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THE MOTION IS PASSED TO REMOVE THE THREE INSTALLED LED NOTICEBOARDS!

WE SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE SIGNS... THAT THEY WERE NOT IN OUR STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN!

LED NOTICEBOARDS INSTALLED AT DIFFERENT PARKS IN THE MUNDARING SHIRE RECEIVED COMMUNITY BACKLASH AS VISUAL POLLUTION. LAST WEEK THE SHIRE PASSED A MOTION TO REMOVE ALL THREE NOTICEBOARDS.

ECHO YOUR THOUGHTS

Have your say:
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Praise for the humble radio

Dear Echo News,

Optus went down, and Australia was in panic. The 2023 - 2024 bushfire season is also approaching.

When the power goes out - we lose everything.

Mobile phone communication from the likes of Telstra, Optus and Vodafone, our NBN, our landlines and our internet.

In other words, all forms of communication - except radio.

Will ABC radio be providing more emergency broadcasts when power fails?

I've put new batteries in my radio just in case, so hopefully we are ready.

R Bogerd
Beechboro

Great work Izzy and Penny

Dear Echo News,

What inspiring students you are to organise the submission to help improve the Kalamunda town site by targeting the eyesore at 12 Mead Street *Students' petition drives first steps to change in Kalamunda*, (Echo News, November 10), and also to collect community ideas for possible uses for the building.

And to see a positive result in the building on the sale market - well done both of you!

There is another unsightly vacant block in Kalamunda's main street that had the 'sock' treatment but remains weedy and sandy.

Action is also needed there by the owner as well please.

G Bridgement
Gooseberry Hill

Thought for the day

"Any fool can know. The point is to understand."
-Albert Einstein

Escalator woes

Dear Echo News,

Feeling inspired by the impressive work of Izzy and Penny advocating for the redevelopment of the eyesore 12 Mead Street in Kalamunda *Students' petition drives first steps to change in Kalamunda* (Echo News, November 10), I would like to bring to people's attention to the Kalamunda Central escalator.

For well over a month the escalator has laid dormant - presumably broken, originally an inconvenience, now a terrible joke played upon all who frequently enter from the mall, often negatively impacting the elderly and infirm wishing to avoid the cataclysmic spectacle that is the carpark.

Centre management is well-neigh existent and actively avoidant while hiding behind their locked door and

a phone number which leads into the void of corporate uncaring.

One would only assume Knight Frank, having a property portfolio worth \$817 billion globally, could spare a paltry sum to maintain a requirement of easy access.

B Park
High Wycombe

Escalator response

Kalamunda Central is aware of an escalator that is currently out of commission and is taking the appropriate action to ensure it is repaired in a timely fashion.

Unfortunately, there have been delays due to access to replacement parts from the supplier.

While we are awaiting repairs, our customers are able to access three alternative entry points conveniently located near car bays, with ramp/walkway access

for the elderly and people with disabilities to use. Kalamunda Central wishes to thank the local community for their patience on this matter.

Knight Frank
Kalamunda Central

Homeless pigeons

Dear Echo News,

I know one lot who will not be happy that the derelict building at 12 Mead Street, Kalamunda is on the market and, if sold, will no doubt be demolished and the site redeveloped *Students' petition drives first steps to change in Kalamunda* (Echo News, November 10).

That is the group of pigeons that have made their home under the roof which they access through broken tiles.

C Coulthard
Gooseberry Hill

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Shut the door on real estate and rental scammers

With Commissioner for Consumer Protection Trish Blake

Buying or renting a residential property involves significant financial transactions which, increasingly, are targets for scammers.

Over the last 12 months, WA ScamNet received 129 complaints of real estate and rental scams that left 74 West Australians almost one million dollars, in total, out of pocket.

Rental and real estate scammers try to trick you out of your money when you need to transfer payments or make deposits to banks, real estate and settlement agents or landlords.

Real estate scammers often impersonate businesses, such as a settlement agent or bank, by using an email address similar to the real one. They can redirect your payments into their fraudulent accounts by persuading you to download software that gives them access to your computer, or by obtaining a one-time bank verification code from you, enabling your payment to be 're-directed' - to the scammer.

Rental scammers often advertise scam

properties on Gumtree or Facebook that feature appealing property photographs. They give you an address to drive by the property, but make excuses about why you can't go inside for an inspection. They then ask you for a bond or rent payment upfront, when that advertised property might already be rented, up for sale, or not even exist.

Retrieving your money paid to fraudulent accounts is difficult. If you're buying property, never provide a verification code for your bank account to someone over the phone, always call your settlement agent or bank to confirm details before transferring or paying money, and never give anyone remote access to your computer.

You can outsmart rental scammers by dealing only with landlords or licenced real estate property managers who you can meet in-person, inspecting properties before signing any agreements or paying any money, and requiring a copy of the signed lease agreement, and the property's keys, in exchange for any money you agree to pay.

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Mundaring LED signs backflip

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THREE controversial LED noticeboards will be removed by the Shire of Mundaring following vocal public backlash and community consultation.

The decision to remove the signs was made at this month's ordinary council meeting on Tuesday, November 14.

Deputy shire president Trish Cook moved the motion to remove the signs, provide options for their future and amend the shire's policies to restrict LED signage within parklands or playgrounds.

"Somewhere along the line we got this wrong," she said.

As previously reported *Call to modify park LED signs*, (*Echo*

News, October 12) a recommendation to modify the noticeboards was made at the September ordinary council meeting, due to widespread community dissatisfaction with both the aesthetics of the signs and appropriateness of the locations.

Cr Cook said more conversation needs to take place to look at the future options for the LED signs but stated that future recommendations should not include playgrounds and parks.

The motion passed with seven of the nine councillors in favour. The two councillors who voted against the motion were Neridah Zlatnik and Karen Beale.

The noticeboards are currently installed across the shire at Sculpture Park in Mundaring, Pioneer Park in Mt Helena, and

Morgan John Morgan Reserve in Glen Forrest, with the latter receiving the most public ire.

"If we only take one sign out that says it's okay to put them in parks and playgrounds in the future, and I don't want that," Cr Cook said.

"We are setting a precedence if we leave any of them in the ground."

The three noticeboards were installed in December of last year at the cost of \$150,000.

During the discussion of the motion, Cr John Daw said that prior to the installation of the noticeboards, the relevant residents' associations were to be consulted, but said this did not happen.

The Glen Forrest Residents and Ratepayers Association



Sculpture Park is home to one of the three LED noticeboards. Picture: Andrew Williams

(GFRRA) president Sharon Hill confirmed they were not contacted by the shire for community consultation before the installation of the noticeboards.

As reported *Bright idea cops removal petition*, (*Echo News*, April 14), after the installation a petition against the LED Signs was signed by nearly 500 residents, led by the GFRRA.

"Putting some time between removing them (the LED signs) and figuring out what they will do with them is a good idea," Ms Hill said.

