

**The Skeptic Zone**  
**Show 395 - 15 May 2016**



**The Doctor & Maynard**

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00:00:22,999 --> 00:00:09,090  
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:29,429 --> 00:00:25,620  
hello and welcome to the skeptics on

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00:00:32,640 --> 00:00:29,439  
episode number 395 for the fifteenth of

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00:00:35,040 --> 00:00:32,650  
may 2016 Richard Saunders here with you

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00:00:38,310 --> 00:00:35,050  
from Sydney Australia the weather has

6  
00:00:40,200 --> 00:00:38,320  
changed winter is coming sounds like a

7  
00:00:41,939 --> 00:00:40,210  
game of thrones does not winter is

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00:00:45,240 --> 00:00:41,949  
coming i'm pleased to say because i do

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00:00:48,900 --> 00:00:45,250  
enjoy the colder weather dressing up in

10  
00:00:50,849 --> 00:00:48,910  
Nice ragging up sort of winter gear but

11  
00:00:53,430 --> 00:00:50,859  
enough about the weather what's coming

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00:00:57,479 --> 00:00:53,440  
up on today's show we're going to be

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00:01:00,990 --> 00:00:57,489

talking about quackery in kemah shops

14  
00:01:03,840 --> 00:01:01,000  
pharmacies drugstores yes when you go to

15  
00:01:07,070 --> 00:01:03,850  
get your aspirin and things that really

16  
00:01:10,800 --> 00:01:07,080  
work you can also pick up a bottle of

17  
00:01:13,500 --> 00:01:10,810  
magic quackery homeopathy that sort of

18  
00:01:15,780 --> 00:01:13,510  
thing a report about quackery in

19  
00:01:18,240 --> 00:01:15,790  
pharmacies coming up to start off the

20  
00:01:21,120 --> 00:01:18,250  
skeptic zone then we join Maynard for

21  
00:01:23,490 --> 00:01:21,130  
Maenads spooky action today Maenads

22  
00:01:25,710 --> 00:01:23,500  
going to be interviewing a guy well

23  
00:01:28,680 --> 00:01:25,720  
known to triple j listeners in australia

24  
00:01:32,130 --> 00:01:28,690  
that's the triple j radio network known

25  
00:01:35,280 --> 00:01:32,140  
as the doctor not a verte doctor from

26  
00:01:37,650 --> 00:01:35,290  
the BBC now this guy was an announcer on

27  
00:01:40,050 --> 00:01:37,660  
triple j by the name of lindsey

28  
00:01:42,210 --> 00:01:40,060  
MacDougall now main are denied bumped

29  
00:01:44,550 --> 00:01:42,220  
into lindsey he was giving a talk at the

30  
00:01:46,500 --> 00:01:44,560  
podcasting sydney meetup group the other

31  
00:01:48,960 --> 00:01:46,510  
night which was very interesting hello

32  
00:01:51,030 --> 00:01:48,970  
to Siobhan who runs that and her podcast

33  
00:01:53,670 --> 00:01:51,040  
at knowing animals but we'll find out

34  
00:01:57,330 --> 00:01:53,680  
what the doctor Lindsay mcdougal thinks

35  
00:01:59,760 --> 00:01:57,340  
of skepticism and he's skeptical

36  
00:02:01,200 --> 00:01:59,770  
attitudes towards things and following

37  
00:02:04,380 --> 00:02:01,210  
that it's a quick promo for Maynard's

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00:02:06,090 --> 00:02:04,390

podcast bunga bunga yes Mina does have a

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00:02:08,369 --> 00:02:06,100

life outside the skeptics her and I'm

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00:02:11,130 --> 00:02:08,379

pleased to say and he and Tim Ferguson

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00:02:14,789 --> 00:02:11,140

make this wonderful podcast funny funny

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00:02:16,589 --> 00:02:14,799

insightful funny bunga bunga then to

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00:02:18,900 --> 00:02:16,599

round off the show it's an update about

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00:02:21,440 --> 00:02:18,910

the University of Wollongong

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00:02:23,790 --> 00:02:21,450

winning a PhD on a thesis concerning

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00:02:26,850 --> 00:02:23,800

anti-vaccination conspiracy theories

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00:02:27,870 --> 00:02:26,860

what were they thinking well that's

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00:02:29,220 --> 00:02:27,880

enough for me I'm going to run

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00:02:30,540 --> 00:02:29,230

downstairs I'm not going to raid the

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00:02:33,260 --> 00:02:30,550

fridge this time I'm going to put

51  
00:02:36,990 --> 00:02:33,270  
together my collection of origami

52  
00:02:40,010 --> 00:02:37,000  
photography which I enjoy doing I've got

53  
00:02:43,770 --> 00:02:40,020  
another exhibition coming up at cafe

54  
00:02:45,210 --> 00:02:43,780  
2042 in Newtown here in Sydney and if

55  
00:02:48,420 --> 00:02:45,220  
you're in Newtown and you drop by the

56  
00:02:50,730 --> 00:02:48,430  
cafe 2042 in King Street you'll be able

57  
00:02:53,340 --> 00:02:50,740  
to see a an exhibition of some of my

58  
00:02:55,260 --> 00:02:53,350  
work well I might grab a a cookie on the

59  
00:03:00,580 --> 00:02:55,270  
way well I'm doing that I hope you enjoy

60  
00:03:00,590 --> 00:03:19,780  
you

61  
00:03:23,660 --> 00:03:22,099  
lately in the news here in Australia

62  
00:03:27,550 --> 00:03:23,670  
we've noticed there's a push for

63  
00:03:30,289 --> 00:03:27,560

naturopath to be more prominent in

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00:03:33,110 --> 00:03:30,299

pharmacies now this problem has been

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00:03:37,099 --> 00:03:33,120

ongoing for many years I well remember

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00:03:39,979 --> 00:03:37,109

the time zone reporter and prominent

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00:03:42,500 --> 00:03:39,989

skeptic dr. rachy dr. Rachel Dunlop and

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00:03:45,170 --> 00:03:42,510

I went into a pharmacy to ask for some

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00:03:48,709 --> 00:03:45,180

advice can't quite remember what it was

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00:03:50,809 --> 00:03:48,719

I think we were looking for flu

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00:03:53,690 --> 00:03:50,819

injection or something like that a flu

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00:03:57,349 --> 00:03:53,700

shot nevertheless there somebody came up

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00:04:01,490 --> 00:03:57,359

to offer to help us and then began

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00:04:04,369 --> 00:04:01,500

telling us that the homeopathic range

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00:04:07,250 --> 00:04:04,379

that they were selling it was really

76  
00:04:11,089 --> 00:04:07,260  
based on science and when we pressed her

77  
00:04:13,280 --> 00:04:11,099  
on that she got rather short with us

78  
00:04:15,949 --> 00:04:13,290  
they don't like being asked questions

79  
00:04:18,529 --> 00:04:15,959  
which brings me to a story by Jane

80  
00:04:21,560 --> 00:04:18,539  
Hansen published on the 8th of May at

81  
00:04:25,070 --> 00:04:21,570  
the Daily Telegraph comdata you entitled

82  
00:04:28,430 --> 00:04:25,080  
employing naturopaths in chemists akin

83  
00:04:31,370 --> 00:04:28,440  
to mcdonald's style do you want fries

84  
00:04:34,219 --> 00:04:31,380  
with that marketing and jane says that

85  
00:04:37,070 --> 00:04:34,229  
pharmacists have blasted attempts by the

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00:04:39,200 --> 00:04:37,080  
vitamin and supplement industry to

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00:04:42,770 --> 00:04:39,210  
employ naturopaths in chemists as a

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00:04:45,320 --> 00:04:42,780

sales gimmick and fear it will diminish

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00:04:49,339 --> 00:04:45,330

the credibility of their profession well

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00:04:52,879 --> 00:04:49,349

she's absolutely right it already has it

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00:04:55,850 --> 00:04:52,889

already does people people go into

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00:04:59,629 --> 00:04:55,860

pharmacies or in this country and you

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00:05:02,360 --> 00:04:59,639

would expect real advice based on

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00:05:05,480 --> 00:05:02,370

scientific evidence people treat

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00:05:08,779 --> 00:05:05,490

pharmacies as an extension of our system

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00:05:11,420 --> 00:05:08,789

of scientific medicine how those of you

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00:05:13,430 --> 00:05:11,430

in Australia just walk into your nearest

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00:05:16,040 --> 00:05:13,440

big pharmacy and you'll probably find

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00:05:20,089 --> 00:05:16,050

homeopathy some farmers

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00:05:23,719 --> 00:05:20,099

