

...when Pauline Hanson burst onto the scene she was a straight shooter. She spoke the language that resonated with the man in the street. When a spontaneous movement of the people lifted her the carpetbaggers moved in, seduced her and the chance to smash the insidious two party cabal was lost. The young woman who had the ball at her feet saw.....

Destiny Aborted

...this is the behind the scenes skulduggery that converted an Independent into a party machine, through theft, misleading representation and duping the electoral commission of queensland.

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Pauline Hanson Support Movement

The story behind the Pauline Hanson Support Movement is a very personal one and in the years to come will no doubt fill in the questions asked by historians. It is also a tribute to those whose interest in the welfare and survival of Pauline Hanson went beyond the mercenary pursuits of ambition and greed. The Movement hi-jacked was blatantly seized to create One Nation.

The Moving Finger writes: and having writ,

Moves on: nor all thy Piety nor Wit

Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,

Nor all thy Tears wash out a Word of it.

Omar Khayyam, Persian poet 1075

In the following pages you will come to understand the thought processes of Bruce Whiteside who in the late 1980's and mid nineties challenged the government of the

day, the Hawke Labor Government on its policy of selling Australia land to foreign interests which flowed through to his support of maverick politician Pauline Hanson.

Whilst Bruce raised issues that politicians were too timid to tackle, whilst he hoisted the standard in support of maverick Pauline Hanson, he is the first to acknowledge that his inspiration to challenge the established order of protocol was derived from his father's written word. This can be seen in much of his fathers poetry that can ve viewed on the above mentioned website.

This website commences with Eureka, which contains all the poetic work of William 'Bill' Whiteside. Reading the many poems will give an insight as to why Bruce his oldest son would not be silenced on issues of national concern. Perhaps readers to this site might read the poem Apathy ...first.

Destiny Aborted

The story of the

The Pauline Hanson Support Movement

Saga

One Nation was built on the back of the people's

movement. This is the true story of how that came about and

the treachery that accompanied the seizure of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement

28/10/1996

"The fact that the Oldfield's, Ettridge's and Hanson's had to steal his PHSM from him to establish the One Nation party (something they could not do without the PHSM membership) reflects one simple truth. Bruce Whiteside had a better brain than the three of them combined but while he had integrity - they did not."

Scott Balson, Original One Nation Webmaster.

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Pauline at the authors desk November 1996

Written by the founder of the PHSM

Bruce R WHITESIDE

Unlike those who rushed into print to capitalise on the Hanson phenomenon, the founder makes this book free. There is more to life than exploiting others for personal gain; there is truth ... and nearly always it becomes the first casualty in the pursuit of self interest.

WARNING!

Some of the material in this book is speculative. It should not be taken as fact until and if proven. In creating the Support Movement I had access to people and events that I would not have had otherwise. I saw the dirty side of politics and what it does to people. I have tried to 'interest' journalists for nearly seven years. Some, not all view me as a conspiratorial theorist. I have used inside knowledge and a little bit of lateral thinking to arrive at certain conclusions, but you as the reader must read them as an opinion only.

December 8th 2014.

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This story was originally written in 1997 and with one or two minor updates in 2003; it was reviewed in 2011.

The reason for the review is twofold. The period of the rise and fall of Pauline Hanson presented an aberration in the history of Australian politics that historians of the future will study. For the most part much of it is centred on the people who created One Nation. Much of the reporting of the day was hostile and based on sensational factors. In time the Hanson Comet left a trail across the political theatre and in time faded. In the process people participated and many were left destroyed and sadly disillusioned its the wake.

In 2011 One Nation re-applied for re-registration in Queensland. I had it in mind to oppose that but after consulting with the Electoral Commission in Queensland decided that those who were still actively involved deserved a chance. I was also assured that Ettridge, Oldfield and Hanson had moved out, although the latter still maintained an interest and was being 'kept in the picture'.

I then looked up the National Website of One Nation, to see an in-depth refurbished policy, much the work of the late Colin Law. Whilst this gave me a sense of having made the right decision to not oppose the re-registration, I was immediately disillusioned to note that in enticing new membership that they also included work by David Ettridge.

I sought to speak to a Queensland One Nation executive, but sadly he made promises that have not been realised. I am well aware that many drew conclusions based on hearsay that I contributed to the downfall of One Nation...yet I know of no one who has ever bothered to read this account. They sit in judgement. There were many within the PHSM who were hurt, left disillusioned and ultimately betrayed ...and lest they be forgotten this is as much their story as it is the Support Movement's.

As a result of this I have now I have been requested to submit this work to the National Library of Australia, for archival purposes. This has now been done.

Bruce R Whiteside, 28/10/2011

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About the author



Bruce Whiteside was born in Invercargill New Zealand in 1934. Son of a painter and paperhanger, he struggled to get a toehold on life itself. He spent his first nine months in a Karitane Hospital fighting for his life. During the depression years his father like thousands of others experienced the soup kitchens, the utter degradation to the human soul and the poverty that accompanied it. He knapped stones on relief work, working alongside doctors and tradesmen, building what is today the Summit Road above Christchurch, New Zealand. Bill was later part of Dan Sullivan's group of good Samaritans, who helped relieved the plight of those even worse off. Dan Sullivan who was at that time the much loved Mayor of Christchurch, later became a Cabinet

Minister in the first Labour Government in New Zealand. Bill a strong Labour man imparted upon Bruce much of the philosophy and influence that his son exhibits.

In 1979 Bruce came to Australia. He was appalled at the apathy of the average Australian. Although still fiercely a New Zealander at heart he feels passionately about his adopted country. This quality came to the fore in 1988, when Japanese investment and property ownership began to distort the economy. Whiteside attracted the largest political meeting ever held on the Gold Coast, when 1500 people packed into a school hall. Eight years later Pauline Hanson began to bring some of Whiteside's concerns into the national parliament. Without help from Hanson he set about building the extraordinary support movement that was to be subsequently hijacked. It was upon this foundation that One Nation was so blatantly and fraudulently built.

Whiteside is outspoken and as the pages of this story will reveal passionate about his subject. He does not spare anyone, least of all himself. Readers and particularly One Nation supporters may not be too happy with what he has to say, but in the years to come the historical value of this work will be invaluable. Historians at least will appreciate the value of what he has left behind.

Prelude

A Brief History & Original Committee

The Pauline Hanson Support Movement had its genesis in an impromptu speech that I wrote for no other reason than putting down on paper what I felt at the time. For me it was 1988 and the foreign land ownership debate all over again. Yet it was more than that. I saw in Hanson a soul mate who shared very similar views and further more she had the same capacity to get up on the public stage and enunciate what the more reserved, the more intimidated and the less gutsy were reluctant to do. I also found a common thread of upbringing accompanied by both Protestant and Roman Catholic threads that led back to England and more particularly Ireland. Yes, I did have tremendous admiration for Pauline Hanson, but it was not the admiration of sycophants, carpetbaggers or political opportunists. What I wrote and never altered was a month

later the catalyst for a public meeting of moral and practical support for a lone battler. That meeting held in the Albert Waterways Community Centre on 28th October 1996 was attended by 850 people of which 125 immediately became members of what quickly became the Pauline Hanson Support Movement. Whilst this was encouraging in itself it must be understood that this movement was intended to be a local one, nothing more.

Within twenty-four hours the wider media had picked up on the Gold Coast Bulletin's very poor reporting of the event and as result I appeared on top of the Today programme the following morning. When I arrived home at 8.30am that same morning, my wife Iris was locked into the phone, with pencil and paper working overtime. This went on for a month, by which time a handful of us had put ingenuity and resourcefulness into play and established not a local organization but a growing national one. And all this from one man putting down on paper what Hanson was attempting to get across in the public arena.

The original committee

For the record it was originally decided to call the public meeting mentioned three weeks earlier, namely 7th October 1996. At that time there was no committee. There was Iris my wife, the Clodd family and myself. The reason why this did not take place was very simple. When on September 23 1996, the Gold Coast Bulletin interviewed me about the idea of going public, it attracted well over 50 odd phone calls. The conversation was along the lines of 'we are with you all the way on this'. Not so in reality. I could not afford to bear the cost of hiring a hall and limited advertising, so I embarked on a phone round up of thirty odd people for \$10 each; all but one agreed. I arranged for a Postal Box number and waited until the donations came in. I waited two weeks and received one solitary donation. As a result I called the meeting off.

Three weeks later a Paul Trewartha who happened to catch me out in the garden pulled up in his brand new Land Cruiser and wanted to know what had happened to my planned meeting. My response was 'If Australians are so bloody apathetic, then they can go to hell.' With that he offered to fund any shortfall, but I suggested that he make it a donation and I would reschedule the meeting. This was done and on the day before the

meeting October 28th, we called a meeting at our home to delegate responsibilities for that meeting.

A provisional committee was put in place. Here it is:

Bruce Whiteside Chairman

Iris Whiteside, Secretary

Paul Trewartha, Vice Chairman

Lindon Litchfield, Treasurer

John Clodd

Yvonne Garner

Well before this time a set of guide lines had been drawn up, registration certificates at \$5 each were printed. Banners, bumper stickers, tee shirts and other items were created in their totality by the very hardworking and supportive Clodd family and this did not take into account the reams of photocopying that was done. Later others were to take false credit for what they were supposed to have done and also traded friendships born of this embryonic movement for the promises of political fulfilment, but it was those who sought no reward but strove for gold plated support for a people's politician who were to become the casualties of avarice and ambition.

As these pages unfold a sorry episode will become all too apparent.

The Guidelines for the PHSM

Not surprisingly when you have designs to hi-jack a movement, stories are generated to justify intervention. Told often enough the stories take on a life of their own.

So it was when Ettridge announced to all the world that Whiteside had no organizational ability and Helen Dodd in her book *The Hanson Phenomenon*, perpetuated the myth, it became an accepted fact.

Perhaps if criticism can be levelled at Bruce Whiteside for letting the movement down it was his inability to tolerate mediocrity and deception. When so many of his people accepted the 'charm and guile' of David Ettridge without question, he found it difficult to understand their ability to sort the chaff out from the oats. In short he believed he was wasting his time and more importantly his vision for change on people who lacked perception was patently evident. Yet what seemed obvious to him was not to others. David Ettridge fooled many, not the least being the Queensland Electoral Commissioner Des O'Shea.

Organisational ability or skills, were something of a novel dimension when the PHSM was set up. It was a case of learning whilst on the move. And learn some did, but not the art of treachery. The movement was hi-jacked at Oldfield's direction (see Dodd's book), with the imprimatur of Hanson's limp handed control and David Ettridge's surgical operation, when they not only seized the membership, finances and branches but also the intellectual property of the convenor and founder. The Australian flag symbol was from Whiteside's *Heart of a Nation*, that had attracted 1500 into the Miami Great Hall in 1988; the issue, the Foreign Land Ownership debate. The Registration Certificate, the kitset (that David Ettridge was to charge \$1250 for, that the PHSM had passed on for free, to help build and promote the Hanson cause) and the general thrust of our objectives were seized by David Ettridge as his own.

Notwithstanding this illegal seizure that had no link with Hanson, other than a moral duty not to impede or hurt her destiny, what was not stated or made known was that Pauline Hanson on the eve of her mysterious trip to the USA on 23 Dec 1996, gave strict instructions that whilst she was away that the Movement was not to make one utterance to the media. Whilst Hanson and her covert operators were happy to milk the embryonic movement it was having no part of its forceful and creative founder speaking out. That privilege it seemed was for Hanson alone.

This was classic One Nation philosophy, albeit months before the idea or illegal party came into existence.

It was at this point that the difference between Whiteside the founder on one hand and the PHSM committee on the other hi-lighted the cancer that helped David Ettridge, David Oldfield and the malleable Hanson to seize the essential infrastructure to build their dreams upon.

Whiteside fought Hanson vehemently on this directive to be gagged. He argued that it was Hanson herself who was bemoaning and criticising the Prime Minister John Howard for trying to deny her the 'freedom of speech'. How could she in all sincerity, he reasoned now try to gag the very organisation that was helping to give her the mounting profile that the movement was giving her? Not only that, but she was imposing herself upon a group of people who on one hand were totally supportive of her and on the other who had not incorporated her into their midst because it would politicise what was in fact a movement of support and not a political movement. This was deliberate to avoid the movement being taken over for political leverage.

There were in fact two reasons for this intervention which the mediocrity of those around Whiteside were unable to see. First it had been John Pasquarelli, who had advised Hanson that he (Whiteside) was dangerous. He saw him as a loose cannon, but apparently one who threatened his very role as political adviser. It was no coincidence that the entry and directive of Hanson came fast on the heels of Pasquarelli's visit to Whiteside's home. He still retains the memory of the body language that day: 'If I don't watch out this bastard will have my job'. In fact he could not have been further from the truth. Whiteside was a trail blazer not a coveter of positions. There was enough of those already. The other reason was more subtle. The covert manipulation of Hanson was coming from the unknown David Oldfield. He saw the role of Bruce Whiteside as counter-productive to his agenda and instructed Hanson to stop him in his tracks. As Hanson had said at that meeting when the tea and goodwill were flowing 'Big plans are going to take place in the New Year and that is why we want you to control Bruce'.

The outburst from Hanson, who having run late in arriving at the meeting, began with a all out attack on the 'outspoken Bruce Whiteside'. The humour of this of course was lost on the meeting. They simply held Hanson in awe, whilst a disrespectful founder tackled Hanson at her own game. Neither was prepared to give on the issue. Whiteside refused to be gagged. Hanson as she always did when out-gunned lost the plot and floundered.

It was here that Ron Pattison, (who was to join with Trewartha and David Ettridge to seize the movement), jumped to his feet and like Raleigh of old threw down his cloak to rescue the demure and flustered Pauline. "We have come here to hear Hanson, not Whiteside'. From this Hanson sought to use the quorum of the meeting to insist that founder be 'suppressed'. Whilst the vote was not unanimous, it gave her the clout to ask the committee to guarantee that anything he said would be 'sanitised' by Pattison, Trewartha and the Secretary.

From that point until March 30 1997, Whiteside uncharacteristically remained silent. It was his choice because there was no way that he was going to submit 'copy' to people who were clones of the sort of mediocrity that hampered any venture into un-chartered domains. Hanson's greatest supporter was also her greatest asset, but she lacked the understanding of human beings and their ability to act with integrity. It was at that point that Hanson sowed the seeds of all that was to follow.

On March 31 1997, Whiteside broke his silence and spoke with the Sydney Morning Herald, spelling out the agenda of Oldfield and David Ettridge . As a result he became a target for personal denigration.

The role of Helen Dodd was lamentable. Working as she did for a while in Hanson's office, her book became nothing more than a promotional mouthpiece for the propaganda of the two David's. She interviewed them personally. She spoke briefly with the the PHSM Chairman, over the phone promising to call on him and research what they had done. That promise was never honoured. Dodd had the capacity to write objectively but like so many others she swum with the trio and enjoyed the exposure only to find out too late that the 'silly old bastard from the Gold Coast' had a clearer vision than all his critics. Irreverent, perhaps but the pragmatic old bastard as he cynically refers to himself to in the context to the Movement, realises it's the substance and not the shell, that counts.

So in the end the claim of lack of organisational ability or skills was without substance. He was deliberately taken out' to clear the way for the emerging covert agendas. In the meantime all the correspondence, donations and general enquiries were placed on hold. An unsavoury side-effect of this imposed silence was that Hanson had promised all her support people that she would NOT form a political party. This was perhaps the greatest concern to all those people that the PHSM came in contact with. They wanted Hanson unencumbered; a true Independent. Iris Whiteside as Secretary, whose last role was to attend the launching of the One Nation Party at Ipswich on April 11th 1997, resigned immediately, having been betrayed by Hanson's words. She felt as though she had been induced to lie.

It is perhaps a quirk of human frailty that a person who engenders so much hate, unhappiness and trouble can enjoy the things that they themselves only have the capacity to talk about; loyalty, integrity and honesty .

A Cool Hanson and Enthusiastic Hazelton

It may come as a surprise to learn that Pauline Hanson was indifferent but not oblivious to the existence of the Movement supporting her. Hanson was consumed by the fact that she was very much in the public spotlight, not so much as a serious politician, but rather as a curiosity. As a sole Independent she did not realise the importance of having a groundswell of public support, believing that her appeal alone would carry the day.

Hanson's personal secretary and at that time confidante was acutely aware of the valuable work that the embryonic movement was creating. Barbara Hazelton, was an experienced political operator with a touch of human understanding. Concerned by the amount of work that involved personal expense by way of telephones and mailing costs she undertook to provide the group with a supply of stamps. Hazelton felt that Hanson was not sufficiently involved with what they were achieving on her behalf. She was concerned that this helping force was simply being taken for granted because Hanson herself was more concerned with the glitz and attention that the media afforded her.

It was Hazelton who insisted, then persuaded Hanson to travel to the Gold Coast to personally meet and thank her supporters. For this purpose an afternoon tea was provided at the Whiteside home. It was a warm and cordial group that met, yet Hanson in basking in the sort of adulation that followed her where ever she went was loath to speak with Whiteside himself, the one person who was singularly responsible for her support movement.

From his perspective and anyone else with a grain of intelligence, it made sense to meet and understand how they could work together. This opportunity was neglected in favour of back-slapping and a long interview with the Gold Coast Bulletin. Whiteside believes that Hanson was happy to titillate the fires of the media, but dead scared to be drawn on issues that involved a degree of intelligence and logical thinking. She rubber-stamped this perception in Whiteside's mind long before Tracey Curro, induced the historic 'Please explain". Whiteside says he has the greatest admiration for people who rise from humble beginnings but believes that the university of life is one of the greatest of all teachers. People, one of Hanson's greatest crutches ('those out there') were no more that adulation fodder to an idol. Bruce Whiteside wanted and was prepared to support substance, but as hope sprang eternal he tried for seven years to instil a philosophy of the common-touch. He failed and so inevitably did she.

Hazelton for her loyalty and support finally went the way of all who got in Hanson's way:
OUT!

Hazelton was to Hanson what the Mona Lisa was to art. Hanson by comparison was a cartoon to a local newspaper.

Rules Governing Objective

The text in this folder differs from the remainder of the Website. This has been for a reason. David Ettridge who made many spurious remarks in order to denigrate my competence and ability and to reinforce his agenda to destroy Hanson, claimed that I lacked direction. In fact David Ettridge plagiarised much of what was removed from my office and that which was fraudulently obtained on a false undertaking by Steven Menagh. Menagh was rewarded with a directorship of One Nation Ltd. He along with Andrew Carne, were two of the five; the others being Ettridge, Oldfield and of course Pauline Hanson. Readers who received Membership Tickets from Ettridge's One Nation will note the striking resemblance to the wording in this Objective. These were also on the original Registration Certificates, issued before the PHSM became incorporated. For the record I have just recovered these files from the old computer that has lain idle for nearly five years. They were compiled on October 12th 1996 and saved to file at 5.55am. The significance of this reveals that they were written a week after the aborted meeting and completed a full sixteen days before the advent of Paul Trewartha. It was Trewartha who in a written affidavit at the Supreme Court trial Number 6318 of 1998 stated:

On or about 28th October 1996 with the assistance of Mr Bruce Whiteside and others I convened a meeting on the Gold Coast of people who were interested in supporting Pauline Hanson who was then the independent member of the Federal Electorate of Oxley. And this on oath!

What is produced below has not been touched, in spite of a couple of errors; namely dis-endorsement instead of disenfranchisement and multi-culturalism, that should have

been multi-culturalism. It is the copy of the original document and predates both Ettridge and Trewartha, both of whom were instrumental in destroying the intentions of Pauline Hanson and more importantly those million people who believed in her.

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OBJECTIVES

- To lend practical and moral support.
- To actively participate in the spreading of Pauline's concerns.
- To respond individually or collectively to all adverse criticism
- To help negate the accusations of racism, redneck, etc
- To go onto the offensive, where this is possible, in the publicity sense.
- To consciously wear down the climate of political correctness, catering for minority groups.

ASPIRATIONS

To help set up this movement throughout Australia.

STRUCTURE

To set up an organisational structure on the Gold Coast.

Register the name.

Allow local autonomy in other groups, within reasonable limits.

Initially all practical participation in administration will be voluntary.

MISCELLANEOUS

Production of PHSM bumper stickers.

Lapel badges.

Creation of a Newsletter.

OBJECTIVES

1. To lend moral and practical support

COMMENT

Moral support is tool of those who agree in principle with what the person expresses. It requires little effort. The popular expression, 'We are right with you mate', we are right behind you,' may sound good, but are usually said in a moment of euphoria. Unfortunately as the convenor of this movement can testify, it does nothing, except help the politician feel as though his or her efforts may not entirely be in vain. Practical support as any ant colony will demonstrate, gets things done. In the days to come, quality help will be needed to get this idea up and running. It cannot be left to the willing few and if there is going to be change in this political environment, then it will need a small army to bring it about. Pauline Hanson lit the fuse of a generation of public concern on some of this country's major problems. There have been times when others have tried to raise the awareness of some of these disturbing developments, only to have been messengers before their time or victims of the social doctrine of political correctness. This insidious disease is not the manifestation of the man in the

street, but rather the on going political agenda, hatched by those who's god is a form of 'ism.'

ACTION

Contact, radio stations, commentators, tele-vision stations and newspapers; speak on air if possible. Write to your newspaper, your local politician and if possible that parliamentarian with negative comment or criticism. Be particularly hard on Editorial comment.

2. To actively participate in the spreading of Pauline's concerns.

COMMENT

Great care must be exercised here. Pauline Hanson, is a very competent, astute young lady. That competence carries with it a shrewd political brain, one that has already come face to face with political reality. Nobody, can speak for her, or on behalf of her, but to speak out in defence of her, to protect her and demonstrate that she does not stand alone, is the fundamental objective of this embryonic organisation. Certainly Mr Whiteside makes it perfectly clear, that the movement will not indulge in politics, that is to say that it will not presume to speak on policy issues, that are the sole domain of the member for Oxley. To do so, invites from what is essentially a hostile media, ammunition that may hurt her. The fact is that the media, does not need to go looking for negatives to help crucify, it is more than capable of generating its own. This thought must always remain paramount in the minds of all who seek to support.

ACTION

Study Pauline Hanson's speech. Understand what she is saying and do not assume your version or opinion. Read as much as you can about what she is doing and how the public both for and against her are responding. This way you will be better able to speak out with conviction. Remember, the press is always looking for a story that will work against her interest. Do not attempt to speak on policy, but entirely from the perspective of

defending her and spreading the optimism of what she saying. Do not be scared, do not be intimidated and realise that your opinion is equally valid, possibly moreso.

3. To respond individually or collectively to all adverse criticism.

COMMENT

In general terms the press and media have given Pauline Hanson, a 'fair going over.'

As the Liberal Party have demonstrated, it is easier to distance an organisation from a political liability, that run with it. Perhaps it is ironic then that the Prime Minister, that great advocate of 'a fair go' after walking away from her, should then lead most of his colleagues off the parliamentary floor, as Pauline Hanson delivered her maiden speech. A fair go, a nice sentiment; very similar to the doctrine of austerity to the masses, whilst protecting the right to the \$2m retirement, nest-egg.

Hanson is a thorn in the side to the established order of parliament. She is a leper. They may admire her secretly, not only for her courage, but for condemnation of many of the sick sacred cows, that bedevil the country's governments. Logic has no part in the machinations of power. The rules are corrupted to the order of political convenience. Logic can destroy the sanctity of the parliamentary establishment. The trouble is either nobody told Pauline, or she simply chose to hold her peace and ignore them. Pauline by definition is a danger. She has let the genie out of the bottle. The only course left is to denigrate and ridicule her.

This is the lot of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement. We have to seize every piece of negative criticism and attack it. You may have to ring the local or national TV station, the newspaper, or oppose a speaker. Write to your local newspaper, the national newspapers. It is not difficult. The main point to keep in mind is simple language. Aim your message at a child of 12 and the message will get through. It only requires a little time and a 45 cent stamp. These suggestions require the effort of everybody. To leave it to the other fellow, is fatal. They simply leave it to you,....the plan collapses. If you want to help, then it carries with it effort.

ACTION

As for 1.

4. To help negate the accusations of racism, redneck, fascism etc.

COMMENT

Racism. The word is dynamite. It is used in a generic sense to embrace a whole raft of ills. In Australia, where many races co-exist, it carries a very potent effect. It is in fact a tool of not only governments, but the whole host of government agencies that are dependant for their existence on public funding. The media pick up the scent and run with it. There are a few souls in Australia who have stood forth at their own peril and spoken out on controversial issues. Almost to a man or woman, they have immediately been branded racist. There are of course dubious organisation that do breed hate and violence. They have modelled their prejudices on colour, religion and race. They have encouraged dissension, division and anarchy. This is not the Australian way. Tolerance is a subjective quality. Where in the minds of men, do we draw the line?

The political doctrine in Australia during the last couple of decades has been one of socialist change as distinct from social change. The Labor Party, has by the doctrine of gradualism, introduced by drip-feed, changes that have subtly altered the political landscape. It has cultivated the program of Immigration until today it has become a contentious question. Australians of largely Anglo-Celtic and European extraction, have been by and large tolerant to broader or if you prefer Asian immigration. Disturbing development are beginning to appear, that have been patently obvious to those who have worried about the ramifications of multi-culturism for years. It should not be forgotten that the Labor Party, has been responsible for much of Australia's post war immigration. Not surprisingly when issues of concern or curtailment arise in the community, those who are usually most outspoken are Jewish, Greek or Asian leaders. To this can be added the very politically powerful minority group the Aborigines.

There is no doubt that immigration and Aboriginal issues are the most flammable in the country. The trouble is that they are so politically sensitive, that any utterance that does not meet with the political climate, is automatically seized upon and given the label racism in its widest sense. This invidious practice excludes all logical and concerned

comment. It is without a doubt discrimination in a manner that is not politically recognised.

Without going into chapter and verse on the subject, many of the denied oppressive practices have come down through the offices of the United Nations. In effect the External Affairs clause of the Australian Constitution, which can only be legally changed by the will of the people has been used as a conduit for change. Perhaps when you understand that the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission, the outfit that wants to examine the utterances of Pauline Hanson, this court of socialist Solomon, is a United Nation baby that was given birth through the Constitution by the Labor Government. This is the well orchestrated machinery of political correctness and social engineering. It is no friend of the man in the street.

ACTION

The defence of racism is to respond positively. Ridicule their interpretation of it, ask them why they have a problem with it. Countries like China, Japan and Thailand, do not let it worry them. Immigrants and indigenous people. Racism is the political weapon of those who stand to lose the most. Remember it is racist to want to address Aboriginal funding, but it is not racist for Aboriginal leaders to attack those who speak out. Discrimination can be practised against non Aborigines, but the reverse can not exist. Try to turn the argument or accusation back on the accuser, no matter who that person is.

5. To go onto the offensive, where this is possible, in the publicity sense.

COMMENT

The plethora of news coverage since Pauline Hanson's maiden speech in parliament, leaves little doubt where the multi-media sympathies lie. Almost in unison they have berated, denigrated and denounced her. Perhaps since most of those engaged in the popular press have grown up in the climate of socialist doctrines within the education system, they can't help it. Not only that, the influence of government in the financial

success or otherwise of media empires, is proportionate to favourable press. A cosy arrangement, not hard to understand considering the high stakes.

Ordinary people have one great advantage, mass. Ordinary people can do extraordinary things, given the courage to go ahead and do it. Howard recently said, freedom of speech carried with it responsibility. What was he trying to say? Let me guess. 'We as politicians can say as we like. As long as it is palatably acceptable to politically correct Australia. Pauline Hanson, did not exercise that responsibility. I rather suspect that John Howard, nurtures a special affection for Pauline Hanson sentiments, perhaps even envious of her.

Every time Hanson is set upon by the media, we must find ways of countering that. Turn the argument back, take the offensive, not in the manner of a Charles Perkins, but in such away that the commentator is proved wrong or non-subjective. One of the best tools for this is to research the issues that Hanson is involved in. We all hear about the plight of the Aborigine: but what is that plight. We are told that for 40,000 years he roamed this land. This begs the question, whatever happened in the last two hundred years that now makes him totally dependant on government handouts. We hear of the appalling living conditions, but do we hear about new houses that are vandalised, simply because living in these 'civilised' conditions are essentially alien to them. Have we ever stopped and asked, 'do the Aborigine people need our philanthropic paternalism. Have we ever asked is the Aboriginal problem, a creation by Europeans from down-right interference. It is this sort of foray into the public perception that will bring about change. Remember the Labor Party was built on the Fabian philosophy of gradualism. Like the add says, it won't happen overnight, but it will happen.

ACTION

Discretion is required here. Temper comments with commonsense and logic. DO NOT LOOSE YOUR COOL! Remember how Charles Perkins lost it. He is no longer taken seriously.

6. To consciously wear down the climate of political correctness, the catering for minority groups.

COMMENT

Just as the drovers dog keeps the sheep quite by tight control, so too does the government. The word racism, has stopped many from speaking out over the years. I know of academics who are unashamedly scared of speaking out on contentious matters, for fear of ostracism, ridicule and simply being branded. The tragedy of this is that keen and logic minds are isolated and put in deep freeze. The parliament has the brains, that in turn come from the career bureaucrats. Whilst our convenor believes that much of this fear is self induced because of the fear of recriminations and or retributions, the fact remains that people from all walks would put not only their jobs on the line, but the safety of family and self.

Already Pauline Hanson has been summonsed to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission, for utterances.

I put it to you, if a hundred people, a thousand people were to publicly state that the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission, was no more than a 'kangaroo court' and that those who were 'squealing about her comments, those whose delicate sense of self were somehow impinged by Pauline Hanson, then I put it to you that the powers or otherwise of this commission would be hamstrung. Responsible comment is to be adjudicated on by people who are scholars and creatures of the system that is being put to the fire of public opinion. Who judges the judges?

ACTION

Those who claim the high moral ground, on immigration and Aboriginal Affairs, assume from their education, that there is no other argument. Remember that all people are created equal. Each and everyone is master of his or her destiny. It is not the sole domain of political doctrine, or socialist philosophy, to have the right answers. This question comes down to what is right or wrong for the majority. The government are representatives of the people as a whole, not to rule by decree for the few. Indigenous people are not exclusively Aboriginal. Anybody born in Australia is an indigenous inhabitant. Immigrants come here by choice and government policy. They do not arrive here to foster their interest, but to assimilate into the Australian way of life and culture. It has to be pointed out that despite the utopian view, pragmatism will always ultimately prevail. Unreality, that policy that has prevailed for twenty years, cannot succeed. The money runs out because too few are sustaining too many. Further, it is

right of Australians to run this country, not dictates from foreign countries. Once again do not succumb to intimidation.

ASPIRATIONS

To help set up this movement throughout Australia.

There is little doubt that Pauline Hanson has struck a sympathetic chord with the Australian community. To date apart from a few letters to the local newspapers, there has been extensive radio talk back and radio polls. In the major cities there has been massive verbal support and whilst this of itself must be unsettling to the Federal Parliament, the bottom line is that, once the novelty has worn off Pauline Hanson will be left to carry on alone. THIS CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN!

The reason we have gathered here tonight is that we care. The idea of forming a support group has been well accepted. It is the opinion of the convenor, that such is the universal groundswell of goodwill out in the community for Pauline Hanson that the concept will catch on in other centres. The Gold Coast will encourage joint membership across Australia. Due to its proximity to the Member for Oxley, the inaugural group will become the headquarters.

Given that these expectations come to fruition, it will be the aim of the group, to establish competent people to deal with radio, television and the press. This largely will be left in the hands of the autonomous groups. Each group will be given the basic aims of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement, and be affiliated with the Gold Coast.

Initially a newsletter will be compiled on a monthly basis. Material of activities and events will be forwarded and collated, edited and produced from the Gold Coast.

MISCELLANEOUS

In order to keep the Hanson name in the public eye a good idea would be to have bumper stickers produced and possibly lapel badges.

Before closing the meeting we would invite people to come forward to help us form a working group. We will be calling for a President/chairman, secretary treasurer and committee members. All these positions will be on an interim basis until we are certain of how the group is developing. It is envisaged that this will be approximately three months.

Finance:

No organisation can go far without financial assistance. Whilst it is appreciated that times are not the best, this cause will not get past first base unless there is a funds to get it up and running. The important thing at this stage is to get the show on the road and to engender confidence in the wider community. Credibility is absolutely paramount in the public perception and this is why this organisation will not encourage membership of those with anti immigration or anti Aboriginal agendas. Whilst it may be claimed by some minorities that Pauline Hanson is both of these things, those who know the person and not the media image will know that is entirely fallacious.

Although the new group will have no direct association with the Federal Member for Oxley, it is important that those involved will retain the same demeanour. Establishing this credibility will be important to attract the business and corporate funding that will be needed.

Once the media realise that there is more to Pauline Hanson and her followers than meets the eye, they will begin to play another tune. The irony of the disendorsement of Pauline Hanson as a Liberal, may yet turn out to be a windfall for the Government. Pauline Hanson has pointed the way and now the troops are beginning to marshal behind her.

MEMBERSHIP

Revenue in the short term will be needed to cover costs, i.e. phones, stationery, printing, venues and the like. Donations will be encouraged, membership fees should be based on a minimum of \$5.00. Sundry revenue can be raised by the selling of lapel badges \$1.00 and bumper stickers \$2.00. Both of these will be of temporary quality, designed to get wide publicity of her name.

The essential aim is for people, to join a popular army. Remember the old maxim, united we stand.

The name Pauline Hanson Support Movement, to be registered with Corporate Affairs and the organisation incorporated in each state.

All positions will be voluntary. This will be reviewed at three monthly intervals. Each branch will be responsible to the Gold Coast Head Office.

Quotes

Pauline Hanson Support Movement

'...a small local support group on the Gold Coast was formed. This had never happened before in Australian politics.

...he was very passionate about the movement he had created but it was never well managed.'

Helen J Dodd, PAULINE, The Hanson Phenomenon

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"..he started this and I wanted him to be one of us. We wanted him as the elder statesman, the person with the vision."

David Ettridge, National Director of Pauline Hanson's One Nation

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"Mr Ettridge, you are nothing but a bloody con man. Now bugger-off back to Sydney and forget all about us".

Bruce Whiteside, founder of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement

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This story is dedicated to the few who helped build the Pauline Hanson Support Movement

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Foreword : *Lindon Litchfield*

In September 1996 Pauline Hanson in her maiden speech to the Federal Parliament expressed what a great many people were thinking;

At the end of October preceding the public support meeting an informal gathering was arranged and held at the home of Bruce and Iris Whiteside here on the Gold Coast. Present at the meeting apart from Bruce and Iris were people such as Paul Trewartha, Ron Paddison, Judy Gash, John and Amanda Clodd, a couple of others and myself.

The reason was that it was thought with Pauline having such unprecedented public support something should be done to harness the support and promote her without the need to form a political party. It was decided to form a committee to handle details and the result was the forming of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement. This was the original Movement, not to be confused with the Incorporated one that came later.

Our first mistake was probably the forming of a committee as Bruce was totally against this based on previous experiences, however I believe with something like this you need some sort of formality to avoid everyone running around doing their own thing and overall not getting anywhere.

It was decided in order to promote this further we should arrange a public meeting which we did and which was held in a large community hall at Mermaid Beach, the Albert Waterways Community Centre. The response from both the public and media was overwhelming. We had set membership at a nominal \$5 and Bruce and Iris were snowed under with requests for both membership and also people around the country wanting to set up their own branches as well as untold offers of support, etc.

Unfortunately it all probably happened much too quickly and the in-fighting soon began to appear which didn't take long to over-shadow the reason for getting together in the first place. As well as that and unbeknown to some of us at the time work was well under way behind the scenes down south with the intention of taking over PHSM and forming another political party. This was being carried out by such people as Tony Abbott, David Oldfield and David Ettridge and all with the blessing of the Liberal party in order to gain control in the Senate.

Actually Bruce had a phone call from, of all people, John Elliott advising him of exactly this. The idea was to have enough of what soon became One Nation people elected to the Senate and with David Oldfield heading the team the Liberal party would then have no trouble getting all their legislation passed.

In early February, David Ettridge arrived out of the blue from Sydney and promptly told us they (he and Oldfield) were taking over and the operation would now be run from an office at Manly on Sydney's northern beaches. At this, Bruce told Ettridge he was a crook and con artist and was not welcome and to 'bugger off back to Sydney' Unfortunately the rest of us were either too naive or mesmerised by what was being said and did not offer Bruce much, if any, support and so our movement was hijacked and looking back that was actually the beginning of the end.

From then on we rapidly lost control of something which should have grown so strong it would have probably seen Pauline still in Parliament to this day. It was also around this time that I made what has become a memorable comment to the committee which was "that either the committee needed to catch up with Bruce or that Bruce needed to come back to the committee". This never happened and looking back I, for one, wish I had been more supportive of Bruce.

Of course another problem we encountered along the way was that Bruce and Pauline were too much alike. They were both head strong and stubborn and neither would give way to or take notice of the other and so Bruce kept pushing and Pauline kept thinking she knew best and by now being under the control of the two David's did not help matters.

With the support movement falling apart it was very frustrating for Bruce because he could not get anyone to listen to his concerns, which we all learned too late were a lot closer to the truth than what we were being fed from the now head office in Sydney.

It was the 11th April 1997 that the One Nation party was launched at a major function held in Ipswich. At the time it all seemed very exciting with one exception as Bruce had not been invited because he was causing too much trouble according to Ettridge, even though had it not been for Bruce none of this would have happened in the first place.

Although Ettridge had taken control of all our membership records in a covert operation and some of our money, the support movement continued in some form and a month or two after the party launch there was a name change to Pauline Hanson's One Nation Supporters Inc, probably to show the illusion of there still being a support movement separate from the now formed party machine.

In February 1998 the name was again changed this time to Pauline Hanson's One Nation Members Inc. and although I have no recollection of giving permission I was and probably am still listed together with David Ettridge and Pauline Hanson as a Director of this organisation.

But I digress from what happened which was that when those behind the rise of One Nation realised their plan to control the Senate was not going to come to fruition, decided as they would not allow a third force in Australian politics to destroy One Nation and Pauline forever.

Now as a result we see ongoing court cases which in my opinion are quite simply a political witch hunt and a complete waste of public monies. However, having said that, if anyone should stand trial it should be Oldfield and Ettridge and not Pauline Hanson.

Looking back it is a crying shame to have seen Australia's last chance go down the drain the way it has, only to be replaced nowadays by Labor voters, in particular turning to the Greens who are a very dangerous party and have nothing whatsoever to do with their name.

Lindon Litchfield- Southport - Queensland - Australia

Saturday, 28. June 2003

Destiny Aborted

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Chapter 1...a rising star

Pauline Hanson's rise to fame or notoriety was guided by the hand of fate. It had little to do with her political skill and indeed flourished on the accidents of others. Three people played a vital role in lifting her into the public limelight and the stage that she was to strut for three short or long years, depending on your point of view. They were Labor Councillor Paul Tully, ex Papua New Guinean politician John Pasquarelli and myself ...in that order. Hanson having been a casualty of the Hilmer Report and National Competition policy that saw local councils created into monolithic quasi governments was persuaded to try her hand at Federal politics. This turn of events was instigated by her very loyal friend, who had earlier helped in her campaign to enter local politics. Morrie Marsden, close enough to Hanson to wear her heart on his sleeve, persuaded her to join the local Liberal Party Bremner Branch. This slotted in with the Hanson ethos for self-reliance. As a small business-woman much of the Liberal Party philosophy, would have found a sympathetic chord in this young woman, floundering to find her political niche. Having joined the branch in 1995 Hanson showed little interest in setting definitive goals.

When the Queensland State elections loomed Hanson toyed with the idea of standing. Once again her 'rock of Gibraltar' Morrie Marsden, persuaded her to give the idea away. Marsden may well have been very fond of her, but he obviously mixed a great deal of political nous, with his feelings. When Hanson, now with an appetite born of her stint in local council, discussed with Marsden the possibility of running for Parliament he suggested that she might put up for pre-selection for the forth-coming Federal election. He must have gilded the lily too for he apparently convinced her that she could win the seat of Oxley. Not only was Oxley a blue ribbon seat for the Australian Labor Party, it was also the Governor General Bill Hayden's old stomping ground. Yet even before this ambition could be realised Hanson had to go to pre-selection. She acquitted herself well enough in the process and was duly nominated as the Liberal Party candidate for Oxley. Oxley however was no great shakes for a lady with ambition. Marsden may have been a great fillip for her psychologically, but pragmatically she was

never going to wrest Oxley from Labor. Les Scott may not have been every Labor supporters dream member, but he was 'one of them'.

Hanson, with the stalwart Marsden at her side did what every aspiring parliamentarian does in seeking public endorsement ...she went out and talked with the people. She had fliers printed and with a few willing supporters had them distributed. Anyone who has travelled this path knows that it can be a hard and often a dispiriting task. Even so Hanson had the backing of her Liberal Party. But was that any great advantage? John Bradford, the then sitting member for McPherson, on the Gold Coast tutored her. I knew him well enough and when I came out publicly and supported her, we had occasion to have contact. He spoke well of her but agreed that she was never expected to do more than carry Liberal Party colours. It was the sort of opportunity given to aspiring candidates ...simply to blood them. In short Hanson was on a hiding to nothing.

It was then she unwittingly lit a delayed action time bomb. In doing so she was to alter not only the lives of many people, but also to send shock waves through the whole political system. Hanson wrote a letter to the local newspaper The Queensland Times. Ironically she had Robert Tickner, the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Affairs in the Howard Government in her sights. Her theme was essentially that of equality for all Australians and not the selective kind that Labor fostered for the Aborigines. John Pasquarelli in his colourful account of Hanson, by the Man who Knows, says that the letter was 'clumsily constructed and innocuous enough.' This is an interesting comment. The letter is pure Hanson. She is no speechwriter, no academic. You read this letter and you then realise that her maiden speech, with a couple of exceptions is written in similar vein. This was Hanson before Pasquarelli arrival. Yet Pasquarelli's comment is dismissive ...the suggestion one suspects is that in his hands he would have dealt more professionally with the topic, if indeed he had even attempted to do so.

This tends very much to underline what I said at the time that Pasquarelli tried to inflict his views upon her. I suspect that Pasquarelli as indeed David Oldfield did later believed that they were intellectually superior. If that was their perception of her and one suspects that it was little else, then they underestimated her. Indeed I recall the time he came to my home, suggesting among other things that plans were afoot to have Hanson attend elocution lessons. I told him there and then to leave her alone for it was for those reasons that people gravitated to her. They identified with the common touch.

The letter may even have gone unnoticed, it might have been Hanson's first foray into letter writing and it may have missed its mark among the newspapers readers, but one man saw the opportunity to belittle the aspiring politician. His name was Paul Tully, an Ipswich Labor councillor. In seeking to embarrass Hanson, not on the merits or otherwise of what she had said, but as a way of having a deprecating swipe at her, he unwittingly gave her a ticket to her ambition. His animated attack on what she had said provided fuel to the scribblers employed on the Courier-Mail. They suitably gave the topic enough 'press' to ensure that the Hanson woman...the racist, by the journalistic ethos that decrees that any criticism of Aborigines irrespective of the validity of the argument is by association automatically racist ...became an embarrassment to the Liberal Party. It did. Given John Howard's much vaunted claim of giving everybody a fair go, he immediately dumped Hanson. This champion of everything that is honest and fair proved that when it comes to pragmatism in politics, that 'little Johnny' could dump equally on his principles. After all, this was the man who come hell or high-water was going to be Prime Minister. Twenty years of believing that he was God's gift to Australian politics was not going to be torpedoed by a fiery redhead.

Initially Cr Tully may well have been very pleased that the Liberal Party responded as it did, by disenfranchising her. As he had done in council, so too did he try to belittle Hanson in her new direction in public life. Why? Whatever his motive, fate was to deal another hand. Too late to alter the ballot papers that had Hanson as the endorsed Liberal candidate, she decided in her determined manner ...that was to become a hallmark trait ...to run as an Independent. This single act of sheer defiance in the face of the autocratic party machine, sent sympathy waves across the electorate of Oxley. Suddenly the issues were forgotten. This provocative letter writer had taken on the might of everything that the average person saw as obnoxious about the system. Hanson now took on the role of a crusader ...the battle of David and Goliath, the battle of the entrenched and comfortably established party system against the under-dog. Suddenly Marsden's dream of Pauline Hanson becoming the member for Oxley began to take on a sharper focus.

With the Federal Labor Party carrying the odour of the politically aborted Eastern Motorway out of Brisbane ; with the perceived unjustness of the Hanson disenfranchisement that painted the Howard mob as ogres coupled with the confusion at the ballot-box over who was representing whom ...Pauline Hanson romped home. In a massive 23% swing; she hit the headlines across the nation.

This was the girl ...dumb, according to her closest advisers, who tilted at Minister Robert Tickner, by writing a provocative letter. It was the catalyst that derailed Tully's effort to destroy her and caused massive headaches to those who disowned her simply because it might damage their electoral aspirations. Hanson's targeting of Tickner was all the more credible because two others in Graeme Campbell a rejected Labor Party firebrand, in the West, and Bob Katter, the National Party plain speaker, in the North who along with Hanson mirrored similar views, obtained similar electoral success. The Aboriginal ethos had gone too far ...the reason why Robert Tickner, suffered the inverse of their massive swings. Tickner was sent packing.

The hand of fate had delivered to the battlers of Australia this champion of the people. The question was ...could she or would she be allowed to deliver.

Chapter 2 ...an idea takes form

I was in Adelaide at the time of the 1996 Federal Elections. All I recall about Hanson's success was that this unknown had created some sort of aberration and that Graeme Campbell had congratulated her. Apart from that the name Hanson meant little to me. It was to remain that way until news broke of her maiden speech nearly six months later.

Maiden speeches are forgettable things. They are usually delivered by apprehensive debutantes to the political bullring and have one thing in common; their delivery is accompanied by saying all the right things. But Hanson was different she had something to say ...and as nervous and apprehensive as she was she was damned if she was going to be silenced. Rising to speak to a near empty chamber at 5.20pm on the evening of September 10th 1996, the speech may have gone unnoticed had it not been for the 'piranha' press. Forewarned by John Pasquarelli, her original and subsequently shabbily treated adviser, they waited, the voracious feeders, for the entry of the lamb.

It was a speech that broke all the rules of the game. Custom was that you were supposed to smile, be sweet to your peers, pay due reverence to 'this place' and possibly touch on a couple of mundane subjects. Instead Hanson lobbed a hand-grenade into the near empty chamber ...she had dared to raise the issues that ordinary

Australians had long since believed that politicians did not have the intestinal fortitude to deliver or tackle. She had breathed the words Aborigine and Asian ...and that was enough to send the politically correct left-wing marinated press into fever pitch.

If the nuances of what she said were lost on the stragglers in the chamber that evening ...they were sweet music to the battery of Canberra Press Gallery scribes. I can hear them now...the politically correct, 'We'll crucify this bitch!'

Within an hour of this speech the crucifixion of Pauline Hanson had begun. It had nothing however to do with the press, but everything to do with political chicanery and machinations.

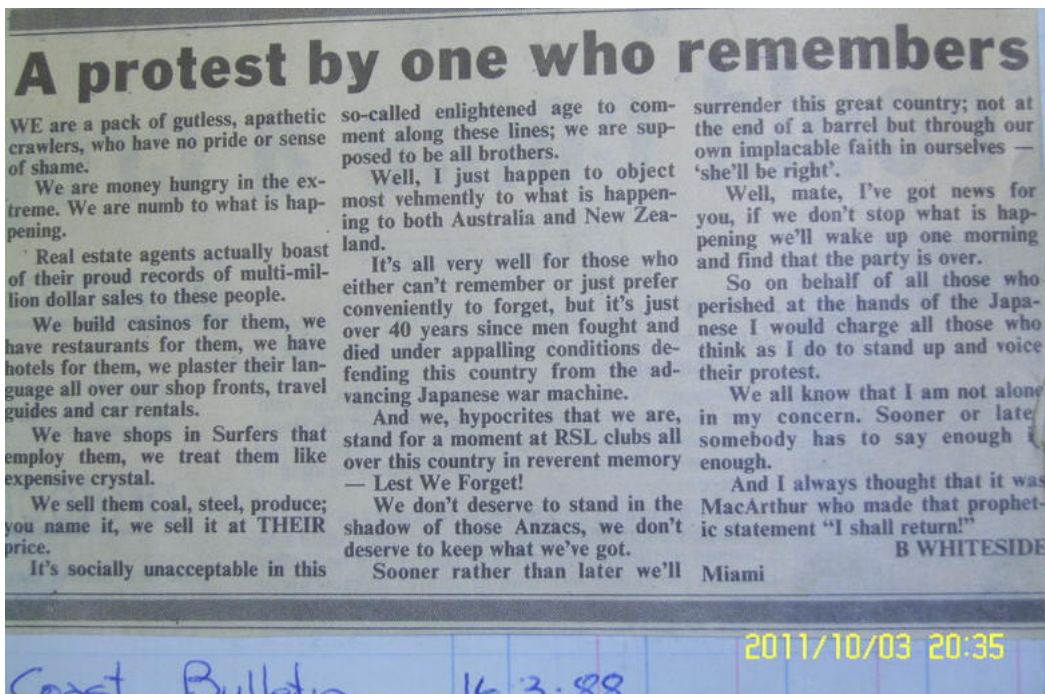
Hanson had left the parliament with people who were at that time her closest friends. Minutes later two of them Morrie Marsden and John Pasquarelli had gone their separate ways leaving Hanson and Hazelton to carry on to where they had all decided to dine ... at the Le Grange Restaurant. This time the hand of fate or design was to deal in a 'political carpetbagger' in the making. For the moment however David Oldfield was the research officer for the Federal Liberal Party Member for Warringah, Tony Abbott. Aspiring Minister and Howard protégé, Abbott's role I believe was not as incidental and innocent as the political pundits and media contingent might have you believe.

A couple of days later when the press decided that she was going to be destroyed on their self righteous sacrificial alters, I began to take an interest in Hanson. I sought out and managed to locate a copy of her maiden speech. When I read it I understood better than most what was in store for her. If this sounds a little presumptuous, then I can assure readers that it is not. John Pasquarelli says in his book and I quote:

"Bruce Whiteside received some media attention a number of years ago, when he held protest meetings on the Gold Coast about the increasing purchases of local real estate, particularly by the Japanese."

Some ...media attention! This was a no more than a line of writers license, for John Pasquarelli had no idea what the hell he was talking about. Pasquarelli was alluding to my very public attack on the selling of Australian land to foreign interests. My premise was not against the Japanese or foreign investment as thrashed in the media but against selling our land, thereby giving legitimate stakes to those who might view Australia as a country to claim as their own. Heart of a Nation* the group I started foundered on apathy.

Like Hanson I had written a letter to the local newspaper the Gold Coast BULLETIN, eight years earlier.



Gold Coast Bulletin 16 March 1988



Sunday Telegraph Aug 29, 1996.

Like Hanson, it identified the concerns of ordinary people who yearned for a champion of their views, yet lacked the will to do anything about it themselves. Like Hanson it brought down the wrath of gutless and spineless politicians as well as real estate agents, big business and the hostile press. Unlike Hanson however I did not have the advantage of a national and political platform from which to telegraph my concerns.

Like Hanson I was an unknown ...even my neighbours in the street did not know me, yet when a direction came out of the business sector of Surfers Paradise ... then at the height of its massive influx of foreign money ... to pull the

plug on the scheduled public meeting, like Hanson I refused. Threatened that the meeting would 'not fill the front row of the hall' and that I would be humiliated, I spoke to the largest political meeting, (Hanson notwithstanding) ever held on the Gold Coast. Fifteen hundred people packed the Miami Great Hall that night May 24, 1988 ...and in the words of then cadet journalist Margo Kingston of the Sydney Morning

Herald ...a massed movement was born. Before the night was out the hall had been to be cleared by the police because of a bomb alert.

The similarity shown here will help readers to understand why I went in to bat for Pauline Hanson. Looking back we were two of a kind. Perhaps neither of us had the political 'dirt skills' but had we worked as team devoid of sycophantic opportunists the result of our efforts might have been far reaching.

What lay ahead for Hanson was neither going to be pretty nor helpful. The people you fought for claimed you, but never put up their hands to help. You were on your own when the going got tough. I saw the lot. I remembered being persuaded by Channel Nine to appear on a Sixty Minutes program being taped in Cairns. The request was simple enough. I was to go head to head with EIE'S marketing guru Bungo Ishizaki. The prospect was daunting to say the least, but I was determined to front up. Channel Nine spent a \$1000 to fly me there, yet when I arrived the format had been changed. I was to be relegated to the audience. I was having none of it and in front of a bemused foyer audience told Stuart Goodman and Richard Carlton that they could 'go to hell'. I would not play their silly games. Nor did I. The charming Richard Carlton told me later in the evening that he would have cancelled my return fare to the Gold Coast. My response was possibly what Hanson's might have said.

"Go ahead, I'll walk all the way back to the Gold Coast and give you Mr Carlton all the publicity that you want."

Needless to say the fare was not cancelled. However, whilst the Gold Coast contingent of businessmen were flown back on the early flight, I was made to wait until late that evening. By then the press had been given the version of events by the businessmen of the Gold Coast who attended. 'Whiteside spits the dummy', screamed the headlines of the Gold Coast Bulletin...yet the article carried the line that I was unavailable for comment. The truth was that I contacted the journalist who wrote the story, before it went to press, but he was not interested. That's how the Murdoch media worked.

The campaign lingered on for nearly seven years. In that time the Queensland Government put in place the Foreign Land Ownership Register, but nothing was ever done about preventing the sale of land to foreign ownership on a national basis. Due to our efforts here the Multi-Function-Polis met such strong opposition that the Goss Labor Government, rejected the concept and it passed to Adelaide and the swamps of Gillman, where it was to die an agonising death.

But this is not a book about my campaign to prevent the sell off of our land. I mention this in passing merely to illustrate why I stood up and publicly supported Pauline Hanson. She would cop the same treatment that had been dished up to me. For that initial reason I decided to lend a hand.

After having read her speech my first reaction was one of disbelief. In Hanson I saw a woman who thought and acted along similar lines to myself. I was also angry. I saw with a degree of cynicism the gutlessness of Australian men in particular and apathetic Australians in general. In my own mind I saw the myth of the fearless bronze Aussie, besotted with his sport, yet too indifferent to get out there and battle for their country. Collectively and organised into an army they acquit themselves well, but initiating something themselves THAT was another matter. Leave it to a new Australians or a woman and they are happy to sit back, watch and criticise. Little wonder that I admired Hanson who had thrown the gauntlet down to a house full of political wimps.

Six days after having read her maiden speech, I sat down and wrote a speech in support of her. It was a spontaneous outpouring of what I felt about the step she had taken. The more I wrote the more determined I became to help support her. It is funny when I look back, but never at anytime did I envisage becoming involved with her. To me the matter was very simple. It needed someone to put their hand up and say 'Look I support this woman and what she is saying'. It needed someone to plant the idea to form an army of support. When I had finished writing, I ran it passed my Australian wife Iris. Her immediate response was a question;

'What are you going to do with it?'

To that point I had no idea.

"Well what do you think?'

"I think it is brilliant, but you cannot sit on it. You'll have to take it into the public arena."

Iris was a sounding board for much of what I have written over the years. As a critic she could often deflate my sense of achievement at what I had written to a point where I would screw it up and forget it. Other times she would resurrect the tattered remains from the waste paper basket and edit it. This time she understood why I had written what I had. She saw parallels to the Foreign Ownership campaign.

The following day I spoke with the Gold Coast Bulletin, detailing what Iris had suggested. A fortnight after I had become interested in Hanson the headlines blared, 'Well known campaigner to set up fan club for Hanson.' When I read this like Queen

Victoria 'I was not amused'. This was not some damn fan club that wanted to idolise a hero. I was serious about support for Hanson and the paper trivialised this as some sort of hero-worship. Even before Hanson was up and running the Murdoch stable of which the Gold Coast Bulletin is part, was setting out to denigrate the growing impact of this woman. Never the less the article caused fifty odd people to ring me expressing mutual interest. How mutual and paper thin their commitment, was to be revealed a little time later.

Once the die had been cast I set about thinking about how we would go about this thing. I was now sixty-two and a pensioner. Whilst it is noble to fight worthy causes, to be patriotic and be at the forefront of a sometimes hostile beachhead, there are expenses in organising these things that need finance. The first of these was obtaining a suitable hall. Later there would come advertising, publicity and all the other costs like phone calls. Having been down that road some years before, I was not prepared, as keen as I was to underpin Hanson, to commit us to further financial drain. There had to be another way.

The meeting was originally set down for October 7th 1996, a Monday night. I struck on the idea of paying for the hall by contacting the original fifty people who had so enthusiastically rung me to encourage me to forge this army behind Hanson. I made in all thirty phone calls. Already as a result of that action my phone bill had increased by \$7.50, but never-the-less I was buoyed by the verbal response. With one exception they all pledged \$10 each to help defray the cost of the hall. I still have those names. Anticipating their commitment to assist I had taken out a mail-box at the Miami Post Office. The pledges were to be mailed to The PHSM, P O Box 600.

In truth at that point the 'movement' was no more than two people, but that would change as the idea took hold. In the days ahead, I was busy organising for what I had hoped would be a big night. Each day I visited the mail-box full of expectation. There was no mail. My wife assured me that it would come, that people would honour their promise. The days went by, the pledges did not eventuate, until finally an old age pensioner, forwarded a cheque. Her name is forever seared in my memory, Betty Findlay. She came from Labrador, yet like most of us struggled to make ends meet. This simple illustration says much about the endemic apathy that pervades our society. The ethos of a fair go is something of a myth. Hanson never got it, nor did I ...and least of all did I get it from her.

In disgust I pulled the pin on the meeting. I was sickened by the hypocrisy of it all those who rang me to encourage me and then immediately forgot about it. The ultimate irony here is that in time the greatest hypocrisy of all came eventually from the person to whom we were going through these agonies for ...Pauline Hanson.

Toward the end of October, nearly three weeks after the cancelled meeting I had a surprise visitor, Paul Trewartha, (who was to become the vice President of Pauline Hanson's One Nation Supporters Inc). He had been visiting a very sick friend across the road and at the time I was working in the garden. It was a Saturday afternoon. This flash looking Toyota Land Cruiser pulled up and Trewartha came over and asked, 'How you going Boss?, what happened to the meeting?'

Now Trewartha was known to me. A few years previous we had worked together to try to involve Australians with the iniquitous Mabo decision. He held very similar views to myself about the High Court's handling of the Mabo case and we worked hard to stimulate discussion on what we believed was not only a political decision but probably philosophically religious as well. Personally I have never had any doubts that a predominately Roman Catholic educated High Court bench handed down a politically charged decision to a philosophically receptive Labor Party. It was a scurrilous piece of political bastardry, where a judicial viewpoint became a law. The Keating Government only gave the act a thin form of legitimacy. However the people are as usual apathetic and so their rights are eroded by stealth or as the Fabians prefer to call it gradualism.

Trewartha was involved with the National Party, so he had an idea of how the system worked. As far as I was concerned my political background, or more correctly my adolescent years, were entrenched in the old Labour Party ethos. I'm talking here about the New Zealand movement which was dominated by New South Welshmen, Victorians and Englishmen. The pick of them all was a native born New Zealander who ran foul of Victorian Michael Joseph Savage. Savage kept John A Lee out of the Cabinet simply because he saw him as a threat. Lee's greatest mistake was to call Savage 'that pathological bastard on the hill' a reference to Savage's deteriorating medical condition. The timing could not have been worse. Three days later Savage died and New Zealanders, my father amongst them created a saint. Of more recent times I briefly represented the Confederate Action Party, not particularly because I agreed with their philosophy, much of which was over the top, but because I respected the man who created it, Perry Jewell. Jewell asked if I would help him on the Gold Coast ..and I did, but when their constitution, a very good one, was bypassed to corrupt the party, I publicly disowned them. In many ways the CAP was a support mechanism for the gun lobby. Guns and political fanatics are a volatile combination and I wanted no part of either. CAP like One Nation attracted its share of fanatics. I digress!

After having renewed our acquaintance Trewartha pressed me about why the meeting did not take place. I related the facts to him and added that if the 'bastards were so apathetic then they could go to hell.'

"How much do you need?"

"Two forty for the hall and a bit for advertising ...say three hundred dollars all up." was my response.

I was thinking in terms of actual money in hand, but when Trewartha said, "If I guarantee that amount, will you reconsider calling another meeting?" It was music to my ears. Whilst the idea of being guaranteed the shortfall if the meeting didn't cover costs was helpful, I insisted on him making that a donation. In any case the new movement was going to need funds. Paul agreed and as a result a handful of us gathered the following day Sunday (Oct 27th) at our home to finalise help with its staging, much of which was essentially done anyway.

It was already decided, because time was of the essence to call the meeting on the only date that the Albert Waterways Community Centre was available, namely October 28th. This did not suit me because it was my wife's birthday and we had made prior arrangements. Unfortunately the next availability placed it too close to Christmas, so in the interest of keeping the idea alive we sacrificed the evening.

It was just prior to this time and a week before Trewartha's entry that I received a phone call that did more to elevate what was to follow than anything else. So often when embryonic organisations start up those who are at its inception who do all the hard toil and endless hours are forgotten. The PHSM and the bastard child it bore as a result of being seized, ONE NATION was such a movement. John Clodd, was not known to me when he rang one night and said,

"Look you poor bugger, it seems to me that everybody is prepared to sit back and let you do the lot. How do you feel about me whipping up some tee shirts for the night of the meeting".

I was elated, even a little sceptical when he offered the use of his copying facilities as well so that we could produce fliers.

I went down the following day and met him. John was not a well man; the result of the horrors of fighting a dirty war that was started by the Americans and embroiled compliant Australian government troops in Vietnam. John could not have done what he suggested without the help of his family. I was impressed by the loyalty and common bond that saw them work as a willing team. I can remember saying to them that if the PHSM took off as I hoped there would be plenty of work later to reward them for their contribution at a time when we needed it most.

A day out from the meeting October 27, we gathered at our home as I have mentioned. We had worked loosely as a team; Clodd, Iris and myself, underpinned by Trewartha's

offer of financial support, but it was becoming obvious that public interest was growing. We needed to delegate duties but had no people to do it. In all, six people turned up and from them an interim committee was chosen. As it happened all were co-opted. I was nominated as Chairman, Paul Trewartha as Vice Chairman; my wife reluctantly accepted the Secretary's job, with Lindon Litchfield fronting as Treasurer. Yvonne Garner and John Clodd, were committeemen.

By this time a thousand membership tickets had been printed, fliers organised and twenty-five tee shirts made available. I had been busy with radio, press and television interviews. We were all set to go. I had never met Pauline Hanson, spoken with her nor had been contacted by her. No politician in the history of this nation had seen a spontaneous movement rise in support of their views ...many would have given their right arm for what was about to take place. Had we known what was taking place on another front, we could have stopped right there and then. Had we done that, One Nation would never have got off the ground. The bastard child would have been strangled at birth and its 'politically raped' mother spared an agonising death.



By Paul Daley

TO PINPOINT the genesis of Pauline Hanson's high profile you need to travel to Miami.

Not Miami, Florida; Miami Beach, a few kilometres south of Surfers Paradise, where long socks and white shoes are de rigueur among the semi-retired expatriate Brits at the clubs, and where Japanese investors started buying whole suburban blocks in the late '70s.

It was in a modest Miami Beach blond-brick house that the roots of Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party were sown.

It was here Mr Bruce Whiteside, a retired New Zealand-born painter and decorator, moved with his wife, Iris, to start the Pauline Hanson Support Movement the day after her maiden speech to Federal Parliament last September.

That was the speech where Ms Hanson bagged all forms of Aboriginal welfare, multiculturalism, big business and foreign investment.

Mr Whiteside and thousands of others who quickly joined the movement would have been surprised to be told that it was Ms Hanson's adviser, Mr John Pasquarelli — a former crocodile

Sunday AGE, 27 April, 1997

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Chapter 3 ...the first salvo

We gathered at the hall two and a half hours before the meeting was due to commence. Nobody knew what to expect but with enthusiasm, a handful of people set about assembling seats in the auditorium and arranging the foyer for the first arrivals.

"How many seats do we want," said someone.

"Ask Bruce" said another.

"I reckon a couple of hundred should do" said a voice bending to pull more seats out from under the stage.

"Give over you lot. We'll fill it to overflowing." That was John Clodd.

Whilst we were placing the seats others were setting up a temperamental microphone, testing it and trying to make it work without 'breaking'. The ladies were busy out in the foyer setting out the tables, spreading out the fliers, tee-shirts and membership tickets. Gradually and before these things were fully set-up, people began drifting in. It was a little over an hour before the show was due to get under way.

Although we had gathered the previous day to designate jobs to be specifically carried out on the evening, some opted very quickly to mill with the new arrivals and disappeared forgetting their duty to help. This resulted in a willing three or four to carry the load, which for a while was hectic. Those women who stuck to their guns were Amanda Clodd, Maureen Trewartha and my wife Iris. As a result of this dereliction of duty, a considerable number of people who would have been signed up slipped through the net. Several times when I ventured into the foyer it was a seething mass of people, all trying to glean information about the new movement. The additional help that had sworn to assist us on the day were too busy sitting on seats in the front row, telling all who would listen about the magnificent job 'we' were doing. In the weeks and months to come their enthusiastic would wax and finally would wane ...but in the interim they would do a lot of damage. Like so much that was to occur later the Hanson train took on an inordinate amount of parasitical baggage.

Just before the meeting a few protesters tried to gate-crash. One a non-de-script character carrying a banner advertising the lack of 'coolness' of racism, dressed as a Chinese coolie, insisted on bringing his paraphernalia into the hall. He was refused entry along with others who wanted only to disrupt the meeting. They were told that if they behaved themselves in an orderly manner then they were welcome. In fact some did come in and later raised their voices, but that was all.

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'REBEL' RALLY: Part of the crowd of about 500 that attended last night's rally on the Gold Coast to support outspoken MP Pauline Hanson.

Picture: WAYNE JONES

500 RALLY TO HANSON CAUSE

ABOUT 500 Pauline Hanson supporters attended a rally on the Gold Coast last night in a show of strength for the controversial MP for Oxley.

...ies, pensioners, teenagers, and a handful of Aborigines turned out to show their support for Hanson and to listen to what she had to say.

...20 protesters stood outside the hall with banners which read 'Pauline Hanson does not represent me'.

...He broke out before the rally as Daniel Sesto, a Chinese-Australian, tried to enter the hall and was hit in the face with a Nazi flag.

...as pushed aside as Gold Coast man Des Tremmer shouted at him, 'Do you work, or do I pay for you to live?'

...Tremmer was hit in the face with a Nazi flag.

...Whiteside said the strong

by MARNIE TURNER

turn-out was a 'shot in the arm' for his cause — to rally Australia-wide support for Pauline Hanson.

"This organisation will not speak for Pauline Hanson, rather it speaks in defence of her — it should not be seen as a platform for any future development of a party," said Mr Whiteside.

He said he formed the group to give the 'ordinary Australian' a voice.

Ordinary man

"We have a common thread of opinion ... These are the reasonings of the ordinary man, not the sophistication of deep or academic thought."

"Is Pauline Hanson going to be buried by Aboriginal community leaders, vocal immigrants, queasy politicians and a hostile media or is she going to be raised on the shoulders of the man on the street?"

"This is the system we have earned. We have earned it because essentially we do nothing about

changing it ... it is now up to you."

Danielle McGilvray, a 21-year-old Aborigine from Tweed, said she believed in equal rights and did not think any group — Aboriginal or Asian should be given special benefits.

"I don't think people understand. Pauline Hanson just wants what is best for all Australians," said Ms McGilvray.

"What is happening in Australia is not right."

"I am a qualified childcare worker but I am unemployed. I should be able to walk into any job I want and hold it for as long as I want."

"If Aborigines want to be equal, they must be treated as equals by the Government."

Ms McGilvray said she had not come to the meeting to support or denounce Pauline Hanson, but wanted to listen to what was being said.

She said communication and accountability were the keys to overcoming racism in Australia.

Flery debate, Page 2

BLOODED NOSE: Hanson advocate Des Tremmer was caught in a scuffle at last night's rally.

This is the report in the local Gold Coast BULLETIN the following day. You will note the disparity in the attendance. Although this was the real thrust that elevated the Hanson profile that lead to it being seized by two dubious con-men, the local paper never supported the people who created the

PHSM. The media across the country sought to destroy any credibility that might advance the cause for much of what Hanson espoused. A million people voted for her. They weren't all wrong¹

Once the early arrivals started to come, it very quickly built up into a steady stream. Within the hour they had spilled over into the upstairs gallery and the hall became a buzz of chatter, reminiscent but not quite as electric as that which had confronted me eight years earlier. Never-the-less it was a hub-bub of excitement and expectation.

At five minutes past eight the proceedings got under way. Paul Trewartha chaired the meeting and asked that I be given a fair hearing.

"It was a matter" he said, "which few people in this country were prepared to do, stand up and be counted alongside Pauline Hanson. Mr Whiteside has chosen to do so and we should be thankful that we have such people. I ask now that you listen to what this man has to say and give him a fair hearing."

Twenty five minutes later I had finished. Eight hundred people had responded favourably, sometimes reservedly, sometimes enthusiastically ... and then I targeted the media ...with absolute relish. At one point I heard one of Channel Nine's roving cameramen comment "At last someone has had the guts to tell it as it is."

Public Address, written and delivered by Bruce R
Whiteside, at the Inaugural meeting of the PHSM, Albert
Waterways Centre, Broadbeach, Gold Coast,
Queensland, October 28th. 1996.

*Pauline HANSON Support
Movement Inc.*

Pauline Hanson

" Giving Government
Back to the People."

Due to popular demand the author has donated the
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*"That speech in praise of the 'slip of a woman, who has
shown us the true meaning of conviction of strength and
yes even leadership', was remarkable on a number of
counts.
It was distinctive for its passion, its thoroughly mixed,
but catchy metaphors, its inventive slant on history, its
peculiarly ambivalent perspective of the heroine of the
set piece, Ms Pauline Hanson."*

Russell Daily, Gold Coast BULLETIN, 30.10.96

Scott Balson reporting on this speech: 'Whilst Hanson's maiden speech received wide publicity, the speech that fired the support movement went unreported. Arguably it is the finer of the two'.

Whilst the local media found more reporting mileage in the skirmishes outside the hall, the people within found the address a lot more informative. The Gold Coast Bulletin being privy to the first meeting in the country that came out in support of Hanson set the pattern that was to follow. It recorded the negatives and failed to assess the positives coming from the people. We had eight hundred that night, the paper accredited us with 500; it showed the packed bottom floor, whilst neglecting to photograph the packed top gallery. It paid scant attention to the meat of the speech, opting to give the opinions of the dear old lady who attacked me with her umbrella. What the reporter failed to say was that the same old lady had supported me to the hilt on my stand against Foreign Land Ownership and had later gone down to Canberra and sat on the steps of parliament when a National march from the Gold Coast failed to materialise. Barbara Shaw was a feisty and well-read old lady, was one of my most loyal supporters in the halcyon days of Heart of a Nation, eight years previous. It was intended to conduct a National march from the Gold Coast to Canberra, but the sheer logistics of doing this was beyond our capacity to carry it out. Eighty years or not Barbara was very disappointed in me for not going ahead with it. Unlike most others, she put her convictions on the line and did the journey herself, unbeknown to me. I don't think she ever forgave me over that. She was interviewed on the steps of the National Capitol.

When I went out in support of Hanson, Barbara 'took to me' with her umbrella. She was not the only supporter of my stance on foreign ownership who believed that I sullied my reputation by going into bat for Pauline Hanson. Yet such were the feelings generated by Pauline Hanson, that close comrades fell out. Being at the vanguard of Hanson support was not easy.

I should have expected this. The media set the parameters of the coverage, the public only grasped what the papers reported; and what the papers reported often bore no relationship to what was being done. Hanson had been judged, drawn and quartered and any attempt to raise her profile would be dealt with harshly. The Gold Coast Bulletin was never at the forefront of reporting on Hanson and One Nation even though two of its city's citizens had major inputs to its rise and fall. It has long ceased to be a local tabloid, opting instead to be nothing more than a mouthpiece for the Murdoch dictate. Little wonder I yearned for another Roy Chapman, another David Halpin, another Peter Nally, reporters who did not bow subserviently to their editorial masters. ... The Gold Coast Bulletin opted not to get into the real thrust of what the meeting was all about,

but rather to trivialize and touch on the peripheral matters that gave an element of racist overtones. Driven by local business with emphasis on real estate and tourism, the once local voice of the people had become instead a mouthpiece for those who feed the papers coffers. Now a member of the Murdoch stable its main function was not that of independent analysis, but rather that of towing the line. Political correctness and being of the establishment was the order of the day. Those who sought to defend Hanson and her 'wayward' politics were about to receive no favours from the *Gold Coast Bulletin*, even if the vanguard of this popular rising was to spring from the midst of their own materialistic city. The paper's management denied this, but then they had too.

Some meetings come alive and have an air of expectation. This was one of them. 'What would come next?' many asked. 'Where would we go from here?' These were pertinent questions, yet we were no more than a handful of people gathering behind a person to create an army of support for a novel politician who for the moment at least echoed the sentiments of many Australians.

Reports in the national media, both radio and particularly television were to help give our meeting a wider coverage. What had taken place was without political precedence. A very small group of people had gathered to give a beleaguered politician moral support and in doing so had apparently created history. It was an opportunity that David Oldfield later openly admitted he exploited.



Courtesy Scott Balson GWB

After the crowds had dissipated and the hall returned to normal, we tallied up the takings of the night. In all we had taken \$1,524. Of this we had 122 signed up members of the PHSM; in other words 18% of those who had attended. We sold nearly all the 'I'm a Pauline Hanson Supporter' tee shirts and ran out of all the material that we had printed to promulgate Hanson's cause. In terms of a success the committee saw it as a great start to our campaign. Perhaps I expected too much, I do not know, but my immediate feelings were that the message we were trying to get out had probably succeeded but the financial side of it was to me very disappointing. By the time we paid for the hall, our printing costs and regenerated further material to carry on with, I felt that we were going to be left out of pocket. The others did not see it that way, but my memory of these things centred on the evening in 1988 when 1500 patriotic Australians, crammed the Miami Great Hall, concerned as I was about the sale of our land to foreign interests. When asked to contribute to a fighting fund, they coughed up a miserly \$624; forty cents per person and I ended up fifty dollars out of pocket! How often I remember these people who read what I have written at times and they say: "What are you going to do about it?" It is frustrating to write provocative letters to suddenly realise that people often expect you to organize a push and then wear the cost. Trewartha, who opted to help out with the finances, contributed nothing in the end stating that we had covered our costs. He got his meeting for nothing and as events unfold it will be seen that he was never a Hanson supporter, but a man looking for a political opportunity. We provided it.

The following day our phone at home began to ring. There was the usual bombardment of journalists who tried to belittle and denigrate any support for Hanson. There was, I felt, an insatiable desire by the media to want to paint Hanson as some sort of social outcast and if some could write to put her down, then they would run up brownie points with their editors. Evidence of this surfaced when Tracey Curro of Sixty Minutes, sprung the 'xenophobe' stunt. Today Curro is forgotten, but 'please explain' has become a catch-phrase. Among the calls was a request from the Today Show to appear the following morning.

I well recall a visit at my home by a Channel Nine reporter who was aggressively adopting an anti-Hanson line. The topic was her maiden speech to which this macho female was berating. After she had belted out her tirade I asked her had she read the speech. Her response was 'Why would I waste my time'. Needless to say I sent her packing.

Somewhere at home here I have a copy of that Today interview. I remember sitting in the satellite studio at Channel Nine's Gold Coast studios, just after 6 am, watching the monitor and realizing how I was being subtlety set up to knock down. I don't in fact remember much about it, but the ensuing publicity it set in motion was an avalanche

that none of us, least of all myself had reckoned on. This was the lead story on the Today program on the Tuesday. It is interesting how that news of our meeting was presented. First item was an anti-racist rally headed by Leigh Hubbard of the Victorian Labor Trade Council. He was interviewed, lambasting the perceived attitude of racism as intolerable. This was followed by a series of monochrome slides with various nationalities saying sorry, in their native tongue, about racism. Tara Brown wanted to know if what I had just witnessed had now negated my support for Hanson. This cheap sort of journalism was designed to embarrass and put me on the spot; it didn't work. Then she wanted to know why Hanson needed support at all. I said that given the animosity of the press, given that the unions underpinned Labor and that big business looked after the Liberal Party, then surely the battlers could get behind Hanson. There was an edge to Brown's questions, just as there had been years before with the likes of Jana Wendt of Channel Nine and Monica Attard of the ABC on the foreign land ownership issue. I have never shaken off the belief that anyone who swims against the system becomes fair game. This round would be no different. That animosity showed ... directed at Hanson, but through me. I assured Brown that despite this hostile attitude the establishment's lack of comfort with Hanson would not go away and that she was here to stay. What I did not foresee was that the people who would annul that prediction would be Hanson's sycophantic acolytes and the two pathetic David's.

On the morning of the meeting I had rung Pauline Hanson, making contact with her for the first time. I felt that as a matter of good manners I owed her the courtesy of informing her of my reasons for holding a public meeting in support of what she was doing. It was a strange conversation. There was neither enthusiasm nor reproof; if I thought Hanson would be over the moon, then I was to be bitterly disappointed. In fact she seemed stuck for words. I gathered from her hesitancy that she was not sure how to respond, to not knowing I guess, how to gauge the effect it might have on her position. This was a natural enough reaction, but after assuring her that she had nothing to worry about, I terminated the stilted conversation. It was difficult to know how much Hanson knew about me, if anything at all. Having been the centrepiece of a very controversial foreign land ownership debate that raged on the Gold Coast in the late eighties and carried a high media profile, I found it remarkable that a budding politician would not have heard of me. Irrespective of that, news had reached her office about what was happening on the Gold Coast. A prudent person, a political person would have taken the time to have sussed me out. Having been informed that I was also something of a maverick and that I had spoken out on identical issues in 1988 one would have thought that a person with honest concerns about their country might have made contact with a kindred spirit. It didn't happen. We had a lot more in common than either of us have ever been given the chance to discover.

As late as July 2000, I toyed with the idea of contacting her in person. Many, many people have asked that I do so in the hope of getting her to sever ties with One Nation and the two David's and going it alone. I would have loved nothing more than to talk with her, but deep down I knew that Hanson neither listens nor comprehends.

Two people who turned away from me, when Ettridge and Oldfield came on the scene and threw their lot in with them were Barbara Hazelton, Hanson's private secretary and Paul Trewartha, Hanson's National Secretary. Perhaps in Barbara's case the term 'turned' is too strong, for unlike Trewartha we are still friends. Both admitted after the damage had become terminal, that I was the one person who got it right.

"You were the only one with the vision to see what was happening", Hazelton had told me. But Hanson did listen to Brian McDermott. He told her to 'keep clear of Whiteside, for he was trouble and a racist'. .

