

COMMUNITY INVITED TO ANNUAL HEALTH MEETING

Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) invites the community to its 2013 Annual Public Meeting in Wagga Wagga on Wednesday 18 December. The meeting will be held at the Commercial Club from 2 to 4 pm.

Board Chair Gayle Murphy encourages all interested local residents to attend.

"The meeting will enable us to inform the community about our achievements in the last 12 months, performance results and our priorities for the next year," Ms Murphy said. "It's also important to hear feedback and comments from the community and we will invite questions from the floor," she said.

Guest speaker, NSW Kids and Families Chief Executive Joanna Holt, will provide insight into her passion for safeguarding the future health and wellness of children and the planet.

Ms Holt has over 30 years' experience within the healthcare sector, both in Australia and the United Kingdom, previously held the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Women's and Children's Hospitals Australasia and has worked on the executive team of a number of Australian teaching hospitals.

Ms Holt has been on the leadership teams of a number of major teaching hospitals and has been the CEO of three not-for-profit organisations. Her interest in improving the health and wellbeing of women, children and families has been a focus of her career development. More recent roles have included Executive Director of the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission and appointment to the teaching staff of Australian National University. Ms Holt has also undertaken consultancies in accreditation, health, governance and performance improvement.

Afternoon tea will be provided. For more information or to attend the Annual Public Meeting, contact Community Engagement Manager Setchen Brimson on 6933 9100.

PUBLIC INVITATION

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2013 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

**When: Wednesday 18 December 2013
from 2.00 to 4.00pm**

**Where: Commercial Club,
Gurwood Street, Wagga Wagga**

- Presentations on MLHD 2012/13 achievements and performance results
- Guest speaker: Joanna Holt Chief Executive, NSW Kids and Families
- Questions from the floor
- Afternoon tea provided

For information or to RSVP please contact:
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Brave Barassi given award

RENOWNED as a legend on the field, AFL great Ron Barassi (pictured) has been commended for his bravery off it.

After witnessing a man bash a woman on New Year's Day in 2009, Mr Barassi made the snap decision to

stand up to the attacker. The man turned on the 77-year-old footy legend, pushing him to the ground and kicking him repeatedly while he lay in the fetal position.

It was for this show of courage that Mr Barassi, along with 44 other Victorian heroes, was presented with an Australian Bravery Award by Victorian Governor Alex Chernov yesterday.

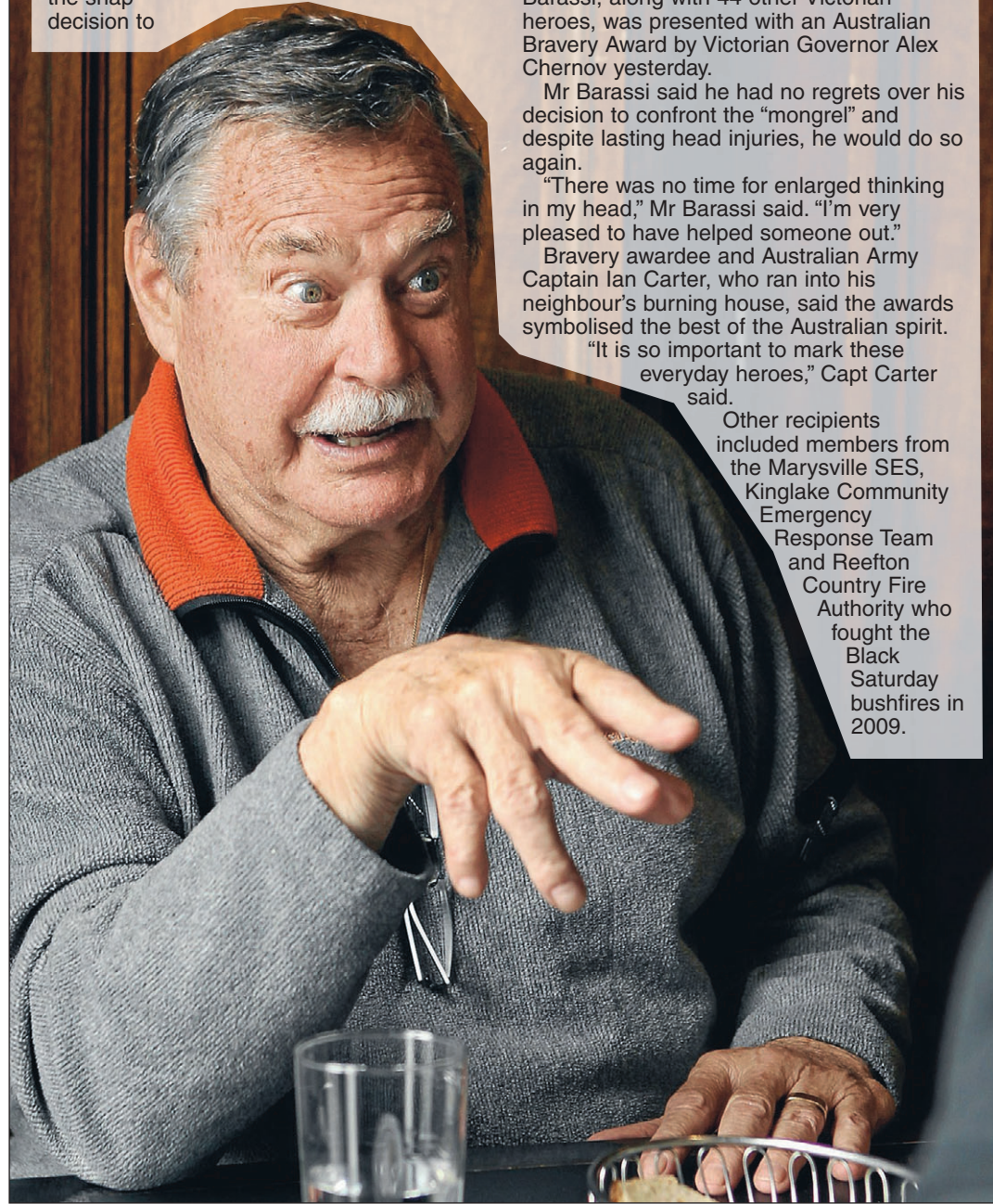
Mr Barassi said he had no regrets over his decision to confront the "mongrel" and despite lasting head injuries, he would do so again.

