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A WORLD FOREVER CHANGED

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A crisis on the scale of COVID-19 permeates all aspects of society, for better or worse, across political, economic, and social environments.

A global, novel virus that keeps us contained in our homes—maybe for years—is already reorienting our relationship to government, to the outside world, even to each other. There are changes coming. Will borders stay closed? Will touch become taboo? What will become of churches? Will Religious worship look different?

There is no question in my mind that our lives have changed since COVID-19 was unleashed on the world stage. The Coronavirus will change the world permanently. Here's how. The areas where the greatest impacts will become evident include, for starters, the Economy & Markets, then Education, Race Relations, Entertainment, Technology, Environment, Sports, Diplomacy, Work, Politics (elections) and for us as Christians, religion and the church which is where I wish to delve deeper.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the religious landscape in Australia had already been undergoing considerable changes. Mainstream Christianity has been on the decline. Increasing Australians, and especially our youth, identify as spiritual but not religious and/or religiously non-affiliated atheists, agnostics or what has become known as the "nones" (Pew Research Center 2019).

The COVID-19 epidemic will likely, if not already, exacerbate these changes, making it unlikely that some older people, who typically attend church, to continue to do so. Instead, many regular churchgoers are already turning to watch services online or on TV. Such changes will inevitably lead



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some people to realise they can practice their religion in other ways, through small virtual or in-person groups or simply by watching services virtually. Welcome to the world of the 'hybrid' church.

This will, and already has, most likely deepen the reluctance in 'giving' for many congregations with some denominations having experienced diminishing contributions from congregants for decades. The prognosis must be that some churches will go under, others will merge, whilst some will continue on a part-time or limited basis. Just as the anxieties of the past have led many to search for greater meaning in their lives, the pandemic has at least made it easier for people to explore their spirituality, with the move to online religious worship.

As churches have long been a social cornerstone of Australian society, and important source of community support and aid, it is my hope that as the religious and spiritual landscape reconfigures in a society more reliant on digital technologies and focused on individual spiritual development, that we do not forget the importance of collectively working to better our communities and sharing resources with those in need. May I quote one of my favourite verses – "Let us not stop meeting together..." Heb 10:25

Why am I so glum? Under COVID with its growing mutations, even going to the grocery store requires a battle plan: What to wear? When to go? How to safely retreat? Fear, confusion, and upheaval have led to a hunger for news. Research shows that news consumption globally rose 36 percent under COVID.

Journalists are accustomed to reporting in extraordinary times, but COVID-19 is a singular moment in our lifetime. We have seen the virus batter our hospitals, ravage our nursing homes, and lay bare racial disparities long ignored. There are countless important stories to tell, as we face job losses, financial pressures, and increased hostilities, including those

that persecute the church for opening its doors whilst sports, major events, and pubs are free to operate uninhibited.

The media is part of the transformation of Australia is undergoing. The media will also need to address the lack of true diversity in its ranks. The media today is predominantly *pro-death*, *anti-Christian*, and *conservative averse*. Amongst journalists, it is de rigueur to persecute anyone with a Christian worldview as evidenced by my own experience at FamilyVoice where we advocate for family, freedom, and faith.

As Christians we are fond of saying and emphasising the triumph of hope and life over fear. But how do people of faith observe one of the holiest days of the year if they cannot rejoice together on Christmas morning? I know of one Anglican church near me that is closing its doors on Christmas day – do you believe this?

How do Jews celebrate their deliverance from bondage when Passover Seders must take place on Zoom, with the elderly left to wonder why internet connection froze? Can Muslim families celebrate Ramadan if they cannot visit local mosques for Tarawih prayers or gather with loved ones to break the fast?

All faiths have dealt with the challenge of keeping faith alive under the adverse conditions of war, diaspora, or persecution—but never all faiths at the same time. Religion in the time of quarantine will challenge conceptions of what it means to minister and to fellowship. But it will also expand the opportunities for those who have no local congregation to sample sermons from afar.

There is no argument that the pandemic has altered the way many people come together to worship, and according to some church leaders, that change is here to stay. For me, as a novice social researcher, the practice of our faith under COVID will be forced to become more private, less community, less socially focussed, but more challenging. The major causes of the protestant reformation include that of political, economic, social, and religious background. Will there be a need for a 'Reformation' in the way the church functions post-COVID? I suspect so. *Soli Deo gloria.*

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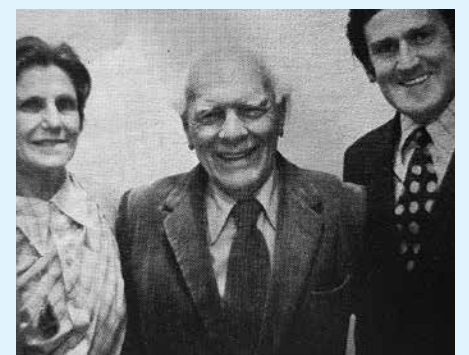
Back in Parliament after lockdown



Rev. Nile interviewed on Channel 7 about Zoe's Law



Serving the NSW Parliament for 40 years - Rev. Fred Nile addressing pro-marriage rally outside Federal Parliament Canberra, 1974 - Opposing Murphy's easy divorce law



50 Years since the first 'Festival of Light' - Malcolm Muggeridge with wife Kitty and Rev. Nile

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The Year in Review

2021 has proven to be a year of unprecedented events. Longer periods of lockdown than even in 2020 due to the delta variant, mass mandatory vaccinations, people were made to feel more isolated and fearful than ever before. This president's report I'll reflect back over the year gone past and look at the highs and lows that shaped it. We have overcome many struggles and now is the time to plan for a more promising 2022. I have placed a number of bills forward that will be debated in the NSW Parliament in the New Year with the objective of keeping peoples liberties intact and maintaining a safe and prosperous economy.

JANUARY

1. 2021 New CDP Board Members

January kicked off with great promise as CDP announced its board members. As founder of the Christian Democratic Party it was a privilege once again to be elected to the position of State President. The other elected members were; Silvana Nile as State Deputy President, Mark Moody Basedow as State Prayer Convenor, Melody Ho as Youth Co-ordinator, Rev. Julie Collins as North Regional Country Representative, Pam Wise as Fundraising Officer, Edward Royal as State Treasurer, Tom Harris as State Secretary, Peter Arena as State Policy Officer, Lynda McGregor as State Membership Officer and Narelle Storey as South Regional Country Representative.



CDP Board Members

FEBRUARY

2. The Jewish Community Law Service

On 10th February 2021, I attended The Jewish Community Law Service at The Great Synagogue in Sydney.

This service has been conducted for over sixty years and takes place in the presence of the Chief Justice of New South Wales and State and Federal Judiciary. It marks the beginning of the legal year and is the Jewish community's tribute to the men and women who ensure that we are all governed by law, fairness and justice.

This year was visibly different as everyone wore masks as it was conducted in a Covid-safe way, in keeping with all Government advice and guidance. The turbulence of 2020 were also reflected in the opening remarks of The Hon. T F Bathurst AC Chief Justice of NSW: "It will be no surprise to anyone here when I say that the past year has been challenging, for our society, our communities and, of course, for our courts and the profession. We have all had to make many changes, to adapt our practice and to become more flexible than ever before. Meetings at places of worship became live-streamed services, video messages and online resources accessible from home when health demands required doors to be shut. Much of our justice system also transitioned into virtual courts or home offices."

MARCH

3. The Australian Population are showing growing concern of the COVID-19 Vaccines

Using data from the Melbourne Institute's fortnightly Taking the Pulse of the Nation (TTPN) survey, we have found that the willingness of Australians to get vaccinated has declined substantially from four months ago across all population subgroups.

The percentage of Australians willing to be vaccinated fell from 74.4 per cent in October 2020 to 66.2 per cent in February 2021, a drop of 8.2 percentage points.

This includes those who say they don't want to be vaccinated (vaccine refusers), the proportion of whom has increased from 12 per cent in October 2020 to 19.4 per cent in early February 2021. It also includes those who report being unsure (vaccine hesitancy), the proportion of whom increased from 13.6 per cent to 14.4 per cent.

APRIL

4. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP's Easter Message

On Good Friday, two thousand years ago, a young Jew named

Jesus was executed.

He had a growing following, and the authorities feared unrest, sedition, heresy.

Crucifixion was for the lowest of the low. With his death the 'Jesus movement' would end.

It didn't! The tomb was empty but our hearts have been full ever since.

An Easter people proclaims an empty tomb and a new beginning.

That message is for everyone. However you've messed up, wherever your relationships have gone wrong, whatever your present struggles, a new start is possible.

Easter is about hope, a hope that conquers even the grave. Chicks can break out of their eggs. Our chocolate eggs are symbols of possibility and promise.

Twelve months ago, just before Holy Week, we went into lockdown. The movement and the message were silenced once more. The tomb was tight shut again, only this time with us inside.

But the Easter paradox prevailed. A year later, we're free to worship again.

The egg has cracked, the walls been torn down, new life emerges.

After the Year of COVID we need a Year of Recovery. So we run to the empty tomb for new life, hope, promise.

We are an Easter people, we will rise again.

God bless you, Happy Easter!

Archbishop Anthony Fisher



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MAY

5. Mother's Day

May issue of Family World News celebrated Mother's Day as we give thanks to all our Mothers

My Mother in the centre, surrounded by my father, myself, brother and two sisters

This Mother's Day issue would not be complete without including a photograph of my mother, she stands in the centre of the image surrounded by my father, myself, brother and two sisters. She was the centre and strength of our family. Her unconditional love was the glue that held our family together.

I have also included a



photograph of my late wife Elaine who rightfully stands in the foreground of the photo surrounded by her loving family. Like my mother she was the anchor in our family who grounded us and gave us a sense of belonging. Elaine left an indelible impression on all our lives.

Finally a photograph of our first born Stephen, pictured with myself and Elaine. He gave us our first experiences in parenting and prepared us as to how to raise our further three children.



6. Rev. Nile Honoured for Raising Awareness of Greek Genocide

I was asked to speak at the commemoration of the Greek Genocide in May.

I was also given an award for my work in successfully having a motion



passed in the

NSW Parliament recognising the atrocity committed by the Ottoman Turks against the Greeks,

Armenian & Assyrian Christians during and after World War I.

The Federal Parliament is yet to take such action and the Joint Justice Initiative renewed its calls tonight. The event was also addressed by His Eminence, Archbishop of Australia Makarios.

More than 350,000 Greeks along with one million Armenians and Assyrians were killed in a systematic slaughter of men women and children. The Turkish Government, which succeeded the Ottomans, to this day refuses to acknowledge the genocide.

7. Honouring the death of Prince Phillip, The Duke of Edinburgh



I will always remember when Elaine and I met the Duke of Edinburgh on his visit to the NSW Parliament House in 1992. I have also included a lovely photograph of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh when they celebrated his 99th Birthday on the 10th June 2020 at Windsor Castle. This would be his final birthday celebration. Also included is a photo of him waving as if he is farewelling us for one last time.

We need to remember Queen Elizabeth in our prayers as she is now left alone after the passing of the longest-serving prince consort in British history, the Duke of Edinburgh.

8. World Falun Dafa Day

On 13th May 2021 I attended the World Falun Dafa Day celebrations in Sydney. Christians and Falun Dafa practitioners share the virtuous principles of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance.

Falun Dafa practitioners helped shed light on communism's destructive nature through peaceful decades-long resists against the eradication campaign from the Chinese Communist Party and its human rights abuses.



JUNE

9. Rev Nile strongly opposed to cemetery merger Stands with Catholic Cemeteries Crematoria

The Christian Democratic Party commends Sydney's Catholic leaders in taking legal against the State Government over the recent decision to dismiss the Catholic Cemeteries Crematoria Trust (CMCT).

In a letter to the NSW State Government I signalled my opposition to the current plans to merge all NSW cemeteries a single State-Owned corporation, OneCrown. This action results in the effective dismissal of the CMCT who have been an extremely effective, efficient and respected industry operator for over 150 years. Rev Nile has stated 'CMCT has the experience and the history of respecting and aiding multi-faith communities with their funeral rites commending their loved ones to God'.

