

On that note, I'd like to wish the proprietor, editor-in-chief, editors and all the team at *The Australian* a very happy 50th birthday. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement, and warmest and best wishes for the future. A future where the Oz will continue to inform and enlighten the public, without ties or "chains of any kind", provide "vigour, truth and information without dullness" and provoke thought and discussion among the "thinking men and women of Australia" while inspiring progress and successes for our nation and, above all, the people.