

HELLO, MY NAME IS

Lou Di Gregorio, Tram union secretary 21 years, City Square, Bourke Street
I was a union leader and former connie. I fought for decades to provide just working conditions for the tram conductors, drivers and train staff. In 1990, we fought the Government's attempts to sack hundreds of tram staff. Our tactics? We let passengers travel free, occupied tram depots, demonstrated in the City Square and then parked 250 trams in Bourke Street to defy the bosses! Did you know 85% of the staff were struggling migrants like me? The public were right behind us. We extended those jobs for another eight years. Connies make the trams safe. Get your connie ticket.



Get rid of Myki and bring them back!

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Herbert Evatt (1894 –1965)

I was a leader of the Australian Labor Party and then a judge of the High Court renowned for being a champion of civil liberties and the rights of economically and socially disadvantaged people. I was President of the United Nations General Assembly in 1948 when the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights was drafted and I persuaded the Australian Government to vote for it. We believed that: *'recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.'*



I played a leading role in the founding of the United Nations

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Jim Cairns, Anti-war protester, radical politician 1914 –2003

In 1970, I led 100,000 Melbournians to sit down and occupy Bourke Street in the first Moratorium against the Vietnam War. More followed. We fought to stop a morally wrong war in which young Australians were being conscripted and killed. Public opinion turned against the war. When the Labour Party was elected in 1973, I became deputy prime minister and we stopped Australia's involvement the next day. It's not just to force young men out to war against their will.



We let all the conscientious objectors out of prison!

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Callum Neilson-Bridgefoot (11)

I was one of the leaders the Big School Strike on 30 November 2018. We came down from Castlemaine on the Bendigo train and were joined by many primary and secondary school students in a march up Collins Street. It spread across Australia and the world. How can there be justice when those people with the most to lose are excluded from decision making? I refused to accept that. We need action on global warming to save this and coming generations.



We were joined by 8000 primary and secondary school students on our march

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Michael Long

I was a champion wingman for Essendon with two premierships. In 2004 I walked the Long March from Melbourne to Canberra to demand justice for First Nations. Did you know Australia's largest reconciliation event happens on Fed Square in June? Up to 14,000 people Melbournians Walk from Fed Square to the MCG to watch Dreamtime at the 'G'. Richmond versus Essendon sweaters make up the colours of the Aboriginals flag flying from Fed Square. Today, my Michael Long Foundation continues to fund education and football programs for indigenous people.



I walked 650km from Melbourne to Canberra

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

John Chun Sai So ; **Chinese-born Lord Mayor of Melbourne,**
In 2001, I served as the 102nd Lord Mayor of Melbourne. I was the first ever to be directly elected by the people - previously they were elected by councillors - and the first of Chinese descent. When re-elected in 2004, I become the longest-serving Mayor in history – 7.5 years! I made people happy. They formed for me my own fan club – ‘John So, he’s my Bro!’ In 2006, I also won the World Mayor Award



I was Melbourne's longest serving Mayor.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Mary Reiby, cross-dressing horse-thief convict

Age two, I was an orphan. Age 13, I stole a horse and ran away disguised as a boy. Age 15, I was sentenced to seven years in Australia. Age 17 I married Thomas Reibey. Age 34, I was a widow with 7 children. Age 40, I was a founder of the Bank of NSW, today Westpac. By age 78, I was Australia's richest woman. Australia is the land of opportunity for migrants but you have you have to walk through those doors of opportunity. Are you going to do it?



See my picture on the Australian \$20 bill.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Patti Deakin, Reformer (1863-1934)

I was 19 when I married Alfred Deakin, who wrote me hundreds of love poems. My parents opposed the marriage, they didn't know Alfred was going to be Prime Minister after Federation - three times! Ever been to kindergarten? I helped to establish, kindergarten, crèche and playground movements, nursing and helping servicemen in the World War. Repeat our Federation sonnet with me:

United Now, One Nation Great and Free, One Land, One People, One Destiny!



I helped to found the famous women's Lyceum Club off Collins Street.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Alfred Deakin, Victorian Federation Leader (1856-1919)

Ever heard of Deakin Building (ACMI), Deakin University? My first job was a reporter for the Age newspaper but I later became Deputy Premier of Victoria. For years I campaigned for Federation. After it finally happened in 1901, I became Prime Minister of Australia three times with my wife Patti at my side! For the first 27 years, our national government was led from our very own Parliament House in Melbourne.



