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2025-08-25 Graham and John speak with two Port Hedland councillors...

Well, good day everyone. Club Gruber, Monday the 25th of August. This is gonna be a late one tonight. Uh, you'll be probably waking up to this in the morning. Uh, Johnny Lata. This is a, this is a pretty interesting call. Let me put everyone in in perspective here. Let's put our guests at the top. That's better.

That's better when we're, uh, we're not playing favoritism that way. Um, because we have, as our special guest tonight, uh, a couple of gentlemen who've worked tirelessly to do the right thing for their, uh, their shire, their community. In Port Headland. And that is, uh, former mayor and current, uh, well at the moment, current councilor Camilla Blanker, and of course Adrian McCrae, who needs no introduction.

Gentlemen, welcome to Club Grubby, and thanks for coming on so quickly.

Uh, yeah, thanks for having us. Uh, Graham,

thank you hoodie. Good to be back, Matt.

Yeah, it's good to have you on mate. Now, um, a whole bunch of rumors going around at the moment and a lot of media centered around. Uh, mayor Peter Carter, your, uh, your mayor in Port Headland and, uh, lots of people saying that the Shire Council is about to be sacked.

What can you tell us, Adrian?

Look, I've, uh, I've been away actually, but, um, I just arrived back into headland and just as I was getting on the plane in Perth to fly back up today, I got, uh, a few text messages from, um. Uh, the counselors, including, uh, Milo here on the call that, uh, the mayor had resigned, which was something that, um, I've.

He's been, he's been saying to people in the community that he's gonna resign for, you know, for probably over six months. But, uh, I had a, I had a strong feeling that he was in the, he was gonna try and pull an act like this. I actually pulled out of the state election. I think I told you earlier, what he was gonna run in the state election.

But I didn't want to leave just five people on the council because that would leave a position. If I was to win a seat in state government, then I would, uh, leave the town. With a position where the mayor, with only five councils, the mayor would be able to do this. And I pulled outta the state election for exactly this reason, because if there was only five of us, um, I believe that the mayor would resign.

Now, as soon as I decided, um, not to run, which left six of us on the council, immediately after that, uh, another, um, counselor, uh, an Indian girl, I forget her name, but she, she said, um. She resigned, which basically put the mayor in that gave the mayor the position to, uh, yeah, to, to resign and, and put us in the position we're in right now.

Wow. So, uh, Milo, what do you think of the mayor's move? It, it's obviously a stunt that's been, uh, that's been probably, uh, well thought true for a while. What do you think of it?

Absolutely. Um, I, I have been saying this for, you know, well over 12 months that I believe that there is an, uh, you know, there is a active plan, um, you know, to suspend this council or, you know, to get rid of this council.

Uh, because at the end of the day, look, we just. Our political views just don't align with the current state government, the Labor Party, and uh, you know, we are not afraid to speak out, um, and tell 'em, uh, you know, what we don't agree with. And clearly when you're a counselor and you're on council, um, and you say that, that sort of stuff, it gets me your attention.

It makes the government look bad. And that's one thing that this state government. Hates is somebody criticizing them and they will do anything in their power to try and get rid of that person or that group that is, um, coming after them and, uh, speaking the truth. So, um, you know, I'm not surprised that this has happened, but it highlights the fact that, um, you know, we've been hearing that this may happen and, uh, we've been asking those questions directly of the people.

That have resigned, that have been elected and have resigned. Like Councilor Rubo, she was asked directly at a council meeting, uh, you know, we've been told that you are going to resign. And she flat out denied it. Said, no, that's never gonna happen. I'll be there until the next election. And then she resigned.

And then we asked, uh, mayor Peter Carter, we've been told people are coming to us and telling us you are going to resign. And, uh, he flat out said, no, he is not going to do that. He's going to be there. And then he resigns. This is, this is a planned, um, um, coup if you like. It is a political assassination of this council, um, because.

The current state government doesn't like the people that are on there and doesn't like, um, you know, our views, um, moving forward. So, um, you know, this is what they do to get rid of, uh, the people that may oppose their, their way of thinking and, um, to silence their critics. Um, which that's not, that's not democracy.

That's, um, something totally different. Um, you know, and, um, and I believe that's the case. I believe that's what's happening. And, um, you know, I'll, I've been talking about this since 2019 when, when they did it to me in 2019, but by the same guy, you know, he, he's the one that resigned and caused the, the council to be dissolved at Peter Carter.

'cause he was on council previously and he caused it to res, uh, to, uh, to, uh, be dissolved. And now he's done it again. Um, and you know, clearly I reckon the, uh, I believe that the, uh, state government has had a hand in this. Um, so we'll see what happens in the next few, uh, few days because we still haven't been officially told that we, uh, we are, uh, suspended or dissolved.

We have requested that the minister reduce the quorum and allow us to approve the budget. That is a legislated. Um. Ability of the, uh, minister to do that so she can reduce the quorum and allow us to have the meeting, approve the budget, and um, and then we go into caretaker mode. It's only a couple of days till the caretaker mode run it to the next election.

