

We The People Program 393 August 10, 2020 We the People 393 Genesis and Exodus

Good Day to you. For the last 8 years or so I have written and produced this radio program called **We The People** for broadcast on radio 4CRB. The phrase 'We The People' comes from the preamble of the United States Constitution and for me represents the ultimate expression of freedom and government of, by and for the people. We have no equivalent phrase in Australia. The program's origins occurred when the then CEO and Chairman of 4CRB, Hilton Redding approached me to create a current affairs type commentary program to fill a gap in the radio market on the Gold Coast. I hesitated but it's hard to say no to Hilton so I took up the challenge and that was the Genesis of this now well established radio program. Fittingly Genesis is also the first book in the Bible followed by Exodus meaning 'to leave'. This too is important as this is my exodus writ large today with this my final offering. I would like to think **We The People** has helped to build the station's audience to the current impressive figure approaching 80,000 listeners each week. I also have no doubt the station's success and popularity is quietly underpinned by its Christian foundation as well and this too has been important.

Over these many years I have met so many wonderful people all trying to keep the State government, the Council and the bureaucracy honest and on track which is by any measure a herculean task. So many wonderful principled decent honest people who quietly support the community and many others in so many unrecorded ways. Thank you for your heroic efforts and for the information and news you have so willingly provided to me. Of special note is Deborah Kelly who has been an inspiration to me of late and a source of creative ideas and wisdom. It's a long list of folk to thank but in particular Lois Levy, John Lee, Don Magin, Steve Gration and Ceris Ash all have my admiration and thanks. There are many other folk as well but again a special mention to James Greig at Bloomtools for his support with my web site called the Gold Coast Sentinel which carries all the material broadcast each week for wider public access across Australia. I will post the residual scripts remaining there over the next few weeks. In this regard I also thank the many interstate listeners and followers across Australia for their participation. A final mention to the daughter of Robyn Hyland in accounts who makes the best lemon meringue pie and I will miss that too. However the good fight must continue and I hope all people on the Gold Coast will marshal their forces and strive to make the Gold Coast great again and to preserve the best of what we have by simply letting the light shine in on corrupt and shonky process. My reasons for concluding the program and leaving 4CRB are personal but I will be around helping where I can in the community and encouraging others to fight the good fight. I wish all at 4CRB well and God's speed in what is a noble charter.

Until we meet again this is Kent Bayley and good bye for now.