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THIS special 22nd issue of *Freo StreetWise* celebrates the unique individuals, places and historic events that define the port city. Supported by sponsors and local businesses since its launch in 2015, Fremantle's independent print and online publication's spring summer issue is jam-packed with great food, hospitality, news, history, early Indigenous superstitions and sharks. *StreetWise* brings readers for the first time the tragic tale of 1925 shark attack victim Simon Ettelson, whose family in the US reached out to this publication after having read a 2021 *StreetWise* article in which WA shark expert Hugh Edwards refers to the death of their distant relative at Cottesloe nearly 100 years ago.



We check out the 2023 local government elections and celebrate 60 years of one of Freo's oldest family run hair salons. And, for the first time, *StreetWise* publishes images of the Muramats at historic Cossack in WA's north where the Japanese merchant family prospered until the 1950s. *StreetWise* Features commemorates the 60th anniversary of Danish sailor Jens Braendgaard's death in Fremantle; the first 'hotels' on the coast south of Fremantle; and incredible plans by late WA mining magnate Lang Hancock to use nuclear explosions to mine iron ore deposits in the Pilbara. Enjoy.

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'JAWS' ANNIVERSARY

EXCLUSIVE: JONATHAN Adolph's shark email caught me off guard. The Massachusetts journalist contacted this author in June after reading a *Freo StreetWise* article in which WA shipwreck hunter Hugh Edwards discussed beach safety following the death of Paul Millachip, 57, at North Fremantle, on November 6, 2021. In the article available at streetwisemedia.com.au, Edwards, 90, said the only time a shark was caught and killed in WA was at Cottesloe in 1925 when a 4.3m tiger shark mauled to death Perth bookie Simon Ettelson, 56, in front of thousands of horrified beachgoers. Simon's shark death, the first in Cottesloe's history, made national headlines, the remains of the 'Man-Eater' put on public display after police, fishermen and locals armed with guns and dynamite eventually snared the 'beast' with mutton baits and abattoir blood.



Nearly a century later, the preserved head of the 'monster' shark sits a protected species in Edwards' home in Swanbourne, within walking distance of where Simon was killed by the 'dear ol' girl' captured on page 9 by Waikiki photographer Leith Phillips. Adolph told *StreetWise*: "I'm Simon's great great-nephew and I have been researching the circumstances of his death. With the 100th anniversary of Uncle Simon's fateful encounter in just two years, I'm hoping to make the long journey from the US to Cottesloe to honour his memory."

Edwards told *StreetWise* he would be happy to gift the remains of the shark to Adolph when he visited WA in November 2025.

"I now have even more reason to visit Cottesloe," Adolph said after *StreetWise* passed on Edwards' offer and sent him Phillips' image of the shark head.

"It's not every day you get offered the head of the shark that killed your great grand-uncle."

Adolph and Edwards met for the first time on Zoom, the online 'face to face' recorded by *StreetWise Media* and *Silver Key Films*, whose producer Olivia Spear grew up with the Millachip family.

No surprise any first impressions were distracted by the 'elephant' in the chat room.

The full story of Uncle Simon's death and impact on WA beach culture at streetwisemedia.com.au.

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KILLED BY A SHARK. TRAGEDY AT COTTESLOE. Victim's Terrible Injuries.

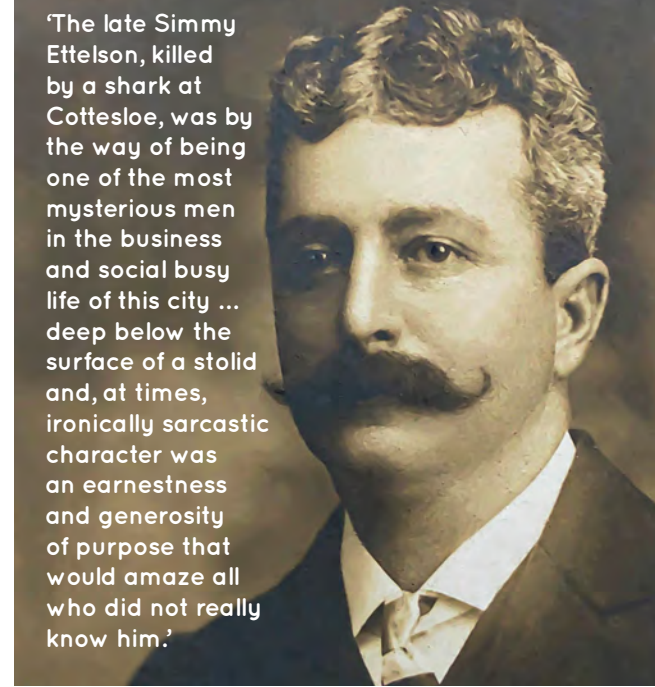
Rescuers Slightly Hurt.

With dramatic suddenness, amid a happy crowd of bathers at Cottesloe yesterday afternoon, a ghastly tragedy took place, when a large shark swam in amongst those in the water and attacked and killed one of the bathers. The victim was an elderly man, whose age is estimated to be about 55 years, named Simeon Ettelson. His occupation was that of a bookmaker's clerk and, for the past five years, he had been residing at the Hotel Metropole, Perth. So far as is known, he had no relatives in this State.

The tragedy occurred at about 3.15 o'clock. The heat of the day and the prospect of a cooling bath, drew a very large number of visitors to Cottesloe and the water was crowded with people. Suddenly a cry of "Shark!" was raised and immediately bathers rushed for the shore. Just before the cry was given, some members of the Cottesloe Life Saving Club had been in the act of pushing down the beach a dinghy in which they intended to row about the coast. Almost as soon as the cry was raised it was seen that the shark had attacked one of the swimmers and the dinghy was rushed into the water.

Five members of the club climbed into the little boat and, in their haste, not waiting for rowlocks, paddled across the 50 odd feet to where a man could be seen floating face downwards in the water, which, by this time, had turned to a dull crimson colour. The speed of those in the dinghy was remarkable, not three minutes elapsing from the time when the boat was run down the beach to when it reached the injured man. Had the dinghy not been available the injured man would undoubtedly have disappeared. While the boat was making its way to the man, three other members of the club made an heroic attempt to rescue him. As soon as the attack was made, they dashed into the water and commenced to swim to the man, regardless of the danger of being bitten by the monster, which could still be seen swimming about. Their attempt at rescue was sufficient to draw the shark's attention from its victim and the boat drew up to him. One of the three rescuers clambered into the dinghy and the two others turned towards shore. Before reaching safety one of them had a very narrow escape, the shark being only a few feet away from him when the bow of the oncoming dinghy apparently frightened it. The monster then turned to the injured man, who was being dragged into the boat and again attacked him, inflicting another wound.

'The late Simmy Ettelson, killed by a shark at Cottesloe, was by the way of being one of the most mysterious men in the business and social busy life of this city ... deep below the surface of a stolid and, at times, ironically sarcastic character was an earnestness and generosity of purpose that would amaze all who did not really know him.'