There's no big deal, you know, but, uh, we'll see what happens. I don't think they'll do that because, uh, you know, at the end of the day, they don't want people like myself and Adrian on council because, um, you know when something is wrong. And, you know, the government, there needs to be pushback on the government.

We, we've got no problem doing that, you know, so, um, they don't want those sort of people on, uh, on to be anywhere near an elected position. They just want party, um, uh, what is it? Party policy and, and, and party rhetoric to, uh, prevail. They don't want anyone thinking for themselves. No way.

Johnny, you're a council with Snowy Valley Council, and you have been for a while, and you've, you've also held, uh, rank positions in that, in that August, uh, institution.

Uh, what does this, what does this, uh, do to you? What does it, what, what sort of alarm bells are going off with you when you hear this sort of stuff going on?

Well, you know, I, I personally think this is an agenda from the state government hoodie. Uh, and nothing more, uh. You know, realistically, uh, you know, uh, Milo and Adrian are being, uh, targeted for, for taking a stance, uh, you know, on, on their beliefs.

And, and the community's, uh, views. And, and that's what's very sad here. The tentacles are, are really, really, uh, out on display. Um, I I'm not sure that this would go on in New South Wales, uh, to be quite frank. You know,

I, I think that, uh, you know, this government in, in, uh, wa is very special. This, this premier is an absolute disgrace.

Uh, he, he, he's just at another level. I mean, he's on an elbow level. He's just outta control this bloke. He, he thinks that he's, uh, his shit don't stink. Uh, well, it does stink. Uh, and I could tell you, uh, you know, the, the, the public, uh, are waking up to all this. Um, I mean the, the port headland motion, uh, that that has gone around.

Australia Councils are now talking about that. Communities are talking about that. The, the whole thing, uh, resonated with, with, with people, uh, around Australia. And, uh, clearly, clearly to me, this, this is a, this is a spiteful act. Uh, if this is the case, uh, from, from a government, that that just is out of control.

Uh, and we we're seeing this more and. Uh, at a state level, but also at a federal level. Unfortunately, uh, these people just have no moral compass. They have no boundaries, uh, that they are, uh, uh, playing the Communist playbook. Uh, 1 0 1. Unbelievable hoodie.

Hoodie. Can I, can I just cut in there and just say.

You know, people need to understand that whoever's listening here, the people need to understand that that brought edla motion. You know, there, there's a lot of media attention out there about it saying that, um, oh, you, you're all anti-vaxxers and, um, you know, you're, uh, you're disgraceful. All of that sort of stuff.

I took, let, let, let's be clear, I took that vaccine. Three times. Okay. So don't call me an anti-vaxxer. Alright? I took the vaccine and then I, I did the research on all of the info that was coming out, all of the experts that were coming out saying, oh, we've got a problem here. Okay? The motion was about requesting information from the government, requesting information from the state government.

And you know what? Radio silence, there's been nothing. Okay, so don't tell us we're doing the wrong thing here. We are elected to represent the people. The people have asked us to do something. We've done it. We need some answers. Alright? That's all there is to it, okay? And if, and if you think that that's wrong, then when you want something done by the government and they ignore you and do nothing about it, then um, then look back on this situation.

You didn't support us. Who is gonna support you? You know, people need to stand up to this rubbish. And, um, when we ask questions and demand answers from the government, they should be, um, you know, giving us those answers.

You know what, what's really fascinating about what you just said, Milo, and that was so timely, uh, last week, the, um, the chief Medical Officer of South Australia, uh, made a statement in the media that she's disappointed that local government aren't pushing.

Uh, vaccines in their local communities as much as they should be, because one of their major responsibilities is community health. Yeah. But when the Port Headland motion came out, everyone was saying, oh, we just do footpaths and garbage dumps, Adrian McCree.

That's right.

Yeah. Look, it's, um, the fact that we're not allowed to even ask the question as mileage just said.

Um. You know, we obviously at local government, we don't have the, uh, regulatory ability to, to suspend or ban, uh, medical interventions like, um, you know, like the, the clot shots or the vaccines as they, the so-called vaccines as they call them. We don't have that ability, but we do have the ability to ask questions and, and.

You would think that in an elected office, even at local government, we should be able to get an answer from the state government or if not the state, then from the federal. But uh, once again, radio silence. Now, we weren't like Russell Broadband, uh, a lone ranger standing in Parliament asking questions on his own.

We were an absolute majority. The government voted for it. We pushed the motion through. And, uh, obviously that's had a lot of traction around Australia, where dozens and dozens of, uh, councils across Australia are now debating the same issues and asking, you know, asking their council to do the same thing.

And I think up to now we've had 13, only last week we had, um, the Clarence Valley Council on this, uh, on the north coast of New South Wales pushed our motions through and uh, and got up, I think there was five, five votes to four. This is clearly not, not just a Port headland issue, this is a national issue and a global issue.

And, and the fact that, uh, you know, they can, they can, uh, ignore us at local government, you know, especially a town like Port Headland, where the Prime Minister only held a national cabinet meeting here to recognize the, the importance of the, you know, the geostrategic importance of the town of Port Headland as a, as the engine room of Australia, as Albanese calls it, and as many prime ministers have also called it, it just shows.