OneCrown, as a State-Owned corporation would not be entitled to the same Not-for-profit tax benefits that current operators utilize nor would it be eligible for a Perpetual Care Fund. Data obtained from the comprehensive 11th Hour Report has shown that funeral costs may rise up to \$9000 Rev Nile has stated "the massive increase in operating costs as a result of foregoing charitable status will be passed on to NSW taxpayers Ultimately the taxpayers of New South Wales are the losers of the current path who will have to bear the brunt of higher costs while mourning their loved ones.

The State Government has provided numerous assurances to multi-faith leaders that they would be a part of the future solution for NSW cemeteries, why now is the Government breaking their assurances? Rev Nile further states that 'it is strange that a Coalition Government seeks to expand the role of government in matters of faith rather than respect existing operators in such a sensitive and important industry'.

10. NSW Government backs experimental gender treatment of children

The Christian Democratic Party is working on a bill, modelled on

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similar laws passed in the United States, that would ban treatments on children that lead to chemical and surgical castration of them.

The CDP believes children who think they might have been born in the wrong body should be given love and support, not chemicals or surgery which can have life-long effects.

The Health Minister's full answer to my question are as follows:

HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—CHILDREN GENDER DYSPHORIA—Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Is the Minister aware that Stockholm's Astrid Lindgren Children's hospital in Sweden is ceasing the routine treatment of gender dysphoric children with puberty blocking drugs and cross sex hormones due to infertility and cancer concerns?

(2) Is the Minister aware that last week Australian gender clinicians from Westmead Hospital criticised the medicalisation of children's gender dysphoria?

(3) In both cases the Health Minister was asked by the media for a response to these developments and declined to comment. 5492 Legislative Council Questions and Answers No. 511—Wednesday 2 June 2021

(a) Why is the New South Wales government not speaking to the media about this important issue of child well-being?

Answer— (1-3)

I am aware of the matters being raised by the Member. Treatment and care of children and adolescents with gender dysphoria is a complex issue which must always be handled with the greatest level of care and sensitivity. NSW Health supports practice that is consistent with advice from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) on care and treatment for children and adolescents with gender dysphoria. This care should be based on evidence and advice from medical and other health professionals with specific expertise, in consultation with the affected child or adolescent and their family.

11. The beginning of Greater Sydney lockdown

On June 25 The Greater Sydney lockdown including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong went into lockdown due to the new delta variant. The lockdowns did not lift in the LGA's of concern in Sydney till 11th October 2021

What started off with an initial lockdown of 2 weeks but on July 14 Premier Berejiklian stated "We need to extend the lockdown at least a further two weeks, from Friday the 16th to Friday the 30th with the current settings. That includes home learning, however we will obviously assess the situation at the end of those two weeks."

As the lockdown period extended so did the growth of the areas of concern and the reasons to leave your home became very limited.

Below are a list of reasonable excuses to leave home:

1. Obtain food or other goods and services (for your household or for vulnerable people)
2. Travel for work or education if it is not possible to do it at home (further restrictions now apply to residence living in Fairfield LGA or Sydneysiders working outside Greater Sydney area)
3. Exercise and take outdoor recreation in Greater Sydney.
4. Go out for medical or caring reasons.

JULY

12. Donegan family's baby to be recognised with Zoe's Law

I welcome media reporting last night that grieving mother Brodie Donegan's wish for her 32 week (8 months old) unborn baby's life to be recognised is to be realised. After years of debate, lobbying and other efforts by myself, the Christian Democratic Party and many others, the Government is now reportedly adopting the core component of my bill Zoe's Law in their own legislation Offences Against Pregnant Women.

Please find the links below reporting this welcome news in which Rev Nile makes a statement on Channel 7 News.

13. Christianity an 'optional extra'? Rev. Nile's submission to ACARA

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority has recently unveiled their proposed curriculum for Australian school students. While this is in the draft stages only the current trajectory leaves much to be desired. You can review the proposed changes on the below link:

ACARA – Proposed curriculum

In the proposed curriculum you will find that Christianity has in essence been 'cancelled' by becoming an optional extra and not a mandatory subject of history. I am opposed to the diminished role of our Christian faith in Australian education.

I wrote a submission to ACARA to voice our concerns.



14. Sign the Petition to stop the ABC sexualising children

July saw the CDP garner thousands of signatures for a petition asking the ABC to stop sexualising children and indoctrinating them into gender fluid ideology.

Drag queens are sexualised, gender ambiguous adult entertainers, they are not for children.

<https://bit.ly/35YIFjp>



15. The Good Society & Government Complacency

Where is the moral leadership in our nation? The failure of Australian political leadership has resulted in the rapid erosion of the moral health of our society.

Five girls under the age of eighteen who have had double mastectomies because of LGBTIQA+ gender fluid ideology. It is currently legal for aborted babies born alive to be left to die. What sort of a society do we live in where young women feel radical surgery is the answer to a deep psychological struggle? What sort of society do we live in where allow unborn children to be killed all the way to birth?

We have a Premier and Prime Minister who both identify as Christian. Despite this **Safe Schools** gender fluid ideology keeps popping up and looks to be coming back formally, re-badged by the Morrison Government as '**The Good Society**'. This 'educational resource' has been made available to every Australian educator and student. Radical gender theory is rife throughout **The Good Society**, I quote:

A person's gender is their sense of themselves in relation to their biological sex. A person's gender identity can be the same as their sex assigned at birth, or it can differ.

I am a proud Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather and I can assure this chamber that a person's gender identity is very clearly defined from the moment their Mother delivers them into this world. Our children should not be subject to the perverse ideological desires of warped adults. Children deserve our love, support and prayers and very often that involves guidance from their Mother and Father down the right path or away from the wrong path. The Good Society encourages boys to experiment with gender fluidity by wearing women's shoes, this is the wrong path for our sons.

The Prime Minister is a good man and the Premier is a good woman. I pray for them to take a stand against these subversive programs for their faith, for their communities and for the people of New South Wales.

16. Your Liberty is at Stake

The Christian Democratic Party, since its inception in 1977 has long been a party of personal conscience and faith.

We now remark on the dire straits of your Australian liberties.

Never in our history have Australian's been denied inter-state domestic travel.

Never in our history has free speech been so zealously shut down.

Requiring a 'vaccine passport' to freely travel across Australia is anathema to our values and constitution. This is something that the CDP is deeply opposed to.

The Christian Democratic Party is explicitly opposed to any and all forms of discrimination or hardship incurred by those who refuse to take a Covid-19 Vaccine.

The CDP is explicitly opposed to any form of vaccine passport that would prevent domestic or international travel.

If an Australian adult of legal capacity refuses a vaccine for Covid 19 this would violate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Mandatory vaccinations for Covid 19, work restrictions and other forms of discrimination based on vaccination status, would also violate the principles of the NSW and Federal Governments.

The CDP supports free speech and open discussion on this issue.

The Government and media need to dial down the hysteria, ease back the restrictions and stop- trying to eliminate a virus that will never be eliminated.

How many people are actually sick from Covid?

We know that approximately 17% of Covid 19 sufferers are asymptomatic, which means no sickness at all; most others have mild infections. Australia has had two people die of Covid-19 and an unknown smaller number are in hospital, two people is not a justifiable reason to lock down our country, more than that die on our roads every weekend.

So why is our Government again forcing our citizens into this

lockdown. Government is using more fear and confusion to control the people. Authoritarianism is creeping in wrecking the economy and people's livelihood.

This is totalitarian behaviour. People are using the pandemic to grab power and drive through things that wouldn't happen otherwise. We note that in the Philippines President Duterte is threatening to arrest or exile citizens who do not take the vaccine.

Novelist George Orwell stated, "We know that no-one ever seizes power with the intention of relinquishing it".

The Christian Democratic Party is opposed to tyranny in all forms, whether they be spiritual or material and supports your God given liberties.

It is time we all woke up.

17. State of Israel's 73rd Day of Independence celebrations

Silvana Nile did an exemplary job representing the Christian Democratic Party at the State of Israel's 73rd Day of Independence celebrations on 16th January 2021. The event was held at the Israeli Embassy in Canberra and the invitation came directly from Jonathan Peled Israel's interim ambassador to Australia.

The state of Israel declaration came into being on the 14th May 1948 the day the British Mandate expired. Jewish independence was restored after 3,000 years. At the establishment of the state there population count was 806,000 today the population of Israel numbers at 9,313,000.

Many have questioned the need for the existence of Israel, an argument voiced because of the ongoing conflict with Muslim Palestinians living in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip. This is a question never asked of the 57 Islamic states that exist around the world. There is only one State that offers unconditional asylum and residency to Jews from all over the world that request it and that is 'Israel'. The question should really be, "Shouldn't there be a least one Jewish State in the world?"

Over Israel's 73 year existence many politicians, columnist and authors have said Israel is surrounded by enemies, it's torn apart by divisions inside it, it cannot survive. Yet despite its problems Israel does not only survive it flourishes because of the perseverance and the burning desire of its people to have a Zion state a "national home". Israel counts as one of the most economically developed countries in the Middle East, it also has one of the most powerful armies in the region. In June 1967 Israel defeated three Arab armies (Egypt, Jordan and Syria) in just six days. The Arab-Israeli war radically changed the map of the Middle East, opening the way to occupation and settlement of Palestinian territories by Israel.

We congratulate Israel on achieving 73 years of Independence but the state's age does not do Israel true justice. Saying Israel is 73 is like saying that Egypt is only 99-years-old because it only gained independence in 1922 from the UK, or that Greece is only 199-years-old because the First Hellenic Republic was only founded in 1822, established during its war of independence against the Ottoman Empire.

The Jewish people's presence here goes back more than 3,000 years. Israelis got a reminder of that a few months ago when archaeologists announced the discovery of a fragment of the book of Zechariah dating back almost two millennia.

Peled stated "As we embark on Israel's 73rd year of independence, let us not forget the many challenges that still lie ahead, and the great achievements accomplished in such a short time. Above all we must not forget the great sacrifice of all those who made the dream and realisation of the Jewish State of Israel possible. Let us celebrate together. Chag Ha'atzmaut Sameach!"

AUGUST

18. THE KILL BILL - Assisted suicide legislation

Christians and Conservatives alike must never consider the stated intention of legislation alone but rather the trajectory of said legislation and where it will lead.

Member for Sydney Alex Greenwich has on a number of occasions announced his intention to put forward legislation that would in effect legalise euthanasia in NSW.

The Sydney Morning Herald reports that Mr Greenwich has made 'concessions' to the Christian and other faith based communities by providing exemptions in for faith based health providers the right to refuse euthanasia to their patients. It is a remarkable display of ignorance to suggest that the Christian community would support what Catholic Archbishop Dr Anthony Fisher has described as "state-sanctioned killing", a view that I personally agree with.

In Queensland their draft euthanasia legislation has broadened the parameters of who may apply to be killed to include those suffering from mental illness or disability. What could possibly go wrong?

And yet palliative care options are available, are funded and offer quality end of life healthcare. If Mr Greenwich and his supporters were truly sincere about offering healthcare they would throw their support behind palliative care rather than terminating the lives of our vulnerable.

Alex Greenwich's Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 makes the act of one person killing another legal in NSW, that is the simple fact of the matter.

Canada has fully legalised Euthanasia since June 2016 (legal in

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The COVID-19 pandemic has forever changed the political, economic and social landscape of the world forever. Where to Next?

BY PASTOR GARY KENT

We live in unprecedented times. Never, in the history of our country, have we seen lockdowns and border closures like we've seen in the past year. It's been devastating in so many ways. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our nation.

Just think about what we've experienced during the past year. The handshake was banned, our state and international borders were closed, schools have been pupil free, the elderly have been in lockdown, sport was restricted, and churches have been closed.

But it's not just the pandemic that has been giving our leaders cause for concern. As non-essential services were forced to shut down and people were urged to stay at home, unemployment lines began to lengthen.

Thousands of people have found themselves unemployed or on government support payments and uncertain about the future. As governments scrambled to inject billions of dollars into their failing economies, the world collectively held its breath.

In the midst of all this turmoil it is so easy to give way to despair. If this were an isolated crisis, something that maybe one or even two countries were facing, or even a single continent or region, it might not have hit us so hard.

But for the first time, in a very long time, this is a crisis that has touched every single part of the world, perhaps even more heavily than the World Wars of the last century.

