

Change teenage drinking habits

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THANK you for highlighting our concerns in relation to underage drinking in Toowoomba and the surrounds.

I'm sure your readers will appreciate that this is not an issue that is isolated to Toowoomba but given the close community spirit within our area and the fact that the principals and the police have shown that they are prepared to come together to address the teen drinking culture I believe we can make a difference for teenagers of the future.

Hopefully by parents working together we can spark a parent revolution aimed at drinking in moderation. (It will give a whole new meaning to the teenagers phrase of "my parents are revolting").

Teenagers need to appreciate that drinking to get drunk as quickly as possible is not fun.

Hence we are not naive in thinking that we can stop teenagers from drinking but we hope that we can change their drinking habits and the types of drinks they are consuming.

Hopefully by parents working together the age that children are experimenting with alcohol can rise and that teenagers of the future will not equate alcohol with fun.

Finally I would also like to clarify that you have inferred that I used the word "p...ed" during the public presentation to parents. Many of your older readers will be offended by this comment and the inference that I have used this language in a formal gathering. As you know this was not the case.

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