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New Zealand Skeptics
Take Action!

Naturopath Banned
With Heidi Robertson

Skeptics in the Pub
With Maynard

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00:00:13,920 --> 00:00:09,100
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:16,900 --> 00:00:13,930
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:23,000 --> 00:00:16,910
[Applause]

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00:00:25,590 --> 00:00:23,010
[Music]

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00:00:30,020 --> 00:00:25,600
yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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00:00:33,450 --> 00:00:30,030
episode number 573 for the 6th of

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00:00:36,150 --> 00:00:33,460
October 2019 Rashad Saunders here with

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00:00:38,520 --> 00:00:36,160
you from Sydney Australia a little bit

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00:00:41,130 --> 00:00:38,530
overcast today but I think it's going to

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00:00:44,610 --> 00:00:41,140
warm up it's a long weekend holiday here

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00:00:48,420 --> 00:00:44,620
in New South Wales coming up on this

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00:00:50,400 --> 00:00:48,430
week's show we head to New Zealand we

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00:00:53,190 --> 00:00:50,410

talked to Craig Scheer the chair of the

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00:00:55,110 --> 00:00:53,200

New Zealand sceptics briefly we

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00:00:56,940 --> 00:00:55,120

discussed the upcoming New Zealand

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00:00:59,850 --> 00:00:56,950

skeptics conference in Christchurch

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00:01:02,430 --> 00:00:59,860

later on in November and then we talked

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00:01:06,710 --> 00:01:02,440

about a so-called psychic medium healer

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00:01:12,080 --> 00:01:06,720

Janette Wilson who has been making

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00:01:17,010 --> 00:01:12,090

extraordinary claims about healing

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00:01:19,560 --> 00:01:17,020

cancer and various other things and

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00:01:23,520 --> 00:01:19,570

she's made these claims directly herself

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00:01:26,010 --> 00:01:23,530

not via some third party or in some

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00:01:29,490 --> 00:01:26,020

confused way or can be interpreted as

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00:01:31,980 --> 00:01:29,500

such direct claims we're going to talk

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00:01:35,059 --> 00:01:31,990
about the action New Zealand skeptics

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00:01:38,550 --> 00:01:35,069
are taking to try and stop this sort of

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00:01:41,130 --> 00:01:38,560
nonsense going on following that a very

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00:01:43,949 --> 00:01:41,140
important story with Heidi Robinson

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00:01:47,160 --> 00:01:43,959
about a naturopath in this country who

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00:01:50,669 --> 00:01:47,170
has been banned from providing any

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00:01:54,809 --> 00:01:50,679
health service whether on paid or

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00:01:59,100 --> 00:01:54,819
voluntary basis to any person banned for

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00:02:01,919 --> 00:01:59,110
her outrageous and ridiculous claims and

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00:02:05,040 --> 00:02:01,929
treatments a very important story indeed

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00:02:09,139 --> 00:02:05,050
and it sets a good precedent for future

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00:02:12,930 --> 00:02:09,149
action against quakes around the country

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00:02:15,510 --> 00:02:12,940

report not to be missed then to run off

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00:02:17,550 --> 00:02:15,520
the show Maynard's spooky action may not

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00:02:21,150 --> 00:02:17,560
hits to sydney skeptics in the pub and

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00:02:23,240 --> 00:02:21,160
he asks the pub goers what they think

42
00:02:25,800 --> 00:02:23,250
about the action in New Zealand or

43
00:02:28,650 --> 00:02:25,810
skeptics taking action preemptive action

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00:02:32,250 --> 00:02:28,660
I guess you'd say against people like

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00:02:34,530 --> 00:02:32,260
this woman claiming outrageous claims

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00:02:36,059 --> 00:02:34,540
when it comes to people's health

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00:02:37,740 --> 00:02:36,069
congratulations to my friend Brian

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00:02:42,360 --> 00:02:37,750
Dunning at the skeptoid podcast who

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00:02:45,119 --> 00:02:42,370
celebrated 13 years why not why not

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00:02:47,880 --> 00:02:45,129
he had a marathon live event just the

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00:02:52,170 --> 00:02:47,890
other day where many many of my friends

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00:02:55,250 --> 00:02:52,180
in fact took part in live video hookups

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00:02:57,180 --> 00:02:55,260
with Brian throughout a 13 hour marathon

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00:03:00,839 --> 00:02:57,190
that noise you can hear in the

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00:03:02,360 --> 00:03:00,849
background is more dekat you rest there

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00:03:08,069 --> 00:03:02,370
and I'll finish the show all right

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00:03:10,110 --> 00:03:08,079
good a 13 hour marathon many guests from

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00:03:11,910 --> 00:03:10,120
all around the world live video hookups

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00:03:15,000 --> 00:03:11,920
a few technical hitches here and there

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00:03:18,119 --> 00:03:15,010
which you would expect I'll link to that

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00:03:21,180 --> 00:03:18,129
in the show notes and to the timecode

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00:03:24,349 --> 00:03:21,190
where you can see yours truly appearing

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00:03:28,440 --> 00:03:24,359

and it occurred to me that it's amazing

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00:03:30,270 --> 00:03:28,450

that these days just individuals in

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00:03:33,390 --> 00:03:30,280

their own homes can arrange to be part

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00:03:34,020 --> 00:03:33,400

of a worldwide video hookup it's

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00:03:37,110 --> 00:03:34,030

extraordinary

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00:03:39,869 --> 00:03:37,120

congratulations Brian Dunning stay tuned

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00:03:42,780 --> 00:03:39,879

at the end of the episode for more

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00:03:45,990 --> 00:03:42,790

announcements from me but now it's time

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for me to run downstairs being careful

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00:03:48,780 --> 00:03:48,160

not to trip over these cats where's your

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00:03:51,599 --> 00:03:48,790

sister

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00:03:54,960 --> 00:03:51,609

oh now she's noticed there are birds

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00:03:57,960 --> 00:03:54,970

flying outside the window uh-huh I know

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00:04:00,390 --> 00:03:57,970

where you want to be well I run

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00:04:04,800 --> 00:04:00,400

downstairs have a coffee and maybe a

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00:04:07,890 --> 00:04:04,810

little bit of a handy on toast honey on

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00:04:12,420 --> 00:04:07,900

toast how long has it been since you've

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00:04:14,699 --> 00:04:12,430

enjoyed simple honey on toast hmm well I

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00:04:16,480 --> 00:04:14,709

do that I hope you enjoy the skeptic

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zone

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00:04:38,529 --> 00:04:34,930

[Music]

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00:04:40,809 --> 00:04:38,539

and joining me now all the way from

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00:04:42,909 --> 00:04:40,819

beautiful Auckland New Zealand it's the

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00:04:44,110 --> 00:04:42,919

chair of the New Zealand skeptics Craig

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00:04:46,689 --> 00:04:44,120

Shira hello Craig

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00:04:48,850 --> 00:04:46,699

and I Richard how you doing I'm doing

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00:04:50,830 --> 00:04:48,860

really well I've I've come back to

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00:04:52,480 --> 00:04:50,840

Sydney Australia for a while to keep

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00:04:54,100 --> 00:04:52,490

doing the skeptics own in this part of

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00:04:56,140 --> 00:04:54,110

the world because my listeners know I am

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00:04:58,390 --> 00:04:56,150

spending a bit of time in the United

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00:05:00,159 --> 00:04:58,400

States where I wish I was right now of

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00:05:02,469 --> 00:05:00,169

course was in New Zealand to get ready

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00:05:04,420 --> 00:05:02,479

for your upcoming conference before we

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00:05:07,059 --> 00:05:04,430

jump into other matters how's that

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00:05:11,050 --> 00:05:07,069

shaping up it's going to be absolutely

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00:05:13,480 --> 00:05:11,060

fantastic so the conference is on the

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00:05:15,330 --> 00:05:13,490

last weekend of November so 29th of

101
00:05:18,760 --> 00:05:15,340
November through to the 1st of December

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00:05:21,700 --> 00:05:18,770
it's being held in Christchurch we've

103
00:05:26,439 --> 00:05:21,710
got a fantastic venue for it it's the

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00:05:27,999 --> 00:05:26,449
Great Hall which is used to be used to

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00:05:29,980 --> 00:05:28,009
be part of the University of Canterbury

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00:05:32,709 --> 00:05:29,990
and it's actually where Ernest

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00:05:36,100 --> 00:05:32,719
Rutherford head as laboratory so it's a

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00:05:38,290 --> 00:05:36,110
really amazing venue and and when you

109
00:05:42,309 --> 00:05:38,300
sort of actually see the the hall itself

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00:05:45,670 --> 00:05:42,319
it has sort of connotations of of the

111
00:05:47,620 --> 00:05:45,680
Great Hall for how the Harry Potter they

112
00:05:49,480 --> 00:05:47,630
could seem so we're really looking

113
00:05:50,290 --> 00:05:49,490

forward to that that's gonna be

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00:05:53,499 --> 00:05:50,300

fantastic

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00:05:56,350 --> 00:05:53,509

and we start on Friday night we're

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00:05:57,969 --> 00:05:56,360

having a sort of a social event in a

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00:06:00,760 --> 00:05:57,979

place called Rick Eden house which is

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supposed to be haunted so that's going

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00:06:05,769 --> 00:06:02,719

to be very interesting

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00:06:07,629 --> 00:06:05,779

so and and of course as you've got in

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00:06:10,719 --> 00:06:07,639

Australia we've got the skeptics guide

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00:06:12,519 --> 00:06:10,729

to the universe coming over yeah so all

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00:06:14,080 --> 00:06:12,529

all of those people are going to be

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00:06:18,309 --> 00:06:14,090

joining us we're very excited about that

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00:06:21,519 --> 00:06:18,319

and we've also got susan gerbic and mark

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it would coming from the US and of

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00:06:26,499 --> 00:06:23,919

course Susan and Mark have been very

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active recently with their operation

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00:06:32,529 --> 00:06:29,090

pizza roll and exposing mmm the hot

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00:06:34,029 --> 00:06:32,539

reading of Thomas John the supposed

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00:06:35,230 --> 00:06:34,039

psychic so

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00:06:39,609 --> 00:06:35,240

yeah this is going to be really

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interesting to hear all about that and

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we've got some some local speakers as

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00:06:48,309 --> 00:06:45,949

well on a huge variety of topics from

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00:06:50,769 --> 00:06:48,319

physics to forensic psychology to

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00:06:53,859 --> 00:06:50,779

medicine so all in all I think it's

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00:06:55,629 --> 00:06:53,869

going to be a great conference ticket

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00:06:58,269 --> 00:06:55,639

sales are going very very well so

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00:07:02,350 --> 00:06:58,279

there'll be tons of like-minded people

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00:07:03,820 --> 00:07:02,360

at the conference to spend time with wow

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00:07:06,249 --> 00:07:03,830

I wish I was one of them where can

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00:07:08,920 --> 00:07:06,259

people find out more just quickly so the

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00:07:15,850 --> 00:07:08,930

conference website is conference dot

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00:07:18,179 --> 00:07:15,860

skeptics ins it and the the Society of

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00:07:20,230 --> 00:07:18,189

universal also doing a private show

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00:07:22,329 --> 00:07:20,240

before the conference begins on the

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00:07:23,589 --> 00:07:22,339

Friday afternoon and you can find

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00:07:27,459 --> 00:07:23,599

details of that on the conference

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00:07:29,170 --> 00:07:27,469

website as well well Oh your Christmases

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00:07:31,389 --> 00:07:29,180

of coming at once there you know

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newzealand for the for the conference

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00:07:37,629 --> 00:07:34,459

now here's an interesting tie in in in

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fact it was during a New Zealand

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skeptics conference in Christchurch in

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00:07:47,139 --> 00:07:45,800

2004 where the name Janette Wilson where

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I first came across the name Janette

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00:07:53,019 --> 00:07:49,370

