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lmost 50 years of dedication

During October, St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospital staff are celebrating significant length of service milestones in the Midland area as part of foundation day celebrations.

Of these caregivers, one is proudly celebrating almost 50 years of service starting at former Swan Districts Hospital in Middle Swan before shifting to St John of God Health Care in Midland.

Patient care assistant Maria Omar is now a familiar smiling face on the Midland hospital's maternity ward and shares her story.

"My job keeps me busy. On any given day, I check and tidy the pantry and make sure it is equipped with stock. I give jugs of water to the patients, answer the bells and serve breakfast/lunch/dinners to the patients. I also assist the nurses and send specimens to pathology, and pick up medication from the pharmacy, and often take the patients to radiology," she said.
"In my job, I enjoy close interaction with

patients, meeting new people and working with wonderful, caring, staff. I often receive wonderful feedback from patients on how caring and supportive I am when they are in my care. This makes me keep wanting to work each day. I love what I do.

"Things have definitely changed in the almost 50 years that I have been first with Swan Districts, and then St John of God Health Care. There have been new challenges, and there was a brand new chapter when the new hospital was built. Everything was new, new uniforms, new technology, new caregivers and caregivers who'd worked for SJGHC and also Swan Districts.

"It was a very exciting time to be a part of. And things continue to change with new technology. My job has also changed too. in Australia from Poland. The hospital was stone years of service across both St John of tricts Hospital had been recognised.

my first job in Australia. I started in the laundry folding linen, then moved to the kitchen followed by working on the maternity ward

"I love the maternity ward. Working there I have much more contact with patients and often assist the nurses when required. I just love recognising past patients and funnily enough, many patients have recognised me over the years. Many have now gone on to have families of their own at the hospital. Even my daughter was delivered at Swan Districts Hospital. It is very special to be on the ward and to see familiar faces time and time again.

"Moving forwards, I would like to continue to work in the maternity ward but may look into reducing my hours in the future. I really enjoy it"

Hospital chief executive officer Paul Dyer said during the past week 259 caregivers and My journey started in 1973 when I arrived five volunteers who were celebrating mile- God Health Care and the former Swan Dis-

Nurse manager Jane O'Shea, 50-year service recipient Maria Omar and hospital chief executive officer Paul Dyer.



In Memorium

Vale Dennis 'Willsy' Wills

September 20, 1948 – September 5, 2023

DENNIS Wills, a well-loved member of the Darlington community and highly regarded teacher died last month.

Dennis and his wife of 51 years, Helena, first moved to Darlington in 1973, purchasing a solid home with a bush creek, where he remained until his

A qualified tradesman, Dennis was studying for an engineering diploma at Wembley Tech when he secured a position as a manual arts teacher. In 1978 he began his teaching career at Kalamunda SHS followed by a country posting in Northampton for two

In 1982 he secured a position at Lesmurdie SHS where he set up a new industrial workshop, and taught at the school for 30 years.

He was a true Lesmurdie legend whose humour, charm and love of teaching impacted so many students and staff in the years he taught at the high school. During his career, he represented the school council and was nominated for several awards such as the EDWA innovations award and the 1996 national excellence in teaching award.

Mr Wills was also the national winner of the Australian council for education technology teacher of the year award in 1999. He moved into curriculum development and wrote the teachers' guide to metal-

He was proactive in the school community becoming involved with school hockey, swimming and the Blackwood marathon team and was head coach of the cycling team that would train after school on Friday nights. He also went on many annual camps with

It was 18 years before he took long service leave and he used that time to accompany students over east for ski trips on five different occasions.

After his retirement in 2011, Dennis began to study the works of Banjo Patterson and would do recitals at nursing homes and was asked by Lesmurdie SHS to participate in their Anzac Day ceremonies.

Mr Wills bought a light blue dual cab Volkswagen Kombi ute in 1975, and was often seen driving around Darlington in this treasured family

He was also involved in many community sports and activities and was a member of the Darlington social cricket club

where he played seniors, captaining for two years, and also coached the juniors, becoming a life member of the Darlington junior cricket club, and a long-standing member of the primary school P&C.

In 1990 he completed an accreditation for the national hockey coaching scheme, and from 1994-1997 he coached the state's under 14 hockey team, later becoming a life member of the Kalamunda Districts Hockey Club.

Mr Wills was also a skilled woodworker, and as his grandchildren attended the Darlington family playgroup, he would cheerfully participate in the many busy bees and make repairs to the play equipment, benches, doors and the like.

A public memorial for Dennis was held at Kalamunda Hockey Club on October 8.

Mr Wills will be deeply missed by all of those who knew and loved him. He and his wife are blessed with children Brenda, Scott and Karen and five grandchildren.

A fundraiser has been set up in his honour for prostate cancer awareness

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Reforms deliver toughest firearm laws in the nation

PETER W LEWIS

WA is set to become the first jurisdiction in the country to impose a limit on the number of firearms a licensed firearm holder can own, following extensive consultation with firearms owners, peak bodies, and safety advocates.

Eight licence types have been developed for specific users, including primary producers, competitive shooters, and recreational shooters, with storage requirements to be enhanced, with a government-funded buyback scheme to limit the financial impact on licence holders

Limits will be linked to new licence types which have been tailored to reflect the specific needs of different firearm owners, and under the proposed new legislation, some licence types will be restricted to numerical limits.

Primary producers and firearm club/competition members can license up to 10 firearms, while recreational shooters will be permitted to own a maximum of no and licensed. more than five.

Competitive shooters aspiring to represent the state at a national or international level can apply to the regulator for additional numbers.

The introduction of firearm limits is estimated to remove up to 13,000 guns from the WA community, despite restrictions having no impact on most licence holders.

Over the past five years, on average one firearm has been stolen in WA every day.

The overhaul of WA firearm laws were prompted following a police discovery, after a tip-off, of a cache of firearms including handguns, shotguns, military-grade weapons and a 50 calibre rifle — as well as more than 1000 rounds of ammunition, Illegal High Wycombe gun bunker

man fined (Echo News, April 21).
Police Minister Paul Papalia said at the time while the arsenal of extra high-powered firearms were incorrectly stored in the bunker, the majority of firearms in the extensive cache were mostly legal

"Unbelievably, the worst offence this individual has allegedly committed is failing to apply to build the bunker and underground shooting range," Mr Papalia said.

More onerous controls on storage will dramatically reduce the likelihood of thefts. In addition to primary producer, other licence types include individual, trade, business, club, ranges, collector, and government.

Digital licences, supported by an online portal and upgraded IT system, will be implemented.

Modernising the licensing and registry of firearms will allow gun owners to have greater access to information and services while improving the quality of data gathered by regulators, giving officers real-time access to licence holder details when on the frontline.

A Firearms Bill consultation paper will be released for public review and comment this week and feedback on the proposed laws can be submitted to the WA Police website by November 14,

with comments to be considered prior to the Bill being entered into Parliament early next year.

Premier Roger Cook said the proposed changes will make WA a safer place and will modernise the way police record, monitor and enforce our firearm laws.

"This is the largest overhaul of firearm laws in the State's history. WA is the last jurisdiction to rewrite its firearm legislation since the Port Arthur massacre. Unfortunately, there have been a number of high-profile gun incidents during recent years.

Police Minister Paul Papalia said if there are fewer firearms in the community, there are fewer opportunities for them to be used

Since 2009, WA's firearm numbers have increased 65 per cent to more than 360,000. New firearm limits will only impact around five per cent of individual licence holders but the changes will remove over 10,000 firearms from the community.

"Extensive consultation has

been carried out during the drafting process. Police have held more than 100 meetings with individuals, relevant stakeholders, and interested parties.

"In addition to the proposed legislative changes, we have already stripped notorious crime figures and serious domestic violence offenders of their firearms and removed 280 unnecessarily high-powered guns from the community.

Police Commissioner Col Blanch said his job and the job of his officers was to keep the community safe, and illicit firearms pose a significant risk to the safety of the community and officers, especially when in the hands of serious and organised crime groups.

We know that licensed firearms can quickly become illicit firearms and be traded in the underworld. That is why it is so important that we make sure that only firearms that need to be in the community remain licensed, and that they are stored and secured appropriately by their owners."

Toodyay creek crossing trial date set for February

A TOODYAY real estate agent who has been charged under the 1972 WA Aboriginal Heritage Act is due to appear in court in February next year.

Tony Maddox, who built a creek crossing over his Toodyay property, has pleaded not guilty and claims he was unaware the creek was covered

He has been charged with, 'a person who excavated, destroyed, damaged, concealed or in any way altered any Aboriginal site.'

