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Bad Ground Inside the Beaconsfield Mine Rescue By Tony Wright with Todd Russell and Brant Webb

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On 25 April 2007, it will be one year since a rock fall in the Beaconsfield mine trapped Todd Russell and Brant Webb 925 metres underground for two weeks, and killed their fellow miner Larry Knight.

Bad Ground is the exclusive, authorised story of the 14-day entombment and rescue of the Beaconsfield miners and the fascinating aftermath. Russell and Webb, who were wary colleagues before becoming trapped in a cramped and crushed cage, shared explicit details of their ordeal with author Tony Wright. They give an uncensored account of the darkest first five days during which little hope was held of ever finding them, dead or alive, and the profoundly changed world they re-joined when rescued via the tunnel that also served as their lifeline for the following nine days.

From *The Age*: "It is to Wright's credit that he brings something new to the telling of the miner's ordeal despite the saturation media coverage of the story. This is especially true of the strong sense he gives us of the unbelievably cramped and frightening situation Webb and Russell were in."

From *The Australian*: "[A] finely structured, riveting account."

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