



UNMASKING THE PROPHET ALIAS GRANT HUTCHINSON

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Age: 56 **Birthday:** 22 March 1963 **Hometown:** Croydon Hills

Is [Grant Hutchinson](#) the Victorian Liberal Party's Kevin Rudd? A man who enjoys spending time with young people, is seen as socially awkward, friendly like a serpent, a wannabee political activist, a self-styled prophet or merely just another Janus sycophant? I prefer the "Prophet" and a biblical false one at that.

I have at a young age been taught by Baptist teachers to be an encourager and to do what was right in life. My parents and I are of the Orthodox faith and my early adolescent religious teachings were Baptist. As I grew and developed, I would always be drawn to and supporting likeminded individuals in help others without any remuneration. In fact that is the core value of what Abalinx and Associates stand for. Therefore when I heard of young Grant Hutchinson, I was immediately impressed by his demeanour and presentation my initial respect for Karina Okotel who was friends with him. Since the Okotel betrayal, all what he stood for and valued I reflected upon the man behind the mask.



To the unknowing eye Grant Hutchinson appears to be a suburban lawyer with a big heart for his local community. Between negotiating matrimonial divorces and providing on air legal advice for Yarra Valley FM listeners - Grant is the key political mastermind behind the 'Okotel Faction'. A treacherous and corrupt cabal led by Grant Hutchinson's close personal friend [Karina Okotel](#). As covered in the [Karina Okotel Biography](#)

I consider myself a Christian (Orthodox) and a right wing conservative, however the deceptive, manipulative and damaging actions of the '[Okotel Faction](#)' must be exposed so members are never again misled by this group of self-proclaimed 'Political Christians' or any other group bent on manipulating the grass root members.

Grant first hit the Liberal Party's radar having run unsuccessfully in Monbulk prior to the 2014 state election. At the time he was beaten by Mark Verschuur who was backed by Outer Eastern political organiser Fran Henderson. Grant redoubled his efforts after the loss; booking tables at fundraisers, working delegates at branch meetings and forging relationships where he needed them. After Christine Fyffe's retirement in the electorate of Evelyn, Grant Hutchinson got his second chance.

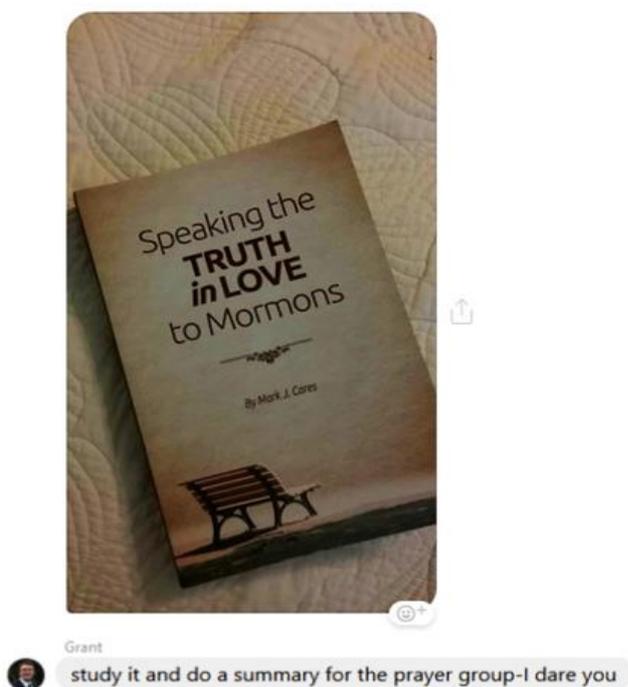
Battling it out against Bridgette Vallenge in March 2017 but losing for a second time. Unlike Monbulk it appears the loss got to Grant who quietly shared his anger and blamed Federal Casey MP Tony Smith for his loss. These actions didn't go unnoticed as local Party members saw a change from "goofy Grant" to "political Grant". According to well-placed local Liberals his conversation topics moved from asking about the weather and spruiking legal services, to questions about Tony Smith; how long might he stay? Would he ever get back into ministry? What did the electorate really think of him? Was he as qualified as the electorate deserved? Was he a Christian?

