

We The People
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Good Day to you. A light hearted but compelling story today and delivered in two versions being the old and the new and with a timely moral.

This is the Old Version

An ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks the ant is a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away. Come winter, the ant is warm and well fed. The grasshopper has no food or shelter, so he dies out in the cold. The moral of this story is **'Be responsible for yourself'**.

Now the New Version

The ant works hard in the withering heat and the rain all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks the ant is a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away. Come winter, the shivering grasshopper calls a press conference and demands to know why the ant should be allowed to be warm and well fed while he is cold and starving. Channels 7, 9 and 10, the ABC and SBS show up to provide pictures of the shivering grasshopper next to a video of the ant in his comfortable home with a table filled with food. Australia is stunned by the sharp contrast. How can this be, that in a country of such wealth, this poor grasshopper is allowed to suffer so? Kermit the Frog appears on the ABC with the grasshopper and everybody cries when they sing, 'It's not Easy Being Green. The CFMEU stage a demonstration in front of the ant's house where the news stations film the group singing.... 'We shall overcome.' The Archbishop of Melbourne then has the group kneel down to pray for the grasshopper's sake. The new Prime Minister condemns the ant and blames all the previous prime ministers from Menzies to Rudd and Captain Cook to the Pope for the grasshopper's plight. The socialists exclaim in an interview on Today Tonight that the ant has become rich off the back of the grasshopper and call for an immediate tax hike on the ant to make him pay his fair share. Finally, the political class in conjunction with the Unions and the new Marxists league draft the **Economic Equity & Anti-Grasshopper Act** retrospective to the beginning of the summer.

The ant is fined for failing to hire a proportionate number of green bugs and, having nothing left to pay his retrospective taxes, his home is **confiscated by the Government and given to the grasshopper**. The story ends as we see the grasshopper and his free-loading friends finishing up the last bits of the ant's food while the government house he is in, which, as you recall, just happens to be the ant's old house, crumbles around them because the grasshopper doesn't maintain it. The ant has disappeared in the night, never to be seen again. The grasshopper is found dead in a drug related incident, and the house, now abandoned, is taken over by **a gang of spiders** who terrorise the ramshackle, once prosperous and once peaceful, neighbourhood.

Now the moral to the story is "Be careful how you vote" in the federal election. Are you an ant or a grasshopper and please share the moral of the story with others. Vote wisely for those who will genuinely want to build **a better not bigger Australia** where we are all responsible for our actions. We reap what we sow.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley