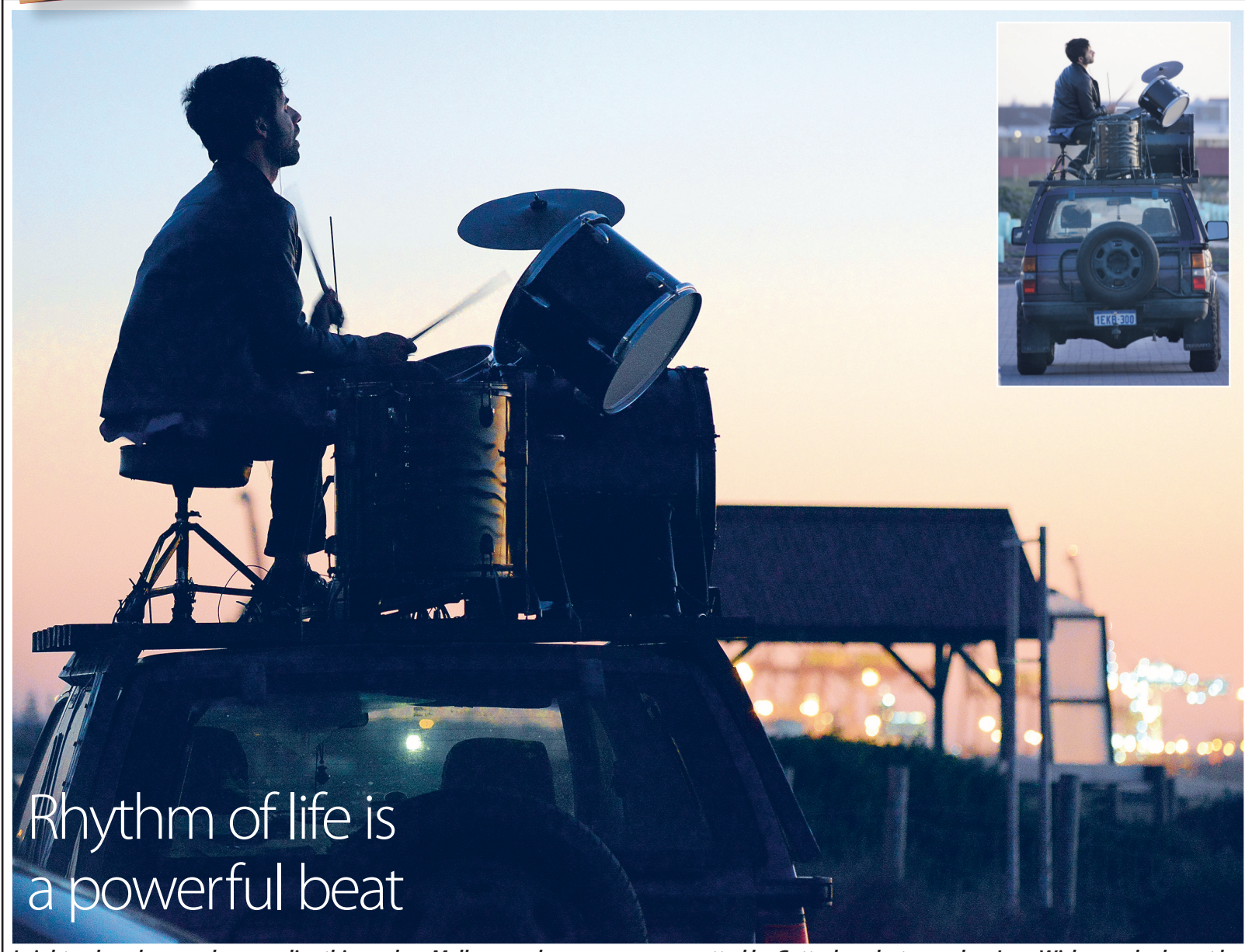




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Rhythm of life is a powerful beat



Marshall payment Barnett's office consulted

By DAVID COHEN

Premier Colin Barnett's office has been consulted in the controversy over his old football club's \$300,000 adviser's payment to businessman and now club director Denis Marshall.

