

Opinion

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Use land for the future

NOW that the Urban Growth Boundaries have been changed around Sunbury and the population of Sunbury is expected to blow out to 90,000 – Jack Ogilivie has admitted that Hume City Council has no strategic plan to deal with that amount of growth.

Isn't it even more important that the council land at Racecourse Rd be kept aside until at least the future needs of Sunbury have been identified and planned for as well as having a strategic plan to move Sunbury forward.

Sunbury is a great place to bring up children because the previous shire (Bulla Shire) had the foresight to put in place sufficient sporting reserves and put land aside for future recreation needs.

The Racecourse Rd land was bought for the future of Sunbury.

One of the uses could be a performing arts centre which is greatly needed.

Let's not waste the land in Racecourse Rd for housing when there is so much land available.

Jan Ward, Sunbury.

Preserve uni site

THE site abdicated by Victoria University should revert to State Government control, who should then call for expressions of interest in responsibly leasing the site for educational or cultural use.

The historic site must be preserved in good heritage order and, with the population growth expected, there is a need to convert it to a purpose that contributes educationally to our community future.



Keep hamming it up

G'DAY and congrats to the Macedon Ranges ARC on your centenary.

That's a milestone of tremendous significance and achievement.

Amateur Radio is a fabulous hobby, it's fun, it's educational, it promotes international goodwill, and, in times of emergency, it saves lives.

Keep up the tradition and enjoy the hobby for at least another 100 years.

All the best from your ham mates in America. We're proud of you.

Steven Katz, via macedonrangesleader.com.au

The facilities are in place, let taxpayers see them appropriately used. So much public funding has already been invested.

Mary MacKinnon, Sunbury.

Let's get on with it

THE Bushfire Royal Commission Report has been released.

Master Builders supports the measures to commit more resources for controlled burns, fire tracks, new firefighting equipment and improved communications.

We also support a review of the inequitable fire services levy.

But Master Builders does not support the recommendation to voluntarily acquire properties in "flame zones".

This would create ghost towns where tourism hubs once thrived and would

undermine the property values of the remaining homes and businesses.

Master Builders also opposes the philosophy that all bushfire risk mitigation measures stem from improving the survivability of the home.

Homes are not bushfire shelters – they are designed as a primary place of residence.

The best way to protect their homes is to ensure "as of right" ability to clear the native vegetation on your own land.

This is a policy area where Master Builders is strongly advocating reform.

More than 18 months have passed and 370 residents are still in temporary accommodation. Our 7500 members are willing and able to assist, so let's get on with the job.

Radley de Silva, deputy executive director, Master Builders Association of Victoria.

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