Wilson she was doing the rounds at the

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time and I've actually got a videotape

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00:07:58,089 --> 00:07:54,819

there is dating is's another videotape

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00:08:01,600 --> 00:07:58,099

sure which I transferred to a digitally

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00:08:04,299 --> 00:08:01,610

long time ago of her doing some live

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00:08:06,429 --> 00:08:04,309

cold readings you know sort of a an

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00:08:08,439 --> 00:08:06,439

audience routine we've seen many times

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00:08:11,589 --> 00:08:08,449

before and also a story that was

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00:08:13,719 --> 00:08:11,599

featured on TV NZ about her one of the

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networks are one of the investigative

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type programs and then I seem to

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remember the joke was that she was world

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famous in New Zealand she wasn't very

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well-known certainly not in Australia

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and then I didn't hear anything about

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00:08:31,809 --> 00:08:29,089

her until relatively recently where it's

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being quite quite the scene in New

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00:08:36,730 --> 00:08:34,010

Zealand and New Zealand skeptics are

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00:08:37,600 --> 00:08:36,740

really making a big fuss about her at

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00:08:41,709 --> 00:08:37,610

the moment

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tell me what's changed yeah so um last

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year but by the early this year actually

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we became aware of her

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doing a show called psychic surgery and

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that sort of piqued our interest so we

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sent one of our committee members along

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00:09:04,389 --> 00:09:01,009

to it just to see what was going on and

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00:09:07,660 --> 00:09:04,399

what she claims to do is be able to heal

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00:09:10,840 --> 00:09:07,670

people she claims that she's got a team

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00:09:14,259 --> 00:09:10,850

of spirit surgeons that she's talking to

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00:09:18,549 --> 00:09:14,269

and they're guiding her and able to work

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00:09:21,509 --> 00:09:18,559

on people to heal or cure whatever ails

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00:09:26,230 --> 00:09:21,519

them these are generally things like

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00:09:27,999 --> 00:09:26,240

sore backs and arthritis and so on so

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things that are sort of fairly

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nonspecific and difficult to tell if

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somebody's actually had an effect and

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very susceptible to placebo effects of

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course anyway so at one of our committee

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00:09:45,069 --> 00:09:40,519

members went along and he was actually

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quite horrified by what he saw the that

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it seems the her show is very much

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attractive ulnar abrel harriman stage

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00:09:56,170 --> 00:09:55,670
who was very close to sort of having a

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00:10:02,079 --> 00:09:56,180
breakdown

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00:10:04,179 --> 00:10:02,089
and she did who work on him so we got

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00:10:06,970 --> 00:10:04,189
quite concerned about that and at the

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00:10:09,100 --> 00:10:06,980
time she was also advertising that she

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00:10:11,860 --> 00:10:09,110
will be doing shows in the UK as well

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00:10:15,220 --> 00:10:11,870
because she's actually from the UK yeah

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00:10:18,549 --> 00:10:15,230
she has a very interesting history she

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00:10:21,220 --> 00:10:18,559
used to be a bank manager and now she's

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00:10:24,100 --> 00:10:21,230
turned into a psychic which is kind of

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00:10:28,030 --> 00:10:24,110
an interesting career progression and I

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00:10:30,280 --> 00:10:28,040
think it is very interesting and I don't

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00:10:32,169 --> 00:10:30,290

think many people can claim that you

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00:10:36,759 --> 00:10:32,179

know what I'm going to play a short clip

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now because her her own claims I think

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in the end are going to damn her yeah

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and skeptics get accused as sometimes of

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making things up or exaggerating or

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00:10:49,689 --> 00:10:46,670

whatever but let's hear directly from

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00:10:52,960 --> 00:10:49,699

the woman herself during an interview on

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00:10:56,439 --> 00:10:52,970

New Zealand radio exactly what she

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00:10:59,560 --> 00:10:56,449

claims she can do a woman who builds

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00:11:01,870 --> 00:10:59,570

herself as a psychic surgeon sees it

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00:11:03,670 --> 00:11:01,880

to shut down who shows are unfair and

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00:11:05,590 --> 00:11:03,680

she has helped heal people with many

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illnesses including Parkinson's and

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00:11:10,389 --> 00:11:08,149

brain tumors the New Zealand skeptics

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00:11:12,220 --> 00:11:10,399

group has emailed all the venues booked

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for Janette Wilson's tour in a bid to

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get the shows shut down the group says

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the tour is dangerous because Ms Wilson

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a former bank manager turned psychic

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claims to heal sick people by working

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00:11:26,620 --> 00:11:24,019

with God and talking with spirit

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00:11:28,269 --> 00:11:26,630

surgeons Janette Wilson says at least 10

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people suffering from various ailments

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are healed during every show I asked her

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00:11:35,829 --> 00:11:34,279

how she knows the healed because all of

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00:11:37,600 --> 00:11:35,839

a sudden they come over like that was

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paralyzed or they can see out of an eye

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they couldn't see out of or their

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breathing in post and they come walk

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along distance and they couldn't or

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they're out their wheelchair it is that

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00:11:52,870 --> 00:11:47,690

- that's it yes I've worked on people

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00:11:54,699 --> 00:11:52,880

with brain tumors cancers I've worked on

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00:11:56,920 --> 00:11:54,709

people with things like fibromyalgia

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chronic fatigue you name it I've worked

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on those conditions occasionally I will

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find a person I can't help but usually

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you say I'm able to help them so I'm

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00:12:12,519 --> 00:12:09,459
understanding this properly through

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whatever spirits work through you you

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00:12:18,910 --> 00:12:17,029
have cured cancer as well yes I can say

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00:12:21,759 --> 00:12:18,920
that yes I've got clients that I could

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00:12:25,000 --> 00:12:21,769
provide testimonies that that has

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00:12:27,370 --> 00:12:25,010
happened given that you are using well

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00:12:28,720 --> 00:12:27,380
spirits or they're using you which is

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00:12:32,189 --> 00:12:28,730
why you want to look at it there is

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00:12:34,900 --> 00:12:32,199
involved - Sara I'm working with God

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00:12:37,329 --> 00:12:34,910
from God do you have to be a believers

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00:12:40,000 --> 00:12:37,339
in a few - not you sorry - want about

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00:12:41,879 --> 00:12:40,010

here not doing this for to show I'm not

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doing the shows it wouldn't purchase

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00:12:47,980 --> 00:12:44,990

because I don't bring a belief systems

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into it people can be skeptical they can

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be a theist it absolutely doesn't matter

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and you see there's still a possibility

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you could heal them yeah so there we are

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00:12:59,710 --> 00:12:57,560

Craig it can't be more blatant than that

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00:13:03,340 --> 00:12:59,720

during some of those clips she said

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00:13:06,790 --> 00:13:03,350

quite clearly and plainly that she can

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00:13:08,829 --> 00:13:06,800

heal cancers now I don't know about New

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00:13:12,940 --> 00:13:08,839

Zealand but in Australia there are laws

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00:13:15,250 --> 00:13:12,950

about making such claims yeah

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00:13:17,350 --> 00:13:15,260

I'm unsure of what the legal status here

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00:13:19,900 --> 00:13:17,360

is I think she's probably just being

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00:13:21,880 --> 00:13:19,910

treated as a crackpot really but it is

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00:13:23,710 --> 00:13:21,890

feeling right obviously when she's

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00:13:24,400 --> 00:13:23,720

making those sorts of claims it's pretty

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00:13:26,530 --> 00:13:24,410

serious

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00:13:30,820 --> 00:13:26,540

well I think what actually gave her

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00:13:33,160 --> 00:13:30,830

exposure was that we wrote to all the

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00:13:34,960 --> 00:13:33,170

venues who were going to host her around

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00:13:36,610 --> 00:13:34,970

New Zealand to say hey look this is what

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00:13:39,250 --> 00:13:36,620

she's doing we think we should actually

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00:13:41,170 --> 00:13:39,260

cancel your hire and then we've got to

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00:13:43,390 --> 00:13:41,180

the media with that and tell them that's

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00:13:45,730 --> 00:13:43,400

what we were doing so it was quite

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00:13:47,380 --> 00:13:45,740

fortunate Radio New Zealand picked up on

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00:13:48,880 --> 00:13:47,390

the story and they they interviewed me

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00:13:51,370 --> 00:13:48,890

and I told them what we were trying to

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00:13:53,620 --> 00:13:51,380

do and then of course four ballots they

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00:13:55,840 --> 00:13:53,630

went and interviewed her and so that

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00:13:58,120 --> 00:13:55,850

clip you've just played as some of that

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00:14:00,220 --> 00:13:58,130

interview and it really is worth

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00:14:03,790 --> 00:14:00,230

listening to the whole clip and she's

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00:14:07,150 --> 00:14:03,800

just really digs herself into a very

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00:14:10,720 --> 00:14:07,160

very deep hole and anybody listening to

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00:14:13,660 --> 00:14:10,730

that will get a fairly clear indication

301
00:14:16,330 --> 00:14:13,670
of the sort of weird and crackpot ideas

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00:14:19,150 --> 00:14:16,340
that she actually has yeah absolutely

303
00:14:21,790 --> 00:14:19,160
folks look a link to the full interview

304
00:14:23,980 --> 00:14:21,800
with her on this week's show notes but

305
00:14:27,130 --> 00:14:23,990
what what I'll do right now is I'll read

306
00:14:28,780 --> 00:14:27,140
out the item that appeared in the NZ

307
00:14:30,550 --> 00:14:28,790
Herald which was really more or less

308
00:14:35,440 --> 00:14:30,560
what you said on the radio yes exactly

309
00:14:40,930 --> 00:14:35,450
and this comes to us from the NZ Herald

310
00:14:44,230 --> 00:14:40,940
at n Z Harold Koh NZ skeptics aim to

311
00:14:47,590 --> 00:14:44,240
shut down NZ tour by spiritual healer a

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00:14:50,500 --> 00:14:47,600
group aiming to stop a national tour by

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00:14:52,840 --> 00:14:50,510

the New Zealand based psychic is

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00:14:56,170 --> 00:14:52,850

challenging the ethics of the host

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00:14:58,450 --> 00:14:56,180

venues the New Zealand skeptics group

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00:15:01,030 --> 00:14:58,460

has emailed all the venues booked for

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00:15:04,480 --> 00:15:01,040

the tour of spiritual medium Jeannette

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00:15:07,270 --> 00:15:04,490

Wilson in a bid to shut it down the New

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00:15:09,720 --> 00:15:07,280

Zealand skeptics chair Craig Shira told

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00:15:12,880 --> 00:15:09,730

the Morning Report the tour was

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00:15:15,640 --> 00:15:12,890

dangerous because Ms Wilson was claiming

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00:15:19,780 --> 00:15:15,650

to heal people of illnesses by talking

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00:15:21,850 --> 00:15:19,790

to spirit surgeons quote you often have

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00:15:24,400 --> 00:15:21,860

psychics touring the country doing

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00:15:26,770 --> 00:15:24,410

entertainment style shows and they're

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00:15:28,380 --> 00:15:26,780

doing things we call cold reading

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00:15:31,200 --> 00:15:28,390

where they're sort of attempting to

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00:15:33,990 --> 00:15:31,210

pretending to contact dead people

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00:15:36,430 --> 00:15:34,000

unfortunately it's for entertainment and

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00:15:39,340 --> 00:15:36,440

unfortunately there are people in the

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00:15:41,740 --> 00:15:39,350

audience who have lost loved ones they

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00:15:45,730 --> 00:15:41,750

are grieving and we think it's pretty

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00:15:48,250 --> 00:15:45,740

sad end quote mr. schirra said the

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00:15:50,980 --> 00:15:48,260

series planned by miss Wilson was at a

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00:15:54,340 --> 00:15:50,990

different level as she was claiming to

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00:15:57,130 --> 00:15:54,350

be able to talk with quote spirit

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00:16:00,460 --> 00:15:57,140

surgeons on the other side in quote and

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00:16:03,220 --> 00:16:00,470

heal people of illnesses they have quote

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00:16:05,830 --> 00:16:03,230

we think it's pretty dangerous as it

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00:16:08,290 --> 00:16:05,840

seems there's no evidence that she can

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00:16:09,910 --> 00:16:08,300

actually do this so we would really like

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00:16:12,340 --> 00:16:09,920

to shut it down end quote

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00:16:14,920 --> 00:16:12,350

he said people with serious illnesses

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00:16:17,650 --> 00:16:14,930

might put stock in her healing rather

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00:16:19,810 --> 00:16:17,660

than visiting a qualified doctor quote

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00:16:21,790 --> 00:16:19,820

there's also financial harm through

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00:16:25,420 --> 00:16:21,800

people having to pay money to have this

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00:16:26,950 --> 00:16:25,430

sort of thing done to them in quote mr.

