

# EDITORIAL

IN an ideal world where teenagers were such sensible beings they always behaved more responsibly than their parents, there would be no risk of any of them sharing sexually explicit videos without permission. These teenagers would never take risks with alcohol, cigarettes and other drugs, sexual relations, or anything else. They would listen earnestly to the wise words of their teachers and elders, never act impulsively and always see reason. But life is not like that and older people tut-tutting about what has been called a rampant teen culture of recording and distributing explicit images without consent will not change anything. It is more remembering, too, that this repugnant behaviour, which can include the filming of intimate acts, is not confined to teens. While it might seem baffling to

## Education needed on sex video consent

many older people, for some, recording and sending nude pictures to someone when they are in a relationship, has become commonplace in the dating process. In the heat of the moment, however, many (and not just teens) give little consideration to what might happen to such images if the relationship ends. Netsafe says about 15% of its work each year involves so-called revenge porn in which, after a relationship break-up, images are shared without consent to humiliate or intimidate an ex-partner. We hope schools are not trying to keep instances of explicit video sharing quiet or make ignore them altogether, presumably fearful for their school's reputation.



should the news leak out. Some certainly did not seem keen to talk to the ODT about this issue, with only the Otago Boys' High School rector Richard Hall responding promptly to questions about this. Turning a blind eye because this behaviour originates outside school hours is a head-in-the-sand approach which ignores the fact sharing will go on in school hours if pupils have cell-phone access.

Schools collaborating on education programmes highlighting the dangers of this behaviour and its long-term effects and the relevant law, and also looking at ways to stamp on any activity early and ensure there are appropriate ramifications for those involved, including referral to police if necessary, would seem sensible. They could also share any successes they might have in changing behaviour. The part alcohol consumption

plays in many incidents should not be underestimated. Indeed, it was clearly a factor in the recent video which showed two First XV rugby players from an Otago secondary school engaged in a sexual act, cheered on by other teens at a party. Netsafe's research found almost four out of 10 teenagers surveyed knew someone who had shared nude pictures or videos and three in 10 were aware of someone who had received content they did not request. It can be easy to go down the moral panic route and assume every teenager is sharing intimate content, but the Netsafe research found it was around 4% of those 14-17-year-olds it surveyed.

However, what was more common was the pressure to share, with one in five young people asked to send something. The likelihood of sharing intimate content increased with age. While girls were more likely to receive requests than boys, they were no more likely than boys to share anything. Parents who wonder what role they might be able to play in deterring risky and damaging behaviour might do well to explore Netsafe's website, including its Bare Facts campaign (in collaboration with the Classification Office of New Zealand), which is designed to teach young people and their families about the issues involved in intimate image sharing. Also, if someone has shared content without permission, Netsafe can explain the options available and provide expert incident advice.

### Letters to the editor

## Rainbow Barnes Dance draws mixed response

WHAT a cheerful, uplifting story regarding the suggested rainbow Barnes Dance (ODT, 17.6.21). When I first saw the rainbow crossing in Wellington, near Cuba Mall, I thought it was such a simple and memorable way to add vibrancy and celebration to the inner urban landscape. It's a reminder of how social justice movements have made a lot of progress (even though we must continue to make so much more); it is eye-catching; it actually encourages safer crossing, because it's so vibrant — jaywalkers can't miss it. No excuse for random walks. I love the way a crossing suggests an openness and acknowledgement of rainbow sexualities as a given in human identity. It also seems like a visual reminder that all people of all sexualities should be made safe in our city. It's a wonderful idea and I hope it gets a lot of support at council.

Emma Neale  
Maori Hill

FOR years I have watched members of the LGBT community turn their backs on Dunedin and head north in search of a new home, social acceptance and equal opportunity. Eventually, I did the same. Coming back, it is encouraging to see this trend changing. This is in large part thanks to the community-led initiatives that send the signal that this is a safe city that welcomes diversity.