Repeat our Federation sonnet with me:



*United now, One nation great and free,
One land, One people, One destiny!*

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Nonda Katsilides, Architect

I am a famous Melbourne architect, born in Athens the home of democracy. Did you know my skyscrapers Eureka Tower and Australia 108 are the story of the Australia flag? Yes, blue and white is the colour of the Southern Cross Miners Flag, gold is what brought them to Australia and the red strip is the blood of the miners who died. The seven-pointed sunburst star on Australia 108 is the Flag's Commonwealth Star representing the unity of seven states and territories. Long live Democracy!



My seven-pointed star on 'Australia 108' represents our seven states and territories on our national flag.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Eliza Batman, a convict founder of Batmania (1802-1852)

Do you know Melbourne's first name was Batmania after myself and my husband John Batman? Our house was located where Young and Jackson is today. In 1820, I was transported to Australia for 14 years. My jail report was one word: 'Bad'. I escaped into the bush in 1823 and met John Batman who hid me. We had seven daughters and one boy, who drowned in the Yarra. It drove me to the demon drink.



My home in Batmania is now the site of the Young and Jackson Hotel

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

John Monash, German Jewish General (1865-1931)

I was raised in a Jewish German family in country Victoria and became an engineer and helped build Princes Bridge. In World War One I led Australian troops to Victory and upon return created the ANZAC tradition to look after injured soldiers and their families. On the 25 April we walk From Flinders Station across Princes Bridge to the Shrine and say the Ode:



They shall grow not old/As we that are left grow old? Age shall not weary them/ Nor the Years condemn/At the going down of the sun/And in the morning/We will remember them/Lest we forget.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Ned (Edward) Kelly, Bushranger (1855–1880)

I was an Irish rebel, horse thief, bank robber and accused murderer but was captured in my homemade armour in 1880. When I was sentenced to death by Judge Redmond Barry, I cursed the Judge, *'I will see you where I go!'* Barry died of an infected pimple on the neck 12 days after my execution. What a pain in the neck I was! In 1906 the first feature film in the world was made in Melbourne: The Story of the Kelly Gang. Repeat my description of the troopers:



"A parcel of big ugly fat-necked wombat-headed big-bellied magpie-legged narrow-hipped splaw-footed sons of Irish Bailiffs or English landlords."

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Sir Redmond Barry, Judge (1813 - 1880)

I was a founder of Melbourne University and our State Library in Swanston Street. As a judge on the Supreme Court, I sentenced bushranger Ned Kelly to death in 1880. He cursed me when I sentenced him and I died 12 days after Kelly's execution.

Repeat Ned Kelly's word to me in the court:



"A day will come, at a bigger Court than this, when we shall see which is right and which is wrong. No matter how a man lives he is bound to come to judgment somewhere, and as well here as anywhere. I will see you where I go."

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

James Stephens, founder of the eight-hour day (1821-1889)

I spent my life struggling for the rights of lowly paid workers. On 21st April 1856, I led Melbourne's stonemasons in a protest march down the main streets of Melbourne to demand the eight-hour day. WE WON!! Every year Melbourne celebrates this victory with Moomba and Labour Day (second Monday of March). My battle for fair pay also helped to inspire the first national Labor Government in the world in 1904.

Repeat my chant with me:



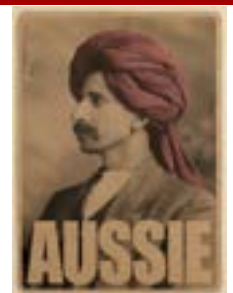
Eight hours work, Eight hours play, Eight hours sleep, Eight bob a day! A fair day's work, For a fair day's pay! Workers of the World! Unite!

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

My name is Monga Khan 1862-1930 Street Art Hero

I became famous when street artist Peter Drew put up 1000 posters of me all over Australia in 2016. He was exploring the idea: what is a true-blue Aussie anyway? A book about me followed where 36 writers and illustrators imagined my life. I was born in India. I lived, worked and died in Australia in the 1900s. My job was travelling all over Victoria as a hawker selling goods from my horse and cart - like a travelling milk bar! I had to apply for an exemption to the White Australia Policy so I could visit home in India without fear of being kept out of Australia upon my return. It was not fair. That is why Peter had this idea of turning me into a folk hero!



