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It is possible that in many cases these notices may have arisen through an ad hoc application of properties reviewed through to an overly bureaucratic and impractical interpretation of fire risk mitigation policy through the Swan Valley.

Have you received a Firebreak Breach Notice or a Firebreak Infringement? Has a city officer requested you to make changes to your current firebreak that may actually reduce the effectiveness of your firebreaks?

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To foster or adopt

Dear Echo News,

All credit to the wonderful people who foster pets.

From my experience, I would like to encourage adoption where possible.

I fostered a dog and was subjected to regular pressure to provide unconventional diets, multiple supplements, and to administer medically unapproved therapies.

As a foster carer, you are beholden to the dictates of the organisation.

Please trust your instincts.

A Peters Guildford

Extra donation time

Dear Echo News,

While Australians enjoyed an extra 24 hours in February – the bonus leap year day – that also meant an extra day of need for patients in hospitals.

With time frequently listed as one of the greatest barriers to donating blood, Lifeblood hopes people will turn their extra time in March into a lifetime for someone in need by giving a blood or plasma donation.

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C Stone Lifeblood

Fifty years of fantasy

Dear Echo News,

Half a century on from its creation, Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) continues to attract millions of players across demographics.

The tabletop role-playing game truly has cemented its position in an increasingly competitive market, valued at more than US\$15 billion (A\$23 billion) in 2022.

How is a fantasy game from 1974 still capturing the imagination of so many people?

D&D's increased popularity, over the past decade in particular, has been driven by the success of the game's current version (the fifth edition, released in 2014), the growth in online gaming culture, as well as increased social acceptance of what have historically been considered 'nerdy' or 'geeky' interests.

The current D&D edition hits a sweet spot. It's complex enough to sustain long-standing players, but approachable enough to draw in new people.

But as D&D became mainstream, scrutiny followed. The subculture has its share of con-

troversies, including an element of toxic fandom that expresses hostility towards the game's evolution and diversifying fan base.

As with any growing community, some fans have been concerned with gatekeeping. Some players experience bullying and exclusion, while others find themselves in awkward conversations around the table.

This has been a recurring concern for women trying D&D for the first time.

On balance, however, the vast majority of people play to have fun, express their creativity and

Thought for the day

"If you fell down yesterday, stand up today."

- H. G. Wells

engage with others.

The flexible nature of the game means fans have found endless ways to turn their campaigns into something highly personal and treasured.

In challenging times, tabletop games provide inexpensive entertainment, escapism, and a way to stay connected to friends and family.

One recent Australian study of community members playing the game over an eight-week period, found

playing D&D decreased players' depression, stress and anxiety, and increased self-esteem.

The authors suggest the game could be used as a wellbeing intervention tool or to prevent mental health issues from arising.

Role-playing games in particular offer psychological support to people of all ages, helping to combat anxiety and build confidence.

Prof. L Given RMIT University

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Social says...

Former mayors attack land increase

J. Ing

It's a thirty per cent increase on blocks that don't have a building application lodged.

My understanding is that it's therefore a thirty per cent increase on the unimproved rates issued for vacant blocks which in many cases is less than \$1000 per annum.

So, you're talking about an extra few hundred dollars added to the rates for each undeveloped block.

If you can afford in this climate to hold a block you haven't developed, then I'd be very, very surprised if this would even make you blink.

And for anyone trumpeting the building crisis, go look at REIWA reports and house and land sales, all of which are on the increase.

And lastly, these two voted for rate rise after rate rise while on council, so I'm finding it a little hard to believe

they suddenly give a darn about the 'the regular punter'.

Smells like some sad apples wanting to try and make noise because they're no longer relevant.

D. Henry

Well, the public got its chance to vote in who we wanted and decided we didn't want them representing us anymore.

I think the motion is a brilliant one based on the reasoning offered by our current mayor.

K. Mowat

What I don't get is why didn't any councillor propose an amendment to this motion last week?

Surely it would have been simple enough to ask for additional information or defer the motion until information was available to all councillors.

G. Bulk

Who cares what these out of touch dinosaurs say, they had their time in council, made a mess of things and were voted out.

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Over a hundred community members turned out for the meeting, with the main council chambers packed. Picture: Gera Kazakov

Applause as Kalamunda bins tree retention policy

GERA KAZAKOV

SUPPORTERS both for and against the City of Kalamunda's local planning policy 33 – tree retention turned out in droves at the city's ordinary council meeting – with those in favour of scrapping the policy applauding once the vote passed.

The policy was scrapped at the February 27 meeting, after north ward councillor David Modolo's motion to which previous notice had been given passed after six councillors voted in favour, while three voted against.

Councillors John Giardina, Geoff Stallard, Mary Cannon and David Modolo voted in favour alongside deputy-mayor Dylan O'Connor and Mayor Margaret Thomas, while councillors Kathy Ritchie, Lisa Cooper and Brooke O'Donnell voted against.

There was applause but also confusion after the motion passed, as Cr Ritchie had also planned to move a separate motion to defer and review the policy over the next six months.

However, the city's governance advisor Darrell Forrest explained that as Cr Modolo's motion had passed with an absolute majority, Cr Ritchie's motion now also needed an absolute majority compared to a simple majority.

"The only thing that's changed tonight is because you had the revocation motion already passed this second motion now has a higher step to pass through ... you now need an absolute majority, rather than a simple majority, because that previous decision has just been passed," he said.

Cr Ritchie's alternate motion to delay the rev-

ocation of the tree retention policy was then lost despite Cr Cannon jumping ship to support the motion alongside councillors O'Donnell, Cooper, and Ritchie.

Mayor Thomas, deputy mayor O'Donnell and councillors Giardina and Modolo voted against the motion.

