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## Don't promise what you won't deliver

BEFORE an election, both sides of politics appear to make promises they know they can't keep.

A suggestion on how to avoid this – the outgoing government should only stand on what they have done in their three years not what they will do if re-elected.

The lucky country for the lucky few – some executives have annual incomes of millions of dollars, the highest reported being \$10 million.

Some sports people have multi-million dollar sponsorships to promote certain products. Some people are still paying multi-millions for houses.

It has been reported the number of millionaires in the country is increasing every year.

It would appear these people would benefit from the tax break promised by the Prime Minister for higher income earners.

M W Kelly  
Tivoli

### Blood donation tops 200

I WOULD like to publicly acknowledge the huge milestone that my wife Leigh-Ann Hargreaves has reached with her 200th blood donation.

For over 30 years, she has provided this life-saving support for countless numbers of people who are here today because of her continued effort in supporting this valuable service.

Thank you from all those that do not know where this life saving blood has come from.

Phill Hargreaves  
Brassall

### Glamorgan Vale School celebrates its 140th

THE Glamorgan Vale state school will celebrate its 140th anniversary on Saturday September 5.

Glamorgan Vale is situated



The last class reunion back in 1985 of Year 10 Bremer State High.

## Bremer High is also staging a 40yr Year 10 class reunion

YOU recently published an article about a 50 year reunion for past year 10c2 students of Bremer State High School.

Interestingly enough, we are arranging a 40-year reunion of year 10 students from Bremer State High School this year which will also include a year 10c2.

about 10kms north-west of Ipswich in the Marburg Valley, Queensland.

Everyone is welcome to the celebration, especially all former students of the Glamorgan Vale and Lark Hill school and to anyone who has a family connection or interest in the area.

A street parade will include a marching band, horse drawn vehicles, vintage cars and a bullock team.

A special feature will be a performance by the present students of the Maypole.

It's not often you would find the same class sharing a 40 year and 50 year reunion around the same time of year.

Our reunion is to be held on 12 September at the Ipswich RSL.

Further information can be obtained from Deb Mitchell (Welfare) on 0405 129 332.

Deb Mitchell

The cutting of the anniversary cake will be followed by the formal opening of the day by Shirley Davis daughter of the longest serving principle of the school Mr Douglas Gillespie.

The 140th anniversary book and souvenirs will be on sale, food stalls and a bar will also be in operation.

For more details you can contact Geoff Beattie 0439966236 (chair person) or Keith Abraham 07 54266133 (event co coordinator)

Keith Abraham  
Glamorgan Vale

## Questions remain to be asked of council CEO

I NOTED with some concern that details of the 'partnership arrangement' between Ipswich City Developments Enterprises (ICDE) and the developer of 25 Nimmo Street, Booval are nowhere to be found in Mr. Jim Lindsay's full page letter in your 13 August 2015 edition.

How is the public to judge whether Mr. Lindsay's statement that "It's all about getting the best value for money out of the land that we have" is accurate without these details.

Mr Lindsay might suggest that being a private company ICDE does not have to reveal any of these arrangements but this does not seem to have prevented him from providing details of a similar arrangement for the Bremer High School site redevelopment.

At the time the Development Application was submitted, ICDE was owner of the land and Mr Lindsay was one of the directors who signed the Owners Consent for the DA.

Some of the questions Mr. Lindsay may care to address are: is ICDE still the owner of the land, will the benefit to ICDE be restricted to receiving rent from the land, is ICDE committed to a capital investment in the development and are there other benefits to the Council and residents?

Ken Alderton  
Ipswich

### Show holidays need dumping from calendar

SHOULD half of south-east Queensland have public holidays for the Brisbane Show? No. Ridiculous.

How could places as varied as parts of Toowoomba and Goondiwindi be justified in this public holiday?

In short, most public holidays including the Ipswich Show Holiday are a waste of time and a hangover from past eras.

They are an example of why Australia is barely, and in many instances not, globally competitive.

Keve Pearce  
Raceview

### Let's get the facts right on emissions

IS anybody actually aware that in 2010 Australia emitted 1.11% of CO2 emissions in the world?

I have just been listening to Radio 612 and Tanya Plibersek claimed that we are the highest emitters per capita in the world" and this is not true.

We are at number 11 and close to the statistics of USA.

Surely per capita hides our large land mass with small population and is not necessarily relevant.

I do not deny the need to act (my household was one of the first to get solar in the area), just the inaccurate claims I keep hearing.

Glenda Carroll  
Bundamba

### When will this same sex marriage argument end?

I CANNOT believe we are still having this ridiculous argument about marriage equality (same sex unions).

The pressing issues facing this country far out weigh what the court jesters are up to.

There is no such thing as marriage equality, whether you are heterosexual or otherwise, it's a myth like the socialists' 'utopia' promised by all Labor politicians. Is the greater good being served by trying to change the definition of marriage?

The short answer is a resounding no!

Nothing good will come from destroying the last pillar, and I might add, glue that holds society together and held it for thousands of years.

Confusing the relationships between a man and a woman can only bring a greater ill upon mankind.

I never thought that I would ever live to see a generation bent on its own self destruction through the lens of over indulgence.

Robert McBeath  
Raceview

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