



Police must look for Corryn's killer

By BRET CHRISTIAN

Lloyd Rayney's lawyer has fired a broadside at WA police while demanding that an independent investigation be conducted to find the killer of Corryn Rayney.

"The Lloyd Rayney investigation was a catastrophic failure from a policing point of view," Adelaide QC David Edwardson said.

"It demonstrated tunnel vision, a farcical investigation on any fair view of the trial

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judge's findings."

Corryn Rayney (44) was murdered in August 2007, her body found in a hidden grave in King's Park, her car abandoned in Kershaw Street, Subiaco.

After a three-month trial in 2012, her husband, Lloyd, was found not guilty of her murder.

A Channel Seven documentary aired last week shone a spotlight on two other possible suspects.

Mr Rayney called for a cold case review to find his wife's murderer. He said he believed the mystery could be solved.

Mr Edwardson said police and political reaction to that call almost defied belief.

"It's a terrifying reaction in every respect," he said.

Police have refused to comment, citing a civil and a criminal matter still before the courts.

"This is a farcical justification for failing to answer the



David Edwardson QC, left, and John Agius SC, Lloyd Rayney's prosecutor, at King's Park in 2012.

unanswerable," Mr Edwardson said.

"To say no comment can be made because of Lloyd's defamation case, or any other charges he

might be facing, is ridiculous. "The murder trial is over. It's finished. The murder does not involve him.

"At both the trial and in the appeal court, the DPP never, ever challenged the evidence that Corryn died in King's Park.

"Only at Mr Rayney's request was an independent expert asked to examine nasal swabs from Corryn Rayney's body, pollen proving that she took her last breaths in King's Park.

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Peter Pan coming to Show

Peter Pan hopes he wins a ribbon at this year's Royal Show when he dresses up an 11-month-old miniature hereford as Tinkerbell.

Tyson Edwards (6) will enter the show's novelty calf competition as J. M. Barrie's ageless hero, while his grandmother, Denise, shows off the best herefords from her Waroona stud.

Tyson is extra keen to win next month because his sister, Jessie (9), won the ribbon last year when she dressed up as Mickey Mouse and had her calf as Minnie.

This week, Royal Agricultural Society chief steward John Watson popped out from helping judge the dairy competition to wish Tyson good luck.

Denise will spend 10 days in Claremont during the Show after transporting herefords from her stud.

This week she brought Jade and Joy, who are 11 months old.

"They weigh about 150kg," Denise said. "We have bulls that weigh 650kg."

"We tie them up to the rails in the cattle lanes so kids can pat them during the Show."

The Royal Show will be on from September 27 to October 4 at Claremont Showgrounds.



Miniature herefords Jade and Joy look on as hombre-dressed Tyson Edwards and John Watson pose with a King Island brie. Photo: Billie Fairdough

Aldi eyes Subi site

By LLOYD GORMAN

Agents for German super-market giant Aldi have scouted Subiaco for a suitable site for a store.

Next Tuesday night, Aldi representatives will make a presentation to Subiaco councillors at a concept forum, a regular monthly meeting closed to the public.

"I can say that Aldi is very interested in coming to Subiaco to talk to the council about it," said Subiaco CEO Stephen Tindale.

Councillor Mark Burns said the

Lords Business Park was being considered but would be a bad choice for Subiaco's CBD.

The near-empty business park is a row of offices and warehouses on about 10,000sq.m on the northern side of Hay Street, between Tighe and Bishop streets, west of Lords recreation centre.

"It's insane for the council to be considering shooting its own retailers by dragging more business from Rokeby Road, where there are already 35 empty shops," Mr Burns said.

"It will result in far more empty shops."

He said it would be much

better to encourage Aldi to build in a council carpark off Rokeby Road.

"The CEO shouldn't even let them present to him on this," Mr Burns said.

"It would be the most ridiculous policy for the council to use its own property to kill its own retailers."

Mr Tindale said few people understood the Aldi business model and how it would fit in to the existing retail environment unless they had travelled outside WA.