I've noticed we're selling our snoring

101  
00:05:29,420 --> 00:05:23,729  
rings based on acupressure points the

102  
00:05:32,990 --> 00:05:29,430  
infamous power band range of those bands

103  
00:05:36,439 --> 00:05:33,000  
that used to put on your wrist I bought

104  
00:05:39,290 --> 00:05:36,449  
one example called the hot band from the

105  
00:05:42,290 --> 00:05:39,300  
pharmacy believe it or not these are the

106  
00:05:45,219 --> 00:05:42,300  
plastic things with Holograms in them so

107  
00:05:48,320 --> 00:05:45,229  
sadly a lot of thumbs his chemist shops

108  
00:05:51,649 --> 00:05:48,330  
do sell a lot of Wu Jiang goes on to say

109  
00:05:55,490 --> 00:05:51,659  
that lan car Atari based pharmacist re

110  
00:05:58,100 --> 00:05:55,500  
Isaiah a city in New South Wales said

111  
00:06:00,320 --> 00:05:58,110  
that he was dismayed by the trend of

112  
00:06:03,010 --> 00:06:00,330  
naturopaths employed by supplement

113  
00:06:05,959 --> 00:06:03,020

companies and pharmacists who work as

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00:06:08,360 --> 00:06:05,969

in-store consultants he said many

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00:06:10,879 --> 00:06:08,370

supplements were not evidence-based and

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00:06:12,529 --> 00:06:10,889

didn't do what they claimed well it's

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00:06:14,300 --> 00:06:12,539

got that right quote i'm going to

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00:06:16,939 --> 00:06:14,310

campaign against the placement of

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00:06:20,269 --> 00:06:16,949

naturopaths in the store because it's

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00:06:22,820 --> 00:06:20,279

message is contrary to the dispensing

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00:06:24,980 --> 00:06:22,830

side and i don't want to mislead clients

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00:06:28,040 --> 00:06:24,990

with a nonsense like naturopathy

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00:06:31,670 --> 00:06:28,050

historically we have always had vitamins

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00:06:33,740 --> 00:06:31,680

as a healthy line to sell but now we

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00:06:36,620 --> 00:06:33,750

have greater access to evidence-based

126  
00:06:40,010 --> 00:06:36,630  
information and we are in a position to

127  
00:06:42,379 --> 00:06:40,020  
say no vitamin B will not give you more

128  
00:06:46,040 --> 00:06:42,389  
energy and glucosamine is questionable

129  
00:06:50,480 --> 00:06:46,050  
for arthritis and quote he said research

130  
00:06:53,180 --> 00:06:50,490  
by Roy Morgan shows that in 2015 8.1

131  
00:06:55,760 --> 00:06:53,190  
million Australians board vitamins or

132  
00:06:59,089 --> 00:06:55,770  
supplements in any given six month

133  
00:07:02,570 --> 00:06:59,099  
period 1.5 million more than the same

134  
00:07:06,950 --> 00:07:02,580  
period in 2011 the industry is now worth

135  
00:07:12,409 --> 00:07:06,960  
3.1 billion yes there's big money to be

136  
00:07:15,709 --> 00:07:12,419  
made in selling supplements questionable

137  
00:07:18,110 --> 00:07:15,719  
supplements because largely they're

138  
00:07:21,529 --> 00:07:18,120

being sold through pharmacies and people

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00:07:23,990 --> 00:07:21,539

again equate something being sold in a

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00:07:27,140 --> 00:07:24,000

pharmacy with something that should be

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00:07:29,090 --> 00:07:27,150

real evidence based may be there don't

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00:07:31,310 --> 00:07:29,100

even think that far at least real at

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00:07:34,580 --> 00:07:31,320

least it should work jane goes on the

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00:07:36,800 --> 00:07:34,590

same nearly half of all women buy

145

00:07:39,080 --> 00:07:36,810

supplements and more than a third of all

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00:07:42,590 --> 00:07:39,090

men despite there being little evidence

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00:07:44,210 --> 00:07:42,600

of their benefit i remember that when i

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00:07:46,780 --> 00:07:44,220

went to a pharmacy and i saw this

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00:07:49,430 --> 00:07:46,790

storing ring you put on your finger

150

00:07:54,380 --> 00:07:49,440

presses the acupuncture acupressure

151  
00:07:56,450 --> 00:07:54,390  
point then stops you snoring and i had a

152  
00:07:58,700 --> 00:07:56,460  
chat to the nice lady behind the counter

153  
00:08:00,050 --> 00:07:58,710  
and i said you know i don't think

154  
00:08:02,630 --> 00:08:00,060  
there's any evidence that these things

155  
00:08:05,780 --> 00:08:02,640  
really work and the the point they press

156  
00:08:08,690 --> 00:08:05,790  
is non-existent and she said quite

157  
00:08:11,450 --> 00:08:08,700  
honestly I we saw them because they sell

158  
00:08:13,730 --> 00:08:11,460  
people want them the story goes on last

159  
00:08:16,220 --> 00:08:13,740  
week vitamin and supplement giant

160  
00:08:18,980 --> 00:08:16,230  
Blackmore's advertised for naturopaths

161  
00:08:21,710 --> 00:08:18,990  
to join the quote in store health and

162  
00:08:24,860 --> 00:08:21,720  
well-being team in quote across key

163  
00:08:27,230 --> 00:08:24,870

Sydney pharmacies dr. Leslie Braun the

164

00:08:29,690 --> 00:08:27,240

director of Blackmore's Institute said

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00:08:32,870 --> 00:08:29,700

pharmacies were a key destination for

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00:08:35,360 --> 00:08:32,880

complementary medicines no dear quote

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00:08:37,459 --> 00:08:35,370

many pharmacies are supplementing the

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00:08:41,000 --> 00:08:37,469

expertise of the pharmacist with a

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00:08:43,339 --> 00:08:41,010

qualified naturopath in store to provide

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00:08:46,190 --> 00:08:43,349

additional advice on appropriate

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00:08:48,950 --> 00:08:46,200

complementary medicine as well as diet

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00:08:51,350 --> 00:08:48,960

and lifestyle information end quote dr.

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00:08:54,560 --> 00:08:51,360

Braun rejected criticism and set a

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00:08:57,110 --> 00:08:54,570

pharmacy Guild survey of 700 pharmacists

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00:08:59,060 --> 00:08:57,120

found that half would employ a

176  
00:09:02,120 --> 00:08:59,070  
naturopath I don't know what the side of

177  
00:09:04,100 --> 00:09:02,130  
that quote interestingly the guild

178  
00:09:06,710 --> 00:09:04,110  
report goes on to explain that

179  
00:09:09,140 --> 00:09:06,720  
sixty-five percent of pharmacy customers

180  
00:09:11,150 --> 00:09:09,150  
taking complementary medicines that is

181  
00:09:12,980 --> 00:09:11,160  
Australian consumers think it's

182  
00:09:15,920 --> 00:09:12,990  
important for a naturopath to be

183  
00:09:18,800 --> 00:09:15,930  
available in a pharmacy when quote she

184  
00:09:20,630 --> 00:09:18,810  
said quote it is entirely reasonable for

185  
00:09:23,030 --> 00:09:20,640  
a pharmacist to seek the assistant of an

186  
00:09:25,760 --> 00:09:23,040  
appropriately qualified naturopath in

187  
00:09:28,610 --> 00:09:25,770  
delivering quality information on to

188  
00:09:30,350 --> 00:09:28,620

their customers in quote but Mr Carr

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00:09:33,590 --> 00:09:30,360

said pharmacies were selling supplements

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00:09:35,480 --> 00:09:33,600

to try and claw back profits that had

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00:09:36,440 --> 00:09:35,490

diminished with medications that had

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00:09:40,210 --> 00:09:36,450

come off patent

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00:09:44,210 --> 00:09:40,220

another side nerd many years ago our

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00:09:45,860 --> 00:09:44,220

