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Well, welcome everybody to Club Grubbery Wednesday, the 5th of June. And for those of you not living in Australia, it's a very interesting night in Australia because on the East Coast, they are currently playing the State of Origin Rugby League. Uh, and Brad Hill is probably a, an avowed New South Wales supporter as he's the publican of the Kelly Hotel in one of the most rugby league orientated parts of Australia, the Hunter Valley in New South Wales.

And I believe it's probably a good idea that you're on this program right now instead of watching the game, Brad.

It probably is hoodie. Um, I, I wouldn't mind to be watching it, but, um, I think there's far more important things to be honest, uh, with what's going on around the world at the moment. .

Exactly.

Especially when your side's losing. Anyhow, ?

Um, well, I, only me and don't, don't get carried away,

is it? I dunno, I don't follow it. I stopped following it years ago, but it's four. Neil, is it? I think so. Oh, well, you know, the state, the one thing you say about state of origin is it's never over till the fat lady sings.

So it'll be very interesting. Anyhow, we, uh, Hadley's

having a very good call.

He should, he should actually go back to that as he's full time and one and only, uh, occupation. John, would you agree? Oh, I think so. Yeah. I think as a public affairs commentator, he makes a really good football commentator. Yes,

and he has it. I think

we'd love to have you on right? Uh, cause we love you. We love you because you give us such a, uh, an easy standard to me.

So for that. Um, Brad Hill, you are the public and at the Freedom Hotel, Australia's Freedom Hotel, and that's the Kelly, the Caledonian Hotel in Singleton. You're on a New England highway. You came to fame because you put a massive red instant on the roof of your pub back at the beginning of all this nonsense.

The Singleton Shire Council tried to get you to take it down. Brad, is the flag still on your roof?

Yeah, the flag's still on the roof. Woody, uh, the council has actually backed off on that. Uh, I think just due to sheer like the amount of people that, uh, they got a backlash from, like, they were getting a lot of emails, a lot of, um, you know, we didn't want them abused, but they got a lot of abuse and that, um, it was quite ridiculous, the whole thing.

But yeah, it's, it's apparently still in, in their archives. But it's still there, the flag, 100%.

Who would have thought that an Australian shire Johnny Larder would want to force somebody to take down the Australian flag?

Don't.

You couldn't make it. Well, look, look, at the end of the day, Hooty, it was a pretty good marketing strategy from the council because what they did, they, they, they really improved tourism. Uh, they put the Caledonian on, on the, uh, on the map to everyone outside of, uh, uh, New South Wales. I mean, it's obviously a very famous pub.

Uh, in the Hunter Valley and a lot of people know about it, obviously, but it certainly, uh, raised awareness around the world. In fact, I'd have to say, uh, it was a global, uh, uh, it was a global cause really, wasn't it?

Look, it was definitely,

we had people from honestly, from all around the world contact us, you know, from America, New Zealand, everywhere.

It was quite insane. Actually, we've, we've even had Americans come over to Australia that specifically come up to the hotel, um, to support. You know, show their support, like for what we've done in that, which is quite extraordinary, really. I mean, I didn't, I didn't sort of, it wasn't my choice to, you know, to, to make the pub famous or whatever you want to call it.

But, um, That, that, that's, you know, I just couldn't see any alternative to what was going on. So that's just how it turned out. Um, it wasn't a, you know, it wasn't planned or anything like that. It's just, it's just how the chips fell.

And not only do you have some of the best pub meals in Australia, and I, and I say that, uh, um, um, without any bias, they are absolutely magnificent meals.

You also had the, uh, no alcohol hoodie. Beer. Yeah,

we did, we did have that. I've still got a couple of those Bubbies up there. Actually, I'm, I'm back home at the moment, but, um, yeah, we did, we did wanna try and put a, a, no alcohol, beer on tap. But you have trouble with it, uh, freezing up in like with the temp rights and that type of thing, so.