Miranda Bellamy  
Dunedin Central

I AM writing in support of the rainbow crossing planned for the Lower Stuart St and Moray Pl intersection (ODT, 17.6.21). This is important. It is a crucial time to stand up and show support. Dunedin may be small but we are mighty. Please consider the impact this will have on the youth of the LGBT community. Make an example of what

acceptance looks like and celebrate the diversity of our beautiful city. We are all so lucky to call Otago our home. Let's brighten it up with the power of the rainbow.

Pru Jopson  
St Kilda

PEDESTRIAN crossings exist to get people safely out of the paths of moving cars. They have historically been black and white, mostly, not to advertise zebras, nuns or crossword puzzles, but because roads are black and, against black, white shows up well. I hope the council will not seriously entertain the proposal (ODT, 17.6.21) to make a Dunedin pedestrian crossing rainbow-coloured. It may be commercially motivated, the chief proponent being a local bar owner. But it's certainly a political proposal, and the council would be very foolish to politicise civic infrastructure.

What one person might claim to be a "symbol of safety and acceptance" might to someone else be a symbol of something very different.

Glenn Hardesty  
North East Valley

(Abridged)

### Wellington's vision

WHILE we fret over the possibility of one street on one block possibly becoming one-way, look at the brave move the Wellington council is going to make. It is closing off Courtenay Pl, Lambton Quay, and Manners and Willis Sts. They will all become pedestrian/cyclist spaces only with buses allowed in only certain areas. A visionary move and one that family I have up there say is overdue and will win them many friends.

Come on, Dunedin. We should be setting these benchmarks.

Graham Bulman  
Roslyn

**BIBLE READING:** Those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. — 1 John 4:21.

### Cartoonist's view — Yeo



## Questions over Government's funding priorities

I HAVE to wonder how the present Labour Government allocates its funding and what the priorities are. The Ashburton bridge, forming part of the main State Highway 1 system south, was damaged in the recent floods — a vital link to the rest of the South Island for the transport of goods — and there is no news about its replacement. Yet millions of dollars are to be spent on a cycle/walking bridge in Auckland. There are also a number of bridges in the South Island closed because they are unsafe. The hospice/palliative care movement is only partly funded by the Government and has to go to the public for the rest of its money and yet \$11.8 million has been budgeted to be spent from November 2021 to June 2022 on helping New Zealand citizens to die. When New Zealanders voted

last year on the End of Life Choice Bill did they understand that part of the budget would be used to help terminate lives. Where is our sense of compassion and care for those who are vulnerable. And we are told there is not enough money to increase the pay of our nurses. There is a shortage of warm and dry homes, some families don't have enough to eat, jobs have been lost because of the Covid-19 epidemic and every week I read of Government money being spent on things which are unnecessary and not what is a priority. Spending should be on what people and the infrastructure of this country need — not on what people want. Margaret Hall  
Wanaka

(Abridged)

### Hillside

NOW that we have Hillside workshops being redeveloped why can't railers be built here again so people can travel easily between Dunedin, Christchurch, and Invercargill with multiple stops on the way. Think of the enhancement it would make for the many local businesses as access becomes easier. Railers are comfortable to travel in, convenient and would take so many cars off our congested roads. We are forgetting the stunning landscape, the great places to stay and the hospitality of so many communities. Seize the moment. J. Park  
Wakari

## Time to get tough with vape sellers

LIKE others, I was shocked to read about Waikato children as young as 11 experimenting with vaping, and local school principals' natural concerns (ODT, 14.6.21). I call on the Government to get tough on the very few retailers who continue to let everyone down. If they break the law and sell vaping products to minors under 18, it's time they faced the consequences. I respect the Government's initial focus on educating retailers about the new law, but it's time to move on to enforcement with some tough legislative sanctions available. Concerns about marketing are fast becoming a thing of the past with vaping advertising now prohibited and more regulations on packaging, promotion and display of vaping products taking effect on August 11. Vape flavours will also be limited to just three in general retail outlets. While that may please parents and educators, drastically limiting popular flavours could hinder the national Smokefree Aotearoa goal. Flavours are key to adult smokers switching to vaping — which Public Health England concludes is 95% less harmful than smoking combustible cigarettes. Further, after examining the data from over 27,000 secondary school pupils, University of Auckland researchers last confirmed there was no youth vaping epidemic in New Zealand. To stop more minors from vaping, point of sale is where to get tough. Nancy Loucas  
Aotearoa Vapers Community  
Advocacy co-director

