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## Stamp duty dispute sours Hawkesbury development

THE man best known for his pig-gery partnership with Paul Keating faces prosecution for failing to pay more than \$700,000 in stamp duties to the state government.

Achilles "Big Al" Constantinidis is due in court this morning on six charges relating to his purchase of several turf and dairy farms at Windsor and Richmond through his company Checkling.

The properties are close to those owned by the polo aficionados James Packer, the former Multiplex boss Andrew Roberts, the Higgins family, which owns Mortgage Choice, and the criminal lawyer-turned share trader Chris Murphy.

The 211 hectares of land were bought for \$12.65 million in 2007. Part of it, the Richmond Lowlands, can be developed and is rumoured to be a contender for subdivision and development as small horse farms.

The Office of State Revenue alleges Mr Constantinidis's lawyer, Duncan Grant McCartney, had agreed to pay the tax but failed to do so. Mr McCartney is also accused of failing to keep electronic records of his payment.

In February 2008 the company was due to pay



**Achilles Constantinidis ... charges.**

\$720,715 in stamp duty on the property deals and the purchase of shares and a business from Windsor Turf Supplies, the previous owner of part of the Windsor land.

The Office of State Revenue has launched a criminal prosecution against Mr Constantinidis as the director of Checkling, and against Mr McCartney. A civil prosecution to recover the money is believed to be planned.

A Queensland lender, Equitrust, already has a mortgage over the land and is believed to be owed about \$15 million.

The deal, part of a larger land acquisition by Mr Constantinidis, is understood to have turned sour. It is believed he is in dispute over who should have paid the tax.

The land, 63 kilometres from Sydney, is on Cornwallis Road. The Richmond Lowlands overlook-

ing the Hawkesbury River include some of the best areas for turf farms and agriculture.

The land is flood affected and the zoning prohibits construction on large parts of it. It has been largely agricultural land.

In the wider Windsor area there are 17 polo fields, including those created - at the price of about \$500,000 each - by Mr Roberts and Mortgage Choice co-founder Peter Higgins. Mr Higgins's property is about 121 hectares and borders the land owned by Mr Packer. Mr Packer has 32 hectares in the Richmond Lowlands, down the road from the Windsor Turf farm.

Mr Constantinidis, a former accountant, was a consultant to the Bulldogs during the Liverpool rugby league Oasis development and gave evidence at the Independent Commission Against Corruption inquiry into the development.

In 1994 he fell out with the former prime minister Mr Keating over a piggy deal. He has also been involved in the Greek Orthodox archdiocese in Sydney and the now defunct Sydney Kings basketball team.

VANDA CARSON AND GEESCHE JACOBSEN - Article from The Sydney Morning Herald

## GPs Balance is important

IN WHITE Street, Jannali, there's a new surgery that could offer a glimpse of the future of the general practitioner.

The Shire Medical Practice, run by doctors **John Tzelvelis and Tom Parmakellis**, is designed to offer the personalised service of the traditional family GP with the facilities and breadth of service patients expect in the 21st century. Dr Parmakellis, who has worked in both his own small practice and large medical centres, says his new surgery hits the right note when it comes to patients' needs. "People want to build up a doctor/patient relationship but in medical centres they churn you through," he said.

"In medical centres you often see four or five doctors, you don't get the chance to see the same doctor on a regular basis."

Dr Parmakellis said he and his colleague, who both live locally, each work three days a week at Jannali and will do more days as they build up the practice.

"It adds up to a much better doctor/patient relationship," he said.



Dr Parmakellis said some doctors close to retirement were tempted to take up lucrative offers from large medical centres. "Doctors who sell their practice to the large companies often sign themselves, their patients and their practice over for five years, and are encouraged to use providers associated with that company."

"Doctors do get sick of running their own show, and solo practice can be difficult," he said, acknowledging the attraction of selling out to a large medical centre. "But here at Jannali we offer a level of service that guarantees the continuity of your health care."

Article from The Leader