

## **ABOUT GUY**

Born and raised in Lyons attending Hagley Farm School, Guy Barnett has been advocating for the needs of rural and regional Tasmanians for most of his life.

Guy gained a law degree and Master of Laws (World Heritage) at the University of Tasmania and worked in Melbourne and Washington, D.C. law firms. Appointed senior adviser to the former Tasmanian Premier and member for Lyons (Hon Robin Gray) at 26 years, he was the youngest in Australia at the time. He established and managed an award winning (Telstra Tasmanian Government Small Business Award 2000 – GBA *Communications*) government and public affairs business and former Managing Director of Guy Barnett Consulting.

He is Ambassador for both Diabetes Australia and Motor Neurone Disease Australia and is a leading advocate for more healthy lifestyles.

After almost a decade representing Tasmania in the Senate, including as a member of the Howard-Liberal Government and as Patron Senator for Lyons, Guy was successfully elected to the Tasmanian State Parliament in 2014 as a Member for Lyons.

Having been appointed to Cabinet in 2016 as Minister for Resources and Minister for Building & Construction, Guy continues to advocate for the Tasmanian people.

Put simply, Guy gets things done.

Guy is a champion for small business and is concerned about the dominance of major chain retailers. Guy knows small business is the backbone of our regional communities.

Described as passionate and persistent, Guy has always encouraged individuals, families, businesses and communities to be the best they can. Guy has a track record of helping volunteers. Without our volunteers the community as we know it would collapse.

Guy chaired the Coalition Committee identifying Labor waste and mismanagement (2007-2009). He knows how to cut red and green tape and the importance of a streamlined development approval process. The Howard Government paid off Labor's debt and Guy knows how important it is to balance the budget.

Quite simply Guy supports the view that you can't have teachers in our schools, nurses in our hospitals, police on our streets and a proper welfare system without a strong economy.

Pro-family with Christian values, Guy was granted both the William Wilberforce and the Australian Christian Values Institute Award in 2011, and was instrumental in the 2004 Howard Government amendments to the Marriage Act and.

### **Community Service and Achievements**

- Ambassador for both Diabetes Australia and Motor Neurone Disease Executive and foundation member of the Federal Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group.
- Honorary lawyer for the Retail Trades Association, Baptist Churches of Tasmania and Timber Communities Australia (1990 - 2002).
- Established the annual Tasmanian Pollie Pedal charity three day bike ride in 2006 with Diabetes Tasmania raising awareness and funds for people with diabetes.
- More than ten years as a board member of St Ann's Aged Care.
- Member of the Federal Government's Micro-business Consultative Group.

As Senator for Tasmania:

- Briefed and introduced the Parliamentary Budget Office Bill to ensure accountability, transparency and better budgeting;
- Instrumental in the rebranding of the 'Australian Government' 2003;
- Established Federal Budget Breakfast briefing with KPMG Launceston in 2002;
- Supported the Meander Dam and other irrigation developments against delay and protests by green groups;
- Champion of the small business cause;
- Fought hard to retain important rural health services, especially in Ouse and Rosebery, as well as gained support and funding for GP and health services throughout Lyons including at Sheffield, Westbury, Deloraine, Campbell Town, Oatlands, St Helens and the East Coast and Southern Midlands, Derwent Valley and Tasman Peninsula;
- Consistently supported and gained funding for veterans and veteran organisations. Worked with the Murray Memorial Committee to raise money for the Harry Murray VC Statue at Evandale and secured the Harry Murray VC medal tour for Tasmania as well as the Australian War Memorial VC medal tour. Guy also walked the gruelling Kokoda track and was instrumental in securing official recognition for the PNG Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels. Guy has worked for years to achieve recognition for Teddy Sheean and will continue to do so;
- Supported volunteers with Guy's first submission in Parliament titled "Volunteering in Australia, How can we help". Likewise, he regularly stands up for people with disabilities. Guy volunteers his time and sleeps over once a month at a homeless shelter;
- Supported the community during the Beaconsfield mine tragedy, the East Coast bushfires and at other times of need.
- Instrumental in the introduction of the School Chaplaincy program;
- Board Member of City Mission and a member of numerous community and business groups, charitable and church organisations.
- Northern Chair of CEO Tasmania.
- Chair of the Friends of the Hagley Farm School.

Guy is author / editor of the following publications:

- [\*Make a Difference: A Practical Guide to Lobbying\*](#), June 2010 (author).
- *Our Heroes, Tasmania's Victoria Cross Recipients*, three editions since 2008 (edited and produced with the support of the Tasmanian RSL).
- *Lifting the Lid on How Parliament Works*, three editions since 2002 (author).
- *The Millennium Disease: Responses to Australia's Obesity Epidemic*, November 2006 (editor).
- More than 100 articles and speeches in Australia and overseas.

Guy is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Guy is married to Kate and they have three children. He enjoys trout fishing, cycling, tennis, squash and all sports.

Guy also undertakes numerous events for charity including walking the Kokoda Track, cycling throughout Tasmania and the mainland including the Nullarbor Plain, has climbed Mt Kosciusko and swam Perth to Rottnest Island.

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A catalyst for action with a 'can do' attitude Guy Barnett is a Member for Lyons as part of the Will Hodgman majority Liberal Government.