The contempt with which they hold us. I mean, remember when we passed our motion and, and our premier in wa told the Port headland council to get back to their knitting? You know, this is the, the level of contempt that they hold for, you know, elected office, um, at local government level is it's just. It's, it's absolutely abominable.

It's so disgraceful and disgusting. I don't even have words for it, but unfortunately that's the, uh, that's the society we're living in right now. And, um, you know, people really rose up. I think our port head in motion has had over 200 million views on, across Twitter and, and, and all the socials, be it Facebook or Instagram, um, even TikTok.

And, and yet. We can't even get so much as Boo out of our Premier or our WA Health Minister or the Commonwealth Secretary of Health, the Federal Minister of Health and Aged Care. No one, uh, no one there so much as, uh, has the decency to, to even respond or, or, uh, acknowledge that they've received our, um, our messages.

So look, we are in a very, um, very undemocratic time in Australia. This is what we're seeing in Port Headland is, uh. Yeah, it breaks my heart to know that, you know, what we, what we call democracy is, um, as Milo said, it's, it, it's far from democracy and, and I dunno what you call it, it, but it's certainly, uh, you know, democracy couldn't be further from the, um, further from being correct

when you raise the eye of, uh, of, uh, people of the moral fiber of the, uh, premier of wa uh, Roger Crook, I'm sorry, crook.

And, um, and, uh, mayor Peter Carter. It, it's, it obviously holds you in good stead because you must be, you must be men of, uh, of some character and, uh, and integrity to draw the eye of people like that. In other words, what I'm trying to say is you're copying the flack because you're over the target. What are some of the things that have been leveled at you in particular, Adrian?

Because, um, you're not a, you're not a stranger to controversy in the west.

Look, I just listened to a, uh, uh. A couple of radio interviews that the mayor, uh, has done on a, b, c in the last couple of hours. He did one on radio Perth and radio in wa. Then did one radio, A, b, c Pilborough, and I was the, you know, I was the main, um.

Target for, for, uh, everything that he said basically. Um, and that's sort of very much backed up by, uh, the Northwest Telegraph or, you know, channel seven, channel seven and, and the West Media. Um, of course, uh, they're saying on, they said on one, on the, on Radio Perth, they said, oh, well, you know, well, MACRA's been going over to Russia to, to praise Putin.

You know, of course it's the usual Putin smear as if I'm, um, you know, a STO for Putin here in Australia. I've never gone to praise Putin ever. You know, as you know, I was invited to oversee the Russian presidential election, which. I was, uh, honored to be asked, but, uh, it was just a chance invitation. I certainly didn't have Russian connections when I was asked.

I was, I was at dinner with some, um, you know, members of Parliament in, in Sydney actually. And, uh, they were having lunch with having lunch with the, uh. The ambassador from Russia, the Russian ambassador was in Sydney. And, uh, at that lunch I just asked him the question, what have you gotta do to go to such a thing?

And he said, well, if you're really interested, I might be able to invite you along. And sure enough, I've got an invitation and of course, for telling the truth on what I saw over there. I got, uh, you know, as you know, I've been, um, heavily smeared all over the, all over Western media for that. But. In the last, um, in the last 24 hours, or not even 24 hours, the last six hours, I've been absolutely hammered on the Russia stuff in, in, uh, uh, you know, all over this is, this is the mayor's target.

Then of course, then of course they, uh, brought up the vaccine stuff and said, we're a bunch of anti-vaxxers and, and, uh, you know, we've, we've made it so toxic talking about vaccination and, and how dare we talk about such a subject now? It's clearly, uh, it's clearly more than a, you know, a port headland issue.

It's, it's clearly, uh, you know, a much bigger than that. But as you know, um. When the premier came after me, when I was in Russia last year, after the Port Headland motion, I traveled to Russia with, uh, Julian Assange's father John Shipton, a very close personal friend of mine. He wanted to go to the Brix conference.

I was intrigued to go to Bricks as well. It was the biggest Bricks conference to date, and it was certainly, uh, you know, wonderful opportunity to go and see a new political paradigm. It's kind of like the, the birth of the new United Nations and being there for that, uh, history being made was really interesting.

But of course. Uh, you know, I copped a lot of flack for, um, going back to Russia and that's the, the Northwest telegraph is, is again, telling that story of me going to Russia and once again, going with the purpose of praising Putin. I mean, it was, it was, you know, I was of course, because I was smeared so much in Australian media, um, after the, after the Russian elections.

Um, and that only happened because I was, you know, I became an elected member after. After speaking in, uh, you know, on Russian media to Congra, you know, basically I spoke and just talked about what I saw in the media, and at the end of my speech I congratulated Putin on his win. Now, of course, that went against Penny Wong and, and the, you know, penny Wong and the Foreign Minister saying that the Russian election was a disgrace to democracy.

And I was like, well, I was the only Australian there to see it. What did you, you know, what do you know that, I dunno. I, you know, I counted the ballots, you know, there's no one could, could compare to me, but of course, you know, it's all pro-Russia stuff, anti-vax stuff. Um, at the same time last year I also, uh, there was also a motion that I moved to reduce, um, the mayor's pay.

