

Club Grubbery - Raw transcript of interview:

2024-06-28 – Club Grubbery – Graham and John speak with Kym Staton after the release of Assange...

We'll get everyone Club Grubbery happening on Friday, the 28th of June, 2024, and a really good show tonight. It's going to be a little bit disjointed. Firstly, we want to welcome Kim Staten, who must be feeling pretty ecstatic at the moment because the man over his shoulder is free and in Australia, and it couldn't get better than that, Kim.

Yeah, this is extraordinary news this week. All of a sudden, this incredible peace activist, truth seeker. Uh, award winning journalist who's been in Belmarsh prison for more than five years, was all of a sudden, uh, granted a pardon deal. And he's in Australia. He's, he's here. He's free. It's, it's just astounding.

I'm still getting used to it.

Wonderful news. And coming to us live from, uh, I think it's the entertainment center in Sydney. Is that right, boys? International convention center. Yes, mate. It's very close. Very close. And, uh, Johnny Larder and Tony Nikolic, the, uh, dynamic duo, with the man himself over the background, Tucker Carlson.

You're about to go in and see him, I think, for the 50th time, aren't you?

Yeah. We've got a, uh, Frequent flyer pass, I think, haven't we, Tony? Yeah, we have, yeah. VIPs. Right.

Well, we won't, we won't keep you guys for too long, but Johnny, it's been another pivotal day for you today. Uh, we've seen a lot of victory this week, um, in particular, Tucker Carlson packing out stadiums wherever he goes, uh, despite the mainstream media saying mediocre crowds in attendance.

We've witnessed him, uh, tear Canberra, which was pretty to watch. Actually, it was quite embarrassing. Uh, it was quite embarrassing to see just how low our mainstream media have sunk. And of course, we're going to be discussing that with, uh, with Kim very shortly, because that's pivotal to everything he's been doing.

But, uh, some, uh, while we've had victories in, in, uh, getting Tucker here, and we've got Kim on the line with, uh, with Julian home, it hasn't been an all out flash day for the Lada family, John.

No, look, Woody, we've, we've had a couple of setbacks. We've been in the Industrial Relations Commission today, and, uh, Uh, Commissioner O'Sullivan has dismissed both Caitlin's and mine matter, uh, and said that we can't go back to work, uh, which we will appeal, uh, Tony, uh, Tony will, uh, be leading that charge, won't you Tony?

Yes. Yes, absolutely. Um, and, uh, Shane Prince, senior counsel, uh, with Steve Kelly as well and Tammy Wine. Uh, look, it, words escape me, uh, Woody, you know, I, uh, Alan Jones sent me a text this afternoon and said it's a bloody disgrace. Uh, and I think that about sums it up. It is a bloody disgrace. Uh, they're, they're absolutely on another planet, these people.

Uh, this bloke, this commissioner, he wouldn't even look us in the eye. You, you could see. Uh, there was an awkwardness, uh, in the delivery, he just gave his decision on Caitlin's matter and then went into the back, back room and it was done and dusted and I don't know. The law, the law needs reform in Australia, uh, Woody, it's, it's not good.

Tony, you've, um, you've been in these battles so many times and you've seen a lot of setbacks. You put in tireless efforts. You must have been disappointed today because I know you were feeling pretty confident going in.

Yeah, look, we're always, um, it's always a setback when you do it and I think in addition to that, when we do get them on the ropes, they settle and then no one gets to see the victory if that makes any sense to you.

But one thing, if I could just take this moment to say one thing with, you know, with respect to the show you've got going here and especially with Kim. Thank you. Um, if you say, you know, not only have we written about whistleblowers and supporting whistleblowers for well over 12, 12 or 14 years, I used to go to those rallies here in Sydney and continued to go until Julian and congratulations to Julian and his team.

I'm affiliated and know Jen Robinson. Um, many years ago, I think 10, 12 years ago, we were. Talking and going out and things like that. She's a lovely, lovely and very super intelligent. But the reason I'm saying that to you is this is she's the epitome of what it is to be a lawyer against the machine. If you keep chipping away and that's what we're doing.

If you keep chipping away, you hold the line, you stand firm. Corinthians 15:58 even says that stand firm. It will provide. And what we've seen here with Julian getting out really is testimony to the fact of what it means to hold a line.

Look, it really does and that's going to be the continued motto because it ain't over till the fat lawyer sings Tony and no, uh, irreverence

to you.

Oh

mate, I'm doing all right at the

moment.

I know you are, but look, um, another setback, but you know, what amazes me about the man standing next to you, Johnny Lada, is today when he rang and told me the news, he was sort of giggling and chuckling. But he said, I'm really worried about Tony because Tony, this hit Tony pretty hard and he was concerned about you, which says, which says a lot about the man that we all know and love, Johnny Lada.

Yeah, yeah, mate. Look, we're always in the, in the fight, mate. No one goes out there. I think, you know, we're putting our heart and soul in this and sometimes, and again, let's, let's take it back to what Jen Robinson has been doing, you know, for the last 10 or so years. Step back after, step back after, but if you sit there and you just keep going, we'll win.

I've got no, I've got no doubt that's going to happen, Woody, but I just think that holding the line with such great people, that's what gets me. And when they go down, I go down, you see, and that's what hurts me. Yeah. That's what hurts me.

Well, we've won anyway. I mean, because we've got integrity. We've, we've, we've been honest.

We've been truthful to the people of Australia. All we want to do is serve them. Uh, and what is being, uh, you know, pushed out on us is absolutely disgraceful. I mean, all they're doing is putting the public at risk. Uh, they're, they're not, they're not serving their communities and they're, they're dreadful people.

And I just can't understand it. It makes no sense to me. It just lacks common sense and, and, and, you know, the fact that we've got great people like Tony, um, in, in the battle with us just makes it all the more, um, important that we keep, keep going forward with this hoodie. I, I mean, I'm not going to stop. I know you're not, I know Tony's not, Steve Kelly's not, Shane Prince is not going to stop.

We're going to, uh, we're going to take these people to the appeal court because what they did today was an absolute disgrace. Uh, it was a disgrace to the people of New South Wales and it's a disgrace to the people of Australia. Uh, but what's going on in the background with, with, uh, the efforts of Kim and many others in regards to Julian demonstrates that we can

succeed.

Yeah, absolutely. Absolutely. And a part of it today, Woody, was it was found to be unjust dismissal for John. So it was found to be unjust. But not harsh and procedural fairness is followed. We obviously disagree. We'll take that to the appeals court. We'll take it from there.