Prior to voting, council heard six deputations in favour of keeping the motion while two were against.

A former arborist from Kalamunda spoke against the motion, alongside south-east ward resident Joshua Clark who described the difficulties he faced in removing a tree in his front yard to secure it so he could keep his children safe.

Former south east ward councillor Janelle Sewell spoke in favour of retaining the policy and questioned the community consultation on its revocation.

"To revoke a policy without giving it due process is an emotional response, it's not logical and one that is a knee-jerk reaction," she said.

Local planning policy 33 was passed in December 2022 and was introduced to "guide applicant and decision makers to consider the need for the removal of trees and, where possible, minimise the removal of trees of a particular size through planning and development processes," according to the officer's report.

The removal of the policy comes after Perth sweltered through its hottest February on record – with seven days above 40 degrees – and Perth also having the lowest tree canopy cover of any Australian capital city, according to the Western Australian Tree Canopy Advocates.

Forrestfield cops seize hoon's car

IN an unexpected turn of events during a retirement celebration at a local hotel on Friday, February 16, off-duty officers from Forrestfield police station found themselves thrust into the role of unexpected crime witnesses.

The celebration was in honour of a veteran police officer who had served an impressive 35 years.

At around 7.30pm, the festive atmosphere at the Kalamunda Hotel took a dramatic turn as the attention of approximately 30 off-duty officers was drawn to the front of the hotel.

A high-powered black Ford Mustang left a trail of smoke, executing a series of burnouts, estimated to include about five donuts, before speeding away towards Lesmurdie.

The audacious driver's actions unfolded amidst a heavy presence of patrons, including Forrestfield officer in charge senior sergeant Brad Robinson and a large group of off-duty police, in one of the most heavily surveilled areas of the district.

Astonishingly, many officers and patrons managed to record the

culprit's personal registration plate despite the billowing smoke.

Swift action followed, with the culprit's prized Mustang seized the following morning, Saturday, February 17. The driver is now faced with the reality of future court appearances, the associated seizure costs, and the potential loss of his driver's license.

According to senior sergeant Robinson, when the driver was questioned about the reckless behaviour, they expressed regret.

For senior sergeant Robinson, this conveys a strong message to the wider community, expressing frustration with anti-social hoon behaviour, burnouts, speed, and reckless trail bike activity on local roads.

"The wider community is fed up with the anti-social hoon behaviour, burnouts, speed, and the reckless trail bike activity on our roads," he said.

He further warned that the Forrestfield and hills communities can expect to see greater law enforcement efforts, potentially including monitoring from air assets, to detect and stamp out such behaviour on the roads.

"Just remember any vehicle captured in hoon activity will be seized and a subsequent investigation into who was driving or riding," senior sergeant Robinson said.

He said the incident serves as a stark reminder of the commitment to maintaining road safety and curbing dangerous activities on our streets.



The hoon's prized Ford Mustang was seized.

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Carol is still struggling with her health but has asked me to pass on her thanks to all of you that have sent her your wishes for her to get well soon, and I am sure she will in good time. So for now,

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Bob.

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Toodyay heritage cases adjourned

GERA KAZAKOV

MARCH will see Toodyay real estate agent Tony Maddox and the Shire of Toodyay back before the magistrate over a series of creek crossings that have been built over Boyagerring Brook and Toodyay Brook.

The Shire of Toodyay will be back at Northam Magistrates Court on March 25 over a series of creek crossings that were built over Toodyay Brook and Boyagerring Brook.

At the first hearing on February 26, the shire entered no plea and the case was adjourned.

In *Toodyay shire cops' heritage charges* (Echo News, February 16) the shire had received four charges of excavated, damaged, and otherwise altered an Aboriginal site, alongside four charges of a person who excavated, destroyed, damaged, concealed or in any way altered any Aboriginal site.

If convicted the shire faces a fine of \$50,000. The

charges were laid under the amended Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.

Toodyay real estate agent Tony Maddox is also due back in Perth Magistrates Court on March 6.

Mr Maddox is also facing a charge of a person who excavated, destroyed, damaged, concealed or in any way altered an Aboriginal site over a creek crossing which was built to cross Boyagerring Brook.

He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Mr Maddox is being defended by former Attorney-General Christian Porter, whose move to scrap the trial failed after his argument that the maps used to record Aboriginal cultural heritage by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage were inaccurate.

Magistrate Andrew Matthews rejected Mr Porters application on the grounds that even if the evidence is "tenuous or weak" it was still capable of supporting a guilty verdict.

Historic WA firearm laws enter Parliament

THE largest overhaul of firearms laws in Western Australia's history entered Parliament last week following years of extensive consultation with licence holders, industry stakeholders and the broader public.

Law changes will enhance public safety by implementing stricter licensing and storage requirements, introducing compulsory training and health checks as well as mandatory disqualifying offences. It will also see Western Australia become the first state or territory to impose a limit on the number of firearms an individual can own.

While there have been several amendments to the Act over the years, there has been no structural reform since it was enacted back in 1973.

A \$64.3 million Cook Government funded voluntary firearm buyback is now open to all individual firearms licence holders across the State, with owners eligible to receive a maximum of \$1,000 for their gun, dependant on type, style, calibre and initial registration date.

Firearms can be surrendered at any WA Police station. Unlicensed firearms may be surrendered via

the State's ongoing amnesty, however, the person in possession is not eligible to receive compensation.

The buyback will remain open until Saturday, August 31 2024, or until funding is exhausted.

In addition to rewriting the State's 50-year-old Firearms Act, the state government has already more than doubled the penalties for anyone convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm or unlawfully discharging a firearm in public, outlawed 3D printed guns and introduced Firearm Prohibition Orders to target bikies and other organised crime figures.