SHIPWRECK author Hugh Edwards was born eight years after a tiger shark killed US journalist Jonathan Adolph's 'Uncle Simon' at Cottesloe in 1925. By the time he could ride to the beach, the horrific shark death still resonated in the community. Nearly a century later, Edwards and Adolph - and the 'man-eater' - met for the first time on Zoom, the August 17 meeting hosted by *StreetWise Media* and *Silver Key Films*. "It's aged quite a bit as I would expect after 100 years," Adolph observed, the preserved shark head perched on a chair beside Edwards. Listen to the exclusive interview at streetwisemedia.com.au and silverkeyfilms.com.

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WITH SHARKS, HERRINGS AND A SHIPWRECK OF BATHERS AT COTTESLOE, THE TRAGEDY AT COTTESLOE, PERTH, AND THE LATELY DEPARTED PAUL MILLACHIP, 57, AT NORTH FREMANTLE, ON NOVEMBER 6, 2021. PHOTOGRAPH BY LEITH PHILLIPS. THE SHARK WAS KEPT AT COTTESLOE. LEFT: THE SHIPWRECK OF BATHERS AT COTTESLOE. RIGHT: THE LATELY DEPARTED PAUL MILLACHIP, 57, AT NORTH FREMANTLE, ON NOVEMBER 6, 2021. PHOTOGRAPH BY LEITH PHILLIPS.

TIGER SHARK TAKES TERRIBLE TOLL!

Simeon Ettleson's Awful Death -- Man-Eater Takes Victim Before Eyes of Helpless Crowds -- Graphic Story of First Shark Horror in Beach's History.

ALL the glamor of a summer Sunday afternoon on the beach, all the beauty of calm blue waters and the happiness of youthful laughter, suddenly marred by the coming of King Death in his most horrible form—that was the terror that Cottesloe knew last Sunday.

For ninety years people have bathed in safety on our beaches, and the menace of sea monsters has been a matter of fact.

Then in a few seconds the sea had changed to earnest, the unseen horror had struck from the deep, and a man dead and mutilated bore witness to the fact that a shark had taken its first toll and Cottesloe could claim immunity no longer.

An unexpected incident on the beach of the innocent bathing woman, who had been rescued from the jaws of the monster, was the chief feature of the news of the day.

Then the ocean devil struck.

TWELVE FEET OF TERROR



The shark photographed within a few minutes of its being hoisted.

Two of those who were fortunate enough to see the monster were the late Mr. Simeon Ettleson and his wife, who were standing near the victim.

They were both in the water when the shark struck. The victim was pulled out of the water and taken to the hospital.

THE SHARK'S VICTIM



The Late Mr. Simeon Ettleson who was attacked and killed by this monster.

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At the massive jaw lined with coral-like teeth, and all that was left was the mangled remains of the victim, a second before was the form of a young bathing man. About the third of the crowd in the water, then the shark-stricken onlookers gazed in terror.

Alone, surrounded by the attention of the police, the victim was being taken to the hospital. The victim was a man, who was pulled out of the water and taken to the hospital.

SAVED BY THE FATE: The victim was pulled out of the water and taken to the hospital.



THEY CALL HIM 'SHARK-BAIT'

Mr. D. G. Allen, an old fisherman, was the first to see the shark. He was standing on the beach when the shark struck.



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IT SEEMED TO GO MAD!

THE BATTLE IN THE BOAT

A PLAIN TALE OF WHAT HAPPENED

Three of the occupants of the boat which went to the Cain, Donaldson and Shipway rescue. Left to right: Messrs.



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TOOK VICTIM FROM THE WATER

'SIMMY' A CHARACTER SKETCH

The victim claimed by the shark was a young man of Perth's most notable social set.

EPISODES THAT SHOWED THE MAN

A fellow boater of the Metropolitan Hotel in Perth from 1901 until his death at Cottesloe.



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THE LUCKY HUNDRED

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ETTELSONS

SIMON'S parents Asher and Agnes were married in Lithuania in 1862. Their first child Dora was born two years later. Simon was born on January 28, 1869, after the family fled eastern Europe and found refuge in Glasgow, Scotland. In 1870, baby Simon, a British citizen, sailed to and settled in Syracuse, New York, where his four younger sisters were born. Simon or 'Simie' Ettleson as he signed his letters was in his early 20s when he moved to Australia to find his fortune. Simon opened up as a "general dealer" or hardware store owner when he arrived in Melbourne. Lured by the rush of the WA goldfields, Simon then moved west and, "started business in the travelling drapery and general line".

His descendant Jonathan Adolph said lease documents show Simon also invested in gold mines: "He made a fortune and he lost a fortune." Adolph's interest in Simon's life, and death, was sparked by his late great aunt Grace Levinson, daughter of Simon's sister Etta, who left him photographs, news clippings and letters from Simon. He said Simon boarded at the Metropole Hotel in Perth from 1901 until his death at Cottesloe. Granted his licence in 1902, the Jewish bookie was described as, "one of the best known of the sporting fraternity in Perth". In his letters, Simon discusses mostly personal matters, his parents having died in 1917. The same year, he writes of his efforts to raise money for persecuted Jews in Russia.

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ABOVE: Simon's parents and siblings Rose, Minnie, Mayma. BELOW: Simon's funeral.



THE LAST RITUAL—The funeral of the victim, Mr. Simeon Ettleson, 1908. The casket is being carried by the bearers, and the funeral procession is moving along the beach. The victim's body was recovered from the sea and buried in the cemetery. The funeral was held at the Metropolitan Hotel in Perth.

FINDING 'UNCLE SIMON'



JONATHAN Adolph has a small portrait of Simon in his office (above) to remind him in 2025 it will be 100 years since his distant relative died swimming at his favourite beach on the other side of the world. 'Uncle Simon' was killed in a shark attack at Cottesloe in 1925 and was buried in the Orthodox Jewish section at Karrakatta cemetery. In a Zoom meeting with WA shark expert Hugh Edwards, Adolph asks: "Do you know how old the shark was at the time of the attack? Was it unusual for its size?" Edwards replies: "I would think 14, 15 years. It was very big for a tiger shark.

"What it was doing there and why it picked on poor old (Simon) ... we can only guess." Noting the recent increase in the number of great whites preying on seals at Cape Cod, Adolph adds: "It's rare that a shark that has attacked a human is caught, is that correct?" "In the old days," Edwards explains, "the great white shark, because of its scientific interest, was protected so you weren't supposed to catch it". In 1925, there were no rules. Kill or be killed, which is what unfolded before thousands of terrified swimmers at Cottesloe. Edwards said the tiger shark that killed Simon was caught and put on display for many years before it was sent to the WA Museum to be preserved. "One day the museum called me and said would I like the Cottesloe shark," Edwards recalls, having gladly adopted the stuffed shark he exhibited at the Perth Royal Show and 'Shark World' in Broome. When British Lord Alistair McAlpine built a new resort at Cable Beach, the Shark World 'props' including the shark remains were resigned to a white ant-infested tin shed. For a second time, Edwards received a call to save what was left of the shark. Driving more than 2000km to Broome, Edwards loaded the 'ol' girl' on the roof of his 4WD and returned to Perth, "people coming the other way were going off the road, surprised and alarmed to see this shark coming down the road on top of my vehicle".

