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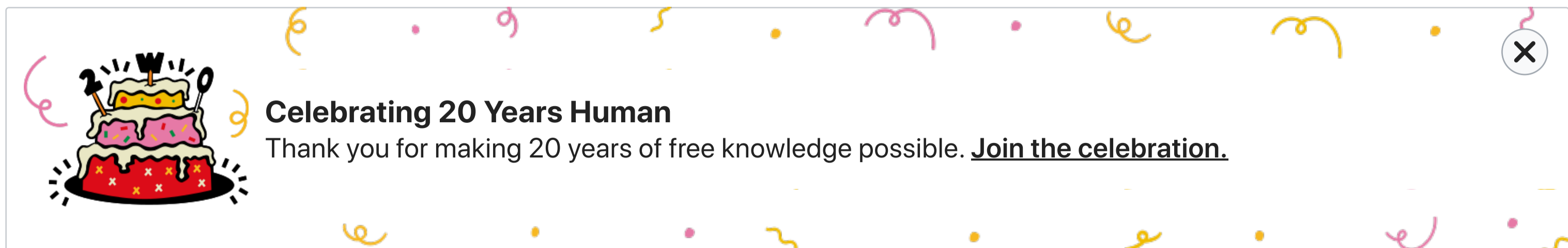
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Angelo Vasta

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The Honourable Angelo Vasta QC is a prominent [Queen's Counsel](#) and former judge of the [Supreme Court of Queensland](#) (1984 to 1989).^[1]

Vasta was called to the bar in 1968 and appointed as a [QC](#) in 1980. He maintained a successful private practice at the Queensland Bar before retiring on 1 July 2020.^[2]

On 24 October 1988, Vasta either stood down or was stood down as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland after evidence of his friendship with the suspended Queensland Police Commissioner [Terence Lewis](#) was given at the [Fitzgerald Inquiry](#) into police corruption.^[3] He was formally removed from office on 8 June 1989 by an Act of the [Queensland Parliament](#), the only occasion since Federation that any parliament in Australia has removed a Supreme Court judge.^{[4][5]} His removal is now considered controversial and attempts have been made to reverse the decision.^[6] The most recent effort, pioneered by [Bob Katter](#), failed in 2017.^[7]

Vasta's son, [Ross Vasta MP](#), has been a member of the [Australian House of Representatives](#) since 2010, and previously served from 2004 to 2007.^[8]

Since 1 January 2015, another son, Salvatore "Sal" Vasta, has been a judge of the [Federal Circuit Court of Australia](#).^[9] Vasta's daughter-in-law, Sal's wife, is [Magistrate Deborah Vasta](#), a Magistrate of the [Magistrates Court of Queensland](#).^[10]

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