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00:16:29,380 --> 00:16:26,960

schirra said it was fair enough that

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00:16:31,950 --> 00:16:29,390

people who wanted to pay to attend such

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00:16:34,270 --> 00:16:31,960

events should be free to do so but

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00:16:36,400 --> 00:16:34,280

society should be protecting vulnerable

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00:16:39,280 --> 00:16:36,410

people from the mental and financial

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00:16:41,530 --> 00:16:39,290

harm that might arise from them

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00:16:43,750 --> 00:16:41,540

attending these events the group has

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00:16:47,020 --> 00:16:43,760

emailed all the venues hosting the tour

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00:16:49,270 --> 00:16:47,030

but so far no city councils or venues

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00:16:52,750 --> 00:16:49,280

have pledged to take any action to stop

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00:16:55,390 --> 00:16:52,760

the show mr. schirra said only one had

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00:16:58,510 --> 00:16:55,400

responded so far to say it had no

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00:17:01,930 --> 00:16:58,520

control over what was booked quote my

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00:17:04,150 --> 00:17:01,940

response to that would be they really

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00:17:06,370 --> 00:17:04,160

need to look at their ethics and ask if

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00:17:08,980 --> 00:17:06,380

it's really ethical to promote this sort

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00:17:11,620 --> 00:17:08,990

of behavior at their venues where people

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00:17:13,750 --> 00:17:11,630

are actually going to be harmed we've

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00:17:15,910 --> 00:17:13,760

also talked to the Auckland City Council

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00:17:19,210 --> 00:17:15,920

who say they can't shut down a show

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00:17:21,550 --> 00:17:19,220

unless something unlawful happens that's

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00:17:24,760 --> 00:17:21,560

a pretty high bar to breach my guess in

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00:17:28,030 --> 00:17:24,770

quote Ms Wilson who has been working as

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00:17:30,700 --> 00:17:28,040

a spiritual healer for 25 years runs

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00:17:33,760 --> 00:17:30,710

events workshops and consultations

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00:17:35,500 --> 00:17:33,770

around New Zealand and the UK mr.

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00:17:37,810 --> 00:17:35,510

schirra said the skeptics sister

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00:17:39,760 --> 00:17:37,820

organisation in the UK ran a similar

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00:17:40,360 --> 00:17:39,770

campaign to have her tour shut down

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00:17:43,299 --> 00:17:40,370

there

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00:17:45,279 --> 00:17:43,309

quote they contacted all the venues

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00:17:47,470 --> 00:17:45,289

there and they managed to get quite a

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00:17:49,600 --> 00:17:47,480

few venues to pull out of the tour

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00:17:52,600 --> 00:17:49,610

that's what we're hoping will happen

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00:17:54,909 --> 00:17:52,610

here as well in quote Ms Wilson is about

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00:17:57,490 --> 00:17:54,919

to embark on a nationwide tour of New

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00:18:00,940 --> 00:17:57,500

Zealand conducting psychic surgeries and

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00:18:03,730 --> 00:18:00,950

workshops tickets range from \$40 for a

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00:18:06,669 --> 00:18:03,740

two-hour show where a team of spirit

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00:18:10,510 --> 00:18:06,679

world doctors and surgeons claim to

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00:18:13,330 --> 00:18:10,520

remove pain and restriction quote often

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00:18:16,450 --> 00:18:13,340

within just minutes end quote

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00:18:19,210 --> 00:18:16,460

- three hundred and fifty dollars for a

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00:18:21,870 --> 00:18:19,220

weekend workshop in Invercargill which

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00:18:25,870 --> 00:18:21,880

aims to train others to become healers

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00:18:28,450 --> 00:18:25,880

and that comes to us from the New

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00:18:31,120 --> 00:18:28,460

Zealand Herald in Zed Harold Cohen said

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00:18:33,250 --> 00:18:31,130

and that report was taken from Radio New

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00:18:35,620 --> 00:18:33,260

Zealand so there we are Craig that was

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00:18:39,789 --> 00:18:35,630

more or less what you said on radio yeah

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00:18:42,490 --> 00:18:39,799

so we so when we knew that she was going

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00:18:44,440 --> 00:18:42,500

to the UK we contacted Michael Marshall

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00:18:46,269 --> 00:18:44,450
of the good thinking Society over the

402
00:18:50,230 --> 00:18:46,279
year and he took I get the calls in the

403
00:18:51,820 --> 00:18:50,240
UK he wrote to the venues in the UK and

404
00:18:53,500 --> 00:18:51,830
he actually managed to get quite a few

405
00:18:55,710 --> 00:18:53,510
of them cancelled which was really good

406
00:18:58,419 --> 00:18:55,720
work so we thought we would try and

407
00:19:00,279 --> 00:18:58,429
replicate that here in New Zealand and

408
00:19:03,610 --> 00:19:00,289
see if we can get some of the venues to

409
00:19:06,399 --> 00:19:03,620
guess all her - well unfortunately it

410
00:19:10,000 --> 00:19:06,409
seems that the profit motive is is

411
00:19:11,440 --> 00:19:10,010
stronger than the ethical motive so so

412
00:19:12,909 --> 00:19:11,450
that I don't think we're going to have

413
00:19:15,130 --> 00:19:12,919

much success with that but I think

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00:19:17,139 --> 00:19:15,140

really our main aim was to actually get

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00:19:21,789 --> 00:19:17,149

some publicity out of this and just

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00:19:23,860 --> 00:19:21,799

expose her so we had another one of the

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00:19:28,210 --> 00:19:23,870

skeptics went along to her show here in

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00:19:30,610 --> 00:19:28,220

Auckland this week and one thing she

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00:19:33,970 --> 00:19:30,620

says at her shows is that skip XD come

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00:19:36,250 --> 00:19:33,980

to her shows and if they did they would

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00:19:38,380 --> 00:19:36,260

see how fantastic she was well we had

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00:19:42,159 --> 00:19:38,390

one of our skeptics tuned up and he

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00:19:43,419 --> 00:19:42,169

basically reported that there was there

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00:19:45,580 --> 00:19:43,429

was a woman there who was pretty

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00:19:47,190 --> 00:19:45,590

emotional and had a lot of sort of

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00:19:52,210 --> 00:19:47,200

emotional baggage and it was quite

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00:19:54,280 --> 00:19:52,220

embarrassing to see her on stage and he

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00:19:56,290 --> 00:19:54,290

was a skeptic in the audience he didn't

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00:19:57,760 --> 00:19:56,300

if I himself as such but really you'd

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00:20:00,040 --> 00:19:57,770

think that he wouldn't have to because

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00:20:02,580 --> 00:20:00,050

the spirit surgeons would tell Janette

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00:20:05,020 --> 00:20:02,590

that there was a skeptic in the audience

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00:20:07,450 --> 00:20:05,030

you you would think you would think and

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00:20:10,840 --> 00:20:07,460

she does something that I've seen other

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00:20:12,790 --> 00:20:10,850

people do before in this sort of line in

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00:20:15,490 --> 00:20:12,800

other psychics and whatnot and they'll

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00:20:17,440 --> 00:20:15,500

say that it's not them it's not them

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00:20:19,150 --> 00:20:17,450

doing anything it's that they're sort of

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00:20:21,280 --> 00:20:19,160

just merely the conduit you know it's

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00:20:23,350 --> 00:20:21,290

really God that does all the healing all

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00:20:25,000 --> 00:20:23,360

their spirit surgeons or somebody Asha

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00:20:28,000 --> 00:20:25,010

and she's yeah she's definitely saying

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00:20:30,520 --> 00:20:28,010

that it's this is also regard then yeah

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00:20:33,430 --> 00:20:30,530

yeah so it's really passing the buck and

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00:20:35,770 --> 00:20:33,440

and she's you know absolving yourself of

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00:20:37,780 --> 00:20:35,780

any responsibility well listen it

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00:20:39,520 --> 00:20:37,790

doesn't work like that you're the one

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00:20:41,890 --> 00:20:39,530

making the claims people are going along

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00:20:44,020 --> 00:20:41,900

to see your show you can't then turn

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00:20:45,760 --> 00:20:44,030

around and say don't blame me it's God

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00:20:48,340 --> 00:20:45,770
that's doing it oh it's God we can't

452
00:20:49,420 --> 00:20:48,350
touch it yeah it's an old trick it's an

453
00:20:51,760 --> 00:20:49,430
old trick and if you're listening

454
00:20:54,400 --> 00:20:51,770
Jeannette Wilson it won't wash it's an

455
00:20:58,720 --> 00:20:54,410
old trick and we've seen it all before

456
00:21:01,180 --> 00:20:58,730
yeah yeah so she's a real anti science

457
00:21:04,240 --> 00:21:01,190
person she's got the whole constellation

458
00:21:09,180 --> 00:21:04,250
of whoo she's anti vex she's a client

459
00:21:12,400 --> 00:21:09,190
climate change denier she's anti 5g

460
00:21:15,150 --> 00:21:12,410
David she's anti yet an anti fluoride I

461
00:21:17,590 --> 00:21:15,160
saw as well and they also yeah she's

462
00:21:19,660 --> 00:21:17,600
absolutely gone down the rabbit hole of

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00:21:21,700 --> 00:21:19,670

conspiracy theories because now she's

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00:21:24,580 --> 00:21:21,710

equated the New Zealand skeptics with

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00:21:26,860 --> 00:21:24,590

Big Pharma or who's paying you or and I

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00:21:30,130 --> 00:21:26,870

noticed she even went on to your

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00:21:31,960 --> 00:21:30,140

Facebook page to put a big rant and that

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00:21:34,270 --> 00:21:31,970

really does tell us something about her

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00:21:36,670 --> 00:21:34,280

mental state I think yeah I think so

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00:21:41,140 --> 00:21:36,680

and she's certainly making other money

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00:21:42,310 --> 00:21:41,150

out of it his shows are only \$40 so

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00:21:45,310 --> 00:21:42,320

she's not making a lot of money out of

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00:21:48,250 --> 00:21:45,320

his shows but what she does do as she

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00:21:49,150 --> 00:21:48,260

tries to sell this thing called a purple

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00:21:53,020 --> 00:21:49,160

Bryce powder

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00:21:56,770 --> 00:21:53,030

who and it's apparently micronized

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00:21:58,780 --> 00:21:56,780

purple rice hmm and if you if she gets

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00:22:03,070 --> 00:21:58,790

you signed up for that you're paying

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00:22:05,830 --> 00:22:03,080