Digressing somewhat, I would like readers to understand at this juncture that since the [split between Peter Costello and Michael Kroger](#) in 2012, Liberal party members took sides and factional wars were the norm. I fought against the faction of Costello, and as a result it's safe to say that I was not a fan of Tony Smith. However, as the years rolled by, I came to realise that Tony Smith has done a magnificent job his current role as Speaker in Canberra. I guess that comes with political maturity on my part.

Further to the Costello/Kroger split, I was appalled by the behaviour of Liberals over losing Chisholm in 1998 as a result of incompetence, undermining by factions, jealousy and misconduct. These factional wars taught me valuable lessons of which have assisted me as a political activist. It should come as surprise then that when researching further into Grant Hutchinson that I realised that he was wearing a mask in public.

Returning back to Grant Hutchinson and his unmasking, it was about the same time Grant and others like Karina Okotel started recruiting Church friends and others towards their narrow point of view. Grant's recruits were not of an ecumenical nature, instead his focus was on recruiting from evangelical, Pentecostal and Baptist backgrounds. There is nothing seemingly wrong with that approach when others have been accused wrongly of doing the same, but in Grant Hutchinson's place, it is understood within local Liberal Party circles that Grant did this for two reasons.

One that he could keep control of them through his existing Christian networks so as to direct them how to vote, and who to support. And two purportedly being Grant Hutchinson's rejection of other Christian denominations; believing Catholics, Mormons and Orthodox Christians were not really Christians. I can understand Grant's religion, being brought up as Greek Orthodox but share faith traditions with the Baptist Church.



Source: One of Grant's secret Christian Young Liberal Facebook chat groups. Subtly mocking Mormons was a common theme according to multiple Young Liberals sources familiar with Grant Hutchinson's theological beliefs. A confusing reality considering his reliance on some Mormon members to get elected within the local Liberal Party.

Grant Hutchinson's focused his efforts on large Eastern Suburbs congregations like City Life Church, Stairway Church, Hillsong Church and Crossway Baptist Church. At the same time, he tapped his network in Australian Christian Churches and reached out to active "Protestant" Christian political organisers like Kyle Hoppitt, Dean Troth, Rob Ward, Peter Kentley and Andrew Ronalds. Grant Hutchinson activist network spread through the Australian Christian Lobby, the Outer Eastern Prayer Breakfast, home schooling networks and minor Christian Party's such as; Family First, Australian Christians and Rise Up Australia.

Grant Hutchinson's "Christian" engagements went far and wide, meeting with State MP Neil Angus and South Australian Senator Lucy Gichuhis amongst other MP's defined as "Christians" by the 'Okotel Faction.' Grant Hutchinson would regularly host and attend prayer meetings at the offices of Hutchinson Legal and private homes. According to those who attended, Grant would blend recruitment, politics and prayer to subtly introduce his own factional world view to new Party members. Softly directing as to who was a "good" Christian, who was a "bad" Christian and who was an "unchristian". I am somewhat disappointed to see a man of Grant Hutchinson calibre mix religion and politics with the aim of increasing his own power within the Liberal Party. We all know that the Liberal party is a broad church and that there is room for everyone, but let's call a spade a spade shall we. It is certainly un-Australian in my neck of the woods. I feel like sending Grant Hutchinson, a Greta Thunberg message of ["HOW DARE YOU"](#).

Many new members were apparently duped by this friendly biblical baptism, some so inspired by the "Christian" only 'Okotel Faction', then began recruiting their fellow church members. One such couple Francis and Irene Ling from Stairway Church worked hard within their Malaysian and Chinese Christian networks to sign up many new members in the electorates of Aston and Casey. Similar actions were undertaken by new member Marcus Li and his Political activist group at Crossway Baptist Church. Grant Hutchinson funnelled these members into his group within the Liberal Party, in the process warning them about the "True Christians" and the "Fake Christians".