Woody has those problems too, freezing up,

freezing up,

I freeze up a bit, but Brad, I've, I've, I've, I can claim to have preached two sermons in your beer garden. Yeah, true, true. Right. And, and it was, it was great fun. And the hospitality was awesome. And yes, People saw me drinking beer and they said to me, hoodie, we didn't think he drank, but it was the club grub, zero alcohol, specifically labeled by Brad Hill from Macaulay.

And I cherish these couple of empties as I cherish putting them down the gullet, Johnny, with you, it was great fun. It was a lot of fun. Now let's get on to why we got you on here, mate, because the world is going to hell in a hand basket. And who better? I mean, everybody knows that if you want to know what's going on in town, you either talk to the cab driver or the local publican.

And, uh, it's very much so that way in your case, because people gravitate to the, the Cali. It's in a central location in the Hunter Valley. It's a very old pub with a good tradition, great food, great service, and a nice cold bevy. And you get a lot of regulars there, mate. Tell us, we want to get a bit of a snapshot of what's been going on in the last couple of years, the way you see it across the bar and hotel.

Basically, when all the rubbish started, I hung the, uh, the signs. Like this, this was before the flag went on the roof. But, um, I hung the signs off the pub, um, to give people a chance. And just to know that they, you know, that they weren't alone, that they weren't going crazy, that people would be made to feel like they were, you know, that they, they were insane and that they were the odd one out.

So that was to give people, you know, just to, I thought being a hotel where I'm fairly prominent corner there. So I knew it would get out there. And I mean, five minutes after I hung the signs up, a car stopped, took a photo or a video. And I thought, I thought, I thought to myself, Jesus, what have I done here?

You know, like, um, but yeah, it just sort of went on from there. Yeah. Uh, but basically it's, it's definitely been a rollercoaster ride. Um, I've got a lot of fines that I'm, you know, I'll be paying off the rest of my life. But as I said, from day one, I can't put a monetary value on, on what's been going on.

Like it's money is nothing, uh, compared to what's, what's been lost. What's happened to people? Um, yeah, so yeah, we, we've sort of probably been a little bit quiet lately. Um, our, our Facebook page is very heavily censored. Like we, people don't even see our stuff anymore, so we haven't really been putting a lot of, um, stuff up.

But we still, we've, we get people come from everywhere we get. Lately, we've had a lot of people come in that are very crook, a lot of people with, with cancer. Like even last night, a guy come in. He's got three weeks to live. They've given him, he didn't look like that. He actually didn't look too bad, but he said he's been given three weeks and there's four members of his family, uh, not immediate family, but in, in his family that have all been diagnosed with cancer in the last couple of months.

Um, and it's, it's sort of hard to work out why people come there when they, when they're real, I don't know whether they're hoping to, like, whether it's going to help them or whether it's just a, um, whether it's to support us or whether it's, it's sort of hard to work out, but it's. That's quite a humbling sort of a tragic scenario.

Really, it's, it's quite, quite bizarre. And that, that happens a lot. There's a lot of people come to the pub that are very sick. Like, and you see them walk in and I don't know whether you guys noticed, but a lot of people, it's like they've aged 20 or 30 years. Like you, you saw them 12 months ago and they look like a normal fit, healthy person.

You see them now. And you think, my God, like, it's, it's, it's just insane. Like, it's, it's, it's quite tragic.

Kelly sort of was the central pub, as I said, and used to host, uh, uh, you know, the occasional wake there over the years. Have you seen the number of wakes increase?

Yeah. So we first went to the hotel in 1994 and, you know, 10 or 12 years, you know, we probably had, you know, maybe, I don't know, you don't look numb, but that far, maybe a dozen wipes in 10 or 12 years in the last, honestly, the last two years.

Specifically the last 12 months, every week, basically every week we get phone calls, people inquiring about what we do for fighters, that type of thing for a while, um, we've had numerous whites at the hotel. Um, we've also had people book in whites. And then they cancel the booking, which I would say would be people that still don't want to come to the hotel for what we've done, which is just insane, but understandable with what the mainstream media has done to people.