"I think it's just really good to note that the councillors have been really supportive in listening to the community and engaging with us in these areas of concern, so we are really happy that the outcome is what it is."

WAPC set to reject amended North Stoneville plan

ANITA McINNES

THE statutory planning committee is recommending the Western Australian Planning Commission refuse the North Stoneville structure plan 34 at its Thursday, December 7 meeting.

On Thursday, November 23 the WAPC was due to hear deputations and comments on the item at a joint-meeting held at Mundaring Arena.

Earlier this week Save Perth Hills (SPH) said it had every reason to be confident the WAPC would endorse the recommendation to refuse the proposal, which is also opposed by the City of Swan and Shire of Mundaring.

SPH chair Peter Brazier said the recommendation for refusal tells Satterley and the landowner, the Anglican Church, yet again that their proposed North Stoneville townsite was too dangerous and too environmentally destructive and it should be rejected by the WAPC.

According to the WAPC statutory planning committee, Satter-



ley's amended structure plan did not demonstrate that the threat of bushfire risk to people, property, and infrastructure could be appropriately mitigated.

Echo News asked the leader of the CSIRO bushfire behaviour and risks team Andrew Sullivan to comment. In April he said the bushfire simulation models in the amended plan used the CSIRO-developed program SPARK and adopted bushfire rate of spread models, as recommended by the CSIRO publication A Guide to Rate of Fire Spread Models, which were suitable for modelling bushfires in the Perth Hills.

But on Wednesday a CSIRO spokeswoman said the Australian government scientific research agency did not want to comment at this stage.

The statutory planning committee recommendation to refuse said the technical information submitted in support of the amended structure plan, including traffic, evacuation and bushfire analysis and modelling, did not include adequate or accurate details to demonstrate that the risk of impacts from a bushfire, including safe evacuation in a bushfire emergency, was acceptable.

It also said that insufficient information was provided to identify that the protection of environmental conservation values could be appropriately balanced with the outcomes of bushfire risk management in perpetuity, including identification of appropriate management authorities responsible for maintaining conservation and bushfire outcomes.

The recommendation said refusing the application was warranted, given that adequate and

accurate information to demonstrate that the threat of bushfire risk was acceptable had not been provided.

Also the recommendation said the true impact of traffic on the road network to provide for appropriate local and regional transport network outcomes had not been demonstrated.

It also advised the applicant there were typographical and reference inconsistencies and discrepancies

throughout the different documents forming the amended structure plan, that in any event would need to be addressed in order for the amended structure plan to receive a final determination.

The WAPC's decision on the amended structure plan is due to be made public by December 18 with a State Administrative Tribunal directions hearing set for February 2.

Covid on the increase

GERA KAZAKOV

COVID case numbers are climbing, leading to the state and federal government implementing measures to again curb the spread of the virus.

St John of God Midland Hospitals chief executive Paul Dyer said Covid case numbers have been slowly increasing in the hospital along with the state, and that the hospital has complied fully with the state's face mask wearing recommendations.

On Monday, masks again became mandatory for staff and patients in WA hospital areas where vulnerable patients are, such as intensive care units, while visitors to public hospital clinical areas are recommended to wear masks.

Mr Dyer said Midland hospital was managing Covid positive patients and that the hospital has complied fully with the WA chief health officer's recommendation of mandatory mask wearing in certain clinical areas.

"We have had a handful of cases at the hospital and no active outbreaks although the absence of staff due to furloughing is something that needs to be managed," he said.

"We encourage those visiting the hospital to wear a mask, to not visit if experiencing Covid symptoms and to ensure their vaccinations are up to date."

The WA Country Health service has made masks

mandatory for residential aged care units as they are co-located in some hospitals, while the department of health said aged-care units weren't part of their state-wide advice.

Other mandatory areas in hospitals include renal dialysis units, haematology and oncology units and organ transplant units.

WA chief health officer Andy Robertson said WA's increase in case numbers came from the Omicron strain XBB EG.5.

"Covid is very much still with us and my advice for the community remains the same – stay at home if you are sick and do not visit high risk settings such as aged care facilities and hospitals if you have cold or flu symptoms," he said.

From December 11, the federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the new Covid vaccine will be made available, which is designed to combat the new Omicron subvariants.

Mr Butler said the Pfizer vaccines are suitable for people aged five years and over, while the new Moderna vaccine can be used by those 12 years and older.

He also said all available Covid vaccines continue to provide protection as well, and that vaccination reduces the risk of the virus.

"While we are no longer in the emergency phase of this pandemic, Covid-19 is still present," he said.

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Elder-led LGBTQA+ research gives hope

FUNDING for the first ever Elder-led intervention to support young Aboriginal LGBTQA+ people brings new hope for the youth group most at risk of suicide in the nation.

Edith Cowan University's (ECU) deputy vice-chancellor Prof Braden Hill and colleagues from ECU, Murdoch University and the Telethon Kids Institute have been awarded a research grant entitled, 'Pride yarns: Development and trial of an inter-generational intervention for supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ young peoples' wellbeing'.

The \$624,000 funding over two years will enable researchers to develop and test the feasibility and efficacy of an Elder-led intervention for improving the social emotional wellbeing of Indigenous LGBTQA+ people aged 14-25.

Ten per cent of Aboriginal young people aged 16-29 years report being lesbian, gay or bisexual and four per cent as trans and gender diverse.

Professor Hill said despite a comparatively high rate of suicide and mental health difficulties among LGBTQA+ youth, they remain one of the most under-served groups of youth in Australia in terms of tailored psychological support.

"The urgency for interventions such as this cannot be underestimated, and recent survey data shows that 45 per cent of Aboriginal LGBTQA+ participants had attempted suicide in their lifetime, and 19 per cent in the past 12 months," Prof Hill said.

"This suggests there is a real risk that Aboriginal LGBTQA+ youth may not make it past young adulthood."

Professor Hill said despite experiencing strong pride in their identities, Aboriginal LGBTQA+ young people reported low levels of mental wellbeing across multiple indicators, including low feelings of belonging to Country and culture, low connection to spirit and ancestors, family and kinship, low inner peace, and poor physical health.

"These low levels place Aboriginal LGBTQA+ young people at risk of disconnection from the cultural factors that are known to contribute to good mental and physical health in Aboriginal peoples," he said.



Professor Braden Hill.



Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council grant recipients.

East Metro Council community grants

EASTERN Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) has supported seven community projects in the Red Hill area that benefit environmental, social and cultural outcomes through grants of up to \$3000 each.

EMRC chief executive officer Marcus Geisler said the council was an active supporter of community projects benefiting the Gidgegannup, Hovea, Parkerville and Stoneville areas.

"We are proud of the long-standing support and relationship with the communities in the vicinity of our Red Hill waste management facility. These groups are all passionate, committed supporters of their local communities and it is fantastic to be able to contribute to and aid these activities," he said.

