

### All clear on smuggling

THE NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service has been cleared of corruption allegations relating to wildlife smuggling and the kangaroo meat industry.

ICAC inquiries had failed to reveal any evidence of corrupt conduct by NPWS officers, the service said yesterday.

Last June, Environment Minister Chris Hartcher directed that claims made in the book *Smuggled: The Underground Trade in Australia's Wildlife* be referred to the ICAC.

The book, by Raymond Hoser, alleged various officers' involvement in activities in wildlife smuggling and the meat industry.

Mr Hartcher said yesterday false accusations such as those made by Mr Hoser detracted from the excellent work being carried out by the NPWS in the management and protection of NSW native wildlife.

### 'Un-Islamic' jobs dispute

TWO former teachers at a Muslim school allegedly sacked for "un-Islamic" behaviour have, applied to the Supreme Court to be re-instated to the board of directors.

David Goddard and Siddiq Buckley worked at Al Noori Muslim primary school at Greenacre, in Sydney's west.

Both men taught there and each acted as principal on occasions.

When the school was incorporated in 1980, Goddard and Mr Buckley were made directors.

But they claim their relationships with other directors began to sour last year after disputes about the school's operation.

In November and December this year, both were removed from the board and locked out of the school office.

A private security guard was hired to prevent them entering the school grounds.

They say they were unfairly removed from the board.

Justice O'Keefe is expected to rule on it today.

### Commodore V6 recall

HOLDEN is recalling about 15,000 'new V6-series Commodore V6 sedans and wagons because of a safety defect with the cruise control.

Holden's Customer Assistance Service manager Ivan Murray said yesterday the cruise control cable could come loose from its mounting and pull on the throttle, resulting in unintended acceleration.

The potential defect is a "how to" manual which has promoted the safety features of the new Commodore with its driver's airbag and other features.

Holden's electronic cruise control is standard on the Acclaim, SS, Berlina and Calia, and optional on Executive and S models.

Affected vehicles all have the Commodore's 3.3-litre V6 engine and automatic transmission. Mr Murray said the problem could be fixed by a free procedure that would take only a few minutes.

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AC/DC guitarist Angus Young (right) comforts Crispin Dye's mother Jean yesterday... 'he was just a great guy'

# STARS OF ROCK MOURN A MATE

By FRED PAWLE

THE quiet cremation service for murdered musician and band manager Crispin Dye at North-Ryde yesterday could not conceal the bitterness his friends felt about the man's death.

As they congregated in the grounds of the crematorium, distinguishable from the other gatherings only by their longer hair, many were still trying to come to terms with his cruel death.

Old friend Angus Young, guitarist from the band AC/DC, which Dye helped manage during its early days, appealed for people to help identify the killers of "my friend Cris".

"If there is anyone out there who can help can they please come forward," he urged. Dye, 41, was found "badly" bashed and robbed in a Darlinghurst alley at 4.30am on December 23. He had travelled from Cairns to be with his mother for Christmas.

He died when doctors switched off his life-support system two days later, on Christmas Day.

The short service mentioned the "barbaric" nature of Dye's death but focused mostly on his life's one joy: music. "An old family friend, Paul Henricks, told the service of Dye's extraordinarily close relationship with his mother, Jean, and his ability, as they all knew, to exude joy and happiness through music.

He said Dye's death was more akin to the Middle Ages, when "people were unable to walk the streets safely.

"Before offering a prayer, Henricks said, Dye's life, although brief, had been lived with vigour and enthusiasm.

Dye was, in fact, celebrating the release



George Young with Mrs Dye yesterday

of his first album, *A Heart Like Mine*, recorded under the name Cris Kemp, on the night he died.

It was a gentle album, Henricks said, one created by a talented musician and that struck an easy chord with older listeners.

After the service, guitarist Angus Young lamented missing the last chance he had to see his old friend. "I just missed him the other day at the record company. He had just left. He was just a great guy."

Young, one of the most successful rock guitarists in the world, was one of a handful of well-known musicians at the service, including producers Harry Vanda and George Young.

"Dye was a wonderful, gentle man who just enjoyed living," Vanda said.

"He will be missed very much. Everyone is shocked and outraged about it. Someone must know something about how he died."

The obvious anguish among Dye's friends was incongruous with their, and his, usual outlook on life: to play music and have fun. It was an outlook that was tragically shattered just two days before Christmas.

Mrs Dye, who maintained friendships with her son's friends, said after the service that her Willoughby home was crammed with wreaths and that calls had been coming in from friends all over the world who were still coming to terms with Crispin's death.

"They are all too shocked to say anything about it," she said. "I'm just getting flowers in all the time. The flower tributes are wonderful."

Among the wreaths addressed to Crispin were such messages as "You will be missed by all your friends" and "I will miss you so much. I will never forget the laughs we had".

Out of respect, the Surry Hills detectives investigating the murder also attended the service.

The detectives have pieced together Dye's last few hours, which were spent at bars and nightclubs near Oxford St. He was at the Flinders Hotel until about 1am after partying with friends earlier at nearby Gilligans night club.

He continued partying at the Flinders until about 3am before walking to the Courthouse Hotel, where he was refused service.

He was found by a passer-by slumped unconscious in Little Oxford St at 4.35am.

Witnesses have told detectives they saw three teenagers standing over Dye's body on the morning of the attack.

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## Teens find chastity a turn on

THE great American teenage sex-out is gathering steam.

A campaign urging teens to postpone sex until marriage, started by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as an adjunct to a sex education program, has spread rapidly to other denominations and is on its way to taking chastity vows from half a million teenagers.

The True Love Waits campaign recently received its biggest boost to date when the United States' largest denomination, the 59 million-member Roman Catholic Church, came on board.

Church officials say the gathering together of some of America's largest denominations for the program may herald a new sexual revolution among teens, and help convince government policymakers of the value of teaching abstinence to prevent disease and teenage pregnancy.

"I hope it has a clear signal to society that... sexual purity prior to marriage is a viable option for teenagers and one they're willing to stand behind," said Jimmy Hester, Southern Baptist co-ordinator of the campaign.

For religious groups seeking to combat the secular onslaught emphasising sexuality without commitment, the idea of a teen chastity campaign is a godsend.

"Everybody is saying, 'somebody do something... here, a vehicle comes along,' says John Ashmen of Christian Camping International-USA.

Other denominations and groups that have signed on include the Assemblies of God, Pentecostal Church of God, The Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Campus Crusade for Christ. — AP

## Bushfires emergency

A STATE of emergency has been declared in shires around Graton on the North Coast as bushfires rage in the area.

The Clarence Valley shires of Copmanhurst, Maclean, Nymboida and Ulmarra were placed under a state of emergency last night, the Department of Bushfire Services said.

Emergency Controller at Graton, Brian Parry, said over the past two weeks many of fires had started and now up to 25 were burning throughout the shires.

Additional fire crews are being sent to help control the blazes which have burnt out more than 5000ha near Graton.

Twenty fire tankers and relief crews from the central and south coast arrived in the Graton area today.

They will relieve the local firefighters who have been battling the fires non-stop over the past few days.

A helicopter this morning will carry out an aerial surveillance of the whole area.