

# Lover: Rayneys given up on sex

Lloyd Rayney had said he had not had sex with his wife, Corryn, for almost three years when he started an affair, the woman who became his lover said.

"I did not pay too much attention to this as what else would a married man say to his lover?" she said in a statement to police made weeks after Corryn had been found in a bush grave in King's Park.

She told police people knew about Mr Rayney's infidelity but he did not like word getting around that he gambled.

Their affair had started with a kiss on the banks of the Swan River after a Christmas party and they parted with a handshake when he left to work in Bermuda, the woman said.

"The last time I saw Lloyd in person he came up to me and shook my hand and said it was nice to have worked with you."

"I felt offended by the curt nature of his goodbye to me."

The affair lasted three years and she split up with the man she was living with and started having sex with another man while she was seeing Mr Rayney.

The affair ended, she said, because she realised Mr Rayney would not leave his wife.

He had told her he did not want to disgrace his family by



Lloyd Rayney and his lawyer, David Edwardson, on their way to court.

divorcing, she said.

"He said that he believed that his marriage was the only way to retain full custody of his children and he did not want to disgrace his family by divorcing Corryn."

The woman said in her statement that she and Mr Rayney

sat in a closed session for more than 90 minutes.

Afterwards he said: "It was necessary to close the court to hear evidence that will remain confidential."

had known each other but discovered they both enjoyed gambling when they met betting on the same winning horse in the TAB in Hay Street.

"He did not like it being put around that he gambled, but I think he saw in me a person with whom he could share his interests," she said.

"I know I was impressed with his status and I was flattered by all the attention he was giving me."

She said Mr Rayney had given her a lift home from a Christmas party in 1999. They had stopped at the Raffles Hotel and had a couple of drinks before walking

**Barrister Lloyd Rayney is charged with the wilful murder of his wife, Supreme Court registrar Corryn Rayney. He is also charged with her manslaughter in August 2007. He has pleaded not guilty to both charges.**

to a bench near the river.

"Whilst on the bench we kissed and he told me he found me attractive but he was married so he could not make any promises that he could change his domestic situation for the sake of any relationship which might develop between us," her statement said.

She said she had been embarrassed and thought it was just a typical Christmas party.

"I felt uncomfortable because I did not know if he was interested in me or if he was treating me as a charity case," she said.

They had met a week later. "He told me that he was in love with me but he was married," she said.

They had started having sex in January 2000 and always met at her home.

"During my affair with Lloyd I also developed a sexual relationship with another person," she said.

"Several people were aware of my affair with Lloyd."

She said at first Mr Rayney had gambled two or three times a week.

"During our affair I noticed that Lloyd's gambling became problematic," she said.

A call centre manager in Alice Springs, Trudie Phelps, told police Mr Rayney had deposited

\$40,400 in an account opened with Centrebets Ltd.

"Mr Rayney used his winnings to place further bets," Ms Phelps said.

"When he did not have sufficient funds he topped up his account via bank transfers."

Acting Justice Brian Martin originally banned publication of the name of the woman who had the affair with Mr Rayney, and details of other people named by her were deleted from her statement.

Lawyer Tony McCarthy was arguing against the suppression orders on the grounds justice should be seen to be done, as the POST went to print.

## Divorce

**A threat to subpoena Gina Rinehart's staff to give evidence in the Rayney divorce case was one of many made by Corryn Rayney before she disappeared and was killed, the Supreme Court heard.**

But a divorce lawyer Michael Carr said the case was no different from many others he dealt with where couples made threats, recorded conversations, and refused to negotiate over custody.

"I hear all the time allegations and threats being made



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Corryn Rayney

# Confidence 'lost' in police

The Rayney murder trial ground to a halt on Thursday with allegations about the behaviour of police investigating the case.

The judge and barristers went into closed chambers to discuss evidence that neuropathologist Victoria Fabian wanted to give to explain why she had lost confidence in police investigating the case.

Dr Fabian said she had found a policeman rifling through her personal papers when she took a toilet break at the end of a meeting to discuss the case.

"I found Matt Ward rifling through my stuff. He had all my files open," she said.

