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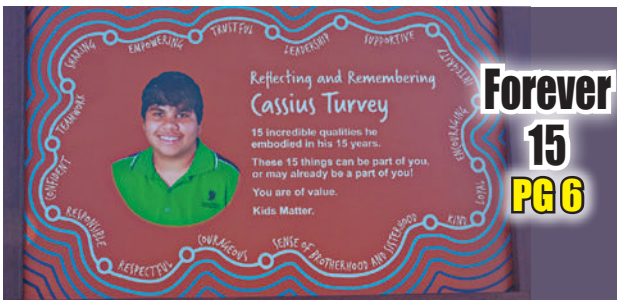
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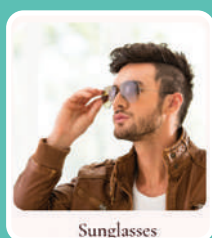


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Mourning increased

Dear Echo News,

I was initially pleased to read the article *Indigenous leaders call for a week of silence after Voice defeated* (*Echo News*, October 20). Great that *Echo News* had something about the Voice, the most heartfelt issue of Australia today. Surely empathetic.

All good until the heart stabbing twist at the end, which increases the mourning.

The article begins with a reminder that "Australia has said No to an Indigenous Voice to Parliament", which was followed by a list of statistics for how constituencies and states had voted, mostly No.

Then we are told that on the Uluru Statement website a week of silence to mourn the referendum defeat was called by Indigenous leaders, who also request others to join them in lowering the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flag to half-mast during the week. So far this is good community reporting.

It lets us know how Indigenous leaders and their people are feeling about the loss of their Voice.

But suddenly the final paragraph is a stab in the heart. No advocate Jacinta Price is portrayed as "fighting for better outcomes for the Indigenous population", which is an odd, subjective opinion to promote, at any time, let alone in an article about the loss of the Voice.

Price is quoted as

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

This is such a cruel jab on two fronts; the one who stabbed the Voice to death, allegedly represents Indigenous people, which she does not; and allegedly she has the solutions and power to do the job of de-marginalising vulnerable Indigenous people, in place of the Voice, which she cannot do.

Only the Voice could have turned the tide for Indigenous disadvantage, but instead, Price turned the tide of the undecided voters from soft Yes to No.

Price took away the joy, and now she is given a media voice tacked onto an article about Indigenous mourning, as if she is the one who can solve the problems that the Voice was designed to do?

Where is the heart in that?

Can an Indigenous reader in mourning take heart from such an insensitive article about their heartache?

Firstly, unlike the Uluru Statement Indigenous leaders, Price does not represent a majority of traditional Indigenous people; just a small mostly non-Indigenous faction that is pro colonialism and pro assimilation; (Reference her Press Club speech).

Secondly, Price is not the author or expert for 'de-marginalising' the vulnerable Indigenous people.

It was the Yes campaign inspired by the

Uluru Statement from the Heart, signed by 250 Indigenous leaders, that raised the 'close the gap' issue as a battle cry, claiming that only when Indigenous people have a Voice to parliament, and that voice is listened to, can the gap between advantage and disadvantage be closed.

This is because the Indigenous people themselves have the relevant knowledge for how to improve the lives of their most own vulnerable Indigenous people.

Senator Price is stealing the battle cry and thunder of the Yes campaign and claiming their heart as her own.

She led the No campaign beside opposition leader Peter Dutton, to defeat the Voice, which was the best option for caring for the marginalised Indigenous.

So, it is a political ruse to claim the high ground on caring for the marginalised when in fact she stabbed the cause in the back to the heart.

With Price claiming she represents the Indigenous people and claiming they would be harmed by the Voice, it was inevitable that the majority of the undecided, swung to a No vote; not because they did not want an Indigenous Voice to parliament but mostly because they now feared the Voice might harm the constitution and harm Indigenous people.

As more and more people realise the truth, they join those who mourn the loss of the Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

As Indigenous people read of Price steal-

Thought of the day
"Quality is not an act, it is a habit."

- Aristotle

ing their voice, their hearts break even more. Without Price, and with former Indigenous senator Ken Wyatt whose role she replaced in the opposition coalition, a majority of Australians would now be rejoicing.

S Braun Mundaring

Crusading for the cockatoos

Dear Echo News,

A big thank you to for the article *The Vines bushlands group meets* (*Echo News*, September 22) promoting the establishment of our new group.

We had our launch on September 23 at the Maralla Road site, with 55 people attending, joined by Dean Arthur-ell of the Carnaby Crusaders who provided us with the most interesting talk about the plight of the black cockatoos here in WA.

Whilst it was alarming to hear just how vulnerable these species are now, all is not lost and groups such as ours can do more to restore their habitats.

We also heard from Brian Inglis and Anne Harris from Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, who took us on a very interesting walk through the site.

We have completed our first clean-up of the Bordeaux Lane and Maralla Road sites. We've got more work to do in the lead up to Christmas.

To get involved contact The Vines Residents and Ratepayers Association.

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Due to lack of space, the crossword will not be running in this week's edition.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Please check our website for the crossword and last week's solution.

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DFES warns: Finalise bushfire plans now!

Aerial firefighting fleet is brought on early to confront above average bushfire season

PETER W LEWIS

THE Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) has activated its aerial firefighting fleet earlier this year over concerns that WA is on track to have an above average bushfire season, with a special warning for Perth Hills and outer suburban residents.

WA has recorded its hottest September since records began, and hot temperatures and low rainfall are expected to continue in the lead-up to summer and soil dryness readings across the Darling Scarp indicate that fuel is drying out at an earlier rate than previous years.

Authorities have issued an urgent call for the public to take heed of warnings and finalise their bushfire preparations as soon as possible and to download the My Bushfire Plan app.

Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Darren Klemm said looking at the forecast weather conditions and other factors like the level of moisture in soil and vegetation, he was very concerned that the upcoming bushfire season could be much more severe than WA has experienced in recent years.

"Mitigation is critical. If you live in a bushfire prone area like the Perth Hills or the outer suburbs, it is non-negotiable to start cutting long grass, trimming trees, and clearing any material around your home that could become fuel for a bushfire.

"These actions make it much easier for firefighters to protect your home

and reduce the spread of a bushfire.

"I'm hoping the fact that we are activating our aerial resources early will send the message to all Western Australians that there is an increased risk of an early start to bushfire season, so they need to finalise their own preparations."

DFES and the Bureau of Meteorology are monitoring the key indicators which are all pointing to the threat of an early start to the bushfire season.

Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson said nine aircraft are being brought online earlier than previous years and will be ready to respond.

An additional four rotary wing aircraft, including two Black Hawk helicopters, are also on standby to start early if required.

An emergency warning was issued for a bushfire in Corrigin recently, indicating that the warm and dry conditions are already elevating the fire risk across the southern part of WA.

The state government funded aerial fleet consists of more than 30 rotary and fixed-wing suppression and aerial intelligence aircraft and is jointly managed by DFES and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson said the government was taking every measure to ensure the right resources are available in readiness to keep Western Australians safe this summer.

"We're calling on the public to listen to the advice of emergency services – make sure you and your



Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Darren Klemm and Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson with a DFES aerial firefighting fleet pilot. Picture: DFES

family are prepared before a bushfire strikes in your area.

"Our data indicates that not enough people have created a bushfire plan, which is inexcusable when you consider that more than 93 per cent of the state is bushfire prone.

"It only takes 15 minutes to create a plan for you and your family that could save your life, so I encourage people to download the app or go to mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au and make one today."

Finalise your bushfire preparations as soon as possible and download the My Bushfire Plan app or go to www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au



A water bomber doing training drops at Serpentine airstrip.

Former York councillor faces fraud charges with partner

ANDREW WILLIAMS

A FORMER Shire of York councillor is now facing two charges relating to an investigation into the misappropriation of funds from a community centre.

Former councillor Ashley Garratt and his partner Robyn Garratt appeared in Northam Magistrates Court on Monday, October 30 charged with defrauding the York Community Resource Centre (YCRC).