2004 my good friend Phil Plait known as

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00:09:48,200 --> 00:09:45,870

the bad astronomer who appears on the

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00:09:51,170 --> 00:09:48,210

skeptic zone from time to time made his

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00:09:54,140 --> 00:09:51,180

first visit to Australia and I remember

198

00:09:56,360 --> 00:09:54,150

collecting him from the airport a bit

199

00:09:59,390 --> 00:09:56,370

jet-lagged he is very happy to be here

200

00:10:02,450 --> 00:09:59,400

and we had a nice coffee not far from

201  
00:10:04,520 --> 00:10:02,460  
where I live nice little cafe then we

202  
00:10:06,800 --> 00:10:04,530  
stroll across the street to the pharmacy

203  
00:10:11,300 --> 00:10:06,810  
where you wanted to pick up sundry items

204  
00:10:14,510 --> 00:10:11,310  
I guess and there was um this weird sort

205  
00:10:17,450 --> 00:10:14,520  
of machine in there with the screen and

206  
00:10:19,040 --> 00:10:17,460  
buttons were you you could ask questions

207  
00:10:23,390 --> 00:10:19,050  
press the appropriate button to get

208  
00:10:26,500 --> 00:10:23,400  
health advice and one of the bits of

209  
00:10:30,560 --> 00:10:26,510  
advice it was dispensing via the screen

210  
00:10:34,490 --> 00:10:30,570  
was to recommend a certain homeopathic

211  
00:10:36,740 --> 00:10:34,500  
treatment for burns now we were both

212  
00:10:38,840 --> 00:10:36,750  
pretty gobsmacked I one of those I

213  
00:10:41,110 --> 00:10:38,850

wonder if those machines are still about

214

00:10:44,360 --> 00:10:41,120

I haven't seen one for a long time

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00:10:47,510 --> 00:10:44,370

homeopathic treatment for burns in a

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00:10:50,300 --> 00:10:47,520

pharmacy it says a lot I think we read

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00:10:52,340 --> 00:10:50,310

on in 2011 the pharmacy guild was

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00:10:55,760 --> 00:10:52,350

pilloried for striking a deal with

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00:10:58,310 --> 00:10:55,770

Blackmore's akin to a quote do you want

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00:11:00,980 --> 00:10:58,320

fries with that I'm quote McDonald's

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00:11:03,140 --> 00:11:00,990

style marketing push the guild which

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00:11:08,000 --> 00:11:03,150

represents ninety-four percent of

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00:11:10,580 --> 00:11:08,010

Australia's 5450 pharmacists ditched the

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00:11:13,580 --> 00:11:10,590

deal there you go the president of the

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00:11:16,640 --> 00:11:13,590

Australian Medical Association dr. Brian

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00:11:18,830 --> 00:11:16,650

owler said pharmacists need to

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00:11:22,520 --> 00:11:18,840

reevaluate their professional roles

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00:11:24,620 --> 00:11:22,530

quote these things run the risk of

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00:11:27,320 --> 00:11:24,630

diminishing the professional reputation

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00:11:30,020 --> 00:11:27,330

of pharmacists and suggest they are more

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00:11:32,480 --> 00:11:30,030

of a shop rather than a place to seek

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00:11:35,360 --> 00:11:32,490

advice about medicines and grow tea set

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00:11:37,760 --> 00:11:35,370

good point Greg Turnbull spokesman for

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00:11:39,950 --> 00:11:37,770

the pharmacy Guild of Australia said if

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00:11:42,560 --> 00:11:39,960

members employed complementary

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00:11:45,050 --> 00:11:42,570

therapists they should quote be mindful

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00:11:48,140 --> 00:11:45,060

of their duty of care and responsibility

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00:11:50,270 --> 00:11:48,150

for any advice or service provided

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00:11:53,840 --> 00:11:50,280

in their pharmacy end quote and that

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00:11:56,120 --> 00:11:53,850

comes to us from Jane Hansen who I do

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00:11:58,820 --> 00:11:56,130

quote from time to time on the skeptic

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00:12:02,680 --> 00:11:58,830

zone she is quite active in her

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00:12:07,160 --> 00:12:02,690

condemnation as a reporter of the

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00:12:11,090 --> 00:12:07,170

anti-vaccination brigade mob group crew

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00:12:13,670 --> 00:12:11,100

as we'd like to say there's a zany wacky

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00:12:15,530 --> 00:12:13,680

people at the anti-vaccination crowd so

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00:12:19,100 --> 00:12:15,540

there you go and maybe this is the same

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00:12:23,950 --> 00:12:19,110

situation in your country or your part

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00:12:27,140 --> 00:12:23,960

of Australia at pharmacies chemist shops

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00:12:30,710 --> 00:12:27,150

