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**Thought for the Week:** *"I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones."* – Albert Einstein

### THE HAZE OF WAR By Arnis Luks

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared that “we are at war” after Hamas militants from Gaza launched a surprise, multipronged attack across central and southern Israel, killing an estimated 250 Israelis and wounding 1,000 more. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2023/10/07/israel-gaza-hamas-attack-palestinians/> Video footage shows heavily-populated highrise areas in the Gaza Strip being destroyed by aerial bombardment...

CH Douglas referred to war as 'policy by other means'. Momentum for world government is steadily waning. Each day more people are waking up to this centrally imposed tyranny. The confiscation of massive natural assets, the perilous state of the Chinese economy, the chaos of governments across the West, are all pointing towards a significant adjustment being deliberately imposed to serve other purposes.

1730 km<sup>2</sup> of valuable timber Plantation in Tasmania, just like the Adani coal mine in Queensland, is another of a steady stream of national assets being gobbled up by overseas entities. The environmentalists were instrumental in bringing the 'Gunns' company unstuck and make their vast assets and resources ripe for world government picking: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-09-25/gunns-timber-company-rise-fall-timeline/4235708>

Hardly a murmur, now that these assets have been realised by world government and their public and private partnerships. The superannuation funds that seized these assets only confirms their political control. Why did not our own 'future-fund' under Peter Costello purchase this same asset is never asked, as if we are blind, deaf and dumb to the real policy, never ever thinking nor asking as to the strategic ramifications of policy. Our governments just cheer on from the side-lines.

From a 2009 Prospectus <https://www.fundsfocus.com.au/managed-funds/pdfs/gunns/gunns-09-summary-03.pdf>

*Gunns is Australia's oldest and largest fully integrated forest products company and is regarded as the world's largest hardwood chip exporter, Australia's largest supplier of decorative sliced veneer, Australia's largest saw miller and Australia's largest softwood chip exporter. Gunns' operations comprise of five main business divisions, being forest products (incorporating woodchips, timber and veneer), agribusiness investment, retail, construction and viticulture. The company currently (2009) owns approximately 230,000 hectares of freehold land, manages in excess of 200,000 hectares of plantation estate and employs around 2,600 people.*

A valid definition of world government as a private public partnership, is demonstrated with the seizing of Gunns vast reserves into the hands of private individuals. Adani and the Carmichael Mine-asset similar. These are only two that my limited research brings to mind, both the largest of their kind in the world.

### Abiotic-Oil in Abundance

*OnTarget* readers would be aware of my repeated utterances of oil and gas wells recharging themselves over time. This point of view has a scientific basis from which numerous research papers have surfaced within the article below. <https://expose-news.com/2023/10/01/great-oil-conspiracy-oil-is-not-a-fossil-fuel/>

The descriptor 'fossil-fuels' infers a limited and diminishing supply that suits the Keynesian economics basis of limited purchasing-power chasing scarce resources. The Abiotic-Oil thesis, on the other hand, infers that hydrocarbon deposits in the earth's outer mantle from which we harvest, are constantly being replenished by the chemical processes occurring within the earth's molten core. An abundance rather than a limited pittance.

Should climate change not be occurring beyond the normal rhythmic cycles as recorded in the ice core or peatmoss beds, then the move towards decarbonising of Western economies is entirely political and not based on scientific rigor. Nuclear energy, as the solution, we are being conditioned to believe, is the only viable option to the world's dilemma of climate change, diminishing reserves of 'fossil fuels', and 'sustainable' environmentalism. I can never see the 'sustainable' in reality because of the hideous carbuncle those wind and solar farms have become. <https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/is-nuclear-energy-feasible-in-australia-and-how-much-would-it-cost-20231004-p5e9qc.html>

How fortunate for those monopolists who just happen to pull the strings of the UK, USA, China and Russian administrations and also, just happen to have developed small package nuclear reactors ideally sized for smart cities. What a stroke of totalitarian luck to have this cataclysmic climate change, environmental degradation, and the Agenda 2030 ducks all lined up in a row like this. Nothing going on here! You could hardly believe it. What a stroke of luck!

During Covid the doctors demonstrated how readily we all can (collectively) be corrupted. The scientific and legal community, seriously, you cannot expect anything other than a similar result from them either. They were all being threatened with loss of tenure and career ending prospects, causing untold pressure on every individual concerned.

