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SUPERMARKET

Despite all the pressures on supermarkets to increase prices, food retailing in Australia is regarded as among the most competitive in the western world. So much so that the United States Department of Agriculture, which regularly surveys food prices in the developed world, has found that Australia has the cheapest food prices.

Intense competition keeps prices to a minimum and supermarkets fight each other strongly for the disposable income of their customers. Some do it by offering price alone, others by offering a blend of service and low prices.

Customers are free to choose from a range of stores and select the one which most appeals to their desired blend of service, price, convenience, range, amenities and decor.

If a retailer fails to attract enough customers with what they have to offer, then the customer shops elsewhere and the retailer goes out of business.

'Specials' help the supermarket to attract additional customer traffic, and generally occur when a manufacturer seeks to generate additional sales, giving the supermarket a temporary price reduction.

Shoppers often do not realise that so many items on supermarket shelves carry sales tax. For example, sales tax is included in the cost of items such as toiletries, ice cream, fruit juices, soft drinks, chips, house-hold cleaners, soap, toilet paper and pet food. The rate of sales tax varies from 10% to 30%. Even checkout bags carry sales tax of 20%.

Other pressures on supermarkets to increase prices arise from:

- * Local government rates and charges
- * State government charges for gas, electricity, etc.
- * State government taxes for things like workers' compensation and business licence fees.
- * Currency fluctuations on imported items and equipment.
- * Wage rises.

PRICING

Supermarkets provide the means by which manufacturers can conveniently have their products displayed and distributed throughout the nation in an economical manner.

If you have a question about prices you can ask your supermarket for information or ring their head office and they will be happy to answer any questions you may have. After all the supermarket is in business to serve you, and the way they stay in business is by offering you what you want when you want it.

(Taken from ARA leaflet)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY VALLEY VOICE

As from this issue, the Valley and East Coast Voice is in its 22nd year of production.

The first issue went to print on May 6, 1968. For a small town paper it is quite an achievement to still be in production after 21 years.

A wonderful lot of volunteers have been through our portals over all those years, and without them we would not have been so successful.

This paper is not produced to make a profit, although we do try to cover costs, it is more a local news and local sales bulletin.

The local high school has contributed to the paper for many years, keeping us in touch with new teachers, teaching methods, school trips, sports etc.

Many people have contributed very interesting stories or letters to the Editor, among those over the years local history tales from many who have lived in the valley all their lives.

With the willing help from typists, proofreaders, collators, printers, the Editor, delivery persons (and their mums in wet weather) and all our valued advertisers, may the Valley and East Coast Voice continue successfully for at least another 21 years.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

HAVE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY V.V.

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Pensioner free (time taken for this check up is approx 20 mins).

PATCHWORK

QUILTING

APPLIQUE.

1 Day Class
Saturday May 20th
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Fingal Primary School. For details please contact

Kaye Cooke Phone 74 2220.

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ANGLICAN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SPECIAL CHURCH NOTICE

For the months of May, June and July the service for the second Sunday in the month will be Cornwall 10.45a.m. St. Marys taking the afternoon service at 3 p.m. Please take notice of the change of times.

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 21st is the Patronal Festival of Holy Trinity. Come and help us celebrate our Patronal Birthday. After service there will be a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon.

ST. MARYS SPORTS CENTRE INC.

The annual meeting of the St. Marys bowls will be held on Sunday May 28th at 2p.m.

All bowlers and intending bowlers are welcome.

Business - Election of officers and general business.

G.W. Oliver,
Secretary.

The annual meeting of MEALS ON WHEELS FINGAL VALLEY GROUP will be held on Monday May 15th at 7.00p.m. at Nurses' Recreation Room, St. Marys Hospital.

All Welcome, especially drivers and helpers!

Business: Annual report, treasurer's statement, election of office bearers for ensuing year.

WANTED...Good home for a 12 week old black labrador puppy. Contact Jill at St. Marys Health & Beauty.

