

## AUSTRALIA IN MOURNING

# Smiles forever lost



**MISSING** Brad Ridley, 32, Forbes ... travelling with the Forbes Rugby Club



**DEAD** Kathy Salvatori, 38, Malabar ... wife of former league international Craig



**MISSING** Greg Sanderson, 24, Forbes ... member of Forbes Rugby Club



**MISSING** Clint Thompson, 29, Kensington ... member of Coogee Dolphins



**MISSING** Danny Lewis, 19, Ulladulla ... on a surfing holiday



**MISSING** Jessica O'Donnell, 21, Melbourne ... first overseas holiday



**MISSING** Gerard Yeo, 20, Coogee ... member of the Coogee Dolphins



**MISSING** Abbey Borgia, 13, Tempe ... her mother, Debbie, is also missing



**MISSING** Billy Hardy, 20, Tweed Heads ... Southport Sharks football club



**MISSING** Paul Cronin, 31, Forbes ... member of the Forbes Rugby Club



**MISSING** Adam Howard, 26, Centennial Park ... member of the Coogee Dolphins



**MISSING** Craig Dunn, 18, Ulladulla ... on a surfing holiday



**MISSING** Bob Marshall, Adelaide ... former Sturt player



**MISSING** Francoise Dahan, 30, Caringbah ... was on a girls' holiday



**MISSING** Shane Foley, 33, Coogee ... member of the Coogee Dolphins



**MISSING** Timothy Hawkins, 28, Hobart ... former international rower



**MISSING** Joshua Iliffe, 28, Kensington ... member of Coogee Dolphins



**DEAD** Josh Deegan, 22, Adelaide ... body has been found



**MISSING** Perth twins Jenny and Jane Corteen, 39 ... on holiday



**MISSING** Debbie Borgia, 45, Tempe ... mother of Abbey and Ben



**MISSING** Aaron Lee, 34, Geelong ... brother and sister-in-law also missing



**MISSING** Rebecca Cartledge, 20, Melbourne ... hospitality worker



**MISSING** David Mavroudis, 31, originally from Wagga ... a Coogee Dolphin



**MISSING** Stacey and Justin Lee, 30 and 31, Geelong ... on holiday

## And still there are many, many more victims

The Prime Minister declared a day of mourning as the nation coped with the awful reality of the Bali terrorist bombings – scores of Australians dead or missing.

Jennifer Hewett reports from the morgue in Denpasar.

The man's blackened arm hung from under the loose plastic cover, a silver watch hanging from his wrist, somehow barely attached. The watch may be the best way of identifying his charred body quickly.

But under the sweltering Bali sun yesterday, time was running out even more quickly as the bodies of the missing – scattered untidily on an open veranda at the back of the morgue – started to decompose.

No refrigeration. Not even enough body bags. Just the suffocating stench of death. The sense of chaos and misery deepened. The stunned relatives and friends gradually realised that the search for all those missing would only

end with the identification of the dead.

Yet for those who wandered from the main hospital through the jumble of paths and dirt to the morgue, the horror and confusion only worsened.

Out the back about 180 bodies – mostly Australians – lay under individual plastic sheets, next to piles of plywood coffins. Stiffened limbs poked out at awkward angles.

But it was the needs of the living that were at the forefront. Until late yesterday morning, the entire attention of the Australian consulate was devoted to trying to save the injured and making sure they were all on emergency flights back to Australia.

That meant that for long hours, families' main hope of assistance

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**THE FOOTBALLERS**  
**'They were all top blokes, they were all champions.'** Page 5

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**THE VOLUNTEERS**  
**'It was madness. We just did our best to keep people going.'** Page 7

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was a volunteer, Gillian Coorey, a grief counsellor from Queensland who happened to be in Bali on holidays. She has spent the past two days desperately trying to help organise the search for identifying marks and clothing and jewellery on the bodies – mostly without official support or assistance from Australian authorities.

"I have a 19-year-old son and I just thought of all those parents in Australia having no way to find their children and imagining their bodies lying somewhere," Ms Coorey said.

But as the heat and time took their toll on the dead, it became ever harder to identify the bodies. Even some preliminary tags put on toes were made of paper and disintegrated as the ice surrounding some of the bodies melted.

Inside a sweaty room, bits of paper with names and lists of identifying characteristics and jewellery were put in boxes on the floor. No computers or printers were available, no real organisation possible yet.

Tearful families drifted among the confusion, with no idea what to do

next or who to appeal to for help, belatedly realising how hard it would be to recognise those they loved.

Ms Coorey did manage to identify 10 people but she had no authority to tell the Indonesian officials what she needed, or to insist on arrangements to preserve the bodies. With no quick identification, the only alternative will be DNA samples, which may take weeks.

But none of the volunteers could get any help or word from anyone representing the Australian Government until the deputy

consul, David Chapman, arrived about 11.30am.

And even he had to seek the permission of Indonesian officials before refrigerated trucks could be found, fitted and brought into an area crowded with curious Balinese onlookers.

As of late yesterday, no such word had arrived. Out in a side yard, someone had managed to find one refrigerated fishing truck and put 31 identified bodies in it.

But when it was opened in the early afternoon, so that members of the Singapore Cricket Club's rugby team could try to see if it contained any of their missing, the odour was overpowering, most of the bodies beyond recognition and the tags shredded.

"That looks like his haircut," said one distraught man dressed in shorts and peering at bodies wrapped in clear plastic. "Turn him over."

But they could no longer tell, and out on the veranda, the smell of horror grew ever stronger.

### IN OTHER NEWS

#### Pell's ordeal over

The Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, George Pell, claimed victory after an independent inquiry ruled it was not satisfied that a complaint of sex abuse against him had been established. "I am grateful to God that this ordeal is over," he said. Page 8

#### Finger pointed at Adler

Brad Cooper has outlined how former business associate Rodney Adler orchestrated a substantial inside trade on HIH shares as the insurer was about to post a loss in 1999. Page 21

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