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Ash Wednesday

Dear Echo News,
I'm a priest in the Anglican Parish of Kalamunda-Lesmurdie and I'm writing to let the readers of *Echo News* know that I'll be in the Central Mall at Kalamunda on Ash Wednesday, February 14, from 11am to 1pm, offering imposition of ashes to any that wish it.

I realise it can be quite hard to get to a church on a weekday, so I thought I would go where people are.

The imposition of ashes is a very old Christian tradition.

It's simple but deeply meaningful – a cross is marked on each person's forehead in ash.

This ritual signifies the start of a person's journey through the season of Lent, when Christians contemplate their mortality, and look to grow in relationship with God.

If you'd like to be marked with ashes, or if you're curious about Lent and Easter and would like to have a chat, come say hello on Ash Wednesday.

Fr G Bowland
The Anglican Parish of Kalamunda-Lesmurdie

Parking business

Dear Echo News,
I'd like to bring to your attention the insane approval of a development in Ellenbrook. For anyone that lives in Ellenbrook, you'll know how crazy the Spudshed car park is now – especially with the gym there.

Early last year, approval was given by the Joint Development Assessment Panel for the construction of a two-story complex at Lot 8336 The Promenade, designed to act as a medical centre and a day care facility.

The proposed building, once completed, alone could eliminate 70 car bays but if you add use by workers and clients of the new centre – it's easily 100 bays gone.

I believe this facility cannot go-ahead, as there is no way there is any ability for parking to be appropriate for all the clients within the complex now plus with this new development.

I believe current occupants such as the gym, Spudshed and other businesses will see a decrease in business because of this development.

J Eaton Brabham

Thought for the day

"The only thing we know about the future is that it will be different."

– Peter Drucker

Social says...

JDAP approval overlooks groundwater issues

L Deering

It is not acceptable to build service stations near residents nor residential areas in Claremont on health grounds – proven research.

Yet it's acceptable in the City of Swan and by the state government?

Who and where is our local state representative?

Reducing environmental impacts is a high priority and protecting water ways an urgent matter across the state.

There is clearly a discrepancy if councillors on a panel do not represent the views of their constituents and in this case their entire council?

Who decides representation on these committees? Why have these councillors not followed through to represent their council views? Who are these two representing? Their

ward must feel totally safe.

A Parker

Ah yes, the NIMBYs are at it again.

Echo Newspaper, did you not think it relevant to mention that during the public consultation period, 40 submissions were received and only 11 of them were against the proposal while 28 were either supportive or conditionally supportive?

It seems like a better headline might be "Bullsbrook roadhouse receives majority support from locals"...

Unfinished Bassendean apartments to go

M Wills

Wanton destruction!

Hope they all get their money back without going penniless for years with court action and bugger all satisfaction!

K Jade

In the middle of housing crisis...

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Kookaburra Cinema future uncertain after storm

ANDREW WILLIAMS

THE Kookaburra Outdoor Cinema's season may end four months early due to severe damage it sustained in last week's storm.

Surrounded by bushland, the cinema, located near Mundaring Weir on Allen Road was mostly damaged by falling trees and debris.

The central support of the screen was snapped by one of the trees which resulted in the screen bulging forward in the centre. One of the property's biggest trees, the canopy of which made up for most of the shade for the outdoor cinema split and fell onto the

patio seating area.

Several other fallen trees around the property tore down the perimeter fencing and covered half of the car-park in the debris.

Hanging lights strung up amongst the trees were also downed and will need to be assessed by an electrician.

Owner Peter Foyster said reopening the cinema for the rest of the season depends on how damaged the screen is.

A building supervisor had come out for an initial inspection but due to safety issues around exposed electricity, as well as the danger still posed by

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The cinema's screen was built in the mid 1990s. Picture: Andrew Williams

Midland ED crisis

ANITA McINNES

THE AMA WA, which represents doctors across the state, has come out in support of Midland health workers who have blamed the state government for not being able to meet the demands placed on their emergency department.

AMA WA president Michael Page said he was aware of the concerns at St John of God Midland Public Hospital.

"They're not unique to Midland, in the sense that all of the hospitals remain under enormous pressure," he said.

Dr Page said the responsibility for fixing this problem lay with the state government and Treasury.

"The hospital is not big enough, and doesn't have enough inpatient beds," he said.

"There are routinely patients in the emergency department who have been admitted to the hospital but can't get out (of ED) because there are not enough beds in the hospital.

"That reduces the number of emergency department beds that are available for new ED patients drastically, which means patients wait in the waiting room or on the ramp in the ambulances.

"The doctors are burning out.

"The fact that they feel that it's necessary to blow the whistle to the media is very much a last resort of very frustrated and tired doctors.

"And they're frustrated with the government – they're not frustrated with the hospital.

"They're frustrated with the government because it is the government's responsibility to ensure that care is available across the metropolitan area."

Dr Page was echoing Liberal leader and Opposition Health spokeswoman Libby Mettam's criticism of the Cook Labor Government on January 21 when she said St John of God Midland Hospital was just one example of a health system on its knees and that there were many stories across different tertiary hospitals and from country hospitals as well.

In response to Ms Mettam's criticism
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Heritage listed tree destroyed



The DBCA is coordinating the fate of the English oak tree. Picture: Andrew Williams

ANDREW WILLIAMS

A HERITAGE listed English oak tree, which has stood tall for more than 150 years was another casualty of last week's storm which hit the Perth Hills.

Planted in what was to become Fred Jacoby Park in the Shire of Mundaring back in 1870, the English oak tree was believed to be the one largest of its kind in the state.

The storm on Tuesday, January 16, caused widespread damage across the Perth Hills and resulted in days of road closures and power outages due to fallen trees and debris.

News of the tree's damage spread in a Facebook post on the Perth Hills Chat Forum group, which at the time of writing had amassed more than 400 reactions and 120 comments showcasing outpouring of community grief at the loss.

Several commenters shared their wedding photos taken at the base of the mighty tree, while many more shared their own memories.

A Shire of Mundaring spokesperson said the tree had initially formed part of a vineyard and an orchard and was included in the shire's local heritage survey and heritage list due its historical significance.

"It is unfortunate that it was irrevocably damaged during the recent storm," she said.

"The shire recognises the tree was a valued community landmark," the spokesperson said.

The shire's heritage listing categorised the 154-year-old tree's level of significance as considerable, and "very important to the

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Red and Herne Hill nbn upgrade amongst first in the world

PETER W LEWIS

WORK has continued on upgrades to the nbn fixed wireless network in Red Hill and Herne Hill, benefiting households in the Swan region by providing access to faster speeds and extending the coverage of the nbn fixed wireless network.

