

**Response from Erik Jensen, Editor-in-Chief, The Saturday Paper:**

This piece was reported in the context of a natural disaster. In this instance, there were issues with communication and with checking some facts. Before publication The Saturday Paper was able to verify that Lisa Parkes was providing rescue assistance in Upper Main Arm Valley. Our reporter spoke to a person who was with her that day and verified pictures from the day.

Parkes put her name to the story and we had no reason to doubt her account of this rescue given we had verified her involvement in the day's events. Our reporter checked several key facts with her again after the initial interview. On deadline, we checked with local hospitals but they were unable to provide information for privacy reasons. The ambulance service was called but did not return calls in time.

After publication, we received correspondence from a local health worker raising concerns about the story. We attempted to verify it further and were not able to prove whether it had happened or had not happened.

The Saturday Paper employs a team of fact-checkers and meticulously edits all pieces. This element of the piece did not meet our high standards which is why we removed the anecdote from the digital version of the story and noted this in print and online.