



EXPOSED

The TOLL SCAM

How Queensland Motorists are being Royally Rorted by the Privatised Govia Road Tolling System

Everyone who has driven on the toll roads knows something is seriously wrong - many people have suggested there is a scam happening, and that Queensland motorists are being duped by secret deals done between the toll operator (Transurban / Govia) and successive ALP and LNP governments.

So what is the truth behind the tolls?

In this two-part, exclusive *Queensland Guardian* expose we will reveal :

- the secret deals;
- the conflicts of interest at every level;
- the uncritically naive and reckless government strategies of privatisation;
- the lack of transparency and failure of political and bureaucratic accountability;
- the unethical money gouging by the toll company; and
- the unfair and unreasonable state penalties being imposed upon Queensland motorists to enforce toll compliance.

In addition to our own investigations, the *Queensland Guardian* is indebted to the dedicated research of Dr. Cameron Richards of Southern Cross University, and to the tireless investigative journalism of Michael Fraser, both of whose work provided much of the factual backbone for this revealing story.

As with most quality investigative journalism, this story takes some telling, because the politicians, bureaucrats and corporate executives involved *don't want you to know the truth of what has been happening - and which will continue to happen until we stop it!*

To uncover the truth, we have had to wade through reams of misinformation, deliberate cover-ups, denials, and obfuscations at every level of the bureaucracy in Dept of Main Roads, Transport, Tolling Offence Unit, State Penalties Enforcement Registry, the corporate governance, and of course politicians - all of whom would prefer the truth not to become public knowledge.

So please, join me now for the long and winding journey into the maze of the toll scam I promise you will be at first amazed, and then disgusted at the betrayal of public trust that has been happening since our roads were first sold off to the rapacious toll company, Transurban, that *The Age* has labelled a 'monster'.

The Beginning

To set the scene for this story, let's go to 1986. In the beginning was the Joh. The Bjelke-Petersen. (Leader of the *National Party*). And the Joh said, "Let there be tolls on the Logan Motorway and the Gateway bridge to pay for them, and when the costs are paid off the tolls will be removed".

And the people, never having experienced tolls before and being short-sighted and foolish and trusting of the words of politicians, (as people are wont to be), said : "OK". Actually the people didn't say OK at all, because in those days they had no say at all - this was after all, the heady days of unfettered *National Party* power, before the Fitzgerald Royal Commission, where soon to be Sir Joh's favourite saying was : "Don't you worry about that", when asked any questions about public accountability.

Nor were the people asked if they wanted tolls; nor were any other options for generating the required funding for the construction considered. And so it came to pass that tolls were to be paid on the Logan and Gateway motorways for 30 years, with the PROMISE that when the costs were paid off, the tolls would go.

Anna Bligh and Campbell Newman - Queensland for Sale!

Fast forward to 2009. Along came the Anna. The Bligh. Anna the First. (Leader of the *Labor Party*).

Now the Anna must not have been very good at playing monopoly as a kid because Anna liked to sell things - and even young children know that to win at monopoly you BUY stuff, you don't sell it! But Anna liked to sell : ports, railways, power stations, you name it, Anna wanted to sell it!

As Cameron Richards writes : "In Qld the emergence of a non-sustainable and ill-advised Transurban monopoly (and related privatisation of key Qld roads as tollways) involving various levels of government complicity can be traced back to the Anna Bligh government's 2009 'Renewing Queensland Plan' to sell off public assets (e.g. Hurst, 26/3/2012).

After initially planning a direct sell-off of the government agency Queensland Motorways, the Bligh government then re-packaged this group of tollways (Gateway, Gateway Extension and Logan motorways, Legacy Way, the Go Between Bridge and the CLEM7 tunnel) as part of the Queensland Investment Corporation (QIC)."

Despite Sir Joh's promise, Anna was preparing to sell to the highest bidder, and keep the tolls! Unfortunately for Anna, the people didn't like her selling stuff, so she lost the election in a landslide to Campbell Newman (Leader of the *Liberal National Party*) in 2012, before she could sell them.

Now Campbell loved toll roads, (as Mayor of Brisbane he brought us the **Clem 7, Go Between Bridge, Airport Link and Legacy Way** toll roads), and little did people then realise, but he liked selling stuff even more than Anna!

Along came the Scott. The Charlton. CEO of Transurban / Go-Via . With much experience at convincing suckers in NSW and Victoria to sell him their roads, he met his perfect match with 'sell-it-all' Campbell Newman!



As Cameron Richards notes : "The QIC then 'auctioned' off Qld Motorways (subsequently renamed Transurban Queensland) and sold it to a consortium managed by Transurban in 2014 (e.g. Lynch, 25/4/2014). The new Airport Link was later added at a bargain price (Passmore, 24/11/2015; Pash 24/11/2015)."

Unfortunately for Campbell, he did not learn the lesson of Anna the first, so he also got booted out for selling stuff in a landslide to Anna the Second (Current Leader of the *Labor Party*), in 2015.

Welcome to the Queensland Guardian News

We are a political newspaper that reports truthfully on social issues of public importance without fear or favour, providing the community with a variety of different, independent viewpoints.

