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# OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO THEM

## TRAGEDY TEARS FAMILY APART

By Jade Martin

PRAYER services were held across Wagga yesterday commemorating the lives of 13-year-old Patrick Langfield and his 43-year-old father Ray.

The pair was taken tragically in the early hours of Saturday morning and leave

behind a loving mother and wife, Debbie, 42, and two younger siblings and children, aged 11 and eight.

Facebook and other social media outlets have been flooded with tributes for Patrick, a year 7 student at Mater Dei Catholic College and former Mater Dei Catholic Primary School captain, who is being remembered as a beautiful kid and a "truly great friend".

As an enthusiastic athlete, Patrick was the captain of the 2011 Lake Albert Red Sharks premierships-winning soccer team and member of the Wagga Tigers under 12s premierships side.

Earlier this year he was also selected to represent Wagga in the under 13s soccer team.

Expressing their condolences to the Langfield family, Mater Dei Catholic Primary School principal Danny Malone and Mater Dei Catholic College principal Greg



Ray Langfield

Miller paid tribute to the "wonderful young man" Patrick was.

"He had a warm, welcoming nature and took a genuine interest in all people, young and old," Mr Malone said.

"People were drawn to him because of his kind-hearted manner.

"His enthusiasm for all tasks and natural leadership skills made him a great role model for

others and perhaps the greatest compliment that can be given to Pat would be the esteem in which he was held by his peers, staff and other members of both school communities."

For the past 10 years Ray Langfield had been employed as a licensed aircraft maintenance engineer with Regional Express (Rex).

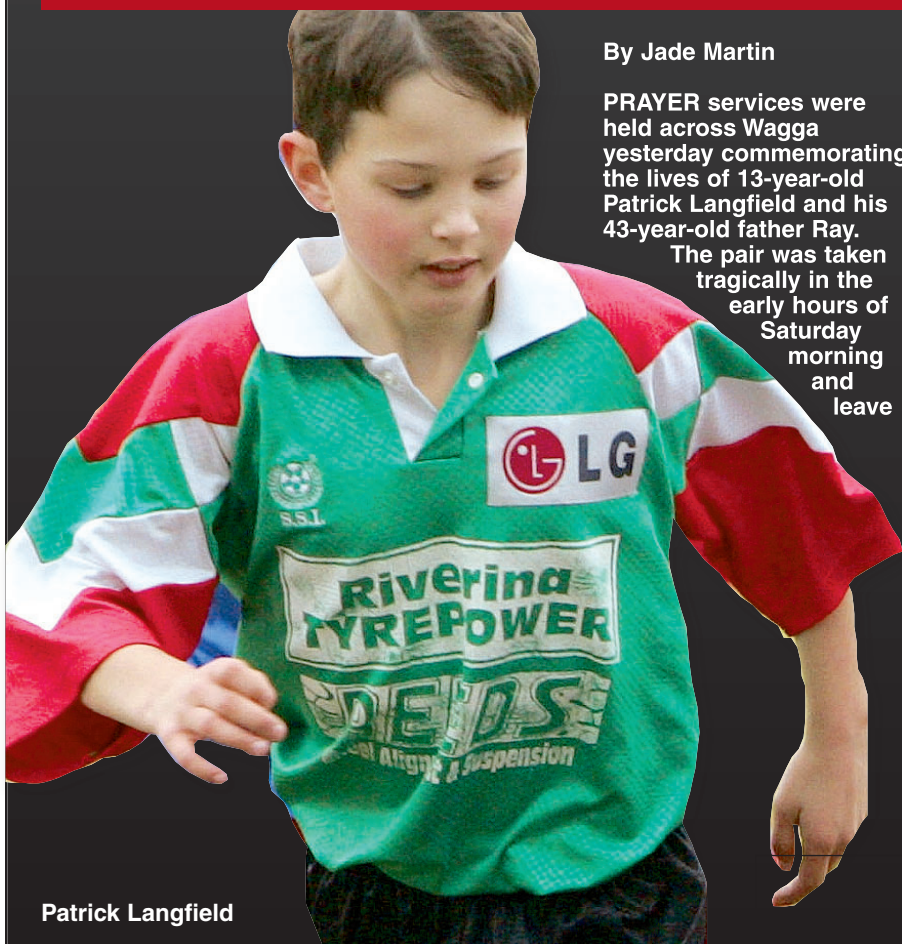
In that time, Rex general manager for network strategy Warrick Lodge said Mr Langfield had been a diligent worker who was widely respected and valued by his co-workers and the wider company.