Premier Roger Cook said the Firearms Bill modernises Western Australia's gun licensing regime and prioritises public safety above the privilege of owning a firearm.

"Farmers who use firearms to do their job, club members who use them to participate in their sport and recreational hunters who help landowners to control vermin are all accommodated for in the new legislation.

"However, some current gun owners may struggle to prove their legitimate need for a licence when the laws change."



GP Bethany Reynolds, outreach worker Linda Sims, registered nurse Stacey Burrows and 360 Health co-chief executive officer Darren Sumner.

Street Doctor's latest mobile GP clinic is now ready to roll

PETER W LEWIS

PERTH'S newest and upgraded free mobile GP clinic has hit the road – taking doctors and health care to the suburbs including Midland and Bassendean.

The mobile clinic will come to Midland on Tuesdays at the Karnany Resource Centre and Bassendean on Wednesdays and Fridays at the Swan Districts Football Club.

The state government-funded 360 Street Doctor service provides an accessible, non-judgemental health service for people experiencing homelessness, who are transient, or facing disadvantage.

First established in 2001 by a GP who identified a need for primary health care for people living rough, 360 Street Doctor sees thousands of people every year – providing all the services of a conventional general practice – but on wheels.

The 360 Street Doctor provides more than 3,400 consultations annually – treating people across the Perth metropolitan area. This innovative service takes the clinic to clients at familiar locations on a regular timetable, often treating people who may be unwilling or unable to access more traditional health services.

"The mobile clinics are staffed by GPs, registered nurses, outreach workers, Aboriginal health practitioners, and a pharmacist," 360 Health Allied Health and Community Services senior manager Lisa Winter said.

"They travel to selected Perth metropolitan locations based on areas of need and availability of nearby support services – co-locating with services such as drug and alcohol assistance, and mental health support so clients can easily access this help at the same time," she said.

The newest mobile clinic is a valuable addition to the service's aging fleet.

With a price tag of \$242,000, the new truck has had a complete medical fit-out with new diagnostic equipment, an energy efficient dual power manage-

ment system, and the very latest technology – including options to access telehealth services.

It has enhanced security to ensure the safety of clients and clinicians, and improved accessibility for clients who need mobility assistance.

Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson said the 360 Street Doctor service provides everything a traditional GP does but in an outreach environment – making health care more accessible for many people.

"These mobile clinics also create a social hub with access to associated community supports for clients attending appointments.

"It's exciting to see the newest mobile clinic on the road – providing essential health care to those in our community who really need it."

The Midland clinic is at Karnany Resource Centre, Spring Park Road, Midland and is operational on Tuesdays from 9am to 12pm.

On Wednesdays it is open at the Swan Districts Football Club, Old Perth Road, Bassendean from 9am to 1.00pm, and Fridays from 9am to 3.30pm.

No referral or appointment is necessary as a walk-in service is provided.

Street Doctor offers all the services you would expect from your regular GP, out of a purpose-built clinical truck, including:

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- Mental health
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- Health assessments
- Minor cut and wound care
- Blood tests
- Pregnancy testing and support
- Specialist referrals

"A doctor and a nurse provide clinical services at Street Doctor, with experienced outreach workers and Aboriginal health workers providing social support to those accessing the clinic," Ms Winter said.

Break-ins and theft biggest concern for homes

RESEARCH from Compare the Market has revealed that break-ins and theft are the biggest concerns for people and their homes in 2024.

Over a third of respondents reported burglary as the top concern, while over a quarter stated that they had no concern for their home for the year ahead.

And despite the wild wet weather lashing the eastern states for the past month while bushfires rage on the western coast, concern for damages caused by these events is relatively low.

The research also found no difference in the top concern amongst the states, with robbery reigning as the top concern. South Australians (42.7%) were the most concerned about break-ins and theft, while Victorians (40.7%) weren't too far behind on the same assessment.

In perhaps the most surprising find of the research, the second most common answer for all the

states, bar Queensland residents, was that they had no concerns for their homes for the upcoming year.

Compare the Market's executive general manager Adrian Taylor, said that if people are concerned about being burgled, it's better to be proactive rather than reactive.

"I always say being proactive is better than being reactive when it comes to protecting your home and belongings," Mr Taylor said.

"There are some inexpensive security measures available, ranging from sensor lights and camera-integrated doorbells to ward off pesky porch pirates, to a full suite of security cameras and alarms around the house to scare off those who are willing to steal something bigger."

His top tips to secure your home are lock windows and doors, consider installing extra security and review and your home and contents policy.

BAITING TO PROTECT NATIVE WILDLIFE

Under the Parks and Wildlife Service's *Western Shield* program, baiting to control foxes and feral cats occurs on more than three million hectares of conservation lands in Western Australia.

The baits used are toxic to introduced animals but not to native animals which have an evolved tolerance to the active compound (1080). All baited areas are signposted.

Baiting occurs on a regular and ongoing basis to protect endangered native animals including the numbat, western ground parrot and western swamp tortoise.

Attention pet owners: these baits will kill domestic dogs and cats. Baited areas must be considered dangerous for pet dogs and cats at all times.

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Kids HQ Jacaranda childcare in High Wycombe. Picture: Google Maps

Childcare centre fined after sandpit scrap

GERA KAZAKOV

A HIGH Wycombe childcare centre has been fined after a scrap occurred within the centre's sandpit between children which none of the outdoor supervisors witnessed.

On February 26, the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) ordered the Kids HQ Jacaranda pay \$12,000 for failing to ensure that children receiving education and care at its service were adequately supervised at all times while in the care of the service, and a further \$1500 towards legal costs.

The SAT statement of agreed facts state the incident occurred in the afternoon of December 2022 and primarily involved three children in an area which four educators were supervising.