Considering your own circumstances during the lockdowns or the 'mandated' jabs is important to not point the bone towards those that have yielded. We are not in their shoes. Judge not...

My observations are that it is very, very few who have the personal rigor within themselves, and perhaps the financial circumstances to be able to take an ethical position.

Science is not being served through our institutions. Each is politicised to serve other purposes. Universities and Seminaries, enough already said. Charitable organisations with their tax advantages also fall into this area. I was sadly informed that even some Christian schooling and home-schooling structures have now gone over to the other side.

Prof Alan Frost approached this compromising dilemma from a different angle. He accumulated vast reserves of substantiated knowledge across his entire career. Upon retirement when he could no longer be got at, he then produced his most important works that not only refute the cancel-culture narrative, but establishes researched-truth as the core of the factual historical record. All the historians who had compromised, their voices simply slipped away into the ether. Frost set a new high-water mark, as does Keith Windshuttle, the *Quadrant* editor-in-chief with his many works.

Jeremy Lee wrote his revealing booklet *The World-Wide Oil Scandal* back in 1980. It could have been written again today.

<https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Lee%20J%20-%20World%20Wide%20Oil%20Scandal.pdf>

### **What Could Be Done**

Paradoxically, the way to solve a big problem is to THINK SMALL! We have got to stop believing that the only way to tackle any problem is on a scale which precludes Australian capital, technology and "know-how". The following description, from the *BULLETIN* (26.2,80) gives some idea of what is ultimately aimed at in ten years' time:

*"Whoever wins and gets into bed with the Rundle twins is looking at ultimately developing a mining operation four times the size of the biggest open pit mine in the world. At its peak the project is looking to mine 165 million*

*tonnes of shale and 195 million tonnes of overburden each year ... to put it into some kind of visual perspective that volume would equal roughly the volume occupied by 1.3 million suburban houses. To carry out the mining, at least three huge bucket wheel excavators are envisaged, each of which would barely fit into the Melbourne Cricket Ground..."*

Since that article was written, it has been announced that Exxon's Esso will "get into bed with the Rundle twins", whether the new venture goes ahead or not, wouldn't Australia be much wiser to start a number of much smaller units right through our huge and extensive shale deposit areas, in Queensland, New South Wales, West Australia and Tasmania. With a little research they would be much more feasible than the operations which we had working during the war.

We have one of the finest engineering and scientific research bodies in the world - C.S.I.R.O. - with a number of major achievements already to its credit.

It is almost certain that they could come up with a highly efficient small-scale retort innovation to extract oil from shale.

Such a development, linked to a number of much smaller mining operations, and linked in turn to small, decentralised refineries, could avoid all the industrial pressures - and defence vulnerability - of an operation like the Rundle project. It could break the current vice-like monopoly on the oil industry, and provide giants like Exxon with some much needed competition.

A look at Australia's refineries may illustrate the point. Today, Australia's oil is refined in giant complexes, costing a minimum of \$400 million each, vulnerable to trade union blackmail and disruption. A strike at one refinery can paralyse a complete State. But no one has seriously challenged this way of doing things.

A completely different - and much more realistic - way of doing it is illustrated in the story of Maranoa Oil - a small refinery in the Queensland town of Roma, built by a Texan, Mr. Charles Jones, for under half a million dollars.

Describing Mr. Jones and his refinery, the *SUNDAY SUN* (Qld, 22.7.79) said: *"He's a long lean Texan who shrugged off the traditional bush apathy of a cow town four years ago and plunged ahead with his plans to build a mini oil refinery.*

*Charlie, who used his ticket as a drilling consultant to globe trot and gain expertise, sank \$500,000 into the plant which he modelled on small rigs in his home state. He's proved something. Not only to the sceptics but also to the Nation.*

*He is the boss of Maranoa Oil, which produces 18,000 litres of petrol, 18,000 litres of furnace oil and 22,000 litres of diesel fuel a day at its Roma refinery... His daily tanker delivery of 400 barrels of crude - the refinery can easily handle 500 barrels - is being processed to supply all Roma, Charleville and Dalby in Queensland, and Moree, North Star and Inverell in New South Wales with*

*all the fuel they need.*

*Charlie's Texas Tea Rig also supplies the Roma Meatworks - the town's biggest industry- with its furnace (oil-ed), and he and his ten plant operators are now investigating the marketing of Avgas to pump new life into the local light aircraft industry,"*

A half-million dollar plant, operated by ten men, supplying six country towns, much less vulnerable to strikes, decentralised, and built where the natural resources are located. THAT IS THE SORT OF INITIATIVE THAT AUSTRALIA SHOULD BE FOSTERING IF IT MEANS TO BREAK THROUGH THE CRISIS AHEAD.

