



Brett Lethbridge

Role Model

The Courier-Mail, 22 July 2023

Female role models were in the news in July 2023 with the release of Greta Gerwig's patriarchy-challenging Barbie movie, and with the early success of the Australian women's soccer team (the Matildas) in the FIFA Women's World Cup. Brett Lethbridge sees the Matildas as role models for this day and age, with a 1950s-style Barbie figure stepping daintily into a football boot, in which she can finally put her foot firmly on the ground.

Behind the Lines 2023

Take a look at this piece of media:

- What stands out to you? Describe what is happening.
- What message might the cartoonist be presenting to us? What techniques has the artist used to highlight this message?
- What connections can you make with issues you already know about?

Dig Deeper: How might the techniques used in this piece be intended to support the cartoonist's message? What impact does this have on us as readers?

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Fiona Katauskas

Dream Jobs

Eureka Street, 9 March 2021

With the treatment of women in public life making headlines in 2021, female politicians from across the political spectrum shared their experiences of discrimination and, at times, abuse. To many, parliament's workplace culture seems out of step with attitudes towards women in mainstream society.

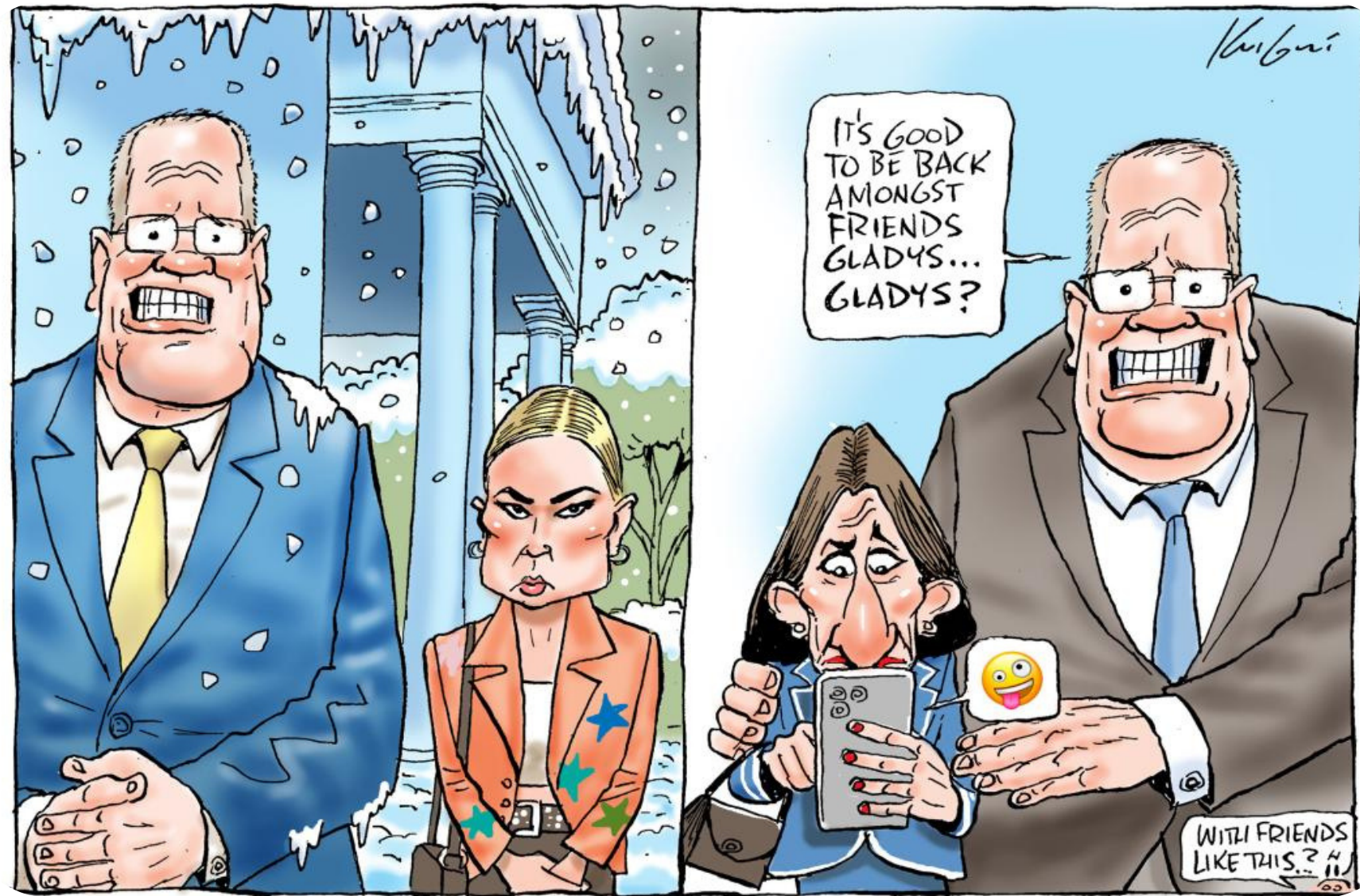
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Prime Minister Scott Morrison was met with a cool reception from 2021 Australian of the Year Grace Tame at a morning tea held for the 2022 Australian of the Year finalists in Canberra. A photograph of the moment went viral on social media. A few days later, texts from former New South Wales Premier Gladys Berejiklian calling Morrison a 'horrible person' were leaked to the media, and caused a sensation.