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Monday night	Bingo! 7.30.	All welcome
Tuesday AM	Playgroup	
Wednesday	Euchre 7.30	" "
Thursday	Meetings 7.30	
Friday	Bar opens	Members and visitors welcome.

Meetings and functions are held at advertised times by Garden, Tennis and Netball, Golf, Indoor Bowls Clubs. All bookings for the Complex via Mrs. Greta Harrison 725 224 including local functions please, to avoid "double bookings". A.G.M. of Complex 7.30p.m. Thursday 13th July 1989. Members advised to make nominations as all the Committee become vacant. Forms available from Complex Secretary. Phone 725 464.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SCAMANDER AND DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION:

Thursday 18th May at 7.30p.m. at the Scamander Sports Complex. All members and interested people are invited to attend.

WANTED.....Free Standing Gas heater 3-5 burner. Phone 725130

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NEWS

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Fingal 9.30am every week
St. Marys 11.00am 2nd Sunday
St. Helens 10.30am 2nd Sunday
7.00pm 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th
Sundays
Rossarden 7.00pm 3rd Tuesday

Sunday School

Scamander 9.30am (except for 2nd
Sunday when 8am
Family Service)
Fingal 9.30am
St. Marys 9.45am (with Salvation
Army)
St. Helens 3.30pm Mondays KUCA
Club

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THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. HELENS

St. Pauls Church

8.00am)
9.30am) every Sunday
7.00pm)

Sunday School

3.00pm Mondays

Pyengana

11.00am 2nd, 4th Sundays

Falmouth

9.30am 1st, 3rd Sundays

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THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF THE FINGAL VALLEY

Sunday May 14

8.45am Fingal
10.45am Cornwall
3.00pm St. Marys

Sunday May 21

8.45am Fingal
10.45am St. Marys
3.00pm Mangana

Rev'd David LeRossignol
Phone Fingal 742113

SALVATION ARMY

Sunday Sunday School, Uniting
9.45am Church, St. Marys
Sunday Sunday School, Salvation
2.30pm Army, Cornwall.

2nd Sunday
in month Afternoon Service
3.00pm

Wednesday Fellowship/Home League
11.00am for all women, Salvation
Army, Cornwall, 1st, 3rd,
5th week of month.
Uniting Church, St. Marys
2nd, 4th week of month.

Tuesday JOY HOUR - Games, Crafts,
3.45pm Fun, Fellowship for all
children 5-12 years -
weekly at Salvation Army
Cornwall.

Thursday YOUTH GROUP - 1st week
7-9pm in month, Sunnybanks,
St. Marys - ages 13-20.

ENVOY & MRS. BETTS, SUNNYBANKS,
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CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS

St. Marys - St. Mary of the Assump-
tion - Sundays May 14, 21 9.00am

St. Helens - SS Helena & Stanislaus
Saturdays Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Fingal - St. Joseph
Sunday May 14 10.30am

Mangana - Our Lady of the Sacred
Heart - Sunday May 21 10.30am

Mathinna - 5th Sunday of month
11.00am

Bicheno - Community Church
Sundays May 14, 21 4.00pm

PARISH PRIEST: Father Connolly,
The Presbytery, St. Marys
Phone 722252.

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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

24 Hodgman Street, Scamander
Sabbath School 10.00am
Divine Service 11.00am

MEALS ON WHEELS FINGAL VALLEY

May day	St. Marys	Fingal	Mangana
Sunday 14	Keith Cook	Bob Yates	Bob Yates
Monday 15	Debbie Barnes	Ida Legro	Les Walters
Tuesday 16	Jim Napier	Jack Woods	Jack Woods
Wednesday 17	Rona Gatty	Robyn Holder	Cros Upton
Thursday 18	Atholie Greenwood	Bill Johnstone	Bill Johnstone
Sunday 21	Marj Spillsbury	Lionel Rankin	Neil Ward
Monday 22	Miss Thorold	Jack Miller	Jack Miller
Tuesday 23	Viv Young	Sutton Lowe	Kath Francis
Wednesday 24	Jean Lohrey	Vicki Woods	Vicki Woods
Thursday 25	Alf Faulkner	Joan Lowe	Pat Rubenach

WHATS ON CONTINUED.....

**AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
SENIOR FIRST AID CERTIFICATE
COURSE:**

VENUE: St. Marys Hospital
DATE: Starts May 24th (10 weeks)
TIME: 7pm - 9pm (Wed. evening)
COST: \$58 (Includes materials)
\$44 Concession (Inc. mat.)
CONTACT: M. Stratham
Lot 1 Flemming Street,
Fingal. Tas, Ph 722390.

CATHOLIC CHURCH STREET STALL.

Friday May 26th - at St. Marys
Hotel Corner.

RAFFLE:

1st Food Blender
2nd Train Set
3rd Pair of towels.

ANGLICAN CHURCH - Morning Tea
May 17th 10.30am. Room at back of
Holy Trinity Church St. Marys.
Gift for Trade Table most apprec-
iated.

**ST. MARYS LIONS CLUB - CHARITY
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SUNDAY 21ST MAY, 11AM

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THERE IS STILL TIME TO INCLUDE
YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS IN THIS YEARS
AUCTION.

CONTACT JOHN MCGIVERON 72231 OR
ANY LIONS MEMBER.

CHILDREN ON BICYCLES:

Recently my grandson was riding
his bicycle round the Catholic
Church corner when he was passed
by a car containing some of our
local young people. One of them,
noted for his big mouth sang out
to him, Get off the road you
F&£% "!" little B&£!*(£. Not very
nice for a ten year old kid.
I have often seen other children
nearly run over by impatient
drivers. They must come to
realise that cyclists have as
much right to use the roads as
motorists.
CONCERNED GRANDPARENT.

THANK YOU

Thankyou to all who supported
and helped us following the
recent loss of Mum (Mrs.
McPherson - Melbourne).
The cards, telephone calls
and personal help was deeply
appreciated.
Would all please accept this
as our personal expression
of thanks.
Hazel, Alf (Betts) & Family.

THANK YOU

I would like to express my
Sincere thanks to all who
called, sent cards, flowers
and phone calls during my
recent hospitalisation.
My special thanks to Doctor
Naidoo, Matron, Nursing Staff
and domestic staff for all
your kindness, help and medical
care.
To the kitchen staff, thanks
for your extra care and guid-
ance to my diet.
Hazel Betts.

Congratulations and Best Wishes
to Mrs Eileen Hall of Cornwall
on your 94th birthday 8th May
Love from Family & Friends.

Congratulations to Mrs Eileen
Hall who celebrated her 94th
birthday from Cornwall Mother's
Union and Anglican Church
St. Marys.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jillian Camplin, daughter
of Mr & Mrs Ron Camplin
King's Meadows, who on May 13th
will be presented with her
Queen's Badge for Guiding and
Adventuring by Sir Phillip
Bennett. Jillian at present
is attending the University at
Hobart studying for her
Bachelor of Science degree.

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SPORT

ST. MARYS GOLF NOTES by "Tee Up's Mate".

Another successful Peter Davern Family Fun Day was held on April 30th and congratulations to Peter and his family for putting on such a great day again. The results for the team competition were the closest ever, with three teams within one stroke of each other. Winners were the Veterans team abley captained by Scotty Jansen on a countback from the Rulebenders committee team and the A.R.S.N.A. All Stars one shot away. Individuals doing well were Drew Berwick and Ray Ridgers who both had even par rounds of 68, and Allan Beach, Shaun Aulich, C. McGee and E. Luck also amongst the various winners. Well done to all, not the least of which was D. 'Hamster' Hanlon hole in one on the 7th, congratulations David. Members pennant is now only 2 weeks away and the new captain is Andrew Wright. Vice captain is David Murfet and selector is Kerry Davern. Congratulations to you all. The club will be trying to win a fourth consecutive flag this year which would be a great effort if it happens. Good luck to all the players in both A and B teams. This upcoming weekend will see the Mixed Foursomes Championships over 36 holes. We hope to have a good roll up of pairs for this year's event, weather permitting. Players are asked to bring a small plate for afternoon tea on Sunday.

