

Police 'pathetic' in Glyde St incide

By DAVID COHEN

Traffic police stayed in their car when they spoke to a man reported for threatening behaviour in a Mosman Park shop last Thursday.

The officers also left without interviewing people in the shop about the incident.

The barefoot man had accosted, stood over and shouted at a slightly-built 72-year-old woman, a stranger to him, outside a shop in Glyde Street, about 4pm.



Police talk to a man after getting complaints about him - but they didn't speak with anyone else.

Workers in shops across the road heard the shouting and left their premises to watch. One was seen to video the incident. After initially berating the

woman, the man followed her as she took refuge in a nearby shop, then cornered and continued berating her.

The woman said she had been badly shaken by the incident.

"He was very threatening and yelling that I had to be punished," she said. "He followed me into the shop.

"The girls in there could see I was really in trouble.'

The man stood close to the woman and demanded her name.

"He went off his tree and shouted, 'You're lying, you need to be punished'," the woman said.

"I was frightened."

Her attempts to reason calmly with the man failed.

"In my mind I was thinking about people with mental illnesses becoming violent," she said.

A woman customer pushed in between the two and helped the woman into the basement to get away from the man, who

continued to stride through the shop looking for them.

They managed to escape through a rear door.

She was a great help and the girls in the shop were very caring," the woman said. "For the first time in my

life, I felt very vulnerable and threatened.

She said she had trouble sleeping since the incident.

She described the police's minimal action as pathetic.

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PLC lights up its past By JACOB NAZROO **Pictures from Presbyterian** Ladies' College's 100-year histions. the story.

Light fantastic ... PLC student Bells Campbell between two of the photos to be projected on to buildings at her school. Photo: Paul McGovern

Dead crows throw<u>n on porch</u> 'Coward' attacks nev h



tory will be projected on to a school building next Friday as part of centenary celebra-A narration accompanying the

projections will chronicle the school's history in two 15-minute screenings at 7.30 and 8pm.

Two 10-minute screenings were originally planned, but showproducer Liane Campbell said more time was needed to tell

"It was a great challenge to draw on a large selection of wonderful archival photos ... in an enjoyable and concise video,' Ms Campbell said.

Part of View Street, Peppermint Grove, will be closed and used as a viewing area for the free event.

School spokeswoman Simone Cumming said the light-show would be integrated with art and music from the students.

PLC's annual, weekend-long Old Collegians' Association art exhibition will start at 6pm with a centenary theme.

Tickets to the opening night of the exhibition will be \$50 at the door and a gold coin for Saturday and Sunday.

By BRET CHRISTIAN

A "cowardly" person who does not accept Lloyd Rayney's innocence is making repeated ghoulish attacks on the Rayney family home.

Dead crows are regularly thrown on to his front porch, where Mr Rayney, his teenage daughter and visitors trip over them.

"You know the collective noun for crows – a murder of crows. They still think I am a murderer," Mr Rayney said after



Sarah and Lloyd Rayney

being acquitted on Thursday on two charges of being involved in intercepting phone calls on the Rayney home phone.

The allegation that I employed someone to record conversations is not true," Mr Rayney said when the case finished.

After hearing the prosecution case, Judge Andrew Stavrianou ruled Mr Rayney had no case to answer and sent jurors home in taxis because they were not required to consider any verdict.

"It's been decided time and time again that I am innocent, that I am not guilty of any crime," Mr Rayney said outside the court.

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