We seek to offer an alternative to 'mainstream' media which is dominated by vested interests that hide the truth and 'spin' the facts to suit the wealthy and huge multinational corporations that influence our local, state and federal governments through political 'donations', influence pedalling, and coercion.

If you're watching or reading mainstream media – yes, even the ABC – you're not listening to news 'reporting' but 'news creation'. "News" that is carefully chosen and scripted to manipulate public opinion to the advantage of the wealthy elites – and to the great disadvantage of the majority of ordinary Australians.

Further, these mainstream media players are trying to ridicule and censor independent news outlets, by labelling them 'fake' news. Witness the recent Google censoring of the independent news outlet : www.naturalnews.com.

So please – wake up and question everything, even the articles in this newspaper! Much of the 'news' in the mainstream media can no longer be considered factual or accurate. Even 'scientific' reports need to be questioned because of an ever increasing control of universities and research institutes funded by huge corporations with vested interests in 'spinning' stories to suit their own ends - and profits!

Trust no 'authorities'. Trust no governments or bureaucracies. Search out the evidence and facts yourself and make up your own mind. We seek to aid you in your search for the truth.

The *Queensland Guardian News* stands as a guardian of our democratic freedoms and rights, and is committed to bringing to public awareness the stories and ideas that mainstream media don't want you to know about, and which you won't find on TV or radio, and which challenge the established 'authorities' in control of our country.

We are committed to uncovering the truth; to the factual accuracy of our stories; and to freedom of speech – regardless of whether a story 'offends' the sensibilities of some minority, or the majority!

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." Evelyn Hall (paraphrasing Voltaire)

We also provide helpful articles on topics related to health and wellbeing, and inspiring stories about individuals and organisations making a positive difference in our community.



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New Party Says Forgive SPER Debts for Tolls

A new political party which champions Consumer Rights is entering the fray for the Queensland state election. Party Leader and spokesperson Jeffrey Hodges, who is standing for the seat of Nicklin, says their focus is on consumer rights issues - in particular the toll scam which is causing financial hardship for thousands of motorists :

"We are seeing increasing influence and control of our society by multi-national corporations – we are no longer a democratic country governed by fairly elected local representatives, instead we have become a corporatocracy, ruled by huge companies who maintain their power through control of the media and control of the major political parties through political donations.

"The toll rort is a glaring example of this. Queensland motorists have over \$250 Million in outstanding debts to SPER, mostly from unpaid tolls. Why is OUR government acting as an enforcer for a private toll company? Ordinary people are being fined huge penalties, having their cars impounded and licences revoked, all because of a few dollars of unpaid tolls! This is wrong and we must stand up to this outrageous toll rort, and the first step is to forgive all toll-related debts to SPER, and remove non-payment of tolls as a traffic offence," he said.



About Civil Liberties & Consumer Rights

As corporate power grows, individuals and even governments are at a loss as to how to temper the greed and indifference of huge companies who owe allegiance to no nation, and have no moral compass except that of self interest.

Our aim is to re-instate an ethical distance between government and business : how can government regulate and control the excesses of the market economy if it is in bed with large corporations, and where politicians and political parties receive millions of dollars in 'donations' from them? It cannot.

We must re-establish clear and unambiguous guidelines as to the separate roles of government and the private sector, and act in the community's interest and welfare; to put the community first and foremost - before profits.

When these roles become blurred - as has happened with governments of all persuasions all over the world over the past thirty years - corruption flourishes, and innovation becomes replaced with cronyism and stagnant, monopoly control. A system worse than communism - corporate oligarchy.

Civil Liberties & Consumer Rights stands for the public interest in the face of corporate greed and powerful vested interests that seek to own our public assets, curb our freedoms, and increasingly control our lives.

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- No Privatisation. End tolls on roads, and keep our roads, power, water and other essential assets in public ownership.
- Protect our Civil Liberties : right to free speech and right to refuse medication. Encourage participatory democracy by holding referendums on important social issues. Let the people decide!
- Veto power for local communities over unwanted 'developments'. People shall have the right to say 'No' to CSG mines, shopping centres, and other developments that impact on their community.

See all our policies at www.consumerrights.org.au

QLD Motorists Condemned to pay Tolls untill 2051!

"The fate of the Logan tollway (which should have been fully paid off in 2018 after 30 years of toll payments) in particular exemplifies some of the key implications of the whole process (McKinnell, 28/7/2016). In late 2016 the current Qld Labor government revealed that the Logan tollway had been extended to 2051 (Moore, 27/10/2016).

In late 2016, without any public consultation, and little media attention, Anna Palszczuk broke Sir Joh's agreement with the people and condemned Qld motorists to paying tolls on the Logan and Gateway Motorways until 2051!

The pretext for condemning Logan, Ipswich and Inala residents as well as anyone else wanting or needing to travel to or via a central area to the South of Brisbane to **another 33 years of toll payments** (i.e. 63 years not the original 30 years) was that the original agreement had not included upgrades (Wiggins, 23/11/2016).

In 2011 when an upgrade project was completed, the Bligh government included this as part of the Queensland Motorways bundle that it put together under the aegis of the QIC. **It includes a little-known or hidden clause not only linking any further**

toll increases to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) but extending the toll period for another 40 years.

