

## They said it

**"He just looks normal. He doesn't look like someone you wouldn't want to meet in a dark alley or anything, he doesn't look scary or like a creep."**

— *Lynne Butler, Eagle Vale neighbour of Ivan Robert Milat, who was arrested by police investigating the backpacker killings.*

**"You don't get many tries better than that last one. Our blokes played with a lot of character and enthusiasm to come back like that, and we are just glad the bounce of the ball went our way."**

— *Mal Meninga, Queensland State-of-Origin rugby-league captain.*

**"My government's commitment [is] freedom from want, freedom from hunger, freedom from deprivation, freedom from ignorance, freedom from suppression and freedom from fear."**

— *Nelson Mandela, in the first*

*state-of-the-nation address by a black President of South Africa.*

**"All of us in the Liberal Party have been through difficult times recently. Today we have put all of that behind us. We have made a fresh start."**

— *Alexander Downer, the new Opposition Leader.*

**"I stress for children to do what their parents tell them. It's not that they were hooligans. It was one ride that took him to his death."**

— *Ray Merketu, father of Amos, who died in a motorbike accident in Fraser.*

**"There are 100,000 other spots on the highway where you could have believed this could have happened. This certainly wasn't one of them. You couldn't actually believe how anybody could be killed in it."**

*Allan Moffat, champion racing driver, on the four deaths in the Cannonball Run in the Northern Territory.*

**"The defence only raises one issue in this tragic case. It would appear that the acts occurred under provocation."**

— *Peter Hastings, QC, defending Ross William Arrowsmith in his Supreme Court murder trial.*

**"I say to those people who believe [tobacco] is a dreadful product, make out your case. They have not done so."**

— *Bronwyn Bishop, Opposition health spokeswoman.*

**"All I can say is that we have over 50,000 pieces of medical research and literature from across the world supporting the view that tobacco is injurious to human beings."**

— *Brendan Nelson, AMA president responding to Mrs Bishop.*