Now the mayor had, um. A vote of no confidence held in him before I was even on council. And even his own friends on council voted, voted against him just to say that no one on the council had faith in him. They all had no confidence in him. Now, it was a token gesture. Um, nothing happens from a vote of no confidence, but they had that vote of no confidence and.

Because no one trusted him. He, he can't lie straight in bed. He's, uh, the most dishonest person that I've ever, uh, come in contact with. Absolute, um, you know, disgusting when you talk about the morals of a man, I, I can't put Mayor Carter and uh, Roger Cook in the same category. Unfortunately, mayor Carter was caught on a Zoom call with school children.

Uh, in lewd sexual acts with a prostitute in a hotel room while he's married. Everyone on the call knows his wife personally and here's this grub of a man doing this, and then after doing it, laughs at it, thinks it's funny and refuses to resign from the school board. Nevermind resigning from council. He should have stood down from the council.

But this man. Didn't even have the decency to resign from the school board. They had to kick him off it because he'd just been caught on a Zoom call, which he thought when his screen, when his, when his computer went into screensaver, he thought the call had ended because he wasn't even listening to the call.

This is with parents, with school teachers, headmaster, and student representative from the student council at the school watching a Lew Act with a prostitute in a hotel room. Here he here, he thinks it's funny. He doesn't even, uh, think it's worthy of him resigning from the school council. So this is the caliber of the man we're dealing with, and yet he's, he's the one, the mainstream media after this resignation today will not talk to Milo.

They'll not talk to me. They'll only talk to the mayor and he will just go on to tell, and he's just slagging us all up and down the radio, right across the state. To say that he's the victim, and none of us could be trusted because we were so toxic and we hate him so much that we couldn't work together.

He's just, I've never met a more repulsive, repugnant human than, than this mayor. And, you know, I'd probably get in trouble for saying that because I'm, uh, you know, I haven't been stood down as a counselor yet, but. He's just, it's, you know, as I said to you at the start of this call, I'm talking in my personal capacity, not as a counselor, but this is the caliber of the man we're dealing with.

So, you know, Roger Cook, I, I have my differences with the guy. I've heard many mutual friends with him that say he is a lovely person. But, um. You know, he was the health minister of Western Australia that did force this, uh, injection on 90% of Western Australians that we now know is highly contaminated.

And it was a dangerous genetic technology that's highly contaminated. Now, of course, he doesn't want to acknowledge that he's made that mistake because, you know, think of the liability that would, uh. Confront him. I mean, he lose his job, he lose his title, he lose his status. He probably can't walk in the streets if he acknowledges what he's done to the people of Western Australia.

So I can kind of understand why he's so aggressively defending his position and doing anything he can to have me, um, in particular thrown out of local government and, and, uh. Getting rid of the rest of our, uh, you know, wonderful council to do it. And, and unfortunately, Milo's got his own record for standing up to the premier.

And, uh, you know, having this both in the same council is something that, um, had to be terminated, which is why, you know, prime, you know, the getting rid of, uh, Milo, myself was, is the scheme behind this whole situation. So, I know that was a bit of a long-winded answer to your question, but Yeah, look, it's, it's, um, you know, I'm, I'm used to the, I'm used to the smearing.

It's quite funny, but, but the fact that this grub. Of a human is, is the only one allowed to talk to the media, to the mainstream media anyway. Certainly six PR and a BC have interviewing one half the other. But they refuse to talk to us and hear the other side of the story, which is just, you know, it, it, it just shows we no longer have a media in this country.

We only have, you know, it's kind of like, uh, you know, it's like Bels is, um. Information, you know, information ministry. And unfortunately we, uh, you know, there, there is just, um, you know, very little decency in media. So thank God for people like yourself and Johnny Hoodie, because, you know, without, without this platform, people are just never gonna hear the other side of the story.

Adrian, can, can I just butt in there before, uh, before we go off track, but, uh, you mentioned the, um, you know, the lewd behavior by the mayor. Let me just also mention the fact that, uh, the Minister for Education, the Labor

Party wa Minister for Education, Sue Rie. Put out a comment after that saying that she was, um, horrified or disgusted by the, uh, by the images that she had to see.

Right. So she saw what was going on because the, uh, the, the, the pictures were available and, um, what did they do? What did the Labor Party do about getting rid of the mayor at that time? You know, 18 months ago when this happened, they did nothing. They did nothing 'cause they, they didn't want to, uh, run another mayoral election because there might have been a risk of getting somebody in there that they couldn't control.

That's, that's the story behind that. So whatever he done, whether it be, you know, uh, humping, some hooker. Um, you know, uh, for everyone to see in a school board meeting or telling an old lady to go and hang yourself, um, out the front of the civic center because she was homeless. Um, or do you want pills or do you want a gun?

This, this was all advertised in the, in the media. And what did they do to that? They did nothing. So, you know, you, you've got to, you've gotta ask the question about the state government as well here and their standards.

Well, you're hearing it all, you're hearing it all here on club grubby folks. That's for sure.

I feel like we're, I feel like we're at a Jerry Springer trailer park.

Exactly. That, that, that's only a few of the things that's happened. There's just miles of this stuff.