The agreed facts describe the sandpit scrap then occurring between 3.07pm and 3.14pm, with the four area supervisors all reporting that they did not see or hear the incident.

It began when a child hit another with a yellow dish in the sandpit, which resulted in the other retaliating

by hitting and attempting to scratch and bite the first child, all while following the child who hit them until that child fell over.

Another child then joined in throwing sand and objects at the first child, before they left the sandpit while the first laid there motionless for some time before getting up.

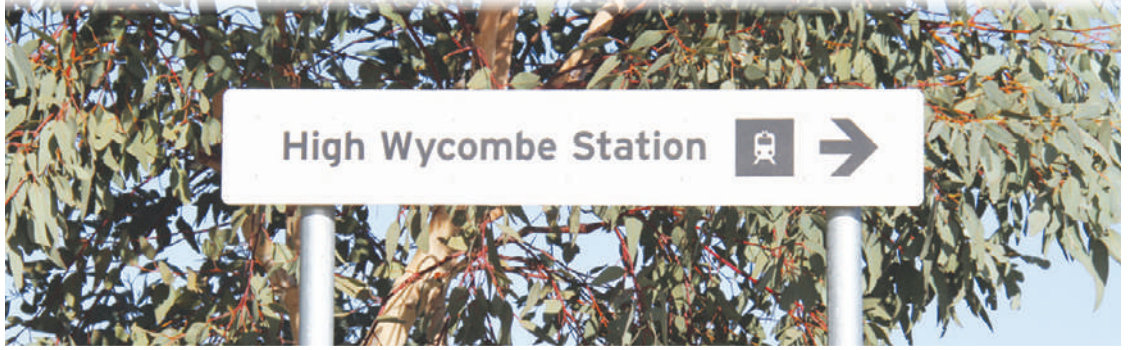
The facts state that once the altercation ended, the first child had what appeared to be bite marks and scratches to their right cheek and ear, alongside injuries to both hands.

In making its decision, SAT stated the centre has shown a desire to ensure a similar incident does not occur at its premises.

SAT noted that the centre has now added a 'director of supervision' position, to ensure the supervision policy is followed and supervision points are staffed, and that staff only leave supervision points provided other staff members has covered their position.

The centre has added a lanyard system to identify supervision points so workers know where they are stationed, and it also increased the number of outdoor supervision points.

Midland and Airport line shutdown for alignment



THE Midland and Airport line will be shut down for 10 days as part of essential rail alignment works for the Metronet Morley-Ellenbrook line and Bayswater station projects.

During the shutdown, from March 28 to April 8, essential works will see the relocation of the Midland line to a new alignment and platform at the Bayswater Station.

When train services resume, the trains travelling away from the Perth CBD on the Midland and Airport lines will be available from platform four on the newly completed northern side of Bayswater Station, while services to Perth will continue from platform one.

After the shutdown, platform two, which had been in use for trains travelling away from Perth on the Midland and Airport lines will not be operational and will remain closed until the Morley-Ellenbrook line opens.

It's the last time there will be an extended shut of the Midland and Airport lines to facilitate essential works on the Bayswater station and Morley-Ellenbrook line projects.

The shutdown will impact the Prospector and MerredinLink train with services terminating at Midland Station. No replacement services will be operating between East Perth Terminal and Midland Station.

The Indian Pacific will terminate at Kewdale Freight Terminal with a coach service to East Perth operating for Indian Pacific passengers.

Train replacement bus services will be operating during the shutdown with Transperth providing information in coming weeks to inform passengers of alternative options available.

When the project is completed, the new Bayswater station will be the connection point to the Midland, Airport and Morley-Ellenbrook lines, and provide more travel options to Perth Airport, the Swan Valley, Perth, and beyond.

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said she acknowledged the shutdown will be inconvenient, but was necessary to progress the final steps in connecting the new Bayswater Station to the Midland, Airport and Morley-Ellenbrook lines.

"This is the last time we will need to undertake an extended shutdown on the Midland and Airport lines to facilitate essential works on the Metronet Bayswater station and Morley-Ellenbrook line.

"The completion of the rail realignment represents the final stage of construction on the new Bayswater station – a project that has completely transformed the Bayswater town centre, and delivered the biggest train station outside of the CBD.

"We carefully considered the timing of this closure to ensure it had the least amount of impact possible, which is why we have targeted the Easter school holidays.

"When the project is completed, Bayswater Station will become a key public transport hub, giving passengers an easy way to access the Airport, Swan Valley, and the Perth CBD."

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WESTERN Australians are being encouraged to nominate emergency services volunteers and staff who have done something extraordinary in the past 12 months for the 2024 WA Fire and Emergency Services (WAFES) Awards.

Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson said there were 15 awards up for grabs across three categories – individual, team, and youth – covering Marine Rescue, State Emergency Service, fire and rescue, career firefighters and DFES corporate staff, and operational personnel.

Nominations close on Monday, March 25. Finalists will be announced on Thursday, May 30, with the winners named at the WAFES Awards gala dinner on Saturday, September 7.

Those people who nominate a finalist will also receive an invitation to the WAFES Awards gala dinner, and may be eligible to attend the WAFES Conference.

To nominate a DFES volunteer or staff member visit dfes.wa.gov.au/wafesawards

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Electronic message boards are updating locals on new delays. Picture: Andrew Williams

Bridge works delayed for the third time

ANDREW WILLIAMS

DELAYED for the third time in five months, the construction on the Scott Street bridge in Helena Valley is now set to be completed in “early-March”, Main Roads said.

A transport authority spokesperson said the newest delays, which have seen the works extended by a couple of weeks, were again due to harvest and vehicle movement bans imposed by the Shire of Mundaring.

“The restrictions are out of Main Roads’ control, and this has meant that work has been unable to be undertaken on site during key periods of construction,” the spokesperson said.

