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Preliminary Consultancy

Hydrographic Office Relocation Project

Tenders are invited from companies or consortia for provision of a 'Preliminary Consultancy' to assist the Defence Project Steering Group (PSG) in deciding the future location, scope of work and costs involved in relocation of the Royal Australian Navy Hydrographic Office. The Office is presently housed in Defence owned and leased space in North Sydney.

Stage 1: The first stage of the 'Preliminary Consultancy' involves evaluating documented user requirements and financial assessment of options; preparing preliminary design sketches and indicative costs (+/-10%) for each option and assisting with the appraisal of staff attitudes. The findings of this stage will be presented to the PSG for agreement to the preferred option.**Stage 2:** The second stage of the 'Preliminary Consultancy' will refine the preliminary design of the preferred option including an assessment of engineering service requirements; provide a Preliminary Cost Estimate (+/-5%) and Cost Plan; assist with the preparation of the PWC Statement of Evidence, briefing material and represent Defence at the PWC hearing.

Defence intends referring the project to the PWC on 17-19 December 1991 with a public hearing (presently unscheduled) during mid-late February 1992. Please note that the successful tenderer will be excluded from consideration of the main construction/refurbishment contract.

For convenience two separate Industry Briefings have been arranged at:

Time/Date: 0930 hrs and 1100 hrs, Tuesday 29 October 1991
Venue: Jacaranda Room
Northside Gardens Hotel
54 McLaren Street, North Sydney
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at which a 'Preliminary Consultancy Brief' will be distributed including project background, terms of reference, contractual aspects, project timing, etc. Tenders will close at 2pm, 8 November 1991.

A Defence Project Director has been appointed with whom the successful consultant will be required to work closely.

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Prostitute watched and commented on sex video

BRISBANE: A prostitute watched and commented on an alleged blackmail sex video that showed her copulating with a wealthy businessman, her Brisbane District Court trial heard yesterday.

Police audio tapes, made using listening bugs, were played to the court yesterday.

The tapes recorded the prostitute's conversation with an alleged co-blackmailer as they watched the video.

so soon after it was recorded without the businessman's knowledge.

The prostitute, Irene Margery Photos, of Coomera on the Gold Coast, has pleaded not guilty to four blackmail charges related to extortion demands made on the businessman over the video.

The court heard the businessman, whose identity has been suppressed, was "set up" for the video sex session in December, 1989.

A group of men, including one who

had known the businessman for about 10 years, hired Photos to lure him into sex, the court was told.

The businessman had been invited to drinks at the Gold Coast's Sanctuary Cove Hyatt Regency Hotel by one of the alleged blackmailers and was introduced to Photos, who he was told was a hotel guest.

The two later had sex in a room at the hotel where a video camera had earlier been concealed beneath a pile of clothing.

The court heard that Photos went to a home south of Brisbane with one of her alleged co-blackmailers when the sex session was over. Their conversation at the house was recorded by police who had been investigating a possible plan by the alleged blackmailers, not including Photos, to import cannabis from the Philippines.

As the sex video played, Photos was recorded saying, "I felt a bit sorry for him at first, then I thought ... no, he deserves it".

She also described the businessman as "a cold fish in bed" who wouldn't go "wild" or do anything "really devious".

Both Photos and the alleged blackmailer, Richard John Black, laughed during the video replay.

Both commented that the businessman was "smart", with Black adding, "It's a shame his dick gets him into trouble".

The trial is continuing.

Defamation action dismissed

By MARION FRITH

A defamation action brought by a Canberra doctor against the author and publisher of a letter damning doctors who bulk-billed was dismissed in the ACT Supreme Court yesterday.

The action had been brought by Dr Arnold Mann after a letter to the editor, written by the late Dr Denis Mackey, of Tasmania, was published in the *Australian Doctor Weekly*, a specialist publication distributed to medical practitioners.

The letter, headed "Greed is the Motive", said, among other things, that "we must never forget that a doctor bulk-bills not because of concern for the patient, but because he wants to be paid and doesn't care who pays him."

"His motive is greed. His actions are contrary to the Hippocratic ethic of medicine which states that the medical service is a contract, exclusively between patient and doctor without any third party involvement."

"Medicine in Australia is way down the road to nationalisation because of these greedy inadequate bulk-billing doctors, who have sold their souls to the 'devil'. They deserve social and professional ostracism from the rest of us."