The payment came from a \$16.5million state government grant to the Claremont Tigers, announced at the club by Mr Barnett in 2010.

Mr Marshall is Mr Barnett's old Claremont reserves football coach from the 1960s, and is described by the club as the driving force behind the club's new grandstand project.

Claremont Football Club president Kevin Somes confirmed the consultancy payment to Mr Marshall in an emailed statement to club members on Tuesday afternoon.

That morning, club architect Ian Oldfield's office asked a club worker to send a draft of the email to the Premier's electorate officer, Nina Curtis, at Mr Barnett's Cottesloe office.

Later that morning a club worker emailed Mr Somes to say the draft had been sent to Ms Curtis.

"Once you give us the go-ahead we will send it out," the club worker wrote to Mr Somes. But Mr Barnett said he had not seen the statement before it had been sent to club members.

Mr Oldfield said someone else might have used his computer to send the email to Ms Curtis.

"I don't give a shit what you're saying, seeya," he said when asked for details.

Mr Marshall said last week the club had sent him a letter the day after Mr Barnett announced the \$16.5million grant.

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Two new clues to serial killer

By BRET CHRISTIAN

Two new clues to the Claremont serial killer have been uncovered.

The man who terrorised the western suburbs in the mid-1990s drove a white mid-1990s Holden Commodore VS Series 1, most likely a station wagon, to abduct and murder at least two of his victims.

The killer also has some link to screen-printing, the manual process of printing coloured words and patterns on fabric such as T-shirts and other clothing.

Importantly, he left his DNA on the body of the 1997 victim, Ciara Glennon, traces that police have now matched to a teenager's late-night abduction in Claremont and rape in Karrakatta cemetery in February 1995 ("Fourth serial killer victim", POST, October 17).

The 17-year old survived and escaped, but the offender has not been caught.

Police are certain that the same man committed all four sexually-motivated blitz attacks in



A Holden VS Commodore Series 1 station wagon.

Claremont in 1995, 1996 and 1997.

People with knowledge of the investigation are concerned that excessive police secrecy has robbed the public of its ability to contribute sound information that could lead to the killer.

For up to 20 years, the public has not been told that the Claremont serial killer left important clues.

Following the POST's publication last month of an account of another teenager's previously unreported abduction from Cottesloe and attempted rape in late 1989, the newspaper received more information about the notorious serial killer.

That young woman had been drunk when she was abducted from Cottesloe and driven to Swanbourne. She escaped during a rape attempt but was stalked and recaptured in Claremont, where she escaped again ("Kidnapped teen in Claremont attack", POST, November 14).

Professional investigators inside and outside the police force are convinced that while the 1989 case may or may not be connected, it represents the tip of an iceberg of other unreported attacks that could yield vital clues.

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Instead police have been swamped with “rubbish” leads nominating men washing their cars or behaving oddly.

All had to be investigated and the DNA tested of the men identified, amounting to thousands of “persons of interest” across Australia and a massive waste of police time by 12 full-time detectives working for years, so far without result.

Police have discovered that the Karrakatta victim was tied up not with telephone wire as reported in the media at the time, but with washing line.

This has now been found to be impregnated with material used in screen printing.

In addition, fibres found on Jane Rimmer’s naked body in 1996 that were “lost” and then rediscovered in 2011 were found to match the upholstery of a Holden VS Commodore, which was near-new at the time she was abducted.

The fibres were in such quantities that they could not have been transferred by sitting normally in a car.

The particular seat trim fabric was used only on the Series 1 Holden VS, launched in April 1995. The fabric was changed for the Series 2.

Samples do not identify if the vehicle was a sedan or station wagon.

But in March 1997, the last sighting of Ciara Glennon was by three men who saw her in Stirling Highway, Claremont, near Stirling Road, talking to someone in a white Holden VS Commodore station wagon.

