

Kate's bold return to TV

RICHARD CLUNE

KATE Ritchie's new TV role is a far cry from Sally Fletcher.

Ritchie, 30, (right) is returning to our screens to play Judi Kane, the wife of slain 1970s standover man Les Kane, in the second series of *Underbelly*.

The Nova breakfast radio host, who left *Home and Away* this year, said her break from acting made her realise it was something she loved and missed.

Ritchie, who has moved in with her boyfriend, rugby league player Stuart Webb, welcomed the chance to play a factual character.

"I'm not sure what Judi is like, but I want to give a true representation, hopefully one that will make her pleased," she said.

Kane was the father of Trisha Kane, the wife of slain gangland figure, Jason Moran.



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Campaigner 'shattered' Bereaved mum sues

SUE HEWITT

A MOTHER appearing in a TAC-sponsored drink-drive campaign is suing the authority and the alcoholic motorist who killed her daughter.

Mary Holloway is the face of Channel 9's forthcoming Sudden Impact series, sponsored by the TAC.

She launched County Court action on Friday against serial drink-driver Terry Alan Cox — who is serving seven years for killing her daughter — and the road accident insurer TAC.

Lee Flanagan, the principal of law firm Arnold Thomas & Becker, said it was a tragic case that had shattered Ms Holloway, who was seeking "substantial damages".

Cody Bree Holloway died on December 2, 2006, 10 days after her 20th birthday, when Cox's Ford Bronco veered on to the wrong side of the road.

Cox was almost five times over the blood-alcohol limit and speeding when his car hit



Cody Holloway



Mary Holloway

Cody's Ford Laser in Cambridge Rd, Montrose.

Mr Flanagan said Ms Holloway suffered psychological injuries, including depression and anxiety, after Cody's death.

Cox was a serial offender, with four convictions for drink-driving or refusing a breath test.

He lost his licence in 2000, but gained it back on the condition he did not drink at all when driving.

"Cox had been drinking all day before the accident and at 9.10pm, when he veered on to the wrong side of the road and killed Cody, he had a blood-

alcohol reading of 2.48," Ms Holloway said.

"This man was not a youngster. He was 53 and he had done it before."

She was pursuing a civil action because Cox should not forget "he destroyed my family, he destroyed me, he destroyed my son".

"My son (Blair) wants his mum back, but I will never be the same," she said.

She said she was best friends with Cody, who lived at their Kilsyth home.

Ms Holloway called for a zero blood-alcohol level for all drivers.

She also wants hotels that serve anyone who is subsequently convicted of culpable drink-driving to have their liquor licences revoked.

A TAC spokeswoman said the commission "acknowledges that Mary Holloway has a serious injury based on the medical information provided to us. We are working with Mary and her solicitors to ensure that her damages claim is mediated quickly".



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