

First Dog on the Moon's



GOLDEN  
GREATS

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## INTRODUCTION – a word from Mr On The Moon

When I learned Crikey was planning to ask me to write the forward for my first ever e-book I was very flattered. I mean surely the first e-book from a national cartooning institution should have a forward from someone like Phillip Adams or Julia Gillard or dare I say it, even Nelson Mandela! But no, they asked me! What an honour! And it turns out I was available, so wasn't that a happy coinciding of events?

What can be said about an "e-book" of some of "First Dog's" most beloved cartoons? What is an "e-book" anyway? Is it a book? No, for you cannot hold it in your hand or read it in the bath. But its handy e-format does enable you to print all the cartoons contained therein so you could make them into a not very practical but certainly fetching suit of clothes.

I hope you enjoy it as much as I know you will.

Warm Regards

First Dog On The Moon



WITH THE ELECTION LOOMING, CRIKEY CONDUCTED A RANDOM POLL TO TO SEE IF PEOPLES VOTING INTENTIONS WERE FIRMG. WE ASKED....

...BARRY, A BUTCHER FROM QUEANBEYAN.

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

MRS PLIMMY FROM THE DOWN AT THE SHOPS.

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

A FAT-TAILED DUNNART

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

A BAG OF TWISTIES

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

SOME FUNGUS

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

A ROCK ON MARS

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

MY BUM\*

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

YOUR MOTHER

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

SIQBHAN FROM MARKETING

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

ALL OF THE ANTS

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

PEANUT BUTTER

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

PANTS

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

DEBORAH, AN AMEOBA

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

SATAN

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

SANTA

YEAH, I AM VOTING FOR RUDD. I DID VOTE FOR HOWARD BEFORE BUT I THINK WE NEED A CHANGE.

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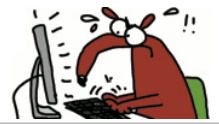
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\*MY BUM NEVER VOTED FOR JOHN HOWARD

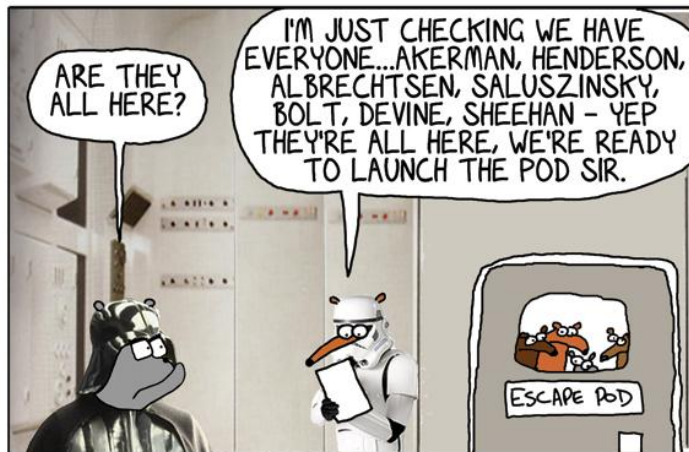
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29 October 2007

Crikey Polling - This takes me back. Deborah an Amoeba! Gold!



# CULTURE WARS



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20 November 2007

Those were the days. With this cartoon I photoshopped my way into the hearts of Crikey subscribers around the galaxy.



BREAKFAST WITH GERARD HENDERSON

HMMM...THIS EGG, BOILED LONGER THAN TWO AND THREE QUARTER MINUTES, I'M QUITE CERTAIN OF THAT. BOTHER, I HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS A SERIAL PEDANT AGAIN! THIS IS VERY DISAPPOINTING, IT'S THE 23RD TIME IT HAS HAPPENED SINCE 1987 - 11 TIMES IN THE FAIRFAX PRESS ALONE. AND ON A TUESDAY AGAIN! WHAT IS IT ABOUT TUESDAYS?



