



# Employment prospects for aged care facility



*Locals learn about employment prospects at a workshop.*

MORE than 80 locals attended a recent workshop to learn how to increase their employment prospects at Capricorn Coastal Village's proposed aged care facility. Scheduled for completion in 2005, the Churches of Christ aged care facility will generate approximately 220 jobs. The largest employment group will be care workers, who will work alongside enrolled and registered nurses. The facility will also need the support of kitchen, laundry, domestic, administration and maintenance staff. The workshop was conducted by Churches of Christ Learning and Development

Coordinator Joan Syme and West Coast College Head of Health Programs Debra Kay. It outlined a commitment to offer employment opportunities to local people through extensive and multi-pathway training programs offered by West Coast College. Training includes bridging courses and Certificate III – Aged Care. These courses will initially be conducted at Yanchep/Two Rocks to suit parents and workers' schedules. "The training program being developed in partnership with the Churches of Christ will ensure that people graduate in a very strong position to apply for work in the new facility," said West Coast College Director Development David Ryan. Construction of the facility will start next year, in Stage 1 of the St Andrew's Project. Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd Economic Development Manager Don Black said the facility's progress to date was made possible through the joint cooperation of the State and Local governments. "We have been working closely with all stakeholders to provide this much needed facility for Yanchep/Two Rocks, which will also be an economic boon to the area," he said.

## How to find out more

For more details about the **West Coast College** courses for employment at the aged care facility call Christine Innes on 9233 1747 or email: [innesc@joondalup.training.wa.gov.au](mailto:innesc@joondalup.training.wa.gov.au)

For information about employment prospects and applications from the **Churches of Christ Homes and Community Services**, call Sharon Egan on 9272 0777 or email [sharon.egan@cocwa.asn.au](mailto:sharon.egan@cocwa.asn.au)



## Stakeholders support community development workshop

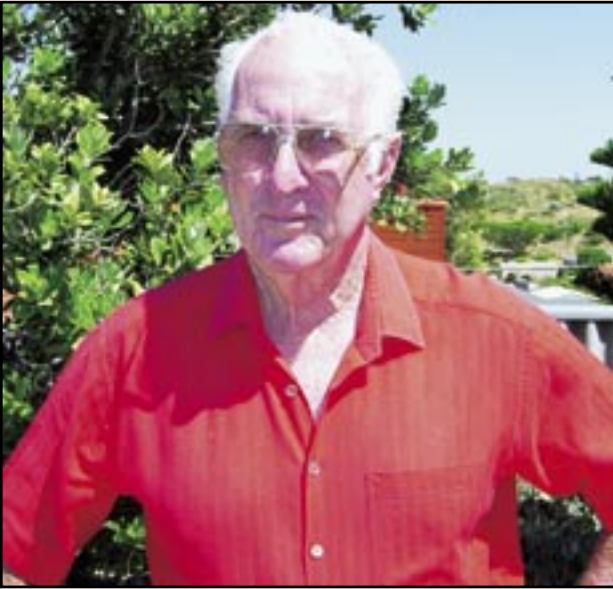


*Encouraging local arts is an important initiative.*

CAPRICORN Coastal Village stakeholders identified tourism, business development, community facilities, accessibility and education as key community development initiatives at a recent workshop hosted by Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC). Over 50 key stakeholders attended the workshop which focused on the themes of creativity, endeavour, celebration and environment. Suggested initiatives included encouraging local arts, promoting eco-tourism, staging festivals, and providing a range of housing options.

YSC Property Development Manager Andrew Hagen said he was pleased with the innovative ideas generated from the workshop. "It is excellent to see such a huge interest in the Capricorn Coastal Village project as we are keen to work in partnership with various agencies and community groups," he said. The ideas generated from the workshop will be incorporated into the Community Development Plan, which will be available for public comment in early 2004. For more information, call Melany Martin on 9284 0910.

# Yanchep icon: Frank Hamilton



FORGET about the fact that he's the same age as Canberra and his joke about having "senior moments".

There's something unmistakably youthful about Two Rocks identity Frank Hamilton. You can still see the kid that grew up in the depression, learning to improvise through the tough times.

Frank left school at 16 and spent the ensuing three decades acquiring a broad range of skills in engineering, sales, marketing and management.

Frank credits his wife Iris with their 1971 decision to buy a house in Two Rocks. Iris

liked the idea of a beach house – and there happened to be a man selling a few just north of Yanchep. His name was Bond. Alan Bond.

"All you could see was white sand," Frank recalled. "Not a tree, not a shrub. They'd cleared everything." There were just three shops in the area – the lagoon kiosk, a shop at the caravan park and the local service station.