But yeah, we've had a lot of, a lot of whites. Um, there's a couple going on up there this week. One of them is actually the, those people actually drink at our hotel, but it's going to be a very big funeral and then they're not having it at the hotel. It's, there's actually going to be too many people for this one.

Yeah. And this is only, this is only very recent. Um, it's, it's, you'd have to see it to believe it. It's, it's, it's not just, we're, we're only one pub in Australia. I'd imagine there'd be, you know, if people are honest about it, there's, there'd have to be thousands upon thousands of wakes every week now.

It's, it's, it's like if we're just one pub and we're getting like, I don't know how many we've had, but. I know just from our clientele, since all this started, we would have lost, I reckon, 50 if I, if I was to, if I was to count them all up. There's one, one particular table of older guys that sit in the pub, like they've been coming there for years, probably longer than we've been there.

They've even got a chair at that table now that none of them will sit in it because I think four or five people that have sat in that chair over the years have all, have all died in the last couple of years. So they, they call it the death chair. And that's, that's, that's just horrendous.

Cancer has always been an issue in the Hunter Valley with all the industry and that there it's, it's been renowned as a cancer hotspot, especially the close you get to Newcastle.

Oh, I've, I've never seen cancer like this. My, my mother in law's got cancer. Uh, just only half an hour before I got on here, my sister's messaged me. Her neighbor, um, I won't say where she's from, but not from Singleton. She's a previous neighbor. She's contacted her today. She's, she's been diagnosed with cancer.

Um, I could, I could, I could tell you a hundred people that have got cancer now that, you know, in my whole life, like my, I've never seen cancer like it is now. It is, it is just rampant.

And Johnny, uh, Professor Angus Dalboosh has been on, on Russell Broadbent's podcast, I think in the last 24 hours, we've spoken to him on Club Grubbery, and he's one of the leading oncologists professor at St.

George's Teaching, Teaching Hospital of Oncology, and, uh, He just said that oncologists around the world are just, they can't stop commenting. They're just flat out. They're, they're seeing a rapid rise in, in turbo cancers. People being dead within a month of diagnosis.

Yeah, a hundred percent Woody. And, uh, there's also a Japanese, uh, oncologist that's been outspoken as well.

Uh, there's, there's numerous of them around the world. And in fact, Angus Dalgleish says that he's been contacted by oncologists from all over the world in regards to. Uh, the explosion of cancers, uh, that seem to be, uh, prevalent with these MRNA, uh, jabs. Uh, it, it, it just beggars belief that these people are not being listened to.

Um, I, I mean, it just, it, it's just crazy stuff and, and here we are just seeing anecdotal evidence of it at, at, at the grassroots level at a pub.

We actually had, had another guy call in last night, he used to call into the pub. He's actually a truck driver. He drives, uh, has like a cattle truck, so he takes, you know, cattle all around Australia, sales and that.

He, um, used to call in every now and then before, like, way back, um, and stay for a night, have a shower. Um, haven't seen him for four years. He called in last night and I thought, as I was talking to you before about how people have aged, I did not even recognize him. I didn't even expect that I. I recognized his voice and I, I, I, wow, I said, dude, are you going okay?

He goes, obviously he wasn't, but he, he just lost his wife. Well, when I say just lost his wife in the last, last couple of months, and he went over and he was talking to mom and dad and he actually broke down. He's, he's, he's crying on mom and dad's shoulder. He's, he's buggered himself. I mean, not to make a joke, but he, he actually looked like Freddy Krueger out of Nightmare on Elm Street.

That's exactly what he looked like. I could not believe that anyone could look like that. It was like the moisture and everything had been drained out of his body. It was, his eyes were sunken in

his head. He was, it was disgusting, I just, and I've seen a lot of people like it. I mean, obviously other people must too, because it's, It's not just a one off thing.

Well, you know, we know a lot of people. We share a friendship with a guy involved in manufacturing in the Hunter Valley. You know who I'm talking about. I won't mention his name, but he's a best mate of 30 odd years. Young man with a couple of kids. Yeah. In palliative care in hospital diagnosed only on the 16th of May with cancer and is now in palliative care.

