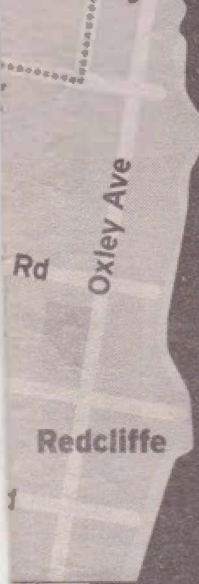


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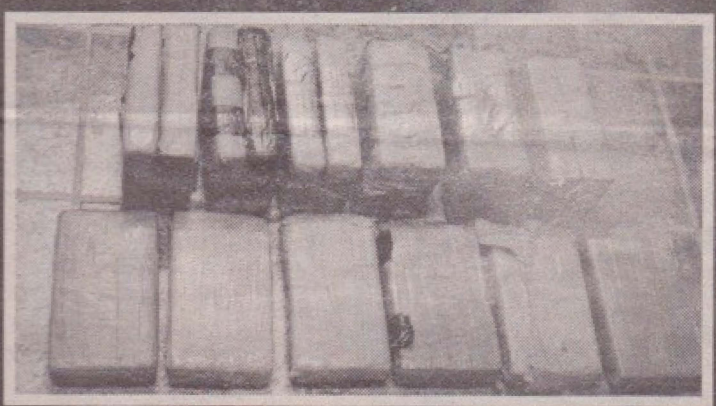
estimated to be worth \$160 million.

### Previous top five of cocaine seizures

- 938kg** On a boat at Western Australia's Dulverton Bay in July, 2001
- 502kg** Broken Bay, NSW, February 2000
- 502kg** Adelaide, NSW, August 2000
- 250kg** Sydney, NSW, March 2008
- 240kg** Melbourne, VIC June 2010

### Moments before the arrest

- A** 11.40am - Taxi ordered from Scarborough Marina, two men with duffel bags get in
- B** They travel to Kippa-Ring Shopping Centre, where they entered a 4WD
- C** They were seen later that day handcuffed and sitting on the kerb on the corner of Anzac Ave and Klingner Rd, Kippa-Ring (1km from shopping centre)



# to startled witnesses

James O'Loan

AUSTRALIAN Federal Police won't divulge how and where they arrested three men on Tuesday during Queensland's biggest cocaine bust.

But the taxi driver who unwittingly ferried two alleged drug runners from Scarborough Marina, and witnesses to the massive raid there told *The Courier-Mail* what they saw.

The cab driver, who feared revealing his identity due to possible retribution from those in the drug trade, said he picked up two men aged in their 30s about 11.40am.

"They had two large bags - waterproof duffel bags," he said.

The taxi driver said the duo put the bags in the boot of the car themselves and chatted calmly with each other about the area before asking to be dropped off at nearby Kippa-Ring Shopping Centre.

"I dropped them off and later I saw them on the road next to a 4WD, sitting (handcuffed, in police custody) on the corner of Klinger Rd and Anzac Ave (in Kippa-Ring)."

The AFP confirmed yesterday that they had arrested three men after seizing 30kg of cocaine.

Fisherman Ross White said that before the raid on Tuesday he had seen suspicious looking fishermen around the marina.

"I saw a guy dressed in orange with an earpiece sitting on the rock wall and he was fishing in those conditions... it was raining and really blowing," he said.

Mr White said he also saw two 4WDs parked nearby, each with one male occupant dressed in blue, and with an earpiece, sitting in the driver's seat.

"They even had fishing rods on the roof."

About 15 customers of Morgans Seafood Restaurant, which overlooks the marina, witnessed most of the action during the raid.

Restaurant staff yesterday said they had been told they

## gunpoint by officer

"AFP officers acted appropriately throughout the duration of this investigation as well as (during) this particular incident," federal police told *The Courier-Mail* last night.

But according to the Scarborough deckhand and other witnesses, Mr Kenny was manhandled and held at gunpoint in a manner that was over the top.

"The other officer (who did not have his knee in my back) had a pistol pointed at me the whole time," Mr Kenny said.

"(The officer who was restraining me said), 'if you move at all, my friend here with the gun won't be happy'.

"I haven't been to sleep," he said. "I've got the jitters half the time. Late at night, I get real paranoid."

Fisherman Ross White said he witnessed the ordeal as did at least six other fishermen.

"They just treated that young fella like a criminal," he said. "With what was going down that's all right, but not to hold him so long. The gun was a foot away from his face for 15 minutes, easy."

The AFP disputed the accounts described by witnesses.

"(We) can confirm we did detain and speak to a person who was in close proximity to the vessel searched on Tuesday