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## 'Kong' reveals overdose shock

LIVES could have been saved if the Association of Professional Surfers had introduced World Anti-Doping Agency testing standards years ago, according to former three-time world tour runner-up Gary "Kong" Elkerton.

Elkerton, inducted into the Sunshine Coast Sporting Hall of Fame in 2006, said he was hospitalised in Hawaii in 1985 after overdosing on recreational drugs. He was 21.

"If it wasn't for mates who looked after me, it would have been dramatic," he said.

"I had my problems in 1985.

"Former world champion Andy Irons' were worse in 2010 when he died. Nothing seemed to have changed."

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**EXCLUSIVE** How our disgraceful public transport service has forced workers to leave the Coast

By **JANINE HILL**

SUNSHINE Coast workers have moved to Brisbane, quit their jobs and looked for new ones as they battle expensive and unreliable public transport.

Angry Coast-based city workers fed up with the rail commute have been forced to change their lifestyles just to live.

One resigned her Brisbane job, and another left her home and moved to the city. Both had been

trying for years to make commuting by rail work, but could not.

Another woman, faced with spiralling rail costs after nine years using the train, has started to car pool to work in the city.

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