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THE HILLIER VIEW

Kevin Hillier finds few are worthy of righteous real estate

Real estate agents are not only having a row of a time selling land and houses in the flourishing western suburbs, they also have plenty of available space on the allotment known as the Moral High Ground.

This area is being vacated with monotonous regularity of late by a list of notables including political parties, our national cricket team and any sportsperson or official claiming certain injections are not on the banned list. They have joined the banks and the churches, long gone from the area.

Outrage spread like wildfire when a political party reneged on an honorary arrangement with regard to an unwritten agreement, when mitigating circumstances prevented members from being present for a vote.

The circumstances involved the religious beliefs of two parliamentarians and the house sitting on Good Friday. Now there is a combination made in who knows where.

The other party, not to be referred to as the innocent party, was pushing for the sitting extension to take advantage of an ill member

whose vote was crucial and who would not be able to cast that vote.

Suffice to say despite their protestations to the contrary, neither party here can claim any of the moral high ground.


The lamentable exploits of our cricketers have been well documented. They have no claim to the MHG.


I read with interest about a wonder drug being injected into footballers and athletes to relieve pain and it is seemingly OK because it is not on the WADA banned list. Have we learnt nothing from the Essendon debacle?

One of our esteemed councillors is allegedly looking at his mayoral options – which would be fair enough, except it is as mayor of Melbourne. Whether this turns out to be a self-promotion campaign interests me not.

There are not many people on social media who can claim the MHG, me among them. I suggest those who do make such claims cease using the new version of “the dog ate my homework” – aka “my account has been hacked”. ■

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



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Authors talk

Writers Kylie Ladd and Lucas Jordan will participate in free author talks at the Werribee Plaza library this month. Ladd will discuss her book *The Way Back* and Jordan will talk about his book *Stealth Raiders: A Few Daring Men in 1918*. Ladd will speak at the library from 6.30-7.30pm on Thursday, April 19; Jordan will speak on Monday, April 23, from 6.30-7.30pm. Bookings: wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/libraries

African Wyndham on film

Young people from African backgrounds in Wyndham will take part in a new film project aimed at challenging negative stereotypes and opening up career pathways. The state government has provided a grant of \$65,000 through its Creative Suburbs program to support Flipping the Script, which will help participants learn skills and tell stories from their communities. Details: creative.vic.gov.au

Tarneit man charged

Police arrested a 31-year-old Tarneit man on April 1 after he was allegedly detected travelling at high speeds along Doherty Road about 2.30am. A police helicopter helped officers to track the man to an address in Tarneit. He was charged with drink-driving and speed-related offences.

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Each of Wyndham's Councillors is responsible for a unique portfolio that guides how Council delivers a broad range of services. The Tourism and Major Events portfolio works on Wyndham's image, tourism development and event attraction. As the portfolio holder, Cr John Gibbons has seen firsthand how Wyndham continues to grow as a tourist destination.

Cr Gibbons said Council's recently finalised Visitor Economy Strategy was a key document in boosting tourism. "This strategy builds the reputation of Wyndham's visitor economy and grows awareness of visitor attractions. It also fosters the development of assets that will support the effective operations and growth of Wyndham's visitor economy."

Cr Gibbons said he had been greatly impressed by the calibre of events being held in Wyndham recently. "I've lived in Wyndham most of my life and I've always been aware that this is a great place to get out and about and experience some great sights. From the Werribee Park Mansion to the Werribee Open Range Zoo and the Point Cook RAAF Museum, we're very lucky to have so many attractions here in our own backyard," Cr Gibbons said.

"Since I took over Council's Tourism and Major Events portfolio though, I've been able to see how much effort goes into enabling these attractions to reach their full potential."

"Just last weekend we had over 5000 people from all over Melbourne attend the Promenade & Trinis event at Werribee Park. Each of these visitors was treated to an impressive display of local and interstate cheeses, with an even more impressive backdrop of the Werribee Park Mansion. It was a great event and is just one of many that has brilliantly showcased our great City and made me proud to head this portfolio."

"In November last year the State Rose and Garden Show also returned to Wyndham. A record crowd of over 16,000 people saw Wyndham at its most colourful and I'm sure the event will be a huge success again this year."

"For six weeks in January and February this year Council hosted a new event, the Pop Up Park in the Werribee City Centre. Almost 19,000 people attended free concerts, dined on street food offerings or just caught up with family and friends under the shade of the trees."

"This was a fantastic occasion that really highlighted how well-planned events can inject a new sense of energy and excitement into our City."

"On Friday 29 June this year, we will welcome back the popular Winter Street Party to Werribee for one night only. There will be plenty on offer for the whole family so be sure to keep an eye out for more details and I hope to see you there."

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