I travelled all over Victoria as a hawker selling goods

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Constance Stone, first female doctor in Australia (1856 – 1947)

Despite opposition, I became the first female doctor in Australia. In fact, I inspired my sister, cousin and daughter to become doctors as well. We dispensed free medical treatment to the poor. We also campaigned for every woman in Victoria to give us one shilling each to build Australia's first Women's Hospital! Go see my building – the Women's Centre at 210 Lonsdale Street.



I was the first woman doctor in Australia. We dispensed free medical treatment to the poor.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Anastasia Hayes, Eureka Rebel (1818 - 1892)

On October 1852, I arrived at the Ballarat Diggings. Ever tried to raise 6 children in a tent? I began teaching children (90 of them!) in another tent at Bakery Hill. They say I was blue-eyed, red-haired, good looking, fiery temper and politically active. They were right! I sewed the giant Eureka flag with Anastasia Withers and Anne Duke. When Peter Lalor was shot at Eureka, I helped to amputate his left arm and then threw it down a mineshaft. When my husband was arrested I told those damned troopers: 'If I had been a man, I wouldn't have been taken by the likes of you.'



I helped cut off Peter Lalor's arm and dumped it down a mine shaft.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS



Peter Lalor, Eureka Rebel (1827-1889)

Down with tyranny! No Tax without representation! I led the miner's uprising at Eureka Stockade 3rd Dec 1854. Four days later the Melbourne people demonstrated at St Patrick's Cathedral to support us. Finally, in 1857, men received the right to vote and I became the only outlaw ever elected to parliament! Our Southern Cross flag of freedom is now on the Australian flag. Please take the oath of the rebel miners with me:



We swear by the Southern Cross to stand truly by each other to defend our rights and liberties'

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

MacPherson Robertson 'Mr Mac' - the Chocolate King (1849-1955)

I started Australia's biggest chocolate business in my parents' bathroom. My chocolate inventions like the cherry ripe are famous. I donated fortunes to fund MacRoberston High School, MacRobertson Bridge and the Herbarium. I even sponsored our 1929 Antarctic expedition resulting in Mac. Robertson Land, home of emperor penguins. Always give back to your community. P.S. It's the patriotic duty of every Melbournian to eat a chocolate frog a day.



I created the famous Fredo Frog in 1930.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Val Eastwood 1910 - 1995, gender heroine, Val's Café

I was working as a model and dancer when, at only 17, when I opened a café opposite the Town Hall. Our famous Val's Café was a haven for people of all genders including artists, dancers, actors, political activists, bodgies and widgees, students and gay women and men. For the first time people who were outcasts of society could be themselves. Yet over fifty years would pass before different genders received justice in the Marriage Equality Bill, passed on 9 December 2017.



When I was 17 I opened Val's Cafe.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Kirsty McKenzie, Pay-it-forward cafe

I started our social enterprise coffee shop in 2014 to provide work experience for young homeless people. By 2022, we had shared over 7,500 'pay-it-forwards' for the homeless and created jobs for 45 young people. Our profits help Youth Projects in Hosier Lane provide free food, medicine, legal aid, training and jobs. Did you know over fifty cafes in Melbourne cafes now 'pay-it-forward'?



Our coffee shop is in Hosier Lane. Buy two coffees, one for a homeless person.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Matt Adnate, Big Wall Street Artist

As a kid in Melbourne, I loved street culture like skateboarding, music and graffiti. Some people said I was just a vandal and graffiti tagger. Perhaps they were right. But I stayed true to my art and today, I am a famous Melbourne street artist who paints all around the world. My paintings celebrate battlers like those on the wheat silos in the western district, traditional owners and my mural on the Collingwood housing tower in 2018. Only street artists get a twenty-story canvas!



My indigenous Boy mural in Hosier Lane is 23 metres high!

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Simcha Baevski, Jewish, founder of a retail empire (1878-1934) (Myers)

I was born in Russia, youngest of eleven children. When I came to Melbourne I was just a street peddler with no English. I still managed to build up a great store in Bendigo with 200 employees. In 1914 I changed my name to Sidney Myer and opened Myers - Melbourne's greatest department store in Bourke Street. In 1957 our family created the Bourke Street Xmas windows to celebrate the Olympic Games. Our family has given huge donations to Melbourne arts, science, medicine and culture. We believe in everything Melbourne!



