



# Objections 67

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# Letters to the Editor

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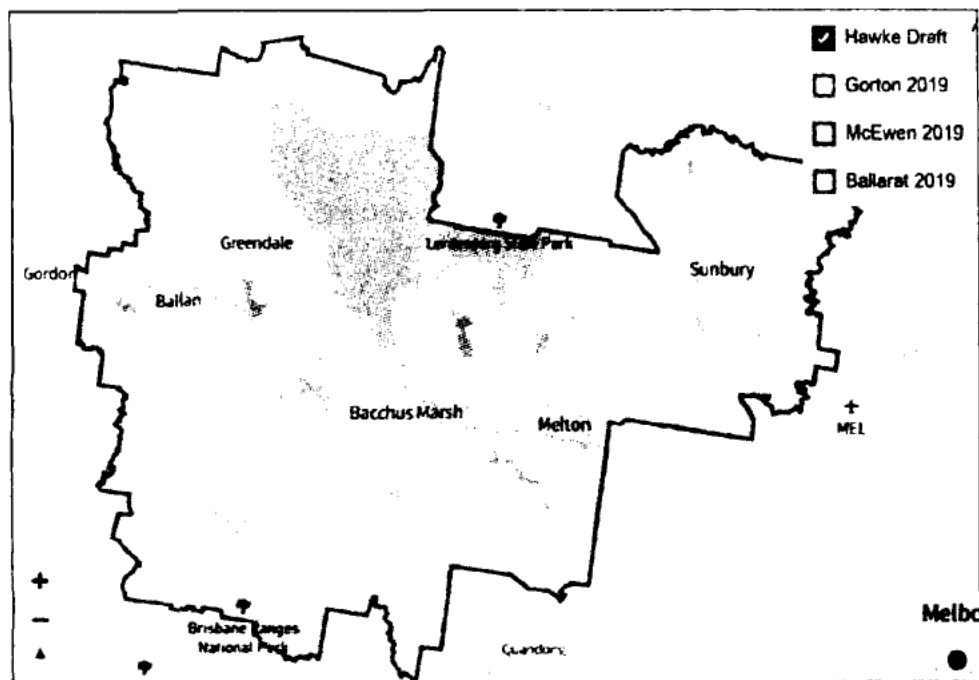
The Ballarat Courier announced in Saturday's edition (20 March) that a new Federal seat combining Ballan and Bacchus Marsh would be established, and they are looking for comments.

I question the proposed name Hawke who had no connection with the area, or for that matter with Victoria. A better suggestion would be Hogan after Ned Hogan, a former Premier of Victoria, born at Wallace and moved to Bunding to complete his schooling. He went to Kalgoorlie (WA) where he worked for the Westralia Timber & Firewood Co supplying wood to the town under appalling conditions. He became involved in the union movement to improve their conditions, returned to Ballan to recover from typhoid fever, bought a farm there, and was soon elected to State Parliament. He held his seat for 30 years during which time he was Premier on two occasions, Leader of the opposition, the second time Premier during the Great Depression, a tumultuous time in Australia.

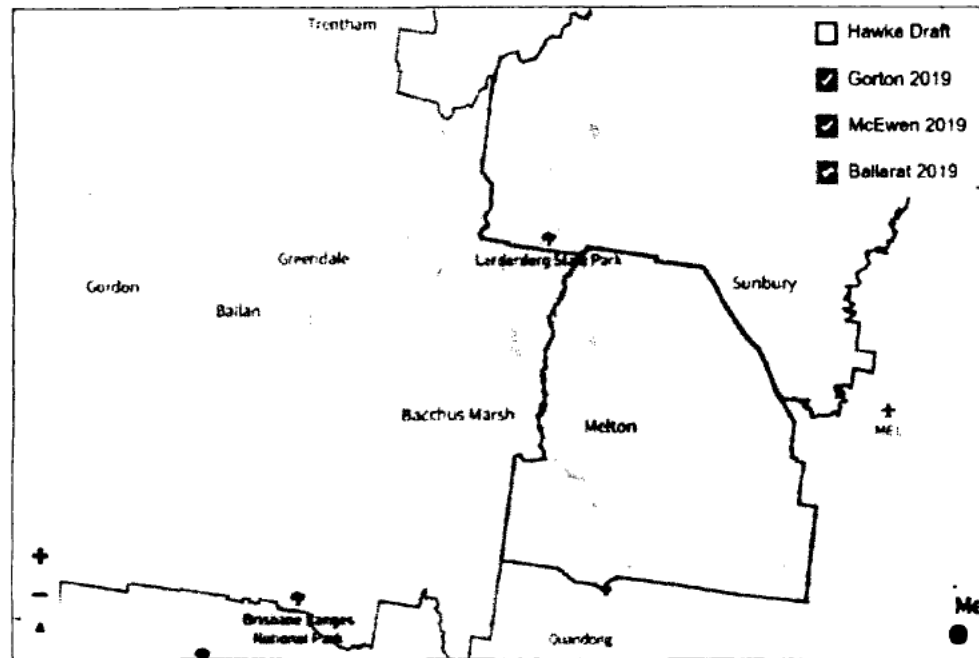
He was a colorful personality and would still have cultural connections and family ties in Ballan.

