



Water Smart Levels 5 & 6 – Years 7 to 10

Assessing Aquatic Environments

Activity Sheet 4 – Case Studies

Two young women from Korea drowned yesterday in tragic circumstances. Visiting Australia on the holiday of a lifetime, one of the women entered a local river to cool off. She started to struggle soon after. Seeing her friend in difficulty, the second woman entered the water to assist her, only to get into trouble herself. Both women failed to return to the riverbank.

Police questioned a young man today following an incident at a local waterway last night. The man had been paddling a kayak with a friend when it capsized, throwing both men into the water. The young man swam to shore and went straight home to 'have a shower and warm up'. The whereabouts of the other man are unknown and it is presumed he has drowned. Police believe both men had consumed alcohol and/or taken drugs at a party earlier in the evening.

A young man was found drowned in Port Phillip Bay. He was last seen alive celebrating his 22nd birthday before deciding to go on a midnight swim. Police divers found him the following afternoon. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in his death.

A teenager with limited aquatic experience is in hospital with severe spinal injuries, after visiting the beach with some friends today. The 15 year-old, jumped from a jetty into shallow water after his mates 'dared' him to do it as part of an initiation into their group.