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Police reopen case of missing WIN presenter

By DANIELLE WOOLAGE

Wollongong television presenter Ross Warren disappeared without trace more than 12 years ago, but advances in technology have prompted police to reopen the investigation.

The 25-year-old WIN weatherman was seen last on July 22, 1989. His car was found near Marks Park in the Sydney suburb of Tamarama, his keys on a rock shelf nearby.

Despite an intensive search by police, Mr Warren's body was never found and his parents have been unable to lay their son to rest.

Police yesterday re-enacted the suspicious death of another man, John Russell, whose body was found at the bottom of a rock shelf near Marks Park eight months after Mr Warren's disappearance.

Head of the investigation, Superintendent Paul Chaplin, said the re-enactment was designed to jog the memory of possible witnesses.

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FRONT PAGE NEWS: The Mercury breaks the story of Ross Warren's disappearance on July 26, 1989. New technology has prompted police to reopen the case.

It is believed both men were targeted because they were members of the gay community.

found in Mr Russell's hand - was being carried out and a dummy dressed in clothes similar to the victim was yesterday dropped from the cliff where Mr

Russell's body was found. The dummy was thrown from the cliff to determine if Mr Russell was pushed and also dropped to simulate a fall. Police then

compared the landing positions to the victim's.

"DNA testing and the gathering of scientific evidence is far superior today than what it was in the 80s," Supt Chaplin said.

"DNA testing in particular will assist with our inquiries and we are certainly optimistic of resolving this."

He said hair samples found in Mr Russell's hand could belong to the attacker. Results from DNA testing could help determine if the same person was involved in Mr Warren's disappearance.

"There are a number of similarities between the circumstances of both incidents," Supt Chaplin said.

"We suspect there may have been other attacks at Marks Park in the 80s against members of the gay community and we want those victims to come forward."

He has asked anyone with information about the incidents to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Sunday motorbike ride ends in death

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Harrison from par

By ISA CARTY

George Harrison's sister Leahy Park will face the Wollongong Lord Mayor's support and protection of a council meeting.

Three days after his son was thrown to the wolves as his end administration commi- It will be the first time support and protection of elected lord mayor in 1990 Yesterday, Cr Harrison which came after he w