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5G Conspiracy Theories  
with Pascual Romero

"Freedom" Protests  
Michelle Franklin  
in Darwin

COVID-19  
More foolish action  
from Australia

TROVE  
"Jack the Ripper" #2

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00:00:09,190 --> 00:00:06,550

[Music]

2  
00:00:13,940 --> 00:00:09,200

welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:16,900 --> 00:00:13,950

from australia for science and reason

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00:00:22,950 --> 00:00:16,910

[Applause]

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00:00:24,710 --> 00:00:22,960

[Music]

6  
00:00:27,990 --> 00:00:24,720

yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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00:00:31,029 --> 00:00:28,000

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8  
00:00:33,350 --> 00:00:31,039

for the 22nd of august 2021 richard

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00:00:35,990 --> 00:00:33,360

saunders coming to you from

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00:00:38,709 --> 00:00:36,000

the continuing saga which has locked

11  
00:00:40,470 --> 00:00:38,719

down sydney australia but i know a lot

12  
00:00:42,830 --> 00:00:40,480

of the rest of the country are also in

13  
00:00:44,470 --> 00:00:42,840

the same boat i think of my friends in

14

00:00:47,430 --> 00:00:44,480

particular

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00:00:49,990 --> 00:00:47,440

in the city of melbourne oh how i would

16

00:00:52,310 --> 00:00:50,000

love to visit you

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00:00:54,069 --> 00:00:52,320

i really would wouldn't that be a treat

18

00:00:55,670 --> 00:00:54,079

wouldn't that be fantastic

19

00:00:57,590 --> 00:00:55,680

a nice walk through the gardens of

20

00:00:59,750 --> 00:00:57,600

melbourne looking at wattles and flowers

21

00:01:02,549 --> 00:00:59,760

and plants and anything

22

00:01:04,229 --> 00:01:02,559

really or a trip to the seaside along

23

00:01:06,149 --> 00:01:04,239

the surf coast one of the most beautiful

24

00:01:08,870 --> 00:01:06,159

parts of australia

25

00:01:10,230 --> 00:01:08,880

it would be so nice but we can all dream

26  
00:01:11,990 --> 00:01:10,240  
we can all dream but you don't have to

27  
00:01:13,750 --> 00:01:12,000  
dream about the skeptic zone because

28  
00:01:16,950 --> 00:01:13,760  
it's here right now

29  
00:01:18,950 --> 00:01:16,960  
this week's show is chock-a-block

30  
00:01:21,270 --> 00:01:18,960  
we're going to start off with

31  
00:01:23,510 --> 00:01:21,280  
conspiracy theories hmm seems to be a

32  
00:01:26,469 --> 00:01:23,520  
constant theme these days in this case

33  
00:01:28,550 --> 00:01:26,479  
it's five g conspiracy theories we look

34  
00:01:30,630 --> 00:01:28,560  
at a full-page blurb

35  
00:01:32,550 --> 00:01:30,640  
that appeared in a local newspaper in

36  
00:01:35,910 --> 00:01:32,560  
the northern rivers area of new south

37  
00:01:38,149 --> 00:01:35,920  
wales the conspiracy theory heartland

38  
00:01:41,590 --> 00:01:38,159

and we'll get commentary from my friend

39

00:01:44,389 --> 00:01:41,600

pasquale romero from the fabulous

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00:01:46,069 --> 00:01:44,399

squaring the strange podcast

41

00:01:48,550 --> 00:01:46,079

following that we look at news of some

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00:01:50,550 --> 00:01:48,560

of the freedom rallies the freedom

43

00:01:52,630 --> 00:01:50,560

protests against the lockdowns here in

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00:01:54,950 --> 00:01:52,640

australia just yesterday

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00:01:57,270 --> 00:01:54,960

and we crossed to our reporter michelle

46

00:02:01,190 --> 00:01:57,280

franklin who is in darwin the city of

47

00:02:03,830 --> 00:02:01,200

darwin and saw these protests firsthand

48

00:02:06,310 --> 00:02:03,840

and then keeping with the covert 19

49

00:02:07,990 --> 00:02:06,320

and conspiracy theme we look at some of

50

00:02:11,029 --> 00:02:08,000

the strange and new stories coming out

51  
00:02:13,670 --> 00:02:11,039  
of australia in the last week with the

52  
00:02:16,390 --> 00:02:13,680  
items to do with covert 19 and we get

53  
00:02:17,670 --> 00:02:16,400  
comments from susan gerbic adrian hill

54  
00:02:19,990 --> 00:02:17,680  
leonard tremil

55  
00:02:22,070 --> 00:02:20,000  
lewis hillman and kelly burke

56  
00:02:24,150 --> 00:02:22,080  
then to round off the show once again we

57  
00:02:25,670 --> 00:02:24,160  
look at the digital archives

58  
00:02:27,830 --> 00:02:25,680  
in this case we look at american

59  
00:02:29,750 --> 00:02:27,840  
newspapers and youtube

60  
00:02:31,589 --> 00:02:29,760  
for references to

61  
00:02:34,070 --> 00:02:31,599  
more modern references to jack the

62  
00:02:36,470 --> 00:02:34,080  
ripper and psychics

63  
00:02:38,710 --> 00:02:36,480

but since this is such a bumper episode

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00:02:41,190 --> 00:02:38,720

it's time for me now to quickly run

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00:02:42,070 --> 00:02:41,200

downstairs have some crackers

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00:02:44,550 --> 00:02:42,080

because

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00:02:45,990 --> 00:02:44,560

they taste good just dry crackers all

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00:02:47,910 --> 00:02:46,000

right dry crackers with a little bit of

69

00:02:52,710 --> 00:02:47,920

cream cheese okay

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00:02:54,949 --> 00:02:52,720

and peanut butter and honey

71

00:03:03,460 --> 00:02:54,959

while i do that i hope you enjoy the

72

00:03:03,470 --> 00:03:13,430

[Applause]

73

00:03:20,710 --> 00:03:16,149

oh conspiracy theories you are the gift

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00:03:23,350 --> 00:03:20,720

that just keeps on it just keeps on

75

00:03:24,789 --> 00:03:23,360

if it's not vaccine related conspiracy

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00:03:27,030 --> 00:03:24,799

theories or

77

00:03:29,509 --> 00:03:27,040

the one world government or the moon

78

00:03:31,270 --> 00:03:29,519

landing hoax or you name it

79

00:03:33,220 --> 00:03:31,280

it's something else and in this case

80

00:03:34,550 --> 00:03:33,230

it's 5g

81

00:03:35,589 --> 00:03:34,560

[Music]

82

00:03:37,589 --> 00:03:35,599

now

83

00:03:39,589 --> 00:03:37,599

the one thing about 5g conspiracy

84

00:03:42,550 --> 00:03:39,599

theories is that we know

85

00:03:45,110 --> 00:03:42,560

that well within a few years

86

00:03:47,670 --> 00:03:45,120

they won't be around anymore because

87

00:03:49,430 --> 00:03:47,680

5g will be ubiquitous and people simply

88

00:03:51,270 --> 00:03:49,440

forget

89

00:03:52,390 --> 00:03:51,280

figure that they ever protested against

90

00:03:57,429 --> 00:03:52,400

5g

91

00:04:01,190 --> 00:03:57,439

as was the case with

92

00:04:03,830 --> 00:04:01,200

4g and probably 3g before that

93

00:04:04,949 --> 00:04:03,840

so i bring your attention i draw your

94

00:04:06,149 --> 00:04:04,959

attention

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00:04:09,910 --> 00:04:06,159

to the

96

00:04:11,830 --> 00:04:09,920

byron shire echo newspaper

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00:04:13,350 --> 00:04:11,840

the newspaper covering the area of the

98

00:04:14,110 --> 00:04:13,360

northern rivers

99

00:04:17,280 --> 00:04:14,120

the

100

00:04:23,749 --> 00:04:17,290

anti-vaccination heartland of australia

101  
00:04:27,909 --> 00:04:23,759

[Music]

102  
00:04:30,390 --> 00:04:27,919  
and in the pages of their 11th of august

103  
00:04:32,870 --> 00:04:30,400  
2021 edition

104  
00:04:34,390 --> 00:04:32,880  
which is available online

105  
00:04:35,350 --> 00:04:34,400  
and i will link to this in the show

106  
00:04:38,790 --> 00:04:35,360  
notes

107  
00:04:40,790 --> 00:04:38,800  
on page 15 we have a full page

108  
00:04:42,230 --> 00:04:40,800  
i guess you'd call it advertisement or

109  
00:04:43,430 --> 00:04:42,240  
it's not really an advertisement or

110  
00:04:45,670 --> 00:04:43,440  
maybe it is

111  
00:04:47,030 --> 00:04:45,680  
it's very dramatic right in the middle

112  
00:04:49,590 --> 00:04:47,040  
of the page

113  
00:04:51,830 --> 00:04:49,600

there is a picture of a smartphone

114

00:04:54,550 --> 00:04:51,840

and on the smartphone is a picture of a

115

00:04:56,950 --> 00:04:54,560

young child with a terrible look on his

116

00:04:58,230 --> 00:04:56,960

or her face

117

00:04:59,510 --> 00:04:58,240

holding

118

00:05:03,110 --> 00:04:59,520

cuddling

119

00:05:06,790 --> 00:05:03,120

a giant wasp or b

120

00:05:09,830 --> 00:05:06,800

and the wasp or b is about

121

00:05:11,670 --> 00:05:09,840

three quarters the size of the child so

122

00:05:14,230 --> 00:05:11,680

that's a little bit strange

123

00:05:16,629 --> 00:05:14,240

the page has been put up by 5g

124

00:05:19,350 --> 00:05:16,639

conspiracy theorists at the top of the

125

00:05:21,909 --> 00:05:19,360

page it says there is more to know about

126

00:05:25,270 --> 00:05:21,919

5g than what we're being told in glossy

127

00:05:28,150 --> 00:05:25,280

ad campaigns from telcos telcos meaning

128

00:05:30,390 --> 00:05:28,160

telecommunications company then it lists

129

00:05:33,430 --> 00:05:30,400

a series of statements here

130

00:05:35,430 --> 00:05:33,440

telstra says dot dot dot and these are

131

00:05:36,550 --> 00:05:35,440

statements from a telecommunications

132

00:05:38,790 --> 00:05:36,560

company

133

00:05:42,629 --> 00:05:38,800

and on the other side of the page

134

00:05:43,749 --> 00:05:42,639

it says as in reply community says dot

135

00:05:46,469 --> 00:05:43,759

dot dot

136

00:05:47,430 --> 00:05:46,479

now of course the community does not say

137

00:05:53,029 --> 00:05:47,440

this

138

00:05:55,430 --> 00:05:53,039

anti-5g conspiracy theorists pretending

139

00:05:58,870 --> 00:05:55,440

to speak for the community so that's a

140

00:06:01,590 --> 00:05:58,880

bit of a red flag even at the beginning

141

00:06:05,749 --> 00:06:01,600

down the bottom of the page it says

142

00:06:09,590 --> 00:06:05,759

boycott 5g phones to disable the 5g

143

00:06:13,749 --> 00:06:09,600

network the website listed is www

144

00:06:18,390 --> 00:06:13,759

dot we are not sam dot com which takes

145

00:06:20,950 --> 00:06:18,400

you to a conspiracy theory laden website

146

00:06:23,590 --> 00:06:20,960

the statements apparently from telstra

147

00:06:26,710 --> 00:06:23,600

the telecommunications company

148

00:06:28,870 --> 00:06:26,720

says here in very very very tiny little

149

00:06:31,710 --> 00:06:28,880

writing near the bottom of the page the

150

00:06:35,110 --> 00:06:31,720

responses from telstra are compiled from

151  
00:06:37,029 --> 00:06:35,120  
correspondences with northern rivers for

152  
00:06:39,189 --> 00:06:37,039  
safe technology

153  
00:06:42,469 --> 00:06:39,199  
again i hasten to say that probably the

154  
00:06:43,230 --> 00:06:42,479  
same people who railed against 4g and 3g

155  
00:06:46,070 --> 00:06:43,240  
and

156  
00:06:47,990 --> 00:06:46,080  
telecommunications towers in general

157  
00:06:50,469 --> 00:06:48,000  
now i learned a lot about 5g from

158  
00:06:52,390 --> 00:06:50,479  
listening to the skeptoid podcast with

159  
00:06:54,870 --> 00:06:52,400  
brian dunning there's an episode about

160  
00:06:56,870 --> 00:06:54,880  
5g i will link to this

161  
00:06:58,710 --> 00:06:56,880  
in this week's show notes

162  
00:07:01,350 --> 00:06:58,720  
but also

163  
00:07:04,150 --> 00:07:01,360

i asked my friend pasco romero from the

164

00:07:06,150 --> 00:07:04,160

wonderful squaring the strange podcast

165

00:07:08,950 --> 00:07:06,160

and an engineer in the

166

00:07:11,430 --> 00:07:08,960

telecommunications industry if he could

167

00:07:19,270 --> 00:07:11,440

offer some insights into some of the

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00:07:22,629 --> 00:07:20,710

thanks richard

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00:07:25,270 --> 00:07:22,639

so before i get started i want to

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00:07:27,670 --> 00:07:25,280

mention that 5g is a marketing term and

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00:07:29,830 --> 00:07:27,680

not a specific type of technology it

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00:07:31,749 --> 00:07:29,840

stands for fifth generation and it just

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00:07:34,469 --> 00:07:31,759

describes the fifth generation

174

00:07:37,510 --> 00:07:34,479

technology standard of cellular data

175

00:07:39,589 --> 00:07:37,520

networking the worry is mostly about the

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00:07:41,990 --> 00:07:39,599

frequency spectrum used to carry this

177

00:07:43,670 --> 00:07:42,000

data which is referred to as millimeter

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00:07:45,350 --> 00:07:43,680

wave transmission

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00:07:47,430 --> 00:07:45,360

millimeter waves are what the

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00:07:50,469 --> 00:07:47,440

international telecommunication union

181

00:07:52,869 --> 00:07:50,479

designates as extremely high frequency

182

00:07:55,510 --> 00:07:52,879

or ehf spectrum

183

00:07:57,430 --> 00:07:55,520

the words extremely high frequency are

184

00:07:59,110 --> 00:07:57,440

bound to scare some people

185

00:08:01,990 --> 00:07:59,120

but let me just tell you there's still

186

00:08:04,230 --> 00:08:02,000

lower frequency than the infrared light

187

00:08:06,309 --> 00:08:04,240

that your tv remote uses and

188

00:08:09,270 --> 00:08:06,319

significantly lower frequency than say

189

00:08:12,469 --> 00:08:09,280

the light from your desk lamp

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00:08:15,430 --> 00:08:12,479

and this is from the blurb quote show us

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00:08:18,469 --> 00:08:15,440

the proof there is no evidence of harm

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00:08:21,589 --> 00:08:18,479

two thousand plus peer reviewed reports

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00:08:22,869 --> 00:08:21,599

show biological harm from wireless

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00:08:27,189 --> 00:08:22,879

radiation

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00:08:31,510 --> 00:08:28,790

first off i want to point out that the

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phrase proof of no evidence is not

