

00:00:00 [Annie McCubbin]
Rosemary Marshall at Dee Why

00:00:02 [Snarky Gherkin]
Yes.

00:00:03 [Annie McCubbin]
And, with her fake forest of the dead

00:00:08 [Snarky Gherkin]
Yeah.

00:00:08 [Snarky Gherkin]
Like a course of the feeling that you saw.

00:00:10 [Snarky Gherkin]
It was weird.

00:00:11 [Snarky Gherkin]
Yeah.

00:00:11 [Annie McCubbin]
Anyway, so we we had an all a bit of an altercation.

00:00:16 [Annie McCubbin]
Like, I was losing my voice, so I couldn't say much.

00:00:19 [Annie McCubbin]
But, honestly, they get this very fervent they've got sort of this
sort of mad, fervent look in their eye when they approach me.

00:00:27 [Annie McCubbin]
And I wonder, in your opinion, do you think they believe it or is it
just now a convenient way to, you know, to belong to a group?

00:00:38 [Snarky Gherkin]
I I I think the latter of the latter.

00:00:40 [Snarky Gherkin]
I think that for I think someone I I shared a post yesterday.

00:00:43 [Snarky Gherkin]
There was a a chat, doctor Dan, on on x Twitter.

00:00:47 [Annie McCubbin]
I saw that.

00:00:47 [Annie McCubbin]
Yeah.

00:00:48 [Snarky Gherkin]
And I think he nailed it.

00:00:49 [Snarky Gherkin]
I I think that, you know, referring back to what we said previously, I
think in her mind, you know, she she's someone that that that's
perhaps she's lost friends, you know, she's lost personal connections
with people, probably, has lost family connections as well, and I feel
like it's a sense of community and it's a sense of purpose.

00:01:11 [Snarky Gherkin]

You know?

00:01:11 [Snarky Gherkin]

Purpose.

00:01:12 [Snarky Gherkin]

I I I think she was I I don't know.

00:01:14 [Snarky Gherkin]

I I mean, I didn't the irony of of of my interactions with Rosemary, I didn't know who she was a month ago, until until she she came onto the page and and just started standing, because I did how dare I I I look into any of the the the false fallen cases.

00:01:30 [Snarky Gherkin]

And so, and and she thought I had it out for us.

00:01:32 [Snarky Gherkin]

I I didn't actually even know who you were, but but here we are.

00:01:36 [Snarky Gherkin]

So for those listening, so she invite then invited me on to an open debate.

00:01:40 [Annie McCubbin]

Oh, I didn't.

00:01:41 [Annie McCubbin]

I said

00:01:41 [Snarky Gherkin]

I happily have a discussion with her, but then she'd said, well, I'm gonna bring to it my vaccinated friends.

00:01:47 [Snarky Gherkin]

And so my my two vaccine injured friends

00:01:50 [Annie McCubbin]

Oh, vaccine injured.

00:01:51 [Annie McCubbin]

They love that.

00:01:52 [Snarky Gherkin]

And and so I I just I'm not gonna I'm not gonna sit there and and be brought into a spectacle of of you and your two friends that that are just gonna show I mean, I I could bring two vaccinated friends that aren't injured, and does that nullify?

00:02:05 [Snarky Gherkin]

You know?

00:02:06 [Snarky Gherkin]

And so it it, yeah, so it it just got a little bit zany.

00:02:09 [Snarky Gherkin]

I think I looked a bit rent free in her head.

00:02:11 [Snarky Gherkin]

She kept sort of posting rumbling things about me, for a while.

00:02:17 [Snarky Gherkin]

So, you know, I I step back a bit and and and just try to debunk a bit of of what she says.

00:02:21 [Snarky Gherkin]

But I think answer your question, I'm honestly not sure, whether she really believes it or not.

00:02:27 [Snarky Gherkin]

I I feel like, I don't know anything about her past.

00:02:30 [Snarky Gherkin]

I feel like she may have been an intelligent person or career, and I I think they're at that point in their life where it's you know, they're they're they're past retirement.