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Mark Knight

With Friends Like This...

Herald Sun, 3 February 2022



Fiona Katauskas
Window of Opportunity
 Eureka Street, 16 March 2021

March4Justice protestors in Canberra rejected an offer by Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Minister for Women Marise Payne to meet behind closed doors. The Prime Minister had previously faced criticism for comments suggesting that he needed his wife, Jenny, to explain to him the issues connected to the protests.

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Cathy Wilcox

Role Model

The Sydney Morning Herald, 20 January 2023

Cathy Wilcox's cartoon paid tribute to outgoing New Zealand prime minister Jacinda Ardern, when she resigned as PM and leader of New Zealand's Labour Party in January 2023. Ardern was succeeded by Chris Hipkins. Ardern was the world's youngest woman head of government when she was elected at age 37. In October Labour suffered an electoral loss and a National Party-ACT Party coalition took power.

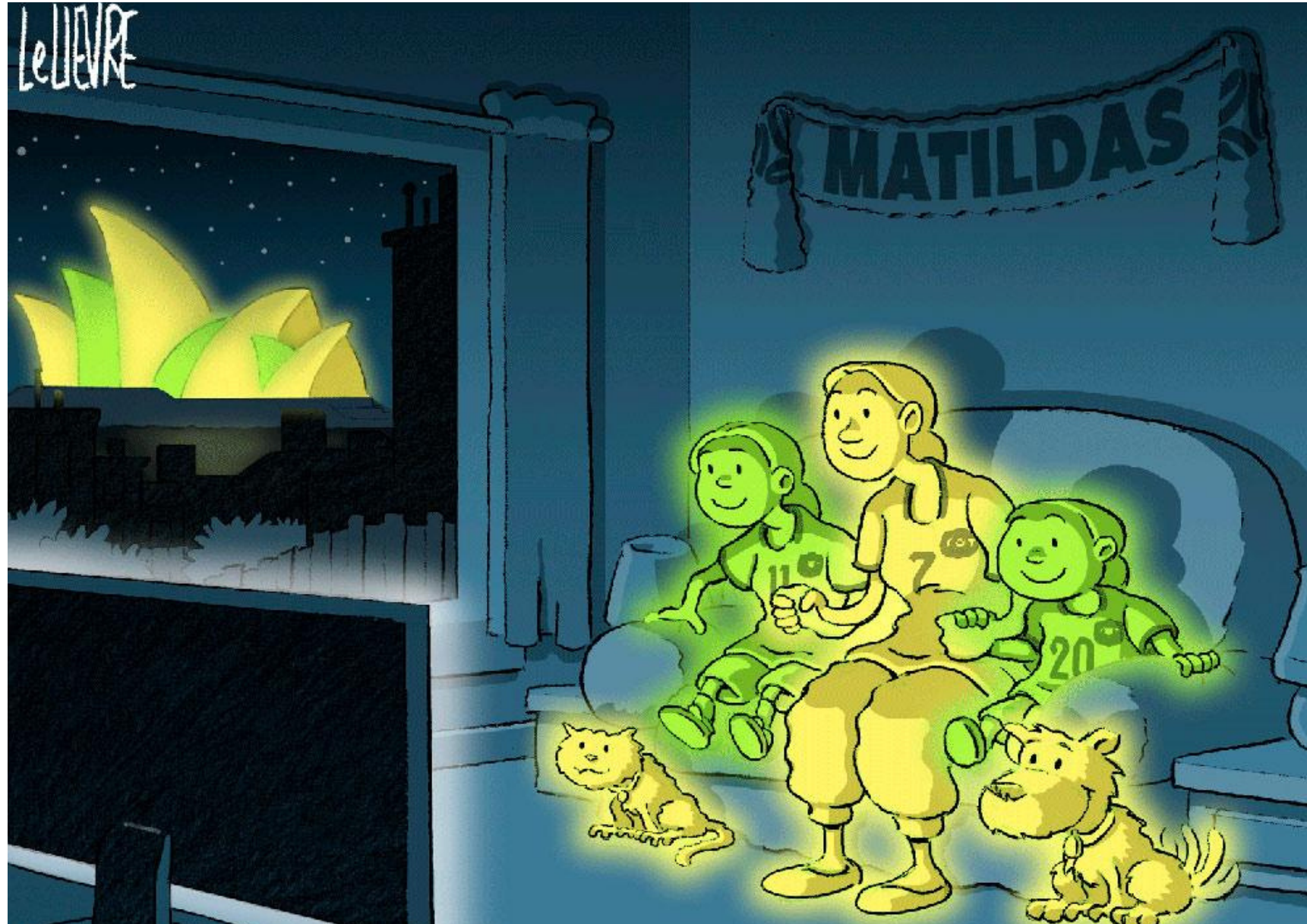
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Glen Le Lievre

Girls Light Up

Self-Published, 12 August 2023

*Animation adds vivid new qualities to Glen Le Lievre's cartoons: movement and surprise. In *Girls Light Up*, a family excitedly watches the Matildas play Denmark as elements of the GIF light up in sequence. The whole nation was caught up in the match. Even the Sydney Opera House was illuminated in green and gold for the occasion. The title is a twist on the 1980s rock song, 'The Boys Light Up' by Australian Crawl, but this time it is the women's soccer team's time to shine.*

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Gaynor Alma Cardew

Untitled

Women & Work Vol.12, no.1, March 1990

In 1990, the year this cartoon was published, women were justified in believing that they had made huge gains in the struggle for gender equity. It was nearly 20 years since the right to equal pay was enshrined in law, and the marriage bar was a distant memory. Women were starting to achieve positions of real power, with Carmen Lawrence becoming premier of Western Australia, and Joan Kirner, premier of Victoria. But as Gaynor Cardew foreshadows in this cartoon - and as many of the cartoons in this exhibition reinforce - the fight was far from over.

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Megan Herbert
International Women's Day
 Self-Published, 8 March 2023

International Women's Day is a global celebration of women's achievements in the social, economic, cultural and political fields. It is also a day for recognising gender inequality and striving for positive change. Megan Herbert's cartoon for International Women's Day 2023 draws on her personal life. It describes the experience many women have of being pulled in all directions – and the difficulty in finding time to take part in a special event, even one meant for them.