**Bryan Hanrahan**  
Dunnstown

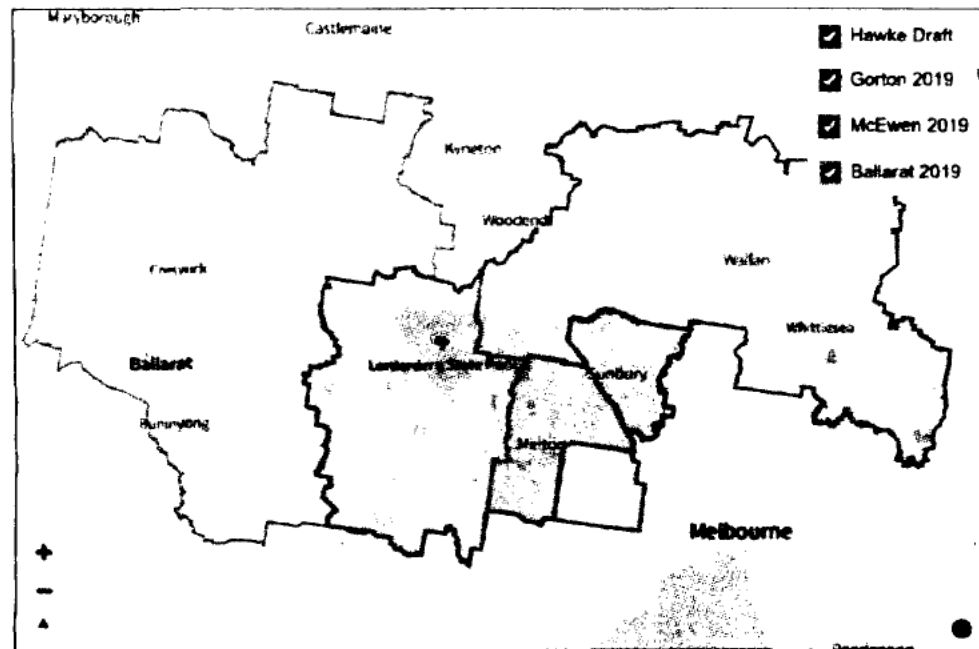
# Keeping an eagle eye on Hawke



Proposed Hawke federal electorate.



Hawke no overlay.



Hawke overlay.

By Lachlan Ellis

A new federal electorate map for Victoria proposed by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) would put much of Moorabool in the new 'Division of Hawke' – raising concerns those towns within could be overlooked.

The electorate, named after the late former Prime Minister Bob Hawke, would include Ballan, Bacchus Marsh, Myrning, Greendale and Balliang (currently part of the Division of Ballarat), alongside Sunbury (Division of McEwen) and Melton (Division of Gorton).

Gordon, Mount Egerton, Lal Lal and Bungaree would remain part of the Division of Ballarat.

The Local Government Areas (LGAs) to which Sunbury and Melton belong, dwarf Moorabool's population – the City of Hume, which contains Sunbury, has a population of more than 224,000, while the City of Melton has a population of over 156,000.

Moorabool Shire contains around 35,000 people. Sunbury alone exceeds that population, at around 40,000 residents.

Moorabool Council CEO Derek Madden said they have forwarded their concerns to the AEC, regarding these larger areas being included in the same electorate as smaller Moorabool towns.

"Council put in a submission to the proposed changes and will work with existing and new representatives to ensure Moorabool Shire does not get forgotten, next to its better-resourced neighbouring local government areas," he told the Moorabool News.

"We will continue to advocate to both levels of government for the best infrastructure, social and economic outcomes for our community."

