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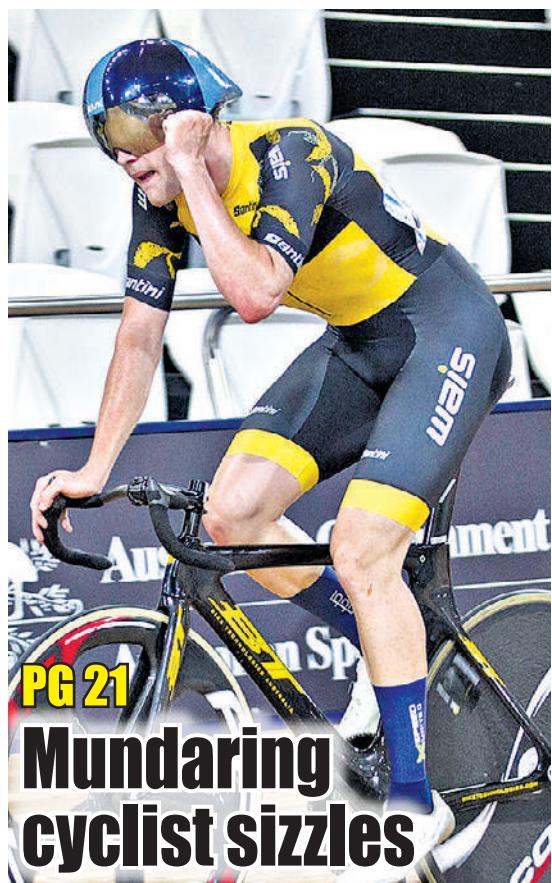
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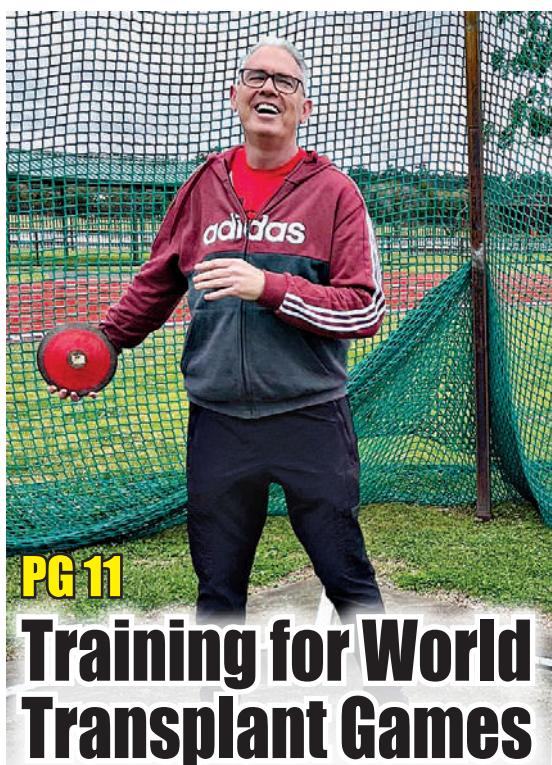
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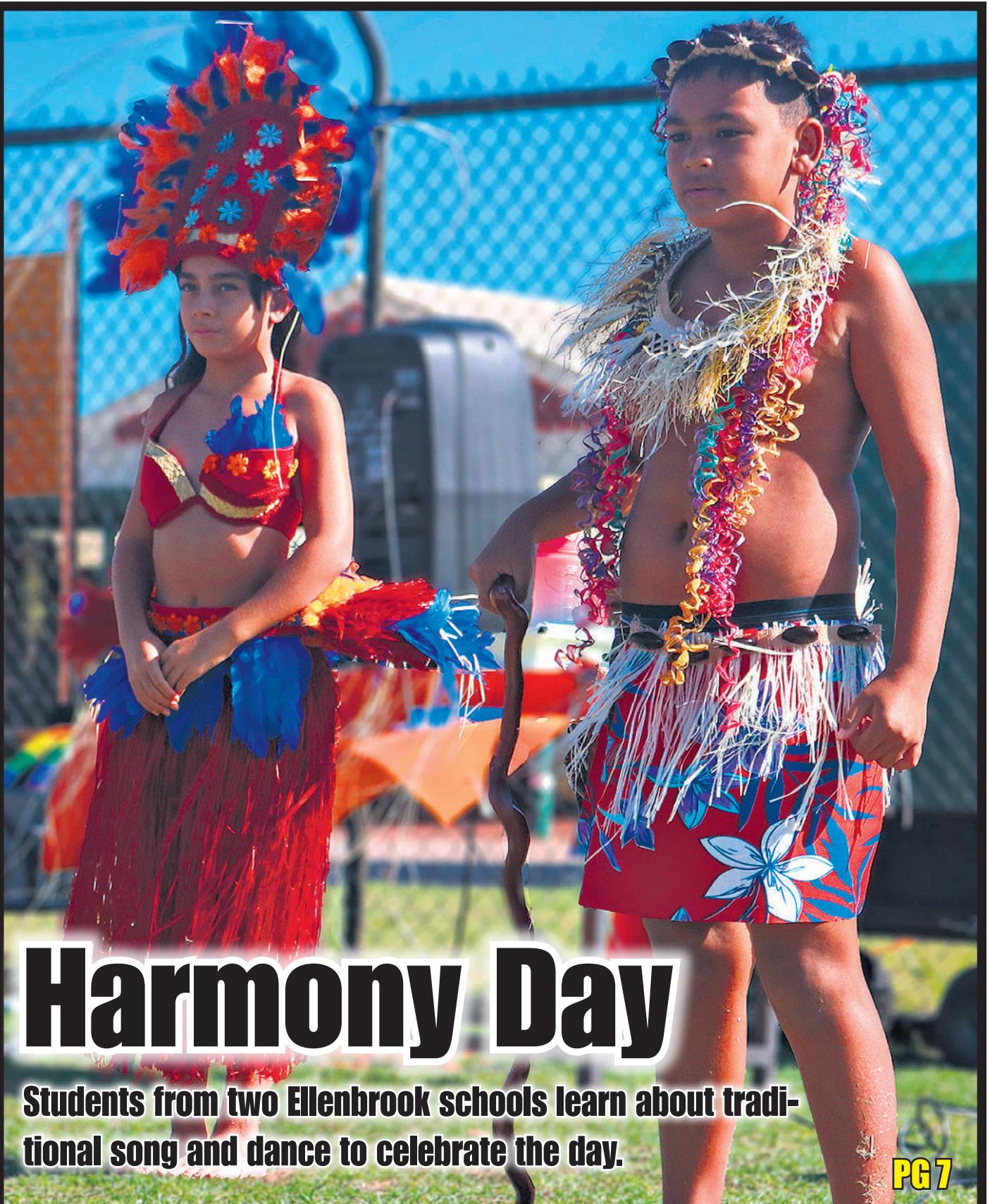
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Mundaring cyclist sizzles



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Training for World Transplant Games



Harmony Day

Students from two Ellenbrook schools learn about traditional song and dance to celebrate the day.

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A photograph of a man and a woman standing together, looking at a tablet device held by the man. The woman is wearing a dark top and has short dark hair. The man is wearing a dark turtleneck and a light-colored jacket. They appear to be in an office or professional setting, possibly discussing financial planning as indicated by the text in the surrounding area.

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Mundaring youth look forward to the return of Youth Week events.

Let's Celebrate YOUTH

CALLING all young people aged between 12 and 17-years-old in the Shire of Mundaring, it's time to celebrate YOUTH.

In recognition of Youth Week, young people are invited to the shire's 'Let's Celebrate YOUTH' event at the Swan View Youth Centre, Brown Park, on Friday, April 21.

At the free event the shire, along with Helping Minds and Foodbank will run a range of fun cooking, art and mental health workshops from 10am to 2pm.

Shire of Mundaring President James Martin said the shire was proud to support young people in the community through its various initiatives.

"In 2021, 12.3 per cent of the population in the shire was aged 10 to 19-years-old, so the shire is always looking at ways we can support and promote our young people," Cr Martin said.

"The Let's Celebrate YOUTH event is a chance for us to celebrate the contribution our young people make to our community."

The shire also helps to support young people and their activities through its community funding program.

Cr Martin said over the past five years the shire has supported young people by awarding

88 youth grants to the total value of \$14,300.

"These grants have helped a number of young people to represent their club or institution at events and activities.

