

Crime unit hunts gay bashers

POLICE have formed a unit to find a gang suspected of assaults on homosexuals in Sydney's eastern suburbs.

The information unit wants to hear from men bashed in Alexandria and South Bondi areas.

South Region Homicide Squad detectives are looking for fresh leads on several murders and beatings in these areas.

Detective Sergeant Steve McCann, heading the unit, said investigators believed the crimes were linked, but many victims refused to tell police.

Victims of assault reluctant to go directly to the crime unit may contact the NSW Gay/Lesbian Client Group.

The Client Group's Sue Thompson has offered to mediate.

Sgt McCann said the names of victims and their information would be kept confidential.

Police think the disappearance in July 1989 of WIN television presenter Ross Bradley Warren is linked to the murder of John Alan Russell, whose body was found at the bottom of a cliff at South Bondi on November 23 1989.

Mr Warren's car was found on a cliff at nearby Taramara Beach and police think he may have met a similar fate.

Wolves tops

KEVIN Costner's dances with Wolves doubled its income at Australian box offices this week, taking over \$2 million after winning a bag of Oscars.

And, according to the Movies of the Week chart, Keeping With the Enemy topped in at No 2 in its first week of release.