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BY OUR CIVIC ROUNDSMAN

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JB's World

JB AND Ulrike head off to Katmandu in Nepal today to represent Australia at an Asia-Pacific committee meeting of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship. We will be discussing aid for the northern nation which had a devastating

two essentials for modern daily living - electricity and even more importantly water - were both initiated by Local Government and later usurped by irresponsible State Governments.

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John E and families. The and Marlene have just celebrated 64 years wedded since 1954. JB is a historic friend of the known as Eric from his 1946. Several days and was best man at their wedding in Ryde Protestant church in 1954.

Maria Verani AM our favorite ex-catholics who suffered a serious stroke over a year ago celebrates 77 next Wednesday living with her beloved daughter Bianca at her Deaneville house.

Yvonne Longfield better half of Patrick Longfield of Ryde Rotary fame and a mad global warming climate change alarmist celebrates next Wednesday 88. She's Vianna Peterson Kara's ball and chair of our Sports Editor Chris Kara and another of Clifford and Grenville. Happy dance all.

BUMPER STICKER: It's OK to screw the country but not your secretary!

When JB was an Abbot, when on Ryde Municipal Council, he closed the

STOP PRESS

Roberts responds to protestors claims

Lana Cove MP Anthony Roberts has responded to comments made by Nelson Parade community protestors (See Pages 6 and 7).

Mr Roberts said: "I understand their frustration and I share their frustration but this government will deliver on this."

"The waste is not as hazardous as some residents are making out."

Mr Roberts urged protestors not to "talk up the hazards" of the Nelson Parade waste.

"This is not just a problem for Hunters Hill. It is a problem for where the waste will end up and the government roads to find a place where it is going to go."

"The problem becomes greater when people talk up the hazards and the town, not based on the scientific facts we have before us."

"The reason I have not been able to communicate, generally, on this is the serious and complex commercial in confidence aspect."

"But the fact the government has pledged \$30 million shows it is serious about this."

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