example in the forgotten art of compound interest:

The parent of an 8-year old spends \$6 a day on lattes which equates to

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