

## *Bloodless Coup*

*I saw a cartoon in the  
"Weekend Australian Financial Review"  
which I thought  
summed up the  
Rudd, Gillard saga.  
The picture showed Gillard  
holding Rudd's severed head  
dripping with blood and gore,  
upon a silver platter.  
My nine year old son said,  
"That's pretty gross,"  
and I think he hit the nail  
right on the head.  
Not sure  
what the reference to  
John the Baptist,  
meant  
or what it had to do  
with the "Bloodless Coup"  
(perhaps it was nothing at all)  
but overall,  
I liked what the cartoon 'said'-  
it was gross  
and it was bloody;*

*it happened incredibly quick -  
one blink and you missed it.  
I almost did!  
Nine o'clock,  
one night in June  
not so long ago,  
Aussie Politics  
had its socks shocked off  
with a fall out between  
the loyal Assistant Deputy  
Julia Gillard  
and Prime Minister  
Kevin Rudd  
and the challenge that Julia issued  
that knocked Prime Minister Rudd  
off his spot at the top.  
By nine o'clock  
the following morning,  
it was all over,  
all over red rover -  
Prime Minister  
Rudd was out,  
Prime Minister  
Gillard was in.*

*Australia now had  
its first ever  
female  
P.M.!*

*I believe Kevin Rudd  
had run his race,  
and I was happy to see him gone,  
but I also found  
that this "Bloodless Coup"  
left a taste,  
bitter and sour  
in my mouth.  
I'm happy Australia  
has its first  
woman P.M. -  
it certainly has taken a while!  
But I would have preferred  
Gillard  
had become number one  
without the aide of  
the "Bloodless Coup".*

*I'm no fan of Rudd,  
but I feel sorry for him,*

and question how  
the whole thing  
was handled;  
the brutal way it was done.  
It didn't seem right -  
it seemed wrong,  
it seemed nasty.  
I think it reeks,  
and it stinks  
of those hungry for power.  
I know  
politics can be ruthless -  
a cut throat career, indeed!  
One never knows  
when the end is near,  
when those  
who are friends  
and those who are allies  
will become  
terrible, deadly enemies -  
amongst the first  
to use the knife  
that stabs you in the back  
and kick you  
when you're down.

Bloodless  
this coup  
might have been,  
but honourable  
and painless,  
without consequences  
or casualties,  
that was something it was not.  
Kevin's political friends,  
his allies and his mates,  
his own special gang,  
turned against him  
cutting him down ruthlessly;  
and despite their vows,  
their protestations  
of trust and loyalty,  
pretty quick  
they all were  
to stick it to him  
when the chips were down.  
Pretty quick  
they all were  
to sever all ties;  
pretty quick  
they all were  
to disavow their loyalty;  
pretty quick

they all were  
to distance themselves  
from the Rudd style of leadership  
and the decisions  
they ALL made as the gang of four.

Now  
don't get me wrong,  
Kevin '07, well,  
he was no saint at all -  
he got people offside  
left and right,  
right and left,  
in business,  
in government  
all over the place;  
even people like me  
who thought Kev  
might be the one  
to lead Australia well  
and run a good race.  
But Rudd was no angel  
despite his fresh,  
smiling dial  
and the charm  
that he oozed  
as he smiled

on the telly.  
I heard  
that at times  
he was more  
steamroller  
than man;  
I heard  
he lacked  
grace, poise and charm  
and was not very good  
when it came to  
winning friends  
and influencing people,  
especially  
the ones,  
who in the end,  
truly counted.  
I think  
Labor  
is better off  
without Kevin  
at their head  
and Gillard  
looks like she might have  
a much better chance  
at leading Labor  
to victory,

maybe,  
perhaps...  
I hope  
Julia Gillard  
remembers  
the following platitudes,  
for they have  
a most interesting way  
of bearing fruit  
and coming true:  
"What the Lord gives  
he also takes away";  
"You reap what you sow";  
"What goes around  
comes around";  
"Easy come,  
easy go".  
I've watched  
and I've listened  
to Labor  
and to what  
Prime Minister Gillard  
has to say,  
but so far  
what I've seen  
has not inspired me,

and with not much time  
until D-day  
a lot needs to happen  
a lot needs to change  
for Gillard and Labor  
to get my vote again  
and those platitudes  
which oft seem to come true,  
may do so much, much sooner  
than you wish.