### Team New Zealand

JACINDA Ardern has been largely successful in her stated intent to never utter or write the name of the Christchurch mosque terrorist and her request for others to do the same. Now we should do the same with Grant Dalton and his mates running Team New Zealand and the America's Cup. They should be renamed for posterity as "Team Greedy". B. Chalmers  
Brighton

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

### Tribute to Plunket's work

In moving the adoption of the annual report and balance sheet of the Royal New Zealand Society for the Health of Women and Children in Dunedin yesterday, Dr A. Cameron, who presided, said the report spoke of work of the highest importance well done. During the year there were some 66 nurses in training at the hospital, 26 completed training as Plunket nurses, and ten as Karitane nurses. That in itself showed how greatly the work had grown. If the number of visits made by Plunket nurses were noted, and the number of

visits paid to the nurses' offices, none could fail to realise the work was growing rapidly. Dr Cameron went on to speak of the great difficulties that had had to be overcome and the prejudices standing in the way, particularly referring to the notion that what was good enough for the parents of the past was good enough today. It was not easy times for the Plunket nurses to convince the young mother that there was a better way of handling baby than that practised by the grandmother.

### Statham memorial window

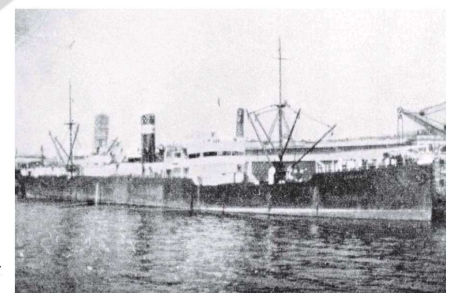
A beautiful window to the memory of Major Statham and his brother Clive has been erected in St Paul's Cathedral. The window is a two-light one designed and coloured modern English Gothic and fine in detail, the blue background being a good quality Canterbury blue. The inscription at the base of the window runs as follows: "To the glory of God and in memory of Frank

Hadfield Statham aged thirty-five and Corporal Clive Heathcote Statham, aged twenty-two, of the North Otago Regiment, Main Body, who fell at Gallipoli, August 9, 1915." The window was designed and executed by Mr Percy Bacon, of London, an exhibitor at the Royal Academy, and its erection has been supervised by Mr J.W. Brock of the firm of Smith and Smith Ltd.

### Taxi drivers affected by hoax calls

The taxi drivers have lately been the victims of a mean and distorted form of practical joking, which consists in calling them out for a supposed fare by means of the public telephones. Lately one taxi proprietor was called in this way to Port Chalmers, only to find on his arrival that it was a false alarm. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the Taxi Owners' Association yesterday, when a deputation was appointed to wait on the superintendent of the Telephone Exchange to ask for the assistance of the operators in tracing the offenders.

The association also intends to try to have the practice made a criminal offence, and to approach the police for their assistance. The association also intends to approach the Minister of Justice with a view to securing legislation making possible the prompt arrest of passengers who refuse to pay their fare, and to ask the City Council to frame a by-law on the same subject. The meeting endorsed the action of the taxi drivers in the Savoy rank, who are asking for a rank at the old Post Office instead, and passed a resolution recommending the dominion association to oppose the tax on tyres, unless it is imposed on weight or horsepower, or unless an assurance is given that the money will be spent on the upkeep of the main roads. It was also decided to obtain the appointment of a representative of the association to co-operate with the Otago Motor Club in keeping a watchful eye on the traffic to and from Wintgati on race days. — ODT, 24.6.1921.



The SS Canastota, missing in the Tasman Sea while voyaging from Sydney to Wellington with a cargo of petrol from American ports. — Otago Witness, 5.7.1921  
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