

VARTY CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Next Saturday the people of Nunawading Province have a choice of voting for safeguards by voting Liberal or for unchecked extremism by voting Labor, according to the Liberal candidate, Mrs Rosemary Varty.

Mrs Varty said she was confident of winning because the Nunawading Province voters realised the need to have checks and balances in the Parliamentary system so it worked for the benefit of ALL Victorians.

"The election is not about changing government, rather it is about safeguards — safeguarding against extremism, poor legislation and government excesses," Mrs Varty said.

"This can only be achieved by voting Liberal."

Mrs Varty said her campaign of doorknocking and visits to community centres, schools, shopping centres, retirement villages and clubs, as well as her local knowledge from living in the area nearly all her life, had allowed her to build a rapport with the people.

"I know the local issues that are of concern to the people in the Province," Mrs Varty said.

"The Government has not even tackled issues like the extension of the Eastern Freeway — something 80 per cent of the people in the Province want."

"The Cain Government has offered a token \$30 million to improve the road system out here and the ALP candidate has called the Joint Mayoral Committee blackmailers for standing up for their ratepayers and asking for \$112 million to ease traffic congestion."

"With responses like this it is no wonder people are turning away from Labor."

"Brothels and their imposition on our communities are a great concern. The Liberal Party has introduced a Private Members' Bill

to allow communities the right to choose — because the Labor Party reneged on its word to allow people this right."

"Then we have things like hospital waiting lists and the burdens placed on our public hospitals, crime doubling in six months in some areas, broken promises on taxes and charges like the 24 per cent increases in MMBW rates — all these things are driving people in the Province away from Labor."

"By voting for me Province voters will be able to send a very clear message to the Cain Government that they have had enough and I am sure they will be speaking on behalf of the majority of all Victorians."

Mrs Varty said the campaign has been very gruelling, but she had received enormous support from people in the Province, as well as from other Parties.



Mrs Rosemary Varty was joined by Opposition Leaders Jeff Kennett and Andrew Peacock and a host of other senior Liberals for the rally. She told her supporters that the Labor Party was buying votes in the Nunawading Province at a cost of \$15.50 per voter and was using taxpayers money to do it.

"It has been a long slog, but when people from the ALP and Democrats tell you they are going to change their votes because they have had enough and people from every walk of life say the same thing, it gives you the energy and enthusiasm to put your all in."

"The support has

been marvellous — there is no other word for it."

"After winning on Saturday, I expect to wear out at least three pairs of shoes yearly — because I will continue doorknocking and visiting people."

"I know I will be able to keep in touch with local people this way. My aim is to be accessi-

ble so people will feel free to come and seek my assistance."

"I know from this campaign, having knocked on thousands of doors and literally met thousands upon thousands of people that this is the best way to keep in contact with the people in the Province at a grass roots level."

"It is something I

intend to keep up — even if it does mean new shoes every few months."

Mr Varty also thanked the local media for their assistance during the campaign.

"They have done a great job and I look forward to working with them over the next few years."

Only a local understands local issues.

Unlike the Labor candidate, who doesn't even live in the electorate, Rosemary Varty has lived in this area nearly all her life.

Safeguard Nunawading.

As a local community member who has successfully served in local government, Rosemary Varty understands fully the issues that affect the lives of local people. Rosemary Varty stands for the extension



of the Eastern Freeway, more support for our overworked local hospitals, the lowering of State Taxes and Charges, a stronger stance on curbing crime and firm opposition to brothels in our community.

Rosemary Varty will provide a vital safeguard for you in Victoria's Upper House.

Vote Varty. It's vital.



POLITICALLY SPEAKING



The Liberal candidate for Nunawading Province, Rosemary Varty and the Shadow Minister for Housing, Alan Brown, inspect one of the vacant houses at Blackburn.

HOUSE SCANDAL

Ministry of Housing residences have been lying empty at Blackburn, the Liberal Candidate for Nunawading Province, Rosemary Varty, said last week.

Mrs Varty said one house at Blackburn had been empty for nine months while two others in the same block are also vacant.