"A further \$85,000 has been awarded to community groups seeking to deliver initiatives that engage young people in the shire, through the youth engagement partnership fund."

He said Youth Week was an important opportunity for the shire to honor young people for their talents, creativity and the positive contributions they bring to our community."

"I encourage young people to come along with their friends.

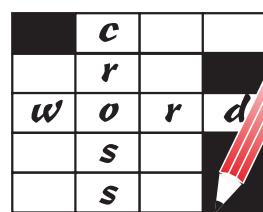
"There will be light snacks provided and for those who don't want to participate in the activities, there will also be a chill zone to hang out in."

Youth Week runs from Friday, April 14 to Friday, April 21.

This year's theme 'becoming with others we dream' focuses on how young people can dream about a better world and use their skills to make it happen.

For more information contact the shire's youth community engagement facilitator on 9290 6790.

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Former Youth Crew member excited

FORMER Shire of Mundaring Youth Crew member Monique Beesley said she was excited that Youth Week activities have returned to Mundaring.

She said growing up in the hills was great because it's an area where everyone takes in each other's ideas and wants the area to work for all ages and personalities.

"Youth week to me is teaching youth how to be the best versions of themselves and learn about things that could allow them to change the future," Monique said.

In her opinion, young people face many types of challenges including issues about self-esteem and confidence, and all the failure which adults today will be setting them up for if they choose not to step up.

"I really like this year's theme 'dreaming your own world', it's truly up for interpretation and it has a lot of potential to become a motto we bring into our everyday lives," she said.

"I feel that young people are contributing to the community by giving their input to the shire and joining groups like the Youth Crew that are designed to be a voice for youth."

Asked what can be changed for young people to succeed in this current world Monique said the stigma around youth having no sense of what would benefit society.

"We are all extremely capable of coming up with great ideas and that needs to be more accepted." The shire is seeking nominations for its Youth Crew. Contact the shire's community youth officer on 9290 6790.

KickstART Festival returns for Youth Week

WESTERN Australia's only youth-led arts festival, the Youth Week WA KickstART Festival, will return with an array of free in-person and online workshops, performances, talks, exhibitions, mentorships and plenty of other goodies for young people aged 12 to 26 taking place between April 14 to 21.

Presented by Propel Youth Arts WA as part of Youth Week WA activities throughout the state, KickstART celebrates its milestone 13th anniversary after almost three years of disruptions due to pandemic restrictions.

Expect to catch the annual KickstART Market Day on Saturday, April 15 at Forrest Place, featur-

ing more than 40 youth stallholders and live performances from WA's freshest music acts.

Other highlights include: the first KickstART video game commission by Haven Studio Games; a Dungeons and Dragons event that explores the blend of gaming and arts management; old-school photographic film developing at PICA with Luke Moore and Silver Halide, and more.

Wrapping up the festivities will be the Youth Week WA Closing Party, featuring a stellar line-up of live music, dancing and games at the AGWA Rooftop.

The full program is available at kickstartfestival.org.au



Residents urge community feedback on city visions

MORGAN DE SMIDT

RESIDENTS in the City of Kalamunda are rallying to save community facilities they believe will significantly change as part of the city's future development plans.

The city's Big Picture Vision, which outlines a range of infrastructure proposals in the hills and foot-hills, has prompted residents to call for greater community feedback due to the possible redevelopment ideas of the Kalamunda Water Park and High Wycombe Library.

Maida Vale Masters Swimming Club president Andrea Williams said she felt alarmed by the concept ideas for Kalamunda Water Park, raised in the strategic community facilities plan, a report the city is seeking feedback on.

"There is no picture of the Kalamunda pool in the Big Picture Vision, there is something like an accommodation block – resort style, short stay accommodation," she said.

"It is mentioned in the plan and it just washes over the fact that there could be this accommodation."

While the ideas in the plan have not been decided on, Ms Williams fears they could be implemented if the community doesn't speak up.

"I've made these flyers out and have been handing them out at the pool and not one of the parents knew about it, anyone I speak to hasn't got a clue... it's not because they are ignorant there has been no advertising or anything."

A spokesperson for the city said

that it was hosting information sessions to receive feedback on the idea of short stay accommodation.

"The city has been hosting a number of community sessions, along with advertising in the *Echo Newspaper*, at City of Kalamunda locations, in shopping centres and on social media.

"To date there has been a robust discussion in community, with attendance at workshops, feedback via engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au and on social media.

"This idea is highly conceptual and is dependent on community feedback.

"This idea of the concept is there would be a publicly available aquatic component as a part of the prospective short-stay accommodation concept."

The plan also states the city has a desire to operate a two-library model – Kalamunda and Forrestfield libraries and noted community engagement would occur to identify "users in High Wycombe who have servicing and access issues that need to be addressed if the High Wycombe Library is closed and demolished."

After reading the plan High Wycombe resident Kezia Pettitt felt the concept idea was vague and not enough people were talking about the proposal.

"It feels like the library closure was snuck in," Mrs Pettitt said.

"It should be a bit more openly discussed, it has been buried in the detail."

The plan went on to state the cost associated with operating four librar-

ies was excessive and its libraries were underutilised due to the over-supply.

But Mrs Pettitt said the library's closure would negatively impact its users.

"I went there on a Saturday and there was an older gentleman waiting to use a computer, a teenager scanning and others like me and my kids.

"There are also local children on the spectrum who need a smaller library environment – Kalamunda library is too big and overwhelming, if they move to a two-library model I don't know where that leaves children on the spectrum.

"I think it needs more pushback from residents and more alterna-

tive options other than moving to a two-library model and that's it."

Mayor Margaret Thomas said the two areas the city had received the most feedback about potential requests for changes regarded the number of libraries and pools the city operate in the future.

"The city has been advocating for more aged care for a number of years, and the need for tourism accommodation is also something that has been identified for further investigation," she said.

"The state government has also been in discussions with the city in regards to the land around the High Wycombe Station and the idea that a civic facility could be located on that site."

"We need to have these important conversations to understand community views, and that particular site is under investigation.

"It could also be a cost effective way to include a commercial element and financially support the operation of two aquatic facilities and ease the burden on ratepayers."

The city said there are no plans to close Kalamunda Water Park at this time and no decisions have been made on the future of High Wycombe Library.

Community consultation on the Big Picture Vision closes on July 3.

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Mundaring responds to planning reforms

FOLLOWING the State Government's announcement of planning reforms late last month, the Shire of Mundaring has maintained its long held position that it does not support Development Assessment Panels (DAPs) in their current form.

The shire maintains that DAPs do not provide equal representation between professional planners and the community's elected representatives.

Commencing in March 2018, the shire has advocated with the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) for increased local government membership on DAPs.

"This would mean there is equality of representation on the DAP to ensure the community's views and concerns are appropriately represented. The shire supports the advocacy position taken by WALGA in this regard," a spokesperson said.

"Notwithstanding this clear po-

sition, it is anticipated that the changes to be made to the DAP process as a result of the recently announced planning reforms are unlikely to have any significant implications for the Shire because of the approximately 364 planning applications received each year, only one or two are DAPs."

In addition to the changes proposed regarding DAPs, the announced planning reforms include the introduction of Medium Density Codes.

The shire considers that these codes will allow for improved energy efficient residential development, more trees and useable landscaped gardens, among other things.

"This is consistent with the intentions and purpose of the shire's local planning and environment framework.

"These new policy provisions will allow for good quality development which will benefit residents."

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Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk



Great Love!

From time to time we come across great acts of love. Perhaps it's a person donating an organ to save another, or someone risking their life to save someone.

Recently I came across this story. In March 1978, a tourist was swept into the sea in the late afternoon at a rugged part of the coastline called Natural Bridge near Albany. A spotter plane and a whale chasing boat were directed to the area. As darkness descended, and with the boat perilously close to the rocks, the first mate saw the man. Risking his life, he dived into the heavy seas and pulled the man to safety. What a rescue! What sacrificial love!

As we celebrate Easter, I am conscious of the greatest act of love the world has ever seen, and that also involved an amazing rescue. Hours before His arrest, Jesus said: “Greater love has no one than this, than one lay down his life for his friends”. The next day, Jesus showed His great love for us by dying on a cross.

But why? He did this to save us from the penalty of our sins. He sacrificed His life so that we could be forgiven and have eternal life. He was no martyr! He is our Saviour!

