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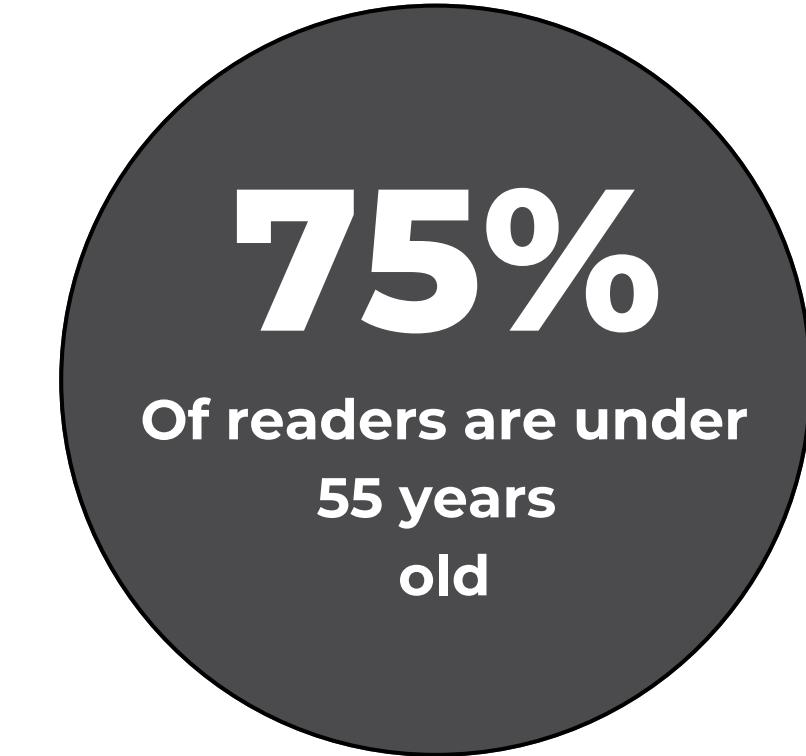
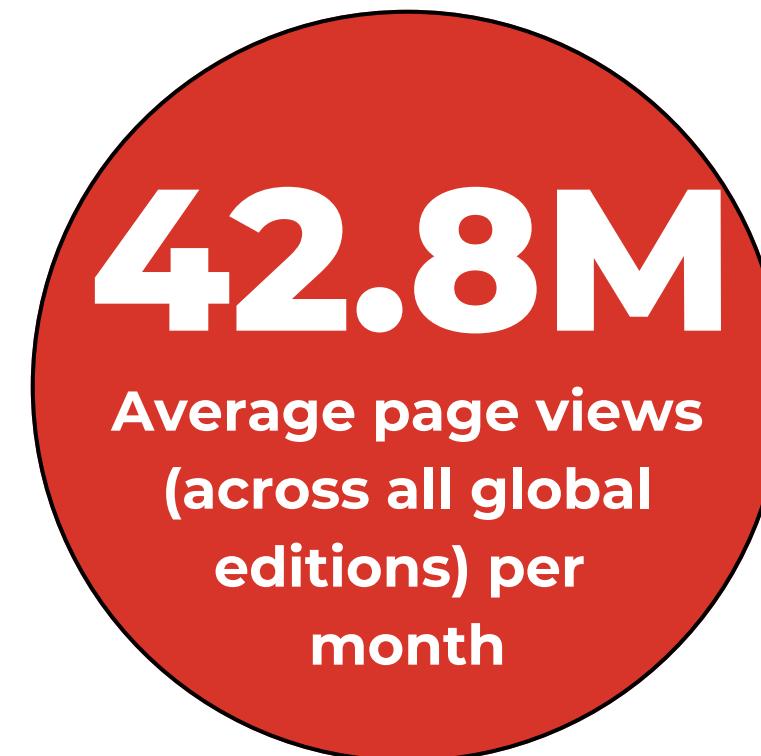
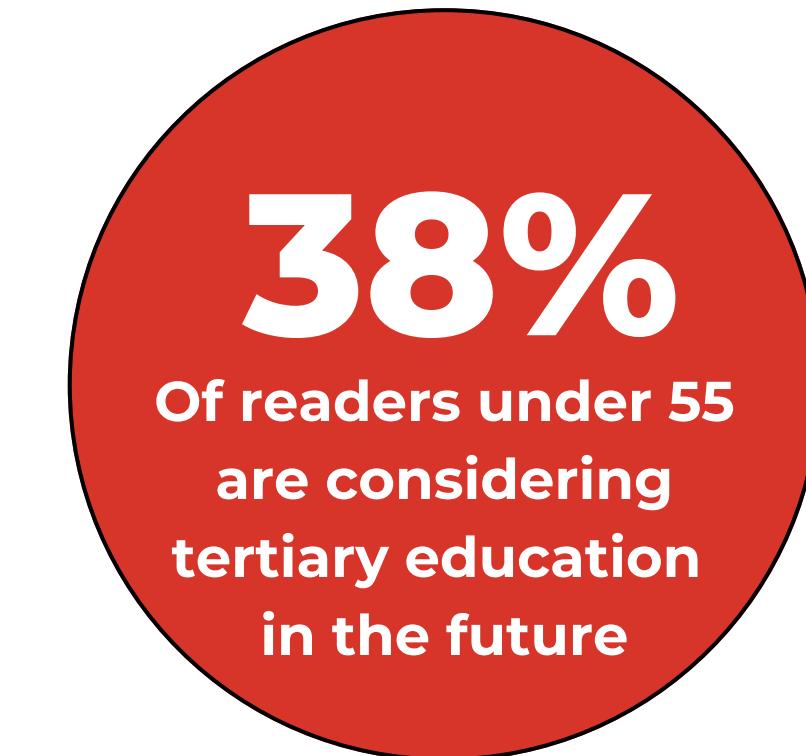
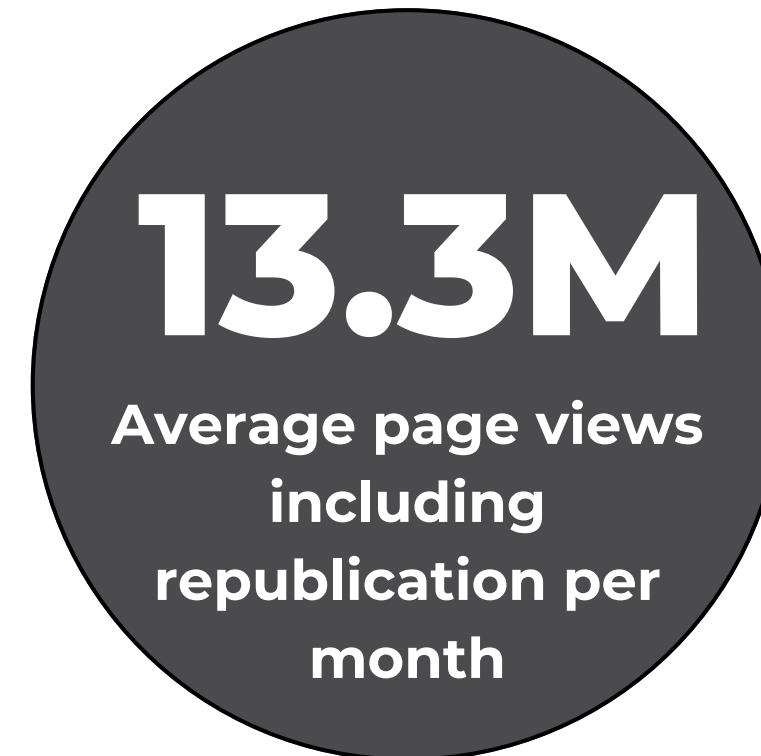
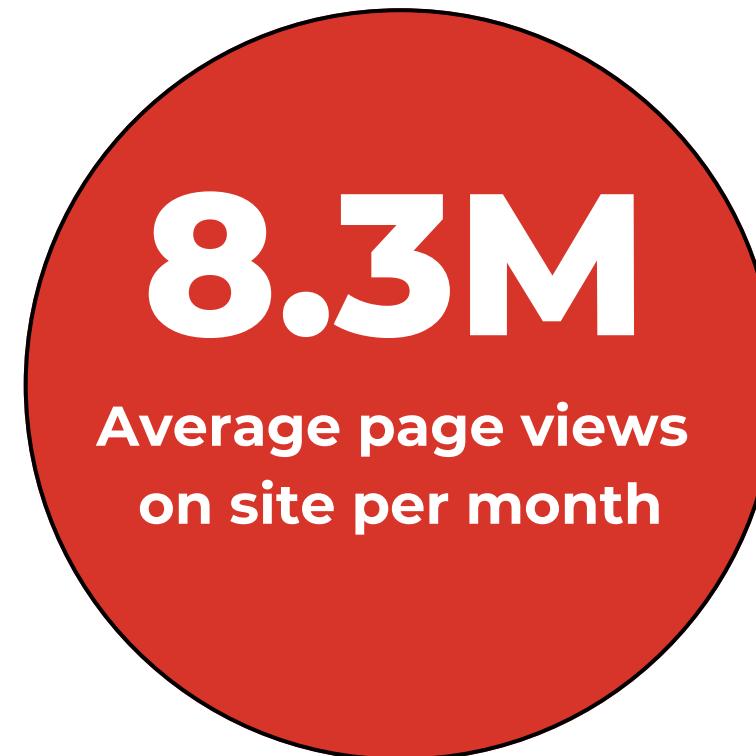
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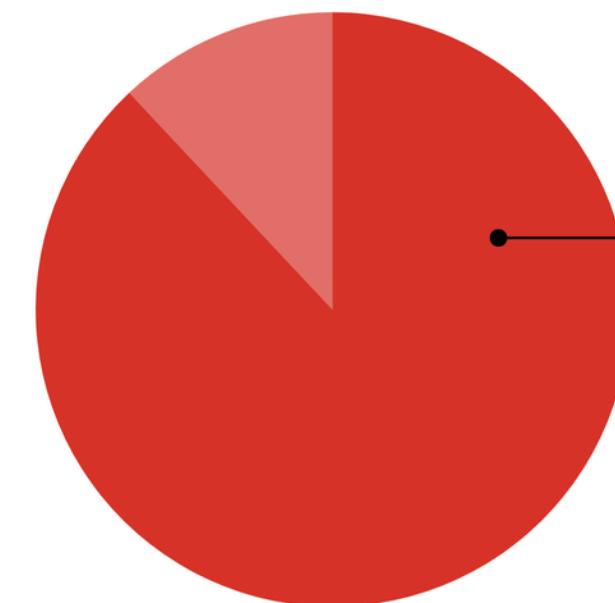
