Strong Rayney leads

By BRET CHRISTIAN

Cold case detectives investigating the murder of Corryn Rayney have turned their attention towards two men not previously named in public as people of interest.

Their names emerged from a review that was well under way when Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan announced on June 29 the formation of a new 13-person squad to re-examine Mrs Rayney's murder.

Mrs Rayney's body was found in August 2007 in a makeshift grave in King's Park that police found after following an oil trail from her abandoned car, which had been found parked and locked in Kershaw Street,

'New' people of interest

Subiaco, a week after she disappeared.

Her husband Lloyd Rayney, was charged and acquitted of her murder. He has frequently urged a re-investigation of the crime.

The new squad was surprised to find how much progress Major and Special Crime Squad detectives had already made in the new direction when they began their re-examination of the case.

Good forensic opportunities are now being followed, the POST has been told.



Wattle Track in King's Park, minutes before Corryn Rayney's grave was discovered to its right in 2007. Photo: Bret Christian

The two men are not connected with Mr Rayney in any way.

The "new" men of interest were not those named during Mr Rayney's trial as connected by DNA with a cigarette butt found outside the Rayneys' Como home, and subject of a police vehicle stop in Bentley on the night Mrs Rayney disappeared.

The driver that night has publicly denied any involvement in

the murder

He said coincidences had led some people to link him to the crime

The "new" men are part of a loosely-connected group, some of them involved in drugs and credit-card fraud, some with violence and sexual assault convictions

Some lived in Bentley, where Mrs Rayney was last seen as she left a boot-scooting class.

Some of the group are indigenous, and they and their associates have previously been interviewed by police.

Early in the investigation, police located a King's Park jogger who described an Aboriginal man loitering at Wattle Track's

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We've got it covered ... Hadley Missell, left, and Evan Briers from Venn Property Group and Samantha Tarling, Subiaco council's project manager for Markets on Rokeby, reveal one of the nearly 200 marquees that will make up the new markets. **Photo: Paul McGovern**

Intense taste in markets

By LLOYD GORMAN

Subiaco got its first glimpse of what stalls at the new weekend markets in Rokeby Road will look like this week.

One of the planned 180 marquees that will stretch along the shopping strip between Hay Street and Bagot Road on Saturdays and Sundays was temporarily pitched outside Subiaco council offices on Wednesday morning.

The white tents, made from tensile PVC and with frames of aircraft-grade aluminium, are on order from Canada.

The markets are being or-

ganised and run by the Venn Property Group (VPG) and will open in October, exactly one year after the group first approached Subiaco council with the concept.

"We've had a huge amount of interest from retailers, traders and others," said VPG director Hadley Missell.

"We have spoken with, targeted or been targeted by 450 operators, covering everything from cupcakes to meat, eggs, food trucks, art and fashion.

"One leading WA female designer is putting together a fashion collective of likeminded ladies at the market." The operators have about half the market places filled and are vetting more would-be traders.

They said they would select the best of what WA had to offer in locally sourced and produced goods, foods and crafts.

Mass-produced imported goods will not be allowed.

A few traders from the recently closed Station Street markets have said they are interested in having stalls at the Rokeby Road markets.

Markets on Rokeby will be divided into different zones, including entertainment and

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Doubt cast on infill traffic flow

By RHIANNON SHINE

A damning review of the Cambridge council's commissioned Amendment 31 traffic report has concluded the document was erroneous and flawed.

The Coast Ward Ratepayers' Association commissioned traffic and transport engineering consultants Transcore to review the original traffic report for the controversial urban infill proposal.

The report prepared for Cambridge council in June by infrastructure and environmental services company Cardno concluded that all City Beach, Mt Claremont and Floreat roads would "continue to function well within their practical capacity" after Amendment 31.

The Transcore review, which has been sent to the chairman of the WA Planning Commission, highlighted what were said to be fundamental shortcomings in the report, including "mathematical errors and unfounded assumptions".

In the report, Transcore managing director Behnam Bordbar said one of the key assumptions made in the Cardno report was that the redevelopment of lots would occur with the minimum subdivision potential, rather than the maximum.

