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## Angels fly to help Beccky

By **ANDRE GRIMAUX**

**ANGELS** will carry Becky Johns to her regular hospital visit in Melbourne this morning.

Becky was born with a kidney disorder, which has meant constant commuting over the past 13 years between Bendigo and Melbourne for the youngster and her family.

Last year, her father, Paul, donated a kidney. She was on dialysis for up to 10 hours a day, for eight months, leading up to the transplant.

Becky finally received her new kidney two days after her 12th birthday, but within 24 hours she lost blood supply and consequently 80 per cent of her kidney.

Yet anyone who has come across the pint-sized battler will tell you she wasn't going to give up without a fight.

"The doctors didn't think she would be able to keep this little bit of her kidney," said Becky's mother, Sue.

"They thought that as the rest of it died it would poison her body and they would remove it."

**READY TO FLY:** Becky Johns, 13, with her mum Sue. Becky will take an Angel Flight to Melbourne.

Picture: **BILL CONROY**

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# Rescue delayed



**DELAYS:** A union official briefs media at the mine.

**BEACONSFIELD** — Frustrated rescuers struggling to free Tasmania's two trapped miners are using small explosives to break some of the hardest rock they have ever faced in incredibly difficult conditions.

Hundreds of people gathered in Beaconsfield's streets on Saturday night believing Brant Webb and

## Final stage a struggle

Todd Russell's freedom was imminent.

But yesterday brought the news that rescuers' attempts to crack through the final 1.5 metres of solid rock with a jackhammer had not worked.

Further tragedy struck at the site after the sudden

death of veteran television journalist Richard Carleton.

Carleton, a journalist for more than 40 years, died from a suspected massive heart attack just minutes after quizzing Beaconsfield Gold Mine manager Matthew Gill over a previous rock fall just metres from where Brant Webb and Todd

Russell are trapped 925 m underground.

Meanwhile, in what is known as a low-shot blasting technique, rescuers are now packing small shots of explosive into drilled holes before detonating it.

Beaconsfield Mine manager Matthew Gill yesterday said the work was hard going and the progress slow.

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**HOSE WATERING  
TIME  
CHANGE  
6PM TO 7PM  
FROM APRIL 2**



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