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00:00:05,929 --> 00:00:13,699
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:09,089 --> 00:00:13,699
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:23,160 --> 00:00:31,539
yes it's the skeptic Zone episode number

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00:00:26,609 --> 00:00:34,289
158 already 158 for the 29th of October

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00:00:31,539 --> 00:00:39,070
2011 Richard Saunders here with you from

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00:00:34,289 --> 00:00:40,808
downtown New Orleans Louisiana I'm at

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00:00:39,070 --> 00:00:44,020
the committee for skeptical inquiry

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00:00:40,808 --> 00:00:45,488
convention psych on this icon is what

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00:00:44,020 --> 00:00:48,280
they're calling it I'm in the book room

10
00:00:45,488 --> 00:00:50,109
which is strangely empty at the moment

11
00:00:48,280 --> 00:00:52,630
because everyone else is upstairs

12
00:00:50,109 --> 00:00:54,789
listening to a panel on conspiracy

13
00:00:52,630 --> 00:00:57,700
theories I think it's a conspiracy that

14
00:00:54,789 --> 00:00:59,379
I'm not there I'm actually here to tell

15
00:00:57,700 --> 00:01:01,960
you about this week's episode of the

16
00:00:59,380 --> 00:01:03,460
skeptic zone now we're going to go back

17
00:01:01,960 --> 00:01:06,700
in time a week we're going to go back to

18
00:01:03,460 --> 00:01:09,310
Melbourne where our reporters may not of

19
00:01:06,700 --> 00:01:11,859
course in particular was at skeptic camp

20
00:01:09,310 --> 00:01:13,960
may not lined up a lot of people to talk

21
00:01:11,859 --> 00:01:15,879
to down there he kicks off with Lucas

22
00:01:13,959 --> 00:01:18,368
Randall who was one of the people behind

23
00:01:15,879 --> 00:01:21,489
skeptic camp and talks to Peter Miller

24
00:01:18,368 --> 00:01:24,189
about shoe tag the questionable device

25
00:01:21,489 --> 00:01:26,589
for your pets to keep those fleas and

26
00:01:24,189 --> 00:01:29,259
ticks away catches up with Peter

27
00:01:26,590 --> 00:01:32,289
bowditch ratbag the famous red bag for a

28
00:01:29,259 --> 00:01:34,959
take on what he was talking about and

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00:01:32,289 --> 00:01:36,609
tech I sure that Peter would love to be

30
00:01:34,959 --> 00:01:38,250
here in New Orleans he asked me to have

31
00:01:36,609 --> 00:01:41,049
a bourbon for him I better do that

32
00:01:38,250 --> 00:01:44,289
following that we have a Jason Brown the

33
00:01:41,049 --> 00:01:47,439
famous Sydney skeptic and then the

34
00:01:44,289 --> 00:01:50,679
feature interview may nod talks to our

35
00:01:47,439 --> 00:01:54,219
reporter joanne been amoo about bottoms

36
00:01:50,679 --> 00:01:56,500
oh yes colonic irrigation animas all

37
00:01:54,219 --> 00:01:58,750
that sort of stuff and in fact if you

38
00:01:56,500 --> 00:02:00,819
hit pause now you can spend the rest of

39
00:01:58,750 --> 00:02:04,239
the five minutes tech they're telling

40
00:02:00,819 --> 00:02:07,509
bum jokes got that thank you that's very

41
00:02:04,239 --> 00:02:10,390
good saves me from doing it and then to

42
00:02:07,509 --> 00:02:12,250
wrap up the show we go back to Sydney

43
00:02:10,389 --> 00:02:15,848

where dr. rachey went to the annual

44

00:02:12,250 --> 00:02:17,500

shonky awards by choice magazine now you

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00:02:15,848 --> 00:02:20,769

might remember that last year power

46

00:02:17,500 --> 00:02:22,629

balance wristband 1a shonky a warden was

47

00:02:20,770 --> 00:02:25,420

part of the process that led to their

48

00:02:22,629 --> 00:02:27,430

downfall this year read she goes along

49

00:02:25,419 --> 00:02:30,458

to the shonky Awards the press launch

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00:02:27,430 --> 00:02:32,360

had a great time and spoke to choice

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00:02:30,459 --> 00:02:35,030

magazines Chris

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00:02:32,360 --> 00:02:37,850

about some of the winners who were all

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00:02:35,030 --> 00:02:39,770

losers at this year's xiong keys now

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00:02:37,849 --> 00:02:41,689

later on in this episode of the skeptics

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00:02:39,770 --> 00:02:44,390

are not try to catch up quickly with few

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00:02:41,689 --> 00:02:46,490

of the people are attending this

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00:02:44,389 --> 00:02:48,289

wonderful convention here I've never

58
00:02:46,490 --> 00:02:50,180
been to New Orleans before haven't had a

59
00:02:48,289 --> 00:02:52,549
much of a chance to get get out and

60
00:02:50,180 --> 00:02:54,159
about but it looks really nice lots of

61
00:02:52,550 --> 00:02:57,760
tourists lots of people running about

62
00:02:54,159 --> 00:03:00,409
but for now I'm going to run upstairs

63
00:02:57,759 --> 00:03:03,560
I'm going to enjoy the rest of the

64
00:03:00,409 --> 00:03:06,159
conspiracies talk while you enjoy the

65
00:03:03,560 --> 00:03:06,159
skeptic zone

66
00:03:19,090 --> 00:03:26,620
here's my not spooky action at the

67
00:03:24,259 --> 00:03:29,769
distance

68
00:03:26,620 --> 00:03:30,879
I tell you turn the corner everywhere

69
00:03:29,769 --> 00:03:32,860
and there's people to chat to here and

70
00:03:30,878 --> 00:03:35,079
I'm talking to Lucas because he's got a

71
00:03:32,860 --> 00:03:36,670
big Lucas stamp on his chest there and I

72
00:03:35,080 --> 00:03:38,260
saw you setting up the Wi-Fi really hurt

73
00:03:36,669 --> 00:03:39,878
skip to camp and what's been your role

74
00:03:38,259 --> 00:03:41,530
at skipped account Melbourne I'm the

75
00:03:39,878 --> 00:03:42,969
main organizer escaped camp so myself

76
00:03:41,530 --> 00:03:44,530
and Chris Higgins have put together most

77
00:03:42,969 --> 00:03:46,539
of the event couple other helpers so

78
00:03:44,530 --> 00:03:47,799
what is this just some drunken idea that

79
00:03:46,539 --> 00:03:49,658
turned up at the pub on a Friday night

80
00:03:47,799 --> 00:03:51,459
well what made you think to put it on we

81
00:03:49,658 --> 00:03:53,289
were coerced at skip the camp Sydney I

82
00:03:51,459 --> 00:03:54,759
think Jason Brown did such a great job

83
00:03:53,289 --> 00:03:56,769
up there without with that event Dave

84
00:03:54,759 --> 00:03:57,939
the happy senior and so forth so we went

85
00:03:56,769 --> 00:03:59,799
up there we saw that and we thought it

86

00:03:57,939 --> 00:04:01,780
was fantastic idea so thought we'd

87
00:03:59,799 --> 00:04:02,980
replicated in melbourne now have what

88
00:04:01,780 --> 00:04:03,848
are the basic differences i mean people

89
00:04:02,979 --> 00:04:05,139
go on about the difference between

90
00:04:03,848 --> 00:04:06,729
sydney and melbourne and since I'm not

91
00:04:05,139 --> 00:04:09,039
from either town I can look at both them

92
00:04:06,729 --> 00:04:10,628
and get over it but what are the

93
00:04:09,039 --> 00:04:12,578
differences soon skeptic appt melbourne

94
00:04:10,628 --> 00:04:15,039
and sydney in the ideas is there any

95
00:04:12,579 --> 00:04:16,418
other ideas i don't think so i've heard

96
00:04:15,039 --> 00:04:18,099
overheard some of the conversations have

97
00:04:16,418 --> 00:04:20,259
been occurring after the talks here and

98
00:04:18,100 --> 00:04:21,939
they're very similar in both towns and

99
00:04:20,259 --> 00:04:23,620
having lived in both towns for a long

100
00:04:21,939 --> 00:04:25,149

you know long part of my adult life I

101

00:04:23,620 --> 00:04:26,949

can probably you know comment quite well

102

00:04:25,149 --> 00:04:28,239

on it I lived in Sydney for 10 years and

103

00:04:26,949 --> 00:04:30,848

I've been down here for it's about 10

104

00:04:28,240 --> 00:04:33,038

years so yeah I think the the you know

105

00:04:30,848 --> 00:04:34,360

the ideas are very similar but the the

106

00:04:33,038 --> 00:04:35,529

groups come together a lot more in

107

00:04:34,360 --> 00:04:37,030

Sydney I don't know whether it's a

108

00:04:35,529 --> 00:04:38,228

geographical thing or just a social

109

00:04:37,029 --> 00:04:39,369

thing but but there's a lot more

110

00:04:38,228 --> 00:04:40,689

cohesion up there and I've certainly

111

00:04:39,370 --> 00:04:43,509

found that putting this talk together

112

00:04:40,689 --> 00:04:44,589

that it's been hard to engage with a lot

113

00:04:43,509 --> 00:04:45,848

of a lot of the group so that's

114

00:04:44,589 --> 00:04:47,799

hopefully something that this sort of

115
00:04:45,848 --> 00:04:49,240
event will start to improve is that

116
00:04:47,800 --> 00:04:50,710
just because they're different social

117
00:04:49,240 --> 00:04:52,389
leaders or is there schisms in the

118
00:04:50,709 --> 00:04:53,620
belief in the skeptical groups here in

119
00:04:52,389 --> 00:04:55,629
Melbourne I don't think so much the

120
00:04:53,620 --> 00:04:57,970
belief that it's it's very similar in

121
00:04:55,629 --> 00:04:59,709
terms of the desired outcomes and the

122
00:04:57,970 --> 00:05:01,539
issues that they want to address it's

123
00:04:59,709 --> 00:05:03,189
more I don't know maybe it's just the

124
00:05:01,538 --> 00:05:05,110
people are very busy that I you know

125
00:05:03,189 --> 00:05:06,939
that they're not really used to engaging

126
00:05:05,110 --> 00:05:08,439
there are a few separate groups down

127
00:05:06,939 --> 00:05:09,728
here and we're trying to build some

128
00:05:08,439 --> 00:05:11,050
relationships between them hopefully

129
00:05:09,728 --> 00:05:12,550
we'll get there I think think it'll be

130
00:05:11,050 --> 00:05:14,500
an ongoing thing and what's your

131
00:05:12,550 --> 00:05:16,150
personal whoo I'm asking everyone what's

132
00:05:14,500 --> 00:05:18,038
there were that gets their dander up you

133
00:05:16,149 --> 00:05:19,629
know you know that what's the word that

134
00:05:18,038 --> 00:05:21,848
makes you be turned into the man who's

135
00:05:19,629 --> 00:05:23,860
day as it goes well for me it's the

136
00:05:21,848 --> 00:05:25,659
environment that's probably the thing

137
00:05:23,860 --> 00:05:27,819
that brought me into skipped skepticism

138
00:05:25,660 --> 00:05:29,800
in the first place there is so much

139
00:05:27,819 --> 00:05:31,538
anti-science being pushed out to the

140
00:05:29,800 --> 00:05:33,759
general public on climate science and

141
00:05:31,538 --> 00:05:34,959
there's a lot of distrust of you know

142
00:05:33,759 --> 00:05:36,879
people have spent their life in the

143

00:05:34,959 --> 00:05:39,069
field and studying and and its really

144
00:05:36,879 --> 00:05:40,310
overturned the the public trust in

145
00:05:39,069 --> 00:05:41,930
science and the scientific

146
00:05:40,310 --> 00:05:43,069
process so that's my personal one of

147
00:05:41,930 --> 00:05:45,740
this one that I tend to engage with

148
00:05:43,069 --> 00:05:47,870
people the most my other many one is

149
00:05:45,740 --> 00:05:50,689
wooning business because there is so much

150
00:05:47,870 --> 00:05:52,459
blue involved in in training of people

151
00:05:50,689 --> 00:05:55,819
and getting across ideas within business

152
00:05:52,459 --> 00:05:57,919
and making decisions about leadership

153
00:05:55,819 --> 00:05:59,629
and it's something really really bothers

154
00:05:57,920 --> 00:06:03,470
me and that's Brian Dunning who I know

155
00:05:59,629 --> 00:06:06,259
you know top guy he has the best spa and

156
00:06:03,470 --> 00:06:08,930
in the state The Skeptical spot yeah

157
00:06:06,259 --> 00:06:10,490

Brian's actually done a podcast on the

158

00:06:08,930 --> 00:06:11,660

myers-briggs personality test and this

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00:06:10,490 --> 00:06:13,970

is something that actually took on head

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00:06:11,660 --> 00:06:16,160

on with my employer to limited success

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00:06:13,970 --> 00:06:17,690

but i think the points I made were very

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00:06:16,160 --> 00:06:19,730

relevant because they were you know

163

00:06:17,689 --> 00:06:21,529

really prepared to make decisions about

164

00:06:19,730 --> 00:06:22,879

people's future based on the outcomes of

165

00:06:21,529 --> 00:06:25,519

these tests I had a big issue with that

166

00:06:22,879 --> 00:06:29,029

no and is that the main woo you see cuz

167

00:06:25,519 --> 00:06:31,459

also in in there's a lot of mate ship

168

00:06:29,029 --> 00:06:33,139

and you know and little boys club

169

00:06:31,459 --> 00:06:34,279

involved in many businesses because

170

00:06:33,139 --> 00:06:36,229

there's also power of the problem I

171

00:06:34,279 --> 00:06:38,539

don't think that's a problem in terms of

172
00:06:36,230 --> 00:06:39,860
whoo because really the end of the day

173
00:06:38,540 --> 00:06:42,110
any human endeavor is about

174
00:06:39,860 --> 00:06:44,389
relationships so it really is about

175
00:06:42,110 --> 00:06:46,460
engaging with people but you know I I

176
00:06:44,389 --> 00:06:48,740
have a lot of issue with with things

177
00:06:46,459 --> 00:06:50,959
being presented as this is a scientific

178
00:06:48,740 --> 00:06:52,610
sort of method you know this is a

179
00:06:50,959 --> 00:06:54,500
mathematical certainty that if we do

180
00:06:52,610 --> 00:06:57,560
these things blah blah blah when it's

181
00:06:54,500 --> 00:06:59,269
based on on rubbish and you mentioned

182
00:06:57,560 --> 00:07:01,250
the myers-briggs as being because that

183
00:06:59,269 --> 00:07:03,169
that's a won a one-off test and you get

184
00:07:01,250 --> 00:07:05,180
a result that's a one-off result and

185
00:07:03,170 --> 00:07:07,069
fenoli profile yeah and then you like

186
00:07:05,180 --> 00:07:08,780
putting that forward yeah and look just

187
00:07:07,069 --> 00:07:10,310
basically explained that breaks people's

188
00:07:08,779 --> 00:07:12,079
down into different types that's right i

189
00:07:10,310 --> 00:07:13,850
have about 12 times less I wasn't there

190
00:07:12,079 --> 00:07:14,930
yeah and it's like a spectrum basically

191
00:07:13,850 --> 00:07:16,580
so you can fit anywhere within the

192
00:07:14,930 --> 00:07:17,930
spectrum and you have on you know one

193
00:07:16,579 --> 00:07:19,279
side you've you've basically got your

194
00:07:17,930 --> 00:07:21,350
introverts and other side you've got

195
00:07:19,279 --> 00:07:23,029
your extrovert and there's different

196
00:07:21,350 --> 00:07:24,379
levels that you can be and you need some

197
00:07:23,029 --> 00:07:25,579
areas you can be extroverted some areas

198
00:07:24,379 --> 00:07:27,350
you can be introverted so it does cross

199
00:07:25,579 --> 00:07:28,789
over and what it does is it builds up

200

00:07:27,350 --> 00:07:31,820
this personality profile but what it

201
00:07:28,790 --> 00:07:33,410
forces people into boxes now the point

202
00:07:31,819 --> 00:07:34,730
that I made during the training we were

203
00:07:33,410 --> 00:07:36,650
receiving in the sessions that we went

204
00:07:34,730 --> 00:07:38,300
through a word was I have a very

205
00:07:36,649 --> 00:07:40,069
different persona at work than what I

206
00:07:38,300 --> 00:07:42,319
have my private life I have a different

207
00:07:40,069 --> 00:07:44,899
persona at home than what i have in my

208
00:07:42,319 --> 00:07:46,550
work life and events like this i put on

209
00:07:44,899 --> 00:07:48,529
another persona and you wear personas

210
00:07:46,550 --> 00:07:51,350
according to what the desired outcome is

211
00:07:48,529 --> 00:07:53,269
now if i'm being put into a pigeon hole

212
00:07:51,350 --> 00:07:53,540
at work and then future managers and

213
00:07:53,269 --> 00:07:56,419
current

214
00:07:53,540 --> 00:07:58,069

making decisions as to where to put me

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00:07:56,420 --> 00:08:00,020

