

The Canberra Times BRIEFING

ICAC considers Greiner appeal

NSW's Independent Commission Against Corruption may launch a High Court appeal after the Supreme Court quashed a corruption finding against former Premier Nick Greiner and former Environment Minister Tim Moore.

The court ruled the ICAC acted "in excess of jurisdiction" by finding Mr Greiner and Mr Moore behaved corruptly in appointing former MP Terry Metherell to a lucrative public service job.

ICAC commissioner Ian Temby said the Supreme Court decision was "a mixed one" and he would decide whether to launch a High Court appeal in "a few days". The ICAC Act also would need examination and possibly clarification.

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Bush bounces back

US President George Bush bounced out of the Republican convention with Democrat presidential candidate Bill Clinton's lead in the polls cut by half.

Mr Bush's acceptance speech savagely attacked Mr Clinton as a slippery candidate who would use "Elvis economics" to take the US to "Heartbreak Hotel".

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ACT 'loses role'

The Training and Education Department's decision to abolish regional pre-school offices last month has cost the ACT its role as an early-childhood education mod-

el for the rest of Australia, according to University of Canberra academic Marilyn Flier says.

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Scientists angry

ACT-based CSIRO scientists, furious that money could be spent moving the organisation's headquarters to Melbourne when many of their colleagues are facing redundancy, may hold a protest meeting next week to try to reverse the decision.

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NSW disappointed

NSW Deputy Premier Wal Murray says the Federal Government's new National Drought Policy has disappointed many farmers.

He described the policy as a roundabout way of telling NSW's farmers to "look after themselves or get out".

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HIA challenge

The Housing Industry Association says a QC has advised it to challenge the constitutional validity of the Government's controversial contractors' legislation in the High Court.

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S. African talks

South African President F. W. de Klerk says he won't wait for the African National Congress to return to the table before he resumes talks on the creation of a democratic regime.

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Fergie furore

Photographs of a topless Duchess of York with her Texan boyfriend have dealt Britain's Royal family the biggest blow yet to its standing.

In an unprecedented intrusion into Royal privacy, photos of 32-year-old Fergie, wife of the Queen's second son, Prince Andrew, by a Saint Tropez poolside with Texan John Bryan, were spread across seven pages of Thursday's *Daily Mirror*. More intimate photos of the couple were published yesterday.

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Bosnian bloodshed

Two more people die in Sarajevo as artillery shells fall on a crowded market in the centre of the strife-torn Bosnian capital.

Journalists say the city is in the grip of a power blackout and bread shortages after a fierce artillery bombardment and street fighting.

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Rating dropped

A ratings agency has confirmed National Mutual's position as the financially weakest of Australia's top four life insurance companies by effectively downgrading its claims paying ability to A-plus.

The new rating compares with the AAA claims paying ability ratings given to both the AMP Society and Lend Lease's MLC, and Colonial Mutual's AA-plus rating.

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Wallabies on edge

Australian rugby union coach Bob Dwyer says the Wallabies are on edge in the lead-up to tonight's Test against South Africa and he's expecting a return to their World Cup-winning form.

But Australia's front row of Ewen McKenzie, Phil Kearns and Tony Daly, which has knocked out all corners on the international rugby scene, will be content with a points win over the hulking Springboks.

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Court shown documents used by KGB

ADELAIDE: Australia's third war-crimes hearing has been shown Soviet court documents, including one relating to a convicted war criminal who is expected to give evidence in the hearing.

Senior Ukraine prosecutor Yakov Osipov produced a document yesterday that was used by the KGB in its prosecution of Ivan Zhilun, who was sentenced to 25 years' jail in 1947 for taking part in the execution of Jews in Ukraine during World War II.

Zhilun, who was released after serving eight years, is expected to be a key witness in the hearing against the accused, 68-year-old South Australian pensioner Heinrich Wagner.

Wagner is charged with the murder of 19 part-Jewish children and a railway construction worker, and with being involved in the murder of 104 people near the village of Izyavlova, in Nazi-occupied Ukraine, between 1942 and 1943.

