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Mr GONARD,

I am writing to you after watching and listening to your speech, you gave at the National Press Club on 9/22/05. Mr GONARD I was married for 25 1/2 yrs and my former wife gave me the boot on Father's Day Sunday 3rd Sept 2000 at 11.00PM as I got out bed with her, I had been with my then 15yr old son all day, he was playing in a Under-16's football preliminary Final. I had the Team Manager all year and had taken him to training (and stayed) and match day (Team Manager) and Presentation that night at the Football Club (Tea & Soft Drinks). I did with him for all his Life. I believe I did more House Work than 80% of Males. I was a Police Officer for 32yrs (S.A. Police) and from the time the →

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children were born, I bottled their
changed nappies, laundered the nappies
hung them on the line, folded them
then. I did this for all my
kids & wife (Boy 25, Girl 23, Boy 20)
Ages Now. I also did the
Housework when I came home from
Night Shift (Later years), I did
the dishes for 25 yrs either washed
or wiped. I would do ironing
for the kids & father-in-law who
lived with us for 8 yrs (1992-1998).
I get offended when I hear
people talk you going off about
with men. I was also heavily involved
in my kids' lives (I knew nothing
else and now I am on my own).
I didn't go to Pubs with the boys
after work. I didn't play golf
on a Saturday Morning. I took
the kids to "Nataly" Primary School
High School, Part Time Jobs, Friends
Houses etc etc, when ever I was
available. I never said No
or let them down once. The kids
were good students. The two
eldest went to Uni Boy in
International Banking and Finance →

Daughter a Nurse. I suggest some
 doing Apprenticeship as Chef.
 They never caused us any trouble
 with the young crowds, drugs,
 sex etc etc! At the decent Human
 Beings. Thank God, Mr GOWARD my
 former wife told me I was
 "Selfish" and called me NUMERO
 uno". I was greatly hurt. My
 ex-wife never appreciated any thing
 I did. I did the shopping
 for 25 yrs (Usually on my days
 off during week), when she was
 working in the bank. My wife
 told me I was controlling. She
 controlled the Finance (My Police
 Pay went into her Account). I wasn't
 allowed to drive the Family car
 (I was making the repayments)
 Holidays were arranged without
 any consultation. Many times
 in last 10 yrs I was/rostered
 to work at Easter. She & kids
 (Teenagers) would go up to the
 River Murray to go camping over
 Easter. I would have to work
 4 weeks later she would get
 the extra \$500.00 in her →

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account and I wouldn't see any
off it. I was accused of being
controlling ?? Is that true,
Ned? I say sex was a big
no (alone for years). After I
was asked to leave on Father's Day
she said I didn't deserve
any compensation (Share of House)
she took me to Family Court.
I got my share. Kept my super.
My former wife lost her job in
the Bank after I found out
that she had been using the
Home Loan Re Draw Facility
without obtaining my signature.
She treated me with total
contempt. She was forced to
re-sign by the Bank and pay
back the money she illegally
withdrew, without my consent,
knowledge or signature. As towards
please don't "sue & fether" with
Australians Men. I am sure there
are many Men like me. I
did my best and my wife
didn't appreciate anything I did.
She would come home from work,
"age set & filthy, beds made, →

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(rooms tiled) and complain when I hadn't cooked tea, or she would complain about my efforts to cook tea. I tried spaghetti (Home Made), Stews (During Winter) or Buy Chicken & Chips, Pizzas on Weekends. Personally now I might go to be on my own. I don't have anytime for a relationship with a Nurse. I don't trust them. Also 21 Mths before my wife gave me the best I spent much time with my dying father. He had prostate cancer for 12 yrs. He had his testicles removed (and lived another 4 yrs & saw by brother wife give birth to two beautiful IVF Babies (Now Aged 9 & 7 yrs) Anyway the day my father died it in Victor Harbor S.A. My Mother, My Eldest Son and other family members (Not including My Ex Wife & other Son & Daughter) spent 4 hours watching him die. When my ex wife arrived (to he had was school-clothing shopping for kids) she watched him die. Plus after he died, she →

never give anything. She never offered
 a Hug or Kiss. Finally C.I.L.
 she never said and N.A. to go
 for the next 21 Mths (A.N. do
 this day has never said anything
 at all) After my father
 died, we had to sell the
 house (Big house on Seabrook
 Harbor) like Alth. She
 in Sydney I guess. He took
 a kindly Mournful. Village in
 Adelaide. Just when things seem to
 Ok my mother is diagnosed
 with "Alzheimer's" She is in an
 out of hospital. I think they got
 Medication O.K. When medication
 didn't work enough or to work
 she would go "loopy". The nursing
 here would call me. I would
 go to see her sometimes she
 had "bird" the bed and
 refused to get out until I
 came (My sister said I
 had you can do it) because
 I had been a Policeman. I
 have riped my mother backside.
 Not Nice. I have had to
 give her a shower (With My Eyes
 Next - Shut)

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Not very pleasant at best at time
(from home when your 50 yrs &
eldest son). She also had
"skipped" on carpet between bedroom
and bathroom) she just closed door
and left it there for 2 days.
Not good. I said just tell
me Man I won't get upset.
She was so ashamed. She
now is in Nursing Home with
care & great care and
love. It's hell ridden, I
see her at least twice a
week, so does my sister (every
week). He had Christmas lunch
with her plus my other brother
and his wife and two adult
children. I don't want to grow
old because this generation
of kids (Meaning those born
(1979 - 84 - 84) & pure experienced
Nasty Divorce (like mine)
Relationship Problems, lack of
Raising Children) trying to
balance Work Career & Home
Life (Love Life) To Me. I
can understand the kids life
is so complicated now. Anything -

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that people do or say is analysed
or put under the "microscope"
at least 10 times. We are all
expected to be politically correct
Do or say the right things all
the time. Ms BOWARD'S your
talk of "Super Woman" yes that's
true but I feel there's plenty
of Men who feel like that too.
I never sought promotion in the
Police force, I just did my job
to the best of my ability. Even
though I worked shift work
for 30 yrs, I believe when she
killed where young (0-12) I
saw as much of her as a
9-5 job. Taking them to kindergarten
up to Primary School
High School, Part-Time Jobs
Friends etc etc. Doing Shopping
House Work (Washing Drying
Vacuuming Taxi Driver) but
in the end look where it
got me. I am retired from
Police - force, I have travelled
to N.Z., Canada, Alaska, Hawaii
Sheep in. Nobody rags me.
My 20 yr old son sees me →

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since a week, I don't own the
place I live in (Rent \$100 - my
sister) I don't want to go out
old (No one to check on me)
Anyway I just thought I would
write to you and let you
know my experiences of life.

CHEERS,

J. (Steve) KEARSTEN

