



Celebrating art at Two Rocks

THE Arts and Cultural Centre recently celebrated its new Downstairs Gallery at Two Rocks Shopping Centre, which was made possible by a Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC) sponsorship.

There was a festive mood at the event, which saw more than 50 local artists, teachers, community members and business people attend.

YSC Managing Director Nobu Kawasaki was appointed patron of the Arts and Cultural Centre of Two Rocks/Yanchep Association.

“Arts and cultural activities are vital dimensions of a thriving community,” Mr Kawasaki told the artists.

“Your planned activities are examples of just how arts can be used to bring people together and develop skills that people can be proud of. I am sure your endeavours will have a terrific impact on the community.”

The association now has gallery space, a teaching studio, a wide-ranging vision plan encompassing festivals and holiday camps thanks to the YSC funding. The space for



New patron: Nobu Kawasaki (right) with Suzi Logue and Yoshi Ogata from YSC.

the gallery was provided by Two Rocks Shopping Centre proprietors Mirvac Fini. Nobu paid tribute to the Arts and Cultural Centre association for having achieved one of its key objectives so quickly.

“This is a very exciting initiative and one that YSC is proud to support,” he said.

An architect by training, Mr Kawasaki lists art amongst his passions and said YSC was looking forward to an ongoing involvement in the development of the arts.

He was pleased that the planned Capricorn Coastal Village north of Yanchep will have a special arts and culture focus. The Arts and Cultural Centre association also runs courses for children and adults, and plans to provide



Michelle Alderton presents Nobu with a gift for being the new patron.

workshops and training for youth and low-income families. For more information about courses call Trisha Cox on 9561 1469.

New local group to provide input into community development



The Community Reference Group

YANCHEP Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC) recently established a Community Reference Group to help develop a Community Development Plan for Capricorn Coastal Village.

The group is represented by one

nominated person from each key local organisation in Yanchep/Two Rocks, including: Peter Brookes (Yanchep/Two Rocks Residents Association), Melinda Vaz (Yanchep District School P&C), Julie Otremba (Yanchep/Two Rocks Recreation Association), Andrew Otremba (Yanchep/Two Rocks Recreation Association), Naomi Shaw (Two Rocks Environmental Group), Terry Loftus (Ward Councillor), Louise McNamara (Ward Councillor), Laura Gray (Heritage Consultant), Gary Prus (City of Wanneroo), and Chris Waddell (Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd).

The Community Reference Group will work with YSC to provide input into

community development at Capricorn Coastal Village. The group will review the nature of the current community, develop recommendations for community initiatives, identify potential partnerships and alliances and collaborate and communicate ideas to establish quick wins for the community.

The first Community Reference Group Meeting was held on August 25 and will continue to meet every three weeks until the end of November. Local residents are encouraged to provide their comments and aspirations for Capricorn Coastal Village by contacting members of the group.

Project update from Andrew Hagen



IN JULY 2003 Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC) carried out a series of comprehensive consultations with the community. A total of five open days, a public community information session and a series of information sessions with key local community groups were undertaken. Available at the public sessions were maps of the structure plan and illustrative maps. A map of residential density codes was also distributed along with fact sheets, newsletters, questionnaires and the Structure Plan document. This process gave us the chance to better understand your views on the project.

Overall a large amount of positive community support was shown for the structure plan with some of the favourite elements being employment growth, improved passive recreation opportunities and the aged care facility. As a result of the community consultations and the advertising period which closed on August 12 2003, the Project Team has taken on board a variety of comments received from the local community. Consequently, a modified plan has been produced that reflects practically all the views that were expressed. The plan represents a move towards what is believed to be the most effective compromise between the objectives of all stakeholders. October 14 will see the Structure Plan go to Council for approval. Upon approval of the plan YSC will be able to move forward on other initiatives such as economic and social development in the area beginning with the aged care facility. This marks an exciting time in the growth of the area.



Maritime showcase ready for Blessing of the Fleet

by Anita McInnes

THE second phase of the spectacular Atlantis Awakes Maritime Showcase will be ready in time for this year's Blessing of the Fleet ceremony on November 16.

The showcase will feature detailed model vessels by local artists, portraying Western Australia's maritime history from 1902 – 2003.

