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THE HILLIER VIEW

Kevin Hillier votes for being a swinging voter

t is quite amazing the slant some people take from reading the same article. It is a bit like the joke that gets told and then passed on ... by the time it returns to the original teller, it has very little resemblance to its original form as each person adds their own spin.

My column last week on the invisible Member for Werribee confused some people into thinking I am a card carrying member of the Liberal Party and a Labor basher. Not true on both counts. Some suggested I was trying to give Labor a platform to rebuke my opinion and thus have free media space to preach their propaganda. Not true either. I have no allegiance to any political party. I have shared my vote around between the parties – both federal and state – over the years. I am a swinging voter.

I will correct one inaccuracy from last week's column: I don't know who I am going to vote for on November 24 as I don't know who is running in my seat, so my apologies on that front. The quandary for the major parties these days is how both have gravitated to the centre of politics and the lines of demarcation are very blurred.

It is interesting how some people still have not forgiven the Liberals for the toxic dump. While the Youth Detention Centre stirred up the community, I don't think it has the long lasting stigma of the toxic dump.

The western suburbs 'Labor-'til-I-die' mantra still exists, and probably always will, though I think it is slowly dissipating due to the changing mix of the population. The major parties are head hunting talent and searching for locals to run, which – given the history of the area – is not an easy task. Could an independent actually be successful?

I think the government is extremely vulnerable and the current members are on shaky ground. Whether that equates to enough of a swing to make a change I am not sure. We all believe the closer the result, the better for everyone, as all parties have to woo us.

We all want fair and reasonable representation, but we all know politics is neither fair nor reasonable.

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



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Briefs

Werribee station assault

Police are investigating an alleged assault at Werribee railway station on Sunday, between 4.30pm and 5.30pm. An 18-year-old man was allegedly hit a number of times by another man. The victim was treated for non-lifethreatening injuries.

Manor Lakes arrests

Four youths have been charged with burglary after an incident at the under-construction campus of Western English Language School in Manor Lakes just before 9.10pm on Sunday. Police arrested four youths, all aged under 18, who were bailed.

Point Cook cop car incident

Police have charged a man and two teenagers after a police car was allegedly struck by another car at the intersection of Boardwalk Boulevard and Dunnings Road, Point Cook, about 4.15am on Friday. An 18-year-old Point Cook man has been charged with theft of motor vehicle, reckless driving and unlicensed driving. A 17-year-old Point Cook male has been charged with conduct endangering person, theft of motor vehicle, unlicensed driving and other offences. A second teenager - also aged 17 and from Point Cook has been charged with theft of motor vehicle, reckless driving and unlicensed driving.

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