Well, look, my one comment from me is that I know from talking to both of you that you were encouraged by the judge's remarks and the way he conducted the case previously.

In the last 18 months, you were You were very encouraged and you thought today was going to be a better day. The fact that he was encouraging and then he comes out and delivers his verdict and he can't even look at you and he walks back in. Is it presumptuous of me to say that something may have tapped him on the shoulder or is that really stretching the bar a bit too far?

Well, I'll answer that, uh, Hoody. I don't want to put Tony on the spot. But look, his body language said a lot of things today. Uh, I, I got the impression all along that he was very, uh, he was listening. He was taking note of what we were saying. He, he was, uh, uh, Certainly, uh, demonstrated that, uh, he was aware of, of the impact that, that, that it was having on the community on, and on us.

Um, but here we end up with another outrageous decision. Um, very light on, uh, on information. Um, I don't know. I mean, people can draw their own conclusions. Um, you know, whether these people have been touched on the shoulder, I don't know. I mean, I, I'm of the view that the, uh, The judiciaries, uh, and the judicial system is being politicized across the sector.

And this is just another bad example of, of, of it being, um, you know, abused and the process being abused. I mean, You know, we all love the movie, The Castle, and, and look, this was no different. I mean, the circumstances might have been a bit, a bit different, but look, I mean, all I'm doing, I'm just a paramedic that wants to go back to work to save people's lives.

Caitlin's the same. There's thousands of other people, whether they be police, Justin Poole, a police officer that just wants to go back to work and serve their communities. I mean, it's an outrage hooding. Well, there's

thousands of people here, Woody, and um, I would say thousands, wouldn't you? Yeah, and we're walking out there, Woody, and I can tell you one thing, they're all saying, whoever said this wasn't coercion or, you know, they, they didn't force us to do something, they've got to be kidding, because we're running into paramedics, we're running into emergency physicians, we're running into former police officers, former AFP, BM, you know, previously, you know, Prime Minister's go.

It's, it's not the way it was, but anyway, look, like, like, like they did with Julian, we got to do the same. We got to hold the line and just keep the fight.

All

right. Well, I'll let you guys go, but, uh, interesting. I was talking to Professor Gigi Foster this evening. Uh, she's appearing on the spotlight show on, uh, on channel seven on Sunday night.

It has been pre recorded. She shared a panel with a couple of uh, notable

uh, scientists who were supporting

mandates and Anastasia Palaszczuk and um, she said if it wasn't for the audience, it was a one sided show, but the audience apparently gave them heaps. So I'm really looking forward to it. Yeah, it's turning.

It's turning, Hootie. Well,

and the same thing happened today, Hootie. I was listening to Ray Hadley's program on the way down to the court. Yeah. Uh, he had a fill in John Stanley and Terry chant was on there, uh, giving a verbal diarrhea as usual. And the, the, the listeners were ringing in and they were fed up with a hoodie that that had enough.

Yeah. Enough's enough. Anyhow, boys, better let you grow out. Listen,

tell

Tucker. Tell Tucker I'm really sorry that we haven't responded to his request for interviews. I would have been a bit snowed under. We'll let him

know. We'll try and catch, we'll try and catch Ralph on his way through, see if he can hook us up with something.

Yeah, right. Right, yeah, good on ya. Um, Sonny Lardy, you've often been heard to say. You just couldn't make this stuff up. You couldn't, and uh, Tony Nikolic, you've often been heard to say.

Hold the line, everyone. Just hold the line.

Hold the line. God bless you, boys. Have a great night. We'll see you back on Club Grubbery soon.

Bless you, guys. Take care. Take care, Kim. Good work. Good on you, Kim.

You too, guys. Thanks.

See you, guys. All right. Thanks for that, Kim. I know that we've got an awful lot to talk about. There's a lot of great things happening as the boys bail out and go into the show. But, uh, firstly, congratulations, mate. Um, a lot of people have put a lot of effort into this and there are some people taking more credit than others.

And that's, I mean, it doesn't matter. Julian's free. And, uh, everybody played a part, but you played an enormous part and, uh, you are to be congratulated for your tenacity.

Yeah, that's right, Hootie. Um, you know, this is, uh, a campaign of perhaps something like a million people. It's hard to quantify, but, uh, you know, it's the, this, uh, Outcome this incredible, uh, moment of, uh, in history where the most consequential journalists of the modern era is, is freed, uh, is a combination of, of, uh, legal battles, diplomacy, politics.

Um, but. Most of all, in my opinion, is the grassroots campaigns, people that have been out there, you know, for example, down in Melbourne, Flinders Street Station, uh, every Friday night, year in, year out, Sydney, you know, they've had, I think, hundreds of vigils there where they just Uh, give speeches, hand out flyers when, when all of those efforts are combined all around the world in many cities and, uh, you know, thousands and hundreds of thousands, perhaps a million people, it all adds up and, you know, we're all like a drop in the ocean, but when all those drops combine, it becomes a tsunami of change.

And that's what occurred. And we're going to go into that. I've actually downloaded all the interesting videos to tell the story of how all of this came about. Uh, it's so exciting to, to revisit. I'm sure a lot of people have seen some of the footage. Um, perhaps there's some they haven't seen. And, uh, if you can turn on the sharing, I'll, I'll speak to them.

Take you through it. And we can, uh, we can kind of react and discuss, uh, all these, all these exciting moments as, as it progressed just over so quickly over a couple of days from Tuesday morning onwards. Right. And I can't wait to see it. The screen's yours. Great. All right. Well, you know, as, as far as, as, as I feel it was, uh, it started, you know, with.

Stella and Stella Assange, Julian's wife and Kristen releasing this YouTube video out of the blue. Uh, let's see what they had to say. And Stella and Kristen are standing outside Belmarsh prison. So they've obviously, uh, had a visit there. Um, nothing unusual considering the length of time that this has been going on.

And Julian was in the prison for more than five years. So let's have a listen.

It's Wednesday, the 19th of June and It's exactly 12 years today since Julian went into the Embassy of Ecuador, which granted him political asylum. Protection from persecution, from torture, from a life imprisonment, of imprisonment, and 12 years on, I'm visiting Julian in a high security prison, but this This period of our lives, I'm confident now, has come to an end, and I think that by this time next week, Julian will be free.

I just came out of Belmar's prison, and what I have hoped It's my last visit to see Julian here in this prison where he spent five years, two months, and two weeks. And if you're seeing this, it means he is out.