not only dispense sound advice and

251  
00:12:35,180 --> 00:12:30,720  
medicines that really work but also ah

252  
00:12:37,040 --> 00:12:35,190  
what we might loosely call whoo those of

253  
00:12:38,660 --> 00:12:37,050  
you in the UK I think know especially

254  
00:12:40,930 --> 00:12:38,670  
what I'm talking about in fact the last

255  
00:12:45,580 --> 00:12:40,940  
time I was in the UK when I attended I

256  
00:12:49,040 --> 00:12:45,590  
the QED convention in Manchester my wind

257  
00:12:52,580 --> 00:12:49,050  
into a boots pharmacy and I bought

258  
00:12:54,260 --> 00:12:52,590  
myself a nice vial of homeopathic what

259  
00:12:56,960 --> 00:12:54,270  
was it now sleeping pills or something

260  
00:12:58,610 --> 00:12:56,970  
like that but for many years and there's

261  
00:13:00,080 --> 00:12:58,620  
a video online in fact i'll link to it

262  
00:13:03,800 --> 00:13:00,090  
in the show notes there is a video

263  
00:13:06,020 --> 00:13:03,810

online from the 2004 australian skeptics

264

00:13:08,030 --> 00:13:06,030

convention where I in a group of

265

00:13:12,350 --> 00:13:08,040

prominent skeptics including dr. Phil

266

00:13:14,270 --> 00:13:12,360

Plait guzzled many are homeopathic

267

00:13:16,340 --> 00:13:14,280

sleeping tablets but people do this all

268

00:13:17,960 --> 00:13:16,350

around the world James Randy's been

269

00:13:21,190 --> 00:13:17,970

doing this for many years man in fact

270

00:13:23,860 --> 00:13:21,200

part of the 10 23 campaign initiated by

271

00:13:26,330 --> 00:13:23,870

people like Michael marshal at

272

00:13:28,850 --> 00:13:26,340

merseyside skeptics well that's all

273

00:13:31,610 --> 00:13:28,860

about consuming large amounts of

274

00:13:35,210 --> 00:13:31,620

homeopathic pills what can we do about

275

00:13:36,860 --> 00:13:35,220

it well I'm not sure I think the wheels

276

00:13:39,470 --> 00:13:36,870

are in motion they have been in motion

277

00:13:42,770 --> 00:13:39,480

for a long time more and more people are

278

00:13:44,570 --> 00:13:42,780

realizing this stuff as whoo but at the

279

00:13:50,060 --> 00:13:44,580

same time more and more people are

280

00:13:53,120 --> 00:13:50,070

probably using it anyway it's the it's

281

00:13:55,480 --> 00:13:53,130

the classic the classic tale it's the

282

00:13:58,410 --> 00:13:55,490

Moriarty in Sherlock Holmes it's the

283

00:14:01,170 --> 00:13:58,420

Superman and lex luthor the

284

00:14:03,720 --> 00:14:01,180

man in the Joker now what's I does want

285

00:14:05,460 --> 00:14:03,730

well I guess that's up to you credit to

286

00:14:09,120 --> 00:14:05,470

Jane Henson for that report and you can

287

00:14:28,019 --> 00:14:09,130

read her reports at Daily Telegraph com

288

00:14:30,509 --> 00:14:28,029

au hi this is Cassandra president of the

289

00:14:32,759 --> 00:14:30,519

Brisbane skeptics society in sunny

290

00:14:35,069 --> 00:14:32,769

Queensland which well by Sydney

291

00:14:38,040 --> 00:14:35,079

standards is the north side of Australia

292

00:14:41,040 --> 00:14:38,050

I'd like to invite you to join us at one

293

00:14:43,560 --> 00:14:41,050

of our many events not only do we have

294

00:14:46,259 --> 00:14:43,570

weekly social gatherings all over

295

00:14:48,569 --> 00:14:46,269

Brisbane and monthly lectures we get

296

00:14:51,210 --> 00:14:48,579

along so well that once or twice a year

297

00:14:53,820 --> 00:14:51,220

we escape our city confines in Brisbane

298

00:14:55,650 --> 00:14:53,830

and go travelling together

299

00:14:59,040 --> 00:14:55,660

we're always on the lookout for new

300

00:15:02,040 --> 00:14:59,050

ideas new perspectives and definitely

301

00:15:07,860 --> 00:15:02,050

new speakers want to find out more

302

00:15:10,320 --> 00:15:07,870

please visit us at [www.credit.org](http://www.credit.org) or

303

00:15:13,080 --> 00:15:10,330

search for Brisbane skeptics society on

304

00:15:27,810 --> 00:15:13,090

Facebook or Twitter we hope to see you

305

00:15:31,590 --> 00:15:27,820

soon his may not spooky action at the

306

00:15:35,710 --> 00:15:33,910

look no edges is a hub hub there's a bit

307

00:15:37,390 --> 00:15:35,720

of a deep hub hub going on down here at

308

00:15:39,580 --> 00:15:37,400

the moment and it's yeah well it's a bit

309

00:15:41,080 --> 00:15:39,590

like a shadowy cabal is planning

310

00:15:43,750 --> 00:15:41,090

something down here isn't it mr. Lindsey

311

00:15:45,400 --> 00:15:43,760

yeah or we've arrived at the end of like

312

00:15:47,830 --> 00:15:45,410

a really long party like we're in the

313

00:15:49,390 --> 00:15:47,840

nightclub it's for I am everyone's left

314

00:15:50,350 --> 00:15:49,400

and all and the only people that are

315

00:15:52,090 --> 00:15:50,360

left are the people that are just all

316

00:15:53,800 --> 00:15:52,100

scattered from the not being awake for

317

00:15:55,210 --> 00:15:53,810

too long that is distinctly what it

318

00:15:57,100 --> 00:15:55,220

feels like could you please introduce

319

00:15:58,420 --> 00:15:57,110

yourself to the skeptic zone audience my

320

00:16:01,090 --> 00:15:58,430

name is Lindsey MacDougall I play guitar

321

00:16:02,800 --> 00:16:01,100

in frenzel rom and and and much like

322

00:16:04,750 --> 00:16:02,810

Maynard I had a stint in trouble J and

323

00:16:05,860 --> 00:16:04,760

the great thing is he's nickname is the

324

00:16:06,940 --> 00:16:05,870

doctor which means you've got a

325

00:16:09,490 --> 00:16:06,950

prescription pad on you at all times

326

00:16:11,620 --> 00:16:09,500

haven't you it's only if only I do know

327

00:16:13,630 --> 00:16:11,630

people that do have these these kind of

328

00:16:16,210 --> 00:16:13,640

things but I haven't but that these days

329

00:16:18,460 --> 00:16:16,220

the regulations you know back in the day

330

00:16:20,260 --> 00:16:18,470

I'm sure main are you would have if you

331

00:16:22,270 --> 00:16:20,270

can write anything that's an S 4 i'll

332

00:16:24,580 --> 00:16:22,280

take no problem at all i don't know what

333

00:16:26,770 --> 00:16:24,590

that is it shows you like them it's a

334

00:16:28,630 --> 00:16:26,780

positive thing but we've been here at

335

00:16:30,190 --> 00:16:28,640

the sydney podcasters wenchang to you

336

00:16:32,980 --> 00:16:30,200

about an enchanting you've actually

337

00:16:34,660 --> 00:16:32,990

quite the skeptic aren't you well I come

338

00:16:36,460 --> 00:16:34,670

from I come from the position I'm not

339

00:16:38,110 --> 00:16:36,470

just one of those you know so I guess

340

00:16:40,210 --> 00:16:38,120

I'm a born again skip do you like was

341

00:16:41,650 --> 00:16:40,220

brought up I was brought up well I was

342

00:16:43,240 --> 00:16:41,660

brought up quite religious I went to a

343

00:16:45,730 --> 00:16:43,250

Catholic school I played in the church

344

00:16:47,440 --> 00:16:45,740