"This is an outrageous scandal when you consider the housing crisis in the area," Mrs Varty said.

"People are coming to me regularly saying they cannot get housing and for the Government to leave these houses empty when people are in such dire needs is a disgrace.

"Not only are Government houses lying vacant but so are many granny flats — at least 17 flats in storage in Ringwood while a

total of 30 have been unoccupied of the past 12 months.

"It is very clear from the information coming into our campaign offices that delays for both houses and granny flats is causing major hardships for many Victorians.

"The Ministry of Housing waiting list for accommodation has grown by almost 10,000 people since Labor came to office in 1982 and it looks as if it will continue to grow.

"With so many people on waiting lists it is hard to understand how the Government can allow these granny flats and houses to remain vacant."

LAND WRANGLE RESOLVED

About 20 hectares of land in Blackburn South which was originally intended for a freeway will now be used as open public space.

The land has been the subject of a long wrangle between residents in the area and the MMBW which had decided to rezone it to allow a housing development.

Residents were not happy about the MMBW plans and as a result formed the Blackburn South Residents for Open Space Association and took the issue to the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal.

As a result only about half the land will now be used for Housing. It is believed that half will be sold to the Housing Commission and the remainder to Nunawading City Council. Sections of the land which are zoned for housing are in Fulton Road, west of the Mirrabooka Teachers Centre and between Middleborough and Indra Roads.

A narrow three km corridor between Elgar Road, Box Hill and Mahoney's Road, Forest Hill, will be reserved as open space.

Mr Walker commended the local people for their efforts in planning for the future of the land

LIBERAL LEAFLET INSULTING SAYS IVES

The Liberals were insulting Nunawading voters by recycling outdated literature, the ALP Candidate for Nunawading Province, Mr Bob Ives, said today.

Mr Ives said the Liberals were circulating in Nunawading a leaflet on the Upper House which they began handing out before the last State election.

Deliveries of the leaflet stopped after the Premier announced that the Government would reform the Upper House, Mr Ives said.

"Now the Liberals are circulating this discredited document in the Nunawading campaign.

"Perhaps this is the best indication yet that the Liberals have no new ideas or policies to put before Nunawading voters.

"Or maybe someone has thrown a spanner into their printing works."

Mr Ives said that by contrast Labor had produced a campaign brochure which was topical and addressed the vital issues in Nunawading.

"We're proud of our literature and we have received a good reaction to it.

"We certainly would not insult voters' intelligence by peddling second-hand literature."

Mr Ives said the Premier had recently reaffirmed his Government's commitment to introduce proportional representation in the Legislative Council.

He said the reform package, which would be introduced in the next two years, would make the Legislative Council a genuine house of review.



Other key parts of the package included an upgraded committee system and simultaneous elections for both Houses.

Details of the package would be finalised after detailed discussions with all political parties and any other relevant interest groups.

"In the circumstances, the Liberals' scare campaign on the Upper House is totally irrelevant," Mr Ives said.

"I urge voters to consider on their merits the Government's concrete proposals to reform and strengthen the Legislative Council, and to reject the cheap scare campaign being run by the Liberals.

"The Liberals' irresponsible and deceptive campaign shows yet again that to give Jeff Kennett control over the Government's responsible and constructive programmes would be an

POLITICALLY SPEAKING

SECRET BALLOT DEMAND

Comments of State Health Minister, David White, about throwing unbending public servants down lift-wells fascinate Basil Smith candidate for the Secret Ballot Party in the Nunawading Province on August 17.

As a previous private industry accountant, now Federal Public servant, he states that he appreciates the often insurmountable obstacles opposing rational change.

He agrees, he says, that the public sector could, if made accountable to both Parliament and the community, be efficient and effective.

He states however that he believes, along with many others in the community, that the weak link in the chain of accountability is the party structure of parliament itself because of the constant battle between the two major parties for pre-eminence and power, continually nudged by pressure groups of all shapes and sizes, things being done which ought not to be done, and things which ought to be done not being done . . . and while the parents fight the kids don't get on with their homework!