Things are moving very quickly, and it's very difficult for us to plan or even play out the next few hours and days.

Uh, but if everything goes well, Julian will be on a plane. On the way to freedom,

the cost of Julian, of course, has been to be deprived of freedom for all these years in the battle for journalistic freedom, freedom to publish foundation of democracy

throughout the years of Julian's imprisonment. and persecution, an incredible movement has been formed.

A movement of people from all walks of life, from around the world, who support not just Julian, and not just us and our family, but what Julian stands for, truth and justice. We still need your help. What starts now with Julian's freedom is a new chapter.

I can say in earnest that without your support, this would have never, never materialized.

This important day of joy, the day of Julian's freedom. So thank you so much.

This new chapter in Julian and our lives. Uh, we ask for your support as well. Uh, in the coming hours, we intend to start a, an emergency fund for Julian's health and recovery. I ask if you can please contribute and help us into this new phase, uh, of Julian's freedom.

Wow.

So they actually pre recorded that, that video and they dropped it on, I think it was Tuesday morning pretty much in, uh, simultaneously with this incredible video, which was just a huge surprise to basically most of 99. 99 percent of the world. Uh, and I think it was because, you know, they recorded that on the 19th, uh, and I think they waited that week to, to just make sure that it was really going to happen, um, because all the way through this, uh, saga, it's, there's been so many ups and downs and, uh, And, and, you know, false hopes.

And I think they didn't want to have another one of those. So they, they wanted to sort of document what had happened, but, but not to put it out there until they knew for sure that it was going to come through. Um, so the next video is, is really what, um, Surprised everybody on Tuesday morning, uh, all of a sudden and, and just really blew everyone's minds.

Uh, this, this amazing scenery. Let's have a look. Uh, what was posted on the WikiLeaks website Tuesday morning, uh, something like, uh, uh, eight, 8. 00 AM, uh, Australia time. So,

Very short video. Um, and it was accompanied by, uh, well, not a tweet. What do they call it these days? An X. Um, you know, it was just accompanied by the simple words. Julian is free. Um, and personally for me, you know, it's been, uh, three years of, of full time work on this campaign, not as anywhere near as long as many people.

Um, but you know, I've got into this routine of campaigning for Julian on a daily basis. Um, Uh, eight to 10 to 12 hours, sometimes 14 hours a day. And, you know, the first thing I do every morning is get up and check the news and see, see what's the latest on Julian. But on this day, um, we just happened to be traveling to Canberra, Natalia Mignogna, the co producer of the film.

And I, because we were showing, uh, the, the, the National Film and Sound Archive was showing the trustful, uh, With some MPs on the panel, including Andrew Wilkie, and we, we traveled down to, to, you know, introduce the film and be on the panel. So we're in the car. My phone starts going crazy. Every app is going off all at once.

And the inbox is filling up and And, you know, the first message I got was, is it true and I knew exactly what they were talking about and there was, you know, it was headlines. It was mainstream media headlines saying, you know, plea deal Julian to be freed. And, you know, of course, my I've trained myself for many years now as, as you would to, to be cynical of the mainstream news.

I mean, the fact is mainstream news is usually inaccurate. Right. Um, and that's the whole reason why we needed WikiLeaks in the first place in 2006 was because, uh, the mainstream news was full of lies and they were creating wars using lies. Um, and you know, that's still going on, but anyway, I saw those headlines and my first instinct was, uh, you know, Don't get your hopes up.

It's probably an exaggeration of a false rumor, something like that. They've whipped it up, um, and, and they've been, um, sort of passing around this idea of a plea deal for maybe about nine months or even a year. Now it's been something that has been suggested. Um, so after about half an hour that then I sort of come across that video.

Uh, I think it was an, a news report, a mainstream news report. And they're saying, um, You know, breaking news. Julian Assange has, uh, been given a plea deal, a plea bargain, and to be freed. Um, and now let's have a look at this video by WikiLeaks, which is the video I just showed you. Uh, and you know, when I heard this mainstream news reader say, make that statement, here's a video from WikiLeaks.

It just suddenly hit me. You know, WikiLeaks is back. WikiLeaks is the source of the news here. On a big major news platform. Um, and then watching that video, of course, um, you know, it was, was just astounding to see, um, you know, let's, let's have a, have a look again. I just can't, can't believe this video.

It's, it's just so incredible just to see Julian, um, actually, you know, sitting there. He hasn't been seen for five years.

Amazing. He's looking very, very well. He's looking a lot better than I thought he would.

Yeah, that's it. You know, um, he's suffered various health consequences in including a mini stroke.

And so to see the first images of him for five years, you know, that's one of the methods of separating him from the outside world. And, you know, Uh, and, and sort of making him invisible and irrelevant was just that they wouldn't allow anyone to take any photos. And so, uh, to see him, um, you know, walking, looking fairly energetic, uh, you know, walking up the steps without tripping and like, like Joe Biden does it pretty much every time.

Uh, it was just. It's amazing to see and, uh, and you know, there he is in the flesh and also notably he's not in handcuffs. He's not being escorted to the plane. So suddenly there's this, uh, surprise of this, this, uh, question of what's going on. Uh, he actually looks to be a free man. And so it, it was throughout the day that it sort of came to be, um, established that, um, basically there was a plea deal made.

And they chartered an aircraft, hired a plane to fly to an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean in a country called Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands, which is a U. S. jurisdiction. Um, to to basically have this final hearing for a deal that it had already been made. Um so they're on the way in the plane.

Um the the hearing is scheduled for the next morning and uh everything just looks to be that um you know the plea deal is gonna going to go ahead and he's going to be freed. Um the next video that was um let's have a look at Was just basically a development on on the previous one where we see Julian in the plane.

Yeah.

Coming into Bangkok.

Yeah, that's right.

Well, it's hard to imagine what he must be thinking. It must all feel surreal.

Yeah, you know, I think he would have had incredible sensory deprivation, 22 hours a day in a six meter square cell, solitary confinement.

Wow.

And you know, just this being able to move around and, Be out in the world and just be going somewhere.

Meeting people and having conversations. So that was just astounding footage to see. And then

the third video,

uh,

was just, you know, him looking out the window.

Hang on, I think I've got it. Not shared that the right way. Let's try that again.

So good.

So good.

Now it seems, it seems that this all took a lot of people by surprise.

Yeah, it, it was very much kept under wraps and as I was saying, I think, uh, you know, I, I spoke to a few MPs at the press conference, uh, on, on Thursday night, Wednesday night, um, after he arrived into Canberra, Wednesday night, uh, in Canberra press conference there.