Christ. Yeah. Adrian, Adrian, I was in Perth for the, uh, for the great debate and, uh, spent a lot of time with you over there when you were copping a lot of flack for that, uh, and, and everything else that you were doing.

And I was sort of witnesses. You tried to make contact with the, uh, local media to get your voice across, and it was incredibly difficult. In fact, I don't think anyone put you to air, did they?

No one would, um, no one would talk to me. Remember, they all wanted to talk to me when they thought I was a, you know, a, a hillbilly from Port Headland that didn't know what he was talking about.

And, and you might remember Gary Ed said on six PR had me on his, uh, radio program, uh, the day after Alison Langdon did her hit piece on a current affair. And. I refused to do the, the a said piece unless it was live. And they did that. They played it live. And of course when Aded attacked me over the Ukraine, Russia stuff, he realized that I had a little bit more knowledge than he did.

And, and not a little bit more, but a lot more. And I destroyed him on his own program. And he, even at the end of it, said, well, you schooled me. And, and that he was, he was very embarrassed. And he said, I just, I got a lesson in, uh, I got a lesson in politics there, didn't I? And thank you so much. It was amazing interview and of course.

Immediately after that, channel seven, I was lined up to talk to Channel seven, channel nine, channel 10, A, B, C, A, B, C radio. And within half an hour of finishing the interview on six pr, they all called and said, sorry, we can't talk to you, because they realized that I was not just, you know, and, and you know, some yokel that, uh, went to Russia, didn't have a clue what he's talking about.

I had a little bit of understanding of, of geopolitics, so no one would talk to me. And ever since that. The same with the COVID stuff on the great debate. When you were there, hoodie, actually you were in my apartment when I was trying to call. Uh, six PR and trying to get on because the mayor kept getting, the mayor kept getting, uh, uh, interviews and I said, well, can I have a, a, a write of reply to what the mayor's just said about me?

But, uh, they said, oh, yeah, yeah, we'll give you a write of reply and then of course they'd block your number. And so it's, you know, look, I'm used to it. It's a. It's just, you know, it's a common pattern, it's common thread in, uh, in Australian media, unfortunately. And, and, you know, you, you cannot expect to get anything of, uh, of

worth or value or certainly of truth from anything in mainstream Australia media, which is a sad indictment of, uh, of where we've allowed society to go in this country.

Well, we're, we're seeing, you know, programs like our own just sort of rating the socks off 'em. If, if there was a rating set up for it. We're getting a lot more viewers as, uh, many of the other programs that, that are in the alternative space. It to the point of view that we're no longer an alternative space.

We are becoming a mainstream space. Now, going back to the whole Russia thing, Johnny Lader, if you had an opportunity to go to Russia and scrutinize an election, would you go. Absolutely. Who wouldn't go? Who wouldn't go? Who wouldn't?

It's funny, it's funny hoodie. It's you, you mentioned when they, the mayor, the, the premier Got hold of the mayor, um, straight after I was back in the country and said, you need to humiliate this guy.

Call a. A special council meeting to have a vote. No confidence in this. Councilor McCrae and I've, I've only been in office less than a week, I get a call from the A, b, C to say, uh, what do you think about this vote no confidence that they're holding on you? And I'm like, what? I didn't know about it. That was the first I heard was a call from the A B, C.

Now, in the, in the council meeting, the other councilors, there was only two councils who voted against me. There was the. There was the, um, uh, it was, it actually went five, three or six two in my favor, but one of the councilors who voted against me to say, um, you know, I need to keep my mouth shut and I should never have, I never should never have gone.

He even said in his own debate, if I was invited to Russia to go, I would've absolutely have gone. It's like, so you would've gone, but you wouldn't have told the truth. Is that the, is that the crux of what you're saying here? Like, why are you gonna vote against me because. Here you are saying he, he admitted that he was jealous that I got invited and not here because I was only a businessman and you know, a, an activist and philanthropist in the back, back space.

And I was invited, but he wasn't, it was sort of like a jealousy thing. So, you know, I, I barely know anyone that wouldn't go with that opportunity. It's an amazing to a country that's, uh, you know, that's. Certainly, uh, you know, that's so foreign to us and we, we've been called a boogeyman since the days of, you know, the Soviet Union and communism that, you know, what an experience to get to go and see how they do their election and what a shock to get there and find that their system is far more transparent and far more professionally run than our own election system.

That, to me, was the biggest eye outer of all. I mean, the, the experience to go was one thing, but, but to find out that. The country that I come from, I thought we were the, you know, we were the height of democracy. You get to Russia and find that our own, our own election system is so backward and agricultural compared to the Russian that it was, it was, it shocked me.

It shocked me to my core. Still to this day, I can't believe what I got to see there, but. Again, those words, uh, you know, always, always stands me in a, a fight against, um, you know, the Australian political class. And that's, you know, if that's the way it is, then if, if that's telling the truth is gonna get me in the shit and so be it.

I don't, I don't care. I'm not, I'm not, I, I didn't have political aspirations. I didn't, as, you know, I was in Russia when I was voted in. I didn't even run in the election. I just happened to, you know, there, there's some people use my name while I was away and, and I won the election. So it's, it's, um, yeah, it's a crazy world we're living in right now.