00:02:39 [Snarky Gherkin]

I think for them, this is

00:02:40 [Annie McCubbin]

It's relevant relevancy to conservation.

00:02:42 [Annie McCubbin]

Right?

00:02:43 [Snarky Gherkin]

Yeah.

00:02:43 [Snarky Gherkin]

That's it.

00:02:44 [Snarky Gherkin]

There's a social aspect of it too.

00:02:46 [Snarky Gherkin]

You know, you're speaking to people out out and about.

00:02:49 [Snarky Gherkin]

You're out in this beautiful part of of the world Yeah.

00:02:51 [Snarky Gherkin]

Sure.

00:02:51 [Snarky Gherkin]

Annoying.

00:02:52 [Snarky Gherkin]

Yeah.

00:02:52 [Snarky Gherkin]

Is it it or or thereabouts?

00:02:54 [Annie McCubbin]

I don't think they were doing very well.

00:02:56 [Annie McCubbin]

I mean, they had the

00:02:57 [Snarky Gherkin]

No.

00:02:58 [Snarky Gherkin]

They're not.

00:02:58 [Snarky Gherkin]

No.

00:02:58 [Annie McCubbin]

They're not.

00:02:59 [Annie McCubbin]

When I said to her, those pictures you've got just for the listeners, there's laminated pictures on sticks with people that

00:03:07 [Snarky Gherkin]

are

00:03:07 [Annie McCubbin]

supposedly, vaccine injured or vaccine dead.

00:03:12 [Annie McCubbin]

And Snarky Gherkin, who I'm currently speaking to, had debunked a lot of that.

00:03:16 [Annie McCubbin]

Some of the people were alive.

00:03:17 [Annie McCubbin]

And, like, people things like the guy was vaccinated and then six months later died in a in a car crash.

00:03:25 [Annie McCubbin]

So there's this That's right.

00:03:27 [Annie McCubbin]

Desperate need to sort of according to them, prior to the vaccinations, nobody ever ever ever died of a single thing.

00:03:35 [Annie McCubbin]

Yeah.

00:03:36 [Annie McCubbin]

Everyone just lived forever.

00:03:37 [Annie McCubbin]

Now vaccinations have come along, and, apparently, it's just caused everything.

00:03:41 [Annie McCubbin]

And I was going to say about the need once they've climbed you know, once they've sort of put their stick in the ground and said I'm an anti vaxxer, there's this interesting, flaw called identity protective cognition.

00:03:54 [Annie McCubbin]

And what it does is it's once you're in a group, either the last thing you want is to stand aside from that group and disagree because then you'll be expelled.

00:04:05 [Annie McCubbin]

And because of our very, very tribal brains, we're terrified of not being included, not being liked because some part of the schools were gonna die.

00:04:14 [Annie McCubbin]

So I sort of get that.

00:04:16 [Annie McCubbin]

But to the what interests me about you and why I specifically wanted to interview you is that everything I read, because I I read a lot of literature, critical thinking literature, is that if you want to, get on-site, if you want to understand someone that has an opposing point of view, you then have to, sort of climb in there with them, identify the value that's driving their thinking, and then work out where you have a, a a a value that's sort of aligned so you can find the common ground.

00:04:57 [Annie McCubbin]

And I notice that with you, you're just going head on, and I really like that about you because it's like I like the satirical nature of what you do, and I wonder if you went through that particular the first route first and then chucked that away and then just going for sort of laughing at them.

00:05:17 [Snarky Gherkin]

There's there's two answers to to that question.

00:05:20 [Snarky Gherkin]

They they sort of converge, but, essentially, I without trying to sort of dox myself, my line of work is that I, investigate, certain certain things that happen.

00:05:33 [Snarky Gherkin]

So, from a think of it from a public liability side of things.

00:05:37 [Snarky Gherkin]

So whether it be a fire that starts on a truck or a machine that breaks down or we or even someone that that sort of gets hurt.

00:05:43 [Snarky Gherkin]

So my my default setting is I I always give everybody the the benefit of the doubt.

