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## EDITORIAL

### Darkest day in Australian sport

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MUCH has been made of the cheating scandal that has rocked world sport in the past week, with pundits and fans either defending the actions of our national cricket team's leadership group or more popularly, expressing their disdain over the entire situation.

As a long-time avid fan of the Australian cricket team, I was devastated when I read the details of what exactly had transpired.

As a fan, I chose not to deflect blame on other players who have been caught ball tampering in the past such as South African captain Faf Du Plessis, as that would be hypocritical considering we as a cricketing nation have so often been quick to condemn others who have committed a similar offence.

With Australia having such a rich sporting history, particularly in the sport of cricket, it is paramount that we don't allow anything like what happened in Cape Town to ever occur again.

With that in mind, I hope the necessary punishment is swift and certain, which I believe should include the stripping of Steve Smith's captaincy and David Warner's vice-captaincy for a minimum of 12 months, and Justin Langer to be appointed as coach after the conclusion of the tour of South Africa.

### Don't just leave a road here

I DON'T know who is responsible for the criminal environmental vandalism under the guise of Roadworks.

People are part of environment too. One child has already lost his life, business are losing money and shoppers are going to other places like Toowoomba if they can.

A loss of venue to the town is the lack of facilities for the truck driver.

They like to eat and buy things too, there must be hundreds going through Dalby in a day.

This is beside the tearing out of lovely planned trees along the Warrego Highway and the other plantings in different places.

Why can't someone use common sense.

We do want to see a town left, not just a road to nowhere.

Concerned still.

— Dorn Roddau



ROADWORKS: The Warrego Highway upgrade in Dalby is causing everyone headaches. PHOTO: MICHAEL DOYLE

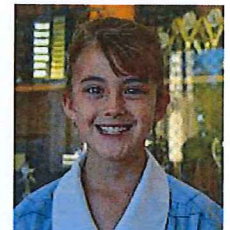
### Letter of the Week

Have strong opinions, write in an engaging way? You could win our Letter of the Week, and with it a book from our friends and sponsors, the publishers HarperCollins. This month's book prize is *The Woman in the Window* by AJ Finn. It debuted at No 1 on the NYT best seller list in the US and is a gripping psychological thriller about an agoraphobic woman who believes she has witnessed a horrible crime in a neighbouring house.

Rules: Best letter competition runs till January 19 next year. Entries close each Wednesday at 10am. The winner is selected by Thursday 9am. Book of the month valued up to \$49.00. Entrants agree to the Competition Terms and Conditions located at [www.dalbyherald.com.au/competitions/terms](http://www.dalbyherald.com.au/competitions/terms), and our privacy policy. Entrants consent to their information being shared with HarperCollins for the express purpose of delivering prizes.  
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## STREET TALK

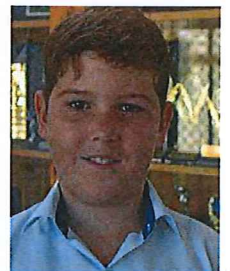
We asked Dalby students: What is their favourite thing about Easter?



“Going on Easter egg hunts.”  
— Eydie Baird



“Getting to eat a heap of chocolate.”  
— Elliot Schenk



“Everyone being happy and coming together.”  
— Matthew Jamieson



“Spending time with the family and getting to eat chocolate with them all.”  
— Matilda Tanks

## LETTERS

### This doesn't connect

THE Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) has revealed massive deficiencies in the rollout of the NBN across regional Australia.

The independent survey from the ACMA has found that one in three households are left without phone or internet services when connecting to the NBN.

What's worse is that more

than 10 per cent of households continue to be without services after more than a month. This is a far cry from what NBN Co and the government claim.

Put simply, this is not good enough for business or households who rely on these services for work, study and online transactions.

It is a shocking indictment on Malcolm Turnbull and his second-rate copper NBN which is just not up to scratch.

Labor has long called for action to improve people's experience of connecting to the NBN.

The government must update Australia's telecommunications consumer-rights framework to include real consumer protections and guarantees.

In 2018, it is absurd that our Universal Service Obligation provides rights for phone boxes but not a household internet connection.

That it guarantees access

to a telephone but not essential broadband services.

It's time the Government get serious about this problem. The Government needs to act and act, without delay.

They cannot continue to bury their heads in the sand on this matter. Doing nothing is simply not good enough.

— Stephen Jones MP  
Shadow Minister for Regional Communications

## FACEBOOK

LET'S take a look at some of your comments on our recent Facebook posts:

■ On "Fiegler brothers selected for Queensland"

Scooter Donpon: Congrats to Jake Rynne for also making the team.

Heather Bradley: So proud of you Carl, Brad and Jake. You are an inspiration to other young bowlers, good luck in the championships.

Tina Henderson: Well done boys. Congratulations.

■ On "Unexpected surprise greets the saleyards"

Jim Pickstock: What a waste of money again, well done WDRC.

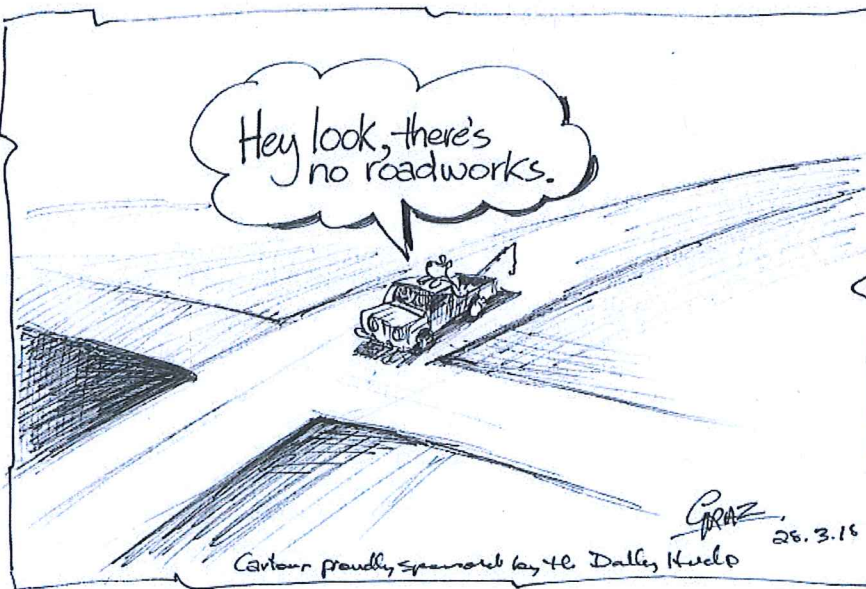
Brendan Furner: Complete waste of money. Suppose ratepayers coughed up again.

The building of the thing was delayed for a year because the person was sick. What a load of garbage. Do they think we are that stupid?

Lynda Crosby: Should upgrade the loading/unloading facilities. Waste of money, typical.

Lincoln Hoad: Great looking. I love it.

## CARTOON



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