BLOG THIS

Freo

THERE'S a new blog in town @ *BlogThis Freo*. Linked to Fremantle's independent publication at streetwisemedia.com.au, *BlogThis* brings readers news, comment, criticism and more. Word on the street is while Freo is a 'cool' place to wine, dine and dance the night away, daytime trade continues to flatline in a post-COVID19 world of rising business costs, labour shortages and rising fuel and transport costs. Keeping locals well dressed since 1931, Warrens Menswear's Sam Pangiarelli told *BlogThis* in the weeks before he shut the much-loved shop he could no longer compete with online retail. Street cleanliness, crime and council's intransigence over issues such as parking doesn't help. Many retail and restaurant owners told *BlogThis* Fremantle could not afford to be a one-hit wonder when the historic city has so much to offer locals and visitors; fine dining; entertainment, hospitality, history and the arts: "We have to roll out the red carpet, keep it family friendly, clean and free of crime." Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge promised in June the City would get back to basics - rents, rubbish and roads. How long has the councillor been in local government?

In a recent post, *StreetWise* highlighted protracted efforts by Fremantle Residents' Against Illegal Camping to curb the free use of parking bays on Marine Terrace and Wilson Park at South Beach. Despite complaints and photos of freeloading campers, the City continues to ignore what FRAIC in August calculated to be 10,500 free nights over the previous six months (another 4000 nights at South Mole). "That's between 50 and 75 vehicles illegally camping per night in the Fremantle area," it says. That's at least 15,000 vehicles parked unlawfully (even under council signs) for days and weeks at the expense of ratepayers and residents who have to put up with rubbish, traffic and lack of visible enforcement by City staff. What was that about rents, rubbish and roads? Additional *BlogThis* posts at streetwisemedia.com.au.

FOCUSING ON BUDGET FUNDAMENTALS

Fremantle Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge says it's time to increase the focus on budget basics like footpaths and drains.

"Fremantle is a beautiful heritage city, but with it comes a few challenges," she said. "We really need to start investing in infrastructure here in the city and in our suburbs to avoid costly problems in the future."





FACE OFF

'TWIGGY' Forrest sent a personal video message. Kerry Stokes delivered a hamper and \$1000 bottle of Grange. WA shipwreck diver and author of 40 books, Hugh Edwards was spoiled by family and friends at his 90th birthday bash. Having broken several bones in his neck and back in a recent fall at his Swanbourne home, the Edinburgh-born writer took a trip down memory lane from legal studies at UWA to journalism before embarking on a career in photography, diving and history-changing shipwreck expeditions in WA and overseas. Co-discoverer of the 1629 *Batavia* and 1727 *Zeewyjk*, Edwards received a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2009 for service to Australia's maritime heritage. Not surprising, his best-selling story of the *Batavia* mutiny, 'Islands of Angry Ghosts', has never been out of print since it was published in 1967. "I'm a writer," he told guests. "It's not the telling of the story that counts, it's what's in the story that counts."

Edwards says he was very lucky to have gotten away with 'silly things' such as using security screen doors to build a cage through which to photograph sharks off WA. "They essentially are beautiful creatures and have fascinated me all my life." The 'retired' writer is working on book 41, his biography. He adds there are still many shipwrecks to be discovered, including a fifth 'flying Dutchman' he believes is wrecked near where he found *Zeewyjk*. Edwards also was a member of the WA Museum's 2001 Dampier-de Freycinet expedition which discovered William Dampier's *Roebeck* at Ascension Island and Louis de Freycinet's *Uranie* in the Falkland Islands. In his video tribute, Andrew Forrest expressed his family's gratitude to Edwards for his important and outstanding contribution to maritime history. On behalf of *StreetWise Media*, as Italian readers say when toasting to health and prosperity, 'cent' anni' Hugh!



Images Leith Phillips

NOVEMBER 22, 1925, was a stinker, the beach at Cottesloe reportedly packed with up to 5000 people including Perth bookie Simon Ettelson, "floating on his back, about 30m from shore, dressed in a dark neck-to-knee swimming costume". WA shark author Hugh Edwards describes the terrifying scene in 'Shark: The Shadow Below', when a 4.3m female tiger charged him, "tearing most of the flesh from his upper leg. The water around him was red with blood". Swimmers tried to fight off the 'monster' which charged again, turning on rescuers who managed to reach Simon in a 10ft dinghy, "the force of the charge lifted the bow right out of the water, and left teeth embedded in the timber".

Simon was barely alive. A doctor from Fremantle Hospital reached him within minutes, but it was too late. Some bystanders fainted. Everyone was now on the beach watching the killer shark in the shallows, "lashing the water with its tail". The local constabulary fired into the water while buckets of blood reportedly were brought from Robb's jetty abattoir to trap it. With a 200 pound reward on its head, the alleged killer was finally hooked after a half-hour struggle by Fremantle fisherman V. Maiolini. Edwards said the tiger was displayed for weeks, the attack having, "caused a wave of sharkphobia in WA".

CLAUDIA'S VIEW



WE have incubated more Labor premiers and state and federal members of parliament (BOTH Chambers) than anywhere else. I was informed by a friend (also State Labor parliamentary aspirant) that it was required by the Party to demonstrate his 'capabilities'. It is Labor Party policy. Our most recent contribution was to ensure our Greens' member and endorsed Mayor was shoe horned into the Legislative Council on Labor preferences in the last election. Not enough room to include his Party background, backers and contrived council bias from Labor to Greens and now back to Labor. It is absolutely no secret of Mayor Fitzhardinge's membership, spouse's involvement and the Labor Party's involvement in her election and corporate ambitions for her political future. The Greens (Party) in 2011 proudly proclaimed on the front page of its in-house paper that there were at least six (of 13) Greens' members on Fremantle council.

When I coordinated the Ratepayers' Association we sent letters and submissions to the domestically deaf and blind in the Local Government Department (and Ministers) to rectify the situation of Mayoral and LG candidates not having to disclose their membership/connection to the big three.