Today many of the new members have walked away from the Grant/Okotel faction, feeling disgusted and betrayed by the way they were used. Grant Hutchinson like Karina Okotel's lust for political power drove him and Karina Okotel to build relations with prominent MP's and Party figures despite him apparently considering them as "non-Christians" and "fake Christians" including Michael Kroger, Michael Sukkar, Tim Smith, Ivan Stratov, Marcus Bastiaan, Bev McArthur, Elliott Watson, Paul Mitchell, Kieron Long and others too numerous to mention.

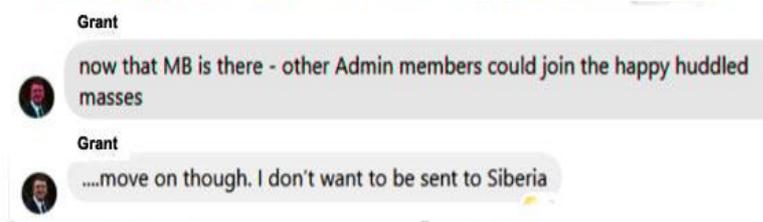
He spent time calling these so called non-Christian members providing insight into his political nemesis and Eastern suburbs organiser Fran Henderson; while offering his legal experience (pro-bono) on all matters Liberal Party. It is no wonder that those seeking answers amidst a State election defeat were drawn to Grant Hutchinson. I guess Grant Hutchinson is a modern day [Pied Piper](#) attracted a following of lost and confused believers.



Source: One of Grant's secret Christian Young Liberal Facebook chat groups.

MB refers to Admin Member [Marcus Bastiaan](#), whose photo is pasted onto Starlin's head. While Grant's eyes are pasted over Winston Churchill's.

This is understood to reference Grant Hutchinson's purported view that Marcus Bastiaan was not a Christian due to his Catholic baptism and Jewish mother.



At the same time as being Mr. helpful to those running the Party, Grant Hutchinson was apparently catching up with his supposed enemy Fran Henderson.

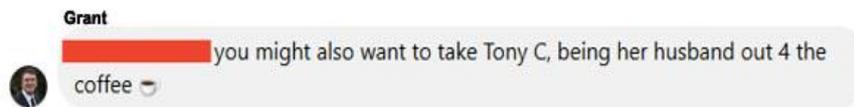
Keeping Fran and others apprised of what was going on around the place and blaming others for the noticeable increase in membership in the Casey electorate. Grant booked meetings to 'catch up' with local member [Tony Smith](#), apparently guiding him toward others who might be "plotting" against him. Those close to Tony at the time were perplexed as to how the man signing up all of the new members, was also the man telling them it was others who were seeking his replacement. Unfortunately for Grant Hutchinson, Tony Smith's team had been awake to Grant's activities for several years - having watched his implosion in two pre-selections.



Grant Hutchinson's delicate touch turned to political and spiritual mentoring. Organising and funding Christian retreats and prayer meals specifically targeting Young Liberals. Taking young Party members for late night meetings at McDonalds and the Pancake Parlour. During which Grant would focus on discussing bible passages, while soliciting titbits of political information from his naive guests.

He deepened his spiritual bond while taking Young Liberals camping, apparently discussing his brand of sectarian Christian identity, the bible and Liberal Party politics. Senior Liberals and secretariat staff who later learned of these Young Liberal Bible retreats worried that Grant Hutchinson's activities would reach the media.

Grant Hutchinson's forays into youth politics took an even weirder turn when he arrived at the 2019 Young Liberal Annual General Meeting with a bouquet of flowers for a young female candidate. Those witnessing the bizarre display had apparently heard the rumours about "Christian Camping", but the flowers and later loitering turned the affectionately coined "Goofy Grant" into "Creepy Grant" according to Young Liberals familiar with events. Grant Hutchinson's Young Liberal interest seemed to be about building a team of impressionable 'disciples' around him and Karina Okotel. Using several chat groups Grant Hutchinson would provide direction, spiritual mentorship, flattery and mockery of his opponents to steer his naive followers toward actions to further his political Fortunes.



