

Hello Council!

My name is [REDACTED] and I have never left a compliment with you before, so I hope that I do it right!

This compliment is on the grounds of Victoria News & Booze on Howard Rd + Hartopp Rd, and more specifically to Sunil, the owner of the premises.

To put it bluntly, Sunil is a pillar of the community. He is an absolute gem of a man, in my personal instance (that has many parallels) when I was in a psychosis for 2 years (was recently diagnosed with Borderline Personality Disorder + Psychotic disorder) Sunil would let me stay in his shop talking to him. We talked about the local area, pass times, girls, drinks, employment. The point being that Sunil went out of his way to make me feel welcomed and safe in his establishment in my darkest days.

I would just like to have it documented and know that Sunil and Victoria News and Booze have been present in the local area for over 2 decades. I have memories of going into the shop as a toddler with my late father when Sunil's father Bill owned the shop. Generations of customer/shop keeper dynamic have gone by and not one person has a negative thing to say in regards to the premises and owner, if anything it is on the contrary.

Sunil is a stand-up man, provides convenient and accessible amenities to the local area, and goes above and beyond to take care of the neighbours.

I owe a lot of my social reintegration, confidence and inter-personal skills to Suni, because he helped me to take the first step!

Thank you for reading through this,

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