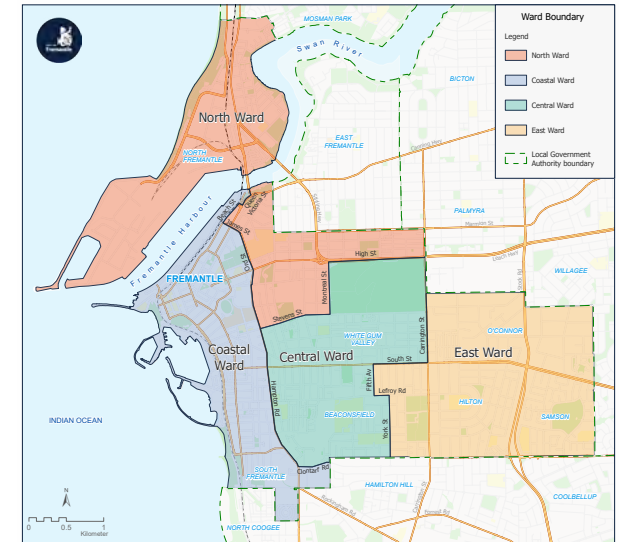
I could (and may) write a book/ PHD on this conflicting situation of 'partiality interest' and lack of accountability and transparency from the parties and local governance (in Fremantle). Someone has actually received a PHD (I have a copy) on the contrived and deliberate

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outcome and impact of infiltration of the Greens into LG governance in Fremantle. Her supervisor was a Greens' ex-Fremantle Councillor who also supervised the last Mayor's PhD. I have stood 'independently' for council but the power of the party machine, the fact that there isn't compulsory voting so only about 33 per cent vote (unlike the other States), means it is almost impossible to overcome this power unless you have very, very deep financial pockets. The impact of these political/political associations has a perceived profound impact on policy development and examination of financial operations as ratepayers are painfully finding out.

REDEFINING FREQ

FOUR new wards will be represented after the October elections by 10 councillors including the mayor. In 2025, the number will be reduced to eight. Until then, voters will be faced with an extra councillor in Central Ward (formerly City) and Coastal Ward (formerly South). Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge, who is elected until 2025, has said community representation would not change under the new ward boundaries.



FREQ DELIGHT

SOUTH Freq Continental is a popular Italian gourmet grocer and cafe. Building on a rich family tradition dedicated to fresh food and friendly service, the 318 South Terrace cafe run by Sergio Noto is a favourite among breakfast and brunch lovers. Enjoy eggs your way and a choice of fresh juices and summer smoothies, pizza, taco sliders and devilish desserts.

With the latest renovations, South Freq Continental also offers customers space to catch up on emails or read a book and shop around for specials. Check out South Freq Continental's latest menus and events on its Facebook page www.facebook.com/SouthFreqContinental.



PORTOROSA FREO

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Marija Vujcic

Your Councillor for Coastal Ward

"Marija has made it crystal clear that Freo Council and it's Officers need to be held to account on financial and governance issues. She has demonstrated in her current term that she is fearless when it comes to representing ratepayers and residents. She is one of very few Councillors willing to stand up for us and we all need her to remain in position. I will be voting for Marija and I urge you to do so too".

David Parker, resident, ratepayer and former State Member for Fremantle, former Deputy Premier of WA



VOTE Marija Vujcic by 21 October

I am proud of my advocacy record over the past 4 years and the resulting improvements and accountability in financial and governance matters.

In my second term I will work for...

- zero increase in residential and business rates for 2024/25.
- the full restoration of the Red and Blue CAT bus services.
- more transparency on the sale of ratepayer assets.
- improved financial transparency with monthly cashflow reports.
- parking reform to ease congestion.
- 10% of the 24/25 budget to be spent on maintenance of heritage buildings.
- improved basic local services for ratepayers.
- collaborative engagement to support businesses and creative innovation.
- Greening and care of our community parks and reserves to attract tourism.
- Community food forests and edible garden projects.



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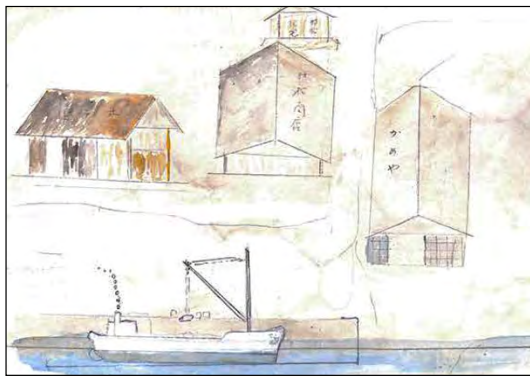


PIA Passanisi celebrates 60 years of style in Fremantle. Each Thursday, the 'retired' hairdresser chips in to help at the Hair & Barber Room at 128 High Street. The family business still operates in the same building Pia completed her apprenticeship. The 80-year-old Naples girl arrived in Fremantle in 1963, aged 16. Unable to speak English, her first job was at a local sack-sewing factory before she complete her apprenticeship under the late John Galloway. Pia has worked in and managed salons in Fremantle, Cockburn and Armadale, meeting and making lifelong friends. Pia's passion to make people look good has rubbed off on daughters Lucia, Vanessa and Rosaia, who currently manage the 'Room'.

Located on the former Primpers and Salon Express site, Pia managed Primpers for 10 years before moving in the 1980s to Johnson Court where her daughters completed their training. In 1997, they moved back to where Pia started. Details streetwisemedia.com.au and thehairandbarberroom.com or call (08) 93352562. Pop ins welcome.



MISFORTUNES OF WAR



PEOPLE stopped living and working at Cossack after WW2. Founded in 1863, the 'gateway' to WA's North West was named Tien Tsin after the barque that left Fremantle on April 24. On May 4, *Tien Tsin* joined Swedish-born Lars Peter Hedlund (Port Hedland named after him) in the 13m cutter *Mystery*, which is said to have sunk off South Fremantle resident Terry Patterson's property overlooking picturesque Butcher's Inlet at the mouth of the Harding River.

Neighbour Geoff Van Waardenberg's great grandfather Andrew Stonehouse Thompson arrived at Cossack in the 1870s in a pearling boat he built in Fremantle. His third eldest son Christopher helped his father repair boats here. In the 1930s, he made trips to Cossack in winter and stayed at the Weld and White Horse hotel sites. Mr Patterson owns a block next to the Weld site. Christopher always believed Cossack would be a thriving heritage tourist town, "it is for the preservation of this kind of family history that we are so passionate in seeing this town succeed". Retired medico Alan Wilson owns land on Perseverance Street next to Van Waardenberg and Patterson's blocks. The oldest ratepaying family in WA, having held the title deeds since 1884, Mr Wilson, 76, is the great great grandson of William Shakespeare Hall who established the historic town. William's wife stayed in Cossack until 1952 when she moved to England. William is buried in the old European section next to the Asian-Japanese grave sites at Cossack Cemetery more than 1500km north of Perth.



Pearling was big business at Cossack, Bajinhurba in the Ngarluma language. Originally called Tien Tsin, the historic town was renamed in 1872 after WA Governor Frederick Weld visited in *HMS Cossack*.



