

mX Talk

—Matthew Ng

Mid-sem over, you head back into the city, needing some coffee to purge the last remnants of Animal Reproduction out of your system. Sinking into a chair at your favourite café, blowing over the top of a skinny soy free-trade latte with a caramel shot, you pick up the mX newspaper lying discarded on the table.

Mad Monk takes another Sabbatical, screams the headline on the front page, alongside a picture of a smiling Tony Abbott proudly clod in nothing but budgie-smugglers. Apparently Abbott has just announced he is taking more time off from Parliament, to compete in yet another charity iron-man competition.

Ah... the mX with its hard-hitting political commentary! You smile contently as you browse first to the funnies for a bit of comedy, then to the quizzes and games section for a bit of strategy, before looking up the horoscope for your daily dose of prophetic guidance, crafted from the stars. Finally, feeling a little romantic, you flick to see whether anyone on your morning train, most of whom were *definitely* checking you out, was brave enough to send in their contact details.

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Overheard

Girl 1: "My dad's so Socratic! Method doesn't matter to him – he just does it however he likes!"
Girl 2: "... do you mean 'sporadic'?"

- Emily

Man: "So, when do you go on maternity leave?"
Lady's friend: "She's not pregnant."
Lady: "Are you telling me I'm fat?"

- Elise

Girl: "... and then we got on this really big square taxi with lots of seats."
Boy: "I believe that's called a bus?"

- Peter

Girl: "It's my last chance to get into that cursed concert! If I don't get in this year, I'll never get in!"

Friend: "How about next year?"

Girl: "... oh."

- Samantha

Boy: "My friends think I'm great! They even wrote Devilish Nasty Rascal on my forehead!"
Girl: "DNR stands for Do Not Resuscitate."

- Irene

Girl: "What was that song again? Humpy Clumpy Spider went up the water spout...?"

Boy: "Are you talking about 'Humpty Dumpty'?"

- Oblivious

Father to daughter: "When we get home, we're going to cook some soup, using this extension cord."

- Super Chef

Elderly Man: "Kids these days ... Get off your iPod and listen to some *real* music!"

Boy: "How do you listen to music then?"

Elderly Man: "On my mobile."

- Fittin' in

Large lady: "I have great self-control! I only eat fast food twice a day now!"

- Obese

Girl at Red Rooster: "What would you like, sir?"
Man: "I'd like to order my lunch."
Girl: "Sorry, we've run out of those. Can I offer you a half chicken and chips instead?"

- Diviner

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My Platform

What rules your life?



Nathan Undak, 35, lawyer, Eltham
"Occam's Razor. Sometimes keeping things in your head is a real balancing act – this simplifies your life!"



Maria Belle, 23, Teacher, Tremont
"My iPhone - It's my new god! I got it on my first day at work, and now we're inseparable."



Ethel Rance, 28, engineer, Rowville
"Babies and bathwater. Babies operate on their own time schedule, and when they do"

Here's looking at you



Package proposal

To the Asian girl on the 8:49 Mont Albert to Glenferrie train, I've noticed that you've been sad recently. Are you alright? Need a friend?

- Sympathetic

Hey storyteller who got off at South Yarra at 3:58 on Friday afternoon, I loved those three stories you told your friend. I reckon you should write a novel.

- Enraptured

To Johnny with the Cap, I think you're pretty good looking yourself. Maybe if I see you on another 8:23 City Loop I'll give you my lucky charm.

- Rachel with the Charm

To the Indian girl in the green dress on the 6.20 Alamein train last Wednesday, I was the guy in the blue shirt talking to my old man. We both think you're so cute. Drinks?

- Iain

To the guy who caught my shopping when I dropped it, you're my hero. I must thank you for saving my new coat!

- Emily

To the Cats fan with roommates from hell, I think my roommates are awful too. Want to meet up and share stories?

- Sick and tired

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Lost in love



My wife has been wanting children for several years now, but I don't think I have the time to raise children. What should I do?

- Husband in distress

"Each week, I spend my day off with my little tykes – why don't you do the same?"

- Opportunist

"Get out of the dark ages, my old man – in the modern era, paternity leave is a right, and you can take the time to raise your kids."

- Unimpressed

"My philosophy is that you should share the duties: maybe you should sit down and listen to her story"

- Sage

"I'm surprised you've refused for so long. In my house the missus has the final say on everything, from who does the dishes to where I work. Keep it up!"

- Envious

"From my perspective, you're being lazy. You can always make time for your children. Get a move on!"

- Make time!

Tomorrow's Question:

My girlfriend and I have constant arguments about my coffee. She wants me to stop, but I can't live without it. What should I do?

- Dependent

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