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scientific and

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00:08:38,389 --> 00:08:35,599

thus isn't something we can provide

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00:08:39,750 --> 00:08:38,399

there is either evidence of harm or

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00:08:41,750 --> 00:08:39,760

there is none

201  
00:08:44,149 --> 00:08:41,760  
versions of this argument have existed

202  
00:08:46,710 --> 00:08:44,159  
since the 80s era concerns about living

203  
00:08:49,110 --> 00:08:46,720  
near power lines i don't have the time

204  
00:08:52,470 --> 00:08:49,120  
to go through the 2 000 plus

205  
00:08:54,550 --> 00:08:52,480  
peer-reviewed reports but dr bill curry

206  
00:08:57,350 --> 00:08:54,560  
a physicist did go through a number of

207  
00:08:59,590 --> 00:08:57,360  
them in 2000 and much of the hullabaloo

208  
00:09:01,990 --> 00:08:59,600  
is actually based on his findings

209  
00:09:03,990 --> 00:09:02,000  
he looked at studies where they applied

210  
00:09:06,949 --> 00:09:04,000  
electromagnetic radiation to various

211  
00:09:08,630 --> 00:09:06,959  
biological tissues and he misinterpreted

212  
00:09:10,949 --> 00:09:08,640  
the results to mean that it would have

213  
00:09:11,990 --> 00:09:10,959

an effect on cells deep within the human

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body

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00:09:18,230 --> 00:09:15,360

the failure was in not accounting for

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00:09:19,910 --> 00:09:18,240

the protective nature of human skin

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00:09:22,310 --> 00:09:19,920

an easy mistake for a person with no

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00:09:23,829 --> 00:09:22,320

experience in biology but a mistake

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00:09:26,310 --> 00:09:23,839

nonetheless

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00:09:28,470 --> 00:09:26,320

our skin is actually quite effective in

221

00:09:31,030 --> 00:09:28,480

shielding us and thanks to the physics

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00:09:32,870 --> 00:09:31,040

of electromagnetic radiation it's

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actually more effective at blocking

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00:09:36,230 --> 00:09:34,640

higher frequencies

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if you look at waves and their ability

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00:09:40,550 --> 00:09:38,720

to penetrate objects the higher you go

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the harder it is for them to enter an

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object one of the noted limitations of

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00:09:48,230 --> 00:09:46,320

5g is that these high frequency waves

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00:09:49,990 --> 00:09:48,240

have a tough time getting into buildings

231

00:09:51,590 --> 00:09:50,000

because the waves don't penetrate walls

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00:09:54,790 --> 00:09:51,600

very well

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00:09:57,590 --> 00:09:54,800

alright another claim is about standards

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00:09:59,269 --> 00:09:57,600

designed to protect people the blurb

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says quote

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there are no long-term studies that have

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looked at this issue particularly when

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it comes to impact on kids the elderly

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and

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00:10:13,509 --> 00:10:11,920

pregnant women men quote

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00:10:16,710 --> 00:10:13,519

the world health organization has

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00:10:19,509 --> 00:10:16,720

studied low-level emf for decades and

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00:10:21,590 --> 00:10:19,519

while 5g cellular communication itself

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00:10:23,590 --> 00:10:21,600

is new being exposed to these

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00:10:24,630 --> 00:10:23,600

frequencies on the radio wave spectrum

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isn't

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the shielding effect of human skin

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applies no matter how old or how

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00:10:32,870 --> 00:10:30,640

pregnant you are

250

00:10:33,750 --> 00:10:32,880

next we have this claim

251  
00:10:36,949 --> 00:10:33,760

quote

252  
00:10:37,949 --> 00:10:36,959

independent experts say 5g radiation

253  
00:10:40,470 --> 00:10:37,959

could have

254  
00:10:44,790 --> 00:10:40,480

catastrophic effects on the already

255  
00:10:48,069 --> 00:10:44,800

endangered insect populations worldwide

256  
00:10:50,150 --> 00:10:48,079

which will also affect agriculture and

257  
00:10:51,670 --> 00:10:50,160

global food supplies

258  
00:10:53,190 --> 00:10:51,680

we advocate

259  
00:10:54,790 --> 00:10:53,200

for the bees

260  
00:10:56,949 --> 00:10:54,800

end quote

261  
00:10:59,030 --> 00:10:56,959

so this bit of fear is one that we just

262  
00:11:01,110 --> 00:10:59,040

don't really have much data for i

263  
00:11:03,829 --> 00:11:01,120

haven't found much proper research other

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00:11:06,710 --> 00:11:03,839

than a 2018 study on the exposure of

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insects to radio frequency emf

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00:11:12,710 --> 00:11:10,000

from 2 to 120 gigahertz this study

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00:11:15,590 --> 00:11:12,720

doesn't necessarily claim that 5g poses

268

00:11:17,990 --> 00:11:15,600

a particular risk to insects it's just

269

00:11:20,949 --> 00:11:18,000

observed that insects have an increased

270

00:11:22,790 --> 00:11:20,959

absorption rate of rf above 6 gigahertz

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when studied in a lab

272

00:11:27,509 --> 00:11:24,480

these conditions are no doubt very

273

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different from environmental exposure

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so far there has been no cause for alarm

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00:11:33,990 --> 00:11:31,839

but the bit of good news is that

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00:11:35,990 --> 00:11:34,000

millimeter wave is mostly for urban

277

00:11:38,310 --> 00:11:36,000

areas where a mesh of transmitters can

278

00:11:39,910 --> 00:11:38,320

be implemented there's not much utility

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00:11:41,990 --> 00:11:39,920

in putting these transmitters around

280

00:11:44,389 --> 00:11:42,000

farms or orchards because of their

281

00:11:46,310 --> 00:11:44,399

relatively short range this is good news

282

00:11:49,269 --> 00:11:46,320

for the bees in the unlikely event that

283

00:11:51,269 --> 00:11:49,279

we ever do see a wide scale issue

284

00:11:52,550 --> 00:11:51,279

there are more claims made on the blurb

285

00:11:55,509 --> 00:11:52,560

which you can read

286

00:11:58,389 --> 00:11:55,519

via the link in this week's show notes

287

00:12:01,030 --> 00:11:58,399

but i'll ask pasquel about the statement

288

00:12:02,550 --> 00:12:01,040

made in big bold letters at the bottom

289

00:12:05,990 --> 00:12:02,560

of the page

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00:12:07,990 --> 00:12:06,000

boycott 5g phones to disable the 5g

291

00:12:09,990 --> 00:12:08,000

network

292

00:12:12,150 --> 00:12:10,000

not using 5g phones isn't going to

293

00:12:13,750 --> 00:12:12,160

disable the network it's already part of

294

00:12:16,310 --> 00:12:13,760

the communications infrastructure of

295

00:12:18,310 --> 00:12:16,320

most major cities smart city technology

296

00:12:20,550 --> 00:12:18,320

is already on the network that is things

297

00:12:23,829 --> 00:12:20,560

like wireless parking meters automated

298

00:12:25,350 --> 00:12:23,839

parking structures stop lights

299

00:12:27,190 --> 00:12:25,360

entire industries have already begun

300

00:12:30,150 --> 00:12:27,200

pivoting their worker communications

301

00:12:31,910 --> 00:12:30,160

devices to 5g even power and water

302

00:12:33,750 --> 00:12:31,920

companies are already utilizing it for

303

00:12:35,910 --> 00:12:33,760

everything from monitoring their systems

304

00:12:38,230 --> 00:12:35,920

to reading your house's meter remotely

305

00:12:40,230 --> 00:12:38,240

this is all to say that i just don't see

306

00:12:42,310 --> 00:12:40,240

a situation where a boycott by some

307

00:12:45,990 --> 00:12:42,320

segment of the population would do much

308

00:12:48,710 --> 00:12:46,000

to slow the spread of 5g technology

309

00:12:50,389 --> 00:12:48,720

thank you to pasco romero from squaring

310

00:12:53,590 --> 00:12:50,399

the strange podcast

311

00:12:55,670 --> 00:12:53,600

so there you go a little look at 5g

312

00:12:58,230 --> 00:12:55,680

and like i said everybody enjoy these

313

00:12:59,750 --> 00:12:58,240

conspiracy theories when it comes to 5g

314

00:13:01,509 --> 00:12:59,760

because i think

315

00:13:02,790 --> 00:13:01,519

they're destined to

316

00:13:08,120 --> 00:13:02,800

fizzle out

317

00:13:33,430 --> 00:13:17,990

[Music]

318

00:13:36,790 --> 00:13:35,110

hey everyone this is professor dave i

319

00:13:38,550 --> 00:13:36,800

want to teach you about all kinds of

320

00:13:40,470 --> 00:13:38,560

things regarding science i want to tell

321

00:13:44,150 --> 00:13:40,480

you about physics i want to tell you

322

00:13:46,629 --> 00:13:44,160

about chemistry biology astronomy math

323

00:13:48,629 --> 00:13:46,639

and many many more things come check me

324

00:13:55,480 --> 00:13:48,639

out on youtube the channel is called

325

00:13:55,490 --> 00:14:10,310

[Music]

326

00:14:14,790 --> 00:14:12,069

as i record this segment of the show

327

00:14:16,389 --> 00:14:14,800

it's sunday morning here in australia

328

00:14:17,990 --> 00:14:16,399

and i'm putting this week's episode of

329

00:14:19,350 --> 00:14:18,000

the skeptic zone together but i thought

330

00:14:21,590 --> 00:14:19,360

i would reflect

331

00:14:24,550 --> 00:14:21,600

on the events of yesterday

332

00:14:27,430 --> 00:14:24,560

yesterday new south wales recorded its

333

00:14:28,629 --> 00:14:27,440

highest ever day of new covert 19

334

00:14:30,230 --> 00:14:28,639

infections

335

00:14:32,470 --> 00:14:30,240

over 800

336

00:14:33,990 --> 00:14:32,480

which was a jump of over 100 from the

337

00:14:36,310 --> 00:14:34,000

previous day

338

00:14:38,949 --> 00:14:36,320

the cases went from the 600s straight to

339

00:14:41,350 --> 00:14:38,959

the 800s and as i record i don't know

340

00:14:43,350 --> 00:14:41,360

what today's figures will bring

341

00:14:45,269 --> 00:14:43,360

nevertheless yesterday

342

00:14:46,629 --> 00:14:45,279

fueled

343

00:14:48,069 --> 00:14:46,639

spurred on

344

00:14:49,269 --> 00:14:48,079

egged on

345

00:14:53,030 --> 00:14:49,279

by

346

00:14:54,710 --> 00:14:53,040

various conspiracy theorists online

347

00:14:57,269 --> 00:14:54,720

thousands of people

348

00:14:59,910 --> 00:14:57,279

marched through the streets of melbourne

349

00:15:02,310 --> 00:14:59,920

and this resulted in violent

350

00:15:04,629 --> 00:15:02,320

encounters with police flares being

351  
00:15:06,790 --> 00:15:04,639  
thrown police injured

352  
00:15:09,829 --> 00:15:06,800  
and many arrests

353  
00:15:11,350 --> 00:15:09,839  
here too in sydney a much smaller group

354  
00:15:13,189 --> 00:15:11,360  
of protesters

355  
00:15:16,389 --> 00:15:13,199  
marched to the city

356  
00:15:18,550 --> 00:15:16,399  
where and they were met by the uh

357  
00:15:20,230 --> 00:15:18,560  
long arm of the law the strong arm of

358  
00:15:22,069 --> 00:15:20,240  
the law

359  
00:15:23,670 --> 00:15:22,079  
now of course these protesters were a

360  
00:15:25,350 --> 00:15:23,680  
mix of people

361  
00:15:27,590 --> 00:15:25,360  
there are some there who are truly

362  
00:15:28,710 --> 00:15:27,600  
having a terrible time

363  
00:15:29,990 --> 00:15:28,720

fed up

364

00:15:32,870 --> 00:15:30,000

covered

365

00:15:35,910 --> 00:15:32,880

19 lockdown fatigue

366

00:15:37,430 --> 00:15:35,920

and we can sympathize to an extent

367

00:15:39,910 --> 00:15:37,440

but a lot of people were there because

368

00:15:41,509 --> 00:15:39,920

they've been as i said fueled on by

369

00:15:44,150 --> 00:15:41,519

misinformation

370

00:15:46,389 --> 00:15:44,160

conspiracy theories

371

00:15:48,550 --> 00:15:46,399

from the internet

372

00:15:50,629 --> 00:15:48,560

these people are protesting that they

373

00:15:51,829 --> 00:15:50,639

need freedom and we shouldn't be locked

374

00:15:53,430 --> 00:15:51,839

down

375

00:15:55,749 --> 00:15:53,440

and of course the fear is if that was

376

00:15:57,670 --> 00:15:55,759

the case if they had their way

377

00:16:00,389 --> 00:15:57,680

then within a very short amount of time

378

00:16:03,110 --> 00:16:00,399

the hospital system would collapse

379

00:16:04,230 --> 00:16:03,120

the morgues wouldn't be able to cope

380

00:16:07,110 --> 00:16:04,240

and

381

00:16:10,230 --> 00:16:07,120

the very people these protesters love

382

00:16:12,470 --> 00:16:10,240

would be ending up in the grim

383

00:16:14,389 --> 00:16:12,480

statistics

384

00:16:16,550 --> 00:16:14,399

protests also

385

00:16:19,110 --> 00:16:16,560

were in other capital cities like

386

00:16:21,749 --> 00:16:19,120

brisbane and adelaide

387

00:16:23,110 --> 00:16:21,759

and also darwin and we'll get to that in

388

00:16:24,470 --> 00:16:23,120

a moment

389

00:16:25,990 --> 00:16:24,480

but getting back to sydney and melbourne

390

00:16:28,870 --> 00:16:26,000

the scenes that we've been seeing on the

391

00:16:31,990 --> 00:16:28,880

tv news reports are distressing

392

00:16:34,550 --> 00:16:32,000

absolutely distressing when you consider

393

00:16:36,870 --> 00:16:34,560

that despite everything the government

394

00:16:39,509 --> 00:16:36,880

is doing here in sydney at least

395

00:16:41,910 --> 00:16:39,519

throwing everything it can

396

00:16:43,430 --> 00:16:41,920

and it's debatable

397

00:16:44,310 --> 00:16:43,440

what they're doing is right or wrong

398

00:16:45,749 --> 00:16:44,320

okay

399

00:16:46,790 --> 00:16:45,759

nevertheless despite everything they're

400

00:16:48,790 --> 00:16:46,800

doing

401  
00:16:50,949 --> 00:16:48,800  
the numbers are increasing at a

402  
00:16:52,949 --> 00:16:50,959  
horrifying rate

403  
00:16:55,110 --> 00:16:52,959  
and since

404  
00:16:58,310 --> 00:16:55,120  
some percentage of these protesters

405  
00:16:59,749 --> 00:16:58,320  
believe the conspiracy theories

406  
00:17:02,150 --> 00:16:59,759  
to the extent that they think that

407  
00:17:04,949 --> 00:17:02,160  
covert 19 is a hoax many of them were

408  
00:17:06,789 --> 00:17:04,959  
not wearing masks and it would be fair

409  
00:17:09,189 --> 00:17:06,799  
to say that many of them

410  
00:17:11,110 --> 00:17:09,199  
weren't vaccinated or will not get

411  
00:17:12,470 --> 00:17:11,120  
vaccinated

412  
00:17:14,870 --> 00:17:12,480  
the pictures from melbourne are

413  
00:17:16,710 --> 00:17:14,880

particularly

414

00:17:23,700 --> 00:17:16,720

disheartening

415

00:17:40,630 --> 00:17:25,280

[Music]