I SHALL RESPOND OF COURSE, BUT FIRST I MUST WRITE TO THE ABC TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THEIR COMPLAINT REGARDING MY COMPLAINT ABOUT THEIR COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE, WHICH REMINDS ME, MUST LEAVE A NOTE ON THE REFRIGERATOR ABOUT THE QUICK-EZE

Note to self, add Mark Scott to Christmas card list in order to take him off again



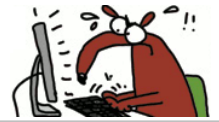
From the Desk of Gerard Henderson

My Dearest Anne, I trust this finds you well. It has recently come to my attention that the economy size Quick-eze, purchased I believe during an expedition to Lindfield Coles on February 7, is almost finished. Would you be so kind as to append to the list of potential purchases for your forthcoming trip to what I assume will once again be Lindfield Coles on either Thursday or Friday of this week another container of said antacid (Original flavour please). I would be most grateful for this. I must however take you to task on another issue, with regards to breakfast, this morning's egg did appear to have been boiled for longer than the allotted 2 minutes 45 seconds. Also the paper napkin was on the right hand side rather than the left as we have discussed. Finally, the salt cellar is only two thirds full, might I suggest replenishment would be timely.

Warm Regards,  
Gerard

10 April 2008

It was suggested to me that the star of this cartoon was quietly chuffed. I can neither confirm nor deny the truth of this.



Look out! Massive Telecommunications Customer Service Nightmare Cartoon Tantrum

Welcome to Optus this is Glen, how can I assist you today?

I don't think you can Glen, not only have I been on hold in the queue to speak to you for over 20 minutes, I have already spoken to five other people on this call alone and told each one about my problem which has not been fixed even though I have called on three previous occasions to have it remedied and have been assured each time that it would be. And the problem is originally an error by your organisation so please understand that I am not confident you can, in fact, assist.

Perhaps if I start with your your details, I can bring your account information up on the screen.

Look I'm not sure I can go through with this again. Why is that just about everyone at Optus that I speak to, in Australia or the Philippines, is unfailingly polite and utterly incapable of assisting me? It takes five calls to do what should not even require one! I even gave up calling the last time and emailed you to request assistance and two weeks later you randomly forwarded me the actual account details of a complete stranger! Normally I'd assume something like that was an accident but I'm just not sure anymore.

Perhaps the best thing for me to do is put you through to the Funny Raccoon Department, they won't help you either but they are adorable!

NO I've already spoken to the funny fucking raccoons!

Thanks for holding, the adorable and funny raccoons will be with your shortly

Oh christ

kill me now

Meanwhile in the Funny Raccoon department...

I have made a tray of shit sandwiches for our customers to eat

We have multiple billing platforms and you appear differently on all of them!

We just screwed another customer

Yeah!

Finally, I would rather shoot myself dead than go to Telstra, they make Optus look like Customer Service deities. But is it brick-stupid incompetence in a deadly combination with fetishistic grinding bureaucracy that drives Optus, or is it simple asphyxiating, airless greed?

Disclaimer - This is a true story. Your Cartoonist pays way too much every month to Optus for numerous crappy services. I mean, 3G WTF?

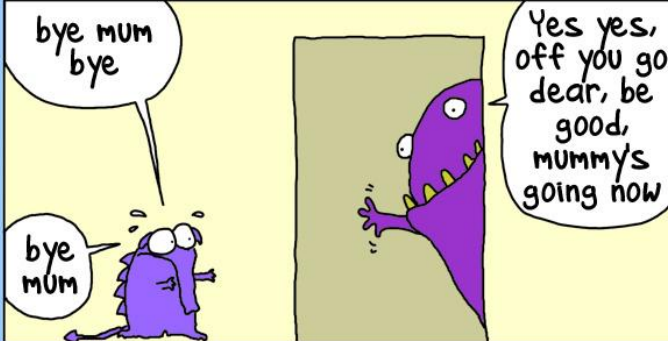
29 April 2009

This cartoon was inspired by a million stupid phone calls with Optus People. The most hilarious thing was that I was contacted by Optus Customer Service at the time but COMPLETELY UNRELATED and they have now fixed everything - but only for me.



The Deficit has arrived in Australia. Today is the first day at the new school.

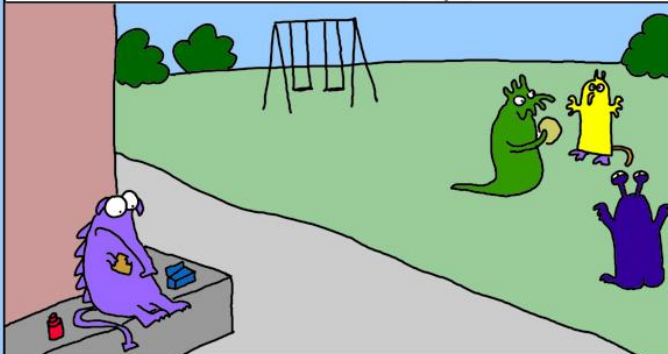
The Deficit's mum, Mrs Global Financial Crisis takes The Deficit to the door of the class but doesn't come in



The teacher sits The Deficit between Interest Rates and Inflation



At lunch time The Deficit is shunned and sits alone in the playground

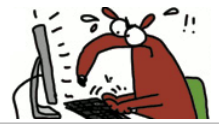


After school kids from the International Monetary Fund College down the road call The Deficit names and throw its school bag on the roof of the bike shed. The Deficit vows that someday we will all pay.