He states categorically that an electronic secret voting machine installed in the Legislative Council would make Councillors accountable to the electorate and give the Council freedom from the vagaries and pressures of party politics, and the same reform in the Lower House would give the parliament the power it needs to ensure public sector accountability.

The Secret Ballot Party, he says, sees this reform as capable of bringing the secret

debates out of the party rooms into the open forum of parliament, and precluding the forming secret deals. Thus the hard questions could be dealt with and the community consulted and rallied in support of proper measures, including the satisfactory resolution of industrial conflicts, through decisions by arbitral bodies which can be made to stick.

Basim Smith also states that the Party fully supports the concept of Secret Ballots in union meetings where strikes or similar actions are proposed but, doubts that an effective answer to industrial strife can be found without the advent of genuinely accountable parliaments using the secret ballot. To the Party the part system is the root of all political evil, not politicians.

The Party exists only for this reform and comments on any other matters are to highlight the difficulties created by the party system only.

He also quotes British comments in past days that since co-operative

and effective government occurred during World War 2 that perhaps another war would be good! And the thought sometimes expressed that since our 'democracy' is so clumsy at getting sensible decisions made, perhaps a dictatorship could even be necessary . . . words fail!

The answer, he claims, is the clean-cut, flexible, just and stable decisions which would flow without fuss or rancour from a Secret Ballot Parliament, and that this is the only method which can qualify for the title of democracy.

Furthermore, he states the technology is no problem. A suitable equipment has already been prepared (for demonstration purposes) and could be made available for immediate use.

George Bernard Shaw is quoted as saying "Some people see things as they are and say: Why? I dream things that never were and say: Why Not?". The Secret Ballot Party's sentiments exactly.

Sir,

I refer to the five city Mayoral Committee's Press Conference at the Doncaster/

Templestowe Municipal Chambers on Monday, 22/7/85, at which they announced a well researched and constructive plan to extend the Eastern Freeway from Doncaster to Ringwood.

At the end of this Press Conference, Mr Ives, ALP candidate for Nunawading Province, staggered the assembled councillors and municipal technical representatives by issuing a Press release which he soon tried to recall when he realised its absurdity, in which he bluntly rejected the Mayoral Committee plan for extension of the freeway, and virtually accused the worthy municipal representatives of five cities of gross incompetence, political corruption in wheeling and dealing with the Liberal Party, and negligence in not consulting technical officers — who were present at the meeting as part of the Mayoral Committee!

This ludicrous and politically incompetent Press release of Ives is a slur on the dedication and professionalism of the Mayoral Committee, and should be widely known and widely condemned.

The Liberal Party, and its fine candidate for Nunawading Province, Rosemary Varty, supports in principle the Mayoral Committee's proposal to extend the Eastern Freeway from Doncaster to Ringwood, and roundly condemns Mr Ives for his cheap and illogical Press release: does Mr Ives want us to forever have traffic jams on leafy bush tracks?

Hon. John Mills, MLC
Member for Templestowe



Linda Ross is a 19 year old Economics student currently studying at Monash University.

She is a member of the student organisation AIESEC (International Association of Economics and Commerce Students) through which a Canadian Study Tour/Export Mission is being organised.

AIESEC is situated in 40 campuses throughout the world, aiming to bridge the gap between student, business and academic communities.

The Canadian Study Tour will involve all three groups and thirteen University students will travel to Canada to research various markets, and report back to Australian firms. Linda and the rest of the team will also be helping to promote Australia.

With the obvious similarities between the Australian and Canadian economies, the project was conceived and developed as a viable proposition.

The benefits derived from the project include practical business experience for Linda and the rest of the team, whilst providing necessary International trade information for Australian companies.

HAUNTED HOUSE

After spending his first two weeks in the Upper House, newly elected MLC for Templestowe Province, John Miles, likens the Legislative Council to a haunted house, or perhaps "the Chamber of Horrors".

