

Bungle leads to TB crisis

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A DEADLY outbreak of drug-resistant tuberculosis has occurred in Australia because a Sydney doctor wrongly diagnosed a 23-year-old university student with asthma and then lung cancer before realising it was tuberculosis.

An investigation by News Corp Australia has uncovered that 10 other people were infected by the disease after the man tried to get treatment from his GP.

Only after his third return visit – and three months of sickness – was he referred for an X-ray which uncovered a 6cm hole in his lung.

The patient was told by his inner west Sydney GP that his persistent cough, shortness of breath and general malaise was likely lung cancer and sent immediately to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital on October 21 where tests confirmed he was suffering from a slightly drug resistant strain of tuberculosis.

By then the Sydney University graduate was highly contagious and he had already infected 10 people.

Tuberculosis is a slow-growing bacteria. The longer a patient goes without treatment the more infectious they become.

Nadia gets warning on 'abuse'

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MARRIED At First Sight "wife" Nadia Stamp has been warned over red flags in her relationship with TV partner Anthony Manton, after the Brisbane flight attendant made the shock decision to stay with him.

Despite being belittled as "frigid" and flat-chested by her racing broadcaster "husband", Stamp shocked viewers when she made the call to continue dating the series villain.

Manton's bullying behaviour has made for explosive television and a ratings bonanza for Channel 9, but leading psychologist and marriage counsellor Philippa Thornton said that based on the footage the dynamics between Manton and Stamp raised concerns that they mirrored classic characteristics of emotional abuse.

Manton established himself as the villain early in the series when he used possessive language during a commitment ceremony with Stamp: "We're in it together. I'm just trying to drive this ship and as far as I'm concerned Nadia is mine".

Thornton said Manton's dominant language "harks back to the old-fashioned notion of marriage and property from the 19th and early 20th century when a wife was seen as 'property'".

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Australian model Rachael Finch is one of the celebrities plugging Gold Coast brand Lonvitalite. Below: Founder Rochelle Bridge, centre, with Catherine Chellimi and Laicey Jean.



Rochelle's carat and sticky approach is fashion gold

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A GOLD Coast beauty company that specialises in 24-carat-gold eye and lip masks is the secret behind some of the world's most beautiful faces.

Actors, socialites and Victoria's Secret models have all spruiked Lonvitalite, a Coast business that started eight years ago in Rochelle Bridge's garage.

The Helensvale mum-of-three now has products stocked in the US, Canada and Dominican Republic.

"Our products started off as salon exclusives but in 2013 we went to the retail market and were picked up by websites like RY.com.au and Adore Beauty," she said.

"As soon as Adore picks up a product, it becomes popular very quickly."

The company boasts almost 50,000 Instagram followers with the likes of Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, Martha Hunt, Jodi Gordon and Kylie Clarke spruiking its products.

"We sent a couple of products down to *The Voice* and Ricky Martin posted a photo of himself on Instagram using our face mask," Ms Bridge said.

"We got more than 400 orders overnight. I had to call all my family and friends over to help pack the boxes."

"We get about 50 or 60 orders per day on our site, but some of our stockists like Adore Beauty sell 10 times that."

In 2014 Ms Bridge re-

ceived a life-changing email from the organisers of New York Fashion Week.

"I thought it was spam at first and I didn't reply but it was real," she said.

"They used our products on the models backstage and in the goodie bags for the people sitting front row."

"I had never been to New York but here we were watching people walk down the street carrying our Lonvitalite bags and fighting over the different masks ... we got a lot of new clients after Fashion Week."

Now Rochelle is a regular jetsetter. This year she is headed to The Hamptons for Jill Zarin's Fifth Annual Luxury Luncheon, an exclusive invite-only event attended by *The Real Housewives of New York*.

Crowd has a Spit at plans

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OPponents of a proposed casino and cruise ship terminal dominated a community consultation session on the future of The Spit yesterday.

The State Government is seeking opinions on the ASF integrated resort as well as the rejuvenation of The Spit.

But those who attended the session at Southport State High School seemed to have already made up their minds.

A majority of the participants the *Bulletin* spoke to during the three-hour process had come to lodge their opposition to development on The Spit, instead preferring to keep the entire area as parkland.

Ashmorewoman Rosemary Skelly said she wanted her voice to be heard.

"We just want our own park to be left alone for everybody to enjoy," she said.

"Maybe even turn it into a national park."

Concerns raised at the session included traffic congestion and the impact on local businesses.

Of the two people who did say they were for the proposed development, one declined to be interviewed while the other preferred only to be known by his first name.

About 300 people lodged a paper-based submission and a further 3000 have been lodged online.

Final submissions are due by April 7 with a report to be handed to the State Govern-

ment by the end of the month.

There were questions about a last-minute change to the terms of reference of the community consultation process.

Philip Park and Muriel Henchman Park were initially excluded from the area up for discussion but were included 48 hours before the session, leaving organisers insufficient time to update their documents.

State Development Minister Anthony Lynham said the change was made after a large number of online submissions included thoughts about the future of the two parks.

"As these two areas on The Spit are considered to be developed they were not included in the initial area for consultation," Dr Lynham said.

"However, we have listened to the community and as a result we welcome locals and stakeholders putting their views forward on these two locations.

"If residents had views on these areas and their future, and have not expressed them, they are most welcome to make them known."

Philip Park is the proposed site of the Gold Coast City Council's cruise ship terminal. The plans involve an oceanside jetty being built off the Park.

Mayor Tom Tate said the inclusion of Philip Park in the consultation had "no impact" on the cruise ship terminal plan.

"I'm confident (the terminal will go ahead)," he said.

"People want an oceanside cruise ship terminal."

New drug offers hope

A NEW drug to beat Australia's second biggest killer, Alzheimer's disease, will be trialled on Australian patients within months.

The medicine Xanamem blocks the stress hormone cortisol to improve mental function and is being billed as the world's next blockbuster drug after it improved the mental function of mice.

Australian company Actinogen Medical will begin trials of its new Alzheimer's disease drug Xanamem on the Central Coast of NSW, as well as

Sydney and Melbourne. More than 170 patients with mild dementia in Australia, the UK and the US will take part in the 12-week trial.

University of Newcastle's Professor Jonathan Sturn whose patients will take part in the trial said there was great need for an effective Alzheimer's treatment but while this new pill was promising "it's still an early-stage study".

Over 413,000 Australians are living with dementia and nearly a million will have the disease by 2050.