group which was an excellent way to meet

345

00:16:49,180 --> 00:16:47,450

girl it's me to be tough and say yeah I

346

00:16:50,710 --> 00:16:49,190

did to meet girls but I didn't I also

347

00:16:52,870 --> 00:16:50,720

did it because that's how you got into

348

00:16:54,550 --> 00:16:52,880

heaven or whatever I can't like any x

349

00:16:56,470 --> 00:16:54,560

catholic have you shaken off the guilt

350

00:16:58,540 --> 00:16:56,480

thing completely or the whole veganism

351  
00:17:00,250 --> 00:16:58,550  
we've come from the guilt thing in the

352  
00:17:01,660 --> 00:17:00,260  
first place I'm sure I went when I

353  
00:17:03,100 --> 00:17:01,670  
joined friends are on Jason because

354  
00:17:05,319 --> 00:17:03,110  
Jason was brought Anglican the author

355  
00:17:06,819 --> 00:17:05,329  
atheist he used to make jokes about the

356  
00:17:09,100 --> 00:17:06,829  
Catholic guilt but i never knew it as a

357  
00:17:10,689 --> 00:17:09,110  
thing i think my parents weren't all

358  
00:17:12,460 --> 00:17:10,699  
that big into the k wasn't the big sort

359  
00:17:14,380 --> 00:17:12,470  
of you know sparing the rod kind of

360  
00:17:15,910 --> 00:17:14,390  
catholic guilt thing Catholic upbringing

361  
00:17:17,230 --> 00:17:15,920  
it although there was lots of talked

362  
00:17:19,390 --> 00:17:17,240  
about death and stuff but I just didn't

363  
00:17:20,500 --> 00:17:19,400

get I just didn't I don't think I felt

364

00:17:21,880 --> 00:17:20,510

the guilt but then people told me

365

00:17:24,010 --> 00:17:21,890

subsequently that I have I don't know

366

00:17:25,510 --> 00:17:24,020

but also my mum owned a health food shop

367

00:17:26,740 --> 00:17:25,520

and got into health foods because I was

368

00:17:28,720 --> 00:17:26,750

a little very allergic of things growing

369

00:17:30,050 --> 00:17:28,730

up couldn't eat the same fruit two days

370

00:17:32,240 --> 00:17:30,060

in a row

371

00:17:34,280 --> 00:17:32,250

full on hyperactivity and skin

372

00:17:35,300 --> 00:17:34,290

conditions and stuff and so I'm getting

373

00:17:37,400 --> 00:17:35,310

to health forgot in the food combining

374

00:17:39,230 --> 00:17:37,410

which helped you know settle some of

375

00:17:41,450 --> 00:17:39,240

that stuff and then she went further

376

00:17:45,470 --> 00:17:41,460

down that rabbit hole into the esoteric

377

00:17:47,540 --> 00:17:45,480

world of kinesiology homeopathy all the

378

00:17:48,800 --> 00:17:47,550

geez that i'm sure you guys like to talk

379

00:17:52,190 --> 00:17:48,810

about on the skeptics and quite a lot

380

00:17:54,980 --> 00:17:52,200

and things like a channeling i spoke I

381

00:17:56,180 --> 00:17:54,990

spoke to a channel once but she did it

382

00:17:59,390 --> 00:17:56,190

you know what like I was I spoke to a

383

00:18:01,610 --> 00:17:59,400

channel who would channel various past

384

00:18:03,290 --> 00:18:01,620

lives or I guess other you know people

385

00:18:05,300 --> 00:18:03,300

from the up from the beyond to talk

386

00:18:07,250 --> 00:18:05,310

about my food allergies and how would

387

00:18:08,840 --> 00:18:07,260

this help in any way with Sir Isaac

388

00:18:10,970 --> 00:18:08,850

Newton have some things to say he

389

00:18:14,900 --> 00:18:10,980

probably would yes a away from apples

390

00:18:15,890 --> 00:18:14,910

wow this is just really yeah I don't

391

00:18:17,900 --> 00:18:15,900

know this I don't know the science

392

00:18:19,730 --> 00:18:17,910

behind it from Big River I'm really sure

393

00:18:21,320 --> 00:18:19,740

facialist but that's one time I've never

394

00:18:22,910 --> 00:18:21,330

heard of that one being used for allergy

395

00:18:26,000 --> 00:18:22,920

absolutely for health for health

396

00:18:28,370 --> 00:18:26,010

conditions my mom took me to a channel

397

00:18:29,930 --> 00:18:28,380

and didn't I mean I don't remember what

398

00:18:32,210 --> 00:18:29,940

she told me I imagine it was just a

399

00:18:35,030 --> 00:18:32,220

combination of food related things I

400

00:18:36,320 --> 00:18:35,040

didn't have to there was no no I wasn't

401

00:18:38,270 --> 00:18:36,330

reaching across the other side for a

402

00:18:40,220 --> 00:18:38,280

Cure she was just drawing on her various

403

00:18:43,190 --> 00:18:40,230

skills this particular skill set or

404

00:18:45,350 --> 00:18:43,200

whatever now as a vegan on balance is

405

00:18:47,690 --> 00:18:45,360

morrissey a plus or a minus to the vegan

406

00:18:50,030 --> 00:18:47,700

cause so many worst vegans and Morrissey

407

00:18:51,710 --> 00:18:50,040

I mean at the end of it or you can just

408

00:18:54,500 --> 00:18:51,720

block out the silly things he says the

409

00:18:57,140 --> 00:18:54,510

delve into various racist things and

410

00:18:58,700 --> 00:18:57,150

monica's things at the pop you know I

411

00:19:00,740 --> 00:18:58,710

think people like him and when people

412

00:19:02,360 --> 00:19:00,750

people can whinge about people like him

413

00:19:04,550 --> 00:19:02,370

and there's lots of other you just go he

414

00:19:06,800 --> 00:19:04,560

was in the Smiths might even sang in the

415

00:19:08,630 --> 00:19:06,810

Smiths shut up oh shut up exactly right

416

00:19:09,770 --> 00:19:08,640

exactly right so many people get a Hall

417

00:19:11,630 --> 00:19:09,780

Pass because of the amazing music

418

00:19:13,460 --> 00:19:11,640

they've written as a vegan how do you

419

00:19:15,590 --> 00:19:13,470

feel about his hammer over the head

420

00:19:18,440 --> 00:19:15,600

approach like he does live with Meat Is

421

00:19:19,730 --> 00:19:18,450

Murder we shows quite violent scenes on

422

00:19:21,230 --> 00:19:19,740

the screen that are real real yeah I

423

00:19:23,330 --> 00:19:21,240

think that people should be exposed to

424

00:19:25,000 --> 00:19:23,340

that stuff and I don't think people go

425

00:19:27,760 --> 00:19:25,010

to a morrissey gig

426

00:19:28,810 --> 00:19:27,770

not you know like I unprepared you know

427

00:19:30,190 --> 00:19:28,820

people they're probably not too many

428

00:19:31,510 --> 00:19:30,200

more as your vans these days I think I

429

00:19:33,040 --> 00:19:31,520

might just pop along to this guy of

430

00:19:34,540 --> 00:19:33,050

Morsy yeah I'll go straight from

431

00:19:36,190 --> 00:19:34,550

mcdonalds to there so that's fine i mean

432

00:19:38,350 --> 00:19:36,200

i like when people do things like that

433

00:19:40,420 --> 00:19:38,360

they use their giant star power like

434

00:19:42,100 --> 00:19:40,430

when KD Lang canceled a gig a casino

435

00:19:43,810 --> 00:19:42,110

maybe 15 years ago because she could

436

00:19:44,860 --> 00:19:43,820

smell meat coming out of the kitchen you

437

00:19:46,180 --> 00:19:44,870

know although she published have

438

00:19:48,100 --> 00:19:46,190

prepared a little bit earlier and sent

439