How easy it is to condemn others when your own motives for doing so are that of your own mind-set. The following day Hanson's Gold Coast sister Judy Smith rang me on Pauline's behalf and told me to shut the meeting down. "Pauline says that she does not need any help." I found it pretty weak stuff, but I dismissed Smith's request and carried on. The irony of what happened was not lost on me. Hanson was quite happy to accept McDermott's advice, yet could not make logical conversation with myself. This was a pity for had Hanson referred McDermott's name to me I could have told her that in 1988, he had tried to subvert our movement Heart of a Nation and to seize it on behalf of the Citizens Electoral Council, who were alleged to have ties with a Lyndon La Rouché. I was singularly responsible for throwing McDermott out of the position of acting Secretary, when he tried to rewrite the minutes of our meetings. His parting shot all those years ago I still recall.

'You'll pay for this one day.'

Hanson like me was to find out that he could be very corrosive.

Having said that it must also be remembered that David Oldfield, known to only Hanson and Hazelton at the time was working covertly behind the scenes. He was employed by the Federal Member for Warringah Tony Abbott and at the time was white-anting John Pasquarelli, by guiding Hanson's future. Perhaps it says something about Oldfield that he could work for Hanson whilst being paid by Abbott, unless of course both were on the same tram. If Abbott employed Oldfield and both were privy to a common plan, then there was nothing wrong with this. As we will see, Hanson was drinking from a poisoned chalice. (Note: In 2011 whilst revising *Destiny Aborted*, since renamed I have read *Untamed and Unashamed* by Hanson; this fact is established by her but at the time my attempts to warn her were disposed to the waste paper basket.)

When I arrived home from the Today interview, my wife was speaking on the telephone. Already she had a writing pad in front of her with a list of callers who had been prompted by the early morning television interview. Every time the phone was replaced, it rang again. Hour after hour this went on. While my wife knocked up some breakfast I manned the phone. It transpired that most callers either rang Channel Nine or inquired from Telstra for my phone number.

We were under siege. Here was a private home, a private individual, now being nationally bombarded ...simply because he had opted to stand up and be counted alongside Hanson. We had not expected this, nor made any contingency plans to handle it. It soon became obvious that we had a rampant bull by the tail and we either held on or simply walked away.

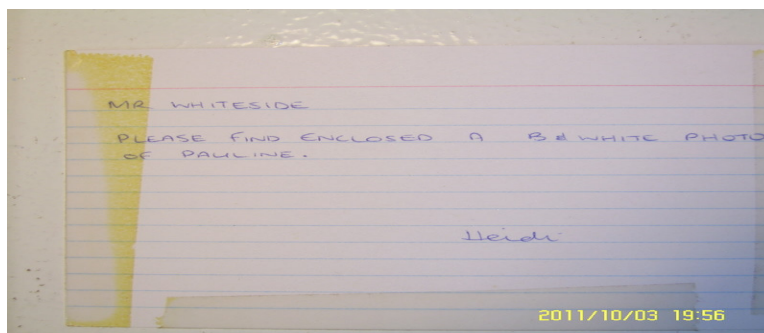
Had I been aware of the Hanson deceit, I would probably have pulled the plug there and then. But we did not. If ever Hanson supporters doubt my word about her moral integrity on this, then realise that what happened from this point forward, October 31 1996 was done with her full knowledge that we were no longer going to be 'pulling for her' but rather for a brace of men who would scuttle her for their own ends. As a result my respect and admiration for Hanson today is more narrowly defined.

Chapter 4 ...a fifth columnist

The telephone ran incessantly for two solid days. As a result we were swamped with sheets of names from callers from across Australia. Very quickly we had to devise a way of keeping these people together. When asked initially what they could do we repeated what we had suggested at the meeting and that was to contact us, where we would forward Dear Supporter letters, job sheets and bumper stickers. In order to facilitate the cost of printing, which in its primitive stage meant buying copying paper and using a copier; we requested that they become members of the PHSM. The cost of this membership \$5.00 (five dollars), fulfilled three basic premises. Firstly it was positive proof that the person was a 'soldier in Pauline's army', secondly it was affordable, thereby opening the way for as many people to come aboard as possible, which meant of course that it had an appeal to pensioners and thirdly that it gave us a little revenue that enabled us to continue to print material that would have come to an abrupt halt. It was never devised as a means of creating funds but to reinforce visual support for Hanson.

It is informative at this point to recount the origins of those membership tickets. This account is authentic because like almost everything that came out of the PHSM I was its solitary author.

I designed the tickets based on those I had printed some eight years before for Heart of a Nation. They were printed in red white and blue. Across the top in Alfredo fonts, the words Pauline Hanson Support Movement. On the original the abbreviation Inc was missing. The reason for this will be covered later. In the centre of the ticket above the script Registration Certificate, was a photo of Pauline Hanson. Now, this photo is interesting for it came from Hanson's office, which in itself was recognition of our worth, yet it was Barbara Hazelton ...and our lot may have been considerably tougher had it not been for the rapport that she set up with my wife Iris ...who arranged this. To the right of Hanson's photo an inset of the Australian flag and to the left I'm a soldier in Pauline's army. Along with the fee was my name as Chairman, and the postal address.



The original picture of Pauline sent from her office by Heidi.

The word plagiarise is not a word I use lightly. In its true sense it meant the copying of someone else's work and if it is done deliberately then the accusation of uplifting intellectual property may well be settled in a court of law. When the idea is replicated

for the same reason as the original then the accident of coincidence becomes less credible. THIS IS WORTH KEEPING IN MIND ...FOR LATER!

What appears on the rear of these membership tickets, written by myself serves to prove that since these tickets appeared six months before the launch of ONE NATION, then they were the original ideas. Those who were later to receive ONE NATION Supporters Inc. membership cards will notice almost identical objectives. The original objectives were predicated on honest principles whereas the objectives on the latter One Nation tickets were fashioned to deceive. Reprinted here are the three facets of the original ticket.

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2. To actively participate in the spreading of Pauline's concerns.
3. To respond individually or collectively to all adverse criticism.
- 4.. To help negate the accusations of racism, redneck, etc.
5. To go onto the offensive, in the publicity sense, where this is possible.
6. To consciously wear down the climate of political correctness.

ASPIRATIONS

To help set up this movement throughout Australia.

STRUCTURE

1. To set up an organisational structure nationally
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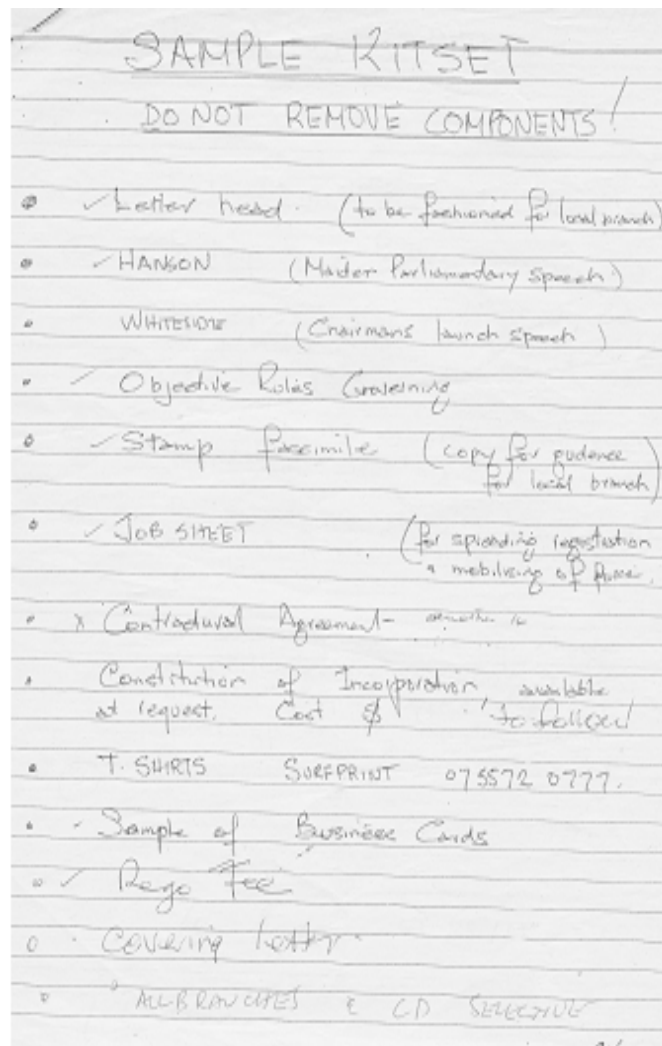
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It will be noticed that it was intended to create a national movement, but the reality was that we had not couched that eventuality, yet when the sudden rush of interest came upon us we simply forged ahead with the very limited resources we had. Not only that but we were little more than enthusiastic amateurs and none of us were 'publicity literate'. But this did not justify what happened.

Let there be no illusions. I say without equivocation that not only was the movement subsequently stolen from the people, but also intellectual property was uplifted from my premises. The idea of seconding the movement was most likely Oldfield's, the imprimatur was Hanson's, but the deed was choreographed by Ettridge. One day, when the truth finally emerges I want to see the law takes its course, but to return to what I was saying.

When the PHSM made news, what you invariably saw on television was me and whilst I had no great presentation, I also had no desire to appear to be anything other than what I was. I didn't care much for the media since they beat an almost constant path to my door, seeking this comment or that. Many times I winced at what they ran, knowing that what was shown, or reported was a distortion of what I had said. The practice of editing of footage to distort the item of news on the pretext of time, sometimes called 'sound bites' is totally dishonest. Integrity is not a strong point with many journalist be they any facet of the media.



One of the first things I had to do was draw up a more detailed extrapolation of our goals and intentions. This was brought about when many callers from Sydney in particular, wanted to know if we had already established branches. The answer to that was simply no, for the first steps had only been taken hours before. We also had to cover ourselves against possible legal action and this meant initially seeking incorporation.

(Note: The idea of kit sets were seized on by David Ettridge after Steven Menagh had handed over all of our intellectual property. He did this by becoming out first branch outside the Gold Coast.)

I commenced writing the Rules Governing Objective. We had this in place by late September, a few weeks before the public meeting. It consisted of seven pages and as far as a legal document is concerned, it probably did not carry much weight; but then we were not in the business of dotting the 'i's' and crossing the 't's'. My aim was simple, to give a guide to those who were already 'chafing at the bit' to start a branch.

Again we were not slick operators seeking to stitch people up with a view to personal gain ...they came later. What we drew up was easy enough to understand and operate. The committee viewed the instructions and decided that they would do the trick. None of the original wording was altered and indeed all that followed in the name of the PHSM with the exception of a couple of newsletters written by Iris, came from my pen. I make this point and I make it deliberately.

When it was decided to form the PHSM we started with a handful of people. Most of them were competent, but when it came to political nous and contributing ideas and initiatives, they were essentially barren. I felt many times that I was carrying too much responsibility that could easily result in me being accused of being 'a one man band'. I was aware of this and it worried me, but it also meant that I was so far out in front that the troops were losing sight of me. The only two people in the original group who had any basic political instincts were Paul Trewartha and John Clodd and they largely reinforced my ideas. One man who did have a role to play was our treasurer Lindon Litchfield. He was given the job of applying to the Corporate Affairs department for incorporation. He lodged an application along with the fee of \$65 on November 6th 1996. Before this was done we asked Pauline for permission to use her name. When approached she had no problem with doing so, but when the Corporate Affairs sought confirmation in writing the fun began. What happened then was a period of procrastination that was finally resolved when Hanson and her henchmen controlled the infant movement; four months later! Yet Hanson had told me that she had no problems with us using her name.

At the time, no one had cause to suspect that the Incorporation move was being thwarted. From time to time we approached the Ipswich office and we were always told the same thing; 'Pauline's workload was so heavy that it had simply been overlooked.' What none of us knew was that Hanson was emotionally infatuated with David Oldfield and abdicated the essence of loyalty that she so stridently demanded of everyone else. The result was Hanson's loyal support was being subverted. John Pasquarelli had prevented Hanson's name from being used because he believed unscrupulous operators would exploit it. Later he admitted as much, but Hanson never took advice from Pasquarelli anyway. The real obstruction was coming from the unknown David Oldfield, to whom Pasquarelli was blissfully unaware. Ettridge then moved to register the name as a trade-mark and claim it as his own.

These were early days. Two people who were to have a marked affect on our fledgling movement were among the avalanche of early callers who rang our home. Their names were Steve Menagh and Steve Love. Menagh called on November 2nd 1996 and Love two days later. Both calls emanated from Sydney.

Menagh's first contact was with my wife who was secretary. From her recollections he was very enthusiastic and like so many who wait for others to take the initiative he was, he said, 'right behind Hanson.' He said that he had seen the film clips on the news and wanted to know where he could purchase a 'I'm a Pauline Hanson supporter' tee shirt. He was advised where these could be purchased and after waxing lyrical about Hanson, rang off. A few days later he rang again. Again he made contact with Iris. This time he wanted to speak with me, but not before he had painted a graphic picture of how he had marched through the streets of Hurstville, boldly strutting his 'Hanson' tee-shirt. As I was not in at the time he asked my wife how he could join the movement. She informed him and we heard nothing for a few days. The third time he rang was in the evening, this time he struck me. He seemed a little more animated than most, but I took that, (wrongly as it turned out) to be unrestrained enthusiasm. Remember, this was early in the peace, when support for Hanson was still veiled in reluctance to show one-self and thin on the ground. The matter of starting a branch in Sydney was raised and he said that he believed he could get others to share his desire to start one. I told him to explore that possibility and we would talk at a later date. The result was that by the end of November Menagh had received from our Gold Coast operations all the necessary paperwork, authorities, tee shirts, Registration Certificates and a contract. Finally he requested a mailing box. This was granted and Menagh then promptly disappeared. His address was vacated, his phone disconnected. Less than two months later he surfaced in a grotty little office above an adult sex shop on the Corso in Manly. He had been rewarded with a non-voting directorship of the embryonic and notorious filching machine ONE NATION Ltd. His boss was one a Mr David Ettridge, as yet unknown to us.

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Steven Love was a different character. He was swept along by another sort of political enthusiasm. He was young and from what I gathered in my brief conversations, a man who like many enthusiastic party members, felt that he was no more than a necessary back-drop to the anointed and likely to remain so. He was curious and explained that as a young Liberal was attracted to much of what Hanson was saying, but he had to be careful because if he made the wrong decision he would probably regret it later. I advised him to think about it and come back later, at the same time assuring him that he was not alone in what he was contemplating. We would welcome him but coercion was not a part of our philosophy.

Two nights later November 6th 1996, Love rang me and advised that he had decided to quit and join the PHSM. Not until then had I been aware that he was in fact not only a member of the young Liberals but was the President of the Young Liberals Wakehurst branch. Now this was no ordinary defection; this was something of a coup and had I been a student in political chicanery I would have realised that here indeed was not only a burgeoning political shift but a big story to boot. I didn't. I was only delighted to welcome him aboard realising that if this was going to develop into a trend then Hanson was going to gather a real force behind her that would take no account of political allegiances. After this we discussed how he could join up and sometime in the future become a part of a vibrant team lead by Hanson.

So, whatever happened to Steve Love? He did not become a member as far as I know and only once did he contact me again. That call left many unanswered questions. However that was not to be the end of the matter.

Chapter 5ettridge's ferret

One person who recognised the worth of our efforts in developing the PHSM was Hanson's secretary Barbara Hazelton. I always maintained that Hanson had no better friend than myself but in the terms of interrelation rapport that claim was the very antithesis of the reality. My great disappointment in Hanson does not detract from my opinion that she still has (had ... this assessment was made in 1999) the potential to polarise a political force. Until the advent of David Oldfield, Hazelton was Pauline's confidante, mother confessor, personal secretary, protector and shoulder to cry on. Hazelton's lot went far beyond the calls of office secretary as many went to great pains to later try to debunk. Hazelton's class and style were in striking contrast to

that of her boss. In many ways I believe her position with Hanson was an uncomfortable experience for her. Before her time with Hanson, Barbara had been employed in secretarial positions with some well known politicians. Peter Slipper and John Stone. Being with Hanson must have been something of a cultural shock. The journey from Senator John Stone's employ to the inarticulate Hanson was a giant leap, but one thing is for sure, you were not a fool if you worked for Senator Stone. If you worked for Hanson then I guess you left yourself open for negative criticism as I can testify.

Toward the middle of November 1996 Hazelton escorted Hanson to the Gold Coast to meet the faces behind the names of the PHSM. The occasion was an afternoon tea at our home in Miami. Barbara had impressed upon Pauline that she should come down and meet us with a view to thanking us for supporting her. All of the committee turned up and a pleasant time was had by all.

There was plenty of small talk, inconsequential to what we were doing. I don't know what it is about people, but put them in the company of a 'celebrity' and they go gaga and want to reach out and be touched by them. I can still see the sort of idolatry coming from a couple of the women and the discomfort of one man in particular who had a very soft spot for Pauline. It was the kind of behaviour that would have done giggling school girls proud. I have to say that whilst Hanson and particularly Hazelton were warm and friendly, I wanted some time to speak with Hanson alone. It did not happen. The valuable time was squandered and apart from a publicity shot taken with Hanson the rest was taken up by the Gold Coast Bulletin's Paul Weston and his subsequent interview.



It was important I spent a little time with Hanson to establish some sort of rapport. I wanted time to understand what drove her and what her philosophy was. I needed the opportunity, but the little I saw indicated that she was very unsure of herself. Hazelton on the other hand was composed, articulate and intelligent. To be honest, when Hanson walked out my heart went out to her. This was not the girl of fire and brimstone but just a normal woman visiting. Perhaps with a written script she could get it all together but what I realised later was that she was in all probability being very guarded. In hindsight I should have twigged something did not gel. Here was a woman whose political star was on the ascendancy and the common consensus of opinion was that any politician would have been absolutely delighted with the support she was getting from this band of adherents and given their right arm to have it. I understood her possible predicament very well when I rang her on my first contact. I suggested that she remain neutral, neither condemning nor condoning us. I asked her to keep an open mind giving herself time to ascertain whether she could be comfortable with our support. I also suggested that she did not step in and condone us unreservedly in case there was any negative fallout that could hurt her. I couldn't be more honest than that. I think in hindsight Hanson had been forewarned about my maverick ways, but neither

of us made any real attempt in getting to know each other. The moment was lost and many times since I have regretted not having sat down and having had a serious talk with her. That was never to occur.

After this brief encounter we were back to work. Day after day our mailbox was full. It came from the four corners of Australia. We plotted a map and before long it became very evident where our support centres were; Tasmania, Geelong and areas around Perth. In Queensland Gympie became our first branch but there was response spread across the State. These were exciting times for us, but Iris and I were under a tremendous burden to cope with all the work. After all we were getting no younger and there were several days when I worked around the clock to keep up the information flow. Iris answered every single letter that came in and we soon found that the cost of mailing was draining us of the little money we had.

As I have said Barbara Hazelton was an enthusiastic supporter of what we were doing. One day when we had rung the Ipswich office for another supply of Pauline's maiden speech she asked what we were doing with them. We told her that we sent a copy out with every letter. In all we sent out in the order of two thousand.

"For goodness sake it must be costing you a fortune in postage." Barbara was like that she was perceptive enough to understand the difficulties that we were facing. From that point on she made sure that we had sufficient supply of stamps to carry on with, but that was where the line was drawn. I doubt very much whether Hanson ever knew about such expenses. In terms of priority television sets and pot plants had greater tangible qualities for her. Hanson's attitude to those who worked their fingers to the bone and there was a whole legion of them was that 'they did not have to do it'. From this remark could be gathered the impression that Hanson believed that she did not need help and that she had the ability to do it all alone. People like Ettridge were another matter. Possibly had he not stitched her up then he might have copped the same treatment.

A day seldom went by when the media were not on the phone. My old friend John Pasquarelli accuses me in his book as being a media junkie. I like the old bugger. He's very much a man's man and God only knows how he ever managed to survive with Hanson as long as he did.

Sometimes I wince from his colourful language when he rings me on a Sunday morning as he is wont to do. When my wife cringes I make an instinctive move to press the headpiece closer to my ear in the hope that his voice will not be heard. That's John, a rough diamond, a damned good television performer, a man who had a pretty good idea of how the political system worked, but a man who allowed his own self-evaluation of his

worth get in the way. I have no doubt that Pasquarelli was an infinitely superior operator than Oldfield ever was but I have no illusions that had he stayed with Hanson he would have controlled her too. He had big plans for Hanson but he would not have sacrificed his boss. That was left to others. Hanson and Pasquarelli would have made a formidable team, but that chance was lost when he took his eye off the ball.

John like Pauline is never wrong, both always having the only answer. When I accused him of being a mind-bender which was widely reported and resulted in him branding me a media junkie, he would have done well to have analysed what I was driving at. Had John been perceptive he would have realised that the public was seeing something that he was not. I was wrong of course, for although John and Barbara both had a strong influence on Pauline, they paled by comparison with Oldfield. Oldfield exercised a strong vice-grip influence over Hanson that had its origins in her emotional attachment to him. Both he and Ettridge have a hell of a lot to answer for. Why the system allowed a novice politician to be so comprehensively used to extract money from the public purse, to allow it to go on with no limitation on the pretext that it was a legitimate political party, I'll never know. The only people who ever benefited from Hanson were Ettridge and Oldfield.

This day the phone rang for the umpteenth time. It was the drawl voice of Greg Roberts of the Sydney Morning Herald. I have never met the man and he is not everyone's favourite journalist. I even found a certain antipathy existed between him and other journalist, but Roberts was one of the few men I found in all facets of the media I could trust. Seldom did he distort a story to the point where I did not recognise what I was supposed to have said. Hanson and Pasquarelli went very close to ordering me not to speak to him.

My maxim in speaking with the media was to be honest and frank with them. Often it was abused. I soon learned who to speak to and who not to. I also came to the conclusion that many journalists were simply spineless and tools of their editors. Roberts unlike some of his colleagues in Fairfax was not one of them.

On November 16th 1996 he casually asked me a loaded question. He wanted to know if there was any truth in the rumour that Mr Garth Powers a National Party branch president from Richmond had approached me with a view to joining the PHSM. I could see Roberts licking his lips in anticipation at having grabbed something of a scoop. What Roberts did not know was that to me this was no big deal. Writing this nearly a year later (1997) I can appreciate that as a political writer Roberts did see this as a good story. What I quite innocently said next must have been even sweeter music to his ears.

"Greg I wouldn't make a big deal out of a National Party defection because they are coming from across the political spectrum.'

"What do you mean?" he asked.

"They are coming from the Australian Labor Party, as well as the Liberals."

Roberts could not believe what he was hearing. It was no great surprise to me and to be honest I could not understand his interest.

He wanted to know who these people were and I told him.

Now, I have been accused of betraying a confidence. I totally reject this. I took the view which I still hold, that if I had the courage to stand up publicly and identify with Pauline Hanson at a time when it was decidedly unhealthy to do so and men later wanted to come aboard now that the ice had been broken, then they should have had the guts to identify with it. The trouble was that most of these people did not want to jeopardise the positions they currently held until such time as they were sure that they had harnessed their future ambitions to a certainty. Oldfield did exactly this when he worked for Abbott choosing not to leave his office until after the launch of One Nation in Ipswich. I was not about to play wet-nurse to men who wanted to be shielded from the 'taint' of Hanson. If they wanted to support her then they did it like men.

Hanson support group keen on Love

by PETER ALEXANDER

WAKEHURST Young Liberals president Stephen Love would be welcomed into the Pauline Hanson Support Movement, the group's Queensland organiser said yesterday.

Bruce Whiteside, of Miami on the Gold Coast, said yesterday Mr Love had phoned him and inquired about the fledgling movement after it was publicised on broadcaster Alan Jones' radio show.

Mr Whiteside said Mr Love had given him the impression he was disillusioned with the Liberal Party.

"He represents the

"I gather he got on the list (of supporters) over the last week. At the time his name was just another among hundreds. But I understand over the weekend he has got a bit of a dressing down from the Liberal Party State secretary and a Cabinet minister.

"I would hate to think there has been any pressure put on him by the Liberal Party.

"What this has uncovered is that for too long the parties have told people they must get into line."

Under Liberal Party rules, Mr Love would have to resign from the party if he joined an

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other political organisation. Mr Whiteside said Mr Love had not paid \$5 membership to join the Pauline Hanson Support Movement, which was to be incorporated, but up to 80 people from Sydney, including some from the northern beaches, had already joined.

Mr Whiteside, who described himself as an ordinary pensioner living in an ordinary home, said he had received a lot of inquiries from Sydney about the movement after it was formed last month.

He said he would be coming to Sydney early next year to launch branches here.

"It's not a political party - it's only political in as much as people are saying what this woman says makes a lot of sense," he said.

"We are getting lots of people who are saying it's about time. They're (the members) soldiers in Pauline's army."

Mr Love and Liberal Party state secretary Tony Nutt could not be contacted for comment yesterday.

Wakehurst Liberal MP and NSW Opposition spokesman on the environment and Aboriginal affairs Brad Harvard said he was not aware of what Mr Love's intentions were.

"I don't mind a bit of healthy debate in our branches," he said.

"My views on Pauline Hanson are on the record. While it could be quite reasonable for anybody to argue there has been some waste of money spent (on Aboriginal affairs) over the years, there are still high needs out there for health and welfare of Aboriginal people.

"For that reason, I reject Pauline Hanson's simplistic and unhuman views. If any of my branches want to talk about her, good luck to them."

The quality of this sent to me by Steve Love is poor. The date 11/12/1996. This article by Peter Alexander. Unfortunately the Greg Roberts article (SMH) was seized from my office along with thousands of other documents.

Seven days later November 23rd 1996, Robert's article appeared in the SMH. Headlined, ...Parties members support Hanson, it was to send shockwaves through the Warringah branch of the Liberal Party.

This is what happened, but first of all a little of what Roberts wrote.

'Mr Whiteside said the Liberal Party members including the president of the Young Liberals Wakehurst branch had considered resigning to become active supporters of M/s Hanson.' He went on, 'others include leading ALP figure in Gympie Mr George Wakelin and Mr Garth Powers the president of the Richmond National Party in North Queensland. Roberts also fielded comments from the party executives and they now make interesting reading. Mike Kaiser, the ALP Qld Secretary said the disputes tribunal was likely to deal harshly with a member who supported her. Ken Crooke the National Party Secretary indicated that their members were free to support Hanson if they wished. In NSW the State Director Tony Nutt* was more circumspect; he simply stated the obvious. Membership to M/s Hanson organisation would be incompatible with the Liberal Party constitution. Which is all very well on the surface? What bubbled beneath was another matter as I was to discover later that evening.

Around eight o'clock a very agitated and frightened Steven Love was on the telephone. In a word he was terrified. Love had been made aware of Robert's article and had had visited upon him the might of the Liberal Party hierarchy. He pleaded with me not to speak to the media, an action that he had followed himself when Roberts contacted him for comment. Love was not angry that I had spoken to Roberts but was anxious to kill the story. I questioned him as to why he was so terrified and the answer was obvious in his reply. During the course of the day he had been contacted by a man who at the time I had not heard of ...a Mr Tony Nutt. Bear in mind here that when Love rang me I had not seen the newspaper article. Love in a shaking and agitated tone of voice told me that Nutt had rung him in his capacity as State Director of the New South Wales Liberal Party and in Love's words had been 'heavied'. He intimated that he had been verbally clobbered as any angry father might admonish a wayward son and told that if he continued to go down this path then he would be thrown out of the Liberal Party.

My initial reaction to these words was one of utter awe. Hell, I thought if these buggers are running scared already, what's going happen when this thing really starts to roll.' But Love's brush with people he had only seen from afar before this day, did not end with Nutt. He also said he had fielded a 'friendly piece of advice' from Cabinet

Minister Bronwyn Bishop. Love could not believe that an insignificant party hack could all of a sudden have the high and the mighty paying homage even if it came in the form of veiled threats.

As requested I never spoke to the media again about this. Love later sent me a copy of the Manly newspaper that built upon the story but I never heard from him again. I did hear later that he became briefly involved with the second PHSM branch in Sydney that coincidentally involved those who had been working with Steve Menagh when he vanished. The indication was that he had become a temporary treasurer to the PHSM Number Two branch that Neil Baird was president of. Baird later stood as an electoral candidate for One Nation. Steve Love faded but the story revealed a covert operative ...who was to eventually destroy Hanson, but not before a failed Senate attempt and after parading her around NSW extolling the virtues of ONE NATION and making damned sure that he secured the number one spot for the One Nation ticket for the NSW Upper House berth, finally scraped into a parliament. Once there he put distance between himself and Hanson and faded. He had achieved what he always wanted. Eight years in the Upper House and a nice little pension to boot.

John Pasquarelli had seen the Robert's article and brought it to Hanson's notice. What stuck in Pasquarelli's craw was not the fact that Robert's article was a damned good story and totally positive for Hanson, but rather that someone else had given it to him. It was a coup for Roberts but both Hanson and Pasquarelli disliked him. They saw him as being anti-Hanson. The truth was far more believable; these two could not brook others attracting media. What also got very much up Pasquarelli's nose was that I had unwittingly grabbed some of his thunder. This was a quirk in Pasquarelli's character I could not understand. If we were all working to elevate Hanson then what did it matter who spoke out in her support. No, John has never got over the fact that Oldfield succeeded where he failed. It was at this very point that Pasquarelli missed the turn.

Having spoken to Hanson about the article, Pasquarelli was sent on an errand to see me. It was typical of the indifferent Hanson. She had previously agreed to call herself. The purpose of this prearranged visit was to meet with me on a one to one basis so that we could dovetail our efforts. I had made it perfectly clear that in no way was I going to cut across her political policies. Our role was purely supportive. That is not to say that we were slavishly bowing to paternalism, far from it. If our support was at times critical it was done to make her understand that if it came from the support base as well as her critics then something was askew. Unfortunately, unless you were in high praise of Caesar, then you were viewed as being anti. Later the term 'whiteant' came to symbolise the paranoia of the personalities of both Hanson and Ettridge, given the legion of supporters who were to earn the deprecating title.

Hanson was to call on me that week-end but Hazelton rang and told me that Pasquarelli was coming instead. I had already warned Hanson to be careful of John's image as it was becoming obvious that she was being manipulated. At the time her response was feisty.

"Don't worry Bruce, nobody uses me as a puppet. Be assured if that happens I will get rid of him."

Ho hum! When Pasquarelli called a day or so after Robert's article I did not see him as Hanson's altruistic adviser. I already knew that the feeling in Hanson's office was strained. What I did not know nor did Pasquarelli was that Hanson and Hazelton were angling to get rid of him. This had nothing to do with his skills but was based purely and simply on the dislike of Pasquarelli the man. It's probably unfair to say that Hazelton had any great impact on the decision but she sure as hell was not going to shed tears when he left or as it transpired was fired! As I have said Pasquarelli's demeanour among women was irritating. I suppose one had to balance the professionalism that allows this state of affairs to go unchecked because in the final analysis this fracture based on personalities wrought terrible consequences for all concerned.

In his book *Pauline Hanson by the Man Who Knows*, Pasquarelli describes his visit to my place as a 'strained hour'. That is not the way I remember it. I recall two facets of his visit. The gruff and indifferent attitude to my wife that bordered on unintended rudeness, yet in all likelihood was the end product of a sense of shyness, and the look of sheer incredulity when he entered the 'den', which functioned as the PHSM headquarters. Candidly I could hear the cogs turning over in his mind. "Cripes if I don't watch out this bastard will have me out of a job." His eyes darted everywhere. He was full of questions, wanting to know all about us. I had no problem with that and saw him as an ally. I thought we were going in the same direction, but with different objectives. I was a little surprised that he knew so little about us, a point that disturbed me. I could not understand why we should have been so casually dismissed and that went some way toward explaining the reason why he was wrong footed. Quite casually he then handed me a sealed letter. I opened it and it was signed by Pauline Hanson. I read it and could not believe what I was reading. *

PAULINE HANSON, M.P.
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR OXLEY

PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Mr Bruce Whiteside

Dear Bruce

John Pasquarelli will deliver this letter to you by hand. I really appreciate your efforts in setting up your support group and realise how hard it must be to keep everything on an even keel.

It has been brought to my notice that Greg Roberts of the Sydney Morning Herald has quoted you, indicating the names and party affiliations of some of my supporters, which has resulted in them being attacked by their party administrators.

Bruce, I realise that I cannot tell you who to speak to, but Greg Roberts is certainly not one of my fans! Talking to him is simply counterproductive. John Pasquarelli is available if you need him for any media advice.

I have expressed my views on the divulgence of my mobile phone number and should have stressed this when I met you recently. I am sure you understand my situation re this particular matter.

The road ahead is going to be a bumpy one, but if we all co-operate, we will win through. I am concentrating getting through Christmas and the school holidays before I finalise my plans for the future and I look forward to your continuing help and assistance.

All the very best.

Yours sincerely,

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"Who wrote this" I asked?

"Why, Hanson who else do you think would write it?" he said tinged with a little irritability.

"Oh come on John,' I replied quite cynically.

"OK then I drafted it." I looked at him.

"In other words Hanson dictated it?" he waved his hand in a hurried gesture

"Yes. Yes ...what does it matter anyway?" I did not push the matter further.

After a cup of coffee John departed in the new Mitsubishi Magna. He told me he was heading north to sound out a few mining options. He did not elaborate and I did not ask him. I thought no more about him until a few days later when a Mr George Merritt from Adelaide rang.

The letter signed by Hanson was sick, whoever drafted or composed it. First of all it thanked me for the work I was doing and hypocritically went on to acknowledge how hard it was must be for me to keep the organisation on an even keel. What an absolute joke! I had accused Pasquarelli of pulling the strings and certainly the perception was right in as far as the manipulation of Hanson was concerned, but here was evidence enough that someone knew we were having difficulties. The question answered itself; the person who knew this, was creating the problems herself. The letter went on:

It has been brought to my notice that Greg Roberts of the Sydney Morning Herald has quoted you indicating the names and party affiliations of some of my supporters which has resulted in them being attacked by their party administrators.

The letter concluded with a request to refrain from speaking at all to Greg Roberts, as he was, quote, 'not one of my fans.' She went on to say that when she returned from her Christmas holidays she would let us know the future and hoped that she could look forward to our continuing help.

Hanson quite incorrectly stated that these people were her supporters. The truth was a little different. These people had they wanted to could have written, rung, or faxed Hanson at either her Canberra or Ipswich offices to support her. Thousands did as was evident from the mail that poured in to her electoral office. What these people did was to apply to us to join a movement to which Hanson had absolutely nothing to do with. This organisation was founded on the goodwill toward her and was designed to help her. What Hanson did not understand was that her involvement was neither solicited nor warranted. We understood that if she became involved then the organisation could quickly be commandeered and converted into a political party. That was never intended and it was her interference and co-relationship with what I always saw as 'con-men

elements' that saw a working idea bastardised. Pasquarelli who had drafted the letter failed to pick up on a vital source of Hanson dictated information. Had he asked and more importantly investigated the origins of those comments, he would have quizzed her and possibly become aware of other factors. The question he should have put to her was;

'How do you know these people were attacked by their party administrators'? Where did you come by this information?

Nowhere in Robert's article was there any mention of these people being spoken to by their hierarchy. The reason was very simple. The admonition of 'her supporters' had come about because of the publish article. The reprimands took place later and were never reported, so Hanson was running with acquired inside information. Yet here was Hanson's right hand man Pasquarelli unaware that something was going on right under his nose. So where did the source come from?

I believed it came direct from Tony Abbott's office! Love, as President of the Young Liberals in Wakehurst was remonstrated to by the State Director of the NSW Liberal Party, Tony Nutt. Wakehurst being in the Federal electorate of Warringah, Abbott's seat would have come under that office's jurisdiction. Love would have been summonsed into that office to have Hanson 'purged' from his system and the facts of life according to the Liberal Party constitution instilled into him. In that office was Abbott's paid adviser and Hanson's then covert operator David Oldfield. The interesting thing to note is that the Minister who had given Love some 'friendly advise' came from the neighbouring electorate of McKellar. If Love was making ripples, they certainly aroused some interesting heavyweights.

Twice in the letter delivered to me by Pasquarelli were clues to Oldfield. First the information that Pasquarelli was oblivious to, namely where Hanson obtained this information from and secondly reference to new plans to become effective after the New Year break.

I wonder if other persons knew of the stranger who approached Hanson in the grounds of the Federal Parliament, whilst Peter Hayden her original PHSM branch president in Gympie and later her ONE NATION stalwart, was talking with her in late December 1996. According to Peter, this character interrupted the conversation, took over and finally walked off with Hanson, leaving him, without as much as a pardon me. Was it this character who fast tracked her to the USA. I know of many knowledgeable One Nation supporters who believe that this trip to the USA was to meet up with the La Rouché group. Who really knows. For my money there are too many conspiracy theories

involving Mr La Rouche. I tend to ignore what I don't have knowledge of. However the name Lyndon La Rouche still hung in the air.

Hayden was a fine man. He carried an injury that cause him to limp, but he built the Gympie branch from scratch. He was one of the earliest members of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement. When time came for candidate selection this man was unfairly passed over for Dorothy Pratt. The reason; a limp was not a good image for ONE NATION. I seem to recall that the Nazi's Party had a similar attitude to infirmities, but then nobody at the time understood that Hanson was taking her instructions from an avowed National Socialist.

As Pasquarelli headed north after taking his leave, the storm clouds were beginning to gather. There was never any doubt in my mind that he was so preoccupied with his plan for Hanson's future that he simply took his eye off the ball. It was to be his political death-knell, but before the axe fell he would forge ahead.

*Tony Nutt at time of reviewing is personal Secretary to Prime Minister John Howard. He succeeded Graeme Morris who was committed to standing down.

Chapter 6 ...peripheral pasquarelli

Early in December I spoke to Barbara Hazelton about the possibility of launching the Pauline Hanson Support Movement in Bankstown. This idea was not mine but sprang from the result of a late evening radio talk-back interview with Stan Zemanek of 2GB in Sydney. I don't as a rule make a habit of listening to these programs, so I had no idea of what I was letting myself in for. As is usual in these radio interviews the station contacts you and places you on hold. You are left listening to what is going on and a few seconds before the interviewer crosses to you, you are asked if you are ready. You have not spoken to him before, or he you, so you start off cold. On this particular evening Zemanek was talking to some deadbeat who was obviously a regular caller. The conversation became animated and before long the insults were being freely traded. I had never heard anything like it and was quite happy to pull the plug, there

and then. The only thing that stopped me was that my phone was locked in so I had no way of contacting the station to advise them I wanted no part of the proceedings. I could not simply hang up. What I was hearing did not impress. When the abuse was over and another commercial churned out Zemanek crossed to me. He was quite charming, which was not exactly what I had momentarily conditioned myself to. In a stint of some twenty minutes we covered much ground and the reception had been anything but the customary hostility that had emanated from most other aspects of the media. Zemanek then threw the lines open for questions, which once again indicated that his audience were switched on to Hanson. Finally he asked if we were going to speak in Sydney. Until this point the idea of going outside the Gold Coast had not even been considered. My response was instantaneous.

"Look, if anyone is interested in supplying a venue free of cost we would look very seriously at it." With that I left him my phone number; off air of course.

No sooner had I put the telephone down and the line been cleared than I had four calls from Sydney ...all offering venues. Three came with price tags, including a high-class restaurant at the Sydney Airport. Two led into dead alleys whilst the last really fired my imagination. It was to lead into prolonged negotiations and finally choked on threatened Labor Party thuggery and multicultural discrimination, with implied threats of violence. The offer came from a woman who worked in the Bankstown Town Hall. I was informed that the hall would be supplied free and that all I needed to do was to make official application in writing to the complex manager. This was done and in the time that it took for the reply to come back I had received phone calls from two people, who had read about the possibility in the newspapers. One was a John Samuel from Perth and the other George Merritt from Adelaide. I will deal with Merritt first



George Merritt

Sometime previous, I had had a phone call from a friend in Adelaide, the quiet and unassuming academic Dr Joseph Wayne-Smith. I had worked with him in the days of the Japanese buy up of Australian land, when the Japanese inspired forty billion dollar Multi-Function-Polis concept gripped the profit driven developers like no other project. This night Dr Wayne-Smith had rung me asking what I was doing. It was prompted by his perception that Hanson's ideas might interest me. When I informed him that we had already launched a movement in support of her he was surprised. He had not heard of it. I told him that I was not surprised because when I lived in Adelaide all the news gravitated around South Australia was local and unless

the carrier pigeons were able to clear the dingo fences then outside news was rare. Tongue in cheek perhaps, but it was that bad in 1979-80. Dr Wayne-Smith told me that he was in a group in Adelaide that as yet was unnamed... that had similar ideas. I suggested that in the interest of nationalising and concentrating our thrust that he might think about joining forces. He said that he would ask their convenor to contact me. That convenor was George Merritt. Merritt is feisty, English and has a good feel for politics. It soon became apparent that we were essentially 'on the same tram.' During the course of our in-depth and long discussion Merritt asked if I knew of a John Pasquarelli. "Why yes", I said, 'he was at my place a couple of days ago.' Merritt was stunned and perplexed.

"That's funny he said, he never mentioned you and in fact he spent considerable time telling me not to go ahead with our plans for a movement". Merritt went on to tell me that Pasquarelli was planning something and did not want those plans upset by 'support movements'. Prudently or otherwise Pasquarelli had told Merritt that he had just been up north drumming up financial backing for Hanson. The bait was to offer to the mining companies backing against native title claims. Presumably Hanson was going to be the mining companies mouthpiece, but Pasquarelli I suspect saw himself as being the 'engine beneath the bonnet'. Merritt was disturbed by Pasquarelli's deliberate attempt to dampen his enthusiasm for the Hanson movement and even more suspicious when he failed to tell him that already the PHSM was up and running in Queensland. He began to suspect Pasquarelli's motives and promised that he would put to his members the idea of joining up with us. I told George that we would work together but I asked that he retained his own control.



John Samuel

John Samuel was and is still a mystery. He contacted me very early in the peace and I always believed that he had the capacity to handle the West Australian movement, but before I came across him a woman by the name of Chris Burke had commenced working for us in Perth. She too

was something of a mystery. A few days before she came aboard, -she had apparently visited Nerang on the Gold Coast. Whether her call from Perth had anything to do with what she may have gleaned whilst here on the Gold Coast during her visit she certainly did not contact me. She said that she hoped to meet me very soon but in the meantime her bubbly personality and brimming enthusiasm convinced me that she could 'bed in' the PHSM in the West. What I did not find out until later was that she had her sights set on a political career. I forwarded to her what we called a 'starter kit' (subsequently seized and used by Ettridge's One Nation) and before long she was dragging in the members. So well was she canvassing, that an

urgent call went out for more Registration Certificates. We sent a thousand; the biggest consignment that was ever given out.

About this time John Samuel approached me. He was one of many who contacted me from the West. They ranged from Esperance in the South to Geraldton in the North. Samuel had political nous and obviously had high political connections. Among these he claimed Harold Clough, a construction magnate in the West and in the East one time Liberal Party President John Elliott. He later told me that he had been largely responsible for pulling the pin on what became known as West Australia Inc.; that his prime occupation was security and when I asked for verification on his many claims, he produced newspaper clippings that tended to support what he had said. I think many people guild the lily and often stories grow with repeated telling. Samuel was not a fool, but I was often disturbed by his very secretive nature on certain matters. Always things of great import were going to reach fruition, but never did. One of these was that he was taking Cheryl Kernot* to court. I had the distinct feeling that somehow Kernot was a problem to him. What never occurred to me was the possible link between the comment of John Elliott, to rid the Senate of the Australian Democrats and Samuel's own agenda. He was and still remains an enigma; perhaps a political bagman. For the moment however Samuel had my confidence and possibly used me as a conduit to air certain views in the press. Samuel joined forces with Chris Burke, but I suspect that they had considerable problems working together. To me there always seemed to be a conflict as to who was running the PHSM in the West. As far as I was concerned it was Burke, but Samuel was the man who had his fingers on the pulse. I trusted him, but later was to have my doubts about Burke. After the West Australian elections in which Burke unsuccessfully ran under the Hanson banner, she faded from view. When I rang her long after I had ceased to have anything to do with Hanson's brigade of brigands, she told me that the money raised by the sale of 800 Registration Certificates, namely \$4000 odd was held in a bank at Leederville. "When you lot of incompetents get your act together I will release it and not until". As far as I know the money is still there.

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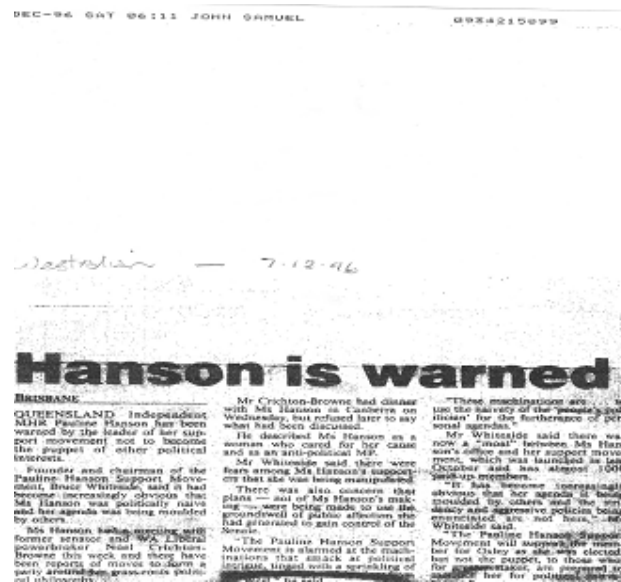
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Getting back to Pasquarelli; he rather pettily goes on about my 'media madness.' He talks utter rot. What piqued Pasquarelli was that he was unable to control what I was saying. Like Hanson herself he was worried about the diversification of the media

spotlight. It was simply childish and allowed their attention to be diverted from the main game. Hanson and Pasquarelli might have been interested in all the media glitz and hype; our concern was to see that Hanson carried the message of hope to fruition. It was Samuel's early warning system that prompted an article of some note in the West Australian, dated December 7th 1996. 'Hanson is warned' trumpeted the headline. The article is reproduced here in full. Excerpt from the West Australian 7th December 1996.



Queensland Independent MHR Pauline Hanson has been warned by the leader of her support movement not to become the puppet of other political interests.

Founder and Chairman of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement, Bruce Whiteside, said it had become increasingly obvious that Ms Hanson was politically naive and her agenda

was being moulded by others.

Ms Hanson had a meeting with former senator and WA Liberal power-broker Noel Crichton-Browne this week and there have been reports of moves to form a party around the grass-roots political philosophy.

Mr Crichton-Browne had dinner with Ms Hanson in Canberra on Wednesday, but refused later to say what had been discussed.

He described Ms Hanson as a woman who cared for her cause and as an anti-political MP.

Mr Whiteside said there were fears among Ms Hanson's supporters that she was being manipulated. There was also concern that plans ...not of Hanson's making ...were being made to use the groundswell of public affection she has generated to gain control of the Senate.

"The PHSM is alarmed at the machinations that smack at political intrigue, tinged with a sprinkling of get even politics originating from the West," he said.

These machinations are ..to use the naivety of the people's politician for the furtherance of personal agendas.

Mr Whiteside, said there was a 'moat' between Ms Hanson's office and her support movement, which was launched last October and now has almost a 1000 paid up members.

"It has become increasingly obvious that her agenda is being moulded by others and the stridency and aggressive policies being enunciated are not hers."

"The PHSM will support the member for Oxley as she was elected but not the puppet, to those who for greater stakes are prepared to sacrifice her for political convenience." Mr Whiteside concluded..

Pasquarelli in his book tried to denigrate my comments as being 'extremely long-range,' in other words I was speculating. I suppose that is one way to cover your own shortcomings in the observation and perception department. You will note in the above article that I hinted that the groundswell of public affection that was manifesting itself in the PHSM was being positioned for political stakes far beyond Pauline Hanson. It centred on control of the Senate and sixteen days later, it all came together and has never to this day been made public. Remember the date December 23, 1996. It will be noted that as early as this I had fears that something was going on that we were unable to pinpoint. There was a moat because Hanson remained completely disinterested in what we were doing. We know now why, but at the time, I was being castigated for being perceptive enough to read the signs.

Whilst Pasquarelli was busy putting in place the structure that he felt that he had to, because Hanson was deemed to be to be on another planet, politically wise, I contacted Hazelton and told her about the idea of launching the PHSM from Bankstown. She was thrilled and passed this information on to Hanson. I was even more surprised when it was agreed that Pauline would be present also. Today I am not sure whether Hanson agreed to that or not, but I was given to understand that she would be part of it. As a result I decided that we would re-jig the meeting, but launch the PHSM as a secondary function and have Hanson deliver a speech that would negate the negative aspects of what was then developing. Remember to this point Hanson had not spoken outside the parliament. The only public speech in relation to Hanson was the one I had given at the Albert Waterways community Centre on the Gold Coast on Oct 28th 1996.

The rationale, some may say the absolute provocation, behind accepting this offer in Bankstown was in its political significance. This was where Paul Keating, the architect of much of the backlash that had swept Hanson into power, had cut his political teeth. Not only that but it was the heartland of multi-cultural Australia. I saw it as simply

taking the battle right into the heart of the problem and strangling it at birth. Average Australians are indifferent when it comes to the crunch and in spite of their threats to pre-ordain what would happen, I believed that they would simply go to water. We will never know. Properly handled it could have worked, but the risk we would have unwittingly taken was ensconced in Hanson's unseen puppeteer.

When Pasquarelli arrived back from his secretive itinerary, he began to create a new 'movement'. It was to be called the Pauline Hanson Movement. Into this, he believed that up to a million dollars would be forthcoming from mining interests to launch Hanson as a real political force. This timing coincided unknowingly with the arrangements that I was putting together for the launch of the PHSM. These two 'ideas' of Pasquarelli's neatly evolved between calling at our home and the return to the Ipswich office a week later. In a television documentary Channel Seven ran there is a segment where Pasquarelli is interviewed outlining the plans he has for forming this 'Pauline Hanson Movement'. He waxes lyrically about this initiative of his to launch Hanson. The next scene shows me driving a Sigma Station-wagon, emblazoned with PHSM sign-writing. Tracy Bowden sitting in the passenger seat with a microphone speaking over says, 'but the plot thickens. Here on the Gold Coast there is already a very much alive and well Hanson movement. And THIS was the brainchild of retired painter and pensioner Bruce Whiteside!

Hanson often claims ...and I happen to believe her in this instance ...that she knew nothing of this Pasquarelli scheme. There were possibly two reasons for this. In the first, she was mentally shut down to Pasquarelli. Oldfield was now occupying her time and plans were in place to have Pasquarelli sacked. The second was that in the belief that Hanson was not up to speed on moulding her future Pasquarelli simply forged ahead, made the necessary plans and then counted on his skills to pull it all together.

Before the pending coup-de-gras, I rang Hazelton and advised her that the hall was available but the offer to have it free had run into problems, created by administration differences of opinion. Obviously someone over enthusiastic had committed the use of the hall without authority. Never-the-less we decided to rent the hall at a cost of \$1200. I advised Hazelton that we had ear-marked the hall for January 28. I was surprised when she said,

'No not the 28th, but the 26th.'

'No I said '28th.' I was at a loss to understand why she was contesting the date, until I realised that being a New Zealander, the 26th, had no significance to me. When the penny dropped I realised what I thought she was driving at; and that was ... Australia Day! How brilliant! It had not occurred to me, but the idea was not lost on me. That

Hanson should go into multi-cultural heartland on Australia Day and deliver a benchmark speech had all the hallmarks of a day that would be cemented in the political history of this country. That is what the schedule was and that was what we worked toward.

Imagine my thoughts when in reading Pasquarelli's book that he had come up with the idea of launching his Pauline Hanson Movement as a party the same day that Hazelton had suggested the launch of the PHSM, on Australia Day 1997. No wonder he describes his time at my home as a 'strained hour'. Just as Ettridge and Oldfield did, Pasquarelli wanted to bastardise the PHSM for his own political advantage as well. He was going to call it the Pauline Hanson Movement, thereby counting on and confusing it with the support movement base. He was going to create a trust in which to pour funds and then use Hanson to frustrate the native title claims. Not only that but he tried to organise the launch of the Pauline Hanson Movement on the very day that Hanson had undertaken to launch the PHSM in Bankstown, a function that he had absolutely nothing to do with.



In the event this planned meeting was aborted after a journalist had got hold of the story and run with it. There was an immediate outcry from the multicultural industry. The manager of the Migrant Resource Centre M/s Randa Kattan said that 'my action in taking this meeting into the heartland of ethnic Australia was a provocative move.' The President of the Vietnamese Refugees Association went so far as to predict violent demonstrations if we went ahead. Whilst all this made disturbing reading, Pauline and I were determined to go ahead. I wince now when I think of it, but I told her not to worry because if anybody was going to be hurt then it most likely would be me as I was a 'soft

target.' If they tried to get at her physically all hell would break loose.

Far from being provocative I took the view that if we managed to deliver a logical and balanced argument that multi-cultural Australia might see things differently. We would never know. The same day that Hanson's office rang me and told me that she had been advised to call the meeting off, I had a phone call from the Bankstown Hall Committee asking me to do likewise. The manager told me that they could not guarantee security. What was more disturbing was that the threat of violence was not coming from the

ethnic community but the unions and rebel Labor Party thugs. This sort of rhetoric was new to me but the image conveyed to me of baseball and crowbar wielding mob did a lot to support the idea of retreat.

On the Monday December 9th 1996 Pasquarelli, back in Canberra sat down and typed a memo to Hanson...Bruce Whiteside has become extremely damaging..... It was a pathetic piece of writing because it simply lacked integrity. Here was a man, a paid servant, with far better things to do than writing what amounted to a poison pen letter with the express design of having me removed. It was the true measure of the man that he had to hide behind a Sister from the Alameda hospital, to suggest to Hanson that she should issue a court injunction to have me silenced. Imagine how I inwardly reacted when recently in speaking with John he told me that his sister was a Sister in the Gold Coast Hospital. I can only assume that his 'spy' on the Gold Coast was the same person.

For reasons that I have never understood Pasquarelli saw me as a threat. I get angry over this. We could have and should have worked together. As Hanson's adviser he should have been aware of what I was doing and a more prudent man might have taken the time to find out. By the time he called on me, he was already finished. He believed quite wrongly that I had engineered his demise. I am flattered to think that he thought I had so much influence. The truth was that I did believe that Hanson was being manipulated and it was a belief that I made damn sure found its way into the media. I also was aware that time was running out because these concerns were imparted to Hazelton. She assured me that the situation was 'going to change' and to be patient. When the axe dropped I read it in the paper like everyone else. I was relieved, but when the ugly truth of the reason for his sacking emerged it revealed a dishonest and deceptive operation. Hanson had a union with a self confessed National Socialist, David Oldfield. The founder of National Socialism movement, was an Anton Drexler, a sickly, be-speckled man lacking in formal education with an independent but narrow and confused mind. We know that Adolf Hitler adopted Drexler's philosophy and from it created the Nazi Party. Brad Pedersen writing in the Sydney Morning Herald said this of David Oldfield:

Australians are being stalked by a dangerous political animal. Expect to see more of what lies behind those cold cunning eyes. It will be unpleasant. (Sydney Morning Herald, Oct. 2 1998).

John Pasquarelli would have used Hanson just as mercilessly as the others. The difference was that in doing so he would have looked after her survival. He demonstrated to me that he was about to use the PHSM, just as the others did for his own purpose. In the end it became a matter of the elimination of one of two opportunists. Oldfield fought from under Hanson's skirt and knew his enemy;

Pasquarelli did not and was simply stabbed from behind. That should not have surprised anyone; after all National Socialist's never fought by the Marquess of Queensbury Rules.

* Some years after this an article appeared in the SMH. It revealed the machinations that were initiated to destroy the Australian Democrats in the West. Samuel and Clough were implicated, but both strenuously denied the claim. Was this the Gareth Evans/ Cheryl Kernot episode in its earliest phase?

Chapter 7.. the brilliant and dynamic young liberal'

By mid November the membership of the PHSM was growing fast. Our starter kits were finding their way to all corners of Australia. One of those corners was in Caboolture. The young lady was very enthusiastic, but did not have much idea of how to get started. To help her out we told her that if she was able to find a hall and advertise the meeting we would come up and speak. She managed to hire a hall in Morayfield and on the night about fifty people turned up. As meetings go, it was small but successful. Those who attended were very supportive of what we were doing and the plan was to build on that. With the best of intentions she soldiered on until in the end she simply gave up.

The lesson I gained from all this was that it was going to take more than just starter kits to establish branches. This was a learning curve for us and whilst we had shown the initiative to get started there were probably those who thought they could do better. We had travelled to Caboolture by our own car, at our own cost. I was also using my own computer and printer to belt out all the paperwork necessary. It was about this time that we started to discuss these concerns at our committee meetings. These meetings carried many passengers who were happy to sit in but in fact contributed very little. When the matter of following up the embryonic branches was discussed it met with complete approval. Since I was writing all of the speeches and compiling the necessary paperwork, it was mooted that I should seriously think about conducting a state-wide tour. In the days ahead I drew up a hectic schedule as a draft and intended calling at many provincial towns to solicit not only new membership but possibly create new branches. This was presented to the committee and they agreed. Next I raised the matter of two items of expenditure that was to divide the committee and ultimately lead to a split.

I developed an idea in my mind and the more I thought about it the more I liked it. Our publicity was coming purely from the media, by way of our meetings and the spin off from our growing membership. I came up with the idea of purchasing a station-wagon, emblazoning it with bold signage, incorporating a public address system and then conducting impromptu meetings on the run. When I presented a plan to the committee I ran into a brick wall. The idea was great they said, 'but we have to walk before we could run.' I saw it differently. I had been pulling the movement along, almost single handed. Iris and I were carrying about 80% of the load, with the remainder being carried by the Clodd family. All our committee were doing was acting as a damper, holding us back. We had to take risks, just as I had taken the risk in calling for an army to get behind Hanson in the first place. The trouble was that our committee saw themselves as being exposed to the possible cost of purchasing a vehicle and then seeing the whole thing collapse. Already they had point blank refused to purchase a computer, but were happy enough to allow me to use my own. Naturally enough I was angry, very angry.

To this point, we had been up and running for barely five weeks. In that time we had twenty-eight branches in the process of becoming established. But these branches took a certain amount of capital to set up, small admittedly, but to us it was a severe drain on our meagre resources. True we had about \$4000, in the kitty, but the committee saw that as being healthy. I tried to tell them that we were not in the business of accumulating funds, but building a support base for Hanson. Time, I stressed was of the essence. Hanson needed friends and she needed them fast. My philosophy was; buy the vehicle and let us get on with the job. But the conservatives among them wanted none of it. I suppose it was a matter of perspective. Here was I, a man on a basic pension, whilst around me were men, successful businessmen, one, a millionaire, who didn't want to put their hands into their wallets. Lindon Litchfield, the treasurer put it nicely when he said, "either Bruce has to come back to the pace of the committee or the committee has got keep up with Bruce". My attitude was clear; the committee was there to service and run the objective. In the event they shelved it for another week.

Paul Trewartha at that time my vice chairman. He was also the president of the Association of Independent Retirees, (AIR) Even before I had formed the PHSM Trewartha had contacted Pauline Hanson to speak at a morning gathering of retirees on the Gold Coast. This meeting was set down for December 7th.1996; I had absolutely nothing to do with it, for I was not a member of the AIR. On the day the hall was packed out. It was the first time that Hanson had spoken publicly and it was a great success. She was nervous and had not faced a live audience before. Many times they rose to her and applauded. When it came to question time, which Hanson had graciously

agreed to, I was standing at the back of the hall, alongside ABC reporter Karen Berkman. Some of the questions were weak and some wide of the mark. One man, a war veteran completely lost the plot and was howled down. It was at that point that I decided to throw down the gauntlet. I knew that it would fire up the media and I also believed it would catch the national evening news. There was a long line of questioners at the side of the hall and most were never going to reach the microphone before the meeting was terminated. I jumped the queue and ask to speak.

Ken Waalwyk, who was detailing the speakers refused my request to speak, telling me that as I was not a member of AIR.. Excusing my action I asked if he would allow me to ask a question of Hanson. Fortunately Trewartha who was Chairman allowed me the grace to question. What I did next almost created a storm.

"I am charging you Pauline Hanson, right here in front of all your supporters to put around yourself a team and take your fight right up to the seat of power in this country."

By a team I was alluding to a group of similarly minded people who would form a loose association of Independents". These are the recollections I have of that meeting. As I put this Website together the Brisbane District Court is hosting the Hanson One Nation Fraud case. (Aug 2003) The cacophony of lies and positioning to shield ones back is only outdone by the lack of investigative work done by both the defence and prosecution. In hunting through the mountain of documentation that this movement created, I have come across a diary note of that meeting. I will copy that in here.

'Congratulations Pauline. Pauline, you speak the language of the people. (applause) Pauline you speak the language of the man in the street, language that they can relate to, language they understand. (more applause) Whether you like it or not there is more than electoral support among these people, there is a quality of affection. (applause) Pauline you are an icon with these people, you are at the vanguard of great political change. You cannot raise the expectations and hopes of tens of thousands of Australians and tell them you want to remain a backbencher. Pauline I charge you here in front of your supporters with getting a team around you with a view to forming an alliance with other Independents. You don't need to call on the expertise of Canberra to do this, you have it here. There is a wealth of talent and capability in this audience alone to form a movement. Furthermore it comes out of the people, your people, the working class. I therefore call on you to carry the wishes of the people to challenge the bastion of conventional party politics.' (prolonged applause)

Hanson was profusely embarrassed and spluttered something about getting over the Christmas before she could collect her thought about that. Had she been as scrupulously honest as she told the world she might have added; 'I'll have to speak about this first with David Oldfield', but then none of us at that time had heard of this man. Immediately it set the media baying. They moved in like football scrum and besieged her. A glowing, flushed, garland bedecked Hanson, was tasting, though none of us knew it at the time, a sample of what was to come.

That night the story was top billing on all the television channels. The media had picked up the scent and for the next few weeks Hanson was to play cat and mouse with them, keeping them guessing. Hazelton told me later that Pauline could have kissed me for what I did. Somehow I doubt that very much. She said that flying back to Canberra Pauline was absolutely 'over the moon', excited and wanted very much for us to get together. It never came to pass.

But something happened on her return to Canberra, after that meeting. It was the last time that Hanson reciprocated the rapport of her people. She had been at one with them, the undisputed queen of the political realm. They saw her as their great champion, their great hope. That day they would have walked on hot coals for her. That day she ceased to be of the people. Before that day was out somebody had got to her. That somebody I believe was David Oldfield.

The following day Greg Abbott writing in the Sun-Herald wrote a story that, 'Office tensions had forced a demand for Pasquarelli's resignation'. Pasquarelli vehemently denied this. He did this because he had absolutely no idea that it was coming. He was ambushed because he was so preoccupied with his own agenda. Pasquarelli believed that he was indispensable. The fact was that it was his skills that were keeping Hanson on the rails. There were tensions in the office and now for the first time I am going to tell you how Pasquarelli's sacking came about. What was reported was pure bull.

For sometime even before Hanson's maiden speech in the parliament there had been tension in the office. This came about because Pasquarelli employed Hazelton as Pauline's secretary. He believed that Hazelton was answerable to him, but the trouble was that Hazelton struck a rapport with Hanson, that blossomed into a personal friendship. Hazelton resented Pasquarelli dominating attitude and felt that she was not accountable to him but to Hanson. This situation changed when Hanson told Pasquarelli that Barbara was accountable only to her. Pasquarelli's role was difficult; here he was trying to educate a political novice, whilst the novice was more interested in socialising with her now personal secretary. I know from what Pasquarelli had told me on the odd occasions I had to talk with him long before he was sacked, that he was having a terrible job even getting her to read anything that pertained to her job as a people's

paid representative. I have no doubt whatsoever that Hazelton worked on Hanson to get her to dump him. At the time Pasquarelli was sacked I was impressing upon Hazelton and Hanson, when I could talk to her that she had to stop being influenced by him. Many times I asked her when she was going to do something about it, only to be told, 'it isn't that easy, but it will happen very shortly.' I did not envisage Pasquarelli being sacked, but I was concerned that the public were seeing Hanson as a puppet. Had he stepped back from the high profile he projected I would have been happy enough. However the defining moment of Pasquarelli's fate was the night of her maiden speech. Once the 'stage-managed piece of theatre' had sucked Hanson in, Oldfield exchanged pleasantries and then immediately talked business. "You are being badly advised. You must get rid of Pasquarelli'. Tragically both Hanson and Hazelton fell for the pitch.

Oldfield's job, as it was at that point, was to cultivate Hanson, so that she could be reined in. Fortunately for him, but sadly for the rest of us, Hanson became an emotional basket-case that he adroitly exploited. Hazelton initially accepted him at face value and no doubt fanned the fire to expedite Pasquarelli's departure. The cold-blooded and clinical calculation was extrapolated further when in a deliberate guise to conceal identity and intent, Hanson and Oldfield immediately replaced Pasquarelli with the stop-gap David Thomas. The man that David Ettridge was to call 'Mr X', (Oldfield) had to be concealed from his boss Tony Abbott. Whilst I believe Abbott was aware of Oldfield's initial clandestine meeting, he was from this point on, very much a man, like the rest of us ...in the dark. The covert nature and deliberate cover up, that saw Pasquarelli removed and Oldfield subsequently inducted, indicts three people ...Hanson, Hazelton and Oldfield. Of these I hold Hazelton largely responsible for the way that things finally crashed. Had Hazelton told me what was going on, at a time when she was the only one in the Hanson team rooting for us, I would have sounded the alarm bells. Instead she held on believing that Oldfield and Ettridge were pristine. It remained in her interest to maintain her silence because she believed that Oldfield would be the fulcrum that finally removed Pasquarelli. Not only that but Hazelton also harboured ambitions for a Senate position. I emphasise here 'ambitions', because at that stage they were secret ambitions. A little later, I will tell how that ambition was exposed.

Hazelton's own public resignation, was the end result of a balancing act. When she did pull the plug a lot of 'nocturnal pillow talk' had passed between Hanson and Oldfield. Hazelton had gone from being as close to Pauline Hanson as anyone has ever been to being publicly reviled. Hanson had likened herself to Christ and Hazelton to Judas ...being sold for thirty pieces of silver, but the real Judas was Hanson herself. In the scheme of things Hanson, like her self-acclaimed National Socialist friend, sacrificed all who she did not agree with. Hanson's personality is driven by two axioms: I want, I

am right. There is no sense of integrity, loyalty to those who served...only the empty rhetoric. Time will be the final arbiter of her verbal storm.(c.1998)

Barbara Hazelton I like, but she is no great friend. On the other hand she has a genuine warm feeling for my wife Iris. It is often said that women know women and one of the turning points in my relationship with both Hanson and Hazelton revolved around a clandestine meeting, held on the seafront at Miami Beachfront one Sunday afternoon. The topic of discussion was my 'health,' Qualified no, but to expand on their implied meaning; my 'mental health'. I will come to that episode a little later.

When Hazelton very belatedly exposed the 'rotteness' that permeated One Nation the television channels went looking for top echelon party people who would support her outburst, none were forthcoming. The night before, Channel Nine had rung me at 8.30pm asking if I would comment, even though I was long since been assassinated by the system that Hazelton now tried to expose. They never got back that evening as promised, but rang me at five a.m. the following morning because the One Nation people who wanted Hanson's henchmen thrown out, were too gutless to say so. I certainly was not. That morning I called on Hanson to dump both Ettridge and Oldfield. Cowards that they are, none of them countered the call, nor challenged it. The reason was obvious; they knew I would paint them for what I believed they were ...an opportunist and a con-man.

Not long after Hazelton resigned she accepted our invitation to dinner. It was a very pleasant evening. During the course of it I asked Barbara a question that would hurt to answer, but to which I would have understood if she had not.

"Barbara' I said, 'I want you to look me straight in the eye and tell me why, knowing full well that Oldfield was controlling Hanson, did you allow our movement and myself in particular to be used? Why did you allow us to build the movement and then send Ettridge down at Hanson's request to seize the movement and destroy me?

"Bruce I know you will find this hard to swallow but I am truly, truly sorry that I was apart of that. I am honestly ashamed. The trouble was that in hindsight we have all realised that you were the only one who had the perception to realise what was going on. You were never going to stop the tide. Everyone was fully behind Hanson and believed that everything she did had the Midas touch. Oldfield and Ettridge, were anointed by her. On the other hand people who loved what you did, suddenly saw you as turning against her, simply because you were seeing her weaknesses and portent for danger. You were like a pillar in a fast flowing river ...strong on your opinions, resolute, but you were a lone wolf, while the river of Hanson support swept by. Nobody wanted to

know, until like me, they were faced with the truth. I know Paul Trewartha, like me colluded with them also, but he too now acknowledges that you were right all along."

That essentially was how she put it. It was in a sense a posthumous award for vigilance, but I appreciated Barbara's honesty and good grace. What a pity that some of it did not rub off on her old boss.

Chapter 8...ettridge's mate Trewartha

As mentioned previously, our finances were being stretched. We had accounts to meet like the telephone ... some ran to \$1,200 a month ... postage, printing, advertising and hall rentals. These were costs that we were trying hard to sustain. As well as running the movement practically single-handed, I was spending often twenty hours a day, on the phone, attending to printing, the organisation of things like bumper stickers, posters and a host of smaller details. I also spent considerable time doing television, radio and newspaper interviews. Yet all this was secondary to the amount of time I spent writing and compiling the necessary paperwork that essentially made up the ground rules and objectives of the PHSM. ALL THIS WAS KNOWN TO HANSON AND HAZELTON!

Concerned that the branch agents were only dealing with voices at the end of a phone line and that the real reasons why we had consented to allow our callers to open branches was not being fully understood it was decided that I would go on a tour. As founder of the PHSM, it made sense that I should be the one to go out among the embryonic teams. The trouble was that I owned an old car that was no longer reliable for long hauls. I needed a reliable vehicle and I needed it fast ...a fact that ran foul of our 'non-de-script lead-weight' committee. I arranged for a special meeting to be called on New Years Eve. It was held at 10.00am . The issues raised were the urgent need for a vehicle and a new computer. Prior to this meeting I had sought out the two items and earmarked them for purchase. The computer was to be discounted from its new price of \$3,200 to \$2,000. I had a moral obligation, not a legal one at that stage to purchase it. When looking for a vehicle I wanted nothing too flash. I approached a private owner and earmarked his 1987 Sigma Station wagon. He agreed to hold it. It was with those trains of obligation that I sought confirmation from the committee, to

proceed with the car. The computer was at this stage very much a secondary consideration. Before going to that meeting I sat down at the typewriter and wrote a letter, put it in an envelope and sealed it.

There were ten members of the committee present. Paul Trewartha was not available, but it was established later that he was up in Hervey Bay and Rockhampton on secret Hanson business. Even as early as this Trewartha was working for Hanson and Ettridge ...his part in the stealth theft of the people's movement was pivotal. Lindon Litchfield our treasurer chaired the meeting. Here in part is the transcript of minutes.

Notes on meeting held 31.12.96

10 people present. Lindon chaired the meeting which opened at 10.10am.

Ron, Ken, Yvonne, Norm, Jackie, John, Joy, Bruce, Iris, Lindon

Paul could not be contacted by phone.

Lindon asked Bruce to speak on his need for a computer and a car.

After outlining this matter, he told the meeting that he has a dream to produce a National newspaper for the movement with all branches contributing.

Lindon then asked each member to comment, the car at \$4,250 and the computer \$2,500. He then added that the bank balance was approximately \$4,000 at present.

The request was that a loan be undertaken by the committee in Bruce's name with the payments of \$62 per week over 3 years met by the committee.

In general, most of the committee were against with the exception being Ron who offered to help.

Finally Bruce presented his resignation and left the meeting.

A motion was moved by Norm that the resignation be not accepted until it had been discussed by a full committee on 6th. Jan. and only then if Bruce was willing to sign a statement to the effect that he would not contact the media on behalf of the PHSM in the future. Sec. Ken, carried.

The newspaper was discussed briefly and it was agreed that a monthly distribution would be enough but only as a newsletter, not a newspaper. (John)

Meeting closed approx 12 noon.

It was suggested after the meeting that as Norm was in the car auction business it would be easy for him to obtain a car but better still, to rent one when necessary. (Lindon and Norm)

Lindon asked Bruce (Whiteside) to speak on his need for a computer and car. After outlining this matter he told the meeting that he has a plan to produce a national newspaper for the movement with all branches contributing. Lindon then asked each member to comment on the car at \$4,250 and the computer. He then added that the bank balance was approximately \$4,000. The request was that a loan be undertaken by

the committee in Bruce's name with payments being \$62 per week over three years, met by the committee. In general most of the committee were against the idea with the exception of Ron Paddison.

Before a vote was taken I threw the letter that I had written on the table and walked out. It was my resignation. It can be argued that I acted in haste. In fact I acted in total frustration at those who were playing at being committeemen. I was not interested in their games. I was interested in getting on with the business of establishing the movement. If we didn't do it, others soon would. When my wife (PHSM Secretary) came home she was angry, but I told her that I could not work with those whose vision was obstructed by their inability to see no further than their own possible commitment. Shortly after that I was sitting on the veranda at home, when Ken Waalwyk, dropped in. He was absolutely devastated. I can hear him now:

" Didn't think you would call our bluff".

So there it was. He thought as no doubt the others did that I was fooling. Never had I been more serious in my life. He then spent some time trying to coerce me back, saying, quite rightly that the movement was no movement without me. My response to that was bitter.

'It's too late to recognise that fact now. Nobody would listen, now you can all go to hell.'

After I left the meeting these minutes were recorded.

....A motion was moved by Norm Mann, that the resignation not be accepted until it had been discussed by a full committee on 6th Jan, 1997 and only then if Bruce was willing to sign a statement to the effect that he would not communicate with the media on behalf of the PHSM in the future. It further went on that Norm who was in the car auction business could obtain a suitable vehicle or better still that we could rent one when needed.

After the New Year had got under way I called and saw an old friend, Jean Evans. Jean is a woman of means who at the time lived in a penthouse in Surfer's Paradise. An interesting lady she had a grip on politics that few women possess. She was also passionate in her views and whilst she had always held a respectful opinion of my views she was far from being easily impressed.

Jean had come from the background of the industrial revolution environs of the Yorkshire coal mines. By dint of skill and initiative she had risen to the ranks of the

business successful. An attractive blonde, she was also very astute. She could smell a con-man a mile off, yet would in all probability have seen him off with absolute charm and dignity. I called to see her telling her what had happened. She in turn was very concerned not for the movement, but for me. She knew better than most my deep commitment to the movement, but she was undecided on Hanson. She believed that my loyalty to Hanson was somehow being sullied by association. What Hanson was saying, she had no great problem with, but I maintained that Hanson was essential to the message and that without her, the message was going to be buried. Jean believed that the message would survive Hanson and for that reason she did not join our movement. Over a period of three days Jean came around to believing that I deserved the opportunity to have a vehicle to carry out my tour of the branches. But I was left in no man's land. The money was simply not going to eventuate. I left Evans never knowing whether the vehicle was going to materialise.

It was then that I acted. I withdrew \$2,000 on my bankcard, completely without my wife's knowledge and made a down payment on the vehicle. I knew exactly what I was doing and the response that would be forthcoming. Needless to say my wife was ropeable when she found out. She believed that I had gone completely 'off the rails' and contacted Lindon Litchfield the movement's treasurer. This is the point where my mental capacity for making rational decisions was being clandestinely called into question. The upshot of this was that meetings were called with Barbara Hazelton, at which Ron Paddison, Paul Trewartha and I attended. These meetings were interesting, for the pattern of the talk was engineered to bring me back into the movement, whilst at the same time committing me to silence as had been agreed before Hanson's departure to the United States. My silence now of course was no longer applicable as I had resigned from the movement. The real threat as they saw it was that my resignation would impact unfavourably against Hanson at a time when she was out of the country. What these people did not consider was that my word was my bond; I had agreed to abide by that decision not to speak to the media even though I did not agree with the decision itself. I was being suppressed. Hanson wanted me gagged!

Hazelton knew exactly what my departure meant to the PHSM. It would have crashed because I had all the documentations and records of branches at home. Without these the movement was 'dead in the water.' This would have been death to the plans that Hanson and the then unknown David Oldfield and David Ettridge were covertly planning for One Nation. Hazelton, apart from Oldfield and Hanson who was overseas, was the only person that realised its portent. For obvious reasons Oldfield could not reveal himself, so Hazelton carried out his instructions.

In the meantime Jean Evans had been contacted and advised what I had done. As a result arrangements which have never been divulged to me took place. Jean rang me and

said that she could not finance me as an individual, but would do so if I reconsidered my resignation from the PHSM. I refused. The condition now being imposed was that I would be accepted back into the movement, even though my resignation still had not been accepted, if I signed a pledge not to speak to the media. This was an affront to my integrity and I was not going to be stifled by dirty politics, which was now becoming all too apparent. I refused again. Trewartha came around and saw me again. This time he indicated that he had spoken with Jean about the car. Jean had told them that she would finance the car, but I would have to be part of the movement, otherwise her offer would lapse. She believed that my reacceptance to the movement should be totally without any offensive caveat. I spoke with Jean and she sincerely wanted me to bury my pride, 'rise above the 'smallness of the others' as she said and go back for the good of the movement. She asked me to attend the meeting that was to discuss my resignation on Jan 13, 1997. I told her I would think about it. My wife also wanted me to go and finally I agreed although rather reluctantly. That evening I was having a shower when the front door bell rang. By the time I had dried myself and gone to the door there was no sign of anyone. A business envelope lay on the floor. Inside was a cheque made out to Bruce Whiteside for \$4,250. It was signed by Jean Evans. Within fifteen minutes Trewartha was at the door, inquiring if I intended going to the meeting. I showed him the cheque ...he already knew all about it.

Readers will gather by now that I was not too enamoured with committees. When I mooted and assembled the movement I was elected chairman. It was a novel position for me and one that I was not exactly conversant or comfortable with. Our earlier meetings were somewhat disorganised and tended to wander. 'I was not happy with this, yet I was its greatest offender. Paul Trewartha was my vice chairman and had considerable experience with the committees having worked with them in the National Party and still did. Not only that but he had similar positions with the Lions and the Association of Independent Retirees. I decided that it would be better if he chaired the meetings. This he had done in an unofficial capacity for a couple of weeks.

I decided to attend and before I left I discussed with Trewartha the position of Chairman. I told him that I wanted to get on with the job I set out to do and that I would appreciate it if we swapped executive positions. I wanted him to assume the Presidency, but I wanted to retain some control. We agreed that at the meeting we would put this to the committee. I would nominate him for the Chairmanship and he would nominate me for Vice President.

After minutes of the previous meeting had been dealt with the matter of my resignation did not occur because I had announced to the meeting that I had a cheque to cover the purchase. Once this had been done I was amazed to find that Paul suggested that monthly payments of \$350 be made to Evans, on the last day of each

month. I was flabbergasted. This was the same committee that had denied me the \$62 per week! Trewartha then volunteered to go guarantor on behalf of the movement. Two others then decided that they too would share that undertaking. Ron Paddison then moved that a statement be forwarded to Pauline Hanson that no comments would come from the movement without her prior knowledge and consent. It was enough to make me sick. The last item of the meeting was the Chairmanship position, a matter that I raised myself. I cast no blame. It was my decision and one that I would come to regret. I had proposed Paul as agreed and it had been seconded by my wife. He was elected unopposed. Next came the position of Vice-chairman. Paul Trewartha rose to his feet and without turning a hair he quietly nominated Ron Paddison. I felt the blood drain from my face. There was along pause, and then Anthony Puls seconded the nomination.

'Any further nominations?' John Clodd nominated me. I replied,

'In the light of events I decline.' So Trewartha had stabbed me in the back. Until that moment I had trusted him implicitly ...I would never do so again.

The date was January 13, 1997. Trewartha could hardly believe his luck. But then was it luck? We in the PHSM knew by now that both Hazelton and Trewartha were Hanson's choice for Senate positions in Queensland. Later one man was responsible for both leaving the party ...but for the moment he remained unknown to all but Hazelton and Hanson. He was David Oldfield.

(DAVID EYRIDGE) 14/2/97 10.30pm

We are

Meeting 4/3/97.

KEEP

Barbara

(10.55pm)

- 1) Pauline agenda ✓
- 2) Movement (eg Party structure) loose independent
- 3) PHSN roll.
- 4) JUST AGAINST FURTHER IMMIGRATION? DAVID DUNN.
- 5) ORGANIZATION. STRUCTURE MANUFACTURING AIRLINE
or colours 075-945355
- 6) Political arm (who?)
- 7) Did you see Jean Evans at Bundaberg? ✓
- 8) MARO / CENTURY ZINC / WIK /
- 9) UNEMPLOYMENT
- 10) QUOTAS / TARIFFS / FLAT RATE OF TAX ON ALL IMPORTS
- 11) DIVORCE / SINGLE MOTHERS
- 12) INCORPORATE in 2d. Pauline Home States
- 13) JOSEPH SMITH WRITING BOOK ON Pauline the PUBLISHED PARTY

Meeting in Ipswich 2nd March (national board)
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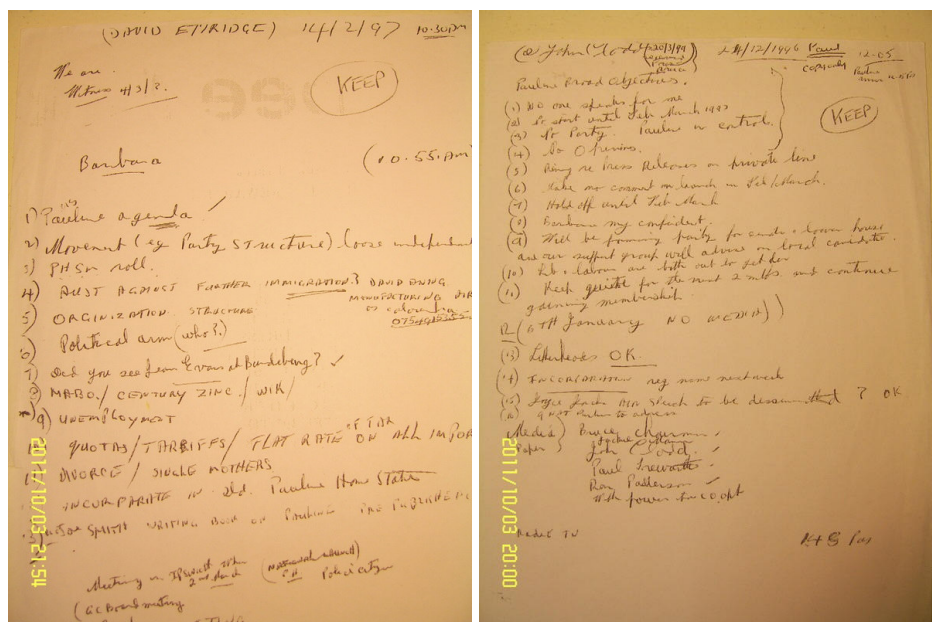
APRIL MEETING

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Pauline Home A. DUCT

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(1) No one speaks for me
(2) I sit out until Feb March 1947
(3) If party Pauline in control.
(4) No O. P. 1947.
(5) Ring re Press Release on private lens
(6) Take me around on launch in Feb/March.
(7) Hold off until Feb-March
(8) Continue my confidence.
(9) Will be forming party for cards & down house
and our support group will advise on local candidates.
(10) Ed. Labour will with out to get down
(11) Keep people for the next 2 mths and continue
gaining membership.

(12) 6th January NO WCDH.)

(13) Likelihoods OK.

(14) For consideration neg news and work

(15) Agree to be seen back to be discussed that ? OK

(16) 1st action to be taken

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John Wood,
Paul Brewster,
Ray Patterson
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Paul Trewartha's notes whilst working in tandem with Ettridge, with co-operation of 'confidante Barbara'.

Chapter 9...the politics of graft

Whilst the cheque had been made payable to me for \$4,250, Jean Evans later exchanged that for two separate amounts, one to me for \$2000 and the other to the owner of the vehicle for \$2,450. The first I paid off the bankcard, the other Paul and I went around to settle with the owner and pick up the vehicle. This cheque was Evans's and had nothing to do with Trewartha. From there we went to pick up a roadworthy, that Trewartha settled out of his own pocket. Once that was done we obtained Queensland Registration, that was made out in my name and NOT that of the movement; here again Trewartha paid the bill.

For all intents and purposes the vehicle was mine to use. Almost immediately I began planning in earnest the trip across the State that I had originally drawn up. This time I was told to pare back the schedule and take John Clodd with me. I liked the idea of John coming along, as he better than most was demonstrably committed to the movement and more politically aware than the others.

I arranged to have the vehicle sign written. This was a donation to the movement from Miami Signs. Along each side of the cream station wagon in letters ten inches high in royal blue was emblazoned, Pauline Hanson Support Movement. It was accompanied by a

red lettered 'Giving Government Back to the People.' Ironically, the only time it was used was to launch the PHSM in Ipswich. It was there that I spoke on the same platform as Hanson herself. The only memory I have of that meeting was when a journalist from the Australian Associated Press commented that 'the body language between you and Hanson, said it all. She hates your guts.'

When Hanson arrived home from her trip to the States I rang Hazelton and told her that I wanted to talk with her. I explained to Hazelton about the proposed tour across the State which was now being threatened by a developing cyclone that was to become the destructive Justin. Hazelton contacted Hanson and the day was agreed upon; it was to be a Sunday late in January.

About this time I was becoming very ragged around the edges. I was short, scratchy and decidedly hard to live with. Iris believed that I was heading for a breakdown and wanted me to slow up. The truth was that I was pouring all my energies into the movement and I could feel that something was not right. Even so I never suspected that anything was drastically amiss. I put it down to the frustration that I was running into plus the recent unsavoury move of Trewartha.

Hanson was due to call on me just after lunch. About two o'clock Iris decided to go out to leave me talk to Hanson alone. I waited ...and waited. The afternoon was dragging on when the phone rang. It was Jean Evans. Something was wrong and Jean was far from happy. She told me that Hanson and Hazelton had not long left her place and that they were on their way down. They had discussed the car with her expressing their thanks for helping the movement. If much more was discussed then Jean did not amplify. They had she said met with Paul Trewartha and Ron Paddison earlier that morning and much was discussed. Here again Jean did not expand, possibly because she did not know. What Jean told me next sent chills down my spine.

'I can't sit here and not let you know, but Pauline and Barbara are meeting secretly with Iris.'

'What!', I said in a completely unbelieving voice.

'Look Bruce, I think I know you well enough to know that what is happening you do not deserve. I don't know what is going on, but I think the whole thing has an odour about it.'

I was sitting at the computer when I heard high-heel shoes on the concrete around the side of the house. It had just gone 4.30p.m. I had not heard a car pull up so when I went to the door I was not expecting to see Hanson and Hazelton standing outside.

They had not rung the door-bell. I opened the door and it was patently obvious I was not glad to see them. Hanson spoke first.

'We've come to see you. Aren't you going to ask us in?'

The sheer effrontery of the woman! She had not come of her own accord, but as a response to my request. She was already over two hours late. Her arrogance was breathtaking.

'What ...at this time of the day?' I retorted

With more than a degree of indifference I opened the door and they came in. Hanson moved to the side and Hazelton followed her in. They both stood with their backs to the sliding glass doors, highlighted against the garden background. What Hanson blurted out next, had she been a man I would have smacked her in the mouth there and then.

"Bruce we have agreed to talk with you provided that you go back onto your medication."

What the hell was she driving at? My response was immediate.

"THAT Pauline, could cost you your political career. Imagine the headlines, Hanson tells the founder of her support movement that he should go on medication. I am sure the media would have a field day on that." I went on

"Just who the hell do you think you are coming in here and taking on the mantle of a medical adviser. You are arrogant and have absolutely no right to come into my home and talk like that." Hazelton, always at call to bail out Hanson's faux pas, then told me that 'Pauline meant well. She is only thinking of your health'.

What utter bloody poppy-cock! Hanson never considered anybody but her own selfish ends. Barbara always tried to sooth the path for Pauline and told me after both had sat down that Iris was concerned for me. So that was it!

My wife for reasons far removed from that of Hanson and Hazelton had agreed, unknown to me, to their request to meet with them. It appears as though the topic of discussion was 'my health.' To be more to the point with no penchant on my part for delicacy, my mental health. What was discussed that day was certainly not in my interest. This meeting was instigated by Hanson, Hazelton and Trewartha, people to whom Iris had no reason to see as other than friends.

Whatever transpired, one thing is for certain, and the confidentiality of what Iris told them was not only broken but later used by Ettridge and Oldfield to try to destroy me.

As Hanson stood there the epitome of crass ignorance I remember thinking, 'girl you've got an opinion on everything from Asians, to Aborigines and now you are an authority on health, mental health at that. I was absolutely astonished at the tactlessness of it all. Had it not occurred to either of these women that what they had said, had it been true, could well have triggered a dreadful situation when my wife returned home that night? Suffice to say here that the result of that meeting led to both David Ettridge and David Oldfield questioning my mental stability in public arenas as far apart as Perth (Radio 6PR with Howard Sattler and Oldfield) and Television NZ with Kerrie Webb and Ettridge).

Both went out of their way to destroy my integrity and credibility. Ettridge told Television One in New Zealand that I was 'psychotic, manic depressive and mad', whilst Oldfield told Howard Sattler on 6PR Perth that and I quote; 'Howard, I want you and your listeners to understand that Mr Whiteside is a very, very sick man.' (see footnote)

For two hours we argued over the PHSM and Hanson. We fought over some of the things that I was supposed to have said and when the heat was turned up Hazelton would instinctively wade into Hanson's defence. I asked many question on policies, but Hanson, would be cut off by Hazelton, time and time again. The trouble was that Hanson could not articulate or hold her line of argument. She was essentially a verbal arsonist, lighting fires of controversy and then running like hell. It was part of her charm and a charm I might add that in the right hands could have been very effective. I threatened to throw Hazelton out of the house if she continued to bale Hanson out. Pauline retaliated that she would leave too, but it never came to that. It was just after this that I unwittingly created the reason for Hazelton's ultimate resignation down the track.

Hazelton's insistence on answering at every opportunity for Hanson and my view that she had a great deal of influence over Hanson, drew me to one conclusion; that she was setting Hanson up ...for a Senate position.

'Look Barbara you fool no one. You did not fly back from Hong Kong and make a bee-line for Hanson for nothing. You're in this for yourself. You want to make yourself indispensable to Pauline so that you can secure a Senate seat.' Hazelton, went as red as beet-root. She was stopped in her tracks and decidedly embarrassed. Hanson, brimming with indignation at what I had just said lashed out, 'Barbara is my best friend, if she wants to run for the Senate, then she has my blessing and support.'

Ironically after that the meeting became less heated and for the last half hour it was civil. It was 6.30pm by the time I walked then to the door. I shook hands with both. Hazelton was frosty, Hanson, pleasant. At the gate Hazelton walked to the car where Pauline's daughter had been waiting for over two hours. Hanson turned and faced me and looked me in the face for the only time that I have known her. I said to her, 'I will not let you down, no matter what happens.' What she did next has perplexed me to this day.' She threw her arms around me and gave me a hug ...and was gone.

A few days later on the evening of February 3rd 1997, a committee meeting was held at John Clodd's rooms. During the course of that meeting Paul Trewartha said that he had rung Pauline and that she had informed him that a David Ettridge, her new National Adviser would visit us. This came out of the blue to all of us. Only Hazelton and of course Trewartha, knew of this man. We had never heard of him. Meanwhile, a memo went out from this meeting explaining to branches why the Movement appeared to be in limbo. Already Iris as Secretary and I were fielding many questions and being blamed for our inertia. In her book Pauline, the Hanson Phenomenon, Helen Dodd, made the erroneous statement on page 98 that 'He (Whiteside) was very passionate about the movement he had created but it was never well managed.' Had Dodd given as much space to me as she had to both Oldfield and Ettridge, then she may have appreciated that 'bad management' had nothing to do with it. When writing the book I spoke briefly with Dodd who undertook to come to the Coast to interview me. I am still waiting years later. On the strength of that she wrote 'authoritatively', or so one would have been led to believe. Given the research that she did for the rest of the book, given the detail of her conversations with Ettridge and Oldfield, she not only let me down, but herself as well. Dodd had the capacity to give a very good account of what I was hoping to achieve. Instead she second guessed and did the movement no credit whatever. What Dodd did not know was that an embargo was imposed on the PHSM that effectively stopped us doing anything. 'Things were going to happen.' In a word we were being side-tracked, whilst Oldfield, Ettridge, Hanson and Trewartha were organising their plans to use the movement to build their dreams of upon.

Iris who had been visiting her family in Adelaide had reported back to us about the movement down there, indicating that they were rearing to go in the coming year.

The order for new Registration Certificate books with 'incorporation' stamped on them was placed on order to be printed as soon as word came through. Unfortunately these were printed prematurely by mistake and when Hanson finally authorised the incorporation these were never utilised and the printer was left unpaid. Fifteen thousand membership tickets ended up at the local dump.

I reported on a call I had from Dr Joseph Wayne-Smith, who informed me that he was writing a book in support of Hanson and that he was looking for a publisher. Peter Prescott, a new member of the committee told us that he may be able to address that matter and said he would get back to us. He never did.

Vic Piconne, from Silkwood, North Queensland had rung me and told us that he had raised thousands of dollars with over 1600 people attending seven functions. He was buoyant, ribbing me for not being as popular with Hanson as he was. Candidly I was worried about Piconne. He had undertaken to build the movement in the north. He was capable, I had no doubt, but these functions, these hiring of helicopters and expensive office equipment, were a worry we could do without. Even so, despite being back from the USA Hanson had still not honoured her commitment to us, for incorporation.

IT WAS NOT LONG AFTER THIS THAT PICONNE WAS GIVEN HIS MARCHING ORDERS FROM HANSON. ETTRIDGE ALLUDED TO THE SUGGESTION THAT PICONNE WAS SOMEHOW LESS THAN HONEST. WHAT I CAN SAY IS THAT WHILST I FOUND PICONNE KEEN TO IGNORE DIRECTIVES, HE DID A GOOD JOB IN THE NORTH. IT WAS ONLY WHEN HANSON AND ETTRIDGE DECIDED THAT THEY WERE A LAW UNTO THEMSELVES THAT TROUBLE BEGAN TO EMERGE. PICONNE SENT ME AN AUDITED BALANCE SHEET. I HAVE TO THIS DAY. THE AUDIT COVERED A PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 17TH 1996 UNTIL MARCH 31ST 1997. IT WAS CARRIED OUT BY KPMG WITH QUALIFICATIONS. AN AUDIT IF YOU PLEASE! TO THINK THAT DAVID ETTRIDGE COULD DOUBT PICONNE'S HONESTY! ...AN AUDIT! DID I HEAR A PLEASE EXPLAIN?

The word audit amuses me in the context of David Ettridge. It was his own accountant who according to David was One Nation's official auditor. I never believed that Ron Targett was happy with this label. It is my guess that this was Ettridge-speak and that Targett only ever perused figures put to him for checking out.

MINUTES OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FEB. 3rd. 97

Meeting opened by Chairman 7pm.

Apologies :- Jim Ansell, Ken Waalwick, George Rufeld, Tony Fowke

Minutes Read by Iris who moved that they be accepted as a true record
sec. Lindon, Yvonne moved an amendment that the word Feb be included in the minutes, carried.

Correspondence was read. Iris moved, sec. Lindon that the correspondence in be received and the outward endorsed. Carried.

Financial Report
Balance in hand \$3,008. Accounts outstanding, Car \$161.80, Paul \$142, Resort Office supplies \$19.80, T/shirts \$412.60, repairs to photo copier \$336
Lindon moved, sec. Norm that his statement be received and accounts paid, carried.

Membership stands at 659 to date.
Paul stated that he rang Pauline. David Ettridge, the new National Director will visit our committee on Wednesday 5th. Feb at 2 pm. There is to be an expose on Pauline on Channel 7 later in the month.
He also reported Vic Piconne held seven functions with over 1,680 people attending in Cairns area during Pauline's visit.

General Business
A memo to be sent to all Branches explaining the reason for remaining in limbo for a further four weeks.
Bruce reported on Branches and his intended itiniary. Iris reported on her visit to the Adelaide Branch.
The reimbursement for Caboolture was postponed to a later date.
Re-organisation of registration books to be discussed after incorporation.
J. Wayne Smith from Adelaide has written a book and needs a publisher. Peter Prescott offered to let the secretary know of one which might be suitable.
Ron Paddison presented each member with a copy of the report from the constitution committee.

Other Business
Jackie and Norm Mann's rersignation was accepted with regret. Bruce proposed a vote of thanks for their contribution to the committee, sec. Yvonne, carried. Norm offered to conduct an auction at a later date to raise funds.
Paul moved that Anthony Puls be elected to the membership committee. He accepted on a interim basis.
Meeting closed at 8.45pm. signed Chairman

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The following day Feb 4th Hazelton rang Iris and asked if we could put a meal on for David Ettridge. Iris agreed. When I spoke with Hazelton she was coy about this unknown, Ettridge, but assured me that all my questions would be answered by him. I looked forward to his visit with a mind that this could be the first time that I could work with someone who might have some ideas. Certainly I saw the situation as being a positive.

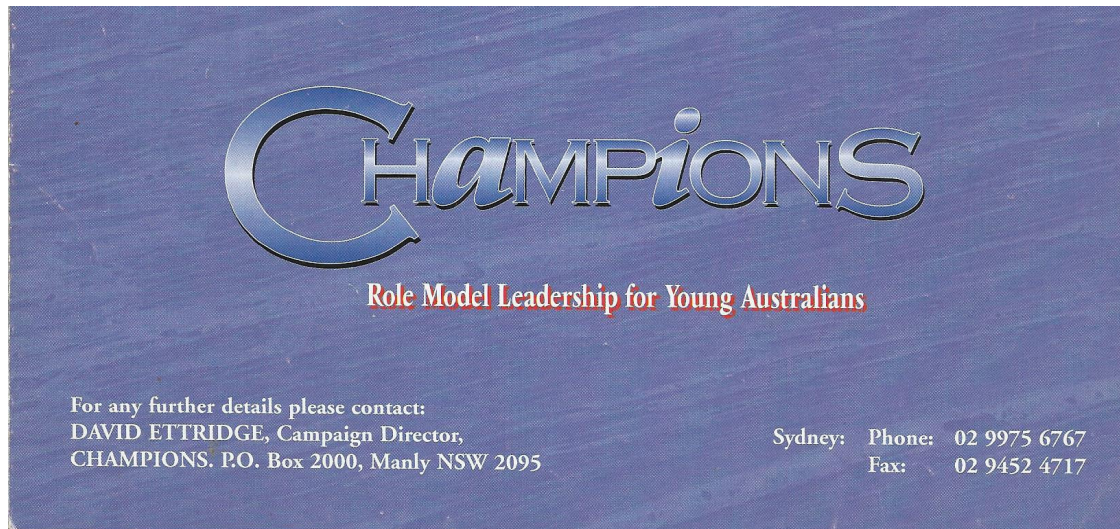
Paul Trewartha, (who else,) insisted on picking Ettridge up at the airport. In the meantime Ron Paddison, Iris and I had assembled in our lounge. When Paul arrived with his charge, we were confronted by a smart looking, immaculate middle-aged man. We were introduced to him and before long sat down to a three course meal, that Iris had prepared.

David was very impressionable. He handled himself with the utmost confidence, without seeming to be pushy. He was pleasant and without putting any degree of cynicism on this observation, charm personified. During the course of the meal he told us about his family, about his role with World Vision and how he admired Pauline Hanson. He appeared to me to be totally credible. I think I speak for all those who were at the table that we thought he was going to be a great help.

After our meal we made our way to John Clodd's Surfprint, at Mermaid Beach eager to hear what David Ettridge was about to tell us. We knew from what little we had been told, that he wanted to let us know what the plans for Pauline were and how we could dovetail in with them. In a private conversation that Ettridge and I had before the 'formal' meeting he told me in broad terms that they, Pauline and himself had decided to form a party. I immediately told him that the word 'party' was anathema to Hanson as she had explicitly said much earlier that she would not conform to any party dictate. This was one of the things that I admired about Hanson. Ettridge liked the idea and agreed that I had a good point. "Brilliant" he enthused and went on to say, 'from now on the word 'party' is no longer in our vocabulary', nor was it. I believed at that point that the PHSM would be a complimentary entity, retaining its own independence. This I indicated. 'That is right Bruce. The only people who will be behind Pauline will be the Support Movement. Like you say on your membership tickets 'Soldiers in Pauline's Army.' I remember once Pauline telling me that she did not like this idea, because it sounded too much like the Salvation Army. I joked 'that's not a bad bench-mark' but the comment was lost on her. Ettridge went on to say that the only 'political entity' would be confined to Hanson, himself and 'those who were elected into the parliament'. In other words the body of any new party would be politically inert. I was never happy with this concept and instantly decided that I would have nothing to do with the 'political arm' of Hanson. It became crystal clear in those few minutes that the people would be there for two essential reasons; to facilitate the logistics of running future candidates and to provide a financial base. "We want \$15 million to fight the federal election," he concluded. In other-words the PHSM was going to become the donkey that underpinned Ettridge's dream. I was having none of it!

The meeting was a formal gathering with twenty odd people turning up. Ettridge was introduced to each person and then we all settled down to hear what he had to say. Paul Trewartha briefly told those present that David had come to the Gold Coast at Hanson's request to let us know the 'state of play.' (Hazelton was later to tell me that Hanson had sent him down for one specific reason; to get rid of you and take over the movement.) David commenced by telling us a little of where he had come from. 'Like you' he said he 'admired Pauline very much'. 'It was important', he went on 'that we worked together and helped Pauline achieve her goals.' When questioned on what he had done

on a commercial basis that had caused Hanson to engage him as her National Director, he waved a copy of a glossy blue brochure and said that he was 'now marketing a magazine with great potential called Champions.'



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Role Model Leadership for Young Australians

CHAMPIONS is designed to achieve the following:

- To bring out the Champion inside every kid and arouse and then nourish their desire to improve their lives.
- Restore self esteem.
- To provide teens with a resource they can believe in and trust.
- To create a club like 'association' where they can interface with other positive - like minded kids.
- To provide support and leadership from the best possible role models who will provide their experiences, their encouragement, support and advice.
- To provide an external source of relevant learning designed to help kids develop in a positive way through those important teenage years.
- To have these new CHAMPIONS become a source of inspiration to other kids who will be attracted to follow their lead.
- To motivate and stimulate a desire for self improvement.
- To excite each new Champion to set higher goals and teach them how to achieve those goals so they become a source of inspiration and a positive influence on their family and friends.
- To provide a resource of easily understood and logical wisdom that can be easily shared with the whole family.
- To deliver adult style motivation early in a child's life so their lives will benefit earlier.
- To deliver World standard motivation that is usually limited to wealthy business people or corporate trainees.
- To provide a concept of self improvement that every parent will accept and encourage.
- To ultimately reduce the incidence of homelessness, confusion, helplessness, suicides, drug abuse, child prostitution, youth crime, school detentions and restore self esteem and confidence in young Australians.
- The CHAMPIONS culture will promote quality family values, tolerance and better understanding of others.

Growing up in the 90s has been a scary experience for many of the next generation of Australians who are daunted by the challenges they feel they are going to face now and in the future. For many the fear of their future and the growing trend of rebelling against authority has created many types of social changes. We now see a phenomenon called street kids; growing teenage suicides, increased school detentions, increased teenage crime and a tendency to seek escape in recreational drugs - all cries for help from a lost generation that live in a complicated system that generally provides complicated solutions to simple problems.

- In 1954, Jimmy Denny, manager of the Grand Ole Opry, fired Elvis Presley after one performance. He told Presley, "You ain't going nowhere son. You ought to go back to drivin' a truck".
- When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876, President Rutherford Hayes said 'That's an amazing invention, but who would ever want to use one'.
- When Thomas Edison invented the light globe he had tried over 2,000 experiments before he got it to work. A young reporter asked him how it felt to fail 2,000 times. Edison said 'I never failed once. It happened to be a 2,000 step process'. Imagine Edisons self belief and perseverance!
- The greatest motivation for Lee Iaccoca to make CHRYSLER a strong profitable Company was because he had been fired by Henry Ford and wanted to show Ford how big a mistake Ford had made.

We should never give up on dreams and we should never give up trying to broaden the education and mind development of our children. The inspiration and lessons are there now. The statistics below show how urgently we need your help to have the CHAMPIONS solution reach ALL young Australians.

Statistics:

- 40,000 Australian kids are homeless. That's equivalent to the combined population of 40 high schools!
- 439 young Australians suicided in 1995; 5 males aged 1-14, 350 males and 84 females aged 15-24. These figures are alarming and confirm that the teenage years are the ones where challenges confront our young. Males are 4 times more likely to suicide than females.
- 40% increase in juvenile court appearances.
- Short term school detentions have increased by 125% in 3 years.
- Long term school detentions have increased by 210% in the same period.

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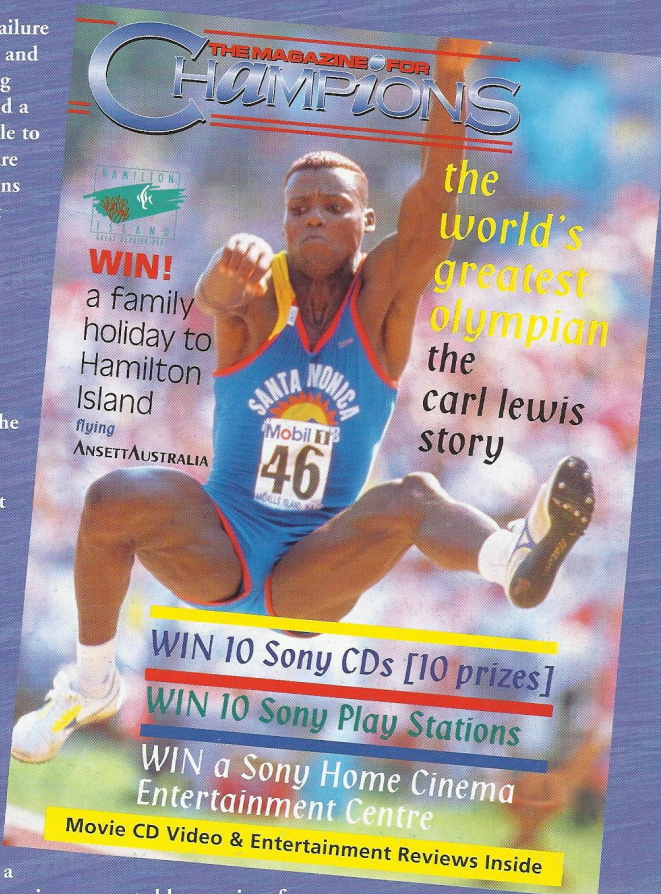
CHAMPIONS brings the knowledge, experience and know-how of the WORLDS BEST role models, coaches and achievers to assist our next generation of Young Australians. Achievers from SPORT, ENTERTAINMENT and INDUSTRY will excite, inspire and EMPOWER our teenagers with a new CAN-DO spirit. Kids will gain a belief in themselves and their ability to face challenges, and to persevere and beat obstacles. Kids will discover how their favourite actor, model, movie star, sporting hero and business leader became successful.

Australia's kids will discover that failure is faced by every successful person and that success is the result of learning from failure, from perseverance and a belief in oneself. Success is available to anyone. Kids will learn that they are responsible for making the decisions that affect their own lives and that taking action in their lives and making DECISIONS are the most important changes they need to embrace.

MOTIVATIONAL doctrine is the difference between an average and an outstanding performance and the CHAMPIONS MAGAZINE will have as its primary resource the motivational and self improvement material of world famous ANTHONY ROBBINS. For those of you who know the incredible skills and wisdom developed by Anthony Robbins you will know that we are bringing to every young Australian the wisdom of the World's number ONE motivator.

The new CHAMPIONS culture will be delivered to its target audience through the MAGAZINE FOR CHAMPIONS, a bi-monthly, subscription glossy magazine supported by a series of CHAMPIONS POSTERS. Posters are popular with most kids and are an ideal vehicle for placing encouraging motivational wisdom on their bedroom and classroom walls. Each poster will feature 10 famous ROLE MODELS and their advice for success.

Every parent in Australia wants the best for their children. They will want their children to learn how to cope with life and its challenges. Mostly kids do this through experience; sometimes that experience is disastrous and it can destroy forever the lives of kids who only needed someone to teach them some of the simple rules of life. We'll reach kids in all parts of Australia. In the future we will be able to say that being exposed to the CHAMPIONS doctrine was a turning point in the lives of Australia's future Champions, Leaders and Achievers.



The calling card that impressed the members of the PHSM. This was David Ettridge's passport to second and seduce gullible people into believing that he had strong support from Carl Lewis. Trevor Hendy, Michael Jordon, Craig McDermott, Hayley Lewis to name a few. Needless to say the Hanson's and her people were very easily impressed. I was not one of them ...

This meant nothing to any of us, until he said that the fast-food chain McDonald's had got behind him to promote it. This was heady stuff to gullible people. Ettridge was a smooth operator. I began to get the feeling that he was really a light-weight, but the meeting were absolutely besotted with his velvet touch and spiel. Ettridge told us that we had started something that was really big, but in order for it to achieve anything it must be organised with discipline and military organisation. Secretly I agreed. He went on;

"What I want to see is what you've started build into something that will bring about a great change in the way government is done in this country. Pauline provides that hope. I believe that this whole thing should be done differently. With that in mind Pauline has detailed me to become her National Director. From now on it will be my job to bring all this together. Pauline has chosen to make Manly her Australian headquarters.'

At this point I interjected. I had suddenly locked onto the words 'What I want', and it all became crystal clear what this was about.

"Mr Ettridge, you appear to forget that we are not Pauline Hanson's property; we are her support movement by our own choice. What Hanson does is her own business.' A little flustered Ettridge went on,

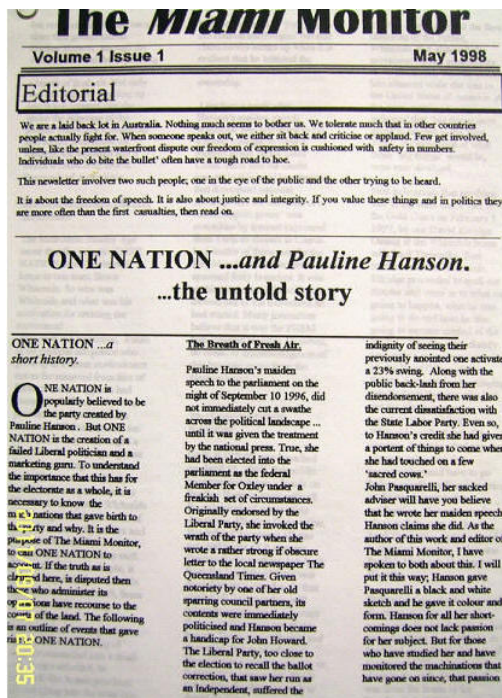
"That is the point I am making Bruce. I want to tell you that Pauline has asked me to take control of her political career and that means the movement that has her name."

He inferred that we already owned something that was not ours, which by definition of carrying her name, was rightfully hers. You could hear Ettridge's tone changing; it went from being totally patronising to one of growing tenseness. I was not the only one to sense this as one or two of our more committed men cast a furrowed brow in my direction. John Clodd in particular was worried by Ettridge's words, but then he was more finely attuned to the politics of what was being said. The women were more focussed on this handsome looking man, who was saying all these nice things about us and essentially agreeing with what we were doing. They saw Ettridge as joining forces with us, a man who was going to help us get Hanson up as a political force.

We on the Gold Coast were the headquarters of the movement. Every item that was in the system stemmed from the work of three people, even though we were eighteen in number. The tee-shirts, bumper stickers, posters, lapel badges ...which entailed much silk-screen work ...and had taken many hours to produce, was the work of the Clodd family. The tee-shirts had taken on a life of their own and as Hanson gained more media attention, the orders for tee-shirts began to escalate. It was the same with bumper stickers ...the orders continued to grow. As founder of the movement I had no problem with this. The Clodd's had done all the hard work, much of it donated and then for a

while at cost. Once we were up and running I believed that all the merchandise should be produced by him. Even so John Clodd was always going to donate 20% to the movement.

Our newsletters, were now giving way to the idea of a national newspaper.



This of course was an ambitious project, but already I had developed a conduit for bringing this about. In fact at the time in my own home which was essentially the PHSM office, a large bench had been installed to create the embryonic newspaper on. Waiting, earmarked was a computer with the appropriate software. Already I had produced a draft copy of the PHSM Herald, which the committee responded to very favourably. I had also arranged to have a local publishing company produce ten

thousand copies. This was still in its early stages of development.

Ettridge went on; "There is only one person in charge from now on and that is myself. This is the way it has to be. We do not and cannot succeed with an independent organisation. It has to be understood that all of you will take your orders from me. When I say all, I mean from Pauline down. Pauline will be 'marketed'; she will be sold as a commercial product."

Now this was unbelievable stuff. Hanson ...marketed! And who else was qualified enough to do it? An ex World Vision fundraiser ...that's who.

One or two of us began to see that Hanson's only attraction to Ettridge had nothing to do with her political welfare but everything to do with personal agendas.

'What do you intend to do with Hazelton?' I shot across his bows.

"Hazelton will answer to me as will Hanson and all of you. She will be reined in and confined to her Oxley office. Her influence on Pauline will cease."

I had expressed to Ettridge that I believed that Hazelton exerted too much influence, so in a sense I was not unhappy with this development. I had always believed that

Hanson needed space to work in and that too many people were shoving their own ideas down her throat. In Hazelton's case her influence was not so much political advice, but to whom she should speak with.

'As I understand it Mr Ettridge, from what you are saying is that you are going to set up in Manly and control Hanson, who is a completely independent entity and because we are a support movement, NOT A HANSON ENTITY, you intend to organise us as well. If that is so, what is our role, who is going to produce the merchandise, who is going to put out the newspaper and more importantly, who is going to control the financial aspects.'

"Your role will be to develop the Queensland Branch. You are quite right Bruce, the control will come from Manly. It is only right that since we will be the new Headquarters, that we produce all the written material, which you will distribute. We also have the plant to print all the merchandise that is being printed here."

John Clodd took issue with this, since the initiative and creation of this material had come from the Gold Coast. Ettridge told him that a certain amount of residual work, (presumably that which had no material gain in it for him) would still be done here. There was something about all this that sounded alarm bells for me. I thought about what I was to ask next, whilst Ettridge was dampening down the concerns of one or two others who were pushing this thing beyond his comfort level.

"You tell us David that Hanson will answer to you, that Hazelton will answer to you. You have come here as an uninvited visitor and tell us that we will answer to you ...what I want to know is who do you answer to?"

Ettridge could not conceal the discomfort of this question. He hadn't expected it ...he groped momentarily to retain his composure.

"Good question ...he paused. 'Well ...all you need to know, since you ask Bruce is that he is a 'brilliant and dynamic young Liberal.' He will be the man who will build this new party that will be called ONE NATION.'

One Nation! What the hell was all this about? Coldly I shot back at him. "And just who is this 'brilliant and dynamic young Liberal?'

'You will know him simply as Mr 'X'.

So there it was, cloak and dagger stuff, brimming with paranoia even before they got started. It was to be the fore-runner of what was to come, but no one there was to see it coming. I was angry and in no mood for pleasantries. I stood up, fixed my gaze on Ettridge and said:

'Mr Ettridge, you are nothing but a bloody con man. Now bugger-off back to Sydney and forget all about us.'

Closing my brief-case I turned and walked out of the room midst a shocked silence. Edwin Burke once said: 'For evil to flourish, all it needs is for good men to do nothing.'

When I left the room that day February 5th 1997 I left behind many good people, but they did nothing. In the end evil flourished and manifested itself not so much in Pauline Hanson, but through the 'architects' of the abomination One Nation. In the end both Ettridge and the brilliant and dynamic young Liberal, Mr X' would meet their demise, but Pauline Hanson would take four years to come to terms with what I was saying here. How thick was Hanson and even thicker still that she gave herself full marks for getting rid of them?

ADDENDUM

This letter appeared on Scott Balson's News of the Day (@anotd) way back in 1999. I have no idea who Alan Mayle is. Amazingly I have only just seen it for the first time as at 10 Nov. 2011. I never understood how all of those who were involved with Hanson could not see what I saw that day in David Ettridge. It took me two hours to sum Ettridge up. This man Mayle will never know how relieved I was to see this letter in print.

Courtesy of Scott Balson

Having read "INSIDE ONE NATION" and the comments of others I have to say that in my opinion the man who holds the key to seeing justice done is not Balson or Lee as one of your writers suggest, but Whiteside who it appears not only gave Mr Sharples ammunition to bring One Nation unstuck but also provided the turning point in Scott's own association with the Hanson machine.

One can only surmise, in the light of Ettridge's letter to Scott, the true extent of this man's treatment of Whiteside. What I cannot understand or comprehend is why this man was ignored when it appears as early as February 1997, he was drawn not only to reject Ettridge but to label him a conman, which to this day has apparently gone unchallenged.

In the light of this I would advise your readers to say without fear what they really think of David Ettridge, remembering that the tone of his letter reflects much of what has become today, the impossible, unapproachable and untenable Pauline Hanson.

It should also be noted that Hanson herself whilst lashing out at David Oldfield has refrained from attacking Ettridge. The question is: What does this man have over Hanson to buy her silence?

Alan Mayle

Authors note at this juncture: Mention is made of a meeting between Hanson, Hazelton and my wife Iris, that took place on the beachfront at Miami. The topic as indicated was my 'heath'. In fact what was under discussion was my 'mental health'. The medication was 'lithium' and I have to accept that my wife's concern was valid. Originally I wrote a complete chapter on this very hurtful phase that saw my wife's genuine concern cross-pollinated with dirty politics. It was in many ways a very sad and cruel revelation of my own personal turmoil at the time. When this book was about to be published, my wife 'hit the roof' at its inclusion and as a consequence that episode had been withdrawn. The simple truth was that my wife's appreciation of politics is not mine. Hanson passed on the genuine concern of a woman whose husband was being torn apart, to be used as a weapon of destruction.

The legacy of that meeting left a marriage deeply scarred. Reference is made elsewhere of remarks that pertained to this meeting. (see Chapter 15)

This book is being revised in September 2011. The reason being, One Nation is being rejuvenated as a potential new party. On their websites they have included the writings of David Ettridge. What is disconcerting for me and a complete misrepresentation of how One Nation came to be is without honesty, integrity and truth. New members must be made aware that what they are being told is not correct.

As a result the chapter (15) previously omitted even though it is terribly hurtful to my wife and I will now be included. If historians search for facts, then I must in all honesty place this period on record.

Chapter 10...that membership list

"There is no justification for rudeness. That man was our guest and you had no right to speak to him as you did." Iris was angry.

'Hey, wait a minute', I protested, to no avail.

'Bruce, whatever David had to say that upset you, you had absolutely no right to say what you did. I found it offensive and so did the others'.

'Look ...that bastard is a straight-out con-man. If the rest of you are blind as not to see it then you can all go to hell. Time will prove me right. That bastard will end up in jail, mark my words.'

Iris is a Scorpio and she has a high degree of justice and fairness. She also has a deep sense of loyalty and is a stickler for completing obligations that she feels morally bound to. It was some of these qualities that led to my undoing and gave me cause to question where 'her' loyalties lay. The truth is that people such as my wife, who see black as black and white as white, are fair game for people with the moral corruptness of some of those who played court to Hanson. That is not to suggest that she is lacking in intelligence, far from it, but her Christian background, precludes her from thinking ill of anybody. Without putting too finer point on it, Ettridge found himself among average battlers, whose political nous was practically zero. He would have been aware that we were all pushovers for what he had in mind. Never-the-less there were others there like Paul Trewartha, Jim Ansell and John Clodd, who were reasonably politically astute. Their crime was to do nothing and in Trewartha's case to clandestinely undermine his colleagues.

It did not take long to find out that I had not only offended my wife, but also some of the committee. Possibly the least offended would have been the man it was directed at, but I guess only he would have understood the reason for that.

And he did!

When I had left the meeting the day before, I immediately put behind me the plan that Ettridge had envisaged. It simply was never going to eventuate; of that I was certain. I simply dismissed Ettridge. My mind now focussed on the newspaper. With that I went down to Harvey Norman's Bundall shop and took delivery of the new computer. That evening I set up the equipment and set to familiarising myself with the newspaper software. The events of the day faded as I came to terms with the prospects of putting together a voice for those who assembled behind Pauline Hanson. It was to be called the PHSM Herald.

Unbeknown to me, in an upstairs office above an adult sex shop in Manly, the man to whom I was supposed to have insulted was composing a letter of his own. If my remarks had offended the members of our committee they certainly were not choking Ettridge. He knew, as the committee did not, that my role was pivotal to his success. He could not afford to offend me, until he had succeeded in what he wanted. The committee however took the view, wrongly as it turned out, that Ettridge offered the real opportunity to advance the cause. They saw themselves as very small fish, whilst this man was full of self-appraising evaluation as being a mover and shaker. What they did

not understand, was that we were ordinary people, with as much talent and considerably more integrity ...who could attain far more than this man. Their Achilles heel was their lack of vision and certainly lack of judgment. Yet whilst these people were lamenting the fact that I had offended Ettridge, he departed the meeting far from dismissing me from his memory. Indeed whilst the committee had bowed subserviently to this impostor, he had left the Gold Coast, escorted to the airport by a fawning and apologetic Paul Trewartha and after arriving back at Sydney, made his way back to the obscure office on the Corso only a stone throw from the Federal Liberal Party office of Mr Tony Abbott, around the corner at 17 Sydney Road. If there were pressing problems to address, none apparently were more pressing than his letter to me; so pressing, that it could not wait until the morning. Six hours after I had called him a con-man, he sat down and wrote the following letter.

Bruce and Iris Whiteside,
Pauline Hanson Support Movement,
Gold Coast.

February 6th, 1997.

Dear Bruce and Iris,

Firstly my thanks for your hospitality yesterday.

The extent to which you both have devoted yourselves to supporting Pauline is quite amazing and most impressive. Your devotion, energies and initiative have provided leadership to the thousands of supporters who have joined the movement.

As explained yesterday, Paulines, and our own ambitions for the future of Australia can only be achieved within a well managed organisation. There is no other way. As we move toward the next election we need to be ready to win votes.

In such an organisation the support movement is an extremely valuable mechanism for reaching out to and mobilising the efforts of many people. As such, the support movement will become an integral part of the changes we so urgently need to implement. The support groups organisation will not have a political function and you Bruce made that very clear in your speech to supporters on October 28th, 1996. Pauline is very strong and very clear on what she wants to say and do and no one will speak for her. Also acknowledged in your speech.

In view of the above your concern for being 'gagged' is unfounded. You have never had any right to speak on Paulines behalf; a restriction which is placed on everyone.

You do have a wonderful opportunity to continue to be a leader and innovator of the supporters and to be a part of building the support movement; an essential function for the growth of the organisation. We also welcome your contributions to the national newsletter. The planned changes will allow you to focus on Queensland and its support group development.

In your own words you say 'The support movement is an independent expression of the people's appreciation for an honest politician'. The PHSM isn't a political arm but it can be an organisation that will contribute to major changes in the future of Australia and for that we are grateful for your vision.

I hope we can continue to rely on your support.

Kindest regards to you both,

David Ettridge
D. Ettridge.

P.O. Box 775
Manly 2095.

Satisfied that there was enough packing in the letter for me to reconsider my decision, yet sufficient authoritarianism to let me know who was boss, this man placed the post

dated fax in his machine and pressed the send button. The letter was dated February 6th 1997. Across the top of the sheet were the following numerals :

05-02-97 21:42 4524717 782 P01.

Translated: the fax came from Ettridge's office at 9.42pm and was sent on February the 5th 1997. I received it the following morning at two minutes to nine. The reason for this was that I turned the fax off at night and this was stored in the memory.

My reaction to reading it only confirmed what I had said the day before. Not only had he confirmed his transparency but also established in my mind that he was cunning to boot. What did concern me however was the tone of the letter that indicated that far from being put off, he fully intended implementing what he had alluded to. As far as I was concerned he wasn't going anywhere. My reason for believing that was simply based on the fundamental premise that our organisation was totally democratic and properly ordered. We operated on the model rules of the Association of Incorporation ...or at least we were supposed to. At the time of this intrusion by Hanson's henchman, we had 539 members in the Gold Coast Headquarters. They were members of an unincorporated group.

Later that morning Paul Trewartha called around to discuss the events of the day before. Unlike the others Trewartha did not take too much umbrage at what I had said, but over a cup of coffee, expressed concern at what had happened. He realised that a serious breach had occurred and the ramifications of what could develop from that. He also knew what I did not... that he, Hanson, Hazelton, Ron Paddison and Ettridge had discussed completely behind my back, matters pertaining to the future of the PHSM. Trewartha who was still a card carrying executive of the National Party, Hazelton with her political association with John Stone, were both eager to see Hanson's army of growing support converted into a political party.

I had a clear cut view as founder of what I wanted for the movement that bore the Hanson name. My idea was to form an army of support behind Pauline. That support was detailed in a set of objectives, which expressly stated that we were apolitical. I believed, based on my personal experience that Hanson's controversial stand was going to polarise the 'press' against her. I knew there were thousands of people 'out there' who silently endorsed much of what she said, but was never going to help her, unless it could be converted to a visible groundswell of support that the media could not dismiss. As I have indicated Australians are much more comfortable keeping their opinions quite, talking about them at barbeques or among the boys at a pub, than standing out front and saying 'Look I think this woman is talking commonsense.' One of the inhibiting factors in this inability and I might say gutlessness to identify with Hanson in

the early days was the fact that she had been branded a racist. I had been down that track and so had no problems with it. The meeting I called did precisely that. We assembled an army that we struggled with great difficulty to hold it together. My wife and I answered thousands of letters, sending information and encouragement for people to take up the fight. With every letter was sent a copy of Pauline's maiden speech. Around six thousand people paid their \$5 Registration Certificates, to become soldiers of support. The Movement numbered thirty-nine branches and had accumulated \$12,000 at the time of my 'eviction'.

I told Pauline once that we did not aim to become a political 'party' organisation, nor a platform for such. She understood this; she orally endorsed the principle! The idea was to build up the movement to and beyond the next Federal election, where I believed that we could have amassed anything from 100,000 to 200,000 people. This great push behind Hanson would be difficult for other politicians to deal with and would cause any government great difficulty in quantifying its real impact. The five dollar joining fee, made it affordable to young and old alike. I suggested to Pauline that she should 'cut her teeth' in the Parliament for the first three years, work hard in her electorate for re-election and AFTER the election begin looking at the membership for likely candidates to form a 'loose association of independents.' I told her that 'these people would come under the Hanson umbrella but not necessarily embrace all that she articulated. These people will answer first of all to their electorate. If you embrace a given issue and one of your association goes back to his or her electorate and they direct the opposite, then Pauline, that is what they will vote on.'

The PHSM that I formed was always a going to be independent of Hanson, open to people of all political persuasions ...as indeed it proved ...and act as a protective shield against attacks from the media. It was never formed to 'mould' her political views, or to influence her. Yet it very quickly developed attacks, specifically directed at myself ...for doing so.

Pasquarelli and Ettridge, relentlessly accused me of speaking for Pauline or grabbing the media headlines. The truth was that these men had jumped on the Hanson bandwagon, seizing the political opportunity to benefit themselves. What I created had no association with Hanson and certainly no prospects of any financial reward. In fact the very opposite was true; I was on a hiding to nothing if I wasn't able to convert an idea into a reality. I managed that and for my efforts I was 'gutted' by Hanson's opportunists. Let there be no doubt that I consider Paul Trewartha the pivotal tool in the destruction of the people's movement.

...Trewartha reasoned with me that morning and as I said, reasoned in the light of these clandestine meetings that he had been conducting. Unaware of this I was prepared to listen.

'Bruce it does not make sense to fight David. I know that you don't trust him, but if we look at the politics of what is happening, I think you should bury your resentment and work with him. If you cannot do that then I suggest that you work behind the scenes and influence what you can.'

"Like what?' I asked.

'Look, you're the one with all the ideas, you're the one who has the way with words that make people listen. We need you and I am the first to admit it.' Paul went on.

'Aw, bullshit, I fired back. If that was so then that mob of gutless bastards would have reinforced my remarks yesterday instead of going to water!'

'Perhaps ...but who else in that room would have dared to think let alone say what you said? The truth was that they were a bit shell-shocked.'

'They're bastards; con-men and none of you can see it.'

What Trewartha saw was hurt and he believed that I was mistaken.

"I rang Pauline this morning and she wants you to work in with Ettridge. I know that you don't value her opinion very much, but after all we are all working for her success. If you cannot do that then I suggest you work through me."

'How do you mean.'

'Well, we'll discuss matters that arise, or issues that you want to go forward and you write them and I'll present them. Your name need not come into it so they will never know.' All very neat, all well worked out.

"No Paul. I'll speak for myself or not at all. I've already been gagged by Hanson, with your co-operation. No, I'll give it a go for a while and see what happens. If Ettridge wants to work with me, then he can contact me.'

'I honestly think that you have got him all wrong. I think in time you will change your mind.'

'Well, we'll see what happens. In the meantime there is this matter of the tour north.'

'The way that cyclone is developing,' Paul said, 'we may have to postpone it.'

He was right of course the developing depression off the coast of Cairns now had a name, Cyclone Justin. In the meantime the Sigma station wagon, Hanson emblazoned continued to sit outside gathering dust. I had set it up with a loudspeaker, with a microphone. In conjunction with this we had made up tapes to play at car-parks.

'You might bring the topic up with David when he rings.'

'Paul he doesn't tell us what we should do. We run the movement not him.'

It was becoming clear to me as the conversation went on that Paul was already, the servant.

'Oh well, sound him out anyway.'

Later that evening Ettridge did rang. He was all sugar and honey. I found it very difficult to be angry with him as he was not the aggressive man that I had seen the day before. In fact I found him quite personable. The truth is that David at the time he was never less than that to me. The only time that he ever let his guard down was when he informed me that he could say what he liked about me with impunity because I was never going to be able to take him to court for either 'stealing the movement or slandering me, simply because I could not afford the cost of litigation.' (This was a response to the attempt he had made to blackguard me in my home country of New Zealand.) For the moment however David was in coercion mode. We spoke at length and I have no doubt that he was genuinely appreciative of what we had done. I mentioned the tour north that he knew nothing of, which I would have been surprised if he had and said that we should probably wait and see what happens with the weather. This was fair enough. I told him that our possible fortieth branch had contacted me from Newcastle and that in the event of the northern tour being postponed then I proposed a tour down the east coast, turning around at Newcastle and coming back north up the new England Highway. (This was the branch that Peter Archer developed and then fell out very publicly with Ettridge. This pattern became all too familiar.)

"I think it's great idea. Tell you what, give us an idea of an itinerary and I'll run the details past Pauline. I'll see if we can't come up with something within a fortnight.'

We went on to other matters. I became more relaxed and even went so far to volunteer certain information that we held that I thought would be of help. This I did quite willingly and I was gradually feeling a sense of relief that here at last was the sort of help that I could do with. I was well aware that I had no experience as an organiser. I am not an organised person by nature but I did realise that I had the initiative and fortitude to get things moving. I did not stand on ceremony and perhaps was running too far in front for the others who made up the movement. Most of those around me

were either incapable of controlling me or simply flummoxed by the pace at which we were advancing.

In some ways I needed someone like Ettridge and though he never knew it I secretly welcomed his intervention; albeit for a very brief period after the Gold Coast meeting.

In Helen Dodd's book, *Pauline the Hanson Phenomenon*, Ettridge says that he 'treated me with respect.' I do not accept that entirely. In a paragraph on page 99, he embraces the idea that he wanted me as an 'elder statesman', the person with the vision. Further down the page he squarely identifies the root cause of my public renouncement of him, Oldfield and One Nation.

'What happened between us' he said 'was a clash of ideology and experience. He did not have the experience of having done anything like this before and so he could not see the need for a party and so rejected it out of hand.'

I fully acknowledge that I did not have the organisational experience to 'do anything like this' as he put it, but the fact remains that we were NOT A POLITICAL PARTY IN THE MAKING. The so called 'clash of ideology' never took place. Ettridge went to great pains to tell us that 'he' was a political illiterate, something that he eventually went on to prove time and again.

The cold hard facts were these: Oldfield was the narrow focussed political literate. Ettridge instigated his directives. The PHSM was the ideal platform to seize on which to build that ideology. It had membership, it had branches and it had finances. These were stolen from the people. By definition Hanson, Ettridge and Oldfield had seized property not theirs. They could not have committed this action unless Hanson's imprimatur was given; it was! It was misappropriation, it was theft!

Before the conversation with Ettridge was terminated he touched on the subject of membership that we enjoyed. I told him that many of the branches had their own lists and that cumulatively I could not tell him for certain. Once the Registration Certificate reconciliations came to hand we would have a better idea, but my present assessment put the number at close to six thousand across the country. I indicated to him that as the headquarters our group had Registrations from across the country, whereas the branches gathered theirs on a local basis. He was interested to have a look at our list to give Pauline 'an idea of where her support was coming from', his words, not mine.

In hindsight I don't know why I ever allowed Trewartha to convince me to give it to him, but I did.

A floppy disc with 539 names on it was sent to David Ettridge at the Manly office on February 18th 1997. It was received two days later on the Thursday. That Sunday

Ettridge, Oldfield and Hanson met in the lounge of the Sydney Airport and co- jointly signed the resolution to form a political party. The party to be called Pauline Hanson's One Nation.

What Hanson did not see was that this arrangement suited Ettridge and Oldfield fine. All decisions from now on would be controlled by Ettridge.

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REMARKS: ☐ Urgent ☒ For your review ☐ Reply ASAP ☐ Please Comment

David: I am preparing material that should be of assistance, that you should receive possibly Thursday. It will include a 3.5 diskette.

the meantime here is a copy of a memo that went out to all branches, early in December. As you will see it is fairly specific, but only two branches have responded. Without a Constitution we could do nothing. This will probably reinforce why we insist about Incorporation. I hope that this will at least give you a starting point.

for your information, ALL literature except the Dear Supporters letter, was written by myself with no input from anyone. Any questions therefore, you can direct to myself.

Resolutions of the meeting to form a political party.

Date: Sunday, 23 February 1997.

Location: Sydney Airport.

Present: Pauline Hanson, David Ettridge and David Oldfield.

Name of the party will be, "Pauline Hanson's One Nation".

Pauline Hanson as Founder will be the first President.

National Office to be set up in Sydney.

David Oldfield to be National Campaign Director.

David Ettridge to be National Director.

David Ettridge to be re-imbursed for costs - eg: phone calls, car expenses, airfares and any other expenses considered by Pauline Hanson as having been incurred during the carrying out of duties on her behalf prior to his appointment as National Director.

While the role of National Director may vary as required, the general duties and responsibilities are to include:-

Set up and general management of National Office.

Co-ordinate media except that specifically related to local issues in the Oxley electorate.

Manage the support movement, arrange full accountability for each branch and the transition of support movement members to party members.

In conjunction with the National Campaign Director, co-ordinate speaking and fundraising commitments.

In conjunction with the National Campaign Director, have the capacity to appoint and work with individual fundraisers but to at all times exercise control over said individuals and or events.

In conjunction with the National Campaign Director, arrange permanent staff accommodation and meeting facilities in Canberra.

This page is a true and accurate record, signed in Manly, Sydney on this day, 28 April 1997.



Pauline Hanson



David Ettridge



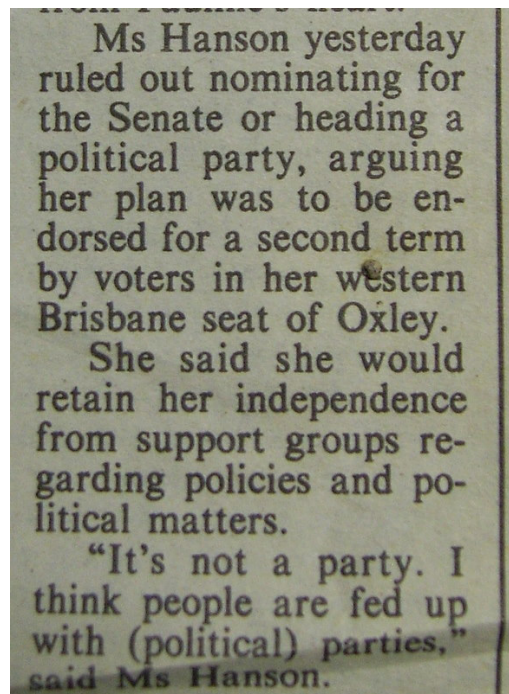
David Oldfield.

Written into the resolution was this damning evidence of intent.

David Ettridge to be reimbursed for costs eg; phone calls, car expenses, airfares and any other expenses considered by Pauline Hanson as having been incurred during the carrying out of duties on her behalf prior to his appointment as National Director. (All expenses in procuring illegally the PHSM)

Two things are evident in this single paragraph alone. The first is that Ettridge drew the document up, thus making sure that he was fully reimbursed. This begs the question of leverage and what form was used to make Hanson so malleable. The second illustrates what Hazelton was later to admit to me that Hanson deliberately was sent Ettridge on a mission to seize the PHSM. The airfares referred to here were incurred on his flight to and from the Gold Coast. The fact that mention is made of incurring these expenses in carrying out the duties on the order from Hanson, indicate to me that Ettridge was clouding the responsibility of who ordered whom. The plan was Oldfield's, the execution was Ettridge's the order was rubber-stamped by a very ignorant Hanson.

As much as I despise Hanson's duplicity, this act of bastardry was never of her deliberate making. She would never have had the natural talent to put in place such a devious and unprincipled plan. They played on her gullibility as indeed they did us.



In this cutting from the Gold Coast Bulletin 23/Sept/1996, Hanson clearly states her position. So what happened that caused her to become entrapped in a situation obviously not of her making. Why was it that the agreement was so drafted to ensure that Hanson was always out voted? Why was it that in drawing up this document that Ettridge was reimbursed for cost incurred in seizing the movement of the people? Ettridge in concert with Oldfield masterminded

the whole sordid deal. Why was Hanson, Trewartha, Hazelton and a whole team of acolytes so comprehensively conned? Why did it take these people years to come to this conclusion when on meeting Ettridge for the first and only time I told him to his face what he was.

In the days leading up to our next committee meeting on March 6th 1997, we were called upon to help out with the launch of the PHSM in Ipswich; not to be confused with the launch of One Nation a little over a month later. The local people, all of whom have now faded out of the picture gathered at the Civic Hall. One of the people I recall from that meeting was Brett Hocking who came down from the Sunshine Coast, and later was employed by Hanson herself. The committee sat on the stage with Hanson and were duly introduced. Hanson followed me and received a good hearing. The meeting attended by 110 people, raised \$236 and brought in 44 new members. On a wider front one of our members reported his meeting with the Geelong people, who were very strong at the time. It was from this branch that Andrew Carne was to rise and become a non-voting member, along with Steve Menagh of the spurious One Nation Ltd. The people of Geelong were very passionate in their support in the early days and I had occasion to visit them in later years, but at a time when One Nation had taken root there. By then there was considerable unrest and backbiting.

Not long after this Trewartha told me that Hanson was going to launch her new party on the Gold Coast. He asked me to arrange the hall. I wanted no part of a political party, but I was happy to help. At the time I saw and had no reason to believe any different that the PHSM would be complimentary to the new party. In that frame of mind, I approached the management of the Miami High School to make arrangements to book the Great Hall. Later that day I was advised that the hall was not available for political meetings. This was unusual because I had used it for similar meetings on four separate occasions. There was no doubt in my mind that this was a deliberate policy decision to lock Hanson out, but there was nothing we could do about it. Having been turned down by the school, I turned to the Gold Coast City Council for help and was able to secure the hall where we had launched the PHSM in the previous October. When Trewartha rang Hanson's office late in the day he was advised that there had been a change of plan, Pauline had decided that the meeting should be held in her home town. Paul was starting to experience the sort of temperamental behaviour that was to become the normal pattern for Hanson.

Now that the Gold Coast had been scrapped as the launching place for what was going to be the National launch for a Hanson party, something that Pauline had devoutly declared was anathema to her, the telephone lines between Ettridge and Trewartha began to run hot. Trewartha seizing the opportunity to fulfil his role as an important cog of the Hanson movement ingratiated himself to Ettridge with vigour. Slowly the

wheels of Hanson's devious juggernaut began to turn and I guess with the wisdom of hindsight it is easy to see the things happening that were not obvious at the time.

I was becoming increasingly concerned about the secretive nature of Trewartha and the tardiness of Hanson with regard to our Incorporation. I pressed our Treasurer Lindon Litchfield several times about this matter, but to no avail. He always ran into the same lame excuse, 'Pauline is very busy'. By now I was fielding many concerned questions from outside. Members wanted to know what was happening, because they were no longer receiving the communications and help that we had been giving. Many were pleading with us to tell Pauline NOT TO FORM A PARTY. My wife in particular reassured many that Pauline had told us that she would never form a party. The tragedy was that my wife was made to look a liar simply because Hanson was misleading all of us.

My role in the Trewartha run PHSM, remembering that I had been gagged not to speak to the media makes for interesting reading. I believe that they were deliberately created to placate my anger at what was happening, by Ettridge through Trewartha. The positions that I had been democratically elected to were: Head of Recruitment, Editor of the new newspaper, Head of Publicity, Chairman of the media contact committee and Press Liaison Officer. In order to give full time to these positions I had stepped down as chairman. These appointments alone are a rebuttal of all that I was accused of. Head of the Publicity ...but wasn't I a media junkie? Press Liaison Officer...me, talking to the press? Editor of the Newspaper. ...yet hadn't I already been gagged? Or were these simply sweeteners, to pacify the outspoken maverick, whilst playing for time?

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Now those positions were under attack, being subverted, by continued directions percolating down from Ettridge and supposedly Hanson through Trewartha .

The next meeting, the last one I ever attended, was held on March 6th 1997.

The report detailed the meetings held at Ipswich, the meeting attended in Geelong and Ron Paddison indicating that the Incorporation document would be finalised in two weeks time. This meant March 20th. This was news to me, but then Paddison too, who chaired the Constitution Committee was having his secret meetings with Trewartha. Trewartha then announced that the launch of Pauline's new party was set down for April 11th at Ipswich. He also stated that we had been directed to stage and organise the event.

NO MONEY EVER CAME FORWARD FROM HANSON OR HER NATIONAL DIRECTOR TO FUND IT! ONE NATION WAS FINANCED AND ORGANISED ON THE RESOURCES AND INITIATIVE OF WHITESIDE'S PAULINE HANSON SUPPORT MOVEMENT.

I wanted a clear undertaking from the meeting that night that we were to remain separate and have nothing to do with this. There was considerable heat generated over this in which I managed to alienate myself even further from the committee. They saw me as being totally opposed to Ettridge and by definition anti-Hanson. They could not even begin to understand that I was trying against all odds to prevent Hanson being ultimately destroyed. This attitude of the committee was to do tremendous damage to my health in the weeks ahead. I was so singularly focussed on this move to destroy us, to a point where even my own wife remained wedded to their opinions. Never had I ever felt so isolated, so down right beaten and depressed. Trewartha announced that he would offer to attend an executive meeting in Sydney, to speak about this on our behalf. The truth was that being a pensioner I could not afford the plane fare to attend. Had Trewartha been genuinely concerned enough about the position of the movement he might have opted to pay my fare down as well. As it turned out, things were to change in a way that placed Trewartha right in the centre of the whole takeover business.

MINUTES OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 6th. 1997

Meeting :- Opened by Chairman, 6.36pm. 13 members present

Apologies, Ken Fowke, Anthony Puls

Minutes :- The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting (Feb. 3rd.)

Moved Judy, sec. Paul that they be received, carried.

Business Arising

Bruce reported that there had been no contact with Caboolture.

This matter along with the re-design of the registration books to followed up after incorporation.

The fund raising committee Chairman was advised of Norm Mann's offer to hold an auction sale.

Financial Statement

Balance in the bank stands at \$2,076.27.

Further accounts outstanding include, Joy Jacka \$23, P.O. Box renewal \$44, car registration \$429.28.

Lindon expressed concern re outstanding T/shirt monies owed by branches and requested a letter be sent to branches concerned..

He then moved that his report be accepted and accounts paid, sec. by Peter, carried.

General Business

Bruce reported on the Ipswich meeting with 110 people present resulting in 44 new members and \$236 collected.

Ken also reported on his visit to the Melbourne and Geelong branches and stated that they were very disorganised.

Ron told the meeting that Incorporation was due to be finalised within two weeks.

Paul then announced PHSM is to be launched on Channel 7 on April 11th. simultaneously with the proposed meeting in the Miami Hall. The new name is to be Pauline Hanson one Nation.

Discussion took place re, our position within the political arm of Pauline's new Party/Movement, namely are we to be two organisations or one whole?

Bruce moved that this committee be consulted on points of policy and relation to the new name, sec. Jim.

Paul raised an ammendment to the motion and offered to go to Sydney on Wed. 12th. March to attend an executive meeting to speak on our behalf. The ammendment was carried unanimously.

No further business, meeting closed at 8.40pm.

 Signed..... Chairman

My brief renewed association with David Ettridge, came to an abrupt end. This came about when shortly after the last committee meeting I rang him to find out why the delay in responding to our proposed PHSM tour.

"Pauline and I have decided that it is not in our interest for you to go ahead with it." I was not expecting this, but his comment, given that I was prepared to believe, albeit with some reserve that we had tentatively embarked on period of reconciliation, completely took me by surprise. Immediately I saw that Ettridge was never interested in what we were doing but was simply playing for time. I was now angry with myself that I had allowed Trewartha to ever induce me to go down this track. In no uncertain terms I told David Ettridge that I was going to sever all ties with him and his plan to launch a new party.

The following day Pauline Hanson put her signature to the Incorporation's Act that finally protected its members. This was an act of sheer bastardry and devious manoeuvring, that she approved. In effect what took place was totally illegal and the man who allowed this to happen was my once trusted lieutenant, Paul Trewartha. Our membership was at that specific time as I have said was 539. As an unincorporated body we had operated on the rules detailed by the Association of Incorporated bodies. Any change in the structure of the movement required an extraordinary meeting to discuss and vote on those changes. In order for this meeting to be legal we required a quorum of 34 people. If this did not happen then it was adjourned until that quorum was forthcoming.

In this case the procedure was for Incorporation and in order for this to happen, the unincorporated PHSM, must assemble and vote on the proposal of Incorporation. To do this it was a requirement of the Associations Act to notify all our members. Upon the vote being supported it was in the rules of association that ALL members must then resign their membership of the old movement the PHSM and reapply for membership of the new PHSM Inc. Whilst this was merely a formal procedure it legitimised the formation of the new entity. It simply did not happen. This is what did.

Seven members of the sixteen man committee gathered at John Clodd's premises and submitted the Constitution for the proposed PHSM Inc to the Corporate Affair Dept. This was not made known to either the membership or the other members of the committee. Out of the blue the now Hanson endorsed application for Incorporation, was processed and returned to the movement through Paul Trewartha's personal mail-box! At no time did the Corporate Affairs require proof of the procedure of the group to

establish the authenticity of the application. I retain the letter in which they washed their hands of this responsibility. The new PHSM Inc was granted on March 10th 1997. This same lack of scrutiny by the Corporate Affairs, which gave official legitimacy to the PHSM Incorporated, was also characteristic of the slap dash application of the rules that gave legitimacy to the One Nation political party that was registered in Queensland; this time it was the ineptness of the Queensland Electoral Commission.

A special steering committee meeting was called for Friday March 21st 1997. Eight people attended, including my wife who was secretary. When she arrived home, she told me that something had taken place at the meeting that she did not understand. It had something to do with the executive positions but she said that Ron Paddison the new secretary would forward the minutes to her later. New secretary, to what? I had yet to find out. On the night in question there were some notable absentees, which indicated that any opposition to what took place would be eliminated. In fact what ultimately came to the fore was that only those who would fully support what was proposed were invited ...and this a PHSM meeting! There were eight members of the committee, along with two people who were later to become One Nation Executives as observers. Of those who were not informed, people who would have opposed what happened, only I knew of the meeting. To me this was yet another of those committee routine meetings where there was no action and plenty of useless talk. What I did not know nor could I have known was that Trewartha was acting on instructions from Ettridge.

PAULINE HANSON SUPPORT MOVEMENT INC.
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY 21ST. APRIL 1997

In Attendance: Paul Trewartha (Chairman), Ken Waalwyk, Iris Whiteside, Joyce Jaku, Amanda Joudi, Peter Prescott, Ron Paddison and Anthony Puls.
Observer: Mr & Mrs Keith Morrison.

Apologies: John Clould, Linden Litchfield, Jim Ansell, Judy Gash, Bruce Whiteside.

Minutes of last Meeting:
Where read by the Secretary Iris.
Matters arising were deferred and President Paul advised that all executive officers of the steering committee were resigning in block and that new officers would nominate so that Pauline Hansen & David Ettridge nominations could be received and consider at this meeting.
Nominations were called for and received as under
President Pauline Hanson
Vice Presidents David Ettridge
Paul Trewartha
Secretary Ken Paddison
Treasurer Linden Litchfield
As no other nominations were received the above executive office bearers were declared elected.

First general meeting:
Moved Anthony Puls seconded by Ken Waalwyk that the first general meeting of the incorporated body be called at Ipswich on Friday the 11th. April 1997 at a time and place to be advised. ---Carried.

Closure:
The chairman closed the meeting.

Re Convened:
The meeting reconvened with the same attendees the Chairman then proposed that as the committee had been operating as a steering committee on the premise that we were controlling the association on a National level and that now that committee would be made up of others dependent on the Gold Coast it was necessary to specifically elect a Gold Coast Committee in so doing forming a Gold Coast Branch.
The Chairman moved that the Old Committee with modifications as noted on separate list tabled and noted be elected as the Gold Coast Management Committee seconded by Ron Paddison the motion was carried.

Ipswich Function 11th. April:
The meeting continued with detail discussions on the arrangements for this function, Tony Puls and Ron Paddison took their leave at this time.

This meeting was called entirely unconscionably to elect NEW officers to the newly created PHSM Inc. Apart from the fact that there were no members of this new entity created at the direction of Ettridge, what took place next paved the way for the illegal registration of what was to become One Nation ...and you may well ask, One Nation ... what? Party, support movement, public company or \$2 shelf company? Paul Trewartha chaired the meeting and my wife Iris read the minutes of the previous

meeting. Immediately Trewartha advised that matters arising be deferred. This caught everybody by surprise including the Secretary. The minutes of that meeting were not written by my wife but at the insistence of Mr Ron Paddison, (who was not only

Trewartha's secretary in the AIR, but also his nominated chair of the Constitution committee), by himself. Two days later when the copy was faxed through to her the reason for her concern about 'something that she did not understand ' became patently clear to me. Here is a copy of that minute:

Secretary Iris Whiteside read the minutes. Matters arising were deferred and President (Chairman) Paul advised that all executive officers of the steering committee were resigning in block and that new office bearers would nominate so that Pauline Hanson and David Ettridge nominations could be received and considered at this meeting. Nominations were called for and received as under.

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Vice Presidents: **David Ettridge, Paul Trewartha**

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It went on:

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This was moved by Trewartha and seconded by Paddison. Immediately Paddison left the meeting.



The original PHSM Minutes Book. This has never left the Whiteside home. Had Paul Trewartha been as he wrongfully claimed in front of Justice Roslyn Atkinson at the Supreme Court trial in 2003, the Founder, he would have had these in his possession. The documentation that was presented to the Courts was NOT authentic. As a result the truth 'masked by

manipulative men' to protect their own tracks saw Pauline Hanson gaoled. Both Prosecution and Defence were presented with identical copied files, but the man whose vital evidence was critical was completely ignored.

The image shows two documents from the Queensland Government. The left document is Form 1, 'APPLICATION FOR INCORPORATION OF AN ASSOCIATION', dated 10/11/96. It is filled out for the 'PAULINE HANSON SUPPORT MOVEMENT'. The fee is \$62.50. The proposed name is 'PAULINE HANSON SUPPORT MOVEMENT'. The members of the association are listed as '26 BROADWAY AVE. MIAMI QLD' on '27-10-96'. The resolution is to incorporate under the Act and to adopt proposed rules for the incorporated association. The appointed person is 'LINDON BENTLEY LITCHFIELD' of '2/129 GOVERNMENT RD LABRADOR QLD 4215'. The address for any correspondence is 'P.O. Box 1769 SOUTHPORT QLD 4215'. A 'RECEIVED' stamp from the 'OFFICE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS' dated '6 NOV 1996' is visible. The right document is Form 15, 'Certificate of Incorporation', dated 10/11/96. It certifies that the 'PAULINE HANSON SUPPORT MOVEMENT INC.' is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981. The certificate is signed by the Delegate of the Director-General.

But Hanson was as treacherous as Ettridge or Oldfield. We had decided to Incorporate and in fact did so on the November 6, 1996, paying \$65 to do so. We had sought and received Hanson's OK to go ahead. However when the Corporate Affairs sought confirmation Hanson began to procrastinate. Before she left to go America in December 1996, we approached her in person when she came down to the Gold Coast stop me from communicating with the Press. She promised that she would do so immediately upon return. In fact she waited until her henchmen had seized the PHSM and THEN Incorporated the Movement. That was done on the March 10, 1997, over three months later. Hanson has trouble with integrity.

As I write this a picture is emerging of the treachery and collusion that went on. I have in front of me the original minute's book and what I see are the answers to many of the unanswered questions that I sought from those I trusted and who were less than forthcoming. I had started this movement for the most altruistic of reasons. I had a clear vision of what was wanted and pursued it with absolutely no accommodation of anything that would possibly hurt Pauline Hanson, yet all along my resolve and opposition to Ettridge was interpreted as being counter to Hanson's well-being. Many

people have since realised that they made a dreadful mistake in following the Hanson entourage and commiserated, but they were years too late. What had I said at the inaugural meeting; 'We seize the moment now or we lose it'. Perhaps Hanson was told by Ettridge, we'll seize the movement or lose it.

INQ. 0318 of 1998

BETWEEN: TERRY PATRICK SHARPLES
Plaintiff

AND: DESMOND J O'SHEA
First Defendant

AND: PAULINE LEE HANSON as representative of herself
and all members of PAULINE HANSON'S ONE
NATION (as registered under the Electoral Act 1992
(Qld))
Second Defendant

I, PAUL TREWARTHA of Lot 2 Barmark Court, Tallebudgera Valley
in the State of Queensland, Retired Manager make oath and say as
follows:-

1. On or about 28th October 1996 with the assistance of Mr. Bruce Whiteside and others I convened a meeting at Miami on the Gold Coast of people who were interested in supporting Pauline Hanson who was then the independent member of the Federal Electorate of Oxley. The people who attended that meeting resolved to form a body to support Ms. Hanson.
2. In or about the month of March 1997 an incorporated association known as Pauline Hanson Support Movement Inc. was registered.
3. The President of that body was Ms. Hanson. Mr. Ettridge was the Executive Vice-President and I was the Vice-President.
4. I remained the Vice-President of the incorporated body until the 25th August 1998 when I resigned.
5. The incorporated body subsequently changed its name to Pauline

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DAVID OF TREWARTHA
Deponent

2017/09/08 20:33
TERRY PATRICK SHARPLES
1000 West Brough Road,
LEIGH HEADS
4225

S. J. Engle
Qualified Witness

In this sworn statement Trewartha claims that I (he) convened the meeting. This is completely untrue and factually very misleading. It was on this man's evidence that the case largely depended.

Now that Ettridge and Hanson had been handed control, the order went out that the Gold Coast Branch was to organise the launch of One Nation. Ettridge rang my wife and left her to largely organise the sending out of hundreds of invitations. At that time my patience was running to open hostility to all of them. The 'story' of my mental health became a talking point among those who gathered in our lounge to help write and mail

the twelve hundred invitations. It didn't help when I would walk into the room and all would go totally silent. I began to see these people as subservient sheep with not a brain in their head. I may have been mad for creating the movement to support Hanson in the first place, but these people were incapable of doing anything more than following. They were guilty not of following Hanson but the glib and charismatic sham that was David Ettridge. What should not be lost here is that none of us were aware of Trewartha's duplicitous role at the time, so he was neither suspected nor seen as anything other than one of the senior members. As a result my lack of respect for some of them became an embarrassment for my wife.

It could not have been easy for her. She has a strong sense of moral obligation. Ettridge and Trewartha appealed to her to remain until One Nation was launched. They needed her for her organisational skills and she would not desert her post. From my stand-point, this was unacceptable. It was my belief that irrespective of her obligation that her loyalty was to me. There was one hell of a scene when this erupted one day and I ordered the lot of them out of the house. I ended up leaving the house and in the process I had unwittingly taken the key to the den, the operational centre of the PHSM, which housed the phone fax and files. Realising this I returned in time to witness Joy Jacka about to put a rock through the window in order to open the window and enter the den. It was a tragedy that came about through the unwarranted intervention of Hanson, Ettridge and of course Oldfield the supreme architect and devotee of everything that bore the stamp of a national socialist. I have no doubt that the committee thought that their hearts were in the right place at the time, but what these bastards Ettridge and Oldfield did, turned friend against friend.

'If you can't speak nicely to these people, my wife would say, then don't speak at all.' Yes I was the cynical old bastard who could see what others could not and for that I was to pay a price. A diplomat I was never. The only person who stood by me was John Clodd. He tended to go with the flow but one day I went down to see him to 'escape from the state of Coventry' (my own home, but temporarily the nerve centre of One Nation launch operations) that had been imposed.

Early in March, it was now the 25th, Dr Joseph Wayne-Smith had rung me. He told me that the book was just about complete and he was finalising the last chapter. He wanted to know a little about the PHSM and how it developed, asking me if I would care to write something. What I opted to do was to write a forward to the book. Joseph then said that he would like to include the speech that I had delivered at the original PHSM meeting. I told him to use it if it fitted in with what he had written. As it transpired it was the only contribution in the book that was purportedly claimed to have been written by PHSM members. In all honesty I never thought much about the book until he rang me and informed me that he had forwarded three draft copies for

my opinion. One of those was to go to Jean Evans, who was to help Dr Wayne-Smith with the financial cost of printing the book, one for myself and the other for Pauline Hanson.

The irony of sending anything to Pauline Hanson to read is never lost on John Pasquarelli, who maintains that Pauline never read anything that he ever gave her. I dare say she can read, but discipline is another matter. In the event she never read the draft, sent by Dr Wayne-Smith.

