

Good result for Libs



The result of the Nunawading Province by-election was an amazing about face for the Liberal Party despite all the talk of it being a normal by-election swing away from the Government.

Liberal Candidate, Rosemary Varty, campaigned intelligently throughout the lead up to last Saturday's poll and has reaped the benefits, winning nearly 49 per cent of the vote.

Labor Candidate, Bob Ives, was understandably disappointed by the loss and despite his hopes of putting up a good showing he was realistic enough to realise that the mood in the electorate did not auger well for his chances.

But Labor was not the biggest loser in the election — that distinction must go to the Australian Democrats who concentrated too much on their support of the Australian Conservation Foundation, and perhaps did not campaign as strongly as they could have in favour of small business.

The support shown for the Mountain Cattlemen in their fight with conservationists over the proposed extensions to the Alpine National Parks network must have had a bearing on the Democrats poor showing.

But Bob Ives was also a victim of the cattlemen. At his party on Saturday evening many supporters spoke of the 'devastating' impact their romantic image had on Labor's chances. Despite his disap-

pointment Mr Ives was a good loser. It had been a hard, long campaign and weariness mingled with the disappointment that was evident in his face.

But he continued to smile and remained philosophical about the defeat.

He told journalists that the ALP felt it had done all it could to win, but that in the end the votes just weren't there.

In contrast to Mr Ives opinion the winner, Rosemary Varty, said the emergence of groups like the cattlemen and small businessmen had shown that people were becoming tired of having unwanted legislation forced on them by a Government which paid too much attention to the demands of radical minority groups.

Two of the smaller parties to contest the election can be reasonably satisfied with their performance.

The Call to Australia Party and the Nuclear Disarmament Party had a combined vote of nearly five per cent and are fast creeping up on the Australian Democrats.

Call to Australia finished with 2.62 per cent of the vote followed by the NDP with 2.5 per cent.

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'THE MAN' RIDES IN



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Guess who came to Ringwood Market last Friday afternoon? That's right — The Man From Snowy River himself.

Well, it was the next best thing. Tom Burlinson who played 'The Man' in the movie turned up riding on 'Denny' the hardy mountain pony he rode down the mountainside in the film's final sequence.

And guess who turned up to meet Tom and Denny? None other than the Premier, Mr Cain.

Mr Cain was in Ringwood to do some last minute politicking, but Tom Burlinson had turned up to talk on behalf of the Mountain Cattlemen.

"Don't tell me that they've conned you as well?" the premier said, referring to the cattlemen.

"No, I haven't been conned," said Tom. The quietly spoken Burlinson had decided to take a break from preparations for his new movie to fly to Melbourne and speak on behalf of the Mountain Cattlemen.

He made many friends among them during the filming of the movie, and is the Godfather of Charlie and Glenda Lovick's son, Craig.

While at the market Tom wielded the stockwhip a few times and showed he had lost none of his old skill.

"Charlie taught me to ride and to crack the whip. And what Charlie teaches you don't forget," he said.

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BUSHLAND BURNS



A report to Nunawading Council has recommended that fuel reduction burning be carried out on a 10 year rotational basis throughout the city's bushland areas.

The report was made by the Chief Fire Officer of the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands, Mr A. Hodgson.

Mr Hodgson carried out an inspection of the reserves earlier this year with Nunawading's Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr John Brandenburg.

The report says that in order to maintain a diversity of vegetation within parks including Yarran Dheran, Antonio Park, Wandinong and Blackburn Lake about 10 per cent of their areas be subjected to low intensity fuel burning annually.

Mr Hodgson said that to reduce fuel levels over significant areas for fire protection services would reduce their value as habitats for native fauna, however the long term absence of fire would also disadvantage wildlife.

"A good example of the relationship between fire and fauna exists in the Blackburn Lake Sanctuary where a colony of sugar gliders has been established. Research has demonstrated that exudates from acacias provide an important food source for this mammal but acacias are dependent on fire for adequate regeneration," he said.

"Consequently, it may be necessary to burn parts of the park in the future to provide a continuing supply of acacias for the sugar gliders."

Mr Hodgson said that in other reserves it may be necessary to burn sections to ensure the

regeneration of understory species of plants.

The report disagreed with a proposal to clear a 10 feet wide firebreak between Trove Park and adjoining properties.

"Such a firebreak would necessitate clearing 25 per cent of the total area of the reserve, and that would be unacceptable," he said.

"However, if the landowners adjoining the eastern side are prepared to accept any risk of fire with no break on their boundaries they should be allowed to do so."

REGULATIONS

Post last week checked the regulations that bind the council in regard to fire prevention and under the Country Fire Authority Act No. 6228 the council is to "take all practical steps", to prevent fires.

The report stated that fire is a good management tool to improve bushland by reducing the mass of litter generated by non native grasses kills seed in annual grasses and stimulates the germination of some native species.

But it noted that there were several practical difficulties to consider when planning a control burn.

- These were:
- Neighbours who don't mind lighting their incinerators but who may object to, smoke from a control burn.
 - There are only a few days in the year when conditions are suitable.

• The decisions and skills necessary require experienced employees.

• There is a difference of opinion as to whether spring or autumn controlled burns are more beneficial for bushland areas.

• As control burning can occur outside normal working hours, there is additional financial cost.

The main recommendations of the report are as follows:

1. That council continue its program of providing and managing parks with a bushland character as these areas provide a recreational and environmental experience for the community often not found in other parks, and also that they provide a wildlife habitat of high scenic and educational value.

2. That the annual inspection undertaken with officers of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board continue and the works necessary be undertaken prior to the summer season. Should the requirement of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade be considered unnecessarily harsh; the Director of Parks and Recreation report to council so that the extent of works can be resolved.

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