Originator of the showcase Ted Dowling said: "The showcase covers incidences of significance to the Royal Australian Navy such as WW1, WW2, the hospital ships, Vietnam, Korea and the Gulf War."

Other proposed models take in the Tony Bullimore rescue, the flying boats, the Fleet Air Arm and the America's Cup. Work is already in progress with one of the exhibits measuring four metres in length.

Phase one of the showcase, which required 18 months of research, opened in October 2001. It shows the history of Aboriginal

Seafaring and 'Strangers on the Shore' leading up to the Duyfken and William Jansz in 1606, and Matthew Flinders circumnavigation of Australia, and finishing with the RMS Ophir's royal visit to celebrate federation in 1901.

When Ted Dowling became involved with the Two Rocks Blessing of the Fleet he decided it needed a cultural and educational component. He said Western Australia's maritime history was an obvious choice because of the vital role ships played in transporting people and goods, the huge number of shipwrecks along our coastline and the importance of the whaling, pearling and rock lobster industries.

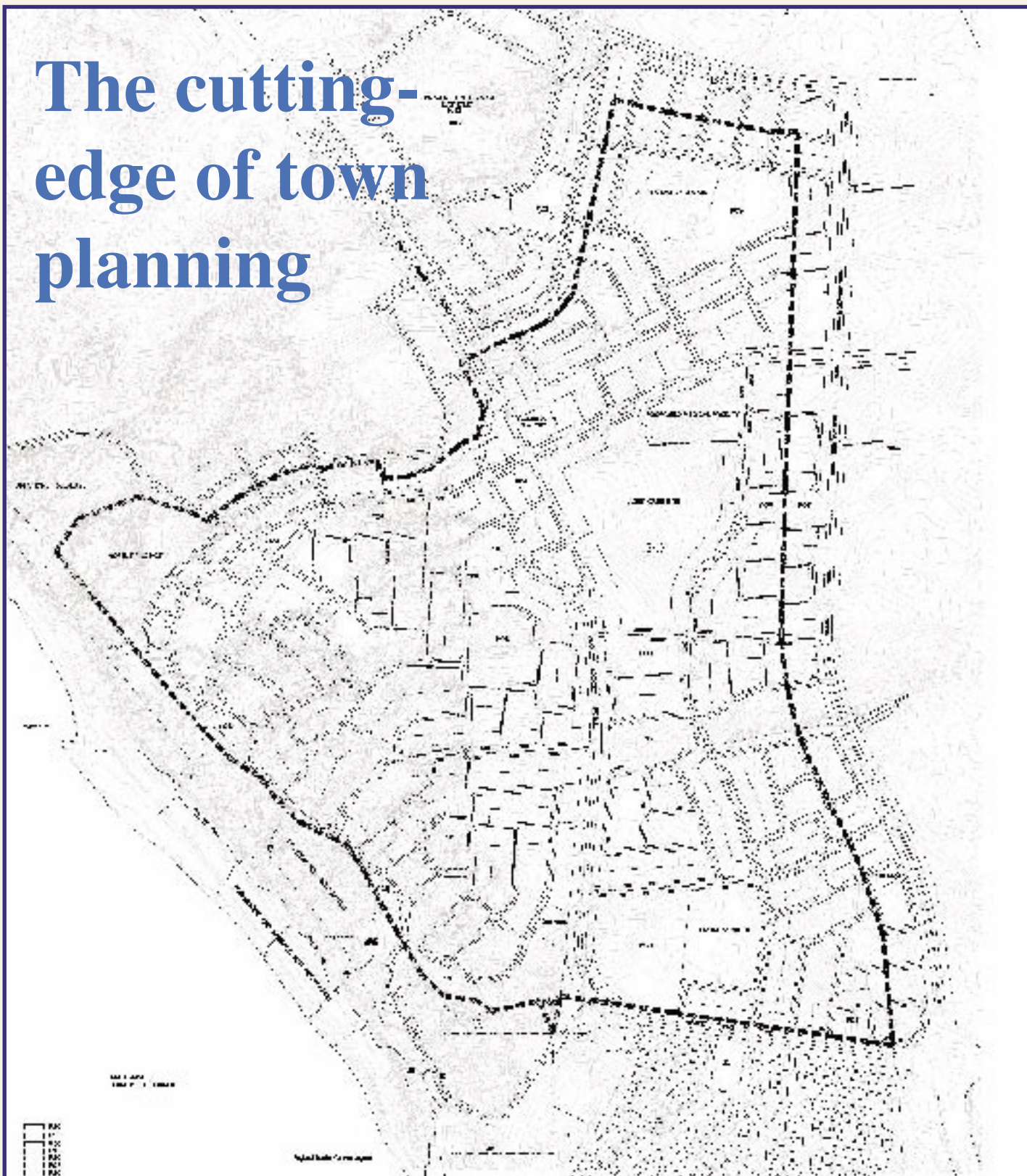
Ted said he has had requests from outside the City of Wanneroo to host the showcase and there are plans to make it mobile. At present the Maritime Showcase is housed at the Two Rocks Marina.

