

# YOUR VIEW

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## Letters

**Thank you for help after fall**

ON Thursday, March 22 about 10am, at Lavington Centro I fell over in the top car park and hurt myself.

I would like to thank the two strangers (females) who were first on the scene to help me out.

The management staff from Lavington Centro called the ambulance and stayed with me until it arrived.

A big thanks goes out to all who helped and to the two ambo guys. There are decent people out there who will stop to lend a hand. Thank you all.

— JAMES HART,  
Wodonga West

**Council, EPA can fix smelly Killara**

A WHILE back, West Wodonga had a small problem with a business, which the council and EPA helped to mostly resolve.

A similar method should be encouraged at Killara.

— PETER DIXON,  
Wodonga

**Warming seas froze canals**

THE report *State of the Climate 2012* released last week by the CSIRO and Bureau of Meteorology makes for sobering reading, concurring with numerous other scientific reports published by independent researchers and expert organisations from numerous disciplines around the world about the dangerous trajectory of human-induced climate change.

The report also demonstrates how Australia's wet summers of the past two years fit within a clear long-term global warming trend. Because of this long-term warming trend, the world's oceans are heating up and turbo-charging the hydrological cycle through increased evaporation. What we are now beginning to see are enhanced El Niño and La Niña events, more frequent and extreme storms, and unseasonal weather.

The symptoms of these trends are evident around the world. While much of Australia has endured back-to-back wet summers, other parts of the world have suffered unprecedented extreme weather events, including unprecedented drought in the south-western US and the recent extreme cold snap over Europe that saw the canals of Venice freeze over.

The attempts of climate deniers to discredit climate science look increasingly foolish and even deceitful in the face of such a robust body of expert evidence, along with the growing human and economic cost

## THE HOT TOPIC

**Do you think people who drive small cars are more prone to aggressive driving and yelling abuse on our roads?**



**RAY PAYNE**  
16, WODONGA

It depends who's driving. If they're Victorianians of course they are because they can't drive as they're not from NSW.

**ERIC HEW**  
14, WODONGA

Depends what type of car. If it's a Lamborghini versus a four-wheel-drive then for sure.

**LES BARTON**  
74, WODONGA

No I haven't noticed it; not here anyway. The only thing I have noticed is females using their mobile phones while driving.

**Where: Centro Wodonga. When: 10.40am yesterday.**

of more frequent and severe natural disasters.

It would be prudent for politicians, public servants and members of the business community to reduce their risk of exposure and take measures to adapt to our increasingly chaotic climate system.

— DR BENJAMIN HABIB,  
La Trobe University school of social sciences, Albury-Wodonga campus

**Let's honour a Demon legend**

WE are all of retirement age and have been members and supporters of the Melbourne Football Club

Like many thousands of others, we were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Jim Styne on Tuesday morning.

Not only was he an excellent player and administrator for his club and state, he was also a man of great enthusiasm and dignity.

He was one of those rare individuals who would do anything he could for people in all walks of life, as has been shown by what he managed to achieve in a relatively short life.



**TV stations need a reality check**

HASNT *Home and Away* come a long way — I noticed there are warnings for sexual and violent adult themes.

TV has gone to the dump — reality shows, *The Biggest Loser*, homo sapiens versus food — you get it.

Most of the other stations have the same format, they need a reality check.

— BOB CASSIDY,  
Albury

If only our society had more Jim Styne's, what a better world we would live in.

Wodonga Football Club has made its entertainment area available for a get-together of Melbourne supporters in this region on Tuesday at 10.40am which will coincide with his funeral in Melbourne.

Members and supporters, please show your dedication and turn up to honour this legend.

— ROSS BLACK, GRAEME BULGIN,  
GEOFF BURTON, GARY LITTLE and  
GREG MCGUIRE,  
Wodonga

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**Cheap booze fuels bingeing**

What do they expect when the price of alcohol in their pubs and clubs is so high?

Everyone I know drinks before they head out. You can't blow \$100, \$200, even \$300 at the pub. The alcohol-pop tax, did nothing but encourage people to drink before they go out

— kjr

exorbitant. Young people simply can't afford them.