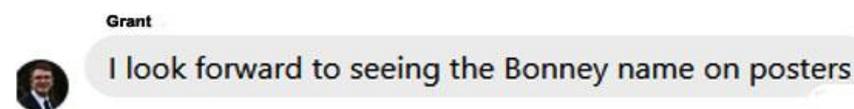
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Grant often directed Young Liberals to engage with senior Party members as a way to build relationships and strengthen his support through third party endorsement of him. This particular member Tony Clarke and his family are a members in Casey, the seat Grant Hutchinson is understood to want to run in.



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Grant Hutchinson kept an iron grip over those invited to join his secret chat groups. The example to the left shows Karina Okotel's brother Young Liberal [Joshua Bonney](#) (AKA 'Prince Joshua, Sultan of Chennai') asking Grant Hutchinson about the "additions" of new Young Liberals to one of their secret chat groups



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Factional loyalty to Grant Hutchinson and the 'Okotel Faction' was rewarded with praise and promises of future political support. Grant regularly deployed flattery on Young Liberals as a way to continue to encourage them to do his bidding.

Grant Hutchinson's mild-mannered demeanour helped him navigate the turbulent Victorian Division, but beneath this facade was a seemingly frail vanity agitated by criticism. Grant's aggressive manner has been witnessed by Party members on more than one occasion. After once such incident Grant sent cease and desist letters to prominent Liberals. These letters were strongly worded, and most often deployed against those who spoke up about what they have witnessed at Grant Hutchinson's prayer meetings, recruitment events or bible retreats.

I received calls and requests for advice whilst I was overseas during this period and in fact I have in my possession such letters of which were not compatible with Grant Hutchinson public face. This was the beginning of the unmasking of Grant Hutchinson and his nom de guerre as "[The Prophet](#)". As Grant Hutchinson's behaviour and key role with the 'Okotel Faction' became more widely known he began losing support within conservative Liberal circles. Conservatives found his political activities deceptive and conniving, and members of Parliament saw his political grooming and religious mentoring of Young Liberals as a liability.

Grant Hutchinson was appointed to Chair the Party's Federal Seats committee by his mentor and friend [Robert Clark](#) in the lead up to the 2019 Federal election. The role was to find candidates for unwinnable Labor held seats, Grant Hutchinson and the committee's poor political judgement was largely responsible for at least six candidates being forced to quit.

Many of the candidates were reportedly personally persuaded by Grant Hutchinson to run, seemingly agreeing without being made aware of impact and scrutiny directed toward them by the Australian Labor Party's campaign unit. As candidate by candidate were falling, Grant Hutchinson and his team sought to shield themselves by blaming secretariat staff member John Osborne.

This attempt to pass the buck did not work, senior Liberals fairly and squarely placed the blame on [Grant Hutchinson and his committee](#) whose job it had been to appropriately vet and prepare candidates. To this date several candidates effected by Grant Hutchinson's political incompetence are yet to receive an apology or an explanation for him and his committee's failure. After Grant Hutchinson's disastrous management of the Party's Federal Seats committee Grant Hutchinson lost the support of senior figures within the Party's left faction - who had up until that time welcomed the 'Okotel Faction's numbers as part of the deal Karina Okotel is understood to have struck with left wing power broker [Frank Greenstein](#).



Losing support everywhere Grant Hutchinson and the 'Okotel Faction' made a desperate play during the Mitch Fifield senate vacancy.

Unable to secure the alleged left factions promised support for Karina Okotel to enter the senate, Karina and Grant backed fellow faction member Kyle Hoppitt to nominate.

Grant Hutchinson and Karina Okotel attempted to play power broker calling "Christian" delegates for Kyle Hoppitt, while attacking the popular front runner Sarah Henderson. As the contest heated up and numbers shifted against Kyle Hoppitt, Grant Hutchinson changed horses and joined the Greg Mirabella camp.

On the day [Greg Mirabella](#) arrived at the preselection with Grant Hutchinson as his scrutineer. The understood purpose of this was to signal to "Christian" delegates that Greg Mirabella was a suitable second option after Kyle Hoppitt and conservative former [MP Inga Peulich](#) dropped. This crafty bit of political brinkmanship backfired spectacularly, as 75%+ of Kyle and Inga conservative preferences swung against Grant Hutchinson and Greg Mirabella; instead successfully electing [Sarah Henderson](#).