Two Rocks marina remediation progresses

THE remediation of the contamination at the Two Rocks marina fuel site has progressed significantly. The volume of contaminated soil removed has greatly exceeded the quantity estimated by statistical sampling and testing undertaken prior to the commencement of civil works. Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd and Caltex Australia Petroleum Pty Ltd have engaged ATA Environmental Scientists (ATA) to supervise and monitor the progress of the remediation. ATA has advised that the lower portion of the pit has been cleaned and bitumen replaced over the area. An

independent laboratory has tested all soil samples and the results were advised and discussed with representatives of the Department of Environment (DoE). All results will be included in the final remediation report that will be presented to the DoE. The DoE is satisfied with the method of remediation, test results and progress of the project to date. Both Yanchep and Caltex have agreed to continue the remediation until the site is cleaned as required by the DoE. Completion of the project is estimated by the end of October 2003.

The cutting-edge of town planning



A DESIRE to bring people together in a relaxed atmosphere and unique environment underpins the overall structure plan concept for the Capricorn Coastal Village Project. Central principles of the structure plan are accessibility, environmental responsibility and economic sustainability, have been incorporated into urban design features to maintain a powerful sense of community. Senior associate at Roberts Day Town Planning and Design, Peter Ciemitis said traditional seaside settlements were pedestrian-based, which tended to make them vibrant and welcoming. The Structure Plan pays homage to that tradition. “We set out to democratise the foreshore

– to ensure that the coast remains a place for everybody, with places for picnics, performances and such like,” Mr Ciemitis said.

“The plan aims to create a neighbourhood of short distances.

“We’ve aimed to accommodate a diverse community with people through every stage of their life cycles.”

The same principles applied to other planned residential areas in the Capricorn Coastal Village project, with particular effort being made to avoid dead-end streets.

“We’ve broken away from cul-de-sacs,” Mr Ciemitis explained. “Interconnected streets promote access and improve sustainability.

Streets come to life and become safer if you encourage more people to walk through them.” A cycleway network is planned to complement this effect.

The structure plan establishes natural linkages between the coast and inland, retaining undulations and vegetation wherever possible, and connecting open spaces like a “string of pearls”.

The concept plan also includes a neighbourhood centre for shopping and civic uses, tourist nodes, and an east-west boulevard for business and employment. An aged care facility will provide a catalyst for such related services as a medical centre, day hospital and pharmacies.

Preserving village life by the sea



BREAKING the mould – that was the challenge embraced by the planners of the proposed new neighbourhood centre for the people of Yanchep and Two Rocks.

The brief required the design of a conveniently located hub, capable of serving residents' daily shopping needs while also providing for a mixture of public uses.

According to Peter Ciemitis, a senior associate at Roberts Day Town Planning and Design, the aim was to be user-friendly.

"We responded by generating the concept of a village-style community," Mr Ciemitis said. "It's a deliberate move away from the dated idea of building a 'big box' shopping centre, surrounded by a sea of carparks."

Visitors to the neighbourhood centre, to be located part way between Yanchep and Two Rocks, will find a wide range of shops nestling alongside cafés and lunchbars.

A village square, community hall and other landmarks provide meeting places

while also making the centre a vibrant setting for civic activity. Sketches of the project show icons, public artwork, lawns and possibly a small lake.

"Landmarks give people a sense of place and orientation," Mr Ciemitis explained. "Public places must be leafy and inviting – we set out to keep the scale and texture of the place very human."

Future traffic volumes on Two Rocks Road posed another significant challenge for the planners. "We have addressed this by creating a 'couplet' or 'neighbourhood integrator' – splitting the road into a one-way pair," Mr Ciemitis said.

