

## Queen and crisis on the cards for '89



According to an unimpeachable source, Angela of Annabella's Rainbow Crystal Healing Group in mystical Chisholm, Her Majesty the Queen will make a sudden, dramatic, unscheduled visit to Canberra this year, possibly in April, to sort out an Australian constitutional crisis. Remember that you read this first in *The Canberra Times*.

Inspired by yesterday's report that US psychics, asked to predict what the year has in store, have assured us that an Unidentified Flying Object will land in Kansas, I sought the views of some Canberra clairvoyants about what the year has in store for Australia and in particular for the ACT as we step, gingerly, into the other-worldly domain of self-government.

Other clairvoyants, who may have been expecting my calls, declined to make any predictions but Annabelle (the group is made up of Annabelle, Angela and Anna) offered to try. She and the others went away to "tune directly into higher guidance" and then gave me a ring back.

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own personal source of higher guidance, described by Angela as a kind of guide or teacher provided by God or whatever you wanted to call "the Universal Life Force".

Annabelle's guide was in part a prophet of doom and gloom, advising her of a major air crash at Canberra airport in June and July, and some "major political unrest, a political upheaval over a petty trifle" in the first six months of the year. She wished she could be more precise but noted that the words "petty trifle" had cropped up again and again in her communication. Could it be that the upheaval is the same one which will require the aforementioned visit from the regal trouble-shooter?

Interestingly, Angela's prediction of a constitutional crisis bad enough to require this august referee co-exists with her prophecy that Mr Hayden will settle into Yarralumla "with a minimum of fuss", the crisis leaving him untouched. This may mean — and this is my speculation and not Angela's — that the crisis will not touch Mr Hayden and Her Majesty

will have to come and deal with it because Mr Hayden will be overseas on one of his protracted "familiarisation" tours and will refuse to come home this time before his tour is over.

Angela had some good news and some bad news. She expects that Mr Howard will be replaced as Leader of the Opposition in about August but, alas, the ACT will have some "pretty bad" bushfires in late January and early February and Mr Hawke will not retire at all but will remain in office

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Anna, by contrast, thought that there would be a change of federal government this year and that, perhaps coincidentally, the economy will improve and cost of housing will show

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a significant decline. She had also received a tantalising message that in the ACT, towards the middle of the year, "a small boy child, five years and under, will make the headlines".

With a shudder it occurs to me that this probably means that my turbulent little son will put his fist through a Rembrandt at the National Gallery.

Angela thought that the earth would move for all Canberrans in late July as some earth tremors gave our region a good shaking.

Anna and Angela, making their predictions on an afternoon of heavy rain, said that we had better become used to such deluges because, perhaps in part because of the greenhouse effect, there would be more flooding rains than droughts. Anna's guide told her that "this year we are not going to have summer as we are used to it" and that this summer would be dominated by deluges like unto yesterdays.

Strangely, and perhaps because those who provide higher guidance do not trouble themselves with such low life as the self-government of the ACT, only one of the three Rainbow

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Crystal Healers received any divine vibes at all about self-government, with Annabelle envisaging "Twelve months of major upheavals in local government" during which develop-

government" during which developers would develop a rapacious greed which would require all of us to stick up for our green belts and bits of suburban bushland.

Not one of them received a spontaneous magical message about who would win the elections but when I asked them for a prediction and after I had told them the political parties involved (the other-worldly healers, pre-occupied with rainbows and with crystals, had not been aware that these were state-like elections involving the Liberal and Labor parties) they tuned into higher guidance for long enough to discover that Labor would win.

Perhaps, given that the results of the elections (almost certainly in February) will not be known for two months because of the complexity of the ballot papers, Her Majesty will be on hand to perform the official opening of the new Assembly during her unscheduled visit.