\$100 a month for before this powder that

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00:22:08,049 --> 00:22:05,840

you meant to take everyday and we had a

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00:22:09,610 --> 00:22:08,059

an investigative journalist

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00:22:13,360 --> 00:22:09,620

here in New Zealand we had an article on

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00:22:15,430 --> 00:22:13,370

her and apparently she's making \$20,000

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00:22:21,610 --> 00:22:15,440

a month out of the sales of that purple

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00:22:22,960 --> 00:22:21,620

rice so yes nice money where yes we're

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00:22:25,960 --> 00:22:22,970

in the wrong we're certainly in the

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00:22:28,240 --> 00:22:25,970

wrong business with now people can find

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00:22:31,990 --> 00:22:28,250

out more about your activities in your

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00:22:34,450 --> 00:22:32,000

investigations and your your work when

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00:22:36,310 --> 00:22:34,460

it comes to things like Janette Wilson

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00:22:38,590 --> 00:22:36,320

and other people when they come to the

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00:22:41,200 --> 00:22:38,600

conference and again folks are linked to

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00:22:43,119 --> 00:22:41,210

that in the show notes and but people in

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00:22:46,269 --> 00:22:43,129

New Zealand of course can take part in

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00:22:48,249 --> 00:22:46,279

the New Zealand skeptics regardless ya d

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00:22:51,700 --> 00:22:48,259

and you can find out more information on

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00:22:53,529 --> 00:22:51,710

our website at skeptics in Zed or we do

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00:22:55,360 --> 00:22:53,539

have a in New Zealand skeptics Facebook

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00:22:58,269 --> 00:22:55,370

page if you want to check us out there I

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00:23:00,580 --> 00:22:58,279

suggest people in New Zealand that's the

501
00:23:03,519 --> 00:23:00,590
first thing you should do and again I'm

502
00:23:05,470 --> 00:23:03,529
very very jealous of all those people

503
00:23:07,840 --> 00:23:05,480
lucky enough to get down to your

504
00:23:09,610 --> 00:23:07,850
conference in Christchurch well Craig

505
00:23:12,970 --> 00:23:09,620
all the best please keep us up to date

506
00:23:15,749 --> 00:23:12,980
if there's any more activity or news

507
00:23:18,610 --> 00:23:15,759
coming out of that story but for now

508
00:23:22,600 --> 00:23:18,620
Craig here in beautiful Auckland thank

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00:23:22,610 --> 00:23:31,590
[Music]

510
00:23:35,800 --> 00:23:34,720
i'm mick west in my podcast tells from

511
00:23:37,240 --> 00:23:35,810
the rabbit-hole I've extended

512
00:23:39,670 --> 00:23:37,250
conversations with people who've been

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00:23:41,230 --> 00:23:39,680

involved in conspiracy culture I do this

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00:23:42,640 --> 00:23:41,240

for a couple of reasons firstly because

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00:23:44,260 --> 00:23:42,650

it's really interesting these people

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00:23:45,880 --> 00:23:44,270

have great stories about how they fell

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00:23:47,650 --> 00:23:45,890

down the conspiracy theory rabbit hole

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while they did down there and what it

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00:23:50,740 --> 00:23:49,370

was that helped them out sometimes I

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00:23:51,970 --> 00:23:50,750

also talked to people who investigate

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00:23:53,530 --> 00:23:51,980

conspiracy theories and they have

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00:23:55,870 --> 00:23:53,540

equally fascinating stories from the

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other side secondly I want to understand

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00:23:58,510 --> 00:23:57,110

how best to prevent the spread of

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00:24:00,580 --> 00:23:58,520

conspiracy there is a misinformation

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00:24:03,100 --> 00:24:00,590
which is an increasing problem in a time

527
00:24:04,510 --> 00:24:03,110
when alternative media is exploding the

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00:24:06,970 --> 00:24:04,520
best way to do this is to communicate

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00:24:09,070 --> 00:24:06,980
effectively with the people involved and

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00:24:12,190 --> 00:24:09,080
the best way to do that with a nice long

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00:24:15,240 --> 00:24:12,200
chat check it out tales from the rabbit

532
00:24:29,669 --> 00:24:15,250
hole TFG RH com

533
00:24:43,570 --> 00:24:33,639
it's the raw skeptic report with Heidi

534
00:24:45,029 --> 00:24:43,580
Robertson hello everyone hi Lee

535
00:24:48,460 --> 00:24:45,039
Robertson from the Northern Rivers

536
00:24:51,580 --> 00:24:48,470
vaccination supporters here this week

537
00:24:55,509 --> 00:24:51,590
the healthcare Complaints Commission the

538
00:24:57,879 --> 00:24:55,519

H Triple C in Australia published its

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00:25:01,269 --> 00:24:57,889

statement of decision in the case of a

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00:25:04,509 --> 00:25:01,279

mrs. Barbara O'Neill who they

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00:25:06,940 --> 00:25:04,519

investigated and subsequently determined

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00:25:10,989 --> 00:25:06,950

to be a risk to the health or safety of

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00:25:13,960 --> 00:25:10,999

members of the public Barbara O'Neil

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00:25:15,399 --> 00:25:13,970

describes herself as and the following

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00:25:19,109 --> 00:25:15,409

is directly from the H Triple C

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00:25:22,029 --> 00:25:19,119

statement quote an author educator

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00:25:25,330 --> 00:25:22,039

qualified naturopath and nutritionist

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00:25:29,590 --> 00:25:25,340

and an international speaker on natural

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00:25:32,560 --> 00:25:29,600

self healing end quote mrs. O'Neill is

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00:25:34,599 --> 00:25:32,570

married to Michael O'Neill together

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00:25:38,080 --> 00:25:34,609
running the Misty Mountains health

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00:25:40,090 --> 00:25:38,090
retreat Michael O'Neill is a former

553
00:25:43,169 --> 00:25:40,100
candidate for Australia's political

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00:25:46,690 --> 00:25:43,179
party the involuntary medication

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00:25:49,509 --> 00:25:46,700
objectives party which largely focuses

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00:25:50,820 --> 00:25:49,519
on anti vaccination and anti fluoride

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00:25:53,680 --> 00:25:50,830
platforms

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00:25:56,399 --> 00:25:53,690
when complaints about Barbara O'Neill

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00:25:58,930 --> 00:25:56,409
first reached at the H Triple C an

560
00:26:01,450 --> 00:25:58,940
interim prohibition order was put in

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00:26:05,229 --> 00:26:01,460
place on her whilst investigations and

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00:26:09,070 --> 00:26:05,239
rights of reply were put into motion in

563
00:26:12,759 --> 00:26:09,080

July this year Michael O'Neill put up a

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00:26:17,049 --> 00:26:12,769

rather cranky short video which is still

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00:26:19,509 --> 00:26:17,059

on his Facebook page my observation was

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00:26:21,849 --> 00:26:19,519

that the hearing was weighted towards

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00:26:25,060 --> 00:26:21,859

the trivial it was completely

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00:26:27,669 --> 00:26:25,070

speculative as there was not one example

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00:26:28,320 --> 00:26:27,679

not one example of any evidence of any

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00:26:30,870 --> 00:26:28,330

harm

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00:26:33,930 --> 00:26:30,880

any person from treatments or advice

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00:26:36,660 --> 00:26:33,940

that it actually these advice of holes

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00:26:39,480 --> 00:26:36,670

memories on the ABC morning radio two

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00:26:41,190 --> 00:26:39,490

days ago it was reported that eleven

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00:26:43,500 --> 00:26:41,200

million Australians are now suffering

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00:26:46,530 --> 00:26:43,510
from chronic diseases such as cancer

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00:26:48,600 --> 00:26:46,540
diabetes etc which is nearly half of all

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00:26:50,640 --> 00:26:48,610
strain this amounts to a national crisis

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00:26:54,000 --> 00:26:50,650
yet the health authorities have decided

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00:26:55,620 --> 00:26:54,010
that it is worthy to pursue a little 66

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00:26:57,810 --> 00:26:55,630
year old lady that has given her life to

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00:27:01,500 --> 00:26:57,820
instructing people on a healthier

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00:27:05,060 --> 00:27:01,510
happier and disease-free existence and

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00:27:09,690 --> 00:27:05,070
the video goes on for another minute but

585
00:27:12,270 --> 00:27:09,700
you get the picture so what are Barbara

586
00:27:15,120 --> 00:27:12,280
O'Neal's actual qualifications

587
00:27:18,060 --> 00:27:15,130
well the H Triple C looked closely at

588
00:27:20,640 --> 00:27:18,070

this question after all this is a

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00:27:22,440 --> 00:27:20,650

determining factor in how valid the

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00:27:24,480 --> 00:27:22,450

information is that she has been

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00:27:27,840 --> 00:27:24,490

disseminating over the years via her

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00:27:31,490 --> 00:27:27,850

seminars retreats which cost thousands

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00:27:34,740 --> 00:27:31,500

of dollars and multiple YouTube videos

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00:27:37,650 --> 00:27:34,750

from the H Triple C investigations

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00:27:42,990 --> 00:27:37,660

report starting at Part three point four

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00:27:45,180 --> 00:27:43,000

quote education in her resume mrs.

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00:27:47,610 --> 00:27:45,190

O'Neal states that she was a psychiatric

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00:27:52,560 --> 00:27:47,620

nurse at the North Ryde psychiatric

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00:27:55,470 --> 00:27:52,570

hospital between 1974 and 1976 at the

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00:27:57,690 --> 00:27:55,480

interview mrs. O'Neal confirmed that she

601
00:28:00,030 --> 00:27:57,700
was a trainee nurse during this period

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00:28:02,400 --> 00:28:00,040
and did not set her final exams at the

603
00:28:04,530 --> 00:28:02,410
end of the three years to obtain a badge

604
00:28:07,230 --> 00:28:04,540
of registration by state registering

605
00:28:11,430 --> 00:28:07,240
authorities mrs. O'Neal did not return

606
00:28:13,350 --> 00:28:11,440
to nursing at any stage after 1976 the

607
00:28:15,720 --> 00:28:13,360
next qualification listed in mrs.

608
00:28:18,240 --> 00:28:15,730
O'Neil's resume is a diploma in

609
00:28:22,020 --> 00:28:18,250
naturopathy obtained from the Tom

610
00:28:25,290 --> 00:28:22,030
Sounion Institute Australia in 1990 at

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00:28:28,890 --> 00:28:25,300
the interview mrs. O'Neal clarified that

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00:28:31,650 --> 00:28:28,900
the Tom Sounion Institute was run by mr.

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00:28:34,050 --> 00:28:31,660

Fred steed at coffs harbor who is no

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00:28:36,810 --> 00:28:34,060

longer alive and therefore the Institute

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00:28:40,140 --> 00:28:36,820

is not operating in Coffs Harbour any

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00:28:41,520 --> 00:28:40,150

more mrs. O'Neal explained that she did

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00:28:43,980 --> 00:28:41,530

not undertake

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00:28:46,050 --> 00:28:43,990

coursework and the diploma had been

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awarded to her under the grandfather

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clause because of her work helping young

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00:28:53,940 --> 00:28:52,150

mothers in the region internet searches

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00:28:55,830 --> 00:28:53,950

by the commission have not found any

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00:28:58,470 --> 00:28:55,840

information about the Institute

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00:29:00,630 --> 00:28:58,480

however searches have confirmed that mr.

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00:29:07,380 --> 00:29:00,640

Fred stead was a herbalist in Coffs

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00:29:10,560 --> 00:29:07,390

Harbour who died in 2007 and it goes on

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00:29:13,830 --> 00:29:10,570

the last qualification in Mrs. O'Neil's

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resume is a diploma in nutrition and

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00:29:21,390 --> 00:29:17,140

dietetics from the International

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Christian and natural therapist Inc or I

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00:29:27,900 --> 00:29:25,990

can't ink at the interview Mrs. O'Neil

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00:29:29,820 --> 00:29:27,910

confirmed this qualification took her

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00:29:32,220 --> 00:29:29,830

three to four years to attain and

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00:29:35,460 --> 00:29:32,230

involved a correspondence course and two

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00:29:38,490 --> 00:29:35,470

weeks of face-to-face lecturing every

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year Mrs. O'Neil has provided the

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00:29:42,810 --> 00:29:40,060

Commission with her certificate of

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diploma and miscellaneous coursework

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material in relation to this

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qualification according to mrs. O'Neil

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I can't Inc was a recognised training

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organization however it quote shut down

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00:29:59,730 --> 00:29:57,430

approximately three years ago mrs.