Grants were awarded for the following projects:

Parkerville Community Band provides an open and enjoyable music outlet for inexperienced and rusty players, of any age, in Parkerville and the surrounding suburbs. The grant has been used to purchase vital band equipment such as music stands as well as second hand equipment for members who may like to join the band.

Gidgegannup Basketball Club provides children and families the opportunity to participate in the game of basketball at all skill levels in a family-friendly atmosphere while instilling the values of teamwork, discipline, respect, sportsmanship, and community. The grant will be used to purchase team singlets and purchase a club honour board to commemorate 30 years of history.

Gidgegannup Scout Group have been providing the youth of the Gidgegannup and surrounding areas with educational and developmental opportunities following the scouting ethos for more than 25 years. The grant will help the club to upgrade their camping and hiking equipment to and provide safety and resources for everyone to share.

Gidgegannup Junior Football Club provides kids of all ages from the surrounding community with a safe, fun and inclusive environment to participate in Australian Rules Football, make new friends and develop a sense of social and community value. The grant will be invested in additional equipment for the development of junior Bulldogs.

Gidgegannup Men's Shed (GMS) was set up after the Wooroloo bushfires in 2021 to assist in the recovery process of the community. The grant

funding will help fund a course to be led by local artist Jan Pitman, who is an accredited teacher, and will run for 10 weeks. The focus will be on beginners to explore their creativity, or to explore the use of art to relieve stress.

Parkerville Playgroup provides a safe, welcoming, dedicated, indoor and outdoor play area for babies and young children and their grown-ups. The funding will be used to help purchase items of light (sensory elements) and paint play equipment for the benefit of all the member families. Young members will use this for art and craft activities, sensory play, exploration of transparency, translucency, colour and shape.

Roar Inc program teaches young people to enjoy physical exercise and to develop a positive active mindset so they can overcome any obstacle. The funds will be used to design and develop a website for the organisations future ongoing use. There are currently 274 young people enrolled in the program and the site will be needed to process registrations and become an online portal for young people to login, connect and share their journeys.

For more information on the program please visit www.emrc.org.au



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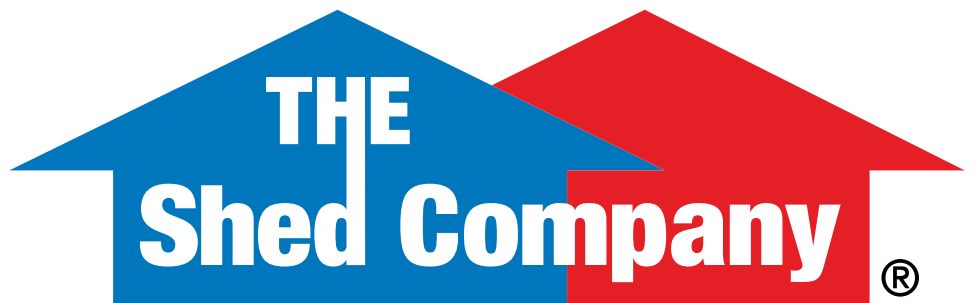
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Just 15 minutes could save lives this bushfire season

PETER W LEWIS

ANOTHER call for residents to ensure they have a bushfire plan by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) this week in the face of total fire bans in the shires of Mundaring, Chittering, York and cities of Swan and Kalamunda has never been more urgent.

This week emergency and heatwave warnings were issued for Midland, Mundaring and Kalamunda and forced park closures of the Avon Valley National Park and Gngangara State Forest in the City of Swan, trails in the John Forrest National Park in the Shire of Mundaring, along with harvest, vehicle movement and hot work bans in the Shire of York during the busy harvest season.

With the on-going threat of a severe bushfire season, DFES is again appealing to the public to spend 15 minutes making a bushfire plan and be prepared.

As previously reported *DFES warns: Finalise bushfire plans now!* (Echo News, November 3) the message is still failing to resonate with many residents.

Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson said research reveals more than a third of Western Australians believe there is no risk in their neighbourhood.

This week DFES launched its annual bushfire safety campaign to highlight how easy it is to make a plan which could save your life.

More than 93 per cent of WA is bushfire-prone, but research by DFES, after the last bushfire season, found more than 40 per cent of respondents did not think they needed a plan because they thought they lived in a low-risk suburb.

The research indicated a further 27 per cent of respondents intended to create a bushfire plan using the DFES app, but still hadn't got around to it.

Recent blazes in Kings Park, Bold Park and Piara Waters have shown that even high-density suburban areas can be threatened by bushfires with burning embers capable of travelling up to 20km in strong winds.

Since early October, there have been 376 large bushfires that have burned more than 4.2 million hectares across the state, while 11 emergency warnings have been issued for blazes that threatened lives and homes, and the early activation of the aerial fleet to support firefighters.

The state government is investing more than \$140 million to upgrade emergency services vehicles and facilities across WA, as well as injecting \$5.7m into bushfire mitigation activities.

Mr Dawson warned with an early start to this year's bushfire season – one that is promising to be severe – it's imperative that every household is ready to respond to the threat of a bushfire.

"Given the recent spate of fires it's disturbing that some residents still don't seem to be getting the message – the time to prepare is now.

"We have activated our aerial fleet in response to the early start to the season and we are funding a Large Air Tanker (LAT) to be based in Western Australia to support ground crews. The LAT will operate alongside more than 30 other aircraft in our firefighting fleet," Mr Dawson said.

He thanked emergency services personnel and volunteers across the state who have worked hard to prepare their communities for bushfire season.

"Now the focus is on all Western Australians to play their part and make a bushfire plan."

Emergency Services Commissioner Darren Klemm echoed the minister's call and said time was running out for Western Australians to get their



bushfire plans in place before the hot, dry weather arrives in full force and ferocious fires are on our doorstep.

"Important questions to ask include what are your options to escape, where will you shelter if you can't leave, are your essential items in an easy to find location and do you have a battery operated radio to stay informed if you lose phone reception?," Mr Klemm said.

"The numbers are stark – more than 93 per cent of the state is bushfire prone yet only 1 per cent of households have a recorded bushfire plan.

"It only takes 15 minutes to make a bushfire plan and it could save your life. Don't leave it too late – prepare your plan now because making decisions while under threat is extremely difficult, stressful and dangerous."

The My Bushfire Plan app and website helps users make the critical choice of leaving early or staying to defend and has important prompts including what to do with pets, what is needed to evacuate and ensuring everyone in the household knows the plan and their role.

Visit www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au or download the app to create a bushfire plan.

Key statistics:

- **Bushfires have burnt more than 11 million hectares across WA since July.**
- **According to DFES research in April 2023, a quarter of Western Australians believe they are well-prepared for a bushfire and 41 per cent feel they are not.**
- **The top five suburbs for completed plans are Roleystone (264), Baldvis (203), Margaret River (188), Kalamunda (183) and Darlington (168).**
- **Between 1 December 2022 and 31 March 2023, 2307 bushfires were reported across the State.**
- **DFES issued 2556 bushfire warnings last financial year.**
- **1357 bushfire mitigation treatments were completed by local government last financial year.**

Emergency WA heatwave warning

EMERGENCY WA has issued a heatwave warning over the next two days for the Perth Metropolitan area, including Midland, Mundaring and Kalamunda and extending to the Wheatbelt and other parts of the state.

