

United for Di but can brothers rebuild bond

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THEY came together to unveil a statue in memory of their mother – but will it be enough to heal the brothers' stony relationship?

As Prince William and Prince Harry united in the Kensington Palace gardens to mark what would have been Diana's 60th birthday, the ceremony is the first time the warring brothers have been together since Prince Philip's funeral in April.

It was a moving occasion, as they officially unveiled the statue by leading British sculptor Ian Rank-Broadley, known for his life-like figures and whose image of the Queen is on all UK coins.

The statue stands in the palace's Sunken Garden, a place full of memories for Harry, 36, and William, 39.

This was where Harry and Meghan posed so happily for the announcement of their engagement in November 2017. Who could have known just four years later, Harry would be back in the same spot barely on speaking terms with his brother.

The gardens are where the brothers often played as boys, running around, throwing stones in the pond and feeding the fish. It is also the place which meant so much to their mother. Diana would spend a lot of time in the gardens, jogging, playing with her sons, or just seeking some solace.

Royal insiders hope this occasion can finally help heal the rift between William and Harry, following Harry and Meghan's explosive revelations on Oprah. But it won't happen quickly, says the UK



Princes William and Harry arrive at the unveiling of a statue (right) they commissioned of their mother Princess Diana in the Sunken Garden at Kensington Palace, on what would have been her 60th birthday. Picture: Getty Images

Telegraph's royal reporter, Camilla Tominey.

"We are overstating it if we think this one event can somehow bring them together after what has been an extremely fractious few years," she says.

Just like at their grandfather's funeral, the brothers knew they had to put on a public show of unity, Tominey says, so their relationship didn't overshadow the focus of the day, but it's not clear if this is a ceasefire or permanent declaration of peace.

Long-term royal commentators say William will have to "rise above it" like his grandmother the Queen has done for a lifetime, while Harry needs to show he is open to reconciliation, stop lobbing "truth bombs" and sharing private conversations with the US press.

"They are brothers who are united in their love for their mother. I think the ceremony will help a little in mending the rift between William and Harry, but any type of healing will be erased

if conversations they have got leaked, as other conversations have been in the US media," says Brittani Barger, deputy editor of Royal Central.

The ceremony at least showed Harry and William cared, but only they can shape their future, with compassion.



Murder trial for cleaner

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A HOUSE cleaner alleged to have brutally stabbed and beaten her 92-year-old client to death will face trial for murder early next year.

Hanny Papanicolaou, 39, is alleged to have carried out a frenzied attack which led to the death of Marjorie Walsh inside the elderly woman's Auburn home on January 2, 2019.

Ms Papanicolaou previously attempted to plead guilty to manslaughter due to substantial impairment on the grounds she suffered an abnormality of the mind.



Hanny Papanicolaou.

However, that offer was rejected by the crown prosecution.

She was arraigned in the NSW Supreme Court on Friday to face a three-week murder trial starting on January 24 next year.

Police were called to Ms Walsh's home after her personal panic alarm was activated. She was found with pieces of pottery embedded in her scalp, the court previously heard. She was taken to hospital and died seven weeks later on February 19.

Charities on notice

NSW charity operators caught doing the wrong thing could be jailed for two years as part of sweeping law reforms aimed at giving donors more transparency around what happens with their money.

The landmark changes will see rule-breakers subject to tougher penalties including fines of up to \$22,000 and two years in jail instead of six months for breaches like fundraising for personal gain. Authorities will also be given broader powers to investigate and charities earning more than \$250,000 will have to audit their accounts.

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