The upgrade work is scheduled to begin in Red Hill and Herne Hill in the coming weeks.

The upgrades will see nbn use 4G technology and software enhancements and will be one of the first in the world to introduce 5G mmWave technology at this scale which is expected to deliver more coverage, minimise congestion and offer access to higher speed tiers on the nbn fixed wireless network.

The \$750 million investment in the nbn fixed wireless and nbn sky muster satellite network – \$480 million from the federal government and \$270 million from nbn – is on track to be completed by around December 2024.

When complete, the investment will expand the reach of the existing nbn fixed wireless footprint by up to 50 per cent, as well as enabling two new high speed fixed wireless plans – fixed wireless home fast and fixed wireless superfast.

Work has begun to enable the upgrades, including nbn introducing new technology and replacing some hardware on fixed wireless towers.

The tower upgrades will mean some planned outages may impact homes and businesses and their ability to use their nbn service while the work is underway and while all reasonable efforts will be taken there will be occasions where towers will need to be taken offline.

The tower works will not impact

nbn fixed line or nbn Sky Muster satellite services, and impacted homes and businesses should be notified of any outages via their retail service provider.

Nbn Local WA head Naomi Evans said “There is increasing demand for faster internet from homes and businesses across Australia and we are continuing to invest in the nbn network to stay ahead of demand.

“We are excited to have begun work upgrading the nbn fixed wireless network in Red Hill and Herne Hill, which will be a game changer for up to a million households and businesses across Australia.

“After the tower works are completed, we expect that faster download speeds during the busy period will become available across the nbn fixed wireless network.

“We are asking the community to prepare for these outages and have back up connectivity if they need it.

“We encourage people to check the nbn website and watch out for communication from their retail service provider about how the planned outages may impact them.”

More than 750,000 homes and businesses across Australia are intended to benefit from upgrades to the nbn fixed wireless network.

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Work due to commence on upgrades to the nbn at Red Hill and Herne Hill.

New bridges for Reid Highway

ANITA McINNES

SITE works for the Reid Highway interchanges project, which includes two new bridges over the highway, is expected to begin in the first half of 2024.

One new bridge on Reid Highway will be over the Altone Road intersection, with connectivity between Altone Road and Reid Highway to be maintained via entry and exit ramps and roundabouts.

The second new bridge over Reid Highway will connect Drumpellier Drive with Daviot Road and have entry and exit ramps onto Reid Highway.

The \$225 million project includes modifications to Reid Highway from Altone Road to Arthur Street to support the new interchanges.

There will also be modifications made to the existing Tattler Way roundabout to provide south-bound left in-left out access to the residential area.

Main Roads WA said the earthworks happening on the left-hand side of Reid Highway and Drumpellier Drive, between the highway and the noise wall of the estate that can be accessed by Luminous Boulevard, were for a private residen-

tial development being undertaken by Mirvac and unrelated to their project.

A principal shared path (PSP) bridge for cyclists and pedestrians passing over the Altone Road on ramp and new PSP underpasses beneath the Altone Road off ramp and Daviot Road will be built as part of the project.

Main Roads WA said the changes would provide an uninterrupted path network from West Swan Road to Malaga Drive.

Additional noise and screening walls in various locations along Reid Highway are also included in the project which is expected to be finished in early 2026.

A Main Roads WA spokeswoman said due to the scale and complexity of the project, there was likely to be some disruption to traffic on Reid Highway during construction.

“This could include intermittent speed reductions, lane closures and detours,” she said.

“The impacts to the existing road network will be carefully considered by our contractor in its construction management planning and communicated to the community and road users in advance of any works taking place.”

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Georgia Bolden and Mark Norton lost their home in the Parkerville bushfire last month. Picture: Andrew Williams

Rates waived for bushfire victims

ANDREW WILLIAMS

IN a unanimous decision the Shire of Mundaring has voted to waive the rate payments for those affected by last month's Parkerville bushfire.

On Tuesday, January 23, at its ordinary council meeting a motion was put to council that the shire waive the rates and waste service charges for the four properties significantly damaged by the Parkerville bushfire and allow a concession on those rates from December 21, 2023, to June 30, 2024. This was estimated at \$6190.

The motion also included waiving any shire fees relating to planning approvals, building permits, demolition permits and septic tank licences for the properties.

Councillor Doug Jeans made a point that the rebuilding process will take much longer than six months and discussion then arose around extending the concession.

The council agreed that when budget considerations were to be made for the next financial year, extending the concession for the families will be a priority.

Georgia Bolden and her partner Mark Norton are one of these families. They lost their home and all their belongings in a matter of minutes on the morning of December 21 last year.

In a life-threatening scenario Mr Norton was deftly able to hitch his caravan and exit the property just

as the flames spread over its boundary.

"It was part of our fire plan, so if there is smoke or an impending fire the first thing we do is get the van out," Ms Bolden said.

"By the time the fire was here I knew the house was going to go because the wind was blowing 40km this way and everything the other way was on fire, so it was just a matter of time," Mr Norton said.

The couple now intend to repurpose their garage, the only structure to remain unscathed, into a living space while they plan their next move.

"People contacted us originally offering things. But, at first you can't accept anything because there's nowhere to put it," he said.

They said they're incredibly grateful for the huge amount of help and support they have received from the community, including government relief funds, and donations of food, clothing, and toiletries.

"We are getting bits of relief and help from all different places which is amazing because it really is helping us," Ms Bolden said.

Family, friends, and strangers even raised more than \$15,000 for the couple on the GoFundMe platform.

"It sounds like it's a lot of money but it's not really when you're starting from nothing and working up again," Ms Bolden said.

"Buying food, bedding, pillows, clothes, it's all those little things that add up."

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Midland and Woodbridge residents Jay Allberry, Amelia Odquin, Louise Stinton, Maureen Bryson, Alex Bryson want the Helena Street pedestrian crossing to stay. Picture: Gera Kazakov

Residents feeling double-crossed

GERA KAZAKOV

WITH construction of the Cale Street level crossing underway, Woodbridge residents on the Yelverton Road side of the train tracks are unhappy with the alternative pedestrian routes proposed once the Helena Street level crossing shuts.

After the Cale Street level crossing is completed the Helena Street level crossing will be removed, leaving residents with the option to cross the tracks at Cale Street or detour back to the Morrison Road level crossing.