The prosecution alleges that by building a creek crossing over Boyagerring Brook, Mr Maddox has disrupted the Waugul, a rainbow serpent which is part of Noongar mythology.

If convicted, Mr Maddox could face up to nine months behind bars or be forced to pay more than \$20,000

Mr Maddox has said he engaged former federal Attorney-General Christian Porter for his

The trial will take place February 22, 2024.

Hills man accused of lifetime animal ownership ban breach

A 76-year-old Perth Hills man has been charged with breaching a lifetime animal ownership ban.

The accused, who lives in the Shire of Mundaring, was convicted on several charges of animal cruelty in 2012 in relation to around 70 starving and neglected sheep and cattle at properties he owned.

He was prohibited from being in charge of any animal, with the exception of two cats and two dogs, as long as they were ster-

in September 2021, the accused WA will allege he did not comwas found to be in charge of cattle and pigs at a property in Mokine, 95kms east of Perth.

In addition, when an RSPCA WA inspector attended the accused's home in Beechina, she saw a female black kelpie which the accused allegedly claimed was 14, unsterilised and had had litters of puppies in the past.

The accused has been charged under section 55(4) of the Ani-RSPCA WA will allege that mal Welfare Act 2002. RSPCA with a prombition order made against him.

The maximum penalty is a \$20,000 fine and one year in prison. The accused has pleaded

A trial date for the matter is to be heard in Northam Magistrates Court with a trial date to be allocated on December 11.

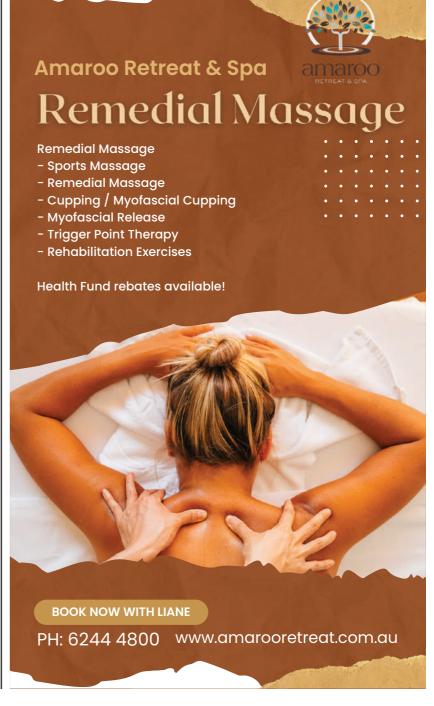
Police warning for Midland motorbike sellers

WA Police have warned Midland motorbike sellers to be cautious when selling on online market places following a spate of high value motorbike thefts in recent weeks.

Thieves are going through online ads pretending to be interested in purchasing motorbikes to obtain addresses and later turning up to steal them.

A police spokesperson said it is increasingly common for criminals to target high-value items this way, and have warned sellers to be vigilant.

WA police have recommended that when people post online ads they do not identify an address and consider a safe public place with good lighting and CCTV to meet with any potential buyers.





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News.

Saturday, October 7, I The food and drinks available were perfect had the absolute pleasure of attending A Day for the occasion and the On the Grass, at the Italian Club in Midland, weather was kind, albeit a little on the warm thanks to having won

I enjoyed the day so much that would happily pay for a ticket next time it's on! Thanks

ECHO YOUR THOUGHTS

I Sanderson Kalamunda

Council website feedback Dear Echo News,

My observations of the last City of Swan ordinary council meeting revealed a number of interesting facets on how our council is both governed and how it performs.

Council staff, after a significant effort over considerable time have made major improvements on their website delivery, which is very welcome but still may have unexpected hitch-

For example, after attending council meetings in person for some time I have more recently used the direct viewing service available, so I made another attempt following the recent ubgrades undertaken to the website.

Result: horror, horror – I could not find the online viewing of the council meeting, despite the new general improved overall appearance.

several at-After tempts I gave up.

I was to subsequently find this highly successful service to ratepayers had somehow been relocated in the changes to the new website.

This was extremely hard to understand when such pride had emerged from the previous service provision by staff and the prominent reference to the facility under the old website.

SHIRE OF MUNDARING WILL HOST RENOWNED CAT BEHAVIOUR EXPERT DR HEATHER CRAWFORD FOR A FREE HAPPY CATS AND WILDLIFE WORKSHOP LATER THIS MONTH.

> Not to be denied, I found a way through a new channel.

> I struck on the meeting agenda and joined the meeting 23 minutes

> By this time, my request for attendance details on individual councillors and in particular mayoral candidates over the last term, that I had requested one week prior, was met with an answer of not being available until the next annual report.

I believe it reveals significant factors that perhaps voters, such as myself, may be interested in. Surely, this information is important with a pending election.

G Troy Midland

Slow down Dear Echo News.

I would like to thank the courteous drivers who obey the speed limits, particularly the 50kmh limit when travelling along Jacoby Street in Mundaring.

Brickbats to the motorists who think that speed limits don't apply to them.

The worst offenders are those driving their large SUV and 4-wheel drive vehicles, and I have to say ladies that some of you are the worst offenders.

Please show some respect for the residents along that street as some of us have children who have to cross the street to get on and off the school bus every

Trying to get in and out of our driveways' safely has become a nightmare.

Motorists with trailers speeding to and from the tip are another problem, so please just drive at 50kmh in that zone. The speed limit Thought of the day

"He who laughs most, learns best."

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- John Cleese

Have your say:

signs are put there for a purpose, not to decorate the side of the road. **Fed up**

By the way I am a woman driver who drives a 4-wheel drive ute, and yes, I do obey the speed limits. It really isn't that hard! Mundaring

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Your rights on cancelled flights

With Consumer Protection **Commissioner Trish Blake**

ASK any traveller about their top travel peeves and cancelled or delayed flights are likely to feature highly on the list, given their potential to throw holiday plans and itineraries into turmoil.

Flight cancellations and delays are among the most complained about issues to Consumer Protection – in the 2022/23 financial year, we received 530 complaints about flights being cancelled and 47 complaints about them being delayed.

When travel plans are disrupted, it's always best to contact the airline or your travel agent first to request a resolution. If that fails, consumers may come to us for help with negotiating a fair outcome under Australian Consumer Law through our conciliation service.

In one recent case, our conciliation service was able to successfully organise a \$21,222 refund for a family who had little option but to buy business class tickets to return home to Perth after the airline cancelled their initial flights. Another recent success story involved a \$2,000 refund from an airline that had stopped responding to the consumer's communications after cancelling their flights.

When it comes to your own travel disruptions, your right to a remedy will depend on which party made the cancellation and why.

If the airline cancels, they may offer a refund or another remedy, such as rescheduling your flights without penalty, or - if none are available in a reasonable time - reimbursing you the cost of bookg replacement flights with another airline

Passengers may not be entitled to a refund if they miss their flight or change their mind and an airline's obligations may not apply if reasons are outside their control, like bad weather.

Cancelled flights have been in the spotlight re-cently, after the ACCC launched legal action alleging Qantas had engaged in false, misleading or deceptive conduct by advertising tickets for more than 8,000 flights it had already cancelled but not removed from sale.

The ACCC's case concerns Qantas flights sold between May 1, 2022 and July 31, 2022 and the national consumer affairs regulator hopes affected consumers will share their experience via an online survey at https://consulta tion.accc.gov.au.

If you are struggling to reach a suitable outcome with an airline over a cancelled or delayed flight, lodge a complaint on our website at www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au

Planning and Development Act 2005

Approved Local Planning Scheme Amendment

Local Planning Scheme No.3 -Amendment 111 Lot 500 (3) Salix Way, Forrestfield

It is hereby notified for public information, in accordance with section 87 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 that the Minister for Planning approved the City of Kalamunda Local Planning Scheme Amendment No. 111 on 16 August 2023 for the purpose of:

- Reclassifying Lot 500 (3) Salix Way, Forrestfield from 'Residential R60' to 'Public Purpose' to facilitate the new Police Station.
- ii. Amending the Scheme Map accordingly.

A copy of the approved local planning scheme amendment can be obtained by contacting the City's Development Services team on 9257 9999 or email enquiries@kalamunda. wa.gov.au

Gary Ticehurst A/Chief Executive Officer



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GERA KAZAKOV

A MOTION calling on the state government to establish a working group by the next election to investigate law changes surrounding those driving with tetrahydrocan-nabinol (THC) in their system has been rejected 3 to 29 in the Legislative Council.

The motion was put forward by Legalise Cannabis WA MLC Sophia Moermond and sought to establish "a working group to investigate sensible changes to our driving laws that would allow patients prescribed medicinal cannabis to drive if not impaired.'

