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# Backing for parking plans

Barry Kennedy

Many readers hail proposal for multi-level spaces to be built by Hume Council

A POTENTIAL council-funded multi-storey carpark in central Sunbury has been largely welcomed by *Leader* readers.

The establishment of hundreds of parking bays over multiple levels at the Harris Scarfe carpark was almost a reality in 2010 but fell over at the 11th hour.

But Sunbury councillor

Jack Medcraft believes parking issues in the Sunbury CBD are now so acute, the council should fund the project itself.

In the *Leader* front page story last week, Cr Medcraft said the City of Greater Bendigo's 2011-built carpark was a good example of what Hume should consider.

Our readers were quick to offer their own assessment of the plan.

Rebecca McGrath took to the *Sunbury Leader* Facebook page. "I'd happily pay \$2 per day, keep it free on weekends, 500 car parks would be over \$300k per year, it would pay for itself," she wrote.

Clive Ungless added: "Get

it built! We need to park close to the station to go into Melbourne but there is nowhere without risking a fine, which has happened so I would gladly pay."

Patricia Currie said: "Just build the car park. Can never get a car park in Coles car park."

"It's not just about people

parking and catching train, it's about people wanting to shop in Sunbury but taking their business elsewhere."

But some other readers were adamant a major carparking project would only add to the congestion.

Maureen Bent wrote: "Two road intersections, and railway crossing, and a multi-

level carpark. Wouldn't work."

Glenda Crowley added: "Ugly! would spoil our town centre look!"

"Just build second station in Vineyard Rd with lots of multi-level parking taking train commuter cars out of town centre."

"Also open up another exit in Vineyard Rd to ease Jacksons Hill traffic coming through the centre of town."



Paul Campbell and Phil Edwardes, who have benefitted from the Sons of the West fitness and wellness program in Sunbury. Picture: ROB LEESON

## REAPING REWARDS FROM HEALTH PROGRAM

IN 2017, something clicked for Phil Edwardes who last February topped the scales at a worrying 116kg.

Mr Edwardes was told by his doctor his lifestyle had to change, so he enrolled in the Sons of the West men's fitness and health program. The weekly program,

which features speakers on men's health, is an initiative of the Western Bulldogs Football Club.

Mr Edwardes, who now weighs 84kg, was the best and fairest for Sons of the West Sunbury, for embracing healthy decisions. His life now revolves

around regular social walks, workouts and running, which has improved his social life. He has embraced a mentoring role for other men in the 2018 Sons of the West program and at Sunbury Community Health.

At 47, consecutive blood tests have confirmed he no

longer has Type 2 diabetes. "Sons of the West just offered something which appealed to me and I gave myself small achievable aims each week," he said.

"Something just clicked with the concept of taking control of my health." A Sons of the West

registration evening will be held on Thursday at Sunbury Community Health, 12-28 Macedon St, Sunbury, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Sessions will begin at the Goonawarra Primary School from Wednesday, March 15 to May 17. Details: [sonsofthewest.org.au](http://sonsofthewest.org.au)

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Nicky Johnston (front) coordinated a fundraiser at Goonawarra Primary School.

## Red in support

GOONAWARRA Primary School children have shown their heart in supporting a cause dear to student Nicky Johnston.

Students wore red at their casual day last Friday in support of Nicky's fundraising campaign for Heart Kids.

Sweetheart Day is the national event for Heart Kids.

Nicky has so far raised more than \$1500 at his crowd funding page — [sweetheartday2018.everydayhero.com.au/nicky-s-sweetheart-day-birthday-fundraiser](http://sweetheartday2018.everydayhero.com.au/nicky-s-sweetheart-day-birthday-fundraiser)



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