Can I, can I, can I butt in there again? And, and just give you another example? Look. Um, so obviously, um, Adrian got a lot of attention, uh, over being in Russia. Now he did that in his personal capacity. Um, you know,

he, he wasn't a counselor at the time, but, um, you know, I can talk about, uh, you know, our mayor going over to Vietnam now.

Vietnam is a, uh, communist country. Right. And, uh, he's over there representing himself as the mayor of Port Headland and also the, uh, the chair of the, um, Australian, uh, local government alliance. Alright, where he is, um, going to, uh, generate, uh, business, um, and bring it over to Port Headland and, and Australia.

Um, none of this was approved. The council, none of it was approved by the Shire, no government agency. So he's going over there representing himself, saying that he can do all of these things. Right, and nobody is pulling him up. I have sent so many complaints to the state government about this. It's a norm, you know, I can't believe it.

They just ignore it. So they give Adrian a hard time about going over to Russia. But now we've had a situation where Peter was actually going over there. Engaging with, with the, uh, with the government, uh, uh, government people over there saying that he can do all of this stuff and, um, uh, you know, um, and, and get business through the, uh, through the town of Port Headland.

Um, I just can't believe this stuff. And they did nothing about it. Just radio silence. Oh, that's okay. He can do that. Actually, the CEO, when I asked the question directly in a council meeting, the CEO said he was allowed to do it. I said, what? No, he is not. He it that has to be approved. There has to be a specific, um, way of doing that.

And you just can't go over there and represent yourself as the mayor Port Headland saying you're gonna do all these business deals. You are gonna bring container ship containers in and transfer 'em into a housing, and then in your private capacity, uh, sell container housing. It doesn't, you know. Anyway, so the government knows cheeses about all this cheese, cheese.

They know about all of this and they do nothing about it. So, uh, you know, there's a

rat in the cheese factory and, and our own, uh, federal government spends half its time in, uh, Beijing anyway, uh, another communist country. And what are the elections like in China? Uh, do you know Adrian McCray? Tell us about the,

tell us again.

I honestly, I, I'm not even gonna comment. I don't know. I dunno. I, I was so shocked by the Russian elections that. You know, I, I have no idea. I would love to go if there are elections in China or how it runs it, I don't even understand their electoral process. So if I was invited, I would be there tomorrow to see it.

I would, it would be an honor to go and to experience it and see it and see, you know, yeah. If there might be ways that I could help or some ideas I can bring back, I have no idea. But certainly the Russian thing, that's all I can comment on, because that's what I've seen. I can't, I can't have an opinion on the Chinese system, although we know, you know, communism doesn't certainly, uh.

It, it, it doesn't, uh, it's certainly not as democratic as what we would, you know, we would be here, but I don't think we're far behind China, to be honest. The way, the way things are going now, it's um, it's, it's gone beyond, it's gone beyond, uh, anything that I recognize as, uh, as democracy, certainly in, in this part of the world.

Mm-hmm. No, we're not a democracy. No way in the world. We haven't been for a long time. So, Johnny, where to, uh, where, where do we take this interview now?

Well, I suppose we just have to find out who he, you know, eventually what happens, uh, with the council, uh, whether they are actually being sacked. I presume that, uh, the wheels are in motion, but, uh, we'll, we'll have to wait and see, but, uh, hopefully there'll be a public uproar about it because I mean, how, how long have you got to go Adrian until, uh, the next election?

Well, the election is in October, but the council is supposed to go into caretaker mode the week after our ordinary council meeting this week on Wednesday. And so our, it's, it's quite funny. Only, only about a week and a half ago I get a call from a concerned citizen of the town. She's almost in tears.

She's going, I've just had a talk with a very senior business leader in the town and the mayor has told her he is not going to pass the budget. And of course. The mayor says all sorts of things to people in the town. He is gonna resign. He is gonna do this. And you're just at, you're kind of like, okay, we dunno what this guy's gonna do.

He's so, um, he's just, he's so erratic. He cannot lie straight in bed. He just, the number of lies he's been caught out now is in the, is in the thousands and, and big lies, not just little lies. He literally, the stories that come out of his mouth are just so. Insane. Sometimes you just, you know, he actually fooled me back in the day and Milo jokes about this.

I voted for the guy 'cause I used to believe he's bullshit, but, and, and, and I'm embarrassed to say that, but I get a call from this person a week ago, a week and a half ago. Then on Friday night, just gone, the minister of local government, who's Kim Beasley's daughter, Hannah Beasley, minister Beasley, has come out on the a, b, C radio and said.

Out of the Brew for no reason said we're watching Port Headland count. I'm watching Port Headland council closely because they haven't passed the budget. Now, this was very left field because we haven't, the, the mayor has been saying in his, in his interviews today that we've had 11 or 12 meetings on the budget and we couldn't pass it.

Now, this is not true. We had a budget, we had a budget draft given to us a couple of months ago, and the budget had. Raise the rates for the residents and also raise the rates for small business, but drop the rates for the miners and the mining camps. Now, I called this out at a council meeting a couple months ago, maybe two or three months ago, and said, what the hell are you doing?

