



What a year 1997

I remember where I was in the year when John Lennon and Kennedy was shot and the Princess of Wales died.

When Kernot made her principal switch I was having lunch at the Glengarry Hotel and was overwhelmed by the importance of the occasion and I saw this as a nail in the coffin of the Federal Government.

So what's my point. I hear you ask? Well its been a strange year.

So much has happened some bad, some good. One good thing is that the Federal Government's popularity has plummeted.

Come to Chippo Politics this Sunday and recall what's happened. Listen as these three wise men of Australian politics comment on the past year in Australian politics

and make their predictions for 12 months hence.

So come along and laugh over a beer with us as we reflect on the year past.

Christmas message from the Chippo Politics Foundation

Thanks for your support for this newsletter. We are glad it's making some people think and in the process a bit angry. We will be back in February with our forums and this newsletter.

If you want to make contact, call 9698 8949 or 0416 347 501.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

your article on drug law reform last month was good news, however the dishonourable Franca Arena in a pique of bile and vengeance against the Carr Government has derailed the only sensible solution to drug laws in the state.

If an estimated 50% of youth have tried and/or are smoking marijuana than Franca's only answer is to criminalise and possibly institutionalise at least half of our young people.

The reality is that this useless persecution of pot smokers only clogs up the courts and jails with ordinary people.

Bring on the marching bands Franca, as you escort us to jail.

Regards,

Young Person (name supplied but withheld on request)

If you want to write to the Editor make it short and to the point.

Important Announcement

Padraic P McGuiness has decided not to sue the Chippo Politics Newsletter and the author of the review on the film 'Brassed Off'.

The prospect of being awarded the Abercrombie St Newsagency in a settlement and the trimmer life style that that would entail are, apparently, not to his liking.

2pm Sunday 14 Dec Chippo Politics

Thurless Hotel, 200 Cleveland St Chippendale

Year in review



PANEL: **Mungo McCullum**, NO REPUBLICAN TICKET
Bob Ellis, INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN
Bill Leak, *THE AUSTRALIAN* CARTOONIST

CHAIR: **Dr Meredith Burgman**, NSW UPPER HOUSE MP

Bob's and Mungo's books will be on sale from 10 December at Abercrombie St Newsagency and on the day courtesy of the Co-op Bookshop.

← Bill Leak speaking at an earlier Chippo Politics

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GARLIC OR HERB BREAD	2.50
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<i>SWEETS</i>	
PANCAKES (WITH STRAWBERRY)	
1/2 AM/WALNUTS/MAPLE SYRUP	4.50
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Mrs Joyce Ingram,
 Chairperson,
 The Settlement

Save the Settlement building

The old tin shed is over a 100 years old. Many people who grew up in the area played games in the hall as kids. Well, the building needs your help. The committee that runs the programs at the hall has set up a special building fund to work towards the hall restoration.

This Thursday the Settlement is having a special dinner in the hall to honour their Chairperson Mrs Joyce Ingram, and raise money for the hall. If you can help or want to attend the function phone 9698 3087.

Joyce Ingram – who is she? Besides being one of the remarkable older women on the block and Chairperson of the Settlement Board, having living in Eveleigh St for a long time she has also been involved in a myriad of organisations such as Murawina, the Bail House and Redfern Aboriginal Corporation. Joyce has spent most of her life helping her people.

So help Joyce help her people. If you can't come to dinner but want to help the building fund drop in a cheque at 17 Edward St Chippendale.

Parking Problems

Few neighbourhood issues generate as much heat as parking. Parking, already tight, must become tighter still, when development now under construction or awaiting approval is completed. Kerbside space, must be used efficiently.

One area where this is clearly not happening is at the Abercrombie Street shops. There, a nine metre space is reserved all day for Australia Post. Three daily pick ups averaging an estimated 40 seconds each means that this 24 hour reservation gets two minutes use each day.

George Sarkis, among others, is a victim of this absurd situation, having no rear access to his shop. It is both impractical for him and dangerous for pedestrians, for George to cart bulky and heavy produce along the footpath from a limited parking zone. Hence he is forced to park illegally, and inevitably gets booked.

