

# Fine for safety breach

## Meet the incredible bulk



By KAREN COOLEY

OVERCROWDING and noncompliance to fire standards will cost one MacGregor landlord more than \$10,000.

Action was brought against the owner of 16 Portulaca St by the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service and supported by Brisbane City Council.

Councillor Graham Quirk (MacGregor) said the case had been continuing for some time.

He said the court decision sent a clear message to other landlords who were not prepared to observe the law in relation to fire standards and legal numbers of tenants.

He said there had been a number of visits to the property but this was the first time the owner had been taken to court.

He believed the noncompliance with fire standards involved exit arrangements and fire extinguishers.

Nine students were also known to live at the address

despite a limit of six. Cr Quirk said two other cases would emerge soon that were currently at the prosecution stage.

"Overcrowding is still an issue but the QFRS and the council are gradually getting on top of the problem.

"The number of complaints are reducing and we certainly know from reports that more people are complying," he said.

"There are a lot of good operators out there as well and it's a pity that a few have created an issue for the industry."

New tenancy laws came into effect on July 1. Key changes include:

- Rental properties to be advertised at a fixed price;
  - Tenants on fixed-term agreements can challenge unreasonable demands;
  - A minimum six months before rent can be increased; and
  - Extending the notice period for terminating a fixed-term agreement from two weeks to two months;
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## Doctor takes leave

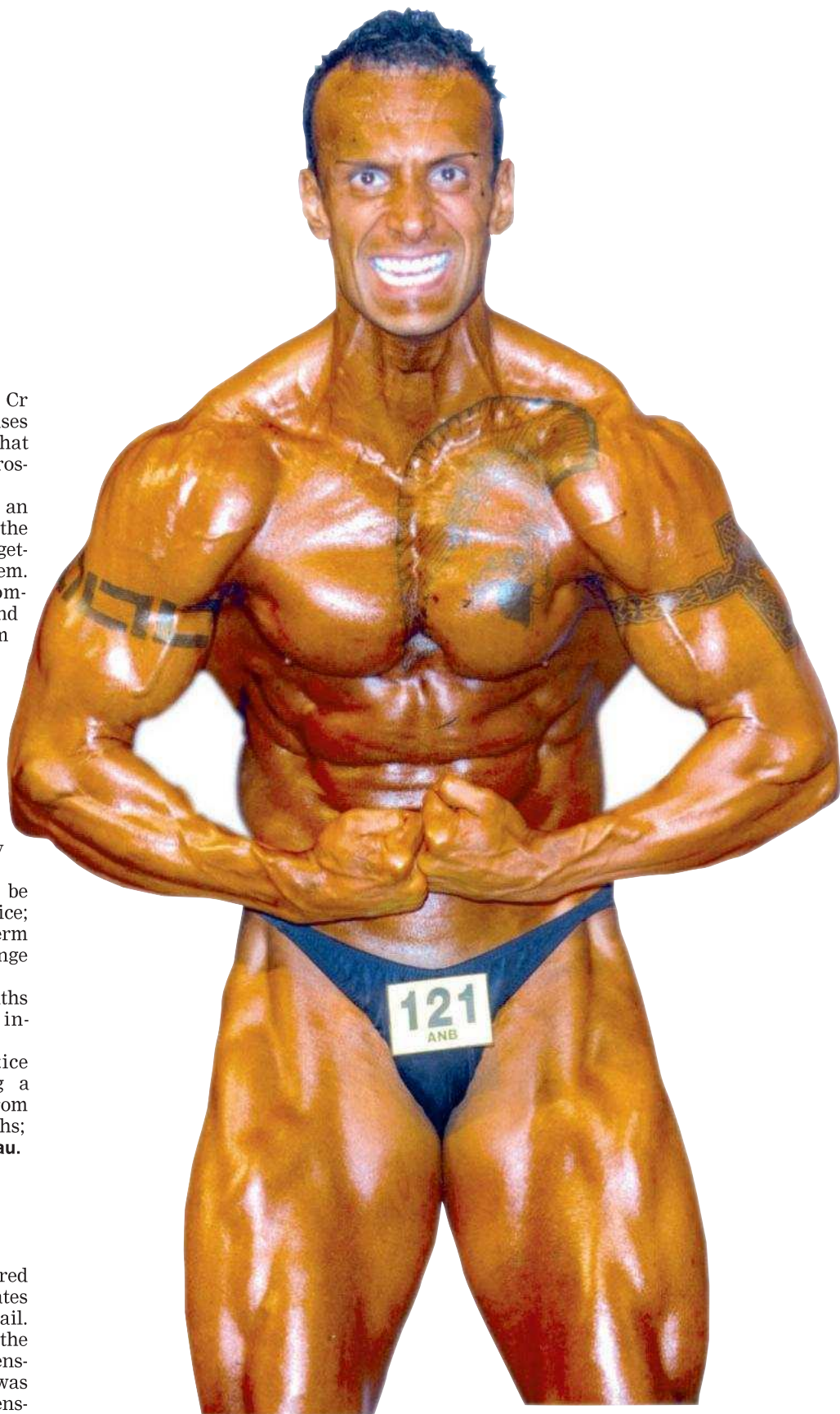
A southside doctor is on leave after being charged with indecent assault of a patient.

The doctor was charged by police last month.

A 22-year-old male patient alleged that the doctor touched him inappropriately during a follow-up consultation.

The 58-year-old appeared in the Brisbane Magistrates Court and was granted bail.

A spokesperson for the Medical Board of Queensland said the Board was liaising with the Queensland Police to determine the nature of the allegation and whether disciplinary action was necessary to be taken.



Body bulk . . . meet Nic Christofis, the Asia Pacific Natural International Bodybuilding champion. The 32-year-old who runs Mansfield's Power N Fitness gym showed his wife of two weeks just what a catch he was when he won the title at Southport. Full story, page 57.

## Woman killed

A WOMAN in her 70s died when she was hit by a car at Sunnybank Hills. She got off the bus about 5.15pm last Tuesday and tried to cross Calam Rd. Police said she died at the scene. The driver of the car was not injured. Calam Rd was closed to vehicles while the Police Forensic Crash Unit investigated. Witnesses can call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

## IGA robbed

POLICE want to speak with witnesses to a robbery at an IGA supermarket on Creek Rd at Mt Gravatt on Sunday. They said two men entered the store about 3pm. One man bought a drink and as the store attendant opened the register the second man pushed the attendant and stole a sum of money from the cash drawer.

Both men ran from the store towards the end of the shopping centre and out the north western exit.

## Aged care jobs

LUCKLESS job hunters should look at the aged care industry, which is crying out for qualified staff. Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE director Kaylene Harth said most of her students had been offered jobs while on their placements in the "recession-proof career". MSIT is now offering mid-year places for its aged care program. Visit [www.msit.tafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.msit.tafe.qld.gov.au).

## Track safety

QUEENSLAND Rail's specialist education officers visited Kuraby Special School to urge students to be safe. The students, aged five to 18, spent an afternoon learning how to stay safe around train tracks and level crossings.

## Photo display

BRISBANE Chinese Photo Group has an exhibition at Sunnybank Hills Library until July 28.

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