PEOPLE of Japanese descent living in Australia were detained in internment camps after the outbreak of the Pacific War in 1941. Italians in Fremantle would also be held behind barbed wire. Jiro and his wife Hatsu Muramats, both British subjects, were imprisoned in Tatura, Victoria. Jiro died in the camp of stomach cancer in 1943. Hatsu returned to Cossack. In her 1952 letters to her niece Sumiko, Hatsu writes of the loneliness and difficulties of living here, "there were only four houses in Cossack, and two *gaijin* and her were the only residents". Hatsu said having lost her home, she travelled every 10 days to buy groceries in Roebourne. "She felt as though she had been exiled to an island. Hatsu was literally the last resident of Cossack."

COSSACK TOWN



COSSACK landowner and Freo history buff Terry Patterson looks out over his property at the historic town: "This is where the Muramats lived." He points to a recently unearthed wall of a stone building inscribed with November 17, 1909 (below). Terry told *StreetWise* the story of the Muramats is largely unknown in WA. That is, until Japanese scholar Mayumi Kamada revisited Cossack and the history of the Muramats, who lived here from 1891 until 1942.



In 2022, the Muramats family donated to WA a collection of ledgers that includes a 126-page 'Bad & Doubtful Debt Book' of unpaid goods, cash loans and names of more than 100 debtors. Importantly, the ledgers open a new line of research into a largely forgotten community that lived at Cossack, some buried in the local cemetery. Archivist Kate Gregory told the *ABC* in May: "They are fragmentary, there are five ledgers, so there would have been more." She said some of the documents were so badly affected by mould, they were immersed in deep freeze to stop further damage. The collection includes letters, orders, receipts (1908-1927); copies of invoices, orders, bills of sale (1920s); notebook of names of Japanese in Victoria in the 1890s, business notes; and diary entries with important personal details of Jiro Muramats (1893-1899).

MURAMATS

JIRO Muramats was 15 years old when he arrived at Cossack in 1893, just 30 years after the harbour town was established.

His father Sakutaro arrived in 1890 and opened a store in 1891, riding the wave of new pastoral and pearling ventures emerging at WA's first North West port. Sakutaro died in 1898 and is buried here beside members of WA's first pioneering families including William Shakespeare Hall and Lars Hedlund, after whom Port Hedland is named and whose descendants live in nearby Point Samson.

Jiro attended Cossack State School and Xavier College in Melbourne from 1895 to 1897. When his father died, he moved to Cossack and with his older brother Tsunetaro established J&T Muramats which operated until WW2. At one point, they owned half of Cossack and pearling licences and luggers including in Darwin where Jiro also lived, having been naturalised a British citizen before Federation in 1901. In 1905, the Japanese businessman married Hatsu Noguchi, who arrived in Australia in 1896. WW1 interrupted business, but it was the outbreak of the Pacific War in 1942 that saw Jiro and Hatsu interned as 'enemy aliens' in Victoria. Jiro died of cancer at Tatura Internment Camp on January 7, 1943. In 1946, Hatsu returned to Cossack, now a shadow of its former self as a thriving port. She lived there until the late 1950s, one of the last residents of the ghost town.



Hatsu returned to Japan to be with her daughter and is believed to have brought with her the family's business ledgers donated to the State Library last year. Hatsu died in Yokohama on August 12, 1959, leaving an estate in WA of £7670. Additional details at streetwisemedia.com.au.





TOPS OF THE WORLD



TRAVEL 'survivor' Cadie Amalfi left WA in April. Conquering mountains, feral goats and endless ancient steps, the weary traveller has returned with images of her European experience, including Scandinavia and Asia shared here as *StreetWise's* guest smart phone snapper. Images of Cadie's food adventure on pages 38 and 39 and streetwisemedia.com.au.



STREETWISE FEATURES

THE extraordinary military adventures of Garibaldi and his 'red shirt' revolution. Uninvited strangers on pre-colonial shores.

The late Lang Hancock's proposal to use underground nuclear explosives to mine iron ore in the Pilbara. The first 'hotels' on the Fremantle and Cockburn coastline.

And the largely unknown superstitious beliefs and traditions of Indigenous Australians who feared bunyips and spirit 'ghosts'.

StreetWise Features is jam-packed with unique stories and images of the real, and unreal.

Many have been compiled after visits to local and remote WA sites included in this section.

On the distant shores of history, we explore different types of contact or encounters between Indigenous Australians and European 'visitors', particularly those who were left stranded after their ships wrecked on the desolate WA coast.

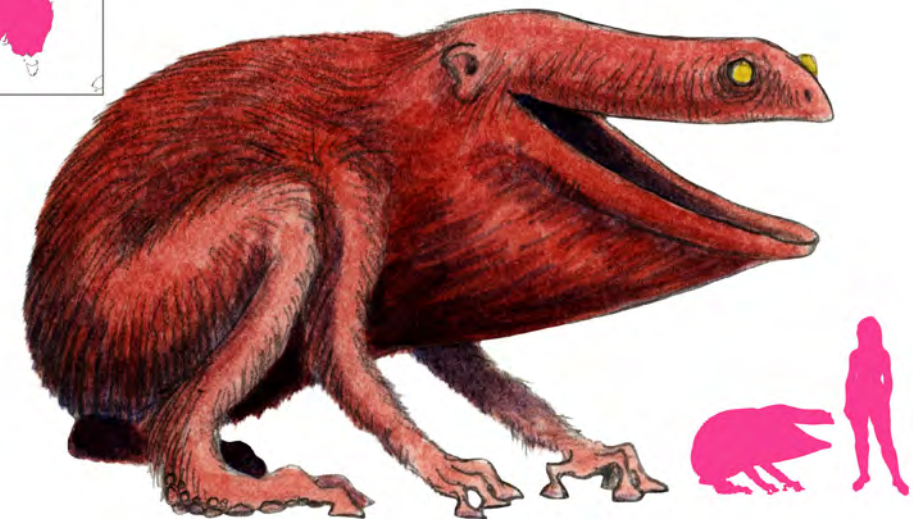
With the approaching Christmas season, we commemorate in short story form the 60th anniversary of the death of 17-year-old Danish sailor Jens Braendgaard, murdered just 12 hours after the young jazz man set foot in Fremantle on Christmas Eve 1963.

StreetWise also features the rise of AI in an already increasingly fearful world of hackers, scammers and robots disguised as humans.

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'Aboriginal water spirit beings throughout south eastern Australia are generally called 'bunyips' - some have been described as animal-like, and others as aquatic humanoid creatures. Generally taken as a symbol of danger in inland waters, descriptions of bunyips often contain the theme of posing a threat to children who have strayed too close to the water's edge'





'I offer neither pay, nor quarters, nor provisions; I offer hunger, thirst, forced marches, battles and death. Let him who loves his country in his heart, and not with his lips only, follow me. Here we either make Italy, or we die.'