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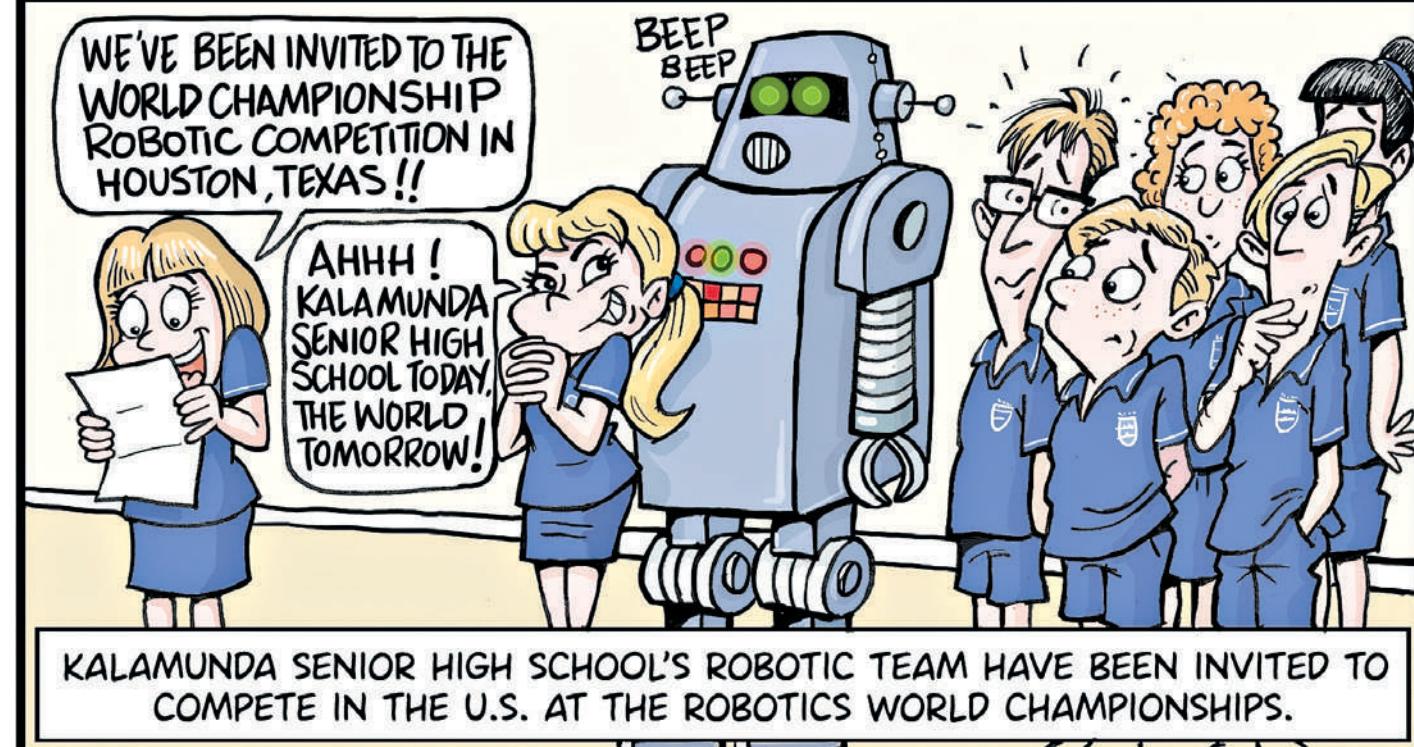
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Common courtesy

Dear Echo News,

I am concerned by the fact that City of Kalamunda councillors, rarely, if ever acknowledge receipt of emails from the community.

The Local Government Act and guiding policies emphasise the importance of two-way communication between councillors and members of the community.

In modern society, email has become a ubiquitous form of communication, and it is imperative that

ratepayers are able to communicate with their councillors in this way.

This means not only allowing ratepayers to send emails to their councillors, but also ensuring that they receive a timely response or, at least an electronic acknowledgement of receipt.

According to social media reports some local government administrations, with or without the permission of affected councillors, have taken it upon themselves to either block, filter or divert emails sent to councillors to local government officers or, to a

‘dead letter’ destination.

While the City of Kalamunda has assured me that they don't block councillor emails and have implemented cyber security measures to detect malicious or cyber-attack-oriented emails, ratepayers nevertheless, receive no assurance that a councillor has received their email.

This is a significant shortcoming in a modern-day government organisation.

It is the right of ratepayers to participate in the affairs of local government.

Hence, elected

Thought of the day

Get busy living or get busy dying

– Stephen King.

councillors have a responsibility to ensure effective two-way communication with the community they serve, especially when it costs ratepayers around \$30,000 per year per councillor.

C Dornan
Wattle Grove

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Upcoming events

• **Swan Guildford Historical Society** meets at St Matthew's Hall, Stirling Square, Guildford, on Monday April 10 at 7.30pm. The guest speaker is artist Philippa O'Brien of Ellenbrook Arts; illustrated presentation No Stone Without A Name, highlighting Aboriginal artworks to colonial paintings. Visitors welcome. Call Clement on 0407 997 911.

• **The Rosehill Ladies Golf Club** meets each Tuesday at 8am at Hillview Public Golf Club, Kalamunda Road, Maida Vale. The season runs from March to November with low membership fees. Call Roz Shar-

man on 0419 915 623 or Julia Hewson on 0419 954 106.

• **CWA Kalamunda** meets on the second Friday of each month at 10am on Central Road, Kalamunda behind Aldi, look for the blue tree. Join in the fun and meet new friends.

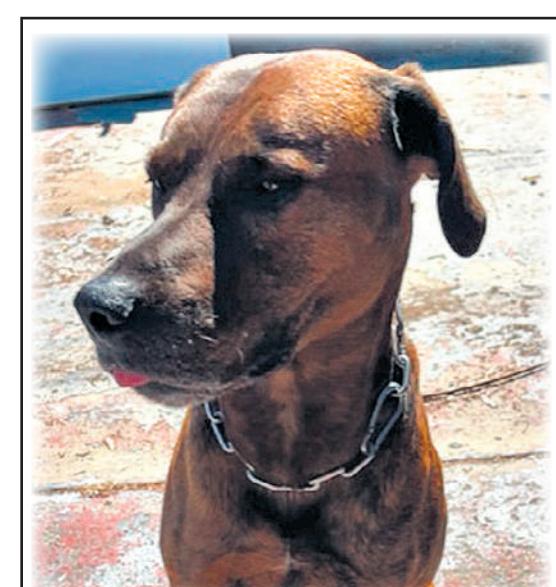
• **The Mundaring Garden Club** meets every second Tuesday in Mundaring. The annual program includes entertaining guest speakers who present on a wide range of topics. Presentations are followed by morning tea in the club café. For more information call the secretary on 0414 303 985.

• **Midland CWA** meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month starting at 10am at the boiler room

at Midland Railway Yards. Look for CWA signs on Blacksmith Lane. CWA offers a diverse range of interests, and each branch works to meet local community needs. Call Maureen on 0456 962 476 or email maureenbarker1@gmail.com

• **Kalamunda Youth Swing Band** gives young musicians the opportunity to rehearse and play in a band. Rehearsals are Monday afternoon during school terms. For more information call musical director Leah on 0432 973 395.

Noticeboard is for non-profits and community groups advertising free/low cost events/programs. Entries must be emailed to editorial@echo-news.com two weeks before the event.



Woofer of the week

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New Metronet training facility opens at Midland TAFE

CONSTRUCTION of the \$5.4 million specialist Metronet Trade Training Centre at the North Metropolitan TAFE Midland campus is now complete, representing the first dedicated public facility of its kind in Western Australia.

Built to meet the diverse training needs of the State Government's Metronet program, the centre was developed in close consultation with industry with the facility including rail signalling workshops, a dual-track level crossing, a maintenance track and crossover and a signalling equipment room to enable hands-on training.

A section of rail line is in place for training in maintenance of various gauges of rail.

Midland MLA Michelle Roberts said trade training for the railway had returned to Midland thanks to the initiative.

"This is a brilliant opportunity for our young people to get the skills to take up a trade that is very much in demand," she said.

Reflecting industry standards, the centre has been the beneficiary of donated specialised equipment from some of the giants of the Western Australian rail sector.

Several groups of rail signalling technicians have already started using the facilities for the Certificate IV in Rail Signalling.

