



It's hard to find good news stories or current affairs to write about, very hard. I wish I could report and comment on wonderful stories where we all walk hand in hand into the sunset but in the scheme of things its unlikely. In highlighting selected issues I see in society hopefully propels others to action in our democracy and that way things change for the better. Just like you, I want a bright future for my children and grand children and to do this we must engage in the truth. The world and society are in a dreadful mess by any measure and now we have a federal government which doesn't think the ecology is as important as the economy and I don't understand that logic. We can no longer indulge in never ending growth on every level and indeed mankind is in big trouble just as was foretold accurately two thousand years ago. Why is it that we the elders in Australian society are the only ones apparently concerned. The over 60's know full well we are in peril yet few listen. Why do elders or seniors words fall on deaf ears when we have a life time of experience and wisdom to pass on and yet Wall Street and the worlds most obnoxious and cruel religion is on the rise and no one seems to care. Why the stupidity and why in Australia. Put simply we are out of time on every front and so I have called this narrative **Listen to the Elders**. It's just my unorthodox way of highlighting a choice we the people must make and the consequences of doing nothing for young and old alike.

In fact the reality is that whether you look at morality, spirituality, sexuality, mentality, profanity or biodiversity we face enormous challenges and face them we must. Society in Australia is clearly and obviously traveling the wrong way in my view with major fault lines now occurring especially with the rise of primitive Islam and the sustainability of our hard won culture and fragile ecology. Many of us worry about this and other significant issues with government and crime and the loss of social cohesion. Civility is long forgotten while Police struggle with crime and law enforcement. Frugality is almost unheard of as the almighty credit card rules and it seems no one can buy or sell without its number. The general flammability of crime pervades our neighborhoods in every suburb in every town and city while childhood obesity plagues our youth because of inactivity. Notice how irritability is on the increase and peace is not valued anymore and that's a selfish sad crime against humanity. In politics brevity is not so common and moral decay invades our media and the internet. What chance do the children have and yet we don't seem to have the will to fight this moral malaise and that potentially brings further calamity to we the people.

So much is thrust down our proverbial throats and the disunity it creates is appalling. Now how do we expect the planet to feed and clothe us and to fuel the atmosphere when the world's population is out of control? The indignity of starving children in Australia is appalling as is the indefensibility of loneliness or the decadence of vanity. Vulgarity and violence pervade our lives at every turn yet anonymity is overwhelming when it comes to responsibility. What do we do with hyperactive greed and the morbidity of drug peddlers? How do we deal with the love of money and the corrupt Ponzi banking system. Overall the insecurity and the immorality we have around the world and within Australia is destroying our civilization and creeps across our path as a dark all pervading shadow. Couple all this with the ridiculous notion of supercharged political correctness and it's as though these are the last futile days of mankind and planet earth. Yes I am worried and I don't believe the world can sustain this ever growing population or the loss of spirit. Pretty dismal isn't it but who will tell me I'm wrong.

However there are answers and there is hope but society should start by seeking wisdom from we the seniors because we have a lifetime of knowledge to offer and we are brimming with common sense and experience. Now a message to younger Australians..... just ask and the answer will freely come, seek earnestly and you will find and knock and the solutions will appear. The world can be turned around and Australia can survive but not unless people listen to wisdom and act and value this democracy. Many people and our governments are simply missing the point that it's now or never, times up and it really rests with all of us regardless of age people can start by **listening to the elders**.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley