

Woman launched ph

By GEORGIE BURGESS

A WOMAN who attacked a prosecutor and caused mayhem in a Hobart courtroom will be sentenced this week.

Rachael Vanessa Bradford, 43, has pleaded guilty to contempt charges.

Bradford attacked a female Crown prosecutor

from the Supreme Court public gallery in November.

She had been in court to watch the result of a criminal appeal case involving her son, but became violent when Justice Helen Wood increased his sentence.

Bradford leapt from the gallery and struck the pros-

Fitness program funding dropped

By EMILY BAKER

THE government has been challenged on its decision not to renew funding for a multi-award winning Launceston exercise initiative while Tasmanians continue to wait for a preventative health strategy.

Usually jointly funded by the state government, the University of Tasmania and the Launceston City Council, Active Launceston has been forced to turn to crowdfunding since the government chose not to provide money for 2016.

Bass Greens MHA Andrea Dawkins said it was a peculiar decision given the government's aim of becoming the healthiest state by 2025.

"We haven't seen any detail of a preventative strategy and I would've thought Active Launceston would've played an instrumental role in preventative health," Ms Dawkins said.

"Why are we removing a successful program?"

Health Minister Michael Ferguson said it was made explicit by the former government that Active Launceston's funding was one-off and would not be continued.

The previous government committed \$400,000 over two years.

"I wish the managers of the program well and hope they are able to find alternative funding so the program can continue."

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the future," Mr Ferguson said.

"Future funding in preventative health, including promoting physical activity, will be considered in respect of the Healthy Tasmania process."

But opposition health spokeswoman Rebecca White accused Mr Ferguson of being interested only in "a reactionary model of care".

"Tasmanians must be wondering how we are supposed to become the healthiest state by 2025 when no effort has been made by this government to tackle some of the state's poor health indicators."