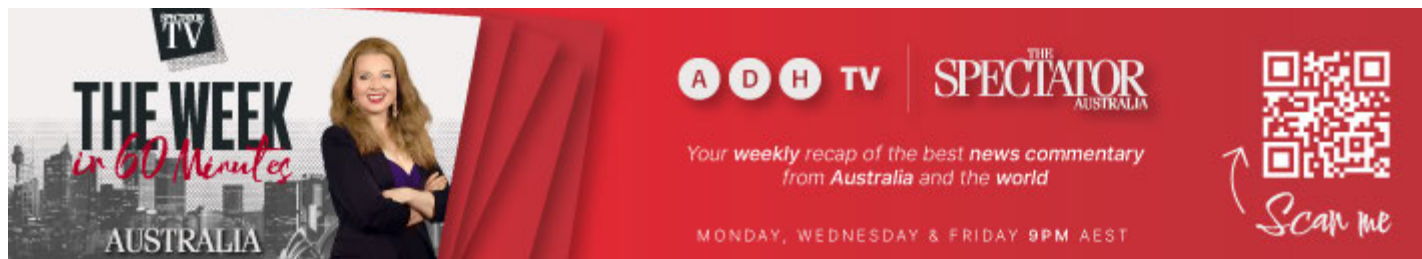


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**Good morning!**

Your full Aussie breakfast

- Why to make of the weekend's coup-that-wasn't-but-almost-was in Russia? Vladimir Putin promised to destroy and punish the Wagner mutineers and their oligarch leader, Yevgeny Prigozhin, but didn't. Instead, the Belarusian puppet dictator Alexander Lukashenko brokered a deal that saw Prigozhin 'exiled' to Belarus, and the Wagner Group force remaining intact. It's hard to see this as anything other than a Putin capitulation, an admission the mutineers could have succeeded – and that could fatally undermine Vlad's cracking authority. Our World selection is all Wagner coup today – [Lisa Haseldine](#), [Paul Wood](#), [Owen Matthews](#) and [Sergey Radchenko](#) offer their expert insights and, if you want more, there is still more in the [World](#) section of the website.
- In the light of the Titan submersible disaster, Flat White [looks at the social media reaction](#) to ask why do we hate billionaires. Fair question and, going to the disaster itself, the five who died weren't short of a quid. But they don't deserve boundless sympathy – not because of their wealth, but because they (bar the son who went down reluctantly to please his father) voluntarily risked going beyond the point of feasible rescue, yet triggered a massive rescue effort that potentially risked others for nothing. Many would argue these sightseeing graveyard gawkers shouldn't have even been there at all, let alone being there in what is emerging to have been a dodgy vehicle backed by a dodgy safety regime.
- Maurice Newman [writes](#) about the travails of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation – the broadcaster that wants to stop broadcasting to stream and Facebook-post instead. Newman knows what he is talking about: he is a former and director and later Chairman of the ABC, who was never captured by the ABC Staff Collective.
- Gerry McCusker [launches](#) into the Essendon Football Club's asinine move to drop a stealth bomber from its logo, yet keep the Bombers name. Go figure the logic of that. And, a bonus for today, Joel Agius has

a morning lead [item](#) relating to artificial intelligence that makes some startling observations.

- Australiana's latest conversation is between Will Kingston is mum (not 'birthing parent') and gender-sense campaigner Sall Grover: [here](#) it is. And if you aren't already subscribing, please go to [spectator.com.au/join](http://spectator.com.au/join) – a world of insight awaits you!

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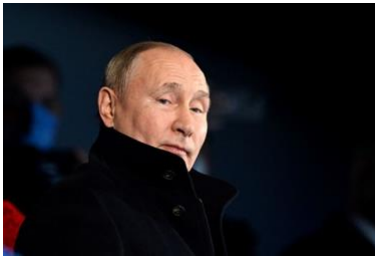


[Why do we hate billionaires?](#)

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- [Yes, US elections can be hacked](#) – *Kerry Wakefield*
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## World



## Did Putin's allies flee Moscow?

*Lisa Haseldine*

- Prigozhin's bid for death or glory – *Paul Wood*
- Why Prigozhin rebelled – *Owen Matthews*
- This failed coup will just be the beginning – *Sergey Radchenko*

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