00:05:49 [Snarky Gherkin]

I always sort of assume or presume that that what they're saying is is correct and then try to sort of work that they they just sort of send it's almost like sending the information through filters.

00:06:04 [Snarky Gherkin]

And so in in my line of work for more than a decade now, I've become very used to reading very thorough medical reports, very thorough, engineer reports, surveying reports, that that sort of thing.

00:06:16 [Snarky Gherkin]

So it's it's a real deep dive, and it it's become almost like a a a muscle reflex for me just to be able to to read large documents, you know, properly and and try to disseminate sort of what happened.

00:06:29 [Snarky Gherkin]

So I've tried to approach the the forest the fallen cases in a in a very similar way where, I don't have the luxury of, interviewing these people, that that have made these submissions.

00:06:41 [Snarky Gherkin]

Of course, I've invited, invited you know,

00:06:44 [Annie McCubbin]

if anybody

00:06:44 [Snarky Gherkin]
and I've said this on on the page.

00:06:45 [Snarky Gherkin]
If if you wanna correct me on that, please reach out to me or make amendments.

00:06:49 [Snarky Gherkin]
I've I've had one lady ask me to please take it down because she she submitted it in 2022.

00:06:54 [Snarky Gherkin]
And in 2025, it all seems a bit cringe now, and she she doesn't want want that on on there.

00:07:00 [Snarky Gherkin]
And she's she's also requesting, Forrest to fall to remove her her little laminated, fit as well.

00:07:07 [Snarky Gherkin]
So but but I've I've always tried to approach these where, okay, giving giving them the benefit of the doubt, that I I believe that they think that they were injured.

00:07:18 [Snarky Gherkin]
That that's the the starting point.

00:07:19 [Snarky Gherkin]
So I think it's an honest starting point as well.

00:07:21 [Snarky Gherkin]
Yeah.

00:07:22 [Snarky Gherkin]
I think it would be disingenuous to say that I mean, flippantly, we might say they're all fake, but they're what we call the forest of the fakes.

00:07:28 [Snarky Gherkin]
But, you know, I I genuinely try, and and come into these and and read.

00:07:35 [Snarky Gherkin]
And so it's just about when I'm reviewing it, you know, I'll I'll start I I do it in batches, so I'll review, you know, when I've set some time aside and commit to reviewing, say, three.

00:07:48 [Snarky Gherkin]
And so when I'm understanding a lot about anxiety, placebo effects, You know, a lot of these symptoms, they they're just classic anxiety.

00:08:02 [Snarky Gherkin]
Oh, I was there.

00:08:02 [Snarky Gherkin]
They're just classic, you know, and and and I I've had some some cookers sort of, like, claim that I've I'm I'm somehow accessing privileged information or medical records that I shouldn't have access to, but I'm I'm I'm basing these off all of the information that that they provide.

00:08:19 [Snarky Gherkin]

So a lot of the time, they will say or or sometimes I'll read the you know, I'll I'll do a bit of a hunt.

00:08:25 [Snarky Gherkin]

I found a couple of, coroner's reports which are all publicly available.

00:08:29 [Snarky Gherkin]

You know, I found social media posts.

00:08:31 [Annie McCubbin]

What's that?

00:08:32 [Snarky Gherkin]

I I reached out to, I found a post on a on an obituary for for one chap that that, yeah, did did sadly pass away, but there there was a a long list of of of health issues and and

00:08:45 [Annie McCubbin]

Nothing to do with the vaccine.

00:08:47 [Snarky Gherkin]

His his wife was mortified that that that this that it was the sister that that had submitted this on on their behalf.

00:08:53 [Snarky Gherkin]

Uh-huh.

00:08:54 [Snarky Gherkin]

Again, they're I I I won't name them.

00:08:56 [Snarky Gherkin]

No.

00:08:57 [Snarky Gherkin]

I don't.

00:08:57 [Snarky Gherkin]

They they will speak to the sister and and but they were they were thankful for for highlighting it to them, but it it's, again, also mortified that that they'll be in use in that way.