Lying on John Clodd's work bench was a pile of A4 sheets, partly wrapped. They were the draft copies that Dr Wayne-Smith had forwarded.

"Where did these come from", I asked John.

"Dunno. Paul brought them in, he's just picked them up from the post office." John was quite nonchalant about it as if nothing was untoward.

'How come? They were posted to me?'

'Don't ask me mate.'

I rang the post office only to find that all the mail from our PHSM mail-box was now being re-directed ...to Paul Trewartha's private box!.

'Why did they end up here John.'

'Paul asked me to hold them here for Jean and Ron Paddison.'

'Why Ron?'

'I have no idea. Why don't you ring him and ask.'

I did. Paddison admitted that he was being sent a copy to read but surprisingly asked me if I could take it instead, because he just simply did not have the time. I knew at the time he had family problems and I did not push for reasons.

John and I discussed the non-de-script title that Dr Wayne-Smith had chosen. The name Pauline Hanson Replies, did not catch John's imagination. He suggested that a catching cover should be created. Laughingly he sketched a rough design which showed a pair of blue jeans, with a part open zipper. That in turned gave me the idea that it could be called the Hanson Exposé

So we slipped the sketch of the proposed cover on top of the draft.

Back in the seat of 'Coventry', I was just beginning to read the draft in my den when Trewartha stormed in.

"I'm sorry boss, I want that copy to take up to Pauline. I have a meeting in two hours time." The timing and coincidence was not lost on me.

That night I had a ring from Dr Wayne-Smith.

'What have you done to upset Pauline, mate?.'

'Why?'

'She is ropeable. She has told me that she wants nothing of yours in the book. She went absolutely ballistic about it.'

'Honestly Joseph I don't know why she has her knife into me. The only reason I can suggest is that she is angry that the movement and I are cutting across her media spotlight. It should be noted here that even as late as the launch of One Nation, Oldfield was not known to us.

Today the real reasons are coming to the fore, but at the time I was copping plenty from the spite and judgment of Pauline Hanson and the covert operations of our own 'General Petain.'

'By the way she had demanded that the book be called 'The Truth.' I understand that she threw quite a tantrum about this, ' Dr Wayne-Smith went on.

'Well if that is the case, you carry out Pauline's wish. I will not be party to a book that presumptuously claims to The Truth.' Remove anything of mine from it."

'No I can't do that. You have put too much into this not to be recognised.'

'Joseph, I didn't get to read the draft.'

I went on to tell him what had happened and how I accidentally came upon it and then had it snatched away. I expressed concern that he himself was not prepared to put his name to the publication and he told me that he simply could not. There were reasons that he believed would impact on his employment, not the least being that the Chancellor of the University that he was employed at, was Asian. I remonstrated.

'Look if you can't put your name on the cover, then don't print it.'

This angry response was triggered by the poem of my late father that was to appear in the book. It was called 'I am Fear.' I was never able to come to terms with people who did not want to be publicly identified with Hanson, particularly early in the peace when support was thin on the ground. Later when the tide of support began to swell it was not so difficult. This is understandable; I call it the sheep-herd mentality; safety in numbers!

When the book came into the hands of Hanson, David Ettridge immediately seized upon it. It was mana from heaven as far as he was concerned. Here was a marvellous opportunity to raise much needed funds. Indeed the gesture from Dr Wayne-Smith was donated, over and above the cost. These people had with the meagre input of donations from the Adelaide PHSM, worked hard to get behind the publication of the first edition. Like so much of what was done for Hanson, it ended up being thrown back in their face. Ettridge threatened legal action if the authors even contemplated printing a second edition. As a result George Merritt, the convenor of the PHSM in South Australia, who belatedly claimed to be its author, was the target of much personal vilification from the charming Mr Ettridge. But then George like me was only a pensioner...fair game for the likes of Ettridge. Meanwhile Ettridge immediately placed orders, he told me this personally, for fifteen thousand additional copies. 'Every book outlet in the country was going to sell it' and it was he said 'a bestseller.' How he was able to claim that when he like Hanson had not read the book beats me. Well that was the plan, up until the first copy was 'auctioned' for two hundred and ninety dollars! Ironically the man who paid that was none other than Scott Balson, the author of Inside One Nation, and Webmaster for One Nation. He too was a man who put in a tremendous amount of work for Hanson and arguably gave her the most professional and informative political website in the country.

In the meantime the team of helpers worked feverishly preparing all the invitations. Trewartha, was busy arranging the hall and the necessary razz-matazz, that was apparently needed to launch this new party. Posters and printed material that Ettridge was now orchestrating were being pushed onto John Clodd, simply because Ettridge, to whom Hanson was prepared to reimburse for expenses that he personally incurred in achieving her directives, had no money to stand these costs. Clodd, as so many Hanson supporters did, was expected to underpin Hanson financially 'in the interests of patriotism.'

At home a phone call came through to my office. It was Barbara Hazelton. Always pleasant on the phone she asked if she could speak with Iris. I called her. Moments later Iris, put the phone down ashen faced. She did not immediately return to the lounge, where the team were working mailing out hundreds of invitations that Ettridge had sent to our home the day before. In fact she was very quiet. I asked her what was wrong. She did not answer spontaneously, but indicated that I'd better come into the lounge.

She stood over the table as I stood leaning against the arch leading into the kitchen. When the chatter around the table had stopped Iris, quietly and barely able to conceal her quivering voice told the gathering;

"That was Barbara on the phone. She has just been instructed by Pauline, that on no account are we to issue an invitation to Bruce.' She then turned and walked to the bedroom and closed the door.

"That is the gutless bitch that you are all working for. Hanson hasn't the guts to call me up and tell me to my face. No ...she prefers to delegate the dirty work to others.' Not surprisingly I was at my belligerent best. No one dared to comment. Joy Jacka asked me if Iris would be alright, but I told her to leave her for a while.

Footnote: In 2007 PH wrote a book Untamed and Unashamed. On page 114 she had the effrontery to say this: "The PHSM without Bruce's involvement agreed to organise the launch of P H One Nation. Bruce was invited but refused to attend that night and our relationship was never the same again". That is an out and out lie.

'You know,' I turned to the lot of them, 'you know all this has come about because none of you have had the guts to stand up along side me on this issue. None of you understand that Hanson is simply mimicking what she is being told. The movement to which you all joined was designed to help Hanson, to morally support her and fight for her. You are all aware of the tremendous effort that Iris, John Clodd and I have put into this, yet you blandly capitulate to con-men and charlatans. You make me sick the lot of you'.

It was volatile stuff and each and every one of them had reason enough to believe that I had lost it. Yet had there been one among them with a skerrick of understanding, they would have realised the great strain that we had been under. The fact that the normally unflappable Iris had all but cracked did not register, but my demeanour was something that they could easily pass off as 'pique.' Oh yes ...they simple saw me as a bad loser; it sat easily with their lack of appreciation of the situation and I, Bruce Whiteside had lost it. Bruce had gone off on another tangent! Not only was he bad-tempered but irrational to boot. It never occurred to any of them at the time that he might just have been right about what was happening.

On the evening that Hanson had departed for the United States, back on that December day the 24th, I had been 'gagged.' Hanson, the vocal champion of the freedom of speech, had moved to have me stopped. When I had refused to bow to that wish, she had moved to appeal to Trewartha and Ron Paddison, through the committee, to guarantee that I did not speak to the media, whilst she was 'overseas.' A vote was taken and whilst it was far from unanimous, I agreed to abide by their decision. We or we did while I was in charge, acted in accordance with democratic and organisational procedure. There was no way known that I would have remained silent, simply because Hanson demanded it. Whilst I was her greatest supporter, I would not bow to her to become a blind disciple. There was much I admired about the woman, but unlike most, I

saw her weaknesses. I refused to massage her ego and in failing to, allowed her lack of rational thought and appalling sense of character judgment to come into play.

I held true to that undertaking to the committee, although I was roundly accused of talking to the press, when an article appeared, days after Hanson's departure. I don't very much care what they thought. The truth was that the two stories that appeared, were already 'in the system'. From Dec 24th 1996, until this day, March 29 1997, I had remained silent. Many thought that I had walked away from what I had started, but they did not know of the treachery and skulduggery that had permeated the PHSM, ordered by a woman who fell little short of a dictator's puppet. The time had come for me to break that silence. I contacted the one man who could look at Hanson and write objectively, Greg Roberts of the Sydney Morning Herald (SMH)

In a article headlined: Hanson suffering delusions: sacked worker, this was written:

Hanson suffering delusions: sacked worker

By GREG ROBERTS

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Sacked . . . Bruce Whiteside yesterday. Photograph by GREG WHITE

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"For her to say she is Prime Minister material is the ultimate delusion. There is a lot of concern out there among her supporters that she appears to believe in her own inviolability."

Mr Whiteside said the support movement was always intended to be a community-based, non-political association of people who backed the MP's views.

"The support movement has been hijacked by a politician parasite hangers-on and makes me extremely angry," he said. "I mention the words 'political party' and it will be absolutely fatal to support she has been getting."

Referring to Ms Hanson's sacking last December of Mr Pasquarilli, her chief adviser, Whiteside said: "You suppose and she turns around and you is the teeth."

Ms Hanson has also stood against her chief supporter in North Queensland, Mr Piccone, effectively sacking him as chairman of a support movement branch and winding the branch. Mr Piccone declined to comment.

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"For her to say she is Prime Minister material is the ultimate delusion. There is a lot of concern out there among her supporters that she appears to believe in her own invincibility."

Mr Whiteside said the support movement was always intended to be community based a non-political association of people who backed the MP's views."

"The support movement has been hijacked by a politician and parasitic hangers-on and that makes me extremely angry. To mention the words 'political party' will be absolutely fatal to the support she has been getting."

The article also mentioned that she had also sacked Vic Piconne in the north.

Retribution was swift. I had already been out and brought the SMH and was aware of the story. The day before the photographers had been down to the Coast and taken some shots of the vehicle. This appeared along with the story on the 31st March. It was an accurate account of what I had said. Roberts despite having upset both Pasquarelli and Hanson, whom the pair cutely described as 'not being our most favourite fan', was for my money straight down the middle. I knew that apart from the contents of the article, the by-line of Roberts was going to really get up her nose. But I had no illusions about what I had said. Hanson, simply refused to come down to earth, preferring to suck up all the fawning and back-slapping, which in my opinion, was about as character forming as giving a spoilt brat sweets. My comments were couched to bring her down from her ivory tower and place her feet firmly on the ground.

During the course of the day Ettridge had been alerted to the article. Normally a man who controlled his feelings and was calm and measured in much of what he did, this day was to reveal just how vulnerable he was. Ettridge always had the advantage where I was concerned of knowing precisely where he was headed. On the other hand I had inbuilt antenna that would not allow me to trust him. Against this instinct considerable pressure was being exerted upon me to give him a chance to prove himself. This pressure came from my own committee, who believed this man without question and

suspected my motives. It was this inherent lack of judgment on their part that allowed Ettridge and Hanson to 'hi-jack' the movement.

Now he read in the biggest selling municipal daily in the country the Sydney Morning Herald that he, the National Director of the most talked about politician in the land was ...a parasitic hanger-on. How this must have zeroed into the truth. Here it was in black and white, that he and his 'dynamic and brilliant young Liberal', were a pair of scoundrels! As he had done the previous month, he sat down late at night and vented his spleen. Although sent at three minutes to ten the evening before Ettridge pasted a copy of the 'offending' news item to a sheet of A4 and wrote across the top;



Dear Bruce,

'Now that you have got this off your chest, please do us all a

favour and resist any more damaging media interviews. You only serve to feed our media opponents who desperately need this sort of dissent. You will harm everything we all want for Australia David'.

Underneath the clip the date of the issue April 1st '97. Again for purposes known only to himself, the fax was post-dated. Just as a piranha tears to pieces his prey in a feeding frenzy, the outwardly calm public face of this man gave way to a letter that John Pasquarelli once told him would come home to haunt him. This then is the face of Mr Ettridge, the very private Mr Ettridge that the public do not see. This is the man who with David Oldfield formed a duo who ruthlessly cut down all of those, who were to see later, what I was seeing now. I just happened to be the first victim to be assassinated.

April 3rd 1997

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The Ipswich Function

Wherever possible each member should telephone people who received invitations to urge attendance. Perhaps a coach could be a partial solution to bus people to Ipswich. I have one gentleman from Labrador who cannot drive there. The responses are low at this point (64) however I have received approx 12 calls from people who are willing to drive.

This followed a day or two later. This underpinned what David Oldfield had said to me previously: "You were never going to be allowed to stay with the PHSM. You stand in the way of our agenda. We are going to destroy you." The fact that I had already donated hundreds of dollars did not prevent him from writing as he does in 4. above.

My opinion of David Oldfield was also shared by others. You need only to read these excerpts to understand what made him tick.

SIX months ago, Oldfield brought Pauline Hanson back to Manly Council for a late-night drink after she opened a local One Nation branch. I had a drink and a long chat with her. She's more likable in the flesh, even fun, but she is also as the media has portrayed her: she's not too bright and has a deluded belief in her own righteousness.

A poignant moment came when Hanson told me: "I would trust David with my life." Oldfield overheard and stepped back into the conversation. For a moment I

Beneath the surface, he carries a boiling anger. He is very sensitive to the accusation that he is friendless. Touch that and he explodes. He now seeks to find acceptance and recognition by projecting his own rejection upon others, especially minorities.

Oldfield's racist inclinations have been alleged for some years. There is a letter in Manly Council's files dated June 1993 in which a previous councillor of Italian descent formally lodged a complaint to the then Mayor. Oldfield had allegedly stated that he would "love to run you people out of town, you are just blow-ins . . . I wouldn't wipe dog shit off my shoes with people like you".

having Hanson sidelined is likely to be Oldfield's preference. He was instrumental in having Hanson run in the virtually unwinnable seat of Blair, so actually has set himself up to have a much better chance of being elected than Hanson. He has cleverly manoeuvred himself towards the centre of national power. Tomorrow he aims to win the balance of power in the Senate and, with Hanson gone, he wants to be the face of One Nation.

Australians are being stalked by a dangerous political animal. Expect to see more of what lies behind those cold, cunning eyes. It will be unpleasant.

BRAD PEDERSEN

Chapter 12...two sick lieutenants

As I stated at the beginning of this book, I am not a recognised author, nor a writer. Like Pauline Hanson I spent only one year at high school. That was in a little place called Whakatane in my native New Zealand. My worst subject was English, my favourites were essay writing, or what they used to call in those days 'compositions'. I loved science as well. Most of my working life I spent painting and paperhanging, until I found my niche. For four years before coming to Australia from Christchurch, I was a painting company's estimator. Sandwiched on either side of my generation was a father, who was also a painter and paperhanger, who at the age of 50, resumed the career that he had first been apprenticed to in 1915, that of newspaper man. When he retired at the age of 74, he had become Editor of a provincial daily. My son has no penchant for writing, yet he is today, at 42, the publisher of four community newspapers. He was blessed with business skills that I could never hope to emulate. All power to him.

I mentioned that when I was at school I had a passion for writing compositions. The downside to this was that usually the best stories were selected to be read out to the class by their authors. I hated this. I would do anything to avoid standing before the class and having to read what I had written. These were the first lessons on a Monday morning and as a result I was habitually late.

I have written a lot over the years, some of it provocative but mostly passionate.

On two occasions that I have given full vent to passion issues, I have been forced as a result of what I had written, to take it into the public arena. One of those was the Foreign Land Ownership meeting in 1988, that drew 1500 and nine years later when I had dared to stand up and publicly defend and support Pauline Hanson. On both of these occasions I had to do the thing I dreaded most ...speaking to a live audience. I am the first to admit, that I am no public speaker, but what I lack in presentation and natural ability is apparently negated by what the Gold Coast Bulletin Editorial once described as 'sincerity and dedication to the cause.'



Whiteside's meeting at the Miami Great Hall, May 24 1988. Here is living proof. Cadet journalist Louise Pemble of the Gold Coast Bulletin front row at right. Figure 1

Whiteside's meeting at the Miami Great Hall, May 24 1988. Here is living proof. Cadet journalist Louise Pemble of the Gold Coast Bulletin front row at right. How did I manage this

Now these were no classrooms. These were potential cauldrons of hostile public opinion. In the first instance I had touched on an issue, foreign land ownership that even our paid representatives were running for cover on. Not only was the Miami Great Hall packed but it was a veritable wash of national and international media. That meeting sent shockwaves around the world and echoed in the parliaments of some of this country's major trading partners. It was to bring condemnation from the Hawke Government, the whole gamut of business, to say nothing of those who were dining on the property naivety of the Japanese.

Nine years later the same individual, just a ordinary battler, convened another controversial meeting that packed 850 people into another Gold Coast hall. This too created a first for Australia. Never had a spontaneous uprising of people gathered behind ...of all people ...a politician. This individual was hailed as a hero, a 'great bloke' a real dinky-di Australian. In fact I was none of these things, I simply believed passionately about what I felt and converted the perception of the people, into a movement. Unlike other Australians I had the courage of my conviction on these specific issues and did something about it. As fellow country man the late Fred Hollows once said: Bugger your committees, lets get on with the job': my sentiments exactly.

So it was, with these credentials behind me that I received, before the ink had dried from David Ettridge's first fax, another.

To fully understand my frame of mind before reading what he wrote, it is instructive to the reader to put him or herself in my position.

In what was more or less a single-handed effort, I had created a mass movement. It was no more than a non-political-party group of people who wanted to show to Pauline Hanson that she was not alone. It was not hers or anyone else's to do what they liked with; it essentially belonged to the people. I did not invite Hanson to join, nor would I have allowed her. I always believed that the movement would retain integrity if Hanson remained outside. This was not to imply that she could not be trusted, but simply to avoid any attempt to use her as a catalyst to create a launching platform for a political party ...something that she originally held in complete contempt. As I pointed out at the time, had it been Pauline's movement, the name would have been Pauline Hanson's Support Movement, with the apostrophe 's'.

My worst fears were in fact realised. First it was Pasquarelli who was telling her to 'get rid of it.' No sooner had he been sacked than Oldfield was 'mind-bending' her. Only he had to use a foil to hide his identity because he still was being paid from the taxpayer's purse whilst in the employ of junior minister of the crown, Tony Abbott. His foil was partner David Ettridge. These two, never having done more than muscle in on the skirt of an innocent young woman, had now taken over the movement that I had started.

It may well be argued as Gerard Henderson once told me, 'that you should have been politically awake as to what was happening.' In other words I should have watched my back. I responded. "We were in the simple business of supporting Hanson; had we been educated in the sordid game of party politics, we might have stooped to their level. We weren't and we didn't."

So now this individual had the temerity to write the following:

Bruce Whiteside. April fools day, 1997.
Gold Coast,
Queensland.

Dear Bruce,

Today you lost the respect and admiration of many people who only ever knew who you were because you were a part of a popular and important movement for change.

You destroyed the position you created for yourself as one of the initiators of an organisation that was never yours to own and certainly never yours to destroy.

Pauline Hanson represents the only hope many Australians have for change in this country and you attempted today to destroy her reputation and her credibility. All because she and others in the organisation will not allow you to assert your opinions and will over Pauline's political direction.

Pauline had aroused the hopes of millions of Australians before she had ever heard of you. You tapped into this phenomenon and started to believe that you owned it. You automatically came to believe that you and John Pasquarelli were the only ones who had the ability to guide Pauline's success.

As in so many of your incorrect assumptions of recent times you are also wrong about Pauline's future success; she will succeed without your advice. Your decision to sabotage and betray the most sincere efforts of Pauline's supporters - something you had no right to do has shocked people who respected you. I believe that today you destroyed yourself in a pitiful display of spite.

Instead of accepting a role of being the elder statesman of the organisation and being respected and appreciated for your efforts for your lifetime, you have isolated yourself to a position where you will be remembered as being foolish and destructive.

If you have any dignity, you will now withdraw and have nothing more to do with our organisation and we will have nothing more to do with you. We will move confidently forward as any fallout from today's incident will last only for a day. The media will have other stories tomorrow, however, your day of media notoriety will harm you and your reputation for years.

Yours faithfully,
David Ettridge
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Text of above.

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Yours faithfully,

signed David Ettridge.

A year on as I write this story it is interesting to note how this mind of Ettridge worked. First of all the letter was received at 9.30am on the morning of April the 2nd. Even before he had begun to compose this vitriol, his mind was beset with venom. Ettridge wrongly asserts in the first paragraph that I was part of a popular and important movement for change.

If I recall correctly there was NO movement for change. A MOOD for change there certainly was, but Hanson was only an aberration, who had been in the parliament for six months and had hardly opened her mouth. She had found herself elected by a quirky set of circumstances and her only media grabbing contributions were Pasquarelli driven and inspired.

Ettridge claims I 'created a position for myself' and that I destroyed it.

It is marvellous how one's mind works when one is guilty of the things one accuses others of. I think it can be reasonably proved that I created the movement ...any idea of creating it for other than the stated reason defies logic. I never sought to 'hijack' a movement and then have myself forcibly installed as its President and vice president as Hanson and Ettridge had done. As for destroying the movement, let me repeat what Hanson told Hazelton and me. 'If anybody is going to destroy One Nation, I will do it.' The propensity for destruction was not driven by revenge by her opponents or hostile media but rather the machinations of the trio's self-evaluated political nous, which did not stand the test ...in others words pure arrogance.

I am, I admit bemused by my apparent failure to 'exercise my will and opinion' over Pauline. First of all in order to be able to do either of these things, it requires contact, one would imagine prolonged contact. John Pasquarelli had that in abundance. John was a politician, street smart and knew what was wanted. Hanson was blinkered. Once she had given vent to her pet opinions in her maiden speech, her run was virtually over. Pasquarelli knew this and realised that he could mould certain aspects of her game. If she was to survive, he had to. Hanson's mind is a political void, in order for it to rattle there had to something put in it. Pasquarelli fulfilled that duty.

The day before Pasquarelli sacking came I claimed that Hanson was a pawn in a scheme hatched by Senator Noel-Crichton Browne, to take control of the Senate. The article that appeared in the Sun-Herald of Sunday December 8, went on:

Describing Mr Pasquarelli as a 'mind-bender instead of a minder' Mr Whiteside went on to say that 'Ms Hanson was no longer able to think on her own.'

Now there was nothing new about this. Anyone with eye on Hanson could see that she was being influenced. Paul Trewartha said in a rare display of political honesty, that 'His (Bruce's) dismissal was brought about by a request from Pauline Hanson, because Bruce would not stop giving stories to the media.' (see Hanson: stylish second coming by journalist Fia Coming, Sun-Herald 21/11/1999) This was an example of those 'stories'.

The fact that they were pertinent and unacceptable to Hanson and her minders was reason enough for them to contact me. If damaging comments were coming from her support, then this surely was a signal to go back to the grassroots and find out their concerns. No such contact was ever made. As founder of the movement they had trouble with my incapacity to accept less than the truth. And so it was to be.

And what angered Hanson was what I went on to say that day in the Sun-Herald.

'Pauline doesn't listen to anyone anymore and is not treating the people who are loyal to her with any respect. ...Pauline's great appeal was that she was naive and didn't know anything about politics, but that seems to be changing for the worse.'

Pasquarelli was reported as being 'totally unconcerned' by the remarks, yet went on to say: 'It's a pity he doesn't speak to people before he goes and talks with the press. All this man is doing is causing Pauline Hanson a great deal of damage.'

He may have been 'totally unconcerned' but that did not prevent him from sitting down and advising Hanson to 'instigate a court injunction' to have me silenced. This was on her desk the following day; she read it and then later in the day sacked him.

Far from 'trying to exercise my will and opinion' over Hanson as claimed by Ettridge, the above remarks indicate that I was calling for her to be left alone. At that time I was acutely aware that Pauline was being pushed and pulled from all sides, particularly by Pasquarelli and to a lesser extent Hazelton. We know now that these two people played a minor role as Hanson was now taking her orders from Oldfield.

If ever the fertile ground for exercising will and opinion existed for influencing Hanson then few in this country would deny that Ettridge and Oldfield held it. It took nearly four years and a substantial erosion of her loyal support base, before she woke to what was patently obvious to many, that she was used like a dirty rag.

By December she was riding high; she could say what she liked, do what she liked and began to believe that she was by now invincible. It was heady stuff, but it was also dangerous. She was like a runaway train, careering out of control, but nobody was taking any notice. It seemed that there were two camps ...those of the 'establishment', who to use a Hansonism, 'out to get her' and those who thought that she could do no

wrong. It was not politically astute of me to publicly criticise 'my hero', or so the rules of the political game decree. It would have been better to have done this behind closed doors, but that was the trouble ...closed doors. Hanson's support movement was her greatest ally, but it was something that she was advised very early on to dump. Pasquarelli admits this in his book. His motives were questionable. Anything that distracted media attention from Hanson, lessened his control. The result was that Judy Smith her sister told me,

"Pauline doesn't need support; she can do it on her own."

In fact those prophetic words that I had publicly uttered were regarded as sacrilege by the Hanson camp and as Ettridge correctly states 'ammunition for the media.' What of course was lost in all this was the potent message, tragically so accurate, was ignored. At a time when Hanson was untouchable, the darling of the masses, a damning indictment came from not her opponents, but tellingly from her loyalist supporters. This was a wake up call, cold water in the face, an earnest cry to come down to earth because she had a 'compact' with her people and the way she was heading she was going to lose it.

It is often said that sometimes you have to be cruel to be kind. Few around that I know of would have dared to have criticised her as I did that day, but I guess in hindsight I had every right to. Nobody had dared to stand up for her and publicly call for an army of support, not even the voluble Ettridge or skirt-clinging political parasite David Oldfield, ...that criticism, damningly accurate as it turned out, was just as passionate as was the call for her original support base. You can't have it both ways.

'Pauline had aroused the hopes of millions of Australians before she had ever heard of you.' Ettridge lurched on like a drunken boxer and accused me of 'tapping into the Hanson phenomenon' and believing that John Pasquarelli and I were the only ones who believed that we had the ability to guide Hanson's success. It may come as a surprise to Mr Ettridge, that a very astute Senator John Stone, one time head of the treasury, believed that Hanson would have been better served had that been the case. I was flattered, when Hazelton related this to me, but never did it cross my mind. Unlike Pasquarelli who was suitably qualified, I don't believe I could have done the job, even if I had wanted to. This of course put me at opposite ends of the spectrum with both Ettridge and Oldfield, neither was qualified, but they had to go out and prove it. Still, the financial and political rewards were well worth the ignominy of destroying Hanson in the process.

Hanson did not know who Paul Hasluck was, who Arthur Caldwell was, she didn't understand what a 'xenophobe' was, so why would she avail herself as whom I was for

goodness sake. She might, after she had found out that someone down on the Gold Coast was organising a support movement for her, have made it her business to find out instead of relying on rumour and hearsay. Oh yes, I heard about Brian McDermott, who advised Hanson that I was a 'racist' ...'a Jap basher.' What Hanson was not told was that he had been ordered out of my home eight years previously when he had tried to seize another movement, Heart of a Nation. McDermott was an ideological recruit of the Citizen's Electoral Council later commandeered by the La Rouche organisation, as I indicated earlier.

Gerard Henderson, sometime contributor to the SMH and Australian, one time adviser to John Howard and CEO of the Sydney Institute, scoffed at Ettridge's idea that I had 'jumped on the Hanson bandwagon.' In a phone call I had with him on one occasion, he told me that

'You started all this nonsense, when you took the foreign land ownership fight up to the government in the streets of Surfers Paradise. Hanson has merely tagged along on something you started years ago'. Perhaps Margo Kingston was correct when she said at the time 'a mass movement was born, back in May 1988.

I don't know. I am not able to objectively assess the merits of that or otherwise. All I know is that someone had to do it and for better or worse, I chose against the alternative ...apathy!

Ettridge's letter sickens me. In the light of what has happened, the question must now be asked ...why did he accuse others of trying to control Hanson, yet destroy her, doing precisely that. Ettridge is a self-confessed fund-raiser ...that is all he ever was, yet he suckered in trusting, honest, but gullible people to establish a war chest, not for the perpetuation of the hope that Hanson had inspired, but simply to provide a conduit and lever to facilitate a pathetic, self-confessed National Socialist into 'a parliament'. This man stands condemned!



The public saw what the media fed them. It was comic opera and 'mana from heaven', but to those working at the coalface of Hanson support the treachery was a growing concern as this cartoon illustrates. In hindsight this was not too far removed from what eventuated. The cartoon came out of Chinchilla, drawn by J Ponting.

Enough already has been written in this chapter to condemn Ettridge. If readers believe that I am sour on this man, then be reassured that if I was predisposed toward writing about the 'seedier and sordid', I would not have to pay a \$1000 as one journalist did.

In a detailed article spread over two pages of a week-end southern newspaper, this is written :

One Nation Director David Ettridge attacked the files as 'stolen goods', but confirmed they did originate from the national office.

When asked to confirm or deny the electronically written letters, bearing his, (Ettridge's) salutations, the reporter wrote thus: 'Mr Ettridge said the letters were fabrications, part of the dirty tricks campaign against his party'.

This is an illuminating comment about being 'fabrications.' Why would such a question produce that immediate response? Surely a clear conscience would first proffer, surprise, indignation or simply 'what letters?' No, here it is loud and clear in the sort of double-speak that permeated everything to do with Hanson from Ettridge's

inception ...the nauseatingly, repetitive accusation of people setting out to destroy. Every-time their integrity was questioned, their accountability challenged the response was to attack, accuse, denigrate or lapse into paranoiac diatribe.

How did he know they were fabrications? How did he know there were any letters at all, how did he know that the journalist concerned was not baiting him? . What he knew was that there were letters...and they had the ability to hurt him.

What I saw among 452 separate files, were many such letters. How did I come by them? I was asked by Terry Sharples to peruse them whilst I was assisting him in his court case against One Nation. It was an interesting exercise and I am sure one that gives One Nation no joy whatsoever, particularly Mr Ettridge. One letter in isolation, may well have been a fleeting aberration, but when a whole raft of them are viewed, a picture emerges dot by dot ...close up, it is hard to make out, but stand back and like a newspaper print, a picture emerges. It was not a pretty picture. And THIS was the man who told Television One in New Zealand that I was mentally sick and psychotic! Mirror, mirror on the wall!

Here I am reminded of a similar sick mind. The Courier-Mail of Aug 8th, 1998, carried a stunning photo of Sandra and David, in a pose that would leave most people disgusted. Men who respect women do not thrust their hands into their date's inner thigh in a public display of thoroughly bad taste. But then this was the other side of Hanson's David duo. Less than a month after the launch of One Nation Oldfield rang me. His message was simple. It was cold steel stuff, carried out with a brutality that somehow does not sit with the Australian ethos of a fair go. It would have done justice to any lieutenant of the SS.

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Cold, clinical and chillingly callous. That was David Oldfield. ...and these ...these were the people who got away with it. These were the trusted and entrusted lieutenants of Pauline Hanson. These were the men that she placed ahead of those who had given their all.

Chapter 13...the end justifies the means

A week out from the launch of the Pauline Hanson's One Nation, a committee meeting was held at John Clodd's premises under the new regime. With Hanson, Ettridge and

Trewartha, now illegally ensconced as President and Vice-presidents of the equally illegal PHSM Inc, a directive was faxed from Ettridge's Manly office.

The purpose of the meeting of the now down-rated Gold Coast Branch was to ostensibly finalise the details of the launch. Those present were the shell of the original movement and others who had come aboard since it had become politicised. The meeting due to start at 6.30pm took place on April 3rd, 1997.

But if those attending including my wife as secretary thought that this was going to be a about final touches, they were in for a rude shock. Twenty one minutes before the meeting was due to commence and late enough to ensure that no word of its intent was transmitted to others for fear that a spanner would be thrown in the works, Ettridge sent the following fax to John Clodd's fax for Paul Trewartha's action.:

April 3rd 1997

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From hereon the fax detailed instructions for the launch of ONE NATION.

I did not recognise the PHSM Inc, for it was totally illegal, so there was no reason why I should attend this meeting. There was no way known that I was ever going to become part of Pauline Hanson's ONE NATION. It was anathema to everything that she promised. ONE NATION was never her idea and she will go to her grave knowing that to be true. Had I known however I would have gate-crashed that meeting. I was not told, nor was any call made to me from that meeting that evening to get there. This was calculated and deliberate move by Trewartha. When Iris arrived home, she was flat. She told me later that when she entered the room three of the committee Trewartha, Paddison and an Anthony Puls were talking together in a back room that had a glass petition between it and where the meeting was to be held. She sensed as women often do that something was 'going on'. Immediately they broke up and came into the meeting.

April 1st 1997

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In view of Bruce's recent damaging remarks to the media both Pauline and I are in agreement that the PHSM must without delay take the following actions which we would like you to table for discussion and action at tonight's meeting.

1. We immediately disassociate the PHSM inc from Bruce but not in any public way as such would only create further negative media. We will simply cease all contact, and reject any correspondence or dialogue from Bruce.

2. The Movement will not table anything from Bruce at meetings nor dignify any comments he might make about Pauline or the PHSM publicly except to say that 'he is no longer associated with our movement in any way and any comments he makes are not the comments or views of this organisation.'

3. The PHSM on ethical and moral grounds cannot apply any funds received from members to provide a vehicle for Bruce as this in itself is the height of hypocrisy. Also, no member will wish nor expect their money to be applied to any purpose that is to Bruce's benefit. The media would feed on this for another day and so would harm us again.

4. We should also recover from Bruce any equipment bought for or by the movement and also be certain to isolate any telephone calls made by Bruce on April 1st or after. He used those calls to harm us.

5. The movement shall not send out any material which features Bruce's name. We now have new designs which will be sent to you tomorrow.

The Ipswich Function

Wherever possible each member should telephone people who received invitations to urge attendance. Perhaps a coach could be a partial solution to bus people to Ipswich. I have one gentleman from Labrador who cannot drive there. The responses are low at this point (64) however I have received approx 12 calls from people who are posting their RSVP's today or tomorrow.

The first thing that Trewartha did was table Ettridge's fax. Iris was asked to stand down as even these bastards understood the indelicacy of what they were about to do. There was very little to discuss. They saw situation through the eyes of Ettridge and voted according to his directions. The appalling thing about all this was the willingness of Trewartha to do Ettridge's dirty work. If this was not bad enough he was able to speak to the committee completely unchallenged, I was not and was never to be given the right of reply. This of course was totally undemocratic and it must be emphasised that this mode of operation was to become standard practice for those who threatened to stand in the road of Ettridge, Hanson or Oldfield. Trewartha was a vital cog. Iris would not show me the fax that she had. She had very mixed emotions about what had happened. She may have been happy to see me out of it, but in spite of twenty years of marriage, she should have known me well enough to know that I was never going to take what these calculating operatives were doing. What she wanted for me, was not what I wanted. She believed that the whole thing had got so dirty that I was better out of it for my own health. I was to see it as betraying the simple wishes of the people who had placed their store of faith in what Hanson had stood for. Now crude elements were fashioning the movement of the people for their own agendas. Iris did not understand, nor could she fathom the underhand politics that were going on. Her faith in people was not mine.

Whilst the directive of what Ettridge had faxed to the meeting, to 'consider' paled against what I read over the page. There, brazen and anyone of the committee could not have but noticed was Ettridge the 'appropriator'! Underneath the title, Branch kits, was this. I am preparing a kit which includes: There were eight bullets each detailing the contents of the kit.

Now there is nothing special about putting down the requirements for a new idea, but when someone else puts it all together and then attempts are made to discredit him in a political way by that person, who pirates that exact form, then that becomes plagiarism. The only idea that was not mine, perhaps says more about the man, than myself. It was the fundraising ideas.

One man who was quick off the blocks that evening was seventy year old Ron Paddison. Paddison was the man who Trewartha appointed as his new vice president, after a gentleman's agreement between us to transpose positions, went sour. Trewartha, president of the AIR, (Associated Independent Retirees) had worked with Paddison as its secretary. He had been appointed as chairman of the steering committee to draft the Constitution for the incorporation of the PHSM. Those on that committee were

Anthony Puls and Treasurer Lindon Litchfield. I was not unhappy with Paddison taking charge of this. In fact the subject of incorporation was raised very early in the piece on the October 27, 1996 at a meeting at my home. At that meeting I produced a copy of the Incorporation of Association model rules, which we had agreed to work to. It was a copy that I had had in the house for some eight or nine years and I had sketched in the new format of the proposed new entity. The application for Incorporation was made out by our treasurer, along with the cheque for \$65 and sent off being received by the Office of Corporate Affairs on November 6, 1996. There it was to sit and wait the pleasure of Pauline Hanson, until March 10, 1997.

When Paddison was elected chairman of the steering committee, I passed over to him the rough draft of what was proposed. Not being conversant with the finer points of putting together a Constitution and being told that Paddison would use the AIR format to go by, I was happy enough to go along with the majority on this. I thought, quite wrongly as it turned out that Paddison was a man I could trust. I had good grounds for this because when the entire committee had ruled against the purchase of a vehicle it was Paddison, the one man who I would have thought would have opposed the idea, saw its merits and supported me. For weeks he and his committee, although I suspect that they contributed very little, worked on its contents. Twice he reported back to meetings of its progress, but what concerned us was not so much the finalisation of the constitution, but the procrastination of the Hanson clearance with Corporate Affairs. March 6 1997, Paddison announced to the meeting that the Constitution would be presented for final approval and discussion by March 20, 1997. Notwithstanding this Incorporation was granted by March 10, 1997, a full week before Paddison tendered his final draft. Presumably the Incorporation was either granted without the Constitution being sighted, or another was instituted. There is at this point a very grey area. Who finally cleared the way for Incorporation and where the Constitution materialised from remains a mystery. The PHSM committee and membership were never acquainted with it until it was a fait-accomplis. The new entity just assumed that the membership was theirs as a matter of right. It was to be this sort of sleight of hand that was to see membership of the non-existent political party questioned in the Supreme Court. I suspect that Paddison and Trewartha simply co-operated with Ettridge, never fully understanding that they were being manipulated.

That night after the meeting that would have seen Paddison home by nine o'clock, we have to believe that this seventy year old man then sat down and wrote to me (under instruction) the following letter.

3rd April 1997.

Mr Bruce Whiteside

Dear Sir,

Please be advised in accordance with Rule 8: (3) : (d) the steering committee wish to advise you that effective from the 17th April 1997 that your membership of the Association is terminated.

In accordance with Rule 9: (1) you may lodge an appeal against termination within one month by advising the Secretary in writing.

Yours Sincerely,

Ron Paddison

Secretary

PHSM Inc

Steering Committee.

As can be seen there was no preamble as to why this course of action was being taken. Here I was told that as the founder of the movement, that my membership was simply being terminated. It is said that all it takes is one rotten apple. Paddison and Trewartha, were never great friends of mine, but in any other situation I would have found them to be pretty reasonable and decent men. I have no doubt whatsoever they found me to be difficult to control. These men I had believed did things by the book; they had considerable experience at organisational level and had no idea on how to utilise the considerable commitment and zeal that I projected in instigating the PHSM. I dare say that in their own way, they probably had a deal of respect for what I had started otherwise they would not have come aboard. From my perspective their judgment of character and certainly integrity was pathetically astray. They were enamoured by Pauline Hanson, and duped comprehensively by David Ettridge and as a result were slavishly in their control. My reaction to much of what was happening was seen, quite wrongly as being against the Hanson good. The one rotten apple was David Ettridge, he knew it, I knew it ...but he did something that I could not do. He told Hanson that she was wonderful ...and that was good politics. I preferred pragmatism to charismatic charm.

It will be noted that Paddison states ;

'You may lodge an appeal against termination within one month by advising the Secretary in writing.'

Given that everything else was above board, which it was not, what was I supposed to respond to? I had no copy of the 'Constitution', which as a properly registered member I would have been entitled to. What did these clauses relate to? I had every right to know and requested that right. Paddison refused to give it to me, not because he didn't want to furnish me with the details, but simply because he had no idea of why the action had been taken and in any case the Constitution books had not even been printed. (and in fact never were.) I think the truth was that Paddison was decidedly uncomfortable about the whole shabby business.

"Bruce, you'd better ask Paul. All I can say is that you should reply."

But I refused to reply. I did however write a detailed letter to Trewartha and a month later received the following:

2nd May 1997.

Dear Bruce,

Reasons for termination C1 8 (3) (d) States: Conducts himself or herself in a manner considered to be injurious or predudical (sic) to the character or interests of the association.

Your inability to constructively cooperate with Pauline

(e.g. 24 12.96)

2. Disregard for the committee's opinions and decision. (e.g purchase of car and computer)

3. Inability to leave all major media comments to Pauline.

I should be pleased if you would return all PHSM Inc property to me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Trewartha

National Vice President & Gold Coast Branch President PHSM.

The reply, although Trewartha would not have seen it at the time was transparently clear. Hanson, through Ettridge, but instigated through David Oldfield had set out to deliberately have me removed, simply because as Oldfield told me a few days after this letter:

"You were never going to be allowed to stay in the PHSM. You would have only stood in the way of our agenda. We are going to destroy you."

There were many things about this that were fabricated to facilitate the action they took. First of all, the letter advising of termination' was factually wrong. I had started the original movement and as such I had joined as a financial member of the PHSM. Not only had I paid my \$5 for a Registration Certificate to become a 'soldier in Pauline's army, but I had also donated the proceeds of the speech that I had written and delivered at the inaugural meeting. Two hundred odd of these were sold at \$5, in other-words I had given Hanson over \$1,000. I was never a member of the Incorporated body NOR WERE THE 539 OTHER MEMBERS! So the letter that Paddison sent me had no relevance. This meant that he as an illegally appointed secretary, was writing to a non-member of a non-existent organisation, charging him with an offence committed, detailed in a non-existent constitution. If this sounds ludicrous, then I can assure readers it was how things were done under the Ettridge/Trewartha order. But as they say in the Tim Shaw commercial ...and but there is more. Trewartha's reply quoted for the first time the 'gravity' of my offence.

Conducts himself in a manner considered injurious or (predudical)sic) prejudicial to the character or interest of the association.

In item number one, readers will note that my inability to constructively co-operate with Pauline (Hanson, eg 24.12.96) was cited.

What was interesting about this, is that it came as no surprise. What I wanted and this letter produced it was confirmation of the reason they wanted me thrown out. And the reason; **Hanson the woman who accused Howard of trying to suppress her right to the freedom of speech, wanted to deny the founder of the movement that bore her name, that same right.**

There was no inability to constructively co-operate with Pauline. In fact the word co-operate, is a total anathema to the whole situation. There was no communication, so there was no co-operation. There was no plan or desire on Pauline's part to want to do anything except skim off the benefits that might spin off from the movement. Any reasonable person and there were thousands, would have seen the support movement as being precisely that. It was created to 'support' the woman, not as implied here to hurt her. What Hanson could never accept was that the people who started the movement had integrity, were unwavering and mostly loyal. It was also a movement *apart* from her that she did not control. I warned her the first time I spoke with her, to neither 'condone nor condemn' the movement. This was BEFORE the first public meeting took place. Had I sought her imprimatur, I would hardly have asked her not to condone it. I asked and she knows full well that I did, that I wanted her to be comfortable with us. If she felt uneasy, then she could ring us, if she was happy with what we were doing then also let us know. Neither of these things happened. The reason is now is obvious, Oldfield had complete charge and she was compliant.

I was often asked by the media, what Hanson thought about us. My reply was always the same ...ask her? They all knew what was bugging Hanson, it was not the movement, but the limelight that it was attracting away from her. As far as I was concerned, it was a necessary evil and far from being welcomed, I found it most intrusive. Hanson might have relished the publicity, I certainly did not.

The Christmas Eve meeting that Trewartha refers to here was the flash-point. Hanson was fuming that I had commented that she was 'politically naive and that her agenda was being moulded by others. I also pointed out that there was a moat between herself and her loyal supporters.' These were facts, not fallacious remarks. People who know me recognise my strength of character when it comes to speaking out on controversial matters. I do not back away from what I perceive to be the truth. That is my strength; it is also Hanson's ...this redeeming feature I have always admired, but her failure is that she cannot brook criticism in any shape or form, thereby negating any credibility that she might have had. My remarks far from being 'off the cuff' were designed to bring her down to earth. Criticism coming from her opponents she would naturally see as 'out to get her', but criticism from within her strongest support, would surely sound alarm bells for her. It did not. The girl who could not grasp the meaning of xenophobe, had equal difficulty coming to terms with the term 'common-sense'.

"Pauline doesn't listen to anyone any more and is not treating the people who are loyal to her with any respect."

I had been very careful not to comment on any political aspects of Hanson's agenda; that was not our role and we never did it. Yet it was becoming increasingly apparent

that Hanson was being manipulated. Most thought as I did that it was Pasquarelli as indeed he tried, but none of us knew the real puppeteer. If we were loyal enough to morally come out and publicly support her, then it would have been remiss of us to have ignored the obvious. Hanson had as a result of our movement, committed herself to a compact with her people. In protecting her, we preserved (or tried to) her credibility with the common people. It was to be a battle that she would, through her own stubborn arrogance, finally lose.

What Hanson saw was different. She saw the founder, technically speaking her strongest supporter impinging upon her image. Instead of getting on the phone and asking what the hell was going on, she chose to ignore it and then on the eve of her departure to the USA, strode into our meeting (Dec 24) and brazenly tried to prevent me from speaking. If I was red rag to a bull as far as Hanson was concerned, she very quickly found out that two could play the game. Hanson was 'cock a hoop', believing that all would wilt before her, but I was damned if I was going to allow this woman to whom I had had the greatest of respect to compromise the very standards that she had railed against John Howard about. Either you believed in the freedom of speech or you did not. Hanson wanted it for herself and worst still was championing for it on behalf of the people she was speaking for, yet here she was blatantly demanding that I shut up! It was a clear case of I'll say what I like, when I like, but I'll not have a voice raised against me. Dictators cherished the same thoughts. Like all dictators Hanson employed sycophantic hit-men. There was a battle royal for a good ten minutes until Ron Paddison, threatened to walk out. The matter ended with a very red Hanson, flustered and angry getting no undertaking from me to remain silent. We were I guess two of a kind.

This is further reinforced in item 3;

'Inability to leave major media comments to Pauline.'

It really was pathetic stuff.

This as I have said was the stated reason for termination letter. So let us examine it a little more closely. The Constitution that contained the clauses that were quoted for my reasons for termination did not exist at the time of these comments. The Constitution never ratified by the illegal movement that created it, came into being on March 10, 1997. The 'crime' that I was alleged to have committed took place the day before John Pasquarelli was unfairly dismissed, namely December 8 1996. The charge

stated that my remarks were injurious to the Association. There was no Association, yet these two men, normally decent fellows, acted blindly at the behest of men who they have since come to totally despise. The reason for this faxed letter from Ettridge that screamed for my scalp and was referred to as a 'major media comment' makes for interesting reading. When Hanson had issued the edict that the founder of the PHSM was to remain silent whilst she visited the United States of America, her compliant serf obeyed. In fact I did not speak again to the press until the final day in March, two months after her return! By this time the Movement had been stolen from the people by Oldfield and Ettridge, with the imprimatur of Pauline Hanson and the covert co-operation of Gold Coaster Paul Trewartha. Never let there be any doubt that the success of this act of theft perpetrated against Pauline Hanson's supporters depended heavily upon the cooperation of Trewartha. The driving incentive to expedite what Oldfield and Ettridge had planned was a number two Senate spot on the Queensland ticket. Hanson now installed as the head of the movement asked that I stand aside. This woman, held by many to be the 'darling of the masses, champion of the people and a friend of 'those out there', had now given the order for my execution. I reacted.

Greg Roberts writing in the Sydney Morning Herald said that I had accused her of suffering delusions of grandeur if she believed that she was Prime Minister material. Hanson was beginning to believe her own delusions. This was dangerous stuff and the tragedy was that the suggestion came out of her own office. However the real reason for Ettridge's spiteful brain storm was the very public statement by me of what had taken place. I said:

'The support movement has been hi-jacked by a politician and parasitic hangers-on and that makes me extremely angry. To mention the words 'political party will be absolutely fatal to the support she has been getting'.

It angered Ettridge to be classified as a parasitic hanger on. Like Hanson he could dish it out, but he could not take it. In fact he proved to be more than parasitic for he ultimately enticed funds from thousands of ordinary people whose only sin was to dare to believe. What Ettridge could never forgive was the apparent ease with which I saw right through him. However his only defence was to paint me as the devil incarnate. Ettridge did a fine job in that regard, but in doing so he removed the only impediment to filching the hard earned savings of Hanson's battlers. Some of these old age pensioners even raided their burial funds to help support Pauline Hanson.

Yes I became very angry that these men were allowed to operate with impunity, underpinned by bureaucratic incompetence, firstly at Corporate Affairs level and later at the Australian/Queensland Electoral Offices. One day the sordid truth will come to the surface. I hope that it will be in my lifetime.

I can only shake my head in wonder. If normally strong and upstanding men within their community are duped by this sort of political thuggery, then the chances of another 'Hitler' and all he stood for are as alive and well as ever.

Chapter 14...the graceless prima donna

One Nation was launched on April 11th 1997 at the Ipswich Town Hall. Many have doubted the role that its founder Bruce Whiteside played. Both David Ettridge and Pauline Hanson have expressed for public consumption that they were sorry that he could not attend after having been invited. Less there be any doubt that was an absolute lie.

The deception and intrigue that saw the Pauline Hanson Support Movement seized illegally to build the Ettridge/Oldfield One Nation on was carried out right to the Ipswich Town Hall.

Here are two documents that prove the lie that was perpetrated. 1200 invitations went out from Bruce Whiteside's home. No mention of the fact that this was the launch of One Nation was communicated to the people.

Important! The information contained in this document is not to be communicated in full or in part to any person not authorised to receive it. It is therefore classified as strictly:
"FOR PHSM MEMBERS EYES ONLY!"

Pauline Hanson Support Movement Inc.

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Reference : PHSM Admin Instr 001/97

12th March 1997

Issued by : Chairman Paul Trewartha

Distribution : All PHSM Committe Members
PHSM Political Wing Executive Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION FOR PHSM FORMAL DINNER - 11TH APRIL 1997

Dear Member,

This instruction has been issued to ensure all members are fully aware of their committee and individual responsibilities, in order to ensure the success of the PHSM formal dinner of historical significance to be held on Friday 11th April 1997.

It is imperative that this special event remain clouded in secrecy throughout this preparatory phase. Some people will obviously guess correctly, but the purpose of the function is NOT to be divulged under any circumstances.

General

1. The PHSM formal dinner is to take place in the Ipswich Town Hall on Friday 11th April 1997 commencing at 6 : 00 pm to 12 : 00 pm. The function is expected to cater for 200 - 400 guests including invited dignitaries.

Pauline's new book is to be launched during the evening subject to 'any publishers delay'.

I am anticipating a large media representation and emphasise to you that it is of paramount importance to all of us that the evening be both memorable and successful.

2. Sequence of Events

A sequence of events is shown at annex 'A' to this instruction.

3. Liaison.

The Chairman is responsible for Liaison with the PHSM Political Wing on all aspects of the function.

4. Guests.

PHSM Political Wing is to arrange for appropriate honourable guests to be invited. Where guests are unable to attend a request for messages of goodwill should be included on the invitation.

5. Master of Ceremonies.

The Chairman is to nominate an M.C. for the evening who is to ensure the appropriate etiquette/protocol due to the occasion be maintained throughout. The M.C. is to be fully briefed on his duties by the Chairman prior to arrival at the venue.

6. Dress.

Gentlemen	Lounge Suit plus tie
Ladies	Comfortable evening wear

.../7. Transport.

Note the second paragraph; the 'special event' was not the stated PHSM Formal Dinner but the clandestine launch of One Nation. The mention of the 'political wing' of the PHSM was orchestrated at a clandestine meeting arranged on the Gold Coast by Paul Trewartha at the behest and instruction of David Ettridge to have Whiteside

removed and Hanson and Ettridge ensconced as President and Vice President respectively. This was done absolutely illegally with no account of any committee protocols or regards for rules.

Your Invitation

To be present at a history making event

Dear Fellow Australian,

Life presents few opportunities to participate in the making of history, but Friday 11 April 1997 will be one of those times.

We are proud of our past, our forebears and our great land but now it is time to make a stand and secure the future.

Please join me in taking what will prove to be the first real step towards Australia once again being One Nation.

Pauline Hanson

*Ipswich Civic Hall
Cnr Nicholas and Limestone Streets Ipswich
Pre-Dinner Drinks and
an excellent 3 course meal
Please arrive by 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start
Friday 11 April 1997
Dress: Lounge suit*



Please RSVP by Friday 4 April 1997

Pauline Hanson's 'A Night To Remember'
PO Box 428 Ipswich 4305

Name _____
Address _____
P/Code _____ Phone (H) _____ (W) _____
Enclosed is a cheque payable to Pauline Hanson Support Movement for \$ _____ being for _____ people
at **\$40.00 per head**
Or please charge my credit card: ☐ Bankcard ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AMEX ☐ Diners Amount\$ _____
Number _____ Expiry Date _____
Name of Card Holder _____ Signature _____

Enquiries 02 9975 6767 9am to 5pm - Mon to Fri

Note: The payment of all monies were to the Pauline Hanson Support Movement. Note however that the money was also to be forwarded to her electoral office. Remember also that at this time the only membership that was in play was the one that Paul Trewartha demanded be sent to David Ettridge in Manly. That membership list was forwarded on a floppy disc to the Manly Office on Tuesday 18th February 1997. On the the following Sunday Feb 23rd these two illustrations confirm what happened.

Resolutions of the meeting to form a political party.

Date: Sunday, 23 February 1997.

Location: Sydney Airport.

Present: Pauline Hanson, David Ettridge and David Oldfield.

Name of the party will be, "Pauline Hanson's One Nation".

Pauline Hanson as Founder will be the first President.

National Office to be set up in Sydney.

David Oldfield to be National Campaign Director.

David Ettridge to be National Director.

David Ettridge to be re-imbursed for costs - eg: phone calls, car expenses, airfares and any other expenses considered by Pauline Hanson as having been incurred during the carrying out of duties on her behalf prior to his appointment as National Director.

While the role of National Director may vary as required, the general duties and responsibilities are to include:-

Set up and general management of National Office.

Co-ordinate media except that specifically related to local issues in the Oxley electorate.

Manage the support movement, arrange full accountability for each branch and the transition of support movement members to party members.

In conjunction with the National Campaign Director, co-ordinate speaking and fundraising commitments.

In conjunction with the National Campaign Director, have the capacity to appoint and work with individual fundraisers but to at all times exercise control over said individuals and or events.

In conjunction with the National Campaign Director, arrange permanent staff accommodation and meeting facilities in Canberra.

This page is a true and accurate record, signed in Manly, Sydney on this day, 28 April 1997.



Pauline Hanson

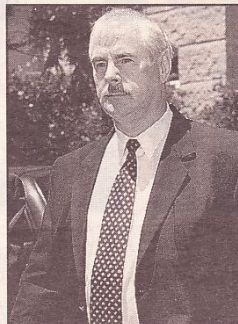


David Ettridge



David Oldfield.

Deal hatched at airport



Power of three: (from left) Pauline Hanson, David Oldfield and David Ettridge.

By GERARD McMANUS

ON Sunday, February 23, 1997, two men and a woman in a red suit sat in a Sydney airport lounge locked in what appeared to be a typical business discussion.

The trio was Manly go-getter David Ettridge, former Liberal staffer David Oldfield and then federal MP for Oxley Pauline Hanson.

The deal being hatched, the masterplan of Mr Ettridge, would have far-reaching consequences for Australian politics.

The airport lounge was the birthplace of Pauline Hanson's One Nation as a private company with three directors — a move designed to stop any group or individual taking over the party.

But it may also prove to be the undoing of the party, which now faces having to pay back \$500,000 in electoral funding from the Queensland election, and being sued by disgruntled former candidates.

Queensland Supreme Court Justice Roslyn Atkinson this week ruled One Nation's registration as a political party in Queensland was based on a fraud because it had only three members, not the required 500.

The party is appealing against the decision.

One Nation members had been duped into believing One Nation was a democratic party, such as the Liberal and Labor parties, in which members could influence policy and select candidates.

Mr Ettridge, 54, knew nothing about politics, but plenty about setting up businesses and closing them down.

He planned to merchandise Mrs Hanson on T-shirts and beer coasters and set up One Nation along the lines of Amway, so members could make money by signing up other members.

Under Mr Ettridge's plan, One

Nation would be registered as a political party, but would include a secret clause that the three founders would forever control the business entity.

No matter how many people joined the party, they would always be supporters with no voting rights.

Mr Ettridge moved quickly to take over the Pauline Hanson Support Movement started by former Gold Coast house painter Bruce Whiteside.

Mr Whiteside had almost single-handedly signed up 6000 members and set up 40 branches.

However, by April 1997 Mr Whiteside's members list was seized and he was dumped from the organisation.

Many One Nation members held suspicions about how One Nation worked.

New members had to sign a resignation form when they joined and any sign of dissent or complaint to the party's head office in Manly resulted in instant dismissal.

Hundreds of members, and in some cases whole branches, were expelled.

While some were dangerous extremists, many others were well-intentioned supporters with genuine complaints about how the operation was run.

One of those people was Burleigh Heads accountant Terry Sharples who risked challenging One Nation's validity as a political party.

Mr Sharples was an unsuccessful candidate in last year's Queensland state election when One Nation won 11 seats.

Unlike most of the other One Nation candidates, Mr Sharples was a seasoned campaigner.

He suspected there was something wrong with the party organisation on the eve of that election.

With another ousted party official, Ted Briggs, Mr Sharples began to investigate how the party was being run.

Three weeks later, after months of investigation, the *Sunday Herald Sun* became the first newspaper to reveal the company structure behind One Nation Inc.

Documents written by Mr Ettridge declared One Nation to be "constructed in this manner to provide protection for the political party and make each module a self-contained entity which, if attacked by unfriendlies, will not contaminate the other modules".

Mr Sharples campaigned to have the Queensland Electoral Commission investigate One Nation using documents obtained by the *Sunday Herald Sun* and his investigation.

A month later the *Sunday Herald Sun* report revealed further damaging documentation in which Mr Ettridge admitted the undemocratic nature of One Nation.

It also revealed Mr Ettridge had set up One Nation differently from any other party in Australia "to stop white ants and wreckers".

"A democratic structure will not protect us against those who seek to destroy us," one of Mr Ettridge's letters states.

"A democratic structure ... would have allowed for infiltration by 30,000 Chinese who wanted to join us with the intent of destroying One Nation."

For months the commission refused to follow up Mr Sharples' complaints about the structure of One Nation.

He spent a year pursuing One Nation but says he has no regrets.

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Aug 22 '99

David Oldfield was present at the PHSM Formal Dinner, on whose invitation would be pure speculation but did not make himself known at the launch but was seen milling around unknown in the gathering. It was at this point that we are told Tony Abbott

became aware that his employee was not working in the interests of him or the Liberal Party.



Tony Abbott MHR

Federal Member for Warringah
Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business

16 July 2001

Mr Bruce Whiteside
26 Bradley Ave
MIAMI QLD 4220

Dear Mr Whiteside,

Thanks for your letter dated April 29 about the One Nation Movement.

I can understand the discontent which has given rise to the Hanson movement but don't share your scepticism about mainstream conservative parties and certainly don't believe that Hanson herself can be anything other than a destructive force in Australian public life.

It should be obvious from my subsequent conduct that I had no knowledge whatsoever of Oldfield's involvement with Hanson prior to leaving my office. If you have forgotten, I suggest you look at the Parliamentary Hansard (adjournment debates) for the fortnight after the 1998 Queensland state elections.

While Oldfield may have plotted with others prior to his defection, I have no knowledge of this nor of the 'Steven Love' to whom you refer.

The campaign I ran prior to the last election is no longer appropriate although I am certainly concerned about the Hanson Movement's potential to destroy a good conservative government and replace it with an extremely weak and sneaky labor regime.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'T. Abbott', written over a horizontal line.

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Abbott is another who lies when it suits him. Here he lies to the Parliament. He claims he was not aware that his staffer was working for Hanson, at the same time that the Liberals were in the process of raising money to build a Senate team around Hanson. In the words of the Former President of the Liberal Party, John Elliott to the author 'The money will not be there to help Hanson as such but to 'clear the blockage IN THE Senate'. (see Ch 18a).

On the day of the One Nation launch Trewartha called to pick up Iris. I did not see him, nor did I have any wish to do so. Iris wrote a letter and left it on my desk. Before she stepped out of the door to join Trewartha waiting at the gate, she paused and said:

'This is not right, you have done all the work and you should be there. It makes me very sad.' She then gave me a peck on the cheek and was gone.

I don't really know what I felt. My gut feeling was that she should not have gone because in doing so she aligned herself with and legitimised the people who I now saw as dishonourable to the cause we had started. I knew that her decision to go had nothing to do with any alignment, but everything to do with sense of responsibility and duty to what she had committed herself to. She would see it out, no matter what. I sat down and read Iris's note. There was an air of despair about it all, a wife's concern for the effects that the Hanson thing had wrought upon the person she loved. It read in part;

"I feel very sad about you not being there tonight. You should be up there with Pauline and being acknowledged for everything you've done." She concluded by pleading with me to do something about my health.

Vanguard campaigners are not ordinary people; Hanson herself will verify that otherwise they would not be out in front wholly committed to their chosen course. There was never any doubt in my mind that I drove myself to the limit, but there was also no doubt in my own mind that I knew my own capacity to deal with it. It was personally very corrosive to have my own wife telling those immediately around her that I was falling apart. I was in fact desperately fighting to hold it all together, realising that we were going to lose it if someone did not put an end to the sycophantic worshipping of an idol with feet of clay. I was a 'lone voice screaming in a vacuum'. In the end I was simply outnumbered, not in the sense of within a democratic organisation but simply swamped in the mad rush to run with Pauline. She had the toffee apple and everybody wanted to have a lick of it. As Hazelton was to tell me later;

"Bruce you simply stood in the middle of a fast running stream, refusing to be caught up in it all. You tried in vain to warn us all, but nobody was listening. I am genuinely sorry that I was in a position to help you, but like the rest I did not see the dangers ahead. You did, but you were the only one. We thought that you were working against Pauline's interest, but your vision was clear. In the end you've proved us all wrong."

Hazelton herself copped the backlash of the multitude of sycophants when she resigned in a blaze of publicity. Many believed that what she was motivated by spite, but it wasn't; that is why I reinforced her comments on national television. What most people do not understand is that Hazelton had walked out on Pauline days before. Yes she did have in-depth interviews, yes, she did want to maximise the damage to One Nation, but like me her allegiance, sorely tested, remained with Hanson. Where her loyalties no longer lay was with David Oldfield and David Ettridge. These two were architects of the One Nation plan, these two were the leeches that latched onto a movement using Hanson as their passport to personal ambition and agendas. Hazelton was playing her own political allegiances to these two for her own reasons. Oldfield was originally used as a fulcrum to get rid of her pet hate ...John Pasquarelli. Ettridge was held in respect by Hazelton. This shift in Hanson's friendship widened, until Hanson metaphorically moved in with her 'business partners'. From that point the personal friend and secretary became isolated.

Appearances mean nothing. On the evening of the launch of ONE NATION three people sat in that room with preconditioned, but not necessarily preconceived ambitions. They were future Senators Barbara Hazelton and Paul Trewartha. In Hazelton's case Hanson had sanctioned Hazelton's Senate position in my presence in my home. It was to be Oldfield who would facilitate the breakdown of the Hazelton-Hanson relationship. He simply walked all over Hanson and wanted someone of his own choosing. As a result Hanson dumped on Hazelton and because she had no other choice did it in a way that Oldfield demanded.

Milling unobtrusively in the shadows that night a bespectacled bystander with more than a passing interest in the events of the evening. So unobtrusive that only three people knew of his existence. His name; David Oldfield.

An hour after Iris left home for the launch of One Nation at Ipswich, Ian Evans and George Merritt dropped in. They were carrying copies of Pauline Hanson The Truth. George as the leader of the PHSM had been flown up from Adelaide by Jean, Ian's wife, en-route to the One Nation opening at Ipswich. George like me was a pensioner and he had worked with Dr Joseph Wayne-Smith, in getting the book out on time. I have no doubt that Jean contributed toward the cost of printing the thousand editions that went on sale that night. One copy, a Moroccan bound version was put up for auction where it fetched \$290. That brought a great deal of satisfaction to Ettridge, as he had pirated the books at short notice for raising funds. But Ettridge was not a fundraiser for nothing; he exploited every avenue to advantage. Indeed before the night was out Alan Smith was to pay \$1850 for the privilege of becoming the first member of the One Nation political party. But there never was a political party ...and that money far from going into any party account, which in effect meant an

organisation with a membership that elected from its ranks people to the parliament ...went into a fund that was nothing more than a politicised version of the support movement. Nobody objected to raising funds for legitimate purposes, but none of this money was ever to be used to build the peoples support mechanism around Pauline Hanson.

Only moments before the launch began, a special and very hurried meeting was held, to make sure that all monies from that point onward ended up in Manly. The \$5 membership of the illegal PHSM Inc, was raised by 800% to \$40, No money was ever paid into any political party, other than that deemed and controlled by Ettridge. Later David Oldfield as well as his father Bill Oldfield and self-denial One Nation auditor, former Ettridge accountant Ron Targett, were to be the sole signatories to this party money. One wonders were they were ever aware of what they had been seconded into; somehow I doubt it. I was of the opinion that Ron Targett frequently distanced himself from the nurtured perception that he was the company auditor.

I saw the television clip where my wife sat alongside Ettridge, who in turn sat alongside Hanson. I felt a great sense of nausea when I saw it. It was Trewartha who was responsible for the seating arrangements, but I thought that it was a very sick joke and in extremely bad taste. Hanson who had contributed absolutely nothing to the presentation and celebration of the launch of ONE NATION, went to great pains to thank her parents, her family and David Ettridge, for the great work that he had done in stage managing the event. For the girl who flagged her 'personal ethos for hard work as though it was very much a peculiarity to herself, her effort here was noticeably absent. Hanson's only part of the act was to solicit a band from Sydney that the organisers had to fork out for. The great bulk of the people who put the launch together came from the Gold Coast. I never approved of the formation of this hair-brain scheme, nor did I want or have a bar of it, but in spite of the disappointment I felt toward each and every one of them, I have to say that they worked their butts off to make the evening a success. Yet so instilled in Pauline Hanson are the finer nuances of style and class, of grace and gratitude that she neglected to give one ounce of credit or thanks to those who had not only born the brunt of the work, but carried the financial cost as well. I know one or two were deeply hurt that no reference was made to the PHSM, nor to its founder. This was no accident. This was the pusillanimous act of sheer bastardry conceived and implemented by Ettridge and Oldfield and given its seal of approval by Hanson. For me any personal association with these two people I found quite repugnant. Hanson, icon that she was, was characteristically ungracious and Ettridge was simply the personification of a free-loader. Never-the-less their war with me was not with the members. The very least that Hanson could have done was personally thank them. She didn't and that in my view negates any claims of integrity

and principle that she might lay claim to. Class always shines through, this night it was nowhere to be seen. I know that the team here was deeply slighted, but what none of them knew was that they had served their purpose. ONE NATION had been launched on the back of the people's movement. It had cost Hanson nothing, had provided a platform, a membership and most of all the financial fund to put in place the mechanisms for the printing of money, purportedly to build a political party. Now it could be disbanded, it had served its purpose. In its place would come the Pauline Hanson's ONE NATION Supporter's Inc. From that night forth that money would find its way to Manly ...for what? That question has yet to be answered, but one thing is for sure, before that is answered a lot of people will have contributed to something of which they simply knew not ...what!

The Chairman
P.A.S.M. Gold Coast

36 Bradley St.
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13. 4. 97

Dear Paul,

It is with regret that I tender my resignation
Secretary of P.A.S.M. for personal reasons, most of which you are
I want to thank you, personally, for all the help
moral support you have given me over the last six months.
It has made my job so much easier.

I also want to thank all the members of the committee,
especially those who worked so hard as a team to me
towards a success.

From the beginning on Oct 28th 1996 it has been
stimulating & exciting experience, watching the P.A.S.M. go
this point forward. I am concerned & unhappy about
away it has now been taken over & the way we
all let this happen. Bruce, the founder, would never
allowed it.

Please convey my thanks to all the members of
committee & my best wishes for the future.

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PO BOX 717,
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18th May 1997

Mrs Iris Whiteside,
'Aorangi'
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Dear Iris,

It is with considerable regret that we have had to accept your resignation as Secretary of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement.

Your initial and continuing input to start up the PHSM is greatly appreciated and we hope that in time you will be able to resume some activity on our committee.

Yours sincerely,



Letter from Trewartha to Iris Whiteside upon her resignation.

The following morning Iris quietly dropped a copy of a resignation that she had already posted off to Trewartha on my desk. It was polite, but final. Since that day Hanson's name has hardly crossed her lips. Each time the name is mentioned she winces. Nothing more need be said. Iris was able to walk away with dignity, but a great deal of hurt. She was one of the few people I knew, who was not in it for what she could get out of it. My biggest regret is that I unwittingly introduced her to the sordid and seedy world of the political associates of Pauline Hanson and their tawdry kind.

Iris Whiteside unlike her husband remained very much in the background, as secretary to the PHSM. She was very dedicated but also had a streak in her that tended to be duped by the likes of Ettridge, Trewartha, Hazelton and Hanson. Iris is not a political animal and she was often used as a fulcrum against her husband who would brook no skulduggery. This brought him into open conflict with the 'dodgy' hierarchy, that she saw as hostility on my part. Thus she tended to walk an even path and often accommodated the wishes of those who opposed her husband. A classic example was when she assisted Paul Trewartha to seize all of my thousand of documents at the behest of Ettridge. Iris reasoned that as Secretary she was obliged to concur and co-

operate with him. Another time was when Hanson and Hazelton, enticed her to meet with them in a secret meeting. Iris told them of her concerns for me, health wise and gave them a breakdown of my medication. An hour or so later this Hanson bitch barged into my house and said, "I'll speak with you provided you go back onto your medication'. I told her that if she had been a man I would have dropped him there and then. Hanson gave the information to Ettridge and Oldfield and they used it on national television both here and New Zealand. Iris's naivety, was that of simply trusting people.

Here is a record I came across recently that illustrates her support. There is a word cut off, but I believe it was 'party'.

23/5/97

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Welcome and thank you for coming.

My name is Iris Whiteside and I'm here to introduce someone who is probably well known to you, my husband Bruce.

Just briefly I would like to tell you how the PHSM began. It was in this hall on Oct. 28th. Last year. Perhaps some of you were here that night. Bruce Whiteside spoke to 800 people and received a standing ovation. The message to get behind Pauline Hanson and form the PHSM went National and from that night our home became a busy office.

The phone rang constantly and the mail flowed in from all over Australia. Ordinary people like you and me had heard Pauline's maiden speech in Parliament and wanted to join the movement. "How can I help?" they'd ask. "She's saying what most of us have been thinking for years".

My life became a whirl of activity and although I didn't exactly volunteer for the job, I was elected as the Secretary. Our den was turned into an office with an extra phone line installed to cope with the calls from as far away as Tasmania and Perth and north to Darwin and Cairns and everywhere in between.

It was very exciting and although I'm not political myself, I had to learn fast because people would pour out their hopes and dreams for Australia in their letters and phone calls.

A committee was formed of dedicated hard working people and gradually as a team we managed to get the show on the road after such a hectic start.

Branches were formed all over the country with our office remaining the Head Office. We drew up contracts and a set of rules and objectives and guidelines as a kit which we sent out to eager people anxious to start a branch in their town or city.

This hectic pace continued for two months until on Christmas Eve, Pauline came to our committee meeting and told us to 'sit on our hands' as it were because she had plans for 1997 which she couldn't divulge until later in the new year. She also told Bruce that he was not to speak to the media.

Well, if you know Bruce, he's a hard man to silence and of course from that point frustration set in, not only for Bruce but for the committee as

a whole and all the newly formed branches. We'd get phone calls asking "Have you all gone to sleep up there?" "Nothing is happening." Etc.

A car was purchased by the committee for Bruce to tour North Queensland and northern NSW, setting up branches and enrolling new members but because we were not incorporated, the committee were reluctant to go ahead with plans for that trip.

Repeated requests for Pauline to sign the papers were met with a blank. We believe that she had been advised against agreeing for her name to be used. Why and by whom?

Bruce continued to speak to the media inciting Pauline's wrath until finally on the 13th. Of March the incorporation went through but by then it was too late. Pauline's new National co-ordinator, David Ettridge had been installed and took over operations from Sydney and the car was never used for the purpose for which it was bought. Bruce was expelled.

It's still a mystery to me how you can expel a volunteer but it happened. The committee were given their orders and carried them out.

It was soon after this that we learnt of the plans Pauline had spoken about. One Nation was about to be launched at a dinner in Ipswich. The committee went into over drive and spared no effort to make it a success, however Bruce was not invited even though he had founded a movement that had spread across the Nation.

I resigned shortly after because I was disillusioned and disappointed for all the people who had put their faith and trust in Pauline Hanson.

The branches have all been taken over from Sydney by David Ettridge and gradually they're being disbanded, sad but true.

The PHSM no longer exists, it's now called Pauline Hanson One Nation supporters.

After six months our home has returned to normal but I still feel for all those people out there who sent in their \$5 believing it to be their contribution to help Pauline in her fight for a better Australia. Where do they stand now?

Will they join PHON? I think not. Many of them are not interested in

.....'a party'. (?)

Chapter 15...a night to remember

My interest in Hanson after the launch fell off involvement wise. She had desecrated all that she had stood for and from now on she was going to be fair game for the media. No longer was it just Hanson and her views, it was a triumvirate; it was the Hanson with Ettridge and Oldfield as the godhead.

In the meantime PHSM station wagon sat in the drive. It was going nowhere. Paul Trewartha made prearranged visits to my home after I had point-blank refused to hand over a damned thing. I removed the fax machine but they removed every thing associated with the movement because Ettridge had demanded it. Iris who had resigned a few days before saw no reason why we should withhold anything. What was coming into play here was not only her ethic of propriety, but also her ignorance of the value of what she was surrendering. All of it was my intellectual property and had no reason to leave the house and was taken by using stand-over tactics of intimidation, whilst I was absent. Paul Trewartha, his wife Maureen and Iris, were responsible for removing everything. Iris saw this as the only handing over to the incoming secretary. Among the mountain of property that was removed was a file of over a thousand letters addressed to us. These were uplifted by Trewartha and when I requested that they be returned, he informed me that they had been passed on to a new secretary. I was subsequently told that no such file of letters was ever passed on. Later when I read the Supreme Court transcript of Justice Atkinson's findings I realised how people covered their backsides by perjuring themselves.

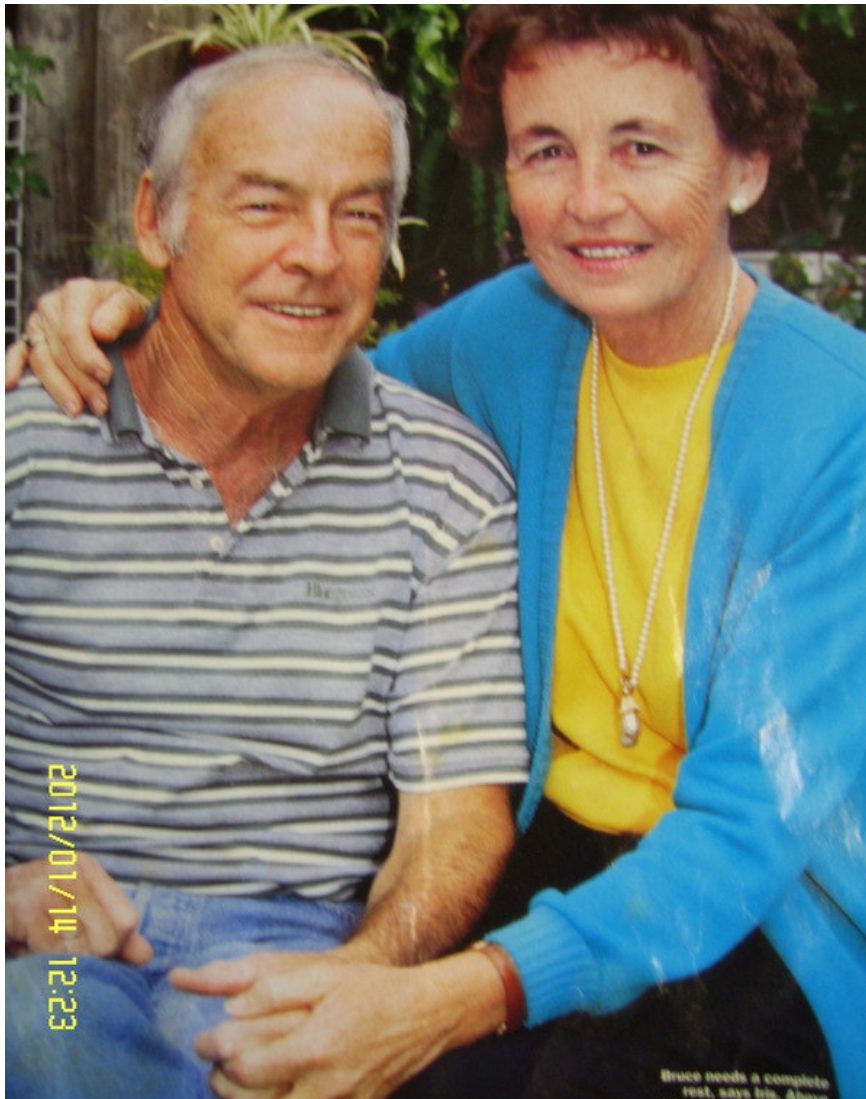
Finally came the vexed question of the car. It sat in the car-port for two months, unused because the purpose to which it had been given was being denied by the movement who wanted it back. They said that because I was not using it, then they were not prepared to go paying for it. This of course was fair enough, but they had never to my knowledge been asked to. Trewartha by moving to reimburse Jean Evans knew full well that in doing so the vehicle was by technical definition the movements. The fact that Trewartha had offered to go guarantor when the movement did not have funds enough to keep up payments, of course had no part of his relentless harassing of my wife to instigate the return of the car. On the evening of the May 22, 1997, Trewartha had called around to my home in a final attempt to get me to hand over the car without any fall-out.

I was washing the dishes at the time, when Paul sidled up.

"What's the decision on the car boss?"

"The same Paul, you know that." He shrugged and walked out.

On the way out he told Iris that it would involve us in legal litigation that we could not afford. He then left for the meeting that he was going to instruct the committee to instigate legal proceedings. This he put in place.



One of the toughest times of my life. This was due to the corrosive efforts of Ettridge who turned friend against friend in using every weapon in his arsenal to seize the PHSM. Many people were hurt at the hands of this man.

Trewartha was right of course, we could not afford litigation. Already the PHSM had cost us a fortune, and living on a pension meant that was the way things were going then we would have to let the car go. Trewartha knew this. He exploited it. The fact that even the though the car was in my name, it did not prove ownership. Motor registration in one's name apparently is only for use on the road, and is not proof of ownership. Iris had come into me and said in effect,

"Give them the car back. You know it is not yours anyway.' Although the car was registered in my name, insured in my name I always saw it as a tool, not a gift. Whatever the spirit of contributing to the cost of the vehicle was the fact remains that I was given a cheque with absolutely no strings, conditions or obligation attached. As far as I was concerned the car was the property of Jean Evans and nobody else. Asked earlier by Trewartha to intervene on the car impasse, Ettridge walked away.

