

Memories prompt foreshore rescue

A visit to Mosman Park foreshore this week sparked fond childhood memories for Premier Colin Barnett who was there to announce more cash to protect the Swan and Canning rivers.

In the announcement by Environment Minister Donna Faragher, Mosman Park scooped \$150,000 from the \$1.15 million divvied out to 18 projects.

It will be used to build a groyne, between 30m and 40m long, and rebuild the beach south of Johnston Street to nine metres from three metres at low tide. Erosion is undercutting the rock retaining wall.

Mr Barnett recalled climbing round the rocky foreshore at Dalkeith as a youngster. He also remembered his mother telling him the rock retaining walls, like the one at

Mosman Park, were the work of Italian prisoners of war.

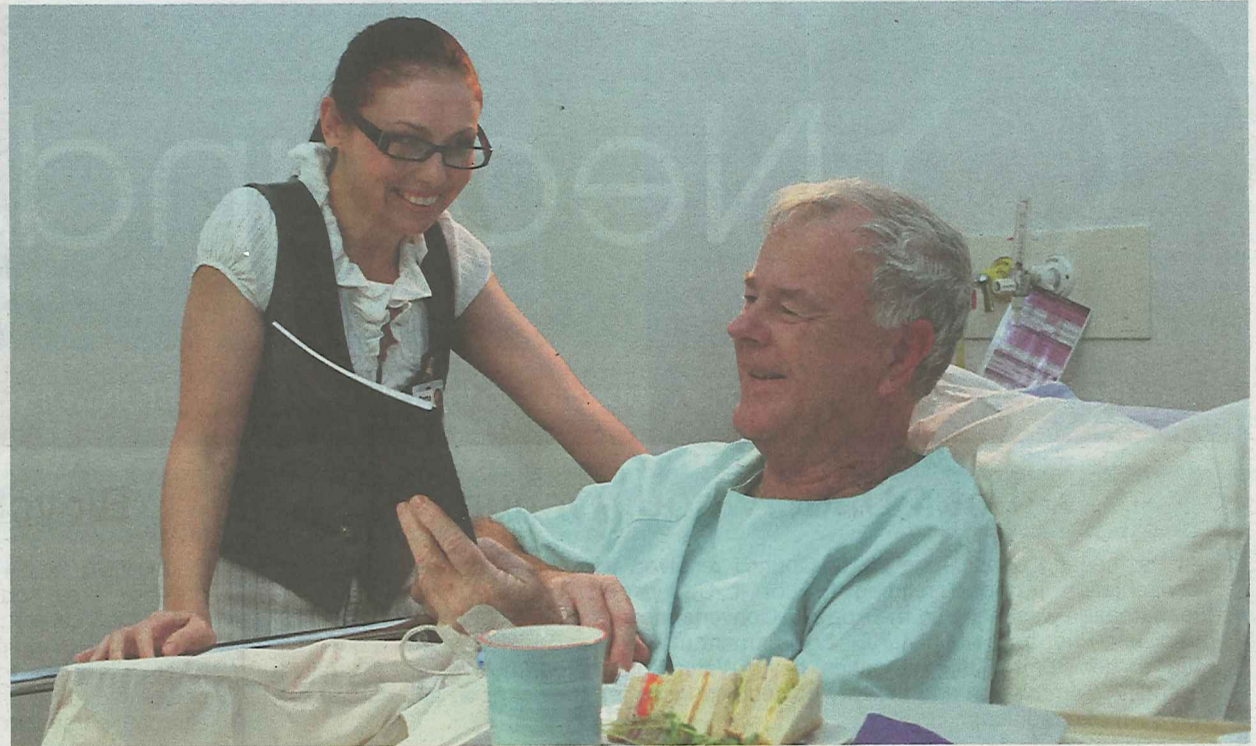
Many are eroded now and in danger of collapse.

Deputy mayor Ian Flack said state government funding for the work, which the council will match, would avert a disaster.

“Water has eroded the beach and put the wall in danger of being undercut,” he said. “As that moves closer to the road it could end in disaster.”

He said the groyne would stop sand being deposited north of Johnston Street and redirect it south where it was needed.

Mr Flack said the project had been prompted by mayor Ron Norris who, like Mr Barnett, had fond memories of a childhood by the river and dreamed of reinstating the beach as it was then.



Bethesda Hospital patient Adrian Chegwidan admires nurse Emma Brown's knee replacement booklet.

Nursing is Emma's passion

Emma Brown might be a young nurse, but she is already a leader in her profession.

The 26-year-old Bethesda Hospital worker has won a national award for making an outstanding contribution to her profession.

She was presented with the Gertrude Berger Award from the Royal College of Nursing, spent time in Canberra with federal Health Minister Nicola Roxon and helped shape national nursing policy.

“I love nursing: it's a passion,” she said. “I wanted to work with people and I fell into it.”

“I feel fortunate to have started early and have a career I love.”

One nurse in Australia wins the Berger each year.

It goes to a nurse who “... is making an outstanding contribution

to professional excellence in their nursing practice and who is demonstrating ... active participation in a leadership role.”

At the Queenslea Drive hospital Emma coordinates nurse learning and development and works in the

day procedure unit.

Emma's achievements include writing patient booklets on hip and knee replacements and developing orientation manuals for graduates. She has been at Bethesda for five-and-a-half years.



Mosman Park deputy mayor Ian Flack, Premier Colin Barnett and Environment Minister Donna Faragher reflect on happy childhoods by the Swan.

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