Part one of the motion states defence should be established for drivers with THC in their system only if the driver has a valid prescription for a medicine containing THC, the offence does not involve dangerous or reckless driving, and that an officer has not established impairment by any other means.

Part two of the motion wanted

a date set for the working group so changes to legislation can be debated ahead of the next elec-

Speaking before the Council, Ms Moermond said that a medical defence for unimpaired drivers is already available in Tasmania, and one is currently before the Victorian parliament.

"Although it should be obvious, no one in the Legalise Cannabis Parties in Australia wants impaired drivers on the road. We want a system that ensures the safety of everyone, but we also want a system that is fair to those on medicinal cannabis," she said.

Labor East Metropolitan MLC Lorna Harper stated early on in the debate that she would not be supporting the motion.

Ms Harper said she was part of the select committee into cannabis and hemp processes, and said that currently no one has an answer for the issue of someone driving with medicinal cannabis in their system.

"We need to take time to ensure that whatever we come up

with is endorsed by medical professionals, the police force, the judiciary," she said.

Upper House opposition lead-

er and Liberal South West MLC Steve Thomas said while he was not fully behind the motion, he appreciated that it "simply calls for the investigation to be done in a timely manner."

Mr Thomas moved an amendment to the motion which sought to only set a date for which the working group could be established, removing the timeframe for establishment before the next election, but was defeated 11 to

Upper House leader and Labor South Metropolitan MLC Sue Ellery said the government would not support the motion as long as the clause to set a working date was included.

The three MLCs to support the motion in full were Ms Moermond, Mining and Pastoral Independent Wilson Tucker and Legalise Cannabis WA East Metropolitan member Dr Brian

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Swan against school in Malaga commercial area

ANITA McINNES

CITY of Swan councillors have voted against the establishment of an Islamic school on 9000 Masonry Way in Malaga due to concerns about traffic in the commercial area.

AFIC Schools WA has applied to the Metro Outer joint development assessment panel for approval to build stage 1 of a four-stage K-12 independent school with 200m of road frontage to Masonry Way.

The site is hound industrial lots to the north, east

The responsible authority report before the council on October 11 showed the development was valued at \$15 million.

A motion against the proposal said even without a school in the area, Masonry Way had cars parked on either side of the road, cars on verges and cars on sharp corners.

Retiring Mayor David Lucas said he could not support the school going ahead in that location but said he would like to work with the board to find oth-

Cr Lucas said it defied common sense and was not good facility until it closed in 2016.

planning to put a school, especially a primary school, in a commercial area.

During consultation letters were sent to owners and occupiers within a 100m radius and notification was provided to the Whiteman ward councillors at the start of the consultation pe-

During the public consultation 18 submissions were received with 17 objections and one supportive submission from ATCO Gas Australia.

The site was part of the Brickworks Malaga manufacturing

Ballajura crash investigation

ABOUT 7.40pm on October 13, police were called to a crash on Winchester Place, Ballajura after a report a car had crashed into a house.

Upon arrival at the scene it was confirmed the carport roof of a residence had collapsed onto the vehicle involved in the crash, and damage was also caused to the resident's vehicle and to the house where the carport connects

Western Power and Department of Fire and Emergency Services personnel attended the scene, with State Emergency Service volunteers attending to make the area safe.

It will be alleged a 27-yearold Ballajura man was driving a Holden Commodore in a reckless manner when it left the road, struck a letterbox and then

continued on and struck a brick carport pillar, causing the carport roof to collapse.

It will also be alleged the driver failed a preliminary breath test and a subsequent evidentiary breath test.

The man has been advised by officers that he is being charged by summons with reckless driving and excess 0.05 per cent. He is due in court at a later date.













Constable Pomroy and RSPCA WA chair Lynne Bradshaw. Above: bull mastiff Max being rescued.

Northam policeman wins bravery award

ANDREW WILLIAMS

A NORTHAM Police Constable has received the Gold Humane Award at this year's RSPCA animal welfare Awards for saving a dog's life in August last year.

The humane award's purpose is to celebrate a true display of bravery in rescuing an animal, but Constable John Pomroy said he was just doing his job when he rescued a bull mastiff from flood waters.

"It wasn't just me that was there, I was working with my partner and it was both of our ideas, it was just me who did the carrying," he said. Constable Pomroy was still on probation and had only

Constable Pomroy was still on probation and had only been on the force for about a year when he and fellow officer Senior Constable Allen Cullen arrived at rising flood waters on Katrine Road, in the suburb of Katrine, roughly 75kms northeast of Midland.

The two officers found the elderly owner of a submerged car unable to remove his dog called Max who had become trapped in the vehicle, and worried the flood waters would carry the car away with Max in it, the pair jumped into action.

The officers braved the water to rescue Max who wouldn't exit the vehicle on his own and had to be carried by Constable Pomroy to safety.

Constable Pomroy, who finished his probationary peri-

od almost six months ago, said he didn't expect anything, but after being put forward by the Police Force for the award, said it was nice to get some external recognition.

Over a year on and Constable Pomroy said he gets reminded every week of the incident as Max guards the area next to where he fuels up.

"I'd like to think he remembers me, he doesn't bark at me when I'm filling up my fuel" he said.

The Bronze Humane Award was also awarded to the Bullsbrook Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service brigade for rescuing a small horse that had fallen into a concrete pipe filled with water back in March.

Bullsbrook VFES captain Brian Davis said it was humbling for the brigade to receive the award amongst all the other winners.

"It's just something we do, as a brigade we do more than just fire, we rescue animals and anything that needs to be done for the community.

"Most volunteer groups would do what we do, I don't think we are any more special than any other volunteer group. The award, we see it as on behalf of all volunteers that do anything for the community," he said.

The Bullsbrook VFES have scheduled a community forum and open day this Saturday, October 21, at the station located on Maroubra Ave in Bullsbrook.

The awards were drawn Wednesday, October 4.

Health checks inbound

PASTOR John Horvath, in partnership with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency and Adventist Health, has returned from Africa and is now running three free health expos across the hills in November.

Running from 10am to 3pm, the health expos will teach attendees the benefits of healthy eating and feature a plant-based food cooking demonstration — which attendees are encouraged to try as well.

Pr Horvath said that the aim of the workshops was to remind people of how easy it was to eat healthy, because eating healthier food was easier to metabolise and contained less fat, less cholesterol and was high in fibre.

Attendees will also be able to get a massage, health assessments and their blood pressure and glucose levels checked too.

The health expos will be at Forrestfield Hall, Mundaring Hall and Chidlow Hall.

The expos come after Pr Horvath just returned from a two-month trip to Sudan, Ethiopia, and Burundi to help those in need.

"We had thousands come out to the program and helped hundreds of kids with their sores – sores on their legs, we run out of band-aids and dettol, so we had to use tea tree oil to bring healing," he said.

He said he was lucky to be close to Sudan's southern border, keeping him away from the conflict which reignited in the capital of Khartoum, where he said nearly 1000 people have



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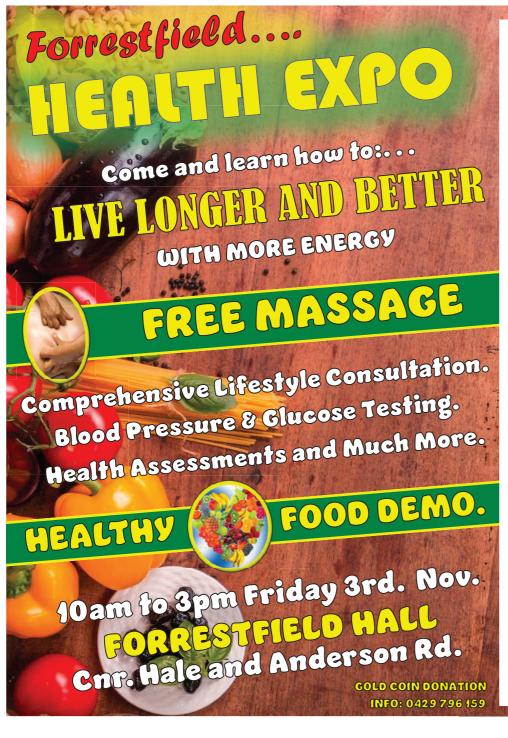
He said during his time in Africa he helped teach the sick how to treat themselves and bought clothes to those most in need

"We provided a lot of clothing, a lot of children only have one shirt that's full of holes and dirty," he said.

"It's a very riching experience to go overseas, leave your comfort zone and I'd encourage others who are looking for a purpose in life, and a mission, to maybe consider going overseas."

