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TAXES

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Examiner

With the balance of trade worsening and interest rates heading towards 20% the search is on for a solution to Australia's economic woes.

In a combination of bad timing and bad communication, the Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, suggested a tax are subject to sales Tax.
on luxury items. While the Confectionary, biscuits, ice-cream, treasurer, Mr Keating, quickly deand snack foods are all subject to nounced such suggestions, the reality 10% sales tax. Flavoured soy milk is that many luxury items are currentis also caught. Even certain fruit

You might be even more surprised to learn that what you class as luxury items are quite different from the items which currently suffer sales tax at the highest

not just Porsches and caviar which would be hit by a new luxury tax or are which currently subject to from a six-year old onwards has one sales tax. Like sales tax, a Jewellery is also taxed at 30% luxury tax would catch a whole range with the exception of wedding rings of goods which are purchased by you in your day to day life.

SALES TAX

Australia already has a tax on luxury goods. The sales tax legislation identifies a range of goods considered in general terms to be luxury items and subjects them to a tax of 30% on their wholesale value.

A new sales tax on luxuries would inevitably involve the use of this sales tax mechanism. Sales tax is when such articles really were a levied on most goods manufactured in luxury. or imported to Australia. It is A whole range of electrical the major form of indirect taxation equipment is caught by the 30%

clothing and medicine are exempt from sales tax. ment, mining machinery, books, scien- sales tax impost. tific, educational and religious The Government goods and building materials are also money from taxing goods, many of exempt from sales tax. which we need in our day to day

However, a range of items purchased by you for your own use are increasingly being caught in the sales tax net. Many goods used for household purposes are now subject to 10% sales tax.

Furniture, crockery and cutlery are all campht. Appliances such as washings machines, vacuum cleaners, radiators, stoves, toasters, air-conditioners, kettles, carpets, beds and sewing machines are treated similarly. Even some food stuffs ly taxed under the sales tax system. juices and milk products can be subject to sales tax.

Since the mid-1950's, watches and clocks have been considered luxury items and taxed at 30%. While this may have been the case e. in the 50's, it is preposterous to. Don't be fooled, in reality it is regard these items as luxuries in 1989. Today, watches are often sold for less than \$10 and everyone from a six-year old onwards has one.

of at least 8 carats which are exempt. However, this generosity doesn't extend to other items such

as brooches, pendants and earrings.
Imitation jewellery suffers the same fate as real jewellery, with the ridiculous result that toy plastic rings, earrings and bangles are also taxed at 30%.

Cameras are also taxed at the 30% rate - a throwback from a time

A whole range of electrical equipment is caught by the 30% sales tax. The purchase price of used by the Australian Government. sales tax. The purchase price of Most household items such as food, cassette recorders, record players, cine are exempt radios, television sets and video Agricultural equip-cassette recorders all include this

The Government makes a lot of which we need in our day to day life.

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ATTENTION RSL Women's Auxiliary members are advised that a luncheon will be held at the Cray Drop Inn on Sunday 6th August. A bus will leave St. Mary's at 11.45 for lunch 12.30 p.m.

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The Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol has been established in Tasmania for 5 years, however, the RVCP is a National group operated from a central Flag Officer Commanding in Sydney. The Flag Officer Commanding, Mike Stringer has appointed Captain Ed Humber to establish Coastal Patrol divisions and marine communication centres in Tasmania.

During the short period the Patrol has been operating in Tasmania, base stations have been established in King Island, Burnie, Penguin, Ulverstone, Turners Beach, Ilfraville, Bridport, Falmouth, and Swanwick. Further stations are planned for Stanley, Strahan and Flinders Island.

The Coastal Patrol have established a fully functioning unit on the north west coast, centred at Ulverstone. The Ulverstone unit is under the control of Commander Mark Douglas. There are 70 members in the North West Division. The Coastal Patrol offer a wide range of services including education courses in seamanship, trailer boats, meteorology, marine radio use and trailer maintenance.

