

# Opinion

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## No to sex

ONCE again commercial gain has leapt forward, brushing aside any thought of the impact on society with the new Sextastic in Berwick.

Don't we have enough adult stores around? Do we need them? I say no.

I know too many men, myself included, who have been negatively impacted by their inquisitive venture into this area, which more than often leads into an addictive lifestyle which is most secret.

Most will not admit to this but it is true. The adult industry does not do much, if anything at all, for a relationship unless both parties are so far down the road that their perception of what is acceptable is distorted.

We try and build good wholesome relationships with our partners but too often we are hindered because of the access to pornography and the like, which create all sorts of issues that can only jeopardise our relationships.

People then say that one must not indulge oneself in these stores, but fail to realise the addictive pull they have on 99 per cent of men.

**Craig, Endeavour Hills.**

## Our children safe

I READ about the traders in Enterprise Ave, Berwick, getting up in arms about Sextastic setting up a shop ("Love comes to town," *Berwick Leader*, February 6).

And I also read the comments of Pastor Cherrie about his concern for children using the estate.

Sextastic has premises in South Rd, Hallam. Children use the facilities on this estate and have to pass it to as they would have to do in Enterprise Ave.

It is also on the main bus route between Hampton Park and Dandenong, which carries

numerous children to and from school. Does that mean it is corrupting all the children on the buses, or those who use the estate? I do not think so.

In this day and age where children are ferried to and from their activities by their parents, how can they become affected by the moral health and values unless the parents overstate the issues by bringing it to their attention? I have not seen any perverts hanging about the car park at Sextastic, but I have seen drunks hanging about the pub car park. Or don't they count?

**Iain Taylor, Hallam.**

## Waiting list pain

I HAVE been on the waiting list for dental treatment with the Cranbourne outlet for more than two years, and recently I was in need of some emergency treatment.

I called the office and was told that it would be more than six months before I would get near the top of the list and there were no emergency appointments available even though I qualified for treatment.

It's getting worse because three years ago I was on the list to receive treatment and actually got it within two years.

At that time emergency appointments were available.

This most recent issue meant that I had to borrow money just to get the tooth removed privately at a cost of \$260.

Maybe I could have still had my front tooth if I could have received treatment through the dental service.

The government needs to wake up to itself. It wants us all to work, which is fine with me, but how can I work now that I don't have a front tooth?

In fact I think that is why I recently lost my job as a receptionist.

**Tracy Hipwell, Cranbourne.**



Plans by Sextastic owners Scott and Jodie Gowans to open in Berwick have prompted arguments for and against this week.