

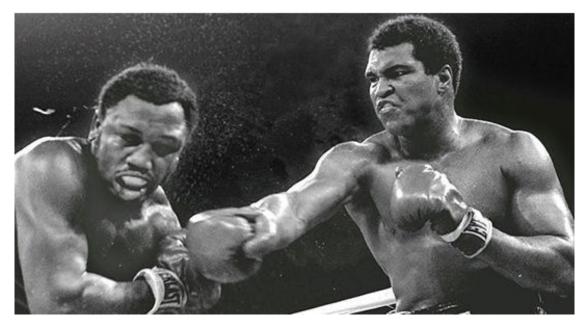






THE GROWL

THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER 6th Edition 2010 – Thursday, 19 August 2010



"PULLING NO PUNCHES!"

MORE TESTIMONIALS!

"Solid gold!"	Colin Ralph
"Worth coming home to!"	John Tate
"The winner in a landslide!"	Julia Gillard
"A real smooth operator!"	Matthew Neave
"Crisp and tangy, with extra anchovies!"	Leon de Marinis





THE PREZ SAYS...

And now...the end is near...one more month, before the finals curtain...

So people, cometh the hour, cometh the Tiger! We are now into the last month of the 2010 season, with a few more weeks before the finals and with potentially four sides in the Finals. There is work to be done by all sides to get there and to triumph as super coach **Nigel Couzens** and all sides begin to add their finishing touches to their 2010 campaigns. However I strongly believe that we share the one vision and can all *move forward* together (vote for me!).

How's that mouthy **Jeff Kennett** aye, fancy a Club President publicly bagging out coaches and players from within his own Club. Bad form, JFK, bad form! Thankfully you guys have a much more considerate and respectful being at the helm of this great Club.

Congratulations to **Dougie Bracewell**, who has made the final cut to tour with the Central Districts squad to South Africa for the Twenty-20 Champions League tournament. A magnificent opportunity for Dougie to travel overseas and play against some of the best cricketers in the world and take the next steps in his international career.

We are making arrangements for the **Senior Presentation Night**, which we are going to spice up with some Karaoke and other funky stuff – at this stage the earliest date we can hold it at the Nightcliff Sports Club is **Friday**, **1 October 2010**. But watch this space!

Finally thank you to **Hugh Auckram** for Coordinating the *In2Cricket* Program for 2010, another excellent job by Hugh, **Sonia Piccoli** and all of the senior players such as **Marc Calkin**, **James De Terte** and **Jono Devine** who assisted with *In2Cricket* evenings to make it an enjoyable experience for children and parents alike.

Love you long time, my loyal subjects - Eye of the Tiger babies, Eye of the Tiger!

Alex Krepapas NCC President



Europe...a special one from my own private CD collection – as we are on the Finals Countdown!



UPCOMING DRAW & DATES – AUGUST/SEPT 2010

A GRADE:

Sat 14 & 21 August 2010BYE (BYE LOVE...)Sat 28 Aug & 4 Sept 2010vs PALM PILOTS at WOODROFFE

<u>B GRADE</u>:

Sat 14 & 21 August 2010BYE (BYE MISS AMERICAN PIE...)Sat 28 Aug & 4 Sept 2010vs PALM PILOTS at THE DEN

<u>C GRADE</u>:

Sat 14 & 21 August 2010	vs SOUTHERN COMFORTS at THE DEN
Sat 28 Aug & 4 Sept 2010	vs PALM READERS at PALMY HIGH SCHOOL

<u>D GRADE</u>:

Sunday, 22 August 2010:vsSunday, 29 August 2010:vsSunday, 5 September 2010:FI

vs **TV DINNERS** at THE DEATH STAR (TAMBLING TCE) vs **SOUTHERN COMFORTS** at FREDERICK'S PASS **FIRST WEEK OF FINALS -** 3rd vs 6th and 4th vs 5th.

