

New faces and old hands to take seats after hard-fought campaign

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WINNERS

Guy Barnett, Liberal

FORMER senator Guy Barnett was a candidate who showed the power of persistence. After strong campaigning, Mr Barnett commanded 14 per cent of the vote in Lyons, surpassing sitting member Mark Shelton, and enough votes to attain a quota in his own right.



Liberal member Guy Barnett enjoying the day after the election with former State Liberal politician Bob Mainwaring. *Source: News Limited*

He said the result was a strong mandate for the policies the Liberal Party had campaigned on and reflected the mood

“I’m delighted for Tasmania,” he said yesterday. “I think there’s a collective sigh of relief that we’ll be able to get this state back on track.”

Scott Bacon, ALP

SIXTEEN years after his father led the Labor Party to government in Tasmania, Scott Bacon was one of the party’s shining lights on an otherwise bleak evening. The former finance minister lifted his personal vote from 11 per cent to 21 per cent in the seat of Denison.

Yesterday Mr Bacon said he would wait for the declaration of the polls before taking anything for granted and said Labor had heard the message sent by the electorate.

“It’s obviously a disappointing result for the Labor Party. We have to acknowledge that and move on.

“We’ll wait for the final result and try to rebuild from where we are.”

Cassy O’Connor, Greens

AT her second successful tilt for office, Cassy O’Connor held the line for the Greens at a time the party’s vote slumped statewide. In 2010 she commanded 16.2 per cent, this time around 14.8 per cent. The seat is always a strong performer for the Greens, but Ms O’Connor said she was pleased to have been elected in such a strongly politically engaged electorate.

She said the discontent with the Labor-Green accord was overstated.

“I do think that history will judge the Labor-Green government more kindly than the voters of Tasmania did yesterday,” she said.

Paul Harriss, Liberal

TAKING a well-calculated gamble that the pro-forestry sentiment in the South would be enough to get him over the line, the outspoken opponent of the forest peace deal has made the move from the Upper House to the lower in time to join a government with an overwhelming mandate for policies he holds dear.

“It is a strong result for the team,” he said yesterday. “But I’m not silly enough to suggest that I’m over the line.”

He said the vote was a strong message the party’s forestry policy resonated and that the people of Tasmania wanted the forest deal pulped.

Madeleine Ogilvie, ALP

ON her second attempt to enter State Parliament, the grand-niece of former premier Albert Ogilvie is looking like she might just pull it off.

While it looks like the Hobart lawyer might be able to secure a second seat for Labor in Denison, she says she’s not getting ahead of herself. “Hare-Clark is an interesting game as you know,” she said.

“I was very pleased with my primaries. Over the next few days I’ll just be sitting tight and hoping things go well.”

She said the result for Labor in Denison had done well to defy a statewide trend.

“If you look at the vote between Labor and the Liberals there’s not much in it. It’s a really good story and it gives us a strong foundation for renewal.”

Sarah Courtney, Liberal

BASS Liberal candidate Sarah Courtney may not be wary of the Ides of March but she is certainly cautious about Tasmania’s Hare-Clark electoral system.

Although 431 votes clear of Dorset Mayor Barry Jarvis, she is not yet claiming the Liberals' third seat.

"With the Hare-Clark system I honestly don't know what is going to happen in coming days so don't feel confident, but what I feel is excited that it looks like we are going to get the third seat," she said.

Jobs and the economy were the issues of the campaign, she said.

"I have been out doorknocking for months and there was definitely a mood for change and the issue that came up was the amount of people that are having to leave this region to find employment," she said.

Former Labor Minister David O'Bryne is likely to lose his seat in the Franklin. *Source:* News Corp Australia

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