Alternative pedestrian access via a 24/7 pedestrian overpass will also provide another option to cross the tracks – once it's completed in 2025 as part of Metronet's Midland station development.

In the meantime, Midland resident Amelia Odquin worries about how the elderly will be able to cross the tracks once the Helena Street level crossing shuts.

"I think it's probably better to have pedestrian access in a way that it's closer to their homes because you don't want to be making elderly people walk all that way (to Cale Street), especially during summer

or when it's really cold in winter," she said.

"I personally think that they could have thought this out better and taken the actual residents of this area into consideration more."

Woodbridge Residents Association president Lynn Deering also wants more clarity on pedestrian access at Helena Street due to how busy the crossing is.

"We would like to see this addressed – is it going to close or is it going to be open, and what are the reasons behind its closure?" she said.

"We welcome the new station, we welcome the overpass and the escalators and the lifts that give us newfound access, but we don't want to see our community so withdrawn from access, not informed, and not considered, and that's really what's coming through now – we're not being considered."

"So, we ask Metronet, come back to our community and actually set up a better process and keep us informed, and also take our feedback on board – don't do a street-by-street consultation, because we're a community, not a street."

The PTA said the Cale Street level crossing will be the only alternative during construction.



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Alleged saddle swindler now under investigation

GERA KAZAKOV

POLICE are investigating complaints regarding a Perth metropolitan saddle consignment dealer allegedly withholding funds from saddle sales.

WA Police said they have received a number of complaints from members of the public in relation to the sale of their horse saddles via a company advertising their sales services online.

"The complaints generally relate to the complainant not receiving the proceeds from the sale of their saddle."

*Tanya (not her real name) believes she may be a victim, as she engaged with a saddle consignment dealer last March to sell a saddle.

"It was a very good saddle valued at around \$2000 and I wanted \$1200 for it, but as it had not sold by May and I needed money to look for a new saddle, I asked to drop the price and said that I wanted \$900 in my hand," she said.

Tanya said she first became concerned at the end of June when her phone calls and messages to the dealer went unanswered.

She said when she finally received correspondence from them at the end of November, it was only excuses as to why Tanya couldn't be paid the money



owed from the sale of her saddle.

Tanya said she was then contacted by a buyer who said they paid \$1750 for her saddle – which she believes was sold in June – meaning that Tanya is owed \$1365 after the dealer takes the 22 per cent commission from the sale.

To this day, Tanya said she still has not received any money from the sale.

A Consumer Protection spokesperson said that due to confidentiality obligations they are unable to provide details about complaints received or investigations which are underway into a particular business.

"Under Australian consumer law, traders must supply goods

or services in a reasonable time, or by completion date listed on the contract," they said.

"If the trader is unable to supply the goods or services, the consumer may be able to cancel the contract for a refund and return of the goods."

The Consumer Protection spokesperson urged consumers and traders to resolve issues together in the first instance, but if an acceptable outcome is unable to be reached, consumers can lodge a complaint with them so that they may investigate further.

The police spokesperson said anyone with a similar experience attempting to sell their saddle was encouraged to report the matter to police.

Stoneville resident among 40 to receive Oz Day citizenship

THERE'S not much New Zealand and Australia don't have in common, but for one New Zealand national, strengthening the Anzac bond and feeling more a part of his family will be significant on Australia Day.

Stoneville resident Cameron Riley will be one of 40 Shire of Mundaring residents who will receive their citizenship on Australia Day, following an 18-month process to citizenship.

Mr Riley said that since moving to Australia from New Zealand he has felt nothing but great mateship and welcome.

"Australia and New Zealand have for a long time held a strong bond," he said.

"To receive my citizenship also means being a part of a family and not just the big Australian one."

"My wife and children are Australian so for me I feel more a part of my own family."

"As I continue on with dual citizenship, I look forward to strengthening friendships and the Anzac spirit between us as well as being able to pick and choose my sports teams."

Mr Riley first immigrated to Australia in 2008 when he moved to Townsville to further his pilot's career.

In 2014, he and his wife moved to Greenmount before starting their family and moving to Stoneville to enjoy the space and freedom of the hills.

"It's a simpler old school way of life up here," he said.

"The kids can run off outside and just disappear and we have chickens and bees keeping us busy. Readily on display in my backyard there are bandicoots and parrots of every description."

"Getting out to the lake, the



Cameron Riley, is one of 40 Shire of Mundaring residents who will receive their citizenship on Australia Day.

trails or the pubs is so easy with everything so close by.

"We have made some amazing friendships up here in the hills and I love that you always bump into people you know at the local shops."

"Mundaring has a great small community vibe and most days it just feels like I have left my problems at the bottom of the hill."

Along with five other New Zealand nationals, this year's conferring residents have come from Brazil, Italy, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.

Shire President Paige McNeil said she welcomed the shire's newest citizens.

"Congratulations to our 40 conferring residents," she said.

"We are thrilled that you have

chosen our much-loved Shire of Mundaring as your new home.

"We take pride in the diversity that defines our hills community, where a rich tapestry of cultures and heritage weaves together to create a truly unique and vibrant identity."

As part of the citizenship ceremony, the shire will recognise and celebrate the significant contribution of volunteers on community life and active citizenship through awarding the annual shire citizenship awards.

Each quarter, the shire holds citizenship ceremonies on behalf of the Department of Home Affairs.

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Illegal dumping in Caversham.

THE company which owns a set of charity bins in Caversham says unprecedented amounts of illegal dumping is the cause of excessive build-up of rubbish in front of their bins.

The bins in question are on Waldeck Road in Caversham and are run by E'Co Australia Pty Ltd, who said that Caversham was not the only site experiencing dumping.

"We are seeing unprecedented amounts of illegal dumping all over the metro area made worse

by individuals who are raiding the bins by pulling out the clothing and just leaving it on the ground," a spokesperson for the company said.

"E'co are taking radical steps to stop this anti-social behaviour and it is costing a lot of money to do so."

City of Swan deputy mayor Ian Johnson said the city had been in contact with E'Co, who have conducted a clean-up of the site.

"The city has limited control in the management of these bins

as they are on private land," he said.

"While we have received some complaints over the holiday period, it is ultimately up to the operator of the bins to keep the area tidy.

"We encourage people to be considerate of the community when choosing what items to donate and where to donate them.

"Illegal dumping, including near donation bins, is an offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1986."



Artist's impression of the new screen production facility.