In spite of this, Frank and Iris could see the potential. They loved the dazzling coastal views from their house, which was completed in July 1971.

At around the same time, Frank knocked back his company's attempt to relocate the family to Sydney and lost his job over it. "I had ties here,

and my youngest daughter was still at school. It was more important to stay," Frank said. When the Hamilton's first moved here there was no electricity, and shifting sands were an enormous problem. "Every morning, you had to dig your way out," Frank remembered. Bond's company, Yanchep Estates, then sprayed the sand green with a stabilising mixture containing rye grass seeds. Photos were sent to Britain to lure investors with the promise of green hills by the sea. Frank soon heard that Yanchep Estates was looking for a management services officer. He went to Bond's manager, Peter Beckwith,

and told him to look no further.

"I didn't know what a management services officer was supposed to do, but I told him that I'd leave anyone else for dead."

It turned out that the job involved looking after rental houses from an office in a caravan – but it rapidly became much more. Frank's broad experience and level-headed pragmatism made him an ideal Mr Fixit. He was put in charge of the local water supply and was also required to find jobs for people moving in to the area. "I remember we gave one bloke a job as a nurseryman. I caught him putting in plants upside down," Frank laughs.

Yanchep Estates became Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd when Tokyu Corporation bought in to the project, and Bond sold his share in 1978. Tokyu saw the value of Frank's local knowledge and he remained the company's eyes, ears and jack-of-all-trades until 1989.

Those years brought Frank the rewarding experience of working as engineer at the Atlantis Marine Park.

Throughout his life, Frank has believed in "looking at a solution down the line". It's the attitude of the pioneer, and it has helped and inspired many around him.

*Frank Hamilton is part of the human fabric of the Yanchep-Two Rocks area, and his experiences will be told as part of YSC's community album project, to be commenced by Dr Ken Spillman in 2004.*

## Landscape important in engineering designs

COSSILL & Webley Pty Ltd (CW) engineering consultants for Capricorn Coastal Village, is working to create a residential environment that seamlessly melds homes and infrastructure with the existing beauty of the area.

With extensive experience in urban development, CW has eagerly taken on the challenge presented by Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd, to maintain some of the dunal form that defines the area, while also delivering a functional urban environment.

"It is a major engineering challenge to balance the design of site works, to provide economical sites for a mix of housing types, and retain as much of the natural landscape as possible," said CW director Roy Webley.

"Other challenges include meeting water conservation objectives in development plans and engineering design that facilitates a 'state-of-the-art' telecommunications network to service the project from its outset," Roy said.

To meet these challenges part of CW's design distributes lower density housing to the most prominent dunal ridges, while other ridges have been retained as open space.

Complementing these measures is the water sensitive approach adopted for stormwater drainage, designed to ensure recharge to the groundwater is maximised and that water quality is maintained.

"We are currently undertaking a study of options to extend broadband communications facilities to service the Capricorn Coastal Village. These will provide future residents, businesses, schools, etc with state-of-the-art access to a full range of information technology and telecommunications services," Roy said.

These engineering designs for Capricorn Coastal Village ensure the correct ground work is taking place to create a unique residential space that respects the natural landscape.

## Marina update

REMEDICATION of the Two Rocks Marina is entering its final phases with landscaping touches due for completion this month.

Final validation samples taken from the pit wall and floor in October confirmed the remediation site is complete in accordance with the Site Remediation and Management Plan.

A report detailing the results will be sent to the Department of Environment (DoE) in December. The DoE has been satisfied with the remediation method and has been kept informed of works progress throughout the process.

The site will now be backfilled and the bitumen and kerb will be re-laid.

Groundwater bores will also be reinstated to allow ongoing monitoring.

Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC) appreciates the patience of the marina community during the work and would like to thank the Two Rocks Yanchep Environmental Group for keeping the wider community informed of remediation progress.

For further information contact the YSC information line on 1300 786 289 (1-300-sun-cty).

# Project update from Andrew Hagen



AS WE embark on the St Andrews project implementation phase, Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC) will continue to conduct workshops, which give us valuable insight into the needs of the community and key stakeholders. The great level of participation and support has been very encouraging. Workshops to date include:

### **Broadbanding Wanneroo:**

Hosted in conjunction with the City of Wanneroo, this workshop discussed the advantages of providing broadband infrastructure in the City of Wanneroo. YSC looks forward to continuing broadband initiatives for the Yanchep/Two Rocks area with a coordinated and cooperative approach with the City of Wanneroo, State Government, and other developers.

