

# Is this a vital piece of evidence?



The spot in Rowe Park near a dead tree where the witness spotted a pervert in the weeks after a young woman was abducted from the park.

By **BRET CHRISTIAN**

The daylight sighting of a man exposing himself at an abduction scene in Claremont could be “extremely significant” in solving the Claremont serial killings.

“Absolutely. It’s bizarre, but it’s not unusual in the twisted world of a serial killer,” says Robin Napper, a former British superintendent who specialised in cold cases.

“These people are driven by sex – the behaviour you describe fits perfectly with what has been admitted to me by other serial

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killers.”

Mr Napper was given extraordinary detail about actions and motivation by prisoners he interviewed in UK jails with no prospect of release.

Attackers were known to return to the scenes of crimes.

This week, a western suburb resident approached the POST with details of an unusual sighting, following disclosures in the newspaper about the Claremont investigation (“Two new clues to serial killer”, POST, December 5).

The witness was able to pin-

point from his own records the period in 1995 during which he saw a man publicly masturbating in Claremont’s Rowe Park, opposite the Showground subway.

The man was in full view of passing motorists.

The witness said that he had left the man alone, thinking he was just a sad, lonely loser.

The witness did not know then that just weeks earlier a teenager had been abducted from the same place after midnight, blindfolded, tied up and driven

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## L'Estrange asks voters to choose site

Churchlands MP Sean L'Estrange has asked residents in his electorate to decide between four possible sites for a new high school.

He has circulated a survey form to his electorate with the four options, including the site of the former City Beach high school, which was closed in 2005 when enrolments dropped to 140 students.

A baby boom has put immense pressure on the western suburbs’ two remaining high schools: Churchlands with 2300 students and Shenton College with 1900.

The International School now leases the old City Beach high/Skyline drive-in site.

Mr L'Estrange said that if that site were used, the government would have to find another site for the

international school.

This would be the site cost for the new state high school.

He said there had been conservation resistance to the other three sites identified – vacant land on the corner of Rochdale and Wollaston roads in Bold Park, land on the corner of The Boulevard and West Coast Highway, and land at

Fred Burton Park in City Beach.

Mr L'Estrange said he had pressed the government to engage the public in deciding on the school site, which he expected to be announced early next year.

Meanwhile, Princess Margaret Hospital, across Roberts Road from Perth Modern School, has also

been flagged as the potential site for a new school.

Officials from the Department of Education told a parliamentary committee hearing this week that PMH, the old Perth Girls’ School in East Perth, and the department’s own head offices, also in East Perth, were all being considered as school sites.

## High school site decision soon

The site of a new western suburb high school is expected to be announced before Christmas.

Cambridge council development director Ian Bignell told councillors he had met Department of Education staff to discuss the four Cambridge sites suggested.

“They are hoping they will be able to advise us before

Christmas whether they can eliminate any options,” Mr Bignell said at the council meeting.

Education Minister Peter Collier announced four sites at the beginning of October.

Three – at Fred Burton Park, the former Skyline drive-in cinema site and Templetonia Park – are owned by the council.

The council agreed it would be willing to sell or lease its land to the government.

Templetonia Park is a conservation area designated as a Bush Forever site.

The government needs about 10ha to build a high school, according to a report to Cambridge council.

## Thieves turn off power

Crooks turned off power at the mains at several homes before recent burglaries.

In Daglish Street, Wembley, last Tuesday, crooks tried to get into a home through bi-fold doors at the rear after switching off the power.

Earlier that evening, at another home in the street, an alarm panel had been ripped from an outside wall.

The alarms at the BP service station in Thomas Street, Subiaco, were disabled when thieves turned off the power last Thursday night.

They got in by cutting a hole through the tin roof and removing ceiling tiles before stealing cash from a safe.



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