<u>E GRADE</u>:

Sunday, 22 August 2010:	vs SOUTHERN COMFORTS at THE DEN
Sunday, 29 August 2010:	vs (CHARLES) DARWIN at THE DEN
Sunday, 5 September 2010:	vs UNIVERSITY at THE DEN

<u>E GRADE – NIGHTCLIFF VB GOLD</u>:

Sunday, 22 August 2010: Sunday, 29 August 2010: Sunday, 5 September 2010: vs (CHARLES) **DARWIN** at KAHLIN OVAL vs **UNIVERSITY** at PALMERSTON HIGH SCHOOL vs **TV DINNERS** at THE DEATH STAR (TAMBLING TCE)



SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT FOR 2010

The date is yet to be confirmed, but **Friday**, **1 October 2010** at (say) **7.00pm** at the Nightcliff Sports Club is looking the early favourite.





NCC CRICKETER OF THE YEAR

With only the last fortnight of the 2010 DDCA Season remaining, it is a tight tussle at the top of the Leader board for the 2010 Nightcliff CC Cricketer of the Year.

Reigning Champion Marc "*the Incredible Calk*" Calkin is currently leading the table with an impressive **720 points**, on the back of his second successive 500+ A-Grade Season. Marc has to date scored 1,057 runs for Nightcliff in a little under 2 seasons, which does not include the 170-odd runs he has also chalked up like a teacher on Acid in the Twenty-20 stuff!

But right on the *Incredible Calk*'s (Jack) hammer is B-Grade all rounder **Brion** "*Axel*" Foley, who has just knocked up taking wickets in 2010, with an astonishing 37 scalps to date in 2010.

Nestled in right behind the leading men and poised to strike are a **pair of cagey, cagey Hattons** in the form of **Marky-Mark** and **Brad-man**, who are certainly close enough to take the coveted NCC 2010 Cricketer of the Year with a stellar last two weeks of cricket. One or both Hattons could prove harder to hold out than swine flu in a Mexican crèche, with each remaining very capable of clocking up major points over the next fortnight.

And in fifth place (and some 130 points ahead of 6^{th} place) is talented South Australian all rounder **Michael "Les" Cranmer**, who is presently in a rich vein of form with both bat and ball and could easily carve his way into the top-3 with another vintage display against the Palm Pilots.

PLAYER	POINTS	'OWNER(S)'			
MARK CALKIN	720	A.Krepapas/J.Hatton/Snell			
BRION FOLEY	687	Nerissa (& Marc?) Calkin			
MARK HATTON	658	A.Krepapas/J.Hatton/Snell			
BRAD HATTON	654	J.Hatton/Snell			
MICHAEL CRANMER	602	Marc & Nerissa Calkin & 'friends'			



D Grade all rounder **Anthony Snell** was ecstatic when the hammer fell on bidding for the *Incredible Calk*, whilst **right**, current 2nd place **Brion Foley** went for an absolute song at the 2010 Player Auction!

THE DUCK AWARD



The *Growl* is a little embarrassed with our predicted 2010 Mother Ducker, the optically-challenged **Aaron Griffin**, who has in fact starred at times with the bat in 2010, scoring 186 runs to date (at 16.9) with a top score of 46, without a single duck in sight.



However there is an epic battle at the "top" of the Duck board, with 'Special K' Kenneth Kardigamir and Paul 'Penelope' Kroes sitting atop of the table with 5 ducks apiece. 'Special K' was picked up at a steal by Alexander the Tate, with happy shopper Dan Clark purchasing the (Toyota) Kroes(er).