I mean, um, you look, people say, Oh no, look, you know, that's just normal or whatever, but it's gone beyond normal. Surely.

It's definitely not normal. Like I might, I should say this or not, but my wife's boss, she's had a brain tumor. My wife's sister's partner's mother, she's had a brain tumor. Uh, it's just.

There's too many, like, yeah, it's far too many just to be. Coincidence or whatever,

it's

heartbreaking.

Well, you know, it's going on, I mean, you've got professors of oncology that are saying it's happening and we know that the drug drug regimes for the cancer, the chemotherapy drugs, the demand for those in places like Singapore has apparently gone through the roof.

Well, I've, I've noticed to like, I had to take my young fellow to, uh, he, he had a couple of lumps come up on his neck. And so we, we took him to the doctors just to get him checked like, um, and it basically was the onset of tonsillitis. So he wanted to do, he's quite a fit young fellow and it sort of went into his glands first and then he developed tonsillitis.

But, um, We took him out to get, um, a CT scan in Salamander Bay here and I've never seen anything like it. It was, it was, it was like being in another world. It would be the busiest place in, in the whole of the Port Sturges Peninsula. I think there was just people there everywhere. People sitting there with masks on.

They just like, like they were totally lost. They just like this blank look on their face. There was mothers with kids, older people, there must have been 30 people there like continuously waiting to go in for, I just could not believe it, it was, And it was, they wanted, you know, how they put the dye in people to, when they do a CT scan or, uh, they wanted my young fellow, well, when I say young fellow, he's 17 of all numbers.

Um, he, um, he, he had to fill out a form like to, to, to have that. And I said, no, I said, he, he doesn't want that. But I said, he'll, he'll tell you that himself. He's a very fit, very health conscious. Goes to gym every day. He's at gym now, actually. He's not even watching the footy. Um, and. You know, the nurse was quite sort of, Oh, it was like sort of a bit of a surprise, but a bit of a funny reaction.

And she said, Oh, he doesn't have to have that. And I said, Oh no, he doesn't have to have it. I said, he's not going to have it. I said, just do the, do the scan. And anyway, everything worked out okay. But I just couldn't believe the amount of people there was, was incredible.

And, and interestingly enough, Brad, you, you said, uh, in a text a while back that You know, when all this broke out, that there was a number of your regular patrons that thought you'd lost the plot and vowed never to come to the pub again, but they're back.

Oh mate, a lot are, uh, there's still some won't, won't come to the pub. I think their ego is taking control of them. I'm not sure what it is. It's just insanity. You know, like I, I, I never thought I'd be abused or, you know, life threatened, kids threatened for standing up for people's rights. I mean, I did expect, you know, I did expect backlash, obviously, but you know, I had a mate that I've known for 40 odd years, our kids are growing up, he, out of the blue he went and got jabbed, and from that moment he turned into someone I didn't know, it got to the stage where he, he told me that me and me boys should be taken to the bush and shot, and I, I just couldn't believe it, I thought, wow, like this is just, Absolutely.

He, he has since apologized. Um, he, he did contact me a few months after that because I sort of lost, I, I speak to this guy every couple of weeks. I've known him forever and I lost sort of, you know, I lost contact with him after he said I should be shot. Um, and he rang me out the blue. He sent me a message, actually, and when he did, I, I thought, oh, something's happened straight away.

I thought after what he said to me, all he wanted to know when I, when he did talk to me was, when's the last time I'd had a heart checkup? I said, well, actually it was only a few months ago, I do everything wrong. I smoke, I drink, you know, I do everything wrong. He's quite a fit. He drinks, but he doesn't smoke.

He goes in mini triathlons, all that type of thing. But he'd been two weeks in hospital with a heart thing. And I didn't say anything to him about what I thought it was, what I know it was. But that's all he was really worried about was why, why was I, why was my heart okay? And his wasn't. But since then we have made up and.