"You handle it Paul, it's a branch matter". Neither wanted blood on their hands.

I never told Iris I was going out. I was numb. I was unsure how things would develop. For a few moments I pondered and without fully realising why, took the ownership papers, insurance papers and spare key and placed them in the glove-box. I didn't have any real plan in mind. All I wanted for the moment was fresh air. I wandered down the road crossed the Gold Coast Highway and headed for the beach. It was cold. I paused at the phone-box and decided to ring Jean Evans and tell her what had happened. I was quite depressed and given the treatment that my so-called friends had dished out over the past few days this was hardly surprising. Every one of them was on the Hanson bandwagon, all wanting to be part of this extraordinary juggernaut. I didn't say a great deal; for the moment I was emotionally overcome. Jean asked what was wrong. With some difficulty I eventually said something to the effect that 'If anything happened would she make sure that Iris was looked after." I dropped the phone, very distraught and walked to the beach. For an hour I sat on the dunes watching the rising full moon dancing on the crest of wave tops. Finally I became aware of the need to keep warm. I wandered aimlessly for another half hour and then made my way home.

It was just on 9.00pm when I walked into the drive. With a sickening feeling in my stomach I realised that the Sigma Station wagon was missing. I felt the anger rise within me; I turned and walked away. My first inclination was to believe that my wife had contacted Trewartha at the meeting and told them to pick the vehicle up. To avoid an argument that was almost sure to occur if I went inside I decided to put time between that possibility and going inside. For a while I walked and then I tried to get a little sleep in a bus shelter. Steel rails that pass for seats prevented that and in any case the cold was increasing. I eventually decided to go home for a second time. It was 10.40pm as I turned into the street, there sitting outside the house alongside the kerb was the wagon that had gone missing. The outside lights of the house were on, but what did not improve my state of mind was the light being on in my office. For a few moments I contemplated how to tackle the situation, when Paul Trewartha came out of

the drive. I recognised him by his voice. What right did he have calling on my wife at that hour? What justification? What was he calling on her for unless he wanted something belonging to the movement? For the moment I was left wondering. Trewartha was talking as he left the house, but I was standing out of sight and could not catch what was being said. It was to be nearly two days before I was to find out. Trewartha swung the car around in a 180 degree turn, directly beneath the street light outside our home. I walked across the road to stop him, but he accelerated as he passed within six inches of me, his head turned to the left thus avoiding eye contact. I thumped the car roof as he swung around the corner. Two days later I was to read in the paper that 'he was so concerned for my health that he spent time looking for me.'

I tried to follow him up the road but he was soon gone. I walked up the highway, wandered home at midnight, noted the lights were still on, walked around the block, saw the lights were still on, then moments later saw them go out. It was 12.10am Thursday morning.

For reasons that had more to do with apprehension, the possibility that my wife had been part of the machinations that were going on, I walked away and ended up at Nobby's shopping centre. Twice more before the morning I skirted passed my home but all was in darkness. After that I walked down to Burleigh Heads. It was colder now but walking seemed to help. At Burleigh I put my feet up in one of the covered picnic shelters and fought sleep, lapsing in and out of consciousness. Clouds masked the rising sun and as more and more people began to appear I felt the depression of the night lift. At 8.10 am I walked north along the grass between Burleigh Heads and Burleigh North. A police car cruised by. It pulled into the car park south of me. I wondered if it was looking for me, but just as instantly dismissed the idea. I wandered closer to the road as if to instinctively put the notion to the test and as I did a military helicopter did an extraordinary low sweep of the beach. I was amazed when I was told about an hour and a half later that it had been looking for me. Moments after the chopper vanished the police car drove north. I realised then they were not looking for me and was relieved. My wife, I had reasoned knew me well enough, not to worry unduly.

It was 9.20am. The sun was up and I was sitting on a bench seat at the top of Riviera St, Miami. Sitting there, elbows on knees and resting my head in the palms of my hands; I was contemplating going home. I was to meet with SBS television at approximately 10.30am. Suddenly out of the blue a voice, 'Bruce is that you?' I ignored it. With my head still resting in my hands, I saw the tell tale blue serge trousers as the person

calling sat alongside. From the outset there was a genuine heartfelt sense of compassion toward me. One of them Inspector Richard Wild said, "You've been out all night Bruce?" A little later, "look how about coming along with us before the press get wind of this.' he went on to say that he had been to my meetings and had respect for me and didn't want to see this thing spread all over the newspapers.

"I'll be O.K. Please, just leave me alone."

What I was not aware of at the time was that the police had been looking for me since midnight or so I was told. They had a job to do, but I felt at that moment that I was involving them in something that did not need their assistance. One of the officers rang my wife at a discreet distance and told her that I had been found. I understand that she asked them to take me to a psychiatrist, although she denies it. They knew where to take me and I certainly did not tell them.

There was no doubt that the Hanson factor was having a devastating effect on both of us. The frustration of trying sincerely and without any expectation of reward, ran headlong into avarice, greed and self interests. Hanson, Ettridge and Trewartha were using the frustration of my wife to do everything to control and distort what I had started. Hanson had walked over me as she was to do with others, totally indifferent to the dreadful toll she was exacting. Ettridge had through Hanson feasted upon the information of a private conversation and informed Kerrie Webbie of New Zealand's Sixty Minutes, that I was quote 'manic depressive, a media-junkie and more seriously, psychotic.' He repeated similar remarks to several people in Queensland who rang his office. On one occasion he warned the caller that "I'd better be careful what I say... I could be up for slander." I have three people plus the television interviewer who would testify in court. The New Zealand call was by way of warning. Pensioners don't have the sort of money to pursue these sorts of gutter politics, through a court of law. Trewartha also helped to foster the character assassination by telling anyone who would listen that, yes I was manic depressive and that it was an illusion on my part that I was founder of the Movement.

So I was taken by the police down to the psychiatrist's rooms.

A couple of weeks earlier I had visited this doctor. I had done this more to placate my wife's insistence that I needed medical help. Many women will identify with my wife's dilemma. Many would say as she did, that "You don't live with him, I do.' They would agree with her, but because there was deep frustration within me that did not

automatically make me a candidate for the 'loony bin.' There will be those who will say that anyone who supported Pauline Hanson is by definition of association was mad anyway. To those people they will get no argument from me. My preoccupation with Hanson was never an obsession as some have tried to indicate but rather with the cause that she originally held true to. Too many years had been wasted trying to establish a party that addressed the needs of the ordinary people to let this opportunity slip ...but slip it did. The doctor, during an ordinary consultation, could find no grounds for the assumption that I was a manic depressive. On this morning however the doctor was terribly inconvenienced. Out of nowhere I had come along to interrupt his busy schedule. He was in no mood for games.

"I think you should go to hospital for a few days. You are not well,"

I was in fact very tired, not surprising since I had not had any sleep for nearly thirty hours.

"No I'm O K. I just want to go home and get some sleep".

While all this was going on, the Inspector was an interested bystander. He could hardly believe what he was witnessing.

"You have a choice," said the psychiatrist impatiently. "Either you go in voluntarily or I will issue an R 21." An R.21 as I found is a document issued under the Mental Health Act that can expedite forced incarceration. For those who know me, my response was predictable, "Do your damndest."

I suppose in hindsight, that remark must have only confirmed the opinion that I had some how lost it. That people can be committed on a whim of inconvenience or personal uninformed assessment should be a worry to all clear thinking Australians. For the next thirty hours I was put behind locked doors at the Gold Coast Psychiatric Hospital. Upon admission I was read the "riot act" about the consequences of any attempt at escaping. I was then kept waiting for two hours, interviewed by a male nurse, waited another two hours and examined by a recent intern from Glasgow; a nice young fellow who then informed me that I would be admitted to the high security wing, next door. Escorted to a bedroom, I fell asleep three times only to be woken each time and asked irrelevant questions. All I wanted was sleep!

"Did I want to see my wife?" No I did not; to sleep again.

"Do you want dinner?"

"No all I want is sleep."

And so it went on. Finally I woke and had a shower in a chaos of bedlam. The night staff was good enough to give me something to eat and then I was given 'medication.' I slept through the night.

Psychiatric Hospitals are not pretty places. I have the greatest admiration for the people who man them and work and live with the patients. It requires a special sort of person; they are unsung heroes. It is also a sobering lesson on how precariously we all cling to sanity. Twice the following morning I went before doctors; the second time by the registrar of the hospital. I suspected they were struggling to find a chink in the armour.

During the morning Trewartha called and wanted to see me. I refused to see him. A fax was left, written on behalf of those who had presided over the 'last supper'. It was written by Judy Gash, the woman who wanted to have the job of putting the newsletter together and being responsible for the movement's publicity. In a fax that was transmitted to Trewartha, the message to him as chairman was a post-script to the 'Car business'. She appealed for me to put all the unsavoury aspects of the affair of recent times behind me and turn my 'talents' to the benefit of Pauline Hanson. I nearly choked. The sheer hypocrisy, from those who had cluttered my every attempt to pull the movement along, was only exceeded by their total ignorance of what they had done. Gash went on to become editor of the paper and in charge of publicity.

About ten thirty, Iris rang. Would I talk to her? Woman's Day had put a proposal to her. They wanted the story to the article that had appeared in the Courier-Mail written by Ben Dorries. This was the very thing that Richard Wild had intimated that he wanted to avoid. No, it was a good story, so Dorries seized on the story and wrote it. The magazine scouts had picked up the story. Woman's Day had contacted Iris and wanted the story from a 'woman's perspective.' Iris explained that it would pay off the computer that I had bought for knocking out the PHSM Herald, which I was now lumbered with. This had come about when Hanson and Ettridge had decided that they were going to take the movement and more importantly for me, the newspaper to Sydney. I was left with a \$2000 computer and no way of paying for it immediately. The offer was a way out and Iris took it. I really didn't care what she did at that point. This whole business was predicated on her injudicious conversation with both Hanson and Hazelton. It had created dreadful barriers for me and was used to destroy my credibility. SBS Television and Who magazine, both of whom I was scheduled to speak

with had called and wanted to see me, but were told that I was not available. No reason was given.

On June 23rd 1997 WHO magazine ran a front page story 'Pauline's MEN' ...they love her, why they hate her.

These men included John Pasquarelli, David Thomas, David Oldfield, David Ettridge, Morrie Marsden and Adam Hanson. The article did not mention Bruce Whiteside, Paul Trewartha or the Pauline Hanson Support Movement. Had the reason for Whiteside's non-appearance been made known the publicity for One Nation would have been disastrous. Comment inserted during revision in 2011

Jean Evans called about 11.00am. I allowed them to show her in. She was appalled. I think she was also very angry with those to who had been instrumental in the reasons why I had ended up there. It saddened her the total injustice of the whole sordid affair.

It was while she was there that I was called to see the Gold Coast Hospital's leading psychiatrist. A tall stern looking man, I initially feared the worst, when I laid my eyes on him. In the presence of the Registrar who had consulted with me earlier, he sat there with the collective findings on a clip board sitting on his lap. At first he seemed distant, I thought almost bored, but we gradually entered into a formal dialogue. We discussed my health, my 'manic depression'. He was more interested to know how I came to be there and when that had been established, the conversation became interesting. It was almost as if it were a relief to get away from the analysis of psychotic behaviour and talk about something else. The word Hanson, led to an interesting observation as I recall.

"I have a friend in Melbourne who has recently written a paper on psychiatry in the Soviet Union. I should ring him and get him to meet you. I'd tell him that we have Australia's first political prisoner." (Beat Hanson to that one)

I laughed,

"A sort of Alexander Solzhenitsyn."

"Precisely. What better way to silence your critics than remove them and paint them as mentally disturbed?"

Certainly all the machination going on, might have fulfilled the necessary criteria to begin believing that possibility, but I have never believed that I was that sort of

threat. It was sobering stuff. I turned to the Registrar and asked her about the medication, that she had suggested. The doctor barked,

"What medication is this sister?" She explained.

"Why sister would you treat a disease when there is no symptom?" It was a sharp admonishment.

Shortly after this I was handed my release. Whilst being examined my wife with a neighbour had come up to see me, to bring some clothes, shaver and the like. 'Could she come in?' The draw bridge was lowered. I met her in the corridor. She was amazed when I told her that she was in time to take me home now that the clinical assessment had accorded me a clean bill of health. Iris was clearly wrong footed and naturally very concerned.

"I want to see the Dr."

"O.K. by me." I shrugged my shoulders. I directed her to where he was and she went off to see him. This was terribly unsettling for me. There was no way that she was going to be convinced that I was not mentally ill. The truth was that opinions can be divided and like sanity there is a fine line between experts and experts. My wife wanted to believe the doctors who agreed with her, like the local general practitioner for instance whose first wife and son were both manic depressive and any casual observer who saw me as less than normal. Now she sought to bawl the doctor of psychiatry out. She got nowhere with him.

"Madam I'm dealing with the patient. It is my life time work that you are questioning."

He was right of course, but she left the hospital believing that he was a 'a rude man.' She was terribly offended by his remarks but it has been a matter of some concern that my wife's assessment should remain paramount to those whose occupation it is to know and understand. The real tragedy is that this situation has been exploited by those who saw me as an obstruction to their own ambitions and greed. It has taken a dreadful toll, but I suppose we should count ourselves lucky. Others in following the star of Pauline Hanson were to lose their lives and you have to ask 'for what?' Yet the ringing words of Hanson remain in my ears *'nobody asked them to help me.'* For all Hanson's rhetoric about family and ethics one senses that as a little girl a good old fashioned slap on the bottom might have made the world of difference. This may not be the politically correct thing to say, it might be viewed as sexist, discriminatory in this age but remember it was Hanson herself who gave the thumbs down to this political rubbish. If she is genuine then she will admire the forthrightness of others. Dignity

and graciousness are the hallmark of great women ...in Hanson, they are nowhere to be seen.

In the end the car had been uplifted by Jean Evans husband and delivered to Paul Trewartha. Jean Evans herself had a dreadful row with David Ettridge and when she demanded that Trewartha deliver the car to her as the rightful owner he abused her. Jean Evans had the misfortune as a lady to have encountered both of these men. Their uncouthness and treatment of her was nothing short of disgusting. Trewartha refused to part with the car and finally they sold it at a loss. Evans was repaid the \$4250. Evans earned for herself the Distinguished Order of St David . She was to become white ant #19.*

One day some months later I was walking up the street and discovered the car up a drive. I approached the occupant of the house. He informed me that he was the new owner. I told him that he was wrong. He got cranky, but when I produced the key to the petrol cap that he could not open he wanted an explanation. Our stories were miles apart and it was only when I was shown the statutory declaration that I understood what lengths that people would go to achieve their ends. I gave him the keys and told him not to worry he would hear no more from me. Nor did he.

* The story that was run by Woman's Day, written by Warren Gibbs was entitled Pauline Drives me to Madness. When I saw this I wanted to give my side of the story, but in spite of requesting they rescind the allegation they did nothing.

Chapter 16...another stalwart dies on the vine

In August 1997 word filtered through to me that the PHSM Inc was holding its first Annual Meeting. This was odd given that the genuine PHSM itself would not have been twelve months old so any offshoot, which this was, albeit illegal, would have been out of the question. But no, in the typical manner in which the Hanson hirelings conducted the undemocratic organisation there it was in their Pauline Hanson's ONE NATION Supporters Inc newsletter. The editor was Judy Gash.

Whilst I was well out of the way by the time this meeting was held, I was still a financial member of the genuine PHSM. I had every right to attend and did so. The

meeting was held in the Centaur Room at the Southport RSL on a Saturday September 1997.

I expected that I would not be welcome so took the press along to see how things were done. They would not be disappointed. When I entered the room, I was not challenged and signed the register as indeed did others who attended. I sat down at the rear of the assembled gathered completely minding my own business when Paul Trewartha approached me and asked me to leave. This was totally understandable because this meeting unbeknown to me was important to Trewartha's climb up the executive ladder of One Nation. At the time I was not aware that the meeting had been called on the pretext of being an annual meeting but for the purpose of transferring local executive positions to lesser lights and so free Trewartha for elevation to the bosom of his new found friends Ettridge and Oldfield. Trewartha had no right to demand my expulsion, but he knew damn well that he had to have me out of the room before the meeting progressed. I refused. He told me that the meeting was private and as such I was trespassing. It sounded good, but intimidation was wasted on me.

"O.K. then I'll call the police." Typical One Nation stuff! '

"Do what you want Paul, but I'm staying". By this time the sixty or so people who were in the hall could not help but notice the confrontation that had surfaced. I looked for a friendly face, but the only person I recognised was our Treasurer, Lindon Litchfield. When Trewartha stormed out of the room, I sat down again only to be approached by his friend Ron Paddison. This surprised me no end ...Paddison of all people! It had only been a month or two back that I was speaking to him outside the Atlantis Units in Surfers Paradise where he lived, where he told me that he had got out of the 'dirty Hanson business' and tried to entice his old mate Trewartha to do likewise. On that occasion he had profusely apologised to me for the way he had been used to have me thrown out of the movement.

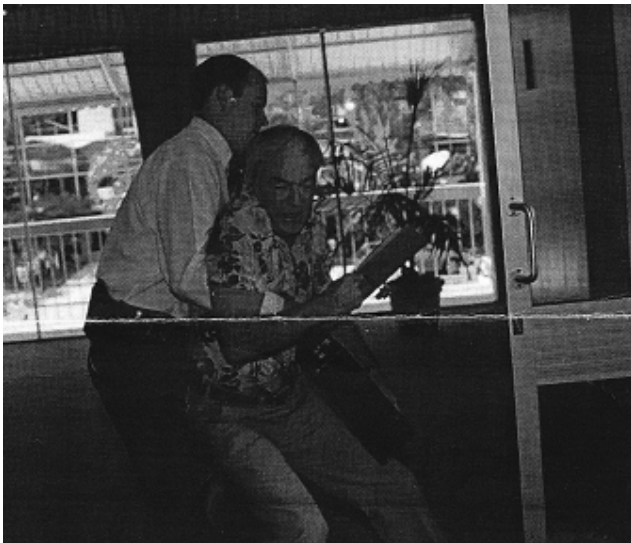
"It's sick Bruce, we are all better out of it.' Now here he was 'a born again' Hanson acolyte playing the heavy.

"Mr Whiteside, you are not a member of this organisation, so I will ask you to leave the room.' I looked at him in deep disgust.

"You Ron!' As he was babbling on I noted Litchfield looking at me. Our mutual gaze froze for a moment. I suspected that he was equally disgusted but felt powerless to act. He didn't and the moment passed. In the meantime Paddison realising that I was going nowhere told me that I could remain, but was not to have any part in the meeting.

It was then that the police alarm sounded outside the building and hovered, then died. Most thought as I did that I was going to be forcibly ejected by the blue arm of the law. Shortly afterwards a security man came up to me and asked me to leave ...twice. I refused. I had every right to remain and no amount of outside interference could adjudicate on the merits of that. To do so would have been to act as a judge and jury on a matter of which they had no knowledge. The security guard had acted on Trewartha's instruction, being told that as a 'private' function I had theoretically gate crashed. On that instruction he acted. At that moment the security guard made a grab for my briefcase and a struggle ensued that saw us wrestle across the room where I managed to lodge myself behind the door. Trewartha accompanied by a couple of ONE NATION devotees, then physically manhandled me out of the door. Trewartha ...I shall never forget, was standing above me as I lay on the floor pinned down by his thugs. "You should be proud of yourself," I shot at Paul, to that he replied "I am, I've got what I wanted."

Sounds a little melodramatic but pictures do not lie. Here is the proof:



Security acting on instructions of Paul Trewartha, RSL, Southport.

That day I went to the doctor and was taped up for suspected broken ribs. I was sore for a couple of weeks. The following day the *Gold Coast Bulletin* recorded the event. They quoted Trewartha as saying ;

"Bruce Whiteside tried to take over the meeting and we said 'no way' and the manager of the Southport RSL had him removed."

The article went on that 'Lindon Litchfield was elected President, following Mr Trewartha's resignation to take up commitments to the national body. Trewartha was thus elevated to become Pauline Hanson's National Vice President. There was an interesting comment solicited by the journalist to this whole thing. It came from David Oldfield:

'a disenchanted volunteer could not be expected to be reimbursed for a service he provided for free while involved with the group.'

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Party's over for Hanson campaigner

Move to turn back the clock

FOLLOWERS of Pauline Hanson's One Nation party want to go back to the days of women being housewives and men being Anzacs, says a Griffith University academic.

More and more Australians were turning their backs on multiculturalism to return to that bygone era, in the view of Griffith University Law Dean Professor Sandra Berns.

Professor Berns said the One Nation party had attracted members who felt marginalised by Australia's emerging multicultural identity.

"These people want to revert back to the simple times of the 1950s when the archetypal Australian was an Anzac and a citizen mother devoted her life to breeding a stronger white population," said Professor Berns.

She said Ms Hanson's anti-multicultural stance would only disadvantage Australians.

"We have to understand that the Australian identity can be enriched and expanded to incorporate new belongings so that understanding oneself as being American Australian is just one way of being Australian."

Professor Berns will explore the history of Australia's emerging identity and notions of citizenship in her inaugural professorial lecture.

by ANNE STEWART

THE founding member of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement Bruce Whiteside has been thrown out of the Gold Coast group he helped establish.

Mr Whiteside launched the support movement but was ousted by April this year because he refused to abide by a national directive from One Nation which, he said, stopped him speaking to the media.

On Saturday, Mr Whiteside tried to attend the Gold Coast branch's annual general meeting at the Southport RSL Club.

He said he wanted to raise a number of issues, including his 'sacking' and the 'failure of the movement to reimburse for services rendered'.

Outgoing president of the group, Paul Trewartha, said the meeting was closed to non-members.

"Bruce Whiteside tried to take over and we said 'no way' and the manager of the Southport RSL had him removed," said Mr Trewartha.

About 55 people attended the meeting to elect new office bearers. Lindon Litchfield was voted president, following Mr Trewartha's resignation due to commitments to the national support group.

Mr Whiteside was removed by a security guard who held him by the arm and escorted him to his car.

WHITESIDE: Ejected

"He's worn his welcome out as far as we're concerned," said Mr Trewartha.

"He had a lot of original ideas, but he didn't want to do anything with a committee."

"The committee decided to remove him because of his continual criticism and publicity seeking."

Mr Whiteside said he was kept awake all night by pains in his chest following his experience at the RSL.

He said he would be X-rayed today.

Mr Whiteside said he still believed in Pauline Hanson's 'program' and 'a lot of what she's saying'.

"But I'm extremely concerned about the composition of One Nation."

Pauline Hanson's principal adviser, David Oldfield, said Mr Whiteside's removal was a matter for the branch responsible.

However, he said 'a disenchanted volunteer' like Mr Whiteside could not expect to be reimbursed for a service he provided for free while involved with the group.

Pilot program for hairdressers

THE State Government will put up \$39,200 to fund a pilot program in part-time hairdressing apprenticeships in Queensland.

Training and Industrial Relations Minister Santo

So why was this man who sat quietly at the rear of the assembly, accused of 'trying to take over the meeting,' to a point where his silent presence necessitated having him thrown out. THE ONLY PERSON IN THAT ROOM WHO FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE RAMIFICATIONS OF MY PRESENCE WAS THE MAN WHO WANTED ME OUT, PAUL TREWARTHA!

So why was I there? The first was to challenge the legitimacy of the meeting, which was dealing with the original PHSM, itself only ten months old. The second was to articulate the reasons for the illegality of the movement that was acting as a conduit to raise funds not for a party but three individual people. That morning I had eight items to discuss, that included

1. the legitimacy of a quorum,
2. the failure to seek approval from the unincorporated PHSM to incorporate,
3. the undemocratic sacking of it's founder,
4. the citing of alleged breaches in accordance with a non-existent constitution,
5. the denial of the right to answer these trumped up charges to the legitimate body,

6. the intimidation of my wife in her own home by the present chairman,
- 7 . The selling of the vehicle against the wishes of the legal owner Jean Evans and
8. the reimbursement of expenses incurred by myself in building the PHSM.

These questions alone would have raised more than eyebrows at that meeting. It would have raised serious questions about what the hell was going on and had I been allowed to air them, millions of dollars that subsequently flowed into ONE NATION coffers, might never have done so. These people had a right to know what was going on and I don't for one minute dismiss the notion that they would not have listened to my warnings. Whether they would have acted is another question but having experience the sycophantic love affair with all that was Hanson, probably not. Time and time again those who tried to sound alarm bells about the way all the off-shoots of Hanson's ONE NATION were run, were constantly met with the deprecating one liners; 'these people are disgruntled supporters' or 'it's only a case of sour grapes.' The truth is that people are often blind to danger and if they don't want to know, they will go their merry way. We only need look at the obvious dangers of smoking to realise that ignorance is often rewarded with its own calamity. To date nothing has ever stuck to the hijackers of Pauline Hanson. The 'Teflon David's' have never come under the kind of scrutiny that would have exposed questionable procedures. This whole business attracted many who saw Hanson as a free ride and as a consequence produce the very worst facet of the human race, unashamed greed and graft.

With millions of dollars being siphoned into ONE NATION, with it's questionable and highly irregular structure, with it's architects and not it's principle, with their hands on the financial tiller, I believe it is absolutely repugnant in the extreme that taxpayer's money is going unaccounted for. Remember, this is the mob who raised serious questions about the 'black hole' of ATSIC. These were the people who demanded where the ATSIC dollar was going yet allowed their own waterfall of cash to spill into a void. When you listen to the rhetoric that has constantly spewed out of the mouths of Hanson, Ettridge and Oldfield, you very soon come to realise that much of their criticism is based on a subconscious self-evaluation. In other-words they think the worst of others simply because it is their own instinctive mindset.

Thousands of Hanson supporters have found it hard to put into words what they think about the way that their dream of better government has been debauched. What many find hard to accept is the apparent contempt that Hanson has for them. This is not helped by the empty words of alleged patriotism directed at, 'those out there' and 'my loyal supporters'. Many of us know that Hanson is only sweet when the situation suits

her. Her record speaks for itself and when the day comes to dump on the two David's she will do it, and they on her. My bet is that before she does they will have crippled her first. How much of this contempt for her supporters can be sheeted home to the essential Hanson, is seriously questioned when you examine the remarks of her two 'trusted and loyal' associates. It is often said you grow like those you live with ...well in a metaphoric sense Hanson was wedded to these two. Sample these for instance.

... Millions of dollars flowed into One Nation. When the 'brilliant and dynamic young Liberal' adviser David Oldfield, advised Hanson to run in the Queensland elections, it was not with the future of ONE NATION or Pauline Hanson in mind, but the simple matter of self-interest. Ettridge had heralded that in order to run a federal election they needed money ...\$15 million! There was one way of doing this and that was to use Queensland as a milch cow. There were eighty-nine seats. Many of these electorates bristled with people wanting to get into parliament, and what easier way than to jump on the Hanson bandwagon. Money for jam ...all who wanted to be considered did not go before a pre-selection panel, for there was no party. They were invited to apply to Ettridge. Some electorates saw up to a dozen people put their hand up ...but there was a catch. I discovered it along with John Pasquarelli, when Andrew Carne showed us the new forms for application. There in small print was the application fee of \$250 ...but in the event of the application being passed over, the fee was non-refundable. Some of these electorates raked in excess of \$2,500! Ettridge will deny this, so will Hanson, but the truth is that Hanson would have had no idea and Ettridge would tell you that it was 'nobody's business.'

The trouble is that there was so much in-house talk about conspiracy to 'get ONE NATION' that much genuine concern was nullified. Accountability has always plagued Ettridge, yet he continues to go unscathed.

Unlike those who have had no 'coal-face experience' with Ettridge, I have. I have told Ettridge to his face that he was a con-man, and whilst in the normal course of events he may think that actionable, he knows that I have testimonials and documented proof that will see him in court if he so much as tries. Ettridge and Oldfield, have known exactly what they have been doing, from day one and the interests of Pauline Hanson was not it. Ettridge has ended up well off and Oldfield has power, not the power he wanted, but second best. Hanson has been the patsy; but getting back to comments. When some of these candidates reneged on these outrageous demands Ettridge's response was typical;

'They can stick their head up their arse.' Yep, hard to believe that this is the language of such a charming and immaculate public face. If Ettridge was charm, then no such trait formed part of the Oldfield persona. 'We deal with them in the swiftest and most

violent way,' responding to a question of what they did to people who they did not agree with. Yes David, I agree with that completely, for unlike most of your victims I have survived to talk again. And this, from the man who for public consumption nurtured Hanson with loving care. 'Do you know the biggest problem they've got is the fact that we don't care.' This was a reference to people who were asking leading questions of how the organisation was being run.

Less than a year later Trewartha fell out with President Pauline Hanson herself. There is no doubt in my mind that Oldfield was behind this because Trewartha to his credit tried to wean Hanson away from the two David's. Today I'd imagine that Trewartha must know that what he did was wrong, that had they all remained faithful to the original movement and me that things would have turned out very differently.

Could we have prevented what happened? Max Aleckson a very good friend of mine and a candidate at one time for Australia First, warned me from day one what would happen. In that sense Hanson and I were simply used by predatory forces. In a word we were naïve in the ways of political bastardry.

Could we have prevented it, candidly I doubt it. The sobering fact that reinforces this evaluation is that even before I had formed the PHSM, David Oldfield had ideas to prosecute his claims on Hanson along with his old mate. We were all played for suckers and the sad part is that such is the corporate structure and electoral policing in this country that crime and fraud perpetrated here flourished with impunity.

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Mrs Pauline Hanson,
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Dear Pauline,

It is with deep regret that I bring myself to take the action that I am now taking with the continued disregard that you and your fellow directors of Pauline Hanson's One Nation Ltd display to myself and those around me who have worked tirelessly for the past two years in an extremely dedicated fashion.

But of more particular prime importance is the ongoing incompatibility of the Association of PHON'S Members Inc. with the autocratic management of the Association's affairs inconsistent with the legislative requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (as amended) which is continuing to preclude myself as an individual from executing the duties required under the Act.

Consequently, I hereby tender my resignation as National Secretary and National Vice President of Pauline Hanson's One Nation Members Inc. effective from today 25th August 1998 at 4.00 p.m.

Your instruction for the delivering up of the Associations records are awaited.

Yours sincerely,


 Paul Trewartha

Chapter 17...death by asphyxiation

The word was 'monumental,' it should have been 'requiem in pace' for in effect it was the beginning of the end. The newly elected Len Harris, accompanied by the

democratically elected Senator who fell at the final hurdle, Heather Hill and their fallen idol ex MHR and party leader Pauline Hanson, gathered before a battery of expectant journalists. Foremost in the mind of the media contingent was the central topic of the 'momentous announcement' that had them all poised on the edge of their seats, with pens raised anxious to break the next saga in the life of Pauline Hanson.

Speculation had been set in motion when Harris, egged on by Hill, told the media that he was going to make a major announcement an hour after having been sworn in. Immediately he faded into the background ...and Hill fanned the rumours of speculation. Hill apart from playing cat and mouse with the press about whether 'she would' or 'he would' stand down, even went so far as to say that she would be interested to see what Premier Beattie had to say, when the momentous moment arrived. Something big was in the offing. In typical amateurish ONE NATION fashion, Hill alluded to the fact that Queensland voters would not be let down and that she and Harris would 'do what was right for Queensland and Australia.' What banal nonsense!

This final curtain encapsulates everything that was wrong about ONE NATION, from its inception. Its 'leaders' have lacked integrity, opting as so many politicians do, to stage-manage events and in doing so treat the people as fools.

If either Hill or Harris had been genuine in their quest to 'do the right thing by the people of Queensland and Australia,' they would have recognised that they owed their own miniscule public acknowledgment and present positions to one person ...and that person was Pauline Hanson. They were non-de-scripts with little going for them, yet both had done everything in their power to grasp the opportunity to procure the office of Senator. All this nonsense about doing what is best for the people carries no water whatsoever, anymore than it did with Oldfield. In the event Harris babbled on about a 'private members bill' to make sure that Hill was in some way placated, for the 'rotten hand that she had been dealt.' I agree, Hill did get a raw deal, but this was no more than a public display of seeking sympathy.' The public perception can be cruel and in spite of the fact that Howard perpetuates the ethos of a fair go, I can tell Heather Hill that such an ethos is a myth. It simply does not exist ...however the rhetoric does. Doubtless there are others in parliament who do not meet the criteria that judged Hill, but does anyone really care? I doubt it. When Harris lashed out at the press for feeding on the promise of the 'monumental announcement,' he immediately sealed his lot. Somehow, they seemed have heard it all before ...another paranoiac blast from the Hanson stable.

I go back to the early days when Hazelton and Trewartha, were jockeying to be #1 and #2 on the Hanson's perceived Queensland Senate ticket. Neither Hill nor Harris had even been heard of then, yet through the machinations and conflict that surrounded

Hanson, Hazelton and Trewartha both eventually became casualties to internal conflict. Hill and Harris are only two in a long list of people who were prepared to put themselves before the good of the people. Hanson did it, forsaking her popular people support for a charmer and those who for a while rode on her coat-tails, continually jockeyed for positions that either paid well or promised some degree of position and power. Trewartha did it, better than most because in spite of all his visions of a better Australia, he sold us out when Hanson and Ettridge offered him inducements. It was really a pathetic collection, who strove for something that was beyond their ability. In many ways it was no more than a very public canvas to exhibit greed, graft and power!

Most journalists who gathered at the news conference that day expected that Harris would step down for Hill. Others thought that Hanson had finally grabbed the nettle and decided to wrest control of ONE NATION from her two co-directors. I fancy the more seasoned would have believed as I did that a 'monumental' announcement, the "like of what had not happened before" as Hill had put it, would have been that both had decided in the interest of Hanson's large following to stand aside to allow Hanson into the Senate. Whether there was some legal impediment to this or not, and chances are had there not been being Hanson, the established political system of Labor/Liberal cartel would have fabricated it then this and this alone would have really 'fanned the dying embers of ONE NATION. Hanson for all her shortcomings still had the capacity to pull an audience. If nothing else she would have put some sort of life into a rather dull bunch who considered themselves as the elitist of our present political scene. Mind you I don't think Senator Meg Lees or a Stott Despoja, would be too enamoured with the idea. They might thrash Hanson in a debate, but Hanson would crash on regardless. Poor Pauline, it all seems rather sad.

If we turn the clock back, we realise that it could have been so different. The issues that Hanson first ran with were real issues ...issues with teeth in them. They kindled the very fire that burned in the Hanson belly. Her handling of the issues in turn kindled the 'silent majority' who yearned for a champion, a voice to express their concerns and to run with it. Hanson for a while put the fear of hell into the political establishment. Nobody knew how to handle her, least of all the Prime Minister. He was prepared to allow her to run rampant, whilst overseas leaders castigated him for not 'putting out the fires of racism.' Of course it wasn't racism, but rather the discomfort of having to put up with a maverick that was not prepared to shut up. Hanson didn't play by the rules for she did not know what they were. Arthur Webb Ellis didn't know the rules either when he picked up a soccer ball and lay down the foundation for the game that became Rugby. It is ironic that I of all people should admire her for that, when it was she who wanted to shut me up. Howard said at the time that he would not 'gag her' but allow her the grace of his ethos for a fair go. Really? I don't think so. It is my belief

that Howard refused to lay a glove on Hanson, because moves were a foot to exploit her. Howard was no fool and the issues that Hanson raised would have been political suicide for the Liberals. By cutting a swathe through subjects that neither Labor nor the Coalition would touch with a barge pole Howard was able to use Hanson as a litmus test of public opinion. I have no way of knowing whether Howard was aware of the machinations that created ONE NATION, but one thing I am certain of is that in this country, unlike America where journalists can dig and if they can dig deep enough can bring down Presidents, if I am right, the weight of the political and judicial system would kill it. Certainly the main stream media had no stomach for digging. There is an ethos between government, big business and the media. Whilst Hanson was sacrificed, the Liberal Party and powerful elements of it escaped investigation that I believe should have happened. Journalists in this country will go to their graves knowing that I knocked on their doors pleading for the truth to be told. Whilst a couple were gamier than the rest, all fell before their editorial masters.

Ettridge claimed that he created the name One Nation, but this too is suspect for the name came up during the 1993 Federal election campaign, along with the term 'fight-back'. Oldfield told Brett Hocking that the idea of seizing the PHSM was his. One should also ponder whether the name One Nation did not come from the giant flag that the children of Miami High School painted for me back in April 1988. The 12 foot by eight foot flag was painted on a calico painters drop sheet. It sported the Australian Flag, with a big red heart upon which was inscribed Heart of a Nation. Given that all of the PHSM material ended up in Ettridge Manly office, through the courtesy of Steven Menagh and subsequently used for One Nation, thus plagiarised, the possibility of the flag idea can not be ruled out.

Questions about Abbott's man were being asked in the parliament about the time of the ONE NATION launch. There were matters pertaining to use of the mobile phone, about the loyalty of staff and eventually why a federal politician's staff member was present at the opposition's launch. This I believe was largely for public consumption, feigned indignation if you like. Oldfield worked for Abbott for fourteen months. When he came into the office it was, as Abbott put it at the time 'to keep an eye on him.' If we accepted what the papers ran then Abbott became very angry when it was revealed that his own staff member was 'secretly' working for Hanson. How gullible are we supposed to be to believe that Abbott had no idea that Oldfield was collaborating with Hanson as early as September 10, 1996. I don't have to accept speculation on this. Hazelton told me herself about the 'stage-managed' incident. Oldfield was at the Le Grange Restaurant that night by design and Abbott I believe would have been fully aware of it. The mathematical permutations of Oldfield meeting Hanson by sheer coincidence, considering the political ramifications of what eventually turned out are so

astronomically huge that it simply rules out that possibility. This was a well orchestrated plan and Abbott's later attempts to destroy One Nation, only reinforces my belief that he was in this thing up to his neck.

I have absolutely no doubt that this was akin to an amorous proposal, a jilted suitor and then a spiteful separation. What I have never been able to understand is why on the night in question John Pasquarelli left Hanson's company before they arrived at the restaurant. Knowing John as I do, I have never accepted that he would not have wanted to 'relive' that speech over dinner. His own vanity would never have allowed it. He would have been as excited as Hanson was nervous and as her very public minder he would have seen it as his job to at least shadow her that evening. I have asked him many times if Abbott had contacted him and asked to give Hanson 'a little space' that evening. John gets extremely cranky over this and he will never accept that Abbott had a hand in any part of ONE NATION. But John Pasquarelli never saw Oldfield coming either, with all the political and parliamentary nous that he claimed to possess. Hazelton is another who will not entertain the idea that Abbott was involved. Not surprising since Abbott came to an amicable agreement with her when he no longer required her services to dump on One Nation over funding.

I do believe that from this point forward that Abbott lost track of Oldfield's movements. Even so it begs the question of Abbott's powers of observation.

Just around the corner from his office in Sydney Road, Manly, in an upstairs room spirited above a adult sex shop was the office of ONE NATION. It was run by David Ettridge, who we are told was a diving buddy of Abbott's staff member. One can surmise of course but this must have been an office of convenience. Many of us in Queensland questioned why Hanson would want to take her head office to Manly ...but no answers were ever forthcoming. Hanson would not have comprehended its significance, for her eyes were clouded with 'all I ever wanted in a man.' Were these idle rumours? Many a reporter told me of some of the 'antics' that these two got up to around the nightspots of Sydney. Andrew Carne had no illusions and painted some pictures of the behaviour of the two. By this time he was totally disenchanted with Ettridge and Hanson. It wasn't a particularly great feeling to know that the person who you and thousands of others like you were working tirelessly for was kicking her heels up, with ne'er a political thought in her mind. A PLEASE EXPLAIN from Hanson, instead of the characteristically defiant 'its no one's business except mine' would not have gone astray. No one's business it might have been, but when you are public property, receiving taxpayers money, accountability becomes an essential part of credibility ...and public perception.

So why an office right in Abbott's hip-pocket. Could it have been that Hanson used this as a phone contact, simply because in contacting Oldfield in Abbott's office was now fraught with danger? Abbott may well have been aware that calls to his office from Hanson, were not necessarily a worry if she was cooperating with Oldfield in accordance with the 'plan'. That was probably reason enough not to open an office until they had to, but when Oldfield changed the rules and effectively stabbed his boss in the back, as I believed he did then this move would have become urgent. Oldfield could string Abbott along for a while, possibly telling him that 'he was still working on Hanson and that it may take some time to win her over', but in the meantime it was 'Tony just be patient'. How often did Oldfield 'slip out of the office for a moment' to hot-foot it around the corner on the Corso, to consult with Ettridge or contact Hanson?

Possibly by the time that Abbott woke up to his staff member, it was too late. Abbott ...who was the shining light and protégée of his boss, Prime Minister John Howard the man who refused to lay a glove on Hanson during this period ...suddenly had egg all over his face. In hindsight it is interesting to speculate on Howard's reluctance to criticise Hanson, when she was open season for just about every other politician who sought to hide behind the safety facade of 'look at me, I'm not a racist'. Many I am sure will recall Dr Mahathir of Malaysia grandstanding on the issue and ribbing Howard for not publicly condemning her. So why was Howard so reticent?

I have my own version of possible events. I have endeavoured with a bit of inside knowledge and lateral thinking to piece together the course of events that lead to the falling out of Abbott with Oldfield. The falling out between the two had the potential to tear the Liberal Party asunder. If the truth as I perceived it became public knowledge then Howard I believed would have been snared in a plot. Now readers may regard this as speculative at best and dangerous at worst. This may sit well with those who find it easier to back off and allow time to deal the cards, but I could not do this. There are a handful of journalist ranging from the *Courier-Mail* to the *Sydney Morning Herald*, to a couple in the Canberra Press gallery, who were highly wary of what I was trying to tell them. One asked me for a affidavit before he would even consider running with what I was suggesting and the other spelt it out in black and white. Here is what he said:

'Bruce it may surprise you to know that I think that you may be spot on. The trouble is as you well know, there is no editor who will run the story. It is too politically charged and the damage would be enormous'. He went on ' It would come down to your word against this business man. Every editor in this country would be loath to touch him for it would invoke massive litigation'.

This was pragmatic and it was also true. So my mind reverted to the poem that appears in Hanson's book *The Truth*,

I Am Fear

...I am the invisible horseman

Riding the highways of time,

Blighting the lives of millions,

In every age and clime;

For mine is a great and awful power

And many my vic'tries be;

But I have often known defeat

Courageous hearts spell Victory!

God planted in the soul of man.

A tiny vital spark,

Which flaming to its fullness

Lights his pathway in the dark!

...and so on.

That is the philosophy that I grew up with. That is the philosophy that enabled me to launch out on issues that most would never touch. When something is rotten in the state of Denmark, then it is either allowed to fester or it is tackled. In this case only the locality differed and the locality was Manly. Now it would become a question of who to believe Abbott or Oldfield. The Liberal Party wasted no time. I believed it instructed Abbott to destroy not Oldfield, not Hanson, but the 'party' that had been created for political control of the Senate. If Abbott was acting without the knowledge of John Howard, then this 'plan' by his staffer left him vulnerable. In a show down it might come down to who to believe. In the event Abbott set his sights on destroying One Nation, whilst Oldfield moved in on Hanson.

I tested this theory.

Pauline plot backfires

BRUCE Whiteside, a right-wing political activist on the Gold Coast, has put forward an intriguing theory on the origins of Pauline Hanson's One Nation party.

After founding the Pauline Hanson Support Movement in October 1996, Whiteside had a falling out with Hanson and her henchmen David Oldfield and David Ettridge and has been firing missiles in their direction ever since.

He is convinced that after the Federal Coalition came to power in March 1996 it became increasingly frustrated by the blockage of its legislation in the Senate.

Somebody had the brainwave of

Alex Mitchell



IN the Chinese calendar, 1999 is the Year of the Rabbit, which promises power and fortune. May the bunny be with you all.

creating a populist party of the right to be an antidote to the Democrats, Greens and Independents who hold the Senate's balance of power.

The new party would harness

Hanson's support, pick up half-a-dozen Senate seats with Coalition preferences and vote support for future government legislation.

Because Hanson had won the

Labor seat of Oxley, the plotters believed her party would do untold damage to the ALP. They hoped One Nation would evolve into a modern Democratic Labor Party (DLP) and become a right-wing rump keeping Labor in permanent Opposition.

According to Whiteside, the secret venture went horribly wrong when One Nation made an unscripted entry into the 1998 Queensland election and miraculously won 11 seats.

In so doing, it forced the Borbidge Government from office and handed the premiership to Labor's Peter Beattie.

Some desperate re-evaluation

was necessary. The Liberal hierarchy decided to pull the plug on preferences to Hanson and to destroy her party before the Federal Election.

The rest is history. Hanson lost her seat in Queensland, not a single One Nation candidate was elected to the Lower House and only one candidate, Englishwoman Heather Hill, gained a Senate spot.

Some supporting evidence has come from members of New Nation, the One Nation breakaway group, who believe there was regular contact between senior Hansonites and Liberal politicians.

OK, it's only a theory, but it's an interesting one.

Needs to be read!

One day I leaked a story to the Sun-Herald. The idea was to see whether Abbott was serious about his attack on ONE NATION. It was. That day he waved the newspaper article in the parliament, swearing that he would do all in his power to destroy the legality of this creation. The journalist sent my synopsis to a long time Canberra bureaucrat for his assessment and was thrown by his response. When this man asked the identity of the writer he was told that he was a 'painter and paperhanger'.

"This is brilliant stuff and what is most unnerving is that he has got it almost right. If the truth ever comes out and I doubt it very much, this man will be proven right. A painter you say ... he missed his calling".

But what was worrying Abbott most? Was it the electoral damage that ONE NATION might do to the Liberal Party, or was it that Oldfield might turn nasty and expose Abbott's suspected complicity in the matter? In any event Abbott continued to lambaste ONE NATION, discrediting it at every opportunity.

If the government were worried that the Hanson phenomenon was going to 'knock it about in the forthcoming federal elections in 1998' they need not have worried?

Pauline Hanson called him 'the most brilliant man in his field' and many would have agreed. But Oldfield erred in a big way. In part this was no doubt caused by his mates

insatiable desire to turn every opportunity into dollars. Ettridge had claimed and told me personally the first and only day we met that he wanted \$15 million to fight a Federal election. What utter nonsense this was. Had Pauline been allowed to go unmolested and done as John Pasquarelli had suggested, run for the Senate, she would have carried others along with her. People would have funded their own campaigns, as indeed they were to, but no; only Ettridge and Oldfield believed they had the necessary skills and nous to control Hanson. So let us examine those self evaluated skills.

Before Ettridge came on the scene Hanson had been approached to run candidates in the West Australian elections. She did not want a bar of it. John Samuel (whose subterranean presence around the Courts of Brisbane and his involvement with Terry Sharples deposing of One Nation, have never been satisfactorily explained or for that matter made public) tried desperately to win her over and in fact his wife Joan, actually ran under the PHSM banner, along with three others, during the course of the 1996 West Australian election. (see earlier) Hanson held firm saying she would never run candidates in ANY State elections. Samuel wanted me to use my influence to encourage Hanson, but I like her would not countenance the idea. Enter Ettridge. By the time the Queensland elections came around ONE NATION was an established, if fraudulently registered party. This provided a grand opportunity to get money into the coffers, but it also killed off Hanson's bid for greater Federal representation. The man who knew it all had taken the wrong fork in the road ...how?

The scheme was hair-brained. Sure it created eleven seats in the Queensland parliament, sure it gave them half a million dollars or so, but in the pursuit of quick bucks destroyed the great dream of all those who wanted a new political force.

Why?

Why was the people's great hope dashed? It founded on the rocks of greed and unmitigated self-interest! So let me paint the picture that I saw. The idea behind seconding Hanson to build a Senate ticket around was predicated by Liberal Party strategists and number-crunchers on the assumption that her support would come largely from the Australian Labor Party. After all had she not cut a swathe across Bill Hayden's old seat to the tune of an initial 23% swing? To me and I was no political genius, no strutting leviathan like David Oldfield, I would have allowed the Queensland elections to go...not have a bar of them. This would have increased the pressure for Hanson to run candidates in the Federal election and at the same time it would have kept both the ALP and the Liberals guessing what impact Hanson would have if she decided to run a team federally.

In the event the element of surprise was lost and the decimation that occurred in the State election could well have replicated itself at Federal level. By that time it would have been too late and several ONE NATION Senators would have been in the house today, including I am loath to say, David Oldfield. Imagine, Oldfield as One Nation leader in the Senate, holding the balance of power. A self-confessed National Socialist, controlling Australia's destiny. We came so close.

Many of us in Queensland remember how the Liberals and National went into a lather over preferences, that finally would end up biting them back. Well, ONE NATION by not forgoing the Queensland elections negated that element of surprise that would have impacted at Federal level. This tactical Oldfield/Ettridge blunder not only revealed the ineptness of Hanson's lieutenant's, but signalled to the major parties where the Hanson support was coming from. Had the Federal parties not had the benefit of the Hanson impact they would not have had the bonus of time and information to re-marshal their defences, so making any effective attack on the central seat of power by the forces of Hanson, nigh impossible.

Hanson, Ettridge and Oldfield were always going to be bit players in the longer run; they were in fact little Caesars, totally out of their depths, yet taking on the mantle of control from what was essentially a 'people's movement' and in doing so helped destroy the very organization that they claimed to work for. There are others who believe that both Ettridge and Oldfield were Liberal Party operatives. I do not.

The 'Hanson thing', never developed from a deliberate plan to create a new party. It happened as an act of opportunism and quickly turned into a parallel of the Pied Pier of Hamelin. In the first place it attracted many people with no great appreciation of politics, but with a genuine belief, that what Hanson was saying was no more than plain commonsense. These were the people ...not the carpetbaggers who forever gathered around the periphery of national politics ...these were the people who Hanson had established a 'compact' with. It was upon this that I first called for her to put a 'team around her and take it to the very seat of government.' By a team I meant ordinary battlers, who understood the language of commonsense, who were not afraid to call a spade a spade and who were most of all 'of the people'. These people to whom I always believed could form a 'loose alliance of Independents' would call on their electorate for direction. It was to be a departure from the incestuous policy of party politics. No more were we prepared to accept closeted Labourites, such as Cheryl Kernot, or Liberal equivalents such as Meg Lees. No more were we prepared to listen to the politics of 'keeping the bastards honest', we were prepared to vote for our own.

Yet politics is about perceptions and as Oldfield skilfully demonstrated, people can be led. One Nation was NEVER Pauline Hanson; it was as Ettridge said a marketing ploy

...and it nearly worked. The men who were too smart by half forgot to include one basic ingredient in their recipe ...integrity! Whilst I agree that a million voters were seriously disenfranchised by a system that delivered a solitary seat, whilst one that picks up only 65% of that amount reaps seven seats, I have to say that I for one would have been seriously concerned had ONE NATION seized the balance of power. People believing that in voting for ONE NATION they automatically voted for Pauline Hanson, would soon have learnt to their sorrow and I believe to the great detriment of Australia, that Oldfield was no Hanson. Indeed, Oldfield only ever saw Hanson as a by-pass into politics a view fiercely contested by some who have since written Hanson off. Time has proven me right, but in April 1998 I wrote a letter to the Courier-Mail, which brought a swift and vicious response.

Dear Sir,

As founder of the PHSM which gave rise to ONE NATION, I am deeply concerned for Hanson's political survival. It is my reading of the situation that David Oldfield is plotting the rise of ONE NATION and the demise of Hanson. Oldfield has had his hand on the Hanson tiller since her maiden speech.

Hanson's spokesman says ONE NATION will pick up several seats in the Senate (C-M Apr 13) and also expects to win in the lower house.

As Hanson's adviser, Oldfield should put her political survival first. I suggest he has advised her to run for the House of Representatives, knowing she cannot win. Unless Hanson runs for the Senate, it will be Oldfield and not Hanson leading ONE NATION.

This prompted an immediate and abusive call from ONE NATION'S office in Manly. When I answered the phone the voice went to great lengths to make himself known to me. He was a little let down when I told him that I didn't recall his name. "You must remember me, for I started your first branch of the PHSM, in Sydney," the voice went on. How could I ever forget the prince of thieves? His name fair screamed at me, but I would not give him the satisfaction of acknowledgment until I found out what he had rung me for. "You are a f---in dickhead. That f---in letter in this morning's paper is a f---in disgrace. Do you realise the damage that letter can do to Pauline your stupid f---ckwit. I'm tellin yah unless you keep you f---in mouth shut, well shut it for yah. Now piss off you dopey old bastard." This was the charming and eloquent Steve Menagh. This was the person who acted as a conduit to hand all our information on the PHSM to

his boss David Ettridge. A few minutes later he rang again. But before he could get a word out I told him that I did not speak with rats and hung up. I heard no more.

A man who knew David Oldfield a lot better than I, was Godfrey Bigot, who had changed his name by deed poll. In a riveting and subjective piece of writing he paints an interesting picture of the Jekyll and Hyde personality of his old Manly Council mate ...I use that word in a loose term, for I doubt whether Oldfield ever attracted mates.

Brad Pedersen writes:

He (Oldfield) was instrumental in having Hanson run in the virtually un-winnable seat of Blair, so actually has set himself to have a much better chance of being elected than Hanson. He has cleverly manoeuvred himself towards the centre of national power. Tomorrow (Oct 3rd election day) he aims to win the balance of power in the Senate and with Hanson gone, he wants to be the face of ONE NATION.

Pedersen concludes on this chilling note:

Australians are being stalked by a dangerous political animal. Expect to see more of what lies behind those cold, cunning eyes. It will not be pleasant.

If this sounds like a coloured opinion, I can assure readers that what Bigot describes here is brutally honest. Cold and cunning, Oldfield certainly is ...and I speak from being on the receiving end of this man's warped and twisted mind.

And so it proved to be. Hanson, now nominal president of nothing, was paid thousands of dollars a year. Ettridge was custodian to millions of dollars, spirited from electoral funding and membership fees to a phantom political entity. Oldfield ... well he eventually manoeuvred himself into being nominated to the #1 spot on the New South Wales Upper House. It was only second best after suffering the ignominy of being chiselled out of a Senate spot by an articulate Aborigine, Aiden Ridgeway. Yet it took hundreds of thousands of dollars, taken at the whim of the One Nation Executive, that did not include Hanson as a signatory to the cheque books, to prop up the unpopular David Oldfield. There is no doubt that Hanson was forced to campaign in NSW to bolster his chances of success, but many of us have a gut feeling that Hanson had not been in control of her destiny, since September 1996! Oldfield thus receded into an eight years stint in the Upper House of New South Wales and will no doubt enjoy a healthy pension for the rest of his life

There were many Hanson supporters at one time who wondered what was happening to their 'idol.' Some like me believed that Hanson was somehow being compromised and

exploited. Many theories were extrapolated, including blackmail, financial reliance, compromising situations or just plain shrewd business acumen that gave her no room to manoeuvre. Whatever it was, there was no shadow of doubt among her true blue troopers that her political naiveness landed her in deep trouble, that guaranteed that she would never fulfil her early pristine promise.

So what is the future of ONE NATION and Hanson? Is there any? I doubt it.

Many people will be surprised to learn that I have written to Hanson, during the last three months.(2002) My letters go unanswered. However they do not go unread. I have spoken with people who still are on speaking terms with her and they have told me what I have written to her. As I did in the early days, I tell it as I see it ...which means I do not spare her feelings. I have told her ad infinitum to dump the millstone of ONE NATION and go back to the people ...the 'those out there' brigade who gave her their unpretentious and genuine support. She has never appreciated the voter-gold in the bank, but like a drunken lotto winner frittered them away.

With a million voters milling around looking for a 'champion', an outbreak of splinter groups have emerged with non-de-scripts leading them. They are destined to go nowhere. If Hanson was to denounce the two David's tomorrow, apologise to her army of one time supporters, then I would stake my integrity on her re-emergence as a muted political force. People are so fickle, so damned unpredictable. They have walked away in droves, some hurt, and some financially battered, some like me terribly disillusioned. Many have bled and wondered what they did it for, yet when you remove the overburden of parasitic growth you come back to the girl who started it all ...Pauline Hanson.

You look around the political scene and what you see are the daily machinations of politicians playing with the lives and destiny of our people. The sheer magnitude of the cynicism, the duplicity and the fundamental premise that drives them all, that of self financial preservation, only serves to remind us that Hanson at least had the guts to speak out for all of us. We have only to look at the massive deception and jockeying for political advantage over the Republic debate to realise that we are being treated with the utmost contempt. For a moment in time, brief I grant you, Hanson promised much. That is why the PHSM was created, to shield her from predatory forces. Hanson didn't need the political environment of endemic corruption ...she needed to be nurtured and cultivated until she took root ...to have any chance of flourishing. That did not happen ... we stood by and watched her destroyed.

I am reminded of the poem that inspired me to go into bat for the maligned Hanson:

Apathy O apathy

Why do you cloud the minds of men,

And hold them from their duty

Until when?

Awakened from your binding spell,

With eagerness they seek to clasp,

The fleeting opportunity,

That once was theirs to grasp!

Apathy ...you can never accuse Hanson of that, nor can I be accused of it. That is why I will continue to see a spark of hope in the woman who has now been discarded by all the political pundits. A remorseful Hanson, free of the shackles of ONE NATION still has the capacity to harness the force of a million voters for the good of Australia. There are many people with integrity and genuine desire for change who would help her. Hanson is not a leader in the true sense of the word for she simply lacks the skill. What she does have and uniquely so is the ability to gather people behind her ...and that is a leadership quality of a vastly different kind.

That was the quality that I recognised when I gave breath to the PHSM. As I said at the inaugural meeting

..'or is she going to be raised on the shoulders of the man in the street to become a voice for the people? We either seize the moment now or lose it. We either get behind Hanson and form a movement of support or we do nothing and allowed her to be crucified. It is up to you.'

In the end apathy prevailed and the queen was crucified. The fleeting opportunity that once was ours to grasp ...had gone!

post script: both poems were written by my late father, Bill, circa 1945

Chapter 18...twelve hundred and fifty dollar demolition

When candidates were throwing their lot in with One Nation for the 1998 Queensland elections, one man called around to see me; his name, Terry Sharples. Sharples was unknown to me but he was sent around to see me because he was contemplating a deal with Paul Trewartha. Sharples who was to run for the seat of Burleigh set out originally to run as an Independent. He called to see Trewartha with a view to swapping preferences with the ONE NATION candidate. The trouble was that there was no ONE NATION candidate. Trewartha suggested that Sharples might consider coming aboard. Sharples called on me to ask my opinion. I told him to be careful and said I thought he could not be trusted. Sharples ignored my advice and went ahead and paid over \$1,250 for a starter kit. Three days out from the election there was a row of sorts over preferences. Sharples had his own ideas and Oldfield had his. However Sharples had made it clear from the outset that he would be allocating his own preferences and that was one of the conditions he demanded for his acceptance. Trewartha tried to calm the waters, but failed. Sharples clashed with Oldfield on the Thursday and words were exchanged. On the evening before the day of the election Trewartha told Sharples that he had been disenfranchised. What Trewartha did not do at that point was return the money that Sharples had shelled out to ONE NATION. That simple omission was to trigger the eventual deregistration of One Nation in two States.*(see footnote)

Many One Nation supporters to put it mildly hated Sharples guts. They hold him responsible for bringing the party down. Let me set the record straight; I am no friend of Terry Sharples, and on two separate occasions he has threatened to sue me; but I was there at the time, so I speak from first-hand knowledge. What Sharples did was to expose the whole rotten road show. Furthermore he did it with my unequivocal support. This was not a vendetta, this was poetic justice and the final act is yet to be played out. I know that Sharples approached both Hanson and Hill about this, to no avail and finally had to take legal action to recover the money.

Having embarked on this course of action Sharples an accountant by profession began looking at other aspects of the ONE NATION organisation and was not happy with what he was seeing. As a result of this he decided to test the legality of the political party in court. He spent countless hours at Bond University, reading the appropriate laws that would support his case. It was at a point that other people began to appear. Sharples informed me that what he was doing was now creating interest from outside quarters. In a casual remark he said that some heavies in the form of security were coming in from Western Australia, to 'tail him'. I pricked my ears up at this and asked him did the name John Samuel ring a bell. He told me it did not and I had no reason to disbelieve him. The following day he called me and said that this same man had rung him

and was coming to the Gold Coast to see him. This time I was surprised. This was when Sharples decided to play a cloak and dagger game of his own. Over the next day or so Samuel met with Hazelton, then Sharples at West Burleigh. What was discussed I have no idea and Sharples told me he had been sworn to secrecy by Samuel. A couple of days later Samuels flew into Coolangatta and although Sharples had told me that he would see that I got to meet him, he went alone to the airport and they spoke briefly between flights. It should be remembered that Samuel was well known to me and had been for months. What these discussions were about I really don't have a great idea. What I do know is that Sharples had to find funding to support his case against ONE NATION. He ran into a deadline and was sent to a solicitor in Brisbane. That night he called at my home telling me that he had a Paul Everingham firm acting for him as I understood it, on a pro bono basis.

"You bloody fool, don't you realise what has happened."

"No what?' Sharples replied a little taken aback.

"These people are using you to nail ONE NATION, they're setting you up. Tell me do you know who Tony Abbott is?"

'No, why?' I still find it hard to believe but that is what he said.

"Oh forget it." I said.

The following day Sharples went to Brisbane and saw Everingham again. That night he rang me on his mobile whilst coming home on the train.

"Kay (Terry's wife) tells me there is a message on the answering machine from ...wait for it, ...Tony Abbott."

What happened next is a book in itself. As a layman I have been absolutely disgusted how men who administer the law in the name of justice can purport to be any better than some of the criminals they defend. I have come to the conclusion that the only difference between common criminals and a great many lawyers and politicians, is a matter of degree ... a University degree. What I have seen in the trials and tribulations of Terry Sharples, gives me great concern for how justice and more importantly the pursuit of truth is raped in a cacophony of legal niceties, positioning and down-right bastardry. I have sighted an undertaking from Tony Abbott, written on Electoral Office stationery, to underpin Sharples to the tune of \$20,000 in his fight against ONE NATION, I have seen that undertaking withdrawn when Sharples challenged the system to play the game of truth (as he saw it) instead of manipulating the law to procure a given result, I have seen that money deflected to underpin another Hanson dissident Hazelton who was also taking ONE NATION to court and when the same

member of parliament became a cabinet minister and the threat of ONE NATION had abated, that case was withdrawn. (I will tell you one day Bruce, was the answer I got to the question from Barbara Hazelton. Why?) The parties came to an amicable arrangement.

The word stench comes to mind but what the public never get to hear is how those who hold onto the principle of truth are left dying and bleeding. I see the justice system as a tearaway horse dragging the martyr of truth behind it, never stopping until the battered body has taken its last breath. The truth is vanquished in the name of justice and the lords and wigs feast and wine on the booty of filthy lucre! Colourful, not really ...just call it a growing perception! It sits well alongside other controversial issues like Asians and Aborigines. The law maybe an ass, but its fraternity are a wealthy and often devious one.

And then there is the booty at the end. I saw enough to make me sick. In the end this man Terry Sharples, who for me exemplifies the battler, was hit by the lot. In the end he finished up as he started defending himself. If oil is the lubrication of machinery, then money is the lubrication of barristers and Q.C's. If that is seen as offensive and that is not to imply that all operate the same then it should concern those who place integrity and honesty as the foundations of equal justice.

In the final analysis ONE NATION and Terry Sharples don't matter. When they have been financially stripped of their funds and resources, their lawyers will move on but in the process people will be chewed up and spat out, and the game of politics will be settled in the leather covered lounges and cigar filled corridors of power.

Recently I was slated over the Internet for helping bring about the demise of One Nation. It was claimed that in helping Terry Sharples that I provided him with the material to bring that about.

I don't particularly have much time for Sharples and whilst he would I am sure be the first to claim that he and he alone had single-handedly slain the beast, it simply is not true. Terry Sharples spent many hours in my home, pouring over the sort of material that enabled him to finally 'nail' One Nation. He was a man who was always short of money and as a result his zealous perusal of One Nation was also a cost to me. I admired the way that Sharples never gave up. He received some pretty rough treatment by certain politicians, from lawyers, from friends and in the end disappeared.

Sharples and I fell out in the end. It all happened over an affidavit that I sent to his stalwart friend in Currumbin. This friend who I had known for over ten years thought as I did that it served the purpose, but Terry insisted putting his own spin on the statement. Three quarters of a page became four. It was not me and I was having no part of fashioning a statement to influence the Court. I refused to sign it. Out of desperation Sharples came to my house with a Justice of the Peace in tow, en-route to Brisbane and the Supreme Court. In spite of sympathetic backing for Sharples from my wife I remained resolute. I refused to sign it. Sharples then made some stupid remarks about my hostility and alluded to the fact that he had a witness, the JP, to back him up. What Sharples never appreciated was that if I had signed that affidavit and had I been challenged in the Court as to its authenticity, I would have to have committed perjury to protect him. That he was prepared to sacrifice a friend for his own purposes did not impress me. Had I been faced with this challenge in the Court I would have denied being its author, thereby placing Sharples in the invidious position of having attempted to mislead. Not only that but I could have been charged with co-operation.

This was the fourth time that Sharples had taken One Nation on ...and this time he succeeded

I lost a good friend over this, not Sharples but the man who received the fax of the original statement. Sharples finally saw Justice Atkinson commit Ettridge and Hanson to trial for fraudulently using the membership that I had created for the PHSM. Patsy Wolfe later sent both to prison.

As a result One Nation ceased to be a recognised political entity in the Queensland Parliament. I take nothing away from Sharples for he did a marvellous job. That I provided material critical to his case, I do not deny. I had no sense of betrayal to Hanson, because to me One Nation was all about Ettridge and Oldfield. When David Oldfield boasted that One Nation was never in fear of deregistration in New South Wales, because he had never been involved with this State, I saw red. John Wasson the New South Wales Electoral Commissioner received from me a whole wad of documentation that proved otherwise. When the party was subsequently deregistered for whatever reason in that State, I felt that justice had finally prevailed

Terry fell over backwards to avoid the action he ultimately took. Few will believe that and I don't particularly feel enamoured toward him, but that is a fact. Hanson brushed him off as though he was irrelevant and has paid the price. He told me that when he had been approached at Tweed Heads that Hanson had asked her security to deal with him.

As recently as June 2000 I wrote to Pauline. I pointed out that I remained her best supporter. Pauline has never acknowledged that a mere non-de-script on the Gold Coast

had helped lift her to national prominence and had provided a good enough support base to steal, plunder and use for the launching of a new party. Constantly I had written to her appealing for her to rid herself of One Nation and the destructive baggage that it carried. I had gone on National television extolling the same sentiments ...all to no avail.

Well Pauline dismissed me by the simple act of ignoring all those pleas to come to her senses. She thought that I would simply go away, just as she thought Sharples would. Well let me tell Pauline Hanson that she was the defacto architect of the One Nation demise. Whilst I never believed in the One Nation concept, I always retained the cold clinical remarks of its chief architect David Oldfield; 'You were never going to be allowed to remain in the movement. You would have stood in the way of our agenda. We are going to destroy you.'

Perhaps Pauline may have stopped for a moment to realise that if someone had the ability to create a movement for good, they might just have had enough also to help bring it down. Pauline Hanson could still rise from the ashes, but she will never do it with One Nation in her saddlebags. Whether she can extricate herself from the mess that she is in now is problematical. All I know is that I have done my best for her. As I write word has come through that she has axed yet another of her people State President Alan Doak . Every one who fell out of favour with the Ettridge/Oldfield machine were wiped, ridiculed and vilified under the banner of Pauline Hanson.

If this rumour is right then we must come to the irrefutable conclusion that HANSON has lost it! Nobody in their right mind can accept that we are all disloyal and therefore traitors. There are now far too many fallen victims of the Hanson following for us all to be wrong. Hanson must now accept that she is patently politically immature and nothing more than an Ettridge/Oldfield vessel. How very sad, how bitterly disappointing.

When Hanson and Ettridge were jailed, Sharples became a high profile media target. He went after Tony Abbott and revealed John Samuel. During that time he paid court to my home on many occasions. Sharples was a user and when this was reported in a southern newspaper he turned very nasty. He delivered a letter to myself and faxed it to the Daily Telegraph for action. The letter was sick. In a spate of two days he made it known that his integrity was impugned by Abbott, Hedley Thomas of the Courier-Mail and me. He was instigating legal action. Sept 8th 2003.

Terry Sharples
43 Charles Street Tweed Heads NSW 2485

Monday, 8 September 2003.

Bruce Whiteside
Bradley Avenue
Miami Queensland

"Hand Delivered"

Dear Mr Whiteside,

When I spoke to your long suffering wife Iris late last week, she commented Bruce is "all on fire again" the arm chair general, was back in action, "feeding the chicks" your brain in neutral your mouth in over time.

As you are aware I have been swamped over the past two weeks by the media in my attempt to increase public awareness and the truth behind the backroom involvement of Tony Abbott and others in the Hanson affair.

Equally as you are aware, you Bruce have over the last 5 years fed your ego, by repetitively attempting to claim a role (that you've never had) in my actions or anything to do with the false registration by Hanson of her Queensland party. Like a leach you have sought to live off my family's sacrifice and my courage because you had none yourself. True, you were Duded at the start, but equally, Ettridge was quite right when he told you way back in February 1997, that "we have nothing to fear from you Bruce, because you won't do anything"

No doubt your impotence on that and other occasions still fuels your anger. But the truth is Bruce, that if the term "media junkie" applies to any person, it would be to you; this being your only outlet. Your insatiable "big noting" and whinging to the media was the very reason Hanson, Trewartha and other Support Movement Member's voted you out of the movement back in 1986. A hard fact you've never been able to face that was once again reconfirmed to me just yesterday by John Clodd.

You were uncontrollable then, as now. Everyone, including your wife knew it; and still after 6 years you remain in self denial. Worse still it apparently does not matter to you who you hurt attempting to "puff" up your shallow ego. This is a very immature attitude for a man of your age. However, to make hurtful and untrue statements about others to feed your obsession is, of course unforgivable.

In August 2000 I both wrote and verbally warned you and Mr. Scott Balson (who at that time was preparing his draft of a book "Inside One Nation") that references and artificial claims purportedly made by you concerning the "supplying to me by you of some alleged critical information" and other matters were utter fiction one man's ego and imagination and quite opportunistic and offensive"

Additionally, on the weekend, an article published by the Daily Telegraph of Sydney on Tuesday, September 2, 2003, was brought to my attention in which you are quoted by the reporters, Tony Maguire and James Grubel stating as follows "Mr. Whiteside said he thought Mr. Sharples was driven by frustration but he had a tendency to use people."

This allegation is, of course, entirely without substance and typifies your backstabbing and egotistical cowardly ways which have already lost you many friends. You regularly lament the day Harry Boniface told you not to speak to him again but again on that occasion you had a chance to make a contribution but whimped it.

Your words "tendency to use people" referred to in the above article in the Daily Telegraph article "One nation member's threat to sue Abbott" defame me and are completely malicious; no doubt knowing your ways, you deliberately telephoned the Daily Telegraph in an attempt to gain attention for your good self in the climate of the media frenzy of last week.

Well, like Harry, Bruce I'm no longer going to put up with your ways. It is certainly frustrating to me to befriend and confide in someone who clearly has no morality or ethics and to whom the truth is nothing more than it is to Abbott and company.

As a part of mitigating the damage to my reputation you are immediately required to supply me with a letter of apology for each and every false accusation and comment you have made to the media in recent time. You are also required to supply and publish a full and frank apology through the Daily Telegraph even if it costs you and via all other media outlets to whom you have made similar adverse comments about me.

I intend now to obtain a copy of Mr. Balson's publication "Inside One Nation" if any material in the book contains the previous false claims purported by your good self, despite my prior written warnings to Mr. Balson and yourself, I will instigate legal act against you both, as you have no foundation for such falsehoods.

I have forwarded a copy of this letter to the Daily Telegraph for their information along with a letter seeking an apology for your above comments as published. I note they did not attempt to verify the same with me prior to publication.

Finally, I am not interested in receiving any barrage of argumentative correspondence from you. An open apology is all that I require and may I strongly suggest you get a muzzle for that mouth of yours in the future as I will take great interest in any future comments you care to make concerning me or my family in the media or to anyone. The days of you saying what you like with impunity about me are over. The only user of others Bruce, in this play, could be said to be you!

Yours faithfully



PS: I suggest you stop worrying about how to save Pauline and start worrying about how to save Whiteside.

Cc Editor Daily Telegraph, Mr. Campbell Reid by facsimile (02) 9288 2634

Hedley Thomas and I were but two that Sharples threatened with defamation.

Read in conjunction with the ABC's World Today interview: World Today (see next Chapter 18a.

***On page 228 in her book Untamed and Unashamed Pauline Hanson writes this poignant sentence. I now wish I had gone with my gut feeling and spoken to Terry Sharples that night. This was written in 2007. Compare this with what I wrote 10 years earlier:**

Terry fell over backwards to avoid the action he ultimately took. Few will believe that and I don't particularly feel enamoured toward him, but that is a fact. Hanson brushed him off as though he was irrelevant and has paid the price. He told me that when he had been approached at Tweed Heads that Hanson had asked her security to deal with him.

COMMENT:

Terry Sharples was an angry man when he left my place to go to see Pauline at Tweed Heads that night. He was also torn by a sense of loyalty toward Hanson, but because of the actions of Trewartha, through Oldfield as Pauline rightfully describes in her book Sharples saw the only approach that might be heard was to go to Hanson herself. At that stage any animosity was directed solely at Oldfield and Trewartha. Oldfield's supreme arrogance rooted in his own belief that he was the 'strategic genius' of the party where the allocations of preferences were concerned led him to direct Trewartha to immediately disenfranchise Sharples. The end result was that Sharples was left high and dry. What is not known is that all help was withdrawn on election day. I spent twelve hours at Terry's polling station in Christine Avenue that day, alone.

Bearing in mind that Terry Sharples had originally gone to see Trewartha about One Nation preferences at a point in time when he was running as an Independent, the final ignominy came when in being persuaded to run on the One Nation ticket on which he had placed a caveat if he did so, they not only pulled the plug at the last moment but refused to refund his deposit and costs. Trewartha in my view should have placated Oldfield and allowed Sharples to distribute his preferences as had been agreed. That takes strength and given that at the time Trewartha along with Hazelton had been promised Senate positions then to have done so would have blotted his copybook and negated his elevation to a Senate position.

The lament shown above '...had I gone with my gut feeling' looks good in print, but I would suggest that this did not cross her mind at the time. What occurred that night was the same treatment that had become par for the course since the advent of Ettridge and Oldfield. Sharples was dismissed and treated like so many who were caught up in the headlights of the One Nation culture. The result as Pauline laments now resulted in her living through days of her life that should never have occurred. Sharples did what he did because of the 'Marie Antoinette' syndrome. The sheer injustice of the way he was treated was the only reason I supported his stance.

There is an interesting observation to be made here. What Hanson wrote in 2007 upon reflection and in all probability she may well have done had it not been for the insidious marination in the Oldfield-Ettridge association. Pauline for all her faults is basically a straight shooter. The Pauline Hanson before the days of Oldfield and Ettridge, thought for herself, spoke for herself and as a result resonated with the people. Whilst she goes to great pains to deny this influence any keen observer would have notice how she was easily manipulated. Pasquarelli, Ettridge, Oldfield and people like Bronwyn Boag, smothered her.

Chapter 18a ...nobody would listen.

I came across this article written by Mike Seccombe on June 22nd 2012. I publish it here because it was written on August 30, 2003. A few days later I was interviewed by Michael Vincent of the ABC. The great irony was that when I went to the papers I was brushed aside ...they simply did not want to know. These article go someway toward verifying what I was talking about and not just rambling on. The great pity is that we did not have intrepid journalists like Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein ...nor for that matter a newspaper like the Washington post who supported them.

Bruce Whiteside, 25/06/2012

READ THESE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHAPTER 18

This program went to air on the ABC's World Today. Readers can draw their own conclusions.

Allegations that Liberals once sought Hanson alliance

PM - Tuesday, 2 September , 2003 18:18:00

Reporter: Michael Vincent

MARK COLVIN: Back to Australia now, and after the last fortnight's revelations about Tony Abbott's efforts to sink One Nation, it may seem doubly surprising to hear about a time when senior Liberal figures thought of quietly backing Pauline Hanson.

But claims being aired for the first time today suggest that approaches may have been made by Liberals who saw One Nation as a possible way to break Senate log jams, and even get rid of the Australian Democrats.

The former Liberal Party President, John Elliott, has confirmed to the ABC that he did have talks in 1996 with the founder and former Convenor of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement.

The Movement's founder, Bruce Whiteside, claims that Mr Elliott told him that Ms Hanson was being set up to "clear the blockage in the Senate" and that they wanted the "removal of the Democrats".

Mr Elliott denies he ever made such comments, and says his contact with Mr Whiteside "came to nothing". But he confirms that he and Mr Whiteside did talk, as he puts it, as a "possible conduit into (the) Liberal Party".

Michael Vincent of the ABC's Investigative Unit reports.

MICHAEL VINCENT: Back in late 1996, in the first few months of the Howard Government, One Nation was in the first flush of national media attention. Bruce Whiteside had recently founded the Pauline Hanson Support Movement in Queensland and was developing contacts around the country. That's when he Perth political activist, John Samuel, rang him.

BRUCE WHITESIDE: Mr John Samuel first made contact with me on December 5th 1996. His reason for contacting me was to see if Pauline Hanson would run in the state elections West Australia 1996. He became a regular caller and in fact ended up being the man who controlled the Pauline Hanson Support Movement of West Australia and for myself.

MICHAEL VINCENT: We have documentation of Mr Samuel and Mr Whiteside's relationship and we've contacted Mr Samuel several times to give his recollection of events, but he has declined the offer.

Bruce Whiteside says it was John Samuel who just prior to Christmas 1996 told him about two senior Liberal Party supporters were interested in helping Ms Hanson.

BRUCE WHITESIDE: At that stage, Mr Samuel, along with two friends that he was only too keen to tell me about and that was Mr Harold Clough in West Australia and Mr John Elliott in Melbourne.

He more or less alluded to the fact that they were both predisposed to much of what Pauline was saying, and that's about as far as it went, until I had reason to ring Mr Elliott one day, and purely on a basis of trying to get some money to help us with the Support Movement.

MICHAEL VINCENT: This was the point at which Bruce Whiteside, representing Pauline Hanson's Support Movement, made direct contact with the former Liberal President.

BRUCE WHITESIDE: Actually in the first place he returned the call later in the afternoon, and we never actually mentioned any money except that he spoke for half an hour on the phone to me, and during the course of the conversation he said that there were actually a couple of financiers in Melbourne whom he was working with and obviously couldn't be publicly identified with it, and towards the end of the conversation he said to me:

"Bruce, I'd like you to understand that the money would not be there to help Pauline Hanson as such, but will be used to clear the blockage in the Senate" and this really threw me back on my heels and he said "You understand what I'm saying." He said, "this is about the removal of the Australian Democrats".