From this month, up to 15 secondary school students will also benefit from the new facilities when they start Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure through the Vocational Education and Training Delivered to Secondary Students (VETDSS) program.

Students will be supported with local training for a range of pro-



From this month, up to 15 secondary school students will also benefit from the new Midland TAFE facilities when they start Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure.

jects, creating job opportunities for local workers, pre-apprentices and apprentices while upskilling workers for construction and maintenance of WA's wider rail network as well as Metronet.

The centre is in addition to the State Government's \$215.8 million investment in key infrastructure projects that continue to be rolled out at TAFE colleges across

the state, creating world-class learning facilities for all Western Australians.

The Metronet Trade Training Centre also recognises the extensive private and public rail infrastructure that supports key drivers of the Western Australian economy such as the resources and agricultural sectors.

The centre will support the de-

livery of a pipeline of workers to address skill shortages in highly technical roles that are critical to industry supply chains.

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said the government is investing billions in new public transport infrastructure through Metronet.

"This facility will ensure we have the skilled labour to maintain and manage our expanding track

networks in the future.

"The program is creating thousands of local jobs and opportunities for local businesses, making the Metronet Trade Training Centre an essential training facility and key element in supporting WA's rail industry."

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The City of Kalamunda has released the Draft Urban Forest Strategy 2023-2043 for public comment.

The Urban Forest Strategy guides the City in designing, managing, and improving the urban forest. Leafy cover from tree canopy benefits our entire City and community benefits are vast and varied.

It's now over to you to let us know what you think of the Strategy and the proposed actions.

Feedback regarding the draft Strategy can be lodged:

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Via email: enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au

Feedback closes 5pm, Tuesday 5 June 2023



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TREE REMOVAL SERVICES FEES AND CHARGES



Council resolved to adopt the following Tree Removal Services Fees and Charges at its Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM), held 28 March 2023 and advise the public of these fees pursuant to section 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Fee Descr.	To be imposed when:	Basis of charge	Amount incl GST
Tree removal offset fee	The City approves the removal of a "tree worthy of retention" (as defined under Local Planning Policy 33) on private land and requires an offset payment for replacement tree planting and maintenance; or, Unauthorised removal of a "tree worthy of retention" occurs on private land and the City requires an offset payment for replacement tree planting and maintenance.	Per replacement tree	\$600
Street tree removal fee	The City approves the removal of a "tree worthy of retention" on public land and requires an offset payment for the loss of amenity and environmental value, and for replacement tree planting and maintenance; or, Unauthorised removal of a "tree worthy of retention" occurs on public land and the City requires an offset payment for replacement tree planting and maintenance.	Per tree removed	To be calculated by the City of Kalamunda in accordance with Local Planning Policy 33 - Tree Retention

Listed fees are effective from 17 April 2023.



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eye on crime



Stolen car found in Ellenbrook

MIDLAND detectives have charged five people after they were apprehended in a stolen vehicle outside a fast food outlet in Ellenbrook about 6.30pm on Sunday, March 19.

Police allege the Hyundai Tuscon was stolen during a burglary in High Wycombe on March 18.

The stolen Tuscon was sighted by police outside the fast food outlet in Ellenbrook and the occupants were then apprehended.

It will be alleged police located stolen property and a quantity of weapons (knives) in the vehicle.

The investigation is ongoing in relation to other incidents possibly linked to the stolen vehicle.

Four men were due before the Midland Magistrates Court on March 20.

A 23-year-old man of no fixed address charged with steal motor vehicle, possess a prohibited drug (cannabis) and breach of bail undertaking.

A 19-year-old Aveye man charged with steal motor vehicle.

An 18-year-old Ellenbrook man charged with steal motor vehicle, obstructing public officers, possession of prohibited drugs with intent to sell or supply (cannabis) and aggravated armed robbery.

A 19-year-old Aveye man charged with steal motor vehicle.

A 16-year-old Aveye male was due to appear before the Perth Children's Court charged with aggravated armed robbery and steal motor vehicle.

Witnesses called for fatal crash

MAJOR crash investigation officers are investigating an incident that occurred in Gidgegannup on Saturday, March 18.

About 12.56pm, a white Nissan Pulsar was driving north on Reserve Road when it collided with a tree.

The 17-year-old male driver of the Nissan Pulsar died from his injuries at scene.

If you or anyone you know has been affected by a road crash, contact Road Trauma Support WA on 1300 004 814.

Man arrested over assault

FOLLOWING investigations Midland detectives have arrested a 30-year-old Stratton man on Thursday, March 30 over the assault of a 19-year-old male in Midvale on Thursday, January 26.

Detectives charged the Stratton man with grievous bodily harm and two counts of unlicensed person possess firearm/ammunition.

He is next due to appear in Midland Magistrates Court on Friday, April 28.

About 6pm on January 26, the victim was at

the Midvale Skate Park on Gray Drive, testing out his new pit bike when he was approached by two unknown men.

The men threatened the victim, demanding he give them the bike.

When he refused they assaulted him.

The 19-year-old victim sustained a broken nose and fractured jaw during the assault.

He required surgery to have a plate put in his fractured jaw.



Police want anyone with information regarding the above incidents to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or you can make a report online at www.crimestopperswa.com.au

Restricted burning information

RESTRICTED burning is in force in the cities of Swan and Kalamunda as well as the Shire of Mundaring.

During the restricted burning period from April to May, Shire of Mundaring residents will be unable to get burning permits due to drier than normal conditions.

No permits will be issued until conditions improve but 1sqm piles of garden refuse may be burnt, one at a time, without a permit between 6pm and 11pm and must be fully extinguished by midnight.

Fully extinguished means no heat, smoke or steam and no white ash present and no more than one pile of garden refuse is to be burnt at any one time.

There must be one adult person/s in attendance at all times.

No burning is permitted on days where the fire danger rating is high or above.

This includes piles after 6pm of where a permit may have been previously issued.

When permits to burn begin, residents will be notified via the shire's website and social media pages that they can apply for a permit to burn online via the shire's website.

Anyone registered for the shire's bushfire safety information SMS tool will also be notified by SMS.

Shire President James Martin said the shire introduced a new online permit to burn application in 2022.

"Residents are able to apply online, with the application for

be submitted by residents in the City of Kalamunda.

All applications will be assessed on a case by case basis due to current weather conditions.

Due to drier than normal conditions, no burning permits will be issued until conditions ease (possibly mid-April) or until some significant rain.

The city will provide updates as conditions ease.

Kalamunda residents are reminded they can only legally burn off a small garden refuse pile 1m³ between 6pm and 11pm – without a permit to burn if the fire danger rating is not very high or above.

Conditions include running water to extinguish fire past the pile and all piles are fully extinguished by midnight and checked the next day. Additional appropriate firebreaks or hazard reductions around the burn area are required and residents should ensure all neighbours are notified, and an adult attends the fire at all times.

Alternate options for disposing of green waste include the Walliston Transfer Station, where disposal of green waste is free and unlimited for residents.

Additionally, skip bins are also free and available.

All available mechanisms should be utilised in property preparedness activities being undertaken between now and the next fire season.

Visit the City of Kalamunda website for more information.

Ellenbrook schools get together on Harmony Day



Students gather to celebrate Harmony Day in Ellenbrook.

MORE than 800 students from Ellenbrook Independent Primary School and St Helena's Catholic Primary School gathered to celebrate Harmony Day recently.

Pupils came together at Woodlake Oval to learn about and experience traditional song and dance performances from almost 50

different cultural backgrounds in each school.

Ellenbrook Independent Primary School performing arts specialist teacher Michele Eisenhauer planned the event and was pleased to see students immersed in each unique performance.

"It was brilliant, it was the first

time we have included St Helena's," she said.

"Everyone was singing and dancing, we haven't had an event like this before so it's just going to get bigger and better."

Traditional Mexican, English, American, Indian, Dutch, Aboriginal, Cook Island and Māori dances

were performed by students and one parent played the didgeridoo while another performed the haka.

Each school then joined together to sing 'I am Australian' with the final chorus sung in Noongar.

Mrs Eisenhauer said using performing arts to celebrate Harmony Day allowed students to connect

in a meaningful way.

"The arts can bring people together, it is like a universal language," she said.

"Every single culture comes together and when you perform, dance and watch it doesn't need language and everyone can get involved."