416

00:17:42,549 --> 00:17:40,640

[Applause]

417

00:17:44,070 --> 00:17:42,559

it's also disappointing to see

418

00:17:45,990 --> 00:17:44,080

people i know on

419

00:17:48,070 --> 00:17:46,000

facebook posting their support for the

420

00:17:49,750 --> 00:17:48,080

protesters and their derision of the

421

00:17:51,510 --> 00:17:49,760

police the police who were there doing

422

00:17:53,270 --> 00:17:51,520

their jobs

423

00:17:54,870 --> 00:17:53,280

protecting the rest of us

424

00:17:56,710 --> 00:17:54,880

now it's true to say that the vast

425

00:17:59,029 --> 00:17:56,720

majority of the population around

426

00:18:00,549 --> 00:17:59,039

australia are doing the right thing

427

00:18:02,230 --> 00:18:00,559

and being cautious

428

00:18:04,390 --> 00:18:02,240

being careful

429

00:18:06,549 --> 00:18:04,400

the trouble with delta variation of

430

00:18:08,390 --> 00:18:06,559

covert 19 is

431

00:18:10,150 --> 00:18:08,400

it only takes a small minority of people

432

00:18:12,070 --> 00:18:10,160

to do the wrong thing

433

00:18:17,590 --> 00:18:12,080

and we end up in the situation we find

434

00:18:19,909 --> 00:18:18,789

so it's

435

00:18:23,430 --> 00:18:19,919

saturday

436

00:18:25,430 --> 00:18:23,440

the 21st of august as i speak to you

437

00:18:27,990 --> 00:18:25,440

it's around about two o'clock in the

438

00:18:29,909 --> 00:18:28,000

afternoon here in sydney but i'm hooked

439

00:18:31,990 --> 00:18:29,919

up to our reporter michelle franklin who

440

00:18:33,750 --> 00:18:32,000

is in darwin at the moment and michelle

441

00:18:36,070 --> 00:18:33,760

you spending time with our other

442

00:18:39,909 --> 00:18:36,080

reporter heidi robinson and you've just

443

00:18:42,630 --> 00:18:39,919

come direct from the freedom protests in

444

00:18:43,750 --> 00:18:42,640

darwin what's the scene what's happening

445

00:18:45,909 --> 00:18:43,760

um

446

00:18:48,230 --> 00:18:45,919

it's not what i was expecting heidi

447

00:18:49,750 --> 00:18:48,240

texted me a couple days ago and said hey

448

00:18:51,110 --> 00:18:49,760

this is happening

449

00:18:53,430 --> 00:18:51,120

do you reckon we should do anything and

450

00:18:55,029 --> 00:18:53,440

i'm like ah nothing will happen 10

451  
00:18:57,510 --> 00:18:55,039  
people will show up and everybody will

452  
00:18:59,669 --> 00:18:57,520  
laugh at them and i was very wrong i

453  
00:19:00,710 --> 00:18:59,679  
reckon there'd be well over 200 people

454  
00:19:02,710 --> 00:19:00,720  
there

455  
00:19:04,870 --> 00:19:02,720  
um and they're getting very emotional

456  
00:19:06,310 --> 00:19:04,880  
and they're waving signs around and

457  
00:19:08,230 --> 00:19:06,320  
doing all the things that you see people

458  
00:19:09,190 --> 00:19:08,240  
do on tv so

459  
00:19:10,870 --> 00:19:09,200  
yeah

460  
00:19:12,870 --> 00:19:10,880  
i was very surprised to see that i'm

461  
00:19:15,430 --> 00:19:12,880  
surprised too and and bear in mind that

462  
00:19:17,510 --> 00:19:15,440  
darwin is not a huge place so 200 people

463  
00:19:19,669 --> 00:19:17,520

is a reasonable turnout for something

464

00:19:22,549 --> 00:19:19,679

like this but we have also just come out

465

00:19:24,470 --> 00:19:22,559

of our second ever lockdown so it's

466

00:19:25,430 --> 00:19:24,480

fresh in people's minds at the moment

467

00:19:27,669 --> 00:19:25,440

because

468

00:19:29,990 --> 00:19:27,679

yeah we just we had a case last week and

469

00:19:32,070 --> 00:19:30,000

we went into a snap lockdown

470

00:19:34,230 --> 00:19:32,080

so yeah coverts at the front of

471

00:19:36,070 --> 00:19:34,240

everybody's minds finally and as we

472

00:19:38,310 --> 00:19:36,080

speak to each other and you've posted

473

00:19:40,789 --> 00:19:38,320

some of the pictures from the protest in

474

00:19:43,029 --> 00:19:40,799

darwin i've been looking on the online

475

00:19:45,510 --> 00:19:43,039

news and some of the video coming out of

476  
00:19:47,590 --> 00:19:45,520  
melbourne is absolutely frightening with

477  
00:19:50,070 --> 00:19:47,600  
huge numbers of people

478  
00:19:52,549 --> 00:19:50,080  
assaulting police flares being lit and

479  
00:19:53,909 --> 00:19:52,559  
thrown and even in sydney there's been

480  
00:19:56,310 --> 00:19:53,919  
some arrests

481  
00:19:59,430 --> 00:19:56,320  
on the worst day

482  
00:20:00,789 --> 00:19:59,440  
here for covert numbers it's absolutely

483  
00:20:02,630 --> 00:20:00,799  
frightening

484  
00:20:05,029 --> 00:20:02,640  
yeah i've been watching the numbers down

485  
00:20:06,789 --> 00:20:05,039  
south it's terrifying i feel like it's a

486  
00:20:09,430 --> 00:20:06,799  
whole different world down there to what

487  
00:20:11,430 --> 00:20:09,440  
it is up here like until last week

488  
00:20:14,070 --> 00:20:11,440

covert was just a thing that you see on

489

00:20:15,190 --> 00:20:14,080

the news it was barely even affecting us

490

00:20:17,270 --> 00:20:15,200

at all

491

00:20:18,070 --> 00:20:17,280

and then yeah we had one guy come

492

00:20:19,590 --> 00:20:18,080

through

493

00:20:21,430 --> 00:20:19,600

i think he went to sydney airport and

494

00:20:23,190 --> 00:20:21,440

then he went to canberra airport and

495

00:20:24,870 --> 00:20:23,200

then he came up to darwin

496

00:20:27,190 --> 00:20:24,880

and they

497

00:20:28,789 --> 00:20:27,200

said that that that didn't constitute

498

00:20:30,950 --> 00:20:28,799

quarantine so he was allowed out into

499

00:20:33,350 --> 00:20:30,960

the community and then his test result

500

00:20:34,950 --> 00:20:33,360

came back positive so we did a snap

501  
00:20:37,990 --> 00:20:34,960  
three-day lockdown

502  
00:20:39,750 --> 00:20:38,000  
luckily he didn't transmit to anybody so

503  
00:20:42,549 --> 00:20:39,760  
that lockdown has now lifted and we're

504  
00:20:44,149 --> 00:20:42,559  
back to being just sort of on alert

505  
00:20:47,909 --> 00:20:44,159  
and waiting to see if anything's gonna

506  
00:20:50,070 --> 00:20:47,919  
happen but yeah i was not expecting

507  
00:20:51,430 --> 00:20:50,080  
quite the response that we saw there

508  
00:20:53,270 --> 00:20:51,440  
it's

509  
00:20:55,590 --> 00:20:53,280  
yeah very

510  
00:20:57,270 --> 00:20:55,600  
very surreal i must say i am now now

511  
00:20:59,750 --> 00:20:57,280  
you've explained that situation to me i

512  
00:21:01,590 --> 00:20:59,760  
am surprised because okay here in sydney

513  
00:21:03,190 --> 00:21:01,600

where what eight weeks or nine weeks

514

00:21:05,590 --> 00:21:03,200

into a heavy lockdown

515

00:21:07,430 --> 00:21:05,600

and today's numbers were horrifying

516

00:21:09,110 --> 00:21:07,440

and new laws being brought in and

517

00:21:10,710 --> 00:21:09,120

curfews and all sorts of things so

518

00:21:12,149 --> 00:21:10,720

people are at their wit's end and you

519

00:21:13,430 --> 00:21:12,159

can you can

520

00:21:15,110 --> 00:21:13,440

no they shouldn't do it but you can

521

00:21:16,870 --> 00:21:15,120

understand the frustration some people

522

00:21:18,390 --> 00:21:16,880

would have but

523

00:21:20,070 --> 00:21:18,400

i'm quite surprised that people would

524

00:21:22,390 --> 00:21:20,080

turn out in darwin after just a three

525

00:21:24,149 --> 00:21:22,400

day lockdown then life back to normal i

526

00:21:26,470 --> 00:21:24,159

think because

527

00:21:28,230 --> 00:21:26,480

to us that feels like a big deal like

528

00:21:30,630 --> 00:21:28,240

and we went straight into really hard

529

00:21:31,750 --> 00:21:30,640

lockdown like we were not allowed out of

530

00:21:33,510 --> 00:21:31,760

our houses

531

00:21:35,909 --> 00:21:33,520

but it was only three days so like

532

00:21:37,430 --> 00:21:35,919

honestly to suck it up it's not that bad

533

00:21:39,830 --> 00:21:37,440

but i can understand people being

534

00:21:42,470 --> 00:21:39,840

shocked we went from complete freedom to

535

00:21:44,390 --> 00:21:42,480

complete lockdown and we had i think an

536

00:21:46,549 --> 00:21:44,400

hour's notice so they announced it on

537

00:21:49,750 --> 00:21:46,559

the news and the laws came into effect

538

00:21:51,750 --> 00:21:49,760

an hour later so yeah it was immediate

539

00:21:53,990 --> 00:21:51,760

um which i think is great i think that's

540

00:21:56,310 --> 00:21:54,000

the best thing they could have done and

541

00:21:57,830 --> 00:21:56,320

in this case it's worked and it happened

542

00:21:58,950 --> 00:21:57,840

a couple of months ago and it worked as

543

00:21:59,750 --> 00:21:58,960

well we had

544

00:22:01,990 --> 00:21:59,760

um

545

00:22:03,270 --> 00:22:02,000

a case in one of the mines here

546

00:22:04,470 --> 00:22:03,280

and they just immediately locked

547

00:22:06,310 --> 00:22:04,480

everything down i think there were a

548

00:22:08,789 --> 00:22:06,320

couple of cases of transmission and then

549

00:22:10,870 --> 00:22:08,799

it all just went away again

550

00:22:12,549 --> 00:22:10,880

which was great well look i i'm not

551  
00:22:13,990 --> 00:22:12,559  
surprised i did that because we've

552  
00:22:16,070 --> 00:22:14,000  
learned the lesson here in sydney or

553  
00:22:19,029 --> 00:22:16,080  
maybe we haven't how bad

554  
00:22:20,310 --> 00:22:19,039  
delta is it's absolutely

555  
00:22:22,149 --> 00:22:20,320  
it's absolutely

556  
00:22:23,990 --> 00:22:22,159  
different thing i mean last year was bad

557  
00:22:27,350 --> 00:22:24,000  
enough we thought you know the normal

558  
00:22:29,270 --> 00:22:27,360  
covert was bad enough but covert uh the

559  
00:22:31,110 --> 00:22:29,280  
delta variation seems to spread at the

560  
00:22:32,950 --> 00:22:31,120  
drop of a hat it's really frightening

561  
00:22:35,270 --> 00:22:32,960  
yeah the other difference that we have

562  
00:22:36,310 --> 00:22:35,280  
up here is that access to vaccines is

563  
00:22:38,710 --> 00:22:36,320

easy

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00:22:40,710 --> 00:22:38,720

um i'm not sure what the difference is

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00:22:42,950 --> 00:22:40,720

obviously we've got a lot fewer people

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00:22:44,789 --> 00:22:42,960

so we don't need as many to get good

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00:22:45,909 --> 00:22:44,799

coverage but anybody who wants one can

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00:22:46,710 --> 00:22:45,919

get one

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00:22:48,310 --> 00:22:46,720

um

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00:22:51,990 --> 00:22:48,320

when they announce

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00:22:54,630 --> 00:22:52,000

the age drop they dropped it down to um

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00:22:57,190 --> 00:22:54,640

i think they dropped it to 18. a few

573

00:22:58,789 --> 00:22:57,200

months ago and i just rang up the next

574

00:23:01,750 --> 00:22:58,799

day and got an appointment immediately

575

00:23:03,990 --> 00:23:01,760

so i had my two shots months ago

576

00:23:05,669 --> 00:23:04,000

excellent um just last night or two

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00:23:08,310 --> 00:23:05,679

nights ago on the news they announced

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00:23:09,669 --> 00:23:08,320

that it's now down to 12 years old so i

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00:23:11,430 --> 00:23:09,679

called up yesterday and i've got an

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00:23:13,830 --> 00:23:11,440

appointment for my 12 year old to get

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00:23:15,909 --> 00:23:13,840

her shot next week great and yeah there

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00:23:17,110 --> 00:23:15,919

was just no hassles at all it was really

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00:23:18,549 --> 00:23:17,120

easy i'm just waiting for my

584

00:23:19,990 --> 00:23:18,559

nine-year-old now

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00:23:20,789 --> 00:23:20,000

and i don't think it'll be long before

586

00:23:24,230 --> 00:23:20,799

they

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00:23:26,549 --> 00:23:24,240

well and then she can have one and then

588

00:23:28,950 --> 00:23:26,559

we'll be completely covered yeah that'd

589

00:23:31,029 --> 00:23:28,960

be good i certainly hope that can happen

590

00:23:32,950 --> 00:23:31,039

well look please give my love to heidi

591

00:23:34,549 --> 00:23:32,960

who who's visiting you at the moment

592

00:23:36,549 --> 00:23:34,559

unfortunately she had to run away

593

00:23:37,620 --> 00:23:36,559

because this lovely winter's afternoon

594

00:23:39,190 --> 00:23:37,630

was a bit too warm

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00:23:41,190 --> 00:23:39,200

[Laughter]

