

# **Kokup & Astro make history!**

## **Bromance of the Century!**

## **Regime Change!**

## **Who'd a thought!**



For months there were simmering tensions between GM Kokup and Astro. Astro reckoned he could do a better GM leadership job than Kokup, a view he shared early and often. As each man engaged in risky power plays to outmanoeuvre the other, Lakesiders were witness to their ever escalating blustering brinkmanship as they pushed each other to the edge, ever closer to the limits of tolerance and closer to disaster. Either Lakeside would plunge into strife or the two chaps needed to chat.

Observers were unnerved by Kokup's recent conflict with the Committee – the LSH 7 or 8 or 9. Kokup said they were weak, they ganged up and issued a communiqué telling him “don't come Monday!”. Kokup supporters were concerned for their leader's unpredictable management style. If he couldn't deal with the LSH limp lettuce leaf of a Committee, how could he negotiate peace with the aspirational Astro?

A South Melbourne summit was arranged. Kokup's people and Astro's people had the delicate task of locating a suitable meeting place for these towering titans. Recognising the sensitive sensibilities involved, the location had to be exactly midway between Kokup's western hemisphere, and Astro's inner south eastern chardonnay sipping, truffle quaffing bailiwick, so Port Phillip Bay's western shipping channel was a welcome choice. However, the location, while very wet, was also very dry, so the Summit was relocated to 'The Local' in Bay Street.

Asked how long it would take to decide if he could trust Astro, Kokup said: "I'll know within the first minute. If I can get a feel, I'll know he's trustworthy". The night of the Summit arrived and all eyes were on the two great leaders. What would their body language tell us? They both stood erect and walked in medium length steps. As they hand-shaked, each man sought the upper hand, avoiding being pulled in or controlled by the other. Kokup won, 'power pulling' Astro halfway across the room. Astro then pinched Kokup on the bum making them even.

The summit was a marvellous success with the protagonists agreeing that Kokup was well past his use by date and should exit the LSH gubernatorial mansion pronto. The boys issued a joint statement stating:

*"The summit has gone better than expected and represents a good prelude to peace with the opening up of a new future. The summit has achieved absolutely nothing but we have done it splendidly and we are proud to have been part of an epochal event of great significance."*