February saw Perth experience seven days over 40 degrees, breaking the previous February 2016 record of four days.

Due to the ongoing heat and the associated bushfire risk, between January 15 and February 26, the Shire of Mundaring imposed nine harvest and vehicle movement bans.

“The new completion date is early-March, as outlined on the variable message boards. This timeline factors in predicted bans that we are anticipating over the coming week,” the Main Roads spokesperson said.

The bridge refurbishment began last March and was originally set to be completed by last October. However, as previously reported in *Scott Street bridge construction delays* (Echo News, October 27, 2023) material shortages, inclement weather and additional project scope extended the works until January.

The most recent delays over the last two months have been due to the vehicle movement restrictions and bushfire risks.

Shire of Mundaring chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker said the shire understands the frustrations of the community.

“We empathise with the inconvenience experienced by our residents and businesses and acknowledge the frustration surrounding the delays in the contractor meeting the initially estimated timeframe for completion,” he said.

Road safety for horses survey launched

THE Western Australia Horse Council (WAHC) has launched what it hopes will be a landmark survey on road safety for horses.

The comprehensive survey will be open until the end of March and is aimed at improving road safety for horses and their riders.

The survey is hosted on Google forms and invites members of the equestrian community and the general public to share their experiences and suggestions regarding the coexistence of horses and vehicular traffic on Western Australia’s roads.

Road safety for horses is a critical issue that affects not just horse riders, but also drivers and pedestrians.

With an increasing number of incidents involving horses on roads, the WAHC is taking a proactive approach to understand the challenges and develop effective strategies for safer shared road use.

The survey is designed to gather detailed information about incidents involving horses on the road, opportunities for collaboration with local government authorities and organisations, perceived challenges by horse riders and road users, and effective measures to enhance safety for horses, their riders and drivers.

The WAHC encourages all community members,



equestrian enthusiasts, and road users to participate in this important survey.

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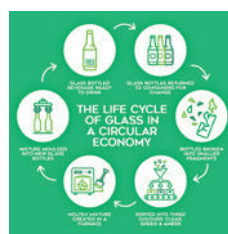
Containers for Change launches new residential collection service

RESIDENTS can now access Containers for Change Collect – an on-demand service that will increase accessibility to the widely popular container deposit scheme.

Containers for Change has proven hugely successful since it was launched in October 2020, with more than three billion containers diverted from landfill since then.

As part of the newly launched collect service, people can book a collection through the Containers for Change WA app or their website and then select a service provider in their local area.

Collect will make Containers for Change particularly accessible to restaurants, cafes, bars, businesses, and workplaces, where it’s estimated up to 400 mil-



lion containers go unreturned every year in WA.

Environment Minister Reece Whitby said he encouraged people to utilise the many ways to return their 10¢ containers that are available.

“Whether it’s via the collection service, by visiting a refund point, or by donating to a local school or charity,” Mr Whitby said.

WA Return Recycle Renew chief executive officer Tim Cusack said Collect was established in response to a demand from our customers to provide new avenues to return that address any barriers for access and convenience.

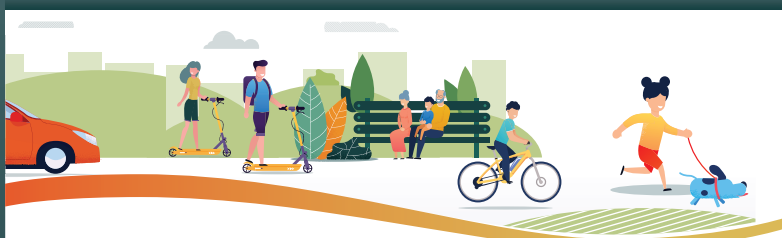
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Notice of Meeting - Audit & Risk Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee will be held in the Council Chambers, Administration Centre, 2 Railway Road, Kalamunda, on:

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Nathan Ritchie
A/Chief Executive Officer



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Hazelmere workers demand fairer go



Left: Ingham's Hazelmere centre. Picture: Gera Kazakov. Right: Ingham's Hazelmere AMWU union members celebrate rejecting Inghams offer in order to fight for a better one. Picture: AMWU.

GERA KAZAKOV

FIFTY union workers at Ingham's in Hazelmere are demanding a pay increase to put them in line with their colleagues at other Ingham's sites and to keep up with the cost of living.

Australian Manufacturing Workers Union (AMWU) state secretary Steve McCartney said the union has been bargaining with the company since November 2023.

"The company made a wage offer of 4.1 per cent, and 4 per cent in the second year and third, which is too low," he said.

"The company put their proposal to a vote and two thirds of the workers voted no. As a result, we will continue to negotiate with the company in good faith."

In September last year, union members from the AMWU and United Workers Union went on a five-day strike at Ingham's in Osborne Park before a deal was reached between Inghams and the union members.

Ingham's is one of Australia's largest chicken suppliers, with KFC, Woolworths, and McDonald's some of their customers.

Hunter's on for central Wheatbelt spot

GERA KAZAKOV

THE Nationals party has announced Lachlan Hunter as their candidate for the central Wheatbelt electorate in the upcoming 2025 state election.

Announced on February 24, Mr Hunter will replace central Wheatbelt MLA Mia Davies – once the opposition leader – as the seat's candidate after she stood down from the role at the start of 2023 and signalled her intent to leave politics.

Hailing from Bruce Rock, Mr Hunter said he has worked for both state and federal ministers in government and opposition, alongside spending time at Australia Post and within the grain and live export in-

dustry.

"Growing up in the Wheatbelt has given me everything I could hope for, and I have a fire in my belly to stand up for our communities to make sure they continue to be great places to live and work," Mr Hunter said.

"However, there is still much work to be done and many fights to be had and I look forward to the challenge."

