

### **Apology to the Lord Family (page 3)**

The Illawarra Mercury acknowledges that the way we went about obtaining the photos and footage of Molly Lord, her mother and brother and the decisions that followed about publication have caused grief and anguish to the Lord family.

We sincerely regret the hurt that resulted. If the situation was to arise again in the future, we would deal with it differently - we have learned from what occurred. The Illawarra Mercury has included the issues that have arisen, including trespass, in future training for our editorial staff.

The Illawarra Mercury sincerely and unreservedly apologises to the Lord family for any hurt and distress caused by our entry onto Newton Park and publication of the photographs.

### **WIN TV**

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WIN regrets the manner in which it covered the tragedy of Molly Lord's death.

In particular, it regrets that the coverage upset the Lord family and friends, and it offers its sincere apologies.

WIN acknowledges it should have shown more sensitivity in its coverage, especially elements of footage shown in the broadcast, which WIN accepts caused great distress to the Lords.

In light of statements made by Mr and Mrs Lord since the tragedy, WIN intends to ensure that its training program for journalists and camera operators reporting fatal incidents emphasises the need to consider carefully the situation of any family affected by the incident.

### **Seven News (Facebook page)**

The proceedings brought against Channel Seven by Mr and Mrs Lord, parents of Molly Lord who died in a tragic accident last year, have been settled on confidential terms to the satisfaction of the parties. Seven has offered, and the Lords have accepted, Seven's expressions of condolence and sympathy. Seven regrets the distress which the publicity about Molly's death caused the Lord family.