00:19:49,930 --> 00:19:48,110  
them a nice email but I think it's I

440

00:19:51,700 --> 00:19:49,940  
think it's certainly not their duty to

441

00:19:54,160 --> 00:19:51,710  
do that and I would never say you must

442

00:19:56,080 --> 00:19:54,170  
as a vegan always always appear po

443

00:19:57,880 --> 00:19:56,090  
faison's and sing about the horrific of

444

00:20:00,040 --> 00:19:57,890  
the animal industry but if they get to

445

00:20:01,180 --> 00:20:00,050  
do that just once in a while and maybe a

446

00:20:02,620 --> 00:20:01,190  
few people it'll be the people that

447

00:20:04,600 --> 00:20:02,630  
secret finger up at him but there's also

448

00:20:05,920 --> 00:20:04,610  
the other people to go this guy that I

449

00:20:07,540 --> 00:20:05,930  
really likes into this other thing I

450

00:20:09,670 --> 00:20:07,550  
might pursue it further and it's kind of

451

00:20:12,100 --> 00:20:09,680

nice and with your travels with triple j

452

00:20:13,930 --> 00:20:12,110

with bandwidth extreme veganism from

453

00:20:15,340 --> 00:20:13,940

time to time you've also been exposed to

454

00:20:17,110 --> 00:20:15,350

a few theories along the way you

455

00:20:18,130 --> 00:20:17,120

mentioned that people often think oh

456

00:20:20,470 --> 00:20:18,140

well you'll be down with the whole

457

00:20:22,150 --> 00:20:20,480

chemtrails thing and you're not exactly

458

00:20:25,090 --> 00:20:22,160

if I'm correct yeah it's a problem that

459

00:20:28,480 --> 00:20:25,100

happens in any any open minded group I

460

00:20:30,850 --> 00:20:28,490

think you know that people think you are

461

00:20:32,620 --> 00:20:30,860

yeah you're into veganism you're into

462

00:20:33,460 --> 00:20:32,630

health food so you know what do you

463

00:20:34,690 --> 00:20:33,470

think about the government trying to

464

00:20:36,730 --> 00:20:34,700

control us with a fluoride in the water

465

00:20:40,080 --> 00:20:36,740

and Starlin just things that are so

466

00:20:43,330 --> 00:20:40,090

easily disproven I mean I don't know

467

00:20:45,670 --> 00:20:43,340

that you got a pet one that you hate I i

468

00:20:47,590 --> 00:20:45,680

hate the fluoride one because I've heard

469

00:20:48,730 --> 00:20:47,600

it recently from a friend of mine who

470

00:20:51,490 --> 00:20:48,740

was talking to my friends bringing up

471

00:20:54,580 --> 00:20:51,500

kids and advocating for only bottled

472

00:20:56,230 --> 00:20:54,590

water and I just like just look at the

473

00:20:58,030 --> 00:20:56,240

facts I mean look at though just go

474

00:20:59,380 --> 00:20:58,040

above that go across the border and look

475

00:21:01,330 --> 00:20:59,390

at people's teeth in Queensland her

476

00:21:03,010 --> 00:21:01,340

about 30 or 40 years old I didn't have

477

00:21:03,850 --> 00:21:03,020

the flu ride I did a big pretty simple

478

00:21:05,320 --> 00:21:03,860

thing while I was waiting for my

479

00:21:06,910 --> 00:21:05,330

dentists saturday i just said the dental

480

00:21:08,170 --> 00:21:06,920

assistant how could you explain to me

481

00:21:10,930 --> 00:21:08,180

the action of how fluoride in the water

482

00:21:12,610 --> 00:21:10,940

works to help you teeth into it no one's

483

00:21:14,230 --> 00:21:12,620

ever asked that you then fully explain

484

00:21:16,120 --> 00:21:14,240

to me how it works with the saliva and

485

00:21:17,860 --> 00:21:16,130

everything and the cycle and it all

486

00:21:19,930 --> 00:21:17,870

became very clear just do that people

487

00:21:23,530 --> 00:21:19,940

yeah yeah asked that question and also

488

00:21:25,500 --> 00:21:23,540

be prepared to believe the answer i mean

489

00:21:27,030 --> 00:21:25,510

the horrible thing about about backs

490

00:21:28,710 --> 00:21:27,040

is causing autism which still isn't

491

00:21:30,060 --> 00:21:28,720

belief which is ridiculous because of

492

00:21:32,070 --> 00:21:30,070

this one discredited you know the story

493

00:21:33,750 --> 00:21:32,080

discredited by boat it's you know now

494

00:21:36,960 --> 00:21:33,760

Robert De Niro's banging her bangla then

495

00:21:38,730 --> 00:21:36,970

to film festivals poor guy he's old he

496

00:21:41,160 --> 00:21:38,740

doesn't know he's people get what your

497

00:21:43,290 --> 00:21:41,170

people and then I mentioned having a

498

00:21:45,900 --> 00:21:43,300

child with that condition which it is

499

00:21:47,190 --> 00:21:45,910

you get a bit going or maybe I haven't

500

00:21:49,320 --> 00:21:47,200

been thinking wide enough and you think

501  
00:21:50,640 --> 00:21:49,330  
of it to why exactly because you want it

502  
00:21:52,530 --> 00:21:50,650  
because you want to do the right thing

503  
00:21:54,120 --> 00:21:52,540  
for your kids for your loved ones or for

504  
00:21:57,210 --> 00:21:54,130  
your friends so you want to entertain

505  
00:21:59,520 --> 00:21:57,220  
every possibility and sadly the internet

506  
00:22:01,590 --> 00:21:59,530  
is a beautiful world full of so many

507  
00:22:03,390 --> 00:22:01,600  
incorrect theories and websites

508  
00:22:05,310 --> 00:22:03,400  
absolutely dedicated to them a good tip

509  
00:22:06,840 --> 00:22:05,320  
though is if the website has got the

510  
00:22:08,190 --> 00:22:06,850  
font that goes we've got the text goes

511  
00:22:09,900 --> 00:22:08,200  
right across the screen the black

512  
00:22:11,460 --> 00:22:09,910  
background yet with photos that scroll

513  
00:22:13,680 --> 00:22:11,470

up and down the side and flashing things

514

00:22:15,150 --> 00:22:13,690

it's probably conspiracy but it's but

515

00:22:16,380 --> 00:22:15,160

it's great to read if you had a couple

516

00:22:18,060 --> 00:22:16,390

of wines I want to go through some of

517

00:22:19,620 --> 00:22:18,070

those YouTube channels it's a lot of fun

518

00:22:21,360 --> 00:22:19,630

just don't believe it we've been a guest

519

00:22:22,770 --> 00:22:21,370

on knowing animals i recommend people go

520

00:22:24,480 --> 00:22:22,780

and listen to the next knowing animals

521

00:22:26,730 --> 00:22:24,490

podcast and i'll just fish on one last

522

00:22:28,410 --> 00:22:26,740

question if there was one type of whoo

523

00:22:30,720 --> 00:22:28,420

is that if there was one type of

524

00:22:32,760 --> 00:22:30,730

conspiracy theory if there was one that

525

00:22:34,410 --> 00:22:32,770

you would like to be real if you'd want

526

00:22:36,300 --> 00:22:34,420

it to be real which one would it be of

527

00:22:38,430 --> 00:22:36,310

all the things it's easy it's easy main

528

00:22:40,140 --> 00:22:38,440

art it's the lizard people why wouldn't

529

00:22:41,790 --> 00:22:40,150

you want the David Icke stuff that will

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00:22:43,170 --> 00:22:41,800

just just that specific one I don't care

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00:22:45,750 --> 00:22:43,180