Pr Horvath said he will be returning to Africa in January next year and encourages anyone who wishes to help to come and join him.

For more information about the health expos or helping in Africa call Pastor John on 0429 761 159



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ANDREW WILLIAMS

A YOUTH service worker was awarded the male Elder of the year award at this month's Midland NAIDOC event.

Swan City Youth Service (SCYS) senior counsellor Graham Cox received the award on Tuesday, October 3, for his 28 years of service helping at-risk young people dealing with homelessness, alcohol, drugs, and domestic abuse.

Mr Cox said he was nominated by a friend, and though he won back in 2018, receiving this year's award meant a lot to him, especially as he approaches retirement age.

'To go out with an accolade from my friends out in the community who recognise the work that I do, I just think that's unbelievable. Knowing that you get that recognition out there amongst the people, you can't beat that," he said.

However, Mr Cox emphasised the work he does wouldn't be possible without his colleagues at the Swan City Youth Service.

"A lot of the credit that I get comes due to my workmates... these guys here are remarkable people, their hearts are in the right place.

Mr Cox said he doesn't make a distinction between Indigenous youth and non-Indigenous youth who need the help of SCYS and thinks for progress to be made everyone needs to come together.

"We can't keep crying the blame game, and we pass the buck on to everyone else except us. We need to be looking after our children ourselves. Giving these young people role models, real role models, putting our arm around them, working together, and showing these young people there is more to life than

"We all live here, so we need to make it come together, not for our sakes but for our kids' sake, we can't keep pushing the blame on to other people. Parents need to stand up and take responsibilities for their children. We've got little fellas running the streets at eight and nine years of age, that's not right, and if I don't say anything, I'm not doing

Elders hold an important role in every community and especially in Indigenous communities, but Mr Cox believes it's just as important to respect young people.

"I learn from these young people, they're my teachers, I learn about the streets, I learn about what's happening. You couldn't do this job without interacting with the young people, without sitting there yarning with them, as their input is so vital.

"I don't want to be the most knowledgeable man in the cemetery, I want to leave that behind for our kids to be pulling these books (shared knowledge) out of the library and reading them. Every time we lose an Aboriginal Elder, we lose a book from the library.'



Mr Cox said working in youth services is his vocation.

Indigenous leaders call for week of silence after Voice defeated



Flags were flown at half mast across the country.

GERA KAZAKOV

AUSTRALIA has said No to an Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

The referendum took place on October 14 and Australia had already decided before polls in Western Australia closed, with 60.8 per cent of the country voting against the proposition.

Sixty-four percent of Western Australians were against the Voice, with only the federal electorate of Perth voting in favour at 55 per cent.

The electorate of Curtin remains in support of Yes at 50.8 per cent, with just under 80 per cent of the votes counted at the time of going to press.

Hasluck voted 66 per cent against, 58 per cent voted against in the federal electorate of Swan and 72 per cent of voters in Durack were also not in support of the Voice. In Durack, all but one of the nine remote mobile teams recorded high levels of support for the Voice.

Only the ACT voted in favour of Yes at 60.8 per cent. Queensland had the lowest levels of support with 31.1 per cent of voters saying Yes.

In a statement released on the Uluru Statement website, Indigenous leaders called for a week of silence after the referendum defeat

"Now is a time for silence, to mourn and deeply consider the consequence of this outcome," they said.

"We will be lowering our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags to halfmast for the week of silence to acknowledge this result.

We ask others to do the same."

No campaigner Jacinta Nampijinpa Price said after the result that she would be fighting for better outcomes for the Indigenous population.

"We need better outcomes for our most marginalised, which is what I'll certainly be working hard for to ensure that is bought about in the near future," she said.











77th annual Gidge Show

IT'S that time of year again, and the Gidge Show is back for its 77th year at the end of the month with the slogan 'The Country Show on the City doorstep'.

Organised by the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society, the Gidge Show will be open from 9am – 7pm on Saturday, October 28 at the Gidgegannup Showgrounds.

With free entry for pre-school children and members, \$5 for children 17 and under, and \$15 for adults, the event and will make a fairly affordable day out for families, and for small farmers in the Hills and beyond.

With more than 15 engaging activities displays there will be no lack of entertainment, from sand art and shearing demos to an animal farm and remote-control trucks.

Live music can be caught at the Burgo's Bar with performances from Kyra Bee and The Illegals from between 3pm and 7.30pm.

As always, the hall exhibits include crafts, sewing, knitting, photography, flowers, and you can find out who won the 2023 Show Cake.

The City of Swan sponsored Australian rustic farm art awards presentation will be held 'on the hill' at 1.30pm, followed by a presentation of trophies which will commence at 4.30pm at the Main Hall.

In a show first, Aboriginal group 'As One Nyitting' will conduct the Welcome to Country, as well as spear throwing events and cultural information.

As far as refreshments, Burgo's Bar will be selling alcohol, and for food there is a great variety of stalls and vans on offer as well.

The show is supported by local community groups, schools, fire fighters, ambulance, and community churches. For assistance on the day look out for a Gidge show volunteer wearing a green vest.

Parallel to the show are the 'horses in action' sharing arena space. This year the show includes displays from local police, the 10th Light Horse, information stalls and the attendance of former Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt AM and Jessica Shaw MLA.

The event has been proudly sponsored by the City of Swan and Bendigo Bank Mundaring.









Free street tree watering



THE City of Swan is offering two years of free watering for any residents who are part of its Free Street Tree

The watering program runs from October to April and currently provides 40L of water to verge trees once a week until December, increasing to twice a week during the hot summer period between December and March.

Over 350 people received a free street tree on their verge during the 2023 planting season, up 40 per cent from the previous year's season. All new requests will be included in the City of Swan 2024 winter planting plan.

In the past it has been the responsibility of residents to water any trees the council had planted as part of the initiative, but City of Swan acting chief executive officer Meriel Pickering said over the years the city found there was a high failure rate due to various factors such as residents moving.

While planting new trees is important, ensuring these trees reach maturity so we can get the maximum benefit

from the urban canopy is equally important," she said.

According to the Bureau of Meteorology's long-range forecast for spring, while most of Australia is at least three times likely to experience unusually high maximum temperatures from October to December, WA is actually four time

Ms Pickering said the changes made to the program this year will be monitored over summer to gauge effectiveness.

Grants available to build local drought resilience

COMMUNITY groups in York, Northam, Toodyay, Quairaiding, Beverley and Brookton have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$20,000 to build drought resilience.

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) is offering small networks grants to community organisations in remote, rural and regional communities for projects designed to enhance local drought preparedness.

Supported by the federal government's future drought fund through the helping regional communities prepare for drought initiative, the grants program can fund simple,

one-off or seed-type initiatives to strengthen community networks and capabilities.

Nina O'Brien, FRRR's disaster resilience and recovery lead, said that there are a wide range of one-off projects that promote community networks, which the program can fund.

"Through this program, we are enabling agriculture-dependent communities to identify and act on their drought preparedness and resilience priorities at a grassroots level in the ways that best suit their communi-

"From previous programs, we know that social networks are crit-

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ical to drought resilience because they promote a sense of belonging by providing opportunities for a diverse range of community members to connect and participate

"Events, such as field days or practical workshops, are effective tools for improving mental health and wellbeing, because they give participants the opportunity to connect with their neighbours and learn skills to address the local risk factors associated with a changing climate.'

For more information, including the list of priority LGAs, and to apply, visit: https://frrr.org.au/smallnetworks-grants



Happy cats and wildlife e

FELINE parents and potential feline owners in the Shire of Mundaring are invited to join renowned cat behaviour expert Dr Heather Crawford for a 'pawsitively' fun adventure discovering cats, wildlife, and harmony in one purr-fect event.

Shire of Mundaring will host Dr Crawford for a happy cats and wildlife workshop on Saturday, October 28 from 9.30am to 11.30am in the civic area.

The free workshop will divulge intriguing facts about cats with attendees gaining insights into creating a stimulating environment at home to ensure your cat enjoys a long, healthy, and contented life.

Shire President James Martin said 1550 cats were registered in the shire.

"Embracing responsible cat ownership not only safeguards your beloved companion but also plays a vital role in preserving our native wildlife," he said.

"Free roaming cats often fall victim to traumatic mishaps such as injuries from accidents or altercations with other animals, but they also pose a threat to our local wildlife, turning neighbouring properties into their hunting grounds or litter boxes, sparking complaints to the Shire.

"This workshop will explore tailored cat containment solutions, from catios to enclosures and fence toppers, and empower you to keep your cat safe and happy within your property. In turn, it will also allow residents to enjoy the native wildlife in their gardens.