As reported by the ABC on the same day, former YCRC employee, Ms Garratt had additional six charges added to her original five counts of fraud by forgery and two counts of stealing as a servant.

Mr Garratt is now facing one count of benefiting from fraud and one count of property laundering.

Initially, only Mr Garratt's partner was charged after the police executed a search warrant at a Malebelling home on Thursday, October 12.

The new charges come after police conducted a follow-up search of their home last week.

Ms Garratt was charged after five months of investigation by Northam detectives into allegations of misappropriation of funds at the community centre.

The new charges the 41-year-old is facing are one count of property laundering, one count of stealing as a servant, two counts of forging records, and two counts of benefiting from fraud. The couple are due back in court on January 8.

The York Community Resource Centre, a vital service provider to residents in the area, went into involuntary administration in July after experiencing financial problems.



The couple appeared before the Northam Magistrates Court on Monday. Picture: Susan Dunford/Heritage Council.

"The Shire of York is in the process of taking over delivery of services from the CRC and re-opening the facility, and understands that the closure of the centre has impacted a wide range of York's population," Shire chief executive officer Chris Linnell said.

The Lumen Wheatbelt Regional University Centre services, run from the centre, are now available by appointment. Further services are expected to become available in November, subject to staff recruitment and IT provisions, but no date is set for the centre's reopening.

The shire will also take on the centre's debt and has allocated up to \$200,000 in the 2023-2024 budget – the shire expects the final figure may be more.

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Roshana chief executive officer Rosh Jalagge, Premier Roger Cook and Kalamunda MLA Matthew Hughes.

Eighty new aged care beds for Carmel

ROSHANA Care Group have opened Valencia Care Home in Carmel with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by the Premier Roger Cook.

Also in attendance at the ceremony was Roshana Care chief executive officer Rosh Jalagge and Kalamunda MLA Matthew Hughes, who welcomed the opening of the centre and said that aged care remains a priority for him.

“It has not been an easy journey. It has taken seven years to bring this project to fruition,” he said.

“The main responsibility for residential aged care and home care support rests with the commonwealth government. What the state government brings to this area is the ability to assist with the repurposing of suitable state govern-

ment land for aged care and assisting with ensuring local planning schemes facilitate the development of residential aged care.”

The 80-bed upgrade will see the Carmel centre turn from a 40-bed into a 120-bed facility, with the extension officially opened on Tuesday October 17.

Mr Hughes said now that Carmel had been completed, Roshana was turning its sights to upgrading its Sunshine Park Facility in Lesmurdie.

“I am heartened by Roshana Group’s clear commitment to proceed with plans for the provision of an additional 120 beds at Sunshine Park,” he said.

“The determination and commitment to the provision of affordable aged care beds for the hills does not go unnoticed.”

Get ready for baby expo

JOIN the Child and Parent Centre Swan for its annual baby expo on Tuesday, November 21 at the Clayton View Hub, Koongamia, from 10am to 1pm.

This free family-friendly event for expectant parents and parents of young children will showcase a variety of local exhibitors, along with mini information sessions and talks for families.

Visitors to the expo can explore a wealth of information and advice from visiting agencies covering lactation and feeding, antenatal care, midwifery care and dental care.

Members from Perth Children’s Hospital and the Aboriginal health team, Moort Boodjari Mia will be at the expo to chat to families and share useful information.

Kidsafe WA will also give a talk about safe sleeping and offer free car seat installation and car seat safety checks.

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attractions on the day will include visits from St John WA and Midland community police, Swan Cuddly Animal Farm, sensory messy play, massage, face painting, baby portraits, sausage sizzle, free coffee to the first 50 visitors and loads of giveaways.

Eastern suburbs’ ‘Set for Life’ streak continues

AS the news sinks in for the owner of the ‘set for life’ division one win in Bassendean last week, the eastern suburbs has been graced with another win this week.

A division two ‘set for life’ ticket worth \$5,000 a month for 12 months was sold from Midland’s Lucky Charm on the weekend.

“This is exciting news for Perth’s

eastern suburbs, with a division one ‘set for life’ win in Bassendean last week, and Midland’s division two ticket this week,” Lotterywest spokesperson Emma Rogers said.

“It would be fantastic to see this winning streak continue.”

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New Swan mayor outlines her vision

ANITA McINNES

On Wednesday *Echo News* asked the City of Swan's new Mayor Tanya Richardson about how she planned to address the community perception of a council divided over issues such as the Midland Oval redevelopment master-plan.

Mrs Richardson, a Guildford mother of four, said informed debate was healthy in a democracy and Swan ratepayers expected councillors to be able to have robust discussions as they plan for the future.

"But too much division can be counter-productive and we have certainly seen that in previous years," she said.

"With contentious issues like the future of Midland Oval, people will have different views and they will feel strongly about them.

"It's up to council members to bring those different views to the table while staying focused on the bigger picture of charting the best way forward for our com-

munity," she said. "That's my vision for the council and it's one of my responsibilities as a leader to foster a positive and productive culture."

Not only is Mrs Richardson the city's first popularly elected mayor but she is also the first female mayor, following in the footsteps of the late Margaret Kidson, who was the only female president of the Shire of Swan, which became a city in 2000.

She said she would be focusing on her new role as mayor, but as she remained passionate about caring for people, she still hoped to work as a nurse on a casual basis when she had time available.

"I am passionate about nursing and have been for a long time, but being the Mayor of the City of Swan requires a significant commitment of time and energy.

"A community as vast and diverse as ours deserves to have a leader who is fully invested in the role.

"Thousands of people voted for me to be their first popularly elected mayor, and

that's an honour and responsibility I will take very seriously."

When asked about some of the issues or proposals she hopes to prioritise during the next four years Mrs Richardson said from the tourism appeal of the Swan Valley to the natural beauty of the Swan River and the economic potential that's waiting to be unlocked across the city, the community has so much going for it.

"We are growing at a rapid rate and it's up to us as elected leaders to guide that growth in line with the community's expectations and aspirations.

"There are major projects under way across the city, but as someone who was elected to represent Pearce ward in 2019, I'm particularly excited to see the Ellenbrook Leisure Centre come to fruition."

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson says councillors need to stay focused on the big picture. Picture: Anita McInnes



Swan gets more diverse council

CITY of Swan has welcomed its first popularly elected Mayor after an historic election that delivered a new-look council with greater diversity.

Tanya Richardson, who has represented Pearce ward since 2019, was declared the winner of a close mayoral contest at the Midland Town Hall on Thursday, October 26.

She finished the count with 10,212 votes after preferences, ahead of Ian Johnson (9661), who was comfortably re-elected in Midland Guildford ward.

The new council will have more female members than males.

The election also delivered an injection of youth, with two of the successful candidates in their 20s.

In Whiteman Ward, 21-year-old Haeden Miles

won his seat on preferences, finishing 30 votes ahead of Mel Congerton, a long-serving former councillor and deputy Mayor.

Voters in Pearce, the city's most populous ward, elected 29-year-old Ellenbrook woman Evia Aringo.

Councillor-elect Aringo was born in a Ugandan refugee camp and migrated to Australia at the age of nine.

She was elected alongside Cate McCullough, who retained the seat she has held in Pearce ward since 2015.

Amanda Dorn was a clear winner in Altone ward, where she will replace retiring former mayor David Lucas.

Rashelle Predovnik retained her seat in Midland Guildford ward, while Rod Henderson was

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Shire of Mundaring milestone

For the first time in its history, Shire of Mundaring boasts two women in leadership roles on council.

Joining Shire President Paige McNeil, the first Shire to be voted by electors, councillor Trish Cook was elected as her deputy at a special council meeting on Tuesday, October 31.

Cr McNeil said she was looking forward to working alongside Cr Cook.

"Having served as a hard-working, dedicated South Ward member for six years, Cr Cook brings extensive local government experience to the role."

Cr Cook holds a Bachelor's degree in Science, a Master's degree in Occupational Health and Safety and is

currently in the final year of study to obtain a PhD.

