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Just seven hours after being freed, they buried the mate who didn't make it

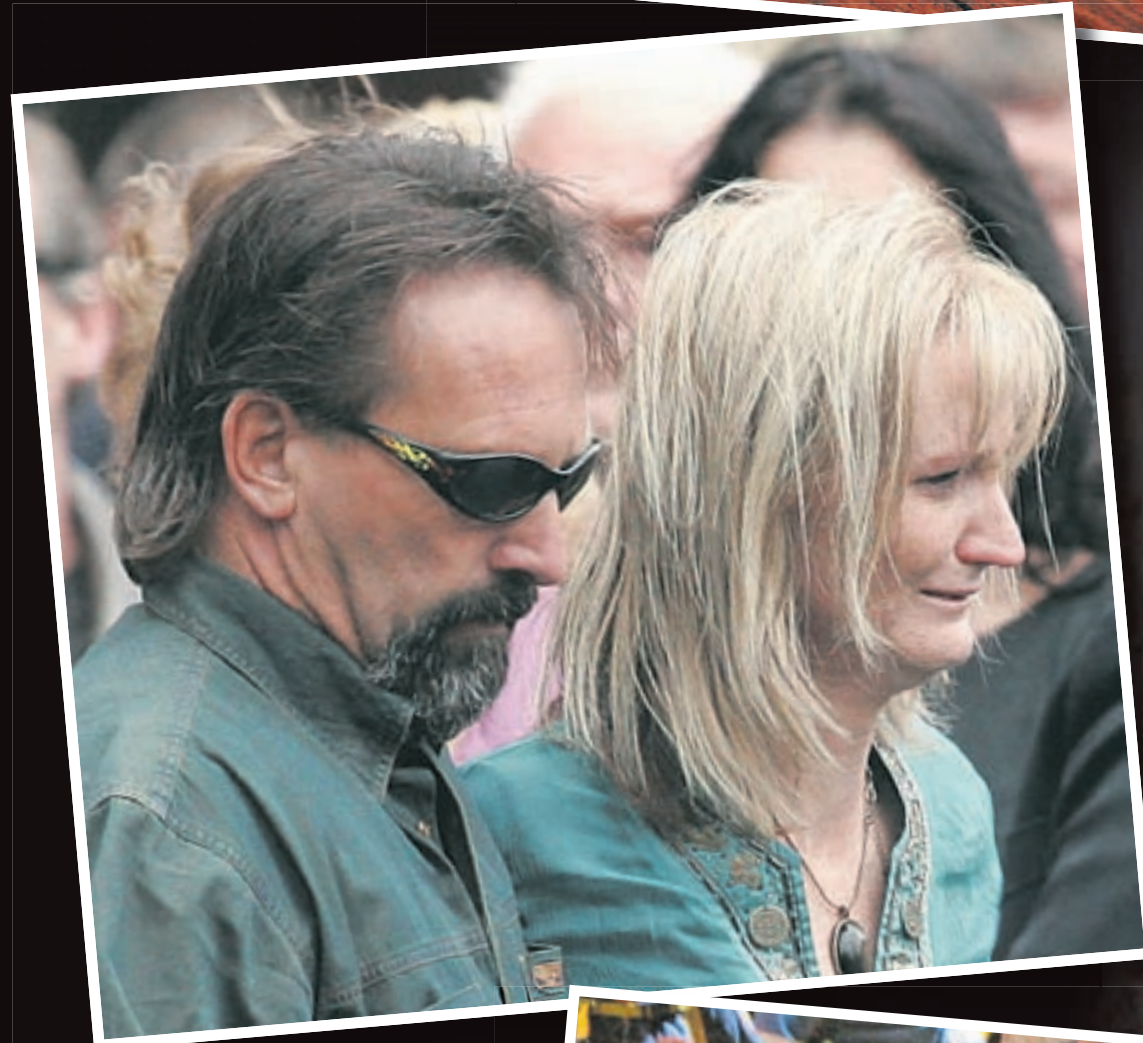
# Agony & ecstasy

THERE was no hiding the pure joy after this Great Escape. Former Bowen miner Brant Webb gives a wave after being rescued from his underground tomb. He and workmate Todd Russell emerged looking healthy and happy from the Beaconsfield gold mine. But just seven hours later, Mr Russell could not contain his emotion (inset) as he mourned at the funeral of Larry Knight, the man who did not survive the mine collapse.



**RIGHT:** The cheeky business card that the two miners handed out to well-wishers as they walked out of the mine

**BELOW:** A distraught Jackie Knight breaks down at the funeral of her husband Larry, the miner who died in the Beaconsfield disaster



**MAIN PICTURE:** Giddy ... Brant Webb is all smiles as he is taken off to hospital for a check up. His childhood sweetheart Rachel is by his side

**RIGHT:** Brant Webb hugs Rachel (left) and Todd Russell hugs his wife Caroline just moments after being brought to the surface



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