New \$233m Malaga screen production facility jobs boost

HUNDREDS of local jobs will be created by construction of Western Australia's new screen production facility, which commenced last week at the site on Marshall Road, near the Malaga Metronet station precinct.

The state government confirmed Home Fire will build the facility, with doors to open to host the first production in 2026.

The facility will support the government's investment in the state's creative industries to diversify the economy, enabling Western Australia to become a larger screen industry player, grow local productions and attract more major projects.

The state will invest \$233.5 million to construct the facility, with approximately 600 local direct and indirect new jobs to be created during its construction.

The facility will include four purpose-built sound stages and other onsite screen production facilities such as production offices, an art department and wardrobe, workshops, a backlot, parking and set storage.

Once completed the facility will

help WA attract more of the \$2 billion spent annually on national and international productions in Australia.

A problem and opportunity statement for delivery and operation of a screen production facility was released in an open market process by the state government under the market-led proposals policy, with Home Fire selected as the preferred proponent.

Premier Roger Cook said WA is already seeing a return on the government's production attraction incentive investment, with filming of major high-quality productions like The Twelve in York, The Surfer and We Bury the Dead creating new local jobs opportunities, enabling skill development and showing off our state.

"Backing WA's film and television industry is a critical part of our plan to diversify our economy and set our state up for the long term.

"My government is committed to providing WA's screen industry with a production facility, and the commencement of construction last week cements our important election commitment."

Amaroo helps out during outage

ANDREW WILLIAMS

ONE piece of good news to come out of last week's storm was the generosity of Amaroo retreat and spa, which let people in when everything went out.

The Mount Helena get away's back-up generators, designed to keep the business running during such weather events, provided families in need with a much-needed reprieve during the long-lasting power outage.

In addition to this, Amaroo also offered free

drinks to all emergency services, SES, Western Power workers, and volunteers who were working on getting things back online.

Amaroo Retreat and Spa owner and director Kirstin Westerman said if you were in a position where you could support or provide services, they should be made available to the community.

"It's just a natural instinct to provide goods and services to those who don't have them," she said.

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Call for another pedestrian crossing on Canning Road

GERA KAZAKOV

ONE Kalamunda resident is gauging community perception on potentially installing another pedestrian crossing on Canning Road in front of the Kalamunda Glades shopping centre.

Chris Jones, who lives on the western side of Canning Road, frequently likes to walk to the shopping centre to get his groceries but believes that crossing Canning Road can be a nightmare most days.

"I love the fact that I can walk eight minutes up to the shops, buy my milk, bread, kebab, beer – whatever I need, but what's kind of hectic is when I have to wait up to five minutes for the traffic to clear just so I can safely cross the road," he said.

Mr Jones also believes that out the front of the shopping centre, most of the infrastructure for a pedestrian crossing is already there, which has led him to create a survey to gauge the community perception on the idea.

"I'm looking at the landscape going 'I think there's room for a pedestrian crossing' – whether it's a zebra crossing, or a signalled crossing, or a wombat crossing (where they raise it up

a bit) – just something to slow the traffic down to a stop when someone's crossing the road," he said.

Mr Jones said he has already received a dozen responses to his survey, with all but one in favour of the idea.

Alongside letterbox dropping, he has put flyers up on Canning Road with a link to complete the survey, and he then plans to present the results to Main

Roads WA and the City of Kalamunda.

Nightingales Pharmacy owner Michael Norden, who's shop is in the shopping centre, said while he hasn't heard of many accidents out the front of Kalamunda Glades, a pedestrian crossing on Canning Road could be helpful.

"We are seeing it work quite well down the bottom of (Canning Road)," he said.



Chris Jones next to his survey flyer on Canning Road.

Power back but incident control centre still waits

GERA KAZAKOV

MORE than 700 Western Power workers from all depots have helped restore power to those who experienced week-long or ongoing outages.

Western Power acting chief executive officer Jacqui Hall said that repair work involved replacing 220 poles, 21km of conductors, and 25 transformers in the network in Perth Hills through to the Wheatbelt extending to Wongan Hills.

"In the Wheatbelt alone there were 142 poles damaged and repair work required 10,000 asset patrols," she said.

"What the numbers don't show is the size of the network and the distances crews must travel with equipment and machinery."

The power outage affected many in the hills, including Hasluck MHR Tania Lawrence, who said she lost power to her place in Mundaring for a few days.

Days before the 2022 federal election, Ms Lawrence and Burt MHR Matt Keogh jointly announced a \$3 million investment into disaster readiness and mobile connectivity for Perth Hills communities in Hasluck.

The \$3 million commitment included a \$1.25 million incident response and communication failover centre for the Shire of Mundaring, and \$1.75 million to increase mobile coverage in Herne Hill, Brigadoon, and North Stoneville.

Ms Lawrence said the commonwealth was continuing to work with the WA government to deliver the incident control centre for Hasluck and the Perth Hills.

"We are committed to the delivery of this project in a way that best serves the needs of the Hasluck electorate and reflects the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' operational needs," she said.

"Agreements of this nature take time to finalise, but this was required to ensure strong transparency and governance, and I am pleased that this process is now well underway."

Ms Lawrence also said that telecommunication upgrade works in Brigadoon were likely to be completed this year, while the Stoneville upgrade is within the \$37.2 million improving mobile coverage round grant, with the new mobile base station in Stoneville subject to local planning approvals.

"I will continue to work with the ministers and network operators to secure appropriate funding to undertake the required upgrades in Herne Hill," she said.

Western Power's extended outage payment has been increased from \$120 to \$240, with those who experienced an outage for longer than 12 hours eligible.

To make a claim visit <https://www.westernpower.com.au/issues-enquiries/make-a-claim/extend-ed-outage/>



eye on crime



Man charged over Bassendean assault

KIARA Police have charged a 33-year-old Langford man with one count of aggravated assault occasioning bodily harm and one count of common assault after he allegedly struck an 85-year-old man in Bayswater on 30 August 2023.

He appeared before the Perth Magistrates Court on Tuesday, January 23 where he was remanded in custody, and he will next appear in the Perth Magistrates court on February 16.

It is alleged that at about 10am, the victim – an 85-year-old man – was walking along Ida Street when he observed two men fighting on the corner of Carman Way and Ida Street, next to a white ute.

A short time later, one of the men approached the victim outside a nearby supermarket and punched him in the jaw.

As a result of the assault, victim received cuts and bruising to the inside of his mouth.