Associates are reminded of the Benevolant day to be held on May 18th. It's for a great cause so let's get in and make it a great day.

RESULTS

PETER DAVERN FAMILY FUN DAY

Teams scores:

- 1st - Veterans, 336 (S. Jansen, F. Singline, P. Wines, J. McDonald, C. Berwick, G. King) on c/back from
- 2nd - Rule Benders 336
- 3rd - All Round Superstars 337
- 4th - Dollars and Sense 340
- 5th - Cunning Stunners 341
- 6th - Falmouth Kelpies 358
- 7th - Scamanderites 359
- 8th - She Devils 363

Individuals:

- A. Grade men D. Berwick (9)59, R. Ridgers(8)60, J. McDonald(9)62
- B. Grade men A. Beach (15)64, F. Singline(15)65, R. Costain(17)65
- C. Grade men S. Aulich(21)66, P. Wines(23)70, D. Hanlon(21)70

Associates Div 1 C. McGee (30)67
Associates Div 2 E. Luck (35)74
Nearest pin 5th (men)S. Wilmot,
7th (Assoc.)C. McGee
Hole in one 7th - D. Hanlon

ASSOCIATES 3rd ROUND OF L.G.U. BOWL AND MONTHLY BROOCH

C. McGee (30) 68
I. Francis (33) 70
K. Wright (30) 73
E. Luck (35) 73
Nearest pin 7th J. Lohrey

ASSOCIATES 2nd ROUND OF L.G.U. BOWL

C. McGee (30)65
H. Fleming (36) 68
K. Wright (30) 70
S. Oliver (36) 72

MEMBERS ECLECTIC

N. Cummings (15) 28½ pts
S. Wilmot (8) 29
M. Herring (20) 29
R. Tolputt (9) 31½
Nearest pin 5th N. Cummings

MEMBERS SINGLE STROKE

G. Emberg (18) 61
S. Cooke (11) 62
M. Herring (20) 64
R. Tolputt (9) 66
R. Field (11) 66
Nearest pin 7th R. Tolputt

MEMBERS STABLEFORD

P. Wines (23) 45 pts
L. Atkins (26) 41 pts
R. Tolputt (10) 39pts
P. Wilson (15) 39 pts
D. Hanlon (21) 38 pts
S. Cooke (10) 37 pts
Nearest pin 5th S. Cooke
7th P. Wines

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- . PUBLIC BODIES ASSISTANCE LOANS
- . FUNDING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEMES
- . TOURISM, SPORTING GRANTS
- . GRADE 11, 12 EDUCATION ANNEX
- . CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD
- . NEW KINDERGARTEN
- . ELDERLY PEOPLES' UNITS
- . COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF ESK HIGHWAY
DEVIATION
- . NEW LIBRARY
- . NEW SCAMANDER BRIDGE
- . NEW HOUSING COMMISSION HOMES
- . FRONT-END FINANCE FOR SEWERAGE WORKS
- . RETENTION OF HISTORIC RAILWAY STATION
- . IMPROVED POWER SUPPLY

THESE HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED, WITH THE HELP OF OTHERS, BY

STEPHEN SALTER

VOTE ☐ TO RE-ELECT SALTER, STEPHEN GORDON.

SUPPORT THE CANDIDATE WHO HAS ACHIEVED THE MOST FOR THIS TOWN.

Authorised by Robin Gray, Parliament House, Hobart 7000

ST. MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

SCIENCE LABORATORY:

Progress has been made in rectifying problems associated with the school science laboratory.

During the last three weeks, there have been visits from the Premier, the Northern Regional Director and the Northern Regional Superintendent of the Education Department and inspectors from the Mines Department, the Fire Department and the Department of Labour and Industry.

