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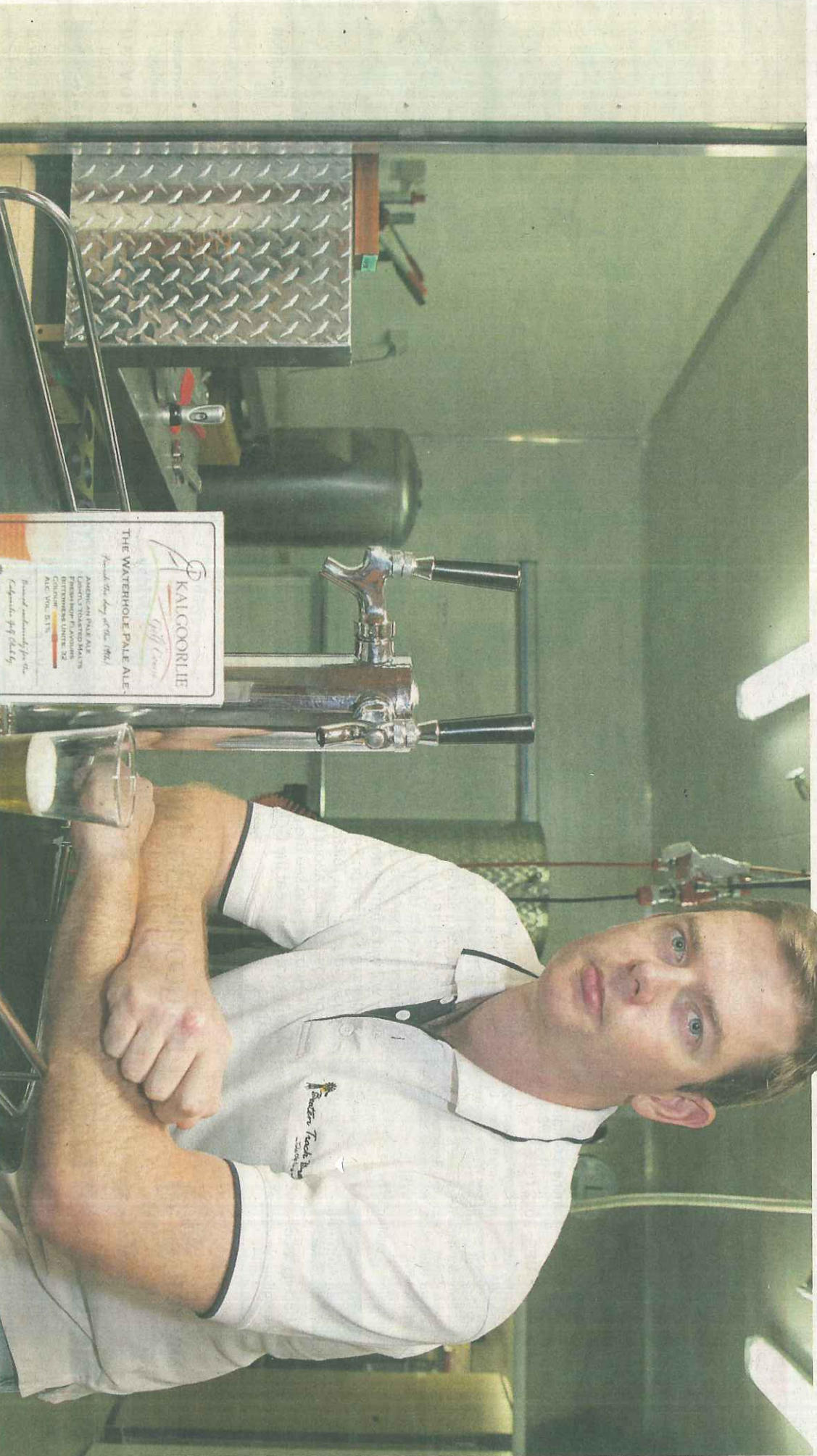
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Beer ban: Boutique brewer Nick Galton-Fenzi at his Boulder brewery yesterday. The Kalgoorlie Golf Club will no longer stock his locally-brewed beers due to a pouring rights agreement with brewing giant Carlton and United. Photo: TRAVIS ANDERSON

FROSTY COMMAND

■ Brewery ordered out of golf club



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KALGOORLIE-BOULDER'S only independent brewery will no longer be able to sell its beer through the Kalgoorlie Golf Club, due to alleged threats of legal action from brewing giant Fosters.

The Beaten Track Brewery had previously supplied two varieties of its locally brewed ale for sale at the clubhouse, but was forced to remove its products and signage earlier this week.

Brewery owner Nick Galton-Fenzi said he was contacted by representatives of course manager Prime Golf on Monday, ordering him to remove the kegs and beer taps he had in place at the clubhouse.

"On Monday we got a phone call from both Prime Golf and the golf club saying we had to get all our equipment out by Wednesday, otherwise Fosters was quite likely to commence legal action," Mr Galton-Fenzi said.

"It meant they were effectively going to withdraw all their Fosters products and equipment from the clubhouse, so I was the one who had to be let go."

He was told the club had breached its pouring rights agreement with Fosters subsidiary Carlton and United Breweries by serving Beaten Track's beers.

While Mr Galton-Fenzi said he understood the reasons the club could no longer stock his beer, he had not been made aware the club management had an exclusive agreement with CUB.

"When we first made the approach to Prime Golf about serving our beer in the clubhouse, we were told they weren't covered by any pouring rights agreement," he said.

"However when they contacted us yesterday, they informed us a 100 per cent agreement had been signed with CUB - information which obviously wasn't passed on to us at any stage."

Mr Galton-Fenzi said he was also disappointed at the lack of support from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder for his locally-based business.

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NEWS

Mick relieves Custer's last stand



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RENEWED council critic Mick McKay admits it is like "Custer's last stand" to save the facade of the Boulder United Friendly Society building on Burt Street.

The State Government has already announced the building will be demolished because of safety concerns and the continuing closure of the street.

The \$1.3 million that was going to be used to fix the facade will now be given to the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder to be used in its Burt Street precinct project.

The land will also be gifted to the council.

However, it was yesterday unclear when demolition of the building would occur.

The road has been closed since seasonal rain critically damaged the building and Burt Street traders have been concerned by the effect this has had on business.

At the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's general council meeting on Monday night, Mr McKay handed a petition

to council, which he said was signed by a number of Boulder residents, to save the facade and reopen the town's main street.

Mr McKay asked council to lobby the State Government to delay the demolition of the building until a plan to save the facade could be put in place.

He said he was willing to put in his own money to save the facade but wanted support from council.

However, Mayor Ron Yuryevich said the State Government's engineers report stated there was no way to save the building.

He added council had no control over the building saying, it did not even need a demolition licence from council to carry out the works.

Mr Yuryevich however admitted Mr McKay had more information than council on the issue as it had not received formal notice from the Government on its plans.

However, a spokesperson for Regional Development and Lands Minister Brendon Grylls said a formal letter would be sent to council this week outlining the decision.

The spokesperson added the original decision had been made in consultation with the council and Eyre MP Graham Jacobs.



Defiant stand: Boulder resident Mick McKay outside the damaged Boulder United Friendly Society building surrounded by scaffolding that has blocked half Burt Street since early this year. Photo: TRAVIS ANDERSON

Home Expo expected to draw crowds

THE Goldfields Home Expo hits town this weekend, with an array of products and services on offer.

The expo will be held at the Goldfields Oasis after being moved from last year's venue, the Kalgoorlie Town Hall, to cater for an increasing number of exhibits and consumers.

Event manager Donna Underwood said she expected improved crowd figures from last year.

"We anticipate another successful expo this year. Last year we had

1300 visitors and we always aim to improve on these numbers each year as the event grows," she said.

Mrs Underwood said there was an improved range of goods and services on offer at this year's event.

"The expo has been supported well by local businesses, with a range of products and services from the home building, buying, decorating and renovating industries," she said.

Mrs Underwood said she expected a very active crowd to be present

at the weekend. "Visitors to the Goldfields Home Expo are keen to see new ideas and products," she said.

"They also want to get information from experts, and we encourage exhibitors to have an expo special offer."

The event runs from 9am to 3pm on Saturday and Sunday. There is room for a few more exhibitors. Anyone interested should call Mrs Underwood on 0428 747 788.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Abandoned boat found

EUCLA Police are investigating an abandoned boat discovered drifting in the Southern Ocean.