As a successful business person, lobbyist and advocate for the shire, Cr Cook brings experience, dedication and passion to her new role.

"As a critical thinker with an enquiring mind, I am always the one to ask questions. This, I believe is the foundation of good decision-making and in challenging established practices," she said.

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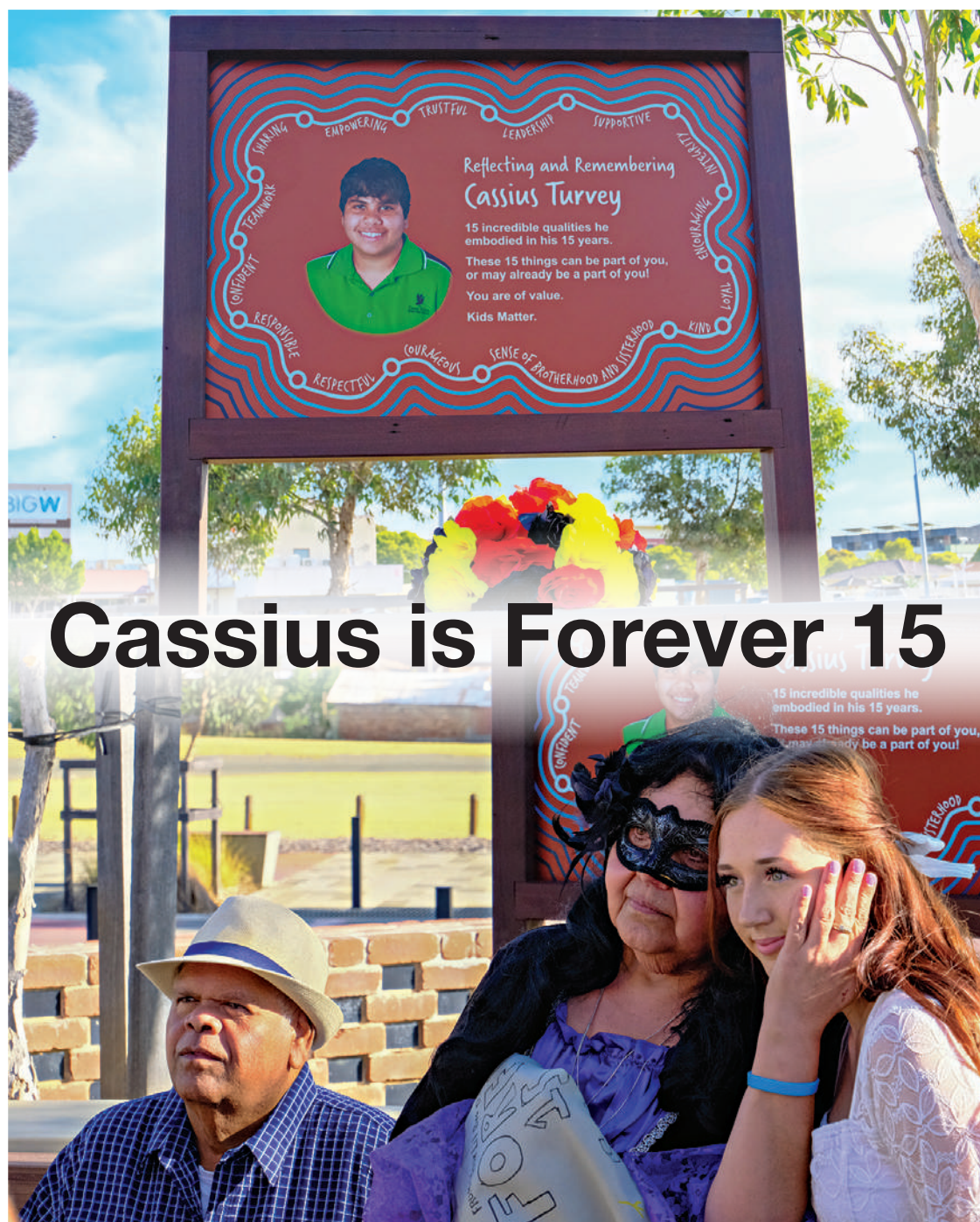
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Cassius is Forever 15

Mechelle Turvey with Cassius' uncle Roger Turvey and school friend Shiloh.

ANITA McINNES & ANDREW WILLIAMS

A REFLECTION or remembrance space not only of her son, but also an inspiration for other young children, is how Cassius Turvey's mother Mechelle likes to remember the memorial unveiled in Midland on Tuesday.

The remembrance plaque depicts 15 qualities that Cassius embodied and wording put together by her niece Rachel and her daughter, (Mrs Turvey's granddaughter) Sharlise who went and sat in the area and thought about the concept.

She said it was really important that not everything was about Cassius, so the wording on the plaque was a message to all other children that in the 15 short years that Cassius lived they too could have those qualities, if they didn't already have them.

The 15 qualities are sharing, sense of brotherhood and sisterhood, respectful, courageous, confident, teamwork, encouraging, kind, loyal, leadership, empowering, integrity, trustful, responsible and supportive.

Mrs Turvey highlighted the impact Cassius had with his friends and his family, especially the old people with his respect values while he was living and the impact he was still having on them.

"He would go to the old nanas, and he'd hug them while the other kids stayed back, he would go to the pops and shake their hands. He wouldn't run away, he would stay there and he would yarn. That's how Cassius learnt how to be respectful, that's how he learnt his culture.

"I carry everything for Cassius now – I wish I didn't have to but I live for him now and the fact is he'd be really proud of me doing what I'm doing to help other people.

"He had a saying 'mum's on a mission'.

"It's been pretty full on for the past year but I would do anything for my son."

She outlined why she chose Weep Park for the remembrance plaque.

"Pretty much most nights and in between here and the Swan City Youth Service they'd come and throw some hoops here and get home very late at night, so that's why I've chosen this area because it's not just somewhere Cassius used to venture to but also his friends as well."

The cloth used to veil the memorial was created by Cassius' friends from Swan View Senior High School, where he attended.



Binar Dancers prior to the unveiling of the memorial plaque. Pictures: Andrew Williams

The unveiling was held on October 31 as Halloween was Cassius' favourite day of the year.

"Christmas and birthdays were a little bit okay but I think for Halloween he just loved getting out to the houses, meeting other kids as well – I think he just liked stepping out into the community and getting a hell of a lot of lollies."

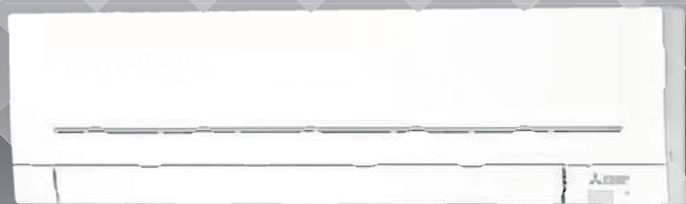
Mrs Turvey finished addressing the crowd at the memorial by thanking friends, family and the wider community for their support.

"People come and say sorry for your loss and I just whisper in their ear gently, 'he was everyone's loss'," she said.

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Red Hill waste facility gets \$200,000 grant

PETER W LEWIS

EASTERN Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) has received a \$200,000 state government funding boost under the WasteSorted organics infrastructure program.

EMRC currently operates a mobile aerated floor system (MAF) to process the food organics garden organics (FOGO) material delivered to its Red Hill waste management facility.

Contaminated FOGO material is adding to the spread of windblown litter, odour and emissions at the MAF processing site.

Under the funding arrangement, EMRC will construct a purpose-built hardstand to accommodate the processing site and the project is to add on a picking station to remove the contaminants before processing of the organic material.

The council is one of five operators of organics recycling facilities to share \$850,000 in funding under the WasteSorted program, with each operator receiving a grant of up to \$200,000.

These grants will help organics processing facilities meet the outcomes of the state government's better practice organics recycling guideline to improve environmental sustainability in their operations.

The projects have been selected to fast-track infrastructure upgrades, and support the processing



of FOGO collected by local governments.

