

of the \$540,000 awarded for treatment and litigation projects and \$180,000 will go to education projects.

State Minister for Health (Mr Cleary) and the Minister for Education (Dr Pratt) announced the education projects cost \$20,000 to be jointly funded after the Ministerial Committee on Drug Strategies meeting yesterday.

The education spend of \$70,000 will go to a new programme which will have an emphasis on regional development. Teachers to equip them with leadership in health and awareness and \$78,000 will go to the Department of Health Services for community education.

Police Department will get \$15,000 for its own awareness programmes and a 24-hour phone service in association with Life Line will get \$10,000.

Treatment services will be decentralised with the eastern region getting \$100,000 for residential care for alcoholics and a \$60,000 worker programme in the North-West and Coasts.

Community organisations that will benefit will include Alcohol and Drug Foundation, the Substance Abuse Centre, Young People's Alcohol and Lions International who will get a total of \$10,000.

Colin House, the centre for alcoholic and dependent women, will receive \$8000 for improvements which will provide activities for inmates.

Tough line on drugs

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fractional elements in softening legislative provisions in the name of liberties.

The State has also criticised the planned \$5 million media campaign against drugs and cautions the Commonwealth not to rush into the budget appropriation for the campaign.

remain unconvinced that a national media campaign will work. It may be a waste of taxpayers' money or even worse, it may inflame the nation's problem," Mr Cleary



John Bowe

Yesterday was the Minister for Sport (Mr Brown). "Joining Bowe in the team will be a 'Who's Who' of Australian motor racing, including

been accepted for international competition," he said. The European touring car series is considered the world championship and includes

Grice said the drivers would be "united under a green and gold theme" but would have to satisfy their other motor sport commitments before representing the new national team.



Alan Jones

Change of scene for Parsons

By Martin Agatyn

The rolling green pastures of South Spreyton are a long way from the hot bitumen of the Bathurst motor racing circuit.

However, local motor racing hero David Parsons feels as much at home riding a Yamaha TY 350cc motor cycle there as he does behind the wheel of the Mobil Holden dealer team's second Commodore in the starting grid of the James Hardie 1000.

A little-known facet of Parsons' motor-sport talent is his ability as a motor cycle trials rider.

Parsons is the current Tasmanian open trials champion, and will this weekend ride against the top riders in the country in the Australian championships at South Spreyton.

Last year he finished 20th overall at the national titles, in South Australia.

In trials riding, competitors are required to negotiate their machines past seemingly impassable obstacles, including fallen trees, large rocks, and dried-up creek beds.

The sport requires skill, co-ordination, ability, and strength, and above all, absolute control of the bike.

Points are deducted for touching feet on the ground or riding outside the course markings.

More than 50 top interstate riders and about a dozen of Tasmania's best trials exponents will converge on Parsons' dairy property for the titles, starting today.

Parsons said the fact that the titles were being held on his property held no added advantage for him.

"I don't even know most of the course myself, so I'll be on an equal footing with the other riders," he said yesterday.

Among the competitors will be current Australian champion Paul Symons, of Victoria.

Symons was at the course practising yesterday and rated it as one of the best he had seen for national championships.

Tasmania's best chance of a national title rests with Owen Badcock, of Moriarty, in the over 40, or "greybeard" class.

In the open section, Tasmanian riders likely to perform well include Jamie Smith, of Forth, Barry Scott, of Sheffield, and Parsons.



ABOVE: Paul Symons shows his trial motor cycle skills as he demonstrates a nose "wheelie" at the championship course on David Parsons' property at South Spreyton.



LEFT: Symons (left) and Parsons discuss this weekend's championships.

Apple, pear aid 'should be dropped'

CANBERRA — The Industries Assistance Commission has recommended a drop in assistance to the apple and pear industry to be phased in over a number of years so as not to create hardship among producers.

The year-long inquiry has also recommended the Federal Government that the underwriting of apple and pear exports continue for the next three seasons and then be terminated.

The report said that there were a number of protection measures the industry enjoyed that it could not lose.

These included quarantine regulations that stopped the import of apples and sales tax exemptions on Australian fruit juice.

However, Australia's major competitor, New Zealand, also benefits from equal treatment with sales tax exemptions on fruit juice.

The I.A.C. has found that changed freight subsidies across Bass Strait will mean extra costs for apple and pear producers.

The new Tasmanian Freight Compensation Scheme will mean that payments for a carton of apples shipped from Tasmania anywhere interstate will be 88c.

This compared with the present rates of \$1.40 for shipments from Southern Tasmania to Sydney and Brisbane and \$1.10 to Melbourne.

The report said that the effect of the old freight subsidy had been to encourage producers to divert apples and pears from export markets to interstate domestic markets.

In 1983-84 the total amount of payments made under the scheme for apples was \$2,117,000.

The commission was told by mainland producers that the scheme should exclude apples and pears.

The I.A.C. backed the quick introduction of plant variety rights saying it would benefit the local industry.

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