It's sort of not the same. It'll probably never be the same. I mean, as far as he's concerned, I suppose, but yeah, and that's, that's, that's not just with me. That's, that's a lot of people. I get that many different people coming to the pub, like mums and dads and their kids have just, you know, turned against him.

Won't even, you know, it's, it's just tragic. Like, and the mainstream media, I mean, you look at what the mainstream media is doing now, like they, they turned, labelled everyone anti vaxxers that didn't want to go and get jabbed. Turned. People against the so called anti vaxxers. And now they're belittling the people that got jabbed, making out that they were idiots and that they were fooled.

So they're still in, they're still creating division. Like they're still trying to divide people by like, they're just parasites. I don't know how anyone can watch. Any type of news like that or any, any of that mainstream, they're, they're just, they're, they're bad people.

Yeah. You won't get any argument from too many people watching us tonight.

That's for sure, John. I mean, it's, um, uh, mainstream media have got a lot to answer for. And, um, you know, there's a lot of talking heads out there that are still spruiking the narrative, but it's pretty hollow.

Well, look, look at young, young Dezel. Like not one thing about Dezel on any mainstream media. Like, Oh, I've mentioned Dezel to that many people.

And it's like, they, they don't want to know, I don't know what, it's like, they're scared of something or they just, I think, like, if that was your own child or your, your mother, your father, your brother, sister, like, surely, like, what, what happened to people's compassion? Like they, it's, it's, it's like they, it's just insane.

It's, even, even with some of the parents. That we have around the public, people will come in that probably, I mean, we get all walks of life coming in the pub. Some people have no idea what's going on. Some of over the top, yeah, we get all sorts, but some people will come in, especially with the reps, you know, they'll come in and they'll, we'll have the light paper there or, you know, a pamphlet on something or, you know, cash or, or whatever, which we've had there for a long time.

And they'll start to look at it. And then they sort of reel back like, well, geez, what, like, it's like, they're afraid to, it's just insane.

Like,

it

really is. How's cash looking at the moment in the pub, mate? Are more people using it?

Yeah, we've, we've had signs up in the pub for, oh, a couple of years now, actually.

Like about the cash, that type of thing. Probably two years ago, we were around, 10 percent cash sales. The rest was F POS. We have days now where we're up to 40 percent cash and people actually, we get people apologize, they'll go, Oh, I'm sorry. I'll have to use my card or if you use my phone or whatever, um, then we get people to come in and you.

Yeah, they phone might recognize that it's just, I've never seen such stupidity in people. They stay in there. I mean, I'm doing it now holding my phone, but like they stay in there trying to get facial recognition on their phone to, to get money and pay for something or just have a 20 note or whatever.

Like it's, I, I actually get anxiety if I haven't got at least a 10 note in my wallet. Well, whatever happened to the vagrancy, vagrancy, I don't know if it was a law or whatever, but you Look, there's a lot of vagrants around at

the moment. Everyone's a vagrant if they haven't got cash in their wallet.

Exactly. I mean, I'm, I'm, I'm not against, um, paying by card, but we should have the choice. Like when, when you've got no choice, then we're,

we're,

we're doomed because someone has control over, totally control over us, don't they? You know, we say the wrong thing, we do the wrong thing, Might get a traffic fine that you might want to dispute.

Nah, we'll just take that out. You've got no control over it whatsoever.

Yeah, yeah, it's just crazy. Mate, what's ever happened to the pub test?

Oh, there's plenty of tests at the Cali. Um, yeah.

There's so many things. It's a good question though. There's so many things that we accept today

that are unacceptable. Totally. I think everything's unacceptable. But things are changing. I can definitely see changes. Definitely. There's a, yeah, I try and keep people positive.

Like it's, I mean, there is a lot of, I suppose, doom and gloom around, but, you know, people, we get people come in, they sort of asking you questions and, you know, You know, I just, I just try and keep positive with people and I think ultimately, you know, we're going to work out on the right track, you know, with whatever we're going to go through in the next period.