North-bound traffic will flow around the western side of the neighbourhood centre, while vehicles driving south would be diverted to the east.

Mr Ciemitis said that busy roads generally tended to become barriers, and that the creation of separate roads would help to avoid such problems by reducing the road dimensions and traffic numbers.

"It's an innovative technique that will improve pedestrian safety and preserve the village atmosphere," he said.



Successful sponsorships: Previous successful

How to get sponsorships

IN THE past Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd has generously contributed to a number of local community groups and organisations at Yanchep/Two Rocks. To continue this tradition the next round of community sponsorship grants will be due on November 30.

A community information session on submitting sponsorship applications will be held on Wednesday October 8, 12noon at Club Capricorn. Any local clubs or groups in the area are encouraged to attend.

Two rounds of sponsorships are offered each year in April and November. Those



Message Jon Ke

AS RESIDENTS of Yanchep and Two Rocks I am sure that you have noticed the

rapid urban development occurring along the City of Wanneroo's northern coastal corridor. Currently, the City of Wanneroo supplies 30 – 40% of total housing lots in the Perth Metropolitan area and more than 2000 homes are constructed each year. A significant strategic landholding for the Yanchep/Two Rocks area is the St Andrews Project.

The St Andrews Project concept will occupy approximately 4500 hectares of land in Yanchep and Two Rocks, and is four times larger than any other privately owned landholding within a metropolitan area in Australia. Council resolved to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Tokyu Corporation, landowners of the St Andrews



Applicants for YSC's sponsorship program.

Applications for your organisation

Organisations eligible to apply include; local community groups, and not-for-profit organisations as well as sporting groups. Priority will be given to those that can demonstrate a high level of community support, involve a wide cross section of community members and positive benefits to the environment, economy or community.

For more information regarding the sponsorship grants or to obtain an application please call 1300 786 289 or email: melany@creatingcommunities.com.au

Message from the Mayor Melly

The St Andrews Project and Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd, to ensure that the project progresses in a socially, environmentally and economically sustainable manner to benefit the growing community.

Concept plans for the St Andrews Project include approximately 55,000 serviced residential lots, creation of 50,000 – 60,000 new jobs, development of a regional strategic commercial centre and approximately 1600 hectares of regional open space.

The St Andrews Project will bring many exciting opportunities to the City of Wanneroo's northern suburbs and I look forward to seeing this project come to fruition over the coming years. If you would like further information about the St Andrews Project please contact Planning and Development on 9405 5000 or my office on 9405 5440.

What's on in Yanchep and Two Rocks

Friday October 10

Laugh-a-minute. Two Rocks Downstairs Gallery Variety Show. Fundraiser for the gallery's newsletter to be held at the Club Capricorn Holiday Village, in the studio. 7.30pm-9.30pm. Admission \$5.

Tuesday October 14

Council Meeting. To consider Capricorn Coastal Village structure plan. Come and support the proposal. Phil Renkin Centre, Two Rocks, 7pm.

Saturday October 25

Official opening of the Arts and Cultural Centre of Two Rocks/Yanchep.

Local artist demonstrations in different arts and a selection of local cultural displays during the evening. Held on the lower level of the Two Rocks Shopping centre. Free admission. 4.30pm-7.30pm.

Sunday October 26

Children's workshops. Proudly sponsored by Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd and local art teachers. Children will learn to work in watercolours and clay. 10am-12.30pm at the Downstairs Gallery at the lower level of the Two Rocks Shopping Centre.

Friday October 31

Pumpkin Cutting competition. Prizes for the best Halloween Pumpkin face and the best fancy dress Halloween outfit. All ages welcome. Small charge for the barbecue

and drinks. Held at the Dark Tree Gallery, Carabooda. 6.30pm onwards.

Tuesday November 4

Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Two Rocks Marina Yacht Club. Food supplied by the Blue Dolphin Restaurant. Joint fundraiser for the Yacht Club and Downstairs Gallery. 10.30am start. \$12.50 per head. Call Trisha Cox on 9561 1469 for more information.

Sunday November 16

Blessing of the Fleet. Celebrating the crayfish season, the event includes live entertainment, raffles, dancing, competitions and the maritime showcase exhibition. This spectacular, fun-filled family day is centred in and around Two Rocks. Call 9407 5022 for more information.

