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# Rich lister, bogan in war of words

**C**ollingwood, in Melbourne's inner north, does not scream glamour, so it's little wonder that you will find a self-proclaimed "bogan" in a stoush with a rich-lister over a casino-style property proposal.

Running smack bang into millionaire developer **Tim Gurner**, is Yarra Council's **Stephen Jolly**, who told CBD, the \$67 million, 383-apartment plan, was "better suited to Macau, Las Vegas, or even Monaco".

"It's just not the right development. Collingwood is an artistic community, and the sparkling white building looks like a magnet for every tagger [graffiti artist] in Melbourne," Jolly says.

But being a construction worker, Jolly said he has worked on many sites for many developers, "no doubt some owned by Gurner".

"I have to pay my bills and feed my kids like everyone else, I'm not a Nimby [not in my back yard], I just think they could have done a better design."

## Wheatley returns

Having cut his teeth at JB Were and Goldman Sachs in research, then investment bank advisory, before taking a break to reconnect with his family, property supremo **Simon Wheatley** has returned in a new role with Fat Prophets' **Angus Geddes**, to manage a new real estate investment company.

Known as Fat Prophets Global Property Fund, it will provide investors with exposure to a portfolio of global real estate listed companies, primarily REITs, with the aim of raising up to \$220 million. LIC's are back in favour, even **James Packer's** Contango Asset Management forged ahead with a LIC focusing on global stocks.

Clients can be assured there will be no favour by the managers when it comes to investing, as Wheatley, who once famously put a sell on **Frank Lowy's** Westfield, has also hired ex-Perennial Investment Partners and former Macquarie Funds Management executive **David Kivell**, known as "killer" for



his scrutiny on REIT managers, as the independent chairman of the LIC's investment committee.

## It's online people

Now CBD would not want anyone to think that our attendance record at university was spotless.

However as an arts student the whole world is one's classroom, including the pub. We did think

though the kids heading single file in matching jumpers to the business school were much better at the nuts and bolts elements of university, like turning up to class.

How times have changed, at least if an exasperated LinkedIn post from a Deakin Business School lecturer is any guide.

The complaint from associate professor **Adrian Raftery** asked: "Should I use the ole size 16s?"

"I don't know about you but my generation always showed up for lectures and seminars... Here is my first class for 2nd semester which was supposed to have started 15 mins ago," he said. "After being pumped up to give a great class, I am deflated that they couldn't bother their arse to show up.

"Students don't realise that their lecturers could be their best advocates for getting a job. What would you do if you were in my shoes?"

Well that question sparked a lot of response with other lecturers suggesting maybe universities need to change to recognise how the young 'uns want to be taught these days - gasp!

Telstra's chief spinner **Jason Laird** replied: "We don't know each other but I just want to give you an 'attaboy' and hope you don't worry that it reflects something about you."

**Peter Borbiri**, who is 14 years deep at the Australian Tax Office as director risk and intelligence management, says he has had similar experience when he teaches.

"I had one student turn up to an online tutorial where I discussed the final exam... The subject was Superannuation Law. The one student who did turn up did very well," he replied.

Can CBD just point out this Borbiri tutorial was online. It was online!

As one financial planner noted: "Perhaps change the session to how your parents are spending your inheritance and you will not afford that new iPhone 20 in 2030?"

# Takata recalls yet more airbags

## Car safety

Takata has added another 2.7 million air bags to the largest car industry recall in the United States after a new hazard was detected in testing.

The company told the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on Monday that a subset of its air bag inflators - ones that rely on calcium sulfate to keep them dry - can, like other versions, rupture while deploying the bags, hurling metal shards into vehicles.

Ford, Mazda and Nissan installed the inflators in vehicles manufactured for the US market from 2005 through 2012, according to Takata, of Japan. All are on the driver's side of the vehicles.