Earlier yesterday, a former immigration official with the International Refugee Organisation told the hearing that he had interviewed a man named Heinrich Wagner in a German displaced persons' camp in 1949.

Nicolas Wyroubof told the court that in the course of that interview Wagner had told him his name was Woiwjenko and details on an application for refugee status had been changed accordingly.

In his opening address to the hearing last week, prosecutor John Nader, QC, told the court that Wagner had changed his name to Andrej Woiwjenko while in a post-war displaced persons' camp to help him get refugee status, which allowed him to come to Australia in 1950.

Temby may fight ruling

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"I would have thought the average person would understand what I would think, what my family would think, and indeed what anyone with a sense of fairness would think."

Mr Greiner, under whose direction the ICAC was set up, said yesterday's finding simply confirmed in legal terms "what public opinion and common sense decided two months ago".

"That is of course that the initial finding by Mr Temby was absolutely wrong — any suggestion of corrupt conduct on my part or Mr Moore's part was totally nonsensical," he said.

Mr Moore said he and his former boss had always argued they should have been allowed a trial before being hung "but that's a matter for the independents to judge on their own consciences".

"It's what flowed from those conclusions that I'm angry about and outraged about. I'm also angry and outraged about the process which was conducted through independents and what they in fact have done without waiting for the highest court in the state to make the determination," he said.

Mr Hatton and Dr Macdonald remained unrepentant despite the ruling.

"Their behaviour was totally unacceptable as Ministers of the Crown and against their sworn duty to act in the best interests of the people of NSW," Mr Hatton said.

"Given the same set of circumstances, I would make exactly the same decision again."

Dr Macdonald said he "wouldn't make any different move than I did then".

Bush lashes Clinton

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Mr Bush's main thrust was on economics — the issue on which all sides agree he will stand or fall in a campaign in which Mr Clinton leads in all the polls, though by an apparently dwindling margin.

And Mr Bush owned up to his biggest political mistake: the tax increase he signed in

1990, shattering his 1988 campaign pledge, "Read my lips: no new taxes".

"Two years ago I made a bad call on the Democrats' tax increase," he said. "I underestimated Congress's addiction to taxes. With my back against the wall I agreed to a hard bargain: one tax increase, one time."

Magistrate sends man to trial

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On the evening of March 12, Nicholson had visited, had dinner and stayed the night.

Mrs Bush said she had been partly woken by a noise which sounded like the screen door of the flat. She had then felt pressure on her legs, had woken fully and looked straight into her husband's face. She remembered thinking, "Why would I be doing this?"

She remembered the baby screaming, and Nicholson groaning. She also remembered her husband asking, "Why is he here?" She had then lost consciousness.

When she regained consciousness, she had tried to get help and had gone outside, but had seen her husband's car in the driveway. She had then gone around to the other side of the flat, and after losing consciousness again, managed to wake the people in the house next door. She had tried to tell them what had happened but her speech was slurred.

She had not heard her husband leave. Mrs Bush was shown clothes which she said were her husband's, and were what he had been wearing on the night of the attack. She said the shoes were recognisable because of the shoe laces.

"No-one else would wear shoes like that," she said. "I don't know why he would wear those when I had bought him a pair of nice, new ones."

Mrs Bush agreed that her injuries had caused some problems. She remembered some events clearly, but could not place them all in a proper time frame.

She had some difficulty with language. This included finding the right words to describe something and getting opposites mixed up, but she always recognised her mistakes and corrected them.

ABC

12.00 *Rage* (Cont'd)

9.00 *Open Learning: Images of Australia: Anthropology, Marketing, Statistics, French in Action* (Rpt)

11.30 *Gardening Australia* (Rpt) [S]

12.00 *National Geographic: Twilight of the Dreamtime* (G)

1.00 *Basketball: Women's National League* (Rpt)

2.00 *Recreational Conley: Aerobics*

2.10 *English Soccer: Leeds v Wimbledon*

3.00 *Saturday Super League: Canterbury v Easts*

4.45 *Sports News 1992*

5.00 *Grandstand: City to Surf 1992* (Rpt)

6.00 *More than a Game: Is sportsmanship dead?* (G)