**Capricorn Coastal Village Community Development Planning Workshop:** This workshop was attended by a wide range of stakeholders, who provided significant insight into potential community development initiatives. YSC will continue to consider the innovative ideas and concepts that resulted from this.

### **Fisheries Export Development**

**Opportunity Workshop:** YSC will look to target economic development and employment activities for the Yanchep/Two Rocks region through fisheries export opportunities.

### **Churches of Christ Potential**

### **Employment Opportunities Workshop:**

Hosted by YSC in conjunction with Churches of Christ and West Coast College of TAFE, this information session identified a range of employment opportunities that may be available at the proposed aged care facility.

From the enthusiasm that has already been evident in previous workshops, I expect these future information sessions to be successful and consider them to be an integral method through which the community can have input into the future of their area.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

TWO years ago Mariska Van de Cappelle had a dream. From the confines of her IT office in Holland, she fantasised about opening a bed and breakfast that would become a haven for others escaping the nine to five rat race.

On an impulse, 30-year-old Mariska packed her bags, said goodbye to her family and friends and travelled 15,000km to Australia, determined to make it happen.

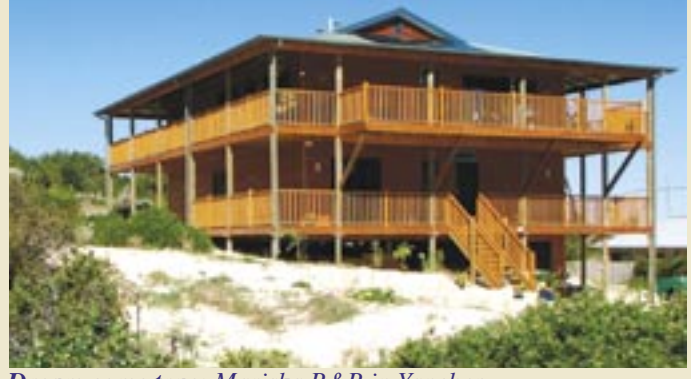
Six months later, when she found a dusty piece of land in Yanchep, nestled behind sand dunes with spectacular views of the Indian Ocean, she knew her dream was going to come true.

But it wasn't going to be all smooth sailing. It took 18 months and a lot of determination and creative talent from Mariska to transform that vacant land into a stunning timber, two-storey bed and breakfast with



*Mariska on her balcony.*

# In search of a dream



*Dream come true: Mariska B&B in Yanchep.*

sweeping colonial style verandas. Like its namesake, Mariska Bed and Breakfast is unique. Everything from the five individual, boldly painted

bedrooms with veranda doors, jarrah futons and floorboards to the beautiful mosaic bathrooms, has been carefully handcrafted and designed by Mariska. Upstairs, the bright, modern kitchen opens out onto the dining area while hammocks on the veranda sway gently in the sea breeze.

"I wanted to create the feeling of luxury that everyone could afford," Mariska said. "I wanted the house to capture the earthy character and charm of the area with the sand dunes and sea."

Mariska Bed and Breakfast also offers one-day mosaic workshops, with all materials provided for only \$75.

"I like being creative and sharing this creativity with others. I'm also keen for yoga groups to conduct workshops here." Rooms cost \$25 per person per night and \$35 per person per night at weekends and public holidays. For more information visit [www.mariska.com.au](http://www.mariska.com.au) or call 0412 040 035.

# Powered by the waves

MUCH of Yanchep and Two Rocks' electricity could be generated by the ocean, if a feasibility study proves conclusive. Ocean Power Technologies Australasia is party to a Memorandum of Understanding with Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd (YSC) the City of Wanneroo and the State Government to build the power station offshore at Yanchep.

This will provide electricity for the many households that will be built as part of the St Andrews project.

The offshore wave technology will convert the up and down motion of ocean waves into electricity, using modular, buoy-like structures and is considered to be the most efficient and commercially advanced in the world.

YSC Economic Development Manager Don Black said the wave energy is a breakthrough in technology for renewable energy.

"This is another step in the process of establishing an alternative energy source,

as well as being a major employer for the area," he said.

"We have taken the first step in forming an alliance with the State and Local Government, which enabled funding for the feasibility study."

Wanneroo MLA Dianne Guise and co-chairperson of the IDEA project is a strong advocate of building the underwater power station.

"This is quite an exciting venture and we look forward to the results of the feasibility study with interest," she said.

"The Ocean Power Technology will contribute significantly to building the clean, green environment that we are all striving for."

A wave rider buoy analysis was recently completed and Ocean Power Technologies will spend the next six to eight weeks researching the collected data, before reaching a conclusion as to the feasibility of a wave power station.

