

FRASER'S BIG TEST

THOUSANDS of migrants in Sydney and, for that matter, around Australia, affectionately know her as Mamma Lena.

That's the title the Italian community bestowed on her for her years of work as an ethnic radio broadcaster, columnist and unpaid social worker.

Her full name is Mrs Maddalena Gustin, she lives with her husband, Dino, in a little cottage near the railway line at Bankstown.

On Saturday, Mamma Lena, at the age of 68, launches her political career as an Independent in the Lowe by-election.

She is one of 10 "minor" candidates competing against the "big guns" — Labor's Michael Maher and the Liberal Party's Philip Taylor.

No-one, including Mamma Lena, really expects her to win, but she is likely to get a swag of votes which could prove vital if supporters follow her "how to vote" ticket.

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She will encourage voters to give their second preference to Kate Wentworth and then number up the ballot paper.

This will benefit Liberal candidate Philip Taylor, who is third from the bottom on the ballot paper,

THE CANDIDATES . . .

- Edwin Charles Bellchambers, bus driver, Monterey.
- Robert John Cameron, writer, Bidwell.
- Peter Warren Consandine, telecommunications consultant, Strathfield. (Constitutional Republican.)
- Maddalena Gustin, director of radio programs, Bankstown.
- Stephen Raymond Kirkham, accountant, Burwood. (Australian Democrat.)
- Maggie Lee, home duties, Balgowlah North.
- Michael John Maher, solicitor, Five Dock. (ALP).
- Frederick Edwin Martin, trades assistant, Broken Hill.
- John Penninger, farmer, Sylvania.
- Philip John Taylor, dental surgeon, Croydon. (Liberal).
- Robert James Webeck, auctioneer, Turramurra and
- Katherine Wentworth Wentworth, company director, Bellevue Hill.



Mr Bellchambers

● **THE** rank outsider in the Lowe field, Edwin Charles Bellchambers, is the most experienced candidate.

Mr Bellchambers — or "Charlie" as he is known to his friends — has stood in about 20 previous Federal and State elections and by-elections.

He has never attracted enough support to have his \$100 deposit refunded but in the last Federal election he gained more than 1700 votes in the seat of Barton.

● **STEPHEN KIRKHAM**, a young chartered accountant, will be carrying the colours of the Australian Democrats on Saturday.

In the last Federal election, the Democrats got three per cent of the vote in Lowe.

Mr Kirkham, 28, who is having his first run for the Democrats, is confident of snaring a bigger share this time.

He has been campaigning strongly against the proposed sales tax measures as well as on the issues of inflation and unemployment which he claims the Fraser Government is showing it cannot contain.



Kate Wentworth

● **KATE** Wentworth, the battling redhead of Bellevue Hill, decided to run as an Independent for Lowe after Labor dumped Jan Burnswoods as its candidate.

The great-great-granddaughter of explorer William Wentworth, decided electors should still have the chance to vote for a young, energetic woman.

She stood as an Independent in the Wentworth by-election last year and gained 10 per cent of the vote.