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00:30:03,360 --> 00:29:59,740

O'Neil claims her qualification was at

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00:30:04,860 --> 00:30:03,370

quote Bachelor of Science level internet

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00:30:06,690 --> 00:30:04,870

searches by the Commission have not

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00:30:09,300 --> 00:30:06,700

found any information about the

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00:30:14,540 --> 00:30:09,310

organization apart from an old Facebook

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page which contains no details and quote

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ok so now that we have established the

651
00:30:23,280 --> 00:30:21,160
qualifications of mrs. O'Neil I'll read

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00:30:26,850 --> 00:30:23,290
out the Australian skeptics summation of

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00:30:31,770 --> 00:30:26,860
the age to possess decision put out by

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00:30:35,180 --> 00:30:31,780
Tim Mendham on the 2nd of October 2019

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00:30:39,590 --> 00:30:35,190
and Easterners may recognize the

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00:30:43,320 --> 00:30:39,600
complainants names mentioned quote

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00:30:46,220 --> 00:30:43,330
naturopath O'Neill banned for life by

658
00:30:48,570 --> 00:30:46,230
Tim Mendham the New South Wales

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00:30:51,720 --> 00:30:48,580
healthcare Complaints Commission has

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00:30:54,790 --> 00:30:51,730
given a lifespan - naturopath Barbra

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00:30:57,730 --> 00:30:54,800
O'Neill the order permanently

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00:31:00,280 --> 00:30:57,740
Hibbert's o'Neill from quote providing

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00:31:03,610 --> 00:31:00,290

any health service whether on a paid or

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00:31:06,940 --> 00:31:03,620

voluntary basis to any person end quote

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00:31:09,670 --> 00:31:06,950

the term health service includes health

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00:31:11,650 --> 00:31:09,680

education services which were a feature

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00:31:13,810 --> 00:31:11,660

of the northern New South Wales misty

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00:31:18,600 --> 00:31:13,820

mountain health retreat founded by

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00:31:21,160 --> 00:31:18,610

O'Neal and her husband Michael in 2001

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00:31:24,010 --> 00:31:21,170

breaking the terms of the prohibition

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00:31:27,310 --> 00:31:24,020

order could incur a six-month prison

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00:31:30,220 --> 00:31:27,320

sentence a statement of decision issued

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00:31:33,370 --> 00:31:30,230

on September the 24th but only published

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today says that quote the New South

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00:31:37,990 --> 00:31:35,330

Wales healthcare Complaints Commission

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conducted an investigation into the

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00:31:43,840 --> 00:31:40,640

professional conduct of mrs. Barbara

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00:31:46,170 --> 00:31:43,850

O'Neal an unregistered practitioner who

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00:31:49,750 --> 00:31:46,180

provides services as a naturopath

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00:31:51,940 --> 00:31:49,760

nutritionists and health educator the

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00:31:54,610 --> 00:31:51,950

complaints under investigation alleged

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that mrs. O'Neill makes dubious and

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00:32:01,530 --> 00:31:57,950

dangerous health claims regarding infant

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00:32:04,780 --> 00:32:01,540

nutrition causes and treatment of cancer

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00:32:07,390 --> 00:32:04,790

antibiotics and vaccinations that are

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00:32:10,960 --> 00:32:07,400

not evidence-based or supported by

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00:32:12,850 --> 00:32:10,970

mainstream medicine the prohibition

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00:32:15,760 --> 00:32:12,860

order follows several complaints made

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00:32:19,470 --> 00:32:15,770

last year which led the H Triple C to

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impose an interim ban in December 2018

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00:32:25,390 --> 00:32:22,460

the complaints covered various aspects

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of O'Neill's operations and claims with

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the complainants including accredited

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practicing dietitian Mande Lee noble

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the Northern Rivers vaccination

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00:32:41,140 --> 00:32:37,060

supporters group and stop the AVN

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co-founder Ken MacLeod of particular

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concern to the Commission was that quote

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mrs. O'Neal cannot recognize and provide

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00:32:51,820 --> 00:32:49,040

health advice within the limits of her

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00:32:53,980 --> 00:32:51,830
training and experience mrs. O'Neal

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00:32:56,640 --> 00:32:53,990
considers herself qualified to provide

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00:32:59,140 --> 00:32:56,650
health advice in highly complex and

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00:33:02,230 --> 00:32:59,150
specialized areas such as cancer

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00:33:05,740 --> 00:33:02,240
treatment use of antibiotics for strep B

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00:33:07,750 --> 00:33:05,750
and immunization in circumstances where

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00:33:09,940 --> 00:33:07,760
it is clear her knowledge is

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00:33:12,610 --> 00:33:09,950
limited the Commission's investigation

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00:33:14,230 --> 00:33:12,620
found that mrs. O'Neal does not

710
00:33:16,720 --> 00:33:14,240
recognize that she is misleading

711
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vulnerable people including mothers and

712
00:33:23,260 --> 00:33:19,970
cancer sufferers by providing very

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00:33:25,990 --> 00:33:23,270

selective information the misinformation

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00:33:28,390 --> 00:33:26,000

has huge potential to have a detrimental

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effect on the health of individuals as

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mrs. O'Neal discourages mainstream

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treatment for cancer antibiotics and

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vaccinations and quote while O'Neal says

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she is a retired naturopath and

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nutritionist her website indicates she

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works at the retreat and will help to

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guide clients through detox programs

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designed to quote help you recover from

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heart disease chronic fatigue hormonal

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imbalance diabetes candida / fungus drug

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00:34:09,520 --> 00:34:04,850

addictions cancer treatments heartburn

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and obesity / weight loss she is an

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active anti vaccination campaigner and

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speaker and has recommended a range of

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alternative treatments and advice these

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include telling pregnant mothers to

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refuse antibiotic treatment for strep B

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infection and using raw goat's milk for

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00:34:33,879 --> 00:34:30,919

infants as a substitute for breast milk

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00:34:37,540 --> 00:34:33,889

this latter treatment was singled out in

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the interim prohibition order the

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initial order elicited a campaign by

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O'Neal and her supporters including a

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GoFundMe crowdfunding appeal to raise

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00:34:52,840 --> 00:34:50,090

\$20,000 for legal defense from its

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00:34:55,780 --> 00:34:52,850

launch in January that campaign has

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fallen short of the anticipated amount

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00:35:01,630 --> 00:34:58,940

having raised twelve thousand two

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00:35:04,380 --> 00:35:01,640

hundred and five dollars as of October

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00:35:08,200 --> 00:35:04,390

the 1st 2019

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00:35:10,600 --> 00:35:08,210

Mandy lee Noble said that quote the H

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Triple C outcome is great and I thank

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everyone involved but prohibition orders

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00:35:18,010 --> 00:35:15,110

are not much help

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once the harm is done the message I

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00:35:21,609 --> 00:35:20,450
would like to give health consumers is

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that natural

753
00:35:28,029 --> 00:35:24,190
is not based in science or medicine and

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00:35:31,779 --> 00:35:28,039
naturopaths are not regulated so you

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00:35:34,839 --> 00:35:31,789
take all the risk and quote ken MacLeod

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00:35:36,940 --> 00:35:34,849
added that quote it is reassuring that

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the H Triple C relied on the science and

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00:35:43,710 --> 00:35:39,859
were not dissuaded by petitions from

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00:35:46,480 --> 00:35:43,720
O'Neal's misguided acolytes and quote

760
00:35:49,480 --> 00:35:46,490
misty mountains is claimed to be run as

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00:35:53,049 --> 00:35:49,490
a not-for-profit and is registered as a

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00:35:54,999 --> 00:35:53,059
health promotion charity with deductible

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00:35:57,999 --> 00:35:55,009

gift recipient status from the

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Australian Taxation Office a complaint

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was also made to the Australian

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00:36:04,809 --> 00:36:01,999

charities and nonprofits Commission

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00:36:07,420 --> 00:36:04,819

which regulates charities to date

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however there has been no response from

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00:36:16,660 --> 00:36:12,829

the ACNC Ken McLeod says he wonders what

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00:36:20,710 --> 00:36:16,670

the ACNC s response will now be in light

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of O'Neill's permanent prohibition order

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end quote

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this is a great outcome for the public

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it goes to show that sometimes the

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acronyms like the H Triple C will act

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00:36:38,049 --> 00:36:35,930

and we should all be putting in

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complaints about shonky health care

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practitioners giving bad advice Richard

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will link in the show notes this week to

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the H triple C's full statement of

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decision which is well worth the read

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it's simultaneously very interesting and

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horrifying but well worth a read but

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until next time this has been Heidi

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Robertson from the Northern Rivers

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vaccination supporters bye for now

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are you looking for a science-based

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medical podcast to answer all your

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questions about health check out the

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body of evidence whether you're curious

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about the potential benefits of omega-3s

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or the potential risks of vaping we take

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a look at the body of evidence to

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separate the noise the hype the lies

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from actual scientific rigor we do it

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with comedy skits the only logical thing

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to do is for me to take off all my

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clothes and run into the street no

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remember the first rule of podcasting

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00:37:50,510 --> 00:37:48,080
always keep your pants on with jingles

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and by you know discussing what the

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evidence has to say on the topic at hand

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or unless that is a pill but yeah it has

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it has the side effects of bloating gas

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and greasy stool which makes it very

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unpleasant the body of evidence find it

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a body of evidence dossier or on your

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00:38:12,720 --> 00:38:09,700
favorite podcast app the body of

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00:38:16,790 --> 00:38:12,730
evidence medicine that tastes funny and

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years may not spooky action at a

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well it's skeptics in the pub the

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Occidental hotel mein RT up the back in

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the Nordic corner rather people who try

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00:38:40,520 --> 00:38:38,790

and hide away from all the hustle and

818

00:38:42,920 --> 00:38:40,530

bustle of Sydney skeptics in the pub

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00:38:44,270 --> 00:38:42,930

today we've got a big one Tricia's on

820

00:38:47,120 --> 00:38:44,280

stage telling us about some

821

00:38:51,080 --> 00:38:47,130

revolutionary some revolutionary

822

00:38:51,859 --> 00:38:51,090

advances in stroke maintenance care and

823

00:38:54,080 --> 00:38:51,869

all that kind of thing

824

00:38:55,700 --> 00:38:54,090

I'd I'll be asking you about stroke mate

825

00:38:57,200 --> 00:38:55,710

they'll not make look look she's

826

00:38:58,880 --> 00:38:57,210

something things are getting better for

827

00:39:00,740 --> 00:38:58,890

people who might have a stroke that's

828

00:39:03,200 --> 00:39:00,750

what it's all about tonight

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00:39:05,600 --> 00:39:03,210

look Richard's not here he's um look

830

00:39:08,630 --> 00:39:05,610

you've seen that show Deep Space nine

831

00:39:10,130 --> 00:39:08,640

there was a disease called the phage in

832

00:39:12,140 --> 00:39:10,140

that yeah he's he's suffering in the

833

00:39:14,780 --> 00:39:12,150

phage not to be confused with the fridge

834

00:39:16,370 --> 00:39:14,790

that was a fragile friendly free there

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00:39:18,770 --> 00:39:16,380

was a drag performer from dullard sure

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00:39:20,570 --> 00:39:18,780

great great show but now richard has the

837

00:39:25,420 --> 00:39:20,580

phage so he won't be here tonight I

838

00:39:28,370 --> 00:39:25,430

myself I'm suffering from severe low SES

839

00:39:31,060 --> 00:39:28,380

social economic status so I'll be under

840

00:39:34,760 --> 00:39:31,070

an injury cloud and a financial cloud

841

00:39:36,140 --> 00:39:34,770

and just a cloud generally um as we

842

00:39:37,940 --> 00:39:36,150

talked to Trish and other people and

843

00:39:39,380 --> 00:39:37,950

will be asking should skip least get

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00:39:40,849 --> 00:39:39,390

involved in this whole sort of thing the

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00:39:42,830 --> 00:39:40,859

