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bies are actually the odd ones
out at the moment."

Mrs Ryan has a unique con-
nection with all the twins, as she
and her identical twin, Sonya,
were born at the Lyell McEwin.

"I say that they've joined
my club - 'the cool twin club'
and it's a good thing to be a
twin born at Lyell McEwin."

Kym Merchant from Bala-

klava was surprised to find out
she was pregnant with her second
set of twins and more so
when they ended up with differ-
ent birthdays. Mason was born
at 11.58pm on July 21 and Ava
was born at 12.07am on July 22.

"I didn't think (having twins)
would happen twice in a lifetime
but it was good and I was really
happy," Mrs Merchant said.

Missing page led to \$220k blunder

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A DEMOLITION company
has been fined almost
\$220,000 after an excavator
operator accidentally un-
earthed an 11,000V power
cable which helped supply
electricity to an entire suburb.

Salisbury-based D&V Serv-
ices lost an appeal to the Su-
preme Court in which it
argued that workers had not
realised the map showing the
power cable was "indicative"
only.

Workers from the demo-
lition company were contrac-
ted to remove water pipes from
land at Edinburgh in March
2011, as part of a project to re-
turn the area to a "greenfields"
state.

The excavator operator had
been provided with a map from
another contractor on site
which showed the power cable
running directly beneath the
field. However, the worker did
not have the cover sheet for
the map, which included a dis-
claimer that the location of the
cable was only indicative and
could be metres to either side
of its drawn location.

The disclaimer recom-
mended that any company
looking to dig within five me-
tres of the cable should hire a
professional to accurately map
the location of underground
assets.

On March 9, 2011, an em-
ployee of D&V, who had been
on site for several weeks re-
moving water pipes, began dig-
ging 3.2m from where the cable
was marked on the map. The

worker was using an excavator
with a 1.2m-wide scoop.

While digging, the exca-
vator unearthed the 11,000V
cable, tripping a nearby earth-
leakage detector and costing
SA Power Networks \$219,474.

An SA Power Networks
spokesman said he believed
the 2011 outage had not affect-
ed residential properties but
had blacked out several large
businesses nearby.

D&V later argued in the
District Court, and then the
Supreme Court, that they had
taken reasonable precautions
to avoid disturbing the cable.

But the full sitting of the Su-
preme Court concluded that
workers at the site should not
have assumed the location of
the cable.

Justice David Lovell, writ-
ing on behalf of the full court,
said while the digging had
caused "significant damage" to
the cable, the outcome could
have been far worse.

"Had (the worker) cut the
11kV cable, the consequences
for him may have been very se-
rious," Justice Lovell said.

He concluded that the
supervisor should have known
that the plan was only indica-
tive and because of that there
was no basis for the assump-
tion that the cable was pre-
cisely where it was drawn on
the map.

D&V have been ordered to
pay \$219,474 in damages to SA
Power Networks and an ad-
ditional \$79,010 in interest.

The fine accounts for al-
most half of the \$500,000 con-
tract to remove the pipes.