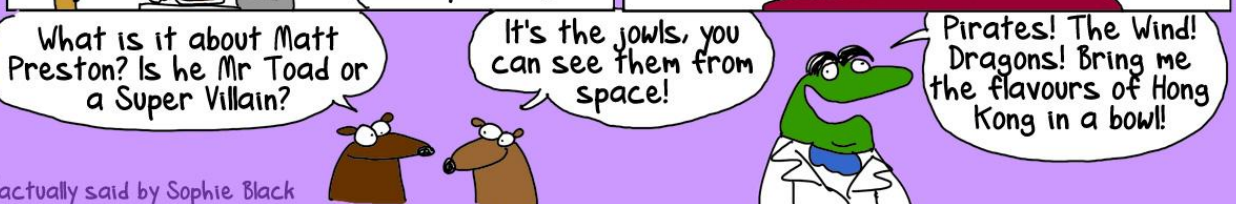
19 May 2009

I was very happy with this cartoon - everyone else loved it. The little purple guy made them sad (which was my intention) but it worked way better than I expected. It turns out everyone is filled with pain from their childhoods and I am able to tap into it for personal gain.



Why is Masterchef the most watched show in the entire history of everything on Earth ever.

The truth is, Science does not know. Could it be the adorable way the judges excitedly reveal the dish to the contestants or the way they torment them while they cook? Is it the faces they make when tasting it? Wait, it's obvious. Two words.... Matt Preston!



\*actually said by Sophie Black

15 July 2009

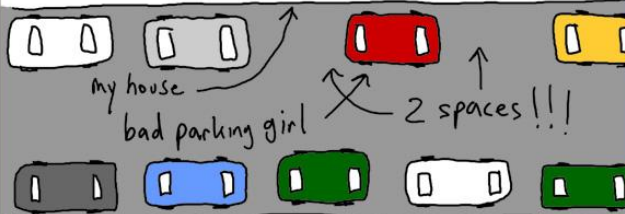
Cleverly drawn at the height of Masterchef madness (and my crush on Matt Preston) this got more 'views' than almost anything ever in the internet's history.





The Further Adventures of Bad Parking Girl

Bad Parking Girl is a real person who lives over the road from me. She always parks her car like this:



So then I have to park a block away! This can involve nighttime/groceries/rain etc.

I spoke to her about it once, I was VERY polite

Sorry to bother you, I was wondering if it wouldn't be too much trouble for you to park in such a way as to maximise the number of available spaces...

I have to park like that so people don't park me in



Then there was the time when her car alarm went off right by our window at 4am and I went outside and she eventually came out and was all like:

What? What is your problem?

You're struggling with the whole "friendly neighbour" thing aren't you\*

HOONK K K K  
HOONN K K  
HOONN K K K



\* I only thought about saying this after

The world is full of terrible things, terrorists in our suburbs, starvation, slavery, Andrew Bolt. And yet I am enraged by Bad Parking Girl. I fantasise about scratching her car. I want Satan to consume her in a column of fire.

Satan!



Obviously these are not options. I have even gone so far as writing terse yet pithy, anonymous post-it-notes, but haven't actually put one on her vehicle's windscreen.

2 SPACES  
1 CAR  
WTF?

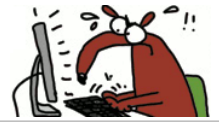
YOU  
PARK  
LIKE A  
MUTANT

Stay tuned for the next exciting episode when I sulk about "Honks at Cyclist for no reason Driver Guy" and "Tries to get on the train before I can get out the door Lady" (also available on elevators)



5 August 2009

Bad Parking Girl has moved away. I don't know if this cartoon had anything to do with it but I suspect not.