The initiative to make possible such developments must come from ordinary Australians - our farmers and graziers, our manufacturers and transporters - the people who are currently being sacrificed on the altar of "bigness and monopoly", Politicians have a natural love of huge projects - however inefficient and wasteful they are in real terms. The bigger the project, the bigger the official opening, the broader the ribbon to be cut, and the shinier the brass plate to commemorate the occasion.

"SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL" is the slogan which could save Australia in the crisis of the eighties. Australia has always been a land which fostered individual initiative and enterprise.

The world monopoly - whatever its label - now threatens that precious and worthwhile commodity.

## **THE NARRATIVE IS TO OUR ADVANTAGE ! By Neville Archibald**

What do we mean when we talk of, or hear others speak of, "The Narrative"?

It has become an expression used by many to indicate the overall picture presented to us by our politicians and the media. The question is better answered by comparing reality and narrative.

Reality we know to be essentially the truth. A concrete thing that you can touch, feel or see. From the Latin for thing or matter.

A Narrative on the other hand, is a story of events or experiences. Something that is told to you rather than something you have experienced.

The distinction between these two states can sometimes be blurred. Many times it is our own education that allows us to distinguish between them, our knowledge of history. By that, I mean our history of what we know to be true.

When I began on this article I was thinking just about reality and how far removed from it we seem to be at times. Then someone mentioned the word Narrative within my hearing and I realised that reality is always there. It is just our perception of it that really changes.

The philosophical question, "if a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to hear it, does it make a sound?" is a good question. Just because we do not witness it, are the real truths still applicable? The physics of the matter would tell you that indeed sound waves are generated, so noise is made. It should not matter if it is observed or not,

To the REAL Australians - whose ancestors built such a marvellous country - this booklet is both an appeal and a tribute, TIME IS NOT ON OUR SIDE!

### **Conclusion**

Australian COULD be the first western nation to "do something different" in the current crisis.

To do so, it must challenge a number of "sacred cows".

It must challenge the idea that development and production can only be carried out by huge, international monopolies.

It must challenge the idea that the collective decisions of the United Nations offer the best course for Australia.

It must challenge the idea that "world opinion" is always right. It must challenge the idea that current levels of taxation can be justified. It must challenge the idea that inflation is a mysterious and insoluble problem.

It must, above all, challenge the idea that the Australian banking system could not finance Australian productive potential, at low rates of interest and on terms that preserve Australian ownership of its own assets. If the Commonwealth refuses to demonstrate the truth of these fundamental conditions, the States should grasp the nettle.

Australia has been blessed with almost incalculable physical wealth and abundance. There is more than sufficient to ensure peace and prosperity for the Australian people for hundreds of years to come.

*LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!*

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the undeniable truth exists. Many things in our world are taken for granted as real, we place them in the stories we hear as a given, without any real thought.

What alters our perception? How is it that we can be misled or fooled by a Narrative over a reality? For many today, much of the real world is beyond our immediate perception. We know the real exists but we don't see or take part in it. The food on our table, is taken for granted even though we don't see it grown, harvested or transported. The water in our tap still comes from rain, even if we don't see it fall or feel it on our skin.

The media story of a pile up on a freeway, "icy conditions lead to a black ice build up. A shocking multi car crash has ..." we see footage of crashed vehicles, flashing lights and tow trucks. We don't see the ice, but have no need to question it, unless it's a summer's day.

Other times we are presented with a story that is real and believe the history behind it because of "accepted facts". Facts that have been repeated so often that no one questions them. The sheer enormity of asking and the alternative it would present is too much to consider. Couple that with our inherent belief in honesty, Why would they lie about it?, and this alternative truth becomes a new form of reality.

Again, why is this narrative so effective at fooling us? Have we changed as a society?

Once you could walk out your door and look around.

What you saw was your immediate reality. Walk down the street, greet you neighbours, smile at other walkers, talk and generally interact.

Our wider community was represented by our local papers, a source of contact with each other. It told us who was doing what, when and provided an opinion on something, which we were entitled to reply to via a letters column. This we used to see beyond our own backyards, our own neighbourhoods and community groupings.