Although there is no immediate danger Emergency WA said people need to be aware and plan outdoor and strenuous activities for days and times forecast to be coolest, stock up on bottled water if possible, get a battery powered radio with working batteries, charge mobile devices in the event there is a power outage, ensure elderly neighbours and other vulnerable people are aware and make sure you have shelter ready and water for pets and other animals.

Heatwaves are dangerous. Take extra care to

prevent heat stress and heat stroke. In extreme circumstances you could be hospitalised or die.

Those most vulnerable are babies and young children, older children and teenagers, pregnant women, older people, people with existing physical/mental health conditions or on certain medications and people that exercise in the heat.

If you feel unwell:

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Australian Government

PFAS Independent Review

Call for submissions

Public submissions for the Australian Government's Independent Review of land uses around key Defence bases impacted by per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination opened 9am AEDT Monday 23 October 2023 and close 9pm AEDT Sunday 3 December 2023.

The Review will focus on communities around RAAF Base Williamtown (NSW), Swartz Barracks (formerly known as the Army Aviation Centre Oakey) (QLD) and RAAF Base Tindal (NT). However, other communities affected by Defence's historic use of PFAS are also able to make submissions.

In addition to calling for submissions, public hearings have been held at the three sites, details for remaining hearings are below.

Learn more about the public hearings on our website.

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Tenant protections

GERA KAZAKOV

RENTAL advocacy networks have welcomed a High Court decision in favour of renter compensation, as the state government announces measures to help renters facing financial hardship.

Circle Green Community Legal chief executive officer Celia Dufall said the ruling clarifies that renters are entitled to compensation Australia-wide if their existing rights are infringed.

"The tenancy network welcomes the recent High Court decision which clarifies that tenancy agreements are contracts for enjoyment, relaxation and preventing molestation," she said.

"This reflects the human rights position that people are entitled to adequate housing – and not just the provision of shelter.

"The main practical benefits for renters will be the clarification of the position that where a lessor breaches terms of the residential tenancy agreement, a tenants claim for compensation for losses caused by the breach can include compensation for distress and disappointment."

The case was bought to the High Court by two tenants from the remote community of Lyentye Apurte (also known as Santa Teresa), about 85km south of Alice Springs.

The High Court heard that Ms Young, the Indigenous appellant who was a tenant of NT Housing, had no backdoor for more than five years.

By having no back door, the court heard that Ms Young was "left vulnerable to proven animal intruders and potentially human intruders."

In its ruling, the High Court determined that NT Housing breached its obligations under the Residential Tenancies Act, with those obligations being

to "provide a tenant with the peace of mind that comes with a secure premises."

Despite the victory, Ms Young was unable to see her years-long legal battle to its end, as she died in July this year.

Make Renting Fair campaign coordinator Chantal Caruso said the Santa Teresa judgement reinforces the need for strong, uniform, and enforceable minimum standards for all rental housing – especially rental housing that the most vulnerable members of the community live in.

"Due to the threat of without grounds evictions and the extremely low vacancy rates in WA, most tenants are too afraid to even ask for basic repairs or maintenance for fear they'll be evicted or have their rent increased," she said.

Ms Dufall said landlords have no additional responsibilities as a result of the decision, but said both private and public landlords now have greater incentive to avoid breaching renter rights.

"However, so long as no grounds evictions remain permissible in WA, even with this decision, there remains a heavy power imbalance against renters enforcing their rights," she said.

A Department of Communities spokesperson said that as of October 31, there are 2426 public housing properties in local government areas of Swan, Kalamunda, York and Northam with 36,536 across the whole state.

A further win for renters at the start of November came in the state government's \$24.4 million program to help financially vulnerable tenants remain in their private rental homes.

"The WA rent relief program will provide one-off payments to support renters who may be at risk of eviction, because they are in rental arrears and experiencing financial hardship," Premier Roger Cook said.



Infrastructure services director Shane Purdy, community safety and emergency management manager Adrian Dyson, planning and environment manager Angus Money and statutory services director Mark Luzi.

Mundaring wins innovative management initiative award

SHIRE of Mundaring has been recognised for its innovative approach to resolving road access issues in bushfire prone areas.

The shire was awarded the innovative management initiative award at the local government professionals annual honour awards ceremony last week.

The shire won the award for its bushfire area access strategy (BAAS), a platform to reduce entrapment risks in bushfire-prone areas; providing residents with two alternative evacuation routes during emergencies.

Shire President Paige McNeil said the BAAS showed the shire's commitment to enhance community safety.

"We are very proud to have been acknowledged for this strategy which has reduced access challenges in bushfire-prone areas by 36 per cent," she said.

The strategy embedded a shared vision from council, across service areas including community safety, infrastructure services, environmental and planning, and governance.

It has streamlined access improvements, reduced entrapment risks, and opened up cost-effective solutions in locations previously considered impossible."

President McNeil said the BAAS aligned with council's expectations.

"It enables residents to better

understand bushfire risks in the hills and the importance of the safety of their neighbours and the wider community," she said.

BAAS continues to influence various aspects of shire business, including yearly budget road improvement allocations, advice during fire break inspections, ongoing community safety reviews, negotiations with landowners and developers and access audit processes.

Its transferability and innovative management was recognised by the Department of Planning, Lands, and Heritage who have recently invited the shire to help develop state guidelines and templates based on the shire's BAAS.

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Aboriginal culture at heart of Swan's stunning free calendar



Midland artist Shirleen Humphries with *Ngaangk (Mother)*, the piece she created with her daughter, Sarah.

TWELVE original artworks by Aboriginal artists with connections to the City of Swan have been brought together in a remarkable free calendar.

The city's 2024 community calendar shares the history and stories of Swan through Aboriginal eyes.

The theme is 'Connections to Home', recognising the ancient and ongoing relationship the Whadjuk Noongar people have with the region.

Their creations are full of symbolism, colour and culture, touching on themes such as the Dreamtime and the Stolen Generation, and each piece has a description from the artist and is linked to a Noongar season.

There are depictions of the kaarak (red-tailed black cockatoo), moojar (Christmas tree), mosaic burning and much more.

Thirteen artists were commissioned to produce the artwork, including mother-and-daughter duo, Shirleen and Sarah Humphries.

The Humphries' piece focuses on two girls swimming and fishing at the Derbarl Yerrigan (Swan River) with their mothers.

Those happy days at the river became cherished memories for the girls who were both taken

away from their families as children. One of the girls was Doreen Kickett Yarran Creed, Shirleen's mother.

Shirleen said she had felt driven to "step up" and do more to share her culture since her mother passed away last year.

The river was a special place for her and the Noongar people.

