

BAIRD'S FIT FOR THE FUTURE FARCE

Face to Face Dogfight in Parliament!

BY OUR CIVIC ROUNDSMAN

Hunters Hill Mayor Cnr Richard Quinn and Cnr Dr Meredith Sheill were given 15 minutes with Premier Mike Baird to put Hunters Hill's case against being forced to merge with neighbouring Ryde and Lane Cove but were disappointed with the outcome.

"He's like a dog with a bone who wants to take this all the way, which is just like us because we intended to doggedly fight this all the way," Mayor Quinn said.

"We told him that he doesn't place a more than 80 per cent of our residents oppose a forced merger and I think that while he has an understanding of this

he doesn't place a huge emphasis on it. "It is all about economic factors for him and I am disappointed because I was hoping for greater

consideration and I suspect he doesn't get what the Hunters Hill community is about."

This is despite the Mayor and Cnr Sheil making every effort to argue why Hunters Hill has strong and unique Development Control Plans and Local Environment Plans to preserve the character of the heritage municipality and how these are at risk under a mega council dominated by the city of Ryde.

"We strongly argued the case for local democracy and that Hunters Hill is likely to have only one elected representative on a merged council," the Mayor said.

But how does Mike Baird feel about being called a dictator?

"He said he didn't feel that was fair and he asked me if I felt he was a dictator and

Barking Mad Premier meets Doggedly Determined Hunters Hill Mayor



MAYOR RICHARD QUINN

I said yes, I do !," Cnr Sheil said.

"We made it clear that Hunters Hill will fight to the death to preserve our character and our democracy and that Ryde has a completely different view of heritage to us.

"I told him this was the key thing driving his plunge in popularity here as well as other things that drive his brand as dictatorial, like the bulldozers demolishing people's historic homes in

Our Local Hero



Meredith fronts Baird to save Hunters Hill

Councillor Dr Meredith Sheil is the toast of Hunters Hill this week after fronting Dictator Premier Baird at the Local Government Conference in Wollongong. Despite intimidation by noisy Baird supporters Cnr Sheil rose to speak and ask Premier Baird to give Hunters Hill a fair go. She invited Baird to visit Hunters Hill Council and speak with the local people and hear their requests. Premier Baird on the spur of the moment agreed to her invitation. Now we wait with baited breath and see if he keeps his promise. It's now over to you Mr Premier. SEE MORE PAGE 5 and PAGE 6

WIN! with TV

Kuring-gai Male Choir at Ryde East. The TVT readers vote via Double Phone at Ryde East. Make their final choice for 2016 on Wednesday 14th by the Kuring-gai Male Choir in the Community Hall, 1001 North Ryde Rd, Ryde, NSW 1585. SEE PAGE 12

Balmora Sinfonia Concert. A night of TVT readers vote via Double Phone at Ryde East. All tickets are \$20. Tickets are available at the Ryde East Community Hall, 1001 North Ryde Rd, Ryde, NSW 1585. SEE PAGE 12

Book Launch: The Enigma Diaries. TVT readers vote via Double Phone at Ryde East. The Enigma Diaries is a new book by author Peter G. Brown. It is available at the Ryde East Community Hall, 1001 North Ryde Rd, Ryde, NSW 1585. SEE PAGE 12

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amalgamated suburbs like Haberfield.

"But at least the fact he held this meeting is a breakthrough."

What strikes ordinary people about meetings with the Premier and Cabinet is the hordes of trendy "twenty something" advisers that surround our elected Liberal representatives.

"I just feel the

people around him (Baird) have a vested interest," Cnr Sheil said.

"So we stressed that the views we put are not just our views, they are our community's views."

The Mayor and Cnr Sheil urged the Premier to give the Joint Regional Authority alternative a fair go before a forced

amalgamation and presented a letter from the Save Hunters Hill Municipality Coalition.


Coalition spokesman Phil Jenkyn OAM said he hopes the Premier reads it, responds to it and leaves the door open for future meetings

"Which will be more than Lane Cove MP Anthony Roberts has done," Mr Jenkyn said.


Hi girls and boys,

Another full week of presentation day awards. This week we attend Boronia Park Public, Melrose Public, All Hallows Public, St Anthony's Public, Gladsville Public, Ryde East Public and Ryde Secondary High School.

Looking forward to seeing you in class.



from,
Healthy Harold



Best regards
Vic Tagg
Chairman, Ryde Hunters Hill Life Education

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