

Online election chatter

I can't believe people in Werriwa have returned this "professional politician" who got parachuted in by his Labor mates. I really thought this time people in Werriwa may have been disgusted at being taken for granted by the Labor Party. **Jack**

THE Liberals ruined a great opportunity by not putting in a local candidate. Yes, Jack, Labor took Werriwa for granted — but so did the Liberals. Werriwa demands local representation. Russell Matheson is a local and he increased his majority in the seat of Macarthur. **Mark**

I HOPE all politicians remember they're elected by constituents to look after the people and to ensure their constituents aren't hurt or harassed by public servants. They're not there to think about what they can get out of it and look after their own interests and pensions. **Frances Vumbaca**

SO, AUSTRALIA has a new chief executive. Did anyone take note of the Liberals' campaign slogan — "Our contract with Australia". What are the terms and conditions and what are the penalties for not fulfilling the obligations of the contract? **Koula Rafailidis**

DID anyone think it strange that our votes are in lead pencil? **Jodie Wilkins**

WHY aren't votes computerised? We have the technology for it. **Deb Bee**

I WORKED at a polling booth on Saturday. I'm disgusted by the number of people who cast informal votes. There are so many countries where people are dying in the fight for freedom and democracy. **Suzanne Mekhitarian**

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Under attack

Yet another assault is being mounted on our Scenic Hills by a special interest group. Varroville lookout, which adjoins The Hills, is a sloping stretch of open grassland leading to a vantage point where, on a clear day, you can see all the way across the Cumberland Plain to Sydney CBD, Botany Bay and the ocean beyond. Hawks and wedge-tailed eagles circle the sky. Other smaller birds such as silvereyes and honeyeaters frequent the vegetation. On festive nights such as New Year's Eve one can enjoy the firework displays on the Sydney Harbour Bridge. **Freddie and Christina Hill, Eschol Park**

Why no one was there

Campbelltown Show? Ouch! \$30 for myself and two kids to get in and \$5 to park in a dusty paddock. \$8 to \$10 per ride. No wonder no one was there! Who takes their kids to a show to tell them they can't afford the rides?! Highlights? The kids loved the petting zoo. I loved the cranking rock band Black Label (we went Sunday afternoon) and the Gledswood roundup demo was really entertaining for all of us — especially when the sheep tried to hide in an empty tent. **Cat Kennar, Ingleburn**

Editor, for and against

Editor, the use in your column of Malcolm Fraser's comment that neither party deserved to win the election was, to put it mildly, dumb. Fraser's opinion counts for nothing; he played a major part in the election of Robert Mugabe as prime minister (now president) of Zimbabwe, a country that was a major exporter of food and self-sufficient in many ways and today is a total basket case

after 30 years of corruption, neglect and suffering. Fraser was elected with a massive majority and achieved nothing. Think before you make such stupid statements. **Richard Budd, Campbelltown**

YOU'VE hit it on the head as usual, Jeff — neither of them deserved to win. Our politicians in general have shamed us before the world. Though it is true to say the public has done a fair bit of it, too! It has been a disgraceful period all round. **M.B. Yeoman, Leumeah**

EDITOR, you're obviously too gutless to make a proper call on the election and publicly back your Labor mates simply because they're so discredited. **[name supplied] Bradbury**

EDITOR, no need to publicly support a party in your column — your bias in favour of the Liberals is clear, as shown in your pro-Russell Matheson stories and support of Barry O'Farrell. **Reg Neumas, Eagle Vale**

Editor's reply: Gotta love freedom of speech.

Protect, not admonish

As a parent, manager and former committee member of a soccer club in Macarthur District Football Association I'm disgusted by the treatment of the under 12s/3 Hawks. Soccer is expensive — registration, match fees, uniform, petrol driving to fields. The story said this team was financial so I can't understand why they were penalised. They've penalised kids who've done nothing. Football NSW should protect, encourage and support them. Without them Football NSW has no future. **Lisa Bartlett, St Helens Park**

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Chatter from website and Facebook

[136,000-plot cemetery proposed for Campbelltown's Scenic Hills] This needs to be stopped and people should put up a protest — we're losing many heritage places. **Kelly MacPhedran**

AT LEAST it'll be peaceful and dead quiet! **Elizabeth Demasi**

MUST we fill up every spare piece of land in the area with homes and things? Can't we just leave it be? **Keith Atkins**

CEMETERIES get vandalised and then what? Seriously, wake up and think about keeping what is left of our heritage. **Sandra Byra**

THE Scenic Hills should not be touched. I'm so sick of people saying: "Look — grass! We must build on it! If it doesn't make us money why is it still there?" **Karyn Robinson**

I HAVE nothing specifically against this but sometime in the near future we're going to have to find other ways of resting our deceased. We can't just keep buying spare land to bury people or we will end up with more space for the dead than the living — along with no heritage or natural areas. **David Hall**

I DON'T think many families are going to want to enjoy parklands in the middle of a cemetery. Get real. The owners have tried to put in a crematorium, then a truck stop, now a cemetery! Cornish Group has bought a lemon, deal with it! **Cassandra Hobbs**

IT'S interesting because Campbelltown does need a cemetery but where to put it will always be contentious. At least they won't be building big buildings and it might help keep some of the native animals. **Kathy-Colin Macdonald**

THEY'LL get their foot in the door and before you know it we'll have another Rookwood on our doorstep. **Frank Albrecht**

THIS will be the beginning of the end for the Scenic Hills if it goes ahead. Something smells decidedly off about this whole back-room deal. **Len Williamson**

[Not even a cow's burst gut fazed this Campbelltown vet] Gary is the most caring vet and the nurses are lovely as well. Congratulations on your achievements, Gary! **Jennie Dodson**

HE'S a great no-nonsense vet who doesn't spin crap. That's hard to find in most people these days but he's mastered it. **Jody Scott**

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