I actually meant to tell John before, um, this was about 12 months ago. I had a guy and his wife from Queensland come down to the hotel and he, he was a, he was a paramedic, and I don't think he'd been sacked, but he, he wouldn't take the job, so they, they put him off. So they wanted, they, they were giving, giving him a dis dis dis dis dis, what's the word?

Dis, I can't even say the word. Um, where you a dis discipline, what's, what's that word?

Oh, disciplinary

where you get. Disciplinary, um, letter. So they wouldn't email it to him. They wouldn't post it to him. It's at his workplace, but he's not allowed to go to his workplace to get this discipline. I can't even say that word, letter.

To see where it goes with his job. They won't let him onto the, onto the, onto the work, work, into his workplace to get this. This, this letter, that's, that's pretty crazy, isn't it?

It's all crazy. And he,

he was, he was an older fella. He was, or when I say older, probably in his sixties, been doing a paramedic all his life from what I could gather.

Disgusting.

It's all nuts. It really is nuts. But, um, you know, we, we're indebted to you. Um, yeah, you were one of those businesses that, that stood up and said the right things. You hosted us. on a couple of events and it was just amazing. You know, there's little businesses, you know, we keep talking about, about you guys.

We talk about, you know, the little Kookaburra store up at Mirani, Western Mackay. Um, if people like you and small business in the, in the country towns, you like the lifeblood and you're keeping everyone going. And another one of those, I want to mention tonight, I want to mention Donna. Uh, Donna runs a cafe between Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

It used to be called Cafe No Ego, No Ego, N O E G O. And it's now had a name change. It's Cafe Little Ego, L I L E G O. It's still in the same spot. They still make fantastic coffee and serve the best breakfast you can ever eat. And, you know, she, she's doing what you're doing. She's become a hub for people who want to talk about freedom over coffee.

She's got signs, encouraging people to pay cash. And, um, she's just a beautiful, loving person. I know well, because she was a cabin manager at Qantas when I was a captain and, um, we shared many, uh, an airplane together on. On flights across Australia. And, uh, she's an amazing lady and she's a lost to Qantas, but, uh, Qantas loss, Qantas's loss is everyone else's gain as far as I'm concerned.

So, you know, all these little businesses that just keep doing the right thing, the Greyhound shop in Narendra, a wonderful little gift shop, um, just becomes a meeting hub for people who are. Interested in freedom, just like the Kelly is Brad. So we want to thank you for coming on tonight.

Oh, that's all right.

It's a pleasure being here. Appreciate what you guys are doing. Um, yeah, it is a meeting place. So it's, we, we get people come in. Sometimes I might just sit there with an ice water, but a lot of like couples, mums and dads, they'll come in and they basically just sit there. You can certainly read what's gone through, through their mind.

Like it's quite, it's quite, yeah, I don't know what the word is, but They just sort of sit there holding each other in silence, you know, they just sit there looking at each other and it's, I think there's a lot of people know what's, what's going down, but it's, it's, it's very hard for people to, to come to grips with.

Um, I, I don't know that I've told you either. Um, I had a nurse from Canberra come up, this was a year and a half ago, her and her husband. She actually got jabbed. She didn't want it. She got injured from it. She was off work for three months. She went back to work. She ended up quitting. She said what she witnessed in Canberra hospital.

She said it was atrocious. She said she basically witnessed. People being murdered. Um, she said, I was screaming at all the young nurses. Like, what are you doing? You, like, she said, I was hysterical. She was saying to me, like, you're going against everything you've been taught. And she said, they were just like deer in a spotlight.

They just, this blank look on their face. And she ended up, she, she was a nurse of 30, I think she said 35 years and she ended up quitting. That was in Canberra hospital.

Yeah, there's a lot of that. We hear a lot of stories like that. We've got second year, um, nursing students on the wards now. It was unheard of.

Michelle was, you know, uh, um, she even held the position of director of nursing in a couple of places, uh, registered nurse for 30, 40, nearly 40 years. And I hear her talking to all the mates in the hospital that she went through training with. And John, you'll back this up with Caitlin. They're just saying what they're seeing on the wards now.

