



Neds backs green power for new homes

By RHIANNON SHINE

New homes in Nedlands will have to make power, if councillors get their way.

Proposed changes to the Nedlands town planning scheme (TPS), including controversial mandatory on-site power generation at every new home, were passed at Tuesday's meeting, thanks to the mayor's casting vote.



Max Hipkins



Joe Porter

Under the proposed changes, which will now go to the Department of Planning for approval, new dwellings are re-

quired to include solar or wind power generation devices.

Whatever the power source, the devices must be able to produce a minimum of 1.5 kilowatts.

Mayor Max Hipkins said the affluent western suburbs needed to follow the lead of less wealthy suburbs that had embraced solar power.

"The majority of households with roof-top solar power are

in lower-income suburbs," he said.

"For me, it's a no-brainer. It costs little, saves money, and helps reduce the price of energy.

"People in the western suburbs would spend more on their dining room tables.

"For a home in Nedlands that costs upwards of \$1 million, this is a small price to pay - plus you get most of it back."

The cost of installing a power

source device would be about \$2500 per home, and it would pay for itself in about three years.

Mr Hipkins said the mandatory on-site power generators would reduce the amount of power lines and reduce power cuts in Nedlands.

Five councillors voted to remove the mandatory on-site

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Just smile at life's hurdles

By RHIANNON SHINE

John XXIII students enjoyed a pep talk and training session from champion Australian pole-vaulter Emma George before their inter-school athletics carnival.

Emma is a former Olympic athlete and a Commonwealth Games gold medalist, who set 12 world pole-vaulting records in a row during the late 1990s.

Students in Years 3 to 6 got a lesson in nerve control and enjoying the day from the seasoned athletics veteran.

"Smile!" Emma told them.

"It's about doing the best you can do and aiming for a personal best more than anything else."

Emma said that these days she was busy looking after her three young sons and writing for fishing and camping magazines - a great passion of hers.

Smile through the hurdles ... Tiala Slatter (11) and Ollie Woodlands (12) get a lesson from champion athlete Emma George.
Photo: Billie Fairclough

Corryn Rayney murder:

Was killer on the doorstep?

By BRET CHRISTIAN

Tantalising snippets about possible suspects in the murder of Corryn Rayney were exposed at her husband's trial for her murder, but were shut down by courtroom tactics.

A detective investigating the murder told the court he could not remember why he had written the words "sex assault King's Park" under the name of a man who lived near the Rayneys' Como home.

Detective Mark McKenzie told



Mark McKenzie



Michael Mischin

the Supreme Court in 2012 that he knew DNA of the same man had been found on a cigarette butt outside Corryn Rayney's home.

The words "previous murder conv"[iction] had been written

in the notebook next to the man's name.

Lloyd Rayney, acquitted of the murder charge, has called for a cold-case review run by a new squad of police to track his wife's killer.

Attorney-General Michael Mischin said after a recent TV documentary on the Rayney case: "I am not aware of any evidence to support the contention that the murder of Mrs Rayney was not adequately investigated."

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