And there was an, some MPs, I spoke to David Shoebridge and a few others, and, uh, they said they sort of had, had a bit of a. An idea of it, it was sort of a rumor, um, started to spread, um, I guess about a week earlier, uh, but yeah, they very much kept it under wraps and, and, uh, from what I've heard, it did happen all of a sudden it was, uh, the, the turning point as I understand was, um, about six weeks ago when that appeal was allowed.

Um, the appeal that was scheduled to happen 9th and 10th of July, where, uh, Assange's defense would be able to, uh, appeal the extradition on the grounds of, you know, that he would be prejudiced against, um, as, as a Australian being tried in the U. S. Um, you know that his, uh, access to the freedom of speech rules under the, um, European conventional human rights, um, may be compromised and so on.

And, uh, that was a turning point in, in this whole saga is that, um, when that, um, Appeal was allowed. Um, I think it may, it may have been that the U S realized that, uh, they were losing the battle. Um, there was a chance that they were basically going to lose in the courts. Um, so that made them more open to the, the, uh, making the plea deal.

Um, and, you know, this was incredibly exciting news. Um, but also there was a, a slight sense of, you know, still some remaining injustice. Uh, on the legal side because I think me and myself, like many supporters really wanted to see him have a complete pardon. And that's still something that I think they will.

Well, they actually mentioned in the press conference on Wednesday night that they'll be At some point pursuing, um, but, uh, you know, there's two sides to this, you know, Julian, as a human being, a father, a man, uh, is, you know, we, we can't, we just must be overjoyed that he is free, um, especially from a health perspective with his health, health in jeopardy.

He's growing up without, uh, you know, his boys are growing out up without a father. Uh, and, and his future looks, uh, even more grim if he's extradited to the US and, um, put under Sam's special administrative, uh, measures with a potential 175 year prison sentence. So for, you know, it's, it's a massive victory on that side.

Um, it's, you know, when you have two sides, you've got this, the biggest empire that's ever existed. On one side, the US government and then the other side, you've got Julian Assange and the people that support him, um, the many supporters and those two sides are coming up against each other. And the support for Julian is constantly growing and day by day, um, through all the awareness, through the grassroots campaigns, through books, through films, um, that educational, uh, um, um, activism that's spreading around.

And I think that. awareness by the Australian government, the UK government and the US government that, uh, this public understanding was growing, this weight of public opinion was reaching a tipping point. And so a combination of the legal side, plus that growing sense of outrage from the public basically forced their hand.

And, um, you know, it wasn't a complete pardon, but it was basically an 18 count indictment comes down to a one count prosecution. Julian being, you know, basically, uh, a brave David taking on a Goliath of an empire, uh, with the help of the people, um, you know, comes out with, with basically a win against this empire.

Um, it's, it's really, it is very much a victory and that. That, uh, that one count, uh, of, of, uh, of a conviction can certainly be appealed and, uh, at a later date. So, you know, this is, this is an incredible outcome all in all, all things considered.

Look, it really is. And, and I know you haven't spoken to Julian yourself yet, but have you been in touch with Stella at all?

And do you know if they, if they are reunited or is she still on her way to Australia?

Um, well then the next thing that happened, of course he landed in Canberra. So we can have, watch a video of that. And, um, You know, the, as I said, we were, we were in Canberra the day prior and we just ended up extending our stay when we heard that that's where it was landing.

We thought it might be Canberra, which they apparently did that so that Stella and Jennifer Robinson could meet with, um, the parliamentary friends of Assange group, um, and, you know, um, give Penny Wong a nice, uh, Photo opportunity and so on. Um, so they, they, they were coming into Canberra. Um, and we were told that



they would land at the RAAF base, which is it's at Canberra international airport, but it's the other side of the airport, um, tucked away and that, that wasn't made public.

Um, but, uh, nevertheless, uh, around 50 people turned up to watch the plane come down and watch Julian, um, come out of the plane. And, uh, and we were there and Natalia and I were one of those few people that got to see it. Most of them were photographers doing the live streaming and really just a handful of supporters that, um, knew, knew that there was a chance to watch this momentous, historical, uh, incredible So, uh, let's, let's have a look at that now.

Which, you know, this footage obviously went viral all around the world. Of course, um, on every, every single news channel that that exists, I believe. Can we see that? Yeah. Yeah,

he punched the air.

Wow, what a moment.

That's on your camera.

No, this is a news clip. I was live streaming, but, um, my camera, I just had my phone, it doesn't zoom in, so you get a much better look through the, um, news footage. Yeah. I don't think we'll be staying next to this for very long telegraphic things.

Wow.

Wow.

Oh

yeah.

So good.

So you see the emotion. I mean, it's, it's just what a moment. And it was so special to be there. It was a freezing cold night in Canberra, um, probably zero degrees, but we couldn't feel any of the cold. We were just so excited. When he stepped out of the plane, I just, I love how the first thing you see, you see his head and then his fist comes out and that, that pose, which is, you know, that solidarity pose, which is, um, is something that's been passed around since the beginning of this persecution, you know, from when he, uh, was at the embassy and giving speeches on the balcony and, uh, when they chucked him into a police lorry and, and took him off to Belmarsh, um, You know, so he steps out of the plane defiant, he's, um, just, you can see that he's so excited and happy and, and then embraces his wife, picks her up off the ground, um, in a show of strength and excitement and jubilation and then gives his father a big hug and, you know, you can see the emotion, they're all, they're all, the tears are pouring down and, and so we're standing, um, nearby watching it all and, um, Um, all the cameras flashing and people cheering and then Julian waves to everyone, does two thumbs up.

Um, he he's really pleased that there's people there to, to, uh, welcome him. And, uh, and he's just so happy to be home. Um, so at that point they went off to the press conference and, uh, and we managed to get ourselves into the, into the, um, the, the, the press conference. Nearby. And that was another happening.

I mean, there was probably 300 people there. Um, the, the lobby was packed with, um, just people with, I think a lot of, uh, mobile phone footage was taken in there. Um, and we managed to get ourselves into the proper press conference at the, the back room, uh, completely full. It was like a mosh pit. Everyone was jostling for position.

Uh, I think I've got a little bit of a video of that as well. Let's have a look. Um, and, and of course it was, you know, lovely statements at that press conference. Uh, actually, I think I forgot to bring that down. Sorry, but, um, yeah, I'll, I'll just describe it a bit more. It was, um, you know, just full up and there was people trying to get in.