Morning tea will also be provided. Registration for this event is essential via Eventbrite.

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THURSDAY

Pasta Night \$17

Ask your wait person for tonight's selection. Includes a middy of beer or a glass of house wine.

How preferential voting can affect local elections

ANITA McNNES

ARE voters confused with the changes this year to local government elections, which include optional preferential voting replacing

the first past the post system?
University of Notre Dame politics and international relations professor Martin Drum said there is bound to be some confusion, especially given it is a new system for local government.

But Dr Drum said on the other hand, voters have been allocating preferences for state and federal elections for decades, so the new system should not be too complicated for them.

In the lead up to the Saturday, October 21 election day some election signs in the City of Swan have been stolen and graffitied with phallic sym-

Dr Drum, whose research includes voting, elections and Australian politics, said normally it would be most unlikely that preferential voting would lead to this sort of behaviour.

"But it's possible that someone may see a candidate, who recommends preferences for someone other than themselves, as a threat which needs countering," he said.
"Generally such behaviour is dis-

graceful, but occurs with or without preferential voting.

Asked if his research had shed any light on how preferential voting affects elections, and in particular local government elections and whether it affects how candidates behave towards each other when campaigning, he said preferential voting does affect electoral outcomes.

"It allows supporters of an unsuccessful candidate to directly impact

"It can also lead to alliances between candidates, who recommend voters preference their ally.

"Preferential voting means that the vote is no longer 'split' between two similar candidates, since these candidates could try to pool their supporter

He said candidates and parties will try to game any system of voting.

"There is no doubt that some candidates will try to 'team up' and direct preferences to each other.

"Some people may even try to run an extra candidate solely for the purpose of directing preferences.

"But voters should keep in mind that they choose their own preferences, so no candidate can 'direct' them

"The best a candidate can do is make a recommendation.

"Also, a candidate has to get a vote before they have a voter preference anyway; the less popular they are, the less their preferences matter.

Social media comments about female candidates have also been very derogatory this election.

Dr Drum said sadly this was not un-

"I haven't done my own research on this, but unfortunately social media has led to a rise in such comments, and this is not new.

"The recent absence of content moderation on X (formerly Twitter) hasn't helped.'

The Western Australian Electoral Commission said under the optional preferential voting system, voters number candidates in the order of their preference and do not have to number all the boxes if they do not want to.



Bravery recognised at Life Saving awards

FOUR Shire of Mundaring Bilgoman Aquatic Centre employees were recently recognised for their acts of bravery by the Royal Life Saving Society.

Duty manager Tyler Parish re-

ceived a gold star bravery award, while lifeguards Flynn Throssell, Sophie Eden and Jessica Nalder received a bravery commendation award for saving a toddler at the centre in January.

Shire President James Martin congratulated the group on their award and said this was the first major emergency they had been

involved in.
"They handled themselves extremely professionally and calmly when faced with a very special situation.

"The actions on that day showed their training quickly kicked in, in that moment, and their bravery certainly saved the young toddlers life," he said.
The Royal Life Saving Socie-

ty WA recognises the efforts of those outstanding members of the community who attempt to save the lives of others by carrying out rescues or performing CPR, through their annual Royal Life Saving Bravery Awards.

Tyler Parish and Flynn Throssell with their awards.

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Don't tip toe through these tulips!



From left to right. One-leaf Cape Tulip (*Moraea flaccida*). Two-leaf Cape Tulip (*Moraea miniata*). Cormils on stem.

You might have recently noticed these pretty looking flowers when walking through the bush, spotted them growing along roadsides or seen them in paddocks, particularly in the Southwest of the state.

Members of the Iridaceae (Iris) family, these lovely looking flowers are actually a serious and widespread weed in Western Australia. They are commonly called the One-leaf and Two-leaf Cape Tulip.

As the name suggests, One-leaf Cape Tulip typically has only one leaf per plant. The flower colour ranges between orange and salmon pink with a yellow centre. It reproduces via both seed and annually renewed corms. The seeds and corms sprout in autumn after rain, with up to 60% of corms potentially staying dormant each year.

Two-leaf Cape Tulip has a similar looking flower but can be distinguished by having two to three leaves per plant. It sprouts in autumn and flowers in spring. However, unlike the one-leaf variety, it doesn't seed, but produces cormils on its stems.

Why control: Both species of Cape Tulip are a serious weed of pastures, roadsides, wastelands, and bushland. In pasture, livestock often selectively graze clovers and other more palatable species, which allows Cape Tulip to flourish. However, if eaten, all parts of Cape Tulip are toxic to livestock while the plant material exists - whether it is alive, dying, or dead. Spraying with herbicides does not remove its toxicity.

When to control: The optimal time for chemical control of both plants is July to September, when they flower, and the corm is exhausted. After this time the plant material will start to dry out, making any kind of chemical difficult for the plant to absorb.

If you have missed the opportunity to control this year, all is not lost. Take note of where you have seen Cape Tulip so you can be prepared and ready to control it for the next season.

Further information on Cape Tulip can be found on the DPIRD website: https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/declared-plants/cape-tulip-what-you-should-know



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Echo presents at Swan Chamber '<u>Hour of Power'</u>

ECHO News General Manager and Editor Peter W Lewis last week presented at the Swan Chamber of Commerce monthly 'Hour of Power' session to a capacity crowd of members.

Mr Lewis talked about his 40 year career in journalism, corporate communications, and stakeholder engagement before taking the audience on a tour of the new *Echo News* website and the advantages it presents to readers and advertisers.

The *Echo* website now attracts more than 100,000 hits a month and coupled with our Facebook and other social media reach of a further 20,000 views a month, ensures our community news and advertising has further reach beyond our printed copies.

"People can also now look up previous editions as a pdf as well as the growing archive of digital news, community information, real estate, sport and our investigative journalism in our special reports section," Mr Lewis said.

"As the years move on being able to archive news and information regarding our local community will become an important historical resource that we at the *Echo* are proud of."

"As social media has continued on its path, we are now being recognised for the legitimate role we play and the trusted news and advertising that we offer.

"Just when social media had almost decimated most printed regional and suburban papers those like the Echo that have survived are now stronger and more believed than any other news

"Why? Because we are real – we have an office that people can walk into, we have phone numbers that do not lead to a scam, we have letters to the editor so readers can express their views, we have a team of four independent journalists that can discern the information that we publish, and if needed take weeks to delve into a story.

"Our new website is now a live news source and an archive of our readership area from the plains and the vineyards, to the hills extending to the Wheatbelt," Mr Lewis said

Go to www.echonewspa



The slides will change from green to blue. Picture: City of Kalamunda

Slide construction underway

KALAMUNDA Water Park waterslide refurbishment is underway, with residents expected to be able to slide around in the park by the end of November.

July 25 ordinary council meeting saw the revised scope of works for the water parks slides approved, with the budget increased from \$300,000 to

\$713,000 for the renewal of two slides.

The speed slide, which has not been used since 2016, is included in the works and is set to be demolished.

The refurbishment will see the slides change colour, with sapphire blue being the colour of choice.

Speaking at the October 17 or- re-open November 20.

dinary council meeting, Mayor Margaret Thomas said she was thrilled to share an update on the park

"The refurbishment work is right on schedule for a grand re-opening in November, aligning perfectly with our usual season opening date," she said.

The water park is expected to re-open November 20.

Swan Scratch'n'win hotspot

With the end of the year fast approaching, West Australians have already taken home more than \$3.5 million thanks to Scratch'n'Win Top Prizes with the City of Swan being home to most winners this year.

Lotterywest spokesperson

Emma Rogers said the City of Swan can boast having four top prize winners, and the cities of Armadale, Bayswater, Geraldton, and Stirling, are runners up, each being home to three top prize winners.

"Last year there were 58 Scratch'n'Win Top Prize winners in Western Australia, and we're hoping to surpass that number for 2023."

Three West Aussies took home the largest top prizes of \$300,000 each, along with another three WA ticket holders each winning a prize of \$200,000.