I was a migrant from Russia who built Myers in Bourke Street

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Zelda D'Aprano, Italian-Australian, feminist and political activist

I left school at age 14, was married at 16 and worked in many industries where women were underpaid. In 1969, I chained myself across the doors of the Commonwealth building in Lonsdale Street in protest against unequal pay. I also helped to set up the Women's Liberation Centre in La Trobe Street. In 1972 the Government finally agreed to justice: equal pay for equal work. In 2000 I became Doctor of Laws at Macquarie University. Get yourself a protest padlock.



My advice: The right to protest is essential to gain civil rights.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Mina Guli of Thirst, Melbourne athlete and water advocate

I was born in Glen Waverley. In seven weeks in 2016, I ran 40 marathons across 7 deserts on 7 continents including Antarctica. In 2017 (aged 46) I ran 40 marathons in 40 days on 6 continents down 6 of the world's great rivers. I did it to persuade young people to save water. My organisation Thirst has educated two million students in China alone. Our planet is our only home, save it!



I am one of Australia's 100 most influential women.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Julia Gillard, Welsh-born 27th Prime Minister of Australia (1961 -) Fed Square

I migrated with my family to Australia in 1966 and graduated from Melbourne Uni in 1986 as a lawyer. I was elected the 27th Prime Minister of Australia when Kevin Rudd resigned. The 2010 federal election saw the first hung parliament since in fifty years so I was forced into minority government with bitter battles against many opponents. Perhaps some people didn't want a female PM in a common law marriage and without children, but I worked hard and got a lot of reforms done. My rant 'I will not be lectured on misogyny by this man' is still popular on YouTube! On 26 June 2013, I lost the leadership of the Labor Party to Kevin Rudd.



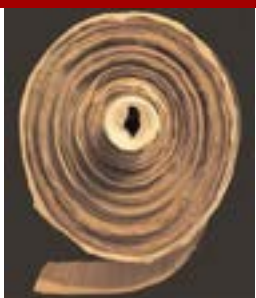
I was elected the 27th Prime Minister of Australia

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Vida Goldstein, Campaigner 1869-1949 No justice without the Vote!

I was a suffragette for the Women's movement and proud of it. You are looking at the first woman to stand for parliament in the British Empire. In 1891 we went from door to door collecting 33,000 signatures for the 'Monster Petition' demanding the right to vote and stand for parliament which we won in 1902. A person without principles is nothing! Stand up and be counted! You can all quote from it after me:



Government of the People by the People, and for the People, should mean all the People, and not one-half.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Michelle Payne, Jockey

My family came from New Zealand. My mother died when I was six months old so my father had to raise ten children! Most of my family are in racing. I am the first female jockey to ever win the Melbourne Cup. It was on Prince of Penzance, 1st November 2015. Actress Rachel Griffiths made a film about my life. I have been fighting chauvinistic attitudes towards women in racing for a long time. My winning speech is famous although shocked some people: "I want to say to everyone else, get stuffed, because women can do anything and we can beat the world".



I am the first female jockey to ever win the Melbourne Cup.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Germaine Greer, Author, radical, commentator, member of the Drift

I was born in Melbourne and went to Melbourne University and associated with the bohemian 'Drift' group which often gathered at the Swanston Family Hotel, cnr Lt Bourke and Swanston Streets, such as Barry Humphries, Arthur Boyd, Leonard French, John Perceval, Clifton Pugh and Justus Jorgensen. My first book, *The Female Eunuch* (1970) urged women to define their own values, order their own priorities and decide their own fate. Many said it changed their lives. Some thought it was outrageous heresy. I tried to change the world. Too many people accept the role in life that people with power give to them.



My first book, *The Female Eunuch* was an international best-seller.

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HELLO, MY NAME IS

Faith Bandler 1918 –2015

I was an Australian civil rights activist. My father was black-birded (kidnapped) as a boy from Vanuatu to work as a slave on a Queensland sugar cane plantation. During the second world war, my sister Kath and I served in the Australian Women's Land Army, working on fruit farms. I became a full time advocate for justice for women and others but am best known for my successful leadership in the campaign for the 1967 referendum. 91% of Australians voted YES!



The 1967 referendum removed racist provisions from our Constitution.

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