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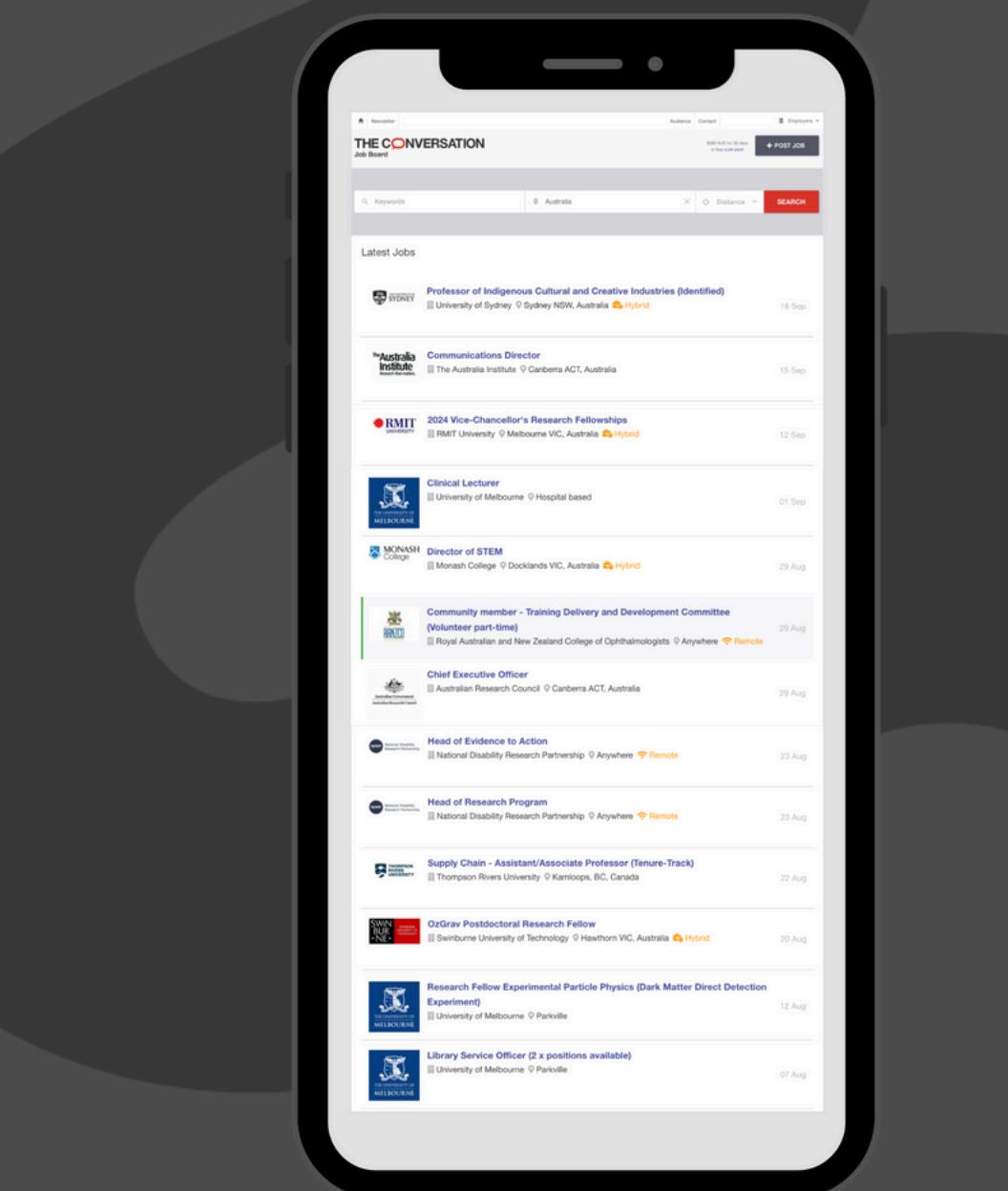
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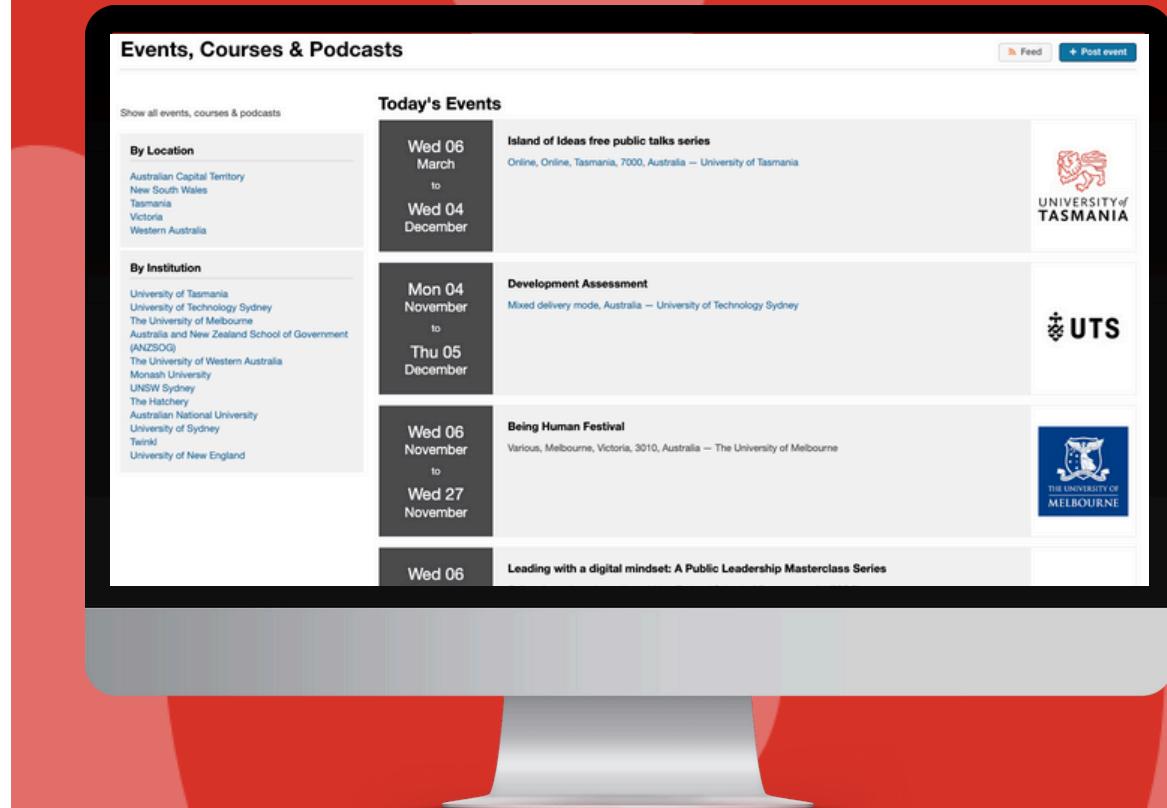
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Billions of corals have perished due to climate change and the warmer seas it has caused. The damage – often seen as coral bleaching – is devastating, and has fundamentally changed coral reefs, including Australia's Great Barrier Reef. You may have heard of expensive proposed solutions that involve transplanting baby corals from the lab or selectively breeding them to resist heat. But a new report argues there's [little evidence these measures will help](#) in the long term. What must we do instead? Unsurprisingly, it's climate action.

Another study this week has opened a different can of worms, to do with human history. We have no written evidence from the Bronze Age in Europe, but for years archaeologists have been finding hoards of buried metalwork – tools, bits and pieces, broken bracelets. It's unclear why people did this. A new study suggests it may have had something to do with developing a currency. But this opens up [arguments about the nature of money](#).

Closer to home, have you noticed that increasing numbers of shipwrecks have been found in Australia in recent years? It's no coincidence. Researchers who work aboard Australia's national science ship, RV Investigator, have been piggybacking shipwreck investigations onto the research voyages – and the ship is equipped with the perfect tools for the job.

Technology – specifically machine learning, a branch of artificial intelligence – is also making waves in weather forecasting and climate predictions. Of course, climate researchers and meteorologists already use sophisticated computer models in their work: Earth is a huge place enveloped in complex systems. But a [new model called NeuralGCM](#) has achieved results comparable with best existing models, at a fraction of the computing power. With [data centres guzzling up](#) increasingly unsustainable levels of electricity, efficiency is a good thing.

P.S. If you're up for some stargazing, [two meteor showers are peaking tonight](#).

Until next week,

 **Signe Dean**
Science + Technology Editor


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If you need proof that books and bookmakers are strange bedfellows, look no further than this year's Nobel Prize for Literature. The bookies' odds this week featured a grab-bag of literary greats: Haruki Murakami, Thomas Pynchon, Margaret Atwood, Anne Carson, with Chinese author Can Xue the firm favourite, narrowly ahead of Australia's Gerald Murnane.

The odds on South Korean author Han Kang winning were a modest 33/1. Kang, 53, is only the 18th woman awarded the prize, was hailed by the Nobel committee for her "intense, poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of life".

Six of Kang's books are available in English translation. They include *The Vegetarian*, winner of the 2016 International Booker Prize; *Human Acts*, a fictionalised account of a massacre that took place in Gwangju, Kang's birthplace; *The White Book*, a poetic, autobiographical reflection on loss; and the 2011 novel *Greek Lessons*. Her Nobel Prize, [writes Valentina Gosetti](#), is richly deserved.

Where to begin for those new to Kang's writing? My colleague James Ley, who recently [wrote on her work](#), says, "I have particular fondness for *Greek Lessons*, which is a very precise, very concentrated poetic exploration of the limits of language and philosophy, and the way they break down when faced with the problem of trying to articulate the human condition."

This week I'm reading Rachel Kushner's Booker Prize shortlisted novel, *Creation Lake*, narrated by an enjoyably spiky and deceitful female spy. After that, I'll delve into Kang's *The White Book*, which sounds mesmerising.

 **Suzy Freeman-Greene**
Books + Ideas Editor


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Nau mai, haere mai.

The recent revelation that companies and shareholders are funding government's fast-track projects gave more than \$500,000 to the Resource Management Act and New Zealand First raises inevitable questions about the role of business in politics.

As former prime minister Helen Clark added on social media: "That may be understandable given the lack of transparency around electoral donations in NZ."

And it's not only a lack of transparency – the actual laws governing political party donations are overly complex and seemingly full of loopholes. There have been various proposals for reform, but the parties themselves are far from united on the issue.

The voting public, on the other hand, seem to favour an overhaul of the rules, according to results from the New Zealand Election Study [outlined here today](#). As Mona Krewel and Jack Vowles write, "public perceptions of undue influence by donors are widespread".

"While these perceptions are strongest on the left," they explain, "they also penetrate deeply into groups who vote for the parties on the right, and into the business community." And while perception might not be reality, in politics the two are inextricably bound up. Reform is surely overdue.

One more thing – every year we ask our readers to complete our [reader survey](#). Tell us what you like about The Conversation and what we could be doing better. We'd love to hear from you and it only takes ten minutes, thank you.

 **Finlay Macdonald**
New Zealand Editor


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Judith Ireland Education Editor


We found teenage girls don't know vulvas from vaginas or when their menstrual cycle starts

Felicity Roux, Curtin University; HuiJun Chih, Curtin University; Jacqueline Hendriks, Curtin University; Sharyn Burns, Curtin University

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Laura Case, University of Sydney; Amanda Harris, University of Sydney

