

STATE ELECTION 2014 LYONS



Barnett celebrates win

Liberal party romps home in landslide

By ROSITA GALLASCH

IT WAS all smiles at the campaign office of Guy Barnett as the Liberals romped home in Lyons last night.

By 7.30pm it was clear the incumbent Rene Hidding and Mark Shelton had been voted back and the former federal Senator was on his way to polling the second highest in the seat.

Labor's Rebecca White has taken one seat and there looks to be a close tussle between Labor's David Llewellyn and the Greens' Tim Morris for the fifth position.

With only 80 per cent of the votes counted last night, the Liberals had polled almost 20 per cent better in the seat than in the 2010 election — demonstrating a convincing win for the Liberals.

In celebrating the win with his wife Kate, children Nina, Alice and Ben, and many supporters at Perth last night, Mr Barnett said a clear trouncing of the Labor government was consistent to what he had been hearing on the campaign trail.

"We're delighted with the result, particularly for a non-sitting member — it's fantastic," he said.

"It's been very encouraging for the Liberals as it shows such a big swing.

"It confirms that the vast majority of the community are



Guy Barnett celebrates with daughter Alice, wife Kate, mother Sallie Ferrall, son Ben and daughter Nina.

Picture: MARK JESSER

wanting a majority Liberal government."

Mr Barnett said the key issues that swayed voters in Lyons was the struggling economy, high unemployment in timber communities and the hardship on families.

He said he would work with Liberal leader Will Hodgman to turn Tasmania around.

Rene Hidding topped the poll for

the seat finishing the night with more than 9500 votes.

Celebrating with his wife Shirley, children Tania, Rebecca, Bradley and Stephanie and his 11 grandchildren at home, Mr Hidding said he extremely happy with the result.

He said the party was counting on picking up three seats in the

electorate and it had achieved that.

"Four years ago when we lost, when Labor and the Greens came together, I knew then I had to work extremely hard in this term," Mr Hidding said.

He said without a doubt, Mr Barnett's experience and popularity had helped to sway voters to go with the Liberals.

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Quota: 9535
% counted: 80.39%
Prediction: Liberals 3, Labor 2, Greens 0

Rene Hidding*	9575
Guy Barnett	8426
Rebecca White*	7419
Mark Shelton*	7077
David Llewellyn	4486
Tim Morris*	4398
Martyn Evans	2618

*Denotes sitting member

Sleep calls: no party for Lyons' PUP candidates

THE Palmer United Party candidates in Lyons had little to celebrate in yesterday's election.

All three candidates — Quentin Von Stieglitz, Wayne Shoobridge