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



Market could go up, or down, or stay the same, according to finance expert



'It's been a big year for numbers, with the usual trends going upwards, downwards and even sideways'
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green numbers and less red ones. Reports indicate an
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It's been a big year for numbers, with the usual trends
riveting report on the growth of grass, which experts anticipate will be green.

Call to preserve home built for the Coopers in 1897



Francesca and Patrick Irwin from the Midland Society, outside the home, which is considered a good example of a late 19th century villa. Picture: Anita McInnes

ANITA McINNES

THERE are some concerns a home built in 1897 for one of the first engine drivers for the Midland Railway Company could face the same fate as the former Swan Districts Senior Citizens Centre, which has been demolished due to the implementation of the Midland Oval redevelopment masterplan.

No details about the architect or builder of 29 The Crescent are available.

But the Midland Society said research showed the home was built for Arthur Cooper, whose father was sent from England by the Midland Railway Company to be the constructing engineer and later first manager of that company's line in Western Australia and from this fact Midland Junction derived its name.

When the home was built the only residential buildings in the town were some terraces on Byers Road, William Street and North Street.

According to information on the City of Swan's New Junction website the home is a good representative of a villa of the late 19th century designed to a style and scale to meet the needs and aspirations of middle-class residents such as public servants, small business owners, skilled tradesmen and single-widowed women of private means.

"This place has aesthetic value as a good repre-

sentative example of the application of the materials and details of the Federation Queen Anne style in the late 19th century," the statement of significance said.

The statement also said the home was significant for its association with the rapid development of Midland in the late 19th and early 20th century and its association with prominent community member Arthur Cooper and his family.

"Arthur Cooper was a founding member of the Engine-drivers, Firemen and Cleaners Association and secretary for 24 years.

"He was described as a 'thorough unionist' and at the same time was a provincial grand director of ceremonies for the Masons."

The Midland Society said it wanted the City of Swan to "wake up" and appreciate the heritage assets remaining in Midland before it was too late.

The old Cooper home does appear to have been nominated as a property for review on the indicative map on the city's local heritage survey review on Swan Engage.

According to the website the local heritage survey review recognises and records places of potential cultural heritage significance, allowing better understanding of the places contributory to the history of the City of Swan.

Places that are considered of high cultural heritage significance may warrant inclusion on the city's heritage list.

Naming debate for new federal seat in Perth's east

GERA KAZAKOV

DEBATE on the additional federal seat proposed for WA continues – with the Liberals identifying an early consensus that the new seat should be in Perth's eastern suburbs.

In *New federal seat proposed for Perth's east* (Echo News, December 1, 2023) both the Liberal and the Labor party had proposed to shrink Hasluck and create a new electorate in Perth's eastern suburbs.

Labor said their new Hasluck contained the Swan Valley region in its entirety, whereas the Liberal proposal will split the region.

"In the Liberal submission, the proposed new division includes localities such as Forrestfield and Maddington which are under 20km from the Perth CBD, along with localities such as York and Beverley which are 90 to 100km from the Perth CBD," the Labor comments state.

The Liberals said that within the eight state-wide submissions there is a clear consensus that the new seat should be placed in Perth's eastern fringe, stating that Labor's

proposal has "the awkward effect of leaving the metropolitan suburb of Bullsbrook within the vast regional-based division of Durack and avoiding any retreat of this division from near-metropolitan local government areas."

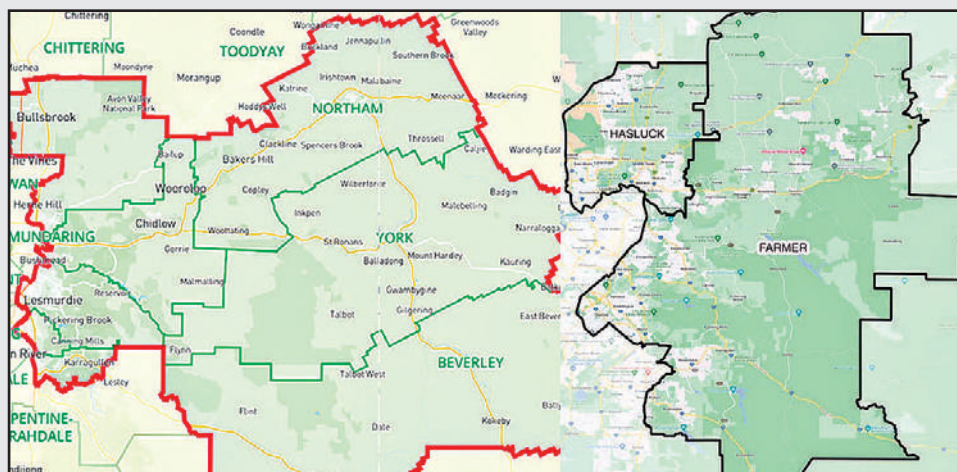
The Liberals were against the new division being named after Graham 'Polly' Farmer as he has already been recognised with the Graham Farmer Freeway.

"Indeed, it could be argued that this freeway looms larger in public consciousness than does the name of a federal parliamentary division," the Liberals comments state.

Former Labor parliamentarian and founding board member of the Polly Farmer Foundation Ron Edwards wanted the new district to be named Farmer, stating the footballer's hard work both on and off the field deserved an electorate named in his honour.

"Farmer didn't just make the game of AFL better, he has made the future outlook for young Aboriginal people across Australia absolutely better," Mr Edwards said in his comments.

"For these reasons he deserves to be hon-



Left: Liberal's proposed seat of Court. Right: Labors propoed seat of Farmer.

oured with a federal electorate named after him."

The Liberal comments said that the new seat could be named after other Western Australians who served in parliament such as former Labor MP Mary Holman or former Wheatbelt senator Peter Walsh.

"These suggestions would merit serious consideration should the name Court not be adopted for the 16th division," the Liberal's submission comments state.

The Australian Electoral Commission's proposed redistribution report is scheduled for release in the second quarter of this year.

