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Good day to you. On January 26 Australia Day, the Australian of the year Award is announced. This is often a noble and defining moment in Australia and rightly so. It's an award which underscores who we are and recognises outstanding contributions to Australian life. It's probably our top honour in peacetime and is timed to join the celebrations on Australia Day. Well that's what I have always thought anyway. Now even the hallowed ground of Australian of the Year has been infiltrated by political correctness and crestfallen minority groups and plain stupidity. By way of back ground a panel is formed by the National Australia Day Council to adjudicate Australian citizens and their contribution and a winner is announced for each State. So we have an Australian of the year for Queensland. The State and territory finalists constitute the short list of contenders for the national Australian of the Year. The award program, and *I quote, "seeks to elevate certain people as role models"*.

In 1960 the first Australian of the year was Sir Macfarlane Burnet recognised for his study of immunology and awarded a Nobel prize. Many more good people followed including Juliette Wright who championed the most vulnerable and marginalised Australians. Sir Gustav Nossal Australian scientist and reconciliation campaigner. Corporal Mark Donaldson VC soldier. Jonti Bush anti violence campaigner. Kay Cottee Solo yachtswoman and Dick Smith entrepreneur, adventurer and philanthropist. There are many others and it appears all were worthy recipients.

Now we come to 2016 and where the tide of common sense has turned. The Queensland Australian of the year was awarded to Catherine McGregor diversity champion. Now let's look at this as I am never sure what diversity means when it's used to describe people. In 2012 Group Captain Malcolm McGregor declared he was now a woman and took the name Catherine or Cate for short. The transgender advocate proposes a person can change gender and will yet retain their physical male attributes. McGregor is then promoted as leading a courageous transgender journey and foolishly awarded an Order of Australia. Further and incredibly he/she was awarded the Queensland Australian of the year award 2016. Now enter Major Bernard Gaynor who is an upright honest Australian male with a wife and 7 children. He has a distinguished active career in the Army on the front line and stands up for Christianity and for traditional family values. He finds men declaring they are women a bit much to swallow as I do and as feminist Germaine Greer does. So in various exchanges on line McGregor derides Bernie Gaynor for his stand on opposing the so called gay and lesbian role in the Army and especially in combat. Ultimately McGregor was seriously counselled by the Army but Major Gaynor was dismissed. McGregor's vitriol was also fired toward Gaynor's father who had also been in the armed forces. Eventually the Army offered hush money of \$25,000 dollars to Major Gaynor's father to make the matter go away.

Now comes the actual award ceremony of the Australian of the year in Canberra and telecast live. McGregor didn't win but the award went to David Morrison previously Chief of Army for his support for diversity including those who are sexually confused. So apparently it was politically correct to award Australian of the Year to Morrison as there may well have been a public affray if transsexual McGregor had won. There was an uncomfortable kiss on stage between the two. Apparently the tax payer picks up the bill for all the hormone treatments to keep Malcolm, Cate. Some days later the intemperate and churlish McGregor roundly criticises the government for not giving the award to he/her. The really good news is that when challenged, the Federal Court overturned Major Gaynor's dismissal. In the USA, Donald Trump is popular, not for his elevated intellect but because he has struck a chord in America with people fed up with political correctness. The same will happen here in Australia but our society has sustained much damage. We are a house divided and we will fall if the scourge of political correctness is not brought to heel. This is just one example of many attempts at social engineering and I don't want a bar of it. This nation has lost its way and between the ABC's PC apparatus and this kind of nonsense, we have a very big problem. Who on earth was overlooked in the Australian of the Year Award to give it to a transvestite. The day a bloke in a frock with some lippy can successfully command men on the front line will be the day I enlist as Barbara Bayley.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley