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LOCKED and Loaded will this week attempt to complete an entire column without outing anybody —except of course for the bombshell revelation that the immaculately-groomed **Adrian Piccoli** is in fact straight.

Our task in achieving this goal has been made even more difficult by a very large quantity of Lycra, and as usual it is to be found on **Tony Abbott**.

Sadly for those of us in the media, the context is a sickeningly wholesome one. The Opposition Leader, whose love of cycling borders on stalking, was taking part in his first-ever road race with the indefatiguable **Sophie Delezio**.

Sophie lined up with Abbott at the Entoure Cycle Classic to raise money for her dad **Ron's** charity Day of Difference. And happily for Abbott — whose performance on *The 7.30 Report* this week was a different type of car crash altogether — he was much more at home in the saddle.

A suspiciously modest Abbott told us: "I very much enjoyed the company — when I could keep up — and particularly enjoyed the chance to participate in my first-ever road race. I've rarely had so much fun for a good cause" To donate money to injured kids go to dayofdifference.org.au.

To donate money to injured opposition leaders go to liberal.org.au.

To donate money to the injured budget go to treasury.gov.au.

The need for a 10-speed
<Tony sizes up the competition>

THE cream of the NSW establishment and anti-establishment turned out to the funeral for former attorney-general and judge **Jeff Shaw** this week, including many of the nation's finest minds.

But how many of them picked up on what seems to be Jeff's last joke from beyond the grave?

One of the most moving parts of the service was the Sull aria from Mozart's *Marriage Of Figaro*.

Our musical spy, former MP **John Ryan**, noted that this was the same piece that the wrongly-imprisoned lead character in *The Shawshank Redemption* broadcasts in protest against the corrupt jail authorities—a cryptic nod to Shaw's lifelong crusade against injustice.

"I'll bet very few of the beaks and lawyers who attended the funeral got

Right of centre

WITH **Julia Gillard** outing herself as a wannabe full forward and **Jason Akermanis** outing himself as a bit of a dill, pressure is mounting on **Barry O'Farrell** to declare his position on the footy field. No less a personage than Panther legend **Mark Geyer** demanded on Twitter that big BOF reveal himself: "gillards a fullforward Baz, where u gunna play? I'd say either wide running centre or blockbusting lock forward....:)" The aspirational premier revealed that even in his younger days he still had delusions of grandeur. "I was the typical forward who thought he should have been in the backs!" he confessed.