Investigations have confirmed that some problems exist.

Recommendations have been made and action is being taken. A rear fire exit will be built and proper ventilation installed in the chemical store by the beginning of Term II. A further amount of dangerous chemicals has been removed from the area and an additional storage cabinet is being supplied for flammable solids.

We feel that the action which is being taken to overcome safety problems that appear to have existed for many years is sufficient to justify the return of classes to the laboratory, if even on a restricted-use basis.

While recognising the need for an upgrading of safety measures in the science area, we must not lose sight of the fact that there is an urgent need for extensive re-development and expansion of our laboratory facilities and that this should be seen as the first stage in an overall re-development plan for the school.

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from the red faces at the end that they had run to the best of their ability.

Several of the winners and place-getters ran very good times for their two laps of the course.

Esme Atkinson was the leading girl in the U/13 girls, defeating Renaye Nichols and Renee Morris.

Allister Woods and Daniel Lehner were neck and neck over two laps in the U/13 boys. Their time of 12min 33 sec was only one minute slower than the open boys. Allister finally prevailed by 10 metres from Daniel and Justin Ambrus third.

Jenny Youd won the U/14 girls from Angela Campbell and Maree Bosworth.

The U/14 boys saw the biggest field of the day assemble and Michael Gamble scored a narrow win over Jay Cruse (A. Pickett's pre post favourite) and Brian Statham.

Emma Clement sped over the course in 12.08 to convincingly record her expected victory in the U/15 girls event. Tanya Reid and Fiona Burgess filled second and third placings.

Brett Davenport ran the second fastest time of the day in winning the U/15 boys event by a wide margin. His time of 11min 50 secs was quick enough to relegate Shea Wines to second and Geoff Hendley to third.

The senior girls event went to Narelle Betts by five lengths to Kerrie Wilson and Sharon Webb.

The prestige event, the boys open, was won very impressively by Andrew Davenport. Andrew showed the benefit of his pounding of the roads of Scamander, by running over the course in 11.34, a very slippery performance. Robin Youd also ran strongly for second with Craig Binns third.

Several of our runners should have excellent prospects of placings in the Inter-High which will be held on Thursday, 18th May in Launceston.

A. Pickett

SCHOOL FAIR:

SECONDARY CROSS COUNTRY:

The cross country was held on Monday, 8th May in good conditions for distance running. The majority of students competed and it was obvious

The Annual School Fair will be held on Friday, 6th October this year.

CUT PRICE SAM'S SUPERMARKET

ST MARYS

AS WELL AS OUR GREAT WEEKLY
SPECIALS

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ELECTION 1989 CRUCIAL FOR TASMANIA

George Shaw is Member for Macquarie and President of the Legislative Council. First elected in 1968 he is the most senior member of the State Parliament. He has always been independent and is often described by the press as "fiercely independent". On 17th April George gave a lecture to approximately 300 Political Science students at the University of Tasmania on the subject - "The Tasmanian Parliament" and expressed much of what is contained in this article. He speaks and writes - not on behalf of the Legislative Council nor the Parliament, but simply as George Shaw, M.L.C. for Macquarie.

The purpose of the May 13th Election is to elect a Government. 35 members will be elected to the House of Assembly and from them a Government must be formed. If that is not possible the Governor will have to issue writs for a further election. He will have no alternative. As there is confusing speculation about a 'hung parliament' and 'the balance of power' being held by 'green independents' I believe we should refresh our minds and renew our understanding of the fundamentals of parliamentary democracy as it operates in Tasmania under the Constitution Act 1934. According to the Constitution - ".....the Governor and Legislative Council and House of Assembly together should be called the Parliament.....". The Parliament is: the assembly of elected representatives comprising the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly which with the Governor form the Legislature of the State. The function of the Legislature is to legislate - that is "to make or enact laws".

That is the chief role of Parliament.

However the role of Government is much broader than the role of Parliament.

