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# Municipality of Hunters Hill celebrates . . . **INDEPENDENCE DAY!**



*Celebrating Hunters Hill Day at the Hunters Hill Club on Tuesday night are TWT Managing Editor John F Booth AM, Clr Jim Sanderson, General Manager Barry Smith, Deputy Mayor Ross Williams, Mayoress Lydia Bennett, Mayor Mark Bennett, Phil Jenkyn OAM, singer Michael Allen, Richard Quinn, Clr Justine McLaughlin, City of Ryde Mayor Jerome Laxale, Lane Cove Mayor Pam Palmer, Dr Meredith Sheil, Sue Hoopmann OAM and Peter Astridge. TWT on-the-spot PHOTO*

**July 31 has been proclaimed Independence Day by Hunters Hill Council, marking the date it defeated the NSW Government over forced council amalgamations.**

**Civic leaders were joined by citizens to celebrate the first anniversary last Tuesday at the Hunters Hill Club.**

**WEEKLY TIMES** was also praised for its role in the historic victory against the defeat of the Berejiklian Government – then Baird Government – dictatorship’s proposed forced merger between Hunters Hill, Lane Cove and Ryde.



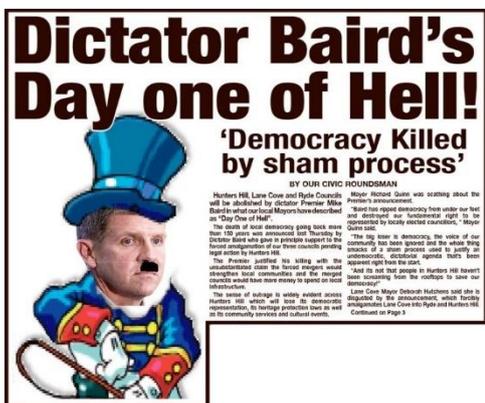
Hunters Hill Mayor Mark Bennett told the celebration that it was the “ferocious opposition” by The Weekly Times that played a crucial role in forcing the government backdown.

“There was an important player in this Battle to Save Hunters Hill and that was The Weekly Times,” he said.

“The Weekly Times made the government feel uncomfortable, it damaged the government. The actions of managing editor John F Booth were brave and fearless and Hunters Hill thanks The Weekly Times very, very much.”

Lane Cove Mayor Pam Palmer, City of Ryde Mayor Jerome Laxale, Mosman Mayor Caroline Corrigan were at the celebration alongside Emeritus Mayor Peter Abelson of Mosman and Emeritus Mayor Cheryl Szatow of Ku-ring-gai.

*Hunters Hill Mayor Mark Bennett praises The Weekly Times Managing Editor John F Booth AM as brave and fearless. TWT on-the-spot PHOTO*



Hunters Hill’s famous former Mayors Sue Hoopmann OAM and Richard Quinn spoke about the importance of saving Hunters Hill’s local democracy and identity.

“This day, the 31st of July is etched in my memory, never to be forgotten and after we move on to our eternal reward others must remember it and make sure we are never put in this position again,” Mr Quinn said.

“There was an important player in this Battle to Save Hunters Hill and that was The Weekly Times,” he said.

**The Weekly Times’ May 18, 2016 front page**

Ms Hoopmann agreed, adding: “I say thank you every day of every year for this win and for our councillors and our community who aimed for the best and never gave in.”

The celebration also paid tribute to Hunters Hill council staff, who were loyal to the community despite the threat of their jobs being axed in a merger.

“We still continue to suffer from merger fatigue, yet we were the only forced merger council that had a staff turnover rate of zero!” Hunters Hill General Manager Barry Smith said.

One of the campaign heroes was Phil Jenkyn OAM who joined The Weekly Times at every protest rally, whether it was in Martin Place, outside Parliament House or at the Hunters Hill Town Hall.

“This battle needs to be recognised and the true history needs to be told through the pages of The Weekly Times,” he said.

“Hunters Hill Day needs to be celebrated every year and celebrated as the day of our identity and the day of our democracy.”

City of Ryde Mayor Jerome Laxale (ALP) said he was proud to stand with Hunters Hill at a time when former City of Ryde Mayor and axed Liberal Col Bill Pickering declared the forced merger "inevitable" and moved to position his council as the leading merger party.

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"Local government must be free of politics," he said.

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# Historic Win against Dictatorship

BY OUR CIVIC FOUNDATION

THE WEEKLY TIMES historic victory against forced mergers was praised during the first celebration of Hunters Hill Day last Tuesday night.

The celebration was held at the Hunters Hill Club to commemorate the first anniversary of the defeat of the Republican State Government dictatorship's proposed forced merger between Hunters Hill, Lane Cove and Ryde.

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**Buried waste is safe waste claim**

The Australian Government's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a report that says that buried waste is safe waste.

The report states that buried waste is safe waste because it is contained in a secure container and is not accessible to the public.

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