Go back to the drawing board and change this because we're not gonna support raising the rates for resident raising the rates for business, or, um. Or, um, reducing the rates for the big miners. So Milo and myself and, and the other two counselors asked the administration, they said, oh, good idea. We can actually do that.

But we've, because of the new rating structure and they've, they've recategorized mining camps and something else, we had to go back, send it to the minister to get ministerial approval. For the rating structures of what we had surmised with the, what the council was going to approve, and everyone was on board, including the mayor.

We sent it to the minister, and the minister only 10 days ago signed it off and said, yep, I approve this new rating structure. You're good to go. Less than a week after she, less than a week after she has signed the document to say, yep, I approve the new rating structure. She comes out in the A b, C radio and says, the port headland council's dysfunctional.

They haven't approved, they, they can't approve a budget. She straight out, straight out, lied, just, and, and she, and we know she lied because only a week ago she signed the document to say, this new rating structure's great. I accept it off. You go with it. And so now the minister's kind of put herself in a funny position because immediately upon news of the resignation of the mayor today, the deputy mayor has written to, has written to the minister and said, well, we would like under you have.

You have the power to issue the permission to operate under reduced quorum. Obviously, a quorum for the Port Headland Council is five councilors. We're now down to four, but the minister has, has the, has the ability to reduce the quorum for a one-off meeting, and we've now asked her now, if she doesn't, she doesn't give us a reduced quorum for the budget meeting, which is only two days away on Wednesday night.

We should be sitting and debating it in 48 hours time. If she doesn't approve that, then she's clearly on the fix. She's clearly part of this scam to kill the council. Now I want her to, I want her to know that we know this, and we are not gonna be quiet about this if she doesn't give us a reduced quorum after.

After she's come out publicly and said that Port Headland council's dysfunctional and they can't approve a budget. What are you talking about? We haven't even seen, we haven't seen the budget. We haven't debated the budget. The first time we see the budget, it will be passed because we're all in agreeance on the budget.

It's gonna be interesting. Now if she, she's kind of in a funny position. If she doesn't give us a reduced quorum, then clearly she's part of this racket to kill the council. And that, you know, I'm gonna sing it to the heavens. I know Milo will be telling everyone about it. She, you know, I, I, uh, I wonder how her political career will go after it, because I'm not gonna be silent about this.

You know, and we, we have. With the, with the power of social media now, I think we've got a much bigger platform than she have with her, you know, her, uh, a, b, c radio and, and, uh, channel seven interviews.

No one's listening.

We, yeah, so we, we certainly have the ability to, um, you know, Twitter and, and social media and Facebook now can, uh, it ruins political careers.

You know, how many, what do, we had seven Prime ministers in eight years, from 2010 to 2018, just because of Facebook having the ability to sway the opinion of the people to. To change a story. I think she, she's in an awkward position now. If she, if she doesn't accept our request for a reduced quorum, then uh, clearly she's in on the fix.

I agree. Adrian, I, I, I think this is a really, uh, bad political error on, on the, uh, mayor's behalf and on the state government's behalf. I mean, all they're doing is drawing attention to you, to your cause. Uh, you, you're a couple of months out from an election. Why would you do this? I mean, it is, it's just.

Dumb. Uh, you know, if you were a fair income you'd just star you of oxygen and let you go to the election and, and see what happened. But now, uh, they're making an issue of it and I think this is a really, really rookie era. Uh, I think they're gonna pay for it big time,

I think. Yeah. Nominations for the election open.

On Thursday, the day after our, our budget meeting this week. So it's, it's, we're three days away from opening, from opening the nominations for the elections. That's amazing. And they, and this happens now, like the timing is, you know, it's not coincidental. There's clearly a concerted effort and the fact that the media has all these pre-prepared stories and the minister is working with the media to do a, to do a hit piece on the council.

Two days before the resignation of the, uh, of our, of our, you know, illustrious mayor. It's, it's, it's so concerted and it's so, uh, you know, there, there's so much synergy there. It's almost impossible that they can say that this hasn't been, uh, you know. I don't wanna say conspiracy, but it, it's, you know, they, they're working together absolutely behind the scenes to make sure this happens.

And look, we've known that for a long time. We've saw you, how many times has Roger Cook attacked me in the last, uh, you know, the last seven or eight months? You know, it was, he demanded my resignation and if he, he even said publicly on, he even said publicly on Channel seven, if he doesn't resign, we'll find a way to get rid of him.

You know, so if, if that's the. You know, the fact that he's even said that publicly, it's, it's, uh, you know, at this stage it's, you know, it's almost, uh, ridiculous to even think that the, the state government is involved, isn't involved in what's going on.

Yeah. Milo, just your opinion on the mood of the town at the moment, do you guys reckon you've got a fair bit of support?

Look, um, I, I think, uh. From what happened in 2019 when there was a huge, um, you know, so they've done this to us before in 2019. Um, and they, uh, they got rid of, uh, myself. Um, council was dissolved, um, and then there was a huge public, um, uh, you know, media campaign that, uh, really, uh, gave me a hard time. Then when I was reelected, I spent eight months every council meeting.

