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## Man shot on busy street

A MAN is in a stable condition after being shot in the leg on a busy road in Granville last week.

About 5.45pm last Thursday, the 21-year-old was approached by three males on Rawson Rd.

An argument then ensued and the victim was shot in his right thigh.

The man collapsed on the footpath before several members of the public rendered first aid.

The three men were seen heading west along Rawson Rd.

The victim was taken to Westmead Hospital where he remains in a stable condition.

Police have spoken with several witnesses but they have only provided general descriptions of the offenders.

Anyone else with information about the shooting should call Rosehill police via Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

## Truck taken in \$2m theft

A TRUCK carrying about \$1.96 million worth of computer and mobile phone equipment was stolen from Homebush Bay last week.

Between 10.45pm on Friday and 8.30am Saturday, the truck carrying Seimans brand equipment not yet available for sale in Australia, was stolen in Stromboli St.

The equipment had been on display at an exhibit in Sydney and was due to be displayed in Melbourne.

The stolen white 2007 Hino Pantec truck has NSW registration plates, AR98UK, and the company name on the back roller shutter.

Police are appealing for anyone who has any knowledge of the theft, or who knows the whereabouts of the truck, to contact Flemington police on 9646 8699 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

# Guards' guns, cash stolen in brazen heist

**BRENTON CHERRY**

TWO men have escaped with cash and firearms following the brazen armed robbery of two security guards at Westfield Parramatta last Tuesday.

Just before 1pm two armed men entered the busy shopping centre and held up two security guards in

the middle of a cash and transit delivery.

The robbers fled, on foot, with the money and the guards' firearms, escaping by a fire exit door before getting into a waiting car.

A crime scene was established with officers from the robbery and serious crime squad and the foren-

sic armed robbery unit in attendance.

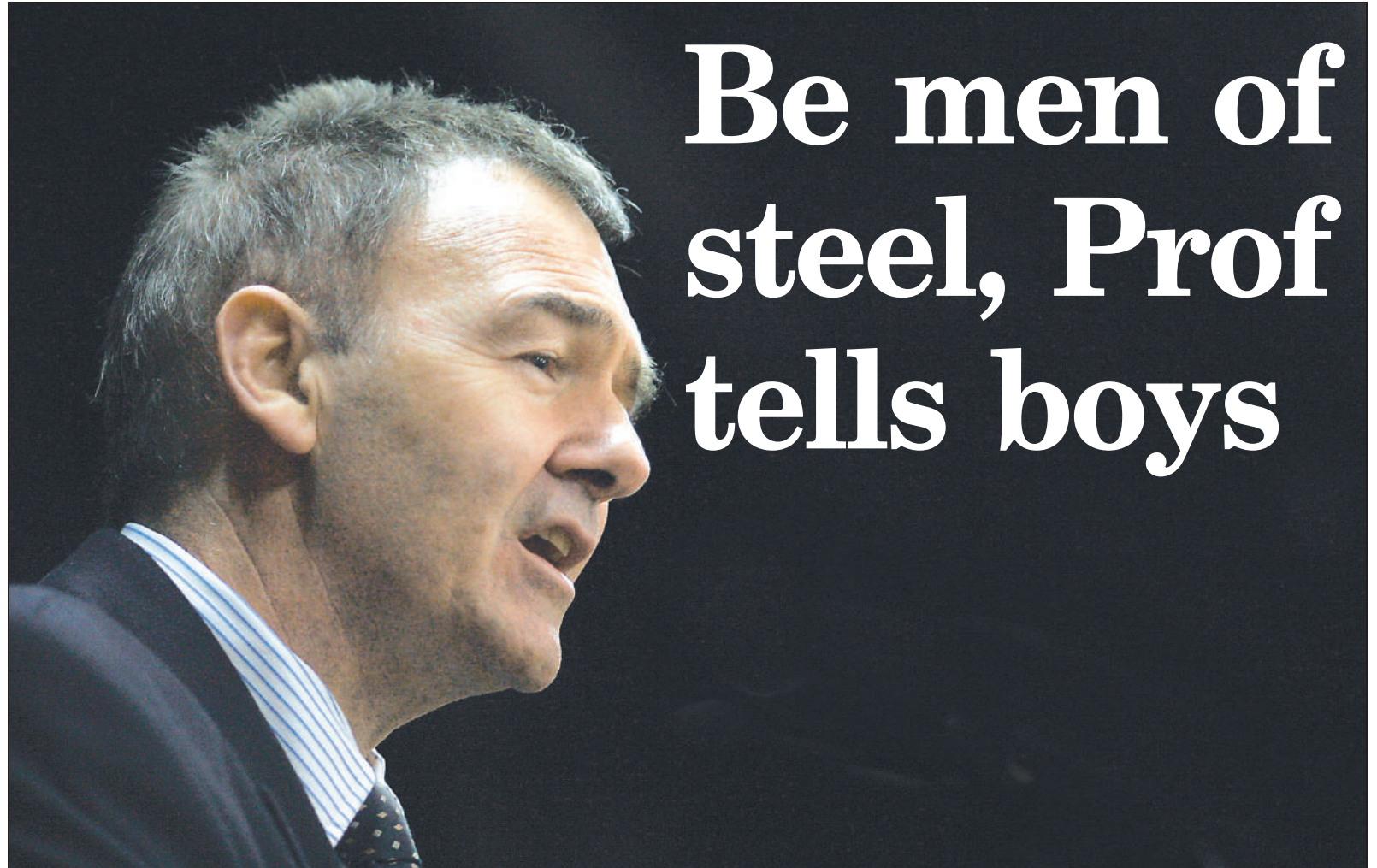
Police are appealing for help to locate a silver Mitsubishi Evo that is believed to have been used in the robbery.