Previously, Mr Hunter was the former WA Young Nationals president.

Ms Davies said in her remaining twelve months until the next election she will continue to represent her electorate and manage her shadow ministerial portfolios.

"My legacy or accomplishments will be for others to judge," she said.

"When I sit back after the next election, I'll be proud that I've given my all for nearly 17 years to represent the electorate without fear or favour, standing up for the things I believe in and giving a voice to those that often feel remote or forgotten by government or the parliament."

Ms Davies said a highlight of her career has been working with the inspirational men and women throughout the region and the many amazing people she has met on along the way.

"What comes after politics will be decided when this job is done,"



Central Wheatbelt candidate Lachlan Hunter with MLA Mia Davies.

she said.

The Nationals also announced that current opposition leader member for Moore Shane Love MLA will contest the newly created Mid-west seat, while current Roe MLA Peter Rundle will be recontesting his seat in the state's south-east.

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Tourism red tape slashed

A NEWLY established Tourism Investment committee of Cabinet has a huge potential for the hills, according to Kalamunda MLA Matthew Hughes.

Led by the state's tourism minister Rita Saffioti, the new committee's focus includes setting investment priorities and streamlining decision-making processes across the government.

"There are a number of government agencies and portfolios that have key decision-making roles when it comes to delivering tourism projects and investment, and this new committee will allow us to drive better coordination and overcome known barriers," Ms Saffioti said.

"To support the new committee, we will be establishing a dedicated team within the Department of Jobs, Tourism, and Science and Innovation – whose only responsibility will be to work with industry to identify new projects, develop investment pathways, and action the priorities of the new committee."

Kalamunda MLA Matthew Hughes called the committee a great step forward after he has been lobbying some time for higher levels of coordination amongst tourism policy.

"The potential for tourism development in the Perth Hills is huge," he said.

"The committee will make sure that government agencies collaborate to achieve government priorities."

"The identification of an executive team in the Department of Jobs, Tourism and Science and Innovation gives businesses a single contact point."

Ms Saffioti said the dedicated team will also include seconded subject matter experts from various regulatory and delivery agencies on an as-needed basis.

"By providing a more attractive and streamlined environment, with faster approvals, we can open up development opportunities, secure more investment in WA tourism, and grow our economy in the years ahead," she said.



The weather took a turn for the worst shortly after the swim began.

Rottnest Swim abandoned mid race

ANDREW WILLIAMS

FOR the second time in the history of the event, the Rottnest channel swim was cancelled due to dangerous weather conditions.

Almost 2600 participants entered the water at Cottesloe beach on Saturday morning, February 24, with the intention of swimming the 19.7km to Rottnest.

At 10am weather conditions had deteriorated beyond the Rottnest Channel Swim Association (RCSA) safety threshold guidelines and following the advice of Bureau of Meteorology and Marine Rescue Fremantle the decision was made to abandon the race. It is the first time ever the event has been abandoned during the race.

Initially, those participants who had yet to reach the 14km point were directed to exit the water onto support boats, with the small remaining group of swimmers past the cutoff point allowed to continue.

However, this small group of swimmers

had their race cut short soon after.

Among this group of athletes was eighteen-year-old Bassendean resident Jordan Harkins.

Mr Harkins estimated that the only ten swimmers who were part of the small group that continued were surprised when they got called off as well because they were so close to the end.

As reported last week in *Bassendean resident sets sights on Rotto swim* (Echo News, February 23) Mr Harkins' qualifying time placed him in the first wave of swimmers who began their swim at 5.45am.

He said he was able to settle into a rhythm by the 5km mark where he bounced between fifth and seventh place out of the 2600 participants. But the weather soon changed drastically.

"It got really windy, and the swell got to two meters at points," he said.

But the weather wasn't the only thing the swimmers had to watch out for.

"I got done a fair bit by the stingers (jel-

lyfish). Probably stung 20-25 times during the 16km, but they were more of an inconvenience than an issue," Mr Harkins said.

"The whole way the only driving factor is being able to run up that beach in front of everyone. So, when they called it off it felt like I had swum for about four hours for no reason."

"Some people cared a bit more strongly about not finishing because of the prize money up for grabs. But it's not the end of the world, I got everything I wanted out of the race," he said.

"Getting onto the boat, I had to get lifted on, I just had nothing left. I was pretty much hypothermic with how cold the water was."

Despite not being able to finish the race, Mr Harkins said it won't affect his training regime.

"I'm going to continue training, I'll get into competitive pool swimming now the open water season is coming to an end," he said.

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City of Swan customer experience manager Alyce Higgins, chief executive officer Stephen Cain, and construction and maintenance manager Matthew Southern.

Swan snaps, sends and solves its way to a hat-trick of awards

THE City of Swan is leading the way for Snap Send Solve in WA, winning a hat-trick of titles at this year's 'solver of the year' awards.

This month's awards recognised the Australian and New Zealand organisations driving positive change with Snap Send Solve, a free app that gives residents a quick and easy way to report issues.

Snap Send Solve is used by hundreds of local governments across Australia and New Zealand.

If residents spot something that needs fixing in their neighbourhood – such as graffiti, potholes or fallen branches – they can report it through the app.

The city won three of the four WA categories at the awards, showing the popularity and effectiveness of Snap Send Solve in Swan.

The efforts of staff and residents earned the city the WA community engagement award, presented to the council with the highest ratio of users and the highest speed-to-solve rating. More than three per cent of Swan residents used the app in 2023.

Residents delivered the city another win in the WA snapper's choice category, presented to the council which received the most votes from its users.

The city also won the WA customer experience award for having the highest rate of updated reports (98.9 per cent) and the best overall communication in the state.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the awards were recognition for the many community members who use the app to play an active role in keeping their community safe and clean.