I said, I, I want the report that allowed you to, to suspend a de democratically elected council. I want the report. It's a legislative requirement that you supplied the report on why it happened, you know, uh, the reasons behind the suspension, what was dysfunctional about the town or about the council. And you know what, um.

They balked and balked and balked, and then they, uh, they give us a letter and said, no, there was, um, uh, the reason why the council was dissolved is because somebody resigned. It was nothing about dysfunction. It was nothing about, um, you know, uh, any of the media stuff that was going on. And, um, and I've, I've been talking about that a lot.

Uh, in, uh, the social media realm and, uh, people are starting to understand what happened previously, and I've been saying this is happening again. I can see it. It's the same stuff that they were doing before, so I don't think they're gonna be hoodwinked twice. I think we do have a lot of support in the community.

Um, you know, there's always going to be, uh, people out there that, uh, disagree with us, but you never, you know, in a, in a democracy, you're not, you're never, ever gonna get a hundred percent agreement, uh, through the population. But I think we have got huge support and I think they know that the state government is doing something wrong here, and they clearly know that the, uh, that the mayor is a, uh, a pelican.

So, um. You know, uh, it, it's just a matter of what happens now. It's up to the minister whether she's going to give us a reduced quorum. I doubt that very much. But, um, you know, the funny thing about this is a reduced quorum. So you allow this council to move ahead with four individuals. Um, and if the, if the government or the minister doesn't want that to happen, well then how does she.

How is she able to agree to putting a, a single commissioner in the chair? A single person that doesn't live in the area. So if she's not interested in putting four current council members that have been elected to run through to the next election, how does she, um, you know, allow one person to, uh, you know, to make the decisions for the whole area?

It doesn't make sense to me. So, um, you know, we're just gonna have to see what happens there. But I think we, we will have, uh, this. Support of the population. And, uh, I'll tell you right now, I'll be running again at the next election, which will, you know, be, if they do, um, dissolve this, we'll be in, uh, March, April next year.

Um, and, uh, I'll be running for the mayor's position. Uh, I, and, and it'll be a, uh, it'll be a strong campaign. I'll tell you right now, exposing all of this rubbish that this, uh, current government, um, has done to us.

Well, it's kind of funny, isn't it? Because under normal circumstances, a resignation of a guy like, um, like Peter Carter would be celebrated.

Um, but, uh, he's a controversial figure and he, he even ends that way, doesn't he? It's just, uh, very, very fascinating to watch. We've been saying for a long time, Johnny, that the, the action really is at local government level. That's where we make grassroots changes and Port headland. Have really been, uh, out front in that regard with the, with the motion and the way they conduct themselves.

You know, they're prepared to take risks, they're prepared to be controversial. Uh, if the need arises, they're definitely not game players, that's for sure. But, um, you know, this is what we need in local government. We

need local government to be strong and to speak for the people. And I think you guys have, have represented your, uh, your constituents at the highest level.

So it's. We just appreciate having you both on, uh, Johnny, any final question or comments?

No, look, I agree with that hoodie. They've fulfilled their brief 100%. Uh, they've represented their community. Uh, and, and ultimately, look, yes, it's important to make communities vibrant and, uh, have all those lovely things that we, uh, take for granted in a lot of these places.

But, uh, first and foremost, we've gotta look after the safety of our community. And that's what these two guys have done on screen tonight. They have put the safety of their communities first, uh, at great, uh, risk and peril to their reputations, uh, around Australia. Uh, as you can see there, they've, the governments and bureaucrats have dragged them through the mud.

On issues non-related to anything they're brought up, uh, without any substance I might add. Uh, they, they're just complete, complete rubbish. Uh, and, uh, there should be an apology from the state government and Roger Hook, um, to these two guys in particular and Adrian for, uh, what they've been put put through.

It's, uh, it's libelous. It's, it's, it's an absolute disgrace. Uh, and that's why people are gonna be marching on. On Sunday, the 31st, I think because they're sick to death of this garbage going on in our country. Uh, and what's going on at Port Headland Council is an example of what can occur in any local government, any local town, when people stand up for their communities.

And it's, uh, it's not something we should sit down and take lightly.

Well, Johnny, the applaud at you hung on Milo and Adrian. You can hang on yourself as well because you're in the same mold. It's a privilege to share a screen with three local government identities who are prepared to stand up and put their money where their mouths are.

So it's been an honor for me to be part of this call with you, fellas. Uh, I'm gonna have a prayer now. Dear Lord, father in heaven, we just wanna bathe in the light of truth and, uh, we know that truth does set us free. And Lord, amidst all the, the turmoil and the chaos, and the corruption that we've been talking about tonight.

We know there's a way forward and it's a practical common sense, compassionate way, and we ask you to help us to seek that in Jesus' name. Amen. Amen. Well, thanks Adrian. Thanks Milo. And um, keep us in the loop. Uh, Johnny Laie, you've often been hurt to say you just couldn't make this stuff up. You couldn't make this stuff up.

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That Daniel.

We'll see you next time on Club Grubby. Thanks F and bye for now.