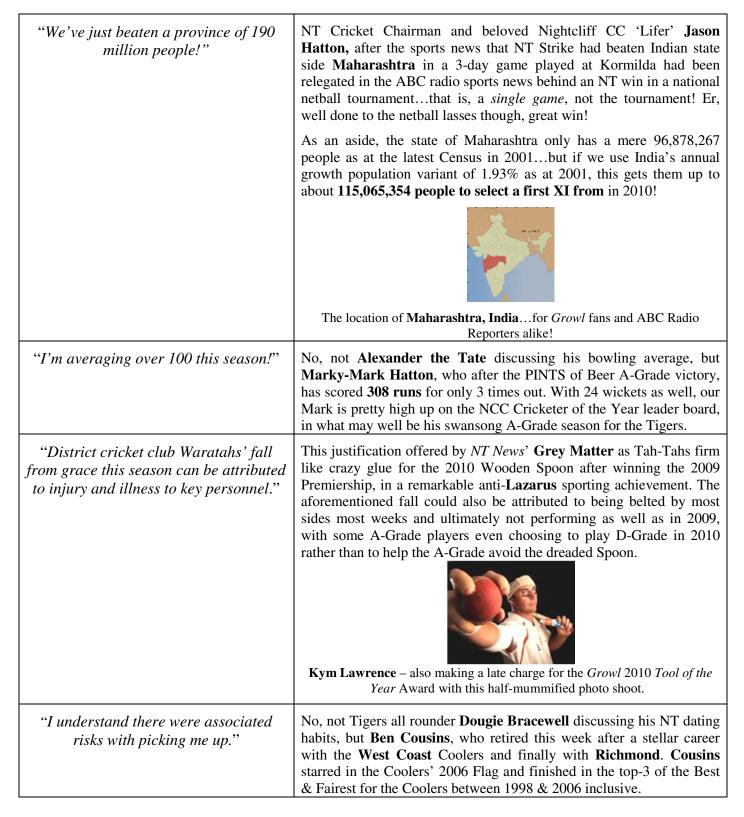
Now apparently neither of these players will play again in 2010, with **Kenneth** officially being on 'study leave' (unofficially he's been compulsorily acquired by the Federal Government for undisclosed scientific reasons...) and **Kroesy** is rumoured to have landed a fishing tour guide (or border control) gig somewhere off the WA coast. But with one round remaining, and C-Grade may yet bat again in their two-day clash against Southern Comforts, young **Andy 'Mental' Ward** in particular has potentially 3 more visits to the batting crease and could still yet make a late charge.

8	Player	MAT	INN	NO	100s	50s	<mark>≖0s</mark>	HS	RUNS	AVE.
1.	KADIRGAMAR, KENNETH	9	9	0	0	0	5	30	54	6.00
2.	KROES, PAUL	5	6	0	0	0	5	12	12	2.00
3.	Ward, Andrew	10	12	1	0	0	3	28	114	10.36
4.	Couzens, Nigel	10	9	3	0	1	3	60	101	16.83
5.	Vaughan, Ben	12	14	3	1	0	3	105	240	21.82
6.	Cunnington, Braedan	10	7	0	0	0	3	11	26	3.71
7.	Whitty, Haydn	10	11	1	0	0	2	48	159	15.90
8.	Ralph, Colin	7	6	1	0	0	2	22	41	8.20



Left – C-Grade Century maker **Ben Vaughan**...burning his 2010 batting candle at *both* ends. Right – Yep, Andrew '*Hospital*' Ward is still right in contention for the 2010 Duck Award! NIGHTCLIFFSPORTSCLUB (Nighteliff Bendigo Bank Colo Bank Colo Bank

"THEY SAID IT" - QUOTABLE QUOTES







HUMPHREY BARES HIS CLAWS!

New Nightcliff footy (NTFL) Coach **Glenn Humphrey** has foreshadowed that the '*winds of change*' will be a'blowing through Tigerland in 2010-11...but he has asked for patience from long suffering Tiger fans as he prepares for his first season in charge.

Humphrey, who was the NCC Cricketer of the Year in 2000 said recently, "I know it's hard to ask the supporters to be patient, but I can say we're starting an entire new game plan and hopefully they'll see the fruition of that towards the middle and end of the season." Nightcliff FC fans should already have more 'patience' than RDH, as the Tigers look to end a 45-year Premiership drought! 45 years is indeed a long time in life, let alone in Sport and a few things have happened since the last Nightcliff FC Flag...



Man has landed on the moon, Decimal currency was introduced, the Vietnam War, Elvis died, Jennifer Hawkins was born (woo-hoo!), the Beatles split up, Cyclone Tracy blew Darwin away (as did the Tigers in the 1964-65 NTFL Grand Final by 39 points)...two Gulf wars and 12 soccer World Cups! Colin Ralph was still in nappies when the Tigers won their last footy Grand Final...and Garry Stevens was still a virgin!

One thing 'Humpy' is eagerly awaiting is the unveiling his new team plan to his charges as they start to form a fitness base for the 2010-11 Season. Early rumours have it that the new Plan will include plenty of running and regularly kicking the Sherrin to similarly dressed players..!



Tigers coach Glenn Humphrey...the man with the *new* plan and (*right*) the Tigers FC from the swinging 60's!



FROM THE 'VAULT'!

Well here are a few ditties from back when the Australian Test Cricket team ruled the Earth, back in a time when they also had a recognized (leg) spinner playing. *Great Scott*, could these two things be related?