596

00:23:43,110 --> 00:23:41,200

well look i i certainly hope that darwin

597

00:23:46,149 --> 00:23:43,120

never has to face what we're facing here

598

00:23:47,029 --> 00:23:46,159

in sydney so um i hope so too i really

599

00:23:49,110 --> 00:23:47,039

do

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00:23:50,630 --> 00:23:49,120

i really hope that the the new measures

601  
00:23:51,990 --> 00:23:50,640  
that they've put in down there will make

602  
00:23:55,029 --> 00:23:52,000  
a difference because what i've been

603  
00:23:57,830 --> 00:23:55,039  
seeing on the news has just not been

604  
00:23:59,350 --> 00:23:57,840  
not been good i've been very worried uh

605  
00:24:00,549 --> 00:23:59,360  
well i you know it's sad to say at the

606  
00:24:03,029 --> 00:24:00,559  
moment it

607  
00:24:04,390 --> 00:24:03,039  
well it's difficult it doesn't seem to

608  
00:24:07,029 --> 00:24:04,400  
be working but as

609  
00:24:08,710 --> 00:24:07,039  
we're told frequently if we didn't have

610  
00:24:10,230 --> 00:24:08,720  
these measures in place the number of

611  
00:24:12,230 --> 00:24:10,240  
infections would be counted in the

612  
00:24:13,269 --> 00:24:12,240  
thousands and the deaths in the hundreds

613  
00:24:15,350 --> 00:24:13,279

yeah

614

00:24:18,870 --> 00:24:15,360

stay safe michelle stay safe and thank

615

00:24:23,030 --> 00:24:18,880

you for this live update thank you good

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00:24:23,040 --> 00:24:31,990

[Music]

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00:24:35,430 --> 00:24:33,990

this is dr karl karl krsnicki proud to

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00:24:37,830 --> 00:24:35,440

be a skeptic and you can find out more

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00:24:42,340 --> 00:24:37,840

about me at drcarl.com and get lots of

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00:24:57,909 --> 00:24:56,230

[Music]

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00:25:00,870 --> 00:24:57,919

now here's a brief roundup of a couple

622

00:25:02,630 --> 00:25:00,880

of stories coming our way in australia

623

00:25:04,789 --> 00:25:02,640

or from australia

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00:25:06,149 --> 00:25:04,799

in regards to the curve at 19 outbreak

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00:25:07,750 --> 00:25:06,159

here at the moment

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00:25:09,909 --> 00:25:07,760

the first story comes from the northern

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00:25:11,190 --> 00:25:09,919

rivers region of new south wales this

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00:25:15,269 --> 00:25:11,200

state this is the region where our

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00:25:16,950 --> 00:25:15,279

reporter heidi robinson is based

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00:25:19,669 --> 00:25:16,960

and this is reported in the sydney

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00:25:23,430 --> 00:25:19,679

morning herald newspaper online

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00:25:25,350 --> 00:25:23,440

and a story by nick bonihadi

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00:25:28,870 --> 00:25:25,360

security guards sent to mullenbimby

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00:25:31,269 --> 00:25:28,880

byron bay post offices as customers shun

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00:25:33,669 --> 00:25:31,279

masks check-ins

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00:25:35,990 --> 00:25:33,679

nanda says security guards are now

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00:25:38,310 --> 00:25:36,000

manning the doors of australia post

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00:25:41,510 --> 00:25:38,320

stores in mullenbimby and byron bay

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00:25:46,310 --> 00:25:41,520

after more than a third of customers

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00:25:48,070 --> 00:25:46,320

refused to wear masks use hand sanitizer

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00:25:51,110 --> 00:25:48,080

or check in

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00:25:53,350 --> 00:25:51,120

now just as an aside in australia at the

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00:25:55,510 --> 00:25:53,360

moment i don't know for the rest of the

644

00:25:58,230 --> 00:25:55,520

country but in new south wales

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00:26:00,950 --> 00:25:58,240

whenever you go to a place of business

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00:26:03,190 --> 00:26:00,960

you have to check in with the qr code or

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00:26:04,630 --> 00:26:03,200

at least leave your details

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00:26:07,350 --> 00:26:04,640

the northern

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00:26:10,630 --> 00:26:07,360

new south wales holiday region was put

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00:26:13,269 --> 00:26:10,640

into a 7-day lockdown after a covert 19

651  
00:26:15,269 --> 00:26:13,279  
positive man visited byron bay but the

652  
00:26:17,750 --> 00:26:15,279  
stay-at-home rules have been extended as

653  
00:26:19,750 --> 00:26:17,760  
part of the latest orders for all

654  
00:26:22,230 --> 00:26:19,760  
regional new south wales

655  
00:26:24,870 --> 00:26:22,240  
despite the lockdown the communications

656  
00:26:28,149 --> 00:26:24,880  
electrical and plumbing union which

657  
00:26:30,470 --> 00:26:28,159  
represents australia post staff said

658  
00:26:33,590 --> 00:26:30,480  
more than a third of customers

659  
00:26:36,310 --> 00:26:33,600  
had not been complying with covert virus

660  
00:26:39,110 --> 00:26:36,320  
safety rules in recent weeks putting

661  
00:26:41,590 --> 00:26:39,120  
staff safety at risk

662  
00:26:42,310 --> 00:26:41,600  
it's completely unacceptable

663  
00:26:44,390 --> 00:26:42,320

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00:26:46,710 --> 00:26:44,400

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00:26:47,590 --> 00:26:46,720

new south wales secretary shane murphy

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00:26:49,990 --> 00:26:47,600

said

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00:26:53,549 --> 00:26:50,000

even before the pandemic mullen mibby

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00:26:57,510 --> 00:26:53,559

was known for many of its residences

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00:26:59,669 --> 00:26:57,520

anti-vaccination sentiment and distrust

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00:27:01,590 --> 00:26:59,679

of mainstream medicine

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00:27:03,750 --> 00:27:01,600

regional australia post management was

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00:27:06,390 --> 00:27:03,760

initially resistant to bringing in

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00:27:08,390 --> 00:27:06,400

security guards but the national mail

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00:27:10,710 --> 00:27:08,400

service agreed after discussions with

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00:27:13,909 --> 00:27:10,720

the union on friday

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00:27:16,149 --> 00:27:13,919

we immediately escalated this issue with

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00:27:18,149 --> 00:27:16,159

australia post management to ensure our

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00:27:21,990 --> 00:27:18,159

members of australia post outlets have

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00:27:23,669 --> 00:27:22,000

the safety and security they need

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00:27:25,669 --> 00:27:23,679

mr murphy said

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00:27:26,870 --> 00:27:25,679

it's not up to staff to have to enforce

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00:27:29,669 --> 00:27:26,880

the law

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00:27:31,510 --> 00:27:29,679

an australia post spokesman said it had

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00:27:34,070 --> 00:27:31,520

introduced health and safety measures

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00:27:36,310 --> 00:27:34,080

across its network since the start of

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00:27:38,870 --> 00:27:36,320

the coronavirus pandemic including

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00:27:39,909 --> 00:27:38,880

check-ins when required by public health

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00:27:41,830 --> 00:27:39,919

orders

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00:27:44,630 --> 00:27:41,840

we now have a security officer at our

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00:27:47,350 --> 00:27:44,640

mullenbimbian byron bay post offices

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00:27:49,510 --> 00:27:47,360

to assist customers in understanding

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00:27:51,590 --> 00:27:49,520

their public health obligations and we

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00:27:54,310 --> 00:27:51,600

ask for the community's cooperation in

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00:27:56,950 --> 00:27:54,320

ensuring the health and safety of staff

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00:27:59,669 --> 00:27:56,960

and customers the spokesman said while

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00:28:01,669 --> 00:27:59,679

security guards have not been employed

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00:28:03,430 --> 00:28:01,679

at other stores australia post's

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00:28:05,350 --> 00:28:03,440

decision underscores the challenge

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00:28:08,389 --> 00:28:05,360

facing essential businesses in the

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00:28:11,029 --> 00:28:08,399

retail sector including supermarkets as

701  
00:28:13,029 --> 00:28:11,039  
they balance staying open with health

702  
00:28:15,110 --> 00:28:13,039  
demands from staff

703  
00:28:17,350 --> 00:28:15,120  
new south wales police minister david

704  
00:28:20,310 --> 00:28:17,360  
elliott urged retailers to put security

705  
00:28:22,389 --> 00:28:20,320  
guards on doors to enforce the use of qr

706  
00:28:24,070 --> 00:28:22,399  
codes earlier this month citing the

707  
00:28:27,750 --> 00:28:24,080  
number of supermarkets listed as

708  
00:28:29,750 --> 00:28:27,760  
coronavirus exposure locations before

709  
00:28:31,110 --> 00:28:29,760  
backing down and emphasizing the health

710  
00:28:33,990 --> 00:28:31,120  
orders

711  
00:28:36,230 --> 00:28:34,000  
as we've said all along as we've said to

712  
00:28:38,310 --> 00:28:36,240  
the supermarkets this week the health

713  
00:28:41,110 --> 00:28:38,320

orders are clear you've got an

714

00:28:44,149 --> 00:28:41,120

obligation to be reasonable when it

715

00:28:46,149 --> 00:28:44,159

comes to making sure people comply mr

716

00:28:48,149 --> 00:28:46,159

elliott said

717

00:28:49,909 --> 00:28:48,159

some supermarkets have chosen to hire

718

00:28:52,230 --> 00:28:49,919

security guards

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00:28:54,789 --> 00:28:52,240

now it's interesting to note

720

00:28:57,909 --> 00:28:54,799

that in my local

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00:28:59,909 --> 00:28:57,919

uh shopping center not far from

722

00:29:01,269 --> 00:28:59,919

the studios here

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00:29:04,230 --> 00:29:01,279

when i

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00:29:05,669 --> 00:29:04,240

very rarely do shopping and it's usually

725

00:29:07,669 --> 00:29:05,679

late at night when there's scarcely

726

00:29:10,310 --> 00:29:07,679

anybody there i'm glad to say the

727

00:29:13,269 --> 00:29:10,320

supermarket i use has a security well a

728

00:29:15,430 --> 00:29:13,279

staff member at least out the front to

729

00:29:17,909 --> 00:29:15,440

make sure that uh people are wearing

730

00:29:20,149 --> 00:29:17,919

masks and scan in

731

00:29:21,110 --> 00:29:20,159

but what a sad reflection on that area

732

00:29:23,590 --> 00:29:21,120

of

733

00:29:26,389 --> 00:29:23,600

new south wales that so many people

734

00:29:28,070 --> 00:29:26,399

don't consider the health orders to be

735

00:29:28,950 --> 00:29:28,080

important or they don't consider that

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00:29:30,070 --> 00:29:28,960

they

737

00:29:32,950 --> 00:29:30,080

should

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00:29:34,630 --> 00:29:32,960

comply anyway or they simply think the

739

00:29:37,110 --> 00:29:34,640

virus is a hoax

740

00:29:40,290 --> 00:29:37,120

or maybe they're just

741

00:29:43,269 --> 00:29:40,300

freedom warriors who knows

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00:29:45,510 --> 00:29:43,279

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00:29:48,310 --> 00:29:45,520

joining me now for this part of the uh

744

00:29:51,750 --> 00:29:48,320

roundup of covert news this week i have

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00:29:56,230 --> 00:29:51,760

the prediction project crew adrian lou

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00:29:57,669 --> 00:29:56,240

leonard kelly and susan hello everybody

747

00:29:58,870 --> 00:29:57,679

hello hi

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00:30:00,870 --> 00:29:58,880

hello

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00:30:03,430 --> 00:30:00,880

some of it some of the predict yes of

750

00:30:04,389 --> 00:30:03,440

course ian was helping us earlier and we

751

00:30:06,070 --> 00:30:04,399

get

752

00:30:08,389 --> 00:30:06,080

drop-ins and other people helping us

753

00:30:10,870 --> 00:30:08,399

along the way but we did our predictions

754

00:30:13,029 --> 00:30:10,880

today mostly about um the center of

755

00:30:15,269 --> 00:30:13,039

australia and sorts of strange things

756

00:30:17,029 --> 00:30:15,279

and we were looking at events of the

757

00:30:18,630 --> 00:30:17,039

year 2013.

758

00:30:20,070 --> 00:30:18,640

and it's interesting when we look at big

759

00:30:22,149 --> 00:30:20,080

events that weren't predicted by

760

00:30:23,669 --> 00:30:22,159

psychics and we think oh i remember that

761

00:30:26,230 --> 00:30:23,679

i remember that

762

00:30:28,950 --> 00:30:26,240

for example the pope retiring

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00:30:31,350 --> 00:30:28,960

that was rather unexpected and oddly

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00:30:32,789 --> 00:30:31,360

enough no psychics predicted it

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00:30:34,710 --> 00:30:32,799

but nevertheless here we are looking at

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00:30:36,389 --> 00:30:34,720

covert news and i'd like to get your

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00:30:38,149 --> 00:30:36,399

thoughts and opinions as i read this

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00:30:41,190 --> 00:30:38,159

particular story which has come to my

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00:30:43,990 --> 00:30:41,200

attention and this is by brooke rolfe as

770

00:30:46,310 --> 00:30:44,000

written at news.com today you

771

00:30:49,190 --> 00:30:46,320

awkward shopping center anti-vaxx

772

00:30:51,750 --> 00:30:49,200

protest ruthlessly mocked online over

773

00:30:53,510 --> 00:30:51,760

confusing signs

774

00:30:55,190 --> 00:30:53,520

and here it is a group of covert

775

00:30:57,029 --> 00:30:55,200

protesters

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00:30:59,190 --> 00:30:57,039

they're not protesting against covert

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00:31:01,029 --> 00:30:59,200

they're they're really um conspiracy

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00:31:03,350 --> 00:31:01,039

theorists thinking that coverts not that

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00:31:05,830 --> 00:31:03,360

real i suspect a group of covert

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00:31:08,870 --> 00:31:05,840

protesters have been ruthlessly mocked

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00:31:11,509 --> 00:31:08,880

after holding illegible signs

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00:31:14,710 --> 00:31:11,519

while dressing in full ppe

783

00:31:16,389 --> 00:31:14,720

at their silent demonstration

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00:31:18,630 --> 00:31:16,399

in the video accompanying it's quite

785

00:31:21,029 --> 00:31:18,640

funny they're all dressed like mimes you

786

00:31:22,950 --> 00:31:21,039

know with the the face thing

787

00:31:25,269 --> 00:31:22,960

it says a group of protesters

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00:31:26,870 --> 00:31:25,279

demonstrating inside a shopping mall put

789

00:31:29,669 --> 00:31:26,880

on an awkward performance over the

790

00:31:32,310 --> 00:31:29,679

weekend attracting virtually no one's

791

00:31:34,070 --> 00:31:32,320

attention

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00:31:37,590 --> 00:31:34,080

despite being dressed

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00:31:39,830 --> 00:31:37,600

in full body ppe the strange display

794

00:31:42,630 --> 00:31:39,840

unfolded inside lakeside joondalup

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00:31:44,710 --> 00:31:42,640

