**CMN130 – Introduction to Journalism**

**Assessment 1, Semester 2, 2016**

Below is basic information for four hypothetical news stories.

For **each** of the four stories, you must

1. **identify the predominant news value** as outlined in *News As it Happens*, and explained in lectures and tutorials,
2. **explain why you chose that news value and**
3. **write an intro.**

Choose only one news value – the one that best explains why the story is newsworthy.

You should briefly explain why that news value was selected, and how it applies to that story.

You must also write an intro of no more than 25 words for each of the stories.

One mark is assigned to each of the following areas for each story:

* Correct news value identified
* Correct selection of information/reasoning for that news value
* Correct news-style sentence construction
* Correct use of style, spelling, punctuation and grammar
* Correct, accurate, engaging and appropriate intro

This assessment is worth a total of 20 per cent.

Please name your Word document in the following format:

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You need only include your answers.

When you are ready to submit the assessment, go to the assessment tab, click on the Task 1 folder, agree to the declaration and statement of authorship button, and attach your document.

Submit your assessment via Blackboard by midnight on Friday, August 19.

ASSUME YOU ARE WRITING FOR A SUNSHINE COAST AUDIENCE.

**Information for news story 1:**

* A man, 56, has been charged with drink driving.
* He blew .06 after being pulled over on the Bruce Highway at Glass House Mountains, in a random breath test operation by Queensland Police at 9pm yesterday.
* He had just had dinner with his wife and was driving because she had wine with her meal and felt she would be over the legal blood-alcohol limit for driving. His wife was in the car.
* The man’s name is Carl Watson.
* He is the husband of the Queensland Premier, Anita Prince.

**Information for news story 2:**

* A new car factory is coming to the Sunshine Coast.
* It is to be built at Palmwoods, it was announced yesterday.
* More than 1000 people will be employed during its construction and the factory will directly employ more than 500 people once completed.
* The factory, owned by General Motors, will cost $20 million to build and will make cars for the Australian and overseas markets.
* The Queensland Government will also build a roads network to enable access and alleviate traffic issues on existing roads.
* It is believed a new housing estate will be constructed nearby to offer cheap housing to factory employees.

**Information for news story 3:**

* There was a party at Mooloolaba last weekend.
* About 500 teenagers, most of them underage, turned up at the suburban house in Leafy Lane after the party was advertised on Facebook and Instagram.
* Neighbours called police to complain about noise. Police arrested seven juveniles and charged them with minor offences. Police broke up the party at 1am.
* Ambulances were called and took two girls, aged 15 and 16, to hospital after they overdosed on illicit drugs. The 15-year-old was dead on arrival at hospital.
* There was an estimated $20,000 in damage done to cars and front yards in the area.

**Information for news story 4:**

* A Caloundra woman, 36, was taken to hospital by ambulance yesterday when she went into labour and her husband was unable to take her because he was at work.
* She was prepared to deliver twins, and already has a set of twins, Kane and Charmaine, aged one year.
* When the babies were being delivered after she arrived at Nambour General Hospital, the doctor found there were three babies, not the two she was expecting.
* The woman’s name is Elaine Rain. Her husband is Shane Rain.
* The triplets are all healthy and so is the mother.