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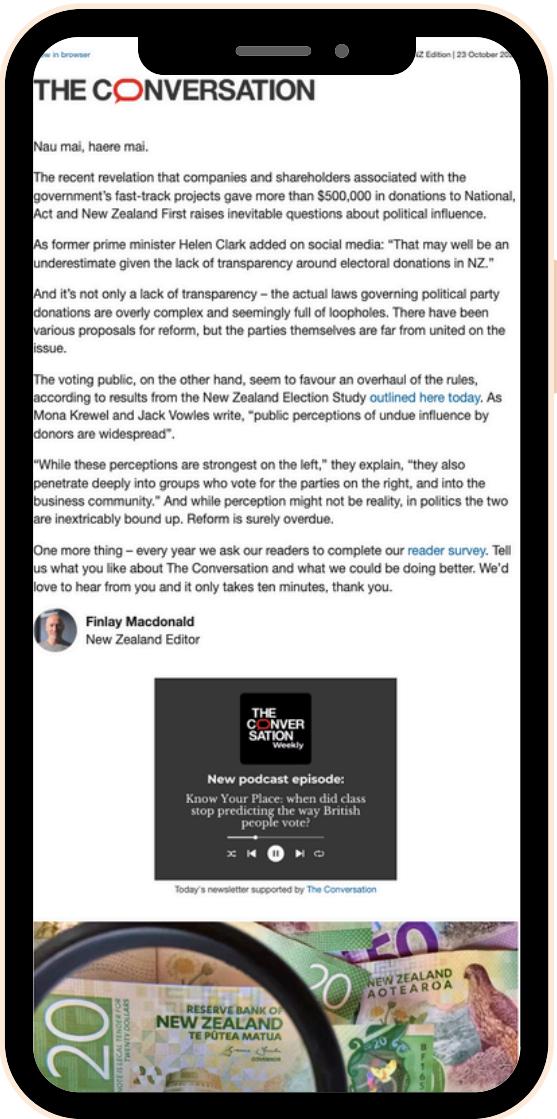
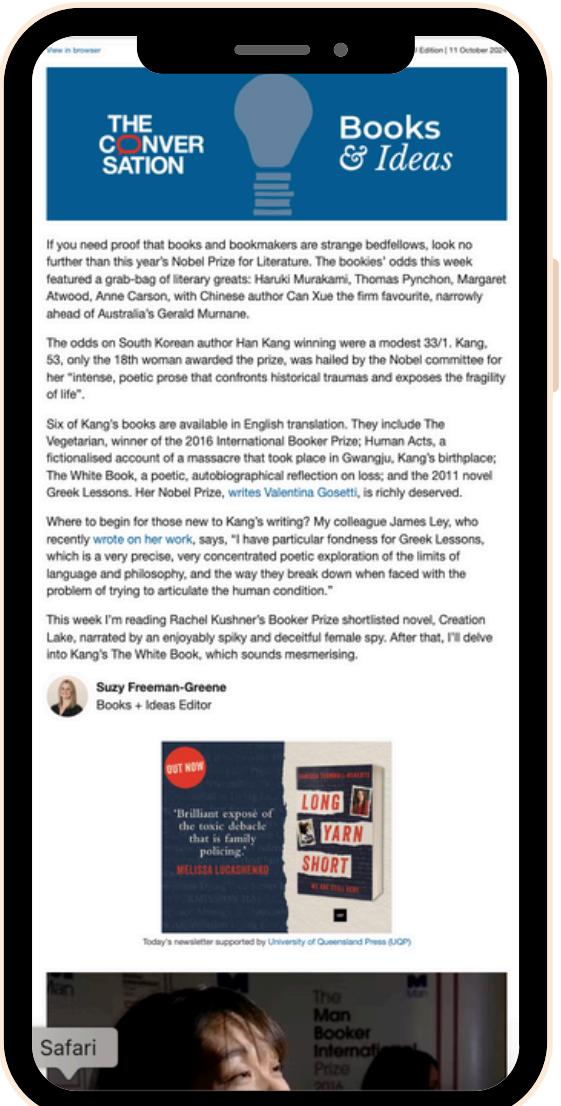
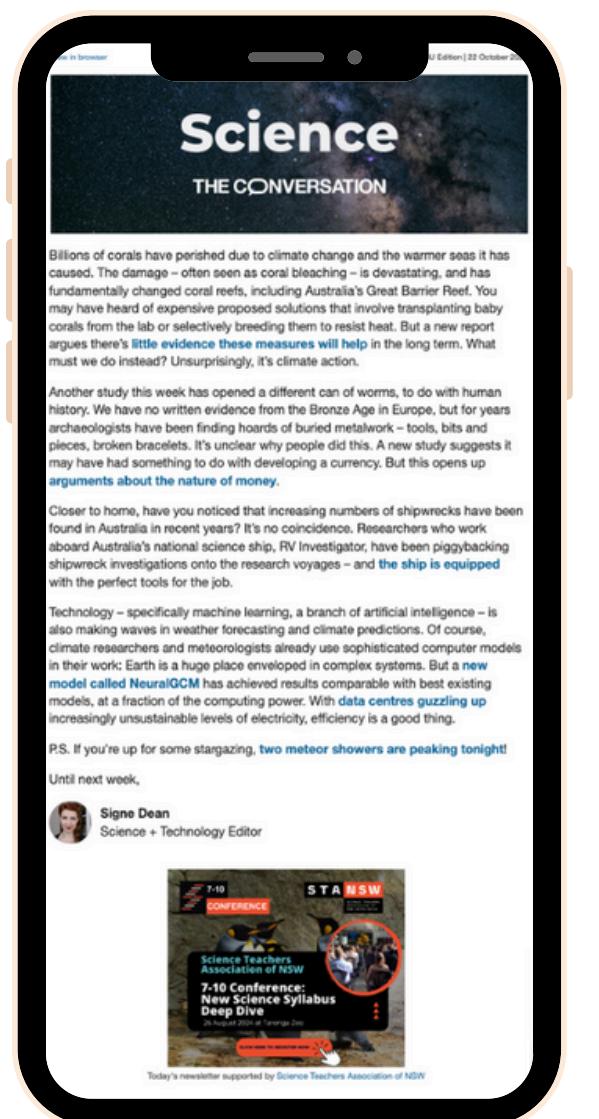
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