This infrastructure will support many of the 18 WA councils that already have FOGO and increase support for the further 12 committed to the rollout by 2025.

EMRC joins the City of Albany, Resource Recovery Group, Purearth and C-Wise Holdings organics processing facilities that have been selected to receive funding.

Environment Minister Reece Whitby said the grants would add to a range of existing funding the state government is providing to support the FOGO roll-out in WA, including the recently announced food waste for healthy soils program.

Defence outlines steps for scheme water access

ANITA McINNES

AS part of the PFAS investigation and management program affected Bullsbrook residents have received an update about what they need to do to be able to access scheme water at their properties.

The Department of Defence has said it will fund the connection of all residential properties to the scheme water network where those properties are within the Pearce air base management area and rely on bore water for household purposes.

Defence will provide construction of the scheme water infrastructure mains, connection of individual properties to scheme water infrastructure and necessary plumbing modifications to residences.

It will also provide reinstate disturbed ground following plumbing works to the extent practicable.

The connection process involves installing a point of connection to the new water service and plumbing works to connect the property with the mains point of connection.

Property owners who want to connect to scheme water need to sign a consent to enter property form.

Once the form is signed a Defence-approved civil contractor will be authorised to enter the property to start the process necessary to install a point of connection to the new scheme water service pipeline.

If Defence does not receive a

signed consent to enter property form from the owner, a point of connection cannot be installed at the property and the property will not be connected to scheme water under Defence's program.

At the community session in Bullsbrook on October 25 assistant Defence minister Matt Thistlethwaite said the federal government would now pay water usage and water service fees for eight years up from the previous commitment of six years.

In West Bullsbrook 188 properties will have the option to connect to the 14.2km pipeline with water supplied from the Ellenbrook tank.

Seventeen properties in South Bullsbrook will be able to connect and their water source will be a tank on Chittering Road.

The Department of Defence brochure available at the community session says the Water Corporation needs to carry out upgrades in Bullsbrook before the South Bullsbrook pipeline can be commissioned.

Construction of the West Bullsbrook pipeline requires trenching and horizontal drilling under the Tonkin Highway and the railway line at two locations.

Defence said to treat the water to Water Corporation standards a water treatment facility would be built on Robinson Road west of Tonkin Highway.

Construction of the scheme water infrastructure is forecast to start in April next year.



Getting ready for the hot summer

EXTENSIVE summer preparedness work is underway across the Western Power network to minimise bushfire risk, increase network resilience and improve reliability for the community ahead of the forecasted hot summer.

With the Bureau of Meteorology signalling increased risk of heatwaves and bushfires this year, Western Power is ensuring the network is as prepared as possible for potential extreme weather conditions.

Western Power Executive Manager of Asset Management Gair Landsborough said that while extensive summer preparedness work was part of annual ongoing maintenance and renewal, the increasing impacts of climate change meant work had expanded.

"We continually refine our operations to ensure we're improving the way assets are managed, including the 860,000 poles in the network," he said.

"We've got a comprehensive poles and wires maintenance program and bushfire mitigation program which includes insulator replacements, managing trees and vegetation near wires, and

have increased the helicopter cleaning of insulators.

Mr Landsborough said the work was part of the businesses drive towards ensuring network resilience and safety ahead of the summer months.

"We build in resilience two ways, first, by taking steps to reduce the risk of faults on the network and secondly by ensuring we have the resources to respond when there is an issue.

"This year we've added more emergency response generators and high voltage injection units and have continued upgrading distribution transformers and feeders across Perth's suburbs and regional areas.

"We are making changes to load balancing and switching patterns to better distribute high electricity demand and reduce pressure on network infrastructure.

"While 100 per cent reliability cannot be guaranteed and climate change is having an increasing impact on our operations, we're finding new ways to minimise outages by bolstering the network where possible to maintain our 99.91 per cent reliability record."

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Honouring the ultimate sacrifice

Remembrance Day serves as a solemn occasion to honour and remember the great contributions and ultimate sacrifices of the Australians who served their country at war.

As we gather at memorials and cenotaphs across the region to pay our respects, it's a time to reflect on the horrors of war and to pledge, *Lest We Forget*.

It's a time to ensure the memory of those who fought and died in service to their country endures for generations to come.

At a time when the lessons of the past are as crucial as ever, Remembrance Day offers an opportunity for Australians to not only express gratitude to veterans and current service members but also to strive for a more peaceful and united world.

It serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of peace, reconciliation, and the enduring legacy of those who gave their all in the defence of their homeland.

Tania Lawrence MP

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We will Remember them



Remembering the dedication of service personnel

Remembrance Day allows us to gather and pay our heartfelt gratitude to the Australian Service personnel who have dedicated their lives to safeguarding our nation.

We remember and pay respects to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, ensuring our freedom and security.

As we pause to remember the fallen, we also express gratitude to the veterans and active-duty personnel who continue to serve, standing firm in the face of adversity and safeguarding the values and our way of life, for which the fallen heroes gave their all.

Remembrance Day ensures their legacy lives on. *Lest We Forget.*

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Remembrance Day

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November 5 Gunners' Day march at Stirling Square



The people of Guildford and St Matthew's Church have continued the Gunners' Day tradition, which started in 1930.

THE annual Gunners' Day march and service, which has historical ties to Guildford, will be held in Stirling Square on Sunday, November 5.

Organised by the Royal Australian Artillery Association of WA the event honours and commemorates those who have fought with the Artillery from Gallipoli, France, Korea to Vietnam.

In November 1913 the 38th Battery Field Artillery marched into Guildford prior to moving into the newly established depot and artillery headquarters at South Guildford.

The battery was welcomed by the Guildford community and the then governor Major-General Sir Harry Barron spoke of the importance of the unit and the responsibility of the community to look after them.

A year later, these men

marched out to war as the 8th Battery 3rd AIF, serving at Gallipoli and on the Western Front.

In 1919 the Regiment laid up their flag at St Matthew's Church, their Garrison Church.

The people of Guildford and St Matthew's Church have continued the tradition of support to the artillery men or Gunners from 1913 to present times with a Gunners' Day service and march.

This originated in 1930 and has continued since then apart from COVID-19 restrictions.

The historic ceremonial occasion welcomes Gunners, their families and visitors to share in the commemoration.

Those wishing to present wreaths are asked to contact info@artillerywa.org.au

Line up commences at 9.50am for a 10am service at the Town War Memorial in Stirling Square.

KALAMUNDA VIEW

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Message from the Mayor



With Local Government elections now over, I would like to thank the community for re-electing me as Mayor, City of Kalamunda. It is a privilege and I can't wait to continue serving this wonderful community.

I would also like to welcome back our new and returning councillors. I look forward to working with you all.

As Kambarang rolls into November, I'd like to encourage everyone to experience the Perth Hills Spring Festival.

There are still a whole host of fantastic events planned over the last two weeks of the festival, including arts and craft workshops, wine and cider tours, hiking experiences, music, and more.

Well done to everyone who has prepared their properties in the run up to summer. With a large number of residents taking advantage of pre-season inspections, it is my hope that we are better prepared than ever for bushfire season.

Now is a great time to have a garden blitz to ensure you're ready for the hot weather.

Did you know that the City provides skip bins to residents for the collection of green waste and general household waste? It's easy to book your skip - visit the City's website, search for Waste Services and follow the instructions.

This year's Seniors Week celebrations run from 12 to 19 November and there are lots of fun things planned!

The City is supporting a range of events throughout the week including the Senior Art Exhibition at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre Gallery, a light Lunch with Bingo at the Woodlupine Family Centre, Forrestfield on Friday 17 November, and various activities being run by the Darling Range Hub including carpet bowls, chair yoga, and scrabble and board games sessions.

If you are interested in seeing the full list of activities, visit the City's website or keep an eye out for a copy of the program at your local library.

Stay safe everyone,

Cr Margaret Thomas JP
Mayor

Public Agenda Briefing Forum
6:30pm, Tuesday 14 November 2023
Administration Centre, Council Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting
6:30pm, Tuesday 28 November 2023
Administration Centre, Council Chambers

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

What's in a name?