They get a bit aggressive. These, these journalists and cameramen trying to get the shot and people are literally trying to push their way into the room and the security on the door were pushing them back and Stella and Jen trying to talk over it. So it was quite mayhem. Um, you know, you can go and what people can go and watch that, that press conference.

Um, I think the most powerful thing said at that That conference was from Stella and she just said somebody, one of the journalists asks, um, you know, what, what's Julian going to do tomorrow or something like that. And now that he's free and, and, and Stella said, he's going to go for a swim in the ocean every day and sleep in a real bed.

You know, just those basic things. That that we take for granted. Um, so that was a really intense conference that, um, you know, some, some powerful words spoken. Um, but you know, the, the mood of that was celebration. Um, the, the journalists were asking all sorts of questions about what's next and so on, but they really just wanted to celebrate because it's been so long building up to this moment.

And, uh, and so there was very much an air of, of, uh, of a homecoming party. Julian didn't speak at the conference. Um, he hasn't yet done any, um, public speaking, any, any media, uh, conversation at all. Um, and then we've had a few updates from Stella, um, you know, just bits about, about how he's, uh, uh, discovering his newfound freedom and enjoying it.

I, I read something, or I think, I think it was an interview on, um, today's show, channel nine. Um, yesterday morning, she said Julian got up in the morning and he was, Just, uh, transfixed by the sunrise, just being able to see the horizon and he went, they went down to the, uh, to the buffet breakfast and he commented on the, the smell of coffee, I guess, uh, you know, decent coffee smells much better than the tin stuff at Belmarsh, um, and he, and he, and he also said that the, um, the, the bread That was really nice bread and then he spread it really thickly with butter.

So just those simple things, um, that he's now enjoying and it's, it's, it's incredible to imagine what it would be like for him, uh, after all those years of confinement.

I hate to, I almost hate to mention it, but I think it's worth mentioning, um, this week has seen Julian's arrival and Tucker Carlson.

Breaking all records in attendances for these kinds of events. And the people who've been wanting both to happen, a large number of them, uh, being very sceptical and making a lot of outrageous claims. That quite frankly just sickened me, to be honest with you. And, uh, I don't know whether you've been over some of these claims or not, but even some of the influencers who were pushing for Julian's release.

joining the bandwagon. And, uh, I think this country needs to take stock of itself. We really, really do. We've got to stop vilifying and turning, turning decent people into demons. We've got to stop this ongoing nonstop unhealthy skepticism. Because there is still good in the world and we've got to capitalize on those things.

And I don't know how you feel about it, whether you've seen it or not, but I can't begin to imagine what that might be like for Julian if he ever gets a glimpse of that. Because I think it's just downright, it's downright cruel and it's stupid. It's absolutely stupid and people need to take stock of themselves.

Yeah, well, look, unfortunately, social media just gives every single person a platform and sometimes the most ridiculous statements get a lot of reach and, and, you know, this is also an age, this is a sort of a post WikiLeaks age we're living in because they, uh, the U. S. and its allies, you know, undermine and destroy All virtually destroyed.

Wikileaks put them to a standstill for all of those years from 2020. Well, 2011, it started to make an impact. And then from around 2017, barely any releases were possible because they're allocating all their resources to getting their founder out of prison. And so, you know, if, you know, what happened then when Wikileaks was undermined is that That you, there's no source of independent news, all of these, um, sort of uncensored platforms like rumble and bit shoots start to flourish.

Um, but then all of these conspiracy theories are rampant that, uh, and I'm not talking about the conspiracy theories that, that end up being true, but all of the. All of the ridiculous delusional stuff and yeah, there's plenty of that around Assange and it's all, you know, just nonsense people don't have any common sense.

Um, and, and all of these, you know, ridiculous imaginings of delusional people sort of take flight over the, over the, uh, over the interwebs. Um, but you know, I, I'm looking forward to a world where, uh, hopefully if, if, if it's possible now that Julian's free, that, um, WikiLeaks can allocate. Those resources back into, um, resuming their work as, as publishers and, uh, and take their place again as the, as the leading publisher of real information in the world.

Um, it was fascinating aspect of it with this, uh, repatriation flight, the Australian government put up the funds for that. The higher of that chartered jet, it costs something like, uh, 750, 000 Australian dollars. And then as you heard in that very first video, they, the WikiLeaks team had to recoup those funds because they got a massive bill from the Australian government.

Um, and, uh, they were able to raise those funds within just a couple of days. Um, actually they went past the budget. I believe, um, if, if the, what the news I read was correct because someone came and did a massive Bitcoin donation. Um, so, you know, that's, that's a show of the potential that Wikileaks now has, um, after Julian's freedom to raise funds, uh, to, to, you know, Once now that the expense of the aircraft is covered, they can allocate funds to Julian's, uh, recuperation so he can get his health back.

Um, but then perhaps down the track, they'll be able to quite soon allocate funds towards resuming their work and putting out leaks and imagine what, what they can uncover in this, in this terrible age we're living in where there's so much conflict and lies in the world. Um, I'm really excited about that, you know, with.

As I said, when I saw the mainstream news referring to a WikiLeaks video, I just had this sense WikiLeaks is back in action. Um, and you know, whether it's Julian at the helm or whether Kristen Harfenson continues as editor in chief, I, I really feel positive about, um, what WikiLeaks can, can do now that they have, you know, can allocate funds, uh, towards the, the work that they originally planned to do.

And let's hope that that, that happens and let's support it when it does because journalism is at an all time low, you know, clearly shown in their press conference in Canberra with Tucker Carlson, um, journalism is, is completely shot in this country and at this moment in this country, we have two of the sharpest journalistic minds in the world in Assange and Carlson on our shores and we need a whole lot more of that in this country and around the world because journalism has gone down the path of, of, Total annihilation the way it's been run as there's just a few people who govern everything and they're going to be given a run for their money and we all want that to happen.

We all want it to happen.

Absolutely. I've got one more video to show everyone. It's, uh, it's, it's quite interesting to look at, um, you know, Anthony Albanese. A press conference after Julian's released, uh, after he lands in Canberra, um, you know, to see to what degree he sort of stakes a claim for his own efforts in it, um, and, and sort of takes credit for it.

Um, and, you know, I can share a few views on that and, and I'm sure you've got some as well. Absolutely. Let's look at the clip. Thank you.

