

The last words of teen stabbed to death on suburban street

HELP MUM, I CAN'T BREATHE



Easter Show stabbing victim Uati Faletolu (right) featured alongside Izaaya Naden.



Anton Rose

It's the picture that is a sombre reminder of Sydney's deadly postcode wars – two mates killed two years apart in shockingly similar attacks.

Iyzaa Naden, 18, and Uati "Pele" Faletolu stand together as brothers in a music video for song "Our Way" representing a notorious gang called "67".

One will be dead after being stabbed within months at the 2022 Easter Show, the other is now dead after being stabbed in front of his mother at a bus stop at Doonside on Friday.

A relative said Mr Naden's last words were: "Help mum, I can't breathe".

Yesterday relatives were remembering Iyzaa as a "beautiful boy" rather than another victim in street gang violence.

"Thank you to everyone who has sent their love and condolences ... we just wanna be left alone atm to take everything," his mother wrote yesterday.

Relatives said Mr Naden was travelling with friends, his mum and two other relatives when they were approached getting on a bus at Power St.

Witnesses told police a group of teens allegedly asked: "Are you 67 yeah?" before stabbing Mr Naden in the abdomen.

His mother then drove her son and his 19-year-old wounded brother Jaryea to Blacktown police station.

There is no suggestion any of his family and certainly his mother had anything to do with any gang.

This morning Jaryea woke after surgery learning his brother was dead.

Iyzaa died before officers could save his life on the steps of the police station.

A 16-year-old boy has been charged with murder.

Police are investigating possible links to the gang RFA.

"He was such a beautiful boy. They were just on their way to go and get McDonald's," a relative told The Sunday Telegraph.

After a night that saw helicopters buzzing over their street and their small community locked off as a crime scene, many locals believed there would be more violence.

One homeowner just metres



Police were patrolling the suburb in force yesterday.

from the crime scene described the suburb as "a war zone".

"It's become the new normal here now, it's horrible," they said. "I've built this home, my kids were raised here and are now adults, I love my home but things like this make me want to leave."

For others the sight of Riot Squad cops combing through the streets was all too familiar.

THE POSTCODE WARS

A child as young as five watched on as knives were brandished in broad daylight.

Her mother told The Sunday Telegraph the girl is now traumatised.

"My daughter was waiting to get on the bus as (the boy got stabbed)," she said. "They ran off and knocked my daughter over while she was screaming her heart out and they left some scratches on her."

It was the brazenness that had senior police horrified.

"It's not something the community should expect," Blacktown police commander Superintendent Paul Glinn said. "And it's quite apparent

from looking at some of the footage ... it certainly caused alarm in the area.

"I guess I would say that it is something that's happened but it doesn't happen regularly. Hopefully we can make the community feel somewhat safer with the fact that there's an investigation ongoing."

After a spate of alleged tit-for-tat attacks in the postcode wars, he warned teens not to take things into their own hands.

"I guess we would really reinforce with the community ... don't seek to take action yourself because that will result in you potentially committing a criminal offence," he said.

But social media was already full of taunts, with one even posting they should "free" the boy charged with stabbing Mr Naden to death.

Yesterday another post emerged mocking the tragedy, with a picture captioned: "not 66 anymore it's 65" followed by several laughing emojis.

The relative and multiple neighbours near the scene of the tragedy recalled how a group of teens claiming to be

from RFA had been roaming the streets of Doonside for weeks "looking for trouble".

The suburb of Doonside has been terrorised for years by warring street gangs chronicling their violence in music and on social media.

Just minutes from where Mr Naden died, 15-year-old Jason Galleghan was bashed to death in 2020 by a group of teens aligned to "67" who filmed and then posted the footage online.

In September 2021 in nearby Blacktown another teen lost his life after a wild brawl because of a jab in a music video.

Senior police officers lamented how frequent the clashes had become. "We've been throwing every resource possible at this," one said.

RFA is a gang based out of Mt Druitt, who like many others are using social media and music to taunt rivals and provoke others in acts of violence.

They were first thrown into the spotlight in the 2022 Easter Show, though in the past six months have used music to describe in graphic detail stabbings, shootings and assaults.



Peter Church, Raymond Hooper and Douglas Capel.

We're all aboard for a big Anzac Day

Mitchell Fink

Exactly 50 years after he suited up for the Australian Army, Peter Church will be driving a bus that reminds him of the sacrifices he and his comrades made.

It's a full-circle moment for Mr Church, a veteran of the Royal Australian Corps of Signals, who was discharged as a sergeant in 1994.

Now a driver with regional bus operator CDC NSW, he'll be

behind the wheel of an "Anzac Spirit" bus.

"I'm very honoured to have our service recognised," Mr Church said. "It's hard to put into words, really."

Mr Church comes from a military family – his grandfather served in both world wars, his father and two uncles served in the air force during World War II, two of his cousins served in Vietnam with the navy and his stepson served in Afghanistan. He

was never deployed for combat but was posted around Australia, providing communications for the military.

By driving the specialty bus – which features a custom wrap to recognise Anzac veterans – he'll get to honour his military heritage. The phrase "Lest We Forget" is prominently shown, along with the Australian Army's Ode of Remembrance. The buses, which went into service on April 1, will offer free transport for vet-

erans and current military personnel in uniform and their families attending Anzac Day services on April 25.

Driver Doug Capel, 76, who served in the ADF for 31 years, described it as "a good advertisement". "It reminds people of the suffering that people experienced during the war," he said.

David Mead, chief executive of CDC NSW, said the company was proud to provide the specially designed buses.