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Gong for Dr Sally Cockburn



● Dr Sally Cockburn

■ Melbourne radio-medico, Dr Sally Cockburn, has been inducted to the Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

Her appointment was announced on Thursday by State Minister for Women's Affairs, Maxine Morand, ahead of International Women's Day which was observed on Monday this week (March 8).

Dr Cockburn, as well as being in private practice, conducts a Sunday night health education program on radio station 3AW. She first came to the fore as 'Dr Feelgood' on FM radio and television.

She says she tries to improve communication on both ends of the stethoscope.

Ms Morand said there are some exceptional additions. Some 20 inspirational Victorian women were formally inducted.

"This year we celebrate a remarkable group of women who have used their tenacity, vision, outstanding leadership, commitment and just plain hard work to succeed in their chosen field and have a lasting impact on their community," Ms Morand said.

"This is an opportunity to recognise them and the many other women who have contributed to making Victoria a great place to live."

Also inducted were triple Olympian fencer Helen Smith, Victoria's first Equal Opportunity Commissioner Fay Marles, Australia's first Noel Prize winner Professor Elizabeth Blackburn, and Aboriginal rights champions Eleanor Bourke and 'Auntie' Maria Starcevic are among the 20 inspirational women inducted to the Victorian Honour Roll of Women this year.

"Whether they have worked behind the scenes in support of local communities or on the international stage, each of these women has achieved significant success in their chosen field," she said.

Ms Morand said while women made up around half the population they were under represented in senior and leadership positions.

"The 20 inductees are from right across metropolitan and regional Victoria and their backgrounds and work are diverse.

"The areas these women have excelled in range from community services, communication, Indigenous affairs, multicultural affairs, health, law, education, science, medicine and social justice.

"Their passion, ingenuity and dedication have marked these extraordinary Victorian women for special mention."

Other Honour Roll inductees include: Sister Ann Halpin, tireless champion for isolated women; Bev Cook, mentor for women in the Mallee; epitome of community participation and social justice, Eileen Capocchi; and decorated veteran and military nursing leader Colonel Janice McCarthy.

"More than 450 women have now been inducted onto the Victorian Honour Roll of Women - every one is a role model and their achievements stand as an inspiration to us all," Ms Morand said.

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'DIDN'T WANT TO DO RADIO BEFORE'

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"There are only two types of journalism - dull journalism and exciting journalism. The true journalism is exciting and decidedly unobjective. True journalism, in my view, is devoted entirely to the revelation of facts which someone does not want revealed. That is the high point of journalism; it is the real meaning of being a journalist; it is also exciting and is interesting to read." - Maxwell Newton

Observer Larry Noye

WHY C'WOOD?

■ Senator Steve Conroy has been pictured in a Collingwood football jumper.

In his youth he was a young Englishman who came to Australia and as a keen young Labor member in Canberra, turned his eyes to Melbourne and its football.

He chose Collingwood - because it wore the same black-and-white as his soccer team at home. He thus depicted in publicity now he has risen to be Communications Minister.

It is interesting to reflect that Paul Keating was another in the political forefront who attached himself to Collingwood.

There are those who would say "he would", as for years Collingwood were rated more black than white in the eyes of football fans.

It was only after the fine Bob Rose took over that the Club rose in estimation; Rose insisted players hit back - but only if hit first.

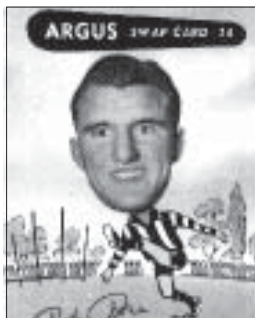
They have largely stayed that way - even in the Malthouse era, but rising political stgars like



● Larry Noye

Conroy, who incidentally served a term as a Footscray Labor Councillor after heading south, might note that Collingwood associations don't necessarily win votes.

There were the years when opposition supporters waiting to read of Collingwood's fate revealed on the scoreboard after matches, burst into cheers when the Magpies were found to have been beaten.



