

Ales that tell tales

WHETHER it's dyed green or comes with a lime wedge stuck in its neck, you are what you drink, a study has found.

A survey of 800 people by the Fast Impressions speed dating group found the sexiest beer came in the form of the lemon-twist Corona, which was the drink of choice for 22.7 per cent of respondents.

The saddest beer award, with 42.2 per cent of votes, went hands down to VB, which was also rated as the beer most associated with those nursing a quiet drink on the footpath, and those people who over-stayed a welcome.

Royal gift to charity

EARTHWATCH is one of 26 charities selected by Prince William and Kate Middleton to receive donations in lieu of gifts for their April wedding.

St James's Palace announced a share of funds raised through donations from wedding guests and members of the public to the Royal Wedding Charitable Fund will be donated to the global organisation, which funds environment research projects.

Earthwatch Australia executive director Richard Gilmore said the nomination was a great boost to Earthwatch, in its 40th anniversary year.



Unbowed by thugs: Anne Cairns gets on with her crotchet on her veranda yesterday after being robbed

Clementine Cuneo
Police Reporter

DOES it get any lower than this? Robbing a 101-year-old woman of her bingo prize-money, which she had put aside to buy food.

Two men confronted Anne Cairns in the yard of her Lansvale home on Tuesday, walked inside and took the \$60 in her purse.

Mrs Cairns said she sat terrified on her veranda fearing what the pair would do to her if she approached them.

"I said: 'You can't go into

my house' but I couldn't fight because there was two of them and just one of me," Mrs Cairns said yesterday.

After the pair had sifted through her modest home, they left through the rear door and brushed past their victim without saying a word.

"I was so worried when I went inside — I thought, 'Oh, I wonder what they've done, I wonder what they've taken'," she said.

As far as Mrs Cairns can tell, the brazen pair made off only with her bingo winnings.

She initially thought they

had stolen her silver wrist-watch, which had sentimental value, but she found it later that night beside her bed.

"I was turning the lamp off and there it was. It was such a good feeling after my awful day," she said.

For many decades, Mrs Cairns has lived in her home without any trouble.

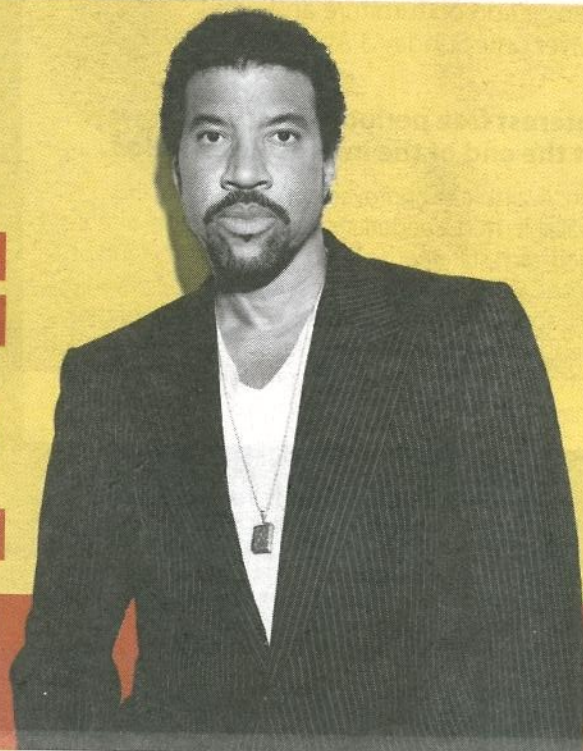
She is well known in the neighbourhood for being spritely for her age.

In 2000 Mrs Cairns was the oldest entrant in the World Masters Games walking contest. But she said the wind had

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