

Bob's words a timely reminder

THANKS to Bob Irwin for having the courage and foresight to speak out (Daily, May 31) about the destruction of our native species (eg. birds, frogs, koalas) and the general community malaise in this area towards the way animals are treated or mistreated.

We consistently read of horrendous cruelty cases within both the wild and domesticated animal world; the level of awareness and intervention by members of the public to lift animal welfare and safety is surely also a pointer to the welfare and safety of our most vulnerable members of society, the aged, infirm, poor and children.

It is gratifying to see Mr Irwin using his passion and high profile to remind us all we need to lift our game.

CLAIRE JOLLIFFE
Buderim

Time to take a stand

I AGREE thoroughly with Bob Irwin's claim that most people have lost their basic respect for, and connection with, the environment and our native animals, and that governments (of all persuasions) are indifferent to the loss of our wildlife.

For many years, the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland has been encouraging people to take an interest in our natural surroundings and lobbying governments to be more proactive in saving our native animals' environment and habitat, the natural resources that sustain us.

Many are the acts, full of weasel words, purporting to conserve our native animals and their environment, which certainly, from ground level, don't appear to be having the results they were intended to gain.



I'd like to see that!

A POLITICIAN who doesn't stretch the truth.

A nutritionist who doesn't tell us what to eat.

A car park inspector who doesn't book you when you're a minute over.

A hairdresser who knows what "cut only half an inch" means.

A son or daughter who cleans their room without asking.

LYN WEB
Marcoola

As Bob said, the community will risk losing everything if it doesn't soon take a stand.

JILL CHAMBERLAIN
President

Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland - Sunshine Coast & Hinterland

Master of understatement

YOUR correspondent Ashley Robinson is too modest in describing his "Sell politicians, not assets" (Daily, May 31) article as "a bit silly".

The description is a considerable understatement.

But it seems it's far easier than asking "why do voters elect underachievers" or venturing roles for more of the local legends.

ANDREW MORAN
Battery Hill

Family priced out

MY wife, myself and five-year-old son have been saving for a house deposit for three years but the houses are going up faster than we can save.

So the real estate industry encouraging Chinese investors sickens me.

If I want Chinese culture, I'll go to China.

If I want Indian, I'll go to India.

I want Aussie and that's why I'm trying to live here.

We are self-employed locals and all we earn is spent right here, but if it gets much worse, we will have to move.

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Buderim

That'll be \$200, son!

THINGS must be real crook when our police force is out there revenue raising for a spendthrift government.

My grandson on P-plates was called for by his brother who had had one drink too many at Corbould Park on Friday.

The constabulary usually sets up to catch happy punters and my grandson, the designated last-minute driver, was stopped and asked for his licence.

Sadly, he had left it behind - \$200 thank you, mate.

Do not pass go and do not collect ... don't worry about bringing it in tomorrow.

What a rort. Reminds me of Nazi Germany when people were shot for not carrying their bloody papers.

Is this the freedom we fought for?

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