# Something to laugh about



A BUNCH of local men dressed in fairy outfits was enough to get the audience in fits of hysterics at the recent Giggles Galore production at Club Capricorn. Organised and produced by the Art and Cultural Association of Yanchep/Two Rocks, Giggles Galore was a sell-out success.

Some of the all-star cast included Club Capricorn manager Peter Grindley as the MC, Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd Corporate Affairs General Manager Chris Waddell with his magnificent singing voice, and Art and Cultural Association member Rosalyn Humphries. All proceeds went to the Art and Cultural Association.

## Chocolatier in Yanchep

THE Chocolate Drops open day received a great response on Wednesday November 26.

Chocolatier and proprietor Sue Dash provided tastings and demonstrations at Club Capricorn to a chocolate loving crowd.

Sue will be teaching chocolate making workshops at various TAFE venues next year, following a strong interest from the West Coast College of TAFE on the open day.

Chocolate giant Nestlé had a stall at the open day and invited Sue to conduct demonstrations within their services division.

"The day was fantastic and we got an extremely good response from our local



community and business associations," Sue said.

Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd is currently negotiating with Sue to establish a retail outlet at the proposed Capricorn Coastal Village.

"Sue Dash's Chocolate Drops is the kind of creative and unique business that we would like to see at Capricorn Coastal Village," said Economic Development Manager Don Black.

## Artist does it her way



Yoshi and Elena at the exhibition.

YANCHEP artist and sculptor Elena Giugliarelli Lumsdaine did it her way at a recent exhibition at Club Capricorn's Zodiac Room. Titled *A Modo Mia (My Way): The Colours of My Mind, the Colours of My Memory*, the exhibition displayed Elena's

unique and spontaneous style.

"I like spontaneity at all times and I am not fond of details and preciseness," the Italian artist said.

"I splatter colour freely and quickly, taking into consideration value, colour, balance, motion, texture and technique.

"Recognisable paintings for me exclude feelings."

Yanchep Sun City Pty Ltd Executive Manager Yoshi Ogata attended the exhibition and commented on the high standard of work. "The paintings were very free, beautiful and unique. It was an honour to attend this exhibition and to see first hand the exceptional talent in Yanchep," he said. The exhibition was dedicated to Elena's father the late Bruno Giugliarelli, and included some of his sculptures.

## Movies

### under the stars

YANCHEP Sun City Pty Ltd is hosting a free Movies Under the Stars at Charnwood Oval on **Friday January 30 and Saturday January 31, 2004.**

For all those children looking for Nemo, you'll find him during the Friday night screening of *Finding Nemo*, along with face painting and a bouncy castle prior to screening.

On Saturday night, it's time to draw your swords and walk the plank with the *Pirates of the Caribbean*. There will also be a jazz band playing at 6.30pm before the movie commences.

Both movies begin at 8pm. Bring a picnic or enjoy food provided by community groups to raise funds.

For more information call Joanne Vinci on 9284 0910.

## What's on in Yanchep and Two Rocks

### December 20 and 21

**The Fantastic Toyshop.** Performed by the Atlantis Awakes Performing Group in association with Dans-Z-Studio. The first major Yanchep production in decades, this magical Christmas play will have you mesmerised. Call 9561 6291 for bookings or further information.

### Wednesday December 31

**New Year's Eve Party.** Live Band, BYO drinks. A light supper will be provided. Phil Renkin Recreation Centre, Two Rocks. 7.30pm - late. Book your table: call Julie Otremba on 9561 1538.

### Monday January 5 / Tuesday January 6

**Drawing Techniques.** Children aged 6-8 (Monday) and 8-10 (Tuesday). 10am-noon at the Arts and Cultural Association of Yanchep/Two Rocks. Call 9561 1469.

### Sunday January 11

**Australian Design Stained Glass Effect Activity.** Ages 6-8. 2pm-3pm at the Arts and Cultural Association of Yanchep/Two Rocks. Call 9561 1469.

### Monday January 12 - Tuesday January 13

**Short story writing.** Ages 6-10 (Monday) and 10-16 (Tuesday). Arts and Cultural Association of Yanchep/Two Rocks. Call 9561 1469.

### Tuesdays January 20 and 27

Simple print making. Ages 10-16. Arts and Cultural Association of Yanchep/Two Rocks. Call 9561 1881.

### Monday January 26

**Australia Day Breakfast.** Activities and entertainment, including Australian Citizenship Ceremony and presentation of community awards. 8am at the Phil Renkin Recreation Centre.

\* For adult art courses starting in February call Trish Cox at the Arts and Cultural Association of Yanchep/Two Rocks on 9561 1469.

*Events are correct at the time of going to press. Please call for confirmation.*