"I was livid. The implication was that I did not tell him everything they wanted to know."

Matthew Ward was a senior constable with the police forensic division.

Dr Fabian said: "On a number of occasions I did not

feel comfortable with many people involved. I seemed to be the only one taking notes."

She refused to hand over her notes of various meetings until they had been subpoenaed.

"I did not want my notes to become the crux of the case," she said.

Dr Fabian said the meeting had been held after another officer had questioned how many liquidambar seed pods had been found on Mrs Rayney's body.

She told the Supreme Court neither she nor forensic pathologist Gerard Cadden would speculate on the cause of Mrs Rayney's death but told police if they suggested various scenarios they would say whether or not they were

possibilities.

"The police have never got back to me," she said.

Dr Fabian who gave long and detailed answers to lawyers' questions, said she would like to explain precisely how she worked.

She said she always recycled recordings of examinations after she had them typed.

In criminal cases, she then handed over her report to the forensic pathologist who then presented it to the court.

Forensic pathologist Gerard Cadden said a police officer had told him on the first night of the post mortem examination that they knew Lloyd Rayney, or Lloyd Rayney and another person, had killed Mrs Rayney.

# Kisses and cuddles but just friends

A single father had been like one of the girls when he went to Friday night meetings of school mothers at the Rayney house, the Supreme Court heard.

He said Corryn Rayney had been a good friend and they had kissed and cuddled and touched intimately, but never had sex.

They would meet for coffee at the Secret Garden in Como after each had dropped their daughter at school. "She said she did not want us being seen," he told the court.

"We could not sit out the front of the Secret Garden in case Lloyd saw us. She did not mind anyone else seeing us.

"She said he had questioned the relationship and made a remark about me.

"On Fridays when we would go there, the Rayneys house, he never once was rude to me.

"There would be a whole lot of mothers.

"I was one of the mothers."

The man said he had made several statements to police but did not mention his intimate relationship with Mrs Rayney until the last.

"I think it was guilt; the police were coming over," he said.

"Eventually I said there was more, but I did not want her name put through the mill."

The man said they had touched intimately on three occasions.

He referred to the statement he had made to recall the occasions

# Rape a 'possibility'

Corryn Rayney might have been raped and buried alive a pathologist agreed in the Supreme Court.

Professor John Hilton, of Sydney University, agreed an adrenalin rush caused by fear could have caused her brain to swell and make her pass out temporarily.

The weight of wet sand could have caused damage to her neck, he said, after she had been put in the bush grave in King's Park head down and feet up.

He had reviewed reports by other pathologists.

He agreed with defence lawyer David Edwardson that in some cases of sex assault there would be no marks or fluid on the body.

Acting Justice Brian Martin said it had been obvious from the start of the trial, because of the state of Mrs Rayney's clothes, that there was the possibility of a sexual assault.

New Zealand pathologist Dallas Mildenhall told police in July this year that pollen in Mrs Rayney's nose might show where she died.

"As people move around they pick up pollen in their nasal passage and depending on their health this pollen can stay in the nasal passage for up to 40 minutes," he said.

"In my opinion no evidence is presented that would confirm or deny that Corryn Rayney spent the last moments of her life at Monash Avenue, Como."

# threats 'not serious'

by people," Mr Carr said.

A neighbour and friend, Michael Halls, told police Mrs Rayney had talked to him and his wife about Mr Rayney a month before she disappeared. Mr Rayney represented Ms Rinehart's company, Hancock Prospecting.

"She [Mrs Rayney] wanted to expose Lloyd over his gambling, his womanising and his failure to disclose his income to her," Mr Halls said.

"Corryn told Julie that she had told Lloyd she was going to expose him and subpoena his Hancock

client to find the amount he had been paid to represent them."

Mr Carr, who was representing Mr Rayney in the matrimonial case, said Mr Rayney was not trying to hide financial information from his wife because they had not reached the stage where it needed to be declared.

"Neither party had filed anything in the Family Court," he said.

Mr Carr said the case was in the early stages and he advised Mr Rayney there was no obligation to disclose financial information

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