

Police hunt transvestite's killer

The body of a transvestite, shot in the back, may have lain in a Darlinghurst Road apartment for more than 36 hours before it was discovered yesterday.

Wayne Kerry Brennan, 35, known as Wendy, an entertainer in Pete's Beat, a nightclub in Oxford Street, was discovered by a friend on Tuesday.

A man living in the upstairs flat told the *Herald*: "I was woken up at about 10 on Sunday night by a very loud shot — there is nothing else quite like it — then there was lots of screaming and shouting.

"Someone was screaming as if they were in pain.

"It sounded like panic, there were no intelligible words, they just kept screaming.

"I thought it was in the street. It never occurred to me it might have been inside. After

I looked outside and everything seemed calm, I went back to sleep."

The talent co-ordinator of Pete's Beat said: "I was worried when she did not contact me for two days, so I went to check on her.

"The flat was open and quiet. It was just as if she had got up from watching television to go to bed.

"I found her in the bedroom. I was shocked.

"There was a lot of blood, she was lying face down on the floor.

"I cannot think who might want to kill her. She will be sadly missed, not just by me. There must be some idiot out there," he said.

"She held Christmas parties every year for all the people in the area who were down and out — people with no home or family, anyone who did not have a place to go on Christmas Day."

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