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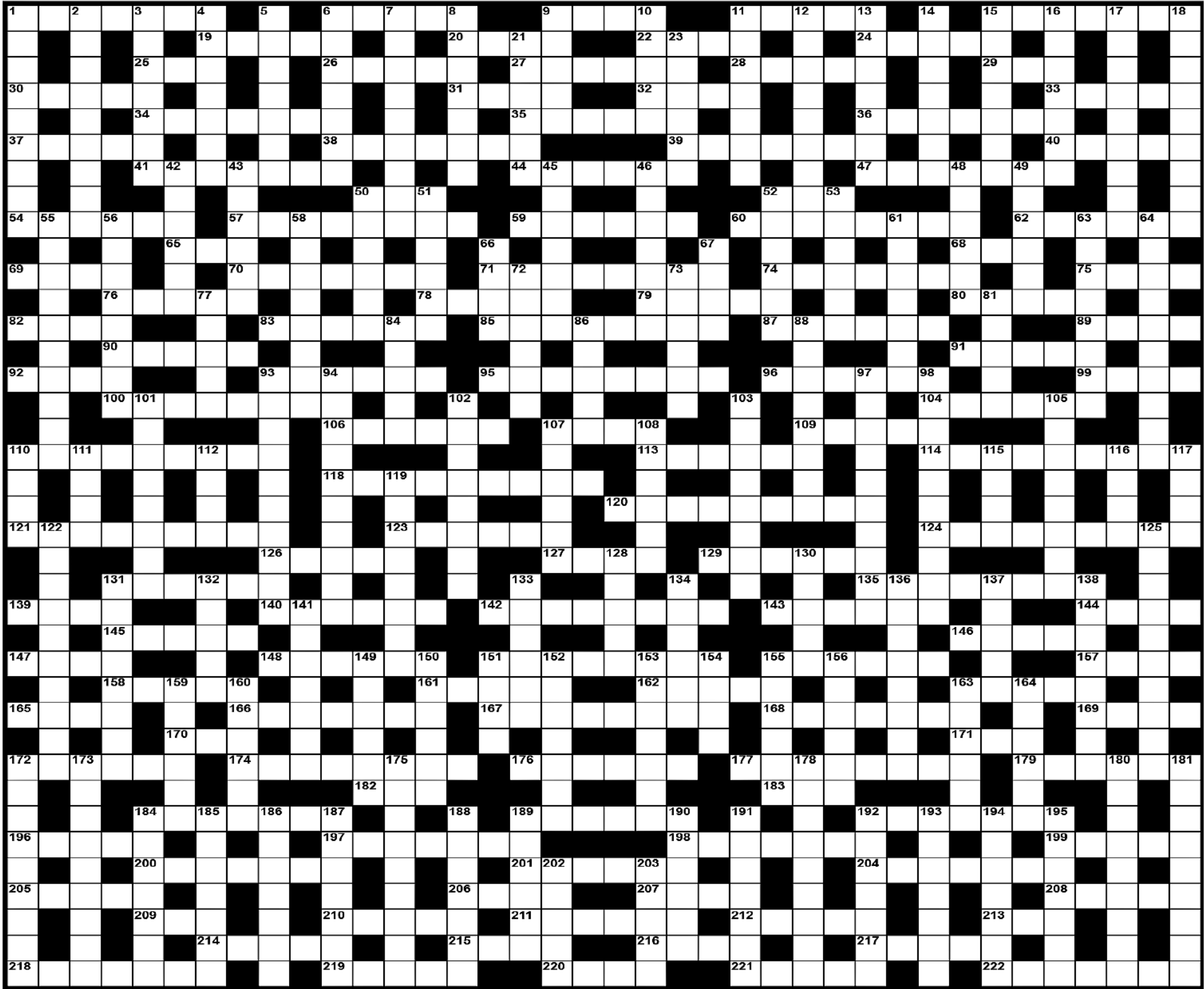
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Mind Boggler Crossword

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ACROSS																			
1	Famous Falls	70	Wild asses	144	Shipping hazard	211	On the water	51	Japanese entertainer	131	Access road	172	Paperbark						
6	Sketch	71	Adjustable	145	Weasel-like mammal	212	Roof repairer	52	Mohair	132	Claw	173	High-principled						
9	Droops	74	Directed	146	Aphorism	213	Aviator, Charles ...	53	Sewing implement	133	Money repaid	175	Paper shop						
11	Examine the books	75	Curve	147	Successful	214	Expressive motion to music	55	Accountant	134	Fails to hit	178	Youngsters						
15	Disgrace	76	Plant substance	148	Australian movie	215	Renowned model	56	Extra hours	136	Define precisely	180	Notary (arch)						
19	Elk	78	Distance walker	149	Auction buyer	216	Labyrinth	58	Candle maker	137	Buck-jumping show	181	Stuntman						
20	Countenance	79	More recent	151	Obvious	217	Carries	61	Arbour	138	Long ditches	184	Sexual arousal						
22	First man	80	Was completed	155	Bell-shaped flowers	218	Takes for granted	63	Cushion for the head	141	Stumbled	185	Surpasses						
24	Sports enclosure	82	Parody	157	Music symbol	219	Devil	64	Renumeration	149	Serious plays	186	Stupid						
25	PNG town	83	Ukraine seaport	158	Intends	220	Curved bones	66	Forgery	150	Lower in price	187	Wrestles						
26	Walks back and forth	85	Fencers	161	Topmost class	221	Writing tables	67	Stitches	151	Bearing	188	Irish girl						
27	Imperturbable	87	Good server can ... (3,3)	162	Dog's lead	222	Plant support	72	Position troops	152	Apprehensive	189	Stellar						
28	More pleasant	89	Sloping surface	163	Of sound waves	DOWN													
29	Crazy	90	Perfect	165	Wait	1	Homesickness	77	Silly	153	Make higher	190	Former Spanish currency						
30	Commerce	91	Frighten	166	Praise	2	Fish ponds	81	Small cuts	154	Assignment	191	Lifted high						
31	Location	92	Paper quantity	167	Weirdness	3	Sensitivity	84	Revolving tray, lazy ...	155	Palpitates	192	Armed guards						
32	Atoll	93	Enjoy	168	Practical person	4	United States of ...	86	Endow with a quality	156	Heavy	193	Perfectionists						
33	Speak lengthily	95	Open car	169	Cure	5	Leguminous plant	88	Most economical	159	Petition	194	Coat with gems						
34	Canberra NRL team	96	Pleasant	170	For each	6	Ousted	93	Tirelessly persistent	160	Woman's knotted garment	195	Wise king						
35	Mountainous	99	Stalk	171	Intention	7	Commendations	94	Boring	163	Distance runner	202	Speak of						
36	Tympanic membrane	100	And so on (2,6)	172	European shrub	8	Tufts of threads	97	Not intended	164	Rain cloud	203	Sides						
37	Reclining	104	Demand	174	Weaponry	9	Modified iron	101	Transport vehicle station	Crossword Solution 1150 from 19 January, 2024									
38	Shoulder piece	106	Cagebird	176	Of the back	10	Smooth fabric	102	Man-made object										
39	Toothed wheel	107	Female birds	177	Servilely	11	Reprieve	103	Beautifying										
40	Rod-shaped bacillus (1,4)	109	Hickory-tree nut	179	Ordered around	12	Sausage dog	105	Dieters										
41	Longed for	110	Beget offspring	182	Observe	13	Objectives	107	Lodging house										
44	Exertion	113	Pure	183	Solar body	14	Withdraws	108	Parts of plays										
47	Court sitting	114	Gave pleasure	184	Gracefully refined	15	Japanese warrior	110	Unsuallied										
50	Spigot	118	Thief	189	Dozing	16	Belly	111	Large trees										
52	Girl's name	120	Withdraw a sword	192	Articulate	17	Unprincipled agitator	112	Opposed to										
54	Take in	121	Necessary	196	Shudder at	18	African parrots	115	Operatic song										
57	Ill-omened	123	Wall ornament	197	Removes cork	21	Landed property	116	Up against										
59	Welcome	124	Wrongly blamed person	198	Runaway lovers	23	Abandon	117	Song for two										
60	Below average (5,3)	126	Go in	199	Oily fruit	42	Smouldering remains	119	Postponement										
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Kookaburra Cinema future uncertain