"We live in the most isolated city in the world and Noongar people have something really sacred that brings everyone together, and that's the Derbarl Yerrigan," Shirleen said. "I feel all the ancestors looking over me every time I go there. I take my grandchildren there now and I tell them the stories."

The 12 original pieces from the calendar are on show at the Midland Junction Arts Centre until January 21.

They will then be displayed at public venues across Swan as part of the city's art collection.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said it was an honour to share the artwork with the community.

"The city is committed to sharing and celebrating the culture of

our Traditional Custodians, the Whadjuk Noongar people," Mayor Richardson said.

"Creating this calendar was one way of doing that and the result is truly special thanks to 13 very talented artists. These artworks enrich our understanding of the place we all call home."

You can pick up your free City of Swan 2024 Community Calendar from the following locations: City of Swan libraries, Swan Active locations, Ellenbrook Sports Hub, Bullsbrook Hub, Ellenbrook Arts Centre, Gidgegannup City office, City of Swan administration, Midland Junction Arts Centre, Indigo Junction Community Centre and Swan Valley Visitor Centre.

To learn more, visit swan.wa.gov.au/2024-calendar



Construction is completed at the park and is now available for the public to use. Picture: Advanteeing Civil Engineering

SKATEBOARDING demonstrations will be the focus of the official reopening of the revamped Stirk Park playground and skatepark in Kalamunda on Saturday, November 25 from 11am.

The day will also feature a free sausage sizzle, while the Kalamunda Eastern Suns will host a basketball clinic.

The City of Kalamunda is expecting limited parking at Stirk Park for this popular event and have set up a free shuttle bus from

the city's administration building on Railway Road and Elizabeth Street, which will run every 15 minutes from 10.45am to 3pm.

The city is also encouraging visitors to park in the Kalamunda city centre and walk to the park on the day if possible.

City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas said she is eager to welcome the community back to Stirk Park.

"The re-opening signifies the successful culmination of collaborative effort between the city

and our funding partners, which has resulted in a facility that will serve our community for years to come," she said.

"We invite all residents to join us as we celebrate this remarkable transformation and create lasting memories at this cherished park."

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Boya and Mundaring Libraries	9am - 12pm	Open	Closed from Saturday 23 December 2023 to Monday 1 January 2024									
Child & Parent Centres Middle Swan/Clayton View	Open	Open	Closed from Saturday 23 December 2023 to Monday 8 January 2024									
Eastern Region Family Daycare	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
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Midvale Early Childhood and Parenting Centre	Open	Open	Closed from Saturday 23 December 2023 to Monday 8 January 2024									
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Focus on Seniors

Guidelines launched to help older people experiencing abuse

One in six older Australians living in their own homes experience abuse, often from their adult children and other family members.

Yet it is a form of abuse poorly understood in the community, leaving people to suffer in silence.

New guidelines launched last week by Minister for Seniors and Ageing Don Punch will give front line workers the tools to have effective and meaningful conversations with older people at risk of harm and create a pathway for support.

The guidelines were developed and created by researchers from the social aging (SAGE) futures lab at Edith Cowan University (ECU) on behalf of the Older People's Rights Service at Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre with support from the Department of Communities.

ECU Research Fellow Dr Catriona Stevens said despite elder abuse being a common problem, older people often don't get the help they need.

"With the right responses, we can make it easier for those working with older people, and the wider community, to support them," she said.

The study investigated how professionals working in a wide range of sectors respond to cases of abuse and suspected cases of abuse of older people. It identified the need for interviewing guidelines to support professionals working with older people who have experienced or are at risk of elder abuse.

Minister for Seniors and Ageing Don Punch said older Western Australians have the right to feel safe and to be treated with dignity and respect in our community.

What is elder abuse?

Elder abuse is defined as a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, that occurs in a relationship with an older person where there is an expectation of trust and where that action causes harm or distress to the older person.

The types of abuse Western Australian older people experience include financial abuse, neglect, psychological abuse, social abuse, physical abuse and sexual abuse.

Recognising red flags

Dr Stevens said there was generally little public awareness about what abuse of older people is and how to identify the warning signs.

"Evidence from a recent study shows that older people are less likely to recognise abuse than younger people and are more likely to think that abusive behaviours are justified," she said.

Dr Stevens said older people living at home most commonly experience harm perpetrated by family or people in family-like relationships.

"It's therefore critically important to explore complex family dynamics and consider if and how they might contribute to risk," she said.

Vulnerability can also arise from personal characteristics such as disability, poor mental or physical health or from external factors such as housing insecurity or limited access to appropriate services.

Why are over-55s choosing retirement living?

For over-55s, retirement living represents the right choice for a number of reasons. It can be an affordable option that provides financial freedom to support an active lifestyle in their retirement.

The Property Council of Australia's 2022 Retirement Living Census found retirement living accommodation prices were, on average nationally, 48% cheaper than the median residential prices for similar accommodation in a similar area.

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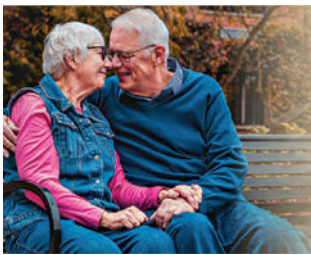
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Roshana Care Group opens \$30M aged care facility in Carmel

In a monumental celebration of progress in eldercare, the Roshana Care Group proudly unveiled its much-anticipated Roshana Carmel aged care facility in the bustling heart of Perth. The grand opening was punctuated by a resplendent ribbon-cutting ceremony graced by the esteemed presence of The Honourable Roger Cook, adding a distinguished touch to the auspicious event.

This latest addition by Roshana Care Group, the Roshana Carmel aged care facility, is an exceptional two-story establishment, introducing a remarkable 80-bed capacity and standing as a testament to the Group's unwavering commitment to redefine the landscape of senior living in Perth.

Crafted meticulously with a focus on resident comfort, the facility features four wings, each dedicated to providing spacious rooms with private ensuite bathrooms. It further raises the bar by offering a host of amenities, including a professional hairdressing salon, a serene wellness garden, a cinema for entertainment, and an inviting on-site café.

Dr. Rosh Jalagge, the visionary Chief Executive Officer of Roshana Care Group, expressed the fundamental vision behind this venture, saying, "Our goal, when Priyanka and I set forth with Roshana Care Group, was clear – to provide unparalleled care and unwavering support to the most vulnerable members of our community." This strategic expansion into aged care stands as a testament to their mission of ensuring the graceful and dignified aging of our cherished elders.

The revamped facility seamlessly integrates the

previous site, now transformed into a specialized dementia wing, enhancing the spectrum of services offered at Roshana Carmel.

This momentous occasion is merely a glimpse into the bold strides Roshana Care Group is taking in the field. Plans are already underway for a groundbreaking \$22 million, four-story, 120-bed aged care home in Victoria Park, set to redefine the benchmarks of quality care in Perth's inner south-eastern suburbs.

