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Happy 30th Anniversary Yanchep Sun City!







Above left: YSC managing director Tetsuo Hata receives the prestigious 1982 Sir David Brand Award for Tourism, for YSC's Atlantis Marine Park development at Two Rocks (l-r) Lady Brand, the runner-up and Tetsuo Hata. **Top right:** Ichigo Umehara (seated right) and his family with YSC employees in the 70s. Umehara was a key figure in establishing the Atlantis Marine Park. A lot of Japanese executives working in Perth at the time said their happiest memories were of social occasions and friendships made with people they met in Yanchep Two Rocks. **Bottom right:** Tokyu president Kiyofumi Kamijo and Tokyu Managing Director Isao Adachi help preserve the local environment..

TO CELEBRATE Tokyu's 30 years in Western Australia, a book by WA writer Ken Spillman titled *The Dreamkeepers: Tokyu Corporation's First 30 Years in Western Australia,* will be on sale in the next few months. "Many chapters provide background on the Tokyu Corporation and explain how Tokyu came to join Alan Bond in a joint venture in 1974," Ken Spillman said. "It also explains how and why Tokyu bought Bond's share of the joint venture

company in 1978 and the different business ventures by Tokyu's Australian subsidiary, Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC), including the Atlantis Marine Park." Ken said the book documented the planning progress made over the past decade and YSC's agreements with government and community consultations. The book is substantially based on interviews with YSC's Japanese executives living in Perth - many now retired - and reveals their attachment to Perth and Yanchep. Copies of the book will be available from YSC. To mark Tokyu's 30 years in WA, President Kiyofumi Kamijo visited Perth and met with WA Premier Dr Geoff Gallop to discuss the North West Corridor Development's progress. As part of the company's commitment to preserving the local environment, Mr Kamijo joined Tokyu Managing Director

Isao Adachi, to plant a ceremonial round leaf mort tree in Yanchep along Two Rocks Road.

The round leaf mort is a moderately frost-resistant plant commonly used as an ornamental windbreak.

Blessing of the Fleet preparations begin

GET down to the Two Rocks Marina on Sunday November 7 for the annual Blessing of the Fleet celebrations.

The free event will start at 9.45am with the official ceremony and Grand Parade. The traditional Blessing Ceremony will start at 10am followed by entertainment, stalls and competitions until 3.30pm.

This year's ceremony will pay homage to the Rock Lobster, local history, the Two Rocks Marina and America's Cup. Special guest Premier Dr Geoff Gallop will attend the event along with Fisheries Minister Kim Chance and Liberal MP Judi Moylan.

> It's sure to be a fun-filled day for the family so make sure you circle the date in your diary and support the local event! For further details, call the Two Rocks Maritime Showcase on 9561 2499.

Yanchep



THE Capricorn Coastal Village Joint Venture partners have appointed Gil Alexander from Sinclair Knight Merz to implement and project manage the Capricorn Village planning process. With more than 35 years' experience in engineering and project management in multi-disciplined land

development projects, Gil also brings great energy to the YSC team.

"My involvement with the project is to implement the excellent planning, which I have inherited from former project managers, and make this dream a reality," he explained.

"I am an engineer; a problem solver and I enjoy getting my hands dirty."

Since his appointment in July this year, Gil has been busy assisting the Joint Venture partners with the transition.

"I am establishing project management systems and moulding the new entity into a team focused on delivering a high quality development in a timely and focused manner," he said.

"The Yanchep Two Rocks landholdings opens up a whole new era for development along the NorthWest corridor." "Residents should have patience with the process and have confidence in the Joint Venture to deliver a quality development

that is sensitive to the environment," Gil said

"It takes time to get things right and the Joint Venture is determined to create a very special development that will not only bring much needed facilities and employment to the area, but will also retain features of the local natural beauty, improve their lifestyle and greatly increase their capital growth."

A true-blue Western Australian, Gil lives at Hillarys with his wife and four children. "I am interested in sport; I am a mad footy fan. I play golf, although I have a high handicap that I am working on, and tennis," Gil said.

"I love jogging on the beach and supporting my two youngest children at the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club."

Mad about Back to school

LOCAL adults headed back to the classroom to learn some new tricks last month.

The classes, organised and run by the Yanchep/ Two Rocks Arts and Cultural Association for Adults Learning Week, were held at the Arts and Cultural Centre. A variety of subjects was covered - from aboriginal art and writing resumes to meditation

and relaxation techniques. Arts and Cultural Centre secretary Trisha Cox said the response was excellent. "Some of the courses were overflowing. Of course the book keeping course wasn't



Learning about chocolate: Adult learner classes on chocolate making with Sue Dash were very popular.

as popular as chocolate making but we expected that," she said.

"Everyone involved had a great time – in fact, one man from Gingin attended all of the courses." Trisha said.

Promoting local volunteers

A NEW program to promote local volunteering will be trialed at Yanchep and Two Rocks as part of an agreement with the City of Wanneroo, Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC) and Volunteering WA. The pilot program is a direct outcome of the recent YSC focus group workshops on the Community Development Charter, attended by various City of Wanneroo stakeholders, local businesses and community groups.

