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In the year 2014 at a Liberal Party function, I first met young Paul Mitchell (alias The Wolf). He was and still is a gangly looking youth who looked barely out of school and I wondered whether this young fella was fair dinkum about his politics or just one of those who wanted to socialise amongst the younger members of the Liberal youth who were still at University. I had very little to do with him and the only thing we may have had in common was the Greek blood flowing in our veins.

Yes young Paul Mitchell can consider himself an Aussie Greek if he so chooses. After all he like many of us all loved our Greek Grandmothers. But Paul Mitchell was not your normal Aussie Greek. He did not look like one, did not speak like one, his mannerism and outlook on life were similar to his mates that he hung around with. Yes, they were a wild bunch and later I was to see some images that were not as flattering as we are led to believe, but that is another story.

Paul Mitchell hung around with others of his age which is to be expected, but I soon found out that he was very close mates with a chap called Marcus Bastiaan and that in his company they were truly a wild trio, getting into mischief like all young me do. I also began to realise that he was serious about his commitment to Liberal values and was dedicated towards a [conservative right wing ideology](#). I found this strange to be honest because I looked upon the youth of that period with scepticism and kept my distance from them all. I did not believe that I would find amongst their generation a pool of conservatives who still believed in family values. I was soon to find that I was wrong.



After my battle with cancer, I met young Paul Mitchell again at a [State Council](#) held near the Docklands and I could see that maturity was beginning to seep into his demeanour and his outlook and presentation was a far cry from my first negative impressions I had of him. It was 1 April 2016 and my first official outing and escape from the Olivia Newton John Cancer and Wellness Centre. I looked at young Mitchell and I said to myself that this young bloke is going to go far if he plays his deck of cards correctly and may with some luck and correct mentoring become one of leading lights in the Liberal Party.

I had already identified other young men and women at the time and now after years of observation I can say that the following young generation have done well for themselves. The generation I speak of were Marcus Bastiaan, Paul Mitchell, Georgina Downer, Stephen Jury, Stephanie Ross, Nick Demiris, Aaron Lane, Courtney Dixon, James Patterson, Jess Wilson, Greg Hannan and Rebecca Gauci.

The likes of Theo Zographos, Karina Okotel, Asher Judah, Michael Poutney, Andrea Hoy, Simon Breheny, Constantine Frantzeskos, Matthew Hession, Alexander Lew, Charley Daniels, Matthew Lesh, Evan Mulholland, Paul Peulich, and Michael Poutney. All of the above have since moved on to bigger and better things and may still be found in the corridors of power or involved within the party ranks in one form or another. These young men and women are our future and as such we are held responsible to mentor and support them. Paul Mitchell is in there with them and as such is being considered from what I hear of senior leadership positions

Today, some five years later, Paul Mitchel has improved and carved out his own territory within the Liberal Party. I have seen him at [functions, events and meetings](#) to hold his own. He listens to advice, makes his own decisions, a great speaker and is a team player. Having said that I have also seen another side which some may say is cold, hard, calculating and cunning to the pint you wonder whether you can go to war with him.

I say that with some degree of caution as I am of the belief that you do not have to like a bloke as long as he is competent in what he does and you would trust to be in the same defence pit or trench with in time of war. I don't have to like Paul Mitchell, nor do I have to agree with his views, but as he is demonstrating to me that he is competent, mature and can make rational decisions not based on emotion then I would support him.

As far as I am concerned, despite what I have written above, I believe that young Paul Mitchells should he continue with the good work that he is doing on behalf of the Liberal party I would like to give him the benefit of doubt. I have heard that he like his mate Marcus Bastiaan has traversed the entire State of Victoria, attended numerous meetings, held fund raisers, supported the President Michael Kroger and is loyal to his close friends.



Furthermore, I found it interesting that he followed in the footsteps of his mate Marcus Bastiaan in becoming the Liberal party Membership Officer and responsible for attracting new and younger members from across the board. He and his mate were so successful in the recruitment of new members that they were accused of [“Branch Stacking”](#).

An old but good strategy of undermining someone who done an exceptional job. However, having said this, I must say that since Marcus Bastiaan and Paul Mitchell come on the scene with their unorthodox methodologies they have replenished the membership base of the Party.

I honestly cannot see into the future or prophesise whether Paul Mitchell will do well as I am not convinced that he has reached his full potential and not sure which direction he will take down the track. As far I know he could be another political wolf in sheep's clothing waiting for the opportunity to devour some unsuspecting political novice. As my old man (bless his soul) would say: show me your friends and I shall show you the type of person you are.

Hmmmm, I am not sure about this as Paul Mitchel may be competent and good at what he does within Liberal party circles, but I wonder what the future will have in store for him. As of today, I am led to believe that he is contesting the Country vice Presidency against [Greg Mirabella](#). This will be a contest that is certainly going to be an eye opener. Like all my current articles, I will say it again, that those who do not support Michael Kroger are therefore not supporting Matthew Guy to win government. If Paul Mitchell does not support the President Michael Kroger, then what ever respect I may have for him will evaporate into thin air.

Post Script. I have written a number of political article on various subjects and other matters. Since that time I have received a number of abusive telephone calls at home and on my mobile. Furthermore please note that all my calls are monitored due to inappropriate behaviour. I have also received unwarranted and inappropriate threatening emails. As I take such matters to heart, I would like to point out that I have no malice towards any individual. In fact I admire anyone who stands up or what they believe in. I am the same and will do what is right in the eyes of our society. If any reader is aggrieved by my comments, then an apology is in order on my part.

I will go even further and apologise to all and sundry if my posts have offended or upset my very dear friends, mates, ex-military, retired cobbers political, military, community and all those I have met throughout life. But having apologised does not mean that we do not have our political differences and I don't expect us as individuals to see eye to eye on many things apart from wanting as in my case Liberal Governments in power. My disagreements if any with individual are never personal.

If those who read what I have written, please be assured that it was not my intention and I am sorry if people have taken it the wrong way. I have explained in another post what has occurred to my database and in my own manner of speaking I hoped that it would make matters clearer. If not then I am sorry if readers have taken my posts the wrong way. I welcome as always constructive criticism to matters which readers may feel need further clarification and I will endeavour to correct it. It may also mean that I may have to add a postscript to any article that I write in order that others understand that what is being written is not personal at all. Thank you to everyone for their kind support and understanding. Peter Adamis.



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