MICHAEL VINCENT: We've asked Mr Elliott's office if he'd ever made such comments - his assistant's reply, "I've passed your message through to Mr Elliott. The answer to all your questions is no".

In response to further questions however, Mr Elliott's office says he did have contact with Mr Whiteside, but that it was "as a possible conduit into (the) Liberal Party when One Nation was riding high," but that it "came to nothing".

To the question: Did Mr Elliott ever give any money to any organisation or individual in support or opposition to Pauline Hanson's One Nation? The reply was again blunt - no.

Mr Whiteside however, is now not surprised by what he sees as the tactics of the Liberal Party and people like Mr Samuel in late 1996 and the subsequent manoeuvring to bring Pauline Hanson down.

BRUCE WHITESIDE: Now they're going after One Nation. In those days they were, I believe, seconding One Nation for the purposes of controlling the Senate.

MICHAEL VINCENT: We approached the other alleged backer named by Bruce Whiteside, Harold Clough, who's since been named as one of the contributors to Tony Abbott's anti-Hanson fund.

We wanted to ask if it was true that he had once been involved in approaches to Pauline Hanson's supporters with a view to backing them. But a family member says Mr Clough, who's recovering from an operation, is too ill to field any questions.

MARK COLVIN: Michael Vincent of the ABC's Investigative Unit.

Tricks of the trade

August 30, 2003

extract from the SMH, Mike Seccombe.

There's nothing new about political chicanery, but the jailing of Pauline Hanson brought new focus on the methods used to bring down her party. Now there are calls for tougher controls over funds used for political purposes. Mike Secombe reports.

For Andrew Murray, the Australian Democrats' straight-shooter senator for Western Australia, there was a big element of déjà vu in some of the names associated with Tony Abbott's efforts to wreck One Nation.

John Samuel, the bagman for Abbott's ironically named trust, Australians for Honest Politics, is one such name. Another is Harold Clough, the WA magnate who has admitted kicking in funds to help Abbott fund court cases against One Nation.

You see, back in the early '90s, Samuel and Clough, along with a Perth stockbroker, John Poynton, were among a group who set out to hijack the WA Democrats.

Samuel was the inside man, and for close to a decade managed to tie the Dems up in legal action over who was entitled to the party name. They tried, literally, to litigate the Democrats out of existence.

Clough, one of WA's wealthiest businessmen, is a long-time backer of and activist within the Liberal Party and bankrolled much of the action against the Democrats.

"He donated money to the splinter group - which was trying to implode the Dems - for the simple purpose of assisting their court case," says Murray.

And now, as more details of the efforts of the Liberal Party to litigate One Nation out of existence appear, up pop Samuel and Clough again (Poynton denies having kicked in to the Abbott trust).

"What's going on here?" asks Murray. "We appear to be talking here about something which has happened repeatedly over 15 or 16 years. If this is standard behaviour, where else is it going on? Who else is getting dirt dug on them, and court cases funded that we never know about?"

"This [One Nation] one has come to the surface, and the Dems one has come to the surface, then what about all the ones that haven't come to the surface?"

"That's why you need disclosure and transparency. That's why people need to drive the connections hard."

But establishing the connections is made difficult by the Australian Electoral Commission, the body charged with overseeing political funding, which appears not to have done its job in this case.

Abbott himself said, in the interview with this paper which kindled the current debate, that he wrote to the AEC "saying the entire purpose of Australians for Honest Politics was to fund legal actions against One Nation".

"And they wrote back to me and said, 'Fine, under those circumstances there's no need for disclosure'," he said.

Mind you, Abbott has not released the correspondence, and we only have his word for it. The AEC may have been more equivocal.

In either case it was an extraordinary decision by the AEC, says Joo-Cheong Tham, associate lecturer in law at La Trobe University, co-author of a forthcoming book *Realising Democracy* and a specialist in electoral funding.

He says Abbott should have had to reveal the identities of the donors to the trust under the existing electoral laws, had the AEC been doing its job.

"He should have been caught. A trust fund whose activities were aimed solely at Hanson, for the clear benefit of the Liberal Party - as statements by Peter Coleman [another Liberal Party heavy and co-trustee of AHP] and others attest - in my view should have been caught.

"I wonder about the commission's actions. They appear not to have chased it up. It's quite extraordinary. I think the commission made an error of judgement, not a loophole in the law."

John Ure, political scientist at the Australian National University, agrees.

"It looks very much like an associated entity to me," he says. "I would very much like to see the release of the legal advice the commission has obtained on this."

The electoral act is clear. It says: "If a person makes a gift to any person with the intention of benefiting a particular registered political party or state branch of a registered political party the person is taken ... to have made that gift directly to that registered political party or branch."

This section of the act was cited by the Opposition spokesman on electoral matters, Senator John Faulkner, in his representations to the AEC this week about the Abbott business. But it is far from the first time Faulkner has brought this part of the act to the attention of the electoral commissioner, Andy Becker.

Faulkner did it, too, in May 2002, after another of the Government's covert muck-raking operations came to light. That time, the controversy was about the alleged payment of \$18,000 for privileged Supreme Court documents relating to the former Prime Minister Paul Keating's piggery.

The ABC's Four Corners program revealed links between the Liberal headkicker Senator Bill Heffernan, the party president, Tony Staley, and a Liberal Party operative named John Seyffer, who procured the documents from a disgruntled Sydney developer.

Seyffer, who also sometimes went by the name "John Walker" (a reference to the alias of the comic strip character, the Phantom), was a mysterious character with no formal political function, yet he reputedly had his own key to the office of both Heffernan and Senator Helen Coonan, now the federal Assistant Treasurer. He also was known to both John Howard and, of course, Tony Abbott.

Faulkner asked the electoral commissioner to examine where the money came from. "There is prima facie evidence that the donations were actually donations to the Liberal Party," he said. "Mr Seyffer's work was clearly research for the Liberal Party on Paul Keating." Nothing came of it.

Once again, many experts agreed with Faulkner that the AEC should have acted. There are those within the Opposition who believe the commission, like much of the rest of the federal bureaucracy, has been captured by the Government.

Andrew Murray sees it a little differently. "The AEC is not a classic regulator, and yet in these matters it's required to be a regulator. It's far too reactive and not proactive. The AEC needs to be far more active in its regulatory role and not just its election management role."

But the Opposition view is supported by the fact that when the matter of Abbott's funding of people to take legal action against One Nation was raised in a Senate Committee by Faulkner in May last year, the AEC said such funds were not something it had considered.

Yet, it had clearly considered it, and given Abbott the go-ahead. And in a formal response to a question on notice arising from the hearing, the AEC said it considered "it would be worthwhile seeking formal legal advice on the matter".

Yet it has not released any advice. To the cynical, this might look like a cover up.

Certainly, the Government did not want Abbott's activities publicised. Howard's first response, when the issue came up last Friday, was denial. When it was put to the Prime

Minister at a doorstep press conference in Adelaide that day that the Liberal Party might have "bankrolled the campaign against Pauline Hanson" Howard said he was "not aware of the basis of that allegation".

He went on, as though perplexed: "The Liberal Party, to my knowledge, and bear in mind there's a lot of people in the Liberal Party, but I'm not aware of anything of that kind."

Yet just six days later, Howard went on the ABC's AM program with a rather different story, which was: "Everybody knew about it".

When he gave his first answer, the details of the AHP trust were not all over the front pages. So Howard might have forgotten the minor media stir five years previously, when Abbott and his trust briefly made news. More likely, he was playing semantics.

Senior Liberal figures were involved, but the Liberal Party as an entity had not bankrolled any legal action against Hanson.

At that stage, various Liberal Party figures - and a number of Labor ones too - were busy expressing their sympathy for Hanson over the three-year jail term imposed on her for obtaining \$500,000 in taxpayer funds after her party was fraudulently registered. The most extreme was Bronwyn Bishop, who suggested the Queensland Labor Government had somehow contrived the court result and made Hanson a "political prisoner".

Howard himself was more cautious. He said he found the sentence "very long and very severe", particularly because Hanson and co-accused David Ettridge had committed a "breach of the law which is not based on something that is naturally a crime". He went on to say he had "always had reservations" about the party registration provisions of the Electoral Act.

Prime Minister Howard had just as many reasons as Premiers Bob Carr or Steve Bracks to soft-pedal the Hanson issue; a million or more of them. Pauline Hanson might have been in the slammer, but her political constituency was still out there - a constituency already alienated from the major parties, and apparently re-energised by the fate of Pauline. The last thing any politician would want to do, if he or she was hoping to reap some of that vote, was further alienate them.

Someone once said that politics is the art of saying "nice doggie" while you cast about for a rock. And that, it now is clear, is what the Howard Government was doing with One Nation back in 1998, and was still trying to do until this week - seeking to woo them publicly, while clandestinely trying to legally destroy them.

Alas for the Government, this time the rock only further enraged the dog.

Tony Abbott and his fellow travellers now have driven a wedge between the Government and a million One Nation sympathisers. And possibly, if the electoral commission ever finds its nerve, exposed their secret donors to public scrutiny.

Note: *This story went to air **once** never to be heard of again. It is very similar to Alex Mitchell's story.*

There is an interesting reply by John Elliott to Michael Vincent when asked to confirm my statement about the 'clearing of the blockage in the Senate', which it appears he emphatically denied. Given that he (JE) pre-empted what he was about to tell me that he could not be seen to behind this support, I'd have been surprised if he was about to confirm that to a journalist. What amazed me was the fabricated answer that he offered. Whilst John Elliott is correct in saying that our conversation 'came to nothing', his comment that I was investigating a 'possible conduit into the Liberal Party', was not only an off the cuff comment of the moment, but plainly invented. Never in all my years have I ever had a conceivable notion of becoming a Liberal or ever voted that way.

The question that must be asked here is why would a non-entity old age pensioner on the Gold Coast ring the formidable John Elliott sitting in his office in Little Collins Street Melbourne to seek membership into a political party?

No the truth is that the founder of the PHSM rang John Elliott to seek a donation for Movement. What occurred on the phone developed as outlined in the book.

Given the extraordinary factors in 2010 that saw a hung parliament, should we ever be surprised at the tactics employed when the Nation witnessed a fortnight of 'horse-trading' and the Greens and independents became poker chips? Never has the 'grasp for power at any cost' been so patently obvious. As the above story illustrates the means will always justify the ends where politicians are concerned.

Chapter 19...the last hurrah

What has gone before these pages was written at or about the time the events occurred. It is now June 2003;(Oct 23 2005 as this is reviewed and edited) time and history have moved on. The world has become a much more violent place as a result of politicians. Whatever you may of may not believe about the catastrophe that beset New York on that fateful day in September 2001, many believe that it was the direct result of American foreign policy. Militarily it was a spectacular success; bizarre, hideous no doubt, but the sheer chagrin of having the enemy take out such a massive target, employing both home weaponry, utilising home resources and using iconic American names to ram the message home was brilliant. That is not easy to say, as I also lost a relatives in that act of terror, but the feeling that irked me the most was the American attitude that this act was absolute sacrilege. Nobody, had the right to do this to 'our' country, but we, the great American nation could do so to others with impunity!

Whatever the gripe of the Nation of Islam, one senses that they acted, where others have simply buckled under the yoke of military might.

This action triggered the lust for retaliation, proving nothing. It created an excuse for war and Iraq became 'ground zero'. Once again the politicians moved the chess pieces and the compliant forged the Coalition of the Willing. We played dangerous games and this resulted in slaughter of innocents holidaying in friendly Bali. Stoic defence of blunders by Howard and Downer do nothing to quell the anger brought about by little men who would strut the world stage mimicking statesmanship.

We've had the spectre of 'children overboard' to justify actions of political expediency. The lying, the deception and the sheer disrespect of a government for the intelligence of its people says volumes about those who govern us. This is compounded when you realise that in recent times we have gone to war on evidence that is either suspect in its integrity and/or fabricated to facilitate that end.

And the woman who might have been one of those politicians; what of her?

Her star has continued to descend and as it fades she continues to tilt again at what might have been. A crack at the Senate here, a bid for an Upper House there ...all to no avail!

The wheel has all but travelled full circle from the halcyon days of Oxley to the tragic final rejection of Sylvania Waters. The fallen prima donna, trudges a lonely path. Gone

are the adoring voters replaced by a lone sympathiser with words of comfort. How fickle the public can be.

All that remains is the judgement of the Courts to decide on matters of alleged misappropriation on her part and the charges of fraud against Ettridge and Hanson as One Nation. Even this show is farcical, for it is strangely stripped of some of the key players. We live in a world of smoke and mirrors, oiled by the flow of money; ...big money.

Recently I was interviewed by the ABC on my attitude to Pauline Hanson 'deserting Queensland for NSW. I told them I simply didn't care any more. She is no longer relevant. Instead I focussed on those who helped bring her down, expressing my belief that both should be dealt severely by the Courts.

The Courts, ah yes, the Courts.

I'll leave the readers of this account of what happened and those who were intimately involved, with this poser.

One Nation was founded on the hi-jacking of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement. Putting aside all the dirty politics, the back-stabbing and the trading of friends for political favours, one thing remains absolutely paramount ...the seconding of the membership role to use as a building block to create a political party. The movement was created as a support mechanism; its supporters may just as well have been members of a tennis club. You do not present members of a tennis club as bona fides for a political party. I created the movement; I sent that membership to David Ettridge. Four days later Ettridge, Oldfield and Hanson forged the document that established One Nation. At that time there was no members, there was no party. That document was signed by all three and to my knowledge it is the only piece of One Nation property that links Oldfield to its origins.

Given that I played the pivotal role, don't the readers of this narrative consider it extraordinary that after two court cases have come and gone, a decision has been handed down that incriminates Hanson and Ettridge, but leaves parliamentarian Oldfield unmarked, that the most potent of witnesses was never called? They cannot claim ignorance because both the defence and prosecution have received comprehensive accounts from me. Hanson's lawyer Chris Nyst chooses to ignore all correspondence, whilst the police have dismissed my information as having little bearing on procedures.

Given that Paul Trewartha told the Courts that he was the convenor, then I consider that he mislead by intimating that he had all the facts at his finger-tips. He knew very

little and at no time did he initiate or promote the Movement. In the scheme of things Trewartha arrived after everything else had been put in place.

I can only assume that given the connections and information that Sharples divulged regarding the PHSM, the idea of having myself as a material witness would have seriously questioned the integrity of the Howard Government in this matter.

What happens to Hanson? I really don't care.

Do I think she is guilty of the things that she faces? I don't really know. My guess is that she probably is. I do not believe for a moment that she deliberately set out to cheat the system; she isn't smart enough to pull it off. What I do believe is that she was the willing partner in the schemes of confidence men, who exploited her weakness, exposed as she was to lucrative amounts of cash and kind. I have no doubt that she never viewed seriously the possibility that one day they might be brought to account. It must be understood that what the Courts are interested in is money and the means used to create that cash flow, but we, those who were at the coal-face of this business witnessed many other facets of deceit, deception and sheer acts of bastardry.

I have to say that Hanson ...in spite of the way she treated me, my wife and all those other souls ...that she was in all likelihood as much a victim of Ettridge and Oldfield, as the rest of us. Certainly she did herself no favours, but no amount of coercion, logic or plain commonsense would dislodge her from her intractable position. Whether this was plain bloody-mindedness or that she was locked into an impossible situation, only she would know.

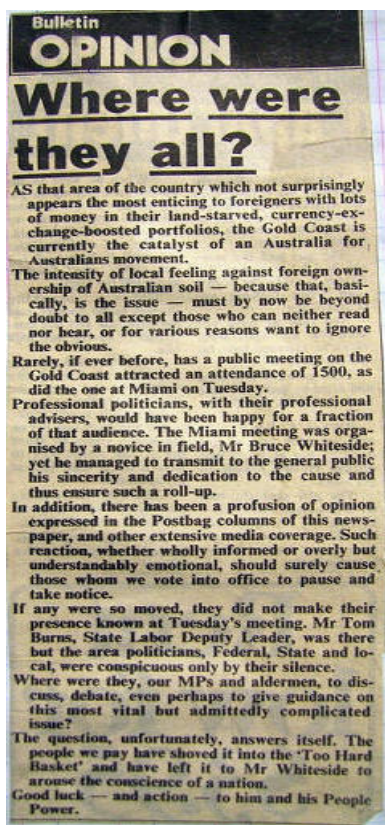
Needless to say she must now face the music. She will find that she not only has the battery of lawyers and barristers to contend with but two 'loyal and devoted lieutenants' who will feed her to the wolves to save their own necks.

My judgement would be simple. Pity Hanson and jail the rest.

Chapter 20 ...piecing together the jig-saw

Did Prime Minister John Howard have any knowledge of the formation of One Nation? Has it ever occurred to any member of the Support Movement, to any one of the multitude of journalists, or to any other politician, that John Howard might have known more about Hanson's One Nation, than any of us know?. I guess this question will take most readers by surprise, may even offend some and shock others that any one in this country might go so far as to suggest it. Well, my gut feeling tells me that he did. I

also know that several journalists in Australia believe that the Liberal Party played a duplicitous role in the rise and then fall of Pauline Hanson. Whilst there was always going to be rumour and innuendo about a highly ostracised and controversial group like One Nation, there was also some incontrovertible incidents that a more aggressive and investigative media might have pursued. This however is Australia, a small country with vested interests. This is a country where the media has a very large influence on governments and from time to time the pendulum swings and the two mainstream parties are careful not to 'rock the boat'. Both Kerry Packer and Rupert Murdoch, call the shots. In a country that has something of a reputation for cutting down tall poppies, calling certain elements to account goes unchallenged. This is also a country where people like me are treated with sufficient scepticism to be conveniently side-lined. The maxim 'don't take him too seriously' is a safeguard to put what might be awkward material, in the too-hard basket. Yes it happened to me in 1988 so why not revisit the same upon Pauline Hanson. This is the Editorial in the GC Bulletin 26 May 1988.



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I often thought of Carl Bernstein, Bob Woodward, and the Washington Post. I admired their tenacity that gave the world Watergate and brought down a President. I longed for such men and a Washington Post, that might reveal our own version Manlygate, and the screwing of a people's politician.

Here is my story, my reading of the drama that was played out behind drawn stage curtains. You be the

judge.

It was a shock victory that greeted readers to the Sunday papers on the morning of February 3 1996. A novice, although not without some notoriety locally had taken the

former seat of one of Labor's favourite sons and current Governor General Bill Hayden, with a initial swing of 23%. Pauline Hanson was not only the talk of the town but she had become something of an instant darling. This was not your average election turnaround, this was a land slide. This was Ipswich or to endorse the mindset of the rest of Australia ...Queensland

In the days after this routing of the Keating Government, questions were beginning to be asked as to why this 'fish and chip' proprietor had caused such an aberration. It is interesting too in retrospect to note how the media seized on the fact that she was a 'fish and chip' throw-up; patronising as if this was another aberration, where today's graduates were expected to be academics, lawyers or some other facet of the white-collar fraternity. Ben Chifley was an engine driver, but that was in the days when the country was growing up. History seems to have treated him well enough.

Hanson had gone into the election as an endorsed Liberal; had blotted her copy-book, by being innocent enough not to understand certain rudimentary protocols. She set the alarm bells ringing for John Howard by daring to draw attention to the fact that politicians equivocate on the issue of equal justice for both white and black Australia. This was a fire-brand that honest John could do without if he was going to realise his lifelong ambition to 'serve the nation'; Hanson had to go.

In the ensuing weeks Hanson's persona began to win the plaudits associated with the David and Goliath syndrome. Hanson was rapidly building a reputation for 'sticking it up the establishment'. It was not long before the possibilities of harnessing this popular person began to interest other political factions. Hanson however made it clear enough that she had a job handed to her by the people of Oxley and she meant to do it After the initial wave of shock and acceptance had found its level Hanson's main attention prior to her maiden speech centred around the man who many dubbed 'Kojak' ...John Pasquarelli.

Pasquarelli, one time Liberal candidate for Jagga Jagga, was a very good friend of Minister for Education, David Kemp's under-secretary, Tony Abbott. It is my understanding that Abbott had often dropped in to Storey St in Yarraville, for a friendly chat. Whether they ever met in this capacity before Hanson's maiden speech I could not say, but one thing I have experienced is John's 'crankiness' at the suggestion that his friend was part of any 'plan'. For my money John simply protests too much. I have a clip in my library of television footage of a scene in 1995, with John Howard, John Hewson and David Oldfield on stage at an election meeting. There was no evidence here of a reticent candidate, but rather of Oldfield being 'one of them'. Assured, confident and definitely an up and coming in the ranks. I was asked one day, could I pinpoint the time that Ettridge's office of was set up on the Corso at Manly. As near as

I was able I put it at November 6th or 7th. (1996) This was interesting because Pasquarelli put the Commonwealth funded mobile calls to Hanson from Oldfield as early as the 8th. Since these calls were taxpayer funded we have to accept that they were about Abbott's office business. These were gleaned I am told from phone records that 'fell off the back of a delivery van' or was it perhaps a ministerial car? I was not aware of this until much later when I read John's book Pauline Hanson by the Man Who Knows; so the two independent assessments establish this as early November.

Oldfield contested the Manly seat in the 1995 NSW elections. For the most part the high profile leaders of the party, among them Howard and Hewson led the charge, leaving Oldfield to little more than spectator role. This was a seat that the Liberals desperately wanted to regain and in doing so spent considerable money and high profile talent to that end. For reasons that had to do with Oldfield's chagrin at playing second fiddle, the party decided to 'give him his head'. The result as I understand it saw Dr Peter McDonald an Independent re-elected on Labor Party preferences by 200 votes. Considerable angst at this loss drew recriminations with allegedly Oldfield blaming everyone but himself (something that became the duo-Davids trademark). There was much dissension within the local Liberal Party branch and in order to quell the situation Oldfield was given a job in Tony Abbott's Warringah office at 17 Sydney Road Manly. It was here that he was given the role of Research Officer, which kind of tallies with what Oldfield calls his Abstudy and Austudy duties. It is interesting to observe that this work was carried out in Abbott's office, out of his parliamentary expenses, presumably for the benefit of himself and the Liberal Party, yet a whole chapter in Hanson's *The Truth* occupies seventeen pages! It is headed Pauline Hanson MP, Independent for Oxley. Results of Research into comparative aboriginal and non-aboriginal benefits in the area of: Education, Legal Services ...and so on. This was the preamble to a comprehensive set of tables: Comparisons of Austudy and Abstudy Living Allowances in 1996.

It is worthwhile remembering that the compilation of that book took place between October 1996 and March 1997. Hanson disclaims all within it, outside Part One. The information above is part of Hanson's contribution. Oldfield did not take leave of Abbott until late April that year. So who provided Abbott's Electoral office material to the Hanson publication? In all Oldfield worked for Abbott for 14 months according to my reckoning. This puts the time at March 1996, just after the election and the arrival of Pauline Hanson. These tables were released to the media on June 14, 1996. The question must be asked here, who did this research?

Students of politics will recall that the new Howard Government was beginning to feel the frustrations of legislation being either impeded or as in the case of major bills blocked in the Senate. Whilst the Senate is essentially a house of review the fact remains that it is a political weapon that exhibits ideology. As we have seen for some considerable time now, minor parties can control the flow or rejection of vital legislation. A case in point Meg Lees, accommodating the Goods and Services Tax that the government had sworn never to introduce. Governments believe that they have the right to formulate policy and implement it in the term in which they are elected. This is fine if the general thrust of what is proposed is generally in accordance with the wishes of the electorate as a whole. Problem is and Howard has voiced this himself, that governments by virtue of their election wins believe they have an open mandate. This is not and never has been the case. For this reason most electors notwithstanding the limitations of the Senate system, go along with it. So why wouldn't a government opt to shape the composition of the Senate? In my view this is exactly what they did. The number-crunchers in the Liberal Party came to the conclusion that Hanson had made serious inroads to Labor's electoral base. What if Hanson was to run candidates under her banner? What if?

I have noted in Helen Dodd's book *Pauline the Hanson Phenomenon*, that she claims that both John Pasquarelli and I advocated that Hanson form a 'loose alliance of Independents'. This is wrong. This suggestion was never Pasquarelli's and in fact like Oldfield he debunked the idea. This was what I believed should happen, and had Hanson been interested in listening I had it already detailed material for her to study. It was a suggestion only and in no way attempted to forcibly direct her political direction. For the scheme to provide suitable candidates, I suggested a three years period, allied to the burgeoning Support Movement. This was thinking outside the political square; innovative and workable.

It is generally accepted and I believe quite wrongly, that One Nation was the brainchild of Ettridge and Oldfield. I have no such illusions. I am of the opinion that a small group, very close to the Prime Minister moved to adopt a strategy to control the Senate. Whilst I speculate on the composition of that group I believe that it consisted of possibly John Hewson, the then State Director of the Liberal Party, Tony Nutt, Bronwyn Bishop and Tony Abbott. Abbott was the heir apparent and protégé of Prime Minister John Howard. He more than any other would promote and advance the cause that would see the Liberals control the Senate. He would do this as a favour to his old boss; he would see it as an obtainable goal and he would do it because he had the guts to carry it out. I believe he would have seconded others as being both loyal and trustworthy.

Initially I don't believe that Oldfield was part of the scheme. Thinking about it, it had much to commend it from a Liberal perspective. It was a solution that could prevent the oft threatened 'double dissolution'. To me, it made good politics even if it was a little covert. The success or otherwise, would be the winning over of Pauline Hanson. Was this possible? Would she accommodate the idea of forming a 'coalition', but with her own autonomy? For the moment no one knew the answer to that.

The first indications that a move had been made showed up in a report of an incident at the Le Grange Restaurant in Canberra, only an hour or so after Hanson's maiden speech in the Federal Parliament on September 10th 1996.

Hanson and Hazelton were being hassled by a couple of loud-mouths and the story goes that David Oldfield intervened and sent them packing. Sir Galahad to the rescue; noble and gallant?

Absolute rubbish! This was theatre

"I met Pauline the night she gave her maiden speech and we became friends' said Oldfield. This bland, innocuous statement does not answer one vital question: Why was he there?

Pasquarelli had primed the media about her speech. He wanted to make sure that 'his speech' received the sort of notoriety that he expected. There was ego here and why not? It would be hard to believe that he did not also advise his mate Tony Abbott, that she would be on show. After-all hadn't he claimed to have written the speech for her. Abbott would have been well aware of the state of play. I theorise here that once the plan was finalised the means of implementing it was crucial. The answer was in Abbott's office...the single, articulate and confident David Oldfield. Oldfield was now a cog in the machinery. He was specifically at the Le Grange to 'cut her off at the pass'.

Hanson was malleable. Abbott would have seen his staffer as competent enough to make the approach to Hanson. He would not have entertained the idea that the plan would not go accordingly, so he commissioned him to approach her in Canberra. This I believe was a deliberate and planned scheme to broach Hanson and I have no doubt that up until the moment of contact Oldfield was 'there for his boss'.

"Pauline, you are being badly advised. You have to get rid of Pasquarelli". (conveyed to me by M/s Hazelton) This was his first salvo, sharp and to the point. Indicative, one would have thought of a man on a mission. Buddies ...Abbott and Pasquarelli ? Pasquarelli had set out to dine with the girls. So why was he not there to 'protect' his charge? Was this a pre-arranged idea on the part of Abbott to give Oldfield 'space to work in'? Don't

forget that Pasquarelli did not know of Oldfield until after the launch some seven months later. I have questioned John about this and as I said he gets decidedly cranky.

After the greetings and convivial salutations, Hanson Hazelton and Oldfield left the establishment and blended into the darkness of the evening. Hazelton went back to her room ...alone.

'All I ever wanted in a man'. 'David Oldfield is the most brilliant man in his field'.

These remarks have been credited to Hanson. I have read them like everybody else but I have also been told of the former by a credible source who was the recipient of the original comment. What Hanson's emotional state was at the time is really irrelevant, other than to illustrate how vulnerable she was. She was pliable and she was putty in Oldfield hands. As a painter of fifty years I can assure readers that putty suitable treated with oil is beautifully malleable.

Some months later Abbott and Oldfield parted company with acrimony, with allegations of treachery and disloyalty. Why?

Once again I speculate the cause and let you be the judge.

Oldfield could not have contemplated that Hanson would be a push-over, let alone project a none to subtle suggestion that she might have been smitten by him. Armed with this he began to plot a different course and that did not take into account loyalty to his boss Tony Abbott. Back in the office Abbott would be versed on what the prognosis for success was and it would have been suitably tailored to convince him that it would take time. "we'll have to take it a little at a time Tony, she's not exactly a push-over".

Now the ball game would take a new twist and this brought into play another 'buddy'; fund-raiser and World Vision operative David Ettridge. Very quickly Oldfield seconded his diving mate to join the Hanson stable. The manipulators of the pieces on the chessboard now began to plan and position each move. In retaining his position in Tony Abbott's office Oldfield now had to protect not only his job, but also prevent Hanson from innocently blowing the new plans apart. If Abbott knew of Hanson's involvement with the office and I don't see how he could not have, then her calls would most likely be seen as friendly and encouraged. This however was a risk to Oldfield and a risk that had to be resolved quickly. A small dingy office above an adult sex shop, proved to be ideal because it largely concealed the operations of Oldfield and David Ettridge. It was also strategically convenient being just around the corner from Sydney Road, on the Corso, where Oldfield was employed; a matter of a few metres.

It was shortly after this that I received a call from a Sydney caller asking how he could form a Support Movement. In fact this was the very first approach that had been made to us. Steve Menagh's first contact was for the purpose of finding out how he could purchase one of the tee-shirts that he had seen on Channel Nine's coverage of our initial meeting. These featured 'I'm a Pauline Hanson Supporter, blazoned across the chest in a defiant statement that left no room for doubt. These were the brilliant idea, and creation of John Clodd, whose family worked like beavers to get them finished on time for the first PHSM meeting. Hundreds of these were printed and the money fed directly into promoting Hanson. The biggest problem was finding enough supply of shirts to keep up with demand.

I have a letter, one of the few, of a thousand that was illegally removed from my office; it came from Steve Menagh . Dated the 14 November 1996 he says in part : (see documents)

I desperately would be more than willing to help with the organising of the meeting. (This was the interest that Stan Zemanek had shown in the PHSM on 2GB) I would also like to help out if you decide to open a Sydney office. I want to get on the front line in the fight against this immigration madness. I am glad there's a movement like yours busting there (sic) guts doing something about immigration.

The disjointed letter carries on in similar vein and he actually boasts about parading down the main street of Hurstville flaunting his new shirt. Included is his phone number, his contact address in Bond s Road Riverwood and a post script: I will be sending the \$24 for the tee shirt tomorrow. At thirty-two he seemed keen enough, but it must be remembered that support for Hanson was not that easy to come-by at the time. Menagh was constantly on the phone and whilst I don't recall a great deal about him, I do know that I organised the mail-box account at the local post-office. Before the end of the month Menagh had every document, registration books, contract papers and advertising paraphernalia that the movement owned. Two days after the registered parcel had been sent I contacted him. The phone had been disconnected. Telstra informed me that it had occurred that day. I then contacted his address, only to be informed that he had left with no forwarding address. Menagh had either done a runner or used a mate's house as a point of contact and receipt. Either way it typified the sort of people who gravitated successfully to the One Nation code of ethics. We were never contacted again. Our property simply vanished into thin air. Yes we were concerned, but there was nothing that we could do about it.

Early in February after Ettridge had visited us, on his hi-jacking mission to the Gold Coast, the Sydney Morning Herald broke the story of his newly acquired position, that of National Director to Pauline Hanson. It was here that the mystery of the missing Menagh showed up. He was Mr Ettridge's right-hand man. All the material to which Ettridge claimed was his own had in fact been the work of the man that he had recently run foul of him face to face on the Gold Coast; me. Menagh was rewarded with a non-voting Directorship of One Nation Limited, along with Andrew Carne from Victoria. This made up the Board of Directors that included Hanson, Ettridge and Oldfield; the last three having voting rights. If I had not been aware of Menagh, then Hanson, Carne and Menagh did not wake up to the fact that Ettridge and Oldfield had complete control of everything. Carne and Menagh enabled One Nation to be registered as a limited company, whilst Hanson either co-operated or was simply outvoted. Simple as that.

Looking back now, seven years later, I grimace when I think of all those dedicated to the cause who slated me for having had the effrontery of telling Ettridge to his face quote: 'You are nothing but a bloody con-man. Now bugger off back to Sydney and forget all about us'.

It was two days after Menagh disappeared with our property that I received this frenzied phone call from a Steven Love. Love, who was at the time the President of the Young Liberals in Wakehurst, had run foul of the hierarchy of the party, about his pending changing of loyalties. In a report by Greg Roberts of the Sydney Morning Herald, there were indications of what the various party executives across the board might be expected to do, if anything at all. (see documents). This might have gone through to the keeper had John Pasquarelli not alerted Hanson to the article that saw him call on me with what amounted to a stern warning to be careful to whom I spoke with. This was cute to say the least. Hanson had no control over us, recognised in the letter but she was not sufficiently interested either to build up any kind of rapport or line of communication. Hanson states that these people, Love and company were her supporters and that here they were being attacked by the party hierarchy.

They were in fact in the process of joining not Hanson's legion, but the Support Movement. It is true that by doing that they hoped to reinforce Hanson's grip on the Australian political scene, which is why the support movement came about. She draws the inference that Love and company were receiving the unwanted attention of the party heavyweights. This was not the case at the time.

What caused Love to be 'heavied' (his words, not mine) by State Director of the Liberal Party was the report in the paper. You cannot put the cart before the horse as Hanson was doing here. That information was not in the newspaper article, so it had to come from somewhere else. As I indicated earlier Bronwyn Bishop also tendered a bit of

'friendly advise' to Love. This sudden magnetism to draw the heavy-weights reinforced my belief that Love was called into the Federal office of Tony Abbott and rudely acquainted with the dangerous precedence that he was contemplating. I rather suspect that some of the heavy-weights attended that briefing. I would not have thought that Abbott himself would have been involved with this admonishment. To me, this response to the Love incident highlighted just how touchy and sensitive the Liberal Party was to the growing possibility of mass defections.

Many readers will recall when One Nation as it was to become decided to 'milk the goodwill of the Hanson supporters in Queensland' to boost the war-chest for the forthcoming Federal election; how the Liberal-National coalition branches were in utter chaos as to know how to deal with the onslaught of Hanson.

There is no doubt that they were worried, but they need not have been for Hanson's future was now in the hands of two total and destructive incompetents, Ettridge and Oldfield.

Yet Pasquarelli had failed to understand the implication of what he later said he drafted. He failed to query Hanson as to where she had obtained the information that she had used to lambaste me in this letter. She had indicated that 'her supporters' were being reprimanded because of my 'talking to the media'. But how did she know that the party heavies had been at work. The answer was simple, but only Hanson would have known that. She would have been fed this through the conduit that was her new political adviser operating out of Abbott's office. The bow waves of this disturbance would have been enough for Oldfield to have instructed Hanson to 'close that bastard down'. The extreme irony in all this is that Pasquarelli was doing Oldfield's dirty work at a time when he only had hours to remain as Hanson's advisor.

In the meantime Abbott was waiting in the wings for the liaison between Pauline Hanson and David Oldfield to produce results. Into this current climate the Packer stable political mouth-piece the Bulletin cast its own net. In an article the Power of One by Kerry-Anne Walsh this appeared.

A Pauline Hanson Led Party that fielded candidates for the Senate would command 18% of the national vote and sweep the Australian Democrats aside to decisively hold the balance of power in the upper house according to an exclusive Bulletin Morgan poll conducted last week.



The publication came out on November 5th 1996. This observation is interesting for it exposes the so called political skills of David Oldfield, and to some extent his echo David Ettridge.

The Bulletin was echoing what ordinary people like myself believed, stripped of all the political humbug and opportunistic rhetoric that carpetbaggers Ettridge and Oldfield were destined to peddle; that a Hanson team of like-minded candidates

would create havoc. No mention here of a necessity for a One Nation limpet-clad shell to carry a battery of parasites. No, all it needed was ordinary people with commitment and integrity to carry off the day.

This was Oldfield:

"The concept that Pauline could have all of these Independent candidates that were Pauline Hanson endorsed is impossible".

Was it?. Who was this political colossus that Hanson had run aground on? He was certainly not blessed with common sense. His was a world of politics and political chicanery. He was incapable of thinking logically that is why he constituted a danger. Oldfield convinced himself that Hanson had to be identified for the voters to recognise her candidates. In other words he gave the voters no credit for thinking for themselves. In New Zealand it is not necessary to coerce and spell out how they should vote. They have used their own intelligence to think for themselves for well over 100 years. The Bulletin suggested that this team of Hanson followers could win 'AT LEAST SEVEN SENATE SEATS'.

To muddy the waters surrounding Hanson at that time was another operator whose interest in Hanson was specious to say the least; David Ettridge. He wrote of me in justification of the hi-jacking of the movement;

He started this and I wanted him to be one of us. We wanted him as the elder statesman, the person with the vision. I was sad that he chose not to come to the launch of Pauline Hanson's One Nation. I was extremely tolerant and patient with Bruce and had a genuine compassion for him when I realised that he was unable to be part of the picture.

These were empty words. You will note that David wanted. This was not an approach to come aboard; this was a demand to meet the prerequisites of their agenda. I considered within an hour of meeting Ettridge that his agenda had nothing to do with the welfare of the people's politician, Pauline Hanson. How the idea ever entered Ettridge's head that I would become 'one of them' bewilders me. His partners in this affair Oldfield, Menagh and Hanson may have been slack with the grip they held on integrity, but I valued mine.

It was just before Christmas 1996 that we were run off our feet satisfying the hundreds of requests for membership, for ideas on how to broaden the support base and to establish new branches.

Helen Dodd in her book *Pauline, the Hanson Phenomenon* says : "He (Whiteside) was very passionate about the movement he had created but it was never well managed'.

This was uninformed diatribe. In a little over six weeks with no resources this 'poorly managed movement' had established some twenty-eight branches, in spite of the interference and spoiling tactic of Hanson through Oldfield.

She goes on and seven years on it makes for interesting reading:

Whiteside never believed that a well, organised political party was needed to achieve this vision. He convinced himself that an Alliance of Independents was the way to go and wanted Pauline to remain Independent. It became impossible to run the two independent organisations in tandem. ...thus before Pauline Hanson's One Nation came into being Ettridge had some work to do.

Today I deeply lament the fact that the concept of the Alliance of Independents was debunked. The fact is evident now that the 'wisdom wonder-kids', Hanson's two trusted lieutenants, allowed arrogance and ineptitude to deprive the battlers of their 'Beacon of Hope'. All that was needed was common sense and the collective support of the ordinary people. The Bulletin recognised that, I recognised that, but the two who now set up their office a hundred yards around the corner from Abbott's electoral office in the Corso, would with Hanson's imprimatur reign for time to come, with disastrous results.

It was at this time that I received a call from the West, from a man who I had never heard of; a John Samuel. Samuel was to play almost a daily role in our affairs until Ettridge implemented the hi-jacking. From that day forth he never contacted me again. He did however make frequent visits to the Gold Coast, liaising and working with Terry Sharples. The connection here indicated to me that he was pursuing and protecting Tony Abbott's interest. Although very few people have either heard or know of Samuel, his interest in the aftermath of the fallout of Oldfield with Abbott that saw Abbott 'go after One Nation' was intriguing to say the least.

Before all this Samuel who ran the PHSM in the West for a time was, I considered, a good friend. He was however a very secretive character and given that security was his occupation, this was understandable. He was he always maintained very close to both Harold Clough, a building magnate in the West and Fosters and IXL chief as well ex Liberal Party President John Elliott in the East. Oddly enough at the time all this meant very little to me. All I was interested in was getting the movement up and running. Samuel and I were seldom off the phone. I remember one time ringing at 5.00am, only to wake up a none to impressed Joan. We can laugh now, but sometimes we simply forgot the two hour difference. It was Samuel who alerted me to the secretive meeting between Noel Crichton-Browne and Pauline Hanson that received much publicity. Samuel's spies were working, as he told me they would. I trusted him.

There was little time left before the 1996 State elections in West Australia. Samuel wanted me to entice Hanson to run candidates. Hanson as she had avowed, was not having a bar of it. He then tried to arrange a meeting with Hanson, but he only met up with Hazelton. In the wash-up John was disappointed but as compensation his wife, along with Chris Burke who was also administering the PHSM and Huw and Mark Grossmith ran on a PHSM ticket. To this day I do not know how they fared.

Samuel had told me his part in the West Australia Inc. affair and what it had done to destroy Brian Burke. It came as no surprise then, that a little while later he rounded

off on Cheryl Kernot. He told me ...but remained wary of relating any details of a Court case that would involve Kernot, that would he said, destroy her. I never did understand the mechanics of what this was all about and in fact I wasn't particularly interested. Later this comment was to have a harmonic ring with another of Samuel's alleged friends.

For a small group the logistics of what we had embarked on had snowballed. I then set out naively I have to admit now, to seek sponsorship. I wrote to a number of firms and even went as far as trying to get Mitsubishi Motors in Adelaide to furnish us with a car. Heady stuff, when I look back, but they were tools that we needed and I at least was none too worried about whom I approached. Others much more conservative actually put a damper on that enthusiasm. So it came as a shock to the committee to find out that I had rung a certain John Elliott; a man whose very name put the fear of hell into many. "Not THE John Elliott, they mused. Through the grapevine, which for the most part was fairly reliable, I gleaned that John Elliott was predisposed toward much of what Hanson was saying. Elliott like myself, possibly admired people who were prepared to have a go...and to hell with what the pundits thought. I put a call through to his office in Little Collins Street Melbourne. The time 1.29pm December 23rd 1996. The call was answered by Mr Elliott's secretary and she told me that she would have him return the call later. I promptly forgot the call and continued with the mountain of work in front of me. In all honesty I did not expect to hear from him, but I did. The phone rang at 4.35pm and I was completely wrong-footed.

"Bruce Whiteside? Elliott here; what can I do for you?".

I have to say that my first reaction to his voice was akin to a kid who was momentarily distracted and had then run slap bang into a brick wall. I was initially apologetic, cognisant to the fact that as a business mogul that he probably had more to do with his time than speak with 'minnows who were dabbling in politics'; my words not his.

'I'm sorry to take up your valuable time Mr Elliott, because you in all probability have never heard of me'.

His reply stunned me.

"Mr Whiteside, I know PRECISELY who you are".

It was a funny feeling, almost as if I had been accepted to the very rooms of 'port and cigars' to which I had a natural aversion. From that point on I certainly relaxed and John and I spoke as if we both understood each other perfectly. In fact what I had hoped for was something in the order of a thousand dollars or possibly a benevolent

fifteen hundred, to help us keep up with the impost of keeping up with the demands that were being placed upon us. In the event the idea of a specific sponsorship was never mentioned. The call was terminated at a couple of minutes to five, but not before my eyes had been fully opened. Elliott told me that my idea of funds had already begun to surface in Melbourne, with a couple of financiers working to that end. He was in contact with these two who were in the process of building a fighting fund to assist Hanson ... indirectly. It was then that the truth of what I believed was happening was about to hit me.

"Bruce I want you to understand that this money will not be there to help Hanson as such but to clear the blockage in the Senate".

John paused; I was momentarily stunned.

"You understand what I am saying; the money will be used to clear the blockage in the Senate. In other words to get rid of the Australian Democrats".

"I understand fully".

Balson in his book *Inside One Nation*, speculates that Elliott might have mistaken me for a Liberal Party 'apparatchiki'. This is not borne out by Elliott's initial comment of knowing who his caller was. Whether Balson's summation was right or wrong the fact remains that although I sent Elliott a synopsis of who I was and where I had come from ...a mere courtesy on my part, I never heard from him again. In the light of what I was trying to piece together, this comment was political dynamite.

Did I say dynamite? Forget it.

"I went to the *Courier-Mail*, the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the members of the Canberra Press gallery.

THEY DID NOT WANT TO KNOW!

I felt for all the world like a leper. They simply did not want to poke the fires of Elliott the National Securities slayer; more soberly though the machinations of politics played by the media could see no useful benefit of running it.

So here we had Elliott openly admitting to me that the Democrats had to go. We had Samuel, a self-confessed close friend of Elliott's targeting Kernot, we had the Liberals angling to circumnavigate the protocols of controlling the Senate, we had Oldfield and Ettridge now working as a team to use Hanson as the catalyst to build a Senate team ...and what must be presumed yet borne out by later developments Oldfield obtaining the number one spot on the One Nation senate ticket so that ultimately he and not Hanson would control the balance of power! Two operations, working for a common goal,

but each with its own hidden agenda. The Liberals Government to control the Senate with Hanson and independently insulated from each other two operatives working to use Hanson as the catalyst so that Oldfield would be the man in the bargaining seat. This would be the man who would curry favour with Prime Minister John Howard, thus sidelining his old boss Tony Abbott. This would be the man that would call the shots and thus fulfil his political ambitions ...on the skirt of a woman, Pauline Hanson!

Little wonder that the wrath of his office in Manly was vented upon me, when I foreshadowed Oldfield's ultimate intentions, in a letter to the Courier-Mail, dated April,13th 1998.

It said in part: As Hanson's adviser, Oldfield should put her political survival first. I suggest he has advised her to run for the house of Representatives, knowing she cannot win. Unless Hanson runs for the Senate, it will be Oldfield and not Hanson leading One Nation'.

■ AS founder of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement, which gave rise to One Nation, I am deeply concerned for Hanson's political survival. It is my reading of the situation that David Oldfield is plotting the rise of One Nation and the demise of Hanson. Oldfield has had his hand on the Hanson tiller since her maiden speech. Hanson's spokesman says One Nation will pick up several seats in the Senate (C-M, Apr 13) and also expects to win seats in the lower house. As Hanson's adviser, Oldfield should put her political survival first. I suggest he has advised her to run for the House of Representatives, knowing she cannot win. Unless Hanson runs for the Senate, it will be Oldfield and not Hanson leading One Nation.—Bruce Whiteside, Miami. April 13

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Seven years on I still hear the dripping invective of his;

'You were never going to be allowed in the Movement. You would only stand in the way of our agenda. We are going to destroy you'. Oh yes, Oldfield was all charm, all ambition. When One Nation was finally launched at Ipswich, Abbott could no longer deny the fact that Oldfield had 'done the dirty'. What is interesting about all this is that Abbott then set about destroying ...not Hanson ...not Oldfield but One Nation. Why? Certainly not because of ideological

differences or socially alienating policies. No ...by destroying One Nation he killed two birds with one stone. I speculate here and expect you the reader to draw similar conclusions that he established an alibi by destroying One Nation, therefore there was absolutely no possibility that John Howard could be seen to know of any suggested 'plot' to control the Senate, if at all he was aware of the possibility. By going after One Nation very publicly, Abbott was able to play the 'wronged party', thus negating any suggestion he and the inner sanctum of the Liberal Party might have been part of a grander plan.

In targeting One Nation and NOT Oldfield he reduced the risk that Oldfield might squeal. There may be no love lost between either man, but as both were head-kickers, they were pragmatic enough to see that there was no future for either in a 'public stoush that could only hurt the government. So the buck stopped with Abbott.

History went on to record that Oldfield narrowly missed his Senate dream, but it must also be remembered that had he and Ettridge not opted to use the goodwill of Queensland's supporters of Hanson, to help build an illusionary '\$15,000,000 war-chest', and had remained out of State politics as Hanson has always avowed she would, the land-slide that saw One Nation grab eleven seats, in Queensland may well have replicated itself federally. Oldfield had help sow the seeds of his now diminished dreams.

I well remember the local *Gold Coast Bulletin* ringing me the following morning asking for my comments.

'This is the high water mark for One Nation. From hereon in it is all down hill', and so it proved.

So, was John Howard an innocent bystander in all this? How would he have reacted to Oldfield's defection and chicanery, that saw not only Abbott abandoned, but the principles of loyalty to the Liberal party? But wait a minute perhaps this was not disloyalty to the party. If Oldfield was to hold the balance of power in the Senate, then surely a 'brilliant and dynamic young Liberal' as Ettridge had informed me was preferable to a 'fish and chip' lady? Savour and ponder these observation recorded in Helen Dodd's book *Pauline, the Hanson Phenomenon*:



Hanson, Oldfield and Dodds, at launch of book. Photo courtesy Scott Balson

Other politicians were hoping that John Howard's rebuttal of her 'simplistic answers to complex issues, such as foreign investment' would keep her on the back foot and show her up to be an uneducated and ill-advised politician. Howard was under intense pressure by members of his own party, members of the Opposition, the media, business people, and many ethnic groups to speak up and condemn Hanson as 'a racist', 'an uneducated woman' and 'a divisive influence in Australia'. However, Howard has made very few comments about Hanson.

Perhaps my 'bits of the jigsaw' might supply some of the reasons for that.

Today One Nation is no more than a wispy remnant of a dream gone wrong; the smouldering embers dampened by the watershed from the burst dam within.

Terry Sharples embroiled Abbott in bringing One Nation unstuck. I saw the evidence for I personally sighted an indemnity for \$20,000 sent to Sharples and signed by Tony Abbott, to help him prosecute his case. Both will deny it, but I cannot deny what I saw. Sharples showed it to me in this very room I work from. It is my understanding that that indemnity, the original, was retained by a former barrister acting for Sharples, Tony Morris. This after having impressed upon Sharples never to allow the original to pass out of his hands.

The after-shocks are still being felt and both One Nation and Hanson herself have yet to have their cases heard in court. As I finalise this account, the drama is being played out in the courts. If I had my time over again, with the knowledge I have gained over the past few years I would have given Hanson the widest of wide berths. Witnessing what is coming out of the few reports, in our dailies, I am reminded of the classic one liner that came out of the out of the Royal Commission into the Air New Zealand crash on Mt Erubus, at the South Pole in 1977. The Commissioner summed it up thus 'a litany of lies'. It would have been so much easier not to have known.

John Samuel finally fell out with Sharples whilst on Abbott connected business during the earlier committal Court proceedings in Brisbane. Sharples personally expressed a fear of Samuel after this set-to. What was of such import that brought Samuel over from Perth time and time again?

Pauline Hanson was once reported and subsequently hounded for saying her treatment of boat people, trying to short-circuit the system, was to 'give them food and medicine and turn them around'. Today Minister Ruddick does that in a more deceptive way. Being of the established order of controlled politics respectability is given to Hanson's sentiment delivered by the system. Ruddick the statesman Hanson the racist ...how shallow we are!

Howard, by playing shrewd politics has ended up wearing the mantle that Hanson created. In spite of all the media clips, all the heart-rending radio stories, does the average Australian really care a fig. I doubt it. Hanson essentially got it right but grubby men, dirty politics and a hypocritical, gutless people, who find it easier to 'go

with the flow' by echoing the doomsayers and fearful of standing up to be counted, allowed a comparative innocent to be mauled and devoured in the system.

A pox therefore on those who call Australia the greatest place on earth because it is they more than any other that have contributed nothing toward making it so!

I rest my case.

Chapter 21...for the record

Destiny Aborted was originally written to become an historical account of how the PHSM evolved and how it came to be hi-jacked to form a political party. An uncompleted version was available briefly for viewing on the internet.

When Scott Balson opted to write a history of One Nation Inside One Nation he approached me to seek permission to uplift some of the passages of that account. It was my view that without the PHSM there would have been no One Nation. If the story and indeed the accurate history was going to be recorded at all then as the two people most intimately involved with both operations it should be they who would record it. (see Balson and Whiteside in Contents)

My own account is a very personal one. Scott's account is from the perspective of a friendly journalist and there were few of those. In fact had it not been for his Australian News of the Day gwb@notd the overall picture would have been horribly distorted. His involvement was detached therefore without the emotion that I felt. In a sense the only other person who felt the passion, trauma and heart-break that I went through would possibly have been Pauline Hanson herself, although for much different reasons. It must be remembered that many, many people got a free ride at Pauline Hanson's expense. Today many have turned on her and deserted her. I know that feeling only too well and in that sense my genuine sympathies go out to her, even though my respect for her is greatly diminished.

A million people voted for Pauline Hanson, NOT One Nation. As I close on this story I have great misgivings in seeing it published at all. Why?

I have been highly critical of Hanson, I have also been her most ardent advocate. As I write there are forces within her own ranks marshalling to have her thrown out of One Nation. I deplore this action. I hold to the view that the rallying point for the Hanson inspired One Nation is Hanson herself. Without her One Nation is nothing more than a collection of non-de-scripts.

Pauline Hanson should publicly denounce One Nation and go back to her grass-roots, the ordinary battlers to whom she endeared herself.

Two old men since the day of her maiden speech have harboured a vision. They wanted to see Pauline Hanson as a political force in this country that would break the two party strangle-hold. Hanson held that key. Those two old men built two PHSM's, one in Queensland, one in South Australia. Those two old men were still asking Pauline to listen as this account was written...she does not hear!

Chapter 22 ...the guillotine falls

This chapter is a recent writing. What precedes this was written at the time it happened As a result many observations and predictions will have been debunked or rightly prophesised.

Many times during Hanson's reign I had disparagingly drawn the parallel of Hanson to Marie Antoinette. Hanson who was never short of people to warn her of my 'acerbic tendency to get the to fundamental truth', would dispatch any such advice to the waste-paper basket. Ask Morrie Marsden and Christine Boag.

Condemnation of the verdict from all facets of her former detractors, washed over the media. It was almost as if the raised word, the finger of racist jibes, the attack on her inability to speak 'Vaucluse' or 'Toorak' dialects suddenly had become the ingredients within the missile that had brought her down. Belated guilt at the severity of the sentence was abundant.

Whispers of political interference were rife; ...the Judge had been 'got at' by the beaming, holier-than-thou Queensland Premier and for a while it seemed that all and sundry were responsible for Hanson's incarceration. I experienced family anger a morning or two after Hanson had been jailed. I rang Mrs Judy Smith to whom I had a fleeting acquaintance with to offer some semblance of help. Her anger, understandable if not rational reflected the anguish to which the family were hurting. It did not however give her the license to accuse me in a broad sweep of angry criticism to hold me accountable if Hanson should 'break-down' in prison. The fact that Hanson had attracted and taken aboard people who did contribute to her downfall, placed all of us in the 'bastards to kick' category. What Mrs Smith failed to realise is that I was never part of Hanson's armada. The act of piracy put us outside her domain and the 'stolen booty came back to topple the raiding Queen and her one time National Director.

Yet if there was profaned remorse that the media painted, the media itself revelled in the fact that could well have been left unreported, that Hanson would have to endure the ignominious ritual of strip searching along with all other aspects of this uncivilised and humiliating practice.

I don't quite know why, but every time I hear of this disgusting ritual I see the wide-grin of Peter Beattie. To me this is as synonymous as Ettridge and Oldfield to One Nation. None of it invokes pleasurable memories.

Nor does the blatant journalistic license to say what it likes, when it likes and how it likes. We all know it happens but is there no rule of ethics, of truthfulness, that governs what the freedom of the press prints? This is a case in point; nothing sinister, nothing unusual, just damned lies.

The journalist is well known to me, Greg Stoltz of the Gold Coast Bureau of the Courier-Mail. I remember Greg when he was kid on the Gold Coast Bulletin and many others too who were there before the acquisition by the Murdock 'stifle-the-truth' juggernaut.

Along side the blazoned headline 'I feel sorry for them, Oldfield; is a photograph of myself 'reading' Inside One Nation. Under the headline 'No vote of sympathy', is run the line that 'I was happy to see her behind bars'. Vengeance, which this line purports is not part of my repertoire, yet these words are attributed to me. They were in fact the personal opinion of the journalist, who used myself as the vehicle to convey them. If not then the said journalist is offered the chance to withdraw and apologise. I am prepared to have quoted what I write and the fact is that have no problem with Hanson's jailing; the sentence, I do not challenge either, for I happened to see a bigger picture.

What has been lost in all this belated clamouring to suddenly 'go into bat' for poor Pauline is the fact that the membership was fraudulently used to register One Nation. I don't need the forensic rigmarole to arrive at the point, simply because the man who was the mastermind told me that was exactly how he was going to do it. There was never going to be 'party' membership and in fact if we want to labour the point further the idea of dropping the word 'party', was an idea that he took from me. It arose out of the fierce discussion we had when I told him that the word party was anathema to Hanson. 'Brilliant', was his reply and 'it will no longer be in our vocabulary.' The date: Feb 5 1997.

Poor Pauline was the cry. The Gold Coast Bulletin, never a friend of Hanson's screams out '99% of Coasters slam sentences as too harsh, and spreads the Hanson clan over inside pages. I wonder in all this did anyone stopped to think about 'Poor Rob Borbidge' who was removed from office on this registration?

No, there is a rampant hypocrisy about the whole box and dice of the Hanson saga. As it happens I don't believe that Pauline Hanson was knowingly party to the action that landed her in jail. I would not suggest that she lacked the brains to help engineer it but candidly in spite of her arrogance and total disregard for hard pragmatic advice, I think if she had fully understood the mechanics of what was being done in her name she

would not have had a bar of it. Hanson may be many things, but I fancy that dishonesty is not part of her conscious armoury.

In the days since her jailing Hanson along with David Ettridge have appealed to the Courts for casting aside of the trial, application for bail and a subsequent appeal; all to no avail. This of itself builds within the community an underlying angst against the Courts ... the government to say nothing about those who 'tinkered' with the spirit of justice in an attempt to 'put Hanson away'.

I'd like to very briefly comment on these issues.

The Courts: The Courts ARE the law, made up of human beings equally capable of human foibles. These people are trained to interpret the word of law, which itself is an extension of law made by politicians, who are more often than not these days lawyers. To the lay person the things that seem commonsense take on a far different dimension in a Court of Law. I believe that the Court itself is aware of that perception but fails to act accordingly. I have to say that the Judiciary of the United States did untold damage in the way it became party to the election of George W Bush. In a country that flags democracy as a virtue of its own making, this would seriously undermine any confidence of a judiciary no matter where. For these reasons I availed myself of the opportunity to read the Hanson/Etridge transcript, all 2000 pages of it. It is my reading of the material that the Judge Roslyn Atkinson was scrupulously honest, that the presentation of both defence and prosecution, left much to be desired and that the jury delivered the verdict on the evidence presented.

Outside interference: Why did the 'learned counsels' call the minnows, when the real culprits were allowed to slink off back into normal life? Slush funds, oscillating hired hands and using pawns obviously were too 'sensitive' to tackle. Why does the press run with scuttle-butt, glamorise the profile names that play the game of political intrigue, whilst allowing the concerns of grass-roots minnows to be pigeon-hole 'files for future reference'.

There is no doubt in my mind that there is dirty work at play in the ongoing Hanson saga. Unfortunately Hanson herself, by carelessness and the inability to trust people

has been in part the architect of her own personal disaster. Yet this is the smaller picture in the overall mosaic.

With a million voters waiting out there to be snapped up, Hanson is going to remain in prison until after the next Federal election. To allow her to return to civvy street would be to fan the flames of resurgence. A wounded Hanson is a dangerous Hanson and as has been the case in Burma with Aung San Suu Kyi. This is not Burma, yet for those who think, for those who are not marinated in sport, for those who stop to question and see behind the charade that passes for news, lies a country that is being stealth-fully hi-jacked.

It was my movement, (I call it mine since others perjured themselves in the Supreme Court and worse still were believed simply because there was no one there to repudiate their claim) that provided the foundation for the illicit One Nation. Like Martin Luther King, I also Dreamed a Dream and that dream was that ordinary Australians would reclaim this country for their own. Pauline Hanson was the catalyst.

As Hanson languishes in jail all of us who believe she has been wronged, all of those who rant and rave and do nothing, all of those who believed in what she started need to think about what they are going to do.

There is Hanson and there is the bigger picture; that of political chicanery. There need to be a solid dose of hydrochloric acid to cleanse out the insipient cancer that devalues and disenfranchises the million people to who saw Hanson as the Light on the Hill.

The Howard Government will not entertain the idea of a Royal Commission, simply because it might finger parliamentarians all the way to the top. It took two intrepid journalists, an honest newspaper to nail a corrupt president; they called it Watergate.

Here in Australia we have no intrepid journalists, no honest national newspapers, but we have Manlygate.

Chapter 23 ...looking back

What has gone before these pages was written at the time and finally put into book form in the last century, 1997.

Today as I prepare to place this chapter of my life on the website we have moved on to the dawn of 2006.

In twelve years the world has changed. It has become a world in chaos, where life is the currency of religious zealots, where men who view themselves as statesmen ignore the wisdom of collective opinion, where the same men are driven just as Adolf Hitler and Josef Stalin were by self evaluated ability that leads countries into inextricable positions of disaster.

The technological age has grown so fast that today's achievement is old hat a year later. Children are wed to the ubiquitous mobile phone, running up telephone accounts that many don't relate to. Television, ipod and miniaturised music technology that allows downloading of thousands of tunes to be transferred to a recorder no bigger than a pack of cards.

As I write a new era of super aircraft descends into Brisbane; the A380, that can carry up to 800 commuters. Gone is the Supersonic Concorde, after a fiery crash shortly after leaving Paris Airport. Tragically it was debris on the runway that led to the demise of one of the world's success stories. Gone the Berlin Wall, the Communist state of the Soviet Union and in it's place the misplaced religious fervour of fanatical Muslim belief. Gone too are Bill Clinton who will be remembered for his affair with Monica Lewenski. Paul Keating finally frog marched Bob Hawke from the Prime Ministership, only to carry political correctness to new heights. The Liberals went through a musical chairs leadership crisis in 1995 choosing Alexander Downer as leader and passed over John Howard. Downer failed to make a dent in the armour of Paul Keating and he too passed on. Peter Costello declined the invitation to take over and

finally the party resorted to the least desirable candidate. Thus began the rise and rise of the man 'born to lead' the Australian people, the enigmatic John Howard.

In the intervening ten years we have witnessed the meteoric rise and fall of a political comet that shone promised to send shock waves through the established order of Australian politics, but foundered on the greed graft and naivety of two carpetbaggers and a political virgin. With the ball at her feet Pauline Hanson was the darling of the masses, but contempt for and ignorance of the people who were her support led to her ignominious downfall.

In a pinpoint election that saw the duplicity and corruption of judicial manoeuvring, finally hand a controversial mandate to George Bush junior, stylises as George W, the seeds of a new dawn were sown. Only this dawn was to be blood red, not a golden era.

The most spectacular collapse of all was the brilliantly executed fall of the iconic twin towers of New York . The most powerful country in the world had its defence lines shot to pieces laying bare the invincible Americans.

Revenge was swift when the ebullient George W set out to depose of Saddam Hussein and rescue Iraq from the 'evil forces' thus building his justification on the 'mass weapons of destruction', he suckered in to join the Coalition of the Willing, Prime Minister Tony Blair and follow the leader strong-man John Howard, chaffing at the bit to become a world statesman.

Many saw and still see the war in Iraq as a lie and the innocent slaughter of thousands of American servicemen and Iraqi civilians. Bush has named many Muslim nations as the 'axis of evil', but failing to understand that imposing your standards on others equates exactly the same from another's perspective. Ordinary people believe that the premise for war and the execution were the outrageous whims of men with visions of grandeur and history. Iraq stands today as a miserable exercise, promoted as success by virtue of fooling the masses with saturation news coverage.

England, Indonesia, Australia, France, have become targets of a new form of terrorism that had its origins in Japanese philosophy. In an age of smart bombs and military precision, nothing compares with the raw crudeness of seizing fully fuelled up American iconic airliners, cutting throats, manning the controls and then flying these now lethal projectiles into two 1000 foot towers in central New York. If this was not ramming the message home then for good measure the Pentagon was targeted and partly destroyed. Heroism prevented the same bitter pill for Capitol Hill. And all this from the protector of freedom and the benchmark for all that is right and proper that must be emulated at the behest of Uncle Sam.

Recent times have seen the strategic political bombing of tourist destinations that sends messages of fear and terror to those who are seen as friends of America and George Bush in particular.

The rise of enclaves of Muslims around the world is a worry to those countries that have for centuries largely retained their hereditary origins. In 1988 I was accused of racism for trying to prevent the sale of Australian land to foreigners. In 1996 Pauline Hanson was branded a racist for suggesting that they turn the boat people around, give them medical supplies and send them on their way. From 2000 onward the Howard record in relation to detained immigrants is not far removed from some of the worse hell holes of World War II. Yet in spite of the discrimination, the incarceration and the inhumane treatment a la Vanstone/Howard/Ruddick, do you ever hear the word racism? No! The hypocrisy is over-whelming. People no longer matter, politicians whether on the home or international front do not hear, do not care and deliver that which requires no skill or responsibility.

One has only to think back and question the integrity and brutal honesty of an Enoch Powell or those who held to the White Australia policy. The alternative is what we are living today.

Chapter 24 ...a million voters

A million people voted for One Nation. Today a million people have nowhere to deposit their protest vote. Had Pauline Hanson listened to her first political adviser John Pasquarelli, she could well have held the balance of power within the Senate. How different the political landscape may have been.

The Bulletin Magazine of November 5th 1996 featured on its cover the result of a shock poll. "At least seven senate seats".

But then nobody knew at this time that Hanson had fallen prey to the charms of David Oldfield and was floating on a sea of subterranean subterfuge. The naive girl became putty in their hands and the hopes and aspirations of Hanson's growing legions were dashed, when her compact with her people gave way to sweet nothings. Was Hanson in love with the common interest of her people, with the fighting for their cause, with championing the injustices that they saw? Was she intoxicated by the power of their following? Did she believe that she was somehow invincible and therefore could take it all for granted? Or did she fall for David Oldfield as her close personal secretary of the time Barbara Hazelton suggested. Hadn't Pauline confided in her by saying that 'David was all that I ever wanted in a man.' Hanson denied this, but then one would expect this. I know Hazelton well enough to accept her word against that of Hanson. What should be appreciated was that at the time of Oldfield's incursion, Hazelton was closer to Hanson than anybody. They were like sisters and I will not accept the premise that Hazelton sold Hanson out. One day the real story will emerge and only then might the sordid machinations that surround the One Nation saga provide some of the answers. Barbara Hazelton knows far more about the inner workings than she has ever revealed. Hazelton I believe could have hung Hanson if she had been driven by the same vindictiveness as her old boss. Hazelton has remained largely 'mum'. Having spoken with Barbara Hazelton very recently I am amazed at her complete indifference to Hanson. Contempt, malice, vindictiveness or bitterness? No, none of those things, only a deep anger that a stupid woman was handed the mantle to help in a real way those thousands of battlers who saw her as a battler for the ordinary man.

I should point out that One Nation remains largely unexposed. Over time more and more will come to the fore, but just as I was at the vanguard of helping Hanson, so too have I been responsible enough to alert a cynical public to what went on behind the scenes. If people wish to berate me on the well worn One Nation cliché, that this account is only 'sour grapes' then realise that this account was never going to see the light of day. The fact that it appears at all must be credited to Mr Scott Balson, who sees the unpublished book as an important historical account of one of the most turbulent episodes in Australian political history. In spite of all the rosy rhetoric of

Ettridge and Oldfield extolling their belief in Hanson's views, the fact remains that they both helped destroyed her. Lets look at the ledger.

Thousands of people rallied to Hanson, providing physical, financial and logistical help. Many, many people contributed large amounts of money. Others supplied reams and reams of material printed at often no cost to assist in the greater cause. Some like those in George Merritt's Adelaide based PHSM, worked tirelessly to build the difficult South Australian branch. It was they who injected thousands of dollars into the One Nation coffers, with the fortuitous arrival of the celebrated Pauline Hanson ...The Truth.

Some were to lose their lives in promoting the cause of this new star Pauline Hanson. But in spite of all this Hanson became the plaything of ambitious men. One exploited her human weakness to realise his political ambitions, the other became the gatherer of the financial windfall that came with the populist clamour. Some pensioners raided their burial funds, so enamoured were they with this new hope. But all this was of no relevance as far as Hanson herself was concerned. She may have gone through the exercise of thanking people, but really she didn't care a damn for any of them.

Hanson has remained wedded to Ettridge and Oldfield. Now that Ettridge has gone having pulled anchor before the Court of Appeal in Queensland endorsed Justice Atkinson's verdict that One Nation was fraudulent, the question that still lingers is where did the money GO? Some of it has certainly been defrayed in court litigation. But this is not an explanation that satisfies. If the integrity of those who invented One Nation had been scrupulous and honest, the need for people to seek justice from the courts would not have arisen. One Nation was built on deception and therefore its existence was always in peril. If those who had masqueraded as 'friends of Pauline' ("we, like you Bruce have Pauline's interest at heart" Ettridge to me on Feb 5 1997) had been true to their word Pauline would have been a political force today. Instead she is all but forgotten. The only beneficiaries have been Ettridge and Oldfield. Ettridge has gone and One Nation is in its death throes. The people have a right to know and furthermore expect the appropriate authorities to act. What was perpetrated on the voters of this country in the name of One Nation is a major crime. The people have a right to know where their money went and why they were innocently entrapped in a political scam. They want to know why the value of their vote was nullified, because it was lured into voting for a political party that our Electoral Commissioners approved. They want to know why the election that that party participated in was not null and voided by the system. They also want to know why if the party had been scrupulously clean, that a manufactured voting system should be so tolerated that it denied voters natural justice. We must have answers, even if it does eventually bring down political heavyweights!

So what if?

Had Pauline arrived in a position of power, could she have handled the reins? Could she have begun to fulfil the wishes of her people?

The answer to that must be a muted 'I don't think so'. Before the arrival of Oldfield I expressed well-founded views that John Pasquarelli manipulated her. John is a strong character, but I am sure that he never made Pauline's heart miss a beat. He would have had her ensconced in the Senate. Oldfield had a different sort of control; he is now in the parliament, she is not. He got there by the efforts of those who had followed and financed Hanson's star. The real clout that Hanson might have delivered would have come from the solidarity of her grassroots following. There were many sound people who had a good grasp of politics who would have been her strength. Hanson was the gathering point for something much better than the present two party system. There is an anger in the electorate that has had enough of politicians pervading their lives, of politicians double-speak, of promises visited upon the people with absolutely no hope or intention of fulfilling them.

"No child will live in poverty by 1990!" blasted Bob Hawke.

"No. There is no-way that the GST will ever be part of our policy. Never, ever. It is dead, killed by the voters in the last election," bellowed John Howard.

Killed by the voters eh. When did the voters ever count, except at election time.

We see the creeping globalisation of multi-nationals, while our politicians pay lip service to the concerns of our people. We perceive the surrendering of our industries, of our national icons, of our control of our country sliding away. We see the balance of what was essentially an egalitarian society tipping in favour of those at the top end of the social scale. There is a growing feeling of claustrophobia, of more and more government intervention impacting upon our lives. In a word the people perhaps in simplistic terms have had enough. Weak politicians, the instruments by consent to powerful overseas interests and politically motivated organizations have seen the people's Australia undermined and progressively sold out. No wonder people have responded to the glimpse of common-sense that was Hanson. It is all very well to say that Hanson appeals to simple people and that they would be better advised to listen to the Costello's,

Howard's and Crean's of this world. What should be understood and listened to is the reason why Hanson strikes a chord where they don't. There is no good served by academics and smart talkers dismissing these people as simplistic for in the long run it is they who bear the brunt by virtue of their numbers of the indifference to their concerns. The growing tide of disenchantment toward the main parties will see more and more independents elected. People will ultimately fight back. We have only to see the growing militancy of some of our neighbours to realise that continued ignorance and contempt for the masses will not be tolerated. One day if this trend goes unheeded Australians will revolt.

I have advocated from the first time I met Hanson that she work toward building her support base and then look for likely people with integrity, passion and political nous based on common-sense. Had she done that when I originally asked her that time would have been about now. A team of Independents with Hanson as the titular head, could have seen the emergence of a political force rising from the grassroots of this country.

It is a fact that the major political parties in Australia do not listen to or embrace the grassroots. The Labor Party is a labyrinth of factions and dominated by trade union careerists. The Liberal Party are elitist and only the Democrats show any propensity for grassroots input. What worries people like me is that with Cheryl Kernot defecting to the ranks of the Labor Party and meddling Meg Lees signing off on the Goods and Services Tax, is there really any difference. The answer was there for all to see. Hanson had the ball at her feet. Through political opportunism, through a concerted effort by the Murdoch-Packer press, through the political chicanery of the two party system and the flawed preferential voting system, an ordinary house-wife never stood a chance. Whilst she herself contributed greatly to her demise, the great losers in all this were the million voters who dared to seek away out of the corrupted system of government with powerful business.

We must as a people educate ourselves politically so that we have the weapon of understanding to fight this encroaching tyranny of suppression. We cannot survive if we remain politically ignorant, for we can no longer trust our politicians or our media. If we have learnt anything at all from the Hanson phenomenon it is this: anything that upsets the cosy arrangement between big business and either of the two major political parties in Australia, will be ruthlessly dealt with. The chief weapon of destruction is the mass media. There is no such thing as the freedom of the press ...unless you own it!

As we watch the once bright Hanson comet fade in the western sky we have to ask ourselves; 'what went wrong?' Well some of those answers are in the book.

Did we expect too much of a 'fish and chip' owner and mother of four? I don't think so. Ben Chifley was an engine-driver, but then he didn't have to suffer the 'enlightened age' when urine filled condoms and faeces impregnated pens of the media were the weapons of the day. Hanson not only fought the established thinking of the day but stirred up the real underlying resentment of the people toward that thinking. Hanson used her voice. It came from the lower strata of society ...and therefore it had to be crude, uneducated and to be dismissed.

What frightened the established order, those who believe they were 'born to rule' was that Hanson had begun to haul the masses along with her. The masses ...think about it ...the battler, the tradesman, are the salt of the earth. Their only weapon for change was to have a common voice and a common goal. In Hanson, momentarily, they had an icon.

A million people!

A million people were too threatening for the two party political system to tolerate. Aided and abetted by big business, the biased press, the friends of the multicultural industry, Labour, the Coalition and the yapping Democrats, they were able to neuter Hanson's legion.

In a country that is becoming more and more suppressed under the yoke of government Hanson's voice was the call for a way out. It seems as though we stood aside and allowed her to be brutalised.

The PHSM was created to prevent that.

Chapter 25 ...selective justice

Since Pauline Hanson has retired from the political scene she has moved on as publicly as ever. Dancing with the Stars, appearing on several television shows, she has shown to the world that at least she is prepared to 'have a go'. One must now recognise that she did not need the dynamic self-acclaimed skills of a David Oldfield to get to where she was going. In fact one must ask 'whatever did happen to the super-kid who knew all the answers and faded into oblivion?' Oldfield knew exactly what he was doing in creating the abomination along with his cohort the suave Mr Ettridge, for it provided the

catalyst where he could ride into a parliamentary position (any would do) where his future would be cushioned with an eventual soft landing in the form of a parliamentary payout.

Not so for Pauline Hanson. She perceived as wrongly jailed for fraud perpetrated by others was unceremoniously released from prison with no compensation or redress to justice. As Pauline would know, just as I do ...justice in Queensland is not, operated as it is by less than honest lawyers, dubious judges and a gun-ho reign of Premiers

Magistrate Di Fingleton was one who also ran the gauntlet of incompetent, lawyers, incompetent judges and sitting in the wings cogitating over the mistake that he believed had not been picked up by the magnificent practitioners of Queensland's law, a queasy Chief Justice who was too reticent to speak out. Once the High Court handed down its decision on Fingleton it was a case of I knew it all along. Later in Lawful Injustice I will expand on this sham they call justice.

Fingleton having more political clout was 'begrudgingly' handed \$450,000 for her incarceration and dignity suffered. Hanson on the other hand just a fish and chip girl from working class Ipswich, weaselled out of her potential political clout by the established order of the career orientated politicians, the high order of investment barons aided and abetted by the pariahs of the fourth estate, was simply trashed. No justice here, just a haven for class based discrimination. Don't believe me? When Hanson wanted to turn the illegal boat people around it was racism worthy of a Nazi regime. Heil Hanson was the cry. Today Howard, Downer Ruddick and the larger than life Teflon-coated Vanstone make Hanson appear an angel by comparison. The hardest thing to stomach in all this is the blatant 'political spin' that crucifies the courageous and eulogises the spineless.

That Hanson was thrown on the pyre of extermination was one thing, but the total disregard and manipulated corrupt system that saw a million voters disenfranchised, shows the same contempt for battlers that saw England cast her felons to the vast wasteland of New Holland and in particular Botany Bay, in 1788. It was those people, not the elite, not the leaders, but the oft brutalised battlers from the dregs of society who built a nation. Nothing has changed; the parasites, the bleeders and the elite believe they have the God given right to rule. History tells us of the Romanoff's, the Mussolini's and the Saddam's, harboured the same ideas.

Pauline Hanson had her hereditary roots in the calibre and courage of the great bulk of those who came to these shores and built a future for those to follow. They were the forgotten mass, but their masters ...the tyrannical overlords who governed over human misery, authorised floggings, hangings and practiced duplicity gave their names to

prominent villages of the early days, as lasting memorials to 'their contributions.' Sydney, Hunter, Macquarie, Brisbane, Port Arthur to name a few. And would the people of Logan want a city named the man who was found buried head first with his savaged feet protruding above the ground. Payback for debts incurred as administrator on Moreton Island

The madness of politicians who encouraged and fostered political correctness, needed a Hanson to bring back some semblance of sanity and common-sense. Sadly the established order deemed otherwise and the assassination of Pauline Hanson, or more correctly the assassination of the concept of a politician of the people, by the people and for the people will forever is an opportunity lost.

Chapter 26 ...the dying throes of Hanson

Hanson refuses to lie down, which to say the least is exasperating ...and costly. It is not that Hanson is the intrepid crusader determined to nail her much vaunted principles and beliefs to the Australian political masthead, but rather that she become saturated with unreality of her media generated persona. If sport is the opiate of the Australian masses, then media exposure is now the life blood to Pauline Hanson.

The Houdini Act that saw her and fellow One Nation conspirator David Ettridge prised from jail was a triumph for both. The theatrics that plainly conveyed the impression of incompetent justice along with its associated bastardry, only served to demonstrate just how the system of justice in Queensland is so corrupted by ineptitude.

It was always my considered opinion that Hanson should have been severely admonished by Judge Atkinson and that both Ettridge and Oldfield should have gone to trial on serious fraud charges.

As I write what is essentially a second epilogue to this account in late 2008, Hanson has continued to attract media attention with a book launch and another failed attempt at running for the Senate. Interspersed were television spectacles where she ran up a few stardom points. Never-the-less she tried and did a presentable job. Finalist, perhaps, but how better to keep the ratings up for the end purpose.

Hanson in her book *Untamed & Unashamed* makes the astonishing admission in February 1997 that One Nation was going to be registered as a party with the Australian

Electoral Commission. And this statement was made before One Nation had one single member. Hanson writes: In February 1997 Bruce (Whiteside) and the Support Movement officials were told that PHON was going to be registered ...*

Apart from the fact that that was a gross fabrication with no truth whatsoever, Hanson and her collaborators registered as a party with the AEC on March 14 1997. At that stage PHON had no membership, so how was the AEC able to grant party status?