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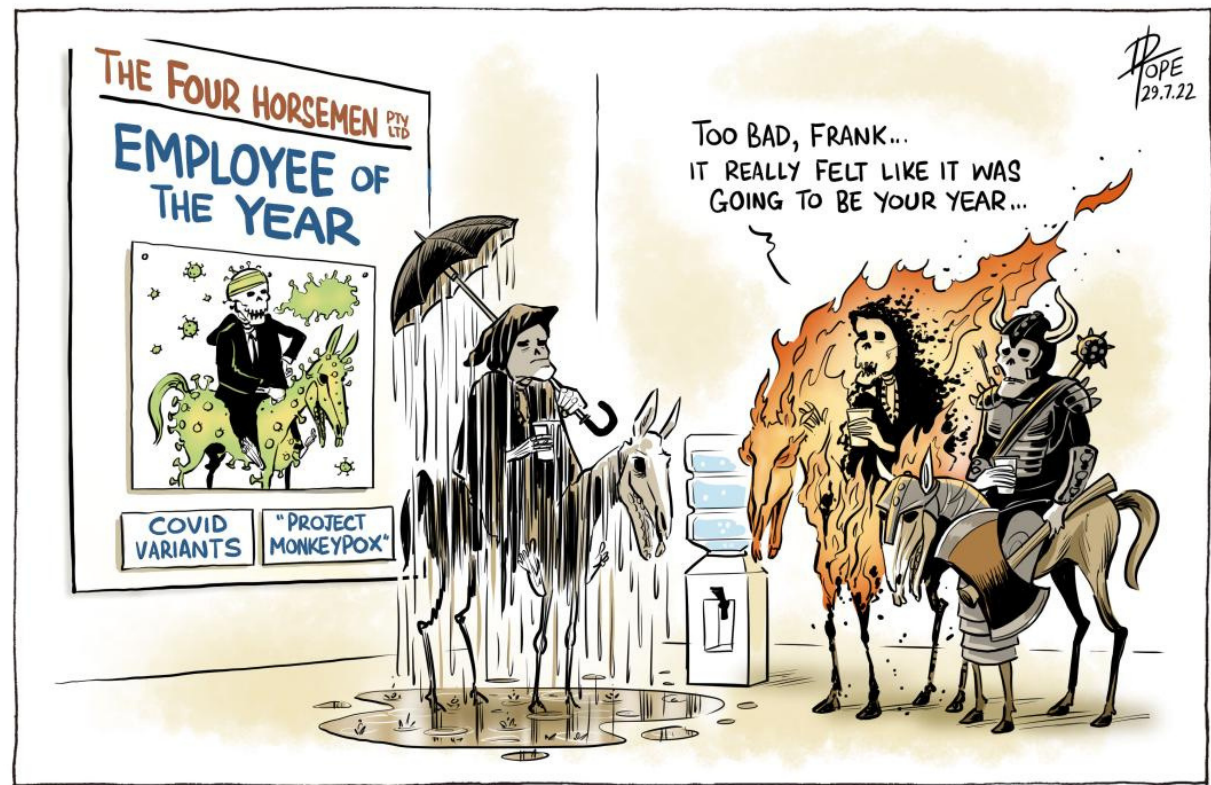
Horses for Courses,
Fiona Katauskas, The Guardian, 3 June 2023

Cartoons from different years, artists and perspectives can give insight into how **social, political and cultural values change** over time.

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involves identifying similarities and/or differences

Juxtaposition:
is the act of placing two or more things side by side often to compare or contrast

contrasting:
involves comparing two or more things to look for their differences



Employee of the Year,
David Pope The Canberra Times, 29 July 2022

- Questions:**
- What do you notice? What are your first impressions of these cartoons?
 - Look for similarities such as artist, time period, themes, composition, and cartooning techniques. Where are the key differences in these pieces?
 - What could we learn about changes in key issues, or in the cartoonists' perspectives from these two images?
 - Pick two cartoons from this curated collection to compare and contrast. How can it be useful to access a variety of perspectives and thoughts on a topic?