

Rescuers bring injured man back from 'death' in crash

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DARREN Archibald yesterday climbed into an overturned car and saw the critically injured driver "die" in before his eyes.

In the seconds the man stopped breathing, motorists were able to release him from his seatbelt and drag him from the wreck to revive him.

Late last night the driver, a 27-year-old South Korean tourist, was still fighting for his life in Rockhampton Hospital after suffering a broken neck and internal injuries from the crash near Marmor, about 50km south of Rockhampton.

Mr Archibald was on his way home along the Bruce Highway to Mackay at 2.40pm when he saw the blue Com-

modore go out of control directly in front of him.

"It was right in front of us, fishtailing across the road," he said.

"It came into our lane and I had to brake heavily to miss it. It went in front of us and into a culvert and

His tongue swelled up and he stopped breathing

rolled about three times.

Still suffering from shock, Mr Archibald said he told his wife to call Triple 0 while he reversed his car and ran to the other vehicle.

"I could see the other passenger and he was yelling, 'Let me out, let me out', in broken South Korean. I re-

leased his seatbelt and dragged him out first," he said.

"I climbed in the back passenger seat and stayed with the driver until police arrived.

"He did die in the vehicle - his tongue swelled up and he stopped breathing.

"He was hanging by his neck and in tremendous pain, we couldn't move him."

Mr Archibald said when the man stopped breathing a nurse, who was there, said they should free him quickly and start CPR.

The man was revived and paramedics arrived and took over.

Police Inspector Marcus Hill said it was not known why the driver lost control while overtaking another vehicle.

No other cars were



SERIOUS CRASH: Mackay man Darren Archibald (right) was first on the scene of this serious accident on the Bruce Highway south of Rockhampton yesterday.

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involved and all other passengers in the car were uninjured.

The driver was flown to Rockhampton Hospital by the RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service in a critical condition.

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spoke to Mr Archibald a few hours after the accident, while he was still travelling back to Mackay.

He said he was still coming to terms with events and allowed his wife to drive the rest of the way.

Reflecting on his actions, he said: "It didn't even occur to me that the vehicle could have exploded because it was leaking fuel."

Mr Archibald said he would certainly hug his family tight when got home.



Rocky-based construction giant accused by ACCC

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The consumer watchdog said the three companies engaged in price-fixing and misleading or deceptive conduct in tendering for the 2005 Rockhampton Airport refurbishment.

JM Kelly construction manager John Geoffrey Murphy said yesterday the Rockhampton-based company had entered into discussions with the ACCC to address concerns about the allegations, two-and-a-half years before the legal proceedings began.

"We will continue to offer every assistance



Rockhampton Airport: Contract under investigation

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to the ACCC," Mr Murphy said.

When asked if the company would fight the action, he declined to comment as the matter was before the

courts.

The ACCC alleges the three companies discussed tender prices by phone before bidding for the Rockhampton City Council

airport job.

It alleged JM Kelly agreed to keep its airport upgrade tender price higher than Woolam's \$8.46m "cover price" with an \$8.75m bid while Carmichael then agreed to submit its \$8.91m offer.

The ACCC also alleged that Woolam and JM Kelly discussed tender prices before bidding for work on Queensland Rail's Jilalan and Callmondah depots in Central Queensland late 2004 and early 2005.

Woolam secured both construction contracts worth \$2.64 million and \$1.37 million respectively.

Cover pricing

involves one company colluding with another during the tender process to obtain a price that is intended to be too high to win the contract for the project on price alone.

The company then submits this price as a genuine tender.

In documents submitted to the Federal Court in Brisbane on Friday, it's alleged that John Geoffrey Murphy and senior manager from T.F. Woollam, George Bogiatzis, aided, abetted or were otherwise knowingly concerned in some of the alleged price-fixing conduct.

The JM Kelly Group

of Companies is the largest and most diversified privately owned construction group in Australia, with construction, manufacturing and building supply businesses throughout Queensland and was established in 1962.

The JM Kelly Group has offices in Brisbane, Gladstone and Rockhampton.

JM Kelly's managing director is high-profile Rockhampton businessman Geoff Murphy, who also heads CQ's bid for an NRL team.

Mr Bogiatzis of Brisbane-based Woollam that also has an office in Rockhampton, yes-

terday declined to comment on the matter before the proceedings go to court.

Meanwhile several attempts to contact Carmichael, which has an office in Emerald and is based in Brisbane, were yesterday unsuccessful.

Kelly also faces claims it consulted with another bidder during the tender process for work at the West Pacific Pines State School on the Gold Coast in 2007.

The matter has been listed for a directions hearing before Justice Logan in the Federal Court, Brisbane, on October 16.

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