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Dr Who a blast

Was there anyone else out there excited that *Dr Who* was back on TV last Sunday with Kylie in it as the new assistant? You know where I was Sunday night.

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All power, no passion

Why is it that politicians do everything they can to stay in power, rather than doing everything they can to serve the people? Where has it all gone wrong?

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Pet-loving polities

Election time is definitely looming. What else could explain the amazing pet-friendly turnaround of councillors at the council meeting?

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Stop negative images

REGARDING photos run in *Knox Leader* featuring cyclists without helmets — including at skatebowls and a man attempting to ride from Perth to Sydney to raise money for orphans and widows in Uganda.

Cyclists, in general, face enough difficulties whenever they head out in public or on the roads.

Whether they are riding out of choice or necessity, they are quite often doing it for personal, health or environmental reasons. Seeing pictures of helmet-less cyclists in the media does nothing to promote safe and responsible cycling, nor a positive image.

Anthony Kuc
Ferntree Gully



A reader wants to ban pictures of cyclists without helmets.

Tollway saves money

EASTLINK is great. It is just such a good road and will save so much time for me in my travels. Despite the cost, I still think I will save money on petrol, especially given the cost of it nowadays. I am sure that when petrol hits \$2 or \$3 per litre Eastlink will prove its worth.

The open day was just great as well. I took the opportunity of a once-in-a-lifetime chance to walk through the tunnels. They are very impressive.

John Mitchell
Bayswater

Rowville train a joke

I WOULD love to be able to catch a train in Rowville and will be grateful for all those residents on Waradgery Drv and Avalon Rd who are so willing to give up their homes, to allow a railway line to connect to Stud Park

Shopping Centre. The line might even extend along Stamford Cres to Lakeview Ave.

Maybe they won't need to move — the train could simply pass overhead supported by pylons in their backyards. While Knox Council's study has the line ending at the corner of Wellington and Stud roads, all their publicity shows pictures of a station at Stud Park. Trains cannot turn at 90 degrees, so a broad turn will be required from Wellington Rd to Stud Rd.

Perhaps it's the residents of Turrumurra Drv who will be so generous as to sacrifice their homes for a rail line and station — no doubt at bargain basement prices offered.

Then again, maybe we could have a huge concrete platform over the Wellington and Stud roads intersection, big enough to hold a station and car parking for the 2000 cars needed each hour that will no longer use Wellington Rd.

Knox Council has proposed a train on pylons similar to Brisbane's Airtrain. I look forward

to, one day, being able to park at Stud Park, or perhaps on the Aircarpark that will dominate the Rowville landscape.

Dave Hoffman
Rowville

Attacked

KEEP dogs on leads.

My heart goes out to John Cassidy and the loss of his dog, Maddy. My small dog was also recently attacked as I walked her around the block in Ferntree Gully.

A rottweiler that was off the lead charged at us so quickly that I was unable to pick up my dog in time.

After hearing my screams, the owner came and grabbed the rottweiler away.

Luckily the bite wounds were superficial but it left my dog and I traumatised.

This is the third time my dog has been attacked and as a result she is fearful of any strange dog. Taking my dog for a daily walk around Ferntree Gully has changed from being a pleasant experience to one where I have to keep a constant lookout for dogs that can approach from anywhere. Something needs to be done before a child is seriously injured.

Sonia Markvan
Ferntree Gully

Water wise

I HAVE a solution to the watering problems of the Seebeck football and cricket grounds. We

have the Dandenong Creek approximately 80 metres away and it would be a good idea to try and pump the water out of the creek to use on both grounds. I believe that the golf course over the road gets all their water from the same creek, so I cannot understand why the council cannot use this water source as well.

Paul Mynott
Rowville

Opinions heard

IN response to Naomi Nelson's letter to the editor (*Knox Leader* July 1), I strongly disagree that as mayor and chair of the council meeting I attempted to stifle anyone's right to free speech during public question time. Normal procedures were followed and nobody's opinion or voice was stifled.

Under council's local laws, questioners are allowed two minutes to speak to a question once the question has been put. The chair then responds to the question or directs an officer to provide an answer. However, laws do not provide for a debate in relation to the content of the question or the answer. Normally, only 30 minutes is allowed for this segment but because of the large number of questions received at the meeting — including many from Goulburn Drive, Rowville residents — this was extended by a further 15 minutes. As a result, virtually all questions were put and answered. This hardly amounts to a stifling of free speech. Council made it clear that the issue of trees requires individual attention. If any resident believes that damage to property is being caused by street trees through the roots drying the soil, the onus rests with the resident to demonstrate the link between the tree and the damage caused.

Knox Mayor
Cr Jim Penna