The vote not to be missed!

The shortlist of names for the new Skate Park at Stirk Park has been released and is now open for public voting!

From 23 name suggestions, six names have been shortlisted for voting:

- Balgore Rotary Skate Park
- The Coolamon Rotary Skate Park
- Kalamunda Rotary Skate Park
- Mandjar Rotary Skate Park
- Rotary Kala Skate
- Rotary SkateMunda

Our new skate park will be the ultimate destination for skaters of all ages!

Voting closes 5pm, Friday 10 November 2023.

visit engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/name-the-new-skate-park to cast your vote!

Call out for volunteers



Are you our missing puzzle piece?

At the City of Kalamunda, we believe in the power of volunteers to create stronger communities.

Our volunteers support vital programs like Library Services, Environmental Groups, our Visitor Centre and the Woodlupine Coffee Lounge. Your contribution matters!

All volunteers are police-checked, receive orientation, and are placed according to skills and interests. Multiple volunteer opportunities are available.

Check out the details and download the application form on the City's Website kalamunda.wa.gov.au.

Join us in building a better Kalamunda!

Advisory Group Nominations



The City of Kalamunda is pleased to announce the call for nominations to join several important advisory groups that play a pivotal role in shaping the City's future.

The advisory groups which are seeking nominations include:

- Kalamunda Arts Advisory Group
- Kalamunda Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Group
- Disability and Carers Advisory Group
- Strategic Sport and Recreation Advisory Group
- Kalamunda Economic and Tourism Development Advisory Group

If you are interested in joining any of the listed Advisory Groups, please review the nomination information available and apply online at engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au.

Alternatively you can obtain hard copies of the required documents from the link above or from City buildings including Libraries.

Nominations for all groups close 5pm, Monday 13 November 2023.



Exhibition: Enshrined Zig Zag Gallery, Kalamunda

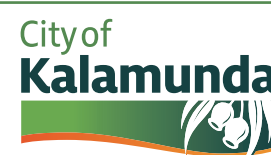
As a sub-group within the Embroiderers' Guild of Western Australia, Innovative Stitches brings a different perspective to the practice of embroidery to reflect on preserving relationships, values and experiences that are meaningful to them.

Exhibition Dates
Saturday, 21 October – Sunday, 12 November 2023

Learn more on the City's website: kalamunda.wa.gov.au

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New vaping prevention campaign for youngsters

A NEW vaping prevention campaign 'clear the air' was launched by Cancer Council WA last week, which aims to educate young people on the health impacts of e-cigarette use.

The state government provided \$375,000 in funding to Cancer Council WA to develop the campaign, which complements other initiatives – including the WA school's anti-vaping toolkit, and more than \$2.4 million to deliver the 'make smoking history' campaign over the next three years.

As part of the 'clear the air' campaign, four digital advertisements – called Rotten Fruit – highlight to young people aged 14 to 24 years the dangers behind the deceptive fruity flavours in vapes.

Research has found that e-cigarette use is socially acceptable among young people and is seen as more appealing than tobacco cigarettes due to the flavours and taste.

However, e-cigarettes can contain more than 240 toxic chemicals like weed killer, cleaning products, and paint stripper, as well as nicotine.

Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson said vapes contain many toxic substances, including nicotine, which is a highly addictive and dangerous poison, and are designed to appeal to

young people.

"People who vape are three times more likely to take up smoking, so it is important we are doing everything we can to keep our young people safe."

"The vaping prevention campaign is part of the state government's approach to prevent and reduce vaping among young people."

The ads will be visible across social media channels, streaming services, and mobile apps; along with also directing people to visit the 'clear the air' website for more information and tips on how to quit.

For further information go to <https://www.cleartheair.org.au/>

What are you really vaping?



Dead body chemicals

Formaldehyde is a key ingredient of embalming fluid – which is the liquid injected into dead bodies to stop them from decomposing.



Bug-spray

2-chlorophenol is a chemical used to make pesticides, helpful to kill all sorts of creepy crawlies.



Work has commenced on the milk carton vessel ready for the regatta.



Walliston Primary vies for milk carton regatta glory

A KEEN group of Walliston Primary School parents have joined forces to enter the Masters Milk Carton Regatta on Saturday, November 18, aiming to take home the best design prize money of \$5000 for the school.

Teams need to build their vessels made entirely of Masters milk cartons, and then race for the chance to win prize money and the ultimate bragging rights as the newest regatta champion.

Whilst the Walliston theme is under wraps, it plays homage to one of our great Australian icons and to reach their goal, and have enough milk cartons, the crew have been working tirelessly, drinking countless litres of Masters milk, and with many design and build days.

The Walliston Deli and Elevated Grounds Cof-

feehouse have gotten behind the team, enabling collection points and community members donating used cartons.

The crew is looking for community support with voting only at the event, so grab your family and friends and enjoy viewing the competition and all the excitement as teams race their milk carton watercraft across the harbour.

Kids can also enjoy carnival rides, win great stuff with the Mix94.5 road runners and taste test Masters milk flavours and meet the famous Masters Cows.

You can follow the build of the Wally Wayfarers on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WallyWayfarersMastersRegatta>

For more Masters milk carton regatta information go to www.hit.com.au

ADVERTISING FEATURE FIRE & SAFETY



Fire danger rating system – what does it mean for you?

The Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) is used to describe the level of potential danger should a bushfire start.

The new system, introduced in 2022, helps City of Swan residents decide what action to take to protect themselves and their families from the impact of bushfires.

Each day, the Bureau of Meteorology uses local weather data to calculate the next day's fire danger as either moderate, high, extreme, catastrophic or no rating.

On days when a rating is declared, residents need to take the following actions:

Moderate: Plan and prepare – most fires can be controlled

High: Be ready to act – fires will be dangerous

Extreme: Act now to protect life and property – fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous

Catastrophic: Leave bushfire risk areas for your survival – if a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost

No rating: Remain alert – fires are unlikely to spread dangerously.

If you live or work in a bushfire risk area this summer, it is your responsibility to keep up to date with the AFDRS so you can plan and take appropriate action to protect yourself and others.

Current and predicted fire danger ratings can be found on the Bureau of Meteorology website or the Emergency WA website



INSTALL YOUR FIREBREAKS

The City of Swan require all properties over 5,000sqm to install internal boundary firebreaks.

While it's unlikely that firebreaks will stop an intense fire, they will slow or maybe even stop a low intensity fire. They also provide important access for fire trucks to combat a fire.

Firebreaks must be:

- 3 metres wide with a 4 metres vertical height clearance,
- cleared of all flammable material,
- have sweeping corners to allow rooms for fire trucks to turn, and
- located inside, and as close as practicable, to the properties boundary.

Narrow firebreaks or firebreaks that end abruptly are hazardous for fire fighters. Please ensure your firebreaks meets standard.

www.swan.wa.gov.au/firebreaks



ADVERTISING FEATURE FIRE & SAFETY

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Snakes are also on the move so need to be wary when Bush Walking or working around the house or yard.

Additionally, we have the knowledge, and resources to research for those other requirements to make your workplace safe.

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ARE YOU READY FOR THE UPCOMING BUSHFIRE SEASON?

City of Kalamunda residents are reminded to maintain their properties' bushfire preparedness as per the annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice from 1 November up to, and including, 31 March.

Fire breaks, in combination with reduced fuel loads and a prepared asset protection zone, may lessen the impact of bushfires.

If you require any further information visit www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/our-city/fire

FIRE & SAFETY

How rural property owners are preparing for this fire season.



There is no place quite like Western Australia in the summer, it brings us days of soaking up the sun at the beach, competitive back yard cricket games and balmy evenings sitting on the porch.

The fun that summer brings holds place, firmly at the front of our minds, but the ever present risk of bushfires quietly looms in the background.

With bushfires happening every year it's important to be prepared, for your own safety, families safety and for peace of mind.