"The next time a patient asks your receptionist 'Does the doctor bulk-bill?' the answer should be a resounding 'No'. Do you want a crook for a doctor?"

Justice Terence Higgins said that Dr Mann, "is and was a distinguished and well-respected specialist surgeon" who preferred to bulk-bill.

"There is, of course, controversy about the practice of bulk-billing within the medical profession," he said.

"Some, like Dr Mann see bulk-billing as removing the perceived 'business' element from the medical practice, enabling

them to treat their patients without the need to ask for money, concentrating on medical care for all regardless of their means."

"Others, and it may be supposed Dr Mackey, the author of the letter, was one [he has died since his letter was published] strongly opposed to bulk-billing, characterising it as 'socialised medicine' and an interference with the doctor/patient relationship."

Justice Higgins said that before the publication of the letter Dr Mann had quite openly and widely informed people, by signs at his medical centre and otherwise, that he followed a practice of bulk-billing patients.

Dr Mann had been completely outraged when he had read the letter and had become depressed at the prospect of a return of hostility towards doctors who bulk-billed from those who opposed the practice.

"It is impossible not to have sympathy with the view that slurs upon groups generally, however defined, particularly when couched in extravagant and abusive terms can cause, amongst the irrational, mindless, hatred and discrimination," Justice Higgins said.

"Such publications, particularly if they appear to be approved by respectable journals, can arouse vicious and hurtful emotions."

"It can lead to the practical effect urged by Dr Mackey's letter, namely, ostracism and persecution of doctors whose only fault or failing was a disagreement with many of their colleagues on a matter of social policy."

"Whatever the remedy for that situation, however, it is not an individual action for damages for defamation."

Ex-fugitive, Cox, back in court

BRISBANE: A former fugitive, Russell Cox, appeared yesterday in Brisbane's Magistrates Court under tight security to face an eight-year-old armed robbery charge.

In a brief appearance, Cox stood in the court dock guarded by plain clothes and uniformed police as the charge was read to him by the Chief Magistrate, Stan Deer.

The charge alleges that Cox, who

appeared in court under the name Melville Peter Schnitzler, was armed with a revolver when he held up two police and took their guns and car keys in Brisbane in November, 1983.

Cox, 42, was not required to enter a plea and a police prosecutor, Sergeant Errol Gibson, told the court that further charges, as yet unspecified, are also to be brought.

He appeared yesterday after being extradited on Thursday from Victoria where he ended a jail term last week. He was remanded in custody until a further court appearance on November 8.

Cox escaped from Sydney's Long Bay jail in 1977 and was at large for 11 years before being recaptured in Melbourne and beginning the jail sentence which has just ended.

Polyukhovitch case begins on Monday

ADELAIDE: The first man charged under Australia's war crimes legislation will finally face his accusers next week after more than a year of delays and an alleged suicide attempt.

The committal hearing for Ivan Polyukhovitch is set down to begin in the Adelaide Magistrates Court on Monday when the Director of Public Prosecutions is expected to outline the prosecution case for the first time.

Polyukhovitch, a 75-year-old Adelaide pensioner, is alleged to have murdered 25 people in the Ukraine and to have been knowingly involved in the murders of between 553 and 850 others during World War II.

He was charged on Australia Day 1990 under the Federal Government's controversial War Crimes Amendment Act.

On the night before his committal hearing last July, Polyukhovitch was found lying on the ground near a storm-water drain in the Adelaide suburb of West Lakes, with a gunshot wound to his chest.

Polyukhovitch was rushed to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in a critical condition where he spent more than three months recovering from what police believe was a self-inflicted bullet wound.

Neighbours had told police Polyukhovitch often went for walks alone at night and seemed to be getting progressively more depressed as his hearing drew nearer.

Monday has been set aside for the DPP to outline its case through special prosecutor Greg James, QC.

Case against AFP officers adjourned

By TONIA LIOSATOS

Court proceedings against two Australian Federal Police officers, who are facing a number of theft-related charges, have been adjourned until December 3.

Thomas Martin, 36, of Magennis Place, Latham, is facing charges of three counts of stealing numerous outdoor items from The Garden, Parkwood, and Belconnen Landscape Supplies, both of which are in Parkwood Road, Magregor.

The value of the property allegedly stolen is between \$290 and \$340.

Martin also faces three counts of trespass. The alleged offences relate to various periods between July 30 and October 1 this year.