In fairness to the spin bowling chumps who have turned (well *some* of them!) and burned since **Shane Warne**'s departure, he was for the majority of his career, a mesmerizing spin merchant.

However the current National spin bowling stocks are considered to be in such an awful state, that it is widely accepted in elite Australian cricketing circles that Nightcliff CC currently has at least three of the top-15 spinners in Australia on its books!

LITTLE SHANE WARNE-R

Little Shane Warne-r Bowled leggies 'round the corner, Whilst eating more pizzas and pies. He bowled 'zooters' with his thumb, And took pills from his Mum, And said, "**What a great spinner am I!**"

TWINKLE, TWINKLE

Twinkle, Twinkle, Aussie stars, I wonder just how good you are? Up above the world so high, Off your bats the balls do fly! Twinkle, Twinkle, Aussie stars... So long as you stay out of Bars!



LOOK-ALIKE



This from Jabiru 2007 after Krepapas' 102 no – flick your eyes from left to right for about 10 seconds, freaky stuff!



LATHAM ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL!?

Ah Mark Latham...you're so vain, you probably think this Election is about you!

It seems that the calamitous foray into journalism by former politician **Mark Latham** will be almost as short-lived as any interest in his spite-laden book, after an embarrassing public confrontation with Prime Minister **Julia Gillard** at the Brisbane Show as he seemingly accosted her on her campaign trail.

Channel Nine, in one of the worst recruiting moves made since **Brendon Fevola** was jettisoned up to BrisVegas carrying more personal baggage than **Imelda Marcos**, actually head-hunted Latham to supposedly provide some 'insight' to viewers into the election campaign coverage.



Brendon Fevola...hands up if you totally stuffed up in 2010!

But when **Gillard** looked up from her passage through a throng of onlookers at the **Brisbane Show** to see the bear-like frame of Latham squarely in her path, he then fired questions at her not about the Election, but instead the typically bullish Latham started immediately firing questions about his own (mistaken) belief the Labor Party had 'complained' to Channel 9 about *his own* appointment there. And it became painfully apparent to everyone else watching that Latham's journalistic stint was heading south like an Antarctic expedition (or **Port Adelaide**'s 2010 AFL season).

It seems that he simply cannot avoid becoming part of the story himself. **Julia Gillard** later scored a laugh at the expense Mark Latham on the ABC's *Q&A*. Ms Gillard was asked how big "*a tool*" Mr Latham was on a scale of one to 10 and simply replied, *'There are some things that can't be measured*."

Latham is now a firm favourite for the 2010 Growl's *Tool of the Year* and if he does win the coveted title, he will go into the running with 2009 runaway winner **Darren Truemer** (and ultimately 989 others) for the *Growl's Tool of the Millennium* Award, which will be awarded at a totally ridiculously glamorous ceremony (to be sponsored by **Bunnings**) to be scheduled sometime in the year 2999.



Mark Latham (yep, the uber-noggin on the left). Rumoured to be next appearing at a Centrelink Office near you!





AROUND TIGERLAND

GRADE REPORTS

The Tigers still lead the **2010 Club Championship**, but a rampant TV Dinners is closing like the Terminator in a late bid to snatch the Title. With one round remaining after the completion of this weekend's cricket, it is "Eye of the Tiger" time as our boys look to bring home the **Kevin Bacon**!

A-GRADE

With the second last Round taking place as the **A-Team** enjoy the Bye, it seems quite likely that the Tigers will start the last Round in 2^{nd} place, a few mere points behind the sizzling TV Dinners. It will be on like **Donkey Kong** in the last round in a mad scramble for match and bonus points!

The Tigers went into the Bye round with a win for the Ages against a confident PINTS of Beer, boasting Test star **Graham Manou** as well as a returning **Nick 'Chuck' Berry** in their line up (**Andrew Symonds** and **Wasim Akram** were not returning calls). But it was the crouching Tigers who sprang to life early, led by a devastating spell from **Shannon 'Funky' Miller** (4-18, and the prize wicket of Manou) to reduce the receptacles to 157. The Tigers then went about setting up a lead and declared early on day 2 on 9-210 ('Les' **Cranmer** top scoring with a hard fought 40-odd).

