

Army will help police

PRIME Minister Malcolm Turnbull insists new laws to allow soldiers to be embedded with police to respond to terrorist attacks are only weeks away from being introduced to federal parliament.

Mr Turnbull announced last July there would be increased co-operation between police and the military in response to incidents, including special forces providing specialised training to local officers.

The changes followed recent international terrorist attacks and a review into the deadly Lindt Cafe siege in Sydney in 2014.

BUSHFIRE-HIT BLOCKS SOLD

MORE than 110 properties bought under the state government's \$25 million Black Saturday bushfire-buyback scheme, have been quietly sold back to the community for less than \$3 million.

The bushfire-ravaged properties were put on the market from 2015 but carried harsh restrictions — which outlawed building new homes or structures on the land. In total, 113 properties have now been offloaded, recouping \$3 million at an average of \$26,500 per property.

Narelle Davies is found with her horse, Depict. Picture: NINE NEWS



MISSING WOMAN RIDES IN

CASSIE ZERVOS

A WOMAN who disappeared while on a horse ride near Mt Buller on Saturday was found safe and well yesterday.

Narelle Davies, 52, spent four nights lost in rugged, freezing conditions after she set off on her horse, Depict, from a campsite on the Howqua Track in the Howqua Hills, about 220km from Melbourne. She used her horse's blanket to keep warm as temperatures dipped below zero, and lived off muesli bars and other items in an emergency pack.

Volunteers found Ms Davies and Depict about 8.30am, near the camp from which they disappeared.

Senior Sergeant Damien Keegan said police were investigating whether she'd had a fall and hit her head.

"If anyone was going to survive in such conditions, it was going to be Narelle," he said. "She is an experienced endurance horse rider who knows the area very well."

Ms Davies' son, Cam, told the *Herald Sun* his mum was in "great spirits".

Accountant nearly loses registration

An accountant was nearly de-registered by the Certified Practicing Accountants (CPA) board yesterday following an investigation of improper conduct. Mr. Jerome Kerrigal, 43, of Dural Independent Chartered Services was arrested by Sydney Police earlier this year for extortion and obtaining money by menace. It was alleged that Mr. Kerrigal had pressured a local store owner to repay a debt to local loan shark Jimmy 'The Fish' Whiting. However, charges were later dropped when the store owner withdrew the complaint. Despite this, the CPA conducted their own investigation.

Yesterday they revealed no further action will be taken due to lack of evidence. When contacted by the West Sydney Courier yesterday, a legal representative for Mr. Kerrigal said that his client was relieved the issue was settled and he was looking forward to getting on with his job.



Mr. Jerome Kerrigal at work (left) and leaving court (right)



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