"The aim of the project is to promote

local volunteering through marketing and training, while building community capacity and encouraging local employment," said YSC General Manager - Corporate Affairs Chris Waddell. The program will operate from the Two Rocks Access Centre, with support from Volunteers WA.

"We hope the project will result in positive social and economic returns for the Yanchep Two Rocks community," Chris said.

New CEO for Capricorn Village

THE Capricorn Coastal Village recently took a leap forward with the appointment of highly skilled Ellenbrook Development General Manager, Dr Russel Perry, as the project's Chief Executive Officer. Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd Managing Director Nobu Kawasaki said he was delighted to secure Russel's leadership skills and expertise.

"We look forward to working with someone who can bring these unique skills to Capricorn Coastal Village's development," he said.

Russel has extensive experience and knowledge of the planning industry and major projects, both in the government and the private sector.

Capricorn Coastal Village Joint Venture partner Richard Newton said Dr Perry was chosen from a very strong field

of applicants Australia-wide. President of the Urban Development Institute of Australia (WA) Inc from 2001 to 2003 and highly awarded for contributions to



sport and the community, Russel was honoured to accept the CEO position. "It is a wonderful opportunity and it will be exciting to see the project go from the ground up," he said.

Capricorn Coastal Village is the first stage of the St Andrews project, which will be home to more than 150,000 people, supported by 50,000 to 60,000 jobs.

Healthy parks, healthy people

THE Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) recently released its Healthy Parks, Healthy People program.

The program aims to increase community awareness of the importance of a healthy park system in WA.

Local residents are blessed with the neighbouring Yanchep National Park, featuring a 55km coastal plain walk trail, and an underground crystal cave, which is open for tours.

The new *Wangi Mia* (meaning: talking place), alongside the koala exhibits, is one of Perth's Aboriginal meeting places, providing a range of cultural experiences not to be missed.

At this time of year, Yanchep National Park is particularly spectacular with its array of colourful wildflowers.

There are also numerous waterbirds and bushbirds to be seen, including grebes, swans, pelicans, cormorants, egrets, kingfishers, parrots, wrens and honeyeaters.

Volunteers are always welcome to help keep the park healthy by caring for its plants and animals.

CALM Vistor Services Manager Kim Cream said healthy parks means healthy people. "There is considerable evidence worldwide that establishes a strong correlation between spending time in



Above: Volunteers bushwalking through Yanchep National Park.

parks, the physical and mental health of individuals and a healthy community," she said.

"Parks also keep the environment healthy by improving air quality, reducing erosion, delivering clean drinking water and contributing to clean waterways." For more information on the Yanchep National Park call 9561 1004 or visit the website:

www.naturebase.net/yanchep.html

Sustainable community for Capricorn Village

FOLLOWING a series of focus group workshops, the draft Capricorn Coastal Village Community Sustainability Charter is being finalised. A range of local stakeholders and service

A range of local stakeholders and service agencies, who worked with Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC) to provide input into the plan, were involved in the workshops.

Participants included the Yanchep National Park, Department of Community Development, North Metropolitan Health Service, TAFE and many local businesses.

The Capricorn Coastal Village Community Reference Group – a group of representatives from local associations and community groups, nominated by the City of Wanneroo – will provide final sign off for the plan to make sure it has, and will maintain, a local focus. Watch this space for more information about the charter once finalised.

Jusinda wins gold

YANCHEP Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC) sponsored local resident Jusinda Dyson to compete at the recent Oceanic Karate Competition in Fiji, where she won gold in the Under 15s. Jusinda has her sights set on winning the Nationals in Sydney or Brisbane next year



Jusinda with her gold medal.

before taking on the World Junior Championships at the end of next year. "It was wicked to win, and a big thank you to YSC for sponsoring me," she enthused.

"I want to represent Australia in the world Junior title but I have to win the Nationals first," she said.

Jucinda, who has lived in Yanchep all her life, has trained with Michael and Dionne Panoffian since she was nine years old. "I tried lots of different sports but I really, really liked karate."

Project update from Andrew Hagen



YANCHEP Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC) is taking a positive approach to its negotiations with

Government for the Capricorn Coastal Village approvals, following the conditions recently imposed by the WA Planning Commission.

Community input and a partnership approach continue to be important elements of project planning. A Capricorn Coastal Village environmental working group was recently formed. Its main purpose is to act as a community reference group on environmental matters relating to the project, and most importantly to develop community environmental strategies and initiatives. The working group comprises representatives from the Yanchep Two Rocks Regional Environmental Group, CALM, City of Wanneroo, the Joint Venture, and the CCV project team. The Joint Venture's commitment to the local environment is highlighted by its fauna and flora relocation strategy. The City of Wanneroo is currently progressing with this, with input from the Environmental Working Group. Planning is also under way with the City of Wanneroo to develop a foreshore management plan with YSC. Community consultation meetings held in the past with more than 20 stakeholder agencies and community groups have identified a strong need for foreshore development that delivers a unique seaside lifestyle. YSC is committed to developing plans that reflect community sentiments such as preservation of the natural environment and capitalising on natural elements. Sensitive design, retention of public open space, quality beach and vegetation retention and good access to the beach are also key considerations. If you are interested in buying a block within the Capricorn Coastal Village or would like to know more about the project, please call the information line on 1300 786 289 or email ccv@yanchep.net.au and leave your email address and phone number to be included on our database.

