

# No comeback for a king

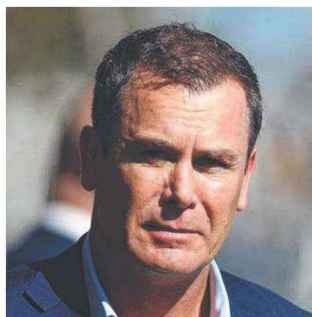
JACKIE EPSTEIN

WAYNE Carey will no longer be part of Triple M's football commentary team, with the radio station confirming on Wednesday they had parted ways.

The AFL legend was stood down by Triple M and Channel 7 last week after he was told to leave Perth's Crown casino when a bag of white powder fell from his pocket.

Carey later said that the powder was crushed up anti-inflammatory tablets he takes for old football injuries.

While Channel 7 is still



Wayne Carey

awaiting results of a WA police investigation, the radio station confirmed his contract was up and he would not return next year.

"On behalf of Triple M we would like to thank Wayne for his services to our football commentary team, and we wish him the best for the future," said Southern Cross Radio's chief content officer Dave Cameron.

Triple M said Carey had now concluded his 2022 contractual obligations.

Seven said it was still waiting for the investigation to conclude – an update from WA Police said that it was ongoing.

The Age newspaper, where Carey is a columnist, said he had chosen not to file his column for The Age, and the

masthead would review its columnists after the season.

The 51-year-old fronted the media last Thursday evening outside the Wagga Wagga RSL in regional NSW, where he said he would demand a thorough investigation of the incident.

"What I will say is that nothing illegal has occurred here," he said.

Carey said Crown staff had two opportunities "40 minutes apart" to call police on the Thursday night and he was "really disappointed" they hadn't.

"If what was alleged had

happened, then the police would have been called straight away," he said.

Carey has hired legal firm Maurice Blackburn to assess whether he was unlawfully discriminated against because of a disability.

Crown boss Ciaran Carruthers has disputed Carey's version of events, saying casino staff and witnesses claimed Carey did not offer the bag of powder to security for assessment after it fell on to a gaming table.

Mr Carruthers said the Crown croupier who blew the whistle on Carey was unaware

that he was a retired AFL great.

Maurice Blackburn Lawyers released a statement saying the dual premiership captain had employed lawyer Josh Bornstein "to investigate a possible disability discrimination claim" against the casino, provoking anger from disability advocates.

Mr Bornstein said the anti-inflammatories and painkilling medication was "to help manage the significant pain caused by debilitating football injuries – including a shoulder that needs replacing and a neck injury that requires three discs to be replaced".

## Soap star in drugs dilemma

TESSA FLEMMING

A FORMER teen actor and Home And Away star will head to trial over alleged cocaine supply.

Putu Sugiarta Winchester-Stanton, inset, 45, on Wednesday pleaded not guilty to all charges surrounding an alleged cocaine supply in the Byron Shire in NSW's Lismore Local Court.

Appearing in person, Winchester-Stanton heard a charge of knowingly directing the activities of a criminal group had been withdrawn. The not guilty charges for trial include a charge of supplying greater than a commercial quantity of a prohibited drug and one count of supplying a prohibited drug in an indictable and commercial quantity.

Six related charges of supplying an indictable and commercial amount of a prohibited drug and possessing a prohibited drug will be considered on sentence.

Police will allege Winchester-Stanton was among a group arrested over the alleged supply of cocaine.

Magistrate Jeff Linden adjourned Winchester-Stanton's matter for arraignment at Lismore District Court on October 10. He will remain on bail.



Norwood footballer Max Michalanney with Rostrevor College students Sid, 11, Hendrix, 7, Sebastien, 10 and Thomas, 9. Picture: Tricia Watkinson

## THERE ARE SOME LEGS IN THIS SCHOOL COLLEGE FOOTY FOLKLORE

ANDREW CAPEL

CROWS father-son AFL draft prospect Max Michalanney is hoping he will not only follow in his dad's footsteps and become a Norwood premiership player on Sunday but also repay his school in a big way.

The classy 18-year-old Redlegs defender is expected to be one of

seven former Rostrevor College students in the Norwood side that will take on North Adelaide in the SANFL grand final at Adelaide Oval.

The others expected to make the final 22 are veteran star Matt Panos, Luke Surman, Ben Jarvis, Jacob Kennerley, Cameron Ball and Josh Richards. Three other former Rostrevor students – Cam Taheny,

Xavier Tranfa and Pierce Seymour – are in line to be named among the Redlegs emergencies but could also be in the team.

"There's a fair Rostrevor connection in our side," said Michalanney, who is the son of four-time Norwood premiership player Jim Michalanney and has qualified as a Crows father-son selection at the

November national draft. Michalanney on Wednesday took the SANFL premiership cup, the Thomas Seymour Hill Trophy, to Rostrevor College to show off to students before handing it back to the SANFL. "If I get picked, I will be over the moon and can't wait to see all the fans there and play on a big stage like that," he said.

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## Boost for homebuyers

PROSPECTIVE Australian homebuyers are likely to have more properties to choose from as the market booms earlier than the usual spring peak.

The number of new listings on realestate.com.au jumped by 9.9 per cent in August from July, according to a report compiled for the property website.

The report, from real estate appraiser PropTrack, released on Thursday, found

Australia's property market was experiencing another up-tick after going through its busiest winter for new listings in five years.

In Adelaide, the number of new listings increased by 8 per cent in August from July, decreasing by just 0.1 per cent compared with August 2021.

In regional SA, new listings increased by 7.3 per cent in August from July but decreased by 5.6 per cent compared with August last year.



Daryl Abrea and basketball Sunday Dech.

## 36ers lift brave Daryl's spirits

LAUREN THOMAS-NEHMY

DARYL Abrea has faced a battle no child ever should, but his favourite sport has given him the strength to fight the world's most unforgiving disease – cancer.

Daryl was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2020, at the age of 10.

The now 12-year-old underwent an eight-hour operation before doctors concluded there was a high risk he

would lose his sight if the benign tumour was removed.

Instead, he began chemotherapy, attending the Women's and Children's Hospital every week for a year.

It was successful in reducing the size of the tumour and, less than six months after his last round of treatment, he was back on the court.

Daryl's mother, Evelyn Abrea, said he had always remained positive throughout the ordeal.

"He's been so brave and he's gaining his strength back every day," she said.

On Wednesday, Daryl attended an Adelaide 36ers training session at Titanium Stadium as part of the basketball organisation's renewed partnership with The Hospital Research Foundation Group.

"He was on top of the world," Ms Abrea said.

The organisations are joining forces to support childhood brain cancer research.