New Zealand skeptics have got involved

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00:39:45,560 --> 00:39:42,840

with us New Zealand skeptics are trying

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00:39:48,050 --> 00:39:45,570

to stop venues hosting someone who's

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00:39:49,550 --> 00:39:48,060

claiming to be a psychic healer in fact

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00:39:51,710 --> 00:39:49,560

she doesn't actually claim she's a

850

00:39:54,170 --> 00:39:51,720

psychic healer from what I gather she

851
00:39:58,099 --> 00:39:54,180
speaks to psychic surgeons on the other

852
00:39:59,660 --> 00:39:58,109
side of the cardboard I don't know on

853
00:40:01,280 --> 00:39:59,670
the other side and they do the healing

854
00:40:02,960 --> 00:40:01,290
for us so it's not her that's actually

855
00:40:05,300 --> 00:40:02,970
doing the healing so I'll be asking

856
00:40:07,790 --> 00:40:05,310
those questions and seeing how we go

857
00:40:09,680 --> 00:40:07,800
here on a night where everybody is very

858
00:40:13,370 --> 00:40:09,690
much under the weather at skeptics in

859
00:40:15,890 --> 00:40:13,380
the pub so where do you sit on this

860
00:40:17,300 --> 00:40:15,900
psychic healer issue should the skeptics

861
00:40:20,359 --> 00:40:17,310
get in there and say something or should

862
00:40:22,340 --> 00:40:20,369
they mind their own beeswax I reckon I

863
00:40:23,690 --> 00:40:22,350

reckon it's kind of the right thing to

864

00:40:26,930 --> 00:40:23,700

do I think definitely go in and say

865

00:40:28,700 --> 00:40:26,940

something I don't know I mean if that's

866

00:40:31,190 --> 00:40:28,710

not what skeptics do well then what do

867

00:40:32,720 --> 00:40:31,200

we do really so is it just a thing where

868

00:40:34,099 --> 00:40:32,730

you give the venue ring or send them a

869

00:40:35,480 --> 00:40:34,109

letter and alerting them to what the

870

00:40:36,859 --> 00:40:35,490

person might be about or you think it's

871

00:40:38,000 --> 00:40:36,869

actually doing the kind of thing Trish

872

00:40:41,150 --> 00:40:38,010

does where you stand at the front with

873

00:40:45,260 --> 00:40:41,160

the sign going if you look I do love

874

00:40:48,500 --> 00:40:45,270

pressure signs you can clearly read the

875

00:40:50,180 --> 00:40:48,510

letters I think it's kind it's probably

876

00:40:52,250 --> 00:40:50,190

situated a bit situational depends on

877

00:40:55,300 --> 00:40:52,260

the person depends on the venue some

878

00:40:57,290 --> 00:40:55,310

some venues I would be particularly

879

00:41:00,140 --> 00:40:57,300

vociferous in my complaints like I think

880

00:41:01,910 --> 00:41:00,150

if the University was hosting a psychic

881

00:41:04,490 --> 00:41:01,920

night then that would be worth a lot of

882

00:41:05,780 --> 00:41:04,500

complaining if it's a small pub where

883

00:41:07,490 --> 00:41:05,790

ten people are going to turn up then you

884

00:41:10,130 --> 00:41:07,500

might do more harm than good by calling

885

00:41:11,780 --> 00:41:10,140

attention to the event how do you guys

886

00:41:13,730 --> 00:41:11,790

feel about this psychic healer coming to

887

00:41:17,630 --> 00:41:13,740

Australia and should you know make a

888

00:41:19,609 --> 00:41:17,640

fuss like they're in New Zealand I think

889

00:41:25,010 --> 00:41:19,619

we should definitely as skeptics do

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00:41:27,560 --> 00:41:25,020

something depends on the particular goal

891

00:41:29,840 --> 00:41:27,570

that you're after yes so would it be

892

00:41:31,400 --> 00:41:29,850

like should be just persuading the venue

893

00:41:32,750 --> 00:41:31,410

from having her there or trying to stop

894

00:41:34,550 --> 00:41:32,760

people from going there what do you

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00:41:36,500 --> 00:41:34,560

think we the best idea I think probably

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00:41:40,099 --> 00:41:36,510

all of the above and there might be

897

00:41:43,190 --> 00:41:40,109

different actions to achieve each when

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00:41:44,390 --> 00:41:43,200

you're talking to people who are not

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00:41:47,510 --> 00:41:44,400

directly involved probably should be

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00:41:49,280 --> 00:41:47,520

focusing on informing people well we

901
00:41:51,740 --> 00:41:49,290
heard skeptics in the pub with the newly

902
00:41:53,480 --> 00:41:51,750
anointed down a president this trance

903
00:41:56,870 --> 00:41:53,490
kept exactly your title your highness

904
00:41:59,480 --> 00:41:56,880
yes indeed yes your Highnesses is some

905
00:42:00,710 --> 00:41:59,490
quite acceptable mmm look Alethea used

906
00:42:02,450 --> 00:42:00,720
to get carried round on a sedan chair

907
00:42:05,090 --> 00:42:02,460
with a couple of shirtless cars are you

908
00:42:07,340 --> 00:42:05,100
going to be doing that as well oh I'll

909
00:42:09,760 --> 00:42:07,350
think about it I think I have to go one

910
00:42:12,620 --> 00:42:09,770
better than ilithya though I think well

911
00:42:13,730 --> 00:42:12,630
for shirtless guys instead of just two I

912
00:42:16,130 --> 00:42:13,740
think that's a good idea

913
00:42:17,420 --> 00:42:16,140

and how do you feel about well the

914

00:42:18,849 --> 00:42:17,430

question of today which is the New

915

00:42:21,050 --> 00:42:18,859

Zealand skeptics are getting a bit

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00:42:22,490 --> 00:42:21,060

uppity and in-your-face about the

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00:42:24,380 --> 00:42:22,500

psychic healer that's visiting that

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00:42:26,030 --> 00:42:24,390

country and that person may be visiting

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00:42:28,910 --> 00:42:26,040

here - do you think skeptics have a role

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00:42:31,730 --> 00:42:28,920

to inform venues that there may be some

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00:42:33,500 --> 00:42:31,740

bit of possible fraud going on or in

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00:42:35,690 --> 00:42:33,510

fact that you know the person's getting

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00:42:39,460 --> 00:42:35,700

sold a bill of sale for something

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00:42:42,560 --> 00:42:39,470

doesn't exist definitely definitely and

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00:42:45,590 --> 00:42:42,570

that when you think about it it's it's

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00:42:46,190 --> 00:42:45,600

some there are quite a few levels to

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00:42:48,829 --> 00:42:46,200

that

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00:42:53,560 --> 00:42:48,839

I definitely think skeptics have a role

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00:42:57,520 --> 00:42:53,570

in alerting venues and even perhaps

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00:43:01,180 --> 00:42:57,530

pressuring venues and also maybe doing

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00:43:04,130 --> 00:43:01,190

some activism outside venues with

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00:43:06,589 --> 00:43:04,140

leaflets for the potential attendees

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00:43:09,290 --> 00:43:06,599

which we've done in the past with some

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00:43:12,020 --> 00:43:09,300

the psychic Sally morgue and we stood

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00:43:14,599 --> 00:43:12,030

outside the State Theater very low-key

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00:43:15,950 --> 00:43:14,609

and you know not in-your-face at all but

937

00:43:17,510 --> 00:43:15,960

we had some leaflets that we were

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00:43:19,220 --> 00:43:17,520

handing out to the the people who are

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00:43:22,460 --> 00:43:19,230

going to see the psychic Sally Morgan

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00:43:24,829 --> 00:43:22,470

and that the message of our handouts was

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00:43:28,040 --> 00:43:24,839

you look after yourself if you're going

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00:43:29,690 --> 00:43:28,050

there for a night's entertainment well

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00:43:31,880 --> 00:43:29,700

and good enjoy the show

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00:43:35,210 --> 00:43:31,890

but if you're going there because you've

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00:43:38,870 --> 00:43:35,220

lost someone do be aware of the

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00:43:41,120 --> 00:43:38,880

techniques that the psychics use with

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00:43:43,089 --> 00:43:41,130

regard to cold reading and if you really

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00:43:45,650 --> 00:43:43,099

have lost someone and you need some help

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00:43:49,099 --> 00:43:45,660

look after yourself this this might not

950

00:43:51,230 --> 00:43:49,109

be the place for you so if it can be

951
00:43:57,589 --> 00:43:51,240
done quite gently and quite sensitively

952
00:44:00,020 --> 00:43:57,599
in in terms of informing venues venues

953
00:44:02,660 --> 00:44:00,030
or businesses they need to make money so

954
00:44:05,540 --> 00:44:02,670
I don't know that skeptics would have a

955
00:44:07,970 --> 00:44:05,550
lot of traction there but you know we

956
00:44:09,380 --> 00:44:07,980
can try we can try well it would be

957
00:44:10,970 --> 00:44:09,390
interesting intervening with people

958
00:44:12,680 --> 00:44:10,980
going into a psychic healer because

959
00:44:14,690 --> 00:44:12,690
you'd have people that would be maybe

960
00:44:16,310 --> 00:44:14,700
obviously physically ill going in and

961
00:44:18,050 --> 00:44:16,320
that that would be a difficult one

962
00:44:20,510 --> 00:44:18,060
sometimes oh that would be really

963
00:44:22,280 --> 00:44:20,520

difficult and I think our message

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00:44:24,710 --> 00:44:22,290

would be the same as people going in to

965

00:44:27,560 --> 00:44:24,720

see a psychic look after yourself

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00:44:31,070 --> 00:44:27,570

are you sure that this is the right

967

00:44:34,310 --> 00:44:31,080

place to be for you and again I have

968

00:44:36,170 --> 00:44:34,320

mentioned her her style where she speaks

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00:44:38,030 --> 00:44:36,180

to psychic surgeons on the other side

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00:44:39,530 --> 00:44:38,040

who do the healing so she's not doing

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00:44:40,790 --> 00:44:39,540

the healing which I think it's an

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00:44:43,190 --> 00:44:40,800

interesting one because it also brings

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00:44:45,260 --> 00:44:43,200

in the matter of people who may be of a

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00:44:48,890 --> 00:44:45,270

religious persuasion where's God in this

975

00:44:50,900 --> 00:44:48,900

equation well exactly and I the whole

976
00:44:52,760 --> 00:44:50,910
thing to me is so hilarious and so

977
00:44:55,730 --> 00:44:52,770
ludicrous I can't imagine how anybody

978
00:44:57,500 --> 00:44:55,740
would take it seriously but

979
00:45:00,830 --> 00:44:57,510
you know maybe there are people who to

980
00:45:03,260 --> 00:45:00,840
take it seriously and and you know well

981
00:45:04,670 --> 00:45:03,270
they would also possibly be very

982
00:45:06,290 --> 00:45:04,680
vulnerable to because they could have

983
00:45:08,570 --> 00:45:06,300
exhausted many of the standard medical

984
00:45:11,330 --> 00:45:08,580
ways to make themselves better

985
00:45:15,650 --> 00:45:11,340
yes and if they then abandon those ways

986
00:45:19,730 --> 00:45:15,660
to go to somebody like this healer who

987
00:45:22,070 --> 00:45:19,740
talks to people on the other side for

988
00:45:23,630 --> 00:45:22,080

healing and and do we know whether she

989

00:45:26,720 --> 00:45:23,640

talks to people who are actually

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00:45:28,300 --> 00:45:26,730