"There was no time for enlarged thinking in my head," Mr Barassi said. "I'm very pleased to have helped someone out."

Bravery awardee and Australian Army Captain Ian Carter, who ran into his neighbour's burning house, said the awards symbolised the best of the Australian spirit.

"It is so important to mark these everyday heroes," Capt Carter said.

Other recipients included members from the Marysville SES, Kinglake Community Emergency Response Team and Reefton Country Fire Authority who fought the Black Saturday bushfires in 2009.



Crims enrolled in fake student scam: court

Dad charged for deadly home brew

TEENAGERS who were in prison or working full-time were fraudulently enrolled as students at Australia's top indigenous college, a north Queensland court has heard.

Jean Illingworth, former principal of Djarragun College near Cairns, was charged with fraud in January for allegedly providing incorrect enrolment numbers to obtain up to \$9 million in taxpayer funding.

Yesterday, the 66-year-old, who denies any wrong-doing, fronted Cairns Magistrates Court on the first day of a four-day committal hearing.

She faces two charges each of fraud and perverting the course of justice.

In outlining the case against Illingworth, prosecutor Michael Cowan alleged she enrolled a number of children who never attended classes.

He says this included teenagers who were in prison or employed and others who were either too young or too old.

Teenagers who had been expelled and "chronic truants" were also kept on the roster, he says.

The school received \$20,000 in state and

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federal funding for each student.

Mr Cowan says there was an enrolment drive across Cape York where children were enrolled but didn't show up at the school.

"It wasn't the case that these were phantom students," Mr Cowan told the court.

"These kids existed. They just never showed up."

Mr Cowan says the school was running at an unsustainable level and funds were used to keep it going.

A QUEENSLAND father has been charged with three counts of manslaughter after a homemade batch of liquor killed three young men including his son.

William Neil Clarence Lynam, 69, faced the charges, plus another of grievous bodily harm, in the Warwick Magistrates Court yesterday.

In June this year, he watched his son Joel die an excruciating death from methanol poisoning.

He was unable to revive Joel after he consumed the homemade liquor on their family home near Stanthorpe, in southern Queensland.

Lynam's other son, Joshua, survived after drinking the same batch of home brew at a birthday celebration at a waterhole on the property. However Joel's friends Bryan Wilmot and Vincent Summers also died from sharing the deadly two-litre concoction.

The case has been adjourned to January 8.

'Baby' pig smuggled into Ashes

STUART Broad's skittling of the Australian top order was not the only cruelty on display at the Gabba on Thursday.

A 33-year-old Aussie cricket fan has been charged with animal cruelty after a live pig was allegedly smuggled into the Brisbane ground disguised as a baby.

Police say security guards spotted it wrapped in a towel and being carried in a baby harness during the first day's play on Thursday.

It is believed it had its snout taped shut so it couldn't squeal and alert security at the ground.

But it was discovered and police were called.

The pig, called Ash and weighing 10 to 12 kilograms, is being cared for by the RSPCA after being sent to them in a distressed state on Thursday night.

"There were thoughts it might not survive the night," RSPCA spokesman Michael Beatty said yesterday.

"It was really stressed out and dehydrated when it came in last night. It's just laying in a corner and not moving. It is not a happy pig at all."

Ash is thought to be a young domestic brown dwarf pig, only four to five months old.

Police would not speculate on whether the pig was destined for release onto the pitch.

The 33-year-old man, from Wellington Point in Brisbane's east, will appear in the Brisbane Magistrates Court on December 12.