



THE BATTLE FOR THE HEARTS AND MINDS

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World War 1 was termed as the War to end all Wars and yet despite the millions that died, WW2 proved even worse with three times the amount of deaths.

Some say that WW3 has been going on since the Cold War ended and that it has become a war of ideologies, race, religion and resources.

Having said that, one would often wonder of the similarities between all battles of a bygone era and the battles of politics by deception and subversion. I say this because I fear that our political system here in Australia is being sorely tested on many fronts and values is one of its first victims.

However what I do like about the Western civilised world is that periodically society gets so fed up that it says that enough is enough. It happened in America during the gangster wars and the prohibition period, it happened when reformers in Great Britain put a stop to slavery, it happened in Australia when society had enough of priests sexually molesting the youth and it happens in politics where the membership rise up after years of being subdued under the weight of un-wielding and irresponsible rules and regulations designed to control members.

Members of any organisation if they become organised can become a powerful antidote to the political bacteria that has infected the institution. However the vehicle upon which to transport the antidote is becoming more difficult to find and one wonders whether it's better to let the antidote find the source of political bacteria on its own or allow the body politic to repair its self over time. Whatever the outcome in any political battle there is sure to be winners, gridders and losers who will share the spoils of war until the next battle whenever that may be. I am sure that members who take interest in political affairs are canny and wily enough to understand what I am writing about and what is it that I am trying to expose without actually naming individuals as such.

Victoria and Victorians is and are unique in that there is no other place on this planet where society can breathe without the suffocation of oppressive political masters. Whether we follow or believe in the ideologies of the political party in power, we are blessed with stable governments that provide resources and economic security in a very uncertain world. As with all governments it is healthy to have effective opposition parties that can keep the government of the day in check against any outlandish excesses and potential corruptive practices. Therefore members should never be afraid to stand up and express their point of view amidst a multitude of "gunnahs", sycophants, and procrastinators. We must all work towards contributing in making our generation a better place and lay the foundations for a bright future.

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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