Mayor Tom Sullivan said he was concerned not only that Mooraboolites in the Division of Hawke could be neglected, but that Moorabool Shire would be split politically.

"The main concern I have is that if there's a significant split in the municipality, and we could have communities that are split which could disadvantage the Shire, especially if one electorate is quite marginal and the other wasn't," he said.

Cr Sullivan said it's also a concern that the two towns [Melton and Sunbury] have a significantly higher population than Moorabool.

"Sometimes we may get sidelined by that. What might be a priority across the electorate may not be one that aligns with our best interests," he said.

"That's the challenge for us going forward, to be able to make sure our local

representative, whoever that may be, considers the smaller towns. We should all get our fair share. We certainly don't want to get swamped by larger towns."

The AEC will be accepting written objections until 6 pm on Friday 16 April, via email at FedRedistribution-VIC@aec.gov.au.

For more information on the AEC's proposal, visit aec.gov.au



Former Prime Minister Bob Hawke (dec) has been honoured with an electorate named after him that will take in the towns of Bacchus Marsh and Ballan.

## TERMINATION

### Fire Danger Period

A reminder that the Fire Danger Period is scheduled to cease.

The Fire Danger Period will terminate at 0100 hours on the dates shown.

Municipality	Date of Commencement
City Of Ballarat	06/04/2021
Golden Plains Shire	06/04/2021
Hepburn Shire	06/04/2021
Moorabool Shire	06/04/2021

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Jason Heffernan  
Chief Officer – CFA



Moorabool Mayor Tom Sullivan (right) has welcomed a funding announcement by Mary-Anne Thomas (Minister for Regional Development) supported by (L-R) Member for Melton Steve McGhie and Member for Buninyong Michaela Settle, to supply gas to the Parwan area.  
Photo – Helen Tatchell

# Gas set to ignite Parwan

By Lachlan Ellis

Tapping into an existing gas pipeline will benefit the Parwan area after an injection of funds by the State Government.

The \$2.7 million investment at the 'Parwan City Gate Gas Connection Project' more than doubles project commitments of \$1 million from Moorabool Shire Council, and over \$770,000 alongside donated land from local meat producers L&G Meats.

Last Monday (22 March) saw a politician parade with Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas joining Member for Buninyong Michaela Settle, Member for Melton Steve McGhie, and Moorabool Shire Mayor Tom Sullivan at the Parwan site, to see early works on the project.

Cr Sullivan said the announcement was exciting after years of planning.

"This is a project that Council has been working on and trying to get to fruition for at least five or six years," he told the Moorabool News.

"This will allow for a significant piece of infrastructure to be put in place, which will allow the provision of reticulated gas for the Parwan Employment Precinct, but also for future residential development in the Parwan area to the north.

"For the Parwan Employment Precinct, the expectations

are within six years there will be 1500 new jobs created in that area, which is a significant boost to the local economy of Bacchus Marsh and Moorabool Shire. That's based on the projections, that could increase," he said.

The provision of jobs was just one benefit of the project – another was reduced travel for work, and more spending in the local economy.

"One benefit from Council's perspective is that people can work in the area where they live. They can live in Moorabool and work in Moorabool, as opposed to travelling out of the municipality each day for employment," Cr Sullivan said.

"Another is that more money stays in the local economy, which I think cannot be underestimated. The flow-on and multiplier effect of that is significant."

Minister Thomas told those attending the announcement that the project would be ground-breaking for the Bacchus Marsh area.

"Enabling infrastructure is the term of our times, we're all talking about it...it's the work that's so important to make things happen. Gas, electricity, sewerage," Ms Thomas said.

"Excitingly, L&G Meats who of course have an abattoir here in town, intend to build a protein processing facility here, which will employ in the first instance 10 people. But what

we understand is that the plans for this precinct are that it will be home to up to 1500 workers.

"That's so important for this beautiful and growing community," the Minister concluded.

Around 2880 hectares of land, from Parwan South Road to Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road, will be used for the project – more than 1400 times the size of the MCG.

The completed pipeline is expected to double gas capacity to the Bacchus Marsh area and is scheduled to be completed by mid-2022.

## What our local MPs say

"The Parwan City Gate Gas Connection Project is an exciting step towards driving significant new business to the area and it's fantastic to see work underway."

- Member for Buninyong Michaela Settle

"The Parwan upgrade will enable our region to attract new agribusiness investment and create jobs. L&G Meats coming on board with the project is a real vote of confidence in the region."

- Member for Melton Steve McGhie

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