Businesses are shutting down stores, laying off employees and some are even slipping into bankruptcy. All in the face of a single virus. Think about it. Our civilisation has been brought to its knees by a microscopic parasite ten thousand times smaller than a grain of salt. No one could have predicted that we would be faced with this kind of a global crisis two years ago, and yet here we are. There have been nearly three hundred million confirmed covid cases worldwide and over 5 million deaths.

As the infection rates climb and the death toll mounts, world leaders are facing a sickening choice; how many lives is the economy worth? It is a gruesome but necessary question that global leaders and economists are now asking.

As the cost of human life is weighed against the cost of an economic recession, experts are ready to remind us that an economic calamity can take lives too. Unemployment can lead to depression and despair. The political, economic and social landscape of our world has changed forever. And it's not over.

Just when it appeared that the infection rates were beginning to drop and the curve was starting to flatten, along comes a new variant, Omicron. Now, we're thrown into uncertainty again. We're sitting on the edge of seats, wondering which way this crisis will turn. Everyone is asking, where to next?

With all the uncertainty and insecurity around we need an anchor and a place of refuge. We need hope. We need peace – and the best place to find it right now is in Jesus. Regardless of the severity and intensity of this crisis before us Jesus tells

us not to panic or be afraid because He is with us. He says, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)

Then, again in Hebrews 13:5 He says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Regardless of what is happening around us, you can be sure that you can find refuge and comfort in Jesus. And remember this, a new year has begun, a new beginning. So, no matter what's happened this past year, no matter how difficult and challenging it may have been, let me assure you that God has good things in store for your future. He has a plan for your life.

It may not be easy to see right now, but God has already lined up a new beginning, new friendships, and new opportunities for you. God has got it all planned out. Here's what God says in Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

So, today, be encouraged and don't give up on your tomorrows. A brand new year has begun. There's good news ahead. Accept the plan God has for you – a plan filled with hope, purpose, blessings and increase in every area of your life!

Prayer for today: "Father, thank You for giving me hope and a future. Thank You for choosing me. Thank you for delighting in me. I invite You to renew my heart and mind to the good plans You have for me in Jesus' name. Amen."

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Quebec since 2015). The Canadian Government's own stats confirm that 21 589 Canadians have been killed since enactment in 2016. Based on annual reporting from the Canadian Government that figure has increased year on year.

This should cause worry to Australians as Canada is very similar to us, we speak the same language, we are both constitutional monarchies, our legal systems are based on common law and our values are alike as well. Could thousands be killed in Australia if Euthanasia was legalised? Absolutely.

A particular disturbing part of this legislation is Division 5 – Written Declaration whereby a person who has allegedly requested to be euthanised may appoint another person to provide a written declaration on their behalf. Euthanasia is to be classified as a form of medical treatment. Rev Nile warns that "advocates for euthanasia could try to amend this current draft legislation to make it easier to kill patients under the pretence of medical treatment".

The Christian Democratic Party has been the crucial vote in defeating similar euthanasia legislation in 2017 and fully intends to vote NO again. We stand for life.

19. Malcolm Muggeridge on the Road to Damascus

The Festival of the Light rally in London's Trafalgar Square would gather thousands to demand reform at the growing trends in the mass media for the explicit depiction of sexual and violent themes and for

the restoration of conservative Christian morality in the UK. 50 Years ago on 25th September 1971 one of its founders Malcolm Muggeridge spoke at the festival.

Muggeridge, raised a socialist, had become an atheist and a Bolshevik, and one of the first newspaper correspondents to report from Moscow in the Thirties. He'd written books, worked as a gossip columnist and served in British intelligence during the second war. In the 1960's he became a convert to Jesus.

"I felt an abiding sense of being so in need of salvation myself," Muggeridge said, "that for me the Festival has been an immense clarification. ... Man's true problem is his attempt to live without God, to live with fantasies that he's a God himself. ... Without God, we are irretrievably lost in the darkness of mortality. Praise the Lord!"

This movement in Britain helped launch the Festival of Light in Australia on 10th October 1973.

In January 1974 my late wife Elaine and I were invited to be the full time Directors of the Australian Festival of Light organisation.

Intrigued about Muggeridge's conversion to Christianity I contacted him, in 1975 whilst he was living in the UK. He in turn invited me to visit him at his home in Suffolk Forrest U.K.

I spent a lovely time with Malcolm Muggeridge and his wife Kitty

at his home. During this time we discussed his faith and the incredible story of how he accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour. \

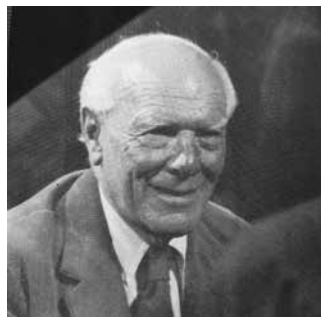
He had been commissioned by the BBC to produce a documentary on the life of Jesus Christ, even though at that stage in his life he was a confirmed atheist. The BBC had intentionally employed him to create a satiric interpretation of the story of our Lord Jesus Christ but God had other plans for Muggeridge.

Filming the program started in Israel and it retraced the steps of Jesus Christ leading Muggeridge to Emmaus Rd in Damascus (Damascus today is the capital city of Syria). This was the very road the Apostle Paul took when he was breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord. Because like Muggeridge, Paul at this stage had not accepted Jesus as the son of God. It was not until the risen Christ appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus that he became a believer.

When I asked Muggeridge what evangelist led him to Jesus Christ? He replied to me "Jesus Christ himself appeared to me. Jesus asked if I would accept him as my saviour". Just like in Paul's case only Jesus could stop him, only Jesus himself could convince him and only Jesus could save him.

In 1976 Muggeridge accepted my invitation to be a special guest at the Australian Festival of Light. We then embarked on a one month tour, visiting every capital city in Australia with the Festival of Light rallies, culminating in the largest rally at Hyde Park, Sydney where the attendance swelled to a sea of 35,000 people.

Muggeridge gives this message to the people at the rally "Fellow celebrants of the Festival of Light... I look around with pride and joy at all these faces, at all these banners, and this mighty turnout, and pray with all my heart that it may be the beginning of a the beginning of a continuing process



REPORT ON THE 22nd NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AUSTRALIANS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY

PROFESSOR DAVID FLINT AM NATIONAL CONVENOR FOR ACM

The recent National Conference of Australians for Constitutional Monarchy, the 22nd since the referendum, was, on all accounts, a great success demonstrating how the organisation ACM remains steadfast in maintaining their values and beliefs, while resolutely campaigning against what ACM was first to identify as the ‘politicians republic’.

Our Patron, 28th Prime Minister Tony Abbott describes ACM as the ‘fiercest defenders’ of the Constitution. This is demonstrated by our leading role at the Constitutional Convention, our long campaign to restore the Governor to Sydney’s Government House, the landslide victory in the referendum, persuading the ABC to broadcast the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, our campaign to maintain the integrity of the referendum process and in calling the ARM to account over their broken promise to reveal their secret republican model.

Warm tributes were paid to Rev Nile who, because of an urgent commitment, could not attend. Panellists included Australia’s most influential commentator, Alan Jones, and the former senior judge the Hon. Kenneth Handley AO QC, who heads our team of top lawyers and experts in viceregal practice on the incontrovertible fact that we do not need to become a ‘politicians’ republic’ to have an Australian as Head of State. We already have one — the Governor-General. As a key minister in the referendum recently observed, if monarchists were to argue anything else, we might as well not fight the next referendum.

Due to a sudden change in regulations, Tony Abbott found himself in quarantine, but sent a well-received essay on the principal theme, the restoration of constitutional government, even in emergencies.

Other panellists included:

- Sean Burke, editor of the newsletter Politicom, a ‘must read’ in political circles,
- Peter King, who courageously initiated the campaign against Keating-Turnbull republicanism, represented Wentworth before the biggest branch stack in Australian history, and who now practices in the nation’s courts in significant cases, some highly relevant to the conference principal theme,
- Warwick Stacey, expert in international crisis management



Top Row Left to Right: Daniel Lahood, Will Jefferies, Prof. David Flint. Bottom Row; Left to Right: Ken Handley QC, Alan Jones, Peter King

who served in the British Parachute Regiment and SAS as well as in the Australian Army,

- prominent lawyer, Jeffrey Phillips SC, who played a leading role in the referendum campaign (I well remember being with him in a debate against Malcolm Turnbull at the University of New South Wales), and
- prominent lawyer, John Armfield, who also campaigned in the referendum and who led the delegation arguing the case in the NSW Parliament for the retention of the Royal Coat of Arms in NSW courts.
- The proceedings were very much assisted by the active participation of two of ACM’s Young Ambassadors, Will Jefferies & Daniel Lahood, who most effectively led the questioning.

Apart from the principal theme, a return to constitutional government, the Conference considered and strongly supported ACM’s proposal for an Australian Medal to mark the Queen’s

Platinum Jubilee, to be awarded only for selfless service. The designer of two magnificent Royal Coaches, Jim Frecklington, an ACM Patron, has been closely involved in design suggestions was present.

Details of our proposal linked to our Petition are at the top of our Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/acmnorepublic/>

We suggest that supporter sign this and send the link to their representatives in the Federal and State Parliaments. Contact details can be found on their respective parliamentary websites. As supporters will understand, it is better they use their own words rather than ACM suggesting a standard format.

The Conference also considered the fundamental importance of the presumption of innocence, a principle of our common law. This has been under attack and is the subject of two recent excellent books, one by supporter Quadrant’s Keith Windschuttle and the other by Gerard Henderson.

The Conference also heard how an ACM special response team has been defending the integrity of the referendum process against republican attempts to undermine this. The conference also heard how the republicans have failed to deliver on their promise to reveal this year the republican model they have hidden for two decades.

The Conference noted how ACM’s determination to campaign on established principles and the latest technology, is paying dividends, with a recent Facebook post reaching over 200,000, a record. Aided by our technological ‘dream team’ we have become even more frugal but just as effective. We have cut back on expenses, such as the luxury of having a now wholly unnecessary national office. In any future referendum, we will apply to Sydney what we did in every other capital during the referendum campaign, open a cost-effective ‘pop-up’ office in only the six months prior to the vote.

ACM, founded three decades ago by former Chief Justice Sir Harry Gibbs, Justice Michael Kirby, Dame Leonie Kramer, former ALP Lord Mayor of Sydney, Doug Sutherland, Justice LLOYD Waddy and indigenous leaders Senator Neville Bonner and Margaret Valadian, continues today as Australia’s oldest and largest constitutional monarchist organisation.

(Conference sessions can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/user/MonarchyAustraliaTV>)

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of moral and spiritual regeneration... We proclaim that without God we are irretrievably lost in the darkness of our mortality. And we turn to Christ our Saviour, the Light of the World, to light the way to His Kingdom, where God reigns. This is the message of our Festival of Light.”

Eleven years ago Muggeridge’s life journey ended and on the 14th November 1990 he finally got to see Jesus Christ again but this time the road led him to The Kingdom of God.

SEPTEMBER

20. A plea to the NSW Premier to advocate asylum for Afghan allies and Christians

We were all watching with great concern at the unravelling of

Afghanistan’s fledgling democracy. The Taliban have seized power with unanticipated speed leaving our Afghan allies and Christians stranded in a country that has them ear marked for death.

On the 18th August 2021, I placed the following question to the Hon. Don Harwin MLC the Special Minister of State, and the Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Premier.

(1) Senior Australian officials are talking with their American and British counterparts about possibly joining with those countries to rescue Afghans who have worked with Australian soldiers:

a) Does the Premier know if the Prime Minister intends on also rescuing Afghan Christians at the same time, as they face imminent death from the Taliban?

(2) The Christian communities of New South Wales are urging the Premier to speak to the Prime Minister about offering Afghan Christians asylum in Australia:

(a) Will the Premier advocate to the Prime Minister for these people to also be rescued and resettled in Australia?

The answer is due on 8 September 2021.

By 21 August the Australian Defence Force rescue mission had evacuated out of Kabul airport more than 240 Australian and New Zealand citizens, Afghan interpreters and contractors who assisted Australian troops during Australia’s 20-year mission in the nation. The continued pressure from Christian leaders and communities, politicians and the general public had forced the Prime Minister to commit to allocating 3000 places within Australia’s existing refugee program for people fleeing Afghanistan in the next 10 months, but said “we do believe we’ll be able to do more than that.”