in my career and how to use me based on

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00:07:58,069 --> 00:08:01,879

those outcomes they change they evolve

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00:08:00,019 --> 00:08:03,829

so that was one of the things that I

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00:08:01,879 --> 00:08:05,060

took up with the trainer was you know

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00:08:03,829 --> 00:08:06,949

this is all well and good in this shows

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00:08:05,060 --> 00:08:08,930

my personality profile now but I will

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00:08:06,949 --> 00:08:10,129

change over time and I don't even agree

222

00:08:08,930 --> 00:08:11,360

with what's here anyway because let's

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00:08:10,129 --> 00:08:13,850

face it I'm going to answer these

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00:08:11,360 --> 00:08:15,830

questions how how I think my boss is is

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00:08:13,850 --> 00:08:17,600

going to want to hear and that affects

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00:08:15,829 --> 00:08:20,509

the outcome well isn't this just a case

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00:08:17,600 --> 00:08:21,620

of business users that because it's a

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00:08:20,509 --> 00:08:22,939

very easy tool and it's easy to

229
00:08:21,620 --> 00:08:24,620
understand where in fact the real

230
00:08:22,939 --> 00:08:26,689
results very complicated and most people

231
00:08:24,620 --> 00:08:29,090
couldn't understand it that's certainly

232
00:08:26,689 --> 00:08:31,670
true but I think that if you look at the

233
00:08:29,089 --> 00:08:33,939
personality profiles in for example

234
00:08:31,670 --> 00:08:36,529
under myers-briggs it's very similar to

235
00:08:33,940 --> 00:08:38,810
astronomy astrology you look at the

236
00:08:36,529 --> 00:08:40,490
astrology personality profiles and every

237
00:08:38,809 --> 00:08:42,289
single person will identify with some

238
00:08:40,490 --> 00:08:43,970
part of every single profile and myers

239
00:08:42,289 --> 00:08:45,679
briggs is exactly the same they could

240
00:08:43,970 --> 00:08:47,210
really give you any profile and you'll

241
00:08:45,679 --> 00:08:48,679
read it through and go oh yeah you know

242
00:08:47,210 --> 00:08:50,840
I respond well to change but yes I do

243
00:08:48,679 --> 00:08:53,059
get a little bit upset sometimes it's

244
00:08:50,840 --> 00:08:55,220
all very general and vague and what

245
00:08:53,059 --> 00:08:56,359
would be the downside of using it like

246
00:08:55,220 --> 00:08:57,980
that does that mean that person's

247
00:08:56,360 --> 00:08:59,389
pigeonhole people will genuinely think

248
00:08:57,980 --> 00:09:00,529
all that person is good for that and

249
00:08:59,389 --> 00:09:02,480
they won't consider other things is that

250
00:09:00,529 --> 00:09:03,709
does that really happen that absolutely

251
00:09:02,480 --> 00:09:05,389
happens and that's the issue that I have

252
00:09:03,710 --> 00:09:06,590
with it because some peas things are

253
00:09:05,389 --> 00:09:08,539
pushed particularly by business

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00:09:06,590 --> 00:09:10,250
management schools and third-party

255
00:09:08,539 --> 00:09:11,449
external sort of courses that come in to

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00:09:10,250 --> 00:09:14,000
say we're experts in people management

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00:09:11,450 --> 00:09:15,830
and they'll come and say to managers