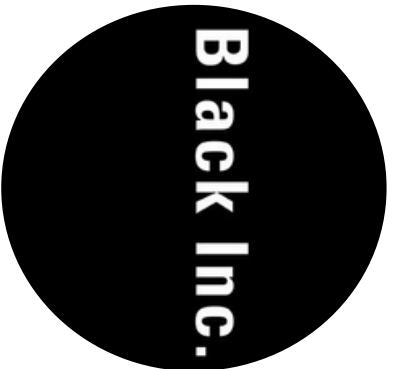
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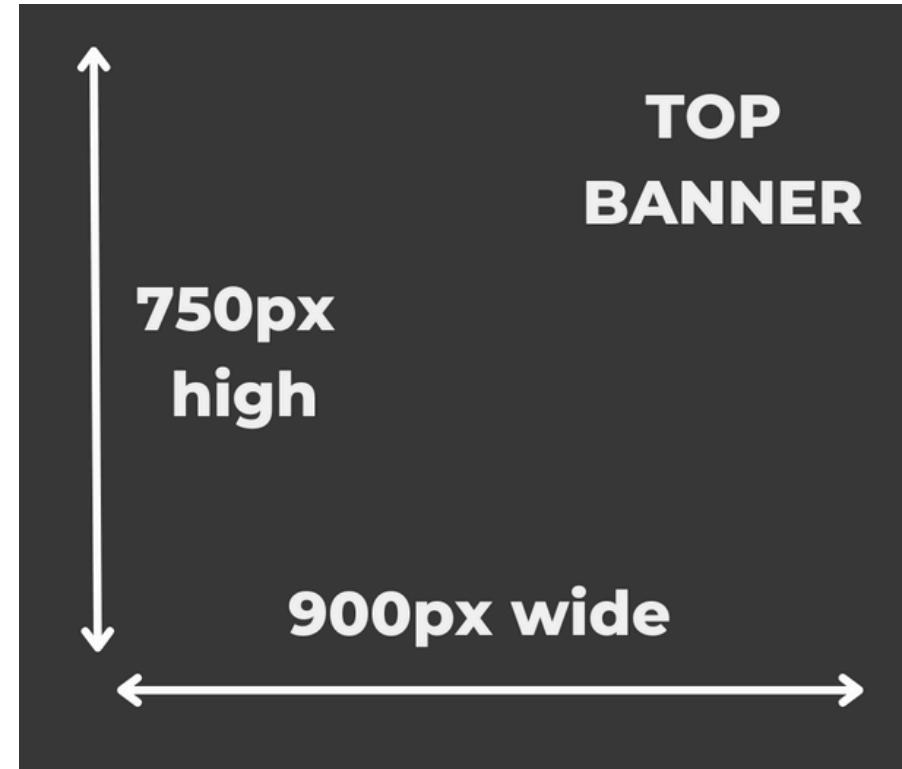
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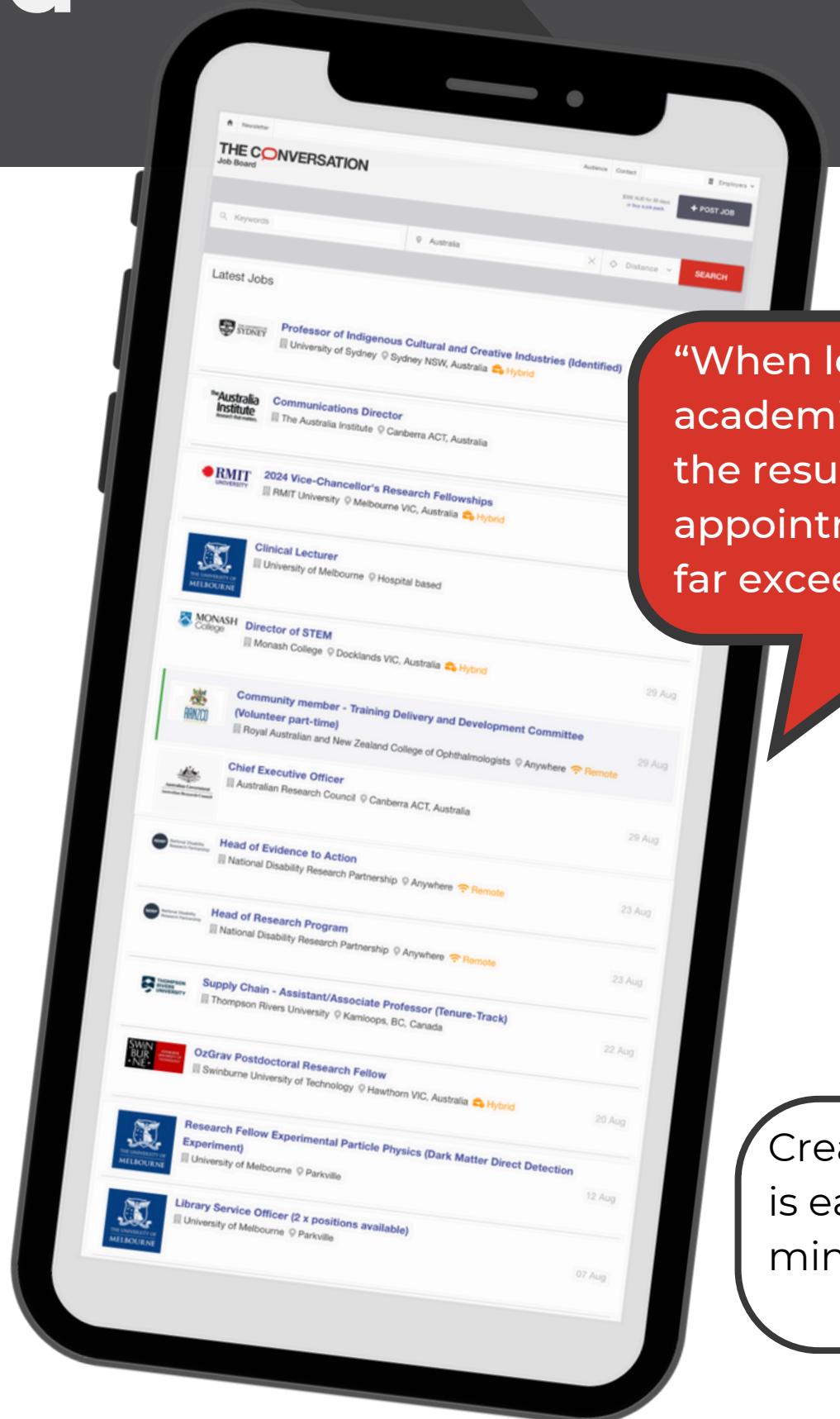