On 26 August the evacuation mission ceased when two ISIS-K suicide bombers detonated explosive belts at the airport’s gate.

Thirteen U.S. service members and at least 95 Afghans were killed and more than 100 Afghans were wounded in the blast.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has forever changed the political, economic and social landscape of the world forever. Where to Next?

BY PROF. DAVID FLINT

When he was minister for health, Tony Abbott, drew up a plan to deal with future pandemics which attracted international praise. Sadly the Abbott plan is gathering dust somewhere in Canberra.

Where to next? The answer is to develop with widespread public participation and agreement a plan on how to deal with the next pandemic.

We cannot repeat the disastrous handling of the virus by career politicians who have little life experience, advised by medical bureaucrats, with that advice treated as if it were a state secret. We have seen political leaders behaving like dictators without any limitations on their power, with experts gagged, and modelling presented as infallible, neglecting expert Professor Box's famous warning: "All models are wrong, but some are useful."

The result has been that the wisdom in Lord Acton's timeless warning, that power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely, has been completely ignored, even by the largely compliant media, Alan Jones and few others excepted.

The plan must insist on a return to what was once normal practice in relation to the making of regulations. First, any such regulation must be submitted to the Executive Council where the governor-general or governor must be satisfied he has the power to do what is recommended and that any conditions have been fulfilled. If adopted, the regulations would be tabled in and both Houses of Parliament and subject always to their ultimate power of disallowance. This is a necessary Sword of Damocles over wayward ministers who have exercised power not in the public interest, but on poor advice, for political advantage and



Professor David Flint

as we sometimes suspect, even on a whim.

The plan should call for some personal liability by ministers for misfeasance in public office, as found recently by the Federal Court in relation to the live cattle ban. Why should only the taxpayers pay? The plan should also ensure that politicians can never again attribute some good result, such as a comparative low death rate, to their excesses. The fact is that such benefits will normally flow from the geographical fact that we are a remote island nation. In relation to any virus, governments should be required to publish independent advice as to the protection gained by our geographic advantage. The plan should also set out very clearly the full extent of federal and state powers and their agreed roles, so that

there can be no obfuscation or evasions on these points.

The plan should contain what I believe is a core principle. This is that the first task of government is to bar entry of the disease into Australia, at least until an assessment can be made, indicating who is most vulnerable and how they should be to protected, while allowing the rest of society, as far as possible, to continue in its normal operations.

We should never again borrow a model from a communist dictatorship — the lockdown — all at enormous cost, massive debt and unjustified damage and suffering, particularly to small business, schoolchildren and quite wickedly, even to relatives of those near death. The plan should disincentivise recourse to lockdowns by a consequent drastic reduction in the relevant politicians' and bureaucrats' income.

Vaccination is a crucial issue. In Operation Warp Speed, President Trump demonstrated how vaccines can be produced in record time. Bearing in mind the known side-effects and that long-term consequences will always be unknown, the plan should incorporate another core principle, that recourse to such vaccines should be voluntary and primarily for the most vulnerable.

The plan should warn against interventions by powerful groups, such as social media, who may have other agendas. It should encourage measures to mitigate media hysteria by requiring full disclosure by government. For example, on the relative seriousness of cases, and in relation to deaths, as to the precise cause.

It is of crucial importance that plan extend to action to take concerning perceived misbehaviour by a foreign government. Beijing behaved appallingly by hiding the existence of the virus and allowing vast numbers of people to fly out of China and unknowingly spread the disease around the world. The damages to Australia is enormous. Why should Beijing escape responsibility for this? In a piece in *Spectator Australia*, 28.iv.2020, I argued that we should not go the compromised WHO as the Morrison government subsequently did. Instead, I argued that we should set up an international tribunal by a treaty with the then Trump-led US and other interested powers to apportion responsibility and award damages. Legislation could allow any damages awarded to be recouped against mainland investments under the control of Beijing in Australia.

The point surely is that we cannot afford to repeat the mismanagement and incompetence we have seen with respect to the Wuhan virus. We must have a plan with certain core principles and with the involvement and consent of the people.

(David Flint is an emeritus professor of law)

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Prime Minister Morrison has stated they were able to evacuate more than 4,000 people before the recent bombing made the rescue mission too dangerous to continue.

If you wish to help Afghan Christians left behind, you can donate to Voice of the Martyrs. <https://vom.com.au/donate/> or ph: 02 4759 7000

21. NSW taxpayers funding child sex grooming website. Where is the Health Minister?

The Christian Democratic Party has recently been made aware of a State Government website created by NSW Health and funded by the taxpayer. This website is called 'Play Safe'. The stated purpose is to be a "one-stop shop for young people wanting to know about safe sex".

This website is specifically targeting young Australians on how to have safe vaginal, oral and heterosexual anal sex. Unfortunately, it is so much worse than that. The Play Safe website has a forum whereby users can post about topics and questions, this forum is monitored by NSW Health employees. Some of these topics include:

'How do you have anal sex for the first time?' – In this thread various taxpayer funded forum 'Moderators' ask each other how to have anal sex 'safely'. Anal Sex is not safe, it is the riskiest and most likely transmission of HIV and permanently damages the muscles around the anus.

'When should we start educating on consent?' – In this thread a 'Participant' (that is a member of the public) suggests teaching children as young as 10 about sexual intercourse.

'What's your favourite sex toy?' – A participant describes their favourite sex toys and forum moderators continue the conversation with their own favourite sex toys. Why are taxpayers funding this?

'Say goodbye to anal sex' – In this thread a participant expresses concern about having anal sex but the forum moderators provide advice on how to 'safely' have anal sex. The moderators link to a page on Play Safe that provides further instructions on how to perform anal sex.

'SEXting', a participant asks about fellow forum users 'naughty' experiences with sexting. Various forum moderators share their stories and encourage the act of sexting. Young women are often exploited by manipulative partners after the sharing of sexual images. This is currently considered to be child pornography for those under the age of 18. Why is NSW Health promoting positive discussion of sexting when there are numerous campaigns, academic and Parliamentary

resources that warn of this practice?

There is also a Question & Answer webform administered by a 'Nurse Nettie' that claims to be a 'real, qualified sexual health nurse based in Sydney'. My researchers have contacted this hotline and found that this person is actually the NSW Health Statewide Sexual Health Hotline. This alias replied to a forum user concerned about anal sex and says:

"Anal sex is not new & it's an important part of millions of people's sex life. It's normal & healthy for those who enjoy it. If it's not for you, that's normal & healthy too. We all get to decide what kind of sex is right for us"

Does the NSW Health Minister concur with this medical advice? Who is 'Nurse Nettie'?

When a young person posted they were growing up and confused about their gender, the so called expert Nurse Nettie did not tell them to first seek help from their parents or a medical professional. They instead were steered to trans and gender diverse people who clearly have their own agenda.

The safety of young Australians is of key importance to the Christian Democratic Party. This website is hardly educational and is very similar to the controversial 'Safe Schools' program (which was terminated after public outcry). 'Safe Schools' was child abuse disguised as an 'anti bullying' programme, 'Play Safe' is child grooming disguised as a 'sexual health' website.

Again we collected thousands of signatures from members and supports on this matter. As a result the offensive Play Safe website posts were taken down immediately.

22. Democracy suspended - Workers forced to vaccinate -Our Public Health Amendment needed NOW!

In September the State Government announced that Construction Workers will be allowed to return to their worksites on the provision that they have vaccinated.

In effect this is mandatory vaccination by financial coercion. The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) is opposed to this anti-democratic practice.

Earlier this year I introduced the Public Health Amendment (Vaccination Compensation) Bill 2021.

The intention of this bill is to provide financial compensation to workers who are forced to vaccinate and suffer injury, loss or damage as a result.

Independent researcher Michael Kowalik in his research paper

Ethics of vaccine refusal states "mandatory vaccination amounts to discrimination against healthy, innate biological characteristics, which goes against the established ethical norms". Kowalik's view is that of our own, we are not opposed to vaccination but strongly support the agency of human beings to decide their own medical treatment.

Due to the lockdown the NSW Parliament is unable to sit, it has not been able to sit since late June 2021.

This means many things, but most importantly it means that your elected representatives are unable to introduce or pass legislation. In effect, a core and vital function of our democracy has been suspended without a clear return date. Meanwhile, the Attorney General has been awarded powers that allow him to determine regulations on any law that the Government desires.

This is a terrible legislative precedent.

As I have stated previously, no Australian worker should lose their job if they refuse this job. There are many ethical, religious and medical reasons why they will not or cannot receive this job. This basic human right must be honoured, protected and if violated then compensated.

I will be pushing ahead with my bill, for the sake of Australian workers, their families and our liberties.

23. Day of Prayer

FamilyVoice Australia (NSW) held a Day of Prayer on Wednesday 19th August 2021 with key Christian Leaders for the sick, lonely, depressed, homeless, HSC students, isolated, families, small businesses, unemployed, those on the border of alcohol and gambling addictions and especially for all our health workers and Government and its Leaders working under COVID-19. Participating faith leaders included:

1. The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel – Anglican Archbishop Diocese of Sydney (Opens the session at 8:00am)
2. Most Rev Bishop Richard Umbers – Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
3. Tanya Davies – NSW MP
4. Nathan Brown CEO - Christian Media & Arts Australia
5. Rev Peter Barnes - Moderator-General Presbyterian Church of Australia
6. Rabbi Yanky Berger - Australian Jewish Association
7. Hon. John Anderson (former Deputy PM)
8. Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC
9. Nick Farr-Jones – former Wallabies Captain
10. Rev Dr Steve Bartlett - Director of Ministries Baptist Churches

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CULTURE WATCH



‘WHY CAN’T YOU BE NICER, LIKE JESUS?’

BY BILL MUEHLENBERG

Just being ‘nice’ is not enough:

Anyone who stands up for biblical truth in this age of relativism, emotivism and political correctness knows full well that the critics will come out attacking you fast and furious. And here I have in mind the legion of Christian critics who will always jump on you, claiming you are not being loving, not being Christlike, not being nice., etc.

I get these folks all the time. Now, are there Christians who are rather unloving, rude, crude and mean? Yes. But too often those of us who seek to defend biblical truth in the public arena are called all this and more by other believers who think that Christianity is all about being ‘nice’ and not offending anyone. I have already penned a number of pieces on this matter, eg.: billmuehlenberg.com/2014/04/08/no-more-mr-nice-guy/

But I still get the critics writing in, concerned about my ‘tone’ and the like. As if tone is all that matters. And as if none of the people we read about in the Bible ever had a strong and forceful tone! But the spirit of the age is so often what seems to drive these folks, not biblical truth.

I again recently had another person sharing his concerns with me about this matter. He thought I was being far too ‘forceful’ and asked what good I was accomplishing. He also asked if it was not ‘better to love than to be right?’ These are common criticisms that I get quite often. In this case I replied to this guy as follows:

Thanks ****. But I prefer the biblical path which of course never pits love against truth. Both are vitally important and both must be pursued simultaneously. The most loving thing we can do is share truth, challenge lies and deception, and prevent those with false views from deceiving others, and heading to a lost eternity. And if you are opposed to “forceful” rebuttals of error, then you must think the prophets, Jesus and Paul, to name but a few, are all to be condemned. Consider a few “forceful” and very public words from Christ from just one gospel:

- Matthew 12:34 You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.
- Matthew 12:39 He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.”
- Matthew 15:7 You hypocrites!
- Matthew 15:14 Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.
- Matthew 15:16 “Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them.
- Matthew 16:23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”
- Matthew 17:17 “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied,
- Matthew 23:16 Woe to you, blind guides!
- Matthew 23:19 You blind men!
- Matthew 23:27 You hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs!
- Matthew 23:33 You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell!



But by your way of thinking, he was far too unloving and un-Christlike, and turned people off. Sorry, but I will side with Jesus here on this one! Truth matters, and not responding to error endangers the person holding to the error. There is nothing loving or Christian about just winking at error or ignoring it, all in the name of being ‘nice’.

As I just read in 1 Timothy 2:24-26: “And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.” Paul got it right. And he could be VERY forceful in correcting others, mincing no words. But thanks for your thoughts.