258
00:09:14,000 --> 00:09:17,269
okay to be a good leader you need to

259
00:09:15,830 --> 00:09:18,650
understand your staff and once you've

260
00:09:17,269 --> 00:09:19,669
understood your staff you can apply it

261
00:09:18,649 --> 00:09:21,470
you can push them in particular

262
00:09:19,669 --> 00:09:23,599
directions and using particular ways so

263
00:09:21,470 --> 00:09:25,310
there were guys that were in my team who

264
00:09:23,600 --> 00:09:27,590
for example a programmers who tend to be

265
00:09:25,309 --> 00:09:29,119
fairly fairly quiet and that they're not

266
00:09:27,590 --> 00:09:30,769
overly engaging but I have seen these

267
00:09:29,120 --> 00:09:32,419
people in the right environment pitching

268
00:09:30,769 --> 00:09:34,009
to people in a sales role and they're

269
00:09:32,419 --> 00:09:35,990
fantastic because they put on that hat

270
00:09:34,009 --> 00:09:37,309
for the role so you can't simply say

271
00:09:35,990 --> 00:09:38,690

well this person is reserved and quiet

272

00:09:37,309 --> 00:09:40,339

therefore I'll keep him away from a

273

00:09:38,690 --> 00:09:41,600

cusser facing wrong but you could call

274

00:09:40,340 --> 00:09:43,519

it a management tool but you could also

275

00:09:41,600 --> 00:09:45,050

call it lazy management as well because

276

00:09:43,519 --> 00:09:46,519

you've got these pigeon holes that means

277

00:09:45,049 --> 00:09:47,959

there's a lot less work a manager has to

278

00:09:46,519 --> 00:09:49,309

do to motivate someone ought to move

279

00:09:47,960 --> 00:09:51,620

them into a different so-called box

280

00:09:49,309 --> 00:09:53,089

that's very true and in my view having

281

00:09:51,620 --> 00:09:55,879

no I was in the Army I went through the

282

00:09:53,090 --> 00:09:57,769

army officer training and you know I

283

00:09:55,879 --> 00:09:58,850

think army officer training is very very

284

00:09:57,769 --> 00:10:00,710

different from anything else that's

285

00:09:58,850 --> 00:10:02,090

that's in the the private sector because

286
00:10:00,710 --> 00:10:03,620
it's not about managing people it's

287
00:10:02,090 --> 00:10:05,240
about leading them and that's something

288
00:10:03,620 --> 00:10:06,049
I think is really sorely lacking in a

289
00:10:05,240 --> 00:10:07,759
lot of lot of

290
00:10:06,049 --> 00:10:09,349
measurement in Australia and something

291
00:10:07,759 --> 00:10:11,809
I've seen some you know fantastic things

292
00:10:09,350 --> 00:10:12,980
overseas but you know hopefully that's

293
00:10:11,809 --> 00:10:15,199
something that will change over time is

294
00:10:12,980 --> 00:10:16,639
it's not about managing your people

295
00:10:15,200 --> 00:10:19,940
they're not computers they're not

296
00:10:16,639 --> 00:10:22,429
machines they are people well I what

297
00:10:19,940 --> 00:10:23,810
I've noticed in some management is that

298
00:10:22,429 --> 00:10:26,000
the last thing I want to do is actually

299
00:10:23,809 --> 00:10:27,909
manage they want to sort of get on with

300
00:10:26,000 --> 00:10:30,528
whatever the job is defined as and also

301
00:10:27,909 --> 00:10:31,819
refer up to the people above them and

302
00:10:30,528 --> 00:10:33,588
make the people above them see what

303
00:10:31,820 --> 00:10:35,120
they're doing they're not so interested

304
00:10:33,589 --> 00:10:37,130
in micro management and do you think

305
00:10:35,120 --> 00:10:39,500
this is something avoids people having

306
00:10:37,129 --> 00:10:41,088
to do micromanagement I think different

307
00:10:39,500 --> 00:10:42,740
managers have different styles and that

308
00:10:41,089 --> 00:10:44,149
was something that was potrait was quite

309
00:10:42,740 --> 00:10:46,579
clearly in the army that you know you

310
00:10:44,149 --> 00:10:48,379
will have a natural style that you you

311
00:10:46,578 --> 00:10:49,699
will sort of lean towards and there's

312
00:10:48,379 --> 00:10:51,919
nothing at all wrong to that you should

313
00:10:49,700 --> 00:10:54,009
play to your strengths but with any any

314

00:10:51,919 --> 00:10:55,669
management role you've got three

315
00:10:54,009 --> 00:10:57,649
responsible if you have a responsibility

316
00:10:55,669 --> 00:11:00,110
to your employee right so your employer

317
00:10:57,649 --> 00:11:01,549
that your supervisors who are the one

318
00:11:00,110 --> 00:11:03,350
setting the agenda you've got a

319
00:11:01,549 --> 00:11:04,458
responsibility to your subordinates so

320
00:11:03,350 --> 00:11:05,839
the people that report to you you're

321
00:11:04,458 --> 00:11:06,828
responsible for their career development

322
00:11:05,839 --> 00:11:08,899
you're responsible for their day-to-day

323
00:11:06,828 --> 00:11:10,370
well-being your responsibly hearing

324
00:11:08,899 --> 00:11:12,019
their issues in that so forth you're

325
00:11:10,370 --> 00:11:14,089
also responsible for the task whatever

326
00:11:12,019 --> 00:11:15,769
the task is or the mission so you know

327
00:11:14,089 --> 00:11:17,510
as you are you know been tasked with

328
00:11:15,769 --> 00:11:19,250

with with achieving this outcome and

329

00:11:17,509 --> 00:11:20,899

then it's a matter of balancing those

330

00:11:19,250 --> 00:11:22,309

responsibilities and sometimes you have

331

00:11:20,899 --> 00:11:23,929

to buck the system a little bit and go

332

00:11:22,309 --> 00:11:25,399

against your employer sometimes you're

333

00:11:23,929 --> 00:11:26,449

going to go against your staff sometimes

334

00:11:25,399 --> 00:11:27,679

you got to focus on the mission at hand

335

00:11:26,450 --> 00:11:30,140

it really depends on what you're doing

336

00:11:27,679 --> 00:11:31,819

and someone who's had training in the

337

00:11:30,139 --> 00:11:33,949

Australian Army let's go completely off

338

00:11:31,820 --> 00:11:35,839

topic here what is your favorite story

339

00:11:33,950 --> 00:11:38,089

of Australian Army leadership if you've

340

00:11:35,839 --> 00:11:40,190

got one an example is there a moment in

341

00:11:38,089 --> 00:11:41,690

a battle aware some leadership decision

342

00:11:40,190 --> 00:11:44,180

was made that sticks in your mind is

343
00:11:41,690 --> 00:11:45,680
being wow that's leadership there's

344
00:11:44,179 --> 00:11:48,948
probably too many to be honest with you

345
00:11:45,679 --> 00:11:49,969
a lot of the officers a lot of the

346
00:11:48,948 --> 00:11:51,679
leadership training we do in the army

347
00:11:49,970 --> 00:11:53,269
looks beyond just Australian army

348
00:11:51,679 --> 00:11:54,979
because we have a very fairly short

349
00:11:53,269 --> 00:11:56,389
history in the Austrian army but there

350
00:11:54,980 --> 00:11:58,539
are so many terrific examples from

351
00:11:56,389 --> 00:12:02,000
Gallipoli they're terrific examples from

352
00:11:58,539 --> 00:12:03,439
from Africa from the the Pacific region

353
00:12:02,000 --> 00:12:05,389
during World War Two they literally are

354
00:12:03,440 --> 00:12:07,820
too many to name but probably the ones

355
00:12:05,389 --> 00:12:09,679
that stood out for me the most in my

356
00:12:07,820 --> 00:12:11,899
training were actually some of the

357
00:12:09,679 --> 00:12:13,759
leadership of the Germans you look at

358
00:12:11,899 --> 00:12:15,198
Rommel who was considered an incredible

359
00:12:13,759 --> 00:12:17,710
leader and what he actually achieved in

360
00:12:15,198 --> 00:12:19,769
Africa with a you know with his tank

361
00:12:17,710 --> 00:12:22,269
you know regiments was just sensational

362
00:12:19,769 --> 00:12:23,860
and looking at simply from a leadership

363
00:12:22,269 --> 00:12:25,659
perspective on what he was able to

364
00:12:23,860 --> 00:12:27,039
achieve on so little and you contrast

365
00:12:25,659 --> 00:12:28,269
that for example with what the Russians

366
00:12:27,039 --> 00:12:31,509
are able to do with their with their

367
00:12:28,269 --> 00:12:32,889
armored you know equipment it was a very

368
00:12:31,509 --> 00:12:34,870
very different outcome because of the

369
00:12:32,889 --> 00:12:36,970
manner in which they were required to

370
00:12:34,870 --> 00:12:38,529
lead very very different structure um

371

00:12:36,970 --> 00:12:40,090
look the only again this is off topic

372
00:12:38,529 --> 00:12:42,309
but I love gone down a rat hole with

373
00:12:40,090 --> 00:12:43,780
this the only limited leadership

374
00:12:42,309 --> 00:12:45,129
examples obscene have been from history

375
00:12:43,779 --> 00:12:46,720
channels and of course that's very

376
00:12:45,129 --> 00:12:48,279
Americanized yeah and one of the great

377
00:12:46,720 --> 00:12:50,050
leadership decisions i thought was made

378
00:12:48,279 --> 00:12:51,939
was to get off Omaha Beach there was a

379
00:12:50,049 --> 00:12:53,109
rather a ton general that was smoking a

380
00:12:51,940 --> 00:12:55,360
cigar that managed to get a whole bunch

381
00:12:53,110 --> 00:12:57,039
of guys to charge a machine gun nest now

382
00:12:55,360 --> 00:12:58,690
how do you get people to do that without

383
00:12:57,039 --> 00:13:01,029
actually getting in front of them and

384
00:12:58,690 --> 00:13:01,990
lynn email yeah i mean this is one of

385
00:13:01,029 --> 00:13:03,939

the things with leadership desert

386

00:13:01,990 --> 00:13:05,500

there's a there's a belief that really

387

00:13:03,940 --> 00:13:07,180

came out of the Vietnam era where people

388

00:13:05,500 --> 00:13:10,330

pretty much particular with Australians

389

00:13:07,179 --> 00:13:12,129

skates if you try to manage your

390

00:13:10,330 --> 00:13:13,629

resources instead of leading them you'll

391

00:13:12,129 --> 00:13:14,919

end up with a bullet in your back you

392

00:13:13,629 --> 00:13:16,659

know because it's so easy to do in the

393

00:13:14,919 --> 00:13:18,669

jungle you know the girls an accident

394

00:13:16,659 --> 00:13:20,230

whatever whatever and really that's the

395

00:13:18,669 --> 00:13:21,819

takeaway I think for from military

396

00:13:20,230 --> 00:13:23,529

training particularly in Australia where

397

00:13:21,820 --> 00:13:25,180

we do have tend to have people who do

398

00:13:23,529 --> 00:13:27,009

question authority naturally it's a part

399

00:13:25,179 --> 00:13:29,469

about our national identity I think to

400
00:13:27,009 --> 00:13:32,379
question authority but yeah I mean if

401
00:13:29,470 --> 00:13:34,210
you I I'm just I don't understand that I

402
00:13:32,379 --> 00:13:35,320
don't understand Gallipoli for example

403
00:13:34,210 --> 00:13:36,639
where they were you know they were

404
00:13:35,320 --> 00:13:38,830
charging the guns and they were doing it

405
00:13:36,639 --> 00:13:41,110
wave after wave after wave at the orders

406
00:13:38,830 --> 00:13:43,150
of you know British commanders it is

407
00:13:41,110 --> 00:13:44,320
really it's a it's just kind of magic

408
00:13:43,149 --> 00:13:46,659
meeting up position do you think that's

409
00:13:44,320 --> 00:13:48,220
part of the the training of the time

410
00:13:46,659 --> 00:13:50,980
there was an authority figure we're here

411
00:13:48,220 --> 00:13:52,420
to do this and that was at a time thing

412
00:13:50,980 --> 00:13:54,700
at that time I mean now people just

413
00:13:52,419 --> 00:13:56,379
wouldn't perfer you to do it that it could

414
00:13:54,700 --> 00:13:57,430
be i mean it's it's hard to put yourself

415
00:13:56,379 --> 00:13:59,379
in that position unless you've been

416
00:13:57,429 --> 00:14:01,299
there i mean it sounds silly but war

417
00:13:59,379 --> 00:14:02,769
changes everything you know and when and

418
00:14:01,299 --> 00:14:04,209
when you are in those positions bear in

419
00:14:02,769 --> 00:14:05,799
mind these guys have been entrenched for

420
00:14:04,210 --> 00:14:07,810
four months and months and months they

421
00:14:05,799 --> 00:14:10,870
had serious health problems that lack of

422
00:14:07,809 --> 00:14:12,609
equipment had a lack of food things were

423
00:14:10,870 --> 00:14:14,470
very very desperate and they there was a

424
00:14:12,610 --> 00:14:15,759
desperation they wanted to get out of it

425
00:14:14,470 --> 00:14:17,529
they wanted to move on they didn't want

426
00:14:15,759 --> 00:14:18,669
to continue to psalm eight so that would

427
00:14:17,529 --> 00:14:20,709
have played into it to some degree as

428

00:14:18,669 --> 00:14:23,079
well and this is nothing like the

429
00:14:20,710 --> 00:14:24,820
Gallipoli campaign here today but can

430
00:14:23,080 --> 00:14:27,100
you expect a very dangerous rush at

431
00:14:24,820 --> 00:14:28,690
lunchtime possibly we've got plenty of

432
00:14:27,100 --> 00:14:30,100
food thinks the Australian skeptics they

433
00:14:28,690 --> 00:14:32,050
sponsor this and arrival

434
00:14:30,100 --> 00:14:33,699
by the food for the event so I think

435
00:14:32,049 --> 00:14:34,929
we'll be fine with food I was a little

436
00:14:33,698 --> 00:14:37,088
bit worried once the numbers were son to

437
00:14:34,929 --> 00:14:38,948
creep up / 150 5 or 10 days as they go

438
00:14:37,089 --> 00:14:40,540
there's if lunch is going to be snacks

439
00:14:38,948 --> 00:14:42,698
and not so much lunch now I was hoping

440
00:14:40,539 --> 00:14:44,349
that someone will be giving a talk would

441
00:14:42,698 --> 00:14:45,939
go batshit crazy and have to be dragged

442
00:14:44,350 --> 00:14:47,889

out now will that be happening there's

443

00:14:45,940 --> 00:14:53,709

still time there's still some oh no it

444

00:14:47,889 --> 00:14:55,089

may happen cool well I'm wandering round

445

00:14:53,708 --> 00:14:56,469

here at skeptic camp and it's great

446

00:14:55,089 --> 00:14:57,940

people coming up to me and just saying

447

00:14:56,470 --> 00:14:59,528

hello and i've got i've been asking

448

00:14:57,940 --> 00:15:01,420

people what their personal woo is it's a

449

00:14:59,528 --> 00:15:03,639

great thing to ask anyone these kind of

450

00:15:01,419 --> 00:15:04,929

things but I'm just too we have Peter

451

00:15:03,639 --> 00:15:06,610

Miller hi Peter that's what your name

452

00:15:04,929 --> 00:15:09,129

tag that's what you claim to be tonight

453

00:15:06,610 --> 00:15:10,600

who I'm claiming to be now you've had a

454

00:15:09,129 --> 00:15:12,189

bit of a personal crusade against

455

00:15:10,600 --> 00:15:14,470

something that hasn't to do anything

456

00:15:12,190 --> 00:15:15,970

with people it's to do with pets yes

457
00:15:14,470 --> 00:15:18,220
this is a this is a little kind of

458
00:15:15,970 --> 00:15:21,879
gadget called shoe tag it's a credit

459
00:15:18,220 --> 00:15:23,860
card sized being looks like a credit

460
00:15:21,879 --> 00:15:26,559
card like a credit cards members is

461
00:15:23,860 --> 00:15:28,149
available it's it's started being

462
00:15:26,559 --> 00:15:30,518
marketed about two or three years ago

463
00:15:28,149 --> 00:15:33,278
it's still currently available in fact

464
00:15:30,519 --> 00:15:36,129
it's doing very well it's being sold out

465
00:15:33,278 --> 00:15:37,419
of America it's out of Texas and what is

466
00:15:36,129 --> 00:15:40,419
it doing is a how's that supposed to

467
00:15:37,419 --> 00:15:42,969
work what it actually does is it's you

468
00:15:40,419 --> 00:15:47,129
hang it around your pets neck dog or cat

469
00:15:42,970 --> 00:15:50,649
dog or a cat or horse and it will using

470
00:15:47,129 --> 00:15:53,620
data encoded on a magnetic strip on the

471
00:15:50,649 --> 00:15:56,500
back of the card it will repel fleas and

472
00:15:53,620 --> 00:15:59,049
ticks and other pests so the magnetic

473
00:15:56,500 --> 00:16:01,958
field is supposed to repel these pests

474
00:15:59,049 --> 00:16:04,088
well that's a good question yes perhaps

475
00:16:01,958 --> 00:16:06,789
that's what's happening according to the

476
00:16:04,089 --> 00:16:09,889
manufacturer's what actually happens is

477
00:16:06,789 --> 00:16:14,028
that the data that's encoded on the card

478
00:16:09,889 --> 00:16:16,339
somehow creates an effect inside the

479
00:16:14,028 --> 00:16:18,470
pets already existing energy field

480
00:16:16,339 --> 00:16:20,899
already we're moving into the power band

481
00:16:18,470 --> 00:16:22,189
hologram area here totally like that you

482
00:16:20,899 --> 00:16:23,539
would think that somebody marketing

483
00:16:22,188 --> 00:16:27,738
something like that would have some

484
00:16:23,539 --> 00:16:29,988
science well they don't ah so and so

485

00:16:27,739 --> 00:16:32,179
you've had a bit of a action against us

486
00:16:29,989 --> 00:16:34,759
have you written to them up do we have a

487
00:16:32,178 --> 00:16:36,259
board of abstained ins for pets things

488
00:16:34,759 --> 00:16:37,519
like that it's very interesting it's

489
00:16:36,259 --> 00:16:39,199
actually quite complicated they are

490
00:16:37,519 --> 00:16:41,600
selling this pet tag in Australian art

491
00:16:39,198 --> 00:16:42,678
course and what they've started which

492
00:16:41,600 --> 00:16:44,359
has become rather a little bit more

493
00:16:42,678 --> 00:16:46,068
concerning as they're making a people

494
00:16:44,359 --> 00:16:47,569
version and they've been shipping it to

495
00:16:46,068 --> 00:16:50,238
what they claim to have been shipping it

496
00:16:47,568 --> 00:16:53,509
to Africa to help with our problems of

497
00:16:50,239 --> 00:16:55,009
mosquitoes of malaria okay you can see

498
00:16:53,509 --> 00:16:56,659
that that's going to be yes well that's

499
00:16:55,009 --> 00:16:59,269

where you gettin into the devil what's

500

00:16:56,659 --> 00:17:01,668

the harm area that's a problem now and

501

00:16:59,269 --> 00:17:04,699

so we know I started I basically found

502

00:17:01,668 --> 00:17:08,269

this thing a couple years gone I did a

503

00:17:04,699 --> 00:17:09,740

very silly challenge on it and over the

504

00:17:08,269 --> 00:17:12,380

years it's developed into something of a

505

00:17:09,740 --> 00:17:14,778

saga on my blog so wow there's a lot of

506

00:17:12,380 --> 00:17:16,130

information available well look let's

507

00:17:14,778 --> 00:17:17,630

tell people where your blog is so they

508

00:17:16,130 --> 00:17:19,880

can go and read about just because it

509

00:17:17,630 --> 00:17:20,839

does sound like a very unlikely thing

510

00:17:19,880 --> 00:17:22,579

and something would go under the radar

511

00:17:20,838 --> 00:17:24,198

because unless people were very

512

00:17:22,578 --> 00:17:25,428

concerned about their pets being tricked

513

00:17:24,199 --> 00:17:27,350

by whew this is not something people

514
00:17:25,429 --> 00:17:29,120
might not look into because so what if

515
00:17:27,349 --> 00:17:31,129
your dog gets a few more fleas unusual

516
00:17:29,119 --> 00:17:33,079
year now and also it's promoted as being

517
00:17:31,130 --> 00:17:35,690
you know an alternative to chemical

518
00:17:33,079 --> 00:17:37,720
controls and you know it they mainly

519
00:17:35,690 --> 00:17:40,990
around the words green a lot

520
00:17:37,720 --> 00:17:42,429
yeah it's sold as something that will be

521
00:17:40,990 --> 00:17:44,740
good for your pets are not harm them but

522
00:17:42,429 --> 00:17:49,059
of course it does absolutely nothing and

523
00:17:44,740 --> 00:17:50,620
so your pets are open to disease and and

524
00:17:49,058 --> 00:18:00,099
what's the address of your blog how can

525
00:17:50,619 --> 00:18:01,989
we find it some www.koco.com is spelling

526
00:18:00,099 --> 00:18:03,819
and there's a reason for it and zoo a

527
00:18:01,990 --> 00:18:06,579
way to Google you the find it easily as

528
