

Cold spell can't deter cancer fighter



WHEEL DEAL: Andrew Cadigan in Hobart yesterday, where the cold snap took him by surprise. Picture: KIM EISZELE

DAVID KILLICK

CANCER-fighting adventurer Andrew Cadigan has turned the wheels of his pram northwards after finally reaching Hobart as part of his round-Australia walk.

After overcoming injury and the unseasonable cold snap, the tough-as-teak 29-year-old arrived in town at 2.15am yesterday after a near 70km push from Jericho.

He was so exhausted he slept until dawn under a tree near the Cenotaph.

After an enforced break recovering from torn shin muscles, Mr Cadigan says he's more determined than ever in his quest to raise \$50,000 for the Cancer Council in memory of a friend who died from the disease.

But the weather wasn't kind as he resumed his trek three days' walk from Hobart.

"Yesterday, I cut the ends of my woollen jumper and cabled them together so I could make some mitts," he said. "I was a bit unprepared for the cold weather."

"It was certainly a relief when I go here this morning."

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That's the Tasmanian leg finished and I can get on with the rest of the trip."

Though his injury has made him scale back his distance to about 40km a day, he says he will attack the Melbourne to Adelaide leg of his trip with renewed vigour.

"In one way it's good that it's happened because it's a wake-up call for me," he said. "I wasn't stretching, I wasn't eating the right foods. I'm confident now that I can finish the trip."

He passes the time listening to music and blogging from an iPhone powered by a solar panel mounted on the 55kg pram which contains his camping gear.

So far, the New South Wales Central Coast man has travelled from Sydney to Hobart on his quest.

Andrew Cadigan's journey can be followed via his website ozonfoot.com.

Flushing out pot users

MATT SMITH

SEWERAGE systems could be the key to nabbing drug cartels and terrorist organisations in the future if a research project at the University of Tasmania goes to plan.

A research team from the university, in conjunction with the Australian Federal Police and the University of Queensland, is monitoring wastewater to measure illicit drug levels.

Researchers say the results

New drug project targets our sewers

will allow law enforcement agencies in the future to detect whether chemicals related to the manufacturing of drugs, or explosives, are coming from particular buildings.

The research - which uses analytical chemistry to measure drug levels - is the first of its type in Australia.

UTAS criminologist Jeremy Prichard said the research - which is expected to take about six months - would offer opportunities for law enforcement agencies, justice and health departments.

"We are really excited about how useful this could

be," Dr Prichard said. "Our focus is not on getting tough on drugs, we are coming at it from a health model."

"If we can't estimate properly the level of public drug use, then Federal Government policy is not being informed properly and we may not be directing the right amount of resources into national supply-and-demand reduction strategies."

Dr Prichard said wastewater analysis gave extremely accurate indications of the prevalence of different

illicit drugs across large population groups and was cheaper and more efficient than other methods, such as surveys.

The team is measuring the levels in a Queensland suburb.

However, it will soon move on to correctional facilities around the country, after striking an agreement with authorities.

Dr Prichard said it was hoped the research would give prison authorities accurate information about the types of drugs prisoners were taking

and how well prison anti-drug strategies were working.

He said despite the high level of security, drug use was a problem in some Australian prisons.

"... Which is interrelated with violence and the spread of blood-borne diseases like hepatitis C and HIV," he said.

"Overdoses and drug-related deaths are problems facing many prisons globally."

"This system of measuring prison wastewater has a lot of positives. I believe it could ultimately save lives."

Salamanca traffic clarification

CHARLES WATERHOUSE

HOBART Lord Mayor Rob Valentine has moved to clarify any misunderstanding over a report on traffic and parking in Salamanca Place, which the council called for this week.

He emphasised the council had only called for a staff report and was yet to make any decisions.

In a four-part motion at a meeting on Monday, the council voted to ask staff to report on making Salamanca Place one-way, incorporating angle parking on both sides for a trial period and lowering the speed limit from 40km/h to 20km/h.

Alderman Marti Zucco said a media release from Greens alderman Philip Cocker issued on Wednesday regarding the proposed traffic trial was "false, misleading and far from the facts".



REVIEW: A report is being compiled on possible changes to parking and traffic flow in Salamanca Place.

"The only conclusion I am able to come up with is that this is nothing more than him trying to pull the wool over us all leading up to the council elections," he said.

Ald Cocker said the council, in a six-to-five vote at its meeting, gave a Salamanca trading group

of 15 businesses the right "to approve or disapprove" any decision the council made on issues regarding the historic precinct.

Ald Zucco said Ald Cocker had failed to say the council had only commissioned a report, which would come back to the council.

He said aldermen were ex-

pected to ensure that when giving information to the community, they accurately represented the policies and decisions of the Hobart City Council and that people should not be led to believe that the personal views or actions of individuals were endorsed by the council.

"Ald Cocker failed to mention that five of the seven amendments were put up by his fellow Greens aldermen," Ald Zucco said.

"The code of conduct was implemented to stop this type of deceptive politics and Ald Cocker should be taken to task for stooping to this level of gutter politics. "I am seriously considering appropriate action under the code of conduct to stamp out this type of deceptive trash."

He said Ald Cocker should apologise.

Garden hose saved man

A MAN caught by rocks in a rapidly rising Queensland creek on Wednesday was given a piece of garden hose to breathe through while rescuers fought to free him.

The man became trapped while swimming in the creek at Marlborough, north of Rockhampton.

"He became submerged and trapped around the waist when rocks shifted," an emergency services spokeswoman said. "Heavy rainfall caused the water to rise rapidly."

The rescued man was airlifted to Rockhampton Base Hospital.

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Kitchen show rules ratings

ALMOST 1.4 million people tuned in to see South Australian couple Donna and Reade Chandler eliminated from *My Kitchen Rules* on Wednesday night as Seven announced a third season of the show.

The cooking show was again the most-watched program of the night, with an audience of 1.394 million.

The married car dealers from Adelaide lost a sudden-death cook-off against Queensland butchers Artie Vella and

Johnny Brown. Seven's *Criminal Minds* also rated well on Wednesday, with 1.012 million tuning in, making it the sixth most-watched show of the night.

The Farmer Wants A Wife, Nine's dating show, remained popular, with an audience of 925,000 (eighth place).

On ABC1, *Adam Hills In Gordon St Tonight* picked up viewers this week, with 760,000 tuning in, compared with 674,000 the previous week, placing it 13th.

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