"Notwithstanding the fact that the majority, if not all, will develop their lots to [their] maximum potential, the assessment is not based on potential maximum parking requirement or traffic generation." Mr Bordbar said.

generation," Mr Bordbar said.
He said he had randomly checked the calculations in tables in the report and found "a number of errors, which suggests that the rest of the tables

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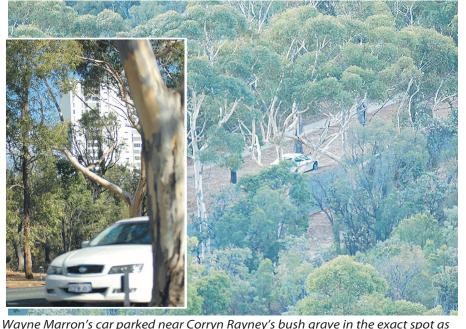
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Wayne Marron's car parked near Corryn Rayney's bush grave in the exact spot as the white car he saw there the morning after Mrs Rayney disappeared. INSET: A view of the car looking back to Mr Marron's apartment from where the photograph was taken. Photos: Bret Christian

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entrance in Lovekin Drive, King's

Mrs Rayney's car had been driven up that track in order for her body to be buried

The jogger said the same man had been there on successive mornings, on the Wednesday and Thursday after Mrs Rayney disappeared but before her body had been discovered.

At the time the jogger saw the man and vehicles, it was not known what had happened to Mrs Rayney.

She was last seen on the night of Tuesday, August 7, as she left her boot-scooting class in Bentley.

Police also have a contemporary report from a second civilian witness who saw a white sedan parked in "an unusual location" in Lovekin Drive, near the grave-site, on the Wednesday.

Wayne Marron, another witness, who lives in a Crawley high-rise overlooking the King's Park grave site, reported seeing a similar car that had remained parked in the same spot for more than two days after the murder

This car had gone on the Friday morning, four days before Mrs Rayney's body was discovered (POST, May 23, 2009).

Others announced as running on

the ticket for council positions were

Rod Bradley, Andres Timmermanis

The group had joined the old Coast Ward Ratepayers' Association be-

cause it was already incorporated

and could instigate legal action, Ms

tiorari asking the Supreme Court to

review Cambridge council's decision,

which has now been handed to the

WA Planning Commission.

The group will seek a writ of cer-

Shannon goes for Withers' chain

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At present she is deeply involved in drafting an application to the Supreme Court to challenge Amendment 31 that has been passed by the Cambridge council and is now in the hands of the WA Planning Commission.

She and other residents have also made multiple Freedom of Information applications to try to discover why there was a sudden change in policy in 2011 that led the council to Amendment 31.

The Supreme Court challenge is being made by the Coast Ward Ratepayers' Association and will be represented in court by a Queen's Counsel.

Most of the work in preparation for the case is being done by volunteer lawyers.

Sunday's public meeting at The Boulevard Hotel raised \$60,000 to

help cover expenses.

Ms Shannon said ratepayers had not sought an injunction to stop the council making the decision because

and Andrew Mill.

Shannon said.

the group had been advised it would be too expensive. She said the group hoped the WAPC

would put the amendment on ice once it was notified legal action had

B&B may cost you your house

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it would be successful, she said.

Failure to comply with the building standard or obtain an exemption could void the householder's insurance policies.

"If a guest was smoking in bed and burnt your house down, or fell down the stairs and was injured, it is possible that your insurance policy could be void," she said. She quoted Insurance Council of

Australīa chief Rob Whelan who said in The Australian last year: "Anyone thinking about renting a room or part of their home should know they

might not be covered for damage and other losses ... Importantly, they may not be covered for public liability"

"As I understand it, to fix this would mean tabling in Parliament a simple change of the building regulations by the WA government. In Victoria the regulation was changed, only after concerted pressure from B&B operators."

Short-term accommodation operators would still require planning approval but the conditions of that approval may not be so onerous.

'Until that happens I won't be running my B&B," she said.

Last hurdle for hi-tech disability aids

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where activities and vital life signs can be monitored," he said.

With this system, the carers benefit, the families benefit and people around people with disabilities

"If you have an aged mother who you want to check on, you can look at the camera and check on her.

'And the community benefits, because if we can save two hours a week on care, the system will pay for itself within a year so the rest of the time it is free to the community while still saving two hours a week.

As well as developing the technol-

ogy, Tony and Richard want to create

a system to deliver it.
"It is no good having a system but having nobody available to install

it," Tony said. "So we have got to create that delivery system.