00:18:03,819 --> 00:18:10,899
well yeah you could just google to the

529
00:18:06,579 --> 00:18:14,048
cowl for google Reverend anaglyph and

530
00:18:10,900 --> 00:18:16,809
you'll find me okay or Google shootout

531
00:18:14,048 --> 00:18:19,000
well I'm the biggest critic available

532
00:18:16,808 --> 00:18:20,980
yeah so so if you like next time in a

533
00:18:19,000 --> 00:18:22,869
pet shop remit I mean humans aren't the

534
00:18:20,980 --> 00:18:24,579
only ones susceptible to woo cuz we put

535
00:18:22,869 --> 00:18:26,619
stuff on our pets and they're in a lot

536
00:18:24,579 --> 00:18:28,960
of Australian pet shops now right on the

537
00:18:26,619 --> 00:18:30,729
front of the counter credit card little

538
00:18:28,960 --> 00:18:32,048
milk kind of container and it sort of

539
00:18:30,730 --> 00:18:33,940
says you know this is really good

540
00:18:32,048 --> 00:18:35,440
because it won't harm your pet they

541
00:18:33,940 --> 00:18:37,570
won't home your pet they won't do

542

00:18:35,440 --> 00:18:39,759
anything is there anyone who has

543
00:18:37,569 --> 00:18:41,649
actually done some a bee studies on it

544
00:18:39,759 --> 00:18:43,690
there are a few people throughout the

545
00:18:41,650 --> 00:18:45,480
world who've actually trialed it but

546
00:18:43,690 --> 00:18:48,730
there have been to my knowledge no

547
00:18:45,480 --> 00:18:50,789
proper scientific studies done on it

548
00:18:48,730 --> 00:18:50,789
you

549
00:18:50,900 --> 00:18:54,630
really he's just come off stage and then

550
00:18:53,339 --> 00:18:56,909
what was the topic of your talk today

551
00:18:54,630 --> 00:18:58,470
Peter it was big bear dick had to be

552
00:18:56,910 --> 00:19:00,150
impolite the people on that will just

553
00:18:58,470 --> 00:19:01,558
suit us to stand up if so and get don't

554
00:19:00,150 --> 00:19:03,210
get the reverb off the wall there we're

555
00:19:01,558 --> 00:19:04,259
gonna go now I'm how'd it go I just

556
00:19:03,210 --> 00:19:05,940

caught the tail end of it they're

557

00:19:04,259 --> 00:19:09,150

basically you were saying don't waste

558

00:19:05,940 --> 00:19:10,919

time debating or arguing with the

559

00:19:09,150 --> 00:19:13,410

purveyors of whoo that's what you're

560

00:19:10,919 --> 00:19:15,750

saying there's an idea you can if

561

00:19:13,410 --> 00:19:18,000

someone is a true believer and just

562

00:19:15,750 --> 00:19:19,679

believe in what the authority that's

563

00:19:18,000 --> 00:19:21,690

fine you can't argue with those people

564

00:19:19,679 --> 00:19:23,130

and a lot in cases that's not therefore

565

00:19:21,690 --> 00:19:24,960

they've just been misinformed and

566

00:19:23,130 --> 00:19:27,630

misguided it's the people who actually

567

00:19:24,960 --> 00:19:28,950

are doing the misinformation they're the

568

00:19:27,630 --> 00:19:31,440

ones we've got to stop their polite too

569

00:19:28,950 --> 00:19:32,910

so back in the day in younger days you

570

00:19:31,440 --> 00:19:35,308

know did you originally go out and

571
00:19:32,910 --> 00:19:38,160
debate these people I have done it

572
00:19:35,308 --> 00:19:40,168
occasionally I I learned from doing this

573
00:19:38,160 --> 00:19:42,150
entire not to do it again it is part of

574
00:19:40,169 --> 00:19:43,770
the problem you don't want to in get

575
00:19:42,150 --> 00:19:46,400
them some sort of credibility as well no

576
00:19:43,769 --> 00:19:48,539
not really part of the problem is that

577
00:19:46,400 --> 00:19:51,360
you don't know what they're going to say

578
00:19:48,539 --> 00:19:53,700
next or they can just throw something I

579
00:19:51,359 --> 00:19:55,349
particular in a spoken to bait if you

580
00:19:53,700 --> 00:19:57,029
you get to speak first you get up and

581
00:19:55,349 --> 00:19:58,349
you give you a three minute talk Oh get

582
00:19:57,029 --> 00:20:00,599
up and they'll simply talk about

583
00:19:58,349 --> 00:20:02,339
something else I don't respond to you

584
00:20:00,599 --> 00:20:04,829
and of course they didn't have the last

585
00:20:02,339 --> 00:20:07,019
word and that's it if you have a speak

586
00:20:04,829 --> 00:20:09,000
first they will say things that in their

587
00:20:07,019 --> 00:20:11,519
minute or two might take you two hours

588
00:20:09,000 --> 00:20:13,380
to explain why they're wrong so is there

589
00:20:11,519 --> 00:20:14,849
one group that would draw you out for

590
00:20:13,380 --> 00:20:16,440
debate is because I'm always asking me

591
00:20:14,849 --> 00:20:18,119
about their runs personal were that the

592
00:20:16,440 --> 00:20:19,798
noise than the most is there one group

593
00:20:18,119 --> 00:20:21,479
that annoys you so much you would debate

594
00:20:19,798 --> 00:20:23,129
them under any circumstances even if it

595
00:20:21,480 --> 00:20:24,750
made you look less than you would expect

596
00:20:23,130 --> 00:20:27,150
I'd be prepared to debate the

597
00:20:24,750 --> 00:20:29,308
anti-vaccination people i think but i'd

598
00:20:27,150 --> 00:20:32,280
have to have the rule set for the debate

599

00:20:29,308 --> 00:20:34,950
mmm you did a moderator who was totally

600
00:20:32,279 --> 00:20:36,000
unbiased or yeah you'd need to make

601
00:20:34,950 --> 00:20:37,950
certain rules about the certain things

602
00:20:36,000 --> 00:20:40,919
they could say no what they could refer

603
00:20:37,950 --> 00:20:42,360
to so the rules or the main part of any

604
00:20:40,919 --> 00:20:43,290
debate and that's we're really losing a

605
00:20:42,359 --> 00:20:45,000
lot of these things that they won't

606
00:20:43,289 --> 00:20:48,210
stick to the rules well the one is that

607
00:20:45,000 --> 00:20:50,279
well when anti-vaxxers talk to me they

608
00:20:48,210 --> 00:20:52,500
talk about the danger of mercury and I

609
00:20:50,279 --> 00:20:54,119
mentionable you know it's a very low

610
00:20:52,500 --> 00:20:55,890
dose and it's not in a form that's as

611
00:20:54,119 --> 00:20:57,239
easily absorbed as other forms and then

612
00:20:55,890 --> 00:20:58,450
they say well would you go swimming in a

613
00:20:57,240 --> 00:21:00,160

swimming pool of it now

614

00:20:58,450 --> 00:21:02,230

hannig and about that that's a

615

00:21:00,160 --> 00:21:04,200

ridiculous question that they come to

616

00:21:02,230 --> 00:21:06,190

you that's not your question basically

617

00:21:04,200 --> 00:21:08,680

that's what you that's the min you can

618

00:21:06,190 --> 00:21:09,820

tense that's what a question but in fact

619

00:21:08,680 --> 00:21:12,009

when you save them all there are no

620

00:21:09,819 --> 00:21:14,529

there's only one vaccine Australia has

621

00:21:12,009 --> 00:21:16,809

got mercury in it now any amount at all

622

00:21:14,529 --> 00:21:19,750

and by the way it isn't mercury it's a

623

00:21:16,809 --> 00:21:22,179

mercury compound and you point out when

624

00:21:19,750 --> 00:21:23,529

it's salt they put on chips consists of

625

00:21:22,180 --> 00:21:25,090

a metal which explodes and you put it in

626

00:21:23,529 --> 00:21:27,789

water and a poisonous gas that was used

627

00:21:25,089 --> 00:21:29,500

in warfare in the First World War why do

628
00:21:27,789 --> 00:21:30,849
they prepare to have that and they

629
00:21:29,500 --> 00:21:32,259
haven't they have no answer to that and

630
00:21:30,849 --> 00:21:33,519
because something that I've been

631
00:21:32,259 --> 00:21:36,339
wondering about is that there was a

632
00:21:33,519 --> 00:21:39,940
study out earlier this year about a

633
00:21:36,339 --> 00:21:42,519
possible connection between a depressant

634
00:21:39,940 --> 00:21:44,470
drugs and serotonin level and autism and

635
00:21:42,519 --> 00:21:45,400
why haven't I heard more about that I

636
00:21:44,470 --> 00:21:47,170
would have thought that that would have

637
00:21:45,400 --> 00:21:48,430
been an area that the activists would

638
00:21:47,170 --> 00:21:52,300
have also want to look in the two as

639
00:21:48,430 --> 00:21:55,000
well I really don't know this with the

640
00:21:52,299 --> 00:21:58,119
autism business there's two sorts of

641
00:21:55,000 --> 00:21:59,529
activists there there's the people of

642
00:21:58,119 --> 00:22:02,019
making money at a point and cures for

643
00:21:59,529 --> 00:22:03,639
autism and because they keep saying

644
00:22:02,019 --> 00:22:05,139
things like no we can get mercury out of

645
00:22:03,640 --> 00:22:07,210
your child will save you if your child

646
00:22:05,140 --> 00:22:09,040
has had a vaccination for the last 12

647
00:22:07,210 --> 00:22:10,539
years they haven't gotten any mercury

648
00:22:09,039 --> 00:22:12,250
preservative by the way the mercury was

649
00:22:10,539 --> 00:22:14,619
put in as a preservative in multi-dose

650
00:22:12,250 --> 00:22:16,720
vials if two single-dose vial of acts of

651
00:22:14,619 --> 00:22:18,219
single shot vaccine it's never had a

652
00:22:16,720 --> 00:22:19,779
preservative in it and there's never

653
00:22:18,220 --> 00:22:24,579
been preservatives in things like the

654
00:22:19,779 --> 00:22:26,379
Muslims vaccine and so forth there's

655
00:22:24,579 --> 00:22:29,909
those group they're also a group of

656

00:22:26,380 --> 00:22:32,650
people who have autistic children who

657
00:22:29,910 --> 00:22:35,200
are desperately looking for an answer

658
00:22:32,650 --> 00:22:37,170
and a cure but also a bunch of group of

659
00:22:35,200 --> 00:22:40,210
people who don't want a cure

660
00:22:37,170 --> 00:22:42,310
nutritionally they oppose the people

661
00:22:40,210 --> 00:22:43,569
that have the quack cures not because

662
00:22:42,309 --> 00:22:46,029
they're quacks but because they're

663
00:22:43,569 --> 00:22:48,339
offering a cure on the basis that their

664
00:22:46,029 --> 00:22:51,730
child this is part of the personality of

665
00:22:48,339 --> 00:22:55,059
the child see the autism it's a defining

666
00:22:51,730 --> 00:22:56,380
thing about the child unlike watch I

667
00:22:55,059 --> 00:22:59,079
don't think like that I'm and if I had a

668
00:22:56,380 --> 00:23:01,570
child that had some kind of problem I'd

669
00:22:59,079 --> 00:23:04,000
want if I could find a cure I could be

670
00:23:01,569 --> 00:23:05,799

looking for similar people I remember

671

00:23:04,000 --> 00:23:07,539

seeing people complaining about cochlear

672

00:23:05,799 --> 00:23:08,950

implants because it removes the child's

673

00:23:07,539 --> 00:23:11,049

deafness

674

00:23:08,950 --> 00:23:13,090

right I see which is it yeah strange

675

00:23:11,049 --> 00:23:15,940

that were thinking that a disability

676

00:23:13,089 --> 00:23:17,529

that now to be cured now we shouldn't do

677

00:23:15,940 --> 00:23:20,110

it because it takes away some

678

00:23:17,529 --> 00:23:22,599

personality from the child yeah what

679

00:23:20,109 --> 00:23:24,429

were you thinking about it you've seen a

680

00:23:22,599 --> 00:23:25,809

lot in the world of skepticism what do

681

00:23:24,430 --> 00:23:28,840

you make of today's skeptic camp here in

682

00:23:25,809 --> 00:23:31,929

Melbourne I think it's good i've only

683

00:23:28,839 --> 00:23:33,639

seen three talk so far but like all

684

00:23:31,930 --> 00:23:35,259

these sort of all the skeptic have

685
00:23:33,640 --> 00:23:36,820
ability before I think it's a great

686
00:23:35,259 --> 00:23:38,319
opportunity for people who don't often

687
00:23:36,819 --> 00:23:39,849
get to speak at conferences to get up

688
00:23:38,319 --> 00:23:41,470
and talk people can talk about anything

689
00:23:39,849 --> 00:23:42,849
I like now I know that people been

690
00:23:41,470 --> 00:23:45,009
talking in the other room about how to

691
00:23:42,849 --> 00:23:47,469
get skepticism across two children in

692
00:23:45,009 --> 00:23:49,089
schools this is an excellent thing if we

693
00:23:47,470 --> 00:23:51,400
can teach but without saying we're going

694
00:23:49,089 --> 00:23:52,539
to teach your skepticism yeah but so

695
00:23:51,400 --> 00:23:53,740
going to teach you and don't even say

696
00:23:52,539 --> 00:23:56,079
we're going to teach critical thinking

697
00:23:53,740 --> 00:23:57,400
you can see even that people people get

698
00:23:56,079 --> 00:24:01,809
our I'm going to be learning philosophy

699

00:23:57,400 --> 00:24:03,160
yeah that's right yeah it's just get

700

00:24:01,809 --> 00:24:05,169
kids to think about how they solve

701

00:24:03,160 --> 00:24:07,630
problems mmm and have a look for

702

00:24:05,170 --> 00:24:10,120
evidence and kids will do this they're

703

00:24:07,630 --> 00:24:12,580
naturally inquisitive they want to know

704

00:24:10,119 --> 00:24:14,859
the right answer and they're quite happy

705

00:24:12,579 --> 00:24:17,079
to go and investigate look at things

706

00:24:14,859 --> 00:24:18,579
every kid I'm every I don't know what to

707

00:24:17,079 --> 00:24:20,500
do what those days but every kid when I

708

00:24:18,579 --> 00:24:21,669
was at school had a chemistry set well

709

00:24:20,500 --> 00:24:22,990
now that won't let you have them because

710

00:24:21,670 --> 00:24:24,700
they're too dangerous I actually saw a

711

00:24:22,990 --> 00:24:27,789
car through the other day which showed

712

00:24:24,700 --> 00:24:28,900
the level of danger and chemistry sets

713

00:24:27,789 --> 00:24:30,009
as they went down to the pub they only

714
00:24:28,900 --> 00:24:31,810
had one chemical in them which is

715
00:24:30,009 --> 00:24:34,240
currently the way it works no chemical

716
00:24:31,809 --> 00:24:37,679
assault let's go get some lunch before

717
00:24:34,240 --> 00:24:37,680
one takes it that sound like a good idea

718
00:24:38,289 --> 00:24:43,339
people are rushing everybody's hushing

719
00:24:41,269 --> 00:24:45,319
here today it's skeptic camp and a man

720
00:24:43,339 --> 00:24:46,970
who helped put on Skippy camper sydney

721
00:24:45,319 --> 00:24:48,919
was in fact Jason Brown Hodge Eisenhower

722
00:24:46,970 --> 00:24:50,900
hello a nice is that we're here again

723
00:24:48,920 --> 00:24:53,300
now you would do to be on first this

724
00:24:50,900 --> 00:24:55,550
morning but due to a raging hangover in

725
00:24:53,299 --> 00:24:57,859
a brothel at the oh my god nightclub you

726
00:24:55,549 --> 00:24:59,180
couldn't get here that's quite true and

727
00:24:57,859 --> 00:25:00,889

scandalous and I'm going to take you to

728

00:24:59,180 --> 00:25:02,630

call over it okay that's good well I

729

00:25:00,890 --> 00:25:04,130

blew off to a good start now so you can

730

00:25:02,630 --> 00:25:06,380

edit that bit out Richard no don't you

731

00:25:04,130 --> 00:25:09,050

dare I tell you you were in there

732

00:25:06,380 --> 00:25:10,610

basically you were saying do be a dick

733

00:25:09,049 --> 00:25:12,289

bit to the right people is that what you

734

00:25:10,609 --> 00:25:14,269

were saying yes yes originally I was

735

00:25:12,289 --> 00:25:17,450

going to do much the same topic SP about

736

00:25:14,269 --> 00:25:18,859

its did this morning but I decided to

737

00:25:17,450 --> 00:25:22,340

concentrate more an efficiency of

738

00:25:18,859 --> 00:25:24,500

message and get the best result maximum

739

00:25:22,339 --> 00:25:25,669

milk for minimum remove now one of your

740

00:25:24,500 --> 00:25:26,690

points you made there which a lot of

741

00:25:25,670 --> 00:25:29,210

people don't think about because a lot

742
00:25:26,690 --> 00:25:31,100
of people enjoy arguing online with the

743
00:25:29,210 --> 00:25:33,500
ante rude person or word person of their

744
00:25:31,099 --> 00:25:35,689
choice is that time is a non-renewable

745
00:25:33,500 --> 00:25:37,279
resource please explain this to us I

746
00:25:35,690 --> 00:25:38,870
love arguing with these people myself

747
00:25:37,279 --> 00:25:40,490
but you don't get any result at the end

748
00:25:38,869 --> 00:25:43,279
of it and you spend a lot a lot of time

749
00:25:40,490 --> 00:25:44,539
not getting any result and you know none

750
00:25:43,279 --> 00:25:46,910
of us is getting any younger may not

751
00:25:44,539 --> 00:25:48,470
yeah you know well this time has just

752
00:25:46,910 --> 00:25:50,509
being frittered away on shouting and

753
00:25:48,470 --> 00:25:51,650
meryl dory when we could be talking to

754
00:25:50,509 --> 00:25:53,480
the public and given to vaccinate

755
00:25:51,650 --> 00:25:55,130
instead now now he said for a while

756
00:25:53,480 --> 00:25:57,880
there that Meryl had been removed as the

757
00:25:55,130 --> 00:26:00,620
go-to person for the media is the

758
00:25:57,880 --> 00:26:02,150
opposite to vaccination but she seems to

759
00:26:00,619 --> 00:26:04,009
be creeping back once or twice in the

760
00:26:02,150 --> 00:26:05,570
last week or so do you think that that

761
00:26:04,009 --> 00:26:07,220
that effect disappears over time and

762
00:26:05,569 --> 00:26:09,409
she'll get back to being well-known in

763
00:26:07,220 --> 00:26:10,610
here and she'd like to but sov n is

764
00:26:09,410 --> 00:26:11,810
probably always going to be there to do

765
00:26:10,609 --> 00:26:13,519
that but there is always going to be

766
00:26:11,809 --> 00:26:15,950
little holes will appear in the dike and

767
00:26:13,519 --> 00:26:18,230
we have to stick our finger in it and

768
00:26:15,950 --> 00:26:19,250
you know plug the little gaps this is

769
00:26:18,230 --> 00:26:21,710
going to happen for a while and

770

00:26:19,250 --> 00:26:23,089
eventually it'll go away I hope look and

771
00:26:21,710 --> 00:26:25,579
you've obviously been doing a lot of

772
00:26:23,089 --> 00:26:27,379
work with the anti-vaxxers is it another

773
00:26:25,579 --> 00:26:28,669
kind of whew that is sort of secondary

774
00:26:27,380 --> 00:26:30,500
that you like to look at as well I've

775
00:26:28,670 --> 00:26:32,390
been asking everyone and everyone likes

776
00:26:30,500 --> 00:26:33,769
everyone mentions any vaccinations

777
00:26:32,390 --> 00:26:36,110
people straight away because the harm

778
00:26:33,769 --> 00:26:37,819
can be seen directly there oh yeah well

779
00:26:36,109 --> 00:26:39,859
I've spent a lot of time arguing with

780
00:26:37,819 --> 00:26:41,950
creationists before I did this sort of

781
00:26:39,859 --> 00:26:44,809
thing and I do kind of enjoy that and

782
00:26:41,950 --> 00:26:46,519
while it frustrates me because you can't

783
00:26:44,809 --> 00:26:48,169
change their mind it's still very very

784
00:26:46,519 --> 00:26:49,490

interesting and I get to find out things

785

00:26:48,170 --> 00:26:51,860
about evolution that I never

786

00:26:49,490 --> 00:26:53,779
yeah so I know all sorts of things about

787

00:26:51,859 --> 00:26:55,129
whale evolution like pakka Cetus and

788

00:26:53,779 --> 00:26:59,569
things like that that I never knew well

789

00:26:55,130 --> 00:27:02,420
okay with as ancient astronaut theorists

790

00:26:59,569 --> 00:27:04,879
say if our DNA was not mixed with to

791

00:27:02,420 --> 00:27:12,800
create the Cambrian explosion what did

792

00:27:04,880 --> 00:27:14,929
Oh mathematical inevitability well so

793

00:27:12,799 --> 00:27:16,308
all this stuff happened at once what why

794

00:27:14,929 --> 00:27:18,290
couldn't have aliens are being missing

795

00:27:16,308 --> 00:27:21,589
with our DNA in fact lots of DNA to have

796

00:27:18,289 --> 00:27:23,000
all these animals turn up at once that's

797

00:27:21,589 --> 00:27:25,428
that's what I read in the erich von

798

00:27:23,000 --> 00:27:26,960
daniken book may not you've stumped me I

799
00:27:25,429 --> 00:27:28,550
do love those Erich von Daniken books