00:09:07 [Snarky Gherkin]

So it I don't have access to any privileged information.

00:09:10 [Snarky Gherkin]

A lot of the time, it is just trying to marry up what certain symptoms, mean Sure.

00:09:16 [Snarky Gherkin]

What they do.

00:09:17 [Snarky Gherkin]

And there's there's just some things that just biologically just don't make sense or aren't possible.

00:09:21 [Snarky Gherkin]

Oh, I'm not gonna say one recently where the two days after the, the

vaccine, they'd had, cysts in their in in in their brain.

00:09:32 [Snarky Gherkin]

And so that, I mean, it it it to me, it's like it I I'm all I'm all ears if you wanna tell me that that I think the fact you know, they think the vaccine caused the cyst to to form, but but to tell me that happened in two days, in my that that's not medically documented.

00:09:49 [Snarky Gherkin]

That's right.

00:09:49 [Snarky Gherkin]

It's not too long.

00:09:50 [Snarky Gherkin]

For that.

00:09:50 [Snarky Gherkin]

It's it's not it's the the yeah.

00:09:53 [Snarky Gherkin]

So it's just things like that.

00:09:56 [Snarky Gherkin]

I'm I'm convinced that a lot of them a lot of these people have been in in various communities and and things.

00:10:02 [Snarky Gherkin]

They've been led to believe that they're a victim of of vaccine injury, so I don't wanna mock them.

00:10:09 [Snarky Gherkin]

There there are some that are just blatant.

00:10:11 [Snarky Gherkin]

Like, they're they're either there was one that it had to be a troll, and and I'm surprised that that they even printed it and and posted it.

00:10:19 [Snarky Gherkin]

Or there's been a few, I think, but there was one in particular where, you know, the the the the deer, she says that that I wasn't coerced.

00:10:27 [Snarky Gherkin]

And I've had a little bit fatigued after the first jab, and I had a mild headache after the second jab.

00:10:31 [Snarky Gherkin]

But I'm really not feeling right now.

00:10:33 [Snarky Gherkin]

And they they posted that as a vaccine injury, and so that we we sort of did a bit of a celebration because we thought, well, this is the first genuine, plausible case that we've we've come across.

00:10:44 [Snarky Gherkin]

You know, we we have, we have seen somewhere, you know, where where they've got, myocarditis and and, you know, that there there's markers for that, and that that's acknowledged and and understood and and, you know, treated for.

00:10:57 [Snarky Gherkin]

Well, it

00:10:59 [Annie McCubbin]
your your general tone that you use because you're you're very funny.

00:11:04 [Annie McCubbin]
It's very witty and very, very well written.

00:11:07 [Annie McCubbin]
We'll put a link in the show notes.

00:11:09 [Annie McCubbin]
They're very, very funny.

00:11:11 [Annie McCubbin]
Yeah.

00:11:11 [Annie McCubbin]
But they're quite it there is a sort of a a almost I would say in some of your posts, it's almost like a taunt.

00:11:20 [Annie McCubbin]
And

00:11:21 [Snarky Gherkin]
I

00:11:21 [Annie McCubbin]
I quite like that and find that interesting that you've gone in that direction, that sort of vague sort of satirical taunt.

00:11:28 [Annie McCubbin]
I like it.

00:11:29 [Snarky Gherkin]
Yeah.

00:11:30 [Snarky Gherkin]
An an old history professor of mine who I admire was was once telling me about the, sort of anti vaxx network in the eighteen hundreds and how it's just always been around.

00:11:41 [Snarky Gherkin]
Yes.

00:11:41 [Snarky Gherkin]
And so there's various studies, and I'll send you some links and I think there was a interesting one out of Taiwan where they had had but it was about countering, vaccine misinformation.

00:11:56 [Snarky Gherkin]
Yeah.

00:11:56 [Snarky Gherkin]
And the the conclusion was that that mocking it was was the best way to stress it, but it wasn't about blocking it.

