

Bashers be warned

I AM concerned an article, "Basher did it to teach a lesson" (DTM April 17) may encourage others to adopt anti-social behavior against members of the gay community.

The Police Service has taken, and will take, strong action against would-be assailants.

South Region Homicide Squad detectives have formed a special Crime Information Unit to encourage people who have been the victims of brutal attacks in the Alexandria and South

Bondi areas to contact police.

Homicide detectives investigating several unsolved murders and assaults on homosexuals in these areas have appealed to other victims to come forward.

A number of the murder victims and those assaulted were targeted because their attackers believed they were homosexuals.

Anyone who has been attacked or who may have information about these crimes is urged to come forward.

Victims who do not feel comfortable about going directly to the Crime Unit (265-5455) may contact the NSW Police Gay/Lesbian Client Group Consultant, Ms Sue Thompson (339 5222).

All information and the victim's identity will be treated as confidential.

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