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## TIMELY WARNING

The Committee is often contacted by members and non-members about urgent issues where a crisis is to come to a head in a day or two. It is nearly always an issue that the caller has known about for weeks, and we did not (The Council does not notify us in advance about planning issues).

The Society cannot make a quality decision or map out a course of action with such short notice.

**Give us details as soon as you find out. It greatly increases our chance of success on your behalf!**

# Mount Lawley Matters

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## MLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Mount Lawley Society has seen an increasing trend towards demolition of old homes to make way for developments in our suburb..

As reported in the last edition of 'Mount Lawley Matters', the Society has lost the battle save the house at 17 First Avenue Mt Lawley from demolition. The Society considers that this once gracious house contributed significantly to the heritage character of the area. The home was one of the original buildings in the first estate of Mt Lawley, and was situated at a conspicuous high point of the Mt Lawley hill at the corner of Farnley Street. Permission for the demolition of this home was refused by the City of Stirling but the owner successfully appealed against the decision of the elected Council to the

Town Planning Tribunal, which overrode the Council and the Society's views and agreed to the demolition.

### **The block still remains vacant!**

The Society thinks that residents should come first.

Other developments have been proposed including a new supermarket in Beaufort Street (which was thankfully refused), and demolition of 25 Glenroyd Street and of 14 Woodroyd Street (both approved). Here again the Society has been active in listening to local residents and lobbying the City.

The Society believes that the City of Stirling has an important role to play in the preservation of the heritage character of Mount Lawley. This includes

increasing community awareness, as well as identifying sites of local significance which our community values. The Society is committed to working with the local ratepayers association and with the City of Stirling to encourage them to protect and preserve Mount Lawley as an important heritage suburb which is still made up of largely in-tact federation homes in a garden suburb setting. It is still the Society's strong belief that municipal inventories, and what is considered of significant local heritage value, are for our local community to decide, not for the Town Planning Tribunal to dictate.

### **Perth College Plans**

The latest development proposal concerns expansion of Perth College. Residents of nearby Queens Crescent, Almondbury Street, Al-

# MLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

van Street, Park and Clive Roads and Clotilde Street have expressed their concern that there would be considerable additional traffic travelling along Queens Crescent which has already become too busy for a residential area. The additional traffic would create noise and disruption affecting residents, who prefer to see the focus of the College traffic remaining on Lawley Crescent East of Beaufort Street. The plans also involve demolition of up to three properties, and possible development on the playing fields to the West of Beaufort Street. The Society is hopeful that a compromise can be reached that will preserve the residential character of Queens Crescent and nearby streets. \* See update later in Newsletter.

## Our Charter

The Mount Lawley Society stands for-

- \* encouraging the retention and restoration of buildings of historic and aesthetic value, and generally to stimulate interest in the history and character of the area;
- \* improving the Mount Lawley area as a well integrated and desirable residents' and commercial district;
- \* giving responsible voice on matters affecting the overall character and development of

- \* the Mt Lawley area; ensuring that new development is in harmony with the character of the area, is of high (acceptable) architectural and aesthetic standard, and serves the long term interests of the area;
- \* preserving existing open spaces and increase open spaces for the health and enjoyment of the community in general; and
- preserving the natural assets of the area.

## Review of R-Codes

*The City of Stirling has commenced undertaking a review of its residential density or 'R-Code' zonings. A review of Mt Lawley Menora and Coolbinia is scheduled to commence later this year. It is only recently that the City downzoned parts of Mt Lawley to R12.5. Other parts of our suburb have been left with higher zonings, encouraging more demolitions, subdivisions, infill development and higher density dwellings more traffic, less open space, less garden and less privacy. The Society and the Menora Coolbinia Mt Lawley Ratepayers Association will work together to ensure that density zonings, which in turn are used to control infill developments, battleaxe developments, building height controls, street setbacks, plot ratios and outdoor living areas, are set having regard to the*

*interests of the people who live in the area rather than those of developers who in most cases live elsewhere and are out to make a quick profit, too often at the expense of the local community.*

*For critics who claim low density zonings and restrictive covenant protection devalues property, it is only necessary to look at the latest 'Sunday Times' "How your suburb rates" survey published on 29 February 2004, which shows that houses in Menora and Coolbinia have increased by 31.3% and 22.5% respectively in the past 12 months.*

*The Society continues working closely with the Perth Inner City Society and Menora Coolbinia Mt Lawley Ratepayers Association. We share information and jointly formulate positions on matters of common concern.*

**Your committee meets monthly on the first Monday of each month (or following Monday where the former is a public holiday) at 8pm at the Mt Lawley Bowling Club in Rookwood Street. All members are welcome.**

