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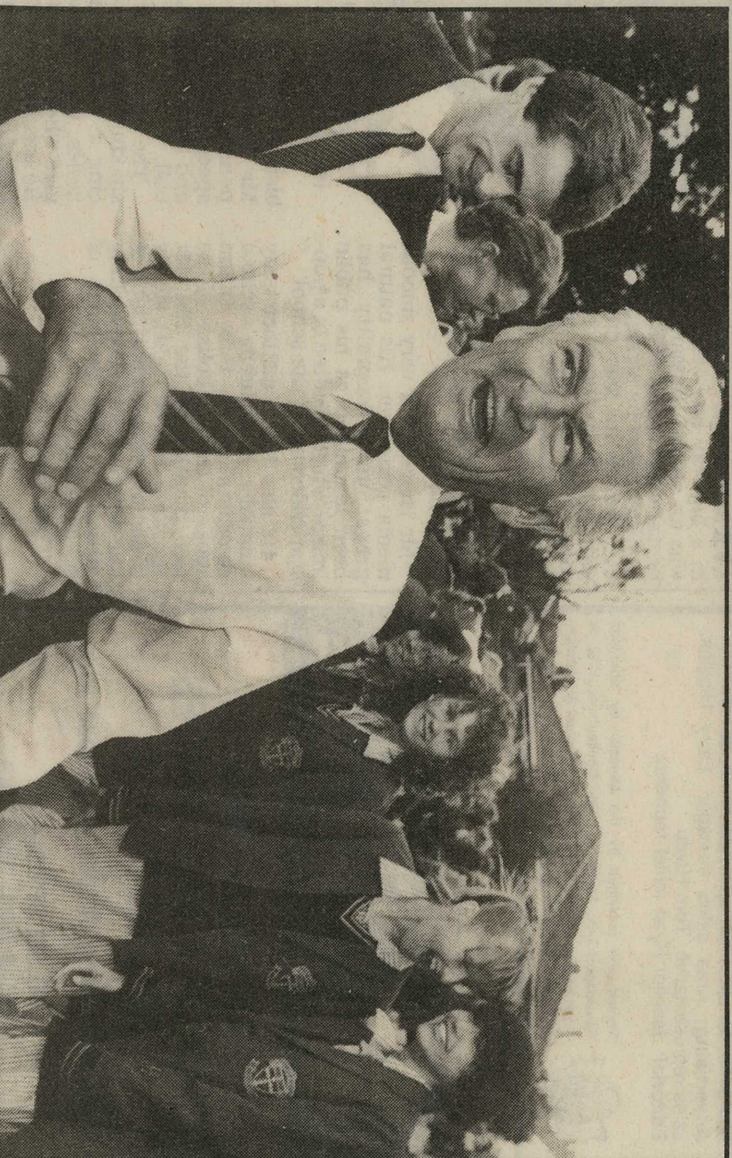
Bob Hawke comes to town....



AH-H-H... Mr Hawke ponders a point.
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Obviously ministerial material... he'll always have my support... he must be one of those on the short list.

— Prime Minister Bob Hawke referring to Isaacs MHR David Charles.



THE Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, mingles with ecstatic students at Kilbreda College in Mentone flanked by Mr David Charles, MHR for Isaacs.
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Charles right for Cabinet: PM

by JENNIFER RYAN

THE Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, has backed the ministerial aspirations of Mr David Charles, MHR for Isaacs (Labor).

Mr Hawke, on tour in Isaacs last week, said he believed Mr Charles had a legitimate ambition to take up a portfolio after a Labor victory in the next election.

Mr Charles is most interested in defence and foreign affairs jobs, but has said that he will take what is given when the Ministers are next selected. Isaacs electorate, which includes Mentone and Chelsea, extends from part of Sandringham to Seaford.

Mr Hawke said that although Ministers were chosen by the ALP caucus, Mr Charles was recognised for his talent, experience and ambition and had his support.

"He's obviously ministerial material," he said. "He'll always have my support. He wouldn't be expecting me to say in advance just who I cast my vote for, but he knows that he broadly has my support."

"He is very widely respected in our party and in the Parliament generally, so he must be one of those on the short list, the backbenchers who have got a legitimate ambition."

The Prime Minister also entered the local battle for Isaacs with strong criticism for the challenging political forces in the electorate.

Although the Liberal Party has the only endorsed candidate, Mr Rod Atkinson, the job for Canberra campaign and Mr Bill Hartley's Industrial Labor Party have indicated they will stand candidates in Isaacs.

Job's 'running out of steam'

Mr Hawke dismissed all three. "Well, there's nothing about the job for Canberra campaign which is really sensible or relevant and it is running out of steam, so I wouldn't take very much notice of that," he said.

"I would think the way Job's going that David would probably regard a thrust by Job in here as probably a plus."

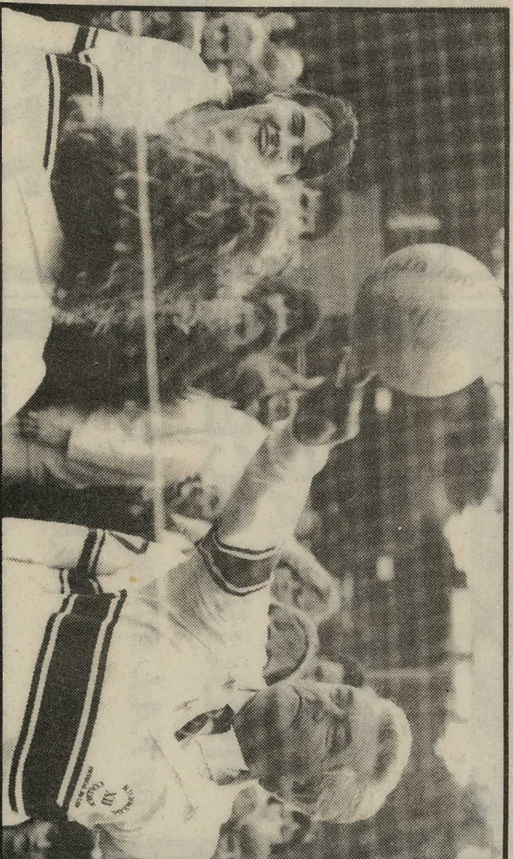
"I'm surprised to see that it is suggested that there is a battle for this seat. Who's this fellow? Battler Rod can see a Lib victory? He's got myopia, I can tell you. David Charles will win this seat with an increased majority at the next election."

Mr Hawke described the campaigns of Queensland Premier Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen and Mr Hartley in Isaacs as a "great unity ticket".

"We won't be losing marginal seats. The pattern is that the Labor Government will be increasing its majority," Mr Hawke said.



MR Hawke studies "Battler Rod can see a Lib victory" — a report in Mordialloc-Chelsea News on Liberal man Rod Atkinson's bid for Isaacs.
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THE ball was in Mr Hawke's court as he joined Kilbreda College students for a quick volleyball match.
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Pilgrim's progress

HAWKE fever hit Mordialloc and Chelsea last week as the cities welcomed the Prime Minister in his second tour in the past three years.

Flanked by hefty security men and trailed by an enormous media caterpillar, Mr Hawke received a near-hysterical welcome from the students of Kilbreda College in Mentone when he arrived there on Wednesday afternoon.

He ignored a small band of anti-abortion protesters picketing the school in Como Pde and the chanted loudhailer slogans of a lone man protesting against the Government's economic policies.

The Prime Minister was at his vintage best climbing the school's landmark tower, calling in on a senior politics

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