"The Upper House is haunted by the spectre of the Socialist Left, illustrated by the dominating presence of George Crawford, ALP Social Left Hardliner," said Mr Miles.

The expert way in which Socialist Left MLC's Joan Coxsedge, Jean McLean and George Crawford denigrated and ridiculed their own ALP government when they spoke against the deregistration of the BLF, was a frightening revelation to Mr Miles.

"I realised from close quarters the powerful influence of the Socialist Left, and if Labor wins Nunawading, there will be no safeguard against the excesses of Left Wings legislation, and the splendid architecture of the Upper House will degenerate into a real Chamber of Horrors for the tortured people of Victoria.

I am sure that the voters of Nunawading will ensure that there is a safeguard, a check and a balance, and that they will therefore elect an outstanding local Liberal candidate, Rosemary Varty," concluded Mr Miles.

HON. JOHN MILES, MLC.,
MEMBER FOR TEMPLESTOWE PROVINCE



A host of Golden Daffodils' along with Camellia's and lots of other interesting Horticultural Beauty will be on show at the Box Hill Horticultural show, between the hours of 2pm and 8.30pm at the Box Hill town Hall, Whitehorse Road, Box Hill on September 7.

We have received good support from The Box Hill City Display "Camellia Lodge, Brewitt & Sons, "The Pines", Nunawading Garden Centre.

At this show it is the time to pick out new Camellia's and some very beautiful ones will be on display for you to choose from.

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SMALL BUSINESS SLAMS GOVT.

ASBA PROTEST RALLY PACKS THEM IN

Concerned representatives from a wide spectrum of business groups packed the Ringwood Civic Centre last Thursday to protest about a range of issues related to next Saturday's Nunawading Province by-election.

The meeting, convened by the Australian Small Business Association (ASBA), was addressed by speakers from the Mountain Cattlemen's Association, the insurance industry, sub-contractor's groups, rural businessmen, manufacturers and the Sawmillers Association.



• Peter Boyle

The standing-room-only audience applauded the Federal President of ASBA, Mr Peter Boyle, when he called for more co-operation between small business groups to influence the outcome of elections such as at Nunawading.

"We are meeting here because politicians only listen at election time. This is the time to extract promises from them and to ensure that they stick to them," he said.

Opposition leader, Jeff Kennett, attended the rally as did representatives from the National Party and the Australian Democrats as well as other Liberal Party politicians. The Liberal Candidate, Rosemary Varty was among the audience.

The Premier, Mr John Cain, was invited to attend and address the rally, but declined on the grounds that he was only interested in conferring with long established business associations.

In his speech, Mr Kennett criticised the Premier's failure to attend. "Politicians have a responsibility to listen to people. By boycotting this meeting, Mr Cain has demonstrated that he simply does not care," Mr Kennett said.

The rally was addressed by eight speakers from different industry groups, with each speaker putting forward a resolution which focused on their

particular concern. All but one of the eight motions was passed unanimously by the five hundred strong audience.

Mr Boyle described the size of the turnout as "encouraging". He said that despite the bad weather, the audience size and the reaction of people to the resolutions passed, indicated the depth of people's feelings on the matter being discussed.

In his address, Mr Boyle said that small business had run out of patience.

"It is not by choice that we are angry. It is now obvious that we must become militant like the unions and other interest groups if we are to attract the attention of government."



• Graham Story

"The farmers and the mountain cattlemen have shown up the way. Like small business people, they have become aroused by government indifference to their plight," he said.

"The unions have shown us the power of organized activity. They could stop Australia dead in its tracks. But so could small business if they so choose, but we have been more responsible. Governments must remember that fact."

"Small business wants governments to get off its back. We want to get on with the job of running viable and efficient business, employing staff and satisfying our customers."

The resolutions passed by the two hour meeting were:

- That governments prevent unions from harassing thousands of small businesses.
- That the government should protect the rights of sub-contractors, self-employed peo-

ple and other small businessmen.

That the impediments to preventing the unemployed from getting jobs in the private sector be removed.