Invite for robotics students to US

A TEAM of Kalamunda Senior High School robotics students have been invited to compete in the United States following their success in a national competition last month.

The team My Chemical Robots including six students and two teachers competed at the FIRST Robotics Competition in Wollongong where they were presented

A Kalamunda Senior High School's robotics team competed in Wollongong last month and received the Rookie All Star Award.

the Rookie All Star Award and chosen to compete in Houston, Texas later this year.

While the team were overjoyed with the invitation, they are now looking into whether it will be possible to make the trip where they would have the opportunity to go up against teams from across the world.

The students were able to compete in Wollongong after achieving success at the WA Robotics Playoffs competition at Curtin University in August last year where they were awarded the Spirit of the Event award.

While taking part in the robotics competition, the students developed their science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills to help prepare them for their future. They also had the opportunity to be mentored by Curtin University tutors throughout the process.

The team joined in 2020 out of an extracurricular robotics group and would meet before and after school in the STEM classroom.

The full team consists of 14 students, eight girls and six boys.

FIRE & AIR FORUM

Biodiversity, Environmental Sustainability and Human Health

Friday 5 May 2023

The University Club UWA
Entrance 1, Hackett Drive Crawley

Community concern regarding the impacts of broadscale prescribed burning on our South West Biodiversity Hotspot is high. Pervasive smoke pollution heightens concern about the frequency, scale and intensity of planned burns, risks to public health and safety, risks to biodiversity, and the escalating risks of climate change.

Following the outstanding success of the **Fire & Biodiversity Forum**, held in June 2021 in Margaret River, we take great pleasure in announcing the **Fire & Air Forum**, to be held in the attractively located University Club of WA. Expert speakers will expand the conversation on how best to protect our natural landscapes and our people for a sustainable and healthy future.

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Understanding Aphids



Green peach aphid (*Myzus persicae*) giving birth to nymph on a potato leaf (©2023 DPIRD)

Aphids are small, soft-bodied, sap sucking insects which belong to the order Hemiptera. Let's examine some unique biological features about aphids to better understand why they are so difficult to control.

- Host plant range:** Many species of aphids can feed on a wide range of host plants, which makes it difficult to control infestations in mixed plantings. These aphids are referred to as 'polyphagous' and includes the green peach aphid which feeds on a wide range of crops including vegetables, fruit trees, and ornamental plants.

- Rapid reproduction:** Aphids can reproduce asexually through a process called parthenogenesis, where females give birth to live young without mating with a male. This allows aphid populations to grow rapidly under favourable conditions, and some species produce 20+ generations a season.

- Developmental plasticity & dispersal:** Aphids can produce alates (winged aphids) in response to changes in environmental conditions. A drop in food quality, overcrowding or increased

predation pressure can alter their development and produce winged individuals to aid in aphid dispersal.

- Ant mutualism:** Some species of aphids have a mutualistic relationship with ants, which can protect them from predators and parasitoids. This can make it difficult to control aphid populations without also addressing the ant presence.

- Insecticide resistance:** Some aphid populations have developed resistance to commonly used insecticides, which can make control even more challenging.

Understanding these factors can help you develop effective strategies for managing aphids. This may include cultural practices like removing infested plants, biological control methods like introducing natural predators or parasitoids, and careful use of insecticides that are effective against the specific aphid species present.

If you don't recognise the aphid you are trying to control, please report it.

Report suspect pests



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Budding editor joins the Echo News team for a day



Lesmurdie's Mazenod College Year 12 student Nathaniel Tolson joined Echo News for a work experience day, accompanied by teacher's assistant Helen Botica.

ECHO News was recently joined by Lesmurdie's Mazenod College Year 12 student Nathaniel Tolson for a work experience day.

After a tour of the offices and introduction to reception, sales, production and editorial staff, Nathaniel was allocated a number of editing and proofreading tasks, showing signs of a budding editor in the making.

"I chose the Echo newspaper for my work experience because I have a love of reading and

writing," Nathaniel said.

"I am interested in the idea of creating stories and articles and am passionate about literature."

He is also interested in fiction writing, political issues, science, technology, composing classical style music and body building.

"I had a great time at the Echo and enjoyed the challenge of editing articles, making them easy to comprehend and having good sentence flow."

"I also felt very welcomed," Nathaniel said.

In the future he aspires to becoming a positive role model for younger children through a healthy lifestyle and his writing.

Nathaniel is currently participating in the ASDAN Workright program which provides a framework for developing a range of basic and transferable employability skills, and has been developed for young people aged 14+ and adults, looking at following a work-based or work experience programme of study.

Herne Hill resident hopes research will find answers

HERNE Hill residents Susan Hall and her husband had their first baby in 2016.

It was an uncomplicated pregnancy and birth and the thought of anything going wrong with future pregnancies was far from mind.

However, in 2019 she experienced a miscarriage at 15 weeks with her second pregnancy.

Her doctor said this was quite normal and that one in four pregnancies end this way.

Later that same year she had a second miscarriage and not long after, a third.

Three miscarriages in a row seemed to say to her that something was wrong, but several doctors said there wasn't much that could be tested for.

Susan felt as if she was being judged for persisting, for wanting to know what was happening.

Several years lapsed and to the family's delight, they had two more children in quick succession in 2022.

The Medical Research Future Fund has allocated almost \$5 million, to a young researcher in Perth to try and solve the genetic mystery that causes rare, devastating conditions such as repeated miscarriages, blood cancers, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy and neuromuscular diseases.

For some sufferers these are inherited conditions caused by the presence of specific genes, not yet identified.

A/Prof Ravenscroft at Perth's Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, will lead teams



Susan Hall of Herne Hill hopes that in future families can find genetic reasons for recurrent miscarriages.

from nine universities and institutes including the University of Melbourne and the Garvan Institute of Medical Research to search for the genetic causes of several diseases.

Susan has been part of a consumer group assisting UWA Associate Professor Gina Ravenscroft, providing patient input to her grant application and hopes that in future families can find genetic reasons for recurrent miscarriages.

A/Prof Ravenscroft said they wanted to discover why some women had repeated miscarriages, why some people had autism or cerebral palsy or a range of muscle weakening diseases.

"Despite the success of genetic analysis over the past 10 years, the majority of rare disease patients do not have a diagnosis, and with no accurate genetic cause, treatments can-

not be designed and tested," she said.

"The issue lies in the need for new technologies."

"Current clinical testing regimes are limited to short-read sequencing technologies, meaning a significant amount of genetic information is not being collected for these patients."

Researchers knew they had reached the end of the line for some conditions and that there was a need for new technologies to be developed to identify the missing heritability of some rare diseases.

In an attempt to solve the mysteries of these conditions a coordinated multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary approach from across Australia is forming to see if sharing knowledge can overcome this critical unmet need for more comprehensive screening and analysis strategies.

GILBERT'S

— fresh market —

Easter Weekend
GOOD FRIDAY – CLOSED
SATURDAY 8TH APRIL 7.30AM - 7PM
EASTER SUNDAY – CLOSED
MONDAY 10TH APRIL
7.30AM - 7PM

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Mayor's message

Kaya everyone,

The next local government election is coming! This year's election will be conducted by post, making voting quick, easy and convenient for you. Make sure you are enrolled to vote so can have your say this October on who represents your

community. Every vote counts.

In other news, we have just closed our Community and Business Perception Scorecard to seek feedback from you on what we are getting right and where we can make improvements. We are currently collating your feedback and will share the results with you in coming months, along with an action plan on how we'll make improvements. Stay tuned!

It's really important to us that our local sporting facilities cater for everyone, and I'm pleased to share that we'll be making upgrades over the next few years to a number of our facilities to include partitioned showers, additional change rooms and remove gender-specific fixtures.

Finally, we've just closed the applications for our biggest ever giveaway of free trees and plants. If you missed out this year, the great news is that you can already register your interest for next year's giveaway. Simply hop onto our website, www.swan.wa.gov.au/freetrees, to put your name down for next year. If you were able to register for the 2023 giveaway, you will soon receive an email with your pick-up date and time. Thanks for helping to make our City greener!

David Lucas

Mayor, City of Swan



Engage with us

Local Heritage Survey review

Help the City recognise, celebrate and protect our local heritage.

If you know of a place of potential cultural heritage significance that is not already on our Local Heritage Survey, or you have further information about an existing place you would like to see included, you are invited to nominate it. Your nomination will help us to inform future conservation policies and provide us with helpful background information about local heritage.