The commitment of Roshana Care Group goes beyond mere promises. With nine aged care homes, two retirement living villages, and four mental health facilities spread across metropolitan and regional areas of Western Australia, they are dedicated to raising the standards of care and support for the community.

At Roshana Care Group, the focus isn't merely on constructing buildings; it's about nurturing a future where our seniors receive the care and dignity they deserve. Stay tuned for more updates as we relentlessly pursue excellence in eldercare!



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Swan View filmmaker is back again

ANDREW WILLIAMS

AWARD winning Swan View filmmaker Steven J. Mihaljevich is back with the launch of his second feature film, Violet, beginning next month.

The psychological mystery film, shot and set in the Perth Hills, will be screened at the Kookaburra Outdoor Cinema in Mundaring, on December 8, 9, and 10 and will be followed by a wider theatrical release next year.

Mr Mihaljevich said the film is about a mentally unstable mother, played by Georgia Evers, who has lost her memory and is trying to stop what she thinks is an evil that is trying to steal her daughter from her. He describes it as a surrealistic fairytale thriller with elements of absurdist horror.

"It's sort of like if David Lynch tried to make Wizard of Oz, you'd probably have an idea of what I was trying to make," he said.

Violet, written and directed by Mihaljevich, has already won several awards, including best Australian feature film and best Australian feature film performance at the A Night Of Horror International Film Festival in Sydney. The film has also been nominated for four WA screen culture awards, including best narrative feature, best production design, best original score, and best performance (under 18s).

No stranger to critical acclaim, Mr Mihaljevich's first film, The Crossing, received international success in 2020 and won the best micro-budget film award at the Toronto Independent Film Festival and the best feature

film at the London Independent Film Awards.

The Crossing, filmed and set in and around Swan View, was only available for online streaming in North America, but as of the end of October can finally be viewed by Australians via Apple TV and Prime Video.

Mr Mihaljevich said he's happy that people from Swan View and the Perth Hills are now able to watch the film.

"Because there are so many scenes in the neighbourhood, it's super exciting for locals. I had locals come up to me [excitedly] that they'd seen their house," he said.

"There was a lot of buzz about it (at the time), and it's cool we can rejuvenate that, and people can finally watch it online."



Steven Mihaljevich says the support from the Perth Hills community has been brilliant. Picture: Andrew Williams

Bassendean artists open up

ANDREW WILLIAMS

ARTISTS from across Bassendean are opening their studios and homes to the public as part of the inaugural Bindaring Creative Trail of Bassendean this weekend, November 25 and 26 from 9am to 5pm.

The open studio art trail will incorporate almost all genres of creative expression from more than 10 artists ranging from painters, sculptors, woodworkers, metalworkers, ce-

ramicists, insect artists, toymakers, basket weavers and even a bespoke knife craftsman.

The original idea for the creative trail came from acrylic and oil painter Netta Thompson who put a call out for artists via the Bassendean community group on Facebook last month.

Since then, Ms Thompson said the artists have worked as a group to put the project together.

"The artists are just so excited to be involved and to showcase Bassendean and what we have in our town."

"This is a wonderful project which encourages connectivity in our town which in this day and age, where there is a lot of trouble across the world, focusing on those around us is more and more important," she said.

The creative trail also has received support from several hospitality businesses who can be found along the route, such as

the Last Crumb Cake Co, Old Lira Pizza Restaurant, The Old Wooden Spoon, and The 5 Four Store which will also be hosting mixed-media artist Romona Sandon over the weekend.

Ms Sandon said Bassendean has a large artistic presence and the open studio trail is a great way for the artists to share their work and creative process with the community.

The name Bindaring Creative Trail is to pay homage to the biodiversity of the wetlands in the town of Bassendean and the involvement of the friends of Bindaring wetlands group in the project.

"I really love that connection because it highlights the importance of our river system and the amazing wetlands that we have and should treasure in the town of Bassendean," Ms Thompson said.

More information can be found on the Bindaring Creative Trail of Bassendean Facebook page.



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The Shire has released a draft Child Care Premises and Family Day Care Local Planning Policy for public comment.

Its purpose is to provide a framework for the location, design and operation of Child Care Premises and Family Day Cares within the Shire of Mundaring.

The draft policy can be viewed on the Shire's website: www.mundaring.wa.gov.au

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Comments will be accepted by the Shire in writing until close of business on **Friday 15 December 2023.**

Please contact the Shire's Planning Department on 9290 6740 or via shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au for further information.



Jason Whiteaker
Chief Executive Officer

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Should you wish to comment on this proposal you may do so via the Online Feedback Form available on the City's website on or before **8 December 2023.**

Stephen Cain
Chief Executive Officer
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Public Notices

APPROVED LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT

CITY OF SWAN LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO.17 - AMENDMENT NO.217

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 above Local Planning Scheme Amendment on 23 October 2023 for the purpose of:

1. Amend the scheme maps to reclassify part of Lot 82 West Parade, South Guildford that was made unzoned by the gazettal of Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment No.1396/57 to 'Special Use Zone No.24'.
2. Replace the current 'Special Use Zone Precinct Map' in Schedule No.4 - Special Use Zone No.24 with the revised 'Special Use Zone Precinct Map'.
3. Replace the current 'Description of Land' in Schedule No.4 - Special Use Zone No.24 with the following -

No.
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Description of Land

Lot 57 on P28643 West Parade, Lot 9000 on DP30961 West Parade, Lot 200 on DP30961 West Parade, Lot 1 on P7052 West Parade and part of Lot 82 on P25397 West Parade, South Guildford. Precinct No.1 and Precinct No.2 boundaries as depicted on the Special Use Zone Precinct Map.

Precinct No.1 -

Boundaries as depicted on the Special Use Zone Precinct Map.

Precinct No.2 -

Boundaries as depicted on the Special Use Zone Precinct Map.

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APPROVED LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT

CITY OF SWAN LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO.17 - AMENDMENT NO.211

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 above Local Planning Scheme Amendment on 6 November 2023 for the purpose of:

- a. Amend the Scheme Maps to rezone Lot 24 Beechboro Road North and Lot 385 Blackboy way, Beechboro from 'Private Clubs and Institutions' to 'Residential'

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Read between the lines

by Ken Duffy



Holidaying in beautiful Kalbarri I slept on the opposite side of the bed. I think it mucked up my sense of equilibrium. The Clock Radio went off and despite all my wife's wise advice, I kept pressing the wrong buttons. I couldn't get the darn thing to turn off. Come to think about, men are renowned for 'pressing the wrong buttons'. I think it must be God's fault. He created us this way?

I hate to admit it, but it's mainly men who created the mess the world is in. All God wanted to do in the world He created was for us to enjoy His creation, but from the beginning we started 'pressing the wrong buttons' and we continue to do it....particularly men. Filthy rich wealthy men keep blowing up rockets worth billions of dollars trying to find another planet to live on? In the meantime movies and videos endeavour to inspire us with the wonders of planet Earth!