"Snap Send Solve is an incredibly efficient tool that helps our community report problems as soon as they see them," Mayor Richardson said.

"If people come across graffiti or a maintenance issue with a footpath, they can simply snap a photo and send it straight through to us using the app."

"Our staff are always on the lookout for maintenance and safety issues, but the app makes it easy for the whole community to get involved and work together."

Snap Send Solve is a community-driven problem-solving platform that helps everyone keep the community safe and clean.

Residents are encouraged to download the app so can they report issues easily and directly to the city. Visit swan.wa.gov.au/snapsendsolve.

Animal cruelty charge for Bullsbrook woman

A 71-year-old Bullsbrook woman has been charged with animal cruelty after allegedly leaving a black German Shepherd tethered under a homemade tin shelter on a property in Hines Hill.

An RSPCA WA inspector attended the Wheatbelt property in October 2023 after being contacted by a WA police officer and a local ranger, where she found the dog inside a fenced off area, chained under a tin structure.

The fenced off area was predominantly in full sun – it was 38 degrees. The police officer and ranger had been providing the dog with food and water for a few days prior to the inspector's attendance.

The only water available to the dog prior to that was warm and green, with algae and dead insects floating in it.

A few dog biscuits were scattered on the ground inside the enclosure but there was otherwise no

food available prior to the intervention of the ranger and police officer. When first found, the dog's tether had tangled to just one metre in length.

The inspector noted a slight build-up of faeces in the enclosure. The dog was seized and transported to RSPCA WA Animal Care Centre in Malaga where a vet noted she had an extremely dirty coat and alopecia patches around her neck, ear infections, limited food in her stomach, bacterial gut infections, and was mildly dehydrated.

The accused has been charged under sections 19(1), 19(3)(b)(ii), 19(3)(d) and 19(3)(e) of the Animal Welfare Act 2002. RSPCA WA will allege she was cruel to an animal in that she restrained the dog in a way in which it was likely to cause harm, did not provide sufficient food and water, and did not provide adequate shelter from the elements.

She is due in Merredin Magistrates Court on March 6.

Reforms to crack down on repeat stealing

REPEAT offenders charged with low level stealing offences will now face jail time, with the state government set to expand the range of sentencing options available to the courts.

The reform follows increased penalties for assaults on retail workers announced last week.

As the law currently stands, where a person is charged with stealing an item valued at \$1,000 or less, and dealt with in the Magistrates Court, a 'fine only' penalty of \$6,000 applies.

The other sentencing options available to the court are a suspended fine, conditional release order, or community-based order. A term of imprisonment cannot be imposed, regardless of the circumstances of the offence or the person, including previous offences.

The reforms remove the 'fine only' penalty limit where a person is convicted of a stealing offence, or an attempted stealing offence, and has two or more prior convictions for a stealing offence in the past 12 months.

These repeat offenders will instead be subject to

the higher maximum penalty of two years imprisonment and \$24,000 when dealt with summarily, providing more effective deterrence and opening up the full range of possible sentencing options to the court, including a potential term of imprisonment.

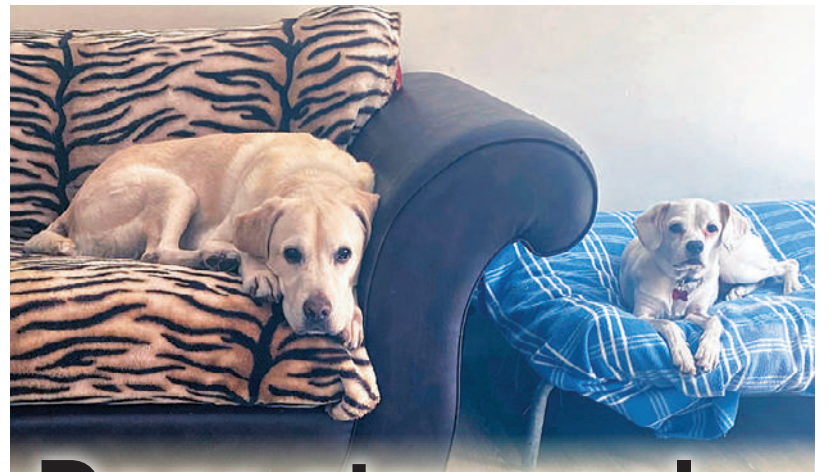
Premier Roger Cook said his government was standing up for small business owners, many of whom are families, as well as their hard-working staff who've quite rightly had enough.

"Serial shoplifters shouldn't be allowed to snub their nose at the law and that is why my government is taking action.

"This new crackdown specifically targets repeat offenders who simply refuse to respect the community and the courts.

"This common-sense sentencing option will send a clear message to those criminals who think they are above the law."

Attorney General John Quigley said the 'fine only' penalty for low level stealing offences was well known in the community and did not provide a sufficient deterrent for would-be offenders.



Dogs stay cool during heatwave

WHILE heat records were broken throughout the Perth metropolitan region in February, one special needs dog rescue centre made sure their canine friends stayed cool.

Best Friends Animal Rescue president Jeane Howes said although dogs at the sanctuary do have aircon when it's hot, they also give them frozen fruit and treats such as watermelon, blueberries, and mangoes.

"They love them," she said.

"We also make frozen yoghurt treats with fruit and veggies," she said.

In *Swan Valley special needs dog haven* (Echo News, February 16) Ms Howes was looking for volunteers to help with the shelter.



Jeane Howes with some of the dogs at the shelter.

She said some of the current jobs she needs people for include gardening, playing with or walking the dogs, cooking, cleaning duties, someone to dehydrate treats in their new dehydrator and more.

