

## ARE VALUES ETHICS AND MORALS STILL RELEVANT IN POLITICS?

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**Liberal party beliefs and values.** I am reminded of the Liberal Party beliefs and wonder just what the organisation hierarchy is doing to ensure that our beliefs are being followed. A copy of those beliefs is provided to the reader as a reminder of what we as Liberals stand for.

One could rightly accuse me of being disloyal, but I would respond to my critics that we in the Liberal party should not be afraid to criticise those we elected to office and that we should bring to those elected to office the mood and feelings of party members.

After all what is the use of being in the Liberal party? I am not in for the money or to socialise as some have done so, but to contribute to bring about a Liberal Government. Believe me when I say that I am not alone in all of this.

I remember my very old mate Harold Eather (bless his soul) words of encouragement and advice ringing in my ears. "Peter never be afraid to speak up and express yourself". Well that is the same advice that I pass on to the

1. In the inalienable rights and freedoms of all peoples; and we work towards a lean government that minimises interference in our daily lives; and maximises individual and private sector initiative
2. In government that nurtures and encourages its citizens through incentive, rather than putting limits on people through the punishing disincentives of burdensome taxes and the stifling structures of Labor's corporate state and bureaucratic red tape.
3. In those most basic freedoms of parliamentary democracy - the freedom of thought, worship, speech and association.
4. In a just and humane society in which the importance of the family and the role of law and justice is maintained.
5. In equal opportunity for all Australians; and the encouragement and facilitation of wealth so that all may enjoy the highest possible standards of living, health, education and social justice.
6. That, wherever possible, government should not compete with an efficient private sector; and that businesses and individuals - not government - are the true creators of wealth and employment.
7. In preserving Australia's natural beauty and the environment for future generations.
8. That our nation has a constructive role to play in maintaining world peace and democracy through alliance with other free nations.

new generation.

If I were in a position of influence of which I am not, I would be looking to discipline and/or admonish political loiterers, sycophants, wannabees and cake whisperers who are a cancer to the party. I say this because of a recent incident in the Frankston region where a young woman was allegedly accosted and of the alleged sexual predators amongst some members of parliament who should be exposed for their illicit and iniquitous activities.

**The journey to Gender balance in Parliament.** It was pleasing to note that recently Matthew Guy stated that he is on his way to achieving his gender equality and that Matthew Guy was able to get a woman candidate of "his choosing rather than others" to be the successful candidate. I am not surprised by the woman being preselected, seeing that it is in the heartland of Tony Smith, another staffer who ended up becoming a politician and working for Peter Costello. I am sure that tongues are wagging at Matthew Guy being selective at who he supports and who he doesn't. The Liberal Party again is littered with the political corpses of women who demonstrate promise such as Megan Purcell and Stephanie Ross are two that come to mind.

**Polling and its effects on plotters.** Let us not kid ourselves. Polling has become a farce and politicians are known for stating that they do not believe the polls or take any notice of them. Well tell that to Malcolm Turnbull Scott, Ryan, Julie Bishop, Mitch Fifield Matthew, Tony Smith, Kelly O'Dwyer and others involved in the assassination of an Australian prime Minister. Now that the polls are turning for the worst against Malcolm Turnbull we hear absolutely nothing from the plotters. If the polls are to be believed, everyman and his dog

knows that Malcolm Turnbull will lose the next Federal election and the plotters are now seeking to increase the defences within their fortresses for the deluge of negativity which is sure to come.

**Power and Control.** That probably explains why Scott Ryan and company are taking other steps to shore up their control of the party in Victoria. They all know that if Matthew Guy loses in Victoria which by current trends he will, then Scott Ryan and company will not be able to influence and/or seduce members to select their preferred candidates. This will in turn have a flow on effect to the Federal Election which will follow it the year after. That is why the shenanigans are now being played out in the Victorian Division. It's called Power and Control. Nothing more and nothing less.

**Victoria and the polls.** You have to hand it to the Labor party for their organised factions and the deals made behind closed doors. We in the Liberal party could learn much from their planning techniques. With the polls going against Daniel Andrews, Matthew Guy cannot take the credit as any seasoned political veteran and activist will point out to you that it is not the opposition who perform well but rather the Government of the day that fail to perform to the publics' expectations and thus lose government at elections. Methinks that Mathew Guys is taking far too much credit for something way out of his control. Matthew Guy has been stuck in his Bullen fortress, not doing anything that one could say was spectacular or brought about any unity to the Liberal party in Victoria. Let us call a spade a spade and tell it like it is for once. Matthew Guy has misjudged the mood of the Victorian Division and has elide far too much on Scott Ryan, Scott Peirce and Tony Barry for his political advice. So much so that I wish that Matthew Guy returned back to his original grass roots where he was a much loved character.

I can say with all honesty that it was Michael Kroger who advised me to look after Matthew Guy behind the scenes many years ago and it was something we carried out diligently without Matthew Guys knowledge. Many plots against Matthew Guy were stopped dead in their track by a small team of dedicated individuals. The support stopped when it became known of Scott Ryan's treachery and Matthew Guy (and staff at the time) against Helen Kroger. Furthermore, Matthew Guy changed his demeanour and character once he began working as Chief of Staff for Denis Naphthine, another character whose political reputation is worth reviewing for the sake of prosperity. I have stated this many times that I wish young Matthew Guy all the best in his bid to become State premier, but I believe that Daniel Andrews and the Labor Party will once again, outfox him, out manoeuvre him and defeat him at the next State election. Matthew Guy should fight the good fight and return the Matthew of old. It is never too late.

2015 and 2016 for me were years of reflection, treatment and recovery. Not to dwell on what could have been but to ensure that whatever time we have left is not squander in futile objectives that lead to nowhere. I intend to make life more meaningful and worthwhile, worthy of those who had a hand in making me who I am today. Life as we know it can only be sustained by vigilance and with that vigilance comes responsibility. Let us hope that 2017 is a good one.



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