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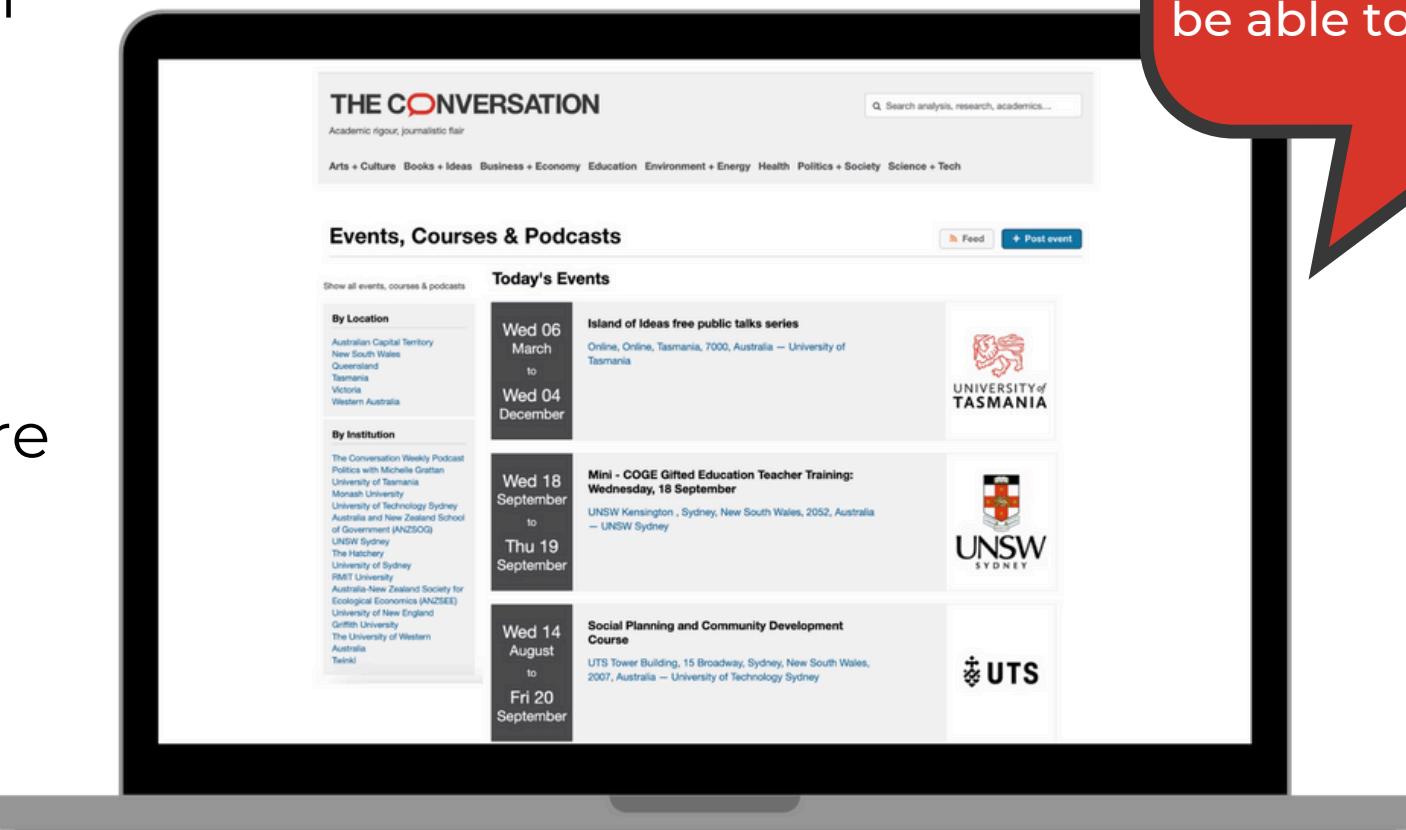
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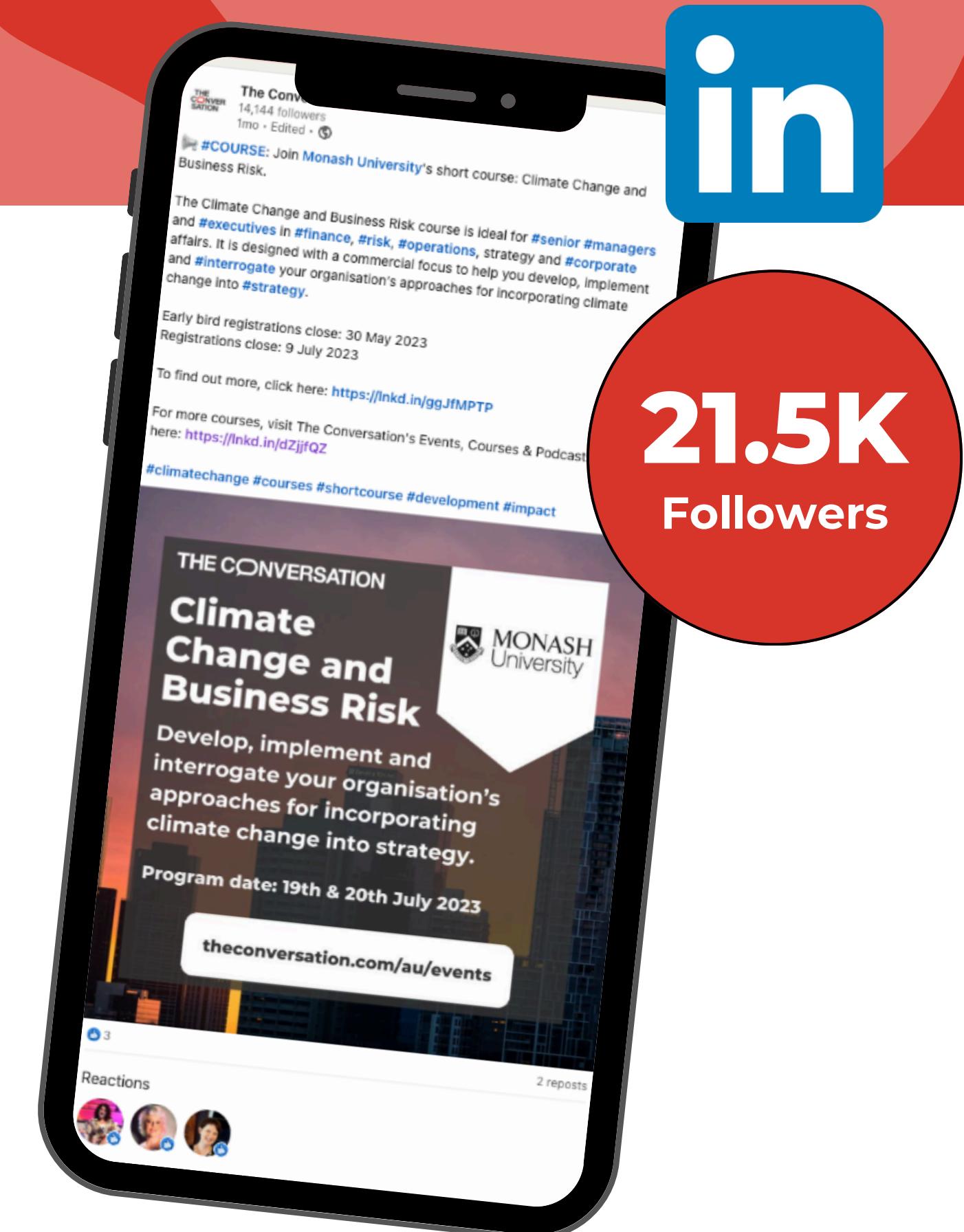