800
00:27:26,960 --> 00:27:30,049
yeah carats of the gods is one of my

801
00:27:28,549 --> 00:27:32,389
favorite books of all time return to the

802
00:27:30,049 --> 00:27:34,308
stars I haven't represents the size Gold

803
00:27:32,390 --> 00:27:35,330
is gold God's is a really good one as

804
00:27:34,308 --> 00:27:37,039
well and does have some really good

805
00:27:35,329 --> 00:27:39,529
photos from South America well yeah it

806
00:27:37,039 --> 00:27:43,879
does from Carlo crespini who was a friend

807
00:27:39,529 --> 00:27:46,339
of James Randi I believe we were just

808
00:27:43,880 --> 00:27:48,200
yes I thought the man would come we were

809
00:27:46,339 --> 00:27:50,359
actually asked to leave the skeptic

810
00:27:48,200 --> 00:27:52,009
camper for you because we will get used

811
00:27:50,359 --> 00:27:53,899
to it I don't know you know you notice

812
00:27:52,009 --> 00:27:56,750
we were only asked to leave after we

813
00:27:53,900 --> 00:27:59,210
mentioned Erich von Daniken well I think

814
00:27:56,750 --> 00:28:02,210
that's a censorship of opposing views

815
00:27:59,210 --> 00:28:04,130
frankly we've been excluded because we

816
00:28:02,210 --> 00:28:07,160
want Erich von Daniken to have a voice

817
00:28:04,130 --> 00:28:08,690
and actually do you enjoy looking at

818
00:28:07,160 --> 00:28:10,610
shows like ancient aliens and you'll

819
00:28:08,690 --> 00:28:12,200
enjoy watching paranormal documentary is

820
00:28:10,609 --> 00:28:13,849
that baby maybe playing it a bit loose

821
00:28:12,200 --> 00:28:15,920
with the evidence I really used to a lot

822
00:28:13,849 --> 00:28:18,019
and they frustrate me at the moment I

823
00:28:15,920 --> 00:28:19,250
have ups and downs you know it's a

824
00:28:18,019 --> 00:28:20,900
little roller coaster rides through my

825
00:28:19,250 --> 00:28:22,609
brain where I have my ups and downs

826
00:28:20,900 --> 00:28:24,019
where I can watch them quite happily for

827

00:28:22,609 --> 00:28:25,909
a few months and then I start pegging

828
00:28:24,019 --> 00:28:28,009
things at the television and frankly I

829
00:28:25,910 --> 00:28:30,410
can't afford a new television and what

830
00:28:28,009 --> 00:28:32,990
has been going on with your podcast the

831
00:28:30,410 --> 00:28:35,090
fabulous hard-drinking pod he's kept

832
00:28:32,990 --> 00:28:37,880
Acula in vino veritas podcast yeah we

833
00:28:35,089 --> 00:28:39,619
have a couple of episodes in again so to

834
00:28:37,880 --> 00:28:41,390
speak hit the three episodes and then

835
00:28:39,619 --> 00:28:45,169
the can't be arsed fairy came to visit

836
00:28:41,390 --> 00:28:47,929
um yes well not to put the blame on my

837
00:28:45,170 --> 00:28:50,750
compatriots Dave happy singer but he's

838
00:28:47,929 --> 00:28:53,090
taken over editing duties and you'll

839
00:28:50,750 --> 00:28:56,058
have to ask him well okay there are few

840
00:28:53,089 --> 00:28:57,970
in the can so in in in in coming months

841
00:28:56,058 --> 00:28:59,649

where we'll be fine the pond

842

00:28:57,970 --> 00:29:02,380

I'm a fan of it I'm a family the

843

00:28:59,650 --> 00:29:06,070

podcaster in vino veritas podcast com or

844

00:29:02,380 --> 00:29:07,510

on itunes under in vino veritas also

845

00:29:06,069 --> 00:29:09,819

through my website and through Dave's

846

00:29:07,509 --> 00:29:11,589

website you can link to it from there um

847

00:29:09,819 --> 00:29:12,939

yes in the next couple of weeks I think

848

00:29:11,589 --> 00:29:15,309

you'll be seen a couple of new episodes

849

00:29:12,940 --> 00:29:17,799

it's funny it's random there's two

850

00:29:15,309 --> 00:29:20,079

skeptics three bottles of alcohol what

851

00:29:17,799 --> 00:29:22,450

could be better what could go wrong well

852

00:29:20,079 --> 00:29:24,579

what plenty goes wrong I'm just

853

00:29:22,450 --> 00:29:26,620

imagining if I had put pitch this to the

854

00:29:24,579 --> 00:29:28,869

ABC is summer programming now we've got

855

00:29:26,619 --> 00:29:30,039

two guys and over an hour or two they're

856
00:29:28,869 --> 00:29:33,039
going to drink three bottles of wine and

857
00:29:30,039 --> 00:29:34,990
it's going to go out live I could just

858
00:29:33,039 --> 00:29:39,849
imagine the legal department going sure

859
00:29:34,990 --> 00:29:42,130
I can't see a problem with that we we

860
00:29:39,849 --> 00:29:44,559
promote responsible consumption of Huck

861
00:29:42,130 --> 00:29:47,650
oh oh you certainly do but it's what you

862
00:29:44,559 --> 00:29:50,529
say it's a bit like no agenda the second

863
00:29:47,650 --> 00:29:52,090
half of the show just as gone wild um I

864
00:29:50,529 --> 00:29:53,680
can never remember the second half of

865
00:29:52,089 --> 00:29:55,240
the show main asset I love to listen

866
00:29:53,680 --> 00:29:56,560
back to see so that's a compelling

867
00:29:55,240 --> 00:29:58,809
reason to listen to the three existing

868
00:29:56,559 --> 00:30:00,429
episodes in any that might be coming up

869
00:29:58,809 --> 00:30:01,929
and look Jason what do you make of the

870
00:30:00,430 --> 00:30:03,160
Melbourne skeptic amp any differences

871
00:30:01,930 --> 00:30:04,840
from Sydney I think they've done a

872
00:30:03,160 --> 00:30:07,029
lovely job it seems more intimate than

873
00:30:04,839 --> 00:30:08,980
Sydney Sydney was quite only at one big

874
00:30:07,029 --> 00:30:11,649
room and then a long distance to the

875
00:30:08,980 --> 00:30:14,380
second room so it was not so friendly

876
00:30:11,650 --> 00:30:15,820
and close-knit do you think the topics

877
00:30:14,380 --> 00:30:16,630
are slightly different other skeptics in

878
00:30:15,819 --> 00:30:19,389
Melbourne interested in anything

879
00:30:16,630 --> 00:30:20,800
different um I think the TGA stuff with

880
00:30:19,390 --> 00:30:22,930
ken harvey has been very important to

881
00:30:20,799 --> 00:30:25,750
the melbourne skeptics and so that sort

882
00:30:22,930 --> 00:30:27,310
of regulatory and and sort of public

883
00:30:25,750 --> 00:30:30,069
activism stuff is very important in

884

00:30:27,309 --> 00:30:31,720
melbourne so yeah it's been a little bit

885
00:30:30,069 --> 00:30:33,309
different to the way sydney wants I'm of

886
00:30:31,720 --> 00:30:35,920
course we've got surf coast coming up in

887
00:30:33,309 --> 00:30:38,889
January out on the Great Ocean Road

888
00:30:35,920 --> 00:30:40,660
which will be different again I hope so

889
00:30:38,890 --> 00:30:42,250
yeah that'll be fun and because we're

890
00:30:40,660 --> 00:30:44,320
all looking forward to drinks afterwards

891
00:30:42,250 --> 00:30:45,849
our yes at the good old Clyde hotel

892
00:30:44,319 --> 00:30:47,619
where we inevitably end up after every

893
00:30:45,849 --> 00:30:50,699
skeptical gathering okay you get it the

894
00:30:47,619 --> 00:30:50,699
wonderful thank you very much

895
00:30:51,079 --> 00:30:56,220
but I'm here with that bullet just to

896
00:30:54,210 --> 00:30:59,220
tell us who you are I'm Joe ban hammer

897
00:30:56,220 --> 00:31:01,259
and professionally you are a clinical

898
00:30:59,220 --> 00:31:02,549

nurse specialist all right and what does

899

00:31:01,259 --> 00:31:04,079

the name your talk which is up there

900

00:31:02,549 --> 00:31:06,659

name of my talk is getting to the bottom

901

00:31:04,079 --> 00:31:09,029

of colon cleansing well now as someone I

902

00:31:06,660 --> 00:31:10,710

now on the show last week you told

903

00:31:09,029 --> 00:31:14,099

everybody that I had recently been

904

00:31:10,710 --> 00:31:16,289

inside a bottom yes I did it look I'm

905

00:31:14,099 --> 00:31:19,079

fine with that you know my private life

906

00:31:16,289 --> 00:31:22,740

being exposed is fine but what you meant

907

00:31:19,079 --> 00:31:25,439

was that I was inside a large oversized

908

00:31:22,740 --> 00:31:26,819

coal on it was as almost half the sizes

909

00:31:25,440 --> 00:31:28,950

lecture theatre and I walk through it

910

00:31:26,819 --> 00:31:30,720

it's absolutely right it's an invaluable

911

00:31:28,950 --> 00:31:33,900

exhibit that they've got on for

912

00:31:30,720 --> 00:31:35,730

educating people about bowel health and

913
00:31:33,900 --> 00:31:37,140
in fact my dad has pestered me so much

914
00:31:35,730 --> 00:31:38,730
and this is the only reason that I'm

915
00:31:37,140 --> 00:31:40,500
actually going to have a colonoscopy

916
00:31:38,730 --> 00:31:42,000
and what's it when you put it down well

917
00:31:40,500 --> 00:31:43,380
it's either an endoscopy or a

918
00:31:42,000 --> 00:31:45,299
gastroscopy people find it quite

919
00:31:43,380 --> 00:31:47,940
confusing because I'm having both done

920
00:31:45,299 --> 00:31:49,529
at the same time to shut him up and I

921
00:31:47,940 --> 00:31:51,150
don't to go back for ten years that's

922
00:31:49,529 --> 00:31:52,410
fantastic and it's something I encourage

923
00:31:51,150 --> 00:31:54,000
all people to do is to talk to their

924
00:31:52,410 --> 00:31:55,680
doctors about their bowel health and

925
00:31:54,000 --> 00:31:57,480
find out about what the appropriate

926
00:31:55,680 --> 00:31:59,460
screening is for them because you see

927
00:31:57,480 --> 00:32:00,809
people at home game listen to this now

928
00:31:59,460 --> 00:32:03,269
because this is a topic that's not

929
00:32:00,809 --> 00:32:05,299
pleasant it's not fun yeah exactly like

930
00:32:03,269 --> 00:32:07,980
talking about their bottom I know

931
00:32:05,299 --> 00:32:09,839
understandably but at what age should

932
00:32:07,980 --> 00:32:11,430
you actually go and start I'm if you

933
00:32:09,839 --> 00:32:12,329
have if you don't have any problem what

934
00:32:11,430 --> 00:32:13,230
age should you actually go and have a

935
00:32:12,329 --> 00:32:14,789
screen because I haven't got any

936
00:32:13,230 --> 00:32:16,380
problems at all I'm thinking why should

937
00:32:14,789 --> 00:32:17,909
I even go and have a look well the

938
00:32:16,380 --> 00:32:21,360
recommendations are that anyone over the

939
00:32:17,910 --> 00:32:23,250
age of 50 should should be having I'm

940
00:32:21,359 --> 00:32:24,750
not big enough going a couple years old

941

00:32:23,250 --> 00:32:27,839
you have a family history of bowel

942
00:32:24,750 --> 00:32:29,400
cancer I think there is someone

943
00:32:27,839 --> 00:32:32,639
somewhere year so people who do have a

944
00:32:29,400 --> 00:32:34,410
close relative who has had bowel cancer

945
00:32:32,640 --> 00:32:36,630
it's recommended that they start

946
00:32:34,410 --> 00:32:38,190
screening once they hit the age of 40

947
00:32:36,630 --> 00:32:39,330
now that doesn't necessarily mean that

948
00:32:38,190 --> 00:32:42,509
you have to pop off and have a

949
00:32:39,329 --> 00:32:43,949
colonoscopy but you should at least be

950
00:32:42,509 --> 00:32:45,509
having a conversation with your doctor

951
00:32:43,950 --> 00:32:46,830
about what's appropriate for you and in

952
00:32:45,509 --> 00:32:49,619
some people it's just a matter of having

953
00:32:46,829 --> 00:32:51,899
a little test called a fecal occult

954
00:32:49,619 --> 00:32:53,579
blood test and again people find it a

955
00:32:51,900 --> 00:32:55,110

bit icky because you have to you have to

956

00:32:53,579 --> 00:32:58,379

send off a little bit of / to

957

00:32:55,109 --> 00:33:00,000

morituri and again this is and look to

958

00:32:58,380 --> 00:33:01,470

me this would be the number one reason

959

00:33:00,000 --> 00:33:03,210

why no one wants to have anything to do

960

00:33:01,470 --> 00:33:05,519

with it yeah absolutely people find it

961

00:33:03,210 --> 00:33:07,230

embarrassing and you know that's one of

962

00:33:05,519 --> 00:33:09,240

those conversations that people just

963

00:33:07,230 --> 00:33:10,529

don't like talking about it but it is so

964

00:33:09,240 --> 00:33:12,900

important and the reason it's so

965

00:33:10,529 --> 00:33:15,480

important is that bowel cancer is one of

966

00:33:12,900 --> 00:33:17,610

the most preventable cancers and if it's

967

00:33:15,480 --> 00:33:20,400

caught if it's caught early that is and

968

00:33:17,609 --> 00:33:21,449

and by doing so you you know i mean i

969

00:33:20,400 --> 00:33:23,700

think really looking at the statistics

970
00:33:21,450 --> 00:33:25,319
it's got the second highest death rate

971
00:33:23,700 --> 00:33:27,690
after lung cancer but it's one of the

972
00:33:25,319 --> 00:33:28,829
highest most diagnosed cancers but it's

973
00:33:27,690 --> 00:33:31,970
also the most preventable with its

974
00:33:28,829 --> 00:33:34,259
quarterly and will you be showing any

975
00:33:31,970 --> 00:33:36,298
graphic I mean will you have a photo of

976
00:33:34,259 --> 00:33:37,950
a large inflatable column any of I've

977
00:33:36,298 --> 00:33:39,179
got far more interesting photos and

978
00:33:37,950 --> 00:33:40,590
inflatable cole lines because I'm

979
00:33:39,179 --> 00:33:42,210
actually going to be talking today more

980
00:33:40,589 --> 00:33:43,349
about some of the myths about the bowel

981
00:33:42,210 --> 00:33:46,650
and some of the weird and wonderful

982
00:33:43,349 --> 00:33:48,058
things that people believe about what we

983
00:33:46,650 --> 00:33:49,590
need to do to look after our bowels

984
00:33:48,058 --> 00:33:51,599
because there's a huge amount of

985
00:33:49,589 --> 00:33:53,668
misinformation out there about how the

986
00:33:51,599 --> 00:33:55,019
bowel works and what we need to do to

987
00:33:53,669 --> 00:33:56,669
look after it my mum's got

988
00:33:55,019 --> 00:33:57,779
diverticulitis does that mean that I

989
00:33:56,669 --> 00:34:01,320
could have something and what is that

990
00:33:57,779 --> 00:34:03,599
I'm directing well diverticulosis is

991
00:34:01,319 --> 00:34:06,418
where there are small sort of pockets

992
00:34:03,599 --> 00:34:08,460
that format in the bowel wall and and

993
00:34:06,419 --> 00:34:09,690
it's quite an anatomical thing it's just

994
00:34:08,460 --> 00:34:12,119
sort of where there are weaker points

995
00:34:09,690 --> 00:34:13,679
along the walk along the the bell and

996
00:34:12,119 --> 00:34:15,030
they form little pockets is there

997
00:34:13,679 --> 00:34:16,829
nothing wrong with that or because she's

998

00:34:15,030 --> 00:34:18,119
told you can't eat nuts the thing is

999
00:34:16,829 --> 00:34:19,619
that what can happen is people who can

1000
00:34:18,119 --> 00:34:22,139
get species trapped in those little

1001
00:34:19,619 --> 00:34:24,600
pockets they can also become inflamed

1002
00:34:22,139 --> 00:34:25,679
that's when you get diverticulitis so

1003
00:34:24,599 --> 00:34:27,269
diverticulitis is when you get

1004
00:34:25,679 --> 00:34:28,769
inflammation of those little pockets in

1005
00:34:27,269 --> 00:34:30,570
the bowel and it can be very

1006
00:34:28,769 --> 00:34:33,389
uncomfortable and people who've got

1007
00:34:30,570 --> 00:34:34,740
diverticulosis often advised to just

1008
00:34:33,389 --> 00:34:36,690
sort of watch what they eat because the

1009
00:34:34,739 --> 00:34:37,918
things that might irritate it and what's

1010
00:34:36,690 --> 00:34:39,358
the biggest piece of woo what is

1011
00:34:37,918 --> 00:34:41,940
something that people have told over and

1012
00:34:39,358 --> 00:34:43,409

over again not to do for bowel health or

1013

00:34:41,940 --> 00:34:44,659

to do for bowel health that really

1014

00:34:43,409 --> 00:34:47,730

doesn't make a difference in the way

1015

00:34:44,659 --> 00:34:50,128

well in fact things like drinking lots

1016

00:34:47,730 --> 00:34:52,800

and lots and lots of water and while

1017

00:34:50,128 --> 00:34:54,418

being hydrated is important what we get

1018

00:34:52,800 --> 00:34:55,769

in our normal diet keeps us pretty well

1019

00:34:54,418 --> 00:34:58,108

hydrated a lot of people are talking

1020

00:34:55,769 --> 00:35:00,079

what about it what about if you're at a

1021

00:34:58,108 --> 00:35:02,489

rave and you're on your second day I

1022

00:35:00,079 --> 00:35:04,079

mean I was always told to drink lots of

1023

00:35:02,489 --> 00:35:05,489

water but not too much people will be

1024

00:35:04,079 --> 00:35:05,799

thinking too much about their bowels in

1025

00:35:05,489 --> 00:35:07,500

met

1026

00:35:05,800 --> 00:35:09,940

yeah that's true tonight I don't know

1027
00:35:07,500 --> 00:35:12,730
but but a lot of their beliefs about

1028
00:35:09,940 --> 00:35:14,800
things like having a clean bowel and

1029
00:35:12,730 --> 00:35:16,750
colon cleansing so people going off and

1030
00:35:14,800 --> 00:35:19,150
having colonic irrigation I have had to

1031
00:35:16,750 --> 00:35:22,510
clinic irrigations in my life oh poor

1032
00:35:19,150 --> 00:35:24,670
thing and they and I went to the first

1033
00:35:22,510 --> 00:35:26,740
one and it was one of the most unusual

1034
00:35:24,670 --> 00:35:28,570
experiences I've ever had in my life and

1035
00:35:26,739 --> 00:35:30,759
it felt like it did absolutely nothing

1036
00:35:28,570 --> 00:35:32,380
and I said oh well everyone says I'll

1037
00:35:30,760 --> 00:35:34,060
give it another go in a second go and it

1038
00:35:32,380 --> 00:35:36,099
was one again by the weirdest things

1039
00:35:34,059 --> 00:35:38,019
I've ever done in my life and it nothing

1040
00:35:36,099 --> 00:35:39,460
actually happened and is that because

1041
00:35:38,019 --> 00:35:41,559
they can't go up high enough to do

1042
00:35:39,460 --> 00:35:43,570
anything and you don't really want no in

1043
00:35:41,559 --> 00:35:46,449
fact in fact it actually when they when

1044
00:35:43,570 --> 00:35:48,789
they do perform colonic irrigation they

1045
00:35:46,449 --> 00:35:50,919
actually can clean out the entire length

1046
00:35:48,789 --> 00:35:52,029
of the bowel all the way to the cecum

1047
00:35:50,920 --> 00:35:53,800
which is where you're small and large

1048
00:35:52,030 --> 00:35:55,330
bowel meet up so travels a long way up

1049
00:35:53,800 --> 00:35:57,010
and what you learn to that there is no

1050
00:35:55,329 --> 00:35:59,349
advantage there is absolutely no

1051
00:35:57,010 --> 00:36:01,000
advantage to it you know people will

1052
00:35:59,349 --> 00:36:01,920
suddenly feel lighter and they might

1053
00:36:01,000 --> 00:36:04,599
have a bit of a flatter stomach

1054
00:36:01,920 --> 00:36:06,490
immediately but straight afterwards your

1055

00:36:04,599 --> 00:36:08,230
colon will just fill up again the claims

1056
00:36:06,489 --> 00:36:11,379
that are made about colon cleansing is

1057
00:36:08,230 --> 00:36:13,000
that it detoxifies you and people who

1058
00:36:11,380 --> 00:36:15,250
believe in this stuff believe that your

1059
00:36:13,000 --> 00:36:17,349
bowel is full of toxins and that there

1060
00:36:15,250 --> 00:36:18,820
are years and years of feces that are

1061
00:36:17,349 --> 00:36:20,679
sitting in there clogging you up and

1062
00:36:18,820 --> 00:36:22,780
poisoning you but there's absolutely no

1063
00:36:20,679 --> 00:36:24,339
evidence to support that and i was told

1064
00:36:22,780 --> 00:36:25,540
that like some year old drugs might come

1065
00:36:24,340 --> 00:36:27,390
on again because i'll be washed further

1066
00:36:25,539 --> 00:36:30,519
down didn't have didn't happen I know

1067
00:36:27,389 --> 00:36:31,779
that because move that thing cuz I would

1068
00:36:30,519 --> 00:36:33,670
not like to think that anything I've

1069
00:36:31,780 --> 00:36:35,440

taken still up there from couple years

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00:36:33,670 --> 00:36:36,519

