

# What the FBI man says on Claremont mystery

A former FBI agent says local police have not made enough information public for an outsider to determine whether the three Claremont disappearances are the work of the same people.

However he identified some strong pointers.

Dick Ault was in the FBI's Behavioural Science Unit for 19 years until he retired in 1994.

He is described as one of the living legends of the Quantico Academy by John Douglas.

Mr Douglas is the retired head of the elite investigative support unit, and the man who was the inspiration for the story *The Silence of the Lambs*.

This unit pioneered the techniques and did the original research that led to the profiling of violent criminals in the United States.

It was this this work at the FBI's academy at Quantico, Virginia that led to the arrest of many serial killers.

Mr Ault said he would need to know the detailed backgrounds of victims and have the crime scene information such as police photographs, and other clues gathered at Wellard where Jane Rimmer's body was found.

"It is dangerous to take too many guesses with too little information," he said.

Sometimes events

that seemed to be connected were not.

"But on the surface, there are a whole series of coincidences too strong to ignore," he said.

"What stands out from the information you have sent me is the incident in October 1994 when a woman jumped out of a speeding taxi in Princess Road after being attacked by the driver and a man crouching in the back seat.

"How far is Princess Road from Stirling Highway? Half a mile? I would say that incident is very significant.

"Two people working together would explain how a victim is subdued."

He said that it was difficult to drive and subdue a victim at the same time.

The involvement of two people increased the chances of discovery after a falling-out.

"It would be pretty brazen to drive around in a faked taxi, what with the neighbours and such.

"There have been a lot of cases like this where the victims were street smart.

"Whoever has done this does not have horns and a pitchfork."

It was common for a great deal of effort to be made to hide the body.

Mr Auld said that both the FBI and private agencies provided international assistance if local police were looking for help.

The academy had trained two officers for a year who were in Australia, one in Melbourne and one in Sydney or Canberra.

Mr Ault now works with a group of former FBI and Secret Service agents called The Academy Group Inc in Virginia.

## Caught by camera

A traffic speed camera caught out two alleged thieves when the operator apparently spotted them stealing from a four-wheel-drive car parked in Stirling Highway at Mosman Park.

Two 13-year-old girls from Karrynyup and Mandurah accused with stealing a purse are to appear in court soon.



Where was this picture taken? — Photo courtesy the Claremont Museum which 10am to 4pm Monday to Thursday, and Sunday 1 to 4pm.

## Do you recognise this spot

This week the Claremont Museum historical photograph quiz features enjoying the fresh air.

The question is: Where are they strolling?

The prize for the winner is a dinner voucher for Spurs Steakhouse in Claremont of the value of \$30.

Answers should be

written on the back of an envelope with your name, address and contact phone number.

Entry forms can also be obtained from the Claremont Museum, library, council offices or the aquatic centre.

All entries should be sent to the Town of Claremont, PO Box 54, 6010, by Wednesday, March 26.

The first correct entry drawn will win.

We have a winner from last week.

Brian Pope, Claremont, correctly identified the Square. He sat outside CyellShop which "a square market deal". He wins a gift to Bodywise of \$55.

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## Beach group has too many suits

A group being formed to sort out beachfront problems at Cottesloe has run into criticism from residents and some councillors.

Councillors John Hammond and John Morris say that the council should not be actively involved by lending its name to it.

The committee is to have a representative from the police, Ocean Beach Hotel, Cottesloe Beach Hotel, Indiana Tearooms, Blue Duck restaurant, Mustard Catering, Cottesloe Surf Club, North Cottesloe Surf Club, two other

businesses, Cottesloe council staff, the ranger, one elected member and four residents.

Nominations are invited from residents in the area bounded by Marine Parade and Broome, Grant and Jarrod streets.

People who want to nominate are asked to send their name and address to the Cottesloe council chief executive officer by 4pm on March 26.

Thelma Furlong, a Marine Parade resident, said it would be an unbalanced committee which excluded all the Cottesloe residents who lived outside the particular area.

Mrs Furlong said everybody who lived in Cottesloe had strong opinions about the beachfront.

She said a public meeting should be called where everybody could be heard.

On the committee, she said there should be at least 20 representatives who were not involved with business.

Cottesloe Hotel general manager Lara McVeigh said: "We hope people will consider this a positive move to handle problems."

"We will welcome any interested people to come to the meetings."

But mayor Julian Donaldson said the group had been suggested by Mr Eakins at a public meeting in February with representatives from business, restaurants, surf clubs and residents.

Mr Donaldson said: "Now it seems this isn't enough. There are some people who seem to believe that businesses in the commercial area of Marine Parade are second-class electors in our community."

He said the group would not have any decision-making powers

on council matters.

It would consist of litter and signs.

He said it would be helped by the Cottesloe Business Association and Cottesloe Coastal Association.

Mr Hammond said it was unfair if council had not similar help to Cottesloe group payers or the R

He said there was an obvious risk that some people would vote at the beachfront committee.

## Parking ban ease PLC workers

Parking has been banned on the southern side of McNeil Street, Peppermint Grove, to reduce traffic congestion at Presbyterian Ladies' College.

The new restriction will apply from 8 to 9am and 3 to 4pm on weekdays to the section of the street from the east boundary of the school grounds to The Esplanade.

A report tabled at last week's Peppermint Grove council meeting said the shire ranger had received complaints from McNeil Street residents about traffic problems at school pick-up and drop-off times.

"Parking restrictions are already in place in View Street and McNeil Street (adjacent to PLC) and this works very well," the report said.

But there was often a queue of cars parked on the southern side of McNeil Street blocking the area

"The ranger spoken to the residents who would be affected by the restrictions and they would not be advantaged to come any improvement to the congested street," he said.

"The cost was minimal and the time used would be the same as already in place on the north side of Street."

### \$11,000

Cameras, a phone and other hold goods valued at \$11,000 were taken in a break-in at a shop in Vlamingh Park between 9 and 10pm Friday a week ago.

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