The other policeman, Gregory John Mowle, 22, of Mowett Street, Queanbeyan, faces a charge which alleges that "by act", Mowle was "directly knowingly concerned in the commission of an offence" that was allegedly committed by Thomas Martin. This offence relates to Martin's alleged stealing of one Jim Beam Bourbon oak half-barrel, valued at \$40, belonging to Posh Posh Pty Ltd.

Mowle will also face a charge of assisting Martin in disposing of six pot plants he knew Martin had allegedly stolen from The Garden. Both these offences are alleged to have occurred in June.

As yet no plea on behalf of the two policemen has been recorded.

In the Magistrates Court on October 15, a former AFP policeman, Mark Anthony Short, 28, pleaded guilty to three counts of stealing from The Garden, Parkwood, and from Belconnen Landscape Supplies, and three counts of trespassing.

The court heard that these offences had allegedly occurred while Short had been in the company of Martin.

Magistrate John Burns had placed Short on a \$1000 one-year good-behaviour bond.

Sorter beat cameras

MELBOURNE: An Australia Post sorter who beat security cameras to steal almost \$200,000 of jewellery from parcels at a Melbourne depot was jailed yesterday for three years.

The County Court heard that some of the packages ransacked by James Cairns, 60, at the Melbourne GPO sorting office had already been broken into and robbed.

The court was told that the \$198,000 of jewellery he stole was all later recovered from the bedroom of his home in suburban Bennettswood.

Rapist fails in bail application

A man who was sentenced this week in the ACT Supreme Court to three years' jail for the rape of his former de facto wife failed yesterday in an application to the Federal Court for bail, pending his appeal against the sentence.

His counsel had referred to the fact that an appeal against the severity of the sentence was unlikely to be heard until March next year, by which time almost half of the 12-month non-parole period would have been served.

He also referred to the man's acknowledged good character and background, and the likelihood of his appeal being successful.

Justice Neaves, however, said he did not find the matters relied upon as sufficiently compelling to grant bail.

Fishing boats confiscated

DARWIN: The Indonesian skippers of five motorless fishing boats had their vessels confiscated when they appeared before Darwin Magistrates Court.

Despite a plea not to confiscate the "subsistence" sail-boats, whose crews had been fishing for shark fins, Ian Gray, SM, said not to do so could open the floodgates for illegal fishing.

The five skippers, all from Sulawesi, pleaded guilty to fishing in the Australian fishing zone and using a foreign boat to fish without a licence.

In the Darwin court on Thursday, federal prosecutor Terry Gardner said that the five shark fishermen were caught in northern waters, three on October 9 and two on October 13.

Tony Fitzgerald, for the five, asked Mr Gray to exercise his discretion not to confiscate the boats, the largest of which

was 15 metres long. The boats had no motors, freezers or nets, and carried only hand-lines and "shark rattlers", a device made of shells to rattle under water and attract sharks.

However, Mr Gray ordered the boats, catch and fishing gear be forfeited and placed the skippers on \$200, one-year good behaviour bonds.

Earlier this week in Broome, a Sulawesi trochus shell fisherman was sentenced to nine months' jail, while six others were placed on bonds.

The seven were part of a 16-person crew detained by a Navy patrol boat earlier this month with 50kg of trochus on board their vessel.

Six were placed on \$5000 bonds to be of good behaviour for five years, while the others were children ranging in age from 10 to 16.

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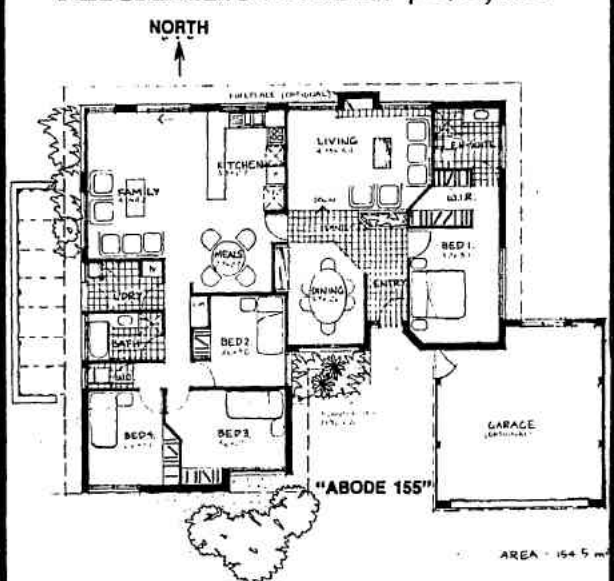
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