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- Senior community member
- Following breeze
- 28 29 Of oats
- Academies
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- Snow leopard Billiards shot (2,3)
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- wind Without a chance
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- 76 Disease in dogs Roughly

- A decade last century
- Give credit for 82 Isolated area
- 83 A layer A pick-me-up
- Spectacular Act of anointing 95
- Pieces of board 98 100 Musical piece 102
- Join up Lively dance 104 A boring tool
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- 125 Capital of Norway 126 Silken fabric 127 Ground
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- system 152 Pulling jerkily
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- Turkish city 171
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- (4,4)An indication Different ways 183
- 184 Checked copy A swinging ball
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- 201 Hardened as bone 204 Allude
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- Part of a kitchen 35 37 Ring of a bell Trunk
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- Dull in surface
- 88 In control 89 Rented lands
- TV employee Stately manner 93
- A handbell player 94 Being in uniform manner Jars
- A hint 97 Load too heavily Shatters (6,2) 100 Traps for crustaceans
- 4,4) 101 Leaves unattended 103 Loudest
- 105 A watercourse 107 Type of gland 111 Leather producer 113 Human soul
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- 136 In handy manner
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- Speak in monotonous way Type of duck
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190 Remain longer than

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192 Type of orchid

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New Darling Range conservation group

A NEW community conservation community group has recently been established in the Perth Hills following a meet and greet at Mojos Café in Mundaring attracting 14 environmental enthusiasts.

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) Darling Range Group plans to work with other community groups, such as the Perth Hills Climate Change Interest Group, which share similar goals of achieving positive environmental outcomes by sharing resources and working collaboratively on joint initiatives.

Group convenor Bree Fomenko said it was known climate and nature are intrinsically linked; climatic changes, mining and emissions have a significant impact on ecological

"Ecosystems need protection and regeneration from adverse effects of urban sprawl and inappropriate burning. Climate change is of global and national concern but also requires a localised approach with consolidated

effort," she said. Ms Fomenko said she decided a concentrated focus on a localised area would have the best likelihood of achieving a positive impact

"The Darling Range, although vast, has a similar ecology throughout the plateau and its communities face similar environmental issues. It made sense to create a group for this geographical area and I joined forces with the ACF to form the ACF Darling Range Community Group," she

Central to the work of the group is its overarching lens of ecological justice. The group is keen to work with individuals, community groups, organisations and policymakers who want to find smarter, more sustainable ways to achieve economic growth and development, whilst taking active measures to protect and regenerate our natural world.

She said she believes that the state and federal governments have an excellent and time-critical opportunity to 'walk the talk' by prioritising environmental and planning laws if they are to meet political promises of

a nature positive society.
"There is no 'us' without nature, and nature depends on a suitable cli-

mate," she said.
"Rather than encroaching further into nature for developments like the proposed North Stoneville townsite or extend mining in the northern jarrah forest, we need a long-term vision; regenerate ecosystems and create wildlife corridors.

She recently ran a guided bushwalk to National Park Falls along the Swan View Railway Heritage Trail and plans for the group to offer more bush walks and other environmental type activities throughout the Darling Range.

To get involved in local environmental initiatives or the Darling Range group, please contact Ms Fomenko at acfdarlingrange@gmail. com or visit https://www.acf.org.au/ acf community darling range

restoration of ecosystem AN alliance of 21 leading Australian environmental organisations is calling for a national plan for ecosys-

tem restoration to guide and accelerate action to reverse environmental degradation, curb biodiversity loss and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

"Despite ongoing efforts, our ecosystems are continuing to deteriorate, and biodiversity is disappearing at an unprecedented rate in Australia and worldwide. We need to urgently accelerate and amplify our collective efforts to reverse ecosystem degradation and decline at the vast scale needed for nature and people," said Dr Tein McDonald, convener of the restoration decade al-liance (RDA).

Roughly half of Australia's gross domestic product is dependent on nature, and ecosystem degradation has been shown to have direct and significant impacts on human health and social and cultural wellbeing.

"The alliance was formed

to help meet these challenges, but we cannot do it alone. To date, restoration efforts in Australia have typically been short-term, disconnected and relatively small scale. This is inadequate to address the scale of the challenges we now face, but it's not too late to turn things around," Dr McDonald said

The UN Decade calls on all levels of society and sectors, government, industry, First Nations Australians and local communities, to work together to restore our ecosystems. We encourage the government to take the lead by developing an ambitious national restoration plan that serves as a clear roadmap for effective restoration and unites and empowers the whole-of-community.

The RDA understands that genuine, early and continuous involvement of First Nations Australians is foundational to the success of the development and implementation of this restoration plan for Australia.



Brain connectivity through music

ANDREW WILLIAMS

NEUROSCIENTIST, musician and author Alan Harvey is giving a talk next Saturday, October 28, on how music affects the brain at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre.

As a neuroscience emeritus professor at the University of Western Australia, Alan Harvey combined his love for music with his fascination of how the mind works to publish his book 'Music, Evolution, and the Harmony of Souls' back in 2017.

In the same year he gave a TEDx talk on the book which has since been viewed almost half a million

Professor Harvey said the talk next week will include discussion on what music can bring to people in terms of mental and physical health therapy.

Organised by the Kalamunda Rotary club, all proceeds from the ticketed event will go towards funding the music programs for Kalamunda and Lesmurdie senior high schools.

At Lesmurdie SHS the money will be going towards a renewal of the portable sound system to be used for Anzac Day ceremonies, whole school assemblies and presentations where music plays an integral part in the celebrations of the community.

For the Kalamunda SHS music program, any proceeds from Professor Harvey's talk will be used for acquiring more music equipment and instruments for the students.

Professor Harvey has given similar talks in schools and said there has been a recent push to reframe how people in education view music.

"It has long term benefits and if you want to educate children, you really want to educate them in things that are going to have a long-term benefit in a whole range of cognitive and emotional capabilities, and music can do that.'

Professor Harvey said specifically in instrumentalists who play with both hands, such as piano and violin, there's vastly increased connectivity between the left and right side of the brain.



Professor Harvey is a lifelong musician.

"Music is an incredibly strong driver of brain plasticity, so it enhances various aspects of memory, motor coordination, hearing and so on.'

He said it is well documented that music changes the connectivity of the brain but what is not clear is how much training you need.

"Having this enhanced musical connectivity that is driven through training allows us to find alternative routes to gain and access information. It acts like a buffer in terms of helping to slow both mental decline and also to maintain hearing as we get older as well," he said.

Tickets can be found online at https://kpac48. sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/114199



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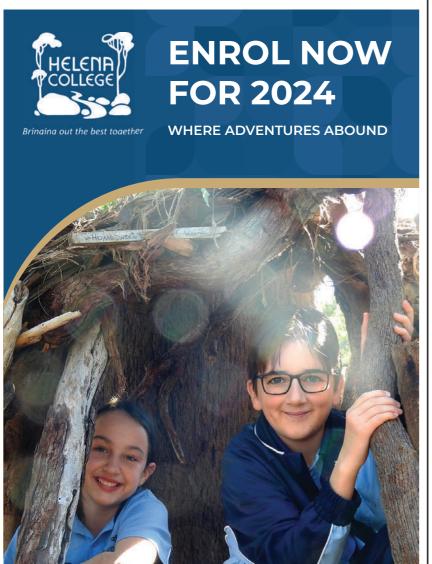
We offer small classes and a variety of specialist programs.

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If you have been thinking about enrolling your child/ren at Sacred Heart School and would like to know more about our learning programs we invite you to book a Walk & Talk with the Principal.

Contact Nicole on 9295 1562.

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Minds with Positive Learning

EACH child is a valued member of our school community and our aim is to extend all children wherever they are educationally in a positive and engaging learning environment.

Small classes provide the opportunity for individualised education of our students and opportunities to lead at all levels.

Differentiated learning is an emphasis at Sacred Heart. Enrichment and support programs are offered in Year 1 to 6. Teaching of Science, Physical Education, Music and Visual Art and Italian add to the rich learning experiences. Keyboard and guitar tuition also offered onsite.

ICT is a crucial element of a child's education. At Sacred Heart we offer a 1:1 iPad program for students in Years 1 to 6 at no extra expense to parents.

Our Early Learning Centre caters for Pre-Kindy, Kindy and Pre-Primary students with vibrant classrooms and an abundance of outdoor space including a nature playground.

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Getting ready for change

FOR some, the 'tween' years can be challenging to negotiate - both for young people and their parents. Pre-adolescence is defined loosely as between the ages of eight to twelve, and is a time change is a given, but the time frame for those changes is not!

At Helena College, our Year 4 and 5 program is designed to support you and your child through these changes. We work to help students develop a life skills 'toolbox' through:

- fostering friendships in small, supportive classes · weekly class sessions with the College psychologist, looking at friendship, resilience, self-esteem, and emotional regulation
- ongoing assessment and targeted support for academic growth
- · instilling organisational skills, study habits, and self-management
- cultivating leadership abilities
- providing access to our unique elective sessions, our camps program and more!

We also work closely with parents, arranging regular parent-teacher conferences and topical parent information evenings. We firmly believe that we need to partner with parents to help create the best possible outcomes for all students.