00:12:03 [Snarky Gherkin]
Because the natural default setting is, oh, we need to ban these people and and and I agree, but but it it actually just it it actually isolates them even more

00:12:12 [Annie McCubbin]
and don't discount it.

00:12:13 [Annie McCubbin]
Okay.

00:12:14 [Annie McCubbin]
Let's let's see.

00:12:15 [Annie McCubbin]
Good.

00:12:15 [Annie McCubbin]
Okay.

00:12:16 [Snarky Gherkin]
For me yeah.

00:12:17 [Snarky Gherkin]
So that that's one of the motivations with with me is that that is is
apparently mocking it is is, is the best way to to convince people
that actually it it's not you know, I'm I'm not aware of anybody who's
who's seen any of my dank memes and said, actually, it made me think
otherwise you know, I'm you know but I feel like we need to get better
at making fun of the people, but it's some of the Well

00:12:44 [Annie McCubbin]
it's the people that are on the fence.

00:12:46 [Annie McCubbin]
So I think, to your point, we're looking at trying to get to people
who maybe would be influenced by the cooker voice, and then maybe they
hear your voice or my voice or the voice, so my favorite ones are, you
know, batshit crazy cookers.

00:13:07 [Snarky Gherkin]
Yeah they're fantastic.

00:13:09 [Snarky Gherkin]
Yeah they're great.

00:13:10 [Snarky Gherkin]
Yeah and all they're doing is is they are just sharing the things that

00:13:14 [Annie McCubbin]
A 100%.

00:13:15 [Snarky Gherkin]
That they're saying themselves.

00:13:16 [Snarky Gherkin]
So and and Yep.

00:13:17 [Snarky Gherkin]
Yeah.

00:13:17 [Snarky Gherkin]
They're they're not even mocking anybody.

00:13:19 [Annie McCubbin]
They're just saying this is what they said.

00:13:21 [Snarky Gherkin]
Highlighting the silliness of of it all.

00:13:23 [Snarky Gherkin]
So And,

00:13:24 [Annie McCubbin]
blocked by Pete Evans, I think are also really, really good.

00:13:29 [Annie McCubbin]
Yeah.

00:13:29 [Annie McCubbin]
You're great.

00:13:30 [Annie McCubbin]
Rosemary Marshall and the play, Gratz.

00:13:32 [Annie McCubbin]
She's really good.

00:13:33 [Annie McCubbin]
She's really good.

00:13:33 [Annie McCubbin]
And, of course, I'm a paid up member of the Australian skeptics.

00:13:38 [Annie McCubbin]
And, so generally, I speak nearly every year at their conferences and they're Yep.

00:13:45 [Annie McCubbin]
You know, they're in a fight.

00:13:46 [Annie McCubbin]
We're all in a fight, I think, aren't we Yeah.

00:13:49 [Annie McCubbin]
To try and stem the tide and just bring back or reintroduce the notion of use your critical thinking skills.

00:13:59 [Annie McCubbin]
Don't just believe something because, you know, the person has a fervent look in their eye and they've got a as, unfortunately, as we know, anecdotes, narratives have way more, you know, punch than a bit of data.

00:14:13 [Annie McCubbin]
Correct?

00:14:14 [Snarky Gherkin]
That's right.

00:14:15 [Snarky Gherkin]
Well and and and we're we're social creatures in that way, and and it we we we tell each other stories, and and and they, far more memes and and anecdotes are far more potent, I think, than actual and it's hard to see.

00:14:30 [Snarky Gherkin]
It's it's I saw it when when you see a graph and and and numbers.

00:14:34 [Snarky Gherkin]

It's, you know, it's, like, I far rather a colorful meme that Yeah.

00:14:38 [Snarky Gherkin]

Sort of tells me in about, you know, the lizard part of my brain can figure out in five seconds what what it means, but Exactly.

00:14:45 [Snarky Gherkin]

It's hard to stop.

