



Dining out on politics

THEY'RE both keen cyclists and Rhodes Scholars but politics was all the talk yesterday as Opposition leader Tony Abbott launched the Hume candidate's campaign. Mr Abbott was guest speaker at the launch of Angus Taylor's campaign at the Southern Star Inn. The two-course lunch, at \$85 a pop, raised vital funds and the 44-year-old's profile in his quest for Hume. Some 200 people attended. Diners included rank and file and party luminaries, like Senator Bill Heffernan. Mr Abbott praised Mr Taylor's credentials and touted him as a future Cabinet minister. The Opposition leader preferred not to have a three-cornered contest but said if that's what happened, the Liberals "would live with it." Mr Abbott is pictured here with Mr Taylor (left) and sitting MP Alby Schultz.

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Homeless hostel's fight

By LOUISE THROWER

A N Auburn St business owner says he will not be supporting St Vincent de Paul's bid for permanent operations at its homeless men's hostel.

The charitable organisation has lodged the development application with Council, following the end of its two-year trial.

Councillors imposed the trial in August 2009 as a condition of approval, given controversy over the Market St location.

But Something Special gift shop owner

Business opposes Vinnies' continuation

Rob Micallef says questionable behaviour and other worrying incidents are still occurring at the nearby 40-bed hostel.

He would not go into detail, and said he'd given up logging complaints with management.

"My argument is that it is not appropriate for this location or Goulburn," he said.

"We don't have the employment or the

housing for residents. If St Vincent de Paul can't find these jobs and accommodation for them, they sit in the park all day."

Mr Micallef questioned why the organisation would establish in Goulburn without these basic supports.

He said he'd be lodging a submission questioning the percentage of local versus out-of-town tenants and whether it was for

short-term or long-term accommodation.

Vinnies, business owners, police, the Goulburn and District Chamber of Commerce, council planners and councillors have held five meetings over the past year to thrash out concerns and a management plan.

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