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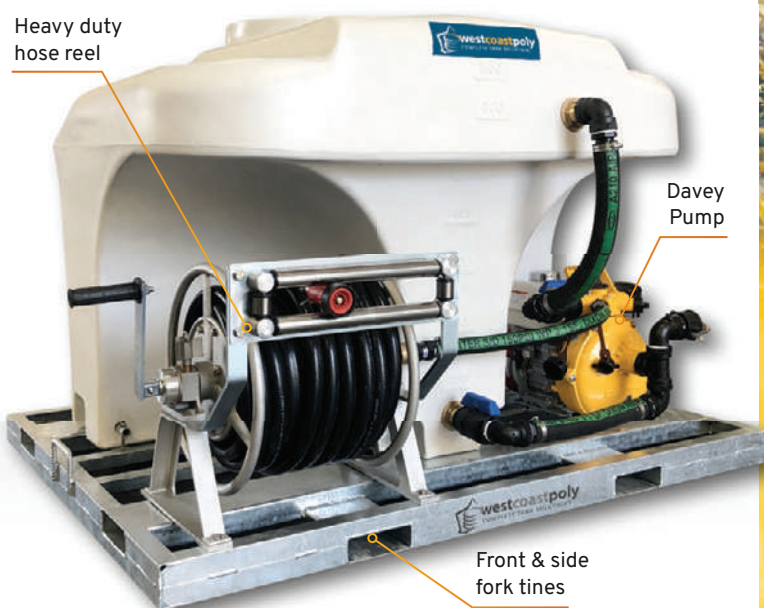
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Local Brigades need you!

Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades offer diverse opportunities beyond firefighting, enabling community members with varying skills and abilities to contribute to community safety. Non-operational roles to consider include:

- Catering
- Cleaning
- Communications
- Community Engagement
- Crew Support
- Maintenance
- President/Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Volunteer Coordinator

Interested?

Visit your local Brigade on Saturday mornings at the Station or give them a call. Contact details can be found on the Safety and Rangers page of the Shire's website mundaring.wa.gov.au/safety-rangers

Another way to support your local brigade is by being prepared! Residents are encouraged to contribute through:

- Incorporating their verges into their fire hazard management plans. Learn more by visiting the Shire's website mundaring.wa.gov.au/verge-maintenance.
- Being well prepared and informed during bushfire season. The Shire's interactive Engage Mundaring website engage.mundaring.wa.gov.au/emergency-response-recovery offers a comprehensive range of information and resources, with printed materials available upon request. Visit the website or contact the Shire (08) 9290 6696 for further assistance.

Your involvement, whether through volunteering, managing your property or being personally prepared plays a vital role in enhancing community safety.



Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades

We're looking for a few good neighbours!



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Contact your local Brigade



www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/safety-rangers/bush-fires-and-fire-management/local-volunteer-brigades.aspx

FOCUS ON FIRE PREVENTION LITTLE THINGS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Summer is fast approaching but not as fast as a fire front that is uncontained, uncontrolled and unpredictable. Follow these tips to make your family, firefighters and property safer this summer.

Around your block/yard



- Spray and/or remove weeds.
- Ensure grass heights are maintained to no higher than 5cm.
- Firebreaks are installed/upgraded to mineral earth 3m wide x 4m in height (properties greater than 5000sqm).
- Reduce fuel load by burning piles during the open and/or restricted burning periods. Or take your green waste to a Community Recycling Centre (see Shire website for more information).

Around the house



- Cut back overhanging trees and shrubs away from your house (minimum 2m away from a wall or roof).
- Clean your gutters at regular intervals during summer.
- Remove flammable materials from around your house. I.e. dead plant material, outdoor furniture, storage boxes, shoes and clothing.

Have a Bush Fire Plan for you, your family and your pets



- Make a plan by visiting mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au
- Sit down and discuss it with your family members.
- Practice your plan.
- Have a plan for your animals as they can't stay in an evacuation centre unless you have an assistance dog.
- Keep your finger on the pulse – utilise www.emergency.wa.gov.au for up-to-date incidents and warnings in your area or see the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Facebook and Twitter pages.
- Use resources available to you such as the free Fire Hazard Inspection service offered by the Shire. It can help identify hazards on your property and provide advice about how to best reduce/remove them. Join a Bush Fire Ready Group or if your street doesn't have one, start one and access resources from facilitators and DFES.

For more information, see the Shire of Mundaring and DFES websites.



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Mayor's message

Kaya everyone,

Welcome to my first "Mayor's message", which is among my first duties as your newly elected Mayor.

Congratulations to the successful candidates in the October local government election. I look forward

to working with our new Council Members to create better outcomes for our community.

As the City's first popularly elected Mayor, I would like to thank you, the voters. We had a healthy voter turnout at this election and it was pleasing to see so many people take part in the local democratic process. I acknowledge it took some time to announce the successful candidates, but the new processes in place this year allowed you to have more of a say in who represents your community.

This month is shaping up to be a vibrant one as we celebrate our community's diversity as part of Pride Month with a range of fun, exciting and inclusive events throughout the City that I encourage you to take part in. There is sure to be something for everyone. I look forward to seeing the City in a rainbow of colours.

You may have noticed that the City recently launched its new-look website, which has improved accessibility, language and functionality, particularly for mobile users. Thank you for the feedback that guided these improvements.

Tanya Richardson
Mayor, City of Swan



Engage with us



Ellenbrook Community Hub

Keep up to date on the progress of Ellenbrook Community Hub at a community information session at the Ellenbrook Youth Centre from 6.30-8pm on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. There will be a presentation on the discussions with community groups which have informed concept designs. Concept designs will be available to view and there will be a chance to provide feedback.

Go to swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/ellenbrookhub



Bullsbrook Local Area Plan

What do you want for the future of Bullsbrook? Let us know as part of our review of the Bullsbrook Local Area Plan. This is your opportunity to tell us your priorities for the region and help us plan for a better future. You have until Sunday, December 17, 2023 to provide your feedback. Go to swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/bullsbrooklap



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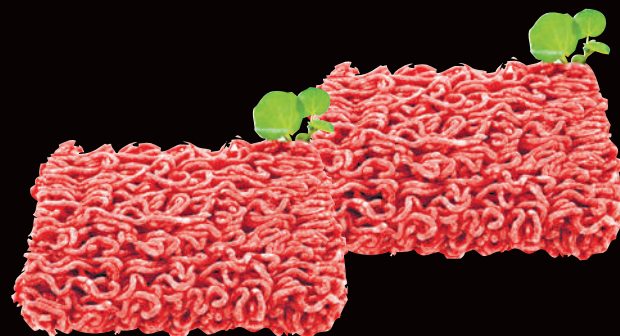
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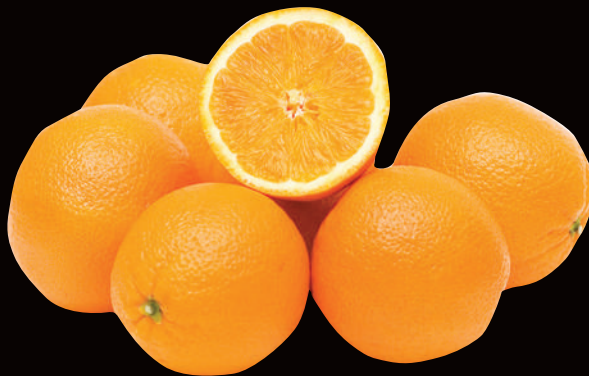
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Draft Ancillary Dwelling – Rural Policy

This policy provides guidance on the provisions of *Swan Valley Planning Scheme No. 1* relating to ancillary dwelling – rural development in the Priority Agriculture and Swan Valley Rural zones, to inform proposals and assessment.

Draft Signage Policy

This policy provides guidance on signage and advertising within all zones of the Swan Valley Planning Scheme No.1 area.

Draft Vehicle Parking Policy

This policy provides guidance on vehicle parking associated with development and land use in accordance with *Swan Valley Planning Scheme No. 1*. It outlines the requirements and objectives for vehicle parking in the Swan Valley, information required for development applications, car parking infrastructure and construction, and the desired outcomes for car parking associated with new and intensified development in the Swan Valley.