The Macquarie dictionary defines Government as - "The authoritative direction and restraint exercised over the actions of people in communities, societies and states;.....government is necessary to the existence of society."

Our Government is formed by the party which wins a majority of seats in the House of Assembly at a general election. Those elected who are not part of the Government majority are called "the Opposition". The elected Government has for a term (maximum 4 years) won the right to govern within the Constitution and the existing Statute Law of Tasmania and within the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia. The right to govern includes the responsibility of establishing policy and administering.

Administering is: managing the affairs of all Government Departments, Authorities and Agencies and includes the making of subordinate legislation - that is: statutory rules and regulations provided for in the many Acts of Parliament. Most of the work of governing is done outside Parliament under the various portfolios or ministries but subject to the scrutiny procedures of the Parliament.

The Government is compelled to present for approval by Parliament an annual budget which will include revenue raising (taxation measures) together with a comprehensive statement of its proposed expenditure as part of a total programme. The Government cannot make any new law nor amend any existing law without the approval of the Parliament. It is important to understand the different roles of Government and Parliament, particularly at a general election time when the people's power to govern is transferred via the ballot box to seats in the 35 member House of Assembly. The Hare-Clark system for electing members is recognized as the fairest in the world because electors' preferences are more fully considered and the result accurately reflects the electors' wishes. A party which receives 51% of the vote will win a majority of seats; a result which cannot be assured in any other State nor in the House of Representatives for they all have single electorate systems for electing Government.

Remember, the purpose of the election is to elect a Government and Government must be by majority. The parties and other non-party candidates are now engaged in campaigns to persuade electors that their policies are best for Tasmania and its future.

Electors must decide how best to cast an effective preferential vote. It is absolutely imperative to understand that a Government cannot be formed from elected independents and independents who form a group are not independent. A Government must be formed from a party who has put forward policies that have attracted a majority vote. Consider the hypothetical situation of Party A winning 17 seats, Party B - 15 and independents 3. In this case no party has a majority and any alliance or coalition - worked out after an election will be unacceptable to those electors who voted for a specific party and their policies. From the above it can be assumed that approximately 48.5% of electors voted for Party A, 42.9% voted for Party B and 8.6% voted for other candidates. It can also be seen that 91.4% voted for a major party and their policies. This 91.4% are unlikely to support an alliance on conditions set by representatives of 8.6% of the Statewide vote. In any balance of power alliance the holders of the balance of power will in fact be exercising the ultimate power by determining who shall govern. This is a power and influence totally out of proportion to the majority vote and is not acceptable democracy. Coalitions are only acceptable when the electors are aware of coalition plans prior to the poll. I have always maintained that in Tasmania the Lower House - the House of Government should be exclusively a party House and that the Legislative Council - the House of Review - should be exclusively a non-party House - a House of independents. There are sound reasons for this. The House of Assembly is the House of Government and the Government can satisfactorily be formed, only from a party who has won a majority of seats at the general election. The Opposition is the party unable to form a Government and it is its role during the life of the term to provide healthy opposition and demonstrate that it is the alternative Government. If independents are elected they are (not being part of Government) either in a totally ineffective and powerless situation or if they hold the balance of power, it is a dictatorial power. Neither situation is acceptable. Because the House of Assembly is the House of Government every candidate standing for that House should be a policy maker with a plan for both direction and restraint for Tasmania. Such policies and plans cannot be formulated by an independent and certainly cannot be implemented by independents. The Legislative Council is where independents have a genuine and positive purpose. The primary role of the Legislative Council is to legislate - and in the main to accept, reject or amend legislative proposals advanced by the Government. This is the role of review and second opinion. It is the House where after objective analysis and debate a group of elected individuals pass judgment on the Government's proposals. Power exercised by the Legislative Council is limited to legislative power exercised over a Government's legislative proposals, whereas the enormous power of Government is exercised directly over the people through its policy, administration and fiscal management. All Legislative Council decisions are made publicly in open debate on the floor of the House. Both Government and Opposition parties make their decisions in party rooms, behind closed doors. Finally, it is important to define "independent". An independent is a member who has no current party affiliation, is not endorsed by a party and has no obligation to any group. Such member cannot be caucussed and told that unless you vote this way on this issue you will lose endorsement and party support. Independent candidates or minor groups seeking election to the House of Assembly who cannot win Government but seek election for the purpose of gaining the balance of power are using the Hare Clark system in a luxurious and irresponsible manner. Such people are wittingly or unwittingly either megalomaniacs or naive. They want the power and right to govern without responsibility. They are not prepared to join a major party and undertake the onerous and difficult task of hammering out policy. They are not prepared to provide the effort nor accept the discipline, cohesion and solidarity necessary for any party in Government. A discipline without which Government cannot operate. Regardless of what candidates call themselves for election purposes it is important to understand the principal complexities of Parliament and Government. Definitions, principles and roles, when understood enable a more effective vote to be cast. Tasmania is a small State with a small Parliament and needs stable Government.