00:14:46 [Snarky Gherkin]

And but I think what what I love about a lot of these pages as well is it it actually holds some of these personalities accountable because they're very quick to do the dirty delete on on a lot of things, and there there are things that have been posted by prominent anti vaxxers that you can't find anymore unless it was for these pages.

00:15:03 [Snarky Gherkin]

Just complete absurd things.

00:15:05 [Annie McCubbin]

Yeah.

00:15:06 [Snarky Gherkin]

You know whether they're ranting at the moon, there was a blood moon, or you know claiming a couple of years ago like there's a famous video of Monica Schmidt that she's long deleted but but for her she just said, you know, kings and queens back in the olden days used to sacrifice their elderly for the good of the kingdom and all this sort of and basically just saying things like we should just let let us get on with our lives and you

00:15:33 [Annie McCubbin]

Let old people die.

00:15:35 [Snarky Gherkin]

Just let them die.

00:15:36 [Snarky Gherkin]

And and but then in the same breath, talk about her her sort of Christian values and how every life is sacred and, you know, so it it it's it's it's it's revolting, in in other ways.

00:15:48 [Snarky Gherkin]

So it it's important.

00:15:49 [Snarky Gherkin]

These groups do a fantastic job at at at almost cataloguing some of this nonsense.

00:15:54 [Snarky Gherkin]

And, you know, these people aren't going away, you know, and it's it's it's it's for now, and it's also for the future, I think, too, just to to remind ourselves that that because it's all good, sort of some have sort of mellowed out and moved up other things.

00:16:10 [Snarky Gherkin]

But, there was one one chap in in Melbourne, Fanos, who when he

thought he had a moderately big following of, you know, a 100,000 people, he he was calling for for for nurses to be hung and and beef.

00:16:24 [Snarky Gherkin]

And Yeah.

00:16:25 [Snarky Gherkin]

I I I don't think I don't think we should ever stop parroting that until he he sort of issues an apology about that, or publicly says that, hey.

00:16:35 [Snarky Gherkin]

Our child's really wrong about about that sort of thing.

00:16:38 [Snarky Gherkin]

I think we need to continue to I mean, he's deleted things that that that doesn't exist anymore, but it's it's there and it's it's that that's why I really like the the Bad She Crazy Cooker page and and and ones like it because it's important that we we can't forget what when when we all had to stand up and stand together, these these cookers folded, they they were the first to just fold and and say so I think it's important that we we emphasize that this is this is who they really are.

00:17:06 [Snarky Gherkin]

So

00:17:06 [Annie McCubbin]

Well I think we all do a really good job, and I'm proud of us because it's not easy and lots of people dislike us.

00:17:16 [Annie McCubbin]

I've got it.

00:17:17 [Snarky Gherkin]

That's right.

00:17:18 [Snarky Gherkin]

That's right.

00:17:18 [Snarky Gherkin]

And you don't dislike people for telling the truth.

00:17:20 [Snarky Gherkin]

I think you you so, Like, the the the shouting and and and carrying on it to in my opinion is is, yeah, it it's, there's something not right there if if if they're behaving in that way.

00:17:34 [Snarky Gherkin]

It's just

00:17:35 [Annie McCubbin]

A 100%.

00:17:36 [Snarky Gherkin]

You know, yeah.

00:17:38 [Annie McCubbin]

Well it's been an absolute delight talking to you snarky gherkin and

an absolute an absolute pleasure.

00:17:47 [Annie McCubbin]

That was very illuminating and let's just keep doing the work, shall we?

00:17:53 [Annie McCubbin]

And hopefully at some point in the future we'll have another chat and things will be going more our way.

00:18:00 [Snarky Gherkin]

I would love to.

00:18:01 [Snarky Gherkin]

Thanks again for the opportunity, and we'll we'll see you back on the the the meme battleground, I guess.

00:18:07 [Snarky Gherkin]

Okay.

00:18:08 [Snarky Gherkin]

Okay.

00:18:09 [Annie McCubbin]

Thank you so much.

00:18:10 [Annie McCubbin]

Talk soon.

00:18:10 [Annie McCubbin]

Thank you.