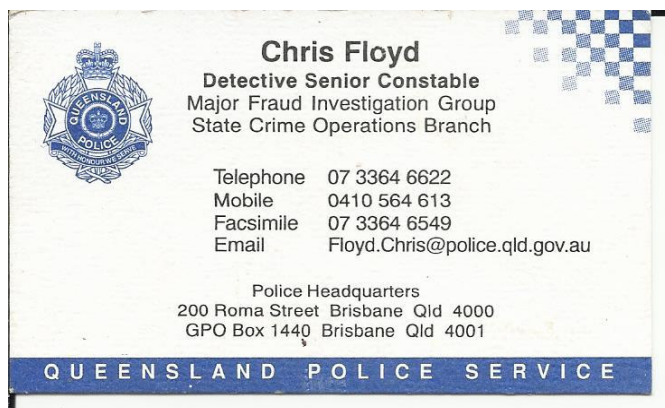
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Floppy disc of this membership sent to D. Estridge 17/2/97, as requested by him + Pauline

✓ Addinsall	B	55392536	8 Aruna Avenue, Burleigh. Qld	4220
✓ Aesch	V	55382556	17 Buena Vista Court, Broadbeach Waters. Qld.	4218
Alexander	R		6 Clearview Ave., Trevallin. Tasmania.	7250
Allen	A		P O Box 321, Blacktown. NSW.	2148
Allen	K		P O Box 321, Blacktown. NSW.	2148
Allen	R		P O Box 321, Blacktown. NSW.	2148
Anderson	JL		18 Pinelands Street, Lawnton. Qld.	4501
Anderson	R	55328292	49 Wommara Crescent, Southport. Qld.	4215
Anderson	R		1 Ravenscraig Court, Kalangur. Qld.	4503
✓ Anderson	D,J	55342810	33 Layte Street, Palm Beach. Qld.	4221
Andrew	G	5446548	14 White, Place, Koorabyn. Qld.	4285
Appleby	A		28 Longboat Place, Runaway Bay. Qld.	4216
Arbon	R		P O Box 75, Kilkenny. South Australia.	5009
Archer	V,A	55914429	29 Arnold Palmer Drive, Parkwood. Qld.	4214
Arnold	CM		1/6 Ocean Street, Cronulla. NSW.	2230
Arthur	C	55782589	9 Ealing Street, Nerang. Qld.	4211
Ash	E,R		139 Alambra Way, Karalie. Qld.	4306
Aspros	M		C/- Sidewalk Cafe, Centrepont. Sydney. NSW.	2000
Atkinson	P	77254948	20 Campbell Street, Hermit Park. Townsville. Qld.	4812
Austin	M		P O Box 72, Double Bay. NSW.	2028
✓ Azzopardi	J	55353892	3 Placid Court, Stephens. Qld.	4227
Babb	J		2 Boatweight Avenue, Lugarno. NSW.	2210
Bailey	x2	63825319	100 Blackett Avenue, Young. NSW.	2594
Baird	H	55384212	113/40 Warton Esplanade, Surfers' Paradise. Qld.	4215
Baker	B		6/105 Ridgeway Avenue, Southport. Qld.	4215
Baldwin	LP		4 Griffith Avenue, Tewantin. Qld.	4565
Baldwin	D		8 Joseph Rd., Leppington, Sydney. NSW.	2171
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Beecroft	G,D		14 Ignatius Avenue, North Richmond. NSW.	2754
Bell	G		27 Jarrah Crescent, Logan Central. Qld.	4114
Bell	J		P O Box 721, Palm Beach. Qld.	4221
Benny	M	55382922	Box 1454, Surfers' Paradise. Qld.	4217
Berial	S	55940803	Grand Court, Nerang. Qld.	4211
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Beveridge	B	55343432	14 Vista Street, Palm Beach. Qld.	4220
Beverley	K		41 Markham Avenue, Runaway Bay. Qld.	4216
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Bird	N	55925412	29 Karbunya St., Mermaid Waters. Qld.	4218
Blair	RD		P O Box 345, Mermaid Beach. Qld.	4218
Blair	S	55960803		
Blight	R		Nth Bank C/Park 478 Arndt Road, Katherine. N.T.	850
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Boorer	P,D		217 Bayview Street, Runaway Bay. Qld.	4216
Borlace	A		36 Mossvale Street, Qld.	4060
Boucher	K	55715135	P O Box 1372, Southport. Qld.	4215
Bouer	L,A		Redbridge Road, Boonah. Qld.	4310

The answer to that was held by one person. That person was myself who had the list of 539 names. There is one very good reason why I am so brutally forthright in my assessment that this was deliberate fraud. You will if you have read the book thus far have seen where all of our material was obtained under deception and was then plagiarised and used by Ettridge, with the able assistance of Steve Menagh. Once the membership list was obtained under false pretences a meeting took place three days later at the Sydney Airport, where the birth of One Nation took its first steps. To do that they had to have 500 names and the PHSM filled that criteria.

But if the dishonesty and intent was perpetrated by the four at the Corso, it had greater depths of depravity and miscarriage when the lawyers and politicians choreographed the bastardry and corrupted processes that followed. There were so many players jockeying for positions of power, there were so many politicians involved who were trying desperately either to cover their backsides or to kill Hanson off and there were circling barristers and 'out of their depth solicitors ', vying to make a name for themselves out of the Hanson phenomenon.

In spite of delivering much material to all parties, both prosecution and defence I was made persona non grata. I was completely ignored by Hanson's lawyer Chris Nyst. Tony Morris who for a while was working with Terry Sharples, (according to Sharples) was similarly disposed. The police who conducted the case for the prosecution made arrangements to visit me on Easter Friday and then kept me home all day and never honoured their word.



It is to her eternal credit that Justice Roslyn Atkinson was the only member of the Queensland judiciary to get within striking distance of the truth and this with material presented that was not only inaccurate by blatantly dishonest. What was so galling to me was that as a material witness I was never allowed to get a foot in the door. I have no doubt that political interference not from Queensland but Canberra made sure that I was never going to be able to bring John Howard into the firing line.

Justice Atkinson received much unfavourable publicity, yet it was the Chief Justice who ruled that Hanson be granted the \$500,000 Electoral Funding and it was the same Chief Justice who sat on the Court of Appeal that saw Hanson and Ettridge released.

When Hanson's book came out I was astounded to read her version of why we fell out in our friendship.

There never was a friendship. Hanson did not have a friend in me; what she had was a pragmatic committed supporter who saw a woman with the potential to change the face of political dishonesty in Australia. Unlike all those who gravitated to her, my mission was to build a moral support base for her. To that end I created the Support Movement. Hanson goes so far as to suggest that 'Hanson was right up his alley', implying that like everybody else I had an agenda and that I was riding on her shirt-tails. This was rich because she surprisingly admits in her book that it had taken her time to cotton on to the fact that I had aired the same concerns in 1988. If anything Hanson latched onto the same issues. With all her media exposure she managed to attract 400 people to her meeting on the Gold Coast. In 1988 I spoke to 1500 people and was not even known in my own street.

Another false statement was that I asked her to travel around Australia with me. I did nothing of the sort. No married man with an ounce of integrity would expose his wife to that sort of stupidity. I know of many men who would have been all too ready to do such a thing, but from the outset I never courted Hanson to the Support Movement.

There is an old saying you tell a lie often enough and you'll end up believing it. Both Hanson and Ettridge have written that I refused to attend the launch of One Nation, even though I had been invited. The truth was that I would never have given something so inherently dishonest my imprimatur by attending. That said let it be known that Pauline Hanson unable to do the dirty work herself asked Barbara Hazelton to ring Iris Whiteside and tell her that on no account was Bruce to attend the opening. This did not apply to Iris. I was there when the news came through. Hanson did not care a fig who she hurt as long as it did not affect her.

Having in the last couple of days (Dec 10, 2011) studied Hanson's account; she makes the statement that I was invited. I took the call that day from Barbara Hazelton who asked to speak to Iris. She told Iris that Pauline had instructed her that on no account was I to be invited. Remember at that moment a team were writing out the invitations. I now have serious doubts whether those instructions came from Hanson because Trewartha and Hazelton were working in unison and certainly did not want me there the opening. I would not therefore rule out that Ettridge, Trewartha and Hazelton knew

the answer, whilst Hanson knew what was done in her name. The more I think about this the more inclined I am to the view that Hanson never gave that instruction.

Hanson had yet another failed attempt at trying to join David Oldfield, this time by running for the NSW Upper House, it was her final hurrah here in Queensland that left an indelible imprint of the real insincerity of the woman. John Pasquarelli who cried pitifully in his book *The Man Who Knows*, that I had somehow brought about his downfall in 1997 was on pretty good terms with her late last year. Hanson had decided to 'crack' the Senate and was immodest enough to believe that her name alone would carry the day. Here again was the cloak of secrecy that always came with 'Pasquarelli speak'. For a while it looked as though he was going to become her advisor again. But Hanson being Hanson knew it all. The main job fell to a Graham McDonald on Bribie Island to organise and run the campaign. In fact the idea was to find 600 members at \$10 a head, that would enable her to run 'above the line' on the Senate ticket. It was Hanson's part of the bargain to arrange the people at the polling booths. McDonald did an amazing job only to see Hanson fail yet again. One of the reasons were that there was no one to hand out How to Vote Cards. Hanson's final act of appreciation for what Graham and his wife had done was to demand the \$210,000, with a stranger at her side. When this was refused Hanson who was unable to issue cheques unless they were co-signed by the treasurer, simply had the money quietly removed.

PAULINE'S UNITED AUSTRALIA PARTY
CASH RECEIPT
DATE 1, 6, 07 E 7805651
RECEIVED FROM IRIS WHITESIDE
26 BRADLEY AV. MIAMI QLD 4220
THE SUM OF TEN DOLLARS
BEING FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO P.U.A.P.
\$ 10.00 SIGN G. McDonald

PAULINE'S UNITED AUSTRALIA PARTY
CASH RECEIPT
DATE 1, 6, 07 E 7805652
RECEIVED FROM BRUCE WHITESIDE
26 BRADLEY AV. MIAMI QLD 4220
THE SUM OF TEN DOLLARS
BEING FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO P.U.A.P.
\$ 10.00 SIGN G. McDonald

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Whatever the position was or was not here again was the Hanson stamp of all those things that she lauded before her once adoring public. Loyalty, honesty, integrity.

There is a very lengthy casualty list of good hard working, honest and loyal people who gave their all for this person who in my long experience has proved to be the most ungracious individual I have ever had the misfortune to come across.

Notwithstanding, I have to say that had Pauline possessed the humility to acknowledge that she was not invincible and had remained loyal to her grassroots she would have been a healthy injection of good old fashioned commonsense in the 'shallow' halls of Canberra.

My greatest disappointment was that in the end she let down her million followers, but the person she cheated on most of all was herself. For that we were all losers in the final analysis. In the end she aborted her own destiny.

Chapter 27 ...postscript 2011

In the middle of 2011 an advertisement run in the Courier-Mail by the Electoral Commission of Queensland (EQC) called for submissions on the re-registration of One Nation. I was somewhat surprised as I had long come to the conclusion that they were a spent force. It appears as though their membership had dwindled yet there remained a hard core of men who kept the flame flickering.

A growing disenchantment with the Rudd leadership of the Labor Government saw a coup by the faceless men of the party factions elect Gillard as leader just prior to the 2010 election. The angry electorate delivered a blood bath that saw Labour decimated. The Greens benefited by this massive swing which along with a pool of three Independents left both Labor and Liberal at the mercy of a handful of individuals. This resulted in a fortnight of horse trading that finally left one solitary individual Rob Oakeschott with the fate of the future of Australia in his hands. He seized the moment and in a filibustering address that laboured on for 17 agonising minutes he eventually throw his lot behind Labour and a Gillard led Government. That Government has lurched from crisis to crisis and has fired the aspirations of political groups around the country; not the least among them One Nation.

In the years since its halcyon days the party has seen the Hanson, Ettridge's and Oldfield's, desert the collapsing ship The stalwarts hung on to the skeletal remains and put in place a comprehensive policy. The architect of much of this monumental policy was the late Colin Law of Queensland.

I commend any to all voters to take the time and view it on the internet.

As a result of the ECQ advertisement I made inquiries as to the requirements to oppose the re-registration. The reason was simple. Notwithstanding the decision of the Court of Appeal to release Hanson and Ettridge from goal, I say that One Nation was fraudulently created. Justice Atkinson was correct, Patsy Wolfe was correct but the decision by the Chief Justice Paul de Jersey was morally wrong. His decision was based on aspects of technical law, but had no basis in justice. He as well as Atkinson and Wolfe were never given the true story.

I was assured by the ECQ that the people that I had great problems with who fashioned and carried out the fraud were no longer involved. This assurance allowed me to take into account the work of those who were now trying to rebuild. It was only after some soul searching and appreciation of this sort of dedication and ongoing faith to keep the dream alive that I decided to not oppose re-registration.

There the matter may have rested.

As fate often does I accidentally came across the One Nation site late one night early in August 2011. I read with interest the new extensive policy and momentarily applauded my decision not to oppose re-registration. A few moments later I came across the National One Nation Website and here in spite of its new found life highlighted and presented for new members to see the book written and published by none other than David Ettridge.

If this was the way forth of this newly invigorated One Nation, then I for one do not intend to sit back and allow it to entice members to a party built on a lie. I had seen it once I am not now prepared to see it happen again.

In 1997 after I was deposed as the founder of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement at the instigation of David Ettridge, with the able assistance of my vice president Paul Trewartha, I sat down and wrote a book entitled *Destiny Aborted ... the destiny aborted*, was that of Pauline Hanson.

Helen Dodds, John Pasquarelli, David Ettridge and Pauline Hanson all wrote books and published them. I could not afford to. I did however include the story among my father's poems and other books and placed them on my own website. The book *Destiny Aborted* I have reason to believe has never been read.

Because of this I had Willed all of my retained records to the Queensland University, so that historians will at least have access to them. I have also been advised to have them included in the National Library archives.

However having long ago reconciled myself to leaving the matter there I decided to re-read my book, correct one or two minor errors, collate all the documentation and have some of it made available under a new title, the Pauline Hanson Support Movement Saga. The time has come to tell the untold story and to provide answers. Unlike the other authors I intend to make this electronic version free.

Chapter 28 ...a small matter of perjury

I have always taken pride in my judgement of people. One such person was Paul Trewartha. It proved to be fatally flawed.

A man who I appointed as my vice president a day before the Pauline Hanson Support Movement came into existence, October 28 1996, three and a half weeks after I had put in place all the documents, rules and organisation to launch the same meeting as early as October 2nd 1996. To that point October 27th the only people who were involved with the embryonic movement were Iris Whiteside, my wife and John Clodd and his immediate family of two sons and a daughter. It was the Clodd family who ran off reams of printed material, who produced bumper stickers and who created and printed all of the famous Hanson 'T' shirts that helped to focus attention on what we were starting. ALL of this before Trewartha came on the scene.

If the idea and convening of the movement was mine alone the contribution of the others helped bring the idea to fruition. Trewartha's 'contribution' was predicated on a false promise made to me on October 26th. It is probably true that had he not intervened the meeting might never have gone ahead. That it did was due solely to his undertaking to pay for the hall if I decided to go ahead. I accepted and the following day (Oct 27) we met at our home and an interim committee was formed. Because of his perceived largesse he was made vice president.

In 2003 after Trewartha had covertly worked with David Ettridge help facilitate the seizing of the movement for the purposes of establishing One Nation on the back of dedicated volunteers and had been elevated to executive positions in new party ...he

now appeared in the Supreme Court in Brisbane for the prosecution of Hanson and Ettridge! Why?

Hanson 'could have been PM'

By Ainsley Pavey

THE man who started former One Nation leader Pauline Hanson's fan base today told her fraud trial he thought she could have become prime minister.

Gold Coast retiree Paul Trewartha told the Brisbane District Court jury he had never swayed in his belief in Hanson's party despite now testifying against her and co-accused David Ettridge.

"I wanted to assist Pauline in her aims to perhaps become prime minister of this country – who knows?," Mr Trewartha said.

"I never swayed from my belief in One Nation."

The president of the Association of Independent Retirees on the Gold Coast told the jury Hanson had agreed to support his plans to set up a support movement with her at the helm in late 1996.

The context is printed below for clarity.

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Compare this with Hanson's account. Page 113 Untamed. Unashamed.(2007)

...and wanted to start a support group. I thanked him (Bruce Whiteside) and told him I was not interested in a support group and was happy to remain an Independent.

This is chronologically wrong. At no time did I ask Hanson's permission to start a support movement. The first she heard of it was on the day of the inaugural meeting at the Albert Waterways Hall. (28/10/96) I advised her as a matter of courtesy. The comment 'I was happy to remain an Independent', was irrelevant because we were not and never did presume upon her political domain. It was purely and simply to give her moral support. Had the intention been otherwise I would not have called the it Pauline Hanson (singular) but rather Pauline Hanson's (plural) Support Movement. The reason not to include Hanson was deliberate and to have done so would have been to provide a launching platform for a political party, something that Hanson herself trumpeted time and time again, she never wanted.

In the next paragraph she writes :

Due to Bruce's insistence I told him they could start up a Pauline Hanson Support Movement but told him that nobody was ever to speak for me or on my behalf. He agreed and that is how the Support Movement was established in late September 1996.

This is sheer rubbish and the conversation that she alludes to here never occurred. I repeat I **never** asked Hanson permission to start up anything. In fact the courtesy call was only one of two contacts I had with her until December 23rd 1996, when she came down with Hazelton and in front of our committee demanded that I not speak to the media. Her recall here is flawed. Hanson claims here that I spoke with her in late September. The first time I ever spoke with her was on October 28. In fact it was a difficult few minutes because she really had no idea what to say. It was also later that evening that Judy Smith, Hanson's sister on the Gold Coast rang me and told me that Pauline did not need a Support Movement. The idea as Hanson states in her book is that I approached Smith to use her as a fulcrum to convince Hanson to stay in the Movement. This simply never happened and I would never have made such a stupid suggestion. She was never part of the Movement to begin with and that was intentional.

In the following paragraph she makes a statement that not only is factually wrong again but casts a whole new shadow over Trewartha's involvement that I never suspected until now. Hanson writes:

Bruce a man in his late sixties (62 actually) was in his element. He had people ringing to join the movement and the media kept him busy with radio, television and newspaper interviews. Bruce had previously been known for his opinion regarding Japanese Foreign Investment and their buying up of Australian land and he saw Hanson as being right up his alley. With the help of volunteers Bruce did a good job with the Support Movement. One speaking engagement was arranged at the Gold Coast Arts Centre by the Movement in late 1996 and when I arrived the hall was packed with more than 800 supporters.

Sorry Pauline. The meeting you referred to was not organised by me, nor did it have anything to do with the PHSM. This meeting was *arranged* before our Movement was born. It was held as you say in early December 1996. It was arranged by the then President of the Gold Coast Retirees Association, Paul Trewartha. It was a morning meeting held in the Albert Waterways Hall. I was there as a spectator standing along side ABC reporter Karen Berkman. It was Hanson's first public speaking appearance and when question time came I went forth and publicly challenges Hanson to put a team of Independents around her and challenge the very seat of power in Canberra. Its all there in the television coverage of the day. It was to Paul Trewartha's credit that day that I was able to challenge Hanson publicly. Initially I was refused because I had walked past some dozen others lined up to ask questions. It was his intervention that allowed me to throw down the gauntlet.

Given that Trewartha was to tell the jury about being the Founder of the PHSM and your (Hanson) admission here about your recollections I have come to the conclusion that Ettridge and Trewartha through you were intent on seizing the movement from the beginning. As Trewartha admits above you (Hanson) agreed with his plans to set up a Support Movement and place Hanson at the helm in late 1996.

And THIS is what the jury was told.

The Macquarie Dictionary defines 'perjury' thus: the wilful utterance of a false statement under oath or affirmation, before a competent tribunal, upon a point material to a legal inquiry. In this case a Court of Law.

I have anguished year after year why as the person who created the movement, who knew all about the membership list because he was its creator, who under any reasonable circumstance could have been the most material witness in the trial was excised from the Court trial. Why, was such a travesty of justice denied me? The answer is provided in what the jury was told; **they were lied to**. This was the man who claimed to have been the founder, who would have conveyed the impression that he had

access to all the documented details, when in fact it was he who later in my absence removed (with help from the then secretary) all PHSM material from my office.

What is blatantly obvious to me now is that to protect themselves both Ettridge and Trewartha had to make sure that that I was never called. I actually went to the Court on the first day and was barred from going in by security. When Ettridge came out of the Court he saw me armed with folders tucked under my arm and carrying a briefcase and the following morning he made changes to what he had intended to do. The problem for Justice Roslyn Atkinson was that she had no body at court who would repudiate Trewartha's account.

It has been my long held view that the reason why I was placed in Coventry was because of the potential damage of knowing too much with the machinations at the Federal level.

Oh what a wicked web we weave when we practice to deceive. It is debatable whether Ettridge ever had anything other than a scam in mind when he set out to 'help Hanson'. Here was the chance to 'clear the air' if their intentions had been scrupulously honest. But they were not prepared to put themselves under the microscope because Ettridge knew full well that he had used the PHSM membership, that I personally had been forced to do by his compatriot in crime, Paul Trewartha. Ettridge was absolutely paranoid about everybody; he trusted no one, yet was one of the most dishonest conmen that could be imagined. He fooled everybody by his immediate charm. Indeed when he enjoyed a meal at our home I was also very impressed. What made my perception change so radically was the conversation that he engaged me in about what he and 'the dynamic young Liberal' had in mind and that they were going to form a party, before meeting with the PHSM Committee. There were to be only three members with any voting rights and that all others would come under 'their' control. It was this conversation that I kept in mind as he went about 'charming' the other nineteen members. When he came to me he must have thought that I was a 'push over' as the others had been.

Paranoia was personified in Ettridge, even to the point of pre-signed resignation forms before joining to having a list, a long list of White Ants, who did not fall obediently into line. The most subservient of all was Pauline Hanson who has remained that way since the day he stitched her into One Nation Ltd. Hanson has never been able to escape that hold. The question remains ...why?

To follow the paranoia I speak of read what the One Nation webmaster had to say. Remember there was a time when Pauline and Scott were like brother and sister. Read on:

Ettridge's comments on the Court Case

Ettridge said this about the court case²²¹,

We spent approximately two weeks in the Brisbane Supreme Court conducting a defence against charges brought by Terry Sharples that One Nation had used the names of 500 people who were not members of Pauline Hanson's One Nation to effect registration of the party for the June 1998 Queensland Election. Of course this claim is absurd and we did no such thing.

Sharples produced a procession of witnesses. Most of whom had been kicked out of the party for different reasons and who all had in common a desire to inflict maximum damage to One Nation. Each witness gave accounts of their views on the party and its structure. On many occasions our lawyers disputed their testimony and pointed out contradictions of testimony against the actual evidence.

Ettridge's explanation to members

In a letter to the party's membership days later Ettridge wrote,

There were other matters which occurred which caused us concern in the manner in which the proceedings were handled to our disadvantage.

What Ettridge was alluding to was a well-circulated rumour among One Nation members that (Ms) Justice Atkinson had close ties to the Labor Party.

Ettridge continues,

After the evidence and case for the plaintiff (Sharples) was completed. It was our turn to respond. At this point, our legal team headed by an eminent Brisbane Q.C. advised us that it was unnecessary to call witnesses because in their opinion, Sharples had failed to present

²²⁰ <http://www.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/disp.pl/au/cases/qld/QSC/1998/171.html>

²²¹ <http://www.gwb.com.au/gwb/news/onenation/dereg/>

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evidence and witnesses who addressed their evidence and testimony to the actual pleadings of the case.

Pleadings being the allegations made which we needed to defend. Technically this strategy was in the opinion of our lawyers our best position because Sharples had not made a case for us to answer by reference to his pleadings in the case.

This argument put forward by Ettridge was illogical as no new evidence could be raised in an appeal, and as the three directors of Pauline Hanson's One Nation Limited refused to put affidavits before the court they could not give evidence at that appeal. It could be argued that they were fearful of being caught out on the issues underlying the party's allegedly fraudulent structure – and the best option was to say nothing and let the party, not them, be the victim. Sharples is, in particular, interested in the suitcases full of documents taken from Manly and held at the offices of Watkins, Stokes, Templeton – One Nation's lawyers.

Whiteside reflects,

At the end of the day Justice Atkinson asked that the affidavits of Hanson, along with those of Ettridge and Oldfield be on her desk the following morning. This meant of course that not only could these people give an honest account of what they believed happened, but also opened them up to cross-examination.

We were waiting outside for the lift to arrive when a voice called out, "David!". There was silence, again the call "David!". I turned around out of curiosity and there to my utter disgust was David Ettridge transfixed, his eyes firmly fixed on the large folder under my arm. I was also carrying a brief-case.

The next morning One Nation decided against tendering their affidavits. It was a gamble. They lost.

I have no doubt that Ettridge and Oldfield would have acquitted themselves well in cross-examination, but Hanson was the weak link, for she would not have seen the loaded questions coming. In the final analysis had truth been their foundation they would have had nothing to hide.

Abbott drawn into Hanson trial

Thursday 24 July 2003, 8:06 PM

Federal Employment Minister Tony Abbott tried to get Pauline Hanson's ousted support movement founder to dump on her, a Queensland court was told.

Gold Coast retiree Paul Trewartha told Hanson's fraud trial in Brisbane's District Court that he met Mr Abbott after accepting a lift home from a 1998 meeting with Hanson's former private secretary Barbara Hazelton.

Mr Trewartha, who is testifying against Hanson and her co-accused David Ettridge, said Ms Hazelton approached him at an Association of Independent Retirees after his speech as president.

He said she offered him a lift home and when he went to her car Mr Abbott was waiting.

Mr Trewartha said he spoke to Mr Abbott on the way to his Gold Coast home and the Liberal MP was keen for him to "dump" on Hanson in the wake of his departure from the party.

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The Age 24 July 2003

This report asserts that 'the founder of the support movement', met with the Federal Employment Minister Tony Abbott, rode in a car with him in Barbara Hazelton's car. I can assure readers that I have never met or set eyes on Tony Abbott in person. That Trewartha did what he claimed here I can believe but NOT as the self-stated founder.

Recently this was brought to my attention by former Webmaster for One Nation and founder of the first on-line newspaper in Australia, Scott Balson.

Refer to final chapter for comment on the framed article above. **

15th November 1999

The ongoing Pauline Hanson Support Movement mystery compounds

Bruce Whiteside, regarded as a "nutter" by some One Nation executives was the founder of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement (PHSM) back in 1996. Whiteside fondly still refers to PHSM members as Pauline's Army.

He has always claimed that the movement was "stolen" from him by the two Davids - spearheaded by David Ettridge who was later joined by David Oldfield weeks after the launch of Pauline Hanson's One Nation on the 11th April 1997.

The documents at the links shown below reveal, at the very least, an alleged breach in access to confidential documents belonging to the PHSM committee by, then unknown, David Ettridge. Ettridge had absolutely no association with the PHSM when his office allegedly claimed to act in an official capacity in handling the movements financial records when writing to the Australian Electoral Commission.

We are talking about critical times because this was pre-One Nation days, the days when funding and membership were two critical criteria needed by the two Davids and Pauline Hanson to make the vision of the One Nation party become a reality.

PHSM Minutes:

The documents (page one and two) linked below are copies of the actual minutes from the PHSM on 13th January 1997 - Bruce Whiteside resigned as President at this meeting - the committee installing Paul Trewartha as President in his place. You will note that Ettridge is not referred to. He was not known at this stage by committee members like founder Whiteside and PHSM Treasurer Lindon Litchfield. It is doubtful whether more than one or two members of the committee knew of his existence at all at this stage. The PHSM membership, numbering several thousand, certainly did not,

Page One (PHSM January minutes)

Page Two (PHSM January minutes)

McLean letter:

The documents linked below (pages three and four) originated from David Ettridge's office on 14th January 1997 the day after this PHSM meeting. The signatory, Kimberley McLean, worked from One Nation's Manly office for Ettridge's Champion

Magazines Pty Ltd and for One Nation after the party was established three months later. The phone number quoted by McLean is that belonging to One Nation's Manly head office today - the office from which David Ettridge works.

In the letter McLean encloses an "Associated Entity Annual Return" for Pauline Hanson's Support Movement.

She explains in the letter that, quote,

"The reason for this is that the Treasurer of the Support Movement, upon preparing the financial statement with an accountant were (sic) unaware of the need to record individual amounts received/owed to individuals greater than \$500 and totalling \$1500 over the period. They were also unaware of the need to record and report for this period the debts of the organisation."

Lindon Litchfield is recorded as the PHSM Treasurer and his address details and phone number are included in the letter. (see page four below).

Litchfield confirmed to me yesterday that he had no knowledge of Ettridge or his involvement in PHSM at this time. He says the first time he met Ettridge was in February.

This is interesting because McLean says in the letter, "The treasurer (Litchfield) of the Support Movement has informed me that this information can be obtained, but shall be difficult to obtain in the short period we have left to submit the return."

McLean's letter, linked below, supports the fact that Ettridge was working behind the scenes to "take over" what had been Whiteside's non-political people's support movement. Contacting the Australian Electoral Commission "on behalf of" PHSM raises a number of questions... perhaps the most pertinent is the disclosure that the movement was destined to be transformed into a political party - before Ettridge had even met with any of the movement's committee or members!

Page Three (McLean letter)

Page Four (McLean letter)

The mystery is how Ettridge gained access to the PHSM financial records when he had, apparently, no right to them in January 1997, and certainly no right to write letters on behalf of the PHSM committee or its membership at the time the McLean letter was

written. Ettridge was only elected as a Vice-President of PHSM in March 1997 two months after his secretary submitted the "Associated Entity Annual Return" from PHSMs financial records. The PHSM committee only met Ettridge after a stormy meeting in early February 1997 at Whiteside's home as reported by him in this brief history of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement. This was several weeks after Ettridge's secretary, McClean, had written the letter seen in links page three and four above.

Through the subsequent take-over of PHSM Ettridge was able to avail of some \$12,000 in funds (according to Whiteside) and gain access to the movements mailing list. PHSM funds were used to fund the launch of One Nation.

It is largely due to the mix-up with the Pauline Hanson Support Movement from the start that One Nation in Queensland is now facing deregistration. The person in the firing line because of this is, quite clearly, Pauline Hanson.

I will let you draw your own conclusions but there appears to me to be a clear, pre-meditated and highly irregular plan to take over the PHSM as the vehicle from which to launch One Nation. This would be fine if it has been done in strict accordance with proper conventions and the PHSM membership been approached about the intentions as a matter of principle. They never were. In fact many were "exorcised" by Ettridge in the months that followed for daring to question what had happened. Is this the "democracy" that Ettridge keeps alluding to? The example outlined above seems to demonstrate the manner in which corners have been cut and the methodology used in the past by One Nation's National Director, David Ettridge.

Now I could have put my head in the sand and said "So what?" but if these tactics have been employed in the past what tactics and business principles are being practised by Manly office today?

Balson banned from One Nation meetings in New South Wales

In a split vote "white ant" Balson was banned from attending One Nation meetings in New South Wales by the state executive on Saturday.

Both David Ettridge and David Oldfield attended the meeting.

I am indebted to Scott Balson for this and until recently I was not aware of its existence.

Finally I would like to spend a few moment making observations from Hanson's book Untamed and Unashamed

On page 114 Hanson claims the following:

1. We were told that Pauline's One Nation was going to be registered as a party.
2. That I was furious for her leaving the PHSM.
3. That I strongly opposed the party and disliked Ettridge and Oldfield
4. That I wanted Pauline to accompany me around Australia to build the movement..
5. Bruce was invited to the Launch of One Nation, but refused to attend.

(1) This was the meeting referred to in an earlier chapter.

(2) Hanson was never in the PHSM until Ettridge and Hanson were installed by Trewartha

(3) Yes I was opposed and in fact named it Abomi Nation. As for Ettridge and Oldfield I guess you could say I despised them.

(4) This information has come from Ettridge. He was aware that I had plans to travel around parts of NSW and Queensland. He promised before I handed over the membership list to speak to Hanson about it, but where the idea of taking her along with me came from I cannot begin to guess. I value my marriage of thirty years . It was at one stage suggested that I take John Clodd along but that was well before what we are talking about here

(5) The claim that is made here is absolute convenient spin. The episode is spoken about at length in a earlier chapter. Pauline makes the comment that 'our friendship was never the same again.

We never had a friendship. In all I met with Hanson on three occasions. I wrote many many letters that went unanswered. I was I have to admit extremely critical of Hanson; I never spared her, not because I disliked her that I never have, but because if I had had the courage and strength to stand up for her when everyman and his dog was too timid to align themselves with a woman who was being vilified as a racist, probably the most intimidating word to silence people , then I assumed that if I

foresaw her pitfalls I was equally going to point that out. Oh yes she had a myriad of sycophants who told her what she wanted to hear but in the end most of them turned against her.

Today I remain ambivalent about Hanson. In an odd sort of way I saw in her a female version of sorts of myself. Hanson was giving public vent to some of the issues that I had raised in 1988. Hanson's family like my own had Irish roots, a Catholic and Protestant parent, the ability not to be cowered and spoke her mind with conviction. Yes I admired her immensely for what she did, but I have never forgiven her for squandering the opportunity to change once and for all the face of entrenched two party political system.

Today there are many One Nation people who hold me partly responsible because they believed that I along with Terry Sharples I brought Hanson down. Sharples vehemently repudiates that I gave him any help, yet he spent hours at my home going through documentation that helped him prosecute his case. I know of no one from One Nation who has read this account, yet they make statements of which they have absolutely no knowledge.

I have always maintained that the name One Nation was created by Ettridge. It was the idea of two scheming carpetbaggers and that name will ever be synonymous with them. The name One Nation is an inbuilt millstone and does Hanson no favours now or in the future.

In 1996 I built the support movement. In 2011 I would like to think that Hanson was not a spent force to be relegated to history. I leave readers with this thought.

Hanson can still draw a crowd. One Nation executives I understand still keep her informed as to what is happening. The structure of One Nation today has more potential to launch a new party that it ever did in the past. However the name will always remain a millstone and can have no future to speak of. If I were the present executive I would formally invite Hanson to come aboard and re-badge it. I would call it simply the Pauline Hanson Party.

The idea is not as silly as it sounds. It is the final option left in an endeavour to raise Phoenix from the ashes.

Chapter 29...In Retrospect ...June 2012

As I prepare to finalise this work to be submitted to the National Archives I have had cause to reflect on this account written some years ago. Most of it was written shortly after I walked out of that fateful meeting where I came face to face with David Ettridge, a man I had only known for three hours. Over the next year or two I penned other facets of the story and then put it on the internet and forgot all about it. The Hanson episode does not invoke happy memories but a period where I saw the very worst of the human nature.

So on the evening that I was to hit the send button to commit this saga to the National Archives, I paused and wrote the following. This closing Chapter in a sense brings a sense of closure.

Hi Paul,

The National Library has been in touch with me over the archiving of my website. For all intents and purposes it is ready, but I would value your input/ and or comments that I can write the final chapter. There is a reason for this. To me this is a historical documented account of what happened. Like it or not you played a pivotal part, a fact that I have detailed in Chapter 28. It was not easy to write and in some ways I was never able to reconcile why someone of your stamp and solidness did what you did. In hindsight I accept what you have told me of recent times that there was naivety and that essentially everyone else with the exception of myself were taken in by David Ettridge. I don't believe anyone ever realised the agony and stress from the isolation of what was virtually Coventry caused me. It went damned close to breaking our marriage.

My angst apparent in Chapter 28 appears aimed at you. The real anger was that in being excised from Court proceedings that the truth could never be scrutinised and as a result Ettridge and Oldfield escaped prison. The problem Paul was that you unwittingly provided an avenue of escape that protected not Ettridge or Hanson, but John Howard, through Abbott. (read Ch 20) They could not afford to have me on the stand ...Abbott knew that ...I knew that.

You might think on this. Justice Roslyn Atkinson, got as close to the facts as second hand information allowed. None of you could have exhibited the passion and anger that I felt at the time (and has not diminished all that much in the intervening years). I would have drawn Oldfield into the web, I would have exposed Ettridge and also have drawn Abbott into the web of intrigue. I would have spoken out in Hanson's defence. She was duped more comprehensively than most and she would never have gone to gaol

had I been there. Abbott would not be leading the Liberal Party today because his credibility would have been destroyed. The great irony Paul is that you were called by the prosecution to give evidence against Pauline ...a woman who you had joined with us to succeed. As a result history was distorted.

The archiving is for historical purposes long after you and I have gone. It is for this reason that I offer you the opportunity to comment.

Let me reassure you that I do not hold any resentment toward you personally. As Barbara did years ago you have realised that perhaps in hindsight that my perception and nous for reading the tea leaves was right. It gives me no pleasure but only a deep sense of missing a moment in history when real changes in the way politics is done in this country was lost. Pauline was never the answer ..she was the catalyst.

Could you provide us with comments by the end of this month Paul?

Regards,

Bruce

Leading into the last chapter I question my own judgement and said that in the case of Paul Trewartha it was flawed. Yet over the years I have wrestled with this issue in my mind many times. The man I knew and trusted was to do things that not only hurt deeply at the time, but had a lot to do with my severing ties with those who had been at the forefront of our fight early on.

You cannot apportion blame to others without realising that there is a thing called 'cause and effect'. To some extent a pointer we all missed surfaced before the advent of David Ettridge. At a committee meeting our treasurer Lindon Litchfield said 'The answer to this question is that Bruce either comes back to the pace of the committee or we as a committee must catch up with Bruce'.

The PHSM was not an idea that evolved from collective thoughts but the solitary idea of one person. To some extent the movement consisted of a man with the idea and passion to match with that of ordinary people who thought along similar lines but were happy to do their bit. All of this only came to the fore after the initial meeting on October 28th 1996.

I have no doubt looking back that in my case I was running before we had learned to walk and that was of concern to the committee. The fact that my wife and I between us had put in place 28 branches in six weeks speaks for itself. The other facet that

caused a breakdown was that unlike Paul Trewartha and Ron Paddison, I had no idea of how to conduct meetings. In fact committees have always been an anathema to me; in a word they got under my feet.

So what we had was a maverick of sorts in the midst of men who did things by the book. The bottom line of course was that only a maverick would have attempted to create a movement in support of another maverick who was just as bloody-minded, just as determined and just as strong willed.

Paul Trewartha whilst admitting that his memory of events are not as clear as mine are today told me that he cannot reconcile some of the things that he did that finally saw me walk away. When I offered and did stand down as Chairman, it was with the idea of me resigning my position and I would nominate him. This happened and he became Chairman of the PHSM. When I had expected him to move for me to be vice-chairman and he nominated Ron Paddison, I was staggered. John Clodd, then attempted to nominate me but I declined. For me that bond of trust was broken; irrevocably as it turned out.

Today Paul acknowledged that I made a mistake, because to some extent this allowed him to become a pawn in the hands of David Ettridge. There is no doubt that Paul's candid assessment today is not only brutally honest but also quite courageous. 'I was naive and David was used us to his advantage'. We all believed that we could work with him and believed him and although you were the convenor we saw him as an organiser who was going to help Hanson and in doing so that allied with him what we were doing.' This was a valid point but it did nothing for my confidence when I could see clearly that they chose to go with the flow; and that flow was with Pauline Hanson.

Prior to Hanson going to the States before the Christmas of 1996, she came down on a mission and spoke to the committee. With Trewartha as Chairman Pauline spoke to a very sympathetic audience, but she had me in her sights. The topic was that 'Nobody was going to speak for her in the public domain'. Of course this was wrong because my public comments were not about her 'policies' but rather an admonishment of the things that she was doing'. Although none of us with the possible exception of Paul Trewartha knew of David Ettridge, this outburst was obviously caused by the discomfort of what I was saying that criticised her and cut across the cosy profile that he wanted the public to believe in. It was at this meeting that Hanson sought and received an undertaking from the committee that I would be silenced whilst she was in the States. What developed here was a memorable stoush between myself and Hanson when I accused her of accusing Howard of trying to gag her and here she was doing precisely the same. This resulted in Ron Paddison saying 'we have come here to hear

Pauline, not you'. Lost of course by the sycophantic followers was that the reason for Hanson being there at all was because they had listened to me in the first place.

Later on in March it became all too obvious that the reason for silencing my voice was a directive of Ettridge. Plans were to seize the Movement, its infrastructure and finances to build a party around Hanson. The integrity, honesty and loyalty, those great values spruiked by Hanson would with her approval and complicity be sacrificed to accommodate the two David's.

Paul believes that I also made a big mistake of walking away from the PHSM after I took leave of the meeting where I told Ettridge to his face that he was a con-man and to bugger off back to Sydney and forget all about us'.

I don't know that it was. The anger that I displayed that day was tempered with what Ettridge had told me privately before the meeting to which no one else was present. It was here that he informed me that they were going to form a party around Pauline and market her. The party would consist of her, himself and 'a brilliant and dynamic young Liberal'. The members would belong to the Support Movement, not the party and would be there to help raise funds and to assist on election days. 'We need \$15 million for the State Election'. My response was that I'd having nothing to do with a political arm of a party that Hanson had vowed and declared she wanted no part off. This early Hanson was a pawn and in trying to convince people that Ettridge was bad news, they like lemmings would not listen or heed 'this old fool'.

After going into that meeting I listened to what he had detailed for us, then he courted opinions from each separate member and found that they were with the odd small dissention largely in favour of his plans and it came as iced water in the face of all concerned when I said what I did. I walked out; not as most thought because of my harsh words to Ettridge but rather in realising that with a team of people who could not see and understand what that bastard was up to filled me with a sense of utter hopelessness. Nobody there was prepared to support me and I felt a deep sense of disgust. All these years on it has never left me.

I came home and in due course I had visitors who were shell-shocked and ask that I reconsider. Perhaps the most cutting comment came from my own wife. "You were rude to a man who was a guest and you had no right to say what you did'. My reply, lost on her was that "He came uninvited and had tried to takeover and mark my words that bastard will end up in gaol'.

Effectively after that I was placed in Coventry. I was perceived as mad, sick, a bad loser and out of control.

For a while I was on the fringe, but the damage was done. Ettridge and Oldfield had thoroughly achieved what they wanted ...a financial and structural base on which to launch One Nation.

No one worked harder, no one gave more of himself and more financial help to the creation of One Nation than Paul Trewartha.

I know that Paul Trewartha and Barbara Hazelton were in line for Senate positions. That Hazelton knew I know. It all blew up in my lounge in Hazelton's presence and a fiery and mad as hell Hanson launched a veritable tirade, but I held my ground. Trewartha never had that verified by Hanson and it does not surprise me. The man who stymied that was the 'brilliant and dynamic young Liberal, David Oldfield who it transpired later was loathed by all except for a while by Pauline Hanson who thought the sun shone from him.

Oldfield's biggest problem was that he always saw himself as a political colossus. He was the definitive answer to all problems, but not his own. It was the vile and foul language of this man that finally caused Paul Trewartha to sever ties with Pauline Hanson and One Nation. It was galling that Hanson as she did to so many never showed any concern for the damage that Oldfield did to many of her followers. She could have supported Trewartha for his loyalty and stuck by him, but that was never part of the Hanson character. The girl who was so fond of quoting the upbringing that many of our generation grew up with like integrity, honesty and most of all loyalty showed none of these qualities toward those who bled and some quite profusely for her. Hanson deserved David Oldfield and earning that relationship she was to reap that which she had sown with not a care for anyone but herself.

Many, many Hanson fans now dislike her with sense of being used. Unlike most, Hanson the fighter I admired, Hanson the individual I have long ago lost any respect I ever had for her.

Chapter 30 ... Balson and Whiteside

Scott Balson covers our meeting that fateful day in his book Inside One Nation. Recently Scott read my account of events and sent me this e-mail. It is not only an interesting observation but one that in retrospect I would not be prepared to argue against. As I saw it at the time it was Sharples who used my assistance and information to build a case against One Nation. So gracious was he that after I had told Hedley

Thomas who wrote the article that he (Sharples) was a user he threatened to sue us both. The charm of Sharples differed little from that of Hanson, Oldfield or Ettridge.

This is the e-mail:

Hi Bruce

Before we met at that coffee shop in Brisbane in October 1999 I accepted that One Nation had been established legitimately.

After that meeting you provided me with evidence so I:

- 1) informed the QLD State One Nation MPs of what had gone on; and
- 2) Started disclosing what had gone on in my online newspaper

The archive of what happened is at: <http://www.gwb.com.au/gwb/news/remove2d.htm>

At this time I had an email mailing list of 10,000 members across Australia and I used this with great effect...

Alerting them to the articles covered at:

<http://www.gwb.com.au/gwb/news/onenation/expose/>

Within weeks One Nation imploded and Ettridge had threatened to sue me for defamation unless I apologised. I never did and continued with the articles.

The party did not implode because of the deregistration it imploded because of the impact that our meeting had back in October.

The power of the Internet.

Kind regards

Scott Balson

The background to my first meeting with Whiteside

In July 1999 I received an article written by Bruce Whiteside by email which detailed his side of the story on the history of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement. It came to me via email from Trewartha. I placed the fascinating and incisive article, without a direct link, on my One Nation archives as I had heard that Whiteside had been the man who founded the movement. Up until then I had no insight into what had happened before the launch of One Nation.

When Ms Hanson referred to the Pauline Hanson Support Movement during the state AGM at Airlie beach I linked her comments to the Whiteside article to enable readers to get his perspective on what had actually taken place.

It was about three weeks later that I received a phone call from the movement's founder. Remarkably, when you consider the important role that this man had played, it was to be our first contact. He was furious and questioned why I had used his material. He told me that John Pasquarelli had tipped him off that the article that he had originally provided to ex-One Nation member (now "*white ant*") Darryl Wheeley for his New Australian newspaper²²⁵ was now carried on my website. Whiteside thought that I had provided a link to his article in an effort to deride him. I explained to him that I had carried the article because there was a complete lack of historical record of what had happened in those days leading up to the launch of One Nation.

"Listen," he said, "*if you want the real story let's meet and I will give it to you with supporting documentation.*"

"That would be great," I replied.

We agreed to meet in a coffee shop in central Brisbane. It was just weeks after I had been very publicly charged with the politically-motivated criminal offence of "*naming Labor MP and alleged paedophile, Bill D'Arcy on the Internet (@notd)*"²²⁶. It was also just weeks after One Nation had been de-registered in Queensland and I suspected that Whiteside, somehow, held the key to what had happened.

Scott was to put it mildly absolutely gutted. He acted as not only a man betrayed but devastated. I think he was shattered because he if he had had concerns, what he saw now left him convinced but not wanting to accept what he was seeing. We did not discuss a great deal, and I left not fully realising the impact that our meeting had generated.

I was very unhappy the following day when I saw his website for the first time. On the strength of what he had learnt he wrote a critical analysis of David Oldfield. Candidly I thought he was if anything charitable, but what angered me was the fact that he should have allowed others to write along similar lines thus allowing himself free to continue as the Editor of News of the Day (@notd). The attack brought into play the paranoiac mindset of two very upset individuals in Ettridge, Oldfield as well as the compliant puppet Pauline Hanson. As far as I was concerned Scott Balson's strength lay in the fact that he could have used the even handedness of his reporting to drive a wedge between Hanson and her two limpet mines. The only reason that I felt justified his outburst was the sense of betrayal. Betrayal by these three however was something that gathered pace thereafter.

What is important about this e-mail is that it provides important links that reveals much that is unknown about One Nation. Scott was disappointed that I was never able to publish my book. So too was I, but I was simply not in a financial position to do so. What I can say is that Scott' played a vital part in the saga of One Nation, just as I did in the saga of the Support Movement. It is a matter of deprivation of the truth from the people of Australia that covered up the arses of politicians who dabbled in corrupt practices, who were aided and abetted by a Queensland Court of Appeal who overturned the decision of Justice Roslyn Atkinson, the only one who came within striking distance of the truth. A Royal Commission I have always advocated would never be allowed to see the light of day. This is a pity because in the present climate of questionable leaders there are still others waiting in the wings. They are not what they seem but what the media paints them.

In the world today we have people like Julian Assange who look under the cloak of respectability and see what people like Scott and I have seen. In the world today the powerful, aided and abetted by the corruptible promote one message ...shoot the messenger!

As David Oldfield said 'You are never going to be allowed to stay in the movement. You stand in the way of our agenda. We are going to destroy you.'

...and that is the sort of political society that we live in. If you don't believe me just look to the Light on the Hill. It is no longer fuelled by noble ideals but thrives on chicanery and moral corruption. The tragedy is that it is seen as normal behaviour when in fact it is the poison of a nation's decline.

Chapter 31 ...Finale ...

It was my intention to write a finale to this Hanson saga. After seventeen years of watching the erratic path that Pauline Hanson has trodden and the amount of people who were used and cast aside as the stepping stones on her ill fated attempt to regain what she once briefly held . . . the respect of a million voters . . . and the resultant eight times rejection I have decided to put this most ungracious person under the microscope of one who knew her more intimately than most.

I have no doubt that had Pauline Hanson lived up to the mantra of her preachings about loyalty, integrity and honesty that were, according to her inculcated into her psyche by her parents then those thousands who formed the Pauline Hanson Support Movement, would have carried her to a place that would have earned her a respected place in Australian political history.

Seduced into the realms of opportunistic political carpetbaggers, Hanson traded those qualities taught her by her parents for a grubbiness that flowered for all to see.

Whiteside excluded from launch of One Nation

But worse was to follow as Whiteside was specifically excluded on Ms Hanson's direct instructions from the list of guests invited to attend the launch of Pauline Hanson's One Nation a week later on the 11th April 1997. The invitations were posted by his wife Iris to members of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement after being folded and placed in envelopes on the dining room table of their family home in Miami on the Gold Coast.

Incredibly, the launch of the party was funded by the money held in a bank account²¹ of Bruce Whiteside's *Pauline Hanson Support Movement* on the Gold Coast. John Clodd a member of the committee at that time was instrumental in the organisation of the launch and says that approximately \$5,000 was withdrawn from PHSM on the Gold Coast to fund it.

A political party had been formed... and the man who was pivotal to its formation had been evicted and was soon to be branded a "white ant".

Inside One Nation, by Scott Balson

...and this;

Bruce was furious with me for not staying with the Support Movement. He strongly opposed the party and disliked David Ettridge and David Oldfield. Bruce wanted me to travel with him by car around Australia to gather more support for the movement but I declined his offer. The Support Movement, without Bruce's involvement, agreed to organise the launch of Pauline Hanson's One Nation. Bruce was invited but refused to attend that night, and our friendship was never the same again. Early in 1997 we opened the national office at The Corso in Manly with Ettridge looking after membership, structure and marketing of the party.

Untamed and Unashamed, by Pauline Hanson

No respectable married man would contemplate what M/s Hanson claims here. I never needed Hanson's involvement to build the movement in the first place, but they illegally seized the movement; it was theft! Hanson was never inducted into or involved with the PASM. It will be noted that Hanson claims that the launch of the One Nation party was agreed without my involvement. What she does not state is that she had promised Barbara Hazelton and Paul Trewartha senate endorsement for their clandestine co-operation. She got it ... but those relationships, like so many others went 'belly up'.

Hanson claims that our friendship faltered on the premise of 'my refusal' to attend the launch of One Nation. There never was rapport. I only met Hanson twice, once in my home and once when she met clandestinely with my wife that went perilously close to destroying our marriage.

As the recipient of what Hanson has written above I say without equivocation that she used people and lied to enhance the image that she was the genuine article. She may well have believed the myth of her own importance but in the end the issues of loyalty, integrity and honesty failed her.

There was a time when she was respected and that was when people like myself were prepared to help her . . . but we paid a price . . . in the end, all of us.

The End

Addendum to Destiny Aborted.

In the passing of time issues that occurred after Pauline Hanson was defeated she made several attempts at trying to re-enter Parliament. Much of it was done in conjunction with the failed One Nation party in an endeavour to raise much needed revenue. After the September 7th 2013 elections the One Nation websites froze.

These snippets once appeared on the Destiny Aborted Web cover page.

- Caveat Emptor
- Epitaph
- One Nation Western Australia sent to Coventry
- Exposing One Nation
- One Nation in denial
- Newsflash! Election 2013
- One Nation Website and Facebook
- Whiteside on stage with Hanson, Ipswich, January 1997
- Is this another quest for Lost Funds and Lost Membership?
- Swan Song

Caveat Emptor

As current candidates for the Senate or House of Representatives for One Nation, you have as I understand it paid a fee of \$2000 or \$1000 respectively. I have no doubt that most of you see One Nation in terms of what it espouses. Most of you would see as I did back in 1996 and realise that the two party duopoly needs to be broken. Pauline Hanson who most of you see as the Patron Saint of One Nation is anything but. She is now no more than a catalyst to fill the depleted coffers of a now questionable

team. The question that none of you have asked because you are unaware of its history, is, is it genuine? To answer these questions read these links;

http://www.brwhiteside.com/exposing_%20the_%20truth.htm

<http://www.brwhiteside.com/epitaph.htm>

<http://www.onenationnt.asn.au/>

Cash motivates One Nation

ONE NATION'S running in this election is simply that of making a desperate dash for cash.

Hanson, the "catalyst to attract", has been seduced (def. 3) back into the party that threw her out 2002.

Before that she threw out her current campaign manager.

Today "the redhead you can trust" is being paraded (as Oldfield did in NSW) to raise money for those particularly in the Beenleigh office, expressly to retain autocratic control and office (a pensioner has been charged \$2000 to run for a Senate position).

I have been in contact with decent One Nation people across five states and the treachery of very dubious office bearers is evident in the number of paid-up members who have had their endorsements

granted by Hanson herself and stripped away by the Beenleigh "mafia". Strong words ... no!

Money and power have been the driving motivation of One Nation since the advent of Ettridge and Oldfield, when 18-year-olds today were babies.

Recently I asked Hanson on Facebook what became of the \$207,000 when she deregistered the party she had created without any regard for party, members or proper procedure.

Her reply was: "I de-registered Pauline's United Australia Party years ago. It is time you got on with your life Bruce because you are not in the best of health in your latter years."

Immediately I was shut out from the accessing the One Nation website.

As a civic-minded citizen, I say *caveat emptor!*

BRUCE WHITESIDE
Miami



Candidates have presented themselves through the medium of Facebook and are available through the Internet. This has provided an venue where all questions are moderated, so that what the public read is sanitised (isn't it Pauline ?). The individual State Websites have been replaced by a single control mechanism that firewalls legitimate questions. Autocracy with a capital 'A'.

Candidates are not exposed to the machinations that have seen good One Nation people deprived as you yourselves have not, of running as members of a 'team' ...but this is a team divided and the so called National Executive does not reveal this. What you have become are compliant puppets, just as Hanson herself has. Ettridge and Oldfield controlled her then and today is no different.

Don't reject this out of hand because it offends. Unlike most of you I have been around for a long time.

Candidates would be well advised to realise that I am not 'a disenchanted One Nation member, the ploy always used to denigrate those who come too close to the truth for comfort. In fact were not for the writer none of you would be standing for One Nation today. FACT!



E-Mail from Rod Evans 16/08/2011

Bruce, I am one of the original members of ON being originally a supporter member of your organisation in the Beenleigh Branch convened by Cec Clarke.

I am aware of some of the issues you faced when the organisation was taken away from you, but by then I had joined the Party structure and became a Candidate in the 1998 election. since then I have become a Branch Exec then a State Exec and then a National Exec, I am now the Queensland State Secretary, A position I have held for a number of years off and on. I know much of what has happened within the party over the last 12 years and can now say that most of the problems we have had with various people within are finished.

The policy that has evolved since the beginning (sic) is valid, and is a starting point we all work from.

Pauline and the two Davids have nothing what so ever to do with us now and in Pauline's case she officially left in 2001 following her release from jail.

The defence of Pauline and Etteridge (sic) was abismal and they refused to call witnesses who could have cleared up the matter of contract, one of those being myself, Etteridge (sic) was to call me, but the day before he changed his mind. that is now past history, and you're right the Party name does carry with it some stigma to the uninitiated but it is also completely recognised so we have a catch 22 situation.

For now we consider it to be our most valuable brand name.

Feel free to reply if you wish to my home address where this originates.

Rod Evans.....

(see Ian Nelson's, also contained in Exposing One Nation.)



Here is but a small sample of what is bubbling beneath the surface of the unhappy and disillusioned One Nation. At a time when membership and wholesale involvement should be the focal point of rebuilding, thousands who might have voted for One Nation have been wiped from participation. All the Facebook hype, all the sanitised One Nation Websites present a picture that is illusionary.

Note: *While these emails below appear driven by frustration and muted emotion, they reveal the anguish that Hanson through her lack of ability to take control has engendered in the loyalist of the loyal.*

e-mail: a One Nation State President

I've had negative emails about Pauline H from WA and interstate members all evening.

It seems the Queensland mob are really upsetting long term members everywhere. Pauline seems to have succumbed to their BS.

Our members who know what's going on are livid that after years of WA supporting Pauline she's turned on us and is trying to undermine ONWA by joining forces with the rats in Queensland.

We've made it very clear that if she endorses anyone from WA they will get no support from our Division, executive or members.

WA will not be dictated to by either Pauline or Queensland.

She doesn't seem too big on principle and right now just seems interested in her own career.

She's been made fully aware of that crooked "executive" bank account in QLD and the de-registered business name, but nothing seems to be sinking in.

Just to let you know, (-----) won't be running at all in the NT - another waste.

(-----) will run with Australia First. Again a very sad loss.

I see Mr Point Zero Two percent (Ian Nelson) is backing up Jim Savage for the senate in QLD.

They are really be scraping the bottom of the barrel to keep their little QLD scams going.

I haven't heard a word from (----) - I think he's just being ignored by these Johnney (sic) come lately carpet baggers and parasites.

Pauline has apparently also been telling people you can't trust WA.

Members in the know need to text their concerns to Sunrise.

<http://au.tv.yahoo.com/sunrise/contact-us/the-sunrise-team/> and blow the whole lid of this rotten can of worms.

One Nation ruled by Queensland must be killed stone dead if the party is ever to rise again.

Name withheld



e-mail: a State Secretary and State Director

We in WA face the dilemma of destroying all we have worked for over the years or in some way after the election resurrecting "ONE NATION WA" (NO REDHEADS) and standing by all of the good honest members from across Australia who have believed in the values for so long?

Pauline has shown her true colours to us and even though she may well be between a rock and a hard place could easily have picked up the telephone instead of wasting all of the efforts put in by WA and other honest members.

This election will I believe be a disaster for both the federal body of the party and for Pauline as they have all approached it with their inflated egos and no grasp of the real world around them?

We are receiving emails from all over from ONE NATION members who will not vote for the party or for Pauline, and at least now we have a very good idea of who is who at the zoo?

We also now know who has been undermining the party in WA and this is now evident that it has been going on for a long time.....rats indeed!

So many people will go to any lengths in order to be noticed or to look important.....a sad legacy!

Our AGM will be on the 28th of Sept just after the election results are

known so will decide where to go from there?

We should be careful not to throw the baby out with the bathwater and our salvation will likely be that we are actually incorporated under the name ONE NATION WA which may hopefully form a buffer from the current fiasco?

We understand your own disgust at the current national administration and also the carpetbaggers from earlier times as we do in WA.

The media are probably all waiting for a bigger story when it all blows up in their faces?

Kind Regards,

Name withheld



e-mail: a One Nation former Secretary and now Communication Officer

10/01/2012

Mr Wiltshire, (National Secretary maybe, but there is no excuse for sloppiness/carelessness. Attention to detail would have revealed that Wiltshire is not the recipient's name)

I am in receipt of both your Email and hard copy of your letter. I must tell you that the 2 Davids and Pauline have not been Members of One Nation for over 10 years.

All of what you are bringing up is old news that will not serve the Party any good and is of no interest to the present One Nation Executive.

I suggest you contact either Pauline or the 2 Davids direct.

Yours Sincerely

Pat Loy

National Secretary

One Nation.

Note here that the recycled National Secretary was seconded back after leaving ON. The same process that brought Hanson back. Her new role as that of Communications Officer. The characteristic denigration that has long been a facet of the Ettridge leftovers is evident in this email to a one time devotee.



23/08/2013

L----,

Your rant was sent onto me. I must question why you are sending such derogatory nonsense out to non-members of One Nation. 4 that I know of.

Be a good girl and grow up. There is enough trouble happening already that will surely damage the Party that many of us worked so hard for.

Pat Loy

National Communication Officer

One Nation



Comment on above email: *The problems M/s Loy that you allude to are that of systemic autocratic control that has permeated every aspect of One Nation since its inception; the cancer that has brought One Nation to the present position. David Ettridge told me the first day I met him that Members would have no say in the running of the proposed One Nation Party. To this day that has been the case. That is why I would have nothing to do with him or those who followed in his footsteps. Those who run One Nation remain unaccountable and any investigation would be asking some very serious question. BW*



Feel free to reject or accept as you please, that is your prerogative. Remember this ...in 1996 I had the greatest respect for Pauline Hanson and her courage to fight for the 'man in the street'. Unlike no other Australian (which I am not) I was moved to

build a base to give her massive support. She was then captured by carpetbaggers and her political naivety became the plaything of grafting men who to this day continue to exploit her. Pauline as no one before her or since held the key to break the duopoly of the present system. I told her in this very room "seize the moment or lose it". She lost it.

To this day I cry for what Hanson might have been ...but more particularly I cry for the Destiny that she Aborted.

Caveat emptor ...buyer beware!

integrity@brwhiteside.com

Updated 28 Aug. 2013

Readers to this site will note the sophisticated language of One Nation 'office bearers.' Here is yet another example from State President, Jim Savage and 'lead Senate' candidate for Queensland.

I am State president and lead senate candidate for Queensland.

I have never read so much BS in my life. Absolute garbage!

Go mind your own business please and let us self funded volunteers and candidates do what we do out of love for our country. Help us or get out of our way! (note the self funded bit above)

Jim Savage

Help us ... did I hear you say? Well just to refresh your memory Jim, hows this for starters?



'ADMIRE HONESTY': Bruce Whiteside proudly wears one of the badges he has designed in support of controversial MP Pauline Hanson

Pauline's fan club out to woo 'army of support'

A GOLD Coast support group has been formed to back controversial MP Pauline Hanson and spearhead a national movement to defend her outspoken views on immigration.

Well-known campaigner Bruce Whiteside said he had formed the Pauline Hanson Support Movement because he admired the honesty of her maiden speech to Federal Parliament and realised the massive support she had in the community.

"The rationale is that a very brave, young woman has given this country the opportunity to set it back on course," said Mr Whiteside.

"We, the people, must grab the moment, and with an army of support, take this one-sided argument of political manipulation and fight back.

"No longer will the Pauline Hansons and the Geoffrey Blaineys have to stand

alone. When enough people begin to speak, the fear of the consequences begin to evaporate."

Mr Whiteside said the Gold Coast movement could change the political climate in Australia if the support he expected 'snowballed across the country'.

He said the group would be careful not to harm Ms Hanson in any way and would provide her with morale and practical support, help her spread her word, and defend and respond to any criticism of her.

Mr Whiteside said he would call a public meeting within the next three weeks to discuss the movement's aims.

Australia's five members of Parliament of Chinese origin remain divided on party lines as to how the Chinese community should react to the anti-Asian maiden speech of independent Ms Hanson.

September 20th 1996.

or this

Memo: To Pauline Hanson

Pauline, dump Oldfield ...dump him fast. Its either you or him ...that is the growing perception. Go back to your base, the people.

For once believe in the people who have helped and who have bled for you.

You cannot walk away or be taken out now. Australians need you as the icon for political change. Allow yourself, warts and all to carry this change, the ordinary people will stand by you.

We cannot I stress CANNOT allow you to be destroyed.

Hate my guts by all means, but listen. Open your eyes to what is happening. **DON'T RUN FOR BLAIR!** You will lose and the momentum you have fuelled will be lost. **RUN IN THE SENATE.**

Please, Pauline listen to what the people are telling you

Bruce Whiteside.

07 5535 6116

8th June 1998



When I supported Pauline Hanson she had not been mauled by those who eventually pulled her down. As the cutting above indicates she had support, loyalty and integrity. Good people responded and helped launch her. The treatment they received at the hands of One Nation was nothing short of disgraceful.

For seventeen years I held on to that hope but when she turned on the loyalist of the loyal I had seen enough. Recently I asked her on Facebook what happened to the \$207,000 from the AEC funding. Her response was to butt out and then a ill founded comment about my 'health'. That request from a member of the party she disbanded, Pauline's United Australia Party is far from frivolous. So Mr Savage and M/s Hanson I have no intention of backing off.

As far as I am concerned I could not care a continental what happens to One Nation or Pauline Hanson, what I am recording is history.

Updated Aug 30th 2013.

Patron Saint Pauline Hanson has told me to 'Back off'.

Queensland President Jim Savage to 'get out of the way'.

Now Veronica Beric, who is standing in my own electorate of Moncrieff has removed my comment on Facebook and like Hanson has prevented me from commenting further.

THIS is the party that uses as it slogan **'Voice of People'**.

This of course can be achieved if Veronica's 'colleagues Rod, Jim and Ian', make sure that unfavourable facts are filtered out. This is the Facebook page that was removed.

'My colleagues Rod, Jim and Ian'.

Well Veronica that sounds very grand and very official, but I am afraid that you like the Patron Saint have been suckered in to One Nation by these 'self appointed executives of nothing'. You refer to them as your 'colleagues' well I would say that you have been sadly led astray, haven't you? You ask these 'party officials' why they have hand picked compliant aspirants to preach the mantra of 'love of country' when their real agenda is a last ditch stand to realise sufficient funds to keep their little Beenleigh cliché afloat. You ask these, these, well you call them what you like but they have denied many, many One Nation aspirants like yourself from running. I know of four who were endorsed by Pauline Hanson herself, only to have 'your colleagues' overturn her decision. As Evans recently enunciated 'Pauline is only a candidate, the Party (ie Rod Evans) makes those decisions. This is the classic' Ettridge culture'. Hanson is compliant to their

wishes and she does exactly what they say. You only have to revert to history when One Nation Ltd was formed. Hanson was the meat in the sandwich. They wanted a party, Hanson did not! So they forced the decision. It was NEVER Pauline's idea and she knows it'. They outvoted and out manoeuvred her every time.

Veronica any fool would know that membership is essential to any party. With membership comes strength and a properly run organisation. So why have these people to whom you call 'colleagues' doing their level best to turn away people who wanted to be candidates?

For your edification this mob Hanson, Ettridge and Oldfield were so desperate for membership to form this 'sick party', that they stole the membership of the PHSM. I know because I created it.

Veronica over the years there been many loyal and wonderful people involved with what Hanson started out with. Loyalty was something she espoused but never reciprocated. Then as today she has become the manipulative tool of men who have ridden on her skirt-tails. What is left as a result is a very fragile shell. One Nation cohorts do not brook criticism and Hanson herself needs adoration to survive, but too many people lie in her wake ...hurt, destroyed but mostly disgusted at what she has done. You cannot have State Presidents and State Directors of One Nation branding the mob that you call 'colleagues' without damned good reason. Read this link and then think:
http://www.brwhiteside.com/caveat_emptor.htm

Here is part of an e-mail sent to PH by a New South Wales One Nation stalwart:

I was lead to believe you weren't going to return until the rats where gone , maybe you are like you just have to work with what you've got , attempting to change the registered officer was only done so ALL in Australia could run ,even stan batten now sees the error in allowing rod Evans to have near total power (big mistake) rod and his lackeys are depleting this once great party of your base of Helpers , possibly making this all a bridge too far.

name withheld.

This man was lost to another Party.



A man who spent thousands of dollars not only in assisting One Nation in its infancy and recorded its meteoritic rise on the party's website was summarily sacked on the spot when he exposed David Ettridge and David Oldfield. At that time to cast any aspersions on David Oldfield was absolute sacrilege in Hanson's eyes. As Barbara Hazelton, at that time Hanson's closest confidante 'He is all I ever wanted in a man'. Scott Balson paid the price, notwithstanding the great debt that Hanson owed him.

I am well aware of the Evans, Nelson and Savage animosity, aided by a veteran Gold Coaster who will tell anyone who will listen that I was responsible for Hanson going to jail. Well perhaps the last word that was sent to me recently might cement in the minds of the reader that I am being shut down for a damned good reason.



When I first raised concerns about the manner in which One Nation was established - after the Hervey Bay fiasco Ettridge told me that Whiteside was a "nutcase" I can assure you that this is not the case. Bruce is excitable and focussed - no question about that but his real unrecognised ability is that of a man who gets things done. Inside Bruce I see a spark of genius that was never allowed to blossom - again I have to go no further than his writing ability.

The fact that the Oldfields, Ettridges and Hansons had to steal his PHSM from him to establish the One Nation party (something they could not do without the PHSM membership) reflects one simple truth. Bruce Whiteside had a better brain than the three of them combined but while he had integrity - they did not.

Scott Balson



Are the voters and the taxpayers being taken for a ride on the illusion that One Nation is a properly constituted political party when in open defiance of its own Constitution it has autocratically moved against its members, its State Executives and in exercising that inherent Ettridge infused autocracy based on paranoia to any dissenting voices, has denied the voting public of Western Australia and the Northern Territory their democratic right?

Note.

Please note that pensioner Mr Robert Farmer shown as the sole One Nation Senate candidate for Western Australia was not constitutionally preselected or endorsed by the West Australian Division of the party. Mr Farmer has not contacted the party here in WA and is NOT A MEMBER in the Western Australia Division. His selection was out of order and he cannot therefore be supported by One Nation Western Australia as their candidate. LV

ONE NATION

Federal Division

Political Party

National Constitution & Regulations

1. PARTY NAME AND CONSTITUTIONAL STANDING

The name of the Party is ONE NATION Political Party which name shall be adopted by the Federal and State Divisions or as changed as notified to ONE NATION and/or (relevant Division).

1. 1 This affirms:- All State Divisions and Federal Divisions of the One Nation Political Party are parts of the same Political Party and one is part of the other under this constitution. Those Divisions being One Nation Divisions operating in New South Wales, Queensland. Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.

12 The National Committee shall be formed of each State Division's, President - Secretary - and State Director, meeting together from time to time subject to clause 6 of this constitution.

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Mr State Director One Nation Western Australia, reading this small sample of this 'constitution', it must follow that both yourself and the President should be

automatically on the National Executive. Putting aside the issue of Incorporation for the moment, the failure, in fact what could more probably be classified as neglect and if intentional deliberate, then the operatives of One Nation as it stands have misused the Constitution. Flouting of accepted protocols, the manipulation of committees has since the advent of David Ettridge been standard practice to overcome dissent from those who have challenged the way that procedures have been abused. Inherently it has been the inbuilt paranoia of subsequent party executives, often themselves 'elected' in positions that abused the accepted practice that has existed to this day. Never the less the process of accepting donations, membership and angling for taxpayer funded facilities at the benevolence of the AEC calls seriously into question integrity, moral aptitude and in the scheme of things, honesty.

If all the States had these representatives and more importantly if the National President had conducted accepted procedural meetings, then this situation could never have arisen. It appears as though the only time that any real activity in One Nation is apparent is around elections. Where are the meetings and reports that advise members of the party's financial position? Where are the Annual Meetings? These are questions that need to be answered particularly at a time when the party are presenting as an alternative to the main advocates. These questions cannot be answered when avenues for asking them are immediately shut down.

Where is the party membership, why aren't active members demanding meetings to further build the party? Is it because membership has dwindled and those responsible like a small coterie of Ettridge leftovers have formed an 'in-house collective' to take autocratic control when the AEC source of funding presents itself?

The flagrant seconding of Pauline Hanson to increase the likelihood of realizing this objective, has not only alienated a few of the remaining stalwarts to seek to have the autocratic running addressed but has culminated in those seeking to address these serious anomalies through proper channels being refused endorsement, after Hanson herself, granted it, only to have it overturned by what is now referred to as the ...'the Beenleigh mafia' This interference has resulted in almost half of the physical area of Australia being denied the right to vote for a party who had willing and able candidates available yet denied what should be read as 'legal endorsement under the Constitution Rules and under the Party's mantra 'Voice of the People'. Voice of the membership it is not, Voice of the few it has become ...and Hanson is not of the few!

Evidence of how the dictates of Ettridge were followed without question. Readers will note that Bruce Whiteside was mentioned as an apology. It will be noticed that President Trewartha called for all steering committee members to stand down so that David Ettridge and Pauline Hanson could take control of the Support Movement. What is not recorded is that only minutes before this meeting took place Trewartha received a call for David Ettridge instructing him to carry out this action. The meeting itself was arranged without any knowledge to Whiteside and once the Secretary Iris Whiteside had served her purpose she was passed over in favour of Ron Paddison, who was a close friend to Trewartha. It transpired later that committee members, Clodd, Litchfield and Gash had not been notified because of possible opposition to what amounted to an organized takeover. This became the standard practice. It should be noted here that shortly after this 1200 invitations to the One Nation launch were written out on the lounge table by Iris and team and during the process Pauline Hanson commissioned Barbara Hazelton, her personal secretary to ring Iris and instruct her that on no account was Bruce Whiteside to be issued with an invitation. In her book *Untamed and Unashamed* Hanson 'lamented the fact that I had turned down the invitation'. The woman does not tell the truth.

That culture, that deceit, that way of doing things in One Nation has not changed a great deal and the turmoil within does not auger well for a party that claims they run for 'love of country' and to be a 'voice of the people', when it deprives it own and suppresses those voices who dare to speak the truth.



PAULINE HANSON SUPPORT MOVEMENT INC.
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY 21ST. ~~APRIL~~ MARCH

In Attendance: Paul Trewartha (Chairman), Ken Waalwyk, Iris Whiteside, Joyce Jaka
Amanda Clod, Peter Prescott Ron Paddison and Anthony Puls.
Observer: Mr & Mrs Keith Morrison.
Apologies: John Clod, Lindon Litchfield, Jim Ansell, Judy Gash, Bruce
Whiteside.

Minutes of last Meeting:

Where read by the Secretary Iris.
Matters arising were deferred and President Paul Advised that all
executive officers of the steering committee were resigning in block
and that new officer bearers would nominate so that Pauline Hanson &
David Ettridge nominations could be received and consider at this
meeting.
Nominations were called for and received as under
President Pauline Hanson
Vice Presidents David Ettridge
Paul Trewartha
Secretary Ron Paddison
Treasurer Lindon Litchfield
As no other nominations were received the above executive office
bearers were declared elected.

First general meeting:

Moved Anthony Puls seconded by Ken Waalwyk that the first general
meeting of the Incorporated Body be called at Ipswich on Friday the
11th. April 1997 at a time and place to be advised. -----Carried.

Closure:

The chair man closed the meeting.

Re Convened:

The meeting reconvened with the same attendees the Chairman then
Proposed that as the committee had been operating as a steering
committee on the premise that we were controlling the association on a
National level and that now that committee would be made up of
others not resident on the Gold Coast it was necessary to specifically
elect a Gold Coast Committee in so doing forming a Gold Coast
Branch.
The Chairman moved that the Old Committee with modifications as
noted on separate list tabled and noted be elected as the Gold Coast
Management Committee seconded by Ron Paddison the motion was
carried.

Ipswich Function 11th. April:

The meeting continued with detail discussions on the arrangements
for this function, Tony Puls and Ron Paddison took their leave at this
time.

Update Sept 4th 2013

Credit Where Credit is Due

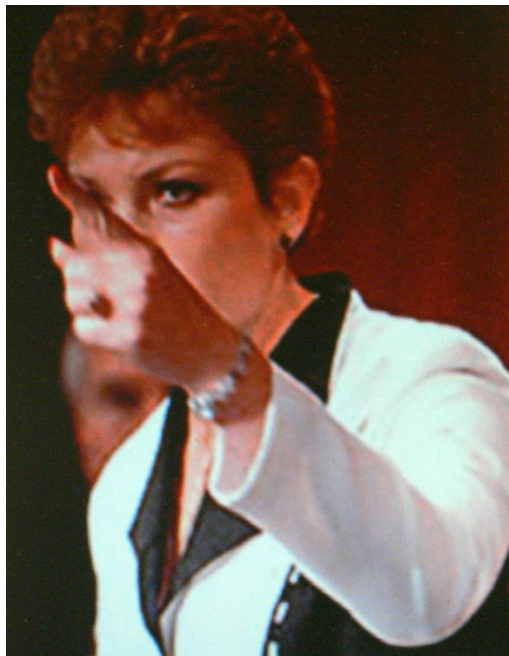
Hanson and the John Laws Interview

<https://soundcloud.com/onenationaustralia/pauline-hanson-talks-to-john>

So I would like to take this opportunity and wish you success on Saturday. Not for One Nation for it is was built on moral corruption, but for you. You don't need the liability of carpetbaggers and parasites. When I heard that interview I heard the fire, a little more sophisticated than of yore, and I thought, well Bruce this is what the Parliament of Australia wants ...someone with the guts to tell them that the standard of politics in this country has reach the bottom of the barrel.

You have said on a few occasions that I had an agenda for you. No Pauline, my support if you had not noticed was never political, but MORAL. Perhaps my perception is a lot keener that you might think. The Pauline Hanson's don't come along very often. In Australian politics you were unique and you don't try to tame that sort of quality by smothering it. You are at your best when in full flight, not impeded by mediocrity that has been your downfall.

A last word, I noted that you did not heap praise on Tony Abbott ...smartly coy I thought, but a word or warning ...Don't Trust him!



The Hanson of old in full flight!

"The Liberal Coalition, Labor and Greens have preference me last, they are determined to keep me out of Parliament.
First by changing the voting system in 1998, then Abbott's slush fund for court proceedings which saw me go to prison and Peter Beattie changing the legislation from a six months maximum sentence or \$1500 fine to a criminal offence, carrying a 7 year maximum jail term introduced months before my trial and 4 years after the offence. This was to stop me from ever being able to stand for politics again due to a criminal charge. This is your chance to make your vote count and have your voice heard. I am the one person they are determined to keep out of Parliament. **WHY?** I have had a gut full of corrupt, selfish, greedy, pusillanimous would-be politicians. Wake up my fellow Australians, put me in the Senate."
- Pauline Hanson

VOTE 1 - ONE NATION - PAULINE WILL KEEP THEM HONEST!

Adapted from speech by Pauline Hanson at the One Nation rally, 11 November 2001, Adelaide, South Australia.

Comment:

The claims made here are essentially true. There was after the misguided strategy of Ettridge (for revenue) and Oldfield (for 'political savvy') to run in the 1998 Queensland election. Before Ettridge had revealed his covert operation to seize the Pauline Hanson Support Movement, he informed me that 'they' had decided to run candidates in all Queensland State seats. I told him he was a fool because that would send a strong message to the Federal sphere in Canberra, where Hanson could romp in. He and his political genius disagreed. The result sent shock waves through both major parties, that then provided a known blueprint of where Hanson's support was coming from. THAT WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED had the element of surprise been sprung at Federal level, instead of State. This was where the preference strategy was born and has punished Hanson ever since.

Hanson bemoans the Abbott slush fund, but fails to realise that the money that sunk her in the end was actually raised initially to build a Senate team around her. The strategy was brilliant, but 'her David' had other ideas that she might be the catalyst but he would be the One Nation 'leader'. Hence his advise to not to run for the Senate but Blair. The rest is history.

Yes Pauline they do want to keep you out of Parliament. After the question (Why) you make a claim ...and I would endorse that 100%. I agree that voters should wake up and give you the chance to make the waves that the whole corrupted system needs, but don't rely on any aspect of One Nation to do that. You could put the cumulative backbone of all who have been part of the One Nation circus together and they could not raise a ripple. They may well be your reps but they are innocuous and pathetically weak whereas you at least have spine, courage and passion.