Serious crime squad chief Insp Greg Antonjuk said investigators were keen to hear from anyone

who may have witnessed the robbery.

"We are aware that there are a lot of people who saw the incident but who have not had their details taken down by police," he said.

"We would ask that if they have any information to contact Parramatta police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000."



# Be men of steel, Prof tells boys

Prof Chris O'Brien speaks to Parramatta Marist students about his career and battle with cancer.

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**JESSICA CAMPION**

WORLD-RENOWNED surgeon Prof Chris O'Brien returned to his old school, Parramatta Marist High, last week to share insights gained through his career and his continuing battle with cancer.

Prof O'Brien was a leading surgeon based at Prince Alfred Hospital and consulting surgeon on Channel Nine's hit medical program *RPA* until he retired in 2006 after he was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumour.

His visit and speech to the school was all the more inspiring considering his ill health.

A former school captain in 1968,

“True men, with steel in their backbone, have compassion”

Prof O'Brien told the boys how he grew up in Regents Park, Bankstown and then Westmead.

The founder of the Australian and New Zealand Head and Neck Society said his schooling years were the ones that had shaped him.

“The many years at Parramatta were really the years that made me who I am,” Prof O'Brien said.

“Discipline was absolute.

“But (Marist) instilled an enormous sense of unity and school spirit.”

He had a lot of advice for the students but said the most valuable thing he had learnt was the importance of compassion.

“True men, with steel in their backbone, have compassion,” he said.

“Don't wait until you've got a brain tumour to open your hearts.”

During student question time, Prof O'Brien was prompted to give updates about his state of health and future plans.

“After two months of being

cancer-free there's a regrowth of the cancer in my brain and I have to confront a fourth operation on Monday (June 9),” he said.

“I will not be returning to work. I've had a terrific career but in November 2006 I had to stop everything in my life.

“The cancer has been a gift – some people might think ‘some gift’ – but it has given me an opportunity to re-evaluate my life and reinvent myself.

“I have set two goals: to write a book and have a world-class cancer centre built. The illness has created the opportunity to see these goals through.”

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