The recall adds to an effort that was previously expected to cover 70 million Takata air bag inflators in 42 million vehicles. Takata's problems with defective devices began in 2008, when Honda initially recalled 4000 vehicles that used Takata technology. So far, the safety agency says, about 17 million air bags have been replaced in the United States.

The deaths of at least 17 people worldwide, including 12 in the US, have been linked to Takata inflators. On Monday, Honda said a person in Florida died last summer after a Takata inflator ruptured in a parked 2001 Accord during an attempt to make an unspecified repair with a hammer.

Takata and the safety agency said they knew of no ruptures related to latest recall.

Exposure to moisture and tem-



Takata has added 2.7 million air bags to their safety recall.

perature fluctuations can degrade the propellant, which contains ammonium nitrate, a volatile compound Takata's inflators use to deploy air bags. The company used a variety of chemical agents to keep the propellant dry in its devices over the years, with some combinations showing a greater propensity to fail than others, federal regulators said.

The latest recall is the first involving the inflators that use calcium sulfate as a drying agent. The inflator can combust in an "over-aggressive" manner, potentially rupturing and causing harm, according to a filing Takata submitted to the highway safety administration.

Takata's latest admission brought fresh criticism of the company in Washington.

In a statement, Takata said it

had decided to recall inflators that use calcium sulfate "out of an abundance of caution." The devices are Takata's earliest generation of ammonium-nitrate inflators using calcium sulfate as a drying agent. The company is now testing later generations of those devices.

Takata pleaded guilty to criminal charges in January and agreed to pay a \$1 billion fine related to its faulty air bag inflator systems. After filing for bankruptcy protection last month, it is selling its assets.

The company has said that it expects to fund the air bag repairs through the asset sale and that it has secured financing to ensure it can continue operations, including dealing with the defective inflators, while it restructures.

New York Times

# Toshiba in talks to revive sale of \$24 billion chip unit

## Technology

Toshiba Corp is in talks with Western Digital Corp and Taiwan's Foxconn, as well as with an already preferred bidder, as it seeks to revive a stalled \$US18 billion (\$24 billion) sale of its chip business, banking sources said on Tuesday.

The Japanese conglomerate confirmed it was in talks with suitors, but did not name them, noting it had been unable to reach an agreement by a self-imposed June 28 deadline with its preferred bidder - a group that includes state-backed fund Innovation Network Corp of Japan, the Development Bank of Japan, US private equity firm Bain Capital and South Korean chipmaker SK Hynix Inc.

## Talks with the preferred consortium have stalled.

A representative for Western Digital declined to comment, and a representative for Foxconn, the world's largest contract electronics maker, formally known as Hon Hai Precision Industry, was not immediately available for comment.

Talks with the preferred consortium have stalled over what sources say are proposals by SK Hynix that it helps fund a deal through convertible bonds - a step that could eventually give it an equity interest in the world's second-largest maker of NAND flash memory chips.

Toshiba doesn't want its South Korean rival to have an equity or management influence in the chip business - a stance it has taken to satisfy a Japanese government keen to keep Toshiba's technology under domestic control.

Toshiba told its creditor banks at a meeting on Tuesday that it had begun talks with alternative bidders because talks with the consortium had stalled, the banking sources said.

They did not want to be identified as they were not authorised to speak publicly on the matter.

"Toshiba had no option but to say it's in talks with other suitors because the preferred consortium is falling through," said another official involved in the talks.

Toshiba needs to plug a hole in its balance sheet by the fiscal year-end in March, to avoid an automatic delisting of its shares from Tokyo's stockmarket.

The 140-year-old laptops-to-nuclear conglomerate was still recovering from a \$US1.3 billion accounting scandal in 2015 when it was hit by billions of dollars of cost overruns at its now bankrupt US nuclear unit Westinghouse in December.

Toshiba executives have been reluctant to consider a deal with Western Digital, with sources saying ties between the two companies have been strained since Western Digital bought SanDisk, Toshiba's memory chip business partner, in May last year.

Reuters