

Threat to Civic Centre view

By DAVID COHEN

Ocean views from parts of the heritage-listed Cottesloe Civic Centre will be affected if a new block of units gets final approval.

Cottesloe council is set to challenge the approval for the town's first multimillion-dollar development assessment panel application.

A state government-appointed DAP gave the green light to 12 apartments in Overton Gardens, in front of the Cottesloe Civic Centre's back lawn.

Council staff recommended the project be refused, because it would be higher than 7m, affect views, and be too bulky.

But the DAP approved it, and deleted or modified several conditions.

DAP member Luigi D'Alessandro sought to remove a condition restricting the height to 7m after Roberts Day planner



A developer's impression of the project.

Deon White said the "primary height" would be allowable.

"That's my understanding," Mr D'Alessandro said.

But council planning manager Andrew Jackson said: "That could probably be contested at law, in my opinion."

DAP presiding member Clayton Higham voted for the removal, despite having doubts.

"It's probably in breach of the [town planning] scheme," Mr Higham said before the vote.

The council and developers

cannot agree if pergolas, eaves, and walls on top of the development are part of the building.

Councillor and DAP member Jack Walsh had concerns about views from the civic centre's back lawn being affected.

"This building will be the length of the block," Mr Walsh said.

"The state government recognised these views in our new town planning scheme.

"This is going to double the amount of view that's blocked out."

Peppermint Grove resident Jane Whiddon's Overton Gardens Pty Ltd paid \$7.5million for three 1950s apartment blocks, at numbers 15, 17, and 19 on Overton Gardens' north side ("Cottesloe faces first DAP", POST, May 2).

The three lots cover 1677sq.m. Construction of the 12 apartments is scheduled to start in the final quarter of the year.



Today ... The view from Cottesloe's Civic Centre this week.



The future? ... How the view might change if 12 units are built.

Cold case reopens unheard evidence

By BRET CHRISTIAN

The cold case re-investigation announced this week into the murder of Corryn Rayney is expected to lift the lid on weeks of evidence that was never heard at her husband's murder trial in 2012.

It was suggested at the trial that the police had other prime candidates for the murder right on the doorstep.

Mrs Rayney's body was found buried in King's Park in August 2007 and her car was found abandoned nearby in Kershaw Street, Subiaco.

Lloyd Rayney was charged with the murder and he successfully fought the charge in court.

The judge who acquitted Mr Rayney, Brian Martin QC, said in his finding that Mrs Rayney had most likely been the victim of a random sex attack.

At the trial, while cross-examining police, Mr Rayney's lawyer began exploring facts about a man whose DNA had been found on a cigarette butt that forensic officers picked up outside the Rayney family home in Como.

A man with the same name, who was well known to police, had been stopped by a patrol car in Bentley for a random breath test - which proved negative - minutes away from where Mrs Rayney was last seen alive after leaving a boot-scooting class.

A notebook of another officer produced in court had this man's name and the words "sex assault King's Park" written on the same page.

The man shared a house in Como with a friend "extremely well known to police for sexual offending", a detective told the court.



Corryn Rayney

A call made on the night of the murder from a phone box in Mrs Rayney's street was traced by police to the man's sister, the murder trial was told.

The judge and others highlighted many pieces of evidence that indicated the possible involvement of individuals not connected to Mr Rayney.

When Mrs Rayney's body was found, her belt had been unbuckled and jeans zipper ripped, her handbag had been upended on the rear floor of her car and the contents scattered, and her watch and passport were missing.

The trial judge said that the two men had been put forward by Mr Rayney's lawyer, David Edwardson QC, as "realistic alternative candidates".

He said Mr Edwardson was suggesting that not only had the investigation inappropriately focused on Mr Rayney to the exclusion of others, but in fact the police "had some prime candidates right there on the doorstep".

But the prosecution intervened, saying that exploring this line would delay the three-month trial by some weeks while new statements police obtained

from witnesses.

Justice Martin then adjourned the court overnight.

The next morning, Mr Edwardson told the court that Mr Rayney did not have to prove anything.

It was the state that had set itself the task of proving the case against Mr Rayney.

Mr Edwardson then said he would not be suggesting that the two "alternative" men were guilty of the crime, but he was putting forward facts to demonstrate "the intensity of the focus on Mr Rayney by the major crime squad in comparison to others".

The judge said in his finding that the state had not only failed to prove its scenario against Mr Rayney, but it had also failed to disprove an alternative scenario that was not consistent with Mr Rayney's innocence.

Bike theft leads to stolen stash

A man has been fined \$200 after pleading guilty in the Perth Magistrates' Court to six charges of stealing in Daglish and Jolimont.

Wembley officers caught David Press (44) after a Richardson Avenue, Daglish, resident

reported seeing him take a bicycle from her verandah. Mr Press stole bank cards, a backpack, a bag of glasses a resident was going to donate to charity, two sets of keys, a camera, a mobile phone, and a GPS from cars in Troy, Richardson, and Robinson terraces last month.

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