Congratulations Luke Herdegen — a winner with a big dream

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1 So now they're listening. Really? How nice. Where was that humility from WA Labor during the Secret Harbour by-election campaign? And for that matter, the last 10 years. For six weeks they showered insults and sledgehammers at their political opponents, they called us names, lied, and were disrespectful to voters. Roger Cook and co. talked about a toxic coalition, poison from the east, and threw around labels like whingers and complainers, dangerous and dishonest.

2 And then the votes were counted — and in a seat Labor have always held, they were thrown out with a 22 per cent swing against. Funny that.

3 Roger Cook wants us to believe he woke up on Sunday a different man. A listener. Rita Saffioti says actually, the Government just has to communicate better. And new minister Daniel Pastorelli says Labor only made one small mistake — they underestimated One Nation. These tactical geniuses are running the State, but they couldn't see the orange wave coming. And they couldn't believe normal people in Perth's outer suburbs would react so defiantly to sustained abuse.

4 Luke Herdegen ran a great campaign and rode the rising orange tide in Australian politics and the immense frustration with Labor to perfection. Good luck to him and huge congratulations. In a moment of post-election jubilation, the new Secret Harbour MP excitedly talked of an aspiration to go on and one-day form government. A winner dreaming big, why not?

5 But that was too much for the Premier. After only 24 hours as a listener, Roger Cook was back to type. "That's the sort of arrogance which trips you up in this game," Cook, surely ironically, said in response. "Hubris is usually served up with a double helping of humble pie", he went on, adding, "we're not taking that attitude, we never have, we treat the community and the electorate with respect". What a hypocrite.

6 Rugby Roger and racetrack Rita just don't get it. Nor does dashing Danny. The Secret Harbour by-election result and their response in the days after demonstrate just how out of touch this mob are.

7 If only the public would stop being so difficult and ungrateful — didn't you hear they've just signed the WWE for us for another three years!

8 Contrast Labor's incompetent and ill-mannered approach to the efforts and attitude of the WA Liberals and our outstanding candidate Ryan Robertson. We didn't take the bait, kept working hard and treated the people and the campaign with respect. In an area that has never been favourable to the Libs, this was One Nation's win, but the die has been cast, people are ready for a change and elsewhere the result will be different.

9 One final word. Gee people are off Anthony Albanese. Those pork pies have a habit of catching up with you.

10 Did Freo win? I woke up this morning and couldn't remember if I was dreaming.