The abandoned catamaran was discovered drifting in the ocean near Mundrabilla, around 100km west of Eucla, by fishermen yesterday morning.

Police are investigating whether the boat is the same one abandoned in a rescue of the Queensland Coast earlier this year, but were unable to provide any further details.

Car blaze charge

AN 18-YEAR-OLD man will today face the Supreme Court of WA after he was charged with stealing a car and then setting it on fire.

Sean Joseph Guest did not plead to the charges in the Kalgoorlie Magistrate's Court last week and as part of bail proceedings the facts of the case

were read out last week.

He is also charged with driving a motor vehicle while not being legally entitled to do so and driving an unlicensed vehicle. It was later found engulfed in flames at Hannans Lake.

Focus on health

THE Aboriginal Health Council of WA is holding a State conference this week following the theme New Decade, New Opportunities.

Media personality Ernie Dingo will facilitate the annual conference, which will focus on promoting and achieving health outcomes in the Aboriginal sector. AHCWA chief executive Des Martin said Mr Dingo was a key advocate for promoting the betterment of Aboriginal people.

"We have an excellent line up of speakers addressing a wide range of health topics," he said. The conference started yesterday and will run until Friday.

Laws will be monitored

A GOLDFIELDS youth centre says it will "definitely" be following the progress of new national childcare laws.

Which according to the Community Services Minister, could fine centres up to \$50,000 for making children take part in activities such as Christmas tree decorating.

Eastern Goldfields YMCA executive Terrence Winner said the service was inclusive of all cultures in its programs and offered children the opportunity to participate in a number of cultural or religious activities.

But he stressed participation was not compulsory. "We do not make participation compulsory and offer such activities

as an alternative to run alongside our regular programs," he said.

"Following the recent newspaper articles, the Eastern Goldfields YMCA will definitely be following the progress of this regulation closely and will be seeking clarification on a number of points in the future," Mr Winner said.

Community Services Minister Robyn McSweeney has major concerns about the new national childcare laws.

According to Ms McSweeney new Federal Government regulations could penalise centres if children were required to take part in cultural or religious activities such as Christmas.

Creative family time to win prizes

COMMUNITY Services Minister Robyn McSweeney yesterday invited families throughout the State to get creative by entering the Outdoor Family Fun Competition in the lead-up to Families Week 2011.

Families Week will be celebrated the week starting May 15 and is Australia's main celebration which draws attention to the importance of loved ones.

Prizes will be handed out to winners of the competition, including a \$200 voucher to spend at a local family business, as well as \$1000 towards a nominated not-

for-profit community organisation.

One winner will be chosen from the Goldfields-Esperance region.

Mrs McSweeney encouraged people to think about the good times they had had outdoors with their families and what family meant to them.

Entry forms are available at <http://www.communities.wa.gov.au> or by phoning the Department for Communities on 6217 8700. Entries close 5pm on Friday, April 29.

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'Support business'

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"GIVEN it's a council-backed facility that is paid for by the ratepayers, you'd be hoping they would be willing to show support for local businesses," he said.

"We employ local people, source all our ingredients as locally as possible, and provide a point of difference that's been completely overlooked.

"Given they're obviously looking to use the facility to promote Kalgoorlie-Boulder, it's disappointing they're not looking to support local products."

Prime Golf spokesman Attila Hagymas confirmed Mr Galton-Fenzi had been required to remove his equipment, but said the company's hands were tied.

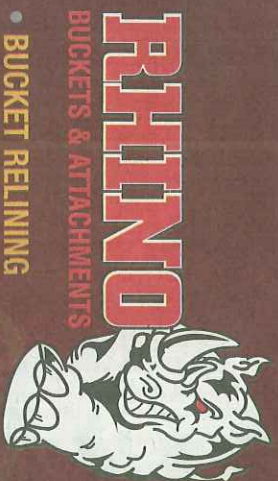
"The 100 per cent agreement with CUB had been in place since day one," Mr Hagymas said.

"It's certainly unfortunate how it happened, but we have to comply with our contract."

He described Mr Galton-Fenzi's lack of information about the CUB agreement as a "miscommunication".

"It has been a busy time for Kalgoorlie Golf Course, and a number of new staff may not have had full knowledge of the agreement," Mr Hagymas said.

Mr Galton-Fenzi said he would contact the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder to express his disappointment.



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