So when Qld Motorways was sold to Transurban in 2014 for just a fraction of its real value, they wanted more funding to cover upgrades to this motorway – since the government had to cover upgrades of the gateway arterial but not this section.

So without re-negotiating but just simply accepting at face value the Transurban argument that it should be generously compensated, the Qld government allowed further price increases to cover further upgrades (e.g. Norris (9/8/2016)."

Dr Cameron Richards

Likewise a ball park estimate for the Logan Motorway (a more expensive toll road) is 40 million per year at \$8 which equates to \$9.280 billion over the 29 years of its operation.

So we estimate the combined total income received for these two motorways that originally cost \$323 million, is **\$14.860 billion – which means we have paid for these roads ~ 46 times over!**

Even allowing for the cost of the Gateway Bridge duplication (\$2.12 billion), and the various maintenance costs, it is clearly evident that these two toll roads have been well and truly paid off, and whatever party is in government should honour Sir Joh's promise and remove the tolls immediately.

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Follow the Money

With such huge amounts of income being generated daily from tolls, where does all your toll money go?

According to SMH business writer Michael West : "Basically, to the owners of the toll companies, some of whom aren't even in Australia for tax purposes. (Apologies if that's shattered your "I'm funding better roads dream.")" SMH 11/8/15

Your tolls **don't** go to "building better roads"! It all goes into the coffers of the Transurban consortium, much of it to their executive team who are all living lives of luxury on multi-million dollar salaries, on the back of **your** toll payments!

For instance, as reported by the Herald Sun, Transurban executives pocketed over \$16.4 million in 2012, and CEO, Scott Charlton, was paid **\$5.8 million last year – an increase of \$900,000!**

Transurban's **toll revenue increased by 37%** last financial year. When you consider the CPI is just over 2 %, and the recent increase granted to those on the minimum wage was less than 3%, to ask Queensland motorists to wear further increases in tolls is just greed on greed.

As Cameron Richards notes : "As pointed out by Jeff Kennett the very person who okayed the initial Citylinks toll agreement [with Transurban] : **"Money, instead of going to government [for new roads as well as to maintain existing infrastructure], is going to the private sector; that is a total waste"** (as quoted by. Millar & Schneiders - our parentheses). That is, few members of the public are aware of the extent of how little of all toll fees paid actually goes into public roads, whilst Transurban make massive cash profits and extends its road ownership and control (Myer, 11/2/2016)"



Financial Facts and Figures

Since we began calling for an end to the Gateway and Logan Motorway toll roads when we established no-tolls.org in 2013, we suspected that **Qld motorists have paid off these two toll roads many times over!**

We repeatedly requested from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads and the Department accurate information regarding the amount of money paid by Queensland motorists since the start of the tolls on these motorways in 1986 and 1988, but they refused.

Is it any wonder why! When you do the simple arithmetic, anyone can see that the roads were paid off years ago! Here are some quick facts and figures that **we obtained from the original Queensland Motorways website in 2013** (Note that these facts were quickly removed from their website when we began publicising them! Again, I wonder why?):

LOGAN MOTORWAY – original cost \$140 million, completed 1988

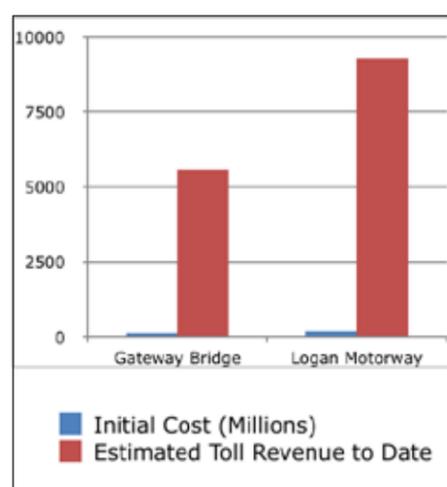
GATEWAY BRIDGE – original cost \$183 million, completed 1986

In 2013 these two motorways had 51 million and 38 million tolled transactions respectively!

Given that the department has refused to provide actual figures, we did some simple calculations, (based on an average price per vehicle of \$8 per trip – cars are less, trucks are much more), which shows that these two roads were raking in a combined **~ \$800+ Million per year in 2013.**

Naturally, both traffic volume and toll charges have increased significantly since then – current estimates for the Logan Motorway is ~ 58 million vehicles per year, and the Gateway Bridge is ~ 42 million per year, which would put the income just from these two toll roads at close to **\$1 Billion per year!**

Of course traffic volume and toll charges were significantly less when the motorways first opened, however if we take a median figure for traffic volume for the Gateway Bridge of 30 million per year at a median toll charge of \$6 this equates to a rough ball park figure of \$5.580 Billion over the 31 years of its operation.



BAR GRAPH showing initial Cost of the Toll Roads and Estimated Toll Revenue generated to date.

“Money, instead of going to government [for new roads as well as to maintain existing infrastructure], is going to the private sector; that is a total waste”

Jeff Kennett, Former Victorian Premier

Biased media spin from Murdoch-owned ‘news’ outlets constantly tell us that ‘privatisation’ is a good thing – that we need to sell off our public assets; that we need to ‘sell off our roads to fund our roads’. [Think about it for a minute, how stupid is that concept : we need to sell off our roads to **fund** our roads ???]

