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— Tim Badrick

Two ways to stop grog-fuelled violence

THE excessive consumption of alcohol is responsible for more problems in our society than any other drug. Not for one minute am I saying that alcohol should be completely outlawed.

Many people still know how to drink responsibly and in moderation.

Depending on what type of alcohol is being consumed, drinking in moderation tends to make the average respectable citizen feel relaxed and chilled out.

Alcohol should not be banned in our society because a minority go ballistic and turn aggressive.

Unfortified wine and beer with its lower alcohol content is better for you and less harsh on your liver than distilled spirits.

Check out the alcohol content on any bottle of spirits.

I am not saying that you can guzzle low-alcohol beverages like they are going out of fashion and not expect to wind up with cir-

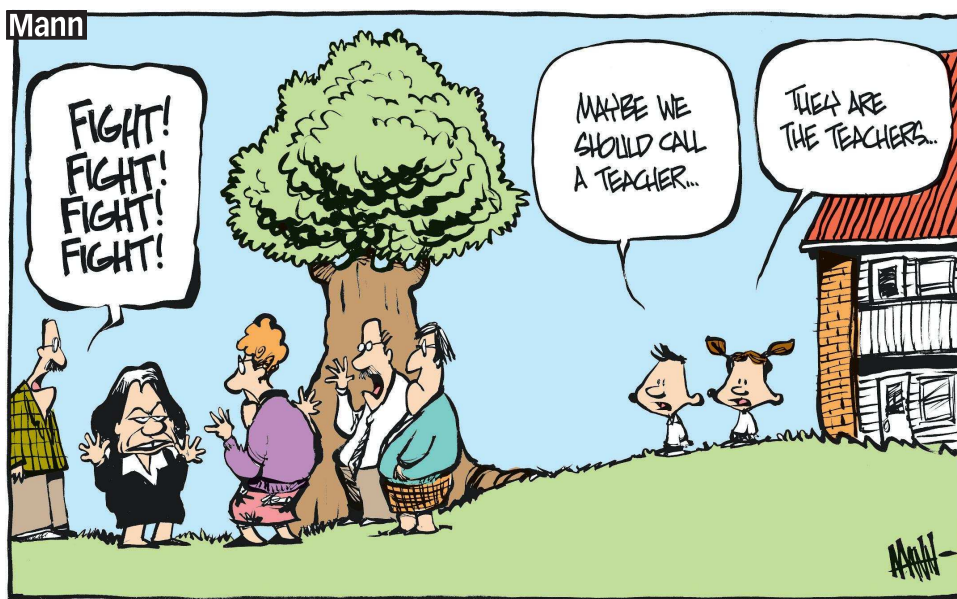
rhosis of the liver or some other nasty health problem as a result. But you don't need to be a doctor to work out that some types of alcohol are a lesser evil. A couple of beers or a couple of glasses of red wine is a damn lot better for you than half a bottle of rocket fuel.

If the State Government is serious about stemming the tide of alcohol-fuelled violence and disorderly behavior in public places and on our streets, then two things have to happen, possibly in co-operation with the Federal Government:

(1) The drinking age must be changed from 18 to 21.

(2) The Government must legislate to ban the sale of beverages in all licensed establishments that contain any type of drink with an alcohol content of 30 per cent or more in its undiluted form.

Tim Badrick,
Tamborine



Honour champs with hall of fame

OUR ranks of local sporting champions are swelling with many young people throughout Logan achieving great results in their chosen sport at national and international level.

Most will never receive recognition from their local

community for their achievements and hours of dedication.

I think as a community we should consider a Logan Hall of Fame to celebrate the achievements of our residents. It could possibly be incorporated into the exten-

sions to the entertainment centre and be used as bragging rights by locals.

Logan is a city we can all be proud of and I would like to hear your views on a local hall of fame.

Craig Emerson,
Member for Rankin

Don't wait for the next flood

RE: Upgrade to clamp down on flooding (*Logan West Leader*, July 15). Cr Pidgeon expressed disappointment that residents next to Tygum Park were not consulted about the changes.

One would think it would be part of Cr Pidgeon's responsibilities to make sure his constituents were informed.

Unfortunately, "making sure next time" is what we in Division 9 have come to expect.

Pamela Denham,
Crestmead

Logan rate rise

IN the two years I have been living in Logan I have seen my rates rise every quarter.

For the first time they are over \$500 a quarter on a property with a land value less than \$140,000.

I previously lived in Brisbane where the rates at my old property are currently under \$450 a quarter... where both general rubbish and recycling bins are provided, and where the land value is over \$200,000.

Donna Smith,
via loganwestleader.com.au

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