Message from the Mayor *Jon Kelly*



THE City of Wanneroo has lobbied extensively for the early extension of Marmion Avenue to Yanchep Two Rocks, and is pleased with the State Government's recent agreement in

principle to allow Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC) to pre-fund the extension.

However, YSC's pre-funding offer relies on Western Australian Planning Commission's (WAPC) approval of the Capricorn Coastal Village Local Structure Plan for at least 300 to 400 lots for immediate development. Sadly, the WAPC has granted a conditional approval of the Capricorn Coastal Village Local Structure Plan based on the developer first constructing the entire extension of Marmion Avenue from Butler through to Yanchep-Two Rocks. This condition is both unreasonable and illegal and the City of Wanneroo is urging the proponents of the St Andrews development to lodge an immediate appeal with the WAPC. The City of Wanneroo is also heavily lobbying the State Government to extend the Mitchell Freeway to Neerabup Road in Clarkson by 2008. This extension is needed to provide proper access to the regional road network and for the developing Neerabup Industrial Area.

As our population continues to increase, so too does the demand for essential services and infrastructure and the City of Wanneroo will continue to lobby the State Government for increased funding to meet the needs of the North West corridor.

What's on around town

Saturday October 23 and Sunday October 24

Yandjet Whispers. A collaborative workshop presented by the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts Aboriginal Theatre. Cabaret Cave, Yanchep National Park. Time: Wednesday and Sunday: 12noon. Saturday: 12noon and 7.30pm. Cost: free, bookings preferred. For further details, call Amy: 0431 305 205.

Saturday, October 30 Sun City Arts Festival 2004 Exhibition. Club Capricorn Resort, Two Rocks Road. This year's entries to the Sun City Art Festival from 10am to 5pm. Entry: Gold coin donation. All art pieces will be for sale. For further details call Trisha: 9561

1469 or email: artawards@iinet.net.au

Sunday October 31

Sun City Art Festival 2004. Two Rocks Shopping Centre, Two Rocks Marina, from 2.30pm. Meet the award winning artists from the 2004 festival. Enjoy live music from local and international artists, stalls, bands. Local band Xtortya from 6.30pm. Lots of fun for the kids with bouncy castle, sumo wrestling, face painting, clowns, magic tricks and more. Trash & Treasure – run by the Yanchep/ Two Rocks Recreation Association – in the car park.For more information call Trisha: 9561 1469 or email: artawards@iinet.net.au **Sunday November 7 Annual Blessing of the Fleet ceremony.** See front page of this newsletter.

Friday November 19

Divas Through the Ages. Phil Renkin Recreation Centre, Lisford Avenue, Two Rocks. 7pm. Cost: \$15 for the show and supper. Join us for an evening of music through the ages. For more information call Julie Otremba: 9561 1538.

Saturday 20 November

Bush to Beach Festival Concert.

Wanneroo Showgrounds, Wanneroo Road, Wanneroo. 5.30pm - 9pm. Cost: FREE. This year's concert will feature multi-ARIA Award winning band, The Whitlams. Described as "muscular piano-based pop with lyrics of charming cynicism", this is sure to be an enjoyable evening for everyone. Pack a picnic and bring the family along to enjoy the talent of one of Australia's great songwriters and bands

Saturday December 11

Carols by Candlelight. Phil Renkin Recreation Centre, Lisford Avenue, Two Rocks. 7.15pm start. Cost: Free. Bring a torch. For more information call Julie Otremba: 9561 1538.

Friday December 31

New Years Eve Dance. Phil Renkin Recreation Centre, Lisford Avenue, Two Rocks. 7.30pm start. Entertainment: JJ Quartet and soloist Kathryn Kyle. Cost: \$10. Bookings essential. Call Julie Otremba: 9561 1538.

Does your community group need funding?

Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC) recognises the importance of local voluntary organisations and their commitment to improving the local community. Organisations such as the community bus, Two Rocks Home Support, the Recreation Association and the Residents Association are just a few examples that have helped shape the

Yanchep Two Rocks community.

To ensure the continuation of these invaluable services, YSC has committed more than \$300,000 to community projects in community sponsorships to date. Sponsorship applications are submitted by local community organisations in April and November each year. Eligible organisations include: local community groups, not-for-profit organisations and sporting groups. Priority is given to those that can demonstrate a high level of support, involve a wide cross-section of community members and provide positive benefits to the community.

The next round of community sponsorships will close on November 30, 2004. Call Susan Quay at Creating Communities on 9284 0910 for more information.