That the government should not proceed with its Alpine Park legislation which, if passed, would seriously undermine the cattle and timber industries in the high country.

- That the Accident Compensation Act be amended to reduce the burden on small business and the administration of the scheme be returned to free enterprise.

- That the state government legislate to de-regulate the award wage system as a positive way of reducing labour costs.

- and that
- That the saw-milling industry be protected by not allowing the withdrawal of further productive timber resources from the industry.

In moving the first resolution — against union harassment of small business — one of the Directors of Dollar Sweets, Fred Stauder, spoke emotionally about his own personal experience with union problems. His firm, Dollar Sweets, which makes confectionery is under siege from militant unionists demanding a shorter working week.



• Fred Stauder

Mr Stauder was enthusiastically applauded when he said that many small business proprietors make a lot of sacrifices to stay in business.

"My family has been involved in making confectionery for over 100 years. It isn't easy being in small business. You lose a lot of recreation time that other people take for granted. You

have to give up a lot and so too does your family," he said.

Rural businessmen, Charlie Burrows, moved the motion that governments should immediately remove all impediments to employment.



• Charlie Burrows

Mr Burrows said that business was being burdened with costs and with red tape created by a government that keeps changing the rules as regards the operations of businesses.

"You have well paid public servants sitting in comfortable offices with atriums, and palms surrounding them, dreaming up new ways of frustrating business with rules and regulations."

"The net effect of this in the last 15 years is that unemployment has increased dramatically. We've paid out around \$18 billion in unemployment benefits and we have nothing to show for it. For that money, I'm told we could build five highways right around Australia," he said.

Graeme Stoney of the Mountain Cattlemen's Association told the rally that the cattlemen had been forced into taking direct political action to draw a response from the government.

He said that the creation of the proposed



• Graham Stoney



new National Alpine Park would injure the livelihood of a lot of cattlemen.

"If we had taken direct action five years ago, we wouldn't be in the mess that we are in today."

"That is where I see a great similarity between the mountain cattlemen and the small business man. We both have had problems over the years with extreme demands. The cattlemen have had extreme

conservationists howling for our removal," he said.

"The small businessman has had a gun at his head held by selfish people wanting more money, less hours, and not really caring about how it affected the business."

Liberal Leader, Jeff Kennett told the rally that the "ultimate success of this society will depend on people doing their own thing and getting rewarded for that."

"We support the small man. You have people who are wanting to be sub-contractors, but the government is supporting compulsory unionism of small employers."

"Governments are taking money from the wealth producers and giving it to those who don't produce wealth. Private enterprise has got to get together and advance its own interests," Mr Kennett said.



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DEMOCRATS CONNED BY CAIN

The lure of seats in Victorian Upper House by the introduction of proportional representation has conned the Democrats into supporting the A.L.P. yet again.

This statement was made recently by Mr Jim Plowman, M.P. State Member for Evelyn, when commenting on the Cain Government's legislative program during the recent extraordinary winter sitting of the Victorian Parliament.

Mr Plowman said the sole purpose of the recent Parliamentary session was to enable the Cain Government to take advantage of a temporary majority in the Upper House to force through a package of draconian legislation which will have a highly adverse effect on Victoria, particularly its employers, for years to come.

"The Democrats have been conned", Mr Plowman said, "into the belief that the Cain Government really wanted proportional representation in this state. However, had the Government sincerely meant what they said, they would have ensured the passage of this measure while they had a majority in both Houses. They have had their opportunity, and they have failed to see this measure passed through the Parliament."

"Rank and file Democrats in Victoria, and particularly in Nunawading Province, must now have severe doubts regarding the independence of their leadership." Mr Plowman said he believed that the unbridled ambition of the Democrats' leader, Mrs Janet Powell, to become an M.P. Herself was to be called into serious question when she is again asking her Party to direct preferences to the A.L.P.

"The Democrats have been conned by the Cain Government, and thinking Democrats must now seriously consider whether they are an independent Party, or just another coalition or factional branch of the A.L.P.", Mr Plowman concluded.