what the moon's made of that stuff can

532

00:22:46,980 --> 00:22:45,760

go I just want the the people in control

533

00:22:48,420 --> 00:22:46,990

of the world to actually be

534

00:22:50,580 --> 00:22:48,430

shape-shifting lizard people because it

535

00:22:52,380 --> 00:22:50,590

would be beautiful I would love to know

536

00:22:56,100 --> 00:22:52,390

that the worst people in the world

537

00:22:57,690 --> 00:22:56,110

weren't humans thus completely absolving

538

00:22:59,850 --> 00:22:57,700

me of any guilt as being there's the

539

00:23:01,860 --> 00:22:59,860

same species of them and it would make

540

00:23:03,480 --> 00:23:01,870

those YouTube clips where they pause the

541

00:23:05,460 --> 00:23:03,490

pit and zoom in on the people's eyes

542

00:23:07,590 --> 00:23:05,470

when you can see the filament liquid

543

00:23:09,330 --> 00:23:07,600

going across her eyes it would make

544

00:23:11,130 --> 00:23:09,340

that's like if you if that turned out to

545

00:23:12,990 --> 00:23:11,140

be true I'd be like I'm fine with that

546

00:23:14,730 --> 00:23:13,000

I'm and I'm happy to bow down to my

547

00:23:17,340 --> 00:23:14,740

lizard Kings where can we catch up with

548

00:23:20,070 --> 00:23:17,350

your website and your podcast I'll be a

549

00:23:21,810 --> 00:23:20,080

he-man grove or at dr. mcdougall on

550

00:23:24,060 --> 00:23:21,820

twitter dr. mcdougall on Instagram or

551  
00:23:25,380 --> 00:23:24,070  
Lindsey mcdougal on facebook and can we

552  
00:23:27,150 --> 00:23:25,390  
get your stuff on all over the place on

553  
00:23:28,920 --> 00:23:27,160  
iTunes they just on friends'll robbery

554  
00:23:29,420 --> 00:23:28,930  
or your solo there as well Frenzel rom

555  
00:23:31,490 --> 00:23:29,430  
is

556  
00:23:34,490 --> 00:23:31,500  
mostly stuff I did put out an album with

557  
00:23:35,720 --> 00:23:34,500  
Jason from friends or on the album we

558  
00:23:37,610 --> 00:23:35,730  
called ourselves the self righteous

559  
00:23:40,100 --> 00:23:37,620  
brothers and it's acoustic and it's

560  
00:23:42,140 --> 00:23:40,110  
really it's really just some of the some

561  
00:23:43,430 --> 00:23:42,150  
of the lyrical themes are horrific so

562  
00:23:44,810 --> 00:23:43,440  
you should really listen to that at the

563  
00:23:46,490 --> 00:23:44,820

album's called love songs for the wrong

564

00:23:48,470 --> 00:23:46,500

at art by the self righteous brothers

565

00:23:59,930 --> 00:23:48,480

and it is on most streaming and download

566

00:24:07,470 --> 00:24:04,410

on Maynard condo you this is bunga bunga

567

00:24:10,380 --> 00:24:07,480

26 in today's show we'll have some news

568

00:24:13,620 --> 00:24:10,390

will answer your crank mail you get the

569

00:24:18,030 --> 00:24:13,630

crank mail no will have a burning social

570

00:24:23,050 --> 00:24:18,040

issue and Tim will solve the problems of

571

00:24:28,190 --> 00:24:25,340

thing that really irritates me about

572

00:24:30,940 --> 00:24:28,200

having multiple sclerosis is the

573

00:24:34,160 --> 00:24:30,950

suggestions from complete strangers as

574

00:24:35,810 --> 00:24:34,170

to what I should be doing and taking

575

00:24:37,610 --> 00:24:35,820

these normally from people who haven't

576

00:24:39,560 --> 00:24:37,620

got the condition as well of course

577

00:24:43,070 --> 00:24:39,570

because the people who had the condition

578

00:24:44,750 --> 00:24:43,080

know that nothing works so thank you

579

00:24:47,570 --> 00:24:44,760

very much for your cures for the

580

00:24:49,760 --> 00:24:47,580

incurable but maybe you should take a

581

00:24:52,370 --> 00:24:49,770

look at your own teeth before you start

582

00:24:54,800 --> 00:24:52,380

throwing new cures around and to those

583

00:24:58,130 --> 00:24:54,810

chiropractors who chiropractor Phi

584

00:25:00,650 --> 00:24:58,140

babies I will see you in lockup baby I

585

00:25:02,720 --> 00:25:00,660

will see you in the lock up with Tim

586

00:25:05,390 --> 00:25:02,730

Ferguson and may not hear in bunga bunga

587

00:25:07,670 --> 00:25:05,400

26 please go to the bunga bunga facebook

588

00:25:09,530 --> 00:25:07,680

page go to planet main art and put that

589

00:25:11,660 --> 00:25:09,540

into your podcast receiving you'll get

590

00:25:25,889 --> 00:25:11,670

it whenever you do may not got home what

591

00:25:31,090 --> 00:25:28,509

once again we head to the web page of

592

00:25:33,100 --> 00:25:31,100

the Australian skeptics skeptics calm

593

00:25:35,580 --> 00:25:33,110

today you there are a lot of very

594

00:25:40,529 --> 00:25:35,590

interesting articles at this website

595

00:25:43,450 --> 00:25:40,539

including the full-back library of the

596

00:25:45,870 --> 00:25:43,460

journal from Australian skeptics called

597

00:25:49,389 --> 00:25:45,880

the skeptic been in publication since

598

00:25:50,830 --> 00:25:49,399

1981 so thousands upon thousands of

599

00:25:54,250 --> 00:25:50,840

articles interviews reviews

600

00:25:57,940 --> 00:25:54,260

investigations free thei you to download

601  
00:26:00,190 --> 00:25:57,950  
as a PDF s going right back however this

602  
00:26:03,279 --> 00:26:00,200  
particular one published on the 11th of

603  
00:26:05,529 --> 00:26:03,289  
May written by Tim mendham concerns a

604  
00:26:08,919 --> 00:26:05,539  
story we have been keeping track of here

605  
00:26:10,870 --> 00:26:08,929  
on the skeptic zone some weeks ago we

606  
00:26:12,970 --> 00:26:10,880  
spoke to our reporter dr. Ricci about

607  
00:26:15,129 --> 00:26:12,980  
this very subject and this is all about

608  
00:26:19,720 --> 00:26:15,139  
the University of Wollongong giving out

609  
00:26:21,580 --> 00:26:19,730  
area or rewarding a PhD based more or

610  
00:26:25,509 --> 00:26:21,590  
less on conspiracy theories when it

611  
00:26:28,810 --> 00:26:25,519  
comes to vaccines conflict among why

612  
00:26:31,149 --> 00:26:28,820  
lehmann PhD examiners is the title

613  
00:26:34,450 --> 00:26:31,159

details have come to light about the

614

00:26:37,750 --> 00:26:34,460

examiners assessments of Julie why

615

00:26:40,299 --> 00:26:37,760

lemans anti-vaccination PhD thesis at

616

00:26:44,080 --> 00:26:40,309

the University of Wollongong with quote

617

00:26:46,389 --> 00:26:44,090

serious concerns and very critical in

618

00:26:48,789 --> 00:26:46,399

quote comments made about the

619

00:26:52,210 --> 00:26:48,799

anti-vaccination document that claims

620

00:26:54,759 --> 00:26:52,220

Pro vaccination conspiracies on a global

621

00:26:57,000 --> 00:26:54,769

scale why Lehman has taken a leading

622

00:26:59,019 --> 00:26:57,010

anti-vaccination role for some time

623

00:27:01,990 --> 00:26:59,029

including presentations at

624

00:27:05,289 --> 00:27:02,000

anti-vaccination rallies and support of

625

00:27:10,629 --> 00:27:05,299

the Australian anti-vaccination skeptics

626

00:27:13,509 --> 00:27:10,639

network also known as avian or AV SN now

627

00:27:17,440 --> 00:27:13,519

based on documents recently released by

628

00:27:20,110 --> 00:27:17,450

the university under a gip a Freedom of

629

00:27:24,060 --> 00:27:20,120

Information request it has been revealed

630

00:27:26,950 --> 00:27:24,070

that one of two unnamed examiners who

631

00:27:30,669 --> 00:27:26,960

reviewed the thesis suggested it was

632

00:27:33,460 --> 00:27:30,679

definitely not worthy of achieving PhD

633

00:27:36,340 --> 00:27:33,470

status and was far more in line with a

634

00:27:38,060 --> 00:27:36,350

master's degree level the examiner

635

00:27:40,040 --> 00:27:38,070

expressed quote

636

00:27:42,290 --> 00:27:40,050

serious concern about the lack of

637

00:27:44,690 --> 00:27:42,300

engagement with existing literature and

638

00:27:47,570 --> 00:27:44,700

the lack of an appropriate theoretical

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00:27:50,660 --> 00:27:47,580

framework in quote they also felt that

640

00:27:54,050 --> 00:27:50,670

the thesis showed no evidence that why

641

00:27:56,090 --> 00:27:54,060

Lehman conducted original research nor

642

00:27:59,180 --> 00:27:56,100

that it was demonstrated that she had

643

00:28:01,520 --> 00:27:59,190

made quote a significant contribution to

644

00:28:03,770 --> 00:28:01,530

the knowledge of the subject PEM quote

645

00:28:05,630 --> 00:28:03,780

in fact the only areas where the

646

00:28:08,360 --> 00:28:05,640

examiner felt while Eamon had met the

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00:28:10,280 --> 00:28:08,370

