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The path of possibilities.

He is proud of his recovery.

Diversional therapist Renee Dunne and Danny Li recap his journey.   Pictures: MELVYN KNIPE

Building a life from scratch

OVERCOMING HURDLES OF A BRAIN INJURY

David Giammetta

WALKING, talking, eating, sitting and breathing were all things Danny Li took for granted before almost losing his life.

"Although I can't recall what happened to me on my 20th birthday, I know that I almost lost my life," Mr Li said.

Some Liverpool Hospital doctors said his chances of recovery were slim, but Danny defied the odds by awakening from a coma he had been in for a month.

"I underwent major rehabilitation and slowly, with the help of the team at Liverpool Hospital and the support of my family and close friends, I slowly recovered," he said.

THANK YOU

■ Danny Li would like to thank: "The Liverpool Hospital team, my family and friends who know what they have done for me, I'd also like to thank Renee Dunne, Michelle Maitz, my girlfriend Tien Nguyen and the people who helped make the path of possibilities come to life"
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Mr Li, 22, has started to piece his life back together.

"I have now resumed my studies at UWS and have been cleared to drive again," Mr Li said.

He hopes others can learn from his experience.

"I feel like my role now is to make a difference, I'm hoping to get into a marketing role with a company which focuses on the wellbeing of others and have even considered doing motivational talks at schools, hospitals and youth centres," he said.

Mr Li attributes a lot of his success to walking up and down the hall in Liverpool Hospital's brain injury rehab unit.

"I've been inspired through other people's achievements, and hope that having my photo on the wall and being involved in the path of possibilities will inspire others," he said.

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↘ people in the state were treated by paramedics for asthma difficulties in one day this month. Spring has arrived and so too has pollen, high winds and warmer temperatures, so NSW Ambulance wants to remind **Liverpool** residents with asthma to always have a puffer on hand and minimise exposure to anything that might trigger their symptoms. It is a good idea to stay indoors on windy days.

CASULA

Hefty fine for odometer tampering car dealer

AN UNLICENSED used car dealer has been ordered to pay $31,762 for winding back the odometers on more than 10 cars he bought and then resold.

Jimmy Iskander, from Casula, copped the fine for tampering with the odometers on Toyotas and a Mercedes between 2010 and 2012 to boost the cars' resale values.

Parramatta Court heard in one instance Mr Iskander was able to double the resale price on a 2006 Toyota Camry by winding the odometer back from 121,429km to 46,118km.

In another instance, the odometer on a 2004 Mercedes Benz sedan was wound back from 210,000km to just 91,000km.

NSW Fair Trading Commissioner Rod Stowe said Mr Iskander was lucky he wasn't given a jail term.

"Odometer tampering is a serious offence and creates significant detriment for consumers," Mr Stowe said.