We have just exposed this as an outright lie, but don’t just believe us, check out the reality here – look at what is happening right under your nose rather than listen to the lying politicians or the corporate-biased media ‘stories’!

What has happened with our roads? Do you see ‘better roads’ and less congestion as a result of the massive toll bill we have paid over the past thirty years? No – the money has gone to pay huge executive salaries to a huge corporation that doesn’t

even employ Queenslanders in their call centre – they ‘outsourced’ it to Manila where they pay workers there a fraction of Australian wages !

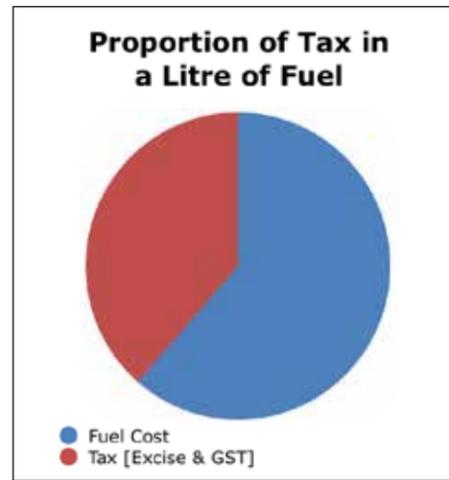
Successive ALP and LNP governments have deliberately under invested in transport infrastructure for decades causing congestion and frustration then offering privatisation as the only solution – making Queensland motorists pay more for roads they have already paid for with registration, fuel excise and other fees.

Funding for Our Roads

So where does the money to fund our roads come from? How is this money spent?

The federal government imposes a tax on petrol – called the fuel excise – and it distributes this funding to the states, supposedly for road funding. For every litre of fuel you currently pay 39.6 cents in excise duty, PLUS 10% GST on top of that. So for a litre of petrol at say \$1.40, you are paying ~ 54 cents – **more than a third of the cost - in tax!**

The RACQ suggests that only about a sixth of this tax revenue is being returned to roads.



In addition, the states impose vehicle registration charges, licence fees, and traffic infringement fines, again all of which supposedly go to fund our roads.

The NRMA has calculated that of the money raised – supposedly “for roads and infrastructure” – **barely 25% is actually spent on roads**, the rest goes into general revenue!

No Tolls in Other States

There are **NO TOLL ROADS** in:

- WESTERN AUSTRALIA
- SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- TASMANIA
- NORTHERN TERRITORY
- ACT

How are governments in those states able to fund their roads **without tolls**? Is it because both the ALP & LNP here are just financially inept, or are they lying to us?

Thirty years ago there were no toll roads in Queensland, and prior to that we were able to fund our roads for a hundred and fifty years **without tolls**. So how come it is so different now, when there is a much larger population paying even more in registration, fuel excise and other fees?

When the LNP and the ALP and government bureaucrats tell us the we ‘have to pay tolls to fund our roads’, they are simply lying.

So what is the truth?

The truth is that Queensland motorists are being royally rorted by this privatised Govia toll system. They claim that the toll roads are a ‘user pays’ system – but we road users have well and truly paid for these roads many times over. This is the truth that the LNP and ALP don’t want you to know.

Calling on Whistleblowers

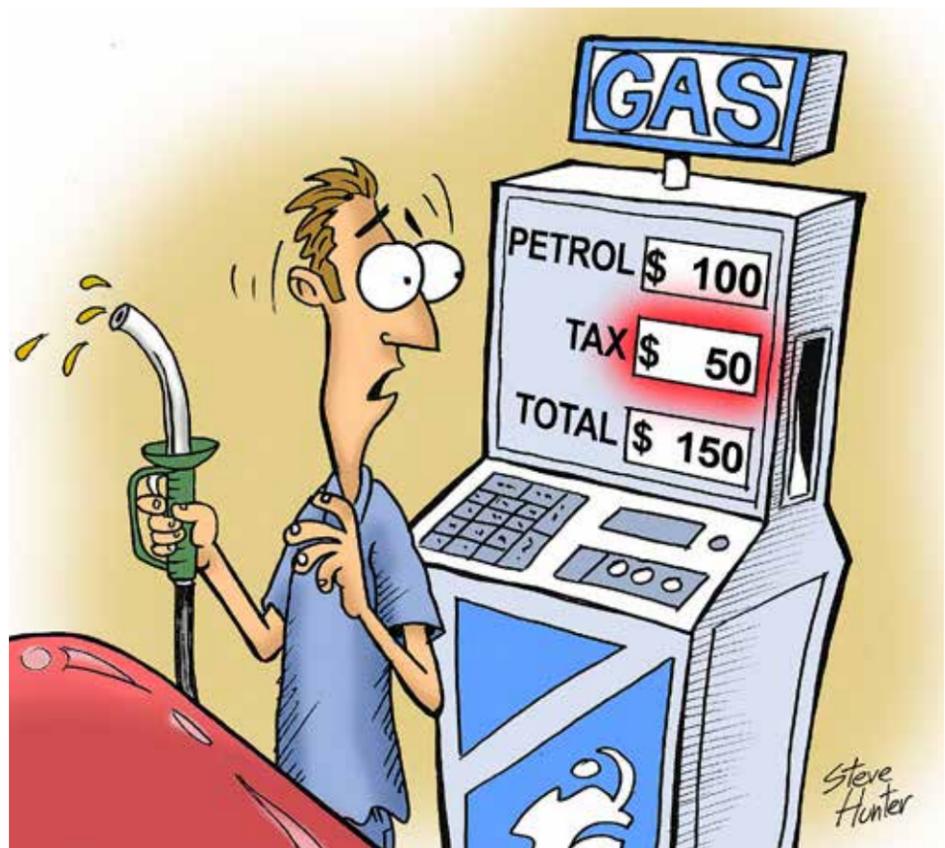
The *Queensland Guardian News* is continuing to investigate and expose this scam further, and we need YOUR help. We are calling on whistleblowers in SPER, TOU, Dept Main Roads and Transport and in Govia/Transurban – please tell us more about this scam by revealing what is happening in your organisation.