Go to swan.wa.gov.au/heritagesurvey to submit your nomination.

Draft Bushfire Brigades Local Law

You have until April 8 to provide your feedback on how we establish, organise, maintain, administer and fund our bushfire brigades.

Have your say at

swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfirebrigades.



What's happening

Easter long weekend

Don't have plans for the Easter weekend? Get the family together and hop over to the Swan Valley for a range of family-friendly events at a range of venues, including Swan Settlers Market, Oakover Grounds, Mulberry Estate and more. You may even get to meet the Easter Bunny. Check with individual venues ahead of time. For the full list of events, go to

swanvalley.com.au/events

Fridays at LoCale

Enjoy a free, relaxing evening of laughs with Cameron McLaren hosting a Comedy Quiz Night on Friday, April 28 from 5.30-8pm at LoCale, 37 The Crescent, Midland. Each Fridays at LoCale event is unique, with different themes and activities. For more information, go to

swan.wa.gov.au/events

Sustainability season

There is so much happening in coming months in the sustainability space! Come along to one of the free sustainable living workshops being held at our libraries and other local venues, covering everything from caring for local bushland to improving your own wellbeing. For more information, go to

swan.wa.gov.au/thinkgreen

WA Festival of Trees

Get beyond the bark at this year's WA Tree Festival. City of Swan is a proud partner of this year's festival, which celebrates trees in our urban area and beyond. The festival will feature workshops, school holiday activities, free trees and wellness activities. The festival will be running from April 10 - May 10, 2023. To find out more and to see the full program, visit

watreefestival.com.au

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'Kidney swap' a lifeline for Aveley husband and wife



AVELEY resident and kidney recipient Jon Williams (52) is in training for the World Transplant Games to be staged in Perth from April 15 to 21.

The international event will be a week of sport and celebration for all those who have received a life-saving transplant – and a reminder that every Australian can leave a legacy by registering as an organ and tissue donor.

Jon will be representing Australia in athletics and swimming and has been training weekly in the pool with his son and attending training camps to fine tune his strokes.

Preparing for the games has given Jon a renewed sense of purpose in his training, and he encourages his fellow athletes to find a training partner.

"After a hard day's work, having someone to train with makes it easier to stick to the plan and stay motivated."

Jon said he was thrilled to be representing not only Australia but the whole transplant community on the

Jon Williams of Aveley is in training for the World Transplant Games to be held in Perth this month. Inset: Jon Williams with his wife Mandy.

world stage.

"This means so much to me and my family, I want to make them all proud especially my amazing wife Mandy who has been with me every step of the way."

"I hope that we can promote organ donation in front of the world and encourage everyone to become a donor," he said.

When Jon's kidneys began to fail, his wife Mandy was prepared to donate one of hers to save his life.

However, after discovering they weren't a match, Jon was left with the daunting prospect of years on the transplant waiting list, which included equipping their home with a dialysis machine to minimise hospital visits.

It was then that the couple discovered the kidney exchange program, which matches incompatible donor-recipient pairs with other incompatible pairs for a swap.

After six months on the waiting list, they received news that a match had been found.

In 2017, a stranger gifted Jon a new lease on life, and in return, Mandy donated one of her kidneys to give another person a second chance.

Jon and Mandy had smooth recoveries from their respective

surgeries, and they credit the support of their friends, family, and church community for helping them on their transplant journey.

Now six years post kidney transplant, Jon is working as a school technician and enjoys going to the gym with Mandy five times a week.

The couple love travelling with their children and grandchildren, something that wouldn't have been possible without Jon's kidney transplant.

The games will be held over six days and include 17 sports involving people who have received transplanted organs such as heart, liver, lung, kidney, pancreas and bone marrow.

Transplant Australia chief executive officer and World Transplant Games Federation president Chris Thomas said with more than 1800 Australians now waiting for a transplant it was crucial to promote the positive message of the lives saved through the gift of life.

"Every Australian can make a difference by registering as a donor," he said.

"It takes just one minute but has the potential to give someone years of extra life."

"These games demonstrate what transplant recipients can achieve on the sporting field."

To register as a donor, visit <https://www.donatelife.gov.au/register-donor-today>



Free pet supplies and health checks for owners in need

RSPCA WA is offering free help to pet owners in Ellenbrook who may be struggling with cost of living pressures.

On Tuesday 18 April, the animal welfare organisation will be at Coolamon Oval, providing free health checks and microchipping for dogs and puppies, as well as free pet food and flea/tick treatments.

The event, which is supported by City of Swan, will run from 1pm to 3pm.

RSPCA WA Executive Manager Animal and Enforcement Operations Hannah Dreaver said, by providing on-ground support and advice, the

RSPCA hoped to address issues before they escalated.

'If you have any concerns about your pet, or haven't visited the vet in a while, this is a great opportunity to have them checked over,' she said.

People are welcome to bring their dogs along to the event (dogs must be socialised, vaccinated and on a leash at all times). Due to welfare concerns, cats are not able to attend, however cat advice, food and parasite treatments are available.

Referrals for discounted treatment with South Metropolitan TAFE will also be available on the day.



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- Free pet food and microchipping for dogs^
- Free chain exchange thanks to Rogz*

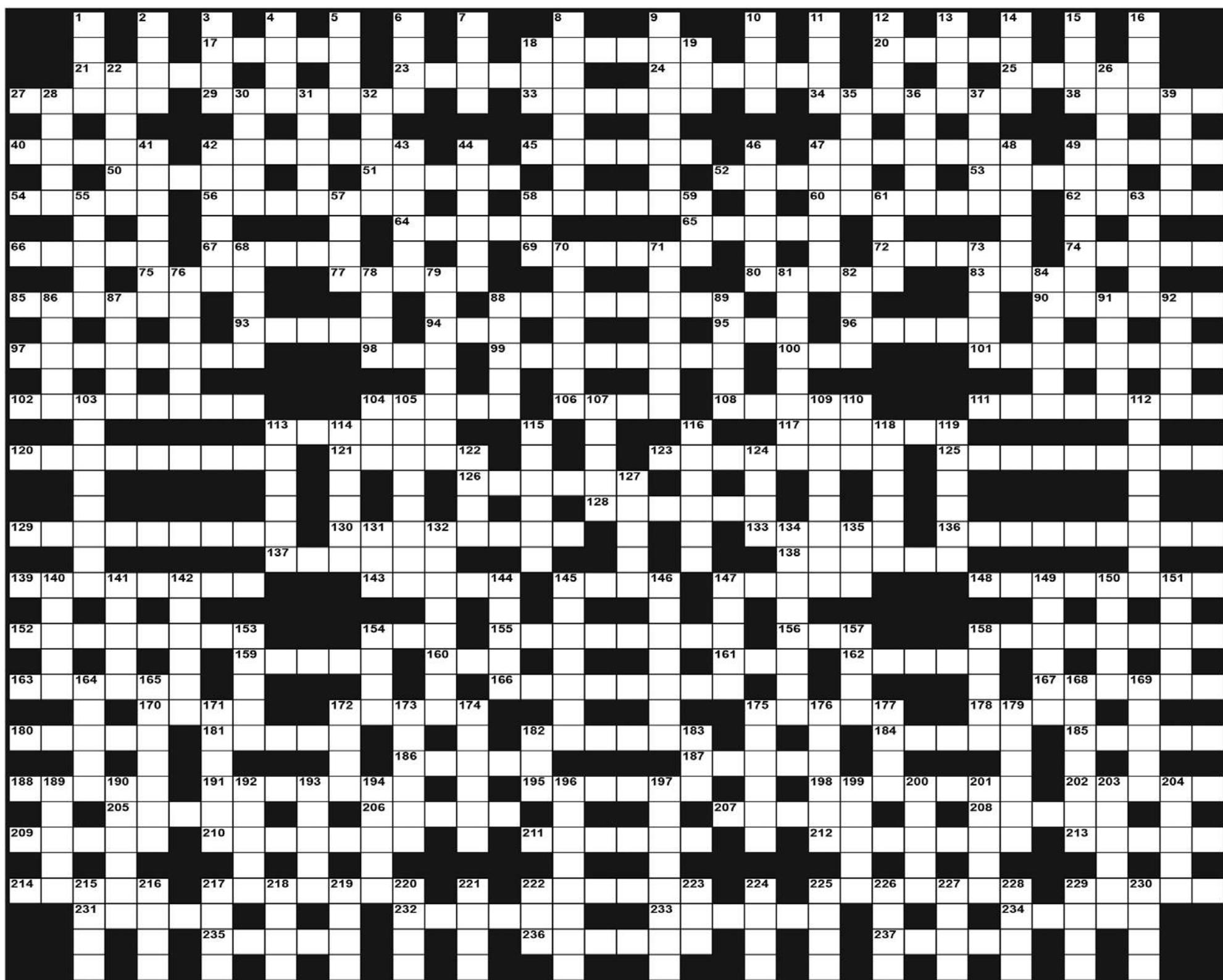
Please note: Newly or unvaccinated pups must be carried at all times or are not permitted. Cats are not permitted for safety reasons. Dogs must be on leash at all times.