Dear Elector,

I am writing to introduce myself as a candidate in the next state election and to seek your support in electing a woman to represent Lyons.

I believe the right to work is a fundamental right. Politicians must aim to provide jobs for those who want to work. Tasmanians are industrious and enterprising and I would work for greater support of local industry and for more incentives for Tasmanians to get in and have a go. In this way we would provide a future for the 21 young people who leave the state each week.

We must provide the next generation with the very best education possible. The children of that generation are our future. We must not jeopardise Tasmania's future by cuts in education spending. I sincerely believe in the old style of politics where politicians were more accessible, more available and more in touch with the needs of those they represent.

I thoroughly enjoy campaigning in Lyons. The scenery is breathtakingly beautiful and, wherever I go, people are wonderful. They are friendly, well informed, hard working and willing to share with me much valuable information about their locality. As much as I would like to, it will not be possible to attend every thing in Lyons as it is such an incredibly large electorate. So I seek your help in supplying me with details of local events and issues and anything else of interest to assist in planning my campaign and to represent you faithfully. My sincere thanks in anticipation and I hope to meet you in person in the near future. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any assistance or if you wish to know my views on any of the issues.

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- * Tasmanian born and educated
 - * Born Queenstown on Tasmania's West Coast, 15.07.1943
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Positions Held and Interests

- * Department Head, Launceston General Hospital
 - * Past President and Secretary of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Society Inc.
 - * Member Tasmanian Olympic Council's Northern Committee
 - * Member Commonwealth Games Fundraising Committee
 - * ALP's Ethnic Affairs Committee, Employment and Industrial Relations Committee, Status of Women's Committee, National Labor Women's Conference, President and Secretary local ALP branch, past President, Secretary and Treasurer Australian Labor Party Sisterhood
 - * Secretary Tasmanian Diving Association
 - * Electorate Secretary to then Minister for Public Health
 - * Employed in Premier's Department and Department of Labour and Industry
 - * Assistant Manager Engineering Company (2 years)
 - * Five years legal experience
 - * Taught adult literacy with Adult Education Board
 - * Taught handicapped children to swim
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I firmly believe in grass roots politics. It is essential to consult with the people of this state. Electors have the right to know of decisions that will affect their lives and their futures.

I also believe Tasmania needs parliamentarians who will work for a better Tasmania for all Tasmanians, and who believe in the profits from our resources remaining in this state.

Politicians should work full-time for Tasmania and Tasmanians and should not continue with their professions or business interests after being elected. It is essential that pecuniary interests be declared.

Authorised by Gil Duthie, 14 Henrietta Grove, Launceston.

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If this election results in a Government by a minority party plus independents, we will surely hear a call to abolish the Hare-Clark system and establish single electorates. That would be tragic.

