

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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BYPASS THE ANSWER

The Cooee crawl has been a contentious issue as long as I can remember.

Many years ago my father, Keith Dunham, was heavily involved in looking at alternatives than just widening the road and taking over six feet off our properties, which was done anyway to add cycle lanes and which did not solve the traffic problem. Of course, the traffic problem has only increased over the years.

The then Bypass Cooee and Ocean Vista Committee encouraged a bypass from the then Cadbury milk depot over the back and coming out at the Cam River. It would have required the building of a second bridge. It was a great and practical plan. It was halted by the then council and local businesses as it would take business away from the area. No future vision and nothing was done.

Taking more frontage off our properties or the beach is not an option. There are alternatives and a second bridge at Somerset is a necessity. A bypass could still occur, as could a roundabout at Camdale. Better traffic and bus management at Fidler Street, including restrictions of exit (make it a west turn only during school times) and better utilisation

of Saundridge Road (widen it) to encourage traffic towards the lights / street at Brickport Road. Buses could leave Burnie High School west via a merge lane at the northern exit of the school. Bypass the whole area with the addition of a second bridge at Somerset, yes indeed.

Anne Dunham, Cooee

CONGESTION FRUSTRATION

My blood pressure goes up when going to visit family in Wynyard.

As soon as you hit Cooee through to Wynyard, there is no overtaking, people go too slow. It's horrible.

Since I was 18 years, which was 15 years ago, the congestion is getting worse.

Lauren Shields, Gunns Plains

FOOTY DEMISE SAD TO SEE

What a sad day for football in the country areas of Penguin, with the Natone club going into recess.

Cuprona is now the only survivor of the old six team Natone association that was so strong in the early 1950s.

Many players from that era went on to play for Penguin, Burnie and even the

NWFU. In those days nobody was paid. In fact, it cost you money to play, and how we enjoyed it.

Ken Knight, Sulphur Creek

THE FORGOTTEN CHILDREN

We commend Children's Commissioner Leanne McLean on her agenda (Adv., Mar. 1) and the child safety system's problems.

The current reforming of the child safety system is encouraging but it is referenced only to the tip of the iceberg (foster care and formal kinship care) ignoring the more than 80 per cent of children in full-time informal kinship care.

These children and their carers are unrecognised and unassisted by both state and federal governments.

Most of these children have been traumatised and early intervention could prevent long term problems.

Recognition of the problem and help for these kids to reach their potential is sadly lacking.

Ross Henderson, president, Kin Raising Kids Tasmania

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