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Kalamunda players make Western Force Academy

ANDREW WILLIAMS

TWO brothers from the Kalamunda Districts Rugby Club have been named in the 2024 Western Force Fortescue Academy.

Dane Sawers, 19, and Max Sawers, 21, have played with the Kalamunda Bulls for more a decade and according to club president Barry Jordan the pair have always stood out.

Mr Jordan said the club couldn't be prouder of the brothers and their return to the academy reflects the club's high standard of training.

"It's a huge honour for us, it's also great as it recognises the work we've been doing. But a lot of it comes down to Max and Dane," he said.

The Fortescue Academy offers promising young players the weekly opportunities to train with some of the state's best rugby players and be a springboard for their athletic careers.

Head coach of the men's academy – and former All Black – Jeremy Thrush said the academy is a pathway system to increase the skills of the athletes to where they can graduate up into the Super Rugby competition and the Western Force.

Last year the brothers were both selected in the 2023 Academy team, but Max was tapped on the shoulder about transforming from his role as a loose forward into the prop position in the front row due to his toughness and mindset.

This transition has seen him transform his body type and strength over the last year to meet the demands of the position.

"It's been unreal to see him (Max) take some really good steps in the last twelve months," Mr Thrush said.

The former All Black continued to add both brothers are great to coach and eager to get better.

"He's a very coachable kid, the same as Max. They ask questions and challenge you in the right way and then take on board what they've been taught and implement it into their game," he said.

Mr Thrush also said Dane Sawers' work ethic was a key reason he co-captained the Western Forces team during the four round U19s Men's Super Rugby Competition last October.

"He has a great attitude towards training and the game, real physical mindset. Really high work rate for loose forward," he said.

Guilty plea over electric shock of apprentice

AN electrical line worker has been fined \$10,500 for safety failures that left an apprentice unconscious and burnt from an electric shock in the Wheatbelt.

At Narrogin Magistrates Court on January 23, Darren Scott Hardy pleaded guilty to breaching WA's electricity network safety laws following prosecution by Building and Energy.

The court heard Mr Hardy was employed by Western Power in August 2022 when he and a second-year apprentice line worker travelled to Gorge Rock – around 250km east of Perth – to repair a fire-damaged network power pole.

Prior to starting work, Mr Hardy completed safety paperwork including certification that protective earths were fitted to the power poles. The earths protect line workers against contact with live electricity if the installation becomes energised.

According to information presented in court, the apprentice climbed a ladder and reported he had received an electric shock while removing wires from the damaged pole. He adjusted the ladder and returned to work, but sustained another electric shock that left him unconscious with burns on his hands and knees.

Mr Hardy drove the apprentice to Kondinin Hospital. The apprentice was airlifted to Royal Perth Hospital and later required several skin grafts.

A Western Power investigation found Mr Hardy did not follow mandatory work practices outlined in the network operator's safety rules. Despite Mr Hardy's certification, earths had not been fitted to the power poles. The apprentice was not wearing adequate protective clothing and a required test was not carried out to ensure the site was de-energised.

Mr Hardy contravened the Electricity (Network Safety) Regulations 2015 by failing to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that a prescribed activity carried on a network was carried out safely.

In addition to the \$10,500 fine, Mr Hardy was ordered to pay \$439.24 in costs.

Magistrate Erin O'Donnell acknowledged Mr Hardy's guilty plea, remorse and lack of other workplace incidents, noting he was no longer working at Western Power.

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New Midland clinical trials centre welcomes first patient

MIDLAND'S only respiratory clinical trials centre is celebrating a milestone as it welcomes its first-ever patient.

The Institute for Respiratory Health, who opened its doors to the Midland community in September 2023, is dedicated to bringing cutting-edge clinical trials to residents throughout the region.

Jean Jolley, who has been living with COPD and emphysema for more than nine years, is the clinical trials centre's inaugural patient. Since joining the clinical trial Jean has seen some notable improvements in her health, including being able to perform household chores more effectively and having a better night's sleep.

"I am coughing less and do not wake up in the middle of the night with a coughing fit. It feels good to be able to sleep through the night," Mrs Jolley said.

This is the first research study Mrs Jolley has participated in. She was motivated to take part in the research as she wanted to take control of her health.

"I was also driven by my desire to help friends and family who might have the lung condition now or later on in life and thought the findings of the research might help others," she said.

The institute's expansion into Midland with new clinical trials centre late last year complements its existing facility at the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research in Nedlands.

The Institute is renowned for its extensive work with more than 2,400 volunteers across more than 250 studies on various lung conditions, including asthma, COPD, IPF and cystic fibrosis, over the past two decades.

Meagan Shorten, manager of clinical trials at the Institute, emphasised the importance of volunteers in their research efforts.

"Our achievements in conducting life-changing trials are deeply rooted in the commitment of volunteers like Jean. Their participation is crucial for advancing our understanding of lung diseases and improving treatment options globally."

For those who have a lung condition you can contact the Institute for Respiratory Health directly by visiting their website – respclinicaltrials.org.au to find out what clinical trials they are currently running. You can also sign up online or call them directly on 0419 011 766.

Mrs Jolley is a regular volunteer receiving the Senior Community Citizen Volunteer of the Year in 2023 from the City of Stirling.



Jean Jolley.
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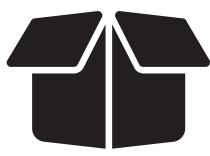
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Solution to plastic cup ban launched at Mill and Grind

IN anticipation of the ban on single-use plastic coffee cups, slated to come into effect in March, Our Kinds and Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) launched their global cup libraries project on Saturday, February 24 at White's Mill and Grind in Mundaring.

This collaborative endeavour marks a significant stride towards sustainability, offering an innovative approach to combat single-use waste while supporting local cafes and businesses.

The new legislation, effective