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Whichever way you slice it, it's teamwork

SLICES Café Deli runs on teamwork. And when owner Kelly Centellas's second son Austen was born soon after winning the *Northern District Times*' Business Achiever Awards for the second successive year, the team stepped up to help.

Mrs Centellas is full of praise for her crew at the Gladesville Shopping Village café deli, which is doing a roaring trade and has become a popular meeting place.

And it's clear that the staff admire their boss, who now describes herself as a multi-tasking mum, spending two days a week in the deli and working the rest of the time from home where she's mother to Bowen, almost four, and five-month-old Austen. "She's a superwoman," said head chef, Sue, and the loyal band who have helped build the business into an award-winning success story.



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Accidental hero



Picture: DAVE SWIFT

EVAN MISTILIS

AHMAD Dabboussi is a hero, risking his own life to prevent his runaway 25 tonne truck from ploughing into rows of cars stopped at a red light on Victoria Rd, Gladesville.

The 37-year-old (pictured) swerved at the last moment and his lumbering crane truck flipped over as it hit the traffic island.

He did not hit anything and although the huge steel crane

came to rest beside the narrow footpath on Hillcrest Ave no one was hurt.

Passers-by rushed over and dragged Mr Dabboussi from the wrecked cabin.

Gladesville police said the truck would have crushed queued-up sedans that were waiting at the intersection.

"Such a heavy vehicle would have gone right over the top of them," Detective Inspector Ian McNabb said.

Mr Dabboussi was heading

towards the city on Victoria Rd at 1pm when the brakes failed as he started the downhill section from the Junction St lights.

As he neared Hillcrest Ave at about 40km/h he saw at least five cars stopped at the traffic lights ahead.

Less than 200m behind them, he was closing fast.

His horn was blaring, but they had no time to move out of danger.

Mr Dabboussi swung the truck into a sharp left turn into

Hillcrest Ave, leaving huge skid marks on the road and slamming into the concrete kerb of the safety zone at the lights and overturning.

"It was a very tight corner. I don't know how I did it," Mr Dabboussi said.

"These rigs are very top-heavy. I could feel the truck tipping over, but at least there was no loss of life."

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