Indeed, there are hundreds of such examples in Scripture of God’s servants using very forceful and even at times derogatory and harsh language as they oppose error and rebuke those who are opposing the will and work of God. As mentioned, the prophets did it routinely. So did Jesus. So did the disciples. And so often these were very public rebukes and confrontations. Yet many Christians find this far too off-putting.

Well, I prefer to run with how these biblical folks operated, instead of how so many modern believers do. “Open rebuke is better than secret love” we are told in Proverbs 27:5. And the biblical principle is this: private sin should usually result in private rebuke, while public sin should usually result in public rebuke.

Given that false teaching is almost always public (and just think of all the bad theology and false doctrine flooding the internet nowadays), that means that there will often be the need for public correction. See more on this here: billmuehlenberg.com/2013/08/16/on-public-rebuke/

But another verse I read after posting my response to this fellow especially stood out to me. Titus 1:10-14 says this:

For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.

Hmm, this is yet another case of a very ‘forceful’ response by a Christian – the sort of response my critic thought was quite inappropriate for any believer. For some it seems that not only was Jesus quite wrong in how he went about doing things, but the Apostle Paul as well.

Let me offer a few quick remarks about this passage. Doriani and Phillips remind us of how important the matter of truth and error is:

We may see Satan’s strategies against the church in two main directions. We most often think of persecution from outside the church, both from the surrounding culture and from anti-Christian governments. The New Testament often remarks on this threat and warns of our need to show courage in the face of suffering. But

the other attack arises from within the church in the form of false teaching. This is an even more deadly threat to God’s people. For while persecution has the tendency to strengthen believers and even increase the size of the church, doctrinal corruption leaves Christ’s people weak, scattered, and confused. If Christians ever have to choose between persecution and false teaching, the perspective of the bible encourages us to dread heresy above all other plagues.

And Hughes and Chapell offer this comment about the text in Titus:

Paul simply and stridently says about those carrying such a message, “They must be silenced” (v. 11). The word for “silenced” can also mean “controlled” or “Muzzled” and reflects the apostle’s identification of his opponents as those who are not subject to control – i.e., “insubordinate” (v. 10). To modern sensibilities this does not seem like a very tolerant attitude, but the reason for the apostle’s imperative explains his zeal. He alerts us not only to what we should be concerned about (i.e., damaged doctrine) but also about who should be the focus of our concern.

As one meme making the rounds on the social media says, “If your entire theology is God is love and Do not judge then you don’t have biblical Christianity, you have Oprah.” Yep, time to get back to the Bible and leave the spirit of the age behind.

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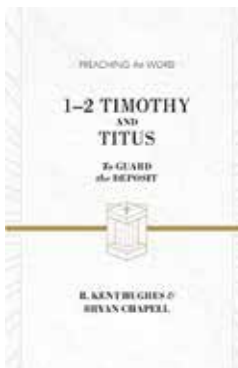
As I have said so often elsewhere, we are indeed to speak the truth in love. And getting the biblical balance right is always crucial. As John Stott put it:

“This combination is rare in the contemporary church. Some leaders are great champions of the truth and anxious to fight for it, but display little love. Others are great advocates of love, but have no equal commitment to truth, as Jesus and his apostles had. Truth is hard if it is not softened by love, and love is soft if it is not strengthened by the truth.”

I for one need to keep working on this. In fact, as I was writing this article I was also involved in some discussion on the social media. A Christian fellow started a rather unhelpful and unedifying thread under one of my posts. As we were going back and forth it suddenly disappeared.

I thought that was a good move of him to pull it, and I was going to tell him that and thank him in a private message. But then I discovered he did not remove it – he unfriended me, and blocked me to boot! Oh dear. So here is a word of advice: there is nothing virtuous or Christlike in being a grumpy old man (something he admitted to being). Instead it is a sin to be repented of.

There is a fine line between standing strong for truth and growing a thick skin in order to be a strong soldier, and just being a belligerent old grump. I know, since I am a grumpy old man as well, and God is dealing with me in this. I hope I am slowly learning to become a real ambassador for Christ in this regard. (As for this fellow all I can do is keep him in my prayers. Hmm, no wonder life was so peaceful during those six months in Fakebook Gulag!)



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PRAYER POINTS



January 1.

We pray that the Nation's hunger for freedom from Tyranny will open a flood gate of hunger for true spiritual freedom.

January 2.

Give thanks today for our Christian Heritage and for those who endured and survived the terrible voyage from England to Australia (clergy, convicts, navy and authorities). "The first Christian minister came with the First Fleet. He was recommended by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. John Newton and William Wilberforce, two members of the Eclectic Society, persuaded England's Prime Minister, William Pitt to accept Richard Johnson's nomination. Johnson, an evangelical churchman, took with him many Bibles, Books of Common Prayer, Psalters and numerous booklets against common sins, and on Sunday 3rd February 1788 he conducted the first Christian Service on Australian soil using as his text Psalm 116:12: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me." (Graham McLennan).

January 3.

As we begin a new year let us pray for the Bride of Christ to continue to hold closely to, and upon, the inerrant Scriptures that call us to repent and to live clean, pure lives, that we may stand one day before Jesus and He will be pleased that we have pressed on towards the goal. Give thanks for clergy and saints in the church who continue to declare unmodified Scripture, especially that God's idea of marriage continues to be between a man and woman. Praise the Lord that He is continuing to ready His Bride.

January 4.

That every attempt of Man to be King on his own throne will fail under God's covenant with Australia (to rely humbly on the blessing of God). Pray for a Holy Spirit transformation of our minds, for a new way of understanding and thinking about the things of God, because as a nation we have failed to give God His rightful place. (Colossians 1:15-20).

January 5.

Pray for unity within the Church in Australia. Pray that the Lord would expose those who are not truly His and that these wolves would repent or be removed from the Shepherd's pen. Pray that all glory and honour in the Church would be to the Lord Jesus Christ alone.

January 6.

For willing National repentance, for a huge move of the Holy Spirit to bring a conviction of our personal sin as Australians and our corporate sin as a nation, resulting in a much needed awareness that as a nation we have turned away from Almighty God. Meditate on the Scriptures: Jeremiah 2: 11-13; Colossians 2: 8-10.

January 7.

A peeling back of the sleep that has come from Freemasonry. As we pray this month for the challenges facing Australia, let us pray for true repentance, revival, restoration and freedom from the snares of secular humanism for our nation. Pray for the Church to arise to her glorious future as the Bride of Christ. Pray for personal humility, ability to truly mourn, strength to overcome, and opportunities to share the Gospel.

January 8.

Call forth the warrior bride, the young, the old, and the young parents. Pray for greater understanding this year of the depth and breadth of God's prophetic Word. God promised faithfulness with His people, promising that He will always be their God and He will always be with them. This was a messianic prophecy, a promise of the New Covenant that we have with Jesus Christ. God has continued to make good on His promise to always be our God, and He will never fail to be with us (Jer. 31:31-33).

January 9.

We call forth a greater level of intimacy in the Body of Christ. We gratefully honour our Lord's tender faithfulness in protecting the Australian body of Christ, and for preparing us over many years for the battle we are now facing!

The Harvest Charge

BY CARA HARRIS

Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced a change to the words of The Australian National Anthem which came into effect January 1st 2021, the 120th Anniversary of Federation. We would no longer refer to Australia as "young and free", instead people sing "For we are one and free" - to reflect the country's long indigenous history. While the announcement came as a surprise to many, and the Prime Minister's authority to make the amendment was questioned, Rev. Fred welcomed the change for it's expression of a unified country.

What a timely declaration for our Nation to stand for being "one and free". From the trials stemming from public health orders of the last two years a new form of Unity is being forged, maybe even National Identity.

In 1800, a seed offering was given to Australia by a farmer named John Churchill, to be planted for the "future benefit of our fellow-men, be they Countrymen, Europeans or Savages". In 1801 Lieutenant James Grant disembarked from the Lady Nelson and faithfully planted the seeds. The site became known as Churchill Island, the place



of the first garden and the first wheat and corn harvest in Victoria. Although the heart of "Farmer John's" prayer was lost on the future ships crew

who harvested those first fruits (using them to fatten up swans they captured) the prayer remains, that Australia will reap a harvest to feed the Nations. Through all the chaos and confusion of 2021 we can partner with this God inspired prayer that has gone before us through John Churchill.

We have seen every creed and nation that has made a home for himself in Australia come together against Tyranny and stand for Freedom. We have seen flags that embody this message from Australia flown in New York City, Canada, England and other European Countries.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest..." (Isaiah 9:2-3)

January 10.

Christians in Afghanistan on the brink of devastation. We know the Taliban is going door to door looking for Christians to kill and unmarried women to take captive. Christians are hiding in their homes fearing what the Taliban will do to them. We pray for miraculous safety of Afghani Christians and that their lives will be a testimony of who God is to those around them.

January 11.

We pray for all those called to intervene in Afghanistan human rights abuses and bloodshed to have favour and breakthrough politically, financially, and administratively.

January 12.

Christians in more hostile nations may live far from us, but as believers we know that we are one with them in Christ's body. We cannot ignore their suffering. Pray for Christians in many nations who have fled their homes in the face of threats, attacks, and the destruction of their property - that they would feel the peace of God that surpasses understanding, guarding their hearts and minds through these troubles (Philippians 4:7).

January 13.

Let us pray for an increased capacity to love our enemies and to pray for those who hurt us, as Jesus taught us to do. Let us pray for all the victims of increasing violence and to also pray for those responsible for violence and atrocities. Pray that they be released from the spirit that has ensnared them. Pray for faith to believe that they can and will be released from their violence and hatred. Pray for the Holy Spirit to touch their hearts and minds and to reveal the beauty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

January 14.

Let us pray for a supernatural love for the Jewish nation. God loves them with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:1,3). They are beloved for the sake of their fathers (Romans 11:28). How can we do anything else but love them too!

Jan 15.

Pray for the church to lead the way in prayer and understanding of the intense spiritual battle concerning Israel and the nations. Australia is the only country that has consistently supported Israel for the last 100 years. Pray that this vital cord will be strengthened and not weakened; by ill-advised, or media-driven leadership. Pray for a renewed and passionate understanding of God's word concerning nations that bless Israel (Genesis 12:3).

January 16.

Let us plead for the Lord who restored Judea, Samaria, and Jerusalem to Israel in 1967, for His supernatural protection over these areas for all innocent people who reside and travel there - Jews and Arabs alike. Pray for Israel's security forces to receive wisdom and courage to root out all terrorist elements.

January 17.

Let us pray for the doors of the Israeli Interior Ministry to open wide and to remove all stones of bureaucratic stumbling from God's people's paths (Isaiah 62:10). Clear the way for all Messianic Jews to return and place a desire in them to do so (Psalm 137:4-6) and pray for the Lord to speak to more Jews in America and Australia that the "promised land" is not there but in Israel (Nehemiah 9:23).

January 18.

Praise the Lord for the inspired words of Paul, who echoes the theme of good works being a powerful tool: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). Pray for opportunities to humbly carry out unexpected good works today.

January 19.

Pray for the NSW Premier to resist the minority of people who seek to end life by euthanasia or abortion. Pray for the Premier (and all leaders) to be seeking His will in all matters. "Great peace have those who love your law, nothing can make them stumble" (Psalm 119:165).

January 20.

Just as Jesus went to the cross, He said, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it." (Mark 8:34-35).

January 21.

Pray that we would not give up our birth right for a morsel of meat. That we would understand the times we are living in, and would hold fast to what God expects of His people when faced with temptation for the comforts of this world vs His kingdom.

January 22.

Let us praise the Lord today for His marvellous, inspired Word that exhorts us to be honourable in all things as a witness to God. "Keep your conduct among the Gentiles (those who do not adhere to

Christian teaching) honourable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:12).

January 23.

Pray again for the Church today, that she would stir and lead our nation into true repentance. Pray for love and unity in the Spirit that the Bride would truly glorify the Bridegroom, our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray especially for the leadership in the Church "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve, not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock" (1 Peter 5:2-3).

January 24.

Let us pray for our children and grandchildren, that they would be rooted and established in love for Jesus their Saviour. Pray that they would grasp how wide, and long, and high, and deep God's love is for him/her, and to turn to Him alone, rather than being influenced by social media and populist agendas.

