

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK *with Kerrie Martin*

Last month we had the leadership fiasco dominating our tv screens for several days. If you had zero interest in politics it was bad luck Chuckie, because you were inundated with footage, viewpoints and forecasts on every channel whether you wanted it or not.

We saw "KRudd" enjoying superstar walks through Queensland shopping centres, appealing to the masses to call their local MPs to help reinstate him in the top job. We saw squabbling, name-calling and infighting from Labor MPs as they rallied behind their preferred leader.

We heard that it was impossible for a man like Kevin to effectively run a government and impossible for a woman like Julia to win an election. And the statements came directly from the Labor party representatives themselves!

And when Julia Gillard won the ballot in a convincing 71-31 result, we saw yet another "new" Julia grace our screens.

The "new" Julia is not to be confused with the "real" Julia who was previously announced to us.

I'm just not sure whether

the "new" Julia replaces the "real" Julia or do we now have the "new" "real" Julia?

It would be nice to have clarification of that before we find ourselves wondering if we really have an "old" "phoney" Julia.

It would be fair to assume that the "new" "real" Julia has been introduced to us in an effort to ward off further challenges from KRudd and his support crew. It would also be fair to assume that her recent cabinet shuffle had a direct reward and demerit message for those who might have ideas of a future roll.

But has the "new" "real" Julia made yet another lapse in political judgement in her efforts to keep a solid hold on her crown?

Enter Senator Bob Carr, the former NSW Premier who has just enjoyed an armchair ride into one of the most important appointments in the country; Foreign Affairs Minister.

If the "new" "real" Julia hasn't taken into consideration the ambition, that will surely come with the former state leader, then perhaps "gullible" Julia will be faced with another challenge before she can whistle *Stand By Me* - and it won't be KRudd she'll be facing.

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Letters to the editor

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My husband and I live in Canberra and we recently attended the annual Royal Canberra Show on Sunday 26th of February 2012, with our two boys.

On arrival we were approached by two representatives from Enviro Water Tanks, South Windsor NSW.

The two representatives had a store at the show and kindly gave us free entry passes to enter the show. This made our day and we couldn't thank them enough.

When meeting them we briefly gave them an insight into our family and the fact that two out of our three sons have been diagnosed as having a severe disability (Pontocerebellar Hypoplasia).

One of our sons passed away at the age of three in 2007 and our other son is now 21 months old and is not expected to live for long. We appreciated the free entry passes and we sent an email on the day expressing our appreciation.

The representatives from Enviro Water Tanks had then offered us a free water tank which was delivered on Friday the 2nd of March.

Words can't express our gratitude and appreciation, its people like this that brighten our days and give us the strength to carry on.

Many thanks to all the staff at Enviro Water Tanks.

Darren and Sonia Sheppard
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In a world where we all too often hear bad things about people and their actions

I would like to renew your faith in human nature by taking this opportunity to thank (and I don't know their names) the two young men (about 30ish) who stopped and helped my nearly 84 year old mother when she tripped out of her car and landed face down on the main road at Richmond on Tuesday.

They got her off the road, took her to the doctor's and rang her friend who was waiting at the cafe for her.

If it hadn't been for the quick action of the first young man who pulled his own car off the road and jumped out to pick her up off the road, I hate to think what might have happened to her.

She is battered and bruised but still with us - a HUGE THANKYOU fellows!!!!

Kerry Lee Smith

Local community transport organisations serving the Londonderry electorate will receive \$52,000 - an increase of almost 35 per cent - in State Government funding this financial year, Londonderry MP Bart Bassett has announced.

The funding boost comes after the NSW Government committed an extra \$12 million over four years to community transport organisations across the State through the Community Transport Program.

"The Community Transport Program is vital for seniors, the ill, people with disability

and people who live in isolated communities because it helps them maintain their links with their local community," Mr Bassett said.

"It provides non-emergency transport to members of the community who do not have access to transport.

"This includes assisting people to get to medical appointments, social and recreational activities, shopping and social services."

"Thousands of volunteers across the State do fantastic work to improve the lives of those disadvantaged people who need transport services to maintain a normal life," Transport Minister Ms Berejiklian said.

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Ray Williams MP

State Member for Hawkesbury