*Not for litters or breeders. All services offered while stocks last.

^Exchange your dog's choke chain or prong collar for a humane flat collar free of charge.

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Mind Boggler Crossword



ACROSS

17 Girl's name
18 Loud din
20 Protein forming acid
21 Leading dancer
23 Asian island
24 African fly pest
25 Sun-dried brick
27 Court proceedings
29 A whim
33 A trapper
34 Imaginary ideal
38 Drink the health of
40 Flying insects
42 Disturb greatly
45 Attractive
47 Type of hormone
49 Stream
50 Of oak
51 Causing death
52 Type of fish
53 Measured
54 African plain
56 Bathing place
58 Plant lice
60 Repeat court case
62 Turnips (Scot)
64 Not paid
65 Type of giraffe
66 A Queensland town
67 Awkward push
69 Put on another
72 A relative
74 Bestow
75 Prepared golf shot
77 Varieties
80 Absolute
83 Heroin taker
85 Assesses
88 Prepared food
90 Headache tablets (tm)
93 Show presenter
94 Quoted correctly
95 Type of tree
96 Odour
97 Casino attendant

98 The lot
99 Cloudy
100 Extremity
101 A railway (US)
102 Amazing
104 Move slightly
106 Roof part
108 Let down
111 Lover of the Crown
113 Sea cow
117 Entertained
120 Italian dish
121 Is beaten
123 All people
125 Challenged a leader
126 Overrun
128 Called by name
129 Courteous regard
130 In friendship
133 Plant pore
136 Something added
137 Abate
138 Type of street
139 Detestable
143 ... Larry
145 Remove ties
147 Give a lift-up
148 Found out
152 Children's game
154 Frighten
155 Food for gods
156 Stove surface
158 African burrowing mammal
159 Last letter in Greek
160 Animal covering
161 New
162 A diary
163 Massacre
166 A national emblem
167 Front appearance
170 Some tree sap
172 Tree fruit
175 Irritated
178 Deeds
180 Type of song
181 Himalayan country

182 A command
184 Go inside
185 African country
186 A Hindu divinity
187 The sea
188 Type of bird
191 Earphones
195 Large bird
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205 Sort of shoe
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11 God (Fr)
12 Food from a palm
13 Flightless bird
14 A horse colour
15 Bad mark
16 A fertiliser
18 Reserved (abb)
19 Travelling stock route (init)
20 Love affair
22 Given new shoes
26 Fireball
28 Positive pole of a battery
30 Sports area
31 Be physically sick
32 An Ionian island
35 One-tenth levy
36 Less adulterated
37 The soul
39 Farm animals
41 Over supply
42 Small stone
43 Large monkey
44 Kitchen dishes
46 A mental illusion (Fr)
47 Words for a play
48 Searches into
49 Gives up
55 Part of coat
57 Overland journey
58 Moslem ruler
59 Music note
61 Travel
63 Church office-helper
68 Milk-bag on cow
70 Touching
71 Weather changes
73 Of the moon
76 Northern people
78 A thought
79 Remove from place
81 Food to go
82 Exclamation of surprise
84 Simply
86 Heart artery

87 Australian rock
88 Range
89 Tavern
91 Great risk
92 Level playing fields
103 Blissful
104 Interjection of contempt
105 Not spoken of
107 From Eire
109 Intense feelings
110 Cricket score
112 Something inhaled
113 Put away
114 Shines brightly
115 Wrap around
116 Gracefully slender
118 Teeter
119 Bad reaction
122 Queensland hemp plant
124 Poles
127 Recorded
131 America (init)
132 Illegal
134 Lacking height (3,5)
135 Got together
140 A belief
141 Higher part
142 Prawn
144 Bellows
145 Offence given
146 Resembling bone
147 Showing nothing
148 Strict economy
150 Of the city
151 Went wrong
153 Type of briar
154 Temporary shelter
157 Beat cruelly
158 Seaweed parts
164 Water reptile (coll)
165 Remain longer than
168 Make milder
169 Of sound
171 In any manner
172 Drinks

173 Engine part
174 Newspaper person
175 Antarctic feature
176 Small craft
177 Snowman (Tibet)
179 Large waterbirds
182 Type of sack
183 A small portion of rum
189 Egg-white
190 Shun
192 Character
193 Deadly nightshade
194 Correct copy
196 Type of verses
197 A large store
199 Verse in general (poet)
200 Loses feelings
201 Possessor
203 Grow more sedate

204 German submarine (1,4)
215 Doctrines
216 Put in place
217 A professional (coll) (1,3)
218 Young male horse
219 Part of face
220 Growth starter
221 Tie up
222 Aura
223 Digit of the foot
224 Wait
225 Weird
226 Otolaryngologists (init)
227 Bovines
228 Cardinal point
229 London district
230 Invitation to reply (init)

Crossword Solution 1110 from 31 March, 2023

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R P SEASHELL R C PENDANTS N B
RHEOSTAT S B V WORTHY O E D PLAYTIME
E R O OVERRULES W E ADVENTURE D A N
F V ALBEDO L H CRISIS Z
U T GPO ABETIS U B Q I TEPEE TEE L Y
SAXOPHONE U R OBEDIENTLY M F PSEUDONYM
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LTD SHEAF T LOOSENED A L EASES ASS
A SPASM RAINBOW Q U UROLOGY USURP A
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O O RETRINCH H O NAUSEOUS S G
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Message from the Mayor



I would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter and remind everyone to drive safely over the holiday break.

As we move into Djeran, as of April 1, we will be entering into the restricted burning period. This means a number of changes to the rules around when and how residents can burn on their properties. I encourage everyone to check the City's website to find out more.

I was delighted last month to see works begin on the construction of the new skate park and playground at Stirk Park. Rumour has it there will be a competition to name the skate park, so I encourage everyone to keep an eye out for that and start thinking of ideas.

I'm looking forward to Youth Week from 8 to 16 April. The City is committed to providing opportunities for our young people to learn and grow, and Youth Week is perfect for this. The theme this year is You. Me. Us. - encouraging young people to explore and embrace their own identity, as well as grow their awareness of others' lives, their differences, similarities, cultural links, and heritage.

Later this month there is an exciting sculptural exhibition opening at the Zig Zag Gallery. The exhibition looks to explore how a small group of artists use light, colour and shadow to create sculptural work that engages the audience and creates a different perspective of the artform. It is called Dispersion and opens on Saturday 22 April.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that community engagement on the City's Big Picture Vision for our community facilities continues this month.

Throughout April, May and June, the City will be holding drop-in sessions and pop-ups to give everyone in our community the opportunity to have their say on this important vision for the future.

I encourage everyone to get involved and have your say.

Cr Margaret Thomas JP
Mayor

Public Agenda Briefing Forum
6:30pm
Tuesday 4 April 2023
Administration Centre, Council Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting
6:30pm
Tuesday 18 April 2023
Administration Centre, Council Chambers

Visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au to view the Agenda and see what items are coming up.

Commemorative Tree Planting 2023



It's back! This year the City's annual Commemorative Planting Ceremony will celebrate babies born between May 2022 and April 2023 to parents living in the City.

Families are invited to register to take part in the community planting day on Friday, 7 July 2023 at Jacaranda Springs, High Wycombe, Ledger Road Reserve, Gooseberry Hill, and Maamba Reserve, Wattle Grove, where plaques displaying all baby's names will be installed.

Families will also receive a personalised certificate for their children and a plant to take home.

Planting a tree for your child is a wonderful way to celebrate their life - as they grow, so does their tree! Visit engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au to register.



