

## Mind the 'gap', it's enormous

IF Sandi Maricak ("Health insurance cost sickening", Your Say, August 10) is worried about health insurance costs, wait until a claim is made!

The "gap" is even more frightening.

A couple of examples I'm aware of — prostatectomy, \$2000 out of pocket; hip replacement, \$6000 out of pocket.

These figures include anaesthetist, scans, X-rays, etc, only covered to the barest minimum by Medicare.

So Sandi, my advice . . . don't get sick!

Jon Sackville, Caulfield

## It pays to keep eye on 'trials'

YOUR article, "False hope for jobless" (August 5), has shown how successful the *Herald Sun* can be in highlighting matters of public interest.

Since this article turned the spotlight on recruitment agencies charging high fees for unpaid work trials, our legal centre has seen a spike in the number of people seeking legal advice on the issue.

Sadly, our new cases confirm people are working for months without pay, hoping it will lead to a paid job down the track, but it rarely does.

Recruitment companies call it volunteer work to evade legal protections, but jobseekers should know when you're working, you should be paid for every hour of your work.

Dan Simpson, Consumer Action Law Centre

## Two-for-one deal at stations

"OPERATION Safe Travel" it is another short-term solution ("Cops back on track", August 10).

I was a police officer for 10 years and am familiar with the issues of policing on public transport.

A simple solution would be to build police stations above railway stations as part of new commercial complexes.

This would provide 24-hour police presence for the safety of commuters and lead to 24-hour public transport.

The benefits would be less crime, more commuters and reduced carbon emissions.

Nick Sharp, Rye

## Sid inspired, as will Cadel

CADEL Evans will be adored by, and be an inspiration for, the young riders who accompany him on his Melbourne "welcome ride" tomorrow.

As a junior rider in the early 1950s, I sat with some other juniors in the corner of the dressing rooms at the Butts Stadium in Coventry, waiting for the track to dry out after a shower.

Sid "Patto" Patterson, who had just turned pro, came and sat with us and told us how to train, what to eat and, above

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## VOX POP Are there any lessons in the London riots for Australia?



**KAREN NAGAPPA**  
43, Southbank

Yes. It's about employment options for young people, early intervention for youth in crisis and looking at the social background rather than criminal penalties as a solution.



**DILINI FERNANDO**  
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There are. The Government should be more cautious about what they're doing. Just because they're in power doesn't mean they can treat people badly.



**THAIDUONG TRAN**  
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The problem comes from both sides. The police can choose a better solution and the young people's reaction has not been good at all.

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