According to Bruce Montgomery in the Weekend Australian April 22-23 'If the last (1986) State election had been held under an orthodox voting system with single member constituencies Labor would have won only 1 of the 35 seats in the House of Assembly but in

fact under Hare-Clark the seat allocation was Liberal 19, ALP 14 and Independents 2. That illustrates how good and fair Hare-Clark is but it also illustrates its weakness in that it provides a 'too easy access' for independents and therefore hung parliaments; a potential to create division, instability and chaos in Government. This matter can be rectified with first time amendments which should be enacted before the next State election.

George Shaw.

SCAMANDER PROJECT

A community Project is under way at Scamander to clean up and landscape the triangular land opposite B.P. Scamander on Tasman Highway, and make the area pleasant for all. Donations of gardening cuttings and plants that are hardy are required for planting in the area, as are good ideas from residents and assistance to turn this area into something we can be proud of and enjoy. Some suggestions received so far are for: low growing hardy plants on the steep section to eliminate mowing, rock gardens around groups of trees, B.B.Q. tables and seats, plant more native trees, provide off street parking and rubbish bins.

Work will take some time to complete but with a lot of people becoming involved we could have something worthwhile and established in Scamander by this time next year. Interested residents with an hour to spare, ideas, or able to give manual assistance could meet on site any Saturday morning from 9a.m. (weather permitting).

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ARIES March 21 - April 20

Avoid taking a superior attitude with a neighbour who may be much more intelligent than appearances show. You can be quite temperamental now and this will only work against you. Appreciate the affection shown to you to keep the appearance up.
Best days 16th, 22nd, 28th.

TAURUS April 21 - May 20

Try to be industrious. If unmarried you can become very romantically inclined over someone new in your area. There is a chance you can manouvre so that this person will be staying in your life for a long time.
Lucky numbers 16, 21, 25.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You may want to change your friendship circle so that you can learn more from the stimulation of those who have been around. You may encounter a very romantic situation which is not at all desirable because of strings attached.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Have a reunion with friends you have missed - you make the arrangements. Friendship and happiness mark the day. Enjoy everything. Go after what you want most. State your case clearly.
Lucky numbers 8, 23, 27.

LEO July 23 - August 22

Avoid acquaintances who are too bent upon costly pleasure. Do not be the one to make overtures in case a romantic situation is arising. Let all advances come from another; be slow to show interest.
Lucky numbers 19, 24, 29.

VIRGO August 23 - September 22

Take care of that mail you have not answered; catch up. A child or younger person needs extra attention - don't be neglectful. Visit a place where your mind will be intrigued and stimulated where mental enjoyment is available.
Lucky numbers 18, 21, 27.

LIBRA September 23 - October 22

A journey you want to take may have to be delayed due to some financial problem. Be sensible about this and do not nag or argue with a life mate about the matter. A long distance call can make a sudden change in plans.
Lucky numbers 2, 7, 26.

SCORPIO October 23 - November 22

One of your mellow moods is here and you can be quite friendly and generous with new friends. However, do not try to use such people, for any purpose of your own or you will get an embarrassing refusal immediately.
Lucky numbers 17, 21, 24.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 - December 21

It will be safe to take a gamble that off chance can just pay off. A short jaunt to a different section or locality can be a joy. Fortunate for signing an agreement, but read it first.
Best days 17th, 20th, 25th.

CAPRICORN December 22 - January 19th

It is good to stand up for your rights and keep straight on with the course that appeals to you most. A legal matter may come up and prove most annoying. Face it. Luck can find you wherever you are - take it easy.
Lucky numbers 19, 21, 25.

AQUARIUS January 20 - February 18

Don't be so proud that you refrain from getting in touch with someone you want to see. Money matters can be irritating - don't let this cause undue worry. A good time for a get together with family and friends.
Lucky numbers 17, 23, 27.

PISCES February 19th - March 20

Be dutiful towards children, anyone to whom you owe attention and some of your time. Neglect domestic matters and if worried, try to please your life-mate about entertaining, monetary matters and in some under favourable stars.
Lucky numbers 18, 23, 4.

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