ago exactly i mean it's kind of like you

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00:36:35,440 --> 00:36:37,659

know the whole thing about chewing gum

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00:36:36,519 --> 00:36:39,849

that if you swallow your chewing gum

1073

00:36:37,659 --> 00:36:42,039

that it's gonna sit in your stomach for

1074

00:36:39,849 --> 00:36:43,539

years well i can tell you now i've

1075

00:36:42,039 --> 00:36:45,099

looked into a lot of people's stomachs

1076

00:36:43,539 --> 00:36:46,719

and colons and i've never seen any

1077

00:36:45,099 --> 00:36:48,099

chewing i'm hanging around in this i

1078

00:36:46,719 --> 00:36:49,989

don't know as far as you medically know

1079

00:36:48,099 --> 00:36:51,909

is there anyone that would have an

1080

00:36:49,989 --> 00:36:55,989

advantage from have a colonic irrigation

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00:36:51,909 --> 00:36:59,259

um look uh there are people who have

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00:36:55,989 --> 00:37:01,000

certain for example people who have

1083

00:36:59,260 --> 00:37:02,650

difficulty in going to the toilet

1084
00:37:01,000 --> 00:37:06,369
normally like people who have spinal

1085
00:37:02,650 --> 00:37:08,200
cord injuries and so on but doing but

1086
00:37:06,369 --> 00:37:09,609
sorry cleaning out their bowels

1087
00:37:08,199 --> 00:37:12,399
shouldn't be done through a colonic

1088
00:37:09,610 --> 00:37:13,599
irrigation which is often performed by

1089
00:37:12,400 --> 00:37:15,730
someone really with no medical

1090
00:37:13,599 --> 00:37:18,369
background there are other ways to do

1091
00:37:15,730 --> 00:37:20,289
that for example things like enemas and

1092
00:37:18,369 --> 00:37:22,409
they're usually performed by medically

1093
00:37:20,289 --> 00:37:25,050
qualified people and there they are

1094
00:37:22,409 --> 00:37:28,619
they're diagnose so that they are

1095
00:37:25,050 --> 00:37:30,610
prescribed by doctors and given by

1096
00:37:28,619 --> 00:37:31,659
people who know what they're doing where

1097
00:37:30,610 --> 00:37:33,220
is with something like colonic

1098
00:37:31,659 --> 00:37:35,319
irrigation there are significant risks

1099
00:37:33,219 --> 00:37:37,509
involved and not good evidence at all

1100
00:37:35,320 --> 00:37:39,550
for the use so there are some people who

1101
00:37:37,510 --> 00:37:41,770
really do actually need help with going

1102
00:37:39,550 --> 00:37:43,000
to the toilet so so what are the risks

1103
00:37:41,769 --> 00:37:45,009
someone could turn the tap on to her

1104
00:37:43,000 --> 00:37:46,179
well actually yeah that would be a risk

1105
00:37:45,010 --> 00:37:47,740
actually if you're putting too high

1106
00:37:46,179 --> 00:37:49,690
pressure through the batter mostly it's

1107
00:37:47,739 --> 00:37:51,129
gravity feed so it's usually okay well

1108
00:37:49,690 --> 00:37:54,369
there's two ways actually they can do it

1109
00:37:51,130 --> 00:37:56,050
through gravity or mechanically and and

1110
00:37:54,369 --> 00:37:57,639
the pressure from the water could do

1111
00:37:56,050 --> 00:37:59,650
damage to the bowel but also there's a

1112

00:37:57,639 --> 00:38:01,929
risk from the tube itself of perforating

1113
00:37:59,650 --> 00:38:03,579
the bell and that can actually call that

1114
00:38:01,929 --> 00:38:06,549
could kill someone you can get a

1115
00:38:03,579 --> 00:38:08,019
catastrophic infection from that and I

1116
00:38:06,550 --> 00:38:09,670
mean look you know there are medical

1117
00:38:08,019 --> 00:38:10,809
procedures that carries similar risks

1118
00:38:09,670 --> 00:38:11,889
but in the case of those medical

1119
00:38:10,809 --> 00:38:13,599
procedures there's very good evidence

1120
00:38:11,889 --> 00:38:16,329
for doing them they're done in the

1121
00:38:13,599 --> 00:38:18,039
controlled environment and patients are

1122
00:38:16,329 --> 00:38:19,980
informed and aware of those risks where

1123
00:38:18,039 --> 00:38:22,269
is it something like colonic irrigation

1124
00:38:19,980 --> 00:38:24,400
you're taking a risk for no betta fish

1125
00:38:22,269 --> 00:38:26,559
now what the name of your talk of course

1126
00:38:24,400 --> 00:38:28,510

is getting to the bottom of the colon

1127

00:38:26,559 --> 00:38:30,909

cleansing now is that available online

1128

00:38:28,510 --> 00:38:33,850

can we sit anywhere online yet I know

1129

00:38:30,909 --> 00:38:35,230

not as yet but I'll see what I can do

1130

00:38:33,849 --> 00:38:36,460

about that because if people are

1131

00:38:35,230 --> 00:38:37,900

interested I'd be more than happy to

1132

00:38:36,460 --> 00:38:40,480

provide so let's see how we're going to

1133

00:38:37,900 --> 00:38:43,059

get the jokes is this a bum rap will

1134

00:38:40,480 --> 00:38:47,230

anyone poopoo your talk what else has

1135

00:38:43,059 --> 00:38:49,119

been done so far oh let's see ah sorry

1136

00:38:47,230 --> 00:38:50,980

my brains just suddenly people said that

1137

00:38:49,119 --> 00:38:54,549

you're talking out about it yet talking

1138

00:38:50,980 --> 00:38:56,710

out of your bum bum in fact bomb you

1139

00:38:54,550 --> 00:38:58,480

know temos boobs was the catchword 40

1140

00:38:56,710 --> 00:39:02,710

miles we've decided bums is the word for

1141
00:38:58,480 --> 00:39:06,150
for skeptic amp so uh okay well Joe bum

1142
00:39:02,710 --> 00:39:06,150
on thank you may not I will

1143
00:39:16,670 --> 00:39:23,369
hi this is surly Amy from skeptic org I

1144
00:39:20,670 --> 00:39:25,349
make ceramic jewelry it's hand formed

1145
00:39:23,369 --> 00:39:27,900
and hand-painted it's inspired by

1146
00:39:25,349 --> 00:39:32,069
science and skepticism you can find it

1147
00:39:27,900 --> 00:39:40,410
at surly romics com s you are ly are am

1148
00:39:32,070 --> 00:39:43,170
ICS calm thanks and be skeptical now

1149
00:39:40,409 --> 00:39:48,779
it's time for dr. Rachel reports with

1150
00:39:43,170 --> 00:39:51,269
dr. Rachel Dunlop and i'm here at the

1151
00:39:48,780 --> 00:39:52,860
2011 shonky awards the choice shonky

1152
00:39:51,269 --> 00:39:55,500
wards and I'm with Chris Barnes from

1153
00:39:52,860 --> 00:39:57,150
choice hi Chris hi Rachel thanks for

1154
00:39:55,500 --> 00:39:59,579
talking to us we've just wrapped up the

1155
00:39:57,150 --> 00:40:03,030
award ceremony or the I guess non award

1156
00:39:59,579 --> 00:40:04,230
ceremony today one of the products that

1157
00:40:03,030 --> 00:40:06,600
got a big shout out today was

1158
00:40:04,230 --> 00:40:09,679
senselessly wasn't it that's right yeah

1159
00:40:06,599 --> 00:40:11,789
yep the classic case of Ashanti really

1160
00:40:09,679 --> 00:40:13,559
you know a product that clearly doesn't

1161
00:40:11,789 --> 00:40:16,889
live up to its claims in any way shape

1162
00:40:13,559 --> 00:40:19,110
or form and which the company that sells

1163
00:40:16,889 --> 00:40:21,619
it defend themselves through the courts

1164
00:40:19,110 --> 00:40:23,970
you know using every possible tactic

1165
00:40:21,619 --> 00:40:26,369
yeah thoroughly thoroughly deserving

1166
00:40:23,969 --> 00:40:27,719
Ashanti I think yeah and I noticed with

1167
00:40:26,369 --> 00:40:30,119
interest that you gave the TGA an

1168
00:40:27,719 --> 00:40:31,849
honorable mention in the Shan q4 sense

1169

00:40:30,119 --> 00:40:34,469
aslam can you tell us why you did that

1170
00:40:31,849 --> 00:40:38,099
well look this is a little outside my

1171
00:40:34,469 --> 00:40:39,959
area but the TGA time and time again

1172
00:40:38,099 --> 00:40:41,579
seems to prove himself to be something

1173
00:40:39,960 --> 00:40:44,610
of a toothless tiger in this kind of

1174
00:40:41,579 --> 00:40:47,730
arena yeah it's clearly got the

1175
00:40:44,610 --> 00:40:49,500
responsibility to administer drugs and

1176
00:40:47,730 --> 00:40:53,309
medications which sense aslam if it

1177
00:40:49,500 --> 00:40:54,659
worked should be classed asked but you

1178
00:40:53,309 --> 00:40:56,549
know it just seems that they have

1179
00:40:54,659 --> 00:40:58,349
absolutely no ability perhaps there are

1180
00:40:56,550 --> 00:41:00,990
limited resources and funding like so

1181
00:40:58,349 --> 00:41:02,699
many government government agencies but

1182
00:41:00,989 --> 00:41:05,639
they simply very limited in their

1183
00:41:02,699 --> 00:41:07,319

ability to achieve anything though when

1184

00:41:05,639 --> 00:41:10,089

they do hand down a ruling companies

1185

00:41:07,320 --> 00:41:12,670

seem to sometimes ignore those you know

1186

00:41:10,090 --> 00:41:14,350

at wind of course the penalties you know

1187

00:41:12,670 --> 00:41:16,840

they're too easy for them to shrug off

1188

00:41:14,349 --> 00:41:18,849

so I have a little bit of sympathy with

1189

00:41:16,840 --> 00:41:21,180

probably the very hardworking people in

1190

00:41:18,849 --> 00:41:23,469

the TGA but the organization as a whole

1191

00:41:21,179 --> 00:41:26,079

really need something of an overhaul I

1192

00:41:23,469 --> 00:41:28,089

think yeah well we when Christopher's in

1193

00:41:26,079 --> 00:41:29,769

who's the media spokesperson for Joyce

1194

00:41:28,090 --> 00:41:32,019

was presenting that award today he was

1195

00:41:29,769 --> 00:41:33,340

mentioning the name Peter Foster now

1196

00:41:32,019 --> 00:41:35,679

many people in Australia wouldn't know

1197

00:41:33,340 --> 00:41:37,329

Peter Foster is the famous con man who

1198
00:41:35,679 --> 00:41:39,399
famously was caught trying to escape

1199
00:41:37,329 --> 00:41:41,289
from Vanuatu in his underpants or

1200
00:41:39,400 --> 00:41:43,480
something right so I mean these people

1201
00:41:41,289 --> 00:41:45,159
are not unknown to authorities here I

1202
00:41:43,480 --> 00:41:46,900
think you would think that the name a

1203
00:41:45,159 --> 00:41:48,940
name like that would be a big alarm

1204
00:41:46,900 --> 00:41:55,090
bells for people in the TGA and and

1205
00:41:48,940 --> 00:41:56,920
anyone else who look I don't know how it

1206
00:41:55,090 --> 00:41:59,620
is austere ended up involved of its

1207
00:41:56,920 --> 00:42:01,930
involvement with the company was but SI

1208
00:41:59,619 --> 00:42:04,539
so when someone with his track record

1209
00:42:01,929 --> 00:42:06,549
track record is involved did you know

1210
00:42:04,539 --> 00:42:09,759
that there's something likely to be a

1211
00:42:06,550 --> 00:42:11,590
mess yeah yeah and there was also an

1212
00:42:09,760 --> 00:42:13,750
institute that was apparently doing all

1213
00:42:11,590 --> 00:42:15,370
the clinical studies in Switzerland but

1214
00:42:13,750 --> 00:42:17,800
Christopher said turned out they sort of

1215
00:42:15,369 --> 00:42:19,299
copy pasted pictures of people that

1216
00:42:17,800 --> 00:42:21,789
didn't exist and sort of made up a

1217
00:42:19,300 --> 00:42:24,010
website well yes I believe that you know

1218
00:42:21,789 --> 00:42:25,690
the scientists they listed they probably

1219
00:42:24,010 --> 00:42:28,270
photographs of scientists from other

1220
00:42:25,690 --> 00:42:30,220
organizations elsewhere around the world

1221
00:42:28,269 --> 00:42:31,929
who obviously had absolutely nothing to

1222
00:42:30,219 --> 00:42:33,429
do with it and were probably rightly

1223
00:42:31,929 --> 00:42:36,759
horrified when they found out what had

1224
00:42:33,429 --> 00:42:38,649
been done choice has its own

1225
00:42:36,760 --> 00:42:40,990
laboratories we're not are accredited we

1226

00:42:38,650 --> 00:42:44,380
know the rigor and detail that is

1227
00:42:40,989 --> 00:42:45,939
required to run a proper laboratory you

1228
00:42:44,380 --> 00:42:48,039
know the instrumentation that needs to

1229
00:42:45,940 --> 00:42:50,800
be calibrated the training as the staff

1230
00:42:48,039 --> 00:42:53,230
and we work with a lot of other highly

1231
00:42:50,800 --> 00:42:55,210
accredited laboratories as well so it's

1232
00:42:53,230 --> 00:42:57,460
particularly painful to us to find out

1233
00:42:55,210 --> 00:42:59,440
that there are these sort of chunky labs

1234
00:42:57,460 --> 00:43:00,530
out there if labor is even the right

1235
00:42:59,440 --> 00:43:03,530
word

1236
00:43:00,530 --> 00:43:05,330
the past themselves office giving ballad

1237
00:43:03,530 --> 00:43:08,210
group results and useful scientific

1238
00:43:05,329 --> 00:43:10,009
results and couch it all in a nice

1239
00:43:08,210 --> 00:43:12,199
scientific sounding term so that the

1240
00:43:10,010 --> 00:43:14,300

layman will see that and thing all this

1241
00:43:12,199 --> 00:43:16,519
is Labor tested it must be all right you

1242
00:43:14,300 --> 00:43:18,110
know that they're simply simply not the

1243
00:43:16,519 --> 00:43:20,360
case well the other thing I guess to in

1244
00:43:18,110 --> 00:43:22,400
that is the TGA approved which is what

1245
00:43:20,360 --> 00:43:24,200
they claim as well well exactly and the

1246
00:43:22,400 --> 00:43:26,720
consumer is entitled to think that a

1247
00:43:24,199 --> 00:43:28,730
phrase like a label like TGA approved

1248
00:43:26,719 --> 00:43:31,909
means something that it is actually a

1249
00:43:28,730 --> 00:43:34,130
hallmark of quality and unfortunately so

1250
00:43:31,909 --> 00:43:36,279
often it turns out not to be yeah in

1251
00:43:34,130 --> 00:43:38,420
fact it's illegal to say TGA approved

1252
00:43:36,280 --> 00:43:40,370
according to the TGA you're not allowed

1253
00:43:38,420 --> 00:43:42,950
to make that claim but of course like

1254
00:43:40,369 --> 00:43:46,489
many things that the TGA say never get

1255
00:43:42,949 --> 00:43:48,739
enforced well yes yes yeah goes back to

1256
00:43:46,489 --> 00:43:49,849
mine I said before that they are

1257
00:43:48,739 --> 00:43:51,949
something of a toothless tiger

1258
00:43:49,849 --> 00:43:53,569
unfortunately yeah well there was one

1259
00:43:51,949 --> 00:43:55,519
piece of good news at the beginning of

1260
00:43:53,570 --> 00:43:57,559
the proceedings today when Christopher

1261
00:43:55,519 --> 00:43:59,449
mentioned that last year power balance

1262
00:43:57,559 --> 00:44:00,920
was given a shonky and what's happened

1263
00:43:59,449 --> 00:44:03,859
to power balance since well power

1264
00:44:00,920 --> 00:44:05,630
balance the company after after we gave

1265
00:44:03,860 --> 00:44:06,980
them Ashanti we put their products

1266
00:44:05,630 --> 00:44:07,940
through the test found of course it

1267
00:44:06,980 --> 00:44:09,980
there was nothing more than a rubber

1268
00:44:07,940 --> 00:44:12,530
band with some plastic attached didn't

1269
00:44:09,980 --> 00:44:14,300
do any of the claims that have made to