To be continued

See Dr. Cameron Richards full report at www.no-tolls.org and Michael Fraser’s article at www.thescandal.com.au

Next Issue we expose

- Transurban’s history of illegal payments to politicians, and how they donate significant amounts to both the ALP and LNP in Qld.
- Whistleblowers reveal the secret plans for **MORE** toll roads – including tolls for the Ipswich Motorway, Sunshine Coast Motorway and Bruce Highway.
- Why the Deafening Silence from the RACQ on the Toll Road Rip-offs Is there a conflict of interest?
- How tolls are illegal – and what you can do personally.
- How to Fund Our Roads ... **WITHOUT** Tolls. Our six point plan to fund our roads, reduce congestion and **GET RID OF THE TOLLS**.



Where Do the Parties Stand on Toll Roads?

CIVIL LIBERTIES, CONSUMER RIGHTS PARTY

Totally oppose privatisation of state assets and totally oppose toll roads. Remove non-payment of tolls as a traffic offence, and forgive all SPER debts related to toll infringements.

ONE NATION

One nation claims to oppose privatisation of state assets, but has no policy on toll roads. Further, Qld leader Steve Dickson, was a minister in Campbell Newman’s cabinet (so he obviously voted for it), that proposed the \$37 Billion sell-off of state infrastructure assets ??

ALP

Support toll roads. It was Anna Bligh and the Labor party that set up the sale of Qld Motorways to the QIC – which was then sold to Transurban by the LNP - but Labor were planning to do it anyway!

KATTER'S AUSPARTY

No official policy on toll roads, however Bob Katter has a history of speaking out against tolls on what should be public assets.

LNP

Totally support privatisation and toll roads. Remember Campbell Newman? Nothing has changed in the LNP!

If either LNP or ALP win government, we will see **MORE** toll roads.

GREENS

Support toll roads – in fact they want **MORE** toll roads, because they claim this will encourage less private vehicle use and more use of public transport! Go figure! Tough luck if you live in an area without much public transport and depend on your car to get around



Monthly Inspiring Story

People acting with honesty, integrity and in a spirit of community service

It's easy to become cynical and lose hope in the face of the corruption, incompetence and greed of some of our politicians, bureaucrats, corporate 'leaders'. So each month, in addition to exposing issues of public accountability and injustice, we will feature a story on an inspiring organisation or individual who is making positive contributions to society.

This month we are delighted to feature:

The Relaxation Centre of Qld

Increasingly today, many people are facing enormous challenges and experiencing great difficulties in their lives. Serious health issues; loss of employment or a loved one; feelings of inadequacy, depression and loneliness; financial hardships; relationship pressures; and unexpected change. All of which can be described with a single word : STRESS.

Where can you go to learn about how to deal with stress, change and difficulties in your life? One place is the Relaxation Centre of Queensland.

I came across the **RELAXATION CENTRE** in 1978 when it was located in Fortitude Valley. A friend dragged me along to a talk on positive thinking by Bert Weir, and I subsequently attended talks on prosperity given by Lionel Fifield, and over the years many inspiring talks and workshops from outstanding local, national and international speakers there.

What impressed me right from the outset was that the organisers and speakers were genuinely committed to helping people develop themselves, regardless of their financial circumstances, (this remains the same today) – and amazingly, everyone there was a volunteer, giving of their time and talents freely to others!

In 1978 I was a poor student with a small income from a part-time job, and I was allowed to attend talks and workshops on a donation basis – and many times I did not donate

The Relaxation Centre's focus is on making people – assisting people to see their qualities, their strengths, their latent talents and the possibilities within them; then, step-by-step being able to bring them out, not only to their advantage but towards creating a richer and stronger society.

much at all, and yet the value which I obtained from the many courses and workshops I attended was priceless. What price can you put on a positive attitude, or self motivation, or powerful self esteem and confidence? How do you value knowledge and skills which allow you to transform your life from one of poverty and dependence to wealth and self reliance? However, mine is but one minor story of the many thousands of people whose lives have been lovingly touched and inspired by the Relaxation Centre. It is now located in Alderley and while the building may be smaller, the service attitude is still the same – you can drop in to the Centre for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit, browse through the extensive bookshop, attend a talk or workshop, or simply have a chat with someone willing to genuinely listen.

