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# New twist to 30-year-old murder

**This photograph shows a killer at work in Stubbs Terrace, Shenton Park.**

Eric Edgar Cooke, crouching, shows detectives the spot on Stubbs Terrace, Shenton Park where he said he ran down and killed Rosemary Anderson in February 1963.

Despite Cooke's confession, he was never convicted.

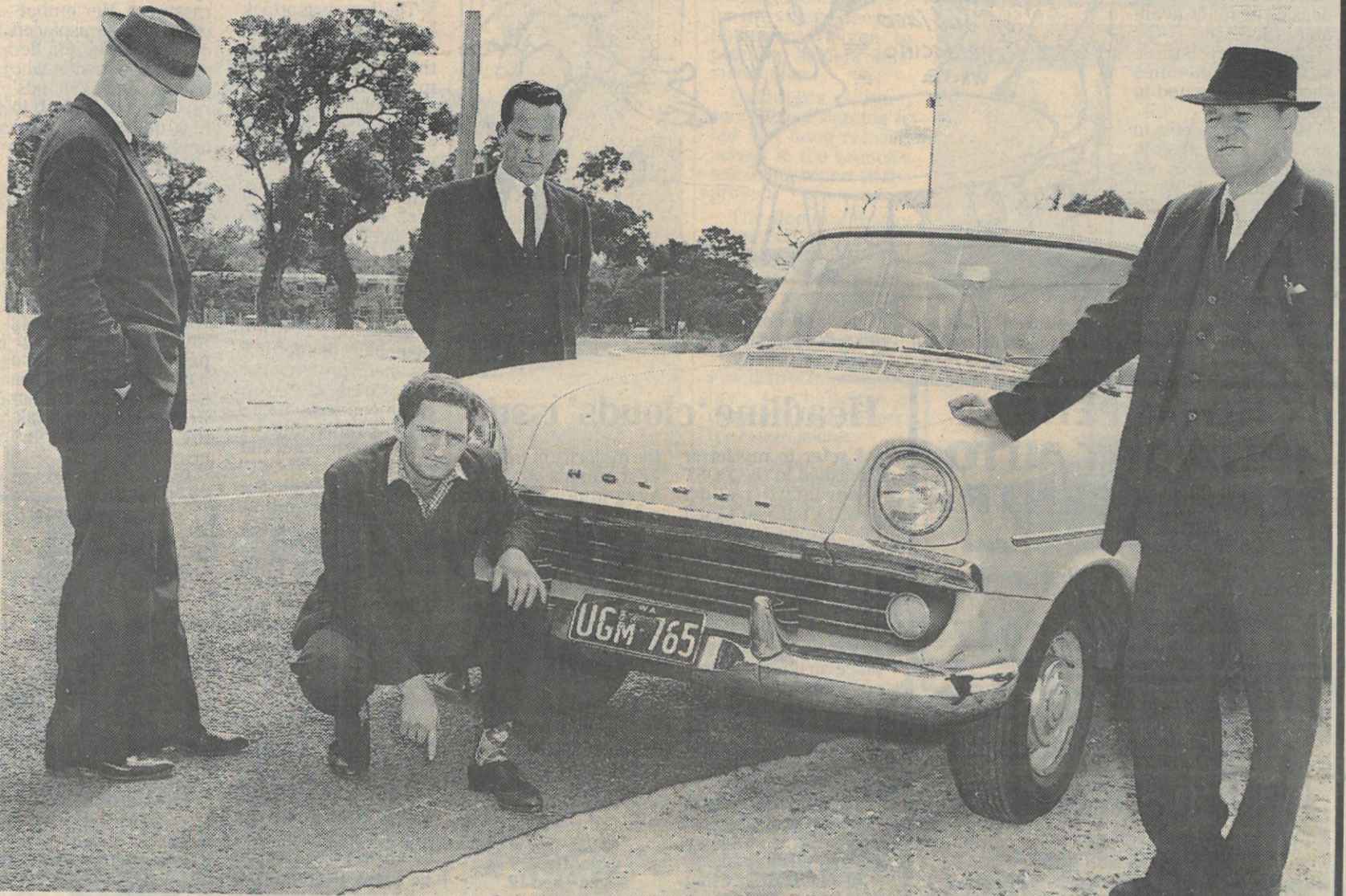
Instead, John Button, Rosemary's fiance was convicted and spent five years of a 10-year sentence in jail.

Cooke was the last man hanged in WA — in 1964 for several other murders in the western suburbs.

From 1958 to 1963 Cooke stalked the western suburbs, burgling houses, attacking people, shooting and murdering and running down pedestrians in stolen cars.

Now, a Cottesloe writer, Estelle Blackburn is gathering evidence about Cooke's crimes — and it suggests strongly that at least two other men went to jail for murders he did.

She has also discovered several other people who were within seconds of being killed by him as he prowled the western suburbs.



Multiple murderer Eric Cooke at Shenton Park showing police where he said he ran down Rosemary Anderson in a stolen car. From left, detective sergeant John Dunne, detective John Deering and detective sergeant Bill Nielson.

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## 'Drinking, disgraceful sniping'

# Mayor slams council

Nedlands mayor Colin Barns says ratepayers suspect there is corruption in the council.

He also criticised councillors for drinking alcohol before making important decisions.

He made his charges last Wednesday night at Nedlands' annual electors' meeting.

Ratepayers at the meeting refused to endorse the council's annual accounts, passed a vote of no confidence in the council and called for a councillor facing criminal charges to stand down.

Mr Barns first stunned the 130 or so ratepayers in the audience then drew their applause as he launched

By LINDA CALLAGHAN

a frank attack on councillors for what he called disgraceful behaviour to residents and each other.

And he warned people in the property and development business not to stand for election because ratepayers did not trust them.

"There is a very big perception in our community that Nedlands City Council is corrupt and that some council-

lors are motivated more by self-interest than serving the interests of the ratepayers," Mr Barns said.

"People are continually asking me if I think there is corruption in the council, or if I think so-and-so is on the take."

Mr Barns went on to catalogue controversial development projects, such as the \$2 million council chambers and the \$15m Swanbourne Retirement Village

scheme which attracted huge public protests.

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# Heytesbury makes an offer to Subiaco

The multi-million-dollar Subiaco Redevelopment project took three major steps last week.

• Heytesbury Holdings and another Perth-based company made an offer to buy the old Humes factory site from Subiaco council. This is offer believed to be \$13 million.

• Planning Minister Richard Lewis stood firm at a meeting with Subiaco councillors and insisted that Subiaco must pay \$14 million towards the project — not the \$10 million it offered.

• A concept plan for the 1000-dwelling project was shown to the council by the Subiaco Redevelopment Authority (SRA). It will be launched for public comment by Premier Richard Court in April.

The Heytesbury offer follows nearly two years of talks and conflict between Heytesbury and the council.

Subiaco chief executive officer Pat Walker said: "Lawyers on both

sides are checking the offer now.

"I would hope that council will make a decision this week — at the usual monthly meeting or at a special meeting."

He refused to name the associated company which made the bid with Heytesbury.

"As soon as the deal is done, there should be no difficulty beyond commercial confidence."

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