If something was amiss we knew and could take it up with our local paper.

Our lifestyle changes over the last decade or so, have alienated us from each other. We spend more time on our phone with friends than engaging with strangers we would otherwise have passed the time of day with. Trying to start up a normal conversation on a train is seen as unusual.

Why don't you just stay quiet, nobody talks to strangers, what are you? What are your intentions? We are wary.

What a sad state of affairs that is. Input from total strangers is actually a good thing, it forces you to consider your own opinions, your own place in the world. Makes you realise that there are other ways of looking at things. The wider community used to be represented by the news feeds and current affairs programs. A source of news for discussion when we met locally at whatever venue was our preference. This interaction is a crucial form of development.

Several other things have also happened. The first is, I believe, that we have become more tribal. We have reduced our random circle of acquaintances to more family style groupings. The demise of actual family has pushed us to seek this contact. I also think it is a part of human nature to want to be included in a group of like minds. The true individual is being submerged, to some degree, to find acceptance.

Thinking about this whole picture, from sports clubs, pubs, and family BBQ on, we have been and are still encouraged to be tribal in many ways. Advertising has convinced us we are part of a family when we buy a ford or shop at a certain store with reward points or membership bonus. It may be a small impact but I believe it does have an influence. Strangely in Australia we form teams, opposing ones that become one eyed and loyal. Adherence to the group means less free thinking, less individual response and reaction. Which team are you on? Which political party do you belong to? What car is best? Have we been carefully groomed for this or have we done it to ourselves?

This desire to associate has been used to our disadvantage, we have, looking back, been carefully manipulated to enhance this tribalism and we no longer engage in debate when the time comes to do so.

The second of these has been with us for a long time, the insistence by some that you should never talk religion or politics at certain meetings or gatherings. Those who had no desire for it have largely been listened to and these discussions began to drop off our social calendar. It became a taboo subject because people would disagree and argue. Having a rational discussion was being seen as a divisive

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thing. I ask which came first, the chicken or the egg?

That we stopped discussing these things because it caused division, or that our becoming more protective of what had become our tribe made us more likely to defend our truths and created a more vigorous debate?

What has all this got to do with our lives today? Instead of interacting at random, we only talk to our friends, known entities, or those in our communal groups. When a story is being narrated to us that we doubt is true, or that we have serious misgivings about, we say nothing or carefully construct our replies to remain in our groups and not risk rejection. There is less outside input from individuals and more reliance on the media.

Looking at the future, this need to be liked is constantly fed by instant news, instant look at me "Tik toks" and Facebook "likes". Reinforcing to the n<sup>th</sup> degree the need for acceptance. You only have to look at the school policies for Facebook shaming or social media regulation, where unliking a friend can be considered as bullying or harassment. Our up and coming generations are being groomed in this culture of conformity to a point where I begin to wonder how they will ever learn to think for themselves. If our tribal group has "THIS opinion" that makes it mine and so not to be rejected by my tribe I must spout this opinion. We no longer desire to find a "truth" when a pre-organised opinion is available. This degree of acceptance has been taken to the point where we are unwilling to disagree, to not be friends with everybody.

In short I think we have become so scared of rejection we are no longer willing to be individuals. Our political controllers have noticed this and they use words to try and alienate us from our groups. Smearing us as racist, anti-vax or some other label that has a negative connotation. They have also become more and more inclined to tell a narrative to suit their agenda as they feel they can manipulate us to convince us. The media now presents to us less of a reality based picture and more of a Narrative carrying vehicle.

If you have ever come out of a theatre wondering what was wrong with the movie and you are left with that nagging feeling that something was wrong, it can often be hard to spot the reason. Not a good movie, you tell yourself, certainly not quite right.

In recent years I have felt this more and more. Others around me have also made comment. For me it is like emerging from the darkened theatre, credits still rolling and your mind, still in the midwinter night-time scene the movie ended with, and then, finding yourself in the bright of a summer day. Overwhelmed and totally out of place. If it was a fictitious film you would adjust and go on, but because it is real you have to question the narrators intention.

So, in summary, the use of the word "Narrative" should only be encouraged! Many more people are beginning to see that this is really just a story, and as such is more likely to be fiction rather than fact. The narrator has given us a bum steer, and the tale does not make sense. \*\*\*

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