

Ute driver takes out his carport

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS



A GULFVIEW Heights man crashed into his own carport and fence last Wednesday night after attempting to remove a tree stump from the backyard using his car.

Police arrived at the scene on Olde Drive just after 8.20pm, to find the 51-year-old's carport severely damaged.

He told police he had attempted to pull out the stump by connecting a chain to his Holden ute and tying it round the stump.

"He wanted to check the progress of the stump, so he got out to have a look, but the ute was still in gear and while he was out of the car, the chain slipped off the stump and the car took off, taking out the rear carport then careering into a fence," a police spokesman said.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? KARPUCIA PARK

THE name of this reserve near the Gallery Rd weir in the River Torrens Linear Park is believed to have come from the Balkans region in Europe. The park, situated in Highbury, was originally owned by a cleaner at the Hackney bus depot until the State Government and Tea Tree Gully Council compulsorily acquired the land. Linear Park was initially set out in the 1979 River Torrens Study and was completed in 1997.
Source: Campbelltown Council



Glenunga High student Lauren Rawlings is a finalist in the Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA).
PICTURE: AAP/DEAN MARTIN

Sounds of success for filmmaker

KLEMZIG

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POEMS are not just words on a page for Glenunga International High School student Lauren Rawlings.

The 18-year-old says the verses can be visually represented and then created in to powerful films.

Lauren reworked her latest poem about why music matters to her into an animation as part of her Year 12 studies.

Her teacher encouraged her

to enter it in the Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA), and it was named one of the top 19 entries in the country.

The competition, for high school students, has music video, experimental, drama, comedy, documentary and animation categories.

"It was actually my first animation," Lauren, of Klemzig, says.

"I certainly did not expect to do this well, but I am very happy with the way it turned out."

Lauren says meaningful lyrics

are among the reasons why music matters to her.

"Music has always been a bit of an inspiration for me and I listen to lyrics a lot," Lauren says.

"I would really love to be able to make my poems in to real songs, but I am not musically talented."

The winner of the competition scores a full scholarship to study a Bachelor of Film and Television at Bond University, worth \$90,000.

The winner was announced after the *NorthEastern Weekly's* deadline.

Election bills start to add up

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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RATEPAYERS will have to spend up to \$50,000 for a third Tea Tree Gully Council by-election in less than two years.

Mayor Kevin Knight asked the State Government for permission to avoid the latest poll, arguing it was a waste of money less than a year out from state-wide council elections in November 2018.

But Local Government Minister Geoff Brock has told the council it must find a replacement for Cr Jim McLafferty, who died earlier this month.

"The advice we have received ... is that the minister does not appear to have the power to exempt us from a by-election, but I thought it was worth a try," Mr Knight said.

"The postal voting may go out relatively close to the state election (in March), which could cause confusion.

"We have already had two by-elections (this term) at a cost of around \$40,000 to \$50,000 each."

Cr McLafferty told the *NorthEastern Weekly* in May that he was battling ill health, but hoped to complete his term in office.

Cr Lucas Jones said finding a replacement – who would only serve for four to five months before another election – was a "pointless exercise".

"The council has had enough by-elections during this term and I know Jim really wanted to avoid a third one," he said.

"The \$50,000 a by-election would cost could be much better spent on more worthwhile

Mayor's X factor

TEA Tree Gully Mayor Kevin Knight is lining himself up to run for Nick Xenophon's SA Best party at the March state election.

Mr Knight, who is considering running for the new seat of King, said he joined about 20 people at a preselection meeting on Saturday, November 18.

"I was there for about five minutes," Mr Knight said. "I basically said this is who I am and this is where I live. But I'm not a member of his party."

Mr Knight said any announcement of whether he would run would come before Christmas. "It's up to them (SA Best)," he said.

"It's a lot of money and a big commitment, and I'm not a young man."

Mr Xenophon described Mr Knight as "a quality person", but declined to comment on the meeting.

things in our city." Voters have already selected two new councillors at by-elections during this term.

Cr Peter Field replaced Brian Massey in June 2016, and Cr Mary Kasperski took over from Justin Hanson in February this year.

Regulations stipulate that a replacement can be avoided only if a vacancy occurs on or after January 1 of a year of local government elections.

Mr Brock said, as such, the by-election would go ahead: "Ministerial intervention in election processes would need to be very carefully considered, given the conscious separation of these processes."

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