The Coastal Patrol also provide support services to the Police in times of marine incidents. The support could range from assistance at boat ramps, to communications assistance to actually undertaking a complete search and rescue task.

Recently, The Coastal Patrol established an operational unit based in Launceston. This unit is under the guidance of Acting Divisional Commander Warren Jackson. The Launceston unit already has 45 members. The Launceston operation area covers from Maria Island up to Cape Portland and west to Port Sorell. Membership is increasing dramatically.

It is expected that a Southern Division will be established in 1990. The Coastal Patrol is centrally administered by 5 people, known as TASCOMMAND. The group cater for Administration support, treasury support, stores, and Education support. They can be contacted by writing to PO Box 1066 Burnie for information.

The Coastal Patrol encourage boating people to instal marine radio's in their boats. This important accessory allows them to talk to base stations around the coastline, providing them with weather information and more importantly, peace of mind that some form of help is available when required.

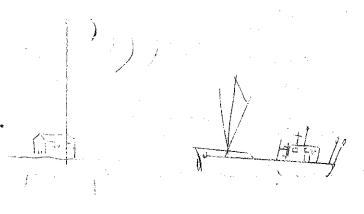
The station at Falmouth has been operated by BOB JACKSON for many years. Bob could see value in joining the Coastal Patrol and did so in 1987. During that time, the RVCP had discussions with the St. Helens Gamefishing Association and it was decided to merge the Falmouth station into a coordinated network with the other RVCP stations.

It is now not unusual for the station at Bridport, operated by Jim Bennett, to receive a telephone call advising him that a cruising yacht is heading his way.

Bob Jackson had been using 27 meg radio's for many years. The RVCP then provided a second radio, this time to cover the VHF marine band. This band is becoming more popular as it offers clearer interference free reception over similar distances.

With recent marine incidents in the waters around Falmouth, it has become evident that another radio is required. One that will enable Coastal Patrol Falmouth to communicate with vessels much farther away, over 50 miles. will allow Bob to communicate with larger ocean going vessels, cruising yachts, cruising powercraft, and many more vessels which carry this type of equipment. Most important, in times of emergency and search and rescue, the radio will allow communications from the base to searching aircraft, thereby providing a vital missing link.

The Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol are trying to raise \$5000 to provide Bob with a complete range of new radio's, including antennas. Provided enough support is obtained by October, the new equipment will be installed in time for the commencement of the coming boating summer season.



ST MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

ST. MSRYS - CRESSY SPORTS EXCHAPGE

The 41 students and three teachers from Cressy who arrived for the winter sports exchange were greeted by an unusually warm and sunny day. This proved a portent of things to come as their luck continued on the sporting field.

The first clash between the schools was boys soccer. Despite changing goalie several times, St. Marys was unable to find one capable of stemming the flow of goals from the Cressy forwards. The score was 7-2 to Cressy and Chris Cverden also showed a glimpse of things to come by being his sides' best player.

Cur girls hockey team could do little better being beaten 4-1, despite the efforts of Narelle Betts, Louanne Targett and Sarah Burgess.

The third sport decided in the morning was badminton. The St.

Marys boys' team of Ben Lehner and Jerod Bolch provided some encouragement by drawing their game 1-1.

The girls' team of Megan Ambrus and Melissa Eastley succumbed 2-1 and we were unable to reverse the trend in the mixed doubles, going down 2-0.

Thursday afternoon saw our girls defeated 26-10 by Cressy. Natasha Lynch played well, scoring the majority of her team's points and defending soundly.

In a very high standard game of boys' basketball, St. Marys led for a large part of the game but seemed to panic in the last few minutes and eventually finished five points adrift of their rivals. Robin Youd played his usual good game and he was ably supported by Dwayne Hall, Geoff Hendley and Ben Lehner.

Thursday's activities concluded in the evening with a social. Having dominated on the sports field it remained to be seen if the Cressy students would also prove winners on the dance floor.