After the ballot members of the Mirabella team believe Grant's presence in the room cost Greg Mirabella the win – such is apparent toxicity associated with Grant Hutchinson's brand within the Liberal Party. On that day, I felt that Greg Mirabella put up a spirited defence of what he believed in but was let down by the likes of [Frank Greenstein](#), [Sean Armistead](#), [Grant Hutchinson](#), [Karina Okotel](#), [Scott Ryan](#) and others who were using Greg Mirabella for personal political gain; jockeying for power and influence. I spoke briefly to [Sophie Mirabella](#) at the end and advised her that her husband had performed well but that his supporters had let him down.

Today Grant Hutchinson cuts a lonely figure in the Liberal Party organisation. Like Karina Okotel and the rest of the 'Okotel Faction'. Grant's political credibility appears to be tatters and one could say unmasked. As the days roll on former 'Okotel Faction' members defect and divulge the ruthless political methodologies and deceptive internal conduct of their former mentors. John Howard said that the Liberal party may be a broad church and has room for everyone, however there many have different beliefs, customs and values, and as such we are guided by the [principles of what the Liberal party is all about](#). Religion should never be used politically in a secular society.

Insights provided by former Okotel faction members describe an aim to turn the Victorian Liberal party into a "Christian": Party by removing Michael Kroger and his supporters, changing the party platform: 'We Believe' and taking control of the party Administrative Committee. A series of interesting WhatsApp and Face Book conversations between key 'Okotel Factions' members tell the tale.

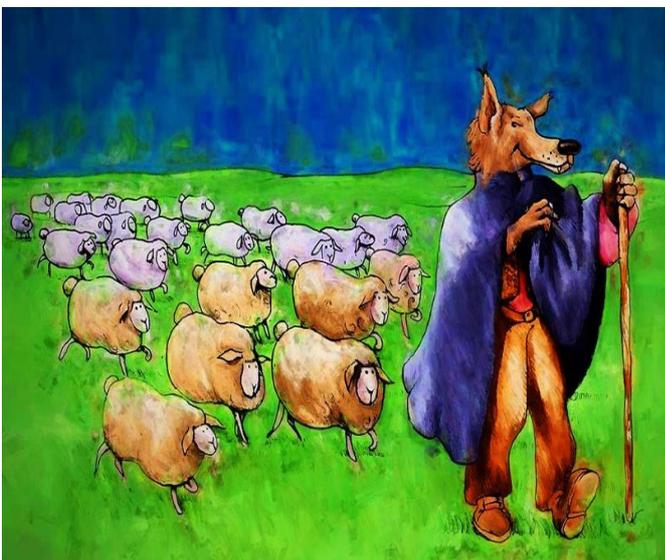


Karina

At fed exec so things been a little hectic sorry. Thanks for sending through the original we believes @Grant Hutchinson!! Admin has the authority to change these so it doesnt have to go through SC. If we get control of admin ill put it up!

Karin Okotel stated focus of Administrative Committee control was about circumventing the democratic hurdle of the much larger State Council and forcing the Okotel Factions world view on the Liberal party and its members.

The wording "if we get control of Admin" relate to Karina Okotel and Grant Hutchinson's long term aim to replace Michael Kroger, whom they apparently considered a 'Fake Christian. The plan inevitably fell apart as the Okotel Faction imploded from internal defections and exterior pressure, culminating in Grant Hutchinson's failed attempt to seek election as the party's vice president at State Council 2019.



I would like to add that my military training taught me that "Duty First", Loyalty, and Faith are compatible with each other and as such these characteristics have guided me well the past 30 years as a political activist.

Therefore individuals considering a political career or in a supportive role must take into account that it is a long road to travel and my advice is to best to walk, not run and then when you have sufficient experience do what is the best interests of the nation, not the self.

Do not be swayed or influenced by the twisted tongues of [false Prophets](#). I guess that false prophets are akin to a wolf in sheep's clothing. In closing

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