

Opinion

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Step in right direction

CONGRATULATIONS to all involved in securing the crossing on Jasper Rd, Ormond. This is a wonderful result.

Victoria Walks encourages residents to work together to make other areas of the neighbourhood better for walking, safer, more vibrant and fun.

Since the early 1970s there has been a massive decline in the rate of children walking to school.

Between 1971 and 2003 the percentage of Australian children aged five to nine who walked to school dropped from 58 per cent to 25 per cent and in children aged 10 to 14 it decreased from 44 per cent to 21 per cent.

It is little wonder we face a childhood obesity epidemic.

If we have a better walking environment then more parents like Danita Tucker will let their children walk to school and around their neighbourhood. Good on you, Danita!

Ben Rossiter, via moorabbinleader.com.au

Capital idea

I WISH to thank Labor MP Rob Hudson for representing our community in advocating, for three years, for the installation of the pedestrian crossing on Jasper Rd at Joyce Park in Ormond.

The capital investment will see a greater number of residents using the park.

The pocket of McKinnon and Ormond residents living on the western side of Jasper Rd between North and McKinnon roads will now be able to access their nearest park safely and children will be able to cut up to 800m off their journey to school.

Hopefully more children will walk, scoot or ride to school rather than getting chauffeured in the back of the car.

It would be great to see Glen Eira Council



Readers are pleased a pedestrian crossing will be built in Jasper Rd, Ormond.

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now complement this investment by making our residential streets and roads around schools more child and family friendly.

More people travelling by active means results in a greater sense of community, less obesity and a physically and mentally healthier population.

Danita Tucker, Ormond.

Parking mad

OH THAT'S just dandy.

The Kingston Centre is being upgraded,

meanwhile they are getting rid of the two-hour car parking closer to the wards.

There is no disabled parking within decent, manageable walking distance to the south wards.

Seeing as the vast majority of people visiting the centre are elderly, this is disgraceful.

But hey, they can afford \$6 a day on their pensions can't they?

These people are in the Kingston Centre sometimes for up to six weeks.

Anon, via moorabbinleader.com.au