November 26

Chocolate Drops open day. Chocoholics will love this event held at the Club Capricorn Resort at the Studio function room, 10am. For more information call Sue Dash on 956 11396.

Saturday December 13

Carols by Candlelight. Call Julie Otremba 9561 1538 for more information.

Wednesday December 31

New Year's Eve event. Call Julie Otremba on 9561 1538 for more information.

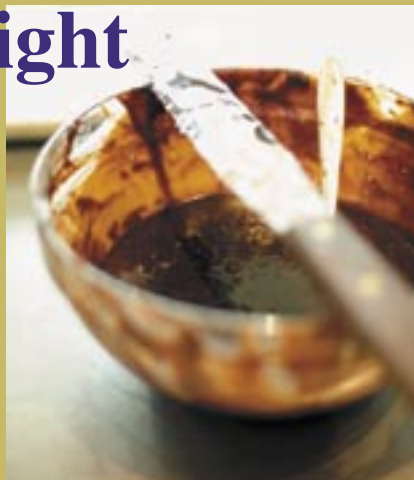


Don't miss out on the Pumpkin Cutting Competition at the Dark Tree Gallery on Friday October 31.

Chocolate delight

YANCHEP Sun City Pty Ltd has recently been engaged in discussions with the delectable Chocolate Drop company to incorporate it into the first stage of the Capricorn Coastal Village project. Chocolatier and proprietor Sue Dash has a wealth of experience in chocolate, which includes chocolate carving at Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory at Movie World, Queensland, to establishing the first Chocolate Drops store in South Australia and supplying numerous restaurants, caterers and confectionary shops with her sweet, mouth watering sensations.

Proposed as a retail store within the Capricorn Coastal Village, Chocolate



Drops is planned to be in a position to sell its wide variety of tempting produce to the general public. It represents the range of unique shops that are proposed to line the village streets.

Chocolate Drops will hold an open day at Club Capricorn Resort on November 26 from 10am at the Studio function room – all chocoholics are welcome. For more information call Sue Dash on 956 11396.



New ranger's office



Yanchep Sun City representatives at the official Ranger's Office opening.

YANCHEP and Two Rocks residents no longer have to travel to Wanneroo to utilise ranger services.

The Two Rocks Ranger's Office, located at the Two Rocks Police Station in the shopping centre was officially opened in July by Wanneroo Mayor Jon Kelly.

Team leader for Wanneroo Ranger Services Tony McTaggart said the office was opened following feedback from locals that it was needed in the area.

"People can come down on Mondays and Thursdays between 10am-1pm for dog registrations, fire permits, report barking or roaming dogs," Mr McTaggart said.

For information call 9561 2322.

Making history at Yanchep and Two Rocks



Turn back time: (L-R) Yanchep/Two Rocks community bus; 2002 Blessing of the Fleet; Children plant trees on the Marmion Ave extension.

OVER an extended period, Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC) has received a great deal of input from Yanchep and Two Rocks residents about the values and aspirations of their communities. The consultation process has been so worthwhile that YSC now has plans to take it further, inviting community members to participate in the creation of a "community album".

Dr Ken Spillman, one of the WA's most experienced writers and editors, will compile the book in association with Creating Communities. He will draw upon historical research, existing community consultation documentation, and fresh contributions from the residents.

"This is an exciting concept," Dr Spillman said.

"The community album will be a book 'of the people' and 'for the people'. In part, it will also be 'by the people' – giving voice to residents by inviting submissions of words and pictures."

Dr Spillman points out that family photograph albums are usually cherished personal possessions. "YSC's intention is to create a book that is similarly special, but to the whole community," he said.

"It will be intimate. It will evoke memories and express attachments. It will strive to express the community's identity, its feeling of self-worth."

To be published in 2006, the Yanchep-Two

Rocks community album will focus on the recent past – the past of living memory.

"I've got building plans under preparation for my own home in Two Rocks, so the project has personal significance. For myself and other newcomers, this book will be a key to the door of community," Dr Spillman said.

"The Yanchep-Two Rocks area is entering an exciting period of growth. It's important to capture the sense of place felt by those who've already made it their home. The book will record their experiences and celebrate their lives."

To register your interest in the project, call Melany at Creating Communities on 1300 786 289.