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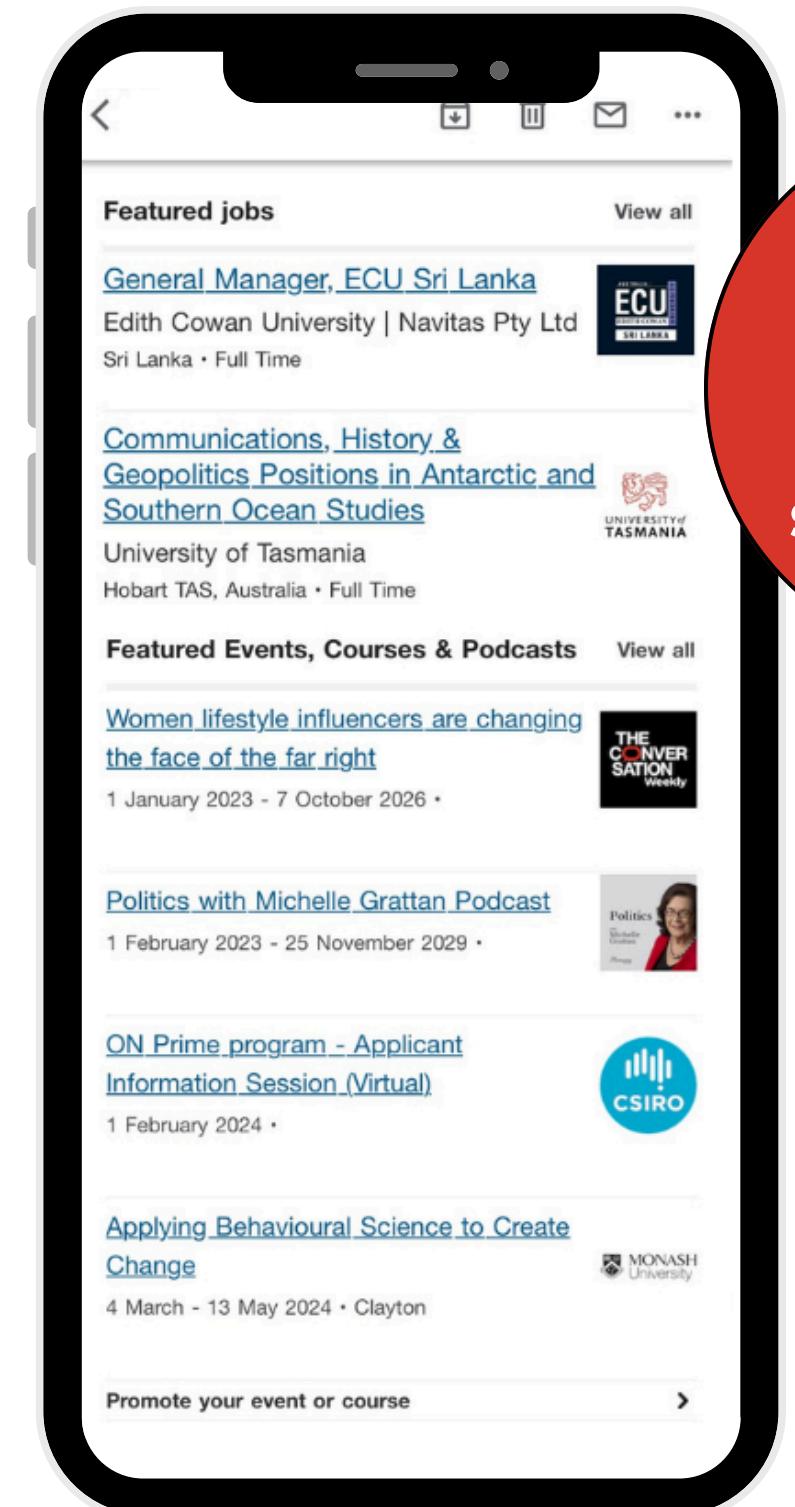


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