shopping city center north of perth on

796

00:31:46,710 --> 00:31:44,720

saturday morning with a group

797

00:31:50,230 --> 00:31:46,720

mem with group members holding up a

798

00:31:53,750 --> 00:31:50,240

series of bizarre placards

799

00:31:56,149 --> 00:31:53,760

organizers believed to be anti-vaxxers

800

00:31:58,870 --> 00:31:56,159

may be disappointed in how footage of

801  
00:32:02,389 --> 00:31:58,880  
the protest has been received online via

802  
00:32:04,549 --> 00:32:02,399  
viral tick-tock of the event receiving

803  
00:32:06,470 --> 00:32:04,559  
confused reactions

804  
00:32:09,430 --> 00:32:06,480  
and i will read some of the signs in a

805  
00:32:11,590 --> 00:32:09,440  
moment not only were shoppers entirely

806  
00:32:13,909 --> 00:32:11,600  
unfazed by the demonstration the play

807  
00:32:14,789 --> 00:32:13,919  
cards this display didn't make much

808  
00:32:16,149 --> 00:32:14,799  
sense

809  
00:32:19,110 --> 00:32:16,159  
here's what they were holding up in

810  
00:32:21,590 --> 00:32:19,120  
their silent demonstration trust the

811  
00:32:25,190 --> 00:32:21,600  
science was one sign

812  
00:32:26,470 --> 00:32:25,200  
dobb on the unvaccinated was another

813  
00:32:29,269 --> 00:32:26,480

sign

814

00:32:31,029 --> 00:32:29,279

support dividing australians was another

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00:32:43,430 --> 00:32:31,039

sign

816

00:32:46,070 --> 00:32:43,440

video showed about a dozen group members

817

00:32:47,269 --> 00:32:46,080

walking slowly in unison and not saying

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00:32:49,750 --> 00:32:47,279

anything

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00:32:52,389 --> 00:32:49,760

the signs were believed to be

820

00:32:54,389 --> 00:32:52,399

the group's take on sarcasm however

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00:32:57,669 --> 00:32:54,399

however when read plainly some were

822

00:33:02,070 --> 00:32:57,679

somewhat accurate one sign said trust

823

00:33:07,190 --> 00:33:04,549

uh and then another sign said do not

824

00:33:10,470 --> 00:33:07,200

question authority another said

825

00:33:11,750 --> 00:33:10,480

censorship is for our safety

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00:33:13,750 --> 00:33:11,760

okay

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00:33:14,710 --> 00:33:13,760

uh one you know i'd like to trust the

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00:33:16,630 --> 00:33:14,720

site

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00:33:18,710 --> 00:33:16,640

yeah trust the science yeah that was a

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00:33:21,669 --> 00:33:18,720

good that's a good one one person held a

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00:33:24,870 --> 00:33:21,679

sign saying support dividing australians

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00:33:27,509 --> 00:33:24,880

and the person behind them had one

833

00:33:29,590 --> 00:33:27,519

uh sign that said dobb on the

834

00:33:32,389 --> 00:33:29,600

unvaccinated now dobb

835

00:33:34,389 --> 00:33:32,399

in australian slang means to inform on

836

00:33:37,669 --> 00:33:34,399

if you dab on someone you're informing

837

00:33:41,029 --> 00:33:39,350

somebody else sign

838

00:33:42,549 --> 00:33:41,039

was reading trusted science yes and

839

00:33:44,950 --> 00:33:42,559

another sign said

840

00:33:46,149 --> 00:33:44,960

no independent thought

841

00:33:49,110 --> 00:33:46,159

um

842

00:33:50,230 --> 00:33:49,120

one was also holding a sign that read

843

00:33:53,430 --> 00:33:50,240

that read

844

00:33:54,389 --> 00:33:53,440

mask is work

845

00:33:55,669 --> 00:33:54,399

they're not

846

00:33:57,509 --> 00:33:55,679

i mean

847

00:34:00,470 --> 00:33:57,519

okay

848

00:34:02,470 --> 00:34:00,480

i mean support dividing australians is

849

00:34:12,710 --> 00:34:02,480

is this a plea for

850

00:34:16,629 --> 00:34:15,109

don't be woke i suppose i don't know

851  
00:34:17,349 --> 00:34:16,639  
it's fair to say

852  
00:34:23,030 --> 00:34:17,359  
they

853  
00:34:25,990 --> 00:34:23,040  
it's fair to say whatever the group's

854  
00:34:28,790 --> 00:34:26,000  
actual message was it

855  
00:34:30,629 --> 00:34:28,800  
it fell largely on their fears hundreds

856  
00:34:31,669 --> 00:34:30,639  
poked fun at the group's comments on

857  
00:34:33,030 --> 00:34:31,679  
tick tock

858  
00:34:36,310 --> 00:34:33,040  
um

859  
00:34:38,389 --> 00:34:36,320  
with the stay sleep sign leveling out

860  
00:34:41,270 --> 00:34:38,399  
leaving many hysterical

861  
00:34:44,710 --> 00:34:41,280  
uh somebody said i live by stay sleep

862  
00:34:46,790 --> 00:34:44,720  
and don't think anyway

863  
00:34:47,669 --> 00:34:46,800

it's the grammar stay asleep that did it

864

00:34:50,550 --> 00:34:47,679

for me

865

00:34:51,510 --> 00:34:50,560

another added many pointed out the irony

866

00:34:53,750 --> 00:34:51,520

of

867

00:35:01,030 --> 00:34:53,760

irony in the group or wearing masks and

868

00:35:05,750 --> 00:35:03,990

oh man okay so i'll link to this

869

00:35:07,589 --> 00:35:05,760

in the in this week's show notes but

870

00:35:09,430 --> 00:35:07,599

it's it's

871

00:35:11,990 --> 00:35:09,440

wow i mean

872

00:35:13,829 --> 00:35:12,000

it talk about what we call an old and

873

00:35:15,829 --> 00:35:13,839

own goal you know just they're they're

874

00:35:17,349 --> 00:35:15,839

sending themselves up i think they're

875

00:35:18,950 --> 00:35:17,359

trying to make it set like they're

876

00:35:20,550 --> 00:35:18,960

trying to paint this ridiculous picture

877

00:35:21,829 --> 00:35:20,560

but it's actually like making all of us

878

00:35:24,390 --> 00:35:21,839

happier that they're keeping to

879

00:35:26,150 --> 00:35:24,400

themselves and keeping full ppe on yeah

880

00:35:27,190 --> 00:35:26,160

yeah i mean it's fascinating that

881

00:35:33,910 --> 00:35:27,200

they're

882

00:35:36,069 --> 00:35:33,920

but um

883

00:35:38,310 --> 00:35:36,079

but it's also very worrying that there

884

00:35:40,470 --> 00:35:38,320

are people in our society who think this

885

00:35:42,950 --> 00:35:40,480

is clever or funny or meaning or

886

00:35:45,349 --> 00:35:42,960

poignant and they have to do some sort

887

00:35:46,950 --> 00:35:45,359

of protest to what are they protesting

888

00:35:49,109 --> 00:35:46,960

against public health

889

00:35:50,870 --> 00:35:49,119

maybe it's so

890

00:35:52,390 --> 00:35:50,880

another layer deep

891

00:35:54,790 --> 00:35:52,400

and they're

892

00:35:55,750 --> 00:35:54,800

pointing out the absurdity of everything

893

00:35:59,829 --> 00:35:55,760

by

894

00:36:02,069 --> 00:35:59,839

trying to be so completely

895

00:36:04,150 --> 00:36:02,079

unintelligible that people will try to

896

00:36:06,310 --> 00:36:04,160

assume that they mean something but they

897

00:36:08,150 --> 00:36:06,320

don't i guess in one sense though they

898

00:36:11,750 --> 00:36:08,160

sort of achieved an aim they got

899

00:36:13,430 --> 00:36:11,760

notoriety i mean nostradamus people are

900

00:36:15,829 --> 00:36:13,440

going to be reading things into what

901  
00:36:17,589 --> 00:36:15,839  
they said yeah like leonard said yeah

902  
00:36:19,910 --> 00:36:17,599  
maybe maybe that's i mean we're finding

903  
00:36:21,109 --> 00:36:19,920  
out about it so their protest didn't go

904  
00:36:23,990 --> 00:36:21,119  
completely

905  
00:36:25,910 --> 00:36:24,000  
unnoticed but it's

906  
00:36:28,470 --> 00:36:25,920  
i guess it's good in a sense but it's so

907  
00:36:30,790 --> 00:36:28,480  
bizarre and so stupid uh

908  
00:36:32,390 --> 00:36:30,800  
in another sense have there been any

909  
00:36:34,470 --> 00:36:32,400  
bizarre and weird things happening in

910  
00:36:35,750 --> 00:36:34,480  
the united states that maybe we haven't

911  
00:36:38,630 --> 00:36:35,760  
heard about here in australia with

912  
00:36:45,109 --> 00:36:42,150  
well not not of this type oh my goodness

913  
00:36:47,750 --> 00:36:45,119

nothing oh nothing at all happens in

914

00:36:48,790 --> 00:36:47,760

america we have we're just the most sane

915

00:36:50,550 --> 00:36:48,800

and

916

00:36:53,109 --> 00:36:50,560

as soon as i said it i realized what i

917

00:36:55,750 --> 00:36:53,119

consider it and of course we do we do

918

00:36:57,829 --> 00:36:55,760

have some things being said by

919

00:36:58,950 --> 00:36:57,839

uh governors of some of our southern

920

00:37:00,710 --> 00:36:58,960

states

921

00:37:02,470 --> 00:37:00,720

school board meetings

922

00:37:04,550 --> 00:37:02,480

very interesting really some of those

923

00:37:06,150 --> 00:37:04,560

governments getting covered now i heard

924

00:37:08,550 --> 00:37:06,160

that now which governor has covered

925

00:37:11,349 --> 00:37:08,560

governor of texas greg abbott and that's

926  
00:37:13,430 --> 00:37:11,359  
that's relatively recent news

927  
00:37:14,630 --> 00:37:13,440  
i heard about it today

928  
00:37:16,550 --> 00:37:14,640  
okay yeah

929  
00:37:18,470 --> 00:37:16,560  
and now has he been

930  
00:37:20,950 --> 00:37:18,480  
is he noted for

931  
00:37:21,910 --> 00:37:20,960  
flouting the the concern for covert or

932  
00:37:25,109 --> 00:37:21,920  
something like that i'm sure he's

933  
00:37:27,430 --> 00:37:25,119  
vaccinated not only flouting the concern

934  
00:37:29,750 --> 00:37:27,440  
but he's also uh and not only was he

935  
00:37:33,109 --> 00:37:29,760  
vaccinated he's also getting the

936  
00:37:34,829 --> 00:37:33,119  
regeneron um antibody treatment despite

937  
00:37:37,109 --> 00:37:34,839  
the fact that he is

938  
00:37:39,349 --> 00:37:37,119

asymptomatic yeah and he was also one of

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00:37:41,109 --> 00:37:39,359

the first to lift mass mandates like

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00:37:43,270 --> 00:37:41,119

texas was one of the really early states

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00:37:45,910 --> 00:37:43,280

that lifted their mass mandates and

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00:37:48,230 --> 00:37:45,920

was you know full force going back to

943

00:37:51,270 --> 00:37:48,240

regular life so it's

944

00:37:53,910 --> 00:37:51,280

particularly frustrating so texas has no

945

00:37:56,069 --> 00:37:53,920

icu beds

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00:37:59,430 --> 00:37:56,079

for kids for children children yeah they

947

00:38:02,069 --> 00:37:59,440

said on a i watched an administrator in

948

00:38:04,150 --> 00:38:02,079

texas a couple days ago say

949

00:38:06,710 --> 00:38:04,160

if your child needs an icu bed they'll

950

00:38:09,430 --> 00:38:06,720

have to wait until another child dies

951  
00:38:11,589 --> 00:38:09,440  
well and and this is only um you know

952  
00:38:13,910 --> 00:38:11,599  
we're only speaking in

953  
00:38:15,910 --> 00:38:13,920  
uh as we record this it's wednesday

954  
00:38:17,829 --> 00:38:15,920  
morning here in australia it's tuesday

955  
00:38:20,390 --> 00:38:17,839  
evening for you folks so it's a few days

956  
00:38:22,310 --> 00:38:20,400  
yet before the skeptic zone goes out

957  
00:38:25,190 --> 00:38:22,320  
and we are anticipating that things

958  
00:38:26,710 --> 00:38:25,200  
could go a bit uh a bit more pear-shaped

959  
00:38:28,950 --> 00:38:26,720  
in the united states

960  
00:38:31,510 --> 00:38:28,960  
uh i don't see any way that can be

961  
00:38:33,510 --> 00:38:31,520  
avoided if this doesn't go as you put it

962  
00:38:36,390 --> 00:38:33,520  
pear-shaped it would be a

963  
00:38:39,030 --> 00:38:36,400

spectacular surprise a welcome one but

964

00:38:40,390 --> 00:38:39,040

yeah it's uh it's it's it's going to get

965

00:38:42,470 --> 00:38:40,400

it's going to get worse before it gets

966

00:38:45,349 --> 00:38:42,480

better yeah those are starting to go

967

00:38:47,750 --> 00:38:45,359

back now so it's going to get worse

968

00:38:50,710 --> 00:38:47,760

especially for kids oh well in my part

969

00:38:53,270 --> 00:38:50,720

of arizona i noticed more people are

970

00:38:54,950 --> 00:38:53,280

masking again good

971

00:38:57,270 --> 00:38:54,960

good i mean it's extraordinary here when

972

00:38:59,349 --> 00:38:57,280

when i venture out very rarely now if

973

00:39:01,589 --> 00:38:59,359

i'm doing some exercise so i have to get

974

00:39:03,589 --> 00:39:01,599

to the shop to the shopping center

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00:39:06,230 --> 00:39:03,599