Earlier tonight, but you probably knew this, Julian Assange was reunited with his family here in Australia. His arrival home ends a long running legal process. A plea agreement between Mr. Assange and the United States Department of Justice was accepted by a US court in Saipan earlier today. I do want to express my appreciation to the United States and the United Kingdom for their efforts in making this possible.

As Prime Minister, I have been very clear that regardless of what you think of his activities, Mr Assange's case had dragged on for far too long. I have clearly and consistently at every opportunity and at every level advocated for Mr. Assange's case to be concluded. I'm very pleased that this saga is over and earlier tonight, uh, I was pleased to speak with Mr.

Assange to welcome him home and had the opportunity to ask about his health. and to, uh, have, uh, my first, uh, discussion, uh, with him. His safe return to Australia, we know, means so much to his family. His wife, Stella, uh, his children, who he is looking forward to playing with, like any dad, and his parents, Christine and John.

There are a range of views about the actions of Mr. Assange. The Australian government feels strongly that the proper protection of all national security information is vital for safety. As I have said, both as Labour leader and as Prime Minister, there was nothing to be gained by the further incarceration of Mr Assange and we wanted him brought home.

Tonight that has happened. We have got this done. I also acknowledge the efforts of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, uh, my ministerial colleagues, Penny Wong, the Attorney General, and others. Other Australian officials who've worked tirelessly on this case, uh, particularly over the last couple of years.

In particular, I want to thank Ambassador Rudd and High Commissioner Stephen Smith, who traveled home to Australia with Mr. Assange. We'll have meetings about AUKUS and other arrangements over the coming days as well. Uh, they worked with his legal team to facilitate a very smooth journey. This is the culmination of careful, patient, and determined advocacy, work that I am very proud of.

It is yet another example of why mature, calibrated, and consistent engagement with our partners is the best way to get results. in Australia's national interest.

What do you make of that?

I'm glad John Larder's not on the screen at the moment. Um, your partners, Mr. Albanese were plotting to kill Julian Assange. Mike Pompeo was plotting to kill Julian Assange and he's still walking free. Our partners stink, to be honest with you. Uh, our partners stink to the core.

And how we can hold our heads up with any moral authority in this world is beyond me. I mean, I am just flabbergasted by those remarks. It's grassroots people that got him home. And where were, where were the mainstream media? Where were Channel 9 and Channel 7 and the ABC when all this was going down?

Not a whimper. And now they're all over it. And these politicians. Where was Rudd when Assange was needing him as Prime Minister? And now he's riding the plane home. Mate, I could go on for hours, and I won't, but I think you should have a say.

Yeah, well, you know, this is, uh, he gets up there and gives this press conference and, and really pats himself on the back and Penny Wong and the team, uh, which it's not appropriate because.

Uh, it, it took them so long, uh, it took Albanese six months to go from being prime minister to, to, to actually backing up the quote that he'd made the enough is enough. Uh, and then he's still dancing on the fence with, um, sort of pacifying his US puppet masters with these, these sort of statements of enough is enough.

There's no point, you know, and then that, that line about no matter where you, you know, if you don't agree with the sign sort of thing, um, that you don't agree with the actions of Assange, no matter where you stand enough is enough. And it sort of, it just automatically implies that it was okay for, for a journalist to be in prison.

Um, so yeah, lots of, lots of, uh, points there where he's really just, um, walking along the fence trying to keep, keep both sides happy, uh, and then taking credit for it as well.

The other side of the coin is now David McBride is now locked up in prison for being a whistleblower for uncovering crimes that have been found to be, uh, have found to be true.

Um, the journalist who published the findings was given a, uh, uh, an honor. The, um, the soldiers involved were given honors and the whistleblower who highlighted the inconsistencies in the illegal activities of the Australian military was imprisoned. We have no moral authority, Kim. We don't have any moral authority.

And so now we, we need as a country. To stand up and get David McBride out of jail because he did what was right. He did what was morally right. And we've got to stop imprisoning people for standing in their truth and, and, and standing in their integrity on moral principles that our government just doesn't seem to be completely aware of.

I think that the Australian people are waking up. The last four years has woken up a lot of very carefully considered thinkers in this country. And, um, and there's a lot more to come. I think this government and any future government needs to completely rethink. They are illegal. In my opinion, they are immoral and illegal, and they shouldn't even be there.

Yeah, you're exactly right. And, you know, McBride is, is the glaringly obvious, um, hypocrisy here. Uh, you know, we, we featured McBride in the trust fall because we knew that he was in the midst of, um, trying to avoid prison time and now he's been sentenced to five years and eight months. He's the only one person that's been imprisoned in relation to those war crimes in the Afghan war.

It relates to Assange because Assange put out, uh, information in the Afghan war logs, including all of these, uh, you know, hundreds of unreported civilian deaths. Um, McBride must've been over the moon to get that news. I think it would have given him a little bit of hope to know that Assange got free. Um, yeah, it's, I think the

beauty of Assange being free now, giving WikiLeaks a stronger foundation, I, I would back it all the way to London that, um, that WikiLeaks will be pouring a lot of effort into the, into the David McBride situation.

I hope so. And they should. And, you know, uh, that's, that's really, I think the next most, uh, relevant battle apart from the, obviously the, uh, atrocities in Gaza, um, and, and, you know, uh, other conflicts. It's, yeah, McBride shouldn't be in there. Um, And, uh, I guess we can, we can just, you know, get a sense of maybe this is the beginning of, of a shift.

Um, obviously Australian people are waking up. Um, I, I, I, I worry that this sort of political sort of, uh, almost like brainwashing when they do these, um, press conferences and then all the mainstream channels suddenly cover it. As you said, they've never covered it before. And then it's all over the news as if it does give a sense as if.

Everything's okay. Justice has been done. Um, but yeah, McBride's still in prison. Snowden's still in exile. Over 500 journalists in prison around the world for their work. Assange has a conviction or two convictions. He's, he's a convicted felon. He needs to be completely pardoned. Uh, he should be, you know, given the Nobel prize and, and he should become the next prime minister of Australia.

Well, look, the real, the real journalists are the ones who've been persecuted for doing what journalists are meant to do, and that's stand up for the people and hold governments to account. And that's what Assange has done. And that's, that's, you know, that's why the journalists that you spoke of are in jail.

And the journalists who wander around today, reading cut and paste journalism handed to them by their boss before they go out in the car to the interview, um, they're not a journalist bootlace, those people. In fact, they're the antithesis of what journalism is all about. And, and, uh, I love the way Carlson, uh, addressed that in the press conference in, in the Hyatt hotel.