I'm **NOT** happy with Labor,  
they do **NOT** have my vote  
any more!  
And they most certainly don't  
have my vote just because I'm a woman!  
How arrogant,  
how rude,  
how demeaning of women  
to even entertain the thought  
that because Gillard is a woman  
you've got the female vote!  
So, are you saying  
that women did not vote before  
because all political leaders  
have been men?!

*Nor I am happy with  
Abott and Liberal  
they do not have my vote  
and neither do the Greens!  
I'm not happy,  
not happy at all  
with anything that's on offer.  
So I'll check them all out  
thoroughly  
and who knows,  
how I'll vote  
for right now,  
with only ten days to go  
I sure as heck  
don't know  
who is worthy of my vote!*

*But 'ware all you politicians  
so confident, secure and snug,  
'ware the consequences  
that could be coming,  
the result of this "Bloodless Coup."  
For Aussies are not deaf,  
dumb or stupid -  
they won't quickly forget  
harsh and arrogant words spoken,  
wrong things done to mates,*

*and all those promises broken.  
This "Bloodless Coup",  
was exceedingly quick,  
and exceedingly bloodless,  
for nobody actually died!  
But the ramifications,  
well, the ramifications could be huge  
for Labor,  
for Liberal,  
and for all of the nation.  
You see,  
Aussies are not very happy  
with their Pollies,  
for over the years,  
again and again  
our Aussie Pollies  
have broken  
all their promises  
and taken us  
for a ride.  
Not even two months  
after this "Bloodless Coup"  
an election has been called -  
so right now  
is the perfect time  
for Aussies to show  
these Pollies*

*exactly how they feel  
at the ballot box!*

*This "Bloodless Coup"  
reminds me of an earthquake  
that happens out at sea.  
We feel the tremor briefly,  
it interrupts our lives  
but only for a moment,  
then it is gone  
and nothing  
has changed;  
life continues on.  
But underneath the surface,  
underneath the surface of the sea  
things have changed considerably,  
things have changed indeed.  
Underneath the surface  
so tranquil and so calm  
there is tension  
building up and up,  
as sea water  
fills the gap  
the tremor made,  
and a tsunami  
is on its way,  
on its way to shore.*

*This "Bloodless Coup"  
could be the catalyst  
for a political tsunami;  
it will come in fast,  
come in strong,  
come in gigantic and huge  
ready to crash  
onto our unprotected shores.  
Relentless and unstoppable;  
a potent force  
for good or evil,  
only time will tell.  
But what is certain,  
what is sure,  
that if this tsunami  
crashes on our shores,  
it will change the face  
of Aussie Politics,  
but not just the face,*

*Carla G.  
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*it will change Aussie Politics  
at its core!*

*It will be interesting,  
very interesting to see  
if this "Bloodless Coup"  
has triggered  
a political tsunami -  
just what  
will the Aussie public do?  
How will they vote?  
What will they choose?  
For now  
on election day  
we have our chance  
to make significant change,  
or, we could  
just continue on  
as though nothing*

*has happened  
and play the same old game.*

*If a political tsunami  
does crash upon our shores,  
it will be interesting  
to see what remains  
of Aussie Politics.  
It will be interesting to see  
who is still standing,  
standing strong and tall  
or maybe  
not even standing at all  
after the wave of devastation,  
the Bloodless Coup Tsunami  
has swept away all before it  
and changed the political landscape  
into something new.*