Good Morning Everyone and thank you for the opportunity to present The Year Today in 2014

Of course I must begin with our traditional greeting: WASSUP Canterbury Girls

Now as you know my strong belief is that any year can be best encapsulated by the word of the year. So I did my usual research to discover the word of the year 2014.

I am not happy: The Oxford dictionary word of the year is vape!

Exactly .... who has heard of that. Apparently it’s the word that describes those electronic cigarettes now used by people giving up smoking.

Useless.....This doesn’t even get close to capturing the essence of 2014, so I had to look harder. The Oxford dictionary’s second option was “photobomb”, not bad, especially relevant to Canterbury Girls and third choice was “oversharing” you know that habit that friend has for telling you rather TOO much information.

Still these options were disappointing so more research required. I then discovered, seriously, for real, that the Oxford dictionary had actually considered an Australian word this year .... Yes, “Shirtfront”, but since most of the world and most Australians had no idea what it meant and it never happened anyway... I ruled that out as well.

So what was my last option was to look to the United States for their choice
for word of the year. You are probably thinking ice-bucket or meantweet, but no, it was... the word “because” ....when used to introduce a noun, adjective, to answer any question. For example Why did you eat 20 Mars bars? “because awesome,” or as an answer to any question “Because reasons”.

While I am happy that a very decent connective like because has received celebrity status ...... I could feel a strange anger building inside me.

Australians have been using because for a very long time, but as soon as the United States claim it; it becomes word of the year.

When is the United States going to get some ideas of their own instead of stealing ours!!!

We all know the truth, the US has been borrowing our ideas years.

Here are a few examples from the film industry:

The film Horrible Bosses 2, is a rip off of the great Australian road movie Horrible buses – 422 - The Journey from St Peters to Canterbury.

22 Jump Street – tag line -They’re Not 21 Any more – is stolen from stolen from 44 Church St (our address) – tagline -They’re Not 21 Yet.

The Hunger Games – Mocking jay – Destruction of District 12 is actually .... The Hungry Blame – Shocking Day (Destruction of Food Court 1 at Ashfield Mall)
**Total Recall** – Based on the Australian school movie **Total Rollcall**, The **Wizard of OZ** – is of course The Wizard of Aus, Hollywood trying to disguise its theft of our idea by changing the spelling of OZ to Aus. Pathetic.

And then there is the music theft. Poor Iggy. Here are the lyrics her record company made her release:

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I'm so fancy
You already know
I'm in the fast lane
From L.A. to Tokyo
I'm so fancy
Can't you taste this gold?
Remember my name
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But her original Australian words were:

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I'm so Aussie
You already know
I'm in the bus lane
From Campsie. to Kingsgrove
I'm so Aussie
Can't stand the cold
Remember your tickets to the Bulldogs game
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So angry that great Australian ideas have been stolen by the US... I still have no usable word of the year.
Then inspiration!!! I went to Norway. The Norwegian word of the year ... was the answer (Slow-TV)

This type of TV smashed all other programs it has been so popular. It is literally the broadcast of events in real time.

The two most successful were: 1 - the view from a train window on a 7 hour journey and, 2 the view from a ferry over six days AND nights.

Why did Norwegians go crazy for it – well they could rush to a spot where the ferry would pass, wave at the ferry and then run home to see themselves on TV, ..... but the main reason they loved it was THAT NOTHING HAPPENED, BUT ALSO THAT SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN. Everyone loved WAITING for something, and not being given some plot that they didn't think of or even like. They loved looking at the view and asking simple questions like what is that cow doing?, what is that tree thinking about?

So Canterbury girls this is the holiday mission... try your own slow tv, just try looking at stuff and imagining all the possibilities.

After the fully hectic year 2014 has been I can’t think of a better idea than trying your own slow TV.

But if you do find yourself depending on some Hollywood action film this summer remember the idea came from Australia first. Inter stellar ..into stella
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