Enrolling your child for Year 4 or 5 also guarantees entry to Year 6 at our Glen Forrest Campus, which is traditionally our largest intake year. For more information, please email enrolments@helena.wa.edu.au or call (08) 9298 9100.





Historic national skills agreement endorsed

between the federal and state governments that will unlock billions of dollars to build the skills and prosperity of Western Australians.

The historic five-year national skills agreement (NSA), which will take effect from January next year, was developed under principles agreed by National

It will embed national cooperation and strategic investment in WA's vocational education and training (VET) sector which is critical for providing skills to grow the economy.

The federal government is prepared to invest \$1.34 billion which will expand and transform access to the VET sector, support quality training and implement reforms to address critical skills needs in

The state government sought a longerterm federal funding agreement in order to address the ad hoc approach of the previous government, with a fiveyear period providing funding certainty which will enable WA to complete significant reforms

As part of the package, \$1.2 billion in flexible funding will support WA to de-liver skills for critical and emerging industries, including:

- · Clean energy and net zero transformation of the economy.
- · Australia's sovereign capability, including advanced manufacturing skills, national security, food security and con-
- Care and support services.Ensuring Australia's digital and technology capability.

The new agreement also provides up to \$125 million for specific training and workforce initiatives, of which the state government will provide \$109 million in matched funding.

This will provide the means to deepen the state's response to 'closing the gap' for First Nations people, improve foundation skills of West Australians, and



create TAFE Centres of Excellence that will help deliver on Australia's clean energy transition.

Principal Mr Leo Surjan with students.

Leo Surjan Wins New Principalship at GSSHS

GOVERNOR Stirling Senior High School is an Independent Public School that provides distinctive and engaging education programs to meet the diverse needs and interests of all students.

The school is excited to welcome new principal Mr Leo Surjan, who has recently won his position at the school and is looking forward to moving the school into a new era and strengthening our school values

"Our school values of respect, tolerance, personal excellence, responsibility and honesty, guide expectations and form the basis of all student learning, states new principal Mr Leo Surjan.

As a specialist school, students enjoy a positive and supportive learning environment that responds to all abilities and learning styles.

Experienced teachers encourage students to imagine the possibilities, create opportunities and achieve their dreams. To enrich the learning experiences of each child the school offers a range

of programs including: • Department of Education Gifted and Talented Education Program in Math-

ematics, Science and Humanities from Year 7 Approved Specialist Programs in Engineering, Arts media and Australian Rules Football

• Academic extension

School based programs in netball and music

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• Nationally accredited vocational certificate programs for senior students

Aboriginal academic program Follow the Dream with dedicated staff

The school was completely rebuilt in 2013. The \$63 million investment means we have modern hi-tech facilities such as 3-D printers, a performing arts theatre, commercial kitchen, TV studio, extensive ICT network with wi-fi throughout, specialist teachers and links to tertiary and industry bodies."

For more information or to apply online, govo.wa.edu.au or phone 6274 0300.

Fee-free continues

THE federal and state governments will continue their partnership to deliver fee-free TAFE and vocational education and training (VET) places to Western Australians over the next three years.

Under the joint-partnership, a further 22,200 Fee-Free TAFE and VET places will be available from January 202 to keep pace with demand, which has seen fee-free enrolments across VET soar to more than 34,000

Fee-free places target areas of skills shortage such as early childhood education and care, health care, aged and disability care, nursing technology and digital skills, hospitality and tourism, construction, agriculture, VET workforce, and the defence industry.

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Our vision for learning is centred on Transforming tomorrow's hearts, minds and lives.

Through our faith, culture of excellence, values and systems, we equip our students with the tools they need to become life-long learners and positive contributors, voices and leaders in the community beyond their College days.

To learn more about La Salle College, visit our website at www.lasalle.wa.edu.au.



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There is also a purpose-designed Junior Transition Centre devoted to Year 7 students.

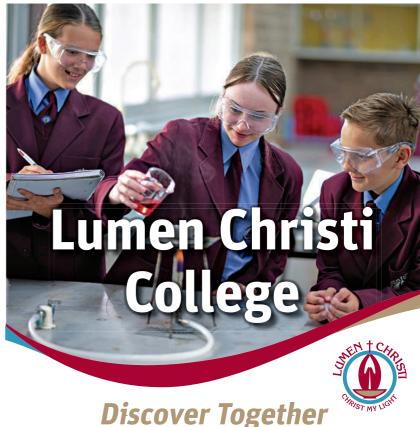
A robust Transition Program supports our Year 7s to be independent and successful learners. Similarly, the Senior Transition Centre is another purpose-designed facility where Senior students

have direct access to Career Development, Vocational Training and a range of other specialist resources.

For its senior students, Lumen Christi College offers a comprehensive range of ATAR and Vocational Education and Training course options, providing them with extensive opportunities to learn and develop within a safe, secure and inclusive learning environment.

Whether your child's interests are in the Arts, Sports, Academics or other, Lumen Christi College can most certainly offer them a wealth of opportunities.

For enrolment enquiries please contact the College on 08 9394 9300 or visit lumen.wa.edu.au. Enrolments for 2024 & 2025 entry are now open.



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A Montessori-prepared environment includes a focus on respect for the child, fostering the child's independence, respecting the needs of others, and caring for our surroundings. At Sugar Gums Playgroup, parents are involved in supporting the safe, fun and stimulating environment.

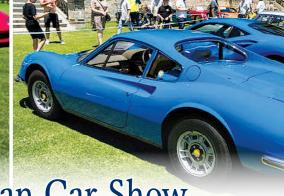
Playgroup is an excellent stepping stone for young children as they prepare for our Children's House Programme or further Early Years education. At Treetops, children can get a sense of learning away from home, socialising with peers, and receiving appropriate stimulation and encouragement that allows them to discover their immediate world.

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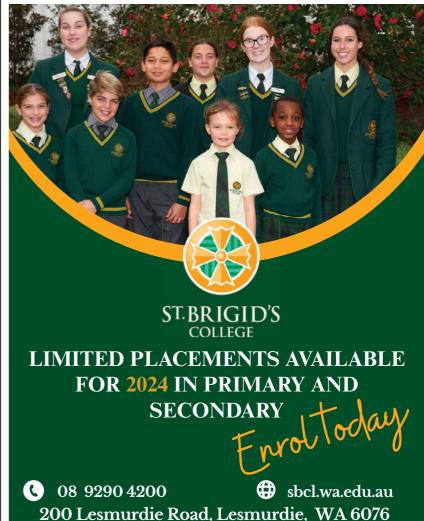
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Mundaring Hills Open Studios celebrates our Perth Hills artists

Mundaring Hills Open Studios is an annual art event that celebrates the work of Perth Hills artists who will showcase their art between Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 29.

The event takes place over the nine days, and is open from 10am to 5pm weekends and 10am to 4pm on weekdays, giving visitors the chance to explore the work of 65 local artists at 37 locations.

The collaborative Open Studio Art Trail celebrates the initiative of 10 founding artists some 14 years ago.

Visiting the open studios who participate in the Mundaring Hills event is a unique experience and an opportunity to sample the lives of local

It will also give everyone access to the artists' work which come in an incredible range of mediums – from glass and ceramics to oil paint, watercolours, textiles, wood, recycled metals and much more.

The artists too range across the spectrum – from professionals with international acclaim to those who work part time or as a hobby – and all of them want to share their artistic environment with art lovers. The event provides an opportunity to talk to artists, explore their tech-

niques, share ideas, admire their creativity and acquire a unique piece of On the trail there are also many food venues, pubs, wineries and a

distillery plus a range of picnic spots – all welcoming you to the hills environment and helping you to create a memorable visit.

Amaroo Retreat and Spa will showcase the artworks of four artists as part of the Open Studio Art Trail.

Amanda Gamble, Wild Wood Collections – Gamble is a self-taught woodworker and visual artist, creating unique, one of a kind, functional art pieces. Utilising an angle grinder and sander to shape and enhance the natural beauty of the timbers her work is both functional and decorative.

Stacey Gardoll, Stacey Gardoll Art – Gardoll's art is all about capturing a moment between the viewer and the natural world. She creates an opportunity for viewers to become lost in the forms, and the intricacies of the botanical, as they can become swept up in the details, even if just

Silvana Ferrario, Siju Glass – Ferrario uses a range of techniques that she has developed, often making use of the movement of the glass when it is hot, giving her work a painterly feel.

Johanna Zeelenberg, Fly My Darling Studio – Zeelenberg is a painter, drawer and visual artist who is inspired by her time spent living in the Pilbara. She is now a Chidlow local.

