

NEWS

Book helps kids cope

Children's book for family separation

I wrote the book to give children a voice while navigating parental separation and divorce.

The book underscores two strong messages for kids: first, that they are not alone; and secondly, that the separation of the family unit is not their fault.

The origins of the book derives from my time on the Domestic Violence Taskforce Committee reporting to the Royal Commission on Family Violence. I teamed up with social justice advocate Nancy Bassett to form the To Be Loved Network to assist children in need.

The idea for the book was generated from a true story

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where a child was so impacted by parental conflict he dissociated by seeing blue kangaroos.

The To Be Loved Network hopes the book is used as an early prevention resource for parents and especially their children, to educate them around this sensitive topic. There are few resources touching on this topic and with my 30 years' experience in the Family Court as a barrister, I believe *Tommy & Tiger Terry* will address children's anxieties and teach parents how to behave more appropriately around their children.



Darren Mort with children's book *Tommy and Tiger Terry*.
Picture: George Salpigtidis

STREET WATCH

Call Crime Stoppers
1800 333 000

HAWTHORN

Emergency services were called to an explosion at a Glenferrie Rd cafe in Hawthorn shortly before 3pm on June 13. MFB crews brought the fire under control by 3.10pm and paramedics treated one man at the scene for injuries. Early indications suggested the fire may have been caused by a kitchen gas leak.

CAMBERWELL

Thieves stole \$4600 worth of alcohol from Dan Murphy's in Camberwell on April 25 and five men had since been arrested and charged, said Boroondara Senior Sergeant Daryl Cullen. The alcohol was sold on the street or to suburban bottle shops for less than wholesale prices and police were cracking down on the scheme, he said.

Product Safety Recall

Genuine Subaru Ignition Switch Spare Part

Sold between 17 February 2017 and 14 April 2019 may be affected

Product description

An ignition switch service spare part suitable for installation into certain Australian-delivered Subaru Liberty (MY2004-2014), Outback (MY2004-2014), Forester (MY2009-2013), Tribeca (MY2006-2014), Exiga (MY2009-2018), Impreza (MY2008-2011) and WRX/WRX STI (MY2008-2014) vehicles:

1. purchased by the current owner on or after **17 February 2017**; or
2. which has had its ignition switch repaired or replaced with a **Genuine Subaru Ignition Switch Spare Part** between **17 February 2017** and **14 April 2019**.

Please note: This recall only applies to a small batch of replacement genuine spare part ignition switches. If the vehicle has never had its ignition switch repaired or replaced this recall will NOT apply.

Defect

The spare part ignition switch may have imperfections in its ball springs. Over the long term these imperfections may ultimately result in a failure of the ignition switch which may cause the key position to inadvertently move from the "ON" position to other positions while the car is moving.

Hazard

If the ball spring within the ignition switch fails, the key may move from the "ON" position to the "ACC" position whilst the vehicle is in motion. This will cause the engine to stop running and the power supply to the SRS airbag system will be cut. If the engine stops running the vehicle will unexpectedly slow down and stop, posing an accident hazard to the occupants of the vehicle and other road users. If the vehicle was involved in a collision at this time, the airbag system would not react as designed, increasing the risk of injury to the driver and/or vehicle occupants.

What should consumers do?

Owners of potentially affected vehicles should urgently contact the Subaru Recall Contact Centre by phoning **1300 550 994** (Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm AEST and Saturday, 8.30am-5pm AEST) to book the vehicle in to have the recall carried out at an authorised Subaru Service Centre. Potentially affected vehicles will be inspected, and any vehicles found to have been fitted with an affected ignition switch will have a replacement ignition switch fitted free of charge.

See productsafety.gov.au for Australian product recall information

