

# COOTAMUNDRA Herald

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Cootamundra: the birthplace of Sir Donald Bradman

## Coota Strikers' big night out

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# The hills were alive with the sounds of puffing and competition

Described as "perfect orienteering country" the granite ridge above the property Winona, around 12km south of Cootamundra was alive with more than 1,000 runners on Sunday and Monday. They were competing in the Australian Long-Distance Orienteering Championships and the Oceania Relay, high-tech events complete with drone video, a giant screen and electronic timing.



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CUNNING RUNNING: Competitors pick up a map at the start line giving them a complex pattern of check points to navigate in the fastest time.

# Breathe-in bridge

BY TOM GOSLING

DO YOU breathe in every time you approach the William Bradford Bridge on the way to Harden - especially when there's a semi-trailer?

It has been difficult to get information about the two passengers flown to Canberra Hospital after Friday's bus crash, police in Young saying only that "several" passengers have been discharged, and that a crash investigation

unit has started speaking with passengers, witnesses and the bus driver.

Many people commented they feel unsafe when approaching the bridge and some slow and even stop if they see a semi coming.

The bridge, over the Demondrille Creek, is little more than the normal width of the carriageway, allowing none of the wriggle room vehicles have with verges.

Now a NSW politician,

MLC Mark Banasiak, of the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party yesterday accused the State and federal members of ignoring calls for the bridge to be upgraded.

Mr Banasiak said local emergency services and the Hilltops Council had asked for the "narrow and degraded bridge that bottle necks from both sides at the bottom of the hill" to be replaced.

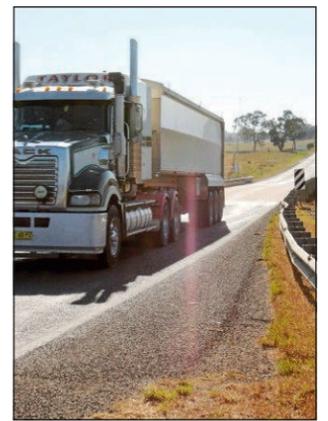
He named four bridges in the former Young Shire for

which Steph Cooke had recently allocated \$7.3 million in funding, and the Bundarbo Bridge in Jugiong for which Mr McCormack had allocated over \$9.6 million.

"This (the Bradford) bridge sees thousands of vehicle movements a day, it is a major link between the east of this State and Adelaide, whilst the Bundarbo Bridge services one quarry that want to put greater loads on their trucks," he said.

Ms Cooke said she was disappointed the Shooters Party had chosen to politicise a bus crash involving children to further their agenda, and she was proud of her party's infrastructure record.

A spokesperson for Mr McCormack said the federal government had not received any council submission to upgrade the bridge, but was ready to work to identify and address any road safety issues.



Width kerb to kerb = 6.2m

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