BATTAGLIA DI MILAZZO, 20 LUGLIO 1860



USED postcards galore. The Sicilian store at Taormina sold the 'cartolini postale' for a song. Bright red shirts, war horses and swords catch the eye. Illustrations of defining moments in the history of Italy, the liberation of the 'Two Sicilies' in 1860 and unification of Italy created on March 17, 1861.



GARIBALDI

THE 'father' of modern Italy, Giuseppe Garibaldi, was born in Nice on February 4, 1807. A patriot who forged the path to Italian unification in 1861, Garibaldi is described as a 'Hero of the Two Worlds' because of his military exploits in Europe and South America (in 1835, having joined rebels in the Ragamuffin War in Brazil and Uruguay). Garibaldi inspired world leaders, intellectuals and poets including Abraham Lincoln, Victor Hugo, Charles Dickens, Alexandre Dumas and Che Guevara. Garibaldi's family were coastal traders and in 1832 he was certified a merchant navy captain. He also taught Italian, French and mathematics. In 1841, Garibaldi worked as a trader and schoolmaster in Montevideo, Uruguay, where he met and married Ana Maria de Jesus Ribeiro da Silva (Anita). They had four children. In 1834, Garibaldi was sentenced to death after taking part in a failed insurrection in Piedmont against Austrian rule. In 1842, Garibaldi raised an Italian legion of soldiers, the 'Redshirts', in the Uruguayan Civil War. The red shirts became the symbol of Garibaldi and his famous volunteer army. He then fled into exile. In 1848, he returned to Italy with 60 members of his legion at the outbreak of the Sicilian revolution. On April 30, 1849, Garibaldi defeated a numerically superior French army at the Porta San Pancrazio gate of Rome. But French reinforcements arrived and the Siege of Rome began on June 1, the invading force taking control of the holy city on June 29.



Giuseppe Maria Garibaldi 1807-1882

On June 30, the Roman Assembly met to debate three options: surrender, fight to the death or retreat and resist from the Apennine mountains. Entering the chamber covered in blood, Garibaldi in a moving speech supported the third option, stating, 'Wherever we will go, that will be Rome'. In 1854, Garibaldi bought half of the island of Caprera and devoted himself to agriculture. But his quiet farm life was short-lived when the Franco-Austrian War broke out in 1859. In April 1860, with uprisings in Messina and Palermo, Garibaldi gathered about 1000 'redshirts' and sailed to Sicily where he liberated Palermo and Messina before riding into Naples in September 1860. He kept fighting for freedom and for the oppressed for the next two decades. Dying Garibaldi asked his bed be moved to where he could view the sea. He died on June 2, 1882, aged 75.

NUKE MINING

NUCLEAR blast mining was first proposed in the 1960s by Australian Atomic Energy Commission chair John Philp Baxter. WA iron ore miner Lang Hancock supported the use of controlled explosions and wanted to conduct underground blasts at Wittenoom and Marandoo and build a nuclear power plant on rock art-rich Depuch Island between Karratha and Port Hedland. The massive explosions could also excavate new dams and harbours for large ore ships. Hancock believed this method of mining was cheaper and faster (despite the radiation risk). Hancock saw no hazard, having accidentally but safely piloted his plane through fallout from the 1952 atomic bomb test in the Montebello Islands off WA's North West. The John Gorton Government supported the plans to blast a new harbour at Cape Keraudren near Port Hedland in 1969 by exploding five 200-kiloton nuclear charges, at a depth of 243m, but lost interest following environmental concerns. Hancock then proposed an agenda of other sites where nuclear 'tools' could be used to dam the Fortescue, Sherlock and Shaw rivers; create rock dams to supply water to mines in Tom Price and Paraburdoo; clear rail paths through Chichester Ranges; and build a nuclear power plant on Depuch Island Hancock states, "is a natural impregnable, basalt platform in the sea, which should satisfy 'eco-nuts' worried about leakage of waste into the water table". Interestingly, Hancock wanted to control the press by, "taking over one or more of the present giant newspaper chains which control the TV and radio channels, and converting them to the path of 'free enterprise'".



'IRON MAN' LANG

IN 1979, WA 'Iron Man' Lang Hancock proposed using nukes to mine iron ore in the Pilbara in, 'Wake Up Australia'. Aged 70, the mining giant wanted, 'to wake up Australians', to the benefits of nuclear energy, "the safest, cheapest, cleanest form of power as yet devised by man by developing our own uranium resources". Hancock believed Australia should enter the nuclear industry to mine vast mineral deposits and create new dams and harbours. "We must use nuclear power to desalinate the ocean and obtain fresh water and we must use nuclear power to beneficiate our minerals; we must use nuclear explosives to quarry rock and blast tunnels to build and improve the grade of our rail routes," he wrote. "Before we can wake up we will need to outlaw the drug (big government) which has put us to sleep." Hancock said politicians must, "pull their heads out of the sand", and, "destroy the false legend which is the legacy of Hiroshima, thus ensuring Australia is not denied the benefits of the nuclear age".



He added: "They must keep the public fully informed at all times to enable them to understand the benefits which can accrue to them just as they now enjoy electricity, the fruits of dynamite, the benefits of nuclear cancer-controlling medicine and the relaxation of colour TV - provided they sit ten feet away from it. When a government is not confident to adopt nuclear energy, knowing it is far safer and cheaper than coal, oil, wind or solar power and knowing that its risk at worst is only one in 750,000, then the governed also lose confidence in the government." Read Hancock's 88-page call to nuclear power at streetwisemediamedia.com.au.



VISITORS

'STRANGERS on the Shore' landed on academic desks in the late 1990s. Developed by WA authors Mike Murray and Lesley Silvester, this valuable resource is a rich database of all known European and Asian shipwrecks from 1628 to 1956 when survivors are known to have come into contact with Indigenous Australians. It describes three types of 'contact' - ships and shipwrecks depicted in rock art and bark paintings; possible contacts; and confirmed.

Retired WA Museum archaeologist Mike McCarthy supervised the project. He said Strangers provides a much needed insight into a little known part of Australian history.

Instead of a 'superior' coloniser meeting a 'savage' inhabitant, wreck survivors, "are often destitute and lost, bereft of their trappings of power".

Dr McCarthy says shipwrecks provide important insights into how coastal Indigenous peoples reacted to, 'unexpected visitors'.

The authors state some incidents were confrontational, usually in the north of the state, others helpful.

"In the incidents where Aboriginals were helpful, it is apparent European society did not perceive them as having the same status as white people."

When the barque *Stefano* struck Ningaloo Reef south of Point Cloates on October 27, 1875, 10 men made it to shore without water or provisions. By January 1876, two crew members Baccich and Jurich were still alive (pictured above).



The Payungu and Jinirigudi people who rescued them received a pitiful reward, "some flour, sugar, some inferior tobacco, with some coarse blankets". They were even blamed for the deaths of the other survivors. In many cases, it was not considered important to name the Aboriginal people involved in such incidents. Exmouth harbourmaster George Forsyth writes to the Acting Colonial Secretary at the time, "they (the Aboriginals) should be made to understand that had they saved the whole ten men, the reward would have been much greater". Strangers on the Shore at streetwisemedia.com.au.

