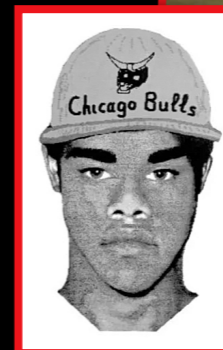


AC/DC's Brian Johnson and Angus Young.



The police identikit of one of the suspects (left) and Crispin's blood-stained shirt.



bashed with a blunt object and robbed of his wallet on nearby Campbell Street, Darlinghurst, and an ambulance was called to the scene. Despite being rushed to nearby St Vincent's Hospital, suffering multiple head injuries, he died on Christmas Day.

According to NSW Police, a witness saw three men in their late teens or early 20s, of Pacific Islander appearance, standing over Crispin's unconscious body while rifling through his wallet.

in an evidence box for three decades. One was a yellow Post-it Note with a name and telephone number on it. The other piece of paper contained a bloodstain.

JUSTICE AT LAST?

Crispin's friend Richard Cobden, a Sydney barrister, is hopeful these new finds will finally lead to a breakthrough. "I think this does give hope that there might be some justice," Richard, 69, tells *Woman's Day*. "If police had rung that person, [they] might have been able to say something about his movements. But I would assume that evidence has gone cold now."

Criminologist Stephen Tomsen, who has researched Crispin's death as part of a study into gay-hate crimes, tells *Woman's Day* the inquiry, which will deliver its report in December, shows clear investigative "gaps" in the case and the way police handled it. "There's no doubt prejudice against certain types of victims has been an issue," said the University of Western Sydney professor.

The inquiry commissioner, Justice John Sackar, said the same in court, calling the record-keeping of police "bordering on shambolic", and Richard agrees the investigation has been

HIGHWAY TO TRAGEDY

AC/DC were on the brink of worldwide fame in 1980 when their lead singer, Bon Scott, was found dead in his car from acute alcohol poisoning. At the request of Bon's parents, the band continued on, recruiting Brian Johnson as lead singer. Their next album, *Back In Black*, was dedicated to 33-year-old Bon's memory and became a worldwide hit. AC/DC's line-up remained the same for 20 years until Malcolm Young retired due to early-onset dementia in 2014. He died in November 2017, just three weeks after his older brother, founding member of the Easybeats and longtime AC/DC producer George, passed away.



Bon fronted AC/DC before his untimely death.

30-YEAR AC/DC MURDER MYSTERY!

Shocking new evidence surrounding their manager's death has been uncovered



Crispin (right) with guitarist Malcolm Young.

Three decades after the death of former AC/DC manager Crispin Dye, bombshell evidence has led to a new person of interest being identified that could finally solve the case. In June, an inquiry heard that clothing worn by the 41-year-old, who died after being bashed near Sydney's Taylor Square in 1993, was never sent for forensic examination by police at the time or when the case was re-examined over the years. Last week, in a surprise new

development, a blood stain found on Crispin's jeans has led to a DNA match. The man's name is suppressed by the inquiry, but this new person of interest reportedly had a substantial criminal history before dying by suicide in 2002. Hair on Crispin's shirt provided a partial DNA profile for another man, known as unknown male B, but, as yet, no match for him has been found.

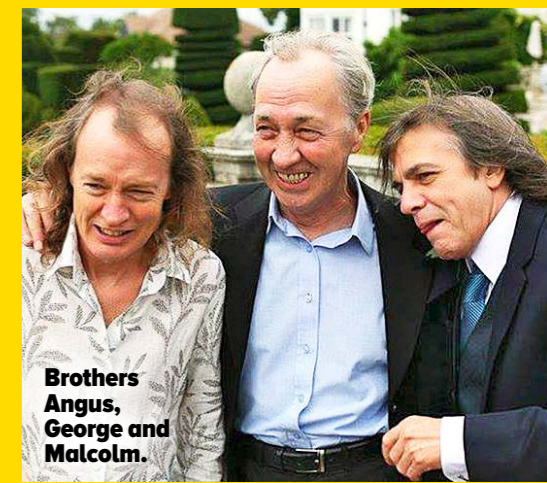
ROCK'N'ROLL SHOCK

The former manager of the legendary Aussie rock band in the '80s, Crispin

was with friends celebrating the release of his first solo album, *A Heart Like Mine*, when he was the victim of a gay-hate assault. After visiting various pubs and clubs in Sydney's inner-city Darlinghurst and Surry Hills on December 22, 1993, the talented musician and songwriter left Gilligan's nightclub on Oxford Street around 1am and was later seen at the nearby Flinders Hotel. By 4am, police allege he was intoxicated and was refused entry to another pub. Shortly after, he was

'This does give hope that there might be some justice'

While the attack took place at a time when Sydney experienced a spate of gay-hate crimes, the police didn't think Crispin's killing was motivated by homophobia. "He was very, very popular and I don't think he had any enemies, I really don't," his mother Jean Dye said in 2014. "When he passed away... it was just beyond comprehension." But since then, no arrests have been made, and police have been accused of failing to locate crucial evidence. The new evidence – uncovered by the NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes – may finally provide the answers Crispin's family and friends have desperately needed for 30 years.



Brothers Angus, George and Malcolm.

flawed. "There seems to have been no serious effort to investigate these crimes thoroughly," he says. If the new evidence does eventually lead to a conviction, it will be too late for Crispin's mother Jean, who died in 2018. But for Crispin's close friends, like Richard, an outcome would be a step towards healing. "If the [other] unknown male is still alive, and meets the description of the assailants, then who knows," says Richard. "Maybe there'll be even more justice for Crispin coming out of this inquiry than we'd expected."