

NBHS 1952 to 1955 Ivan Joseph Welsh



WOULD YOU BUY A USED CAR OFF THIS MAN?

NO YOU WOULDN'T. HE DOESN'T SELL USED CARS.

YET YOU WOULD PUT A **FEDERAL** POLITICAL PARTY INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND THAT'S NOT THEIR "GAME" EITHER.

POLITICAL PARTIES ARE **GREAT** FOR THE COUNTRY, **GOOD** FOR THE STATE, AND **HOPELESS** FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

THE NEXT UNIT DOWN FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS THE FAMILY. DO YOU WANT A FEDERAL POLITICAL PARTY TO RUN YOUR FAMILY? OF COURSE NOT. **YOU'RE INDEPENDENT, SO VOTE INDEPENDENT.** THIS TIME OUT SHOW YOUR INDEPENDENCE, GIVE YOUR No. 1 VOTE TO AN INDEPENDENT THEN, IF YOU MUST, GIVE THE PARTY THE REST, BUT **SHOW THEM IT'S YOUR VOTE** AND YOU WON'T BE LED AROUND BY THE NOSE. BE DARING, BE INDEPENDENT, BE YOUR OWN MASTER IN THIS COUNCIL ELECTION:—

VOTE

1 WELSH Ivan Joseph

AND I PROMISE THAT I'LL VOTE **INDEPENDENT** FOR THE **GOOD OF LAKE MACQUARIE** AND NOT JUST THE GOOD OF THE PARTY. (SEE IF YOU CAN GET A **PARTY** CANDIDATE TO PROMISE THE SAME — THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO!!)

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Ivan Joseph Welsh (25 February 1940 – 15 March 2007).

Born in Newcastle, Ivan Welsh attended Newcastle Boys' High School from 1952 to 1955, and served in the army from 1958 to 1967, including periods in Malaya (1958–60) and Vietnam (1965–66). In 1961, he married Lorraine Gay Cox. After his military service concluded, he became a restaurateur (Chez Ives, Venezia), caterer and salesman, and in 1984 was elected to Lake Macquarie City Council.

The flyer above was Ivan's letterbox drop inducement to voters. He became mayor in 1987.

In 1988, while still Mayor, he was elected to the New South Wales Legislative Assembly as an Independent, representing the seat of Swansea. He held the seat until his defeat by the Labor candidate in 1991, in which year he also lost the mayoralty. He continued to contest both state and federal elections, both as an Independent and (in 1996) as a member of the Liberal Party. Ivan died at Newcastle in 2007, of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Unfortunately, this web site has no class photo that includes Ivan.

An Ivan Welsh initiative in Lake Macquarie led to Clean Up Australia Day

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D'you remember Ivan Welsh? We're pretty sure lots of people do.

Ivan was the mayor of Lake Macquarie from 1987 to 1991 and the member for Swansea from 1988 to 1991.

He was well known for winning the state seat of Swansea as an independent and for being the first person to win the seat from Labor.

It was all about Swansea Bridge. Ivan won a huge swing towards him, amid a big community push for a high-level bridge.

It wasn't the last time a proposed high-level bridge became a political issue. Mind you, the issue has gone quiet for now.

Anyhow, Clean Up Australia Day is on Sunday. And we happened to be having a yarn to Ivan's wife, Lorraine Welsh.

Ivan died in 2007. Lorraine has great memories of their time in politics. And she does like to remember the legacy that Ivan left behind.

She said the idea for Clean Up Australia Day [which began in 1990] came from an event called Clean-Up Lake Macquarie, which Ivan instigated.

"We had Clean the Lake in '88 T-shirts and we had Make it Shine in '89," she said.

Of course all politicians love to get credit. And Lorraine showed she still has that political instinct. [Guess it's like riding a bike!]

She reckons Ivan's contribution to Clean Up Australia Day should be recognised.

"My boy did it first in our beautiful city of Lake Macquarie," she said.

P.S Did you notice the weird markings on this photo of Ivan. We have no idea what they are. The photo came from the *Herald* files. Still, we like the photo. It captures Ivan in his element.