Nation after nation spends Trillions of dollars trying to create weapons to 'hold the balance of power', while billions of people starve to death. Are they the modern 'Gunrunners'? Reminds me of a song, "When will they ever learn?"

Maybe I'll get the Clock Radio to turn off yet, providing I follow my wife's advice...but then???

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- **The St Stephens Anglican Church** will be running its monthly market day on Friday, December 1 from 8.30am until 11.30am. There will be bargains galore at 9 Salix Way, Forrestfield. All welcome.
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- **The Darling Range Branch WA Naturalists** meets on Friday, December 8 at 7.30pm at Kalamunda Community Centre, Jorgensen Park 2 Crescent Road, Kalamunda. James Lamb, who sees wildlife in places all around Western Australia and Australia, will talk about in particular the SW of WA (including Dryandra), the Perth Hills and include his experiences.

- **Anglican Church of the Epiphany**, 11 Mann Street, Mundaring is holding Carols by Candlelight on Sunday, December 10 at 6pm with refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome to join the Christmas event.
 - **Midland Friendly Garden Club** meets at 9.30 am every second Thursday at Bruce Douglas Pavilion, Brown Park, Salisbury Road, Swan View. The next meeting will take place on November 30. Guest speaker will be Scott Robinson from Zephyranthes Nursery talking about climatically appropriate plants. For more information call Steve on 0409 157 447.
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North Melbourne scoops up Swans defender

CHRIS PIKE

CAVERSHAM'S Riley Hardeman will be travelling to North Melbourne for the 2024 season, after being drafted by the Victorian club at pick 23.

The 18-year-old was outstanding in the colts at Swans throughout the 2023 season averaging 22.1 possessions a game largely as a hard running, long kicking defender.

Hardeman was talked about as being one of the first selections from Western Australia for the 2023 AFL draft on the back of a season with Swan Districts that saw him captain the state 18s, make his WAFL league debut, and be a standout performer at colt's level.

The left-footer not only captained WA in the National 18s Championships in 2023, he was so impressive he was named at half-back in the All-Australian team but there was still a nervous wait as the opening night of the draft unfolded.

While his family are dyed in the wool St Kilda supporters and his grandma might need some convincing to change allegiances, he couldn't be happier to land at North Melbourne.

"I actually haven't seen nan yet. She couldn't take the dread of the draft yet, but I will see her shortly and she's going to have to switch up the Saints colours for blue-and-white I reckon," Hardeman said.

"It was a rollercoaster of emotions throughout the night to be honest. The lead up to my name being read out, pick after pick, it was a very daunting experience.

"You just want your name to be called out and I think once it did it was just a complete wave of relief of emotions and excitement. But I can tell you, it hasn't sunk in yet and I'm still wearing my North Melbourne jersey, and now I can't wait to get to the club and to start getting to work."

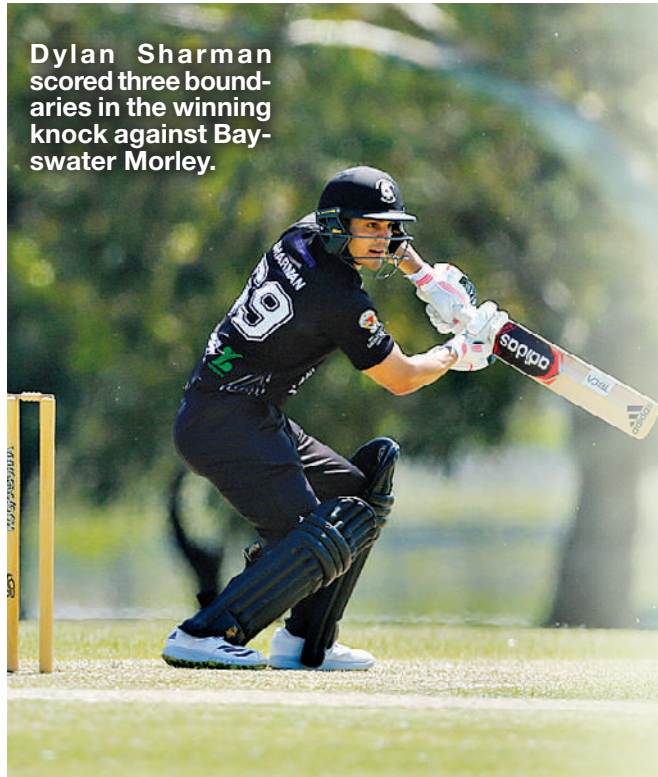
The 23rd pick in the first round of the draft ended up being the fifth selection that North Melbourne had already. While Hardeman will look to show perhaps he deserved to be taken earlier once he gets to Arden Street, being part of such an emerging young group was exciting.

"Once my name was called out, it didn't matter where I was going and I'm absolutely rapt it's the 'Roos and I'm just so excited."



Riley Hardeman had a standout performance in the Swan Districts 2023 season. Picture: Blake Parry

Dylan Sharman scored three boundaries in the winning knock against Bayswater Morley.



Midland Guildford men's in T20 grand final following win

JOSHUA MCKENZIE

MIDLAND Guildford Cricket Club have reached the premier T20 grand final following wins on Sunday against Bayswater Morley and Claremont Nedlands in a double-header at Lilac Hill.

In the quarter-final against Bayswater Morley, Jordan Roads guided the side home in a tense chase with an unbeaten 46 runs off 25 balls. He combined with Dylan Sharman for an unbroken 62-run partnership to win with four balls to spare, finishing 4-144 to Bayswater Morley's 8-141.

In the semi-final against Claremont Nedlands, it was once more a crucial partnership that was pivotal in the run chase.

It was James Godfrey who finished

not out on 69 runs from 52 balls, who together with Jordan Roads (50 runs off just 26 balls) produced a 95-run partnership to take the score from 3-38 to 4-133, before an unbroken partnership of 37 runs between Godfrey and Liam Trevaskis eclipsed the target of 168 set by the opposition.

Post game, captain Keaton Critchell said he was proud of the way the team performed against two strong sides.

"We won the big moments and individuals stood up when required," he said.

Looking ahead to the final, Critchell was confident Midland Guildford would walk away victorious.

"We have an exciting challenge coming up against an experienced Willetton side, but I am confident that

with the mix of talent, experience and depth in our squad we can get the job done," he said.

The grand final is set to be played against Willetton on December 3 at the WACA Ground.

Around the grounds, the female A grade produced a dominant display against Melville to win by 67 runs at Tompkins Park.

Captain Sheldyn Cooper top scored with 58 not out from 36, while Morgan Pires was the best bowler with 2-11 off her four overs.

The female B grade side were similarly dominant – Veronica Keen took 4-12 off 3.5 overs to restrict Rockingham Mandurah to a total of 83 at their home ground, which the side chased down with nine wickets remaining in 13 overs.

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The house has a split-system reverse-cycle air-conditioning.

