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Drug Forum:

Announcing the forthcoming drug forum on Sunday 21 May at RPYC at Crawley Bay, Nedlands, commencing at 2.30pm with presenter Josephine Baxter, Executive Director, Drug Free Australia addressing the topic of "Answers to Australia's Illicit Drug Epidemic".

The emphasis of this forum is to address the SOLUTIONS to the illicit drug epidemic by highlighting the success of mitigation strategies applied in other countries throughout the world.

Last August 2016, the CNI hosted a forum on drugs which emphasised why we are in this predicament here in Australia with Perth being the meth capital of the world. The issue of meth addiction is still a neglected area of government political action and with a change of government in WA the CNI is hopeful for a stimulated revival of anti drug activism. Unfortunately the Labor Party and its Green comrades have a reputation for encouraging drug use through the policy of harm minimisation and the constant effort to legalise drugs as a demand reduction strategy. The outgoing Liberal government policy was resistant to legalisation, which was in keeping with successful strategies in other countries, but then neglected to properly execute a multi million dollar investment in demand reduction.

Demand reduction is not a spectacular instant achievement. Drug users become dealers as the addiction takes hold so reducing the number of users will eventually shrink the illicit drug market. Educating society to enjoy a drug free life and to stop using illicit drugs is the start of demand reduction. Rehabilitation becomes an important component in the fight against drug use but funding rehab alone will not achieve results without co-ordination by government and community groups. Private operators such as Teen Challenge and Shalom House prove effective but they are overwhelmed by demand for their services.

Governments love the media headlines of spectacular drug busts as it creates the environment that the politicians are actually achieving some progress by eliminating huge amounts of drugs from the streets and jailing the nasty dealers. The WA Police Commissioner cannot even state the percentage of drugs being removed from the streets in these huge drug hauls, as police cannot compute the total volume in the drug market. Analysis of sewerage provides an indication of how widespread the meth addiction is in our community but is just a confirmation of the extent of the problem in our society.

Promotion of medical marijuana will complicate the battle against illicit drugs as activists will move towards legalisation of marijuana as a soft drug. While there is a legitimate market for industrial hemp which has been caught up in the legalisation argument, we must ensure demands for medical marijuana for a very small number of potential users does not unleash a soft drug such as marijuana, which has been acknowledged as an entry level drug, to overt drug use.

The CNI August 2016 drug forum featured Prof Stuart Reece, who with Prof Gary Hulse of UWA, have researched the connection between marijuana use and damage to a human's DNA with consequences for future generations. Sexually active young Australians are risking future offspring by believing marijuana is a harmless soft drug.

If the investment market is any indicator of the enthusiasm for legalisation of marijuana then our society is in for a torrid experience. In the USA the stock market for medical marijuana is being touted as the next boom event and here in Australia investment promoters are forecasting similar growth opportunities. Educating the public of the danger to society of unbridled acceptance of marijuana has become even more important in the battle against illicit drug use.

Fathers for Justice:

Against a background of human rights claims, multiculturalism, same sex marriage, ethnic tribalism, islamisation, climate change, energy shortages, debt issues, unemployment, gender equality and a myriad of other social issues one group is being shortchanged in the court system for their rights.

The media are responsive to female rights and causes but ignore the plight of males within the court system. With a divorce rate nearing 50% Australia has a major social issue ensuring the family court system is wise, just, compassionate, conciliatory, fair and reasonable.

The system is biased, prejudiced, expensive and unfair for most males who have the unfortunate circumstances to be caught up in the family court machine.

Some males may deserve a modicum of criticism but given the right opportunity the majority of males want to do right by their families. The current court system and the associated legal industry, coupled with a biased anti male bureaucracy, will not deliver harmony until the Family Court system is thoroughly overhauled.

The breakup of the family is the single most important issue in our society as the effects impinge on every aspect of society. With an unceasing entitlement attitude there is a constant demand for governments to intrude more into family life which further exacerbates the problem maintaining the family as a core social unit. Bureaucrats are not the answer to Australia's social issues; secure, safe, stable families are the best insurance for a harmonious society.

Demonising men is counterproductive when trying to resolve issues within a marriage.