It is mind-boggling how efficient the forces of law and order are in handing out parking infringement notices in an area where you can sell or use hard drugs, or wander the streets with offensive weapons with little fear of arrest.

But, dear reader – that's another story.

George pays taxes, he pays rates – Australia Post doesn't! George runs a small business – Australia Post is a gigantic monopoly. So George decides not to pay the fine, goes to court, explains his case and the matter is thrown out of court – no fine, no costs, no nothing, which goes to show... **TONY LONG**

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Green direction for the Block

In Redfern, the Block is often more widely portrayed and seen as Sydney's slum of rats and heroin, smashed walls, rickety roofs and crumbling balconies, where crime becomes the idiom for official thinking. (*Reflections on Redfern*, Kay Anderson).

It is also home to many typical present day Australian Aboriginal families. In Eveleigh St, a revival of the community garden is presently being undertaken. It proceeds with the characteristic local contest of endurance between scepticism and the struggle to maintain the initial vision. In communal fashion, (DSS) Skillshare on the Block provides most of the current workforce. Its trainee landscapers are redesigning the community's 6 year old garden. Garden objectives remain those sought in 1991 by local mothers who founded it. Being offered an alternative social activity, residents have an opportunity to spend leisure time productively.

Earlier garden harvests consisted mainly of conventional fruits and vegetables. Recent surveying has indicated a desire for a native garden with bush tucker and traditional native herbs.

It is strongly hoped that the project builds some sense of pride and influences the cultivation of Aboriginal cultural values, especially amongst the youth.

In whatever form the Block redevelopment takes, it is hoped that the garden will be here.

It is being designed for the experience and enjoyment of current residents. While the Block will remain an important meeting centre in Sydney for Aboriginals, a native garden most appropriately reinforces this.



Wendy Turner,
Chippendale resident

Why Wendy?

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Wendy Turner

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

Abercrombie St,
Chippendale

HOW DO YOU FILL YOUR TIME?

At the Berkeley, seeing bands,
ALP fundraising

YOU HAVE JUST JOINED DARLINGTON ALP. WHY?

I joined the ALP in Victoria after Kennett's election, and moved here after his re-election. Darlington is my local branch.

WHY NOW ?

It's time for action. If we want a compassionate society we have to keep the ALP in state office and remove the Libs federally.

EDITOR'S NOTE - do you want to help create a compassionate society? Join the party - phone me for a form on 9698 8949, or see me at this Sunday's Chippo Politics with Bob and Mungo.

TREVOR DAVIES



*Glengarry
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Castles Bistro Menu

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Beef or Bean Nachos

\$6.50

Castles Style Burger

\$7.90

Castles Caesar Salad

\$8.50

Spinach & Ricotta Ravioli with Pesto,

Couscous,

Olives & Tomato

\$8.50

Tortellini with Mushroom, Bacon & Onion

Cream Sauce

\$7.50

Chargrilled Baby Octopus with Thai Style

Dressing

on a Mixed Leaf

\$10.50

All Mains Served with Vegetables - except for the Fish

Fresh Fish of the Day served with Chef's

Special Sauce,

Potato Crisps & Salad

Market Price

Roast Rack of Lamb seasoned with Ricotta

Cheese, Pinenuts,

& Spinach & served with a Special Glaze

\$11.50

Chargrilled Chicken Breast served with a

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Sirloin Steak	\$8-50
Lamb Cutlets	\$8-50
Scaloppine with Limone, Marsala, and Vino	\$8-00
Breast Fillet with Mushrooms	\$8-50
Grilled Chicken Breast Fillet	\$8-50
Fish and Chips	\$8-00

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Barbecued Combination	\$11-50
Barbecued Calamari	\$9-50
Barbecued Octopus	\$9-00
Crumbed Prawn Cutlets	\$10-50

Meat Dish

Mixed Grill	\$10-50
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Sweets

Cream Caramel	\$3-00
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Daily Specials Available

See Specials Board

Pulpit

Wake Up!! Smell the con-job and start getting active. While you were arguing the toss on a republic, while you were wasting your breath supporting a free-heroin trial, the real game was happening elsewhere.

The biggest game on the planet these days is economic rationalism and if you're not discussing it, then you're helping it.