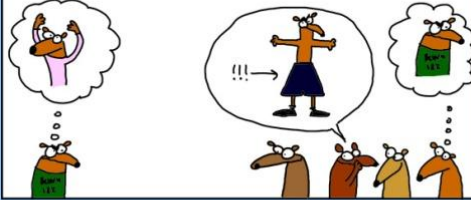


Avril Lavigne's "Sk8r Boi", illustrated by First Dog On The Moon

He was a boy, she was a girl  
Can I make it anymore obvious?  
He was a punk, she did ballet  
What more can I say?



He wanted her, she'd never tell  
And secretly she wanted him as well  
But all of her friends, stuck up their nose  
They had a problem with his baggy clothes



He was a skater boy, she said,  
"See ya later boy"  
He wasn't good enough for her,  
she had a pretty face  
But her head was up in space  
She needed to come back down to earth



Five years from now, she sits at home  
Feeding the baby, she's all alone  
She turns on TV, guess who she sees  
Skater boy rocking up MTV



She calls up her friends, they already know  
And they've all got tickets to see his show  
She tags along, stands in the crowd  
Looks up at the man that she turned down



He was a skater boy, she said  
"See ya later boy"  
He wasn't good enough for her,  
now he's a superstar, slamming on his guitar  
Does your pretty face see what he's worth?



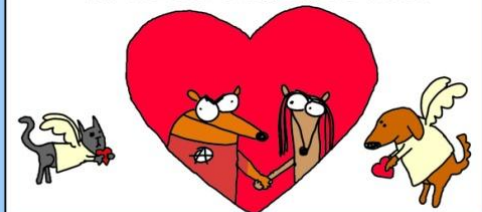
Sorry girl, but you missed out  
Well, tough luck, that boy's mine now  
We are more than just good friends  
This is how the story ends



Too bad that you couldn't see  
See the man that boy could be  
There is more than meets the eye  
I see the soul that is inside



He's just a boy and I'm just a girl  
Can I make it anymore obvious?  
We are in love, haven't you heard  
How we rock each others world?



I'm with the skater boy, I said  
"See ya later boy, I'll be backstage after  
the show, I'll be at a studio  
Singing the song we wrote  
About a girl you used to know"

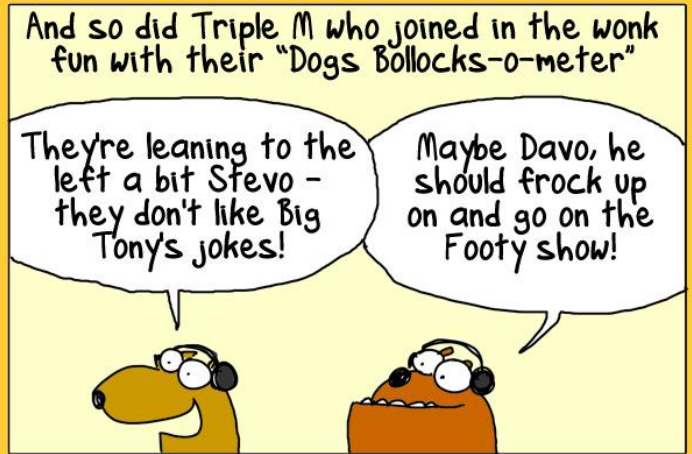
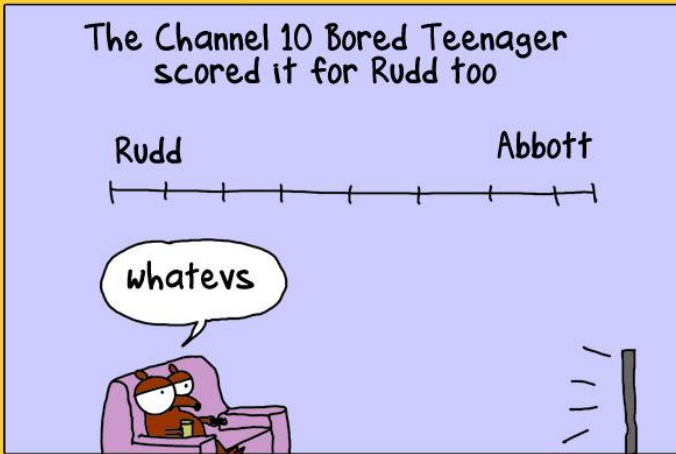
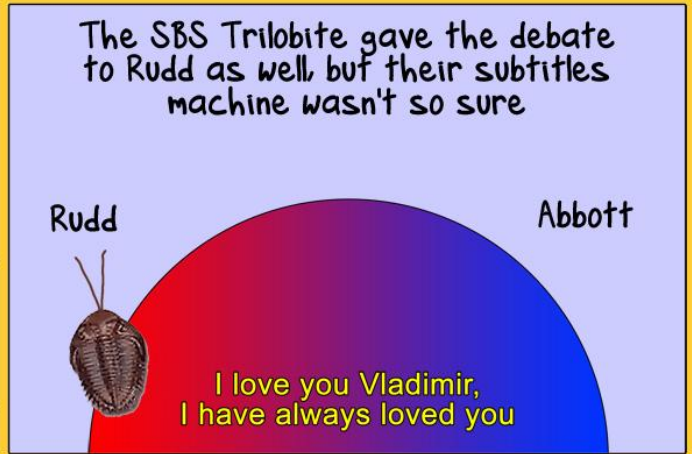