Refer to Janet Albrechtsen's "The Australian" article 19 April 2017, about the documentary film by filmmaker Cassie Jaye titled "The Red Pill" in which she confronts her feminist attitude to the issues confronting males in the court system. The movie has been banned from showing at University of Sydney, so much for open minded intellectual circumspection. Refer to www.mensrights.com.au

Catholic's Climate Confusion:

Pope Benedict has come out of retirement to comment upon the issue of peaceful islam while Pope Francis travels around the world trying to be diplomatic with leaders of a genocidal ideology currently disposing of, or displacing, millions of Christians. Pope Benedict also needs to address the Laudato Si and the headlong rush into the Catholic Divest-Reinvest Program.

Catholic Earthcare Australia is promoting divest-reinvest policies which are reflective of the philosophy of the Greens and left leaning academia. The Vatican has taken, with blind faith through the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, the corrupt United Nations IPCC publications which have been proven to be based on false and manipulated data.

The Australian, 7 February 2017, page 3 & 10 respectively, address the dishonesty of the IPCC publications leading up to the UNFCCC Paris (Dec 2015) climate conference.

Recommended reading is the resignation letter by Harold Lewis, Emeritus Professor of Physics, University of California, Santa Barbara, from the American Physical Society after a 67 year membership.

His complaint was the corruption of the APS ethics by the global warming scam and in his words stated "it is the greatest and most successful pseudoscientific fraud he had seen in his life as a physicist". The climate change industry is now a multi trillion dollar leach on government resources, we cannot expect any change soon to the redirection of funds for nation building projects.

Pope Francis is in good company with the likes of Malcolm Turnbull, Bill Shorten and the authors of Australia's energy supply debacle as they close down coal fired power stations and pursue renewable energy targets which will exacerbate the problem at hand. A Royal Commission into the climate change industry might be worth establishing.

The Andalusian Illusion:

Included as an insert with this newsletter is a review by Anne Barbeau Gardiner for the April 2017 *New Oxford Review*. This is a review of a book by Dario Fernandez-Morera titled "The Myth of the Andalusian Paradise: Muslims, Christians, and Jews under Islamic Rule in Medieval Spain".

Universities throughout the western world, including here in Australia, are being influenced by Wahhabi sourced funding for Islamic studies which are strictly limited to promoting Islam without any critical analysis. Consequently a continuous stream of mythical Islamic achievements are promoted without rigorous intellectual debate. Academics have prostituted themselves and their universities on the altar of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Turkey or UAE funding. The example of Spain in this book typifies the historical myths about Islam being fed to gullible students in universities which have adopted the philosophy of teaching what the student may think, not how to think.

Anne Gardiner has done a very good review and will save the effort of reading all 358 pages.

We recommend passing copies of the review to as many acquaintances as possible in an effort to counter the islamic myths so readily accepted by a gullible public.

Australia's Economic Future:

Some of the issues facing Australia are more than plain economic matters, as many of our problems are a combination of several factors; social, cultural, political, moral, ethical and historical. Scott Morrison is about to release his budget while dealing with ballooning debt which is being addressed as good debt and bad debt. Australia's problem is that it is a huge debt, both public and private, coupled with a banking system that is in a more precarious position than the GFC of 2008.

Australia has become addicted to the **socialist disease** of other peoples money easily measured by the KPMG report of 18 April 2017:

"60 percent of households pay the same or lower amounts of income tax compared to the payments they receive from government – in essence, **40 percent of households are subsidising income for the 60 percent of households**, illustrating the progressive nature of Australia's tax system."

60% of households are gaining more out of the system than what they pay in tax, supported by the 40%

Europe is in far worse shape than Australia with countries like Greece and Italy reliant on the industrious Germans to prop up their failing socialistic dream worlds. At some stage reality is going to take over and countries will suffer the consequences of a collapsing ponzi scheme.

Australia lacks the political leadership to change course from the socialistic entitlement mentality and restore the culture of free enterprise with a safety net for the most vulnerable.

Our banking system needs the equivalent of the American style Glass-Steagall separation of investment and commercial banking before the system collapses under the weight of its derivative burden.

An example of where socialism can lead is Venezuela, a resource rich country of 30 million people on the northern coast of South America. Inflation rate of 400%, riots and food shortages in a country that has the largest oil reserves in the world, what could possibly go wrong?

Billions of dollars in oil revenue were used to finance a multitude of social programmes and subsidies.

When the price of oil fell the subsidies could not be sustained. The ruling class do not suffer but the working class certainly feel the effects of poor decisions as the subsidies dry up combined with high unemployment in a contracting economy.

Venezuela, 1970, the richest country in South America to economic basket case in 2017.

The entitlement attitude of Australians has the capacity to ruin the country while our political class refuse to confront the nation with visionary leadership.

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