Interstate, Aldi is considered to be the four-letter word that keeps Coles and Woolworths honest.

"There is a bit of a hiatus at the moment, with Coles looking to relocate and a perception that the centre of retail gravity

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The site of Corryn Rayney's clandestine grave in King's Park in 2007 was later adorned with flowers and a police tribute, a cross made from bush timber and crime scene tape.

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"Lloyd Rayney could not have been the killer.

The police case was that Mrs Rayney had died at her Como home.

"If she died in King's Park, Lloyd Rayney could not have been involved in her murder," Mr Edwardson said.

"This was central to the seriously flawed police investigation."

"The judge's finding proves the investigation was so obviously in error.

"To not hold a cold case investigation is not just terrifying, it beggars belief.

"Not only did the appeal by the state against the judge's decision fail, in a sense it reinforced that first decision.

"It is so obvious that the finding of the two courts should be followed by a thorough, objective investigation to identify who is responsible, for the sake of Corryn's family and especially her children.

"If wasn't Lloyd Rayney, who was it?

"The WA police appear reluctant to try to find out.

"It is totally absurd. I just cannot comprehend how that could happen.

"It now has a political agenda so that not just WAPOL but the Premier is too embarrassed to order a cold case investigation to find out who murdered Corryn Rayney."

Premier Colin Barnett said after the documentary had been broadcast that a fresh investigation could be considered through the justice system via Attorney-General Michael Mischin.

Mr Mischin said Mr Rayney had not asked him for a cold case review, but that was primarily a matter for the police.

At his regular press conference on Thursday, Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan said he had not watched the Channel Seven documentary about Corryn Rayney's murder and had no plans to.

He said he relied on his advisers to provide him with information and would not make any comment about the case because of other court actions, both civil and criminal.



Lloyd and Corryn Rayney.

"I will not be drawn into comments," he said.

Robin Napper, a former British police inspector and forensic expert who worked on Mr Rayney's defence, said the decision for a new investigation was not a political decision but a police operational matter.

A 2008 email Mr Napper obtained under freedom of information laws shows that police successfully deflected a public call by Mr Napper for an independent review into the Rayney case then.

Written by media police adviser Neil Poh, the email said: "...to see if we can throw [Channel Nine reporter Rob] Scott a small bone about the impending [external] review, or at least clarify our position on it, that will take the wind out of Napper's sails?"

The Napper interview was not broadcast. No external review was held.

Mr Rayney's former job as a barrister and state prosecutor should have made police take steps to be seen as objective, Mr Edwardson said.

"The baffling thing is that the WA system did everything right in getting interstate prosecutors, lawyers and judge.

"Why on earth did they not give the case to investigators without an axe to grind in respect to justifying a publicly stated position – in essence to conduct an objective investigation?"

Six weeks after the murder, a police officer publicly declared Mr Rayney the prime suspect. A defamation case he raised against the police is pending.

"As an interstate counsel, I am deeply concerned about the direction taken by the WA Police in identifying suspects and solving cases," Mr Edwardson said.

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is shifting further north," Mr Tindale said.

"So it's an opportunity to talk to them about what their options might be and give them some initial indication as to the sort of concerns that we as a council might have if they decide to put some sort of formal proposal to the city."

Aldi would not confirm its interest in Subiaco but issued a statement saying it was looking for suitable sites across the state.

Aldi regional managing director Viktor Jakupec said: "To date, we have development applications approved for several sites, including our warehouse and distribution centre at Jandakot and stores at Cannington and Southern River. "The Jandakot distribution

centre is on track to be completed by mid-2016, with the opening of the first stores to follow shortly after.

"Based on the population in WA, we expect to open approximately 70 to 80 stores over the coming years."

Councillor Murray Rowe said it would be critical where Aldi set up.

"Aldi's location, if that comes to fruition, is going to be vital in consolidating the old town centre to go some way in balancing the shopping amenity," he said.

Subiaco mayor Heather Henderson said no decision had been made.

"We will be meeting with them on Tuesday night at a concept forum," she said.

"They are very interested in Subiaco."

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