that uh there's scarcely anybody there

976

00:39:08,230 --> 00:39:06,240

and anybody who is there is

977

00:39:10,630 --> 00:39:08,240

as masked up and even walking in the

978

00:39:12,630 --> 00:39:10,640

streets people are wearing masks here so

979

00:39:15,030 --> 00:39:12,640

interesting here in california almost

980

00:39:16,630 --> 00:39:15,040

always people are masked and we don't

981

00:39:19,349 --> 00:39:16,640

have a mandate

982

00:39:21,589 --> 00:39:19,359

our rates are fairly low i mean for

983

00:39:23,750 --> 00:39:21,599

california standards

984

00:39:25,190 --> 00:39:23,760

not for other places but people have

985

00:39:26,950 --> 00:39:25,200

been wearing masks even out walking

986

00:39:28,710 --> 00:39:26,960

their dogs when there's nobody around

987

00:39:29,990 --> 00:39:28,720

and even the dog has got a mask it's

988

00:39:31,430 --> 00:39:30,000

quite amazing

989

00:39:33,270 --> 00:39:31,440

it's amazing to me

990

00:39:35,030 --> 00:39:33,280

you know the the bad news is you know we

991

00:39:36,710 --> 00:39:35,040

hear about these people on the new on

992

00:39:39,430 --> 00:39:36,720

the school boards and stuff and these

993

00:39:40,710 --> 00:39:39,440

mimes or whatever they are yeah

994

00:39:43,589 --> 00:39:40,720

they're they're getting a lot of press

995

00:39:45,030 --> 00:39:43,599

but i think that i'm an optimist i think

996

00:39:47,349 --> 00:39:45,040

that most people are doing the right

997

00:39:48,630 --> 00:39:47,359

thing and being careful and i think

998

00:39:49,990 --> 00:39:48,640

you're right i think we're going to be

999

00:39:51,349 --> 00:39:50,000

able to get through this it's going to

1000

00:39:52,870 --> 00:39:51,359

be a few more weeks though but i think

1001  
00:39:56,310 --> 00:39:52,880  
we're going to start seeing it but then

1002  
00:39:58,150 --> 00:39:56,320  
again i'm an optimist and i no

1003  
00:40:00,069 --> 00:39:58,160  
no you're right and just whenever i see

1004  
00:40:01,589 --> 00:40:00,079  
these sort of bizarre things going on

1005  
00:40:03,510 --> 00:40:01,599  
and all the protests in the streets

1006  
00:40:05,430 --> 00:40:03,520  
which we've had in the past

1007  
00:40:06,870 --> 00:40:05,440  
uh it's a minority it's a tiny minority

1008  
00:40:08,550 --> 00:40:06,880  
of the general population the general

1009  
00:40:11,430 --> 00:40:08,560  
population get it and are doing the

1010  
00:40:13,829 --> 00:40:11,440  
right thing it's the minority who aren't

1011  
00:40:16,630 --> 00:40:13,839  
and uh helping to extend the the

1012  
00:40:18,150 --> 00:40:16,640  
lockdowns yeah the problem is with uh

1013  
00:40:20,790 --> 00:40:18,160

the delta variant

1014

00:40:24,230 --> 00:40:20,800

it only takes a minority yeah to spread

1015

00:40:26,870 --> 00:40:24,240

it to a lot of people it does personal

1016

00:40:28,550 --> 00:40:26,880

personal anecdote one of

1017

00:40:29,510 --> 00:40:28,560

my partner's

1018

00:40:31,750 --> 00:40:29,520

sons

1019

00:40:34,150 --> 00:40:31,760

is a non-believer

1020

00:40:37,430 --> 00:40:34,160

will not get

1021

00:40:39,589 --> 00:40:37,440

or allow his family to get vaccinated

1022

00:40:41,030 --> 00:40:39,599

wow this is

1023

00:40:43,109 --> 00:40:41,040

i actually left

1024

00:40:45,349 --> 00:40:43,119

uh left tucson when they came here to

1025

00:40:46,870 --> 00:40:45,359

visit because i wouldn't be around them

1026

00:40:48,230 --> 00:40:46,880

wow

1027

00:40:50,630 --> 00:40:48,240

that's too bad

1028

00:40:52,630 --> 00:40:50,640

anyway that's a roundup a little roundup

1029

00:40:55,349 --> 00:40:52,640

of some of the strange and interesting

1030

00:40:57,910 --> 00:40:55,359

stories that come from

1031

00:41:00,790 --> 00:40:57,920

our current situation worldwide so thank

1032

00:41:03,510 --> 00:41:00,800

you great australian psychic prediction

1033

00:41:06,710 --> 00:41:03,520

crew and i look forward to seeing you

1034

00:41:09,750 --> 00:41:06,720

for our session next week thanks richard

1035

00:41:11,430 --> 00:41:09,760

thanks richard good to see you richard

1036

00:41:13,490 --> 00:41:11,440

great thanks everybody i'll put that on

1037

00:41:26,630 --> 00:41:13,500

the show

1038

00:41:27,750 --> 00:41:26,640

[Music]

1039

00:41:29,190 --> 00:41:27,760

hello

1040

00:41:31,990 --> 00:41:29,200

maynard here kicking back with a

1041

00:41:34,390 --> 00:41:32,000

cocktail in the bill shatner room here

1042

00:41:36,710 --> 00:41:34,400

at maynard international studios it's a

1043

00:41:40,710 --> 00:41:36,720

bit like international rescue

1044

00:41:43,030 --> 00:41:40,720

except we don't do anything um

1045

00:41:44,750 --> 00:41:43,040

hang on what's this this oh i like

1046

00:41:46,950 --> 00:41:44,760

playing on one like this

1047

00:41:49,109 --> 00:41:46,960

[Music]

1048

00:41:52,230 --> 00:41:49,119

hmm that tastes good it's called a

1049

00:41:54,870 --> 00:41:52,240

paranormal punch because it's made with

1050

00:41:56,069 --> 00:41:54,880

lots of spirits oh come on it's a

1051  
00:41:57,510 --> 00:41:56,079  
pandemic

1052  
00:41:59,430 --> 00:41:57,520  
anyway you know when i get a few minutes

1053  
00:42:01,430 --> 00:41:59,440  
to unwind at the end of the day and boy

1054  
00:42:03,430 --> 00:42:01,440  
do i unwind sometimes i'm just a whole

1055  
00:42:07,150 --> 00:42:03,440  
bunch of cogs on the floor um i like to

1056  
00:42:09,670 --> 00:42:07,160  
visit the bent spoon award page over at

1057  
00:42:11,430 --> 00:42:09,680  
skeptics.com.edu hey

1058  
00:42:12,470 --> 00:42:11,440  
hey we all need a hobby come on look i

1059  
00:42:14,630 --> 00:42:12,480  
gotta have something to do at the end of

1060  
00:42:17,589 --> 00:42:14,640  
the day did you know this ben spoon

1061  
00:42:19,829 --> 00:42:17,599  
award the award no one wants to win has

1062  
00:42:21,510 --> 00:42:19,839  
been going for 40 years now oh yeah you

1063  
00:42:23,990 --> 00:42:21,520

should see some of the winners

1064

00:42:25,990 --> 00:42:24,000

in fact you can see some of the winners

1065

00:42:28,470 --> 00:42:26,000

let me tell you about some of them

1066

00:42:30,790 --> 00:42:28,480

in 1984 the award went to the melbourne

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00:42:33,270 --> 00:42:30,800

metropolitan board of works

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00:42:35,270 --> 00:42:33,280

i know we're all big fans of them

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00:42:38,390 --> 00:42:35,280

for their payment of one thousand eight

1070

00:42:42,150 --> 00:42:38,400

hundred and twenty three dollars to us

1071

00:42:44,710 --> 00:42:42,160

psychic archaeologist karen hunt

1072

00:42:48,710 --> 00:42:44,720

to use divining rods to detect an

1073

00:42:50,710 --> 00:42:48,720

alleged electromagnetic photo field

1074

00:42:53,349 --> 00:42:50,720

fantastic well deserve the award that

1075

00:42:55,589 --> 00:42:53,359

one i look i could have done that for 15

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00:42:58,950 --> 00:42:55,599

bucks in cab fare

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00:43:01,030 --> 00:42:58,960

in 2000 it went to jasmuhin

1078

00:43:03,190 --> 00:43:01,040

who claimed she could live without food

1079

00:43:06,630 --> 00:43:03,200

and water anyone who's been to uni can

1080

00:43:09,750 --> 00:43:06,640

do that in 2015 and 2020 it was former

1081

00:43:12,630 --> 00:43:09,760

celebrity chef pete evans former

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00:43:15,109 --> 00:43:12,640

celebrity chef pete evans that means

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00:43:17,030 --> 00:43:15,119

he's no longer famous for being a chef

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00:43:18,150 --> 00:43:17,040

he's just famous for

1085

00:43:20,230 --> 00:43:18,160

chefing

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00:43:22,069 --> 00:43:20,240

anyway he won it for just being pete

1087

00:43:24,870 --> 00:43:22,079

evans good on you pete you keep doing

1088

00:43:27,510 --> 00:43:24,880

that we're all right behind you a long

1089

00:43:29,589 --> 00:43:27,520

way behind you also winners over the

1090

00:43:32,069 --> 00:43:29,599

years have been a slew of anti-vaxxers

1091

00:43:33,990 --> 00:43:32,079

quacks and shonks and even a free energy

1092

00:43:36,230 --> 00:43:34,000

machine i could use one of these well i

1093

00:43:38,309 --> 00:43:36,240

have actually got one it's not actually

1094

00:43:41,030 --> 00:43:38,319

just some stuff in the corner in this

1095

00:43:42,950 --> 00:43:41,040

2021 the australian skeptics are looking

1096

00:43:45,829 --> 00:43:42,960

for the next winner

1097

00:43:47,670 --> 00:43:45,839

loser of the bent spoon and that's where

1098

00:43:49,750 --> 00:43:47,680

you come in although not here my door's

1099

00:43:51,750 --> 00:43:49,760

locked come in yes if you live in

1100

00:43:55,430 --> 00:43:51,760

australia send in your nomination for

1101

00:43:58,790 --> 00:43:55,440

the bent spoon 2021 via that link at

1102

00:44:03,349 --> 00:44:00,710

who should you nominate i'm not going to

1103

00:44:05,510 --> 00:44:03,359

say who should you nominate as a skeptic

1104

00:44:08,150 --> 00:44:05,520

say it should be a perpetrator of the

1105

00:44:10,630 --> 00:44:08,160

most preposterous piece of paranormal or

1106

00:44:12,790 --> 00:44:10,640

pseudo scientific piffle that doesn't

1107

00:44:14,390 --> 00:44:12,800

quite work it should be

1108

00:44:17,510 --> 00:44:14,400

the most preposterous piece of

1109

00:44:20,470 --> 00:44:17,520

paranormal or prosciutto to scientific

1110

00:44:22,710 --> 00:44:20,480

people but hurry nominations close soon

1111

00:44:24,230 --> 00:44:22,720

act now get a part in macbeth on hang

1112

00:44:27,109 --> 00:44:24,240

that's a different script but hurry

1113

00:44:29,190 --> 00:44:27,119

nominations close soon hey

1114

00:44:31,910 --> 00:44:29,200

you think the bent spoon's bad wait do

1115

00:44:34,069 --> 00:44:31,920

you see the bent fork oh come on it's a

1116

00:44:36,230 --> 00:44:34,079

pandemic time for another cocktail

1117

00:44:38,710 --> 00:44:36,240

dieter i might use a bendy straw this

1118

00:44:41,349 --> 00:44:38,720

time and not in the cocktail hey deeta

1119

00:44:42,710 --> 00:44:41,359

pass me some of that free energy did you

1120

00:44:47,240 --> 00:44:42,720

know that richard saunders was in the

1121

00:45:00,560 --> 00:44:47,250

movie suite charity no neither did he

1122

00:45:00,570 --> 00:45:05,589

[Music]

1123

00:45:09,750 --> 00:45:07,109

now it's time to look through those

1124

00:45:12,870 --> 00:45:09,760

digital archives of newspapers

1125

00:45:15,829 --> 00:45:12,880

from around the world this week

1126

00:45:19,030 --> 00:45:15,839

but also we're going to be using little

1127

00:45:21,670 --> 00:45:19,040

clips and snippets from videos on

1128

00:45:23,270 --> 00:45:21,680

youtube and the topic

1129

00:45:24,920 --> 00:45:23,280

jack the ripper

1130

00:45:27,589 --> 00:45:24,930

part two

1131

00:45:29,190 --> 00:45:27,599

[Music]

1132

00:45:31,349 --> 00:45:29,200

last week we were looking at older

1133

00:45:33,990 --> 00:45:31,359

reports of jack the ripper and the

1134

00:45:36,870 --> 00:45:34,000

paranormal when it came to one person in

1135

00:45:39,190 --> 00:45:36,880

particular that was robert lees

1136

00:45:41,510 --> 00:45:39,200

who claimed he

1137

00:45:43,670 --> 00:45:41,520

was able to detect the presence of jack

1138

00:45:45,510 --> 00:45:43,680

the ripper on a bus

1139

00:45:47,510 --> 00:45:45,520

and the more i researched mr lee's the

1140

00:45:49,030 --> 00:45:47,520

more i found there's quite a lot of

1141

00:45:51,190 --> 00:45:49,040

references to him

1142

00:45:54,069 --> 00:45:51,200

over a century ago

1143

00:45:57,190 --> 00:45:54,079

but this week i thought we'd come

1144

00:45:58,470 --> 00:45:57,200

forward in time we would look at more

1145

00:46:00,150 --> 00:45:58,480

recent

1146

00:46:02,230 --> 00:46:00,160

bits and pieces regarding jack the

1147

00:46:04,309 --> 00:46:02,240

ripper and i thought youtube might be an

1148

00:46:05,990 --> 00:46:04,319

interesting place to have a look

1149

00:46:07,190 --> 00:46:06,000

jack the ripper and the paranormal of

1150

00:46:10,069 --> 00:46:07,200

course

1151

00:46:12,550 --> 00:46:10,079

and there are many reports stories

1152

00:46:14,630 --> 00:46:12,560

videos on youtube about jack the ripper

1153

00:46:16,069 --> 00:46:14,640

and ghosts and the paranormal psychics

1154

00:46:17,990 --> 00:46:16,079

and things like that

1155

00:46:20,230 --> 00:46:18,000

and i have put together a short

1156

00:46:22,710 --> 00:46:20,240

collection of four to look at

1157

00:46:25,109 --> 00:46:22,720

two of these excerpts involve something

1158

00:46:27,109 --> 00:46:25,119

called a ghost box

1159

00:46:28,950 --> 00:46:27,119

or a spirit box

1160

00:46:30,550 --> 00:46:28,960

now we've covered these things before on

1161

00:46:33,510 --> 00:46:30,560

the skeptic zone over the years i've

1162

00:46:36,069 --> 00:46:33,520

seen one in use myself this is

1163

00:46:37,270 --> 00:46:36,079

more or less it's a hand-held radio

1164

00:46:40,470 --> 00:46:37,280

scanner

1165

00:46:43,349 --> 00:46:40,480

which has been designed to quickly

1166

00:46:45,829 --> 00:46:43,359

shuttle flip between frequencies

1167

00:46:48,870 --> 00:46:45,839

and if it locks onto a broadcast it will

1168

00:46:51,190 --> 00:46:48,880

stay there for a fraction of a second or

1169

00:46:53,270 --> 00:46:51,200

a second and then move on to the next

1170

00:46:55,750 --> 00:46:53,280

frequency and find another

1171

00:46:57,910 --> 00:46:55,760

uh active broadcast

1172

00:47:00,069 --> 00:46:57,920

which can result in

1173

00:47:02,470 --> 00:47:00,079

lots of static of course but every now

1174

00:47:04,390 --> 00:47:02,480

and then fragments or

1175

00:47:07,829 --> 00:47:04,400

whole words

1176  
00:47:10,390 --> 00:47:07,839  
and the adherents the believers think

1177  
00:47:12,950 --> 00:47:10,400  
these words are actually the voices of

1178  
00:47:14,390 --> 00:47:12,960  
spirits using radio

1179  
00:47:17,030 --> 00:47:14,400  
and why not

1180  
00:47:19,190 --> 00:47:17,040  
to send messages to the living

1181  
00:47:21,990 --> 00:47:19,200  
here is an example of one i recorded

1182  
00:47:23,640 --> 00:47:22,000  
myself on a ghost tour some years ago

1183  
00:47:38,950 --> 00:47:23,650  
here in sydney

1184  
00:47:38,960 --> 00:47:42,520  
is everyone okay that we're here

1185  
00:47:48,309 --> 00:47:46,230  
[Laughter]