The policies can be viewed online at <https://consultation.dplh.wa.gov.au> or in person at the:

- WAPC, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth
- State Library of WA, Perth Cultural Centre.

Submissions close **Friday 15 December 2023** and can be lodged online or posted to: **The Secretary, WAPC, Locked Bag 2506, Perth WA 6001**. Late submissions will not be considered.

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You are invited to comment on the above proposal before Council considers it further.

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The proposed plan, documents and supporting information can be downloaded from the City's website during the advertising period via the link below under "Proposed structure plans":

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Swan election

From page 5. returned in Swan Valley Gidgegnup ward, where he received more than one third of the vote.

Mrs Richardson said she would be a strong advocate for the city, and the community groups that make it such a diverse and vibrant place.

"I'm honoured that the City of Swan community has put their faith in me to lead the council," she said.

"I want to see the city grow and realise its incredible potential but I will always prioritise our residents."

"As a nurse, I know how important it is to listen, and I understand that health and wellbeing are what people value most."

She has been chosen to lead the city as it enters a period of renewal and growth, with a population that is set to soar from 168,334 this year to almost 300,000 by 2051.

Covering almost 20 per cent of the Perth metropolitan area, the city has land available to support the growth.

There is a steady flow of major local projects and the Metronet Morley-Ellenbrook line is expected to be operational by the end of 2024.

The city has an enviable combination of heritage, natural assets, diversity and economic potential with the new-look council responsible for setting the strategic direction.

"This is a new beginning for the council and I'm excited about what we can achieve over the next four years," she said.

"It's an opportunity for us to take stock and think about how we can do a better job for the community."

With the introduction of optional preferential voting and a popularly elected mayor, the vote count was expected to take longer than usual, especially with a field of 10 mayoral candidates.

However, the results were only declared late on Thursday October 26 six days after polls closed.

The Western Australian Electoral Commission, which the city appointed to run the election, ordered two recounts of the mayoral vote because of counting 'discrepancies'.

The city said it has been assured its ratepayers will not bear the costs of the delays.

This year's voter participation rate was about 30 per cent, the highest in six years.

Local govt reforms

THE state government continues to progress the most substantial local government reforms in more than 25 years, through new recently published regulations.

These regulations continue the delivery of reforms legislated by the Western Australian Parliament earlier this year, and follow major changes to council elections that are already in effect.

All larger local governments will now be required, by law, to live stream council meetings, and to place video recordings online. Smaller local governments are required, at a minimum, to publish audio recordings of meetings.

While many local governments have already made this change, a transition-in period will run until 1 January 2025 to allow the very few last remaining councils to install suitable audiovisual equipment. The regulations require local governments to keep recordings online for a period of at least five years.

These regulations also contain further measures to simplify financial reporting, to cut red tape and reduce complexity. Changes to the regulations regarding the valuation of infrastructure assets (such as local roads, bridges, and council buildings) will clarify that, in most cases, local governments will only need to determine the accounting value of the asset every five years, rather than every year.

This new measure is expected to substantially streamline the annual reporting process for local governments. This reform also follows the recent standardisation of financial statements, which has already simplified the reporting process for the 2022-2023 financial year, reducing the costs paid by ratepayers.

New regulations will also enable local governments to reimburse the education expenses of council members for any course that is relevant to their role as a council member. Local governments will now be able to establish a policy for how the costs of relevant further education - such as fees for short courses - may be reimbursed to council members.

The regulations allow for flexibility, so that courses for any topic areas relevant to a local government may be paid by the local government in line with its policies. This reform will support a broader range of people to serve on council, and members can continue to develop their skills.

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Wednesday night rivalry heats up rink



Outlaws captain, David Kudla, leaving his team's defensive zone.
Picture: Cassandra Edwards

JAMES VERSLUIS

THE Perth Summer Ice Hockey League Wednesday night rivalry saw the Beavers defeat the Wolves 9-4 while the Outlaws beat the Wheatkings 5-2.

The Beavers started a man down against the Wolves, after being dealt a minor penalty for delay of game. Undeterred, the Beavers immediately gave themselves a two-goal lead through the hard work of Gary O'Dea, Gordon Hart, and Kevin Crook, putting the Wolves firmly on their heels.

The Wolves found the back of the net late in the first period, with an uncontested Finlay Gordon slotting it past the keeper, to make it a 2-1 game.

After a brief slump at the start of the second, the Beavers solidified their lead, going on to win the game.

The Outlaws put the WheatKings firmly on notice in the first period, with Declan Treacy, Roan Spence and Ryan Smyth scoring three unanswered goals.

The WheatKings found a bit of form in the second, cutting the Outlaws lead down to just one – partly thanks to a fantastic tip-in from Caleb Yearldly.

After a goalless second, the Outlaws stormed home to take the victory, winning 5-2.

For the uninitiated, the Perth Summer League (PSL) is a nine-team Ice Hockey league that takes place at Perth Ice Arena in Malaga on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings.

It's a draft league – meaning that year-on-year each team is largely comprised of different players.

The Perth Summer League runs until March.

Wins in Midland Guildford one-day matches



JOSHUA McKENZIE

IT was a successful weekend for the Midland Guildford Cricket Club teams playing one-day matches including U17 player Rebekah Farr who scored her 50 runs from just 25 balls.

The female A grade won by 35 runs against South Perth after stand-out performances from Ines McKeon (37 runs from 35 balls) and Morgan Pires (3-19 from four overs).

The female B grade won their

double-header, beating Wanneroo by six wickets and South Perth by five runs.

Emma Wilson led the way against Wanneroo with 3-8 off four overs, before Alisha Kozma scored 66 from 47 against South Perth.

In the female U17 it was Rebekah Farr who helped the side post 9-129 as she scored her 50 from just 25 balls, before they restricted their opponents to a total of 7-82 in a 47 run victory.

The female U14 won by four

wickets in their match against Subiaco-Floreat.

In the junior boys, a thrilling match in the male U14 saw the side winning by one wicket after Cooper Forsyth top scored with 52 from 93.

The male U13 enjoyed a comfortable 51 run victory in their match with both Lachie Flux and Kyle Taylor scoring half-centuries.

The senior male sides will look to complete their first two-day matches of the season this weekend.

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A free service for non-profit organisations

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Upcoming events

- **Swan Guildford Historical Society** meets at St Matthew's Hall, Stirling Square, Guildford, on Monday, November 13 for 7.30pm start. Guest speaker Tom Goode will give an illustrated presentation on West Midland in the 1940s. Visitors welcome. Call Clement on 0407 997 911.
- **The Parkerville Community Band** is running a free workshop for young musicians 12-18 years, 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 community performance. Call Yvonne on 0416 233 277 to register or more information.
- **A Remembrance Day** service will be held outside the Ellenbrook Library on Saturday, November 11 at 11am. All welcome.
- **The Probus Club of Kalamunda** meets at the Kalamunda Club (next to Stirk Park) on Wednesday November 8. Registration is 9.30am for a 10am start. The guest speaker will be Keegan Wong from Priceline Pharmacy – topic – Is medicinal

cannabis suitable for me? Please join us for morning tea at 10.30am, Kevin's talk will be at 11am. For further information please call Leah on 92914163 or Don on 0439 970 038.

- **World Vision Mundaring and Hills** support group holds its monthly stalls on the second Saturday of the month in the Woolworths mall in Mundaring. Call Suzanne on 0452 075 371 or Kryssie on 0431 570 985 for more information.

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

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

- **Midland Men's Shed** holds Social Tuesday every Tuesday 9.30am to 11.30am in the Baptist Church Hall, 35 Great Eastern Highway, Bellevue. Call Kevin on 0417 961 971 or for workshop inquiries call Brian on 0411 833 055.

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

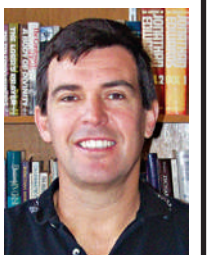


Woofers of the week

Rose is a two-year-old staffy cross. She is very friendly but is a strong dog and could do with more training. She is eager to please. She is sterilised, vaccinated and microchipped. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.

Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk



Glowing Worms

While in New Zealand we went to the Waitomo Caves in the North Island. Besides seeing lovely stalactites and stalagmites, the main treat was still to come.

After entering a dinghy, we silently floated down a slow-moving underground river in sheer darkness. We then came into a cavern where the ceiling was covered in tiny green lights. The lights were from little creatures nicknamed 'glow-worms'. Seeing these lights was like seeing another universe. We were asked to keep quiet, but many of us uttered very quietly – "wow!"

It was incredible to see this extraordinary sight. It was also incredible to find out that the glow-worms produce their light through triggering a chemical reaction in their 'tail'. They also have multiple sticky strands that hang down from the light. The light and the strands enable them to catch micro-organisms for them to eat and survive.

When I thought what these little creatures could do, I could not help but conclude that they proclaim the existence of an awesome Creator God who has given them their extraordinary ability to survive in the dark.

Sometimes we may wonder about God's existence because of all the brokenness in our world. But God is real, and not only has He made all things, He has made us and cares for us. He even sent Jesus, His eternal Son, to rescue us from our sins and to reconcile us back to Himself – if we would turn to Jesus and trust in Him.



Bellevue five-bedroom beauty

AN unassuming street view belies the comfort and character of this five-bedroom, two-bathroom Bellevue beauty.

The front yard of this 700sqm block is already fully established with multiple trees and designated garden beds perfect for the buyer with a green thumb.

Moving inside, a wood fire-place acts at the centrepiece of the double living room, housing a chimney that showcases the vaulted timber ceiling and skylights.

Exposed brickwork on one side of the living room wraps around the breakfast bar and into the adjacent kitchen.

All but one of the bedrooms are carpeted, with the exception being a lovely hardwood floor, while the rest of the house is a mix of laminate and tile.

Storage won't be an issue in this kitchen with plenty of cupboards to fill the space under the L-shaped bench top. Fully equipped with a free-standing gas cooker, canopy range hood, dishwasher, and large pantry, the kitchen overlooks the enclosed alfresco hosting area accessible by both the living room and the drive-through carport, roller door included.

The paved alfresco only takes up a third of the backyard space,

with a large workshop and fenced flat grass area making up the rest.

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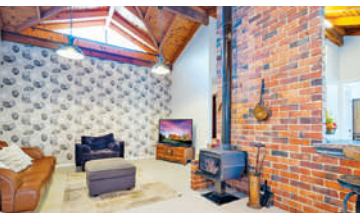
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Further rent rises predicted

PERTH and regional rental prices are expected to rise further, according to REIWA's 2023 property market quarterly update.

New records were set in the rental market in the third quarter of the year, with median house rents hitting a new record high of \$600 per week at the end of August, up from \$550 in December 2022.

The median unit rent price also set a new record, rising from \$475 at the end of last year to \$550 in August.

REIWA CEO Cath Hart said the rental market would remain challenging for tenants.

"The vacancy rate remains at an extreme low," she said.

"It was 0.7 per cent for the first half of the year, and while it rose to 0.9 per cent in July, offering some hope of change, it dropped back to 0.7 per cent in September.

"Property managers are still seeing

queues at home opens and receiving multiple applications. Homes are leasing in a median of two weeks. Essentially one tenant moves out and another moves straight in.

"Demand is high and supply is low. This is unlikely to change in the future, maintaining upward pressure on prices. We expect to see median rents increase over the remainder of the year."

House prices in most regional centres have shown a similar growth rate to Perth over 2023.

Rent prices have also shown strong growth, with some regional centres at record highs.

Ms Hart said regional centres were facing the same issues as Perth and this was putting upward pressure on house and rent prices.

Vacancy rates remained low in regional centres in the September quarter.

Bullsbrook house prices skyrocket

PERTH'S housing market is leading the nation to record a double-digit increase over the year and set a new record median of \$631,195, with Bullsbrook skyrocketing more than 20 per cent to reach a median of \$525,000.

Domain's house price report for the September quarter shows Perth house prices lifted 3 per cent over the quarter, an annual change of 10.4 per cent.

Perth and Adelaide recorded the highest price gains over the quarter and were the only capital cities where

house prices were at an all-time high.

Domain chief of research and economics Nicola Powell said if mortgage rates weren't so high, price growth would be even faster due to the chronic undersupply of housing in WA.

"Perth remains severely undersupplied," she said.

"The housing market continues to benefit from a positive flow of net interstate migration, record levels of overseas migration and being Australia's tightest city rental market."

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enjoy stunning vines. Enjoy a peaceful life at [lot 107, 54,640m2] it's a proven terror, but do excuse the "flatulent camels" over the road.

The prime residence sits elevated to various sized sheds, large shade houses, a spacious office, caretakers' cabin, the vines, and a shimmering "bird watchers" dam". Adjacent [lot 106 is 40,000m2] of versatile pasture [restaurant site] with comfortably up to [3] business enterprises, for a "passive cashflow". All gently undulating land totals 23 acres.

Productive soil is irrigated via a generous water license. A prior DA for a charming

modern or rustic restaurant can be revisited. The rectangular dam cools vines, massive mulberry's, circa 30 mango's, various fine fig, avocado, citrus, and rare fruit trees.

There is no guarantee, albeit if both lots were eventually zoned residential as next door, their future value would be interesting to contemplate.

Located east of Great Northern Highway, off Toodyay Rd [access off Wilson Rd] is the owner's famous "Tass1 Trees". This business is concurrently for sale, with time by negotiation to provide, "vacant possession". Invest in rural charm, commerce.

I Remember When...

Do you remember when your parents had set routines that were not negotiable? Now my one to share may not be a popular topic but I am sure it has been part of many households. My Dad's Saturday routine of having a daily double on the Sydney races every Saturday he called it his fifty cent investment. By ten o'clock every Saturday he would visit the local TAB and place his bet. He would spend time examining all the papers and buy his best bet book every week to study the form. Now I know I should not be encouraging gambling but this was a set routine which included catch up with other locals for a chat on a Saturday morning as it was their meeting place as well. The TAB in Guildford was between the Stirling Arms and the Guildford Shopping Centre central to everyone. For dad this time of year he had a busy routine getting his bets on, dash out to see my Nanna in Hazelmere to check she was ok and drop in some shopping if needed then rush home and get ready for a big day at bowls. Dad loved his bowls and had been a member of the Swan Bowling Club since a young man as his father played there, so did my mum, my aunty, uncles and cousins so was big part of the Rendell routine. My Dad drove a 1958 Black VW Beetle and I would see him dashing around town in his car which I called his mean machine. TABs are being closed quite regularly now replaced by on-line gambling. My Dad would say "it's all wrong how am I going to get the tips from me mates and have a chat any more". Times have changed even for the gamblers.



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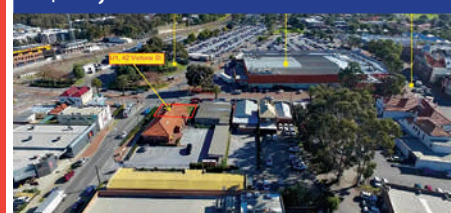
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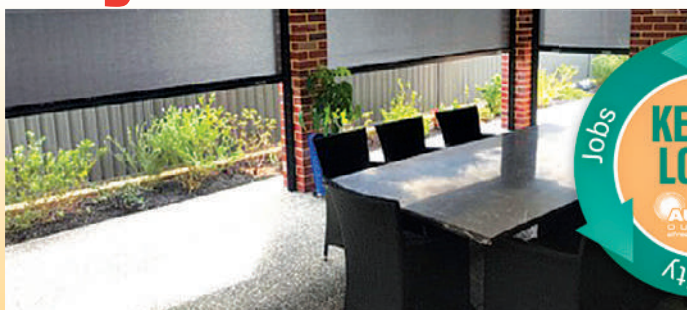
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