

THEY'RE BACK! Meet the dancers in Starz II

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STRIKE A POSE: BDCU Goulburn Hospital Fundraising Inc Dancing with the Starz Two contestants Barb Beard, Geoff Kettle, Belinda Crooks (along with dance partner Keith Nicholson), Justin Gay and Jordan Wilcox busting a move on Monday. Photo: Tom Sebo

Is Pru in the hot seat?

By LOUISE THROWER

WHILE a three-cornered contest is looming in Hume, the Nationals are discounting a similar battle in the state seat of Goulburn.

ABC electoral analyst Antony Green is predicting a "squabble over Goulburn" under a boundary redistribution to be in place by 2015.

The seat's MP Pru Goward doesn't agree; she expects a more amicable arrangement.

Mr Green predicts Katrina Hodgkinson's seat of Burrinjuck will be abolished in the redistribution to make up numbers in the western electorates of Barwon and Murray Darling.

Under legislation the state's 93 seats must fall within three per cent of a forecast population quota.

But with Barwon, held by the Nationals' Kevin Humphries predicted to be 17.3pc under and Murray Darling 13.8pc below, Mr Green saw only one realistic scenario.

"Burrinjuck or Murrumbidgee as they currently exist will be abolished to fix up the shortfall in Murray-Darling and Barwon, but Goulburn will be transferred to a seat that contains rural areas to the west, while the southern high-

lands end of the current Goulburn may end up combined with the current Wollondilly," he said.

"Either way, the National Party loses a seat or ends up having to contest a seat against Liberal Minister, Pru Goward."

It's a case of history repeating; as in 1991, both parties would be "left to squabble" over who has the right to contest the seat of Goulburn.

The same thing happened in

1991 when Goulburn was abolished and the Nationals' Robert Webster was forced to move to the Upper House to avoid a three-cornered contest against the Liberals' John Fahey.

Alternatively, Ms Goward could tussle with the Liberals' Jai Rowell over Wollondilly.

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