"From a company perspective Ray was always willing to do what ever work needed to be done," Mr Lodge said.

"Rex is both shocked and saddened by the news.

"Our heartfelt condolences go out to Ray's family and those in the local community touched by this tragedy."

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TODAY

## Relay for Life hits ground running for cancer event

October might seem a while away, but organisers for the Relay for Life in Wagga have got on the front foot. The organising committee set up in Baylis Street with a sausage sizzle.

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## Governors Hill development ready to hit the market

A massive launch has heralded the opening of Governors Hill, a development for the eastern side of Wagga. The new sub-division will cater towards families and second-home buyers looking for a semi-rural lifestyle.



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## Teenager bashed during night out at city hotel

For 19-year-old Carlie Dyer, what started as a night out with friends turned into the stuff of nightmares when she was allegedly set upon in an unprovoked attack at a Griffith hotel last weekend.

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### DAILY ESSENTIALS

#### WEATHER

**TODAY:** A little rain. Maximum 23

**TOMORROW:** Shower or two. Maximum 15

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#### LUCKY NUMBERS

**Saturday Lotto:** Draw number 3209  
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# Schools, residents left in shock

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While police investigations into the cause of their deaths continue, the Mater Dei Catholic College and Mater Dei Catholic Primary School

communities have rallied around the family, offering support to Mrs Langfield, who is the religious education co-ordinator at the college.

Neighbours of the small

cul-de-sac expressed their sadness and loss yesterday, describing the Langfields as "a happy family and the nicest people".

Reflecting on the tragic turn of events at weekend they

wrote, "just a tragedy; our street will remember this day for a very long time. RIP boys".

The tragic incident has left the Wagga community shell shocked.

### Classes cancelled

**DUE** to the recent tragic circumstances there will be no lessons at Mater Dei Catholic College today. However, minimal supervision will be provided if required.

**DEVASTATING:** Police attend the tragic scene at Glenoak on the weekend. Picture: Oscar Colman



# Family is torn apart after dad, son killed

### ► GLENOAK

By Daisy Huntly and Jade Martin

**HICKORY** Place in the outer Wagga suburb of Glenoak was eerily quiet yesterday as police continued their investigations into an alleged murder-suicide which claimed the lives of 13-year-old Patrick Langfield and his father, Ray.

Police and paramedics were called to the Langfield's family home just after 8am on Saturday where they found Patrick's body inside the house.

The body of his 43-year-old father, Ray, was later located a short distance from the home.

Police say Ray's wife, Debbie, and their two youngest children, aged 11 and eight, were home at the time the deaths occurred, but they were not physically harmed.

The street was closed to traffic on Saturday as forensic investigators combed the scene, collecting evidence.

Police have revealed no firearm was used in the deaths.

While the street was reopened to traffic yesterday morning, several police cars and the mobile command centre remained at the front of the Langfield's home as investigators took photos of the affluent



**GREAT LOSS:** Young Patrick Langfield was a keen and talented sportsman.

Picture: Brad Dean

gauge the nature of the incident and any contributing factors.

"The crime scene is still continuing," he said

"We need to speak to a lot of people, family and friends, to gather background information and rule out other scenarios.

"We can't say any more."

He said any "little snippets" of information that become available could change the investigation.

News of the tragic incident spread quickly at the weekend.

Loving tributes have flowed for Patrick – a year 7 student at Mater Dei Catholic College and former Mater Dei Catholic Primary School captain – and Ray, a licensed aircraft maintenance engineer.

Inspector Murphy said post mortems would be carried out in coming days.

It is hoped those results, coupled with police inquiries, will be able to shed some light on the investigation.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Wagga police on 6922 2599 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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