

'Inappropriate' to grant man bail



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A MAGISTRATE said it would be "inappropriate" to grant bail to a man accused of twice raping a woman in a bush camp.

The 31-year-old man is facing charges of sexual penetration without consent, aggravated sexual penetration without consent, deprivation of liberty and using a threat with intent to compel the doing of an act.

He was remanded for a committal

mention to the Kalgoorlie District Court on October 10.

The rape is alleged to have occurred at a bush camp in Boulder on June 12. There were a number of people at the camp at the time of the incident.

The alleged victim is a 39-year-old woman and the two were not known to each other before the incident.

No formal pleas has been entered on the charges, however, defence counsel Antonette Fedele previously told the Kalgoorlie Magistrate's Court the accused had consensual sex with the woman and his DNA would be found.

The bail application was partly

heard last week, with Magistrate Felicity Zemplias saying she wanted to review the strength of the prosecution case, but she said on Thursday, based on a number of factors, it would be inappropriate to grant bail.

The court heard the Magistrate had reviewed the statements from the alleged victim, witnesses and the accused's recorded interview with police.

"On the basis of all the material facts available to me at the moment I would have to assess the strength of the State's case as fairly strong," she said.

She also said if found guilty the man

would face a jail term and accepted there was some risk of him not attending his next court hearing.

If granted bail the man would have lived in Kalgoorlie-Boulder with strict conditions, but Magistrate Zemplias said there was some risk of intimidation because the alleged victim was also in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

It was made clear bail could be revisited if there was new evidence or a change to the strength of the prosecution case.

Earlier, Ms Fedele said there were some inconsistencies in the alleged victims' statement.

She said everyone at the camp was

intoxicated and the issues were identification and consent.

"The main factor here is there were a lot of people (and) they were all drunk," she said. "The State will not be able to prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt."

Ms Fedele also said there was some evidence of another person involved in the incident. "There is a need for the police (to do) far more comprehensive inquiries," she said.

All the charges levelled against the man are indictable, with the aggravated sexual penetration carrying the highest maximum penalty of 20 years jail.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hot capital raising

HOT CHILL has completed a private placement with Panoramic and Taurus to raise \$8 million in funds.

Both Panoramic and Taurus will be issued cornerstone positions of 6,666,667 new shares at \$0.60 cents per share.

Following the issue of shares, each will hold 4.1 per cent of Hot Chill's expanded capital structure.

The new funds will be used to complete existing work programs and execute the start of economic studies following the anticipated release in early September of the company's first resource at its Productora project.

Guilty plea

A 36-YEAR-OLD man has pleaded guilty to stealing and property charges dating back five years.

Jason Allan Deruwe appeared via video link in the Kalgoorlie Magistrate's Court and admitted stealing a generator and wheelbarrow, worth \$3400, possessing a wire cutter and screwdriver and causing \$200 damage to a cyclone fence.

The offences occurred at a Boulder

gardening business on July 23, 2006. Deruwe also admitted to failing to appear in court a few months later.

Officers from the Australian Federal Police apprehended Deruwe at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Airport earlier this year.

The 36-year-old was remanded in custody for sentencing on August 13.

Trust funds

COOLGARDIE Police are giving kids the chance to win trust funds up to \$500 through a new writing contest.

Open to Coolgardie residents, aged from five to 15, the Policing of Our Community contest challenges them to write about what they think the role of the police is in the community.

Coolgardie Sergeant Lou Williams said the competition aimed to build closer ties between police and youth in the town. "It's a bit different to what we've done previously with the bikes and the Easter eggs, but the aim is ultimately the same," Sgt Williams said.

The contest runs until November 18 and will be judged at the end of the school year.

For more information phone Coolgardie Police on 9093 8400.

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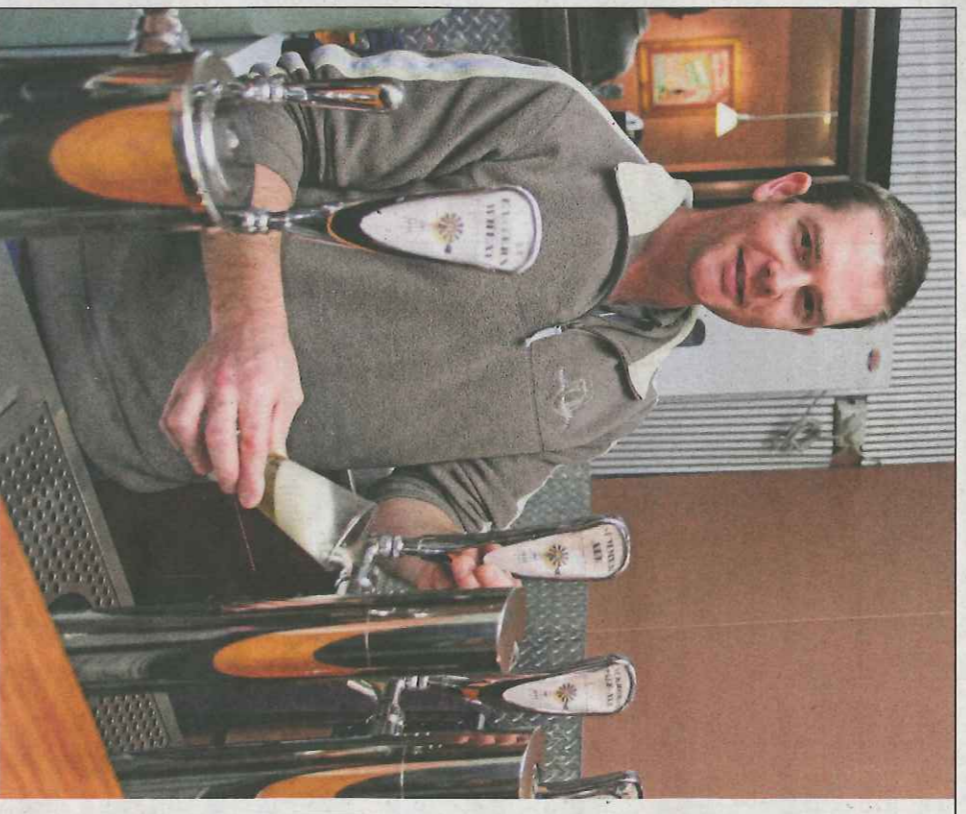
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Brewery is on right track

IT HAS taken about five years, but local brewer Nick Galton-Fenzi says he is only a few months away from opening his Beaten Track Brewery.

The local brewer has been looking to establish his own brewery for years and said he was hoping to open it by October after he successfully applied to have the brewery's trading hours extended.

Councillors at Monday night's general council meeting unanimously voted in favour of Mr Galton-Fenzi's application, which means the brewery will be allowed to operate Monday to Sunday from noon to 9pm.

The application was made to better service the tourist market, but custom-

ers will only be permitted via pre-bookings.

"We originally had three days but we are looking to the tourism-based market," Mr Galton-Fenzi said.

The decision is the first part of a number of approvals needed before he can open the brewery.

The next step is to get a liquor licence from the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor.

During Monday night's meeting, Councillors Russell Haigh, Esther Roadnight and Laurie Ayers all spoke in support of the local brewer.

Mr Galton-Fenzi said he was "ecstatic" by the show of support.

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