And the lack of professional standards, it's not the young kids folks who are on the ward. They're just being dragged out because there's nobody to replace the nurses who, uh, it was sacked because of the mandates who are the ones they need now to carry the hospital system through the dark times of illness.

That's coming on this stuff up, Johnny.

Mom and dad, actually, mom and dad do a little bit of traveling. They, they had a couple of things booked before all the, all this rubbish started. And so they've been sort of catching up on them now. They went on a cruise out to, oh, over to Hawaii and that here, this was a month or so ago, there was, a lady died on the boat.

Mom said she thought there was three that died on this cruise. Um, but she definitely knows it was one because she spoke to the husband. There are an older couple and unexpected death. Um, they also went to, for a trip to Tasmania and on there was 20 people on this trip. So it was like a guided thing where they went a few different places looking at stuff.

And that a lady had a heart. Mom said every single one of them, they're all the elderly people. She said they're all crook. All masked up, one lady had a heart attack, another lady broke, broke a leg, had a fit, fell down, broke a leg. Mum said it was like the holiday from hell. I've been trying to tell them to stop going because it's not going to get any better.

I don't think for a while. What would you like to say to Anthony Albanese?

I wouldn't like to say anything. I think someone else is going to say something to him. He's, there's a lot, there's a lot of people that are going to be held to account one way or another. They're, um, they don't know what they've done. Fully aware of what they've done. I don't, I don't trust, trust any of them.

I don't, he's a disgrace. A lot of them are a disgrace. They don't deserve to be, they should be locked up for what they've done. It's disgusting.

It's,

it's, it's, it's unhuman.

Well, I think, I think what's, what's very sad in, in business, and I mean, you can imagine the difficulty you'd be in as an individual, um, and, and the, and how that would feel being, um.

Charged and given a 5,000 fine for standing up against the tyranny that went on as an individual. Now you imagine you're a business, you imagine you're Brad from the Cali Hotel and your entire business is being Uh, essentially, uh, flung open to everyone. You're disregarding the narrative of the government because you know it's wrong.

And you, you're opening up your business to everyone and saying, you're welcome here. I mean, how brave was I? I mean, you bought it. I mean, you look at Luke Sutton from Drifter and I mean, I, I think about this on a daily basis. Now, Luke Sutton could have walked away with, with, with a handshake from, from, uh, from an Australian business.

And he could have lived a very happy life, uh, from here to eternity, but, but he chose not to because he's a true Australian like Brad. He stood up like the Anzac did. He was in the trenches with us. He gave people a job when they, when they didn't want to be vaccinated. He

knew

that these mongrels were going to demand that they, they vaccinate people in his company.

And he said, well, I'm not allowing that to happen on my watch, uh, the same as Brad has done at the Kelly. I mean, you, you have to be,

I didn't, I didn't say it as being brave. I just. It was just common sense, like people, people have lost the ability to critically think, like, you know, there's always a, there's a difference between right and wrong and you know, there's right and there's wrong.

Like, what, what was happening was wrong. Like, I, I remember saying to the police, I said, what, what's the difference if I hang a sign on the pub? You know, no Asians, no, no blacks, no, no whites, no whatever. They, they knew it was wrong. Even, even the magistrate when, you know, when I got, when they finally finished with me in court.

I knew they'd catch up with me sooner or later. Like, you know, I had something like \$9,000 worth of fines, um, after 12 months back from court, hundred times. You know, like they increased on me fines to the maximum up to near \$30,000 and threatened me with jail for, you know, like, sort of made it that I couldn't even appeal it.

Um, I didn't wanna be locked up when I got like a family at home. But, um, I, I think even the magistrate knew that she was doing the wrong thing. I'm sure the police prosecutor did.

And you, and, and you've been proven right, Brad, uh, but unfortunately y your business has suffered, like drifter has suffered. I did like, like so many other businesses have suffered.

I mean, this is the tragedy of it all. I mean, it's,

I didn't really wanna be proven right. In all honesty, like I would have been the first one to stand up on a, on a box and say, you know, thank God I was wrong.