medically qualified I've only going on

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00:45:31,010 --> 00:45:28,310

the description that the New Zealand

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00:45:33,080 --> 00:45:31,020

skeptics mentioned and they said psychic

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00:45:35,270 --> 00:45:33,090

healers on the other side so I don't

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00:45:36,740 --> 00:45:35,280

know if these are actual ex doctors

995

00:45:40,280 --> 00:45:36,750

Turin top I don't know

996

00:45:43,220 --> 00:45:40,290

yes vague isn't it it is very vague it's

997

00:45:45,290 --> 00:45:43,230

frightening is vague it's it's actually

998

00:45:48,320 --> 00:45:45,300

a really really scary thing particularly

999

00:45:51,890 --> 00:45:48,330

if people again abandon recommended

1000

00:46:00,440 --> 00:45:51,900

treatment or you know evidence-based

1001
00:46:01,849 --> 00:46:00,450
treatment for this alternative we have

1002
00:46:03,650 --> 00:46:01,859
been asking we have been asking about

1003
00:46:05,000 --> 00:46:03,660
the question it would say what would you

1004
00:46:08,740 --> 00:46:05,010
be saying to the psychic healer that's

1005
00:46:11,740 --> 00:46:08,750
coming out can you state any particular

1006
00:46:16,160 --> 00:46:11,750
success that you have had that is

1007
00:46:18,760 --> 00:46:16,170
undeniably true you start with the tough

1008
00:46:21,590 --> 00:46:18,770
ones don't you of course

1009
00:46:23,030 --> 00:46:21,600
it's meant to be that's a very

1010
00:46:24,470 --> 00:46:23,040
succinctly good answer to the whole

1011
00:46:26,570 --> 00:46:24,480
thing how do you feel about their role

1012
00:46:28,400 --> 00:46:26,580
the skeptics advance of the show well I

1013
00:46:31,670 --> 00:46:28,410

think it's it's a really difficult thing

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00:46:34,849 --> 00:46:31,680

to say because that person has a right

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00:46:37,730 --> 00:46:34,859

to do what they do regardless of what we

1016

00:46:39,830 --> 00:46:37,740

you know the majority of people might

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00:46:42,260 --> 00:46:39,840

think about whether that's correct or

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00:46:45,160 --> 00:46:42,270

not so then it becomes a business

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00:46:47,030 --> 00:46:45,170

question whether form from the venue's

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00:46:49,609 --> 00:46:47,040

perspective whether they should have

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00:46:52,400 --> 00:46:49,619

them or not personally I think that it's

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00:46:56,030 --> 00:46:52,410

you know the I'd be quite supportive of

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00:47:00,770 --> 00:46:56,040

the skeptics in suggesting that they

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00:47:03,680 --> 00:47:00,780

maybe you should look twice before you

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00:47:06,980 --> 00:47:03,690

take any step towards listening to this

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00:47:08,570 --> 00:47:06,990

person but they've got just as much

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00:47:11,780 --> 00:47:08,580

right as anyone else to express their

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00:47:14,060 --> 00:47:11,790

opinion oh god I'm here with Tim Mendham

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00:47:15,170 --> 00:47:14,070

here man as we spoke to him last time

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00:47:17,360 --> 00:47:15,180

you know he doesn't like the Human

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00:47:20,290 --> 00:47:17,370

League after that after their first

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00:47:24,710 --> 00:47:20,300

album but how you feel that Duran Duran

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00:47:26,840 --> 00:47:24,720

I liked it with the first album again

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00:47:28,700 --> 00:47:26,850

planet Earth after that forget it but

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00:47:30,260 --> 00:47:28,710

we're talking about psychic healers the

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00:47:31,340 --> 00:47:30,270

psychic eel that's currently are going

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00:47:33,440 --> 00:47:31,350

to go through New Zealand the New

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00:47:35,480 --> 00:47:33,450

Zealand skeptics are informing venues

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00:47:37,490 --> 00:47:35,490

and people about her psychic healing

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00:47:39,350 --> 00:47:37,500

powers or or maybe not having them and

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00:47:40,490 --> 00:47:39,360

do you think the Australian skeptics it

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00:47:42,470 --> 00:47:40,500

should be something that we should get

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00:47:44,390 --> 00:47:42,480

into warning people of possible fraud

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00:47:46,370 --> 00:47:44,400

and affect that what she's doing you

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00:47:47,870 --> 00:47:46,380

know we always have a psychic surgery

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00:47:49,250 --> 00:47:47,880

and that sort of stuff and psychic

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00:47:51,200 --> 00:47:49,260

healing was about some of the first

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00:47:53,000 --> 00:47:51,210

things we actually dealt with way back

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00:47:54,890 --> 00:47:53,010

when this is a new wrinkle on this you

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00:47:56,840 --> 00:47:54,900

know how she does it she doesn't do the

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00:47:58,790 --> 00:47:56,850

psychic healing herself she contacts

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00:48:00,890 --> 00:47:58,800

psychic surgeons on the other side who

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00:48:03,170 --> 00:48:00,900

do it so she's got what's the core

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00:48:05,750 --> 00:48:03,180

pausable deniability yes why she had I

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00:48:08,480 --> 00:48:05,760

speak to dead doctors yeah right who

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00:48:10,730 --> 00:48:08,490

could come in and do it for I know it's

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00:48:13,220 --> 00:48:10,740

it's a it's a novelty yeah there's a bit

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00:48:16,040 --> 00:48:13,230

of a gimmick I think especially when

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00:48:17,840 --> 00:48:16,050

people start anyone who does this in the

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00:48:20,270 --> 00:48:17,850

health area should be pulled up as much

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00:48:22,880 --> 00:48:20,280

as possible and I don't believe that

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00:48:25,100 --> 00:48:22,890

yeah Audrey psychic everyday person who

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00:48:26,990 --> 00:48:25,110

reads the crystal ball enough in a gypsy

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00:48:28,790 --> 00:48:27,000

outfit is by and large pretty harmless

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00:48:30,620 --> 00:48:28,800

but someone who's talking about health

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00:48:32,570 --> 00:48:30,630

and those sort of areas really affects

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00:48:34,580 --> 00:48:32,580

the way people live I think I think we

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00:48:36,530 --> 00:48:34,590

have a right to at least not necessarily

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00:48:38,300 --> 00:48:36,540

to go out there and throw stones or

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00:48:40,790 --> 00:48:38,310

something like that but to certainly to

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00:48:43,220 --> 00:48:40,800

try and very actively point out that

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00:48:44,390 --> 00:48:43,230

this is this is shonky because you have

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00:48:46,370 --> 00:48:44,400

you seen this in Australia before

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00:48:47,660 --> 00:48:46,380

because I mentioned people who are very

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00:48:48,920 --> 00:48:47,670

sick would be turning up with these

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00:48:50,480 --> 00:48:48,930
shows have you seen this sort of thing

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00:48:53,720 --> 00:48:50,490
when it happens in Australia before I I

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00:48:55,790 --> 00:48:53,730
haven't seen that the psychic that the

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00:48:58,280 --> 00:48:55,800
dead doctor he liked being certainly

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00:48:59,840 --> 00:48:58,290
seen some faith healing bazaars and that

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00:49:01,450 --> 00:48:59,850
that's very sad to say because that's

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00:49:04,150 --> 00:49:01,460
people who are extremely vulnerable

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00:49:06,670 --> 00:49:04,160
and their religious belief and I've seen

1084
00:49:09,130 --> 00:49:06,680
them sort of who don't get healed and

1085
00:49:10,450 --> 00:49:09,140
the healer blames them they're not

1086
00:49:12,309 --> 00:49:10,460
getting healed get it you didn't have

1087
00:49:13,450 --> 00:49:12,319
enough faith in other words that's it

1088
00:49:15,730 --> 00:49:13,460

that's the thing I was wondering where

1089

00:49:17,380 --> 00:49:15,740

you've got these these psychic surgeons

1090

00:49:19,599 --> 00:49:17,390

on the other side I'm just wondering it

1091

00:49:22,030 --> 00:49:19,609

for anyone who is very much a Christian

1092

00:49:24,099 --> 00:49:22,040

or any religion that wonder whether role

1093

00:49:25,930 --> 00:49:24,109

of God is in this because surely God

1094

00:49:27,250 --> 00:49:25,940

could do these kind of things through

1095

00:49:29,020 --> 00:49:27,260

prayer that you should be able to get

1096

00:49:30,730 --> 00:49:29,030

through this psychic healer I don't

1097

00:49:34,059 --> 00:49:30,740

think it's a god God plays a very big

1098

00:49:35,980 --> 00:49:34,069

part in this I think it's as much the

1099

00:49:37,900 --> 00:49:35,990

audience for those psychics and speaking

1100

00:49:39,609 --> 00:49:37,910

to the dead went to one the other day

1101
00:49:41,049 --> 00:49:39,619
actually and honestly of the audience

1102
00:49:44,589 --> 00:49:41,059
just left it up there's no questions

1103
00:49:46,809 --> 00:49:44,599
asked no it's critical thinking at all

1104
00:49:49,180 --> 00:49:46,819
that arises they'll just accept anything

1105
00:49:51,670 --> 00:49:49,190
that happens with this they believe in

1106
00:49:54,700 --> 00:49:51,680
the imprimatur of the experts and the

1107
00:49:55,870 --> 00:49:54,710
experts happen to be dead big deal I'm

1108
00:49:59,799 --> 00:49:55,880
not quite sure I understand why do they

1109
00:50:01,359 --> 00:49:59,809
have to be dead when I think psychic

1110
00:50:02,859 --> 00:50:01,369
surgeons on the other side I was only

1111
00:50:05,349 --> 00:50:02,869
assuming the other side of the veil of

1112
00:50:09,880 --> 00:50:05,359
life oh I'm sure they aren't contacting

1113
00:50:11,319 --> 00:50:09,890

any one of the Royal PRP had enough work

1114

00:50:13,210 --> 00:50:11,329

it is that a niche stuff when they're on

1115

00:50:14,620 --> 00:50:13,220

that and there's the poor doctor having

1116

00:50:16,660 --> 00:50:14,630

a meal at a restaurant then suddenly

1117

00:50:18,220 --> 00:50:16,670

hang on I've got this message I have to

1118

00:50:19,930 --> 00:50:18,230

cure someone's cancer yeah yeah

1119

00:50:21,549 --> 00:50:19,940

telepathically I know well they are

1120

00:50:24,010 --> 00:50:21,559

there they're sort of you know why if

1121

00:50:25,720 --> 00:50:24,020

it's a novelty it's a gimme only it

1122

00:50:27,760 --> 00:50:25,730

supposes clever is something different I

1123

00:50:28,480 --> 00:50:27,770

mean ooh it's not like remember the dead

1124

00:50:30,700 --> 00:50:28,490

composers

1125

00:50:32,740 --> 00:50:30,710

some of us getting in touch with or what

1126
00:50:34,180 --> 00:50:32,750
we call the decomposing composers yeah

1127
00:50:35,980 --> 00:50:34,190
someone was getting in touch with people

1128
00:50:37,900 --> 00:50:35,990
like Beethoven I think that one writing

1129
00:50:40,359 --> 00:50:37,910
new bits of music as if it was

1130
00:50:41,799 --> 00:50:40,369
Beethoven's organ or whatever okay and

1131
00:50:45,190 --> 00:50:41,809
channeling them channeling them yeah you

1132
00:50:46,390 --> 00:50:45,200
know Wagner definite people and creating

1133
00:50:48,130 --> 00:50:46,400
things so she's doing much the same

1134
00:50:49,660 --> 00:50:48,140
thing but in a health area Wow

1135
00:50:51,609 --> 00:50:49,670
okay that's part of that's pretty

1136
00:50:53,650 --> 00:50:51,619
interesting stuff you good okay you've

1137
00:50:53,859 --> 00:50:53,660
seen it all haven't you huh yeah thank

1138
00:50:58,260 --> 00:50:53,869

you

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00:51:02,200 --> 00:51:00,490

well that's a wrap for skeptics in the

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00:51:03,790 --> 00:51:02,210

pub here it's been a big month here

1141

00:51:05,680 --> 00:51:03,800

knocked over coming up in November we're

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00:51:07,930 --> 00:51:05,690

gonna be talking about forensic

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00:51:09,310 --> 00:51:07,940

psychology is gonna be on display and

1144

00:51:11,110 --> 00:51:09,320

gonna be the topic of the talk here at

1145

00:51:14,410 --> 00:51:11,120

skeptics in the pub that's the first

1146

00:51:16,540 --> 00:51:14,420

Thursday of next month and may not

1147

00:51:18,070 --> 00:51:16,550

signing off here and man what it's been

1148

00:51:19,210 --> 00:51:18,080

there's been some rock and some rolling

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00:51:21,790 --> 00:51:19,220

and there's been a lot of stroke and

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00:51:23,710 --> 00:51:21,800

going on here tonight I say what I don't

1151
00:51:37,390 --> 00:51:23,720
say what I don't smoke and I'm gonna

1152
00:51:42,020 --> 00:51:40,070
hi I'm Darrin McKee one of the hosts of

1153
00:51:43,760 --> 00:51:42,030
the reality check each week my co-host

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00:51:45,349 --> 00:51:43,770
and I explore a range of controversies