Economic rationalism is a pseudo-intellectual way for greedy people to justify the rubric "heads I win, tails you lose." It preaches that the markets are Kings; that Governments have "no business being in business".

Corporations and the management who work for them are the winners in this arrangement. The net benefit to the rest of us is almost impossible to define because the results of selling off electricity generation or Telstra are always claimed as projections, to be revisited later. It's all done with mirrors; sell to the Germans something which already belongs to tax payers and then tell the public it's all for the best. To justify it the ER mavens tell us electricity is no longer a 'public utility', it's now a 'business'.

But ER is a lie. The most economically 'dry' politician in this country, Jeff Kennett, lives by the premise that his Government has no business being in business. Except when his buddy, Lloyd Williams, wants to build a casino. Then Jeff's Government has every intention of being in business; so much so that they pass special legislation giving Lloydie a monopoly. Same with Jeff's worker's injury insurer, Workcover, whose executives gave themselves a 74 percent pay rise recently while lobbying for extinguishment of the common law right of workers to sue their boss for negligence.

But how can any politician extinguish the common law right of a worker to sue his boss? Well, while you were sleeping there was a dirty little business called 'Wik' and it was all about common law and who is allowed to use it. Old jungle saying says this: "when Fascists wants to take common law away from the people, they start with the blacks...then they come for the working people". **JOHN FAIRFAX**

Disability Services Aboriginal Corporation

There are many good community organisations in the area doing worthwhile work. Many of them have funding but there is one that does not and is worthy of funding support. It is the Disability Services Aboriginal Organisation. This was formed back in 1994 by a group of Aboriginal parents of children with a disability. They found that they were repeatedly frustrated by the lack of culturally appropriate services and the treatment that the families received when they accessed existing services for disabled. If you are interested and can offer any support or assistance please contact Tony Pearce on 9649 4216.

Say no to drugs for the next generation

The Settlement Neighbourhood Centre has recently begun an exciting new venture with the support of NSW Users and AIDS Assoc. Inc (NUAA). The project targets young Koori people living on 'The Block' in Redfern who may be at risk of contracting drug related diseases such as Hepatitis C.

The project aims to provide a space where the 'Tribe' (a small working party from the target group) can come and discuss issues relevant to their health and/or injecting drug use. The group meets regularly every Monday and Wednesday at The Settlement.

Coordinator Naomi Smith describes their project. "We are a group of young people who are experiencing life as users. We are trying to educate ourselves and our younger generation about the risks associated with using drugs (like heroin, cocaine and marijuana) and other drugs that may hit the streets of The Block. We are hoping to do this by making a mural in the community to show the effects of drugs use. We would like the whole community to see our work, therefore we would like the mural to be somewhere where everyone can learn from it".

Currently 'the tribe' are looking for a space for their mural. They would like to invite any one interested in being involved to contact their coordinator Naomi on 9698 3087.

CLASSIFIEDS

CHIPPENDALE 2 rooms in terrace \$90/\$80 short/long term. Ph: 9319 0845.

DARLINGTON Anyone interested in being involved in organising a reunion of people who lived in the Darlington suburb back in the 30's, 40's and 50's? We hope this will take place in Nov 1998, so if you want to meet and form a committee, call Trevor Davies on 9698 8949.

BARRISTER Have you suffered injury as a result of a violent episode in the area? If so you are entitled to compensation under the Victims' Compensation Act. Why not contact me on 9238-7681? Peter Rout, Barrister.

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THE 4TH LEG



GALLERY

Above the rather bohemian cafe, the Three Legged Dog, dwells Abercrombie streets latest resident - The 4th Leg Gallery.

Opened in September 1997, the gallery evolved as a space for artists to create, explore and share.

'EQUINOX' by local artist Ben Anatol opens 7-10 December. A vision of urban beauty in the most delicate and simplistic manner.

The 4th leg in 1998 will endeavour to bring to this community continuing contemporary statements.

Any artist or viewers interested, contact Hasu on 018 996 891 or just pop into level 2, 262 Abercrombie St Chippendale. Gallery hours are Tuesday Friday 11-5pm and Saturday 11-3pm. **HASU**