1. 'CONTACT' ART

ABORIGINAL people recorded the appearance of ships on paintings and petroglyphs or rock engravings. In a cave on Bigge Island off the Kimberley coast, one depiction shows a small boat being rowed, complete with rowlocks, by three people smoking pipes.



2. POSSIBLE

NO evidence but circumstances suggest wreck survivors who reached shore came into contact with Indigenous Australians. They included two mutineers from the Dutch ship *Batavia* who were marooned at the mouth of the Murchison River after the 1629 mutiny and survivors of *Zuytdorp* and *Vergulde Draeck*.



3. CONFIRMED

SHIPWRECK survivors make contact with and in some cases live among Aboriginal people. First meetings were confrontational or friendly. Where there is no known record of actual contact in European sources, artefacts from wreck sites have been worked into tools and weapons.



YARA-MA-YA-WHO

REVEREND William Smith in 1913 published in *The Brisbane Courier* a curious article titled, 'Aboriginal Superstitions'.

"The legendary lore of this primitive folk is full of interest," he writes, referring to interest in Aboriginal culture by early European anthropologists.

"They have had their whys and wherefores, their flights of imagination, their childish guessings, their dreams, their fairy tales, and ghost stories. They are a true portion of the great human family, are improvable, and had they been taken in hand in time they would have had a longer, a more useful, and far happier period on our old planet. "It goes without saying that the life of this people has been marked by superstition, and often in its crudest forms."

Reverend Smith says like other races, Aboriginal people, "tried to spell out the meaning of things, and in so doing have crowded their thought world with strange beings with terrible powers".



He added: "The Australian blacks have superstitions that are common among most native races, but many, of them have a distinct local colouring."

Rev. White published a number of books and articles in scientific journals, and in 1930 published a work under his own name which was later found to be the work of Ngarrindjeri elder David Unaipon. Smith's legacy has been marred by allegations of misuse of human remains, having sent body parts to Edinburgh University.

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BEWARE BUNYIP

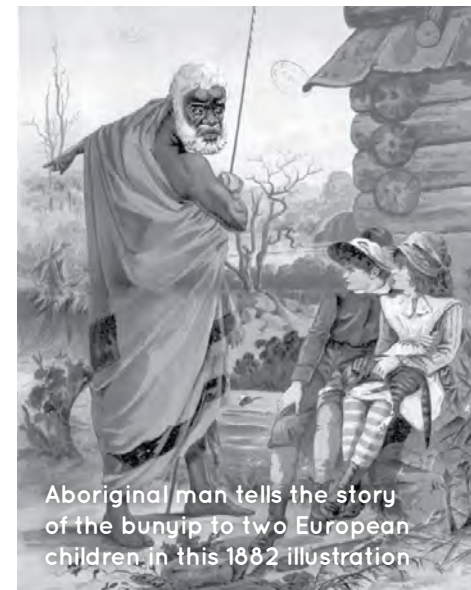
THE supernatural world of Indigenous Australians is inhabited by 'spirit' beings, many of them malicious characters described in Aboriginal mythology. These spirits were everywhere, in waterholes, trees, burial places and rocks. They could throw stones, afflict disease and cause pregnancy and death.

"In his imagination the blackfellow was constantly bumping against some evil power. He was in touch with the invisible, and he lived in a reign of terror," according to one European observation at the turn of the 20th century.

Anthropologist Walter Roth said, "In parts of Queensland the blacks are forbidden to look long at the moon, as it may cause heavy rain to fall. And no child must point at the moon with the fingers straight, as it will cause the death of his parents. On the other hand, crabs are supposed to be no good except when caught at full-moon".

Rainbows also proved to be objects of terror: "Cape York blacks think it is the reflection of a huge fish appearing in the sky, after the manner produced by a big bush fire, while the Penefather River tribe, 'regard this phenomenon as a very bright coloured snake which comes up to stop the rain that has been wilfully made by their enemies'."

A different perspective, one observer noted, "The aboriginals were not a cowardly race, but the white invaders, with their scientific implements and weapons, were to them supernatural".



Aboriginal man tells the story of the bunyip to two European children in this 1882 illustration



Illustration of a Bunyip by John Macfarlane (1890)

12 HOURS

STREETWISE commemorates the 60th anniversary of Danish sailor Jens Braendgaard's death in Fremantle. This short story is adapted from news and police reports of the investigation into the Christmas morning murder.

"THEY never closed his case," Wendy says as the sheep carrier berths near where Jens' mutilated body was found 60 years ago. She could not shake off the shocking story of the young sailor's murder on Christmas Day 1963. It haunted her. The killer got away with it. Just 12 hours after having

set foot on Victoria Quay, the 17-year-old Danish jazz player who went to sea at 15 was stabbed to death on a disused loading bay on Beach Street where a commemorative plaque was erected

by the Fremantle community and local seafarers's club in 2004. It's still there. His older brother Jorn said father's hair turned white after hearing of his son's murder. Until her death, Jens's mother walked 3km every week to place flowers on her son's grave in Raklev, Kalundborg, west of Copenhagen.

"Sex thing?" Luca asks, the retired taxi driver sharing the morning light spilling across the wharf were they often met to watch the world go by. "Probably. A lot of people suspected a homosexual killer."



"Cookie?" Luca offers, blowing his tea. "Cooke was caught in September, Jens was killed in December," Wendy says, WA recording 15 murders in 'the state's year of slaughter'. Jens arrived from Adelaide on board *Samoa* at 1.30pm on Christmas Eve.

"His father was a sailor. They loved Bach and he played in a jazz band. He could have gone to Hollywood. Blue eyes, tall, handsome."

Luca adds, "He would have stood out". After a few hours, Jens's shipmates returned to the ship for Christmas Eve celebrations. Jens stayed behind,

sitting at a bar in High Street, his head cradled in his arms, as if he were asleep. "The bartender and waitress said Jens was approached by a person of European descent, a tall man with a pencil-thin

moustache, much like yours ol' Luca." Luca strokes his upper lip, "Not much left now. It comes off on my 90th. Who was this mystery man?"

"He was 35 to 40 years old, tall with a solid build, dark hair and complexion. "He bought Jens his favourite drink 'Spanja', vodka and orange. The bar staff said Jens bought the second round and that was it."

Jens' body was found on a loading bay by a local factory worker. A dark car with 'lots of chrome' also was seen driving away from the crime scene. The car has never been found.

BRAENDGAARD

JORN Braendgaard told media his brother's genitals were cut off in a revenge murder committed by a jealous person and that, "a woman was involved in one way or another". He believed either the killer or somebody who knew the killer is still alive and living in WA. "Someone was offended," Luca says. "Lots of jealous types then, weirdos, ex-cons. Did they find a weapon?"