The two netball games decided on the Friday morning both went to Cressy 37-10 and 20-5. Although all our girls tried hard, they were no match for the teamwork of the Cressy girls who are highly placed on the H.H.S.S.A. ladder The other code of football contested was "Aussie Rules" and Chris Overden again showed his prowess by being his team's best player in their 16.16 to 5.4 loss. Shea Wines and Andrew Davenport also battled hard for St. Marys.

Although beaten $8\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ in the aporting contests, I think we at least managed to break even at the B.B.Q. which was held at Friday lunchtime to conclude the exchange.

A. Pickett.

CAR PARKING:

Parking bays have been marked in the newly-scaled parking areas. Other bays will be marked along the front of the school.

Parents are asked, as far as possible, to use these bays and to avoid bringing cars into the school quadrangle.

SCHOOL FAIR - CRAFT AFTERNOON:

There will be a craft afternoon at Debbie Searle's home on Thursday 10th August from 1.15 until 3.15.

Please come along and help make items for the craft stall at the fair.

Everyone in welcome.

PARENT PARTICIPATION:

The Tasmanian Education Department encourages active partnership with parents in the education of Tasmanian children. Parents need access to information about the Department, its schools and colleges and current policies if their partnership is to be effective.

The Department invites comment from interested parents and parent groups on the type of information t they would like to help them participate more fully in the education of their children and the ways they would like to receive this information.

Initial enquiries can be made to Kate Vernon (Project Officer) on 002 307722, cr 71 Letitia Street, North Hobart, Tas. 7000.

SCHOOL FAIR - FRIDAY, 6th OCTOBER

SPORT

FOOTBALL

NOTES

22-7-89

St. Marys travelled to Avoca to play in what many people thought would be a prelude to the grand final, but alas due to some halfhearted performances by some players, came home losing by 28pts, after being down by 43pts at half

If we are to defeat Avoca next time, every player will have to contribute more, as Avoca is a good, big team.

Best players for St. Marys were
A. Viney, E. Maher, P. Barnes,
D. Ridgers, S. Miller, & R. Faulkner.
Goalkickers: A. Viney 3, J. Miles,
S. Nugent 2, M. Duniam & G. Murfett 1 apiece.

RESERVES St. Marys reserves defeated a very much undermanned but determined Avoca side by 117pts. I must congratulate Avoca reserves for the way they have competed all season. St. Marys again put in a good team effort. Keep it up boys.
Goals: L. Spilsbury 5, P. Spilsbury
3, S. Goss, P. Gibbons, Tim Mason,
J. Viney, C. Davern 2 each. There was no thirds game.

SENIORS 29-7-89

St. Marys defeated Swansea at home by 40pts. The game was played in shocking conditions due to the wettest winter we have had for some years.

It was great to see our evergreen stalwart Ken Maynard back in top form, and also a few others back to form after the previous weeks' performance.

Best Players in a good team effort were K. Maynard, J. Miles. R. Salter, G.Murfett, S. Gray & D. Ridgers. Goalkickers: A. Viney 4, M. Duniam & G. Murfett 2 each, D. Ridgers, J. Miles, R. Faulkner, G. Nugent 1 apiece. RESERVES

St. Marys defeated Swansea by 63pts, again in a rather one-sided St. Marys once again put affair. in a good team effort, which augers well for the finals, as a team playing well together is always hard to defeat. Goalkickers: J. Viney, P. Gibbons 3, P. Spilsbury 2, S. Goss, Mark Williams, L. Spilsbury 1 apiece, and one more.

St.Marys defeated Swansea 6-12 0-3 by 45pts. The boys playto 0-3 by 45pts. The boys play ed very well in trying conditions, and play Fingal at Campbelltown next Saturday in the first finals

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The plain fact is that, as a country, we have not been earning enough to support our standard of livibg, or to put another way, we have been living beyound our means.

