

***SURVIVOR***

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**HON MARTIN PRITCHARD (North Metropolitan)** [5.48 pm]: I just want to make a couple of personal observations, if I may. I do not tend to watch much TV, but I have got a little hooked on a recent so-called reality show called *Survivor*. That is a bit strange, because it is a brains-versus-brawn program, and I do not think I fit into either category! I watched an episode the other day that showed me something about humanity. I think most people know the general concept of *Survivor*: a group of people are put on an island or in a remote location, form tribes and vote people off the show periodically until one is left. Another aspect of the show is that contestants can participate in races to try to get immunity from being voted off. It is getting towards the end of the series; the final episode is on Sunday. The episode I watched saw one of the contestants, Wai, trying to participate in one of these races, but she could not get off the start line because it was a physical challenge and she was getting very frustrated. One of the other contestants, George, who I think would describe himself as a political animal, noticed her frustration and took probably 12 seconds to go back to the start to help her get into the race. It was not the fact that he wanted her to win, but he saw it was a kindness to help her contest the race and not feel frustrated. It did not cost him much, about 12 seconds—he did not win the race—but it was a real act of kindness that one would not expect from a political animal such as George. I thought that action showed the better part of humanity.

I used to work for the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association of WA as an organiser. During the week, I ran into a person who reminded me that I had helped him retain his job. Obviously, that is one of the things organisers do. It made me think about what I had done. If I remember correctly, it was not so much that he deserved to keep his job—he probably did not—but the state manager and I got together, and as he was a married man who had people who relied on his income and the issue was so-so, the manager conceded, “Let’s do the right thing by him.” He reminded me that that was 20 years ago and told me that he still works for the same company. It brings to mind that we can display humanity and be kind and have a very lasting impact on other people’s lives. I encourage everyone to show a bit of humanity and a bit of kindness.