Why the hell you ever followed the One Nation concept I will never know.

Post Election: Please Explain!

" Thank you to all of the One Nation volunteers and candidates for your dedication to the election campaign. We acknowledge all of your hard work and you will always have our respect for putting your hands up and stepping forward to better our country."

What utter diatribe and lack of sincerity! This is what Hanson wrote on her Facebook page after she had been made yet another failed attempt to enter parliament for the second time.

Let me make it clear, I have long since lost any respect for the woman, but I do hand her one accolade ...she has the ability to shake up the establishment. For those reasons I am sorry that she did not 'make it'.

What I do not condone is the treachery, for that is what it was, that has accompanied the cobbling of her 'appeal' by insignificant little men who have used her for their own purposes. They have always used her 'patriotic and nationalistic sentiments' to ride on.

Ettridge and Oldfield negated her 'talents' years ago and in recent times she fell once again for the same pitch. This time as the text below indicates, others.

The letter of thanks is hollow.

You took the advice of skirt-huggers and have paid the price. It is too late now but there is an old saying 'never throw water into the wind'.

What One Nation followers read on Facebook and their One Nation Website was for 'favourable 'consumption. As this page reveals there were many, many 'dedicated candidates' who were trashed and tossed aside.

These are the questions that Hanson can not shrug her shoulders and simply walk away from with a cursory few lines on Facebook. Questions are going to be asked!



Subject: Re: The last gasp - email below. Response.

To: Bruce Whiteside.

Hi Bruce,

Thanks for your email. We're just waiting for the final figures to trickle in, then some discussion with my executive over here before I/we say a word.

I ran the following questions past Brian McRae our state director a couple of nights ago.

Brian Druery the so called "master mind" behind the advance of the minor parties in the new Senate calls himself a political consultant?

But "consultants" don't generally act out of love. They want money!

"So who authorised Brian Druery to be a consultant to One Nation? Who engaged him and paid for his services?"

Did that matter ever go before the brain dead One Nation National Committee, or was it just Beenleigh and others acting alone to hijack the party as a quick money making deal for themselves?

Why were the various constitutions ignored and good party people ruthlessly and illegally kicked out or removed from key positions by this little gang just before the election?

Why has ON NSW not had a proper executive meeting since April?

How then could Ms Pauline Hanson have been properly preselected and endorsed?

How could others have been parachuted into positions without the proper protocols?

A bit of background

"Druery first surfaced in 1999 during the NSW upper house ''tablecloth ballot paper'' controversy.

His prodigious mathematical skills have made him a fixture come election time. This year, through his company Independent Liaison, he organised a ''minor party alliance'', which stacked preference flows.

Druery will not say which candidates he advised but relished Dropulich's possible election in WA.

''Dropulich is likely to get the lowest first-preference vote in history and get elected: this afternoon he had 1908 of the 896,345 votes counted in the West and preferences will get him across the line.''

Druery predicted the 76-member Senate chamber, after the changeover next year, would comprise 33 Coalition, 25 Labor, 10 Greens, one Democratic Labor Party, two Palmer United Party, one Liberal Democrats, one Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party, one Family First, one Australian Sports Party and independent Nick Xenophon." From Sydney Morning Herald."

One Nation NSW shelled out at least \$18,000 to run their candidates and lost the lot!

Where did that money come from?

My guess is that every state division of One Nation is now broke ... except WA.

As you know we spent zero on the farce!

Why was the paperwork for the above the line senate team in Victoria bungled so they went below the line and failed?

Is this the work of a "professional" consultant, or was it just the product of a totally incompetent registered officer?

Were there plants in high places in One Nation?

Has the party just been raped and pillaged?

Nobody from One Nation got over the magic 4% and so nobody in the ES gets any money from the AEC trough.

I'd say Pauline's career is finished" Was that planned? Or was she out of her depth in a new pond of sharks and predators?

Evans (as registered officer) set up a poor pensioner in WA and he blew his \$2,000 and scored just 249 first preference votes.

NOW HERE'S THE REAL TRAGEDY ...

In the previous federal election in 2010 One Nation WA got over 7,000 Senate ticket votes and 1,471 for our single the house of reps candidate .

So the man with the "prodigious mathematical skills" Brian Druery and Rod Evans (who refused to endorse a sure thing state team) did an excellent job of wrecking One Nation's chances in W.A. and in so doing have now placed the entire party in danger of being federally de-registered.

If those brain dead clods in Queensland had supported ONWA instead of doing everything in their power to destroy the party here we would now have at least one One Nation Senator in the National Parliament - myself!

But perhaps that was what it was all about.

Perhaps that was the plan - to destroy the party! Destroy Pauline!

Well, job well done!

Lyn V

Post Script:

Seventeen years ago the PHSM was created to morally give Hanson the strength 'to go it alone'. I have no doubt that had she done this that her presence and mercurial persona in the parliament would have altered the path we traverse today. Sadly the person to whom we believed was strong capitulated to carpetbaggers and sycophants. Her Destiny was Aborted.

Resolutions of the meeting to form a political party.

Date: Sunday, 23 February 1997.

Location: Sydney Airport.

Present: Pauline Hanson, David Ettridge and David Oldfield.

Name of the party will be, "Pauline Hanson's One Nation".

Pauline Hanson as Founder will be the first President.

National Office to be set up in Sydney.

David Oldfield to be National Campaign Director.

David Ettridge to be National Director.

David Ettridge to be re-imbursed for costs - eg: phone calls, car expenses, airfares and any other expenses considered by Pauline Hanson as having been incurred during the carrying out of duties on her behalf prior to his appointment as National Director.

While the role of National Director may vary as required, the general duties and responsibilities are to include:-

Set up and general management of National Office.

Co-ordinate media except that specifically related to local issues in the Oxley electorate.

Manage the support movement, arrange full accountability for each branch and the transition of support movement members to party members.

In conjunction with the National Campaign Director, co-ordinate speaking and fundraising commitments.

In conjunction with the National Campaign Director, have the capacity to appoint and work with individual fundraisers but to at all times exercise control over said individuals and or events.

In conjunction with the National Campaign Director, arrange permanent staff accommodation and meeting facilities in Canberra.

This page is a true and accurate record, signed in Manly, Sydney on this day, 28 April 1997.



Pauline Hanson



David Ettridge



David Oldfield.

Manage the support movement; arrange full accountability for each branch and the transition of support movement members to party members.

THIS IS WHY HANSON WENT TO JAIL. No amount of overturning verdicts will ever remove the fact that this was theft, the parties signed it and the system of justice failed us.

Authors note: *Whilst Hanson was sent to jail, I as the creator of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement membership list remain firm in my honest opinion that the idea to seize the movement to create One Nation was never Hanson's. She did what was suggested and in any case she was always strategically outvoted. Hanson was a victim of her own fallibility and in the final analysis her appalling judgement.*

One Nation: "the real corruption"?

Thursday, 21 August 2003

Reporter: (online story) Jane Cowan

Presenter: Tim Callanan

Pauline Hanson was famous for her fiery red hair but is it the One Nation dream that has now gone up in flames?

Pauline and her co-accused David Ettridge last night spent their first evening in custody after being found guilty of electoral fraud. The pair will today lodge appeals against their sentences, but for the time being, at least, are behind bars.

So where did it all go wrong? And what now for the million or so Australians who gave Pauline Hanson's One Nation their vote?

The Pauline Hanson Support Movement was founded on the Gold Coast by Miami resident Bruce Whiteside. Bruce says yesterday's events are not surprising, but expects the handing down of jail terms will "shake the whole thing up".

What does this mean for Hanson? Will she become a kind of political martyr? "Look, as far as Hanson's concerned, I feel very sorry for her but I feel a lot sorer for those people that've been disenfranchised." Bruce says the focus should shift from Pauline Hanson to the one million voters she abandoned. "My sympathy goes out to...(them)..." Bruce says he warned Hanson repeatedly over a six year period to tread a careful political path. "I said many years ago...Pauline you carry a crystal chalice, for God's sake don't drop it. I must have sent her probably 40 or 50 letters and faxes." His message in those letters? "Dump one nation and dump the two Davids and go back to your grass roots. Go back to the people." Bruce believes that was her greatest strength. "That's what she spoke for. And in the end she let us all down. Now today she is paying the price. It's very sad I must admit but that is a fact of life."



Pauline Hanson: sentenced to three years jail (photo courtesy ABC TV)

"I said many years ago...Pauline you carry a crystal chalice, for God's sake don't drop it."

For Bruce, the events culminating in Hanson's imprisonment are the shattering of a dream. He still remembers the excitement of the early days. "A lot of people were talking about this girl Hanson and what she was achieving but nobody was prepared to get up and say, look I support Pauline...I did that and it wasn't an easy decision...I just felt that someone had to get

up and identify with her. And I realised that once one of the sheep got out of the paddock, people would start to follow." With a tone that might be called wistful, Bruce tells how he held a meeting at the Albert Waterways Hall in Mermaid Waters where 850 people turned up. It was the birth of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement. But Bruce says the grass roots movement was very quickly hijacked by "the two Davids", Ettridge and Oldfield.

Did Bruce know what the list would be used for when he handed it to Ettridge? "Ettridge told me that Pauline and himself wanted to know where the support was coming from." Bruce estimates there were around 6000 members at the time. He says \$12000 in the kitty was seized. "I was tossed out of the movement..with the assistance of Mr Trewartha here on the Gold Coast." That sting has been particularly bitter. "He was my vice president and a man that I trusted." Hanson, Ettridge and Oldfield went on to build One Nation. Even though part of the preparation for the launch had been done in Bruce's own home, he says Pauline rang his wife and told her that he was not welcome.

"A lot of people were talking about this girl Hanson and what she was achieving but nobody was prepared to get up and say, look I support Pauline...And I realised that once one of the sheep got out of the paddock, people would start to follow."

Bruce says neither the defence nor the prosecution in the recent court case sought his involvement. They "...pushed me off with a long rod. They did not want me in there...They knew that I was a maverick, like Hanson herself in a way." Bruce hopes the community will now demand an inquiry into the whole affair, "...because it's my honest belief on what I know that this can...go right back into the cabinet." Bruce says the fact that a million people were disenfranchised is "...the real corruption in this whole story and the real fraud. A million people voted for Hanson. They got one senate seat. 65 per cent of that million (650 000 people) voted for the democrats and they got seven. The system is corrupt."

So will voters burnt by One Nation now return to the fold of traditional parties? Bruce doesn't think that is the answer. "As far as I'm concerned One Nation is no better and probably worse than all the rest of them." You can hear the disenchantment in his voice when he says, "What we want is a pristine representation that Hanson presented in the first place. I mean, what she presented was a golden opportunity."

But it appears Pauline was unwilling or unable to heed Bruce's advice. The crystal chalice lies shattered in a million pieces, a million disillusioned voters. "That is the bank of people out there and they were very, very important and she was like a millionaire, she spent them. That is the real sorrow that I feel."

Epitaph ...to those who served.

..and even though she may well be between a rock and a hard place could easily have picked up the telephone instead of wasting all of the efforts put in by WA and other honest members. (Brian McRae)

For seventeen years you have left a trail of decent, committed genuine supporters and helpers in your wake. YOU Pauline Hanson preached about loyalty, integrity and honesty. You used to impress upon us the family values that your parents taught you. Yes I believe they did ...they were of that generation that brought family up that way. Like you my parents were of Irish descent. one a Catholic, one a protestant. You and I had much in common. What you never understood was that I took on Foreign Land Ownership at a time when people did not dare express a view, eight years before you came along. I copped the lot from the media, government and vested interests. I was gutted when I found that people were scared to speak out for fear of reprisals. When you came along I saw in you the female version of myself. I knew as no one else at the time did, what was ahead for you. That is why I initially wrote a speech and went into bat for you. Oh yes you can read what you like into that but at the time very few were saying that they supported your views IN PUBLIC!

That night 125 people joined the fledgling Pauline Hanson Support Movement. From that day on, thanks to the television coverage Iris and I were swamped. We went from there to start 39 branches and had a membership of in excess of 6000 of which 539 were on my created membership list. (Scumbags seized it and in the end one of them now lives on a comfortable NSW government pension and the other is suing a possible Prime Minister).

The scumbags and carpetbaggers that you have attracted over the years have eaten away at you like white-ants. Many of your loyalist supporters who have believed in you, even when their inner souls did not want to believe it (I was one of them), have bled for you and in return you '**the redhead you can trust**' treated them with contempt and absolute indifference. Fine people, too bloody good for you, would have seen you through to a place in this country's political history when you would have been honoured and possibly revered. Instead you opted for con men, opportunist and became the catalyst for all their selfish ambitions. And YOU have the bloody gall to tell me that I had an agenda. You are shallow, you are lacking in understanding of people and you think that you are God's gift to Australia.

In 1996, you WERE ... and I was your most ardent supporter. I did not tell you how wonderful you were, but others did ...none more than those who saw you as being putty in their hands, who took you to heights that emotionally made you a basket case ripe for the picking. You never woke up the fact that in spite of going to the electorate time after time and being rejected time after time, that you were indelibly stained with the Ettridge/Oldfield stench. I saw it, ... not after they had dropped you in the mire of court proceedings, I saw it the only time I ever met David Ettridge. You hated my guts for warning you ad infinitum!

Iris and I met with Paul and Maureen Trewartha yesterday, Aug 14 2013.. You might even have cried if you had been a fly on the wall. There were many nice things that were said about you, but the real sorrow was that you were denied the opportunity to break the nexus of the two party duopoly. We discussed many things and were enlightened about several issues, Abbott, Hazelton, Sharples and that, that, spare me ...Oldfield. The thing that puzzled Trewartha most of all was how I was able to sum up Ettridge for what he was at the only meeting we ever had. Paul said 'Ettridge fooled everyone, Hazelton, Hanson, Iris and the man you trusted most of all ...me.' Paul I said, "When Ettridge dined at our place I saw him as 'charm personified'. An hour later after addressing our twenty members, I told him to his face he was a con-man'. Paul went on, 'In hindsight, when you walked out of the meeting that day Hanson was fair game. 'If you had stayed you could have given us the resilience to take the two David's on'. I replied 'No Paul, I did not walk out because of Ettridge, I walked out because nineteen of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement, were so enamoured with this man that they were prepared to support him, you and even to my own wife who believed ' I had been rude to our host'.

What did David Ettridge say: 'he (Bruce) started this and I wanted him to be one of us. We wanted him as the elder statesman, the person with the vision' At that time 'the elder statesman was only 62', but my rejection of him underscored what the rest of you found out to your chagrin and financial cost. His retribution was the anointing of Bruce Whiteside as Number One on the celebrated Ettridge Register of White Ants.

**David Ettridge's official list of white ants
(1-23 published in November 1997):**

1. Bruce Whiteside, Gold Coast, Founder of Pauline Hanson Support Movement – see chapters two to four
2. Vic Piccone, Malanda – President of the Silkwood/Kurrimine branch of Pauline Hanson's Support Movement (under Whiteside).
3. George Merritt, Adelaide, Author of "*Pauline Hanson's, The Truth*"
4. Alf Dennis, Hervey Bay, Founder of Hervey Bay branch (was the largest ON branch in Australia). Dennis is recognised as one of Pauline , Hanson's early mentors.
5. Brian McDermott, Beaudesert, Now President of the Patriotic Movement
6. John Pasquarelli, Melbourne, Pauline Hanson's first political adviser - accredited with writing her maiden speech
7. Chris Bramwell, Brisbane – attended McDermott's meetings
8. Gary Bayley, Dandenong – alleged by Ettridge to be an infiltrator
9. David Garrett, David Pigeon, Brian Harris, Sydney, see comments below ♦
10. Brett Turnbridge, Dandenong – alleged by Ettridge to be an infiltrator



Ettridge's Official List Of "White Ants"

11. Malcolm Taylor, Hervey Bay, Ex-president of the Hervey Bay branch who established One Nation Queensland to escape the influence of the two David's without telling Ms Hanson
12. Stephen Jolley, Militant, Melbourne, Never a One Nation member - the man behind the Dandenong violence
13. Brendan Bell, Townsville, attended McDermott's meetings
14. Peter Boyle, Rockhampton, attended McDermott's meetings
15. Allan Esson, Murgon, QLD, see comments below.α
16. Ron Snape, Bega, NSW – an Ettridge dissident
17. John Seale, David Syme College, Melbourne, Publishers of the book "*Hansonism, Trick or Treat?*"
18. Ken Fordham
19. Jean Evans, Gold Coast, The lady who bought the car for the Pauline Hanson Support Movement.
20. Ken Bear, Dandenong – alleged by Ettridge to be an infiltrator
21. David Graham, Geelong
22. Don Pinwell, Kingaroy, the leader of Australia First in Queensland
23. Reg Bishop, Ipswich, ex Ipswich branch President deposed by Thorpe soon after being elected.

♦ David Garrett. According to Garrett his efforts in getting One Nation going in NSW cost him many hundreds of dollars - but resulted in the opening of many branches. At one of the meetings he received about \$100 towards his costs and, as a result, had the police put on him by David Ettridge for "*misappropriating funds belonging to One Nation*".

In an extraordinary telephone conversation Ettridge phoned him up, while playing a recording of police sirens in the background, telling Garrett that the police would contact him. They did within 15 minutes.

α Alan Esson, the President of Townsville branch, was expelled after he raised the following questions with Manly on behalf of his members:

- the failure of Head Office to communicate to the branches on matters of importance to the branches.
- letters and Fax's to Head Office from the branches were ignored.
- the \$250 non - refundable deposit for candidates
- the treatment in general of members who had spent a great deal of time and money to get the party up and running
- the failure of Head Office to define One Nation from the Support Group

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- the presigned resignation forms
- the farce that was called the Annual General Meeting.
- the failure of Head Office to supply financial statements on Pauline Hanson's One Nation members on request.
- the abolition of the Five Dollar membership.

Other white ants include



Bevan Collingwood

Collingwood was one of the first people to be publicly labelled a "white ant" by Ettridge, he was ousted from the AGM at Rooty Hill even though he held current membership. His crime was his audacity to re-design the draft constitution with the help of Tony Pitt even though this was at the request of 23 branches. His draft constitution crossed the line as it questioned the authority of both the Davids.

Helen Dodd,

Publisher of Ms Hanson's official biography, "*Pauline, The Hanson Phenomenon*".

Many months after the book was published Dodd received a phone call from her publishers, Boolarong Press, who told her that they had had a telephone call from a photographer at the Canberra Times who had threatened to take them to court over the use of his picture of Pauline Hanson wrapped in a flag – which was used on the front cover of the book. He claimed that copyright had been breached.

Before using the photograph on the cover Dodd had contacted David Ettridge who claimed that he owned the copyright of the picture. He agreed to Dodd using the photograph after he wrote a letter to her saying that she could use it if she paid him a few cents per copy after the first 5,000 books had been sold.

Dodd was obviously upset that the ownership of the front cover picture was now in dispute and raised the issue with Ms Hanson in her office.

Ms Hanson spoke directly to the photographer at the Canberra Times who confirmed that he owned the copyright in the picture. She then spoke to Ettridge who claimed that he owned the copyright as he had the negatives. Interestingly the cost of having the pictures taken, an amount of \$224, which Ettridge initially paid, was reimbursed to him by One Nation as part of the agreement signed at the Sydney airport in 1997.

Ettridge's Official List Of "White Ants"

Within days of Dodd raising the issue with Ms Hanson she was ordered out of her electoral office under guard after Ettridge had claimed that she was a "trouble-maker" and a "white ant".

Peter Clifton,

Jenny Clifton, his wife, writes,

My husband was State Vice President in S.A. last year and because he asked a few pertinent questions about the financial status of the State Executive and made a few suggestions, he was labelled a trouble-maker and a similar thing happened to him regarding his membership.

A perfectly legitimate Branch Meeting was stormed by the State Director, Kym Hall, who tried to close the meeting saying that quite a few members of the committee (including my husband who was the President of the Gawler Branch) were un-financial. This was untrue as they all produced their receipts. They then said that they hadn't been approved by Manly. That was strange because once you are a member you shouldn't have to go through the procedure as a new member.

My husband called the meeting to order and asked the members to vote on whether to continue. It was unanimous to proceed and they all started to chant that the State Director and his "thugs" leave the meeting immediately. They reluctantly left and, of course, my husband's name was mud after that. The members of the Gawler Branch later took a vote and decided to dissolve the branch. Nobody wanted to go on and support such an undemocratic and dictatorial State Executive.

This sort of thing has happened all around Australia and One Nation has been systematically destroyed from within. My husband has been saying that Ettridge and Oldfield have been the "King White Ants" right from the start and he feels that Pauline has been hoodwinked by them. Now it seems he was right.

We have quite a few ex-members here in South Australia who are still keen to reform the people who were forced out of P.H.O.N. Strangely enough, they were ALL very good ambassadors for Pauline and they are very disillusioned.

And others in the army of white ants include, of course, **Scott Balson, Barbara Hazelton, Tom King, John Mackintosh, Mrs Hill, Bill Feldman, Ian Petersen and the Queensland State MPs etc.**

I am indebted to Scott Balson. This graphically demonstrates the well documented regime that has run One Nation under Ettridge which is now carried on. Hanson has under-pinned this oppressive operation for the second time.



The "inner circle" meet at Hervey Bay in Hanson's room at the Delfino Apartments
Ms Hanson, Paul Trewartha (back to camera) David Oldfield and David Ettridge

Need further proof?

Here are two extracts from published books:

At home a phone call came through to my office. It was Barbara Hazelton. Always pleasant on the phone she asked if she could speak with Iris. I called her. Moments later Iris, put the phone down ashen faced. She did not immediately return to the lounge, where the team were working mailing out hundreds of invitations that Ettridge had sent to our home the day before. In fact she was very quiet. I asked her what was wrong. She did not answer spontaneously, but indicated that I'd better come into the lounge.

She stood over the table as I stood leaning against the arch leading into the kitchen. When the chatter around the table had stopped Iris, quietly and barely able to conceal her quivering voice told the gathering:

"That was Barbara on the phone. She has just been instructed by Pauline, that on no account are we to issue an invitation to Bruce.' She then turned and walked to the bedroom and closed the door.

"That is the gutless bitch that you are all working for. Hanson hasn't the guts to call me up and tell me to my face. No ...she prefers to delegate the dirty work to others.' Not surprisingly I was at my belligerent best. No one dared to comment. Joy Jacka asked me if Iris would be alright, but I told her to leave her for a while.

Destiny Aborted, Chapter 11

The Support Movement, without Bruce's involvement, agreed to organise the launch of Pauline Hanson's One Nation . Bruce was invited but refused to attend that night and our friendship was never the same again.

Untamed and Untamed, p 114

The untruths, the intrigue, the shocking treatment of hundreds of Hanson supporters, who have given their all, their money and their devotion for the one person to whom many placed on a pedestal, the time has come to say 'enough is enough'. Pauline Hanson you have underpinned the 'shonky' regime of the Ettridge cum Evans juggernaut that has crushed, denied and discarded fine people. This was the culture that was so rotten that they walked away from you in droves. For a while you did your own thing dancing, even forming your 'own' Pauline's United Australia Party. Today there are big questions as to where the money went, when you deregistered the 'Party' without any recognised attention to standard procedure. The membership was never consulted or given the opportunity to have an input.. When I put that to you on Facebook you shut me down but not before you replied with this.

I am sorry to say Bruce you are confused. I know you started Pauline Hanson's support movement and left when I launched One Nation. You have never forgiven me for not doing it with you but the two Davids. You had your own agenda for me, and you have still tried to push it over the years, even to this day. You are confused because I left the party in Jan 2002 and I was imprisoned in 2003. I de-registered Pauline's United Australia Party years ago. It is time you got on with your life Bruce because you are not in the best of health in your latter years, and I will continue to fight on for what I

believe. It's a shame but you could never handle the fact I was and still am my own person. Don't let hate cloud what I might be able to achieve. Kind Regards Pauline Hanson.

Before you were seconded back to One Nation, you told some of the faithful that you wanted 'the rats', I believe your term, were to be removed from the Eastern and Southern States, with the emphasise on the Queensland office. You then threw your lot in with them. That was the day June 7th 2013, that the man who created the Support Movement that elevated you, finally walked away in utter disgust !

We know now from the bitter experience of the past and the established way that elements of One Nation operate. We know that the stocks are depleted, the coffers likewise. We know that One Nation is virtually dead and that breathing left back into it nigh impossible. We know the machinations that desperate men in Queensland wooed you back to use what magnetic appeal you still have to win enough votes to enable a quota to be achieved. It could happen. It is about control 'after you have gone'. As I mentioned earlier you impressed upon us the ethics that you parents taught you. Pauline you are either a very slow learner or you don't learn at all. In 17 years you have once again been drawn to put your signature to a document that now makes you an officer of One Nation. May I remind you that recently Rod Evans stated in the press that you did not speak for One Nation, that you were only a candidate. You used that as an excuse to tell hopeful candidates that they will not receive endorsement. Your old friend Ettridge said that I had the vision. I have an awful feeling that when investigations into the Pauline's United Australia Party and the reason for your eighth attempt to run for parliament comes under the spotlight of public scrutiny that you may think back on those who lie in your wake.

Note. This started out as an email to Pauline Hanson. I then recalled John Pasquarelli telling me years ago that " Pauline never read anything she didn't want to.'

In recent days many of those hurt have tried in vain to alert the main-stream-media, to this situation that has denied One Nation members the right to stand for the party they are not only members of but financial as well. The regime described here has shut them down. Scott Balson and myself have recorded the sordid events that have persisted to this day. Historian will never find out the truth from scanning the newspapers of the day ...their legacy was all about sensationalism, appealing to the lowest denomination that of selling newspapers and bugger the truth.

Two topics that have caught the media's attention have been the fiasco of endorsing a candidate Stephanie Banister and the fact that Hanson's old fish and chip business is run by Vietnamese. When I pursued the main-stream-media this morning I was informed that there much time involved chasing up the issues raised. It was all too hard.

Election September 7th 2013

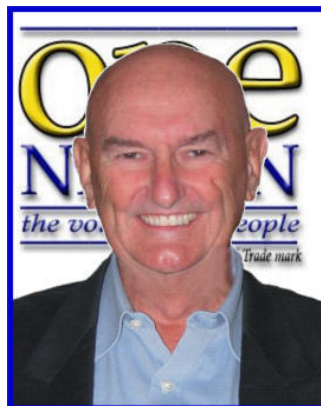
One Nation Western Australia sent to Coventry

IMPORTANT NOTICE

"The people of Australia deserve a fair go", Pauline Hanson speak.

"Australians must stand up and protest against political parties who lack the guts to do what is best for Australia", Pauline Hanson speak.

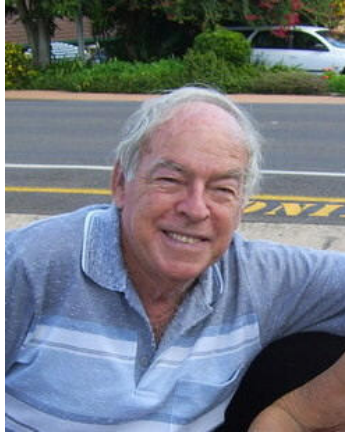
NOT SO!



Lyn Vickery One Nation President WA

One Nation in Western Australia will not be running Candidates. In short, One Nation National Executive in the form of Rod Evans has methodically in the culture of former

Hanson National Director, David Ettridge thwarted every attempt by your President and Secretary to embrace Western Australia. Every attempt has been check-mated by Evans. What we are seeing here, in the opinion of Bruce Whiteside, the founder of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement, is the manipulation of Pauline Hanson by the remnants of the Ettridge era. A little history at this point will help members to appreciate what has gone on.



Bruce Whiteside founder of the PHSM

Earlier this year your executive in WA spoke with Pauline Hanson. Parties were amicable. Hanson not attached to any political thread at the time spoke with the WA Executive. It is the writers understanding that she had made it clear that she would like to come back to One Nation, but someone 'had to clear the rats from the Southern States' before she would consider it. The writer the founder of the above movement urged the Executive to approach Hanson in Queensland with a view to request that she allow them to underpin her as a Senate Candidate. The executive not wishing to force her hand, decide against his advice, to give her time to think about the idea. Shortly afterward Hanson informed the WA people that she would be coming over. It failed to materialise. Ian Nelson and Jim Savage upstaged them and seconded Hanson to run as a candidate for 'their' One Nation. Brian Burston the man she threw out of One Nation (see page 149 Untamed and Unashamed) immediately was recycled to become her Campaign Manager. Rod Evans, the Beenleigh CEO, who incidentally commenced his role with One Nation as a member of the PHSM, then moved and stymied Hanson's trip to meet with the ON WA executive. The Executive then closed down the other four State Websites, that had been run locally, thus obtaining complete control of all political avenues ...except Western Australia which exist as a legal entity within the Incorporated Associations Act. All of the Eastern and Southern States present the National Website, but Western Australia has been designated as a 'rogue' State

Dissent has been building for some time. In New South Wales and South Australia, tensions have developed because of the autocratic regime that the Queensland One Nation hierarchy have assumed. What is patently clear is that Hanson who has always projected the image of being in charge is dominated by Evans whom she turns to for every piece of advice. It is this Ettridge culture that has splintered the struggling remnants of 'his' residual party.

One Nation has never been short of willing helpers, some have had the experience to have been capable Ministers in any government. These are the people who have raised issues, supported moves, that threatens the incestuous regime whose paranoia replicates that shown by Ettridge. Candidate after candidate have applied, been made promises and then have seen their endorsement rejected on spurious grounds. This is the culture that permeates the environment that Pauline Hanson has been wooed back to. She has been left to pass on the bad news. On the other-hand as recent publicity has indicated the appointed Candidates of the National Executive have seen their judgment flawed. Attempt have been made by some members to speak with Pauline. Not all get to do that. When they have related their frustration, she listens and then assures them that she will get back to them. Here is an example of an exchange of a once valued member.

... well I knew that I would pay a price for trying to help the party, so many problems even prior to your return .

I was lead to believe you weren't going to return until the rats where gone , maybe you are like you just have to work with what you've got , attempting to change the registered officer was only done so ALL in Australia could run, ...

Hanson's return email:

Dear Victor

I spoke to a couple of people with regards to your endorsement. Due to time constraints it will not be possible for you to be endorsed.

Good to talk to you today and clear up a few issues.

Kind Regards

Pauline.

The incestuous stranglehold wielded by the Queensland chapter of control has been to some extent strengthened by the inability of members who have struggled to overcome a fundamentally ill structured and unworkable 'organisation'. This is a legacy from the carpetbagger days where honest, credible and industrious members were rubbished by

the Ettridge machine. The writer was quick to note that the first candidates for both Senate and House of Representatives listed on the One Nation Website came from the electorate of Kingston. Is it pure coincidence that at a time when David Ettridge is suing the Leader of the Opposition for \$1.5million, that he just happens to reside in Aldinga South Australia? One wonders with the insidious cancer that is not only depriving willing candidates but also discriminating against those One Nation Western Australia members, that Rod Evans, the man who is calling the shots is not taking his orders from the grave of yesteryear.

The calibre of the two One Nation WA Executives, who I have the greatest respect, faithfully mirrors the Hanson that I knew before the advent of the two David's. They have been loyal to her as indeed many others I could name but as the writer can attest Pauline Hanson is not in spite of her rhetoric the commanding individual that the people see. Hanson in 1996 was loved by thousands, I was one of them, and the very first to be treated like trash. That culture is now so ingrained that Hanson herself has become its greatest casualty. Entrapped by her own capacity to surrender to flattery and consumed by vanity she has alienated so many that through her inability to seize the moment as this writer told her in 1996, that the Northern Territory and Western Australia have been disenfranchised.

This is the lady who bitched like hell back in 1997, claiming that John Howard was not giving her a fair go, yet today the phantom head of a diminishing party is doing precisely that to their own.

"Australians must stand up and protest against political parties who lack the guts to do what is best for Australia" ...and when they do your attendants allow you to prevent them from voting. There was a time when membership meant everything. Men encircled you, trapped you in a three-way arrangement and then sought your signature to seize the membership of the PHSM. Where did that land you ...in big trouble.

Exposing One Nation

At the very least, an alleged breach in access to confidential documents belonging to the PHSM committee by, then unknown, David Ettridge. Ettridge had absolutely no association with the PHSM when his office allegedly claimed to act in an official capacity in handling the movements financial records when writing to the Australian

Electoral Commission. We are talking about critical times because this was pre-One Nation days, the days when funding and membership were two critical criteria needed by the two David's and Pauline Hanson to make the vision of the One Nation party become a reality. 15 Nov 1999 News of the Day

Before One Nation there was a movement formed to give moral support to Pauline Hanson, the Independent for Ipswich. In seven weeks five people developed 40 Branches of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement. Then out of the blue Pauline Hanson's private Secretary Barbara Hazelton rang my home as the founder of the Movement and advised that a David Ettridge was to visit us the following day. Would Iris (my wife and PHSM Secretary) prepare a three course meal for him.

These three documents outline the result of that intervention.

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Bruce and Iris Whiteside,
Pauline Hanson Support Movement,
Gold Coast.

February 6th, 1997.

Dear Bruce and Iris,

Firstly my thanks for your hospitality yesterday.

The extent to which you both have devoted yourselves to supporting Pauline is quite amazing and most impressive. Your devotion, energies and initiative have provided leadership to the thousands of supporters who have joined the movement.

As explained yesterday, Pauline's, and our own ambitions for the future of Australia can only be achieved within a well managed organisation. There is no other way. As we move toward the next election we need to be ready to win votes.

In such an organisation the support movement is an extremely valuable mechanism for reaching out to and mobilising the efforts of many people. As such, the support movement will become an integral part of the changes we so urgently need to implement. The support groups organisation will not have a political function and you Bruce made that very clear in your speech to supporters on October 28th, 1996. Pauline is very strong and very clear on what she wants to say and do and no one will speak for her. Also acknowledged in your speech.

In view of the above your concern for being 'gagged' is unfounded. You have never had any right to speak on Pauline's behalf; a restriction which is placed on everyone.

You do have a wonderful opportunity to continue to be a leader and innovator of the supporters and to be a part of building the support movement; an essential function for the growth of the organisation. We also welcome your contributions to the national newsletter. The planned changes will allow you to focus on Queensland and its support group development.

In your own words you say 'The support movement is an independent expression of the people's appreciation for an honest politician'. The PHSM isn't a political arm but it can be an organisation that will contribute to major changes in the future of Australia and for that we are grateful for your vision.

I hope we can continue to rely on your support.

Kindest regards to you both,

David Ettridge
D. Ettridge.

P.O. Box 775
Manly 2095.

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The glibness, the charm and persuasiveness of David Ettridge had the PHSM people in the palm of his hands. His pitch, labouring upon the brochure of his glossy magazine Champions and his association with the McDonald Big Mac chain left all but myself as founder, convinced that he was going to do great things. When he finally sought my response after he had outlined what he was there for the committee were stunned. "You are nothing but a con-man. Now bugger off back to Sydney and

forget all about us."

In November 2011 I came across this on the Internet for the first time.'

Having read "INSIDE ONE NATION" and the comments of others I have to say that in my opinion the man who holds the key to seeing justice done is not Balson or Lee as one of your writers suggest, but Whiteside who it appears not only gave Mr Sharples

ammunition to bring One Nation unstuck but also provided the turning point in Scott's own association with the Hanson machine.

One can only surmise, in the light of Ettridge's letter to Scott, the true extent of this man's treatment of Whiteside. What I cannot understand or comprehend is why this man was ignored when it appears as early as February 1997, he was drawn not only to reject Ettridge but to label him a conman, which to this day has apparently gone unchallenged.

In the light of this I would advise your readers to say without fear what they really think of David Ettridge, remembering that the tone of his letter reflects much of what has become today, the impossible, unapproachable and untenable Pauline Hanson.

It should also be noted that Hanson herself whilst lashing out at David Oldfield has refrained from attacking Ettridge. The question is: What does this man have over Hanson to buy her silence.

Alan Mayle

Those contemplating joining this resurgent party should question why after only seven weeks when five people with their own meagre resources created 40 branches, that Ettridge would set out to seize the movement. The answer repudiated by some One Nation people because it has never been exposed, lies in these documents. Irrefutable proof!

Under duress I was directed by Paul Trewartha to submit our membership list that contained 539 names on a floppy disc to David Ettridge in his Manly Office. Note the date, 18/02/'97.

FAX: PHSM	
Date 18/02/97	
Number of pages including cover sheet	
To: David ETTRIDGE	FROM: Bruce R Whiteside Pauline HANSON Support Movement P O Box 600 Miami Qld. 4220
Attention:	PHSM P O Box 600 Miami, 4220, Qld.
Phone	Phone 5535 6252
Fax Phone 02 9452 4717	Fax Phone 5535 6252
C:	
EMARKS: <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For your review <input type="checkbox"/> Reply ASAP <input type="checkbox"/> Please Comment	
Envid: I am preparing material that should be of assistance, that you should receive possibly Thursday. It will include a 3.5 diskette.	

The fraud squad were never able to locate the the damaging membership list in the Manly office. Ettridge claims that he never saw it. I am not surprised he would say that. This membership list was not electronically transmitted but was sent by surface mail on a floppy disc. Someone here is not telling the truth. Since it was common knowledge and sufficiently established for the police to search for it and could

not find it does not mean that it did not exist. The only person who could verify that a membership list did exist was the man who created it, the founder. He was excised from the One Nation fraud trial in the Brisbane Supreme Court. What does that tell you?

The person who misled the Supreme Court and the Jury claimed to be the founder and convenor. He was not and never was. He was an instrument of David Ettridge. The Court were not aware of this and the opportunity for the authentic founder to repudiate and substantiate the facts were clinically removed.

The document below illustrates the manipulative process and planning employed by Ettridge.

You will note the sheer complicity where Pauline Hanson reimburses David Ettridge for the purposes of carrying out a mission to seize the property and funds of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement.

Whilst many despised the corrosive David Oldfield, three people played a pivotal role in the illegal seizure and control of the PHSM. Paul Trewartha, Barbara Hazelton and David Ettridge. Of these three two have expressed regret and remorse for their part; David Ettridge is not one of them. The role of Pauline Hanson is highly questionable, even though in this document she is implicated, the simple fact is that like everyone else she came under the manipulative influence of Ettridge. Although denied in her book Hanson promised both Hazelton and Trewartha Senate positions. This was the carrot, the sweetener, thus ensuring their loyalty in accommodating Ettridge's plan to seize the Movement until such time as they became 'superfluous to their needs'. Oldfield had others lined up. Hanson had no say.

What I have never been able to understand is why so many people fell victim to the 'charismatic charm' of David Ettridge?

Here is an extract from an e-mail that I received on Aug 16th 2011, from a One Nation Executive

I am aware of some of the issues you faced when the organisation was taken away from you, but by then I had joined the Party structure and became a Candidate in the 1998

election. since then I have become a Branch Exec then a State Exec and then a National Exec, I am now the Queensland State Secretary, A position I have held for a number of years off and on. *Rod Evans*

What One Nation refuses to acknowledge by omission is that the material that was used, abused and plagiarised was not only my intellectual property but was seized from my home whilst I was absent. This was carried out when Pauline Hanson's One Nation (PHON) people came to my home at a time when my wife was Secretary and used that as a fulcrum to seize all of the working material that they considered was their property. IT WAS NOT THEN AND TIME DOES NOT ALTER THAT FACT!

No doubt it would surprise One Nation people to learn that the organising and preparation for the launch of Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party at Ipswich on April 11th 1997, was done in and from our home. What is also unknown is that Barbara Hazelton was instructed by Pauline Hanson* whilst all of the invitations were being written out on my lounge table that on no account was an invitation to be issued to Bruce Whiteside. Ettridge had the gall to say that he was disappointed that I had turned down the invitation to attend.

Those thinking that One Nation is in fact Pauline Hanson's creation are sadly misguided. One Nation if it is to be credible cannot highlight the sanitised account of David Ettridge's association, whilst refusing to either acknowledge or recognise what is in fact the truth of how One Nation came into existence is ignored. If they were genuine they would link the Pauline Hanson Support Movement Saga to their National Website to balance the ledger. That requires a full understanding of how One Nation came into existence and that will never be the case whilst this fact is swept under the carpet.

Wander over to the One Nation Website for Queensland. Under Main Menu you are invited to view the various links like Membership, Policy and Media Reports. It is all there to read, to encourage and to invite you into the fold.. There is however one small anomaly; the invitation to learn the History of One Nation. It does not exist.

Can it ever be written now, when it exists on a spurious premise of integrity when the people whose work was ruthlessly seized, trampled and exploited were there when the bastard child One Nation was conceived? Unlike One Nation Executives who came along later WE WERE THERE AT THE BIRTH. We know the truth and that truth will not be suppressed.

Bruce Whiteside,

Gold Coast

12/12/2011

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Martin Luther-King Jnr

Queensland's State Director's e-mail

A critique of a One Nation Executives view on its

Own History by Bruce Whiteside.

Printed here is an e-mail that was sent to me from the *State Director of One Nation in Queensland*. This came to me as a result of the National Secretary of One Nation, Pat Loy forwarding it on to him. On receiving it I saw his attitude as being openly hostile, born as it was on pure ignorance of the facts. I might add that the copy comes complete with both spelling and grammatical errors.

Copy

Dear Mr. Whiteside,

To read you email was interesting but bewildering! I was aware that you were there at the very early stages of the formation of One Nation. All that you have written about is way in the past and although you probably worked hard, there always comes a time when these particular things grow.

The party One Nation is currently going through a resurgence that we are all relieved and very encouraged by and we are working to return our parliamentarians back onto the floors of our parliaments to do exactly what many folks like you would rejoice in, I would have thought!

To actually call the ECQ, as you have said, to object to our re-registration is in my mind incomprehensible and I am not happy. It is ex-members like you that have nothing but malice towards this group of hard working, law abiding, patriotic loyal people here in One Nation is truly upsetting and once again bewildering!

I was totally devastated when Pauline was sent to prison, but I kept working for the cause as most of us have. To here bitter people like yourself whining because you no longer were the "bossman" and bringing back the past is not conducive to us all in working with this vibrant professional party.

Sir, we thank you for your email / letter, but if you care an "eon" for our future here in Australia you would embrace our struggle!

Ian j Nelson MBA hons. IAME. TESOL State Director / Treasurer / National Party Agent

Comment

- I was not there at the formation of One Nation. I was there when the PHSM was seized to form One Nation. There is a marked difference for I never played any conscious part of this abomination.
- If as a Director you were aware that I was involved, how do you justify the inclusion of David Ettridge as a fundamental part of One Nation and deny by omission the role of the PHSM?
- 'All that you have written about is way in the past'. Does that make it irrelevant, immaterial to be casually dismissed?

- In paragraph (3) you qualify a statement: I would have thought. This like much of the letter is assumption. How do you Mr Nelson know what I want, what I think? It would have been prudent of a man particularly with Honours in Business Administration to have thought that if this man had the ability to set up a movement in the first place then perhaps he should be seen as someone who could contribute to our cause at some future date.
- You perceived my approach to the ECQ as incomprehensible. Of course you would because he had no idea why I would have done that. Unless you know the facts it does not make a great deal of sense to be judgemental.
- An ex-member with malice. A State Director, acting without knowledge as judge and jury! I was never a member of One Nation. Because of that what qualifies you to cut loose on an EX MEMBER. Simple logic decrees that if I was not a member then only pure ignorance of the facts would brand me an ex-member! Malice? I reiterate; what qualifies you to make that judgement when you are ignorant and dismissal of the history before you came on the scene?
- You make the charge of malice by me against 'this group of hard working, law abiding, patriotic loyal people here in One Nation'. Pardon me Mr Nelson! It was these same sort of people who formed the core of the PHSM that were tossed aside by the unprincipled leaders who seized the movement to create One Nation. This is what you are defending as a 'leader of a re-emerging political party'. You confuse malice with natural justice that has never been a salient feature of the party.
- You were devastated when Hanson was jailed. I assume the word you were looking for was devastated. You ...were devastated? How do you think the members who set out to give Pauline moral support in the first place felt. It was the machinations and questionable practices of the One Nation hierarchy at the time that paved the passage that led to prison. Sadly Ettridge, the man who knew it all hurt more than Hanson. Little wonder when I see One Nation provide a prominent link on its National Website, that sanitises a view that created so much mayhem and hurt, that I get angry to responses like yours Mr Nelson. Do you understand that?

- If I cared an 'eon'? Please explain! Aeon/eon broadly means lifetime. So if I care a lifetime for Australia , I would embrace the struggle. That does not seem to make much sense to me. Leaving the "eon" out might. Which begs the question I put to your State treasurer.

Rod, I saw you as the voice of reason, a mediator to a man who shares many of the values that you and your colleagues believe in. These values meant enough to me in 1996 to stand up and be counted at a time when Hanson was being hammered. There were no Ian Nelson's, no David Ettridge's and no Oldfield's, then.

This is not about malice Mr Nelson, this is about justice.

'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere'. Martin Luther King

One Nation in Denial

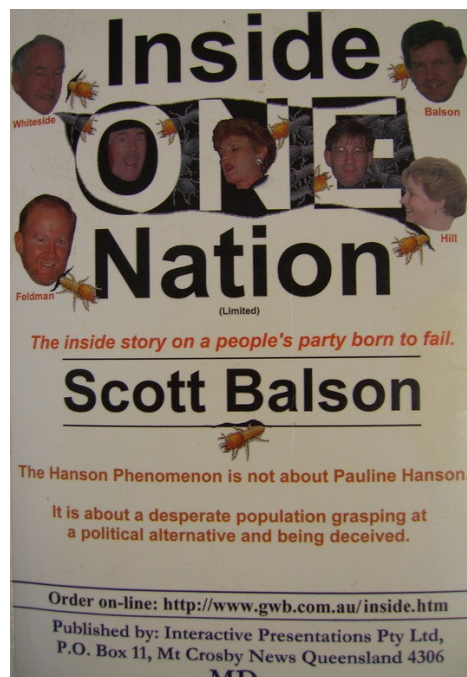
By their own admission One Nation has been in decline for the last few years. The erratic engine that was Pauline Hanson fell out with the Executive and then played around with a new entity Pauline Hanson's United Party. Whilst Hanson's break with the 'party' she never wanted originally, it was essentially the bad blood between her and parasite David Oldfield that set the severance in motion. Sadly she never completely divested herself of David Ettridge and that lingered. It was however the Ettridge culture that has left a damaging impact on the Executive, a legacy of administration that is highly dictatorial. Once the engine was removed from the vehicle of One Nation all that remained was a shell.

One Nation Executives eulogise David Ettridge as the founder along with Pauline Hanson. A prominent claim on the One Nation websites, both Nationally and Victorian is that the party were persecuted and that Hanson and Ettridge were innocent. What they do not tell their readers is that these people along with Oldfield seized the Pauline Hanson Support Movement and fraudulently established One Nation. This is the story that they do not want told, do not want you to hear.

The present Executive of Loy, Batten, Webber and Savage refuse to acknowledge that we ever existed. This was the classic 'eagle and sparrow syndrome', where ordinary people were trashed in the name of 'government for the people'.

Readers now have the opportunity to access the untold history of One Nation. It is important that they avail themselves of not only this website, now archived in the National Library of Australia (03 Sep 2012 13:49..) but also read the following pages written by the original Pauline Hanson Webmaster, Scott Balson. Balson's link is a veritable treasure trove of day to day information that appeared in his on-line newspaper News of the Day ...the first in Australia at the time. Many people who worked their butts off for Pauline Hanson were dispassionately trashed when they upset her. Nobody did more to assist in the rise of Hanson than Scott Balson. Follow this link:

<http://pandora.nla.gov.au/nph-wb/20000531130000/http://www.gwb.com.au/gwb/news/news.html> to a gold mine.



Copies still available at above e-mail address

Electronic PDF: <http://www.gwb.com.au/One%20nation.pdf>

Click on here and this will download onto your computer to read at your leisure.

This shows how corrosive Ettridge was. His autocratic dominance over Hanson systematically destroyed the great hope of the people for change.

This demonstrates how perceptive I was when on his initial foray into the life and times of Pauline Hanson I told him to his face, 'Bugger off back to Sydney and forget all about us'.

The Web Master Falls On His Sword

The background to my first meeting with Whiteside

In July 1999 I received an article written by Bruce Whiteside by email which detailed his side of the story on the history of the Pauline Hanson Support Movement. It came to me via email from Trewartha. I placed the fascinating and incisive article, without a direct link, on my One Nation archives as I had heard that Whiteside had been the man who founded the movement. Up until then I had no insight into what had happened before the launch of One Nation.

When Ms Hanson referred to the Pauline Hanson Support Movement during the state AGM at Airie beach I linked her comments to the Whiteside article to enable readers to get his perspective on what had actually taken place.

It was about three weeks later that I received a phone call from the movement's founder. Remarkably, when you consider the important role that this man had played, it was to be our first contact. He was furious and questioned why I had used his material. He told me that John Pasquarelli had tipped him off that the article that he had originally provided to ex-One Nation member (now "white ant") Darryl Wheeley for his New Australian newspaper²²⁵ was now carried on my website. Whiteside thought that I had provided a link to his article in an effort to deride him. I explained to him that I had carried the article because there was a complete lack of historical record of what had happened in those days leading up to the launch of One Nation.

"Listen," he said, "if you want the real story let's meet and I will give it to you with supporting documentation."

"That would be great," I replied.

We agreed to meet in a coffee shop in central Brisbane. It was just weeks after I had been very publicly charged with the politically-motivated criminal offence of "naming Labor MP and alleged paedophile, Bill D'Arcy on the Internet (@notd)"²²⁶. It was also just weeks after One Nation had been de-registered in Queensland and I suspected that Whiteside, somehow, held the key to what had happened.

It should be said that Manly had decreed that members have no contact with him – but I had never taken this autocratic directive on Whiteside,

²²⁵ Wheeley never published the article

²²⁶ I was found not guilty. Full story in the book "Enemy of the State" by Scott Balson see: <http://www.gwb.com.au/enemy.htm>

The first meeting in Brisbane

I remember that day well. It was sunny and warm and I was excited about the opportunity to meet the man who had become, through circumstance and censorship, the hidden face of the party. An exile from his own movement. We met, as agreed, on a street corner Whiteside having caught a train from his home in Miami on the Gold Coast. When I first met Whiteside my first impression of the elderly man with steely brown eyes was that he presented the air of a man who would not countenance any small talk.

We walked to the nearby café and ordered coffee. We sat on the pavement under the shade of a small bush and talked as people bustled by never perceiving the impact that this meeting would have on One Nation in days to come. After a while Whiteside realised that I was fair dinkum and opened an old battered black briefcase. He showed me documents which are referred to in the book "Destiny Aborted" and I sat there stunned as I realised how deeply this man had been betrayed by those in whom I had put so much trust.

Whiteside gave me copies of the documents which I scanned and put up on the Internet. It was the turning point for me. I felt like I had been used by the directors of Pauline Hanson's One Nation Limited and made this point clear to him as we parted.

Thanks to Scott Balson for allowing the use of this material. Many put in long hours and dedication to the cause and success of One Nation, but none did more than this man. For his reward he was summarily dismissed because he dared to attack Hanson's lover of the moment. Hanson could be as

sweet as sugar and as acidic as hydrochloric acid, all in a space of minutes. Hanson came to believe that she was a living god. bw.

Newsflash! DON'T VOTE FOR HANSON, 2013

As the person who founded the Support Movement way back in late September 1996, who put in place the foundations for what became One Nation as a result of the theft of personal property that enabled two carpetbaggers to exploit what I had created; through all of this, I have remained loyal to Pauline Hanson. As at June 8th I no longer support her or advocate that you do either.

What is not generally known is that those who have been loyalist to not only Hanson herself but more importantly what she stands for are the people who make up One Nation West Australia. This branch has been considered a 'rogue' by Queensland, NSW, Victoria and South Australia and warnings were posted on their websites advising members and intending members to have nothing to do with them.

In the intervening years Hanson has run no less than seven times for parliament, representing One Nation, as an Independent, for the Pauline's United Australia Party and now again for One Nation. She has run periodically for both

Queensland and New South Wales. So where do her loyalties lie?

In recent times she has been made aware of the bitterness and power struggle that has gone on with the Eastern States to 'shut out' the rogue state Western Australia. Yet she wants nothing to do with trying to bring all parties together and only wants to run as a candidate. The truth is that I have tried to encourage the West Australian Executive to approach her to run and for them to support her. Sadly they procrastinated and the dwindling executives of the Eastern States seized the moment and saw her as a means of breathing life back into the near corpse.

Hanson is being paraded as a One Nation leader. She is not! Hanson is using One Nation for advantage just as One Nation are using her. Neither owes any sort of allegiance to the other and this is a lady who claims wants to work for all Australians.

If this was a genuine attempt to re-ignite the Hanson One Nation theme she would once again be an integral part of the 'organisation' and furthermore she would have worked with genuine people to bring all the warring factions together. She is

not interested . . . and you have to ask yourself is she is interested in you or simply herself? The 'Hanson speak', used to come with passion . . . today it is no more than theatre!

Bruce R Whiteside

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One Nation Website and Facebook

Election 2013

One Nation is inherently dishonest. I should know since the Pauline Hanson Support Movement was illegally seized to launch One Nation on April 11th 1997 . 'David Ettridge the national director of One Nation claims to have joined up 5000 members in a month and to have the backing of some 40 support movements around the country.' (Greenleaf.org) I can assure readers as unsavoury as it may be that what is claimed here is an absolute lie. The Movement was seized precisely because it provided the ready made launching pad to obtain funding at the forthcoming Queensland State elections in 1998. The illegality was born out by the subsequent court proceedings that eventually landed Hanson and Ettridge in gaol. Notwithstanding the Court of Appeal that succeeded on a technicality and the fact that the founder of the Support Movement was refused access to the original Court case, the seizure of the people's movement was authorised by Pauline Hanson. FACT!

This election campaign being mounted by One Nation is essentially being driven by two men who have seconded Pauline Hanson in an effort to bolster funding to a political 'party' that barely has any life. Hanson's Campaign Manager, one time close buddy of both the two David's was thrown out of the Party. (see Untamed and Unashamed, autobiography, p 148).

These venues for information will not provide answers to questions. They serve to publish the adulation for Hanson and any question, any probing of issues are immediately removed and in my case prevented from accessing Facebook. Hanson pulled this stunt in December 1996, securing from the PHSM Executive an undertaking that I

was to be silenced whilst she visited the United States. On her return she plotted with Ettridge and Oldfield to seize illegally the people's movement. I might add that I have never seen the seizure or illegal manoeuvres as being Hanson created. She simply complied with direction as she is doing once again.

Questions have been asked as to why there are no candidates standing in Western Australia. Well let the truth be known! One Nation in West Australia has been 'black-listed' by the Eastern States. This has been the case for over two years. This warfare has been the direct result of one man who now has control of Tasmania, Queensland, Northern Territory and claims for consumption purposes Western Australia.

When Pauline Hanson came to prominence after her maiden speech, she was the 'darling of the masses'. She spoke the language of the people and we loved her for it. I pleaded with her then to 'never drop the crystal chalice that were her supporters'. Immediately she was suckered in by Ettridge and Oldfield, and that chalice lay shattered ...the reason why in seven attempts since she has never regained that rapport with her people. Seventeen years on she has again succumbed to the sycophantic sweet-talk and become the puppet of opportunists, this time to breath life back into One Nation.

Question: # 1.

I would like to ask Pauline Hanson what became of the Electoral Commission Funding that came to the party known as Pauline's United Australia Party. Since Hanson by her own admission advised through Facebook (since removed) that she deregistered the party and I and others as members were never informed or advised that this action was to be taken, we seek an answer?

Question #2.

Why is it that One Nation in trumpeting the return of Pauline Hanson as founder and exploiting that for all that it is worth, that she has not been encouraged (in fact the very opposite is true) to bring together ALL of her supporters instead of discriminating against those who have been black-listed by her masters? The object of the exercise is to attract membership, but not as Evans and co. are doing here isolating a whole State. There is nothing democratic about One Nation; from its inception it has been totally autocratic ...and that is the way it has been for seventeen years. Need proof? ...well here it is:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ckRM80WH1s>

Whiteside on stage with Pauline Hanson

This was the address that was delivered on stage with Pauline Hanson, that launched the PHSM in Ipswich. It is interesting having seen this for the first time in 15 years and compare this speech with that which the celebrated Hanson speech David Oldfield writer penned. Remember this was the calibre of the man that both Ettridge and Oldfield destroyed, took over the PHSM and then proceeded to destroy Hanson. I will always regret that Hanson did not allow the support of the people to carry her forward. A golden opportunity was lost ...

Ipswich meeting . Jan 1997

Ladies and Gentlemen,

There is a sweet irony about this meeting tonight that may well find its way into the history books in the grand telling of this nation. That irony revolves around a son and daughter of Ipswich. Ipswich, the very manifestation of what made this once great country the envy of the world. It is a microcosm of the heart and soul of the working people of Australia, it is in fact a graphic gauge of how the minds of simple people can shake the foundations of what we have come to accept without demur, when academia replaces the basic tenets of pragmatism.

Before the turn of this rapidly diminishing century, men sat under a tree in the vast open reaches in the west of this state and pondered over the plight of their fellowman. From those gatherings rose a political movement that undertook to address the plight of those who only had their labour to sell. Thus was born the Labor movement.

Today the party like the tree those men sat under is but a skeleton of its former glory. It seems to me that the last of that breed, a man who knew what is was to be of the working class rise above his station and become this nation's highest citizen, was at the heart the essential pragmatist.

Today Bill Hayden's former office bears silent witness to another in the same mould. Its wall reverberates to a new dynamism that the people to whom the old Labor men respected are warming to. Just as the Labor men of old gave hope, that slowly eroded by the academic increments that filtered its ranks, until it

forgot what its fundamentals were, so too does the daughter of Ipswich Pauline Hanson.

In an anxious sometimes violent world it takes a certain courage, a certain indefinable quality to stand up and be counted. We cower behind the facade of indifference, of apathy and often materialistic advantage to remain silent, to remain non-involved. We tolerate the exactitudes of modern day standards and ethics that would have violated the conscience of our forebears and still does today for our older population. We have become immune to suffering, to the traumatising of families, to the wanton destruction of property, to the increasing problem of drug related offences and the young age to which these manifestations begin.

We suffer in silence of the plundering of the people's treasure chest, by those we have by time and tradition have been weaned to trust. Gone are the old family doctor, the friendly bank manager, the lolly dispensing corner grocer, the butcher who gave you the dog's meat for nothing. Gone too are the old politician who spoke on the street corner in shoes that in all possibility had holes in their sole; the local councillor, who gave you a few hours a week to help run his town's affairs.

We live in an age where the lower the moral and ethical standard, the more likely you are to become the darling of the new age. We have have been drawn by the ideological beliefs of those who have served their apprenticeships within the cloistered walls of academia, into a world of civil libertarians, opportunistic lawyers, politicians besotted and paralysed with the doctrine of those who control the world's financial resources and the machinations of the United Nations. Much of today's population have simply been marinated in the philosophy that accompanies these ideological changes wrought upon the citizens of this nation by the creeping nature of gradualism. Like the ticking clock it moves so imperceptibly that you don't actually see it happen. No body has developed the art better than the last four governments.

We tend to idolise without understanding why. Many people worship the very ground that one time Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam walks on. Yet it was this man, more than any other in my opinion who lay the ground work for the systematic eroding of Australia. Why, you may ask? Well that is a matter for another time, but there can be no doubt that since the advent of the Whitlam years this country has seen the whittling away of our industries, our manufacturing, out once great farming prowess and the promulgation and emancipation of minority groups. We have been encouraged to embrace the benefits of Social Security that was once the humanitarian face of compassion for

the disadvantaged and the temporarily unemployed. Today the system coupled to a government the sworn devotees of full employment , who have failed miserably to tackle this social cancer, until today that system has become a three hundred and sixty-five day Santa Claus to possibly two million people. We have become ritualised to the endless escalator that sees tens of thousands of our young people ground down by the monotony and fruitless pursuit of work.

Should we be shocked when the futility of this begins to show up in crime, drugs and wanton vandalism. My generation brought these kids into the world; they didn't ask to be brought in, yet we sit back and often berate these kids when things go wrong. Any day of the week on the Gold Coast you can see water-logged 'swamps' riding the endless waves. Some say they simply don't want to work but had these kids been absorbed as my generation was into apprenticeships, careers and labour, then we would not have the lost generation out there abandoned because the rest of us do not really care.

Pauline Hanson, I think ...once alluded to the seemingly endless pit of Aboriginal funding. She asked a simple question: 'Where has the money gone, please account for it'. Unless there is something to hide, why has the question not been answered? If this is a legitimate question then isn't it time that we called to account all those who are rorting the system. Come now lets not hide behind some spurious charade and try to justify these outrageous claims on the system. Lawyers whose services come gold-plated, doctors, specialists, pathologists, anaesthetists, dentists, who write out chits and make available services with the unprincipled morality, that the system, that faceless stockpile in the nations coffers will pay for it. To those who sell their labour, irrespective of quality, are regulated by the system not for them the latitude of charge what you like. It is the likes of these people the microcosm that is Ipswich who have finally had a gutful. Little wonder that when one of its daughters slipped out from behind a fish and chip counter and said 'enough' that people began to listen.

As if the political ideologists had not wrought enough mayhem, they have committed the most unforgivable sin of all. They have not only run down the industrial and manufacturing wealth of this country, but they have at the behest of the United Nations become signatories to conventions that have locked us into questionable immigration programs. The Asianisation of this country is wrong. It is wrong for Asians, it is wrong for Australians. the fact is that the advent of multi-cultures may well be a utopian concept but this brings with it multi-religions and it is only a matter of time when religious conflict will evolve. For those who deride this notion my answer is simply, what you have put in place will not incubate

in your time but future generations will reap the legacy of ill conceived immigration programs.

To this must be added the tremendous imposition of bolstering the unemployment figures. The indisputable fact remains that despite all the cries to the contrary, immigration means job depravation for the kids. One of the most often quoted clichés of my upbringing was that 'charity begins at home'. Today's Australia plays the world's philanthropists to anyone that governments consider desirable. Given the penchant for the Asianisation of this country under Hawke and Keating, one might begin to question where loyalty to family begins. Call it what you like, racism, prejudice, anti-humanitarian or just plain common-sense, the fact remains that Pauline Hanson was right when she said that she maintained the right to say who came into her house. The difference is that while the great majority of Australians believe she is right, few if any would say so publicly. It is from this silence that the minority prey. They interpret the silence as approval; it is not.

And of course next to the unemployment and immigration comes the other great con job being perpetrated against the Australian people. The so-called plight of the so-called indigenous people of Australia. Perhaps it could only happen in Australia, but it seems to me as though the policy of black politics centres around the ethereal, that something that is privy to scrutiny from the old men and old women of their Palaeolithic past. They at least are honest enough to recognise that their tenure of this land can only be identified as the Dreamtime. Just as the quantitative properties of the Dreamtime cannot be measured, so too the question of Women's business remains a matter of black politics, than the integrity of traditional practices.

Much of this destructive nonsense has I suspect been aided and abetted by the machinations of the High Court. I find that from a layman's perspective of Jesuit priest and Aboriginal lawyer Frank Brennan, in a pre-trial garnering of material; the subsequent dealing of the Torres Strait Islander's complaint against the Queensland Government the guiding of this deliberation to encompass the Aboriginal people and the subsequent judgement by a politically elected panel of judges, led by the Chief Justice Brennan, Father Franks father, a matter of some concern. Given the legal mess that Mabo and Wik have brought upon this nation. I believe the people have the right to not only be angry but openly question the integrity of its High Court judges. Are we to be challenged and intimidated by questioning the unquestionable.

These are some of the concerns of the ordinary t people. These are some of the issues that are beginning to be aired, not because of any great shift of political

leadership and commonsense but because one woman had the collective guts of a nation of men and women and told it as it is.

How many politicians in the history of this nation have inspired a movement by the very strength of their personality. I put it to you none. I also put it to you that as a people we cannot allow this modern day Joan of Arc to become a martyr for a lost cause. We cannot and furthermore we will not. Nothing about Pauline Hanson, nor the movement is conventional. At a most crucial and critical time in our history you the people have been given the opportunity to take back what is rightfully yours, the right to control your own destiny. We have been given the chance that we must seize with both hands. In an age when the politics of our two alternative governments tend to merge to a point where there is no perceptible change in the hardship experienced by this nation of battlers Pauline Hanson at least provides an avenue to renewed hope. That hope, that expectation can only come from the combined efforts and determination of its citizens. The Movement must become the catalyst for better government and when the people realise and believe that they have the power by virtue of their vote to change the direction and welfare of this nation, Australia will begin to claw its way out of this hole that a generation of academic politicians have dug for us.

In closing let me say this. Whilst I accept the responsibility for creating the PHSM, I must give the real credit for the resolve to carry it out to my late father, Bill Whiteside. It was a from poem that he wrote 50 years ago that I took the courage and inspiration to do it. Today I dedicate this poem to his memory by asking Pauline Hanson to accept it as the spark that gave rise to the Movement ...the work that gave me the strength to 'seize the moment'.

I Am Fear

I stand besides the statesmen

As in gilded council hall

They plan a new world order

For the nations big and small;

I watch their grim set faces

Read the hopes within each heart

*Hear the lofty aims propounded
As each one speaks his part
I see the documents they sign
For I am always near
I am the background to their thoughts
The voice that whispers in each ear
I am the shadow of History
I am fear!*

*I shape the destinies of Nations
I breed Hate and Bitterness
I spread the rumour and it grows
Helped by radio and press
I speed the wheels of Industry
In the race of armament
I sow the blood red seeds of War
Of greed and discontent
I march in the ranks of all men
From the vanguard to the rear.
A shadowy wrecker of unity,
I am fear!*

I am the invisible horseman

*Riding the highways of Time,
Blighting the lives of millions
In every age and clime;
For mine is a great and awful power
And many my victories be;
But I have often known defeat!
Courageous hearts spell Victory!
God planted in the souls of Man
A tiny vital spark
Which flaming to its fullness
Lights his pathway in the Dark!*

*Only the shining light of Faith
Can strip me of my power;*

*I have fought it down the ages,
I will fight it to the hour,
When men of goodwill everywhere
Crossing the deadline of doubt
Bearing the Banner of Brotherhood
Put my legions to the rout!*

*Man's faith in man and faith alone,
Can break my fatal power*

For I am fear, and all I fear

Is Faiths Triumphant Hour!

William Richard WHITESIDE,

Nov. 4th 1946, Whakatane, NZ

Bruce Whiteside Dec 28, 1996



The Challenge to Hanson!

"he started this and I wanted him to be one of us. We wanted him as the elder statesman, the person with the vision".

David Ettridge, National Director of Pauline Hanson's One Nation, speaking of Bruce Whiteside after his refusal to have any part of One Nation.

Do You Want Pauline Back in Politics?

These men destroyed her!



Photos Courtesy: Sunday Telegraph and News BBC

This man created her the PH Support Movement.



He remained her loyalist supporter for 18 years.

BUT NOT ANY MORE!

as at November 28th 2014

The country is crying out for a new political direction. I want Pauline back to re-harness the million lost voters.

Pauline I throw down the gauntlet. Gird your loins and come back and lead your supporters, as an INDEPENDENT!



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The sham, the fraud and the underlying cancer that is One Nation!

At a period in Australian history when a Labor Government no longer practices the values of its long established heritage but dances to the dictates of American policy, who in turn are beholden to the might of those who manipulate the ebb and flow of capital, namely the Zionist Banking cartels, we the Australian people are being slavishly lead by the nose. Now don't let us get squeamish about stating the truth that to the masses is of little or no concern. It does concern us and apathy allied to ignorance is what is underlying much of what is happening, that we protest about yet do not grasp the cause.

Many in the Nation have nothing but contempt for the Gillard's, the Rudd's and the Swan's. They watch on as passive spectators as the Government fail to deal effectively

with the boat people, they watch as millions of taxpayers dollars are splashed out to buy 'credibility' to keep favour with international and local dictates. They have danced to the tune of the moralistic Green's only because they will take power at any cost.

On the end of the see-saw is another who pontificates from a position, not so very different. Like his sparring mate at the other end, he too was a product of party infighting, the blood letting of those who wanted their way. Make no bones about it Abbott was just as prepared to sell out to the Green's to see the Coalition in the driving seat. Just as Howard before him danced to the tune of warmonger 'manipulates', Blair and Bush, so too are Abbott and Gillard slaves to sending our nation's youth to fight not the war of aggressive human's, but the underlying cancer of munition money manipulators who use them as fodder for the ultimate purpose of One World Government. Ask yourself this very simple question. who are the people who make available the money to supply the guns, the weapons and the chemicals of war. The answer lies in reading your history, the answer lies not in immediate results, but in a long drawn out plan for One World Government. The mantra of defence Conspiratorial Theorist, is the bulwark that the Fabians ply to ward off inspection. Stealth by gradualism is the fundamental tool to bring about change that is not easily discernable. To countless millions the House of Rothschild, means absolutely nothing, but to those who are keyed into to wanting to establish the cause for the effect that is crippling nation's today, the cold blooded reality of using the frailty and ignorance of the human being is there. The House of Rothschild is the factory of degenerative idealism .

Into this world of high stakes politics in 1996 entered a naive and relatively innocent Pauline Hanson. There is a song that Tom T Hall sings 'Old dogs and children ', ah yes the simple world were truth and innocence have no caveats.

Hanson came out and spoke the plain unvarnished thoughts of the man in the street. She alone though had the conviction, yes born of sweet innocence of how really corrupted the society was evolving. She said publicly what they said privately ...there is no fear when you are surrounded by millions espousing the unspeakable.

In order to give this fearless lady moral support there was another who had walked the path that Hanson now embarked upon. It was to that end that I, Bruce Whiteside set about creating what was intended to be a Gold Coast Support Movement for Pauline Hanson. That meeting which I had originally called for three weeks earlier nearly did not take place. Of 30 people who undertook to each contribute \$10, to help pay for the hall, twenty-nine reneged. Had it not been for a chance meeting on October 26 with Paul Trewartha, the Support Movement would not have eventuated. It was fortunate that before Trewartha's intervention all of the preparations were in place. A hurried

meeting was called on the Sunday Oct 27th and as a result of his perceived largesse, I appointed him Vice Chairman .

The following evening 850 people turned up after a frantic blitz of the media and as a result 125 people became members of the PHSM.

The result of this public meeting saw me up at 4am to respond to Channel Seven wanting to report the meeting on the early morning news. For four days the phone never stopped with the end result that what started out as a local support group spawned others in Queensland and interstate.

Once we had established 40 branches Oldfield, secured Ettridge and between them worked covertly to take over the work of Hanson's most dedicated and loyal supporters. The most treacherous aspect of this action was the part played by Pauline Hanson herself. There is no doubt in my mind that her disloyalty to all of us at that time was governed by her emotional attachment to a David Oldfield of whom she said at the time "he is all I ever wanted in a man". She has denied this but Hazelton was at the time Hanson's confidante.

Sixteen years on the history is not something that the National Executive One Nation want known. To quote Patricia Loy the National Secretary and Communication Officer "It is not in the party's interest." It is this denial of its illegal birth that has seen the demise of One Nation, after it won the eleven seats in the Queensland Parliament. This high water mark as I said at the time was to be the zenith of their rise ...and so it has turned out to be. The Court case, that One Nation still believes that was brought about by the actions of Tony Abbott, did not come about because of integrity, honesty and loyalty. It came about because of fraudulent, devious and underhand actions that seized what did not belong to Hanson or her two henchmen. The Resolution of the meeting to form a political meeting, was dated Sunday 23 February, 1997. It was to be called Pauline Hanson's One Nation. The plan was set down and the intentions to seize the PHSM is there in black and white. To legitimise the document the Resolution was later copied and post-dated a fortnight after the launch of the party in April 11th 1997. They had to do this to cover-up the use of the PHSM membership names on which to create this party and give it excuse time to generate a platform on which they could justify 'their' membership.

At the time this plan was executed in the knowledge of the PHSM Members list was in David Ettridge's hands on February 20th 1997. When the police raided the Corso premises they could find no trace of the membership on the computers. Ettridge denied there was such a list ...but then he had too. I did not send Ettridge the membership list by e-mail, therefore it was not received on the company's (One Nation

Ltd) computers. The list was sent to him on a floppy disc, that contained 539 name, addresses and phone numbers. It was on that information that the meeting took place at Sydney Airport three days later.

Today there are two major political parties. One Nation at the National Executive level entertain the notion that they are a viable option. One must question their ability to attain such a status when as in the days of David Ettridge their main activities appear to be 'expelling' those who raise a voice of dissent. When a branch bearing the name One Nation Western Australia, is regarded as a 'rogue' and the members called recalcitrant, the credentials of the godhead to create one nation must come under scrutiny. One is given to understand that it is this impediment that is preventing Hanson from responding to muted public demand to make a comeback.

A million people once voted for Pauline Hanson. They did not vote for One Nation. Those people have no where to go and have drifted off to others. I am well aware that there are many views on whether Hanson can make a come-back or even if she wants too. There are some who hope that she will; who have been loyal to her from day one ...a quality that she has yet to appreciate or even acknowledge. Their problem is that to them Hanson is delicate ...to be handled with care.

Pauline Hanson and I have never gelled. I have never smoothed her brow or accommodated her penchant for praise. In spite of this I remain her loyalist supporter. I will defend her courage, her determination and most of all that talent that has never been tapped ...Hanson's ability to draw a crowd. She can with men with integrity and honesty assisting her, forge a new party. This is the plan that I suggest will bring that about.

Hanson used in association with her two lieutenants Oldfield and Ettridge the integrity and structure of the 'People's Movement', the PHSM on which to build the fraudulent One Nation. This move ultimately destroyed her. She followed the advice of these men and was destroyed. Today she must publicly renounce One Nation and admit she made a bad judgement. In doing so she must apologise to the founder and more particularly as far as I am concerned to the supporters who gave of their all only to be tragically abandoned. This will take courage ...a commodity that Hanson is not lacking in. The PHSM was savagely treated and yet it was this group of people who helped elevate her to a position where con-men entered the fray. Millions of dollars were raised, and Hanson was used to shanghai one of them into parliament and retire with a nice lifetime salary. She owes them nothing!. However she owes her loyal followers big time.

If Hanson is big enough to do this I will certainly stand with and alongside her. She will re-establish a rapport with most of those lost million voters who once believed in her.

In doing this she must become a central figure to a renamed party. If the National Executive of One Nation is not prepared to step aside and allow her to establish her rightful authority then I believe that the Pauline Hanson's United Party must stamp its authority on the political scene. I know there are good people with fire in their bellies, waiting in the wings 'for something to happen' ...well my friends it does not happen of itself. If no one else is prepared to throw the gauntlet down to Pauline Hanson, because it might offend or upset the delicate mechanism of a Prima Donna, then step aside. I went into bat for this lady sixteen years ago whilst others did nothing. Hanson is 58, I am 78; in terms of the next election time is short. Time is a running out.

Pauline this is the challenge that I throw down. I believe that you are yet to fulfil the promise that was so short-lived after you fell prey to the circling vultures. Pick up the baton and prove to the rest of Australia what I believed you were capable of in 1996.

Finally I was never one to appeal to you. Flattery was the order of the day and sycophants swamped you. My criticism was designed to prevent you from falling prey to opportunists. I won few friends and even to this day many claim that I helped Sharples bring you down. What none of you were aware of was that Abbott was helping to build a Senate team around you. He was supportive of Hanson ...it was your friend who captured your heart at a critical time who put paid to that. It was not going to be Hanson's Senate team, oh no it was going to be David Oldfield. As it was he who envisaged himself as the leader of this Senate team it would be he who would parley with prime Minister Howard, not his boss Abbott, and certainly not Hanson. Little wonder Abbott was seen as the nemesis of One Nation. Sharples was only a cog in the ultimate downfall. The great irony is that Sharples never wanted to pursue the action he ultimately took. If Trewartha and One Nation refused to pay him back it was your refusal to speak with him at Tweed Heads about the issue that became the straw that broke the camel's back. As you relate in print, 'had you spoken with him what transpires would never have occurred'. It was as you demonstrated time and time again ...a bad decision.

Well Pauline as your Mr Ettridge once said in reference to me "We wanted him as the elder statesman, the person with the vision", if you don't believe that then why in the first place were you suckered in by him?

Do you pick up the baton and accept the challenge or do you allow historians to record the remaining unwritten pages?

As from November 28th 2014, the die has been re-cast, for Hanson has committed herself to once again, become the National Chairman and Leader of the proposed renaming back to the original 'Pauline's One Nation'. Watch this space! The party is over, but it may well open up a whole new can of worms! What did Ettridge once say about vision?

Swan Song

YES!

Let there be no doubt that the idea of shoe-horning Pauline Hanson into an organisation that she is now claiming she is the President of, is incorrect. Recently I blew her cover after the 'isolated executive' of One Nation domiciled in Beenleigh published a letter shortly after midnight on November 18th 2014. This is what she claimed:

"I am proud to announce that I am once again at the helm of One Nation, after accepting the position as National Chairman and Leader."

This lie ... because to be appointed to this position the decision must go to the National Executive when all member States will take a vote.

My immediate reaction to this as the man who saw this same modus operandi carried out before One Nation was built on the Pauline Hanson Support Movement, that was seized and fraudulently registered on the membership that had absolutely no connection with Hanson, other than it bore her name tendering 'moral support'. On that pretext she maintained it was hers. The fact that she ended in gaol was as direct consequence of that action. That the 'appeal' was upheld did not absolve her. On that I immediately sent urgent emails off to several media outlets. When the news broke early that morning Hanson's message to her phantom members was withdrawn from the One Nation Website. After Channel Seven bawled her out about the non-mention on her routine slot the previous morning, the message was reinstated.

The party is bereft of funds, members and is desperate to replenish its empty coffers. The only way this can be done is to go back to the gullible Queenslanders who still believe she has something to give and that they will be willing to cover their own

registration and carry their own campaign costs. I am sorry to tell you that Hanson has NOTHING TO GIVE. She has gone to the people ten times, and had she been the dynamic politician that she claims she would have been re-elected time and time again. She made the early mistake of taking her supporters for granted. She treated them with contempt, demanding loyalty and giving none in return.

Hanson is a spent force. The rhetoric is empty and has been chewed over and over, as a cow chews it cud. The girl who promised so much has been shunted around by firstly Ettridge and Oldfield, then thrown out of One Nation by those who now want her back to steer the ship; 'back at the helm', to use her own terminology. The fact is there is no One Nation ship and the helm is no more than the fantasy of a born loser, who in desperation wish to call on the largesse of Queenslanders to blow into a ruptured balloon.

One of the most honest of One Nation's people who was actually elected **Heather Hill** said this:

" The figurehead "Pauline" had the ability to grab media attention on issues previously silenced by the politically correct. But as Pauline became a star ...a tyrant emerged, a person who frequently chucked tantrums , resigned and threatened to destroy people personally and politically before she ousted them from HER party. Always without any opportunity for them to please explain!

Pauline forgot that great leaders must lead not control".

Nearly fifteen years after Hill wrote this, Hanson has still not learnt the lesson.

I say once again Caveat Emptor.

Bruce R Whiteside, Dec.13th 2014



Passed the use by date? The need to Please Explain is self evident.



The End.