After a few early breakthroughs (led this time by pocket rocket the *Incredible Calk* who took a 2-for) **Manou** and **Lavers** showed their class to bludgeon the Tigers' attack all over the suburb, before declaring and setting an imposing target of 191 off 21 overs for the Tigers to chase down.

At one stage the Tigers were on track to run the total down, with **Michael 'Les' Cranmer** and the **Incredible Calk** absolutely smoking the ball and endangering surrounding houses and traffic alike with a partnership of about 120 off about 12 overs. But after a few wickets fell and the stratospheric run-rate dropped like an Italian soccer striker, the Tigers fell about 20 runs short and settled for prized first-innings points to keep them in the top 2.



B-GRADE

The **B-52s** – **Smith's Soldiers** – remain on top of the B-Grade ladder after another impressive victory over PINTS of lemon squash at **Benny Mitchell Oval** (Kormilda) before their Bye round.

The Tigers slashed the '570ml glasses' around Kormilda on the first day to amass 270 runs, with **Kyle** '*the Don*' **MacKenzie** top scoring with 45, ably assisted by **Naveen Subbiah** with 44 and a swashbuckling 37 from '**Dougie' Hawkins**, who also smacked the living suitcase out of the receptacles of Beer late in the day with 4 towering sixes.



On the second day's play the Tigers were made to work hard for their wickets, but managed to restrict PINTS to about 225 on a lush outfield, with **Pawan** starring with a five-for, supported by NCC webmaster **Benny Mitchell** who also bowled tightly and snared a couple of **Jiminy Crickets**.

The boys look locked in to finish atop of the B-Grade ladder, which will hopefully bring with it a home final for the first weekend of the Finals in a few weeks' time.

C-GRADE

Well **Alexander the Tate** mob are sitting in second place on the ladder at the minute, but with a number of sides sniffing around their back fences, they will need to keep accumulating those match and bonus points freely to keep ahead of the Joneses. This week the Tigers kicked off a two-day match against top side **Southern & Coke** at the Den and they have a bit of work to do this weekend.

After winning the toss and batting, the Tigers' innings never really got off the ground, with a number of rash shots seeing the loss of four quick wickets in the top order for about 5 runs, to leave the Tigers teetering at 4-25. A train-wrecked/jetlagged **John Tate** summoned up some courage to top score with 29 and attempt to add some fibre to the innings, which ultimately ended on 110 when **Geordie** '*Fergalicious*' Ferguson was bowled attempting to become the first man to smash a cricket ball from Nightcliff to Mandorah. *Fergalicious* did strike back hard with the red cherry in his hand however to snare an important 3-for, as the **Southern Comforts** ended the day on about 5-110, setting up an enthralling day two for our C-Sections.

D-GRADE

The **D-Mob** won again against Charles Darwin to maintain their unbeaten record and keep their train on the tracks. Smashed 'em really, they made 100 (**Snell** 5-4, **B.Hatton** 2-18) to the Tigers' 2/100 off 17 overs (**B.Hatton** 31, **M.Bhatnagar** 30no), but like the boy pushing the barrow, the job is still in front of them. Go you good things, keep your eyes on the road and your hands upon the wheel!

E-GRADE

Well it was the long-awaited **Nightcliff Derby** last weekend, with **Colin Ralph**'s Nightcliff Gold squaring up against **Graham Tribe**'s "Original" Es, in a battle pitting Tiger brother-against-brother!

Tribe mob won the toss and elected to bat and worked hard to graft out 1/70 by the drinks break. The game 'opened up' a little after the break with the G-Trainers upping the Ante to finish with 8/180, with junior burgers **Tim Burgess** (47) and **Matt Vaughan** (36) starring with the willow.

Nightcliff Gold then pinned back the ears to chase down this target, but a steady flow of wickets (including **Garry** (Glitter) **Stevens** snaring the prized wicket of **Ralph**) held up the Golden gateway of runs. **C.James** (with 32), **Tim O'Hagan** and **Michael Francis** (21) offered stubborn resistance, but it was ultimately a Tribal dance this day, with (Sarah) **Connor Wilkinson** putting Gold to the sword with 4/15, assisted by Tim Burgess with 2/8 and the 'Galloping Gazmanian' **Garry Stevens** with 2/14. Gold finished short of the **mark (Hatton)** finishing on 123 off about 29 overs, in a game played amidst good spirits and some gentle sledging in the first of hopefully many local Derbies to come!