1186  
00:47:51,330 --> 00:47:48,319  
now according to one website here what

1187  
00:47:53,109 --> 00:47:51,340  
is this one ghoststop.com

1188  
00:47:55,230 --> 00:47:53,119

[Music]

1189

00:47:57,430 --> 00:47:55,240

or is it

1190

00:47:58,790 --> 00:47:57,440

ghoststop.com one or the other they

1191

00:48:02,230 --> 00:47:58,800

present no

1192

00:48:04,230 --> 00:48:02,240

end of ghost hunting equipment including

1193

00:48:06,470 --> 00:48:04,240

ghost boxes

1194

00:48:08,870 --> 00:48:06,480

oh they also have the boo bear

1195

00:48:10,630 --> 00:48:08,880

or the boo buddy which is a a bear with

1196

00:48:12,230 --> 00:48:10,640

a camera in it i think that's a bit

1197

00:48:15,109 --> 00:48:12,240

creepy in itself

1198

00:48:18,470 --> 00:48:15,119

one of their featured items is the s box

1199

00:48:21,349 --> 00:48:18,480

ghost scanner plus recorder the s box

1200

00:48:24,309 --> 00:48:21,359

ghost scanner is a spirit box radio

1201  
00:48:26,069 --> 00:48:24,319  
frequency sweep scanner and recorder for

1202  
00:48:29,510 --> 00:48:26,079  
paranormal research

1203  
00:48:32,069 --> 00:48:29,520  
s box includes many other features to

1204  
00:48:34,950 --> 00:48:32,079  
aid in making your investigations easier

1205  
00:48:36,470 --> 00:48:34,960  
while providing quality evidence

1206  
00:48:39,670 --> 00:48:36,480  
documentation

1207  
00:48:42,309 --> 00:48:39,680  
and it features automatic fm am radio

1208  
00:48:45,750 --> 00:48:42,319  
sweep plus spike detect

1209  
00:48:46,950 --> 00:48:45,760  
recording playback radio sweep and evp

1210  
00:48:49,349 --> 00:48:46,960  
audio

1211  
00:48:52,470 --> 00:48:49,359  
and evp stands for

1212  
00:48:55,589 --> 00:48:52,480  
electronic voice phenomenon

1213  
00:48:58,390 --> 00:48:55,599

adjustable sweep speed control

1214

00:49:00,549 --> 00:48:58,400

rechargeable battery and long life well

1215

00:49:02,950 --> 00:49:00,559

that's good i mean you would hope at

1216

00:49:04,790 --> 00:49:02,960

least the ghosts will be uh would be

1217

00:49:06,309 --> 00:49:04,800

environmentally

1218

00:49:09,030 --> 00:49:06,319

aware

1219

00:49:11,510 --> 00:49:09,040

sd card port for recording

1220

00:49:13,990 --> 00:49:11,520

32 gigabyte maximum

1221

00:49:17,270 --> 00:49:14,000

forward or reverse sweep direction

1222

00:49:18,630 --> 00:49:17,280

loud amplified speaker 10 times power

1223

00:49:20,630 --> 00:49:18,640

and head

1224

00:49:23,109 --> 00:49:20,640

phone port

1225

00:49:24,630 --> 00:49:23,119

backlit display and built-in flashlight

1226  
00:49:25,510 --> 00:49:24,640  
you might scare the ghost with that but

1227  
00:49:27,510 --> 00:49:25,520  
anyway

1228  
00:49:29,270 --> 00:49:27,520  
bluetooth connection for use as a

1229  
00:49:32,390 --> 00:49:29,280  
wireless speaker

1230  
00:49:34,069 --> 00:49:32,400  
s box is a new spirit box built

1231  
00:49:37,030 --> 00:49:34,079  
specifically for paranormal

1232  
00:49:40,069 --> 00:49:37,040  
investigations with features we need

1233  
00:49:41,589 --> 00:49:40,079  
it's a compact and easy to use tool for

1234  
00:49:42,829 --> 00:49:41,599  
communication with

1235  
00:49:46,710 --> 00:49:42,839  
paranormal

1236  
00:49:49,910 --> 00:49:46,720  
entities s box utilizes

1237  
00:49:53,510 --> 00:49:49,920  
radio frequency sweeps to generate white

1238  
00:49:54,470 --> 00:49:53,520

noise from existing fm and am bands

1239

00:49:58,390 --> 00:49:54,480

which

1240

00:50:01,030 --> 00:49:58,400

theory suggests may provide an entity

1241

00:50:03,589 --> 00:50:01,040

the energy they need to be heard

1242

00:50:05,750 --> 00:50:03,599

when this occurs you may hear voices or

1243

00:50:08,950 --> 00:50:05,760

sounds coming through the static

1244

00:50:11,030 --> 00:50:08,960

in their attempt to communicate

1245

00:50:13,750 --> 00:50:11,040

now what skeptics have

1246

00:50:17,589 --> 00:50:13,760

long suspected is really going on here

1247

00:50:20,069 --> 00:50:17,599

is a phenomenon called audio paradolia

1248

00:50:21,829 --> 00:50:20,079

now paradolia is the

1249

00:50:22,790 --> 00:50:21,839

human ability

1250

00:50:25,589 --> 00:50:22,800

to

1251  
00:50:26,870 --> 00:50:25,599  
make sense out of random images

1252  
00:50:30,549 --> 00:50:26,880  
primarily

1253  
00:50:31,990 --> 00:50:30,559  
in other words we can see a face

1254  
00:50:33,190 --> 00:50:32,000  
in a cloud

1255  
00:50:40,150 --> 00:50:33,200  
or

1256  
00:50:42,069 --> 00:50:40,160  
anything else usually these are faces we

1257  
00:50:44,470 --> 00:50:42,079  
can see faces in all sorts of everyday

1258  
00:50:47,109 --> 00:50:44,480  
objects but that's just the way our

1259  
00:50:48,790 --> 00:50:47,119  
brain works well audio paradolia is

1260  
00:50:50,549 --> 00:50:48,800  
somewhat similar

1261  
00:50:52,470 --> 00:50:50,559  
when we can hear

1262  
00:50:55,190 --> 00:50:52,480  
random noises or static or something

1263  
00:50:56,230 --> 00:50:55,200

like that and our brains will

1264

00:50:57,670 --> 00:50:56,240

seek

1265

00:51:00,390 --> 00:50:57,680

patterns

1266

00:51:02,390 --> 00:51:00,400

seek words if possible sometimes you

1267

00:51:04,630 --> 00:51:02,400

hear music where there's no music

1268

00:51:06,950 --> 00:51:04,640

but in the case of the spirit box

1269

00:51:10,630 --> 00:51:06,960

it's putting these fragments of words

1270

00:51:13,190 --> 00:51:10,640

together and imagining that

1271

00:51:14,230 --> 00:51:13,200

they're making some sense somehow or

1272

00:51:16,630 --> 00:51:14,240

saying

1273

00:51:18,630 --> 00:51:16,640

actual sentences but just harking back

1274

00:51:20,470 --> 00:51:18,640

to the visual paradoli one of the

1275

00:51:23,670 --> 00:51:20,480

classic examples of course is the face

1276

00:51:26,069 --> 00:51:23,680

on mars from many years ago

1277

00:51:28,150 --> 00:51:26,079

when the nasa picture of a

1278

00:51:30,549 --> 00:51:28,160

small hill on mars

1279

00:51:32,309 --> 00:51:30,559

convinced many there was a giant face

1280

00:51:35,270 --> 00:51:32,319

carved on the planet

1281

00:51:37,750 --> 00:51:35,280

but i digress getting back to

1282

00:51:39,589 --> 00:51:37,760

spirit boxes and our

1283

00:51:42,549 --> 00:51:39,599

examples from youtube

1284

00:51:46,150 --> 00:51:42,559

our first example comes from

1285

00:51:47,670 --> 00:51:46,160

celebrity ghost chat with roxanne

1286

00:51:50,069 --> 00:51:47,680

and here

1287

00:51:53,430 --> 00:51:50,079

she uses a ghost box to contact the

1288

00:51:59,190 --> 00:51:53,440

spirit of catherine eddows

1289

00:52:08,200 --> 00:52:00,870

kevin you have three children are you

1290

00:52:11,030 --> 00:52:09,670

[Music]

1291

00:52:13,430 --> 00:52:11,040

your parents

1292

00:52:25,030 --> 00:52:13,440

george and kathryn

1293

00:52:29,030 --> 00:52:27,589

catherine can you tell us anything

1294

00:52:30,870 --> 00:52:29,040

can you tell us anything about your

1295

00:52:33,430 --> 00:52:30,880

murderer

1296

00:52:33,440 --> 00:52:39,829

do you know anything about him

1297

00:52:45,109 --> 00:52:41,510

it's interesting to note that also on

1298

00:52:47,670 --> 00:52:45,119

her video before she gets to the uh

1299

00:52:50,390 --> 00:52:47,680

the ghost box or the spirit box

1300

00:52:52,950 --> 00:52:50,400

she says that no negative comments or

1301  
00:52:54,950 --> 00:52:52,960  
skeptics or trolls will be tolerated oh

1302  
00:52:57,430 --> 00:52:54,960  
well

1303  
00:53:00,069 --> 00:52:57,440  
our next clip comes from

1304  
00:53:02,870 --> 00:53:00,079  
a show looks like a pilot possibly for a

1305  
00:53:03,910 --> 00:53:02,880  
tv show i'm not sure called contact

1306  
00:53:07,430 --> 00:53:03,920  
killer

1307  
00:53:09,270 --> 00:53:07,440  
rapid response team and this appears to

1308  
00:53:11,270 --> 00:53:09,280  
be something from the sci-fi channel

1309  
00:53:13,430 --> 00:53:11,280  
from 2016.

1310  
00:53:15,349 --> 00:53:13,440  
and this shows a group of young people

1311  
00:53:18,069 --> 00:53:15,359  
running around in the dark

1312  
00:53:19,990 --> 00:53:18,079  
with the infrared light of course which

1313  
00:53:21,109 --> 00:53:20,000

turns out to be green when you see it on

1314

00:53:23,030 --> 00:53:21,119

the screen

1315

00:53:24,230 --> 00:53:23,040

and they are talking to

1316

00:53:26,230 --> 00:53:24,240

the air

1317

00:53:29,109 --> 00:53:26,240

but looking at a little

1318

00:53:30,790 --> 00:53:29,119

like a little uh electric meter on the

1319

00:53:34,549 --> 00:53:30,800

floor with a little dial that sort of

1320

00:53:43,750 --> 00:53:38,230

annie is the person who murdered you

1321

00:53:48,120 --> 00:53:46,309

what happened annie

1322

00:53:49,510 --> 00:53:48,130

come talk to me for a little bit

1323

00:53:51,829 --> 00:53:49,520

[Music]

1324

00:53:54,549 --> 00:53:51,839

if you could come as close as possible

1325

00:53:56,470 --> 00:53:54,559

into this device on the ground and

1326  
00:53:59,990 --> 00:53:56,480  
let me know you're here

1327  
00:54:03,980 --> 00:54:01,190  
whoa

1328  
00:54:05,829 --> 00:54:03,990  
is that you annie

1329  
00:54:08,069 --> 00:54:05,839  
[Music]

1330  
00:54:09,589 --> 00:54:08,079  
now this clip was filmed of course in

1331  
00:54:11,270 --> 00:54:09,599  
the dark and again i ask the question

1332  
00:54:13,270 --> 00:54:11,280  
why don't they just film it

1333  
00:54:15,030 --> 00:54:13,280  
in broad daylight or at least with good

1334  
00:54:16,150 --> 00:54:15,040  
lights so they can see what they're

1335  
00:54:17,670 --> 00:54:16,160  
doing

1336  
00:54:19,349 --> 00:54:17,680  
the answer is of course that doesn't

1337  
00:54:23,109 --> 00:54:19,359  
make for good tv

1338  
00:54:25,349 --> 00:54:23,119

and what the tv want are

1339

00:54:28,069 --> 00:54:25,359

creepy situations

1340

00:54:29,829 --> 00:54:28,079

next we have the psychic examiners from

1341

00:54:30,710 --> 00:54:29,839

2019

1342

00:54:33,990 --> 00:54:30,720

and

1343

00:54:36,230 --> 00:54:34,000

i can see this video hasn't exactly had

1344

00:54:38,309 --> 00:54:36,240

many views

1345

00:54:41,030 --> 00:54:38,319

i get a very strong sense that he really

1346

00:54:42,950 --> 00:54:41,040

does like to play with his victims

1347

00:54:45,990 --> 00:54:42,960

his breath is warm and it's coming out

1348

00:54:48,309 --> 00:54:46,000

in puffs of mist

1349

00:54:51,349 --> 00:54:48,319

he appears to be clean-shaven except for

1350

00:54:53,829 --> 00:54:51,359

possibly a mustache

1351  
00:54:56,309 --> 00:54:53,839  
and his hair appears dark

1352  
00:54:58,470 --> 00:54:56,319  
now i'm trying to get a feel

1353  
00:55:01,109 --> 00:54:58,480  
for his skin tone

1354  
00:55:03,030 --> 00:55:01,119  
and i want to say it's light colored i

1355  
00:55:05,270 --> 00:55:03,040  
want to say it's white

1356  
00:55:07,670 --> 00:55:05,280  
but not distinctly

1357  
00:55:08,710 --> 00:55:07,680  
i would say a lighter color

1358  
00:55:12,630 --> 00:55:08,720  
um

1359  
00:55:14,470 --> 00:55:12,640  
is faded

1360  
00:55:21,030 --> 00:55:14,480  
or

1361  
00:55:23,109 --> 00:55:21,040  
he has on a dark coat and a dark hat

1362  
00:55:25,589 --> 00:55:23,119  
which is covering most of the top of his

1363  
00:55:28,150 --> 00:55:25,599

face because his face appears to me in a

1364

00:55:29,510 --> 00:55:28,160

shadow except for the bottom half

1365

00:55:31,589 --> 00:55:29,520

his hands

1366

00:55:32,789 --> 00:55:31,599

look immaculate like his nails are

1367

00:55:37,829 --> 00:55:32,799

trimmed

1368

00:55:41,990 --> 00:55:39,190

and finally

1369

00:55:43,589 --> 00:55:42,000

slightly unusually we have contacting

1370

00:55:45,990 --> 00:55:43,599

the ripper's ghost

1371

00:55:47,589 --> 00:55:46,000

haunted places in

1372

00:55:52,390 --> 00:55:47,599

melbourne

1373

00:55:54,549 --> 00:55:52,400

probably in the darkest creepiest part

1374

00:55:56,710 --> 00:55:54,559

of this alley and we're going to try and

1375

00:55:58,710 --> 00:55:56,720

reach out to the resident ghost here who

1376

00:56:01,430 --> 00:55:58,720

is believed to be frederick bailey

1377

00:56:03,430 --> 00:56:01,440

deming jack the ripper suspect

1378

00:56:05,349 --> 00:56:03,440

and i'm going to be using my spirit box

1379

00:56:07,510 --> 00:56:05,359

i'm not sure we'll get any responses but

1380

00:56:09,030 --> 00:56:07,520

i mean it's worth trying we're here and

1381

00:56:11,510 --> 00:56:09,040

this place has an interesting dark

1382

00:56:13,670 --> 00:56:11,520

history and quite a few ghost sightings

1383

00:56:16,150 --> 00:56:13,680

so definitely worth trying

1384

00:56:20,150 --> 00:56:16,160

hi my name is amy i'm looking to talk to

1385

00:56:27,990 --> 00:56:20,160

anyone who might exist in this alleyway

1386

00:56:34,309 --> 00:56:29,670

frederick are you around can you come

1387

00:56:34,319 --> 00:56:38,450

why are you in this alley

1388

00:56:38,460 --> 00:56:42,309

[Applause]