For the full program and full list of artists go to https://www.mundar inghillsopenstudios.com/



Chief Executive Officer

Stephen Cain

Community Consultative Session RAAF Base Pearce PFAS Investigation and Management Program

The Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP, Assistant Minister for Defence, will be holding a Community Consultative Session on per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination on and from RAAF Base Pearce.

This is an opportunity for the Bullsbrook community to hear the latest on plans for the scheme water infrastructure within the RAAF Base Pearce Management Area. The session will include a presentation followed by a question and answer forum with the community to discuss Defence's PFAS management, remediation and ongoing monitoring program.

Light refreshments will be provided and all are welcome.

Session Details:

Date: Wednesday 25 October 2023 Venue: Ethel Warren Community Centre

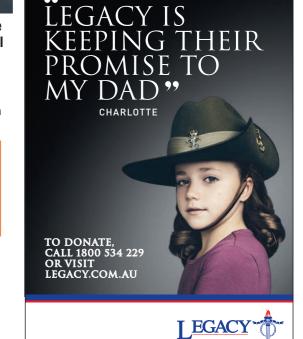
3 Maroubra Avenue, Bullsbrook Time: 5:30 pm - 8 pm (presentation at 6:30 pm) Contact:

To register your attendance please use the QR code provided, or the contact details below.

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Defence is also holding a drop-in information session on Saturday 28 October from 9 am -12 pm at the Ethel Warren Community Centre for those unable to attend the Wednesday evening session.





Midland Guildford players



GERA KAZAKOV

THREE Midland Guildford Cricket Club players have returned from Adelaide after playing in the WA Women's National Cricket League side.

Chloe Piparo (captain), Shay Manolini and Lilly Mills were three MGCC players who were selected as part of the 11 to represent WA against the South Australia Scorpions at Karen Rolton Oval, in Adelaide, as part of the 2023-24 Women's National Cricket League.

WA lost the first one-day game by 87 runs but went on to win the next game by three wickets with 10 balls remaining, with captain Piparo named player of the match.

SA won the toss on the second game, electing to bat first, and finishing their 50 overs with 4-259, before WA responded with 7-261 to win the

Chloe Piparo was named player of the match after scoring 104(112) in the second match against SA.

Opening the batting for WA, Piparo went on to score 104 runs off 112 balls in the second match, knocking 12 fours before she was caught by Jemma Barsby off the bowling of Amanda-Jade Wellington in the 38th over.

Fellow opener Maddy Darke scored 47 runs off 47 balls to help WA to open on a 99-run partnership. Darke's wicket fell when she was caught by Bridget Patterson from a delivery bowled by Madeline Penna.

In the first innings, Shay Manolini kept the Scorpions strike-rate down, bowling 7-44 and finishing with 13 dot balls.

The first game saw the Scorpions batting first after winning the toss, finishing the first innings with 9-263, as WA finished 176 all out after 46 overs.

Lilly Mills helped end Josie Dooley's time at the crease, taking a catch from the bowling of Peipa Cleary to send Dooley back to the dugout for seven runs from 25 balls.

Mills bowled 9-46, finishing with 34 dot balls and Manolini went 6-29 in the first game.

Record knock for U17 player

JOSHUA McKENZIE

THERE were plenty of positives for Midland Guildford Cricket Club during their matches over the weekend.

The male 1st grade side continued their dominant start with a six-wicket win over Claremont-Nedlands, led by Tom Beaton's unbeaten 76 runs from 85

The male 2nd grade struggled once again, despite an innings of 61 from 99 by James Kirwan.

The male 3rd grade team tied in their match as captain Tom Southon scored 76 not out from 93, while the male 4th grade won by four wickets thanks to an innings of 68

not out from 51 by Ethan Ozanne.

The female A grade side suffered their first defeat of the season against Subiaco-Floreat, while the female B grade side suffered a narrow two run loss against Melville.

The female U17 played against Rockingham Mandurah Makayla Hendry starred with an unbeaten score of 146 runs from 72 balls, hitting 19 fours and 5 sixes, setting the record for the highest T20 score for the club in any grade.

She also had figures of 3-7 in an outstanding all-round individual

The female U14 played their first match ever and secured a 31-run victory over South Perth.

Makayla Hendry starred in Midland Guildford Cricket Club's U17 match against Rockingham-Mandurah.



Read between the lines by Pastor Ian Kirk



Our front Jacaranda tree has been looking lifeless for months – even dead-like. Through winter and early spring there were no leaves on it. The branches only had dry sticks hanging off it – and as they fell, it left the tree looking barren. I know this is to be expected it's a deciduous tree.

Recently though, the tree has "come alive". It has new shoots that are producing fresh green leaves. Also, for the first time this young tree is producing mauve blossoms that Jacaranda trees are famous for. With the green leaves and the stunning mauve blossoms, our Jacaranda tree is a picture of life. It appears to have moved from a state of death to life.

In life we normally move the other way - from life to death. But our Jacaranda tree, and other deciduous trees, do the opposite in Spring – from death to life. This reminds me of something profound that Jesus Christ once shared: "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life." (John 5:24)
When we turn to Jesus and trust in Him as our

Saviour, we pass from death to life. We go from merely existing to living life with peace and purpose through knowing Christ. We even love others and have the hope of being in heaven one day. This is to be alive.

Notice Board

Upcoming events

• The St Barnabas spring fete is being held on Saturday, November 4 from 9am to 1pm at the corner of Spring and Railway roads, Kalamunda. Vintage, cakes, plants, books, children's activities, food and entertainment available Procee charity.

• The Parkerville Community Band is running a workshop for musicians aged between 12 and 18-years-old, who would like to experience playing their instruments in a group. Basic sheet music reading ability required. The course will run on Thursdays from 5pm to 6pm at the Parkerville Hall in November followed by a performance to the community. Call Yvonne on 0416 233 277 to register or learn more

· Save the Children Hills branch is holding a stall at the Whim Festival at Pioneer Park, McVicar Place, Mt Helena on Sunday, October 29 from 9am to 4pm. Second-hand books, hand knits, rugs, plants and spring vegetable seedlings available.

 The Hovea Residents & Ratepayers deferred annual general meeting will be

held in the Parkerville Oval Sports Pavilion, Seaborne St, Parkerville, on Wednesday, November 1 starting at 7.30pm. All positions are declared vacant. Central ward councillors are invited. Tea and coffee is available afterwards. For more information call Max on 9295 4557.

• The Gidgegannup Men's Shed re ing project will be held on Wednesday, November 8 at 148 Tilden Drive, Gidgegannup starting at 8am. If you want to learn some farm fencing skills and help reinstate fencing that was burnt in the 2021 bushfire RSVP to the President@Gidgega nnupMensShed.org.au

• The St Stephens Anglican Church will be running its monthly market day, on Friday, October 27 at 9 Salix Way, Forrestfield from 8.30am to 11.30am. There will be bargains galore. All welcome.

· Midland Lawn Tennis Club will be holding a season open day on Saturday, October 21 from 1pm at 21 Patterson Drive, Middle Swan. For more information email playtennis@midlandtennis. com.au or visit the website at www.mid landtennis.com.au

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The kitchen overlooks the open plan dining and family room acting as the central hub of the home with views of the outdoor entertaining area.

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Families look to upsize to the hills

A LARGE number of Perth Hills locations have made the top 20 suburbs in WA where families are looking to upsize to more spacious homes.

The Property Credit report screened suburbs through an array of initial filters, targeting areas that offer four-bedroom houses, promising socio-economic profiles, and relative affordability.

Gooseberry Hill was ranked 3 with a starting budget of \$929,000, followed by Glen Forest ranked at number 5 (\$777,777, Darlington (8-\$829,000), Stoneville (9-\$749,000), Mundaring (12-\$665,000), Helena Valley (15-\$629,000), Mount Helena (17-\$639,000) and Parkerville (18-\$739,000).

The full report is available on Property Credit's platform for those planning to transition to larger homes within their current city.

WA the rent-rise capital of Australia

RENTS in Perth are soaring faster than any Australian capital city, while parts of regional WA are experiencing the largest rent rises in the country, alarming new analysis shows.

Shelter WA has analysed the latest SQM Research weekly rents index and found advertised rents in Perth have risen 19 per cent in the past year and four per cent in the past three months – the highest of the capital cities.

Perth also has the tightest vacancy rate of the capitals at 0.4 per cent, with a weekly asking rent of \$644.

Meanwhile, the region that covers the Wheatbelt is among the country's regional top ten areas for rent rises in the past year with a 24.4 per cent increase.

Shelter WA says the record increases in rents, low vacancy rates and an unprecedented demand on homelessness services is caused by a chronic shortage of affordable housing supply.



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