Yeah,

me too. But, you know, I've, I've had, I've had people, you know, bar me up in the pub, say, oh, what's it feel like?

Oh, do you feel good? You know, you're being vindicated. I say, well, actually it doesn't, you know, like, like it doesn't feel good. Like it's not a, it's not a, it's not the best feeling at all. Another strange thing, I get people coming to, I've had different people come into the pub, they'll come up to me, I'll be just sitting there.

They'll come up and they'll say, Oh, I'm an atheist. And I'll say, Oh, that's up to you. And, and they'll say something like, Oh, you, you believe in God and all this sort of thing. And I'll say, well, I said, well, I don't actually believe. I say, there's a difference between believing and knowing something. And they go, Oh, yeah, yeah, carry on.

And I say, well, just have a look around you. It, everything you see has come from creation, like whether it's a bottle of paper, an ashtray, anything like it's, it has creation. And I'll say, you can debunk me. Just give me one example, anything at all. They have nothing creating something. And they, they, they look at you.

Well, obviously we've been created like with nothing. We didn't come from nothing. We're creation. We're, we're creators. It's like, Oh, it's, it's quite funny watching some people's reactions. I'm going to get the shit some, you know, but they can't answer it. No one ever will.

How about a stack of aphias asked me to pray for him.

Yeah, we've, we've actually got, um, we've got these, we have these, I don't know if you can read that, but, um, you say that, yeah, this is in a pub. So this lovely lady door, Donald, she's a lovely lady. Don't take me a couple of years ago for an husband. And she asked if she could put those in the pub. I said, yeah, a hundred percent.

And when we first put them in people, Oh, what's your, you know, like, you know, it's typical, you know, what's, what's something like that doing in a hotel. Now we get people come in, they'll pick them up. They go and sit at the table, you know, wait for their dinner. They read them, you know, mine as moms and dads, teenagers, actually they'll pick, pick those stories.

And so the same with the light magazine, when we first put that. That end of the hotel, people walk up, they go, Oh, what's this? And then they throw it back down in horror, like, Oh, now,

now I'm struggling to keep up with them. Like, people go, Oh, have you got another one of those? You, they take them to the table.

They read them. It's certainly changed. It's changing for the better.

I remember the first night that I spoke in your beer garden and I turned it into a sermon and I prayed at the end and then I asked, I asked all them in to come forward, you probably remember, and, uh, just stand in the breach, you know, and there were half a dozen miners up the back having a cigarette and a, and a drink.

Having a fade and I was sort of making fun of me while I was talking when I did the three of those guys came up, it was, it was an amazing moment. It was a really amazing moment and I'll never forget it. But, um, I think, I think on that note, uh, Brad, we should close it with a prayer. You happy for us to do that?

Yeah, I'm happy. Woody. I'm always happy. Great to talk to you.

Dear Lord, Father in heaven, we thank you for people like Brad. We thank you for people who have a staunch belief in their country and they have a staunch belief in you. And we thank you, Lord, that you're in control of all this rubbish and that eventually it will be sorted out to your satisfaction, which will be ultimately our satisfaction.

In the meantime, we just pray for those who are injured, who are losing loved ones, who are grieving and those who, uh, in palliative care wards around the country. Father bless them, keep them and give them hope is our prayer. In Jesus name. Amen. Donny Lardy, you've often been heard to say, you just couldn't make this stuff up.

You couldn't make this stuff up, Brad. It was great having you on again, mate. Thanks for all your love and support over the years. And, uh, uh, you wanted the unsung heroes is a whole heap of them. And you've helped me realize that the spirit of Australia is a long way from dead. So we thank you for it.

Appreciate it, Woody. And same to you guys. Always great to talk to you and hopefully we'll get to catch up again soon.

Thanks, mate. Stay out of the trees, everyone. If you love somebody and you haven't told them, please call them and tell them. You may just save their life. God bless you. We'll see you on Club Grubbery again tomorrow night.

Bye for now. Take care. Go the Blues.