1270
00:44:12,530 --> 00:44:17,269
improve his strength and flexibility and

1271
00:44:14,300 --> 00:44:19,580
everything else the a Triple C got onto

1272
00:44:17,269 --> 00:44:21,079
it banned them this is great this is

1273
00:44:19,579 --> 00:44:23,809
what this is a regulator doing what it

1274
00:44:21,079 --> 00:44:26,659
should do yeah and that was fantastic to

1275
00:44:23,809 --> 00:44:29,389
see the company in Australia went into

1276
00:44:26,659 --> 00:44:33,589
administration I think and closed down I

1277
00:44:29,389 --> 00:44:35,000
think they're the guy who ran it went

1278
00:44:33,590 --> 00:44:36,500
overseas I don't he said he was going to

1279
00:44:35,000 --> 00:44:37,820
come back and face the music but I don't

1280
00:44:36,500 --> 00:44:41,059
know if he did or not open followed us

1281
00:44:37,820 --> 00:44:43,070
and Tom made yeah oh my dad yeah so he

1282
00:44:41,059 --> 00:44:44,960
might have done that but I haven't

1283

00:44:43,070 --> 00:44:46,309
followed that but as far as i know the

1284
00:44:44,960 --> 00:44:48,889
company is still going strong in the

1285
00:44:46,309 --> 00:44:50,119
States yes and then if in his power

1286
00:44:48,889 --> 00:44:52,009
balance itself had completely

1287
00:44:50,119 --> 00:44:54,319
disappeared off the face of the earth as

1288
00:44:52,010 --> 00:44:56,330
you well know every time he shot one of

1289
00:44:54,320 --> 00:44:58,280
these guys down two or three more spring

1290
00:44:56,329 --> 00:45:00,019
up it's like fighting the Hydra you know

1291
00:44:58,280 --> 00:45:01,730
and there are so many other of these

1292
00:45:00,019 --> 00:45:03,349
shonky rubberband type products out

1293
00:45:01,730 --> 00:45:06,559
there you know making these ludicrous

1294
00:45:03,349 --> 00:45:09,389
claims with absolutely no basis to them

1295
00:45:06,559 --> 00:45:11,009
and so I mean it's great to knock down

1296
00:45:09,389 --> 00:45:13,129
one of the big ones like Power Balance

1297
00:45:11,009 --> 00:45:15,269

but people really need to be aware that

1298

00:45:13,130 --> 00:45:16,920

everything else out there that looks the

1299

00:45:15,268 --> 00:45:20,038

same and makes the same claims is the

1300

00:45:16,920 --> 00:45:21,778

same in other words it's rubbish so

1301

00:45:20,039 --> 00:45:24,539

there was one of the other chunkies that

1302

00:45:21,778 --> 00:45:27,599

was awarded today was go green power

1303

00:45:24,539 --> 00:45:29,309

saver ah the go for green oh yeah look

1304

00:45:27,599 --> 00:45:32,818

there's a lot of these these gadgets

1305

00:45:29,309 --> 00:45:35,759

around we tested one last year or the

1306

00:45:32,818 --> 00:45:38,579

year before a comp remember the another

1307

00:45:35,759 --> 00:45:40,139

power saver device these power factor

1308

00:45:38,579 --> 00:45:43,349

correction devices which is usually what

1309

00:45:40,139 --> 00:45:46,048

they are if they even achieve that mind

1310

00:45:43,349 --> 00:45:49,469

you power factor is basically a measure

1311

00:45:46,048 --> 00:45:51,869

of how efficiently the supply of

1312
00:45:49,469 --> 00:45:55,528
electricity into a house or factory or

1313
00:45:51,869 --> 00:45:57,660
whatever is actually being used when

1314
00:45:55,528 --> 00:46:00,088
you're using huge amount of electricity

1315
00:45:57,659 --> 00:46:03,509
as you are in a factory or a huge

1316
00:46:00,088 --> 00:46:05,159
building here commercial building you

1317
00:46:03,509 --> 00:46:07,619
actually do get charged for power factor

1318
00:46:05,159 --> 00:46:09,178
because the company electricity company

1319
00:46:07,619 --> 00:46:11,219
has to supply a vast amount of power to

1320
00:46:09,179 --> 00:46:12,568
that building it wants to be made to

1321
00:46:11,219 --> 00:46:15,420
make sure that it's doing that as

1322
00:46:12,568 --> 00:46:17,969
efficiently as it can so those those

1323
00:46:15,420 --> 00:46:20,009
sorts of institutions and facilities do

1324
00:46:17,969 --> 00:46:21,179
get charged for poor power factor so

1325
00:46:20,009 --> 00:46:25,199
they have big power factor correction

1326
00:46:21,179 --> 00:46:27,809
devices set up in their plans the

1327
00:46:25,199 --> 00:46:29,309
ordinary consumers home doesn't need

1328
00:46:27,809 --> 00:46:30,630
that because the ordinary consumer is

1329
00:46:29,309 --> 00:46:33,439
only actually charged for the

1330
00:46:30,630 --> 00:46:35,548
electricity that they actually use and

1331
00:46:33,438 --> 00:46:37,048
this might not sound very good in this

1332
00:46:35,548 --> 00:46:39,559
days of trying to keep everything green

1333
00:46:37,048 --> 00:46:41,909
and you know generating less power but

1334
00:46:39,559 --> 00:46:44,390
if the electricity company has to

1335
00:46:41,909 --> 00:46:46,678
actually generate twice as much power to

1336
00:46:44,389 --> 00:46:48,719
supply you with the power that you need

1337
00:46:46,679 --> 00:46:50,249
because your home is so inefficiently

1338
00:46:48,719 --> 00:46:52,019
why then you've got such a poor power

1339
00:46:50,248 --> 00:46:53,998
factor well it's not very good for the

1340

00:46:52,018 --> 00:46:55,708
environment but you don't pay for it you

1341
00:46:53,998 --> 00:46:58,768
only still pay for that electricity use

1342
00:46:55,708 --> 00:47:00,928
and the fact is modern appliances and

1343
00:46:58,768 --> 00:47:02,548
modern homes have generally on average

1344
00:47:00,929 --> 00:47:03,900
have a reasonably good power factor so

1345
00:47:02,548 --> 00:47:05,920
there's not actually huge amounts to be

1346
00:47:03,900 --> 00:47:09,200
saved by correcting power factor in any

1347
00:47:05,920 --> 00:47:10,880
so that's all that these devices can do

1348
00:47:09,199 --> 00:47:13,339
some of them don't even succeed in doing

1349
00:47:10,880 --> 00:47:15,410
that at best you're going to save a

1350
00:47:13,340 --> 00:47:16,880
sentir or ascent there and when they're

1351
00:47:15,409 --> 00:47:18,739
charging you to under the throne of

1352
00:47:16,880 --> 00:47:21,619
dollars for the thing it's an absolute

1353
00:47:18,739 --> 00:47:24,349
wrought you know anything that claims to

1354
00:47:21,619 --> 00:47:27,440

reduce your power simply by plugging it

1355

00:47:24,349 --> 00:47:29,449

into a circuit you know treated like

1356

00:47:27,440 --> 00:47:31,159

there's a piece of shopping equipment

1357

00:47:29,449 --> 00:47:33,109

that it probably is the only way to

1358

00:47:31,159 --> 00:47:35,149

really safe power is his lace over in

1359

00:47:33,110 --> 00:47:37,010

turn your appliances offer at the wall

1360

00:47:35,150 --> 00:47:38,389

don't turn your air conditioner on if

1361

00:47:37,010 --> 00:47:41,630

you don't need to all that sort of stuff

1362

00:47:38,389 --> 00:47:43,039

in common sense stuff really yeah one of

1363

00:47:41,630 --> 00:47:46,970

the other ones we looked at today was

1364

00:47:43,039 --> 00:47:48,920

also the baby bling which I couldn't

1365

00:47:46,969 --> 00:47:52,429

believe that people sell that it's

1366

00:47:48,920 --> 00:47:55,519

basically a dummy or a pacifier that has

1367

00:47:52,429 --> 00:47:57,769

crystals glued onto the face right

1368

00:47:55,519 --> 00:47:59,179

that's right I'm looking I think a lot

1369
00:47:57,769 --> 00:48:01,009
of the people making these with small

1370
00:47:59,179 --> 00:48:03,109
businesses you know work from home mums

1371
00:48:01,010 --> 00:48:04,760
that sort of thing and of course they

1372
00:48:03,110 --> 00:48:06,650
all meant well you know thought of

1373
00:48:04,760 --> 00:48:09,380
creating something beautiful that people

1374
00:48:06,650 --> 00:48:11,360
could you know have their their their

1375
00:48:09,380 --> 00:48:12,440
beautiful babies put in their mouths and

1376
00:48:11,360 --> 00:48:16,070
everyone would be happy and everyone

1377
00:48:12,440 --> 00:48:17,840
would look beautiful and you know so but

1378
00:48:16,070 --> 00:48:19,900
we being well meaning in this area just

1379
00:48:17,840 --> 00:48:22,730
isn't good enough there are regulations

1380
00:48:19,900 --> 00:48:25,579
about dummies you know about babies

1381
00:48:22,730 --> 00:48:27,590
dummies and pacifiers the size they have

1382
00:48:25,579 --> 00:48:29,480
to be that you know that the teat has to

1383
00:48:27,590 --> 00:48:30,590
have a certain tensile strength so it's

1384
00:48:29,480 --> 00:48:33,619
not going to come off in the baby's

1385
00:48:30,590 --> 00:48:35,539
mouth and we test these a choice so we

1386
00:48:33,619 --> 00:48:37,069
know all about that aspect but if course

1387
00:48:35,539 --> 00:48:39,320
one of the things that you can't have is

1388
00:48:37,070 --> 00:48:40,990
small parts that can come off yeah want

1389
00:48:39,320 --> 00:48:43,730
any too I know what choking hazard

1390
00:48:40,989 --> 00:48:46,609
choking hazards small parts of break off

1391
00:48:43,730 --> 00:48:48,170
all that come off under easy easy sort

1392
00:48:46,610 --> 00:48:52,610
of force which these crystals

1393
00:48:48,170 --> 00:48:53,809
unfortunately usually were toy standards

1394
00:48:52,610 --> 00:48:55,010
all of the thing that they're very

1395
00:48:53,809 --> 00:48:56,809
strict on that kind of thing because

1396
00:48:55,010 --> 00:48:58,970
choking hazards are actually the most

1397

00:48:56,809 --> 00:49:00,949
dangerous hazard on any kids products

1398
00:48:58,969 --> 00:49:02,480
usually I mean certainly on toys and

1399
00:49:00,949 --> 00:49:05,480
anything that's going to go near the

1400
00:49:02,480 --> 00:49:07,940
baby's mouth like a dummy we get scared

1401
00:49:05,480 --> 00:49:09,090
about lead in paint on on kids toys from

1402
00:49:07,940 --> 00:49:11,190
time to time the fee

1403
00:49:09,090 --> 00:49:12,390
to go there's a big scare in China and

1404
00:49:11,190 --> 00:49:13,829
that's important you know we have

1405
00:49:12,389 --> 00:49:16,079
regulations to keep that sort of thing

1406
00:49:13,829 --> 00:49:18,900
under control but in actual fact that's

1407
00:49:16,079 --> 00:49:21,420
quite rare far bigger has it is cheap

1408
00:49:18,900 --> 00:49:24,300
rubbishing toys or other products that

1409
00:49:21,420 --> 00:49:25,950
can be pulled apart that will break and

1410
00:49:24,300 --> 00:49:28,560
create a small parts that are kickin

1411
00:49:25,949 --> 00:49:31,289

ingest and putting crystals on a dummy

1412
00:49:28,559 --> 00:49:33,329
was really never going to be a good and

1413
00:49:31,289 --> 00:49:34,650
and I think Chris mentioned that they're

1414
00:49:33,329 --> 00:49:36,090
banned in australia but you can still

1415
00:49:34,650 --> 00:49:37,500
get them on the internet well it's the

1416
00:49:36,090 --> 00:49:39,930
beauty of the internet isn't it you know

1417
00:49:37,500 --> 00:49:42,030
what we bought some online from America

1418
00:49:39,929 --> 00:49:45,259
most of those websites are now saying

1419
00:49:42,030 --> 00:49:48,930
for novelty use only only for decoration

1420
00:49:45,260 --> 00:49:50,190
all that sort of stuff but well yeah

1421
00:49:48,929 --> 00:49:53,279
that's all well and good but if

1422
00:49:50,190 --> 00:49:54,809
someone's buying a dummy and it's got

1423
00:49:53,280 --> 00:49:57,240
all this wonderful bling on it they want

1424
00:49:54,809 --> 00:49:58,650
to show off their beautiful new baby bet

1425
00:49:57,239 --> 00:50:00,509
your bottom dollar someone's going to

1426
00:49:58,650 --> 00:50:02,400
put them in the kids now yeah it's great

1427
00:50:00,510 --> 00:50:03,960
to talk them down here and that's you

1428
00:50:02,400 --> 00:50:05,960
know shut down some of the industry here

1429
00:50:03,960 --> 00:50:08,309
and as great as some awareness as well

1430
00:50:05,960 --> 00:50:10,349
so I think parents are probably a bit

1431
00:50:08,309 --> 00:50:11,849
more aware and they might have been yeah

1432
00:50:10,349 --> 00:50:14,190
that you shouldn't do that sort of stuff

1433
00:50:11,849 --> 00:50:16,380
but unfortunately you can still get them

1434
00:50:14,190 --> 00:50:18,630
and you know their parents just need to

1435
00:50:16,380 --> 00:50:20,550
be smart about this stuff you know don't

1436
00:50:18,630 --> 00:50:23,670
buy things that you know you keep kid

1437
00:50:20,550 --> 00:50:25,170
might be able to pull apart only buy

1438
00:50:23,670 --> 00:50:27,059
things that make you know australian

1439
00:50:25,170 --> 00:50:29,610
standards and Australian regulations as

1440
00:50:27,059 --> 00:50:30,719
far as well just finally Chris there was

1441
00:50:29,610 --> 00:50:32,579
one thing that really caught my

1442
00:50:30,719 --> 00:50:35,189
attention today and that was the the

1443
00:50:32,579 --> 00:50:37,769
magical quail eggs oh but apparently can

1444
00:50:35,190 --> 00:50:40,860
cure cancer can remove radio nucleotides

1445
00:50:37,769 --> 00:50:43,050
and from your body can improve my own

1446
00:50:40,860 --> 00:50:44,519
potency oh I'm sorry of course well I

1447
00:50:43,050 --> 00:50:46,019
actually had one of the quail eggs

1448
00:50:44,519 --> 00:50:47,130
because you guys actually cooked some up

1449
00:50:46,019 --> 00:50:49,530
and brought them out a little bits of

1450
00:50:47,130 --> 00:50:51,840
toast so I think I don't know do I look

1451
00:50:49,530 --> 00:50:54,980
younger yet well you're positively

1452
00:50:51,840 --> 00:50:57,840
glowing it's clearly now look I mean

1453
00:50:54,980 --> 00:51:00,030
quails a very cute birds as you saw we

1454

00:50:57,840 --> 00:51:00,869
have yeah we have some here yeah break

1455
00:51:00,030 --> 00:51:02,640
you

1456
00:51:00,869 --> 00:51:04,650
and that that's great and quail eggs are

1457
00:51:02,639 --> 00:51:08,190
obviously delicious and eggs are good

1458
00:51:04,650 --> 00:51:11,009
for you you know in in moderation quail

1459
00:51:08,190 --> 00:51:13,019
excited aren't an exception there but to

1460
00:51:11,009 --> 00:51:15,778
make sort of ludicrous claims like you

1461
00:51:13,018 --> 00:51:17,548
know improves male potency and and all

1462
00:51:15,778 --> 00:51:19,349
the other sort of claims that they was

1463
00:51:17,548 --> 00:51:20,998
from their website well they're

1464
00:51:19,349 --> 00:51:23,490
basically again claiming it's a medicine

1465
00:51:20,998 --> 00:51:25,949
yeah and there's something no absolutely

1466
00:51:23,489 --> 00:51:27,358
no solid research to prove any of those

1467
00:51:25,949 --> 00:51:30,358
well hang on wasn't there something in

1468
00:51:27,358 --> 00:51:33,588

the Indian time other nigerian tribune

1469

00:51:30,358 --> 00:51:35,998

right the nigerian tribune did publish

1470

00:51:33,588 --> 00:51:38,338

an article claiming that they improved

1471