***John Lightowers***

Hon President

March 2004

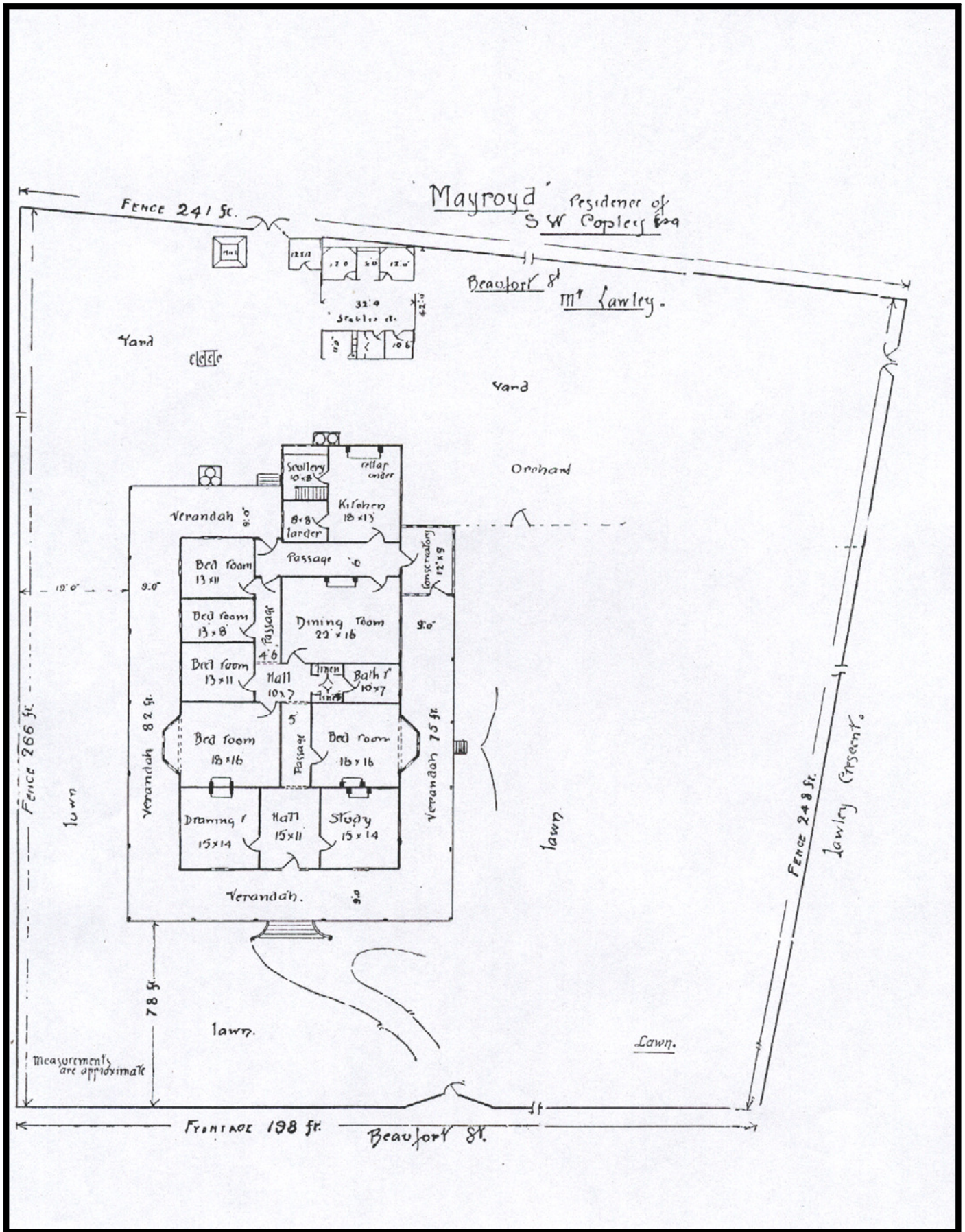
# Heritage

The chief financier of the Mount Lawley Estate of 1902 was Samuel Copley. Originally from Huddersfield in England, Mr Copley arrived in Western Australia about 1895, where he had a barber's shop in Hay Street near the Town Hall. He used stock exchange tips to acquire a fortune by the turn of the century owning large lots of land in Meltham and Bayswater in addition to Swan Location Z (between the Swan river and Dogswamp, and Walcott Street and Bradford Street). He also owned a Kimberley cattle station.

He built a large house in 1903 called "Mayroyd" (after his wife, Mary Royd) at 707 Beaufort Street.. When the banks failed in the recession of 1911 in WA, Mr Copley returned to Huddersfield. He auctioned his home, and courtesy of Dr Bruce Connor, the Society has acquired the pamphlet produced to accompany the auction of the house in 1911. Bruce's grandfather, notable lawyer and investor, Loftus Connor, bought the house and lived there for 13 years until he moved to 28 Alvan Street where he died in 1929.



The property was on two large blocks of land fronting Beaufort Street (then Mount Lawley's most prestigious address) totalling three quarters of a hectare. See overpage for a plan of the property on its major block.



Plan of "Mayroyd" and the other features of the property including the coach-house

## PERTH COLLEGE GROWTH PLAN (UPDATE)

Since the President's Report was written, We are pleased to report that negotiations have taken place between the College and a significant group of neighbouring residents. Misunderstandings have been ironed out and communication and compromise has taken place.

The College has made plain that the published plan was a

long term one with many features conceptual only.

At this stage it appears that the bus movements foreshadowed to take place in Queens Crescent will not take place there. The science block will be reduced in height by one storey, and the only building to be demolished in Queens Crescent will be the block of units at No 30

Furthermore, the Stirling City has committed itself to a traffic study of the precinct surrounding the College, between the railway line and Beaufort Street.

These are favourable outcomes. Neighbours and the College are to be congratulated for the efforts to achieve them.

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*It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.*

## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your

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If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

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