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the damaged tree, they could not confirm the severity of the screen's damage.

Mr Foyster said he will know more about the future of the cinema next week after the required tradespeople assess and begin the clean-up process.

"I'm working about a week ahead until I know what the outcome is going to be. I issued refunds for last weekend and cancelled and issued refunds for this weekend too.

"A steel worker will need to assess the structural integrity of the screen. He (the building supervisor) did say if they decided the screen couldn't be repaired then that would be the end of the season, and it would be very expensive to replace the screen," he said.

The former public servant had bought the Kookaburra Outdoor Cinema in 2015 from his friend and previous owner Lindsay Morris, who built the screen back in the mid 1990s.

He said he was blown away by the amount of support he has received from the community.

"I can't believe it, I've had emails, texts, even phone calls, and heaps and heaps of messages on the Facebook page of people offering their help," he said.

Mr Foyster, 75, had planned on finding new owners for the business but had hoped it would be able to make it to the end of the season in April.

"It's just too much, I used to come here earlier in the morning to do stuff, but I can't go for more than an hour or so without having to rest.

"I'd love to be able to restore it and hopefully someone could take over," he said.

Midland ED crisis

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Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson said it was best to contact the hospital directly about the health workers claims.

Jane Brook resident Genna, who did not want her surname published, said when they took their asthmatic two-year-old son to Midland hospital he was treated straight away as he was passing out but even though doctors said he should have stayed in for observation they were told that was not possible as there were not enough beds.

On Wednesday afternoon St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospitals chief executive officer Paul Dyer told Echo News that from December 27 through until January 23, the hospital had called and stood down a code yellow (capacity) six times.

"It is important to note that January, particularly the Christmas and New Year period is historically one of the busiest times of the year for public emergency departments," he said.

On January 19 St John of God Health Care announced a new standalone private hospital would be built about 300m from the current hospital campus.

The McGowan government's 2023-24 Budget included \$81.1 million in 2026-27 to expand public services at St John of God Midland Public Hospital through the purchase of 60 beds and three operating rooms.

Heritage listed tree destroyed

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heritage of the locality".

The expectations of such are that "any alterations or extensions should minimise impacts on the original site or building and reinforce the significance of the place."

However, as the tree was located in Fred Jacoby Park, what happens next is under the management of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

A DBCA spokesperson confirmed the department was coordinating the removal of the tree fall, with the intention to repurpose the wood.

"Further planning is underway to commemorate the oak tree by utilising the wood within the national park and developing the accompanying interpretive material," the spokesperson said.

Rates waived for bushfire victims

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"You can get bitter but that doesn't help. You have to progress, or you go backwards. We're alright, we're healthy, and we have each other," Mr Norton said.

"We don't know what's going to come next. And that's okay," he added.

They were also thankful for the work the firefighters and emergency services did in controlling the fire.

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DATE: Sunday 18 February 2024 at 5.30pm.

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- Acceptance of 2023 AGM Minutes,
- Treasurer's Financial Statement & Auditor's Report
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CHRIS PIKE

CHANGE is a reality in between any WAFL season but excitement is building at Swan Districts for 2024 on the back of new additions that include two reigning state league fairest and best winners, and some exciting new and returning talent.

Jake Pasini, Nik Rokahr, Jye Chalcraft, Leigh Kohlmann, Bryce Watson, Tom Panuccio, Mitch Roche will be the new faces donning a Swan Districts guernsey for 2024, while Tobe Watson, Chris Jones, Sam Fisher, Ryan Kemp, and Jesse Palmer are out.

Lawson Humphries and Riley Hardeman are also out, but will be travelling into the national league, having both been drafted at the end of last year.

No stone is being left unturned at Swan Districts to make the 2024 season a successful one given how competitive the team was able to be in 2023 despite a frustrating string of tight losses early, and then a horror run with injury.

That will mean that players like Will Collins, Seb Bright, Brandon

Erceg and Brad Lynch, will be almost like new recruits given the significant periods they missed in 2023, but then there are plenty of new and exciting faces jumping on board at Swans as well.

The new recruits include the return of Jake Pasini after four years at Port Adelaide while reigning fairest and best winners at their respective SANFL and VFL clubs, Nik Rokahr and Jye Chalcraft, bring immediate quality to the mid-field at Swan Districts.

Tom Panuccio and Mitch Roche are two more Victorian recruits on board as well while Leigh Kohlmann makes his return and Bryce Watson is also back after playing two league games back in 2022.

Also returning to Swan Districts is Bryce Watson with the Gingin product starting his career at Swans in the colts before breaking through to make his league debut in 2022, and now the 20-year-old will be looking to build on that further in 2024.

Sam Fisher departs Swan Districts after four seasons which saw the prime on-baller rack up 47 matches including a stunning first



Swan Districts has some new recruits from over east while some familiar faces will join the big leagues this year. Picture: Blake Parry

season in 2020 that saw him win the Sandover Medal.

Chris Jones is another player who will be returning home to Victoria in 2024 after being co-captain alongside Brandon Erceg in 2023. He started out as a terrific key defender with his intercept marking a standout in his first season in 2021.

He was moved forward in 2022 and went on to kick 52 goals across

the past two seasons but due to family he will return home to Victoria.

Tobe Watson is a Swan Districts product through and through who has played some tremendous football at the club since leaving Fremantle, but he will be moving with partner Anthea to Victoria in 2024 and playing in the VFL at Port Melbourne.