"We are not into starting businesses, we would like some existing organisation, be it not-for-profit or otherwise, to take up the mantle."

He said people with disabilities made up about 4% of the Australian population, which included 8000 people in WA.

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food, designer and youth fashion, fresh food and organics, health and well-being, regional products and handmade wares. Marquees (9sq.m) will cost \$250

for a weekend to hire, while bigger ones (36sq.m) will cost \$800.

Casual four-hour spaces along Forrest Walk can be booked for \$50, while open-air cart spaces will be \$100.

Amber Cawley, from The Curve Concept in Melbourne, which is supplying the marquees, said: "Markets on Rokeby are breaking new ground in WA and Australia.

Subiaco CEO Ian Hill said the council had a constructive working relationship with the Venn Property Group and had appointed a staff member to help fast-track the markets proposal.

"This reflects the enthusiasm the council has shown for this great project for Subiaco," Mr Hill said.

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may also include errors".

"In table 6-1 [of the report] the increase in dwelling under 43% development scenario is listed as four but it should be six," he said. "The increase in vehicle trips should be 60 and not the listed 27 [and] the percentage increase in traffic should be 43% not the listed 23%.

"The increase in additional peak trips should be five to six, not the listed two.'

Cambridge mayor Simon Withers said the Transcore report was "a superficial review aimed at knocking the Cardno report and getting a headline".

The report did not conclude that traffic and parking will be much worse than Cardno predicts," Mr Withers said.

"I don't understand why this group of people cannot apply some common sense.

"Ultimately, the level of density proposed in Amendment 31 is very low and will be no greater than in Wembley Downs or north

City Beach, which is zoned R20 Those areas do not have a

for yourself." Association spokesperson Keri Shannon said the traffic review was funded by community donations and would form part of its

submission to the WAPC. "In its review of the form 4 responses, the Town of Cambridge identified concerns about parking as an issue relating to residential amenity, of which 74.6% referred – that is 1783 people with valid concerns,"

Ms Shannon said. We knew traffic flows were underestimated, as was raised by councillor O'Connor at the meeting on July 1. However, this report indicates the traffic flows were underestimated by half.

"The Cardno report allayed concerns of ratepayers and fundamentally underpinned the Town of Cambridge decision to adopt Scheme Amendment 31.

"Now we know that the Cardno report was incorrect.'

Jail for club's treasurer

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Mr Crispe said he had paid \$2206 of his own money to a rugby jersey supplier in December 2013.

"This is obviously when things started to go wrong," Mr Crispe

He said Knowles had met someone who told him about a large sum to be made from property development. "It's that honeypot and the

belief of the \$8million that have driven this man to the point of financial oblivion," Mr Crispe He said Knowles had had to

pay large activation fees and penalty fees. "The accounts are in such a mess, it's hard to detect where

all the money went," Mr Crispe said. "It became a disaster."

Mr Crispe said Knowles still

believed the stolen money could be retrieved. "His brother is paying his

legal fees ... he's really at rock bottom. Ms Zempilas noted some steal-

ings were for \$5000 and \$3000. and asked why there were also odd amounts like \$396.27 and \$254.10.

"I can't give you a reason," Mr Crispe said.

'My file is littered with expectations.

"This is a person who's been deluded and scammed by oth-

Knowles was sentenced to seven months' jail concurrent on two charges; six months cumulative on another charge; and 10 months concurrent on the other charges.

No penalty was imposed for stealing sums of less than \$1000.

He was made eligible for

So you want to be a councillor

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Subiaco mayor Heather Henderson said that attending was just one part of the job.

"The one big thing that's missed out [for new candidates] is the commitment to civic duty. she said.

Mrs Henderson said new councillors should be offered mentoring to help them come to terms with the complexity of the job.

Peppermint Grove shire president Rachel Thomas said: "It sounds a bit doom and gloom but it's always interesting and sometimes it's quite good fun.'

Would-be councillors could pick up a few useful tips and tricks and get some insights into campaigning. Mrs Henderson said door

knocking was an essential as well

as carefully using the 150-word

Heather Henderson

Thomas profile candidates allowed by the Electoral Commission.

Rachel

But Ms Thomas said: "I don't think anyone has ever done any door knocking in Peppermint Grove because it's such a small community people are generally known.'

"The POST usually runs articles about candidates and that is actually a very useful to get your candidacy out there."

Nominations close in early September.



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