

● TRAGIC DEATH

School says sad farewell

THOMAS Kelly's grief-stricken family and friends were preparing to farewell the popular teenager at his old school today.

The 18-year-old trainee accountant was punched to the ground during a night out in Kings Cross, a fortnight ago.

Meanwhile, the cameraman who was attacked by a supporter of Kelly's accused killer has been released from hospital.

Violent scenes broke out among supporters of accused killer Kieran Loveridge, 18, outside a Sydney court yesterday.

● WOMEN'S HEALTH

Work stress a heartache

JOB stress cuts to the heart of women's health, with a new report showing a correlation between job strain and cardiovascular disease.

The Harvard Medical School study found women with high job strain were 67 per cent more likely to have a heart attack and 38 per cent more likely to have a "cardiovascular event" than counterparts in low-strain jobs.

But researchers did not find any correlation between job insecurity and long-term cardiovascular disease risk.



Everything's coming up roses for their big gig

Brisbane songstress Lauren Lucille (front) will launch her album *Hidden Here* with support by Lady Abundance at The Powerhouse this Sunday. See the jazz and folk performers from 7.30pm at the Visy Theatre. Tickets \$20, laurenlucillemusic.com

Picture: JEFF CAMDEN

● GOOD SPORTS

Why fans become diehards

Felicity Caldwell

FOOTY fans anxiously hoping for a win this weekend face a roller-coaster ride of emotion that is more complex than you would think.

Jason Doyle, a PhD student from Griffith University, is researching what drives people to change from casual watchers of a particular sports club to becoming diehard fans.

His project, which involves interviewing fans of the Gold Coast Suns, discovered that people did not just become supporters because a certain team was winning.

"Obviously the wins and high performances help," Doyle said.

"But then there's some more obscure reasons like some people just like the colours, or the team name or their children get

them involved, or through friends and family."

Doyle said clubs needed to "hit a lot of targets" to maintain a fan base.

"They want to feel like they're a part of the team, and not just, 'all right we'll take your money and leave'," he said.

Doyle said the Queensland Reds had done well to develop a healthy supporter base and had a strong brand.

A Queensland Rugby spokesman said the Red Army had reached a record 32,182 members. "Membership is about creating and instilling a culture which is about belonging, commitment and loyalty to the Reds," he said.

More than 45,000 people are expected to be at tomorrow's qualifying final against the Sharks at Suncorp Stadium.

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