The tiled bathroom has both a shower and bath and features a wooden vanity cabinet. The kitchen, living room and dining rooms are an open plan style, with an adjacent laundry room with external access to the backyard.

The impressive backyard offers a taste of paradise with several palm trees and a canvas shade covering the alfresco area. Paved areas break up the tiered lawn and lead towards the large shed and gazebo at the rear of the property.

Address:

92 Blackadder Road, Swan View.

Price: \$475,000

Agency: Professional 5 Star
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Making great things happen

Our Hills Community Raffle has raised an amazing \$102,715 for our local community. The winners are:

1st Prize	\$20,000	Ivanka Longin	Chidlow Progress Association
2nd Prize	\$1,000 Bendigo Bank Account	Mathew Andrijasevich	Wundowie Golf Club
3rd Prize	\$1,000 Bendigo Bank Account	Stacey Robinson	Perth Hills Junior Cricket Club
4th Prize	\$1,000 Bendigo Bank Account	Sebastian Rutter	Northam Youth in Emergency Services Cadets
5th Prize	\$1,000 Bendigo Bank Account	Ron Stuurstraat	Darlington Tennis Club
6th Prize	\$1,000 Bendigo Bank Account	Pam Scott	Parkerville Primary School P&C

Thank you to the community groups that helped make this happen:

- Bees 2 Honey Festival

Chidlow Family Playgroup

Chidlow Progress Association

Chidlow Senior Football Club

Collective Hope Community Services Ltd

Darlington Arts Festival

Darlington Community Garden

Darlington Competitive Cricket Club

Darlington Netball Club

Darlington Scout Group

Darlington Tennis Club

Eastern Hills Community Pantry

Eastern Hills Little Athletics

Eastern Hills Masters Football Club

Fast Fit ROAR Program Inc

First Friends Playgroup

Gidgannup Primary School P&C

Gidgannup Senior Football Club

Gidgestock Music Festival

Glen Forrest Primary School P&C

Glen Forrest Sporting Club
- Glen Forrest Tennis Club

Helena Valley Cricket Club

Hills Billy Cart Inc

Hills Football Association

Mount Helena Junior Football Club

Mount Helena Primary School P&C

Mount Helena Residents & Ratepayers Association

Mount Helena Tennis Club

Mundaring Bicentennial Trust

Mundaring Chamber of Commerce

Mundaring Community Mens Shed

Mundaring Netball Club

Mundaring Senior Football Club

Mundaring Seniors Inc

Mundaring Sporting Club

Mundaring Tennis Club

Mundaring Woodturners Association

Northam Youth in Emergency Services

Panthers Basketball Club

Parkerville Primary School P&C

Parkerville Volunteer Bushfire Brigade
- Perth Hills Junior Cricket Club

Perth Hills United Football Club

Perth Horse Trials

Ripplebrook Equestrian Vaulting

Rotary Club of Mundaring

Sacred Heart Mundaring Primary School P&F

Santos Judo

Save Perth Hills

Sawyers Valley Primary School P&C

Swan Districts Gymnastics Inc

Swan Harmony Choir

Swan View Primary School P&C

Swan View Senior Cricket Club

West Coast Cowboys

West Gidgannup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Western Australian Team Penning Association

Wundowie Golf Club

Wundowie Primary School P&C

Wundowie Progress Association

The following ticket sequences were not included in the draw:
611-620, 1881-1890, 2031-2040, 4491-4500, 4601-4610, 4651-4660, 5061-5070, 5121-5130, 5141-5150, 5251-5260, 5351-5360, 5441-5450, 5481-5490, 5901-5910, 6471-6500, 7001-7020, 7061-7070, 7181-7190, 7221-7240, 7241-7270, 7571-7580, 7671-7680, 7761-7770, 7791-7800, 8071-8080, 8091-8100, 8611-8630, 8771-8780, 8801-8810, 8841-8850, 8891-8900, 8931-8940, 8971-8980, 8991-9000, 9041-9050, 9111-9120, 9321-9330, 9471-9480, 9641-9650, 11061-11100, 11141-11160, 11521-11530, 11791-11800, 12850, 12871-12880, 13371-13380, 13401-13410, 13421-13430, 13441-13470, 13551-13570, 13631-13660, 13681-13690, 13721-13740, 13751-13760, 13821-13830, 13971-13980, 13991-14000, 14011-14020, 14061-14080, 14111-14120, 14151-14160, 14241-14250, 14261-14270, 14341-14370, 14391-14440, 14451-14560, 14521-14530, 14551-14560, 14601-14610, 14671-14680, 14701-14800, 17051-17060, 17091-17100, 20151-20160, 20561-20570, 20591-20600, 21101-21120, 21496-21500, 21526, 21766-21770, 21906-21910, 22011-22020, 22031-22040, 22061-22070, 22081-22090, 22141-22150, 22161-22170, 22191-22200, 22211, 22220, 22711-22730, 23160-23170, 23301-23380, 23521-23540, 23641-23660, 23801-23820, 23921-23960, 24121-24140, 24601-24620, 24641-24660, 24690-24700, 25161-25170, 25331-25340, 25451-25500, 25751-25770, 25871-25880, 27861-27870, 29801-29820, 29831-29880, 29891-29900, 30631-30640, 30681-30690, 30701-30720, 30841-30850, 30861-30890, 30901-30910, 30981-30990, 31001-31020, 31031-31040, 31061-31070, 31081-31090, 31101-31110, 31121-31130, 31141-31150, 31381-31390, 31431-31440, 31441-31450, 31571-31580, 31711-31720, 32191-32200, 33101-33105, 33126-33130, 33166-33170, 33196-33200, 33216-33225, 33241-33245, 33310, 33411-33415, 33436-33440, 33521-33525, 33581-33585, 33601-33605, 33716-33720, 33741-33745, 33781-33785, 33851-33860, 33866-33870, 33891-33895, 34071-34075, 34081-34085, 34271-34280, 34361-34390, 34541-34550, 34571-34580, 34621-34630, 34641-34640, 34701-34710, 34761-34770, 34791-34830, 34851-34860, 34911-34930, 35051-35060, 35531-35540, 36851-36860, 36911-36920, 36991-37010, 37071-37080, 37111-37120, 37161-37170, 37261-37300, 37311-37330, 37381-37390, 37381-37400, 37411-37430, 37541-37550, 37601-37610, 37641-37650, 37801-37810, 37821-37830, 37851-37860, 37871-37880, 37911-37920, 37921-37930, 37991-38000, 38031-38050, 38071-38090, 38131-38140, 38141-38150, 38154-38170, 38181-38190, 38201-38210, 38251-38260, 38281-38300, 38311-38330, 38341-38350, 38411-38430, 38451-38480, 38511-38530, 38541-38550, 38561-38570, 38601-38610, 38611-38640, 38641-38660, 38671-38680, 38691-38720, 38731-38760, 38771-38780, 38801-38820, 38851-38860, 38871-38890, 38901-38910, 38921-38930, 38951-38960, 39291-39310