Experts who have worked on serial crimes similar to the Claremont series of murders say that apart from the four known



Sarah Spiers



Jane Rimmer



Ciara Glennon

abductions, it is very likely that the same culprit was responsible for other attempted or successful abductions, which may still be unreported.

Evidence from these victims could provide vital clues to the Claremont serial killer.

In the 1980s and 90s, there was a greater reluctance by victims to report to police.



Rear view of a Holden VS Commodore series 1.

“Once we had given them medical assistance for shock and trauma, it was an uphill battle to get them to report the crime,” one professional working in the field of sexual assault counseling at the time told the POST.

She estimated that during her many years of counselling victims, the number who could not be convinced to report to police “was well over 100”.

The Holden VS model had not been released for sale at the time of the Karrakatta crime.

The 1995 Karrakatta victim described being abducted in a white panel van that was wait-

ing in Claremont’s Rowe Park, opposite the Showgrounds subway, as she walked from Club Bay View to a friend’s house in Guger Street.

Last month the previously unreported 1989 Cottesloe Hotel victim initially told the POST she had been bundled into the back of a station wagon, but later said it might have been a hatchback.

The bodies of Jane Rimmer (23), of Shenton Park, and Ciara Glennon (27), of Mosman Park, were found in bush 40km south and north of Perth, sparking WA’s longest and most important murder hunt.

Sarah Spiers (18) of South Perth, who like the others was abducted after visiting night spots in central Claremont, has not been found.

Fifty fibres lifted with adhesive tape from Jane Rimmer’s body lay in a file until 2004, when pressure from the ABC’s Australian Story program provoked WA police into bringing in a fresh expert review team of from Britain and interstate, led by SA detective superintendent Paul Schramm.

This new team discovered that the fibres had never been tested against other crimes or vehicles.

At the time, Detective Schramm described the discov-

eries as exciting.

The Schramm review also examined the cases of 24 missing women, and recommended that 16 be further investigated in relation to the Claremont attacks.

A strong belief persisted within members of the Macro Task Force that Cottesloe public servant Lance Williams, named in the metro media as the prime suspect, would prove to be the Claremont serial killer.

It was not until 2008 that a small team of officers within the Special Crime Squad were independently able to put the Schramm team’s information to the test.

Within months they had a Eureka moment when a laboratory confirmed that the “stranger” DNA recovered from the body of Ciara Glennon in 1997 matched the offender DNA from the teenager raped at Karrakatta Cemetery two years earlier.

This DNA profile eliminated

not only Lance Williams but also former Claremont mayor Peter Weygers.

So convinced were some police then that they would identify the serial killer within weeks that they held internal conferences about how they would announce news of an arrest to the media.

But it was not to be. WA and interstate DNA databases were accessed, and thousands of men were tracked across the state and across Australia for DNA testing, but all came up negative.

Two years later the untested fibres found on Jane Rimmer’s body were re-discovered when the Chemistry Centre moved buildings.

Hundreds of owners of white Holden VS wagons have since been traced and DNA tested, but police do not have the resources to trace all drivers who had access to every such car in 1996 and 1997.

Stop the concrete rot

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of any areas of risk that need to be addressed”.

The report said the building was in a fair condition considering its age.

But the floor in the restaurant’s kitchen was in urgent need of repair, fittings were not being serviced properly, and timber flooring beneath had started to rot, the report said.

Cottesloe Residents and Ratepayers Association president John Hammond said high-risk areas at Indiana required an immediate fix.

“The association is extremely

concerned as to the condition of the building and who will pick up the tab for the repairs,” Mr Hammond said.

“The lessee is responsible for the building.

“Given that the current lease does not expire until 2041, council needs to ensure that any revised lease brings a financial benefit to the residents.”

Mr Hammond was also critical that the Cardno report was not on the council website.

Council CEO Mat Humfry said the report was too big.

The Cardno report can be read at the council office 1n Broome Street.



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