

There is an alternative to binge drinking

I'D like to congratulate Elizabeth Langdale on her wonderful Talking Point in the Esperance Express on Wednesday, May 29.

It was a great testimony to young people that there is another way to enjoy a full, happy and healthier life in Esperance other than binge drinking.

In my life before retirement, I tried to make countless young people aware of the dangers of excess alcohol. All too sadly, quite a number of them now rest in plots off Pink Lake Road.

Such a waste!
Ron Taylor,
Esperance

Not much choice for recreational fishers

I FIRST came to Esperance in 1965 when there was no breakwater or wharf and the only fishing was beach or rocks, but most people still had a bit of common sense then.

With the building of the breakwater, wharf, Taylor Street jetty and the James Street groyne (which replaced the original jetty), the town had much safer alternative fishing places.

The Taylor Street jetty was built by the state government out of our taxes for professional fishermen to offload tuna during the tuna boom until the Bandy Creek professional fishing boat harbour was built. When it was built the minister at the time 'donated' the Taylor Street jetty to the people of Esperance for recreational use.

McKenzies Island cruises still used the Taylor Street jetty for commercial reasons for over a decade but it remained open to the

public until a new commercial operator took over McKenzies' business. Then in no time at all and for motives I am suspicious of, the Port Sea and Land Authority denied access to the Taylor Street jetty and gave exclusive use of it to a private commercial business.

The authority built a stalag type razor wire fortification on it. Another safe and popular fishing place grabbed off us.

The James Street groyne is available to the public to fish off rocks except when the commercial helicopter joy flights are operating, during the peak recreational fishing time!

So now with the tanker jetty closed for nearly a year and a half what choices do recreational fishers have but the beaches and rocks once again?

The ideas of rock bolts is futile as they aren't used and the floata-

tion rings get vandalised or stolen and no one can stop it from happening.

So expect more drownings off the rocks and ask yourselves, is it worth the money being generated out of these commercial operations, government and private, who have only taken and taken and taken from us and given us nothing in return as safer alternatives to fishing off the rocks?

Even our Shire has been negligent by sitting on a \$1 million out of \$1.2m grant given to them to upgrade the tanker jetty for so long the government took it back off them. This was after squandering \$200,000 of it on consultants. Another squandered opportunity.

Many of our Kalgoorlie friends are not coming back here for holidays until the tanker jetty is available again.

Jim Andre,
Esperance.

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Fundraising for Divine Mercy Church

Lower Chittering Western Australian

Fundraising is continuing, so we can resume construction of the new Divine Mercy church in Lower Chittering, on the outskirts of the city.

This will be the first church dedicated to the Divine Mercy in the Perth Archdiocese and State of Western Australia. The church has been designed by Peter Anthes and is being constructed on land donated to the archdiocese by the Prindiville Group. The aim has been to design a most beautiful church which is uplifting and yet very functional for Holy Mass, a place of welcome and pilgrimage. The church will eventually be clad in local stone collected over several years by parish members. Parish Priest Fr Paul Fox is appealing for donations and prayers.

DONATION FORM

I would like to support the work of building the new Divine Mercy Church with a one-off donation of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250
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or I authorise the Divine Mercy Church Building Fund to make automatic monthly deductions of \$ from my credit card until further notice.

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CWA earns income from its hall

THANK you very much for the article by Rex Drabik in the local paper supporting Esperance CWA.

Hiring our CWA hall is how we make most of our income, part of which goes back into the local community.

What we need we buy locally.

I'm sorry, but Kings Park Fashions have been coming to Esperance for quite some time and for only two days at a time.

They hire our CWA Hall as supporters of the CWA through advertising in The Countrywoman and preferring CWA premises in coun-

try towns. As the saying goes, "You can't take away what is not there".

I can seldom find clothes to fit in Esperance, neither can my family so we shop elsewhere, not with KPF.

Ann Reid,
CWA Esperance

THUMBS UP

TO the men doing the line marking on the roads last weekend. They let traffic past when it was safe to do so and were very nice. □□□

TO the man or woman who donated wood to the old pensioner last week. You gave her a big smile and a warm house. Thank you. □□□

TO the gentleman on Norseman Road who stopped to see if either we, or our friends in the other car, needed help as we stopped frequently due to one passenger being ill. We were very grateful. □□□

TO the local vet who tried his hardest to diagnose my precious girl, unfortunately she could not be saved. Much appreciated for all your effort and time you put into her on Monday night. □□□

TO the staff at the Leisure Centre. Fantastic customer service. The bench mark for the town. □□□

TO the person who picked my son up after an unfortunate bike accident after school and took him back to Esperance Primary School. □□□

TO all the people who stopped to

help a man who got his scooter stuck on a road island at the new roundabout on Wednesday. Lovely to see so many people go out of their way to ensure both he and his scooter got to safety and back on their way. □□□

TO the police patrolling the school zones - great to see them out in the community. □□□

TO the quick thinking truck driver who avoided hitting my car when I spun out in the wet. Thank you so much. □□□

TO the Onelife football game played on the weekend. □□□

TO the lady protesting the shire's cancellation of hard rubbish collection. □□□

THUMBS DOWN

TO the inconsiderate people who feel it is OK to abandon their shopping trolleys anywhere they please. □□□

TO teenage girls who do not cover up! It is winter now! Put some clothes on! □□□

TO the inconsiderate people who dissemble the Sunday Times at

McDonald's and Dome - they're not your papers. □□□

TO the person who stole my car parking space when I was clearly indicating. □□□

TO the surfer who dropped in on me at the weekend. That was my wave! □□□

TO the teenagers who drive dangerously on mopeds. Take more care and look out for other drivers. You do not own the road. □□□

TO people who dump their rubbish anywhere they please. □□□

TO Australian broadcasters for giving racists airtime. □□□

TO people who change lanes in the middle of going through a roundabout. □□□

TO the trucks doing way over the road works speed limit out on the highway and shoving cars in a hail storm of stones. □□□

TO no bulk kerbside rubbish collection. Not everyone has access to a trailer or ute. Maybe they could alternate and do a pick-up every second year?

NEWS ON THE STREET WHAT COULD BE DONE TO ENCOURAGE ESPERANCE RESIDENTS TO BUY LOCALLY?

DEB RENTON - We need better prices and customer service. There could be more variety of different products and competitive prices on offer.

BELINDA JONES - Customer service is important and offering high quality products.

GRAHAM GATH - I use the internet to research shopping but I always make a point of asking locally to supply it for me. I always buy locally unless it is simply not normally stocked like an old item of equipment or an old book.

DOUG BACKHOUSE - Try to make local prices more competitive.