Jesse Palmer came to Swan Dis-

tricts on the back of his time in the AFL at Port Adelaide and has kicked 85 goals in his 51 games over the past three seasons, but he too will be heading home in 2024.

Ryan Kemp has played some handy football as a hard running half-forward the past two seasons with Swan Districts as well but he has moved to Adelaide to be with his partner.

One-day wins for Midland Guildford



Shay Manolini with Lauren Moore at the crease.

JOSHUA MCKENZIE

THE attention was on the one-day matches by the Midland Guildford Cricket Club female and junior male sides as the senior male sides began their two-day fixtures over the weekend.

The female A grade secured their second victory in the 50 over format so far this season with a closely contested three wicket win over Subiaco Floreat.

The wickets were evenly spread amongst the various bowlers used with Ashlee King being the standout, taking three wickets for just 18 runs off 6.4 overs, as Makayla Hendry and captain Shay Manolini both took two wickets each as well.

This effort in the field dismissed their opponents for 151, with the side chasing down the target with three wickets and 17 overs to spare.

Kelsi Brennan top scored with 37 runs off 43 balls, while Morgan Pires (24 off 43) and Manolini (22 off 36) also making key contributions towards the chase.

It was a far more comfortable win for the female B grade who pick up their first points in the one-day stage of the season after beating Perth by six wickets.

After electing to bowl first, they dismissed their opponents for a total of just 74 runs with Sophie Brown taking 3-19 off eight overs.

Maddison Briggs was the only other bowler with multiple wickets, taking two wickets for just five runs off four overs.

Emily Allen (23 off 39) and Justine Hayward-Janney (27 off 28) were the top scorers in the run chase which saw the side finish with 25.1 overs to spare and with six wickets in hand.

In the female U17 match against Perth, it was another strong bowling performance that paved the way for a dominant win.

Kaitlyn Magistro was the star with the ball as she took four wickets for 17 runs off 5.2 overs. Abby Howes and Sharna Abbott both took two wickets as well in a solid display from the entire team which saw their opponents bowled out for just 84 runs.

During the run chase, Magistro was also the highest scorer with 21 off 42, while Tiffany Exell and Madison King both finished not out on 19 and 17 respectively – resulting in a straightforward five wicket victory with 17.2 overs to spare.

The male U14 enjoyed a thumping vic-

tory over Mount Lawley after their bowlers ripped through the opposition top order leaving them 6-27 and later 8-52, before a recovery saw them bowled out for 107.

Aravind Anoop was the leading wicket taker with three wickets for just eight runs off 6.1 overs – with four of those maidens.

The clinical display with the bat was led by captain Mohit Malviya who scored his maiden century for the club with 107 off 112.

Hamish Saunders (43 off 77) and Cooper Forsyth (63 not out from 84) also made valuable contributions during the run chase, helping the side finish on 2-248 from their 50 overs.

The male U13 also pulled off a successful run chase for Midland Guildford in their match against Mt Lawley.

Jak Reekie took 3-9 off six overs as the side restricted their opponents to 7-132.

Kyle Taylor was the star with the bat – he scored 70 runs off 81 balls to propel the team to victory.

In response to the target of 133, the side would finish with 4-171 off their 40 overs to win the match and put themselves in a strong position with one match remaining before finals.

Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk



"A Hosing Down"

The other day we were looking after my youngest daughter and her husband's four children. We were in the backyard looking at this mother hen with her seven chicks, when one of our grandkids brought out the hose to fill up the water bowl. It didn't take long before water was sprayed everywhere, and a muddy puddle formed outside the chook pen.

Seeing the black muddy puddle, our two-year-old granddaughter decided to jump into it; even managing a bottom landing as well. She then grabbed some mud in her hands, clapped them together, spraying mud all over her face. Our five-year-old grandson decided to join her, and then our eight-year-old twin granddaughters. And me – I just watched in amusement!

Covered in mud, there was no way they were coming into the house. So, I grabbed the hose and gave them a good hosing down. They loved it! Now they were clean to enter.

We need a hosing down too. It's not to clean us from physical dirt, but to clean us from our spiritual dirt – the wrong things we have done. Without a hosing down we cannot enter the eternal home we call heaven.

Praise God that His Son Jesus died for us on a cross, bearing the penalty of our sins, so that we can be washed clean of them when we turn to Jesus and ask Him to forgive us. How good it is to be clean and to know we can enter heaven.

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Upcoming Events

- **The Kalamunda Ladies Probus Club** meets at 10am on the second Thursday of each month. The club has moved and meetings from February 2024 will now be held at the Kalamunda RSL Club, 35 Canning Road, Kalamunda (two doors from Dome) at 9.30am for 10am start time. They have a guest speaker at each meeting and a monthly bus outing to different interesting places. Social club members meet for coffee monthly and lunch also monthly at different venues in the area. Probus is a social club for retirees who enjoy life. For further enquiries call secretary Trish on 0468 309 823 or membership officer Juliette on 9293 4438.

- **Kalamunda Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Falls Farm, 41 Cagney Way Lesmurdie from 10am-1pm. For more information call Roy 9295 2522 or Ray 0427 095 892.
- **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.

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Stone cold classic in Darlington near parks

THIS quaint and cosy two-story weatherboard home is dubbed ‘Stonegate’ after its iconic cobbled river stone entrance.

It lies on a 2544sqm block in the hills of Darlington and offers views of both the surrounding natural wild-life and of the Perth skyline.

With a classic colonial style of jar-rah timber floors and austere sheer white walls, the open-plan living room is the centrepiece of the home and is anchored with a wood burner fireplace.

The living room’s standout high ceiling is set with sunlights allowing ample lighting during the day, reflecting off the hanging crystal chandelier and throughout the home.

The backyard is accessed from the living room by stepping out onto a shaded wooden veranda, with access to a fully fenced low maintenance pool area.

The veranda also steps down into a brick paved patio, surrounded by easy to maintain raised garden beds.

The kitchen enjoys corner views of the surrounding hills landscape, with a repurposed brick fireplace serving

as both storage and the eye-catching feature for the open planned adjacent dining room.

Three of the four bedrooms are found upstairs, including the huge main, which is fully carpeted and steps out onto a private balcony with some of the best views of the Perth skyline the house has to offer.

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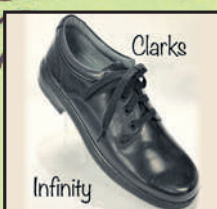


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