● Bob Rose

IS STEVE VIZARD FIBBING?

■ Max's colleagues in the Melbourne Confidential section report that it looks likely that Steve Vizard may sign for the new Melbourne news-talk radio station being launched by Sydney's John Singleton as a joint venture partner with Melbourne's Pacific Star Network.

"I haven't wanted to do radio before," Vizard told the Herald Sun's Simon Plant, an old University of Melbourne colleague.

That comes as a surprise to the management of Melbourne radio station Vega 91.5 who had signed to host the breakfast radio program in 2005 with Steve Bedwell and Beverley O'Connor.

The plan was dropped when public opinion swung violently against Vizard at the time of his court cases.

Likewise Vizard, with the backing of the British-group Granada, assembled a bid to takeover Melbourne radio station 3AK, reported Andrew Dodd in The Australian.

Never wanted to do radio before, huh?

Leigh moves up at Casey

■ Last year, my colleague reported (Sep. 30) on the return to the radio microphone of Leigh Drew on the Casey community station 97.7 FM.

Leigh, who once fronted an overnight program on 3AK, returned with a weekly show, 11am-1pm Fridays.

News now reaches Max that Leigh has become Program Director at the community station, which is led by General Manager Geoff Ablett.

The station has headquarters at a leisure centre on the Berwick-Cranbourne Rd, Cranbourne East.



● Leigh Drew

Airline 'price fixing' claim

■ The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission instituted proceedings in the Federal Court against Korean Air Lines Co. Ltd.

Korean Air Lines Co. Ltd is the twelfth airline to be the subject of ACCC proceedings for alleged price fixing in the air cargo industry.

The ACCC alleges that between 2001 and 2006, Korean Air Lines Co. Ltd entered into arrangements or understandings with other international air cargo carriers that had the purpose or effect of fixing the price of a fuel surcharge, a security surcharge and a customs fee that were applied to air cargo carried by Korean Air Lines Co. Ltd and other airlines.

The ACCC alleges that the arrangements or understandings were reached in Korea, Indonesia and Hong Kong for surcharges applied to cargo originating in those countries and in Indonesia for a customs fee applied to cargo originating in that country.

The ACCC is seeking declarations, injunctive relief, pecuniary penalties, and costs.

Importer improves quality

■ Linksea Pty Ltd will modify its designs and monitor the quality of bunk beds it imports to ensure they comply with the mandatory safety standard as a part of court enforceable undertakings made to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, led by Graeme Samuel.

The ACCC enforces a mandatory standard for bunk beds which came into operation in 2002. The standard is designed reduce injuries to children by providing specific requirements for the construction of bunks, particularly around guardrails and any top protrusions or gaps which may create an entrapment or strangulation hazard for children. The ACCC arranged testing of Linksea's Snow Bunk bed and found that the beds did not comply with the mandatory safety standard.



● Graeme Samuel

To The Max

Glass Houses

■ Newspapers should always be wary of pointing out errors in the columns of their peers. But Max cannot resist the *Killmore Free Press* notice which proclaimed "It Took 150 Years To Write This Ad" ... boasting that it was "quiet a record for any newspaper". The error was fixed in the next edition. Quite!

Detained



■ The Australian Federal Police arrest of 85 fruit pickers at Mooroonpa has turned out to be Australia's largest detention of illegal workers in one location.

Big toe

■ Whilst the focus has been on tow-aways on clearways in Armadale over the past two weeks, figures have been revealed that 702 cars have been seized by VicRoads on Sydney Road in Brunswick over the four months to the end of January.

Runs late



■ Horsham man Clint Brauman, 27, has lost his licence for 12 months after being clocked at 113-kmh at a 60-kmh zone on Dimboola Rd, Warracknabeal. "I slept in, I am running 1½ hours behind," he told Police.

Withdrawn

■ Monash Council withdrew a Court case over a \$57 parking infringement after a 10-month battle by motorist Yoni Goldenberg, who said the Council "chickened out"