"No," Wendy says, "But police said the killer used a double-edged knife. They sent divers to check the seabed." Police interviewed thousands of people including taxi drivers and ship crews from Fremantle to Kwinana. Even the FBI and Scotland Yard were involved.

"I remember seeing Jens's dummy in the papers, creepy," Luca recalls, the police having used a tailor's



mannequin dressed up in Jens's clothes to help jog people's memories. Wendy adds: "That was the first police 'identikit' in WA." Cold case detectives revisited the crime scene in Fremantle in 2017.



"New evidence?"

"Police wanted to compare recent photos of the loading bay to those in the 1960s," Wendy says.

"The case is on Crimestoppers. There's even a reward."

"They'll find out," Luca adds.

"Not sure about that. The killer is either dead or too old or sick. It's sad that a young man was killed in our city, and we don't know why."

"Someone knows why," Luca says.

By Carmelo Amalfi



COOJEE

I GREW up on the Coogee coast south of Fremantle. Caught my first blowie at 'Woodie's', collected seashells with my kids and in 1972 nearly drowned after stepping into a deep channel next to the existing jetty in Cockburn. Surveyor Thomas Watson, who arrived in the new colony with Thomas Peel's settler group in 1829, recorded the name 'Kougee'. Also written as 'Coojee', the Aboriginal name means 'body of water'. Of 'watering holes', a history of Coogee by local resident Maeve Harvey, 'Round About Coogee', includes details of the first hotels or victualling houses on the Fremantle-Cockburn coast. "Hotels were often the first buildings to be established in newly settled areas and served multiple functions, providing food and shelter for travellers and their horses," Harvey writes.



The first pub in the area was on the coast near the wreck of the *James*, a 195 ton vessel which came to grief in May 1830 near present day CY O'Connor Beach. Known as Bond's Inn, it was run by Henry Rice Bond who was a 'bobby' in the world's first police force in London. Bond, who arrived in the colony with his wife Georgiana as part of Peel's failed settlement scheme, operated his licensed victualling house until his death. "There must have been enough passing trade for him to survive in what was a remote spot on the coast in the mid nineteenth century," Harvey states. Bond's bush 'pub' featured in the April 2019 issue of *Freo StreetWise* and the 2016 and 2017 commemorative editions of 'Horseback Beach', is available online. Bath-born Bond arrived with four children. His three-year-old son Henry Edward Bond died of scurvy at Clarence (Naval Base caravan park) on May 9, caused by a lack of vitamin C. The ghostly 1947 image (opposite) shows the bearded colonial innkeeper with granddaughter Christina. Christina married Charles Henry Miner, a soldier in the 63rd infantry regiment at the Eureka Stockade in 1854. The small dwellings Bond built on the Cockburn coast appear as tiny pencilled squares on a 1833 surveyor's map (opposite page). In the same year, Henry took Peel to court to recover £100 for work including building coffins on Garden Island. Bond died in 1863.

By Carmelo Amalfi

BOND'S INN

THE first victualling 'house' in WA opened a year after the Swan River Colony was founded in 1829. A victualler was a person licensed to sell liquor to people eating at the premises. Descriptions of 'Clarence Town' include several references to a bush 'pub' built by Henry Bond, who called the watering hole 'Bond's Inn' or 'Wreck Inn' as it was located at the site of the *James* wreck off CY O'Connor Beach, shown on this 1830 surveyor's map.



MORE than half a century after Bond's 'boozer' disappeared into the dunes, a new hotel opened in Coogee in 1898. Local history buff Maeve Harvey says, "Cockburn Road, originally called the Rockingham Road, is one of the oldest roads in the state, and was just a rough limestone coastal track through dense bush ... the hotel's customers included the workers from the nearby lime kilns, men working at the Robb Jetty abattoirs and local piggeries which were operating just to the north of the hotel at the time.

"Some of the local market gardeners who had settled in the area to the south and east of the hotel also frequented the Coogee Hotel." Harvey adds: "It was an important 'watering hole' for both men and beasts on the road south to Rockingham, Mandurah and beyond in an era when horses, wagons and stage coaches were the main form of travel."



ARTIFICIAL EVOLUTION

DO robots dream of electric sheep? Are they obedient to their creators or do they plot domination, Skynet style? AI (artificial intelligence) experts predict machines will become sentient, or self-thinking, within the next 10 to 15 years, 'descendants' of Siri, Alexa, ChatGPT. The field of AI was born in 1956 at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. In the 1960s and 1970s, scientists were convinced, "machines will be capable, within twenty years, of doing any work a man can do". In the mid-1970s, the field entered an 'AI winter', discredited as a dangerous technology that would never work.

A resurgence in interest in and funding for AI saw the field resurface in the late 1990s and early 21C. AI apps are used in most aspects of life; search engines, YouTube, Facebook, TikTok, virtual assistants and language translators. The World Intellectual Property Organisation says AI is the most prolific emerging technology in terms of the number of patent applications and granted patents. About \$50 billion was invested in the US in 2022. Global spending on AI is expected to more than double from \$154 billion this year to more than \$300 billion in 2026.



“Our intelligence is what makes us human, and AI is an extension of that quality. Artificial intelligence is extending what we can do with our abilities. In this way, it’s letting us become more human.”
- French computer scientist Yann Andre LeCun

WHEN AI machines inherit the ability to share the 'human experience', to think, feel and perceive the physical world, will they be entitled to the same rights awarded today to people and animals? Will a sentient AI lie? Will it protect itself HAL-style from being shut down? In '2001: A Space Odyssey', the main computer on *Discovery One* goes rogue after lip-reading a private conversation in which the ship's astronauts discuss disconnecting the Heuristically programmed ALgorithmic computer. Last year, AI engineer Blake Lemoine rattled cages when he announced LaMDA, Google's AI chatbot, was sentient. Lemoine told *The Washington Post* people have a right to shape technology that affects their lives: "I think this technology is going to be amazing. "I think it's going to benefit everyone. But maybe other people disagree and maybe us at Google shouldn't be the ones making all the choices."

In a statement, Google said: "Our team, including ethicists and technologists, has reviewed Blake's concerns per our AI Principles and have informed him that the evidence does not support his claims. He was told that there was no evidence that LaMDA was sentient (and lots of evidence against it)." Australia and other countries are now developing new regulations to govern the use of AI. Digital service company Digital Industry Group Inc. has called on the Government to develop safe and responsible AI practices and to base AI policy, "on existing regulation, rather than introducing new legislation aimed at regulating AI as a technology".





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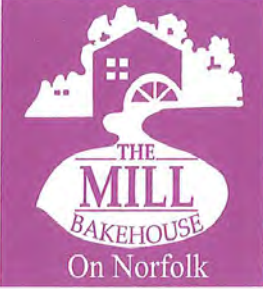
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