

Father led raid over fishbowl

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■ Ian Cutler

A father led his 19-year-old daughter and others in a "run-through" of a Wonthealla home to intimidate a man who smashed a fishbowl at her former boyfriend's house, a District Court judge has found.

Judge John Staude said the 52-year-old father had participated in a "pathetically juvenile" incident which demonstrated "thuggish behaviour".

Geoffrey John Peacock and Danielle Marie Peacock were found guilty by a Geraldton jury

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of aggravated burglary and assault on February 28 last year and were sentenced by video from Perth on Wednesday.

Judge Staude said even though Danielle Peacock had struck a female in the house, her father had

over-reacted by leading the run-through instead of giving "good fatherly advice" to a distraught daughter.

The judge said the male occupant of the Wonthealla house had gone to the home of Danielle Peacock's

former boyfriend and "trashed it".

The man had done so after learning that the boyfriend had once had an affair with his partner, who was the other occupant of the Wonthealla house.

Danielle Peacock became very angry and told her father what happened, and he arranged for at least three persons to go to the house to demand payment for the damage.

Judge Staude said during the run-through, the male occupant had threatened the Peacocks with an axe — he was forced to the ground and Danielle Peacock punched the female occupant.

He said Geoffrey Peacock, by virtue of his "leadership" of the run-through, had greater culpability for the incident.

Judge Staude said Peacock should have known better at his age and because several references presented to the court indicated he had respect in the community.

He was fined \$5000 and given a strictly limited time in which to pay, otherwise he will be imprisoned for 20 days.

Danielle Peacock, now living in Perth, was placed on an intensive supervision order for 12 months with supervision and programs. ■



Mother's pride: Marge Millman was a proud mum at the side of her son as the 89th boat built by Mark Millman Marine was lowered into the water. Picture: Gary Warner

Geraldton boatbuilders look north

■ Gary Warner

It took longer than usual, but the 89th boat built by Mark Millman Marine entered the water last week.

A 17-metre aluminium monohull, it was the last in a tranche of similarly specified boats constructed for the

Indonesian Government.

When the crayfishing industry took a turn for the worse in 2007, resulting in reduced demand for fishing boats, Mr Millman identified a market in Indonesia for robust alloy workboats.

"We built several as a speculative venture and they sold well.

"This was the last of them, but a

buyer could not be confirmed for quite a while," Mr Millman said.

"Indonesian authorities are very cautious, they don't rush into things, we had to wait until it was allocated a budget."

Construction of a new port at Sorong, on the western side of the province of West Papua, resulted in the need for a new work boat,

so the order was confirmed for the boat to be completed.

Powered by an 800 horsepower Scania engine, it is fitted with a ZF gearbox.

Emblazoned with the name Papua Indah, the boat will complete sea trials off Geraldton before making its maiden voyage to its home port of Sorong. ■

Building costs on the rise

■ Jessica Millward

The cost of building a new home with WA Country Builders has gone up as of this month.

A price increase has been introduced across the company's entire range of homes.

It will vary depending on the complexity of the build and the materials.

WA Country Builders Geraldton general manager Phil Raven said this was the first price rise since November 2008.

He said it was necessary to accommodate for external influences.

He said the company supported the community by utilising local suppliers and labour and due to increases in those costs it was no longer viable to operate under the previous pricing structure.

He said the standard specifications and inclusions for each build had recently been updated, to keep in line with the demand. ■

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