

ROBBERIES

jacket customised by *Mephisto's* Peter Novak and a limited release Ansett-NZ airline sports bag.

After agreeing to 'grab a few beers and go home together' the man took only two sips from a bottle of beer and passed out.

Police criticised

"I woke up 13 hours later. All the beer had been disposed of, my room was turned upside down and I instantly knew I had been rolled," said the man who described himself as streetwise and sexually experienced.

"He was a cool customer. He went through everything, and I mean everything. He even tried my clothes on."

A flatmate found human shit on the landing when he went to work on Friday morning after being unable to (go to page 4)

Crispin Dye killing suspects wanted

A reward of \$1,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the killers of former AC/DC manager, Crispin Dye, 41, who died on Christmas day after he was found brutally bashed in Little Oxford Street at 4.35am on December 23.

Three men of Pacific Islander appearance (pictured above) were seen by a witness standing over Dye's body. Described as 17-18 year-olds, tall and of slim to medium build, one of the men was also seen in the vicinity prior to the discovery of Dye's unconscious body by a passer-by at 4.35am.

Two had shoulder-length hair and wore T-shirts and baggy full-length pants. The other wore a baseball cap, T-shirt and grey knee-length shorts.

A black leather wallet containing credit cards (go to page 3)

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Politicians leapt onto centre stage and hogged the limelight from the moment the curtain went up on 1994, The International Year of the Family, (IYF).

First cab off the rank was National Party leader, Tim Fischer, who created headlines on New Year's Day by saying not only should same-sex couples be excluded from any definition of a family in Australia, gay and lesbian parents should not be entitled to rights afforded traditional families, namely social security payments and public housing.

Fischer, since injured in a car crash, has been accused of making

nate following his assertion that IYF should strengthen what he called "core family values" rather than "alternative lifestyles advanced by minority lobbies".

A spokesperson for the Australian Council for Lesbian and Gay Rights, Rodney Croome, said Fischer's comments on the children of gay men and lesbians were particularly abhorrent and that all children, regardless of their parents' sexuality, deserved the same rights and opportunities.

Unity in the family of federal politicians took a dive last year with Senator Rosemary Crowley's on again, off again support for same sex couples and their children. Crowley, the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on

storm of publicity when she named gays and lesbians as legitimate families during an otherwise tame debate on childcare rebate legislation in December.

Howls of protest went up from Coalition conservatives who accused the Government of sneaking gay and lesbian families through the backdoor.

Crowley recanted and on January 7 was quoted in *The Australian* newspaper as saying it was up to homosexual couples to show how they and their children were disadvantaged under the present law.

At their national convention in Sydney on January 7, Young Liberals called for the older

to drop the out-dated notion the primacy of the nuclear family and passed a resolution acknowledging a diversity of family groupings including same-sex couples and their children a single parent families.

Federal president Rod McClymont weighed in on the side of outgoing NSW president Trent Zimmerman, with the observation that most people longer lived in nuclear family with 2.5 children, a cat, a dog white picket fence and a Holden.

With 347 days still to go Member for Hume (Goulburn) John Sharp, pronounced IYF a "severe risk" of being hijacked by a wide range of groups including homosexuals and lesbians.

Hunt for Crispin Dye killers

(from page 1) and ID was taken from Dye's body.

A post-mortem has confirmed severe head injuries caused Dye's death but police expect to wait a number of weeks before the results of toxicology tests rule out the possibility Dye was drugged.

Dye's fate was nearly shared by a gay Scottish tourist, 36, who was drugged, bashed and left unconscious in Little Oxford Street around midnight on Friday July 16 last year. The man, whose skull was fractured, was unable to describe his attacker(s) or remember any details of the assault, which remains unsolved.

No one is sure whether Crispin Dye was walking along Campbell Street and was dragged into the lane or whether he was using Little Oxford Street as a shortcut to Crown and Oxford streets. According to a friend who played pool with Dye at the Flinders Hotel until 3am, Dye had had a lot to drink.

"He was pretty pissed," said Peter Snelling, shocked and angry when told of his friend's violent death five days later.

"Knowing Chris and his habits I would think he was heading towards the Exchange Hotel in

Oxford Street and may have been snatched off the strip near the Westpac Bank," Snelling said.

Dye, who lives in Cairns, was spending Christmas in Sydney with his mother and had spent the night drinking at Gilligan's in the Oxford Hotel until 2am.

Police are anxious to track Dye's last movements and want to hear from anyone who saw Dye after he was refused service at the Courthouse Hotel around 4am.

Heading Taskforce Barcoo, set up to investigate Dye's killing, is Surry Hills Detective Sergeant Geoff Knight who at this stage has ruled out gay hate as the motive for the attack and robbery.

Police have posted a reward of \$1,000 for calls to Crimestoppers on 008 025 122 or to Surry Hills detectives on 265 4094 and payable for even anonymous information when an arrest is made.

South Sydney Council will be asked by the Lesbian and gay Anti-Violence Project to install lighting in Little Oxford Street, which is one of the hot spots being monitored by the reformed volunteer community street patrol on Friday and Saturday nights.

Back on the street, patrol needs recruits

Former members of the Volunteer Community Street Patrol have regrouped and again have a presence on Oxford Street from 10pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

After a quiet xmas eve the new patrol was angered by menacing and hostile behaviour in the Showgrounds carpark outside the New Year's Eve Pride party.

"When organisations hold dances they have a duty to look after people outside the venue as well as inside the venue. It's outrageous private security stops inside the gates," said Lance Gowland who was also critical of police failing to deliver promised reinforcements when trouble erupted in the carpark.

"All you can do is keep hammering away until we make police realise they can't be apathetic,"

said Gowland, a veteran of Sydney's first Mardi Gras.

Gowland and the Whistle Project's Michael Aronson reformed Street Patrol in response to expected increased attacks on gays and lesbians over Sydney's long summer when gay tourism peaks with the Mardi Gras festival and party.

Gowland said people were "really happy" to see Street Patrol back on the job and he is hoping to recruit at least 10 new or experienced volunteers.

"The uniforms are washed and ironed. The radios are fully charged. All we need is you," Aronson said in an appeal for volunteers.

"We are starting with a clean slate but we expect to run along less regimented lines than the previous patrol," said Gowland

who dropped out when the old patrol became "authoritarian".

"We won't make too many demands on what is after all a voluntary group," Gowland said.

The Lesbian and Gay Anti-Violence Project's endorsement of the newly formed street patrol augurs well for reviving the long awaited mobile police base at Taylor Square.

The AVP's crime reports will also be used by street patrol to target dangerous areas like Little Oxford Street where 41 year-old Crispin Dye was fatally bashed on December 23.

A meeting of interested community members will be held at 6pm on Friday, January 21, at the ACOSS building, 66 Albion Street, Surry Hills.

For more information contact Lance Gowland on 699 9369.

Queen direct resign

BY KIRSTY MACHON

Five weeks before the official opening of the 1994 Mardi Gras Film Festival, Queer Screen's director, Denis Robinson, has resigned.

Robinson resigned at board meeting on Monday night and on Wednesday walked out, although his contract required a month's notice.

Co-convenor Leo Knight confirmed Robinson had been paid a month's salary on her departure.

Knight and co-convenor Simon Hunt, who have jointly assumed the temporary management of Queer Screen, said in a statement on Tuesday that Robinson "indicated professional reasons for his resignation" which had been accepted "with regret".

Robinson presided over troubled inaugural festival and the resignation of board members unhappy with the organisation's direction. September last year, Knight said Robinson's resignation was "utterly unrelated" to previous financial or managerial difficulties.

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