January 25.

Pray for the heavy mental and emotional load that the children of Australia are carrying. "Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper. (Jeremiah 29:7).

January 26.

Pray for the continued turning of the hearts of the fathers to the sons and sons to the fathers. That parents will continue to awaken to their God given authority to educate and protect their children and children, in turn will trust and love their parents.

January 27.

Churchill Island and Phillip Island are part of the homelands of the Yallok Bulluk People of the Bunurong/Boonwurrung clan. The Yallok Bulluk people would come to Churchill Island for shellfish, fish, small marsupials, and mutton birds. When Lieutenant James Grant's second mate, Lieutenant John Murray, returned to Churchill Island he found the garden and crop untouched by the local people. Let us pray that we can respect one another in the same manner the Yallok Bulluk people respected these new-comers' investment into the land.

January 28.

Lieutenant John Murray wrote of the harvest: "I regret not having time or men to spare to clear a large spot and sow the wheat already grown, as the next crop would be large. I never saw finer wheat or corn in my life, the straw being very near as large as young sugar-cane." We pray for Labourers for the harvest for the harvest is plentiful and the Labourers few.

January 29.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it (Ps 24:1). He owns the cattle on one thousand hills (Ps 50:10). Today we declare that Australia and all that is in it belong to God. God alone owns the title deeds of Australia.

January 30.

We remember all those that have gone before us sowing seeds of revival in Australia. We humbly recognise that the harvest we bring in throughout 2022 is not our own but that many have invested into the harvest we reap, many with blood, or sweat, or tears, or all. We partner with the prayers of the Saints that have gone before us in bringing in 2022's harvest.

January 31.

Pray for Hon. Rev. Fred Nile, one of the many humble servants of God who has sown the harvest we reap in 2022 for the glory of God. "Everyone will live in peace and prosperity, enjoying their own grapevines and fig trees, for there will be nothing to fear. The LORD of Heaven's Armies has made this promise!" Mica 4:4



Amazing Grace Turns 250!!

The Bible says: “And David the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? 17 And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy servant’s house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God. 1 Chronicles 17:16-17

This year, AD 2022, Amazing Grace turns 250 !

On December 31st, 1772, John Newton, a former slave trader, introduced the world to what we now know and love, as the grand old hymn ‘Amazing Grace’. This awesome song still inspires billions around the world, 250 years after its lyrics were first constructed and chanted at his evangelical “low Anglican” parish church of Olney - a working class village in the county of Buckinghamshire, England, known for its Shrove Tuesday pancake race.

Originally entitled “Faith’s Review and Expectation”, the prayerfully chosen lyrics were carefully written for a New Year’s Day service. After reading the above Biblical passage of 1 Chronicles 17:16-17 and reviewing his own life in the light of David’s response, Newton reflected on how far he had come since his seafaring days of sinful lifestyle, self-indulgence and slave trading. The Vicar of Olney, like the King of Israel, was overwhelmed by God’s amazing goodness and awesome greatness. It was right at this point, what would eventually become his best-known work was born.

Amazing Grace is now considered to be the most popular of our time. It is also the most recorded song in history. It is hummed and heard on every continent in this world. It transcends race, religion and even record categories. It takes in its stride all nations, regardless of colour, creed or culture. Whether presented in churches, performed in concerts or played in clubs, this Song of Songs touches many of the hearts of those who listen to its tune and learn its truth; this hymn of hymns transforms the souls of those who hear its message and heed its meaning.

This year, there’s going to be a number of conferences and celebrations around the world. The 2-day conference that I’m looking forward to is the “Amazing Grace and its legacies: reflections at 250” co-hosted by “The Open University, The Cowper and Newton Museum and Olney Parish Church,” UK. This year 2022 also marks:

1. The 274th anniversary of Newton’s Conversion (March 21);
2. The 219th anniversary of Newton’s last Will and

3. The 264th anniversary of Newton’s beginning to preach the Gospel (August 4);
4. The 236th anniversary of Newton’s invitation to Rev. Richard Johnson to be the chaplain and missionary on the first fleet to the land Down Under (September 23); and
5. The 215th anniversary of Newton’s death. (December 21)

I’ve always enjoyed telling the wonderful great story behind the world’s greatest song. In 2007, after more than 3 years of thorough research and diligent preparation, I released “The Man and the Story Behind Amazing Grace”, in book format after the great success of the short gospel tract version, to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in the UK and the release of the Amazing Grace movie in Australia. (To order your signed copy, see my resource review below)

Amazing Grace -we know the tune, the words. but there is a lot more to the family background of John Newton and the steps leading to his changed life So, Lord willing, this year, as we explore the lasting heritage of the most popular anthem, I want you to enjoy reading

the historical account of the soul of Newton and the heart-warming story of his amazing grace and also to experience the living hope of the most loved hymn of all time. In this series, we’ll look at: 1. Magnificent Statistics; 2. Mother and Son; 3. Man of the Sea; 4. Mercy in the Storm; 5. Master of Slaves; 6. Major Surrender; 7. Mazing Song; 8. Ministry of Significance; and 9. Meeting the Saviour.

We’ll also see John Newton’s international influence and connection with: 1. Rev. Richard Johnson and Australia; 2. William Cowper and the Olney Hymns; 3. William Wilberforce and the abolishing of slavery;

and 4. William Carey and Missions.

In Closing - Amazing Grace’ lasting legacy is deeply rooted in its living hope message –WE CAN NOW LIVE GUILT FREE in spite of our waywardness and wretchedness and despite our lostness and blindness, if and when we turn our back on self and sin and turn our heart over to the Lord Jesus. May we then in response:

1. Realise and give thanks to the God of all grace, for what He did for us, what He does in us, and what He will do through us, and

2. Recommit to live our lives by God’s grace, in His strength and to His glory.

The Apostle of grace -Paul , puts it this way, and The Bible says: “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all — yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

1 Corinthians 15:10

With the love of Christ

Peter Rahme

Pastor- Inner West Baptist Church

RAHME RESOURCES REVIEW

The Man & The Story Behind Amazing Grace By Peter Rahme.

Foreworded and launched by the Rev. Fred Nile MLC and endorsed by a large number of respected Australian and international Christian leaders, ‘The Man & the Story behind Amazing Grace’ is an easy to follow historical account of the soul of John Newton and the story of his ‘Amazing Grace’. Enjoy the wonderful great story behind the world’s greatest song! Explore the lasting heritage of the most popular anthem! Experience the living hope of the most loved hymn!

“... clear outline of Newton’s story ...” - Marylynn Rouse, The Life of John Newton-

Authorized Biography

“...I’m pleased to have your book as part of our library...” - Pastor Rick Warren,

“...Get this book, It will be a great blessing to you .It will be a great inspiration .Read it yourself and share it with a friend ...”

- The late Marcus Lamb - Daystar Television Network (In an interview with the author on the Celebration Program)

“...The book is quite challenging and engaging, and I endorse and recommend that everyone should read it” - Daniel Scot

“...We know the tune, the words and some are aware of the composer of “Amazing Grace”, but Peter has introduced us to the family background, the steps leading to a changed life and the ways in which the Lord can guide and direct a life given over to Him. John Newton’s background and experiences could equate with many reading these words. Thank you Peter...” - Ramon A. Williams

The Man & The Story Behind Amazing comes in a glossy soft cover, contains 10 chapters/ 84 pages & costs \$10 (posted anywhere in Australia) and can be ordered from FWN PO BOX 5296 Chullora NSW 2190 .(Please make your cheque payable to Peter Rahme)

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11. Peter Bentley - Assembly of Confessing Congregations
 12. Judy Russell – Christian Worldview
 13. Rev Peter Rahme – Christian Author
 14. Rev Peter Robinson – Governing Board FamilyVoice (NSW)
 15. Rev Viniana (Vinnie) Ravetali (Chair) Sydney Presbytery Standing Committee Uniting Church NSW
 16. Rev Phillip Jensen - Two Ways Ministries
- We will continue to hold NSW Parliament in our prayers.



Silvana and Rev. Fred Nile leading a Day of Prayer



Rev. Nile with Silvana and Stepchildren

our lives. Their role of protecting and guiding us into adulthood shapes the person we become.

This year because of COVID lockdowns many will be physically separated from fathers, grand-fathers and even great- grandfathers. For those of you with lead up time maybe create a video or write a card or letter that you can send by post. Or on the day give them a call by phone or skype. Talk about your love for them, how often you think of them and what you wish for them. The importance is on staying connected, especially in these difficult times.

May God Bless you and your family as we celebrate Father’s Day on 5th September 2021.

OCTOBER

25. Serving the NSW Parliament for 40 years

The 19th of September marked the 40 year anniversary of my career in Parliament as a Member of the Legislative Council.

I was elected to the NSW Legislative Council in 1981 and have been a constant champion for the natural family, human rights for the unborn, religious freedom, the dignity of women, measures to combat binge drinking, drug rehabilitation services, gambling advertising reform and much more.

I managed to achieve many legislative successes in that time including the Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act which banned remaining forms of tobacco advertising in NSW. The Smoking Regulation Act which banned smoking in motor vehicles was also passed.

One of the most significant votes I cast was to secure the first Aboriginal land rights legislation passed more than 30 years ago, something the Indigenous people of NSW remember with gratitude.

Another significant achievement was the Parliament’s support of my motion condemning the Armenian, Assyrian and Greek Genocide.

And there are more reforms to come. Here is a list of legislation

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24. Happy Father’s Day

We celebrate Father’s Day on Sunday 5th September this year. It’s a time to thank and appreciate the important role our fathers have in

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The NSW Legislative Council in December 1991. Rev. Hon. Fred Nile MLC & Elaine Nile at the front, second row from left.

that is either in draft or we are currently working on: Public Health Amendment (Vaccine Compensation) Bill 2021,

Children and Young Persons (Prohibition of Experimental Gender Reassignment Treatment) Amendment Bill 2021, Sex Selection Abortion Prohibition Bill and the Fairness in Women's Sports Bill.

My long service has only been made possible through the support of God and the people of NSW.

26. Unity in the NSW Legislative Council

The NSW Legislative Council has not formally met since June 24, 2021 due to the State Government's refusal to send at least one constitutionally required Minister or Parliamentary Secretary. The State Government has committed to a return on October 12, 2021, however this announcement is after months of broken assurances. I feel, this return is far from guaranteed.

In a rare but welcome display of unity, all non-Government Parties in the NSW Legislative Council have signed a cross-Party petition entitled 'Restore Our Democracy'. The petition calls on the State Government to send their Ministers back to Parliament so essential Parliamentary business can resume.

This petition is addressed to the NSW Attorney General Hon Mark Speakman and the Governor of NSW Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC. The Governor of NSW has many roles but of relevance to this petition:

- Determining dates of Parliamentary sessions and elections
- Normally acts on the advice of Government but constitutional conventions do allow the Governor to take independent acts under some circumstances.

27. CDP congratulations Perrottet elected as NSW Premier

Following the resignation of the 45th Premier of NSW Hon

Gladys Berejiklian, it is heartening to see the appointment of Hon Dominic Perrottet as the newly elected Premier of NSW.

At 39 years of age, Perrottet is the Liberal Member for Epping and has served our State as Treasurer for over four years. He is happily married, the proud father of six children, a practicing Catholic and a faithful follower of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev Nile stated: 'Over the past forty years, I have worked with both Labor and Liberal Premiers with varying personalities, factional loyalties and ideological differences. I have always viewed my role as a Member of the Legislative Council to be constructive rather than obstructive to the Government of the day.'

It is my hope that Premier Perrottet is able to swiftly lead us out of lockdown, restore the economy and provide moral leadership in the Liberal Party by defeating the upcoming euthanasia legislation' stated Rev Nile.

28. ICAC investigation intensifies – NSW Premier Resigns

In a bombshell announcement today the 45th Premier of NSW Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP has announced her resignation as Premier and as Member for Willoughby. The later resignation will trigger a by-election for the seat of Willoughby.

The Premier has dedicated her life to public service and her resignation would be a tremendous personal challenge for her. However, I feel the Premier has made the right call by resigning in the face of an intensifying ICAC investigation into her conduct as Premier.

We pray for Ms Berejiklian in her life beyond politics and wish her well.