ODD SOCKS

THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

Never smile at a crocodile...or a used car salesman!



<mark>ON THE REX HUNT</mark>

"I Punt therefore I Am"*

(*Conditions apply and GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY kids! If you have to sell other people's stuff to place a bet, then find another hobby!)



<u>ALL IN</u> \$155.50 on Australian Labor to win the Election (*at \$1.35*) = <u>\$210.00</u>

GROWL 2010 PROFIT/LOSS TO DATE:

+\$155.50

As it turned out the leg we were more confident about (which actually had the better odds) romped home, with the Bulldogs mauling Fremantle at Jihad Stadium, but Port & Cigars rocked our punting boat with an upset victory against the Froot Loops in Showdown MCLXXVIII (or whatever).

So our profit margin is starting to shrink in the wash a bit and so we feel it is time to *move forward* and make some **Nathan Buckleys** (bucks). Whilst they have been smashed into \$1.35 now after recently being at more attractive odds, the *Growl* has decided to move **all in** with our entire **\$155.50** yearly profit to date on the Australian Labor Party to win the Federal Election!

Sure the Polls are telling us this will actually be a close election, but at the end of the day (well, by the end of this Saturday) the *Growl* remains steadfast in our confidence that the people of this Great Nation will simply not allow **Tony** "*Loose Lips*" Abbott to become its Prime Minister.

If **Tony Abbott** is not smuggling budgies on Bondi beach, he is banning burqas and boat people and we at the *Growl* are more than a little concerned that the '*Mad Monk*' is but another **Johnny Howard** hand puppet, waiting for his chance to drag Australia back to a level of conservatism not seen since the **Korean War**. This will indeed be a close fought election, but we suspect that sanity will prevail and it will be **Ms Gillard** adorning most if not all front pages of this Sunday's papers!



Tony Abbott...more of a rhetorical question than Australia's political answer?!





HOT PIES – COLLINGWOOD LIFTS THE LID!



Well it is official...the Pies are now 2010 AFL Premiership favourites and the lid...which the Pies had been publicly trying to keep on...has been blown clean off!

After a superb month of victories, Collingwood crowned their August glories with a hard-fought 21point win over the previous favourites **Geelong** at a packed MCG in a possible prelude to a more meaningful 'return bout' in late September. And Collingwood fans hit the streets of Melbourne *in droves* to celebrate in scenes reminiscent of post-WW II celebrations, as if the Flag had already been won!

Even the Tigers' own normally laid-back **Sean Kenny** openly wept tears of joy as his beloved Pies streamed towards victory against a full-strength **Geelong**, *"They're really gonna do it this year, I can just feel it in my bones!"* he wailed from his lounge room couch.

The signs are certainly there that the Pies fans are getting quite excited– there has been a recent mass purchase by about 7,000 Pies members of the deluxe Pies membership ticket called the 'Legends' Package, which for a mere \$800 not only guarantees the right to purchase a Grand Final ticket if the Pies make it, but also a '*Get Out of Gaol Free*' Card, a set of false teeth & a free Paternity test!

In possibly even *better* news for Collingwood, the AFL and Victorian cricket have also agreed in principle for the AFL Grand Final 2011 can be played in **October** – a possible God-send to the **Collywobbles** and their legion of fans, as the Pies have been incapable of winning any VFL/AFL Grand Final played in September since 1958!



Collingwood *say* they're trying to 'keep a lid' on their recent successes...but, **right**, the ticker tape parade held by the Pies after beating Geelong in August! And **Right**, **long-term** (**long suffering**) **Collingwood fan Sean Kenny** – he's already locked in accommodation (and a lawyer) in Melbourne for the last Saturday in September!





LOOK-ALIKES Can *you* spot the difference?



Aussie Red Bull F1 driver and serial sooker Mark Webber & fellow box head Kryton, from BBC classic "Red Dwarf".



Essendon caretaker coach **Matthew Knights** has struggled to keep composed whilst his troops were coughing up AFL games to bottom sides or being destroyed by Arch rivals the **Collywobbles** or Carlton...



Mark Latham...a serious spanner in search of a Bunning's Superstore. His political book "*F#ck the Lot of You, I hate you all!*" is reportedly still readily available at selected Op Shops!

THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER!).