18 August 2009

One of my favourites! This cartoon still causes great controversy, everyone either loves it or hates it. Some people even pretend they dont "get it". Idiots!



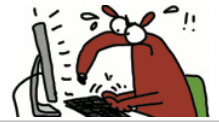
The Channel 9 Worm has awarded the first Health Care debate to Kevin Rudd by a large margin. Now The Worm is being pilloried by the News Ltd press.



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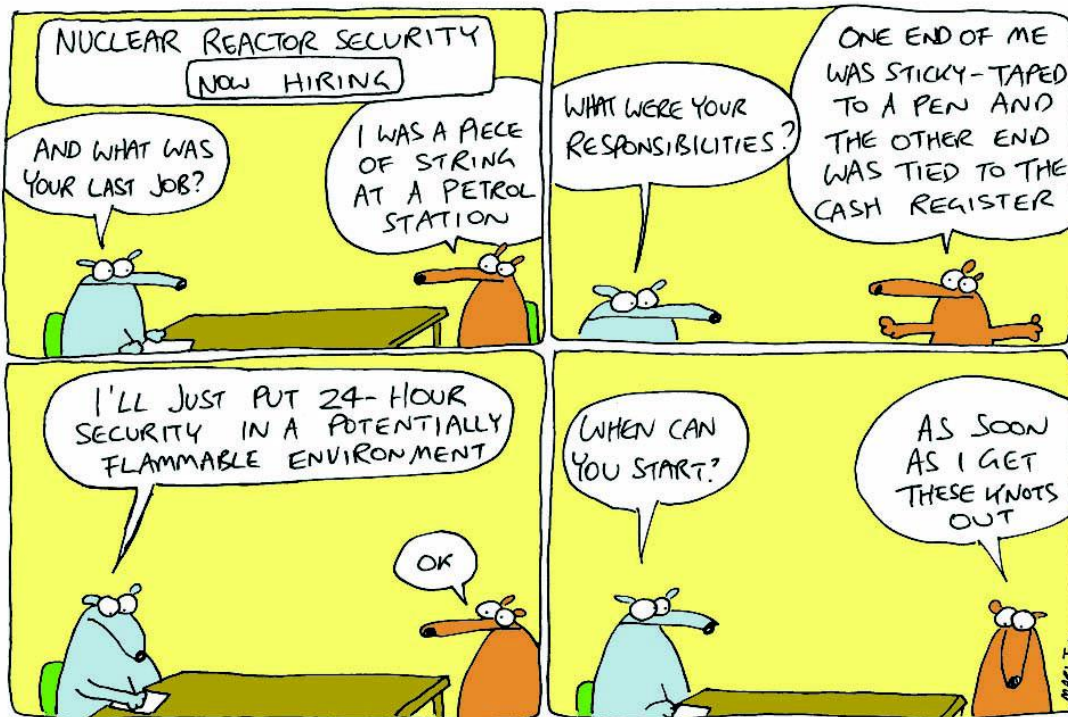
This cartoon introduced the world to the ABC Interpretive Dance Bandicoot and the SBS Trilobite and for that alone it will go down in history as one of the classics.

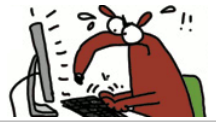


## APPENDIX BIT :

As we were going to press, canine antiquity scholars uncovered some really old First Dog scrolls in a watertight canister at the bottom of the ocean near Altona.

Here we present these cartoons from BC – Before Crikey-- for the first time :





THE NUT AND THE SLOTH