29. State Governments keeps its word. Thousands of health workers lose their jobs.

The NSW Health Minister Hon Brad Hazzard has previously advised that all those working in the public health system are required to vaccinate before September 30, 2021 or face termination of their employment. Unfortunately Hazzard has kept true to his word and



Dominic Perrottet newly appointed Premier of NSW



Gladys Berejiklian

thousands of hardworking and passionate health workers have been terminated as of yesterday.

Since 1977 it has been our Party Policy that responsible Australian adults have the right to choose their own form of medical treatment. I am confident that health workers have a well-informed knowledge and understanding of Covid-19 vaccinations and their informed right to vaccinate or not should be respected rather than scorned.

Hazzard stated yesterday "there won't be a position available for them (unvaccinated health workers) in New South Wales. So it's pretty simple – if you don't care enough to get vaccinated and look after your colleagues, if you don't care enough to look after your patients, then you probably shouldn't be in the health system." The Health Services Union Secretary Gerard Hayes said "There could be sort of 3,000-5,000 people who are not vaccinated. That will put pressure on the system. That's across, I think, all of NSW. And, any loss of any health worker will put pressure on the system".

The loss of thousands of experienced and passionate health workers across New South Wales will result in longer wait times in hospitals, understaffing across the sector, anxiety among their co-workers due to increased pressure and sadly avoidable deaths in hospital.

I call on the NSW Health Minister to reverse this terrible decision and respect the health workers who give their lives to saving others.

NOVEMBER

30. Power of prayer and police -

Cleo Smith found alive and well

Hallelujah!

In truly stunning news missing four year old Cleo Smith has been found in a locked house at 1 am this morning by police in Carnarvon. To her parent's relief Cleo is both alive and well.

Young Cleo was first reported missing by her parents at Blowholes Campground near Carnarvon Western Australia over three weeks ago. An extensive search was conducted by local and federal police across multiple jurisdictions.

Christians across Australia have prayed for Cleo's return. The St Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Carnarvon held a prayer vigil for Cleo's safe return, their prayers and that of all Australians have been answered.

Early police reports have announced that a man has been charged with Cleo's abduction. We pray that justice is served and that Cleo and her family are able to prayerfully enjoy the upcoming Christmas holidays.

31. A Digital Identity 'Card'

Australians have long been sceptical of vast government overreach and highly value their privacy. There should be no surprise then that there is great and growing opposition to the quietly proposed Digital Identity.

In 1985 former Prime Minister Bob Hawke introduced the idea of a national identity card called the 'Australia Card'. The Australia Card would have amalgamated almost all Government identification documents with the stated goal of reducing tax avoidance and fraud. The Australian people, the Federal Opposition and even Bob Hawke's colleagues balked at the idea due to privacy concerns and the proposal was abandoned in 1987.

Identity fraud is an increasing problem in the 21st century but an online database is not a sure-proof way to stop it.

At the Evanta 2016 New York CISO Summit the former Deputy Director of the NSA Chris Inglis said 'there is no such thing as a secure IT system'. Our Government can take all reasonable steps to protect the personal information of Australians but by centralising our data you are inevitably inviting greater risk. As recently as April 2020 Service NSW was hacked through a series of phishing attacks, 5 million documents were accessed with the sensitive data of 104 000 Australians being stolen.

The draft legislation requires businesses to comply with the Digital Identity system. This will inevitably lead to higher compliance costs. Worse, it is business that is held liable for security breaches alone. There is no redress or compensation for victims outside of taking legal action against the entity that itself was the target of cyber-crime.

If the Government is serious about implementing a Digital Identity then perhaps it should take advice from comedian Rob Sitch's TV Series Utopia. Sitch's character Tony Woodford (who opposes a Digital Identity) cleverly suggests that such a scheme could be given a trial in Canberra and that all expenses, diaries and other affairs of MPs and public servants could be recorded to the System permanently. The Digital Identity is then abandoned!

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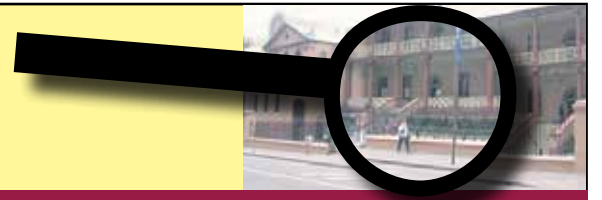
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Focus On Parliament

JANUARY 2022



Citizens' Legislation Action

The Parliamentary Calendar has now closed and Christmas is upon us. The last week of Parliament saw the successful passing of Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Legislative Assembly by a significant margin. When this dangerous Bill comes before the Legislative Council we fight it tooth and nail. The Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly and others proposed 160 amendments to fix gaps in the Bill which were all rudely rejected by Member for Sydney Alex Greenwich. Rev Nile introduced a Bill that would ban the very real reality of Sex-Selective Abortion in New South Wales. Gendercide must have no place in our State. After many long years of campaigning Zoe's Law has been passed, the Bill (known as the Loss of Foetus Bill 2021) recognises the death of an unborn child as a result of motor vehicle crime by strengthening the minimum sentence, awarding funeral costs from the perpetrator, the unborn child's name to appear on a death certificate and victim impact statements to read in court. The wish of this writer is that our readers have a Merry Christmas, see their families, go to their Churches, eat too much and listen to some quality Christmas music. I heartily recommend a personal favourite 'Please come home for Christmas' by The Eagles. Have a happy new year!

BILLS INITIATED AND PASSED BY CDP

1. Constitution Amendment (Restoration of Oaths of Allegiance) Bill 2012
2. Crimes Amendment (Provocation) Bill 2014
3. Crimes Legislation Amendment (Possession of Knives in Public) Bill 2009
4. Education Amendment (Educational Support for Children with

5. Significant Learning Difficulties) Bill 2008
6. Modern Slavery Bill 2018
7. Smoking Regulation Bill 1997
8. St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Monastery (NSW) Property Trust Bill 2014
9. Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Bill 1991

BILLS ON THE CURRENT NOTICE PAPER

1. Children and Young Persons (Prohibition of Experimental Gender Reassignment Treatment) Amendment Bill 2021 (Received the certificate of readiness to be placed on Notice Feb 2022)
2. Fairness in Women's Sports Bill 2021 (Received the certificate of readiness to be placed on Notice Feb 2022)
3. Abortion Law Reform (Sex Selection Prohibition) Amendment Bill 2021 (Notice 6/11/21)
4. Public Health Amendment (Vaccine Compensation) Bill 2021 (Notice 16/02/21)
5. Adoption Amendment (Same Sex Couples Repeal) Bill 2019 (Notice 20/8/19)
6. Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Freedom of Religion) Bill 2019 (Notice 6/8/19)
7. Child Protection (Nicolé's Law) Bill 2019 (Notice 17/9/19)
8. Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Amendment (Banning Restricted X-rated Films) Bill 2019 (Notice 20/08/19)
9. Crimes Amendment (Incitement of Promotion of Terrorism and Violence) Bill 2019 (Notice 15/10/19)

10. Crimes Amendment (Pre-natal Termination) Bill 2019 (Notice 21/8/19)
11. Crimes Amendment (Protection of Foetuses) Bill 2019 (Notice 20/6/19)
12. Crimes Amendment (Zoe's Law) Bill 2019 (Notice 6/8/19)
13. Drugs and Alcohol Treatment Amendment (Rehabilitation of Persons with Severe Substance Dependence) Bill 2019 (Notice 21/8/19)
14. Drugs Misuse and Trafficking Amendment (Injecting Centre Repeal) Bill 2019 (Notice 15/10/19)
15. Family Impact Commission Bill 2019 (Notice 21/8/19)
16. Gambling Advertising Prohibition Bill 2019 (Notice 17/9/19)
17. Liquor Amendment (Drinking Age) Bill 2019 (Notice 22/10/19)
18. Liquor Amendment (Health Warning for Pregnant Women) Bill 2019 (Notice 21/8/19)
19. Mining Amendment (Compensation for Cancellation of Exploration Licenses) Bill 2019 (Notice 4/6/19)
20. Pregnancy Termination (Information About Pain to Child in Utero) Bill 2019 (Notice 20/8/19)
21. Pregnancy Termination (Mandatory Counselling) Bill 2019 (Notice 20/8/19)
22. Pregnancy Termination (Mandatory Reporting) Bill 2019 (Notice 6/8/19)
23. Public Health Amendment (Vaccination Compensation) Bill 2021 (Notice 16/2/21)
24. Sex Services Advertising Prohibition Bill 2019 (Notice 21/8/19)
25. Summary Offences Amendment (Full-face Coverings Prohibition) Bill 2019 (Notice 15/10/19)
26. Summary Offences Amendment (Prohibition on Payment for Sex) Bill 2019 (Notice 17/9/19)

FRED NILE'S PARLIAMENTARY UPDATE



This section will be updated with Rev Nile's recent parliamentary activity. Older items will be removed from the end of each list as new ones are added to them at the top. Press Releases are listed in descending date order and copies can be found on <cdp.org.au>. Questions to the Government (both with and without notice) are listed in descending draft date order and note their subject matter. All speeches delivered by Rev Nile can be found on the online version of Hansard at <parliament.nsw.gov.au>. Updated on 13 December 2021

Media Releases:

- (29/11/21) Week in review – NSW Parliament concludes for the year
- (25/11/21) Euthanasia Bill passes Legislative Assembly – Legislative Council debate begins next year.
- (21/11/21) Week in review NSW Modern Slavery ACT, Sex-Selective Abortion Ban ICAC Support, Zoe's Law Legislated at last.
- (19/11/21) Compassion never kills – Euthanasia vote next Thursday – The clock is ticking
- (17/11/21) CDP Stands for Life – Rev. Nile introduces Bill to ban Sex-Selective Abortion – 'Compassion Never Kills' rally this Thursday
- (14/11/21) Week in review – Antisemitism, Remembrance Day, Drugs and Warragamba Dam – Euthanasia to be voted on next week.
- (11/11/21) Crimes Legislation Amendment (Loss of Foetus) Bill 2021 – Zoe's Law is here at last.
- (10/11/21) Anniversary of Kristallnacht 'the night of broken glass' – CDP endorses IHRA definition of antisemitism
- (05/11/21) Rev. Fred Nile supports NSW Teachers – Stands opposed to mass sackings
- (03/11/21) Power of prayer and police Cleo Smith found alive and well
- (29/10/21) CDP Supports nuclear energy – Rev. Nile demands repeal of nuclear prohibition in NSW
- (28/10/21) A Digital Identity 'Card' – Australia says NO
- (27/10/21) Oppose death – Choose life
- (15/10/21) Week in review – NSW Parliament returns – Kill Bill introduced to Legislative Assembly
- (05/10/21) CDP congratulates Perrottet – Elected as NSW Premier
- (01/10/21) ICAC Investigation Intensifies – NSW Premier Resigns
- (30/09/21) State Government keeps its word – Thousands of health workers lost their jobs
- (29/09/21) Rev. Nile running for CDP State President
- (23/09/21) Unity in the NSW Legislative Council
- (22/09/21) 40 years in Parliament
- (10/09/21) Regarding Lyle Shelton
- (09/09/21) Rev. Nile to introduce legislation banning sex selection abortion
- (09/09/21) State Government – Pushing mandatory Covid-19 vaccination for Church
- (08/09/21) Frontline workers – Disrespected and in despair
- (07/09/21) We're (not) all in this together – Executive privilege trumps fairness for families
- (05/09/21) Surveillance Legislation Bill PRIVACY LOST – Repeal 'The Identify and Disrupt Bill 2021'
- (03/09/21) Rev. Nile wins the 2021 FamilyVoice Fathers Day Photographic Competition
- (31/08/21) Rev. Hon. Fred Nile with Rikki Lambert on Flow FM – No Fault COVID-19 Indemnity Scheme
- (31/08/21) Federal Government – No Fault COVID-19 Indemnity Scheme
- (31/08/21) NSW Roads and Mobile Speed Cameras – Life in the Panopticon Lane
- (30/08/21) Support for science – The case for Ivermectin grows stronger
- (27/08/21) FamilyVoice – NSW Day of Prayer Evening Session
- (26/08/21) Support MPs who support your Liberties!
- (24/08/21) A Call to Prayer for God's Great South Land of the Holy Spirit
- (24/08/21) Play Safe – Unsafe! – Review into sexual education needed