There is now a widespread expectation that Australians are entitled to a high standard of living, regardless of our economic performance. The indiscriminate use of debt is considered quite acceptable, even if it is used to procure very questionable objectives.

In the past it was expected that savings should be encouraged for luxury purchases, and debt only for capatal items. However, Governments, the advertising industry and the finance industry have combined to convince people they have a God givern right to instant luxury. Social attitudes regarding debt have changed for the worse.

Lets look at our capacity to pay our way.

The wealth earning base of our economy is too narrow, and there are too many people sponging on too few wealth earners. About 80% of export earnings are from agricultural and mining commodities. However, those industries employ only about 85% of the workforce. In addition, 65% of our export earnings are used to service our international debt.

Naturally, our wealth earning industries need to be supported by an efficient service sector, but there is considerable doubt about the efficiency of our service industries. The waterfront and maritime industries are presently under scrutiny. Quite c correctly they should be critically examined and improved, but so should many other service industries.

Then there is the manufacturing sector .It is claimed that inefficient work practices are preventing manufactured products from competing in world markets. It is true that work practices are holding our industries back, but so are a number of other

practices.

The plain fact is that Australia a makes very poor use of the resources available to it. We have vast natural resources but we lack the drive and innovation to fully exploit them. And all too often we hear of brilliant inventions by Australian scientists that are taken overseas for development because no Australian company will take the risk.

We are now paying a high price for our own apathy, slackness and greed. High interest rates are only one symptom.

We need to understand that social attitudes and economic outcomes are welded together. Anumber of spokesmen are advocating various methods to improve the conomy, but without a change in social attitudes they will be nothing more than Band.-Aid measures.

The economic performance of a nation ia a measure of the quality of the people who occupy it. The sooner the Australian people look within themselves for the answers, rather than seeking scapegoats, the better.

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Week commencing August 3rd.

LEO: July 24 - August 23.

Be careful of over-sensitised emotions causing problems. Take care driving and around machinery also.
Best Days: 3, 14.

VIRGO: August 24 - Sept. 23

You may find that you are involved in group or community ctivities, in a starring role. Tut you're going to enjoy it, and your friends and family will enjoy you. Best Days: 7, 12.

LI : Sept. 4 - Oct. 23

Business activities, and/or your social image are prominent. Expect to have a few things to handle through this period.

Best Days: 5, 16.

SCORFIO : Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Some challenge as to how you put your public image across is likely during this period. How you handle this period is critical. Stay emotionally mature. Best Days: 9, 15.

SAGITTARIJS: Hov. 23 - Dec. 22

You're doing a lot of intended changing now. This same energy indicates that you can head yourself, others and situations that may need it.

Best Days: 4, 11.

CAIRICONN : Dec. 23 - Jan 20

You're prepared now to face and deal with things that you couldn't at other tames. Travel or good news from foreign parts.
Best Days: 6, 13.

ANUARIUS: Jan. 21 - Fob. 19

Keep control over your emotional reaction within the next three days and take good care of your health the entare time.

Best Days: 8, 15.

PISCW: Feb. 20 - 1 rch 20

You can really sparkle and glow with new energy over this time. Ideas on how to improve your life come thick and fast.
Best Days: 9, 16.

ARITS: Orch 21 - April 20

Home and family matters are going to keep you busy. Make sure you get adequate sleep to maintain peace of find and you'll find that increased happiness is the outcome.

Bost Days: 10, 13.

TAURUS: April 21 - May 20

Your main the ms now are communication, learning and interaction with others. The mail box and telephone will bring some significant messages. Best Days. 5, 12.

GEMIMI: May 21 - June 21

Expect a lot of short-distance travel in connection with family matters and social activities. This will all be fun, as long as you avoid the pitfall of building irritations. into smouldaring resentment.

Best Days: 7, 11.

CANCER: June 22 - July 23

Any stress that either you or the man in your like have been experiencing in terms of professional activities begins to ease over this period.

Best Days: 4, 10.

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