The Relaxation Centre operates very differently to most other organisations - it has no major assets or reserves and has never sought nor received government funding, and the 100+ helpers, including Lionel Fifield the coordinator, give their time voluntarily.

WE INTERVIEWED LIONEL ABOUT THE 'CENTRE'



QG : What message would you like to express to people about the Centre?

LIONEL FIFIELD : For 43 years the Relaxation Centre has been a safe harbour which provides that peace and quiet that we need to retreat to from time to time. In our journey through life there are always times of change and turmoil; there are those troubled waters that all of us have to pass through, and no matter what our race or religion, no matter what our state of mind or health, this is a welcoming place open to all.

This is not just a place of rest, but also a place to take stock, to recharge, to re-energize, to scrape away the old barnacles and find balance and healing. It's a place where people are given the tools and the skills to grow according to their own nature, to discover their inner compass and learn how to follow it.

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How do you value knowledge and skills which allow you to transform your life from one of poverty and dependence to wealth and self reliance?

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QG : What is the purpose of the Centre?

LIONEL FIFIELD : We assist people to embrace individual responsibility for their lives as the road towards empowerment, building confidence and improved self-esteem.

These life skills are taught by the hundreds of facilitators who come to the relaxation centre to share their knowledge with participants who are encouraged not to simply believe what we offer them, but to test it out for themselves.

The Centre has welcomed over 200 influential international and interstate speakers, including : Louise Hay, Dr Ian Gawler, Dr Gerald Jampolsky, Carolyn Myss, Steve Biddulph and Ram Dass.

In addition we offer practical sessions on relaxation, anxiety, depression, meditation, self-esteem, motivation, resilience, eating issues, painting, writing, drawing, singing, cooking, yoga, pilates, chi gong, feldenkrais, cancer support, improving relationships, these are just a sample of our extensive program.

QG : There are lots of 'helping organisations' out there doing good things in the community, why do so many people feel that the Relaxation Centre is different, is one of a kind - what is its secret?

LIONEL FIFIELD : The secret is that it is independent, simple and relevant.

It is independent of so many of the outside influences. It is a place which is based on the aspirations of the founders, and of all those free souls who have been a part of this organization, even for just a short time. It is based on respect for everyone who walks through these doors. A respect which says "You are unique, come and discover your centre within".

QG : What about you, Lionel? Why are you doing what you are doing?

LIONEL FIFIELD : I love it. I've never lost a moment of enthusiasm for the opportunity to create and keep operating a place that brings benefits to a lot of people, smiles to their faces, a sense of hope, and the recognition that they have qualities that have never been recognized before.

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Elena with her singing bowls & gong

in 1994, Elena has studied various healing techniques and she has developed a

unique combination of energy, crystal, and sound healing.

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However, Elena does more than just play bowls for people, and she believes the success of her work is also due to her capacity to 'hold space' for her clients.

"Holding space", Elena says "is all about 'being' with the person without judgement or expectation or agenda, and allowing the deepest healing to happen at that time. This ability comes from years of personal

experience with meditation oneself."

Elena believes that the combination of crystals, resonant sounds, and the calm state of mind induced by Elestial healing, not only can heal existing physical, emotional and mental difficulties, but also heals ancestral patterns of illness at a deep cellular level.

"The unique sounds of the crystal bowls and gong coupled with the correct healing intent awaken cellular memories, healing past emotional traumas and activating our highest potential," she said.

In addition to private one-on-one healing sessions,

Elena also conducts group sessions once a month at the Relaxation Centre. This allows people experience the benefits of sound healing in a relaxed group setting.

NEXT GROUP SESSIONS

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"I don't heal my patients, I hold space for them and trust in their own natural healing processes," she said.

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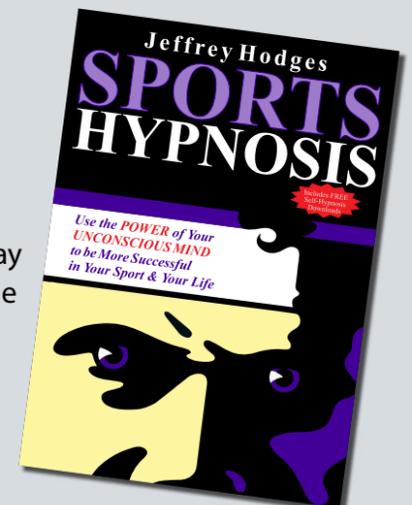
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Are HEADACHES Affecting Your Life?

Headaches and migraines cause suffering for millions of Australians every year and cost our economy billions

In a study published in the Journal of Clinical Neuroscience, 87% of Australians suffered with tension headaches in the past 12 months while 16% suffered with Migraine. If you're one of those people, you know how bad things can get.

The problem, for headache sufferers, is not only being miserable and irritable day after day it's also the frustration of knowing that your friends and family don't really understand what you're going through.