Speeches in the Legislative Council:

- (24/11/21) Adjournment Speech - Christmas
- (24/11/21) Private Members Statement – Compassion Never Kills Rally
- (24/11/12) Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farm) Bill 2021 Response
- (23/11/21) Greater Sydney Parklands Trust
- (19/11/21) Compassion Never Kills - Right to Life NSW Rally
- (19/11/21) Loss of Foetus Bill 2021
- (19/11/21) Modern Slavery Bill 2021
- (17/11/21) Abortion Law Reform (Sex Selection Prohibition) Amendment Bill 2021
- (16/11/21) Voluntary Assisted Dying
- (16/11/21) Modern Slavery
- (16/11/21) International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism
- (16/11/21) Public Health Amendment (Vaccination Compensation) Bill 2021
- (10/11/21) CDP adopts IHRA
- (20/10/21) Voluntary Assisted Dying
- (20/10/21) Legacy Week
- (20/10/21) The Star Casino
- (20/10/21) Uranium Mining and Nuclear Facilities Storage Repeal Bill 2019
- (20/10/21) One Nation Amendment – Audio Visual Links
- (19/10/21) Intensive Family Based Services
- (14/10/21) Minister to be Present in the House
- (13/10/21) Covid-19 and Correctional Facilities
- (12/10/21) Children's Gender Treatments
- (12/10/21) School Certificate of Exemption
- (12/10/21) Opening Prayers and Welcome to Country
- (14/09/21) Minister to be Present in the House
- (23/06/21) State Budget
- (22/06/21) Families, Communities and Disability Services Miscellaneous Amendment Bill 2020
- (10/06/21) Children's Gender Treatment
- (10/06/21) His Royal Highness Prince Phillip The Duke of Edinburgh
- (10/06/21) Mutual Recognition (New South Wales) Amendment Bill 2021
- (09/06/21) Lune Park Ghost Train
- (09/06/21) Statutory review of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013
- (08/06/21) International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia
- (13/05/21) Covid-19 and State Economy
- (13/05/21) Religious Freedom
- (11/05/21) Covid-19 Vaccine
- (11/05/21) Mandatory Disease Testing Bill 2020
- (05/05/21) Public Housing
- (24/03/21) Housing supply and homelessness
- (24/03/21) President of the Legislative Council
- (13/03/21) Priv. MS re Religious Freedoms in Victoria and Gender Dysphoria
- (11/03/21) 2nd RS re Mandatory Diseases Testing Bill 2020
- (24/03/21) Adj Speech re Religious Freedoms in Victoria
- (24/03/21) Removal of Natasha Maclaren as "President" of the legislative Council
- (18/03/21) 2nd RS re Covid-19 Legislation Amendment (Stronger Communities and Health) Bill 2021
- (16/03/21) 2nd RS re Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Bill 2021
- (17/02/21) Adj. Speech re Persecuted Nigerian Christians
- (17/02/21) NoM Surf Life Saving NSW Awards of Excellence
- (17/02/21) 2nd RS re Public Health Amendment (Vaccination Compensation) Bill 2021
- (16/02/21) 2nd RS re Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Repeal Bill 2020
- (16/02/21) In Cmte. Strata Schemes Management Amendment (Sustainability Infrastructure) Bill 2020
- (16/02/21) Announcement re The Hon. Elizabeth Kirkby OAM
- (26/11/20) Seasonal Felicitations
- (25/11/20) Instructions to Cmte. of the Whole re Electricity Infrastructure Investment Bill 2020

Questions to the Government:

- (24/11/21) Road Tolls
- (19/11/21) Stamp Duty Reform
- (17/11/21) Northern Beaches Link
- (12/11/21) Alternative Flood Mitigation Schemes
- (10/11/21) IHRA - International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of anti-Semitism
- (21/10/21) Violence amongst female students
- (14/10/21) IFBS Services
- (12/10/21) 83C Education Act
- (12/10/21) Transport and Roads – Central Coast Public Transport
- (12/10/21) Special Minister of State – Event Insurance Scheme
- (12/10/21) Health and Medical Research – COVAX 19
- (07/09/21) Health and Medical Research – Medical Exemption Criteria for COVID-19 Vaccination
- (23/08/21) Education and Early Childhood Learning – Play Safe and NSW Education
- (19/08/21) Health and Medical Research – NSW Health Funding Advice on Sex Toys and Anal Sex
- (19/08/21) Local Government – Regional Council Mergers
- (19/08/21) Local Government – Council Dissatisfaction
- (18/08/21) Premier – Afghanistan – Asylum for our Allies and Christians
- (13/08/21) Transport and Roads – Mobile Speed Cameras
- (13/08/21) Customer Service – Service NSW App Data Safety
- (11/08/21) Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts – Modern Slavery Amendment Bill
- (10/08/21) Finance and Small Business – COVID-19 Micro-Business Grant Eligibility
- (06/08/21) Health and Medical Research – COVID-19 Vaccination for Children
- (06/08/21) Customer Service – Service NSW Claim Delays
- (26/07/21) Health and Medical Research – Indefinite Lockdowns
- (26/07/21) Treasurer – Support for Students
- (22/07/21) Treasurer – Stamp Duty Review
- (22/07/21) Transport and Roads – Mobile Speed Cameras-Safety and Revenue
- (21/07/21) Health - Ivermectin
- (21/07/21) Health - Covid-19 Delta Variant Lockdown
- (23/06/21) Education - Safe Schools
- (22/06/21) Health - Covid-19 Vaccine
- (12/05/21) Health - Gender dysphoria
- (12/05/21) Health - Children gender dysphoria
- (07/05/21) Health - Teen Trans Review
- (07/05/21) Health - Governments Failure to Engage in Federal "Teen Trans Review"
- (12/05/21) Health - Reversal on Gender Dysphoria Treatment
- (18/03/21) Health - Covid Vaccines and Cancer Risks
- (17/03/21) Health - Ingredients of Covid Vaccines
- (13/03/21) Health - Inquiry into Covid Related Bureaucratic Cuts
- (11/03/21) Health - Covid Vaccines and the Governments Alleged Pro-Free Trade and Free Market Position
- (23/03/21) Housing - Homelessness and Housing Availability
- (18/02/21) Health - Switzerland banned AstraZeneca vaccine
- (16/02/21) Health - Efficacy of Face Masks

Committees:

- Rev Fred Nile:**
- Privileges Committee (Deputy Chair)
 - Procedure Committee (member)
 - Selection of Bills Committee (member)
 - Social Issues Committee (member)
 - Stay Safe Committee (member)

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32. First week back in Parliament after lockdown

On Tuesday 12th October the NSW Parliament returned to business and your elected representatives are now able to perform the vital democratic role that is demanded of them.

I was invited by the President of the Legislative Council to say the Opening Prayers and Welcome to Country. I was formally congratulated for my 40 years serving in the Legislative Council.

On Wednesday Hon Walt Secord MLC has moved a Bill to ban the use of the Nazi Swastika. My response was "I

am very pleased to support this Bill, the horrors of Adolf Hitler's Nazi Regime must never be repeated. Neo-Nazis and their evil symbolism must not be allowed to propagate. I support this Bill without reservation". In the Legislative Assembly, Member for Sydney Alex Greenwich introduced a Voluntary Assisted Dying (Euthanasia) Bill. This radical pro-death bill must be defeated. If this Bill is introduced to the Legislative Council it will be fiercely resisted.

On Thursday morning I spoke on the lengthy suspension of Parliament and said "The Government had gone on strike ... and were preventing the House from conducting its business.. the Legislative Council was prevented from doing its job". I condemned the actions of the Government in shutting down Parliament for so long and said "I hope we will never see it (the shut-down) again".

33. Rev. Fred Nile supports NSW Teachers – Stands opposed to mass sackings

From November 8 all teachers and support staff will be required to be double vaccinated or face termination.

As those familiar with school life would know November is a very busy and important time of year for both staff and student alike. Exams are taking place, reports are being compiled and end of year preparations are occurring. It is reported up to five thousand teaching staff across New South Wales will lose their jobs on Monday unless the Government changes course.

Poorer educational outcomes are inevitable if hardworking and passionate teachers are ripped out of the classroom and out of a job. Leaving aside the economic and mental strife of the teachers themselves it is the students that ultimately suffer.

I wrote to the Premier, the Education Minister and the Health Minister and employing them to change direction. The CDP also garnered thousands of signatures in our petition to save teachers in New South Wales which was sent to the State Government.

34. Week in review NSW Modern Slavery ACT, Sex-Selective Abortion Ban ICAC Support, Zoe's Law Legislated at last

The week commencing 15th November was tremendously significant week in Parliament for the Christian Democratic Party. I thank our Lord for what we have accomplished.

I am very pleased to say that New South Wales has finally passed a Modern Slavery Act with a commencement date of January 1, 2022. This comes after the original Bill was shelved by the State Government, despite both Houses voting for it in 2018. You can read my speech about this weird and unwarranted delay on page 44 of Hansard. We have worked closely with the Government, Opposition, Crossbench and the International Justice Mission to get this humanitarian legislation through.

On Wednesday 17th November I was proud to have introduced the Abortion Law Reform (Sex Selection Prohibition) Amendment Bill 2021 that would ban sex-selective abortion in New South Wales. This is not the first time such legislation has come before Parliament. In 2019 the Hon Damien Tudehope raised a similar bill. Then it was my privilege



Rev. Hon. Fred Nile MLC asking questions at a virtual hearing

to support Tudehope's Bill, I expect him and the Government to do the same now, especially with a Premier who is of the Catholic faith.

I have long supported Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC). The revelations exposed in the most recent sessions of ICAC only further the obvious need for a such a body, for the sake of public accountability, transparency and justice. To this effect, I have supported the ICAC and Other Independent Commissions Legislation Amendment (Independent Funding) Bill 2021 (No. 2). This Bill further facilitates the operations of ICAC, this Bill passed with Opposition and Crossbench support, the Government voting against.

After a decade of lobbying Zoe's Law has finally passed both Houses of NSW Parliament. You can read more about the final version of the Bill and read the speeches by myself <https://bit.ly/3H5Wu9I>, the Government and others here. Justice for the unborn, who have been the victims of crime is finally here at last.

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35. The Government's response to the Standing Committee on Social Issues Review of the Heritage Act 1977

I was pleased to see that the Government responded <https://bit.ly/3GIL5Tww> with support to the recommendations I made in the Standing Committee on Social Issues Review of the Heritage Act 1977 <https://bit.ly/3ymHBmW>.

The government indicated support in principle for The First Nations War Memorial Museum (Item 16 pg 6). The response states "The NSW Government supports the establishment of an Aboriginal War Memorial Museum subject to the preparation and outcome of a Final Business Case and consultation with Aboriginal communities."

We will continue working with the First Nations People's Advisory Committee and the Government till this project comes into fruition.

The other recommendations I made which was supported was for specific funding for Digitisation and Video Storytelling in Libraries, Museums and Galleries (Item 26 pgs 8-9) The NSW Government stated it "already allocates significant funding for the digitisation and video recording preservation of archives, records and artefacts in libraries, galleries and museums." Although a number of current digitisation projects were mentioned there was no mention of additional funds nor was there any mention of creating video storytelling using these records and artefacts.

We will continue working with Cr Linda Scott, President Local Government NSW to make sure all these recommendations are met. Cr Linda Scott had supplied evidence during the hearing and provided additional information to our supplementary questions to help us garner support in the committee for these recommendations.

36. Matilda Nile's Graduation.

On 2nd December 2021 my granddaughter Matilda (Tilly) Nile graduated as a Human Resources Officer of the Navy.

The ceremony was at HMAS Creswell Jervis Bay ACT.

I was there to cheer her on along with her father David (my youngest son), her mother Leonie and sister Montana. We were all really proud of this very accomplished woman.

The time I spent in the armed forces taught me about being reliable, disciplined and confident. It was a time of great personal development. I know Tilly's time in the Navy will be one of great growth. I wish her every possible success in her journey.

May the Lord richly bless you and your family as we celebrate the New Year.

Rev. Hon. Fred Nile MLC
CDP Federal President & CDP MLC



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