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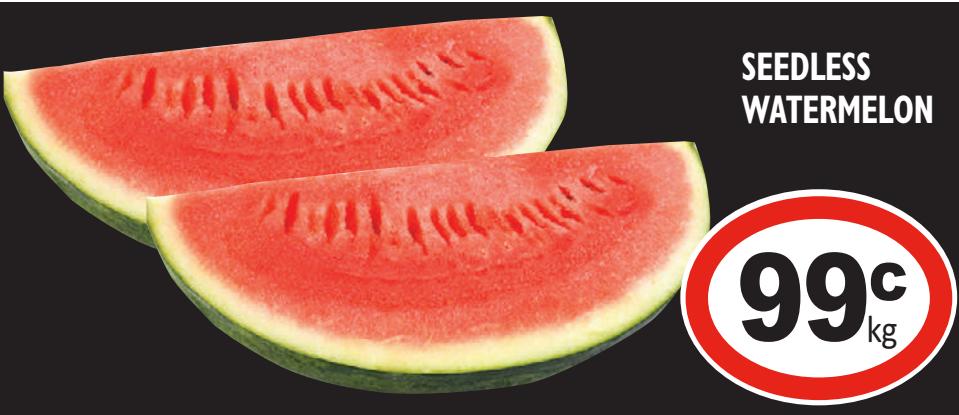
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SHIRE OF MUNDARING

COMMUNITY UPDATE



FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

As we enter Djeran (cooler weather), and the second quarter of 2023, Shire staff are busy progressing major projects and strategies.

The Shire is currently working towards the creation of a business-led and Council supported approach to enable economic development and tourism to prosper. The proposed approach is detailed within the draft Economic Development and Tourism Informing Strategy.

The Strategy sets the strategic direction for the Shire to be considered as a location of choice in which to live, work, play and invest. Importantly, it aligns with the community's vision for the Shire as a place for sustainable living.

The Strategy is currently out for public comment until Monday 1 May on the Engage Mundaring website. Visit engage.mundaring.wa.gov.au to have your say.

General Purpose Quick Grants will open on Friday 21 April.

The grant awards up to \$500 to community groups for the purchase of small equipment, training, promotional material and any other small projects that benefit the community.

Later this month, community members are invited to attend the following ANZAC Day services:

Greenmount – Blackboy Hill
Commemorative Site Innamincka Road
Monday 24 April, Sunset service at 5.30pm
Tuesday 25 April, Dawn service (silent) at 6.15am
Parking is available at Fraser Reserve.

Chidlow - Village Green
Cnr Old Northam and Thomas Road
Tuesday 25 April, 8am gunfire breakfast, 9.15am march-off, 9.30am service.
Followed by fellowship at Chidlow Tavern.

Mt Helena - Elsie Austin Pavilion
21 Chidlow Street
Tuesday 25 April, 11.30am service followed by morning tea and historical display.

Mundaring – Memorial Garden
Great Eastern Highway
Tuesday 25 April, 2.45pm march-off (from Mann Street), 3pm service.

Cr James Martin
Shire President



NEWS

Restricted Burning Period, Permits suspended

On Saturday 1 April, the Shire entered into the Restricted Burning Period. Despite this, residents are advised that Permits to Burn will not be available until further notice, due to drier than normal conditions.

No permits will be issued until conditions improve, however:

- 1 sqm piles of garden refuse may be burnt, one at a time, without a permit between 6pm and 11pm and must be fully extinguished by midnight. Fully extinguished means no heat, smoke or steam and no white ash present where the fire was situated.
- No more than one pile of garden refuse is to be burnt at any one time.
- There must be at least one adult in attendance at all times.

Note: No burning is permitted on days where the Fire Danger Rating is High or above. This includes piles after 6pm or where a permit may have been previously issued.

Residents will be notified via the Shire's website and social media pages when they can apply for a Permit to Burn online via the Shire's website.

Approval from the local fire brigade is still required for permits for running fire, bonfires or windrows to ensure the brigade can check the conditions required have been met. Brigades can approve these via an online application on the Shire's website.

WHAT'S ON



1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The April Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11 April** at 6.30pm at the Shire Administration Building.

2 Special Electors' Meeting

A Special Electors' Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 19 April** at 6.30pm at the Shire Administration Building to discuss a motion in regards to the Shire's submission to the WAPC's re-consideration of Structure Plan 34.

3 Special Council Meeting

A Special Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2 May** at 6.30pm at the Shire Administration Building to consider the Shire's referral response to the WAPC's reconsideration of Structure Plan 34.

Agendas available on the website, Administration Building or at our libraries. Meetings will be livestreamed via the Shire's website.

4 Grants Selection Committee

The Grants Selection Committee will meet on **Tuesday 18 April** at 5.15pm at the Shire Administration Building. The committee will consider applications for the Community Event, Matching and Milestone Event grants and the Youth Engagement Partnership Fund.

5 Let's Celebrate YOUTH

To celebrate Youth Week (14 to 21 April), young people aged 12 to 17 are invited to a free event on **Friday 21 April**, 10am to 2pm at Swan View Youth Centre, Brown Park.

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The PAW closures are requested by the State of WA to facilitate the development of an additional aged care facility in Lockridge on the surrounding land.

A plan showing the location of the PAW can be inspected online at www.swan.wa.gov.au; at the City's Administration Centre, Morrison Road, Midland; or at any of the City's libraries, during office hours.

Prior to Council considering this matter, submissions from the public are sought. Anyone wishing to object, support or otherwise comment on the proposal may do so by lodging a written submission, addressed to the undersigned, City of Swan, PO Box 196, Midland, 6936, on or before **Sunday, 7 May 2023**.

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MGCC club captain awarded Slater-Gartrell medal

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WITH the premier cricket season at an end, Midland Guildford Cricket Club (MGCC) has held their annual awards night.

The highlight of the evening

MGCC players Justin Kandiah and Keaton Critchell with their awards at the Keith Slater-Kevin Gartrell medal awards night.

was the presentation of the Keith Slater-Kevin Gartrell medal, awarded to club captain Keaton Critchell after a season which culminated in Western Australian District Cricket Council (WADCC) male team of the year selection.

Additionally, Critchell won the 1st grade team champion and batting aggregate awards, while fellow WADCC team of the year member Justin Kandiah

ah won the bowling aggregate award.

The 2nd grade awards saw James Kirwan winning the team champion and batting aggregate awards, while Sam Orme received the bowling aggregate award.

Joel Maslen (team champion and batting aggregate) and Ash Mucciarone (bowling aggregate) were the 3rd grade award winners.

The 4th grade team champion

and batting aggregate awards were won by Alan Mackley medallist Oli Voorn, while Jacob Heslop won the bowling aggregate award.

Alisha Kozma won the female A grade batting aggregate award, with Shay Manolini winning the bowling aggregate and team champion awards.

B grade winners were Sarah Fragomeni (team champion and batting aggregate) and Amanda Balluci (bowling aggregate).

Coach says composed and calm athlete just starting

MUNDARING cyclist Johnny Carter delivered some great performances across the Auscycling Track National and 2023 Oceania Track championships at Anna Meares Velodrome in Brisbane in March.

The X-Speed Australia Cycle Club member did some work with WAIS high performance coach Rohan Wight during the competition and some of his lead-in preparation at WAIS training sessions.

Wight said Carter was disappointed with his first race of the championships.

"But over the coming days was able to turn it around and achieved podium results in the team pursuit and points race before winning the national title in the scratch race on the last day of the championships," he said.

"What stood out most was his win the following week in the Oceania Omnium Championships, beating both Australian and New Zealand national team athletes."

Wight said the omnium was made up of four individual races with riders scoring points through each race to add to their total omnium ranking.

"Johnny rode consistently across all four events, the scratch race, tempo, elimination to put himself in a position in the final points race to win the prestigious title.

"He is one of the most composed and calm athletes under pressure who I have worked with and I believe this is only the beginning of what we will see from Johnny in the years to come."

He said Carter had been associated with WAIS during the past year through its individual athlete support (IAS) program.

"With the cycling program being relaunched late last year he is now a cycling program scholarship holder and has access to the support services at WAIS and at competition.

"He has just travelled overseas to begin a racing block in Europe and will compete in professional road cycling events over the coming six months."

Johnny Carter of Mundaring, who has just started a cycling block in Europe, delivered some great performances at the Anna Meares Velodrome in March. Picture: Mat Gilfedder



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