Unfortunately that's not all. Headache victims have usually tried one pill after another, and the drugs may be making everything worse as a study in the UK reports:

"The risk is highest for those who take aspirin, ibuprofen or paracetamol at least every other day to treat either a headache or another condition such as joint pain. The (UK) health watchdog says that taking too many of these pills can actually make the brain more sensitive to pain they get into a 'vicious cycle' whereby their headaches get worse, they take more drugs and the pain becomes even more debilitating"

Get a Headache Evaluation for just \$47.00

My name is **Dr Andrew Gorman**, and I've been helping patients with, headaches and migraines for many years now. See www.springwoodchiropractor.com.au

Could This Drugless Treatment Be Your Headache Solution Too?

Imagine being able to live life like a normal person again, pain free and without headaches - to play with your kids, enjoy time with friends, and not have to worry that your headache will hit you at just the wrong time.

I'd like the chance to see if I can help you for only \$47.00.

In my Headache Evaluation I provide :

- An in-depth consultation about your headaches where I will listen...really listen...to the details of your unique situation.
- A complete neuromuscular and skeletal examination of the head and neck so we can find the problem.
- A full set of specialized x-rays to determine if posture or joint problem is contributing to your pain (Bulk-billed where clinically indicated)
- A thorough analysis of your exam and x-rays where we'll map out how you can get rid of your headaches once and for all.

Recurring Headaches Are Not Normal

Pain is your body's way of telling you something is wrong. Finding the problem and fixing it has got to be top priority!

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Tell the receptionist you'd like to come in for a Headache Evaluation.

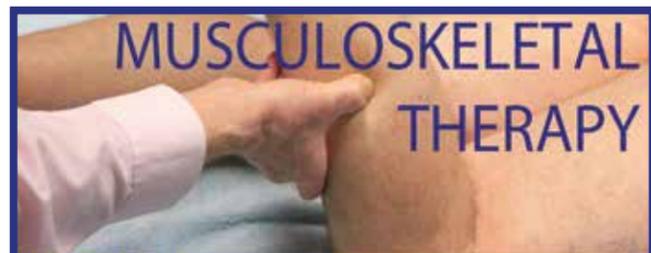
Andrew Gorman Chiropractic, Cinderella drive and Athena Grove, SPRINGWOOD

ALKALISATION The Key to Better Health

Humans are scientifically classified as members of the Hominid family including the Gorilla, the orangutan and chimpanzee. This animal family living in their natural environment consume a large amount of vegetation particularly fruits which have a high alkaline formation in the body.

The other animals that create excessive alkaline formations are the grazing animals or herbivores. Carnivores or Omnivores however, form very high acid residues from the flesh consumed and rely on an enzyme called uricase to eliminate these acid residues and maintain their blood pH of 7.4.

As humans and the other hominids don't have uricase in their body, the best way to prevent excessive acids from building up is to consume large amounts of fresh fruit and vegetables daily.



ACADEMY

The Academy of Integrated Therapies is a school on the north side of Brisbane designed to train people in Musculoskeletal Therapy.

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The science behind this is very well establish based on Otto Warburg's double Nobel Prize in 1932 showing that **cancer thrives in an acidic environment (slightly below the blood's 7.4 pH) but dwindles away in an alkaline environment.**

Cancer is the #2 cause of death in Australia, and your diet can affect your chance of getting cancer. For example, the Amish who live an agrarian lifestyle and eat lots of fresh organic fruits and vegetables have **40% less cancer** than the rest of the population in the USA.

What are the benefits?

Alkalisng your body acts as a preventative to most diseases as it eliminates the acidic environment that they thrive in.

A further advantage of alkalisng your body is that these foods supply you with plenty of vitamin C. Most other animals produce Vitamin C in their body, however hominids are entirely dependent on their food for this nutrient.

Alkalisng improves flexibility and mobility of movement and prevents many of the muscle and joint aches and pains that are associated with ageing. Alkalisng also speeds up the recovery time from operations, injuries and from high physical demands, and it allows the brain to function properly dispelling endogenous depression and many other mental conditions.

In short, daily alkalisng of your body via your diet allows you to live a longer and a better quality of life.

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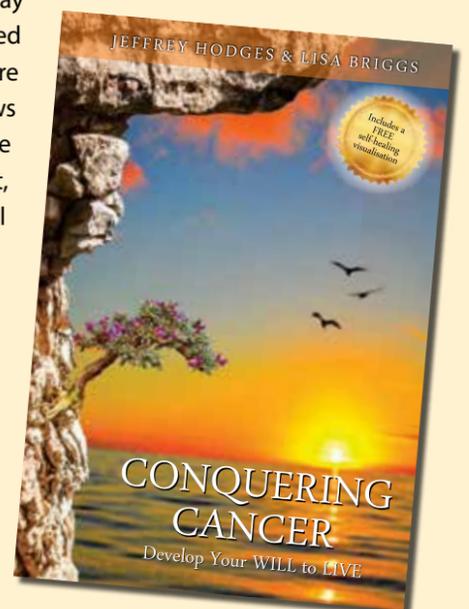
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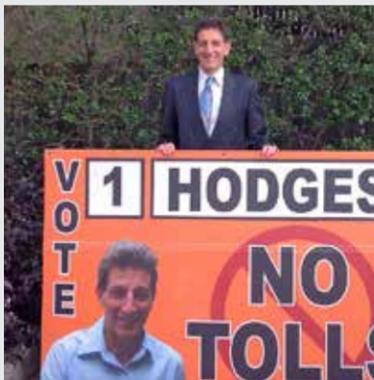
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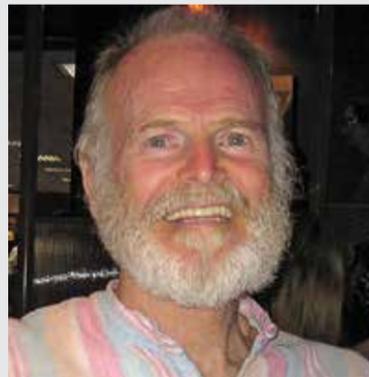