I think it was amazing. If you haven't seen that video, look at it. But he is a journalist and he holds a craft in disgust as it is, it is not a craft anymore. And it'll be interesting to watch the ABC's dealing with, um, this week's events on media watch because, uh, you know, they are meant to be holding journalism to account.

I wonder what standards I'll uphold in this coming Monday's episode. Not that I'm promoting it, but I do watch it because I actually featured on one of those myself. And, um, It was, it was rather interesting, but anyway, we'll see what happens. So where the, where the film, the trustful Julian Assange is concerned, you're still going to America with it.

Yeah, absolutely. You know, it's, it's, uh, I didn't think Julian would, would get free so soon. And so, uh, you know, it's, it's very sudden to change the context of the film. Um, we do intend to make some small updates to the film before it has its digital release. And, uh, uh, you know, I hadn't really thought about, um, how does, what's the role of the film once Julian is free?

Because we are so determined and focused on. That task at hand. And so it's, it's quite surreal that we're now, you know, we've achieved that goal. We've played a small part in that campaign and uh, you know, and my co producer Natalia and I, we've had a lot of discussions on that over the last few days. And, um, what we've realized is that all of this, uh, Media exposure of Julian's plea deal and freedom is going to open up this, this story to many, many people that wouldn't have otherwise taken an interest or bothered to look into it.

Um, so, uh, and, and, you know, the, some of the points we've touched on McBride, Snowden, Julian getting a pardon. Um, these are just some of the reasons that we need to keep educating, keep raising awareness. Uh, so, you know, the film is just as important as ever and maybe more important now, um, because the free speech battle goes on the, the, the battle for having a free press for having a transparency in the world, you know, ending wars through the access to truth is, uh, more important than ever.

And so basically the trust fall becomes a lesson now to, uh, to anyone that isn't aware and doesn't understand the Assange. Saga. Um, and, and also to the future generations to, uh, to look back in horror. Um, and you know, what we have to do through this film, putting it out to as many people as possible is make sure that this, uh, doesn't ever happen again, as far fetched as that may be.

Um, so yeah, it's coming out in us cinemas on the 17th of July. So only 19 days away now. Uh, there's some, it's really lovely to see there's a bunch of Australian cinemas, uh, Rebooking the film, so they've realized there's new interest and they're gonna show it again. And I'm really happy about that. Oh, that's great.

That's so good. I mean,

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that, yeah, sorry, go on.

The corruption that imprisoned Julian and McBride is still alive and flourishing around the world, and, and this movie puts a beautiful spotlight on that, as, as it must and should. I mean, yeah. It, it, it's, Julian's release is probably going to boost it even further.

Yeah, exactly. And, uh, you know, a documentary is meant to document something. It's not, it's not usually a documentary is not usually for a campaign. Uh, not always. I mean, it's often just showing something that's

happened. Um, so that's what it is now. And Stella was, um, really clear to say in the press conference on Wednesday night that, uh, Um, you know, we need to keep fighting on for free speech because, uh, you know, Julian is free.

Um, and if he decides to go back to work, or even if he doesn't, and if just Wikileaks continues, um, at a, at a stronger rate because of the ability to, um, Use funds for the original work that they intended. Uh, it's so important that, that we have a free press and they're still going to be going up against it.

Any journalist of worth that puts out truthful, powerful information, exposing crimes is going to go up against it. And now we do actually have in cement, this shocking precedent. Of Julian Assange being the first journalist to be actually prosecuted and convicted under the Espionage Act. So there's a battle there as well.

And these are just some of the ramifications, reasons why the film is more important than ever. It's just changed its context a little.

We live in interesting times. I watched the, uh, the real debate today with, um, the one that was set up by Elon Musk, where Robert F. Kennedy Jr. had to appear in a different studio, uh, because CNN now owned the rights to the presidential debates, believe it or not, and, uh, they're now going to sue Elon Musk for running the real debate because he wanted to include Robert Kennedy.

I spent the two hours watching that. It's two hours. I won't get back in a hurry. I've got to confess, but I know a lot of people value one candidate out of the two. Uh, much more highly than the other, but I've got to say that both performed pretty badly today. In my books, they, um, they, all I did was spend two hours calling each other lies and insulting one another.

And then arguing, would you believe over who had the best golf handicap?

Nonsense. It's absurd. You know,

nonsense. I've got to tell you, the winner of the debate today was Robert Kennedy. The only sensible commentary for the whole two hours came out of his mouth. And sadly, sadly, he won't get a, he won't get a shoe in, obviously, because the system won't let him.

And sadly, again, Kim Staten, if he does, he will probably go the way of his father and his uncle, because the things he said today puts the military and the, um, The, uh, the, the, um, the CIA and the various other organizations around counter espionage and intelligence, forgive the pun, uh, put him firmly in the spotlight because he is a threat to them.

And that's what happened to his father and his uncle. So, uh, interesting times.

Yeah, it's just this ongoing battle of, uh, you know, journalists and politicians that have ethics and have morals and, uh, trying to get the truth out, trying to, you know, do the right thing and, and the, you know, the, the awareness of the people, which is a, an ongoing growing thing, um, but, you know, the, the hegemony trying to suppress that, uh, trying to retain control, uh, control of the internet, censorship, control of the narrative.

Uh, all of these reasons why we need a watchdog press, we need leaks, we need to protect whistleblowers, we need a free press, we need Wikileaks, and we need people like Assange and many, many Assanges. Um, you know, so this is definitely a win. Um, to have Julian free, um, you know, because here, here he is with a potential to, to again, play some sort of role in the world, even if it's as, you know, just as a commentator or, uh, or a writer, uh, you know, just for him to be, have access to the world is an incredible, exciting thing to be able to communicate with the world again.

And, um, it makes me so proud that we have an Australian that's so courageous. That took them on and, and basically one and he's free and he's able to go on with his life. And so there is definitely a sense of hope for what's possible as we move forward. Um,

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order applied

to him that you know of?

No, that's the I'm glad you brought that up the there's no gag order. Um, one thing he's not able to do under the plea deal is he can't, uh, submit a FOI freedom of information request to get us documents. So Stella has asked. For other people to do that. Um, Stefania Moritz is a good example of how freedom of information documents can expose the truth.

And she did that with, um, the Assange case. Uh, so yeah, he's not, he's not prevented from, um, just, uh, having exercising free speech. Um, and he's, and the, also the political, uh, prevents the U. S. from taking any further prosecution against him for the disclosures that they've already put out. Um, so, you know, he does have free reign, um, and it's up to him how far he wants to push it moving forward.

