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Posted online

Our online readers give their opinions on the news of the week.

A great loss. They don't make 'em like Kath any more. The old bar they've still got there ought to be classified by the National Trust.

- Nicole expresses sadness at news of the death of adored Notting Hill Hotel publican Kath Byer, waverleyleader.com.au

I believe the neglected state of Rosanna train station, despite it being very well used, reflects both Labor's and the Liberals' contemptuous attitude towards public transport and public transport users. Their priority is to keep pouring money into expanding the road systems and tollways such as the North East Link. Our area will continue to be degraded if swatches of extraordinarily beautiful parklands are sacrificed.

- Caroline comments on the state of Rosanna train station, heidelbergleader.com.au

(The Ashes) build-up has certainly been way better than anything we've seen before, so fingers crossed you're right (that England will win). Beefy, you could solve most things - anything you can do about the exchange rate?!

- Jon Green agrees with cricket legend Ian Botham's prediction that England will retain the Ashes this year, meltonleader.com.au

I am hoping both the Labor Government and Wyndham Council do something very quickly in Tarnet. With the new estates popping up everywhere, the gridlock of traffic - especially early mornings, school hours and early evenings - is atrocious.

- Libby Singleton hopes the state election will spark a funding promise for roads, theywyndhamleader.com.au

Confine them at night

RE: "Push for cat curfew in Manningham" (online, November 17).

Permanently imprisoning cats is cruel (better not to keep them as pets at all) but I definitely agree with confining cats at night. The best solution, in my opinion, is to stop keeping cats as pets.

Justine, posted online.

Prefer the wildlife

RE: "Push for cat curfew in Manningham" (online, November 17).

Curfew or culling, I don't really mind. I do like cats but I prefer the wildlife.

Besides, we have a roaming ginger short-haired cat terrorising our neighbourhood, so if at least this one could be locked up indefinitely that would be great!

The owners should know and be held accountable for their inability to control their pets. The fines cannot be high enough.

Amrei, posted online.

Cr Mayne should resign

THE continued attempts of Cr Stephen Mayne to denigrate individual councillors, including the mayor, through the columns of the Leader is disgraceful.

His letter of October 20 referring to "factions", the "gang of five" and "silly games" demeans the dedication and hard work of other councillors who are bringing about long-needed reforms and changes in Manningham. To allege there is a political agenda behind these reforms is simply pathetic. His actions should be seen as self-promotion for yet another of his electoral campaigns, this time in the far-off seat of Northern Metropolitan where he must be



To have cat curfew or not, that's the question, as debate still rages over the issue.

hoping that his record of betraying the trust of people around him will not be known.

Our mayor, Charles Pick, has been responsible for leading important and far reaching reforms at Manningham. The recognition of indigenous peoples; the promotion of multiculturalism; the development of more consistent land use policies; the formation of a regional alliance with neighbouring councils; the advance of affordable housing in Doncaster and bringing greater transparency and accountability into the financial practices of council have all been achieved under his leadership.

For a young person, he has demonstrated remarkable maturity, tenacity, creativity and conviction - including contributing to a draft statement of core values and principles that all councillors were invited to comment on.

Cr Mayne has chosen instead to ridicule this draft statement through the press rather than contribute to its development. Cr Mayne, who only seeks to destroy, should resign.

Graeme Macmillan, Mullum Mullum Ward councillor.

Don't waste our tax money

I BELIEVE that neither Liberal nor Labor really mean what they say when in election mode.

The voters must take into consideration what they have done in the past.

Doncaster (Manningham area) bus services are more than adequate.

The tram line will not improve traffic flow. If anything, it will slow it down.

Park and rides could be extended, but are people so lazy that they cannot walk to a bus stop?

A train line should have been included in the design of the Eastern Freeway. I have my doubts whether it is really necessary, only more waste of taxpayers' money.

We now have almost empty buses running during the day.

Please start spending money on construction of new roads (not patching them up) such as King St, Victoria St, Tuckers Rd and Serpells Rd.

A. Buccella, Templestowe.

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