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00:51:46,849 --> 00:51:45,359
and curiosities using science and

1156
00:51:48,740 --> 00:51:46,859
critical thinking you can find us on

1157
00:51:50,330 --> 00:51:48,750
iTunes your favorite podcasting platform

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00:51:51,920 --> 00:51:50,340
and on Facebook by searching for the

1159
00:51:54,410 --> 00:51:51,930
reality check or by following us on

1160
00:51:56,090 --> 00:51:54,420
Twitter at TRC underscore podcast until

1161
00:51:57,830 --> 00:51:56,100
then keep an open mind but not so open

1162
00:52:08,200 --> 00:51:57,840
your brain falls out

1163
00:52:12,279 --> 00:52:09,720

[Applause]

1164

00:52:15,519 --> 00:52:12,289

thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:52:18,880 --> 00:52:15,529

zone now this week or during the week

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00:52:23,769 --> 00:52:18,890

since the last episode I was struck down

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00:52:27,039 --> 00:52:23,779

by a very nasty throaty chesty head

1168

00:52:29,200 --> 00:52:27,049

infection cold flu Black Death Plague

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00:52:32,140 --> 00:52:29,210

something or other it really knocked me

1170

00:52:34,630 --> 00:52:32,150

around and it really annoyed me because

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00:52:37,630 --> 00:52:34,640

I wasn't well enough to attend skeptics

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00:52:39,220 --> 00:52:37,640

in the pub which was a pity but I did

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00:52:41,620 --> 00:52:39,230

try to put the time to some good use

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00:52:43,210 --> 00:52:41,630

while I couldn't really do much and I

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00:52:47,500 --> 00:52:43,220

ended up watching lots of tutorials

1176
00:52:50,230 --> 00:52:47,510
online about my own well my own business

1177
00:52:53,470 --> 00:52:50,240
really in podcasting and video editing

1178
00:52:58,410 --> 00:52:53,480
and this that and the other and tips and

1179
00:53:00,970 --> 00:52:58,420
stuff and I came across a video tutorial

1180
00:53:03,370 --> 00:53:00,980
to do with something called noise

1181
00:53:05,769 --> 00:53:03,380
reduction and I found a little product

1182
00:53:07,420 --> 00:53:05,779
and I never really are very rarely

1183
00:53:10,569 --> 00:53:07,430
mentioned things on the skeptic zone and

1184
00:53:13,450 --> 00:53:10,579
this is no kickback I'm not getting paid

1185
00:53:14,859 --> 00:53:13,460
a cent for this but people out there

1186
00:53:16,690 --> 00:53:14,869
some people especially if you're an

1187
00:53:18,730 --> 00:53:16,700
audio production might like to know I

1188
00:53:25,450 --> 00:53:18,740

came across a wonderful little plugin

1189

00:53:28,720 --> 00:53:25,460

for the ipad called brush fra b ru s fri

1190

00:53:32,769 --> 00:53:28,730

I think in Swedish it means noise free

1191

00:53:34,390 --> 00:53:32,779

and it it's sensational I've used it on

1192

00:53:36,490 --> 00:53:34,400

this episode to cut down a lot of

1193

00:53:39,730 --> 00:53:36,500

background noise here and there anyway

1194

00:53:43,089 --> 00:53:39,740

if you're into audio work especially on

1195

00:53:45,880 --> 00:53:43,099

the iPad iPhone I used the ferrite

1196

00:53:48,759 --> 00:53:45,890

program as well then I can recommend

1197

00:53:51,029 --> 00:53:48,769

brush fry I'll link to that in the show

1198

00:53:53,529 --> 00:53:51,039

notes you might want to check it out

1199

00:53:55,240 --> 00:53:53,539

coming up on the skeptic zone I hope to

1200

00:53:57,490 --> 00:53:55,250

chat to more people involved with the

1201
00:54:00,460 --> 00:53:57,500
upcoming Australian skeptics convention

1202
00:54:01,990 --> 00:54:00,470
skeptic on in Melbourne our links in

1203
00:54:04,569 --> 00:54:02,000
this week's show notes of course that's

1204
00:54:07,450 --> 00:54:04,579
shaping up to be a great convention

1205
00:54:10,990 --> 00:54:07,460
indeed lots of international and local

1206
00:54:12,490 --> 00:54:11,000
guests all going well I'll be on the

1207
00:54:15,160 --> 00:54:12,500
scene too to do interviews for the

1208
00:54:19,480 --> 00:54:15,170
skeptic zone along with Maynard if your

1209
00:54:22,180 --> 00:54:19,490
dream is to be interviewed by Maynard

1210
00:54:24,400 --> 00:54:22,190
if you come along to the skeptic on in

1211
00:54:26,800 --> 00:54:24,410
Melbourne there's a good chance your

1212
00:54:28,560 --> 00:54:26,810
dreams will come true oh and speaking of

1213
00:54:33,100 --> 00:54:28,570

Mina don't forget to check out his

1214

00:54:36,550 --> 00:54:33,110

adventures and events at Maynard not

1215

00:54:39,790 --> 00:54:36,560

calm a you and in fact on Saturday the

1216

00:54:42,550 --> 00:54:39,800

26th of October in glebe the red bar in

1217

00:54:45,460 --> 00:54:42,560

glebe we have mainers Love Shack dance

1218

00:54:47,320 --> 00:54:45,470

night and those love shacks are really

1219

00:54:50,080 --> 00:54:47,330

golf they're great fun if you want to go

1220

00:54:52,780 --> 00:54:50,090

along to Mina's Love Shack on the 26th

1221

00:54:54,880 --> 00:54:52,790

of October head to Mina dot-com day you

1222

00:54:57,910 --> 00:54:54,890

for more information thank you again to

1223

00:55:01,030 --> 00:54:57,920

you people and you know who you are who

1224

00:55:04,570 --> 00:55:01,040

helped the skeptic zone in a very real

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00:55:07,090 --> 00:55:04,580

sense financially by chipping in with

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00:55:08,410 --> 00:55:07,100
patreon and some people use PayPal still

1227
00:55:11,080 --> 00:55:08,420
that's great

1228
00:55:13,030 --> 00:55:11,090
you can do that at skeptic zone TV and

1229
00:55:15,850 --> 00:55:13,040
it means the show keeps going it means I

1230
00:55:18,130 --> 00:55:15,860
can buy equipment and little bits and

1231
00:55:20,980 --> 00:55:18,140
pieces like the the noise reduction

1232
00:55:23,020 --> 00:55:20,990
plug-in I bought this week it means I

1233
00:55:25,870 --> 00:55:23,030
can get people to conventions like me

1234
00:55:28,870 --> 00:55:25,880
not for example and I guess you could

1235
00:55:31,470 --> 00:55:28,880
say the skeptics own sort of can you say

1236
00:55:33,970 --> 00:55:31,480
this flies by the skin of its teeth

1237
00:55:35,530 --> 00:55:33,980
something like that so your

1238
00:55:38,349 --> 00:55:35,540

contributions your generous

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00:55:42,190 --> 00:55:38,359

contributions are actually vital vital

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00:55:45,609 --> 00:55:42,200

meaning without them no show so you

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00:55:46,480 --> 00:55:45,619

people who do chip in I thank you very

1242

00:55:49,510 --> 00:55:46,490

much indeed

1243

00:55:51,700 --> 00:55:49,520

but for this week this is Richard

1244

00:55:56,110 --> 00:55:51,710

Saunders signing off from Sydney

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podcast is an independent production

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reviews and opinions expressed on the

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00:56:36,340 --> 00:56:33,980

skeptic zone are not necessarily those

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00:56:51,010 --> 00:56:36,350

of Australian skeptics or any other

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00:56:52,840 --> 00:56:51,020

skeptical organization hello to those

1260

00:56:54,580 --> 00:56:52,850

people who listen after the music the

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00:56:57,130 --> 00:56:54,590

afterthoughts will play the dice game in

1262

00:57:01,600 --> 00:56:57,140

a minute but it's henriette the cats

1263

00:57:04,990 --> 00:57:01,610

come in and she loves to have yes her

1264

00:57:08,920 --> 00:57:05,000

back scratched with a plastic novelty

1265

00:57:13,870 --> 00:57:08,930

back scratcher and shoehorn in one who

1266

00:57:18,040 --> 00:57:13,880

you are yeah you don't help me play the

1267

00:57:20,130 --> 00:57:18,050

dice game hmm we can do that where is it

1268

00:57:23,470 --> 00:57:20,140

alright I've got my six-sided die here

1269

00:57:26,740 --> 00:57:23,480

and the object of the game is for you at

1270

00:57:31,180 --> 00:57:26,750

home or in the car or wherever you are

1271

00:57:34,810 --> 00:57:31,190

to predict by whatever means you think

1272

00:57:37,270 --> 00:57:34,820

you can the outcome of me rolling this

1273

00:57:40,510 --> 00:57:37,280

diet I'm gonna roll it three times it's

1274

00:57:42,550 --> 00:57:40,520

it's the alien one from our from Roswell

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00:57:45,940 --> 00:57:42,560

New Mexico or no it's from Albuquerque

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00:57:48,150 --> 00:57:45,950

in the spirit of Roswell New Mexico it

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00:57:51,100 --> 00:57:48,160

has an alien on it and spaceships and

1278

00:57:53,560 --> 00:57:51,110

what are you doing you may help me here

1279

00:57:55,300 --> 00:57:53,570

ready here we go we're gonna roll it for

1280

00:57:57,330 --> 00:57:55,310

the first time use your predicting power

1281

00:58:02,620 --> 00:57:57,340

1 out of 6 chance

1282

00:58:07,240 --> 00:58:02,630

gimme gimme unit cats and the first

1283

00:58:09,760 --> 00:58:07,250

number on the floor is for number 4 come

1284

00:58:15,880 --> 00:58:09,770

here you'll have a look at this die and

1285

00:58:17,890 --> 00:58:15,890

though ok second number she's

1286

00:58:20,140 --> 00:58:17,900

investigating it now sniffing it what do

1287

00:58:23,100 --> 00:58:20,150

you say honey she's batting it with

1288

00:58:24,820 --> 00:58:23,110

their poor number four to fours in a row

1289

00:58:28,450 --> 00:58:24,830

ok ready

1290

00:58:34,000 --> 00:58:28,460

last one last one here it comes

1291

00:58:37,660 --> 00:58:34,010

look out hey knee number three said this