1389

00:56:42,319 --> 00:56:53,190

why did you come to melbourne

1390

00:56:59,109 --> 00:56:56,470

so once again the spirit box was in use

1391

00:57:01,990 --> 00:56:59,119

and uh yeah well who knows maybe the

1392

00:57:03,270 --> 00:57:02,000

ghost of jack the ripper took a trip to

1393

00:57:05,109 --> 00:57:03,280

melbourne

1394

00:57:10,840 --> 00:57:05,119

but that's enough from youtube let's now

1395

00:57:16,390 --> 00:57:14,069

[Music]

1396

00:57:18,549 --> 00:57:16,400

and that brings us to

1397

00:57:20,630 --> 00:57:18,559

the newspaper clipping for this segment

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00:57:23,990 --> 00:57:20,640

and this comes to us from the

1399

00:57:25,109 --> 00:57:24,000

amarillo globe news the travel section

1400

00:57:27,670 --> 00:57:25,119

dated

1401  
00:57:29,990 --> 00:57:27,680  
sunday the 19th of november

1402  
00:57:32,230 --> 00:57:30,000  
2006

1403  
00:57:33,510 --> 00:57:32,240  
a chilling london tour

1404  
00:57:35,190 --> 00:57:33,520  
hangout

1405  
00:57:37,190 --> 00:57:35,200  
with jack the ripper

1406  
00:57:44,630 --> 00:57:37,200  
by rosemary mcclure

1407  
00:57:51,030 --> 00:57:48,950  
london the cobble stoned street is dark

1408  
00:57:53,109 --> 00:57:51,040  
and slick from rain

1409  
00:57:55,829 --> 00:57:53,119  
the clouds are heavy and low

1410  
00:57:56,630 --> 00:57:55,839  
but the light spills from the ten bells

1411  
00:57:59,589 --> 00:57:56,640  
pub

1412  
00:58:01,910 --> 00:57:59,599  
inside lagers and ales are poured and a

1413  
00:58:04,789 --> 00:58:01,920

dozen patrons are drinking laughing and

1414

00:58:06,789 --> 00:58:04,799

lounging at the dark wood bar

1415

00:58:09,510 --> 00:58:06,799

more than a hundred years ago during

1416

00:58:10,630 --> 00:58:09,520

what came to be known as the autumn of

1417

00:58:13,270 --> 00:58:10,640

terror

1418

00:58:16,549 --> 00:58:13,280

serial killer jack the ripper stalked

1419

00:58:19,030 --> 00:58:16,559

this small pub in london's east end

1420

00:58:20,710 --> 00:58:19,040

two of his victims were thought to have

1421

00:58:23,589 --> 00:58:20,720

walked out its door

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00:58:25,589 --> 00:58:23,599

today the pub has become the centerpiece

1423

00:58:28,710 --> 00:58:25,599

of one of london's most popular walking

1424

00:58:30,630 --> 00:58:28,720

tours the jack the ripper walk i've

1425

00:58:33,030 --> 00:58:30,640

tried to figure out why the two are so

1426

00:58:35,430 --> 00:58:33,040

popular said author and guide richard

1427

00:58:38,230 --> 00:58:35,440

jones who leads nightly walk through the

1428

00:58:39,670 --> 00:58:38,240

area where the 19th century ripper

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00:58:42,069 --> 00:58:39,680

murders occurred

1430

00:58:44,630 --> 00:58:42,079

it's a very sordid story five women

1431

00:58:46,630 --> 00:58:44,640

brutally murdered jones said you know

1432

00:58:49,510 --> 00:58:46,640

what's really strange the majority of

1433

00:58:51,510 --> 00:58:49,520

people who take the tour are women

1434

00:58:53,750 --> 00:58:51,520

jack the ripper's gruesome offenses

1435

00:58:57,349 --> 00:58:53,760

would qualify him for membership in any

1436

00:58:59,510 --> 00:58:57,359

hall of infamy even in london a city

1437

00:59:02,630 --> 00:58:59,520

with more than its share of grisly

1438

00:59:05,270 --> 00:59:02,640

crimes and haunted locations with its

1439

00:59:07,270 --> 00:59:05,280

long history of murder mayhem and

1440

00:59:09,430 --> 00:59:07,280

macabre incidents

1441

00:59:11,990 --> 00:59:09,440

london has the daunting distinction of

1442

00:59:13,109 --> 00:59:12,000

being the most haunted capital city in

1443

00:59:15,990 --> 00:59:13,119

the world

1444

00:59:18,789 --> 00:59:16,000

i explored the city's sinister streets

1445

00:59:20,309 --> 00:59:18,799

one night last spring on a haunted

1446

00:59:23,190 --> 00:59:20,319

london tour

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00:59:25,829 --> 00:59:23,200

with london's dark narrow streets and

1448

00:59:27,670 --> 00:59:25,839

ancient alleyways as a backdrop it

1449

00:59:30,470 --> 00:59:27,680

didn't take much imagination to hear

1450

00:59:33,349 --> 00:59:30,480

ghosts wailing in the wind see headless

1451  
00:59:35,990 --> 00:59:33,359  
soldiers in the shadows and feel a chill

1452  
00:59:38,630 --> 00:59:36,000  
down my spine when i heard tales of

1453  
00:59:39,990 --> 00:59:38,640  
haunted palaces theaters prisons and

1454  
00:59:42,950 --> 00:59:40,000  
cathedrals

1455  
00:59:45,910 --> 00:59:42,960  
the tour piqued my interest in the

1456  
00:59:47,109 --> 00:59:45,920  
city's colorful history so i made a few

1457  
00:59:51,190 --> 00:59:47,119  
calls

1458  
00:59:53,829 --> 00:59:51,200  
london has its share of skeptics

1459  
00:59:56,510 --> 00:59:53,839  
who appear on tv and lecture circuit

1460  
00:59:59,030 --> 00:59:56,520  
debunking paranormal activity and

1461  
01:00:00,950 --> 00:59:59,040  
disparaging those who believe in ghosts

1462  
01:00:01,829 --> 01:00:00,960  
goblins and things that go bump in the

1463  
01:00:04,630 --> 01:00:01,839

night

1464

01:00:07,430 --> 01:00:04,640

but for every skeptic there's a true

1465

01:00:10,150 --> 01:00:07,440

believer and such organizations as the

1466

01:00:13,109 --> 01:00:10,160

institute of paranormal research

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01:00:16,230 --> 01:00:13,119

help further the stories the institute

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01:00:20,069 --> 01:00:16,240

in london investigates ufos occult

1469

01:00:23,270 --> 01:00:20,079

activity and ghosts throughout britain

1470

01:00:24,230 --> 01:00:23,280

jones who has written 11 guidebooks his

1471

01:00:26,230 --> 01:00:24,240

latest

1472

01:00:29,829 --> 01:00:26,240

the jack the ripper tour will be

1473

01:00:31,349 --> 01:00:29,839

published next year is popular on the tv

1474

01:00:34,390 --> 01:00:31,359

lecture circuit too

1475

01:00:37,750 --> 01:00:34,400

jack the ripper bought my house he said

1476

01:00:40,230 --> 01:00:37,760

he guides tours five nights a week

1477

01:00:42,870 --> 01:00:40,240

introducing thousands to the sordid

1478

01:00:45,750 --> 01:00:42,880

crimes of jack the ripper it's hugely

1479

01:00:48,069 --> 01:00:45,760

competitive jones said more than a

1480

01:00:50,870 --> 01:00:48,079

million people take the tours each year

1481

01:00:54,309 --> 01:00:50,880

on any one night you can count 20 to 30

1482

01:00:56,870 --> 01:00:54,319

groups going out on one tour we started

1483

01:00:58,950 --> 01:00:56,880

at dusk in suffolk across the thames

1484

01:01:01,750 --> 01:00:58,960

river from the city of london

1485

01:01:04,549 --> 01:01:01,760

the area boasts the resurrected

1486

01:01:06,630 --> 01:01:04,559

shakespeare globe theater which opened

1487

01:01:08,549 --> 01:01:06,640

in 1997

1488

01:01:12,230 --> 01:01:08,559

but for the most part the streets and

1489

01:01:13,910 --> 01:01:12,240

buildings are old historic and creepy

1490

01:01:16,150 --> 01:01:13,920

especially at night

1491

01:01:17,430 --> 01:01:16,160

at clink street walked beneath the model

1492

01:01:19,829 --> 01:01:17,440

of a gibbet

1493

01:01:22,069 --> 01:01:19,839

and a decomposing body

1494

01:01:24,470 --> 01:01:22,079

unfamiliar with gibbets

1495

01:01:26,710 --> 01:01:24,480

it's a gallows with a crossbeam

1496

01:01:30,390 --> 01:01:26,720

criminals were hung from it in chains

1497

01:01:33,349 --> 01:01:30,400

and their bodies were left to decompose

1498

01:01:35,990 --> 01:01:33,359

our final stop was in the east end site

1499

01:01:39,270 --> 01:01:36,000

of the rippers five murders some of the

1500

01:01:41,109 --> 01:01:39,280

women haunt the area our guide said

1501  
01:01:43,430 --> 01:01:41,119  
i wondered why jack the ripper's crimes

1502  
01:01:44,870 --> 01:01:43,440  
had become so well known

1503  
01:01:47,270 --> 01:01:44,880  
jones theory

1504  
01:01:49,430 --> 01:01:47,280  
jack the ripper was the first mass media

1505  
01:01:51,510 --> 01:01:49,440  
killer his murders were reported by

1506  
01:01:54,549 --> 01:01:51,520  
newspapers around the world

1507  
01:01:56,230 --> 01:01:54,559  
for 10 weeks in 1888

1508  
01:01:59,380 --> 01:01:56,240  
terror reigned

1509  
01:02:04,470 --> 01:01:59,390  
wrought by the knife of jack the ripper

1510  
01:02:09,910 --> 01:02:08,069  
so there was a more recent uh

1511  
01:02:12,710 --> 01:02:09,920  
example of jack the ripper and the

1512  
01:02:13,910 --> 01:02:12,720  
paranormal reported in the newspapers

1513  
01:02:16,470 --> 01:02:13,920

this time

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01:02:19,190 --> 01:02:16,480

from the usa

1515

01:02:22,870 --> 01:02:19,200

maybe one day when this pandemic is over

1516

01:02:25,190 --> 01:02:22,880

i too can join a walking tour of london

1517

01:02:27,029 --> 01:02:25,200

and search for the ghosts of the victims

1518

01:02:29,109 --> 01:02:27,039

of jack the ripper

1519

01:02:30,470 --> 01:02:29,119

maybe i won't be using a spirit box they

1520

01:02:32,150 --> 01:02:30,480

tend to be a little bit noisy and

1521

01:02:34,549 --> 01:02:32,160

distracting i think

1522

01:02:38,230 --> 01:02:34,559

but no matter where you are in the world

1523

01:02:40,789 --> 01:02:38,240

you can dive into your local archives of

1524

01:02:41,990 --> 01:02:40,799

newspapers and information

1525

01:02:44,150 --> 01:02:42,000

digitally

1526

01:02:46,950 --> 01:02:44,160

stored online for your

1527

01:02:48,630 --> 01:02:46,960

research and entertainment

1528

01:02:52,190 --> 01:02:48,640

and don't forget you can always use the

1529

01:02:56,430 --> 01:02:52,200

australian one at trove

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01:03:12,950 --> 01:02:56,440

trove.nla.gov dot a u

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01:03:16,150 --> 01:03:14,549

thank you for listening to the skeptic

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01:03:17,990 --> 01:03:16,160

zone and thank you to all my special

1533

01:03:19,510 --> 01:03:18,000

guests this week in fact

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01:03:22,230 --> 01:03:19,520

all the people who appeared on the show

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01:03:24,710 --> 01:03:22,240

pasquale and michelle and the gang from

1536

01:03:26,470 --> 01:03:24,720

the great australian prediction project

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01:03:28,470 --> 01:03:26,480

next week on the show we have a special

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01:03:29,510 --> 01:03:28,480

report by our reporter adrian hill in

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01:03:31,990 --> 01:03:29,520

canada

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01:03:35,190 --> 01:03:32,000

about a woo shop

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01:03:37,990 --> 01:03:35,200

in the tourist spot of jasper jasper

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01:03:39,270 --> 01:03:38,000

famous for its mountainous views

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01:03:41,430 --> 01:03:39,280

in fact

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01:03:43,270 --> 01:03:41,440

i was in jasper

1545

01:03:45,349 --> 01:03:43,280

over 50 years ago

1546

01:03:47,190 --> 01:03:45,359

i'm told it's very beautiful but i

1547

01:03:49,029 --> 01:03:47,200

really don't remember

1548

01:03:52,630 --> 01:03:49,039

and hello to all the people listening in

1549

01:03:53,990 --> 01:03:52,640

canada one day i will return yes i will

1550

01:03:55,270 --> 01:03:54,000

return

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01:03:57,029 --> 01:03:55,280

one day

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01:03:59,270 --> 01:03:57,039

thank you to those people in canada and

1553

01:04:02,109 --> 01:03:59,280

everywhere else who continue to support

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01:04:03,670 --> 01:04:02,119

the skeptic zone by visiting

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your weekly contributions means the show

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01:04:13,990 --> 01:04:12,400

keeps going and this has been the case

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01:04:16,870 --> 01:04:14,000

for many years now

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01:04:18,870 --> 01:04:16,880

if it wasn't for you lovely people

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01:04:21,750 --> 01:04:18,880

in canada and everywhere else then there

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01:04:23,829 --> 01:04:21,760

would be no skeptic zone

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01:04:25,589 --> 01:04:23,839

but for this week this is richard

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01:04:28,069 --> 01:04:25,599

saunders signing off

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01:04:33,670 --> 01:04:28,079

from the never ending lockdown

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01:04:36,950 --> 01:04:35,510

you've been listening to the skeptic

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the back catalogue of episodes going

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01:04:51,270 --> 01:04:49,359

back to 2008.

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views and opinions expressed on the

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