Well, I can't begin to imagine how he's going to approach his life from here on in. I mean, uh, wherever he goes, he's going to be, he's going to be seen, he's going to be noticed. Uh, his life will never, ever be the same. And, and I'm sure that that's going to be a burden for him as well. But there's so much that this man can still do for, for not only our country, but for the world.

And with the likes of Carlson and others who are joining the ranks of people showing, shining the light on the, um, on the treacherous journalism that we've been subjected to for years now, we can hope that there'll be some changes. So, uh, I want to thank you for your part, uh, in doing this. You certainly broadened my awareness of the whole situation.

Um, it's your film that's done that, Kim. And I, as I've said in previous interviews with you, I'm a little ashamed that I didn't take it more seriously. So I'm one Australian who needs to apologize to Julian. I'll probably never get a chance to do that, but, um, I'm putting it out there in public anyway. To all those, uh, social media influences who are, who are furthering, This other rubbish that's going on, wake up to yourself, stop click baiting and, uh, and put some reality back into what you're doing for the sake of our nation and, and the health, mental health of its people, for goodness sake.

Um, well, I, I guess we need to bring this to a close, mate. We were hoping to have you here. We were going to do a studio, uh, in studio thing because we don't live that long. Far apart. Um, and you've had a very busy day. You suggested that you come over here and do it at my place. And, uh, but I look forward to doing one with you over here very soon.

Um, and, and you guys, Natalie, uh, you and Natalie are welcome here at any time and, uh, we look forward to catching up with you. And I know that, uh, some Club Grub reviewers were 11th hour. Is there anything you'd like to say to them before we sign off?

Uh, yeah, you know, um, I really appreciate your kind words, uh, Hoodie, with what you've said and, um, you know, and the, and the support of thousands of people that made this film possible, uh, up to this point.

And, you know, to, to get this result, um, so soon is, is wonderful. We were well prepared to go on, um, pushing this out, uh, for, you know, years to come if needed. Um, but, but here this, this wonderful day has come where



Julian has his freedom back. Um, and that is very much thanks to the supporters, um, part of your community that played a huge part in making the film possible for it to reach 40, 000 people in cinemas so far.

And for the trailer to be seen by 5 million people in Australia. Um, thanks to the, the, the advertising funds that were put up by, uh, your supporters, your viewers, um, as well as, uh, yeah, thousands of people around the world. Um, and we, we're going to continue putting the trust fallout, telling the story so that we can prevent this from happening so that we can educate people about what did happen about this shocking, um, Odyssey that Julian had to endure.

And the relevance of his work and justice for all concerned that, uh, you know, that the, the, the victims of the, the, what Wikileaks disclosed. So there's, uh, the work, the, the work goes on, the film continues and, um, you know, we'll just keep educating and raising as much as, as much awareness as we can.

You're not going to hang up your clapperboard anytime soon, are you? Have you got any other projects in mind? I know it's very fresh, but

Well, I'm so involved in the distribution, um, and the publicity, you know, I'm just about to line up dozens and dozens of interviews, uh, in the U. S. ahead of the U. S.

release because that's a great way to Bring people into the cinema. I actually did a couple interviews on today's show, um, at Parliament House over the last couple of days. It was great to have that channel finally getting onto the story. Um, and yeah, so it's very much about publicity and being involved in the distribution.

And I think I'll be tied up with that for another, at least six months, um, before it goes down. Digital, it might be six to nine months as we take the film to the US, Canada, Europe, have it translate into many languages. Um, so yeah, I'll just be tied up with that for at least six to nine months, I would say.

And then after that, um, hopefully Natalia and I can have a bit of a break. Cause it's been actually over three years, um, with one week off throughout this whole process. And, you know, we're happy to keep going and, but we will need a break. And then, uh, I think after that, I'm going to go back to my previous.

Um, um, shows and occupational or passion, which is, which is music. In fact, I'm not a career filmmaker and, you know, it's been a privilege and wonderful to get involved with the Assange cause and put out this film, um, and meet all the people and, That we interviewed and just great to get involved with this cause.

Um, I'm not sure if I'll make another film. It's, uh, it was such a huge challenge and it took me away from my music. Um, but you know, it was worth it. I don't have any regrets on that and, uh, we'll see what the future holds.

Well, my beautiful wife, Michelle's telling me we need a break too. We've been going nonstop for over three years now without one.

And, uh, she's given me a little Christmas to sort everything out and get things back to a manageable style again. But, um, who knows, but there's, once you get into this, this, uh, this whole business that we find ourselves in. Um, it's very hard to walk away from it. So I have a feeling that you may want a music career, but anyhow, let's see where the cards fall.

But my viewers always expect that I pray at the end. And so I think I want to dedicate a special prayer on their behalf to Julian, if you, if you'd be happy with that,

absolutely.

Lord father in heaven. A good, decent man has been set free. And Father, he is free indeed and we bathe him in the light of prayer.

Father God, we ask that you would descend around he and his family and cover them. Lord, those of us who believe in you, who know you and know that you're in control, will know that He will be covered. And we thank you in advance for that Father God, as we thank you for truth, that sets us free, sets us free.

In Jesus holy name we pray. Amen. Thank you. Well, we, Michelle and I look forward to, uh, welcoming you and Natalia here one day soon. So we'll work all that out. But in the meantime, thanks for giving us your time. I know you're under a lot of pressure. Uh, we're honored to have you back on and we celebrate with you, my friend and, um, keep us in the loop and we'll have you back on whenever you want to.

Absolute pleasure. And you know, just what a wonderful thing that the, the, the combined efforts of decent people around the world has, um, you know, the, the people have spoken, the politicians listened for once, uh, and did, did the right thing to a degree and, and got Julian free. And it's just such a wonderful thing.

And everybody at home, this misinformation bill must not go through because if it does, What happened to Julian Assange is going to be common all over the place and you will not have a voice at all. And we're dedicated to be your voice in our own small way, Johnny and I, and we thank you for your support in that.

Don't forget what you did yesterday got you to today. And if you love somebody and you haven't told them, please call them and tell them it's that important. Times are tough and especially for a whole bunch of people that we're uneven, we're, we're unaware of. So we thank you for tuning in and we look forward to seeing you next week on Club Grubbery.

And stay out of the trees and from Kim Staton and myself and Johnny Lada at Tucker Carlson event tonight. It's good night from us. Bye for now. Okay.