6.55 *Consuming Passions: Eggplant Parmigiana*

7.00 *ABC News*

7.30 *Foreign Correspondent*

8.25 *ABC News*

8.30 *The Bill: Previous Convictions/Beggar My Neighbour: An accident at a breaker's yard uncovers more than DC Lines expects. An attack on a tramp leads the police into a web of crime. Eric Richard, Colin Tarrant* [S]

9.25 *ABC News*

9.30 *Smith & Jones: Starling and Smith and Griffel: My Smith and Jones* (GFR)

10.00 *D. Gen. The Late Show* (AO)

11.00 *Order in the House*

12.00 *Rage*

CAPITAL

5.30 *Test Pattern*

6.00 *The Muppet Show: Crystal Gable/Shields & Yarnell* (Rpt)

7.00 *Kids' Stuff: 7.30 Show Show (C): 8.00 Double Dare (C): 8.30 Mind Twist (C): 8.30 It Goes (C)*

9.00 *Video Hits (G)*

12.00 *Ten's World of Sport: Basketball Extra: Illawarra v Melbourne*

1.30 *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea*

2.30 *Special: Body Language 4* (G) (Rpt)

3.30 *Leslie: The Greatest Gift* (G) (Rpt)

4.00 *Land of the Giants: Secret City of Limbo* (G) (Rpt)

5.00 *Stuntmasters*

6.00 *Eyewitness News*

6.30 *Baywatch: Reunion. The beach becomes a scene of chaos when a two-tonne bull, the local high school mascot, goes on the rampage. David Hasselhoff, Billy Warlock, Erika Eleniak* (G) (Rpt)

7.30 *Wonder Years: Full Moon Rising. When Ricky Holtsenback gets his license, Kevin and his pals join him for their first joyride and end up facing an embarrassing situation. Road Test. Having turned 16 and failed parallel parking at school, Kevin takes a driving test. When Kevin confesses the truth, he gets more support than he expected. Fred Savage, Jason Hively, Alley Mills* (G)

8.30 *Ten's World of Sport: NBL Challenge, Canberra v Melbourne, live from the Palace.*

10.30 *Ten's World of Sport: Rugby Union, South Africa v Australia, live from Cape Town.*

12.30 *Just for the Record*

1.00 *Close*

WIN

6.00 *Dinosaurians* (G) (Rpt)

6.30 *Commonwealth Bank Cup*

7.30 *League Roundup* (G) (Rpt)

8.00 *Tiny Toons* (G)

8.30 *Real Ghostbusters* (G) (Rpt)

9.00 *Beetlejuice* (G) (Rpt)

9.30 *Morrie Melodies* (G) (Rpt)

10.00 *Porky Pig Show* (G) (Rpt)

10.30 *Pugwall's Summer* (C) (Rpt)

11.00 *C'mon Kids* (C) (Rpt)

11.30 *Good Sports* (C) (Rpt)

12.00 *Chris Conroy's Leisure World* (G)

12.27 *Fishing Unlimited* (G) (Rpt)

12.30 *League Roundup* (G) (Rpt)

1.00 *Wide World of Sports* (G)

5.00 *Burke's Backyard* (G) (Rpt)

6.00 *National Nine News*

6.30 *Hey Hey It's Saturday* (G)

8.30 *Saturday Night Movie: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? (1987). A young woman with a well-off, liberal-minded parents, meets a distinguished black doctor in Hawaii. They fall in love and plan to marry. They fly to San Francisco, with only 24 hours to spare before he leaves for Geneva, to inform her parents. Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Sydney Poitier, Katharine Houghton, Cecil Kellaway* (GFR) (Rpt)

10.45 *Highline*

10.50 *Late Movie: Brother John (1971). A black man returns to his hometown in Alabama just as his sister dies and black workers strike the town's leading industrial plant. He is thought to be an outside agitator until it is learned he is the messenger of death. Sidney Poitier, Will Geer* (GFR) (Rpt)

12.45 *Wide World of Sports: One-day cricket — England v Pakistan*

4.00 *Gideon's Way* (GFR)

5.00 *Last of the Australian* (G)

5.30 *Secrets and Mysteries* (G) (Rpt)

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