— Phil

Maybe clubs and nightspots should eliminate entry fees and drop drink prices.

— Marcus

Establishments can breath-test people on entry to eliminate the 'pre-telled' ones. And the cops can lock up the other trouble-makers for 48 hours. Easy done.

— AI Waysright

Price is irrelevant. Focus on those drinking it and consider self-control and discipline. The notion that people can take responsibility for their drinking seems inconceivable.

— Mick

AI Waysright — breath-testing on arrival? Who do you think will enforce that and how? Another cost for breath-test machines. The cops can't be everywhere. Imagine calling them to Paddy's to collect all the

people who blew over .05? Mick, the price of alcohol isn't irrelevant. That's why people drink before they go out. I drink responsibly.



but at \$10.50 for a can of Jack's, no way. I can buy a 4-pack for \$17.99 at IGA.

— kjr

Pre-drinking is a ritual with drinks so dear at pubs and clubs. The pre-mix tax is useless. People buy spirits and mix their own. Why are so many against others having a good time? Sure, alcohol-fueled violence occurs but it's a minority creating these issues yet we punish everyone.

— Blackness

## The diary

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Australian Breastfeeding Association will run a breastfeeding education class for pregnant women and their partners today, 1pm-5pm, Wodonga Hospital antenatal rooms. Bookings essential. (02) 6041 2351.

The Friends of Wodonga Library are holding their secondhand book sale today, 9.30am, Wodonga Library. Lots of books at bargain prices.

Oldtime dance today, 8pm, Bortegilla Hall. Music by Bob and Kathy. Supper. Proceeds to medical research.

Thyroid Support meeting today, 2pm, conference room, Albury Base Hospital. (02) 6025 6749.

Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW) Albury-Wodonga Centre annual meeting today, 11am, club rooms, Sunwood Park, Reservoir Road, Lavington. All welcome.

Oaklands Lions Club Track and Equipment Show today and tomorrow, Oaklands Recreation Ground, Tonight, DJ, catering and bar from 6pm; tomorrow truck show, variety of stalls from 11am. (02) 6035 4122; 0409 162 864.

Holbrook miniature railway will be open for the carriage of passengers tomorrow, 10am-4pm, Ten Mile Creek Gardens in the centre of Holbrook. \$3 per ride.

St Augustine's autumn fair tomorrow, 10am-2pm, cnr Church and Osburn streets, Wodonga.

16th Annual Chaca Morgan County Car Club Swap Meet tomorrow, Jindera Recreation Ground. Gates open to public 7am. Admission \$5, kids free. 0427 218 627.

Albury-Wodonga Field Naturalists club outing to Hawksview tomorrow. Meet 1pm, Olive Street car park, Albury. Bring after-noon tea. (02) 6021 2022.

Table Top Red Cross branch card and games day Monday, 11.30am, Table Top Community Centre, Burma Road, Table Top. Everyone welcome. Cost \$15 per person, includes lunch. (02) 6020 3243; 6026 2204; 6043 1130.

Albury Humie Probus Club meeting to be followed by annual meeting Monday, 10am-noon, Commercial Club Golf Resort.

Creative Learners craft afternoon Monday, 1pm-3pm, Albury-Wodonga Community College. All welcome. (02) 6043 8200.

Australian Breastfeeding Association meets Tuesday, 10am, Glenelcho Neighbourhood House. Discussion topic: The happy mother — caring for family, home and self. (02) 6041 2351.

Albury-Wodonga Diabetes Support Group meets, Tuesday, 2pm, Mardross Gardens, off Union Road, North Albury. Guest speaker: Mr Durcan Harvey, podiatry clinical co-ordinator, CSU.

## Brain strain

**Which trainer has won the most Albury Gold Cups?**  
Who trained this year's Albury Gold Cup winner?

**He won a Melbourne Cup with which horse?**

When did Albury Cup King Richard Freyer last win the Gold Cup?

**In what year did Albury Gold Cup prizemoney top \$100,000?**

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