relevant standards were that it was

648

00:28:12,440 --> 00:28:10,290

presented in a manner and level

649

00:28:15,170 --> 00:28:12,450

appropriate to the field of research and

650

00:28:17,480 --> 00:28:15,180

the standard was adequate in other words

651  
00:28:21,140 --> 00:28:17,490  
it meant basic standards of presentation

652  
00:28:23,720 --> 00:28:21,150  
a second examiner however quote praised

653  
00:28:26,590 --> 00:28:23,730  
the thesis and recommending awarding a

654  
00:28:28,940 --> 00:28:26,600  
PhD without revision and quote a

655  
00:28:31,310 --> 00:28:28,950  
university summary of the opinion

656  
00:28:34,220 --> 00:28:31,320  
suggested that the second examiner said

657  
00:28:37,610 --> 00:28:34,230  
it represented quote meticulous study

658  
00:28:40,610 --> 00:28:37,620  
unquote while the correspondence

659  
00:28:42,290 --> 00:28:40,620  
released is heavily redacted nowhere in

660  
00:28:44,630 --> 00:28:42,300  
what has been released is there an

661  
00:28:47,240 --> 00:28:44,640  
indication by this examiner that they

662  
00:28:49,190 --> 00:28:47,250  
thought the study was meticulous in fact

663  
00:28:51,080 --> 00:28:49,200

when asked as a matter of course if they

664

00:28:54,110 --> 00:28:51,090

had thought the thesis was quote

665

00:28:57,410 --> 00:28:54,120

outstanding and quote and recommended

666

00:29:01,720 --> 00:28:57,420

for special commendation and quote they

667

00:29:03,980 --> 00:29:01,730

answered quote know when quote

668

00:29:06,140 --> 00:29:03,990

considering these stark differences the

669

00:29:09,920 --> 00:29:06,150

university decided to ask a third

670

00:29:11,930 --> 00:29:09,930

examiner to review the thesis of 32 PhD

671

00:29:15,410 --> 00:29:11,940

candidates submitted to the thesis

672

00:29:18,200 --> 00:29:15,420

examination committee on December 3 2014

673

00:29:21,320 --> 00:29:18,210

while Eamon was one of the only three

674

00:29:24,650 --> 00:29:21,330

where a third examiner was required the

675

00:29:27,800 --> 00:29:24,660

third examiner also unnamed judged that

676  
00:29:29,810 --> 00:29:27,810  
while the thesis assessed showed why

677  
00:29:31,790 --> 00:29:29,820  
Lehman conducted original research it

678  
00:29:34,370 --> 00:29:31,800  
did not make a significant contribution

679  
00:29:36,620 --> 00:29:34,380  
to the knowledge of the subject and had

680  
00:29:39,860 --> 00:29:36,630  
no indication of a broad understanding

681  
00:29:42,170 --> 00:29:39,870  
of the discipline within which the work

682  
00:29:43,880 --> 00:29:42,180  
was conducted and that it was not

683  
00:29:45,650 --> 00:29:43,890  
suitable for publication they

684  
00:29:49,130 --> 00:29:45,660  
recommended that the thesis be

685  
00:29:51,900 --> 00:29:49,140  
resubmitted and gave quote extensive and

686  
00:29:54,570 --> 00:29:51,910  
detailed comments on the areas that need

687  
00:29:57,150 --> 00:29:54,580  
be improved end quote sharing the same

688  
00:29:59,520 --> 00:29:57,160

concerns as the earlier critical

689

00:30:01,740 --> 00:29:59,530

examiner the extensive comments made by

690

00:30:03,660 --> 00:30:01,750

the third examiner have not been

691

00:30:05,490 --> 00:30:03,670

released but their assessment was

692

00:30:08,100 --> 00:30:05,500

described as quote very critical in

693

00:30:10,490 --> 00:30:08,110

quote by Patrick McGivern senior

694

00:30:12,420 --> 00:30:10,500

lecturer in philosophy and head of the

695

00:30:15,030 --> 00:30:12,430

postgraduate studies School of

696

00:30:17,640 --> 00:30:15,040

Humanities and Social inquiry at the

697

00:30:20,040 --> 00:30:17,650

University a revised thesis was

698

00:30:22,500 --> 00:30:20,050

presented by Y Lehman and only one

699

00:30:24,630 --> 00:30:22,510

examiner was asked for their views the

700

00:30:27,260 --> 00:30:24,640

examiner who passed the original thesis

701  
00:30:30,180 --> 00:30:27,270  
without change was regarded as a given

702  
00:30:32,640 --> 00:30:30,190  
presumably the revised version was sent

703  
00:30:36,120 --> 00:30:32,650  
to the third examiner and that the

704  
00:30:38,400 --> 00:30:36,130  
examiner who had serious concerns was

705  
00:30:41,250 --> 00:30:38,410  
not asked to look at the revised version

706  
00:30:43,800 --> 00:30:41,260  
this revised version was approved by the

707  
00:30:47,010 --> 00:30:43,810  
third examiner McGivern told y lemans

708  
00:30:50,010 --> 00:30:47,020  
PhD supervisor brian martin that this

709  
00:30:52,350 --> 00:30:50,020  
was quote certainly a welcome result and

710  
00:30:54,990 --> 00:30:52,360  
quote perhaps indicating relief that the

711  
00:30:56,790 --> 00:30:55,000  
process was apparently behind them while

712  
00:30:58,800 --> 00:30:56,800  
humans PhD was approved by the

713  
00:31:02,640 --> 00:30:58,810

university's thesis examination

714

00:31:05,370 --> 00:31:02,650

committee in November 2015 but if the

715

00:31:07,290 --> 00:31:05,380

university felt that this was the end of

716

00:31:09,630 --> 00:31:07,300

the matter they did not account for the

717

00:31:11,430 --> 00:31:09,640

reaction when the PhD was announced they

718

00:31:13,800 --> 00:31:11,440

suddenly found themselves faced with

719

00:31:15,900 --> 00:31:13,810

criticism disappointment and even

720

00:31:18,030 --> 00:31:15,910

outrage from academics both within the

721

00:31:19,950 --> 00:31:18,040

university of wollongong and elsewhere

722

00:31:23,100 --> 00:31:19,960

concerned members of the public and the

723

00:31:25,830 --> 00:31:23,110

media this criticism continues to this

724

00:31:27,420 --> 00:31:25,840

day the university has defended its

725

00:31:30,450 --> 00:31:27,430

decision on the grounds of quote

726  
00:31:32,610 --> 00:31:30,460  
academic freedom despite serious errors

727  
00:31:34,680 --> 00:31:32,620  
and misrepresentations highlighted in

728  
00:31:36,510 --> 00:31:34,690  
the thesis it has not released the names

729  
00:31:39,000 --> 00:31:36,520  
of the examiners citing quote

730  
00:31:41,250 --> 00:31:39,010  
long-standing policy and practice end

731  
00:31:43,500 --> 00:31:41,260  
quote but also that it could have a

732  
00:31:45,660 --> 00:31:43,510  
quote detrimental effect on their

733  
00:31:48,210 --> 00:31:45,670  
physical psychological or emotional

734  
00:31:50,880 --> 00:31:48,220  
well-being end quote in other words

735  
00:31:53,250 --> 00:31:50,890  
suggesting that the community critical

736  
00:31:56,160 --> 00:31:53,260  
of the PhD may physically attack the

737  
00:31:58,020 --> 00:31:56,170  
examiners which verges on a libelous

738  
00:32:01,440 --> 00:31:58,030

depiction of members of that community

739

00:32:03,540 --> 00:32:01,450

the university has not as yet responded

740

00:32:05,550 --> 00:32:03,550

to the Australian skeptics inquiries as

741

00:32:08,490 --> 00:32:05,560

to whether the awarding of a pH

742

00:32:10,950 --> 00:32:08,500

he can be reversed wollongong university

743

00:32:14,070 --> 00:32:10,960

has been nominated for the bent spoon

744

00:32:16,770 --> 00:32:14,080

award by a large and growing number of

745

00:32:19,800 --> 00:32:16,780

people and will keep skeptic zone

746

00:32:40,740 --> 00:32:19,810

listeners up to date as this continuing

747

00:32:43,520 --> 00:32:40,750

saga continues the Darwin skeptics are

748

00:32:46,200 --> 00:32:43,530

having their next skeptics in the pub on

749

00:32:48,930 --> 00:32:46,210

Thursday the second of june at the

750

00:32:51,860 --> 00:32:48,940

parvis t'en tavern on chong wei terrace

751

00:32:56,370 --> 00:32:51,870

join the facebook group at facebook.com

752

00:32:57,900 --> 00:32:56,380

slash groups / darwin skeptics or just

753

00:32:59,910 --> 00:32:57,910

come down at six-thirty on the night

754

00:33:02,520 --> 00:32:59,920

then look for the group with the little

755

00:33:05,640 --> 00:33:02,530

payable sign that says darwin skeptics

756

00:33:20,110 --> 00:33:05,650

that's Darwin skeptics in the pub second

757

00:33:20,120 --> 00:33:25,160

Oh

758

00:33:30,000 --> 00:33:27,810

thank you for listening to the skeptic

759

00:33:31,920 --> 00:33:30,010

zone I hope to see some of you soon at

760

00:33:33,210 --> 00:33:31,930

the para con convention where i'll be

761

00:33:36,060 --> 00:33:33,220

speaking about the million-dollar

762

00:33:38,580 --> 00:33:36,070

challenge and micash challenges around

763

00:33:40,140 --> 00:33:38,590

the world for the first person the first

764

00:33:43,230 --> 00:33:40,150

person who can prove they have

765

00:33:47,460 --> 00:33:43,240

supernatural or psychic ability now

766

00:33:50,190 --> 00:33:47,470

after 50 years we're still waiting will

767

00:33:52,470 --> 00:33:50,200

I be booed will I be heckled will I be

768

00:33:55,260 --> 00:33:52,480

given lunch we'll find out soon that's a

769

00:33:57,690 --> 00:33:55,270

Paragon coming up at the end of this

770

00:33:59,850 --> 00:33:57,700

month but for this week this is Richard

771

00:34:06,060 --> 00:33:59,860

Saunders signing off from Sydney

772

00:34:08,550 --> 00:34:06,070

Australia you've been listening to the

773

00:34:12,390 --> 00:34:08,560

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00:34:15,690 --> 00:34:12,400

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00:34:18,840 --> 00:34:15,700

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00:34:20,910 --> 00:34:18,850

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00:34:24,270 --> 00:34:20,920

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00:34:27,780 --> 00:34:24,280

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00:34:29,280 --> 00:34:27,790

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00:34:33,120 --> 00:34:29,290

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via paypal for as little as 99 cents a

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00:34:37,800 --> 00:34:36,160

week the skeptic zone is an independent

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00:34:40,260 --> 00:34:37,810

production the views and opinions

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00:34:41,850 --> 00:34:40,270

expressed on the skeptic zone and not

785

00:34:44,700 --> 00:34:41,860

necessarily those of Australian

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00:34:46,700 --> 00:34:44,710

skeptical or any other skeptical