JEFFREY HODGES
Our Candidate for NICKLIN

Party founder and Secretary, Jeffrey Hodges is an internationally recognised speaker, author, educator and performance coach to elite athletes, including Olympic gold medallists Lydia Lassila and Sara Carrigan.

His political interests are for the rights of the consumer, keeping essential services in public ownership, freedom of choice in health care, and sustainability of the environment and its protection. He is concerned about the increasing political corruption resulting from political "donations", and believes that politicians should be truly independent and serve the best interests of the people, rather than the profits of big corporations.

Jeffrey holds a Bachelor of Science, a Masters Degree with Honours in Social Science, and a Bachelor of Education. These studies are the foundation for his comprehensive understanding of environmental, political and social issues. With two young adult children he is committed to making Australia a healthier, more prosperous and happier country, by bringing his values and performance coaching skills to parliament and the bureaucracy.



NEIL SKILBECK
Our Candidate for ASPLEY

Neil Skilbeck is married and lives with Jeany in Carseldine where their body therapy training business is based. Neil's background as a therapist stretches for nearly 50 years. From Victoria, Neil came to Queensland where he was registered as a Chiropractor and Osteopath. He then went on to develop his unique form of musculoskeletal therapy that has helped many

body therapists in their diagnosis and treatment of patients.

Neil believes that our politicians are failing us by -

- Accepting donations from and fostering the interests of multinational corporations.
- Eroding people's rights e.g. fluoridation of our water supplies.
- Stifling new sources of clean energy e.g. solar and hydrogen.
- Allowing animal cruelty to continue e.g. drug testing, racing.
- Maintaining policies that foster disease rather than health.
- Failing to have proper integration policies for migrants.

Neil if elected will be advocating that the government needs to listen, attend and serve the people rather than ruling over them.



BEN MUSGRAVE
Our Candidate for WATERFORD

I am a Queensland boy. I was born and raised in the abattoir suburb of Cannon Hill in Brisbane. On the way to the abattoirs there was a subdivision that was made after WWII to be affordable for all the returning servicemen and women, all the streets were named after Australian service memoirs such as 'Barrack road' and 'Grenade street'. I joined the cubs,

then the scouts and walked down those streets every Friday evening to attend for years. Those memories and the honour and sacrifice is burned into my psyche.

My Grandfather served in the Boer war and WWI and my grand uncle with him, and my father and mother both served in the Navy in WWII, so I have a deep respect for all Australians that have given their all to make this country great.

I've studied Science, the Arts, Electronics and Communications and recently have taken on the challenge of Law.

I had my first official job and pay packet when I was 13, as a paper boy, and I have a deep respect for the trier, the worker, those who go out of their way to make their life and our country better. I have lived in area for 31 years and my children have grown up here - and now my grandchildren.

I stand for liberty, equality and truth!



DR ANDREW GORMAN
Our Candidate for SPRINGWOOD

I've always been interested in economics and how the economy works which prompted my first degree in economics and political science. Politics never interested me as a career when I was younger and I have never held politicians in high regard; they just seem interested in what they can get for themselves.

I joined the Navy to serve my country, and since leaving I taught for ten years then trained as a Chiropractor operating a small family business.

The LNP and Labor have sold their souls to vested interest groups with big pockets, and are not looking out for what's in YOUR best interests. Everyone knows the system doesn't work and NO-ONE in politics is doing anything about it. Now has never been a better time to make a difference and break the stranglehold that the two major parties have over this country.

My wife and I are self employed and passionate about small business. We live and work in your community, we pay our taxes (unlike multinational corporations), we keep our money in this community by choosing to spend our money here when possible. There are solutions to our economic problems, and since our party does not take political donations we can stay true to our ideals: protecting civil liberties, support our communities and small businesses.

WHAT WE STAND FOR ...

- Honesty, Integrity and Independence. (Our party and candidates do **NOT** accept any financial donations)
- Healthy People and a Healthy Environment
- Freedom of Speech and other Civil Liberties
- Public Ownership of essential Services (Power, Water, Roads) : **NO TOLLS** - end privatised toll roads
- Encourage Small Business and Enterprise
- Consumer Rights and Protections
- Protect Australian Jobs - not Foreign Corporations' Profits
- Open & Transparent Government and De-centralisation of Political Power

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