



Happy encounter: Sen. Const. Glenn Beringer finally meets Liz Newman at her South Yunderup home.

Picture: Nic Ellis

## Woman hears the voice of cop who rescued her ear

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Liz Newman was delighted to hear the voice of Sen. Const. Glenn Beringer. She had never met the officer who helped her overcome the pain of the fatal Manjimup bus crash by finding the ear she lost in the rollover, which killed one woman and left seven people seriously injured.

Mrs Newman, 66, who was one of 37 passengers on the bus which crashed 75km south of Manjimup in October, didn't realise her ear had been severed until she arrived at the local hospital bruised and battered.

Hospital staff alerted police to her injury and Sen-Const. Beringer returned to the crash scene. He scoured the damaged bus and eventually found Mrs Newman's ear, wedged between the seat she had occupied and the window which shattered as the vehicle toppled and struck the dirt. He rushed the ear to the hospital, where

it was packed with dry-ice and transported to Perth. Surgeons at Royal Perth Hospital successfully re-attached it in a 13-hour operation.

Mrs Newman, who was on the bus as part of a trip to Denmark with the Morley-Bedford RSL social club, said she had recovered well and enjoyed meeting Sen-Const Beringer at her South Yunderup home this week.