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THE HILLIER VIEW

Kevin Hillier is already weary of the state election

What a difference a couple of months and an upcoming state election can make in the demeanour of the sitting candidate for Werribee. The once invisible member (don't mention the youth detention centre) is alive and well, and there he was in the hallowed pages of this paper last week under the heading 'Our community needs to be safe' and with a head shot as well, for those who had forgotten what he looked like.

The latter was to complete the transformation from invisibility. Off he went parlaying us with statistics that show how lazy, inept and deceitful the other side of politics are, but 'The Andrews Government' is the answer to all our problems and the saviour of the west.

Let's just reset the BS detector, as it has gone into overdrive, and remind the Member for Werribee that the election is a long way off just yet, and if he drowns us all in you-know-what before then, we won't be able to cast our vote.

If the Member for Werribee lived in the actual electoral area he might have more credibility on this particular subject.

We all get how politics works – we are good; they are bad, vote for us, end of story. Outside of a promise to mow my lawns, wash my car, pay my son's school fees and synchronise the traffic lights to be green for me exclusively, I already know who is getting my vote on November 24.

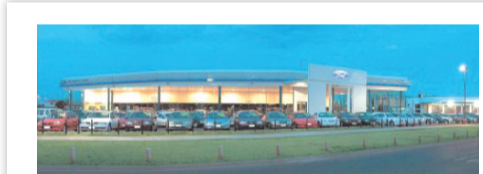
Mindless statistics, pork barrelling and name calling from either side is not going to change that either way.

Werribee is a safe Labour seat and it will take something seismic to change that. The challenging candidates have had little to say so far on any subject, leaving it to the party hierarchy to set the agenda.

I know it would be too much to ask for a dot point version of everyone's platforms but the thought of the political version of "he said, she said" is not very inviting.

Chest thumping, finger pointing and knee-jerk reactions should be included in the Commonwealth Games program as we are about to see some gold medal performances in the coming months. What an avalanche of claptrap awaits us. ■

If you have any news or events, let me know at kevin@howdypartnersmedia.com.au



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Briefs

Tarneit Road perfume raid

Police are investigating after a smash and grab at a Tarneit Road pharmacy on Sunday, January 21. According to police, the offenders reversed a silver Camry sedan through the south entry door of the shop about 6am. Police said three people, all wearing masks and gloves, stole bottles of perfume from the store.



Point Cook school theft

Police have appealed for information following the theft of fence panels from a Point Cook school. Eleven dark-coloured metal fence panels were allegedly stolen from Featherbrook P-9 College between January 19 and January 23. Police believe at least two people and a vehicle were required for the theft.

Crushing event for hoon

Eight vehicles confiscated from hoon drivers were crushed last week. Police officers from Taskforce Regarder, which investigates illegal hoon gatherings, seized the cars at hoon meetings held in Melbourne's south-east between November, 2015, and January, 2016. Among the cars destroyed was a Nissan sedan, which belonged to a 23-year-old man Williams Landing man who was charged with reckless conduct endangering serious injury.

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