00:51:35,998 --> 00:51:39,899

male potency among other effects i think

1472

00:51:38,338 --> 00:51:41,940

the thing there was a claiming to cure

1473

00:51:39,900 --> 00:51:43,889

cancer somewheres curing cancer that was

1474

00:51:41,940 --> 00:51:47,369

it yeah look I mean we don't normally

1475

00:51:43,889 --> 00:51:50,068

take the nigerian tribune esser quality

1476

00:51:47,369 --> 00:51:51,210

source material really I'm surprised to

1477

00:51:50,068 --> 00:51:52,829

hear that you know with all due respect

1478

00:51:51,210 --> 00:51:56,338

to the hard-working journals in a

1479

00:51:52,829 --> 00:51:58,950

nigerian tribune so yeah look eat the

1480

00:51:56,338 --> 00:52:01,230

eggs because they're tasty i can vouch

1481

00:51:58,949 --> 00:52:02,998

for that they were protein and and all

1482

00:52:01,230 --> 00:52:05,338

the other thing two decks are good for

1483
00:52:02,998 --> 00:52:07,618
but you know don't fool yourself that

1484
00:52:05,338 --> 00:52:08,940
you're going to you know improves use of

1485
00:52:07,619 --> 00:52:11,430
your health in all those other respects

1486
00:52:08,940 --> 00:52:13,409
at they claim yeah well thanks Chris for

1487
00:52:11,429 --> 00:52:15,598
joining us I've just been given a fresh

1488
00:52:13,409 --> 00:52:18,058
shiny new copy of the brand new choice

1489
00:52:15,599 --> 00:52:20,609
magazine which has got all the Shan keys

1490
00:52:18,059 --> 00:52:22,289
from 2011 and I guess they'll be stuff

1491
00:52:20,608 --> 00:52:23,880
on the website pretty soon yes that's

1492
00:52:22,289 --> 00:52:25,589
right should be updated on all right and

1493
00:52:23,880 --> 00:52:27,480
people in Australia you would have seen

1494
00:52:25,588 --> 00:52:28,920
on the news a couple of days ago so

1495
00:52:27,480 --> 00:52:30,778
sorry we're recording this it won't go

1496
00:52:28,920 --> 00:52:33,150
out for a couple of days but I'm thanks

1497
00:52:30,778 --> 00:52:34,710
for for doing the stuff today Chris and

1498
00:52:33,150 --> 00:52:36,539
you were by the way it's one of the

1499
00:52:34,710 --> 00:52:38,068
models I didn't mention that's correct

1500
00:52:36,539 --> 00:52:40,380
yes so you're wearing your official

1501
00:52:38,068 --> 00:52:41,849
choice lab coat and you kind of came out

1502
00:52:40,380 --> 00:52:44,570
and wheeled out the door for the

1503
00:52:41,849 --> 00:52:45,950
insurance yes we were the quails and

1504
00:52:44,570 --> 00:52:47,539
and all that sort of stuff so it's a bit

1505
00:52:45,949 --> 00:52:49,789
of good fun for a lot of choice people

1506
00:52:47,539 --> 00:52:51,949
to come out and be part of today and you

1507
00:52:49,789 --> 00:52:53,840
know there is a fun element of course it

1508
00:52:51,949 --> 00:52:55,519
is that serious message underlying it

1509
00:52:53,840 --> 00:52:57,559
all which is there's a lot of shonky

1510
00:52:55,519 --> 00:52:59,719
stuff out there and you know people need

1511

00:52:57,559 --> 00:53:01,579
to be aware and regulators need to crack

1512
00:52:59,719 --> 00:53:03,529
down on some of these people absolutely

1513
00:53:01,579 --> 00:53:10,130
well thanks for joining us today Chris

1514
00:53:03,530 --> 00:53:12,230
okay thanks very much dr. Rachel Dunlop

1515
00:53:10,130 --> 00:53:14,180
is one of Australia's foremost media

1516
00:53:12,230 --> 00:53:17,269
commentators in matters concerning

1517
00:53:14,179 --> 00:53:19,909
so-called alternative medicine she has

1518
00:53:17,269 --> 00:53:22,489
appeared on national radio and national

1519
00:53:19,909 --> 00:53:25,449
television dr. AG is available for

1520
00:53:22,489 --> 00:53:31,239
interviews and you can contact her at

1521
00:53:25,449 --> 00:53:31,239
Rachel at skeptic zone dot TV

1522
00:53:45,170 --> 00:53:48,990
thank you for listening to the skeptics

1523
00:53:47,369 --> 00:53:52,079
are now on my way back from the

1524
00:53:48,989 --> 00:53:55,500
conspiracy ah panel which was really

1525
00:53:52,079 --> 00:53:58,500

good i bumped into Julia Lavarney hello

1526

00:53:55,500 --> 00:54:00,570

hi how you doing I'm fine now you're

1527

00:53:58,500 --> 00:54:02,639

you've got a very important position

1528

00:54:00,570 --> 00:54:06,330

here well with a committee haven't you

1529

00:54:02,639 --> 00:54:08,069

I'd like to think so I'm the managing

1530

00:54:06,329 --> 00:54:10,469

editor of The Skeptical Inquirer our

1531

00:54:08,070 --> 00:54:13,640

flagship publication that's that's quite

1532

00:54:10,469 --> 00:54:16,980

a title that's quite a title I mean wow

1533

00:54:13,639 --> 00:54:20,759

and what does that involve um I'm kind

1534

00:54:16,980 --> 00:54:23,130

of the liaison between our senior editor

1535

00:54:20,760 --> 00:54:24,930

Ken Frazier who actually decides

1536

00:54:23,130 --> 00:54:29,010

everything that goes in the magazine and

1537

00:54:24,929 --> 00:54:32,159

the author of each article so when I

1538

00:54:29,010 --> 00:54:36,840

write my award-winning expose on

1539

00:54:32,159 --> 00:54:39,059

something or other I i write to you well

1540
00:54:36,840 --> 00:54:40,680
you you would send it to Ken and he

1541
00:54:39,059 --> 00:54:42,659
would say whether he wanted it for the

1542
00:54:40,679 --> 00:54:45,389
magazine or not and if he said that he

1543
00:54:42,659 --> 00:54:48,420
did which obviously he he would want to

1544
00:54:45,389 --> 00:54:51,359
publish those wrote good but if he said

1545
00:54:48,420 --> 00:54:55,289
that he did then he would send it to me

1546
00:54:51,360 --> 00:54:57,900
for copy editing and proofreading along

1547
00:54:55,289 --> 00:55:01,440
with other members of our staff who are

1548
00:54:57,900 --> 00:55:04,559
support in that department and we would

1549
00:55:01,440 --> 00:55:06,170
make sure that it gets ready for you to

1550
00:55:04,559 --> 00:55:09,389
take a look at and give final approval

1551
00:55:06,170 --> 00:55:12,659
and if you have any changes I make sure

1552
00:55:09,389 --> 00:55:16,259
that those are done to your liking well

1553
00:55:12,659 --> 00:55:18,299
of course just not so long ago I wrote a

1554
00:55:16,260 --> 00:55:20,790
little piece about pal balance you sure

1555
00:55:18,300 --> 00:55:22,620
did which appeared in that was it the

1556
00:55:20,789 --> 00:55:24,360
very last issue or the one before I

1557
00:55:22,619 --> 00:55:28,650
can't remember of The Skeptical Inquirer

1558
00:55:24,360 --> 00:55:30,570
um I believe it was in July August 2011

1559
00:55:28,650 --> 00:55:33,840
what you might not want to quote me on

1560
00:55:30,570 --> 00:55:36,150
that very recently very very within the

1561
00:55:33,840 --> 00:55:39,030
past three issues it was yeah so I wrote

1562
00:55:36,150 --> 00:55:41,490
my my article for you and it was a one

1563
00:55:39,030 --> 00:55:42,960
or two back and forth to suggest a

1564
00:55:41,489 --> 00:55:45,209
change here and there or a quick edit

1565
00:55:42,960 --> 00:55:48,630
yeah and now that was it and that was it

1566
00:55:45,210 --> 00:55:50,809
it was so EP no salir happy with it I

1567
00:55:48,630 --> 00:55:53,070
love you

1568

00:55:50,809 --> 00:55:57,449
despite my appalling writing it still

1569
00:55:53,070 --> 00:55:59,280
made made it through magazine so that's

1570
00:55:57,449 --> 00:56:00,719
that's really great you must get it must

1571
00:55:59,280 --> 00:56:02,580
be a really interesting job you must get

1572
00:56:00,719 --> 00:56:04,919
stations and all sorts of things to read

1573
00:56:02,579 --> 00:56:08,819
yes I I really love it what I love about

1574
00:56:04,920 --> 00:56:10,950
our magazine is the topics are so varied

1575
00:56:08,820 --> 00:56:13,080
I get to read about something different

1576
00:56:10,949 --> 00:56:15,149
every single day one day I'll be reading

1577
00:56:13,079 --> 00:56:18,289
about UFOs one day I'll be reading about

1578
00:56:15,150 --> 00:56:23,460
homeopathy one day I'll be reading about

1579
00:56:18,289 --> 00:56:26,009
you know Lucy Lucy being discovered and

1580
00:56:23,460 --> 00:56:30,329
the controversy surrounding that so it's

1581
00:56:26,010 --> 00:56:33,450
very varied and I just really love my

1582
00:56:30,329 --> 00:56:35,340

job where are you based um we're based

1583

00:56:33,449 --> 00:56:36,809

our headquarters are in Amherst New York

1584

00:56:35,340 --> 00:56:40,350

which is actually right outside of

1585

00:56:36,809 --> 00:56:41,969

Buffalo Buffalo's in New York Buffalo is

1586

00:56:40,349 --> 00:56:44,039

in New in New York State right in New

1587

00:56:41,969 --> 00:56:45,869

York's I heard buffalo has more cloudy

1588

00:56:44,039 --> 00:56:49,219

days than any other city in America I'm

1589

00:56:45,869 --> 00:56:54,929

not sure that's true it it might be true

1590

00:56:49,219 --> 00:56:57,299

I think Seattle is known for their rain

1591

00:56:54,929 --> 00:56:59,279

and cloudy days but we do get some nice

1592

00:56:57,300 --> 00:57:01,890

days and because it's so cloudy a lot of

1593

00:56:59,280 --> 00:57:03,600

the time we really enjoy them I bet you

1594

00:57:01,889 --> 00:57:05,849

do and in that part of the country where

1595

00:57:03,599 --> 00:57:07,739

you're in in the wintertime it's foots

1596

00:57:05,849 --> 00:57:10,980

of feet of snow and all that stuff

1597
00:57:07,739 --> 00:57:13,469
snowmen and um sometimes we certainly

1598
00:57:10,980 --> 00:57:16,199
have had our fair share of blizzards

1599
00:57:13,469 --> 00:57:19,439
really yes oh that sounds like fun no it

1600
00:57:16,199 --> 00:57:20,939
doesn't because if it does speaking from

1601
00:57:19,440 --> 00:57:24,269
someone from Sydney a blizzard sounds

1602
00:57:20,940 --> 00:57:27,210
like a lot of him so one day one day I

1603
00:57:24,269 --> 00:57:28,829
will I must get up to that part of the

1604
00:57:27,210 --> 00:57:32,699
world I mean I've made it this far I

1605
00:57:28,829 --> 00:57:34,500
Venice far east as Atlanta for dragoncon

1606
00:57:32,699 --> 00:57:36,629
of course Atlanta Georgia that's fairly

1607
00:57:34,500 --> 00:57:38,969
far east that's pretty far east but not

1608
00:57:36,630 --> 00:57:42,390
very fun not very far no so the

1609
00:57:38,969 --> 00:57:44,459
Northeast is where I should set my

1610
00:57:42,389 --> 00:57:45,960
sights yes you should visit our

1611
00:57:44,460 --> 00:57:48,389
headquarters we'd love to have you there

1612
00:57:45,960 --> 00:57:50,250
love to have you given talk that would

1613
00:57:48,389 --> 00:57:52,769
be cool I would really love to do that

1614
00:57:50,250 --> 00:57:55,559
would be fantastic yeah yeah ok there's

1615
00:57:52,769 --> 00:57:58,829
my goal this lets my go off to town I

1616
00:57:55,559 --> 00:58:00,989
think well maybe maybe after ten maybe

1617
00:57:58,829 --> 00:58:02,380
before maybe after whenever you'd like

1618
00:58:00,989 --> 00:58:05,049
to come we'd love to have you

1619
00:58:02,380 --> 00:58:07,450
thank you well see how nice it is here

1620
00:58:05,050 --> 00:58:09,519
folks had this wonderful committee for

1621
00:58:07,449 --> 00:58:12,460
skeptical inquiry convention which is

1622
00:58:09,519 --> 00:58:14,349
even a mouthful more interviews from

1623
00:58:12,460 --> 00:58:16,449
this convention coming up over the next

1624
00:58:14,349 --> 00:58:18,489
few weeks and indeed more interviews

1625

00:58:16,449 --> 00:58:20,049
from skippy camp coming up over the next

1626
00:58:18,489 --> 00:58:22,659
few weeks so it'll be a bit of a mixed

1627
00:58:20,050 --> 00:58:25,750
bag from here anyen will try to sneak in

1628
00:58:22,659 --> 00:58:27,719
a think tank before long when we can and

1629
00:58:25,750 --> 00:58:30,039
I've just you know what I've just

1630
00:58:27,719 --> 00:58:32,139
looking over to the tables over there

1631
00:58:30,039 --> 00:58:34,570
there's tables of t-shirts and books for

1632
00:58:32,139 --> 00:58:37,960
sale and it's a little UFO hovering

1633
00:58:34,570 --> 00:58:41,410
above the yes the cups that you can make

1634
00:58:37,960 --> 00:58:43,360
your own UFOs we have a kit it's really

1635
00:58:41,409 --> 00:58:45,789
strange because we're how we're looking

1636
00:58:43,360 --> 00:58:48,910
at it now it really is just floating

1637
00:58:45,789 --> 00:58:50,739
there it appears to be float into it is

1638
00:58:48,909 --> 00:58:54,940
i'm a believer what do your skeptical

1639
00:58:50,739 --> 00:58:57,519

senses tell you Richard well right now

1640
00:58:54,940 --> 00:58:58,960
my senses are telling me that's floating

1641
00:58:57,519 --> 00:59:01,750
in the air with no visible means of

1642
00:58:58,960 --> 00:59:03,820
support but ha can you trust your senses

1643
00:59:01,750 --> 00:59:06,940
Richard of course I can trust my senses

1644
00:59:03,820 --> 00:59:08,650
are you crazy I might have to fight I

1645
00:59:06,940 --> 00:59:10,240
might have to buy myself a little UFO

1646
00:59:08,650 --> 00:59:11,800
kid I bought one of the t-shirts over

1647
00:59:10,239 --> 00:59:13,359
there with the alien on it with the

1648
00:59:11,800 --> 00:59:15,700
skeptical pointing to the skeptical

1649
00:59:13,360 --> 00:59:19,210
Inquirer there's a popular one that's a

1650
00:59:15,699 --> 00:59:21,069
great t-shirt oh well anyway we better

1651
00:59:19,210 --> 00:59:22,900
wrap up the show sir listeners can get

1652
00:59:21,070 --> 00:59:25,420
off the treadmill or stop driving around

1653
00:59:22,900 --> 00:59:27,510
the block and finally get to sleep you

1654
00:59:25,420 --> 00:59:29,619
know what or finish cooking the dinner

1655
00:59:27,510 --> 00:59:31,300
you don't want to keep the dinner from

1656
00:59:29,619 --> 00:59:34,569
the children well thank you for having a

1657
00:59:31,300 --> 00:59:38,550
little chat with me and until next week

1658
00:59:34,570 --> 00:59:43,539
from beautiful beautiful and interesting

1659
00:59:38,550 --> 00:59:46,480
new thing you where we were she's she's

1660
00:59:43,539 --> 00:59:48,610
whispering to me New Orleans it's not

1661
00:59:46,480 --> 00:59:50,590
Atlanta it we're not it was not an

1662
00:59:48,610 --> 00:59:52,750
Atlanta from beautiful new orleans

1663
00:59:50,590 --> 00:59:54,490
louisiana so you even got the state

1664
00:59:52,750 --> 00:59:57,639
right he's got the state right even

1665
00:59:54,489 --> 00:59:59,759
thank you this is richard sona's signing

1666
00:59:57,639 --> 00:59:59,759
off

1667
01:00:01,599 --> 01:00:09,019
you've been listening to the skeptic

1668
01:00:04,010 --> 01:00:12,770
zone visit our website at [www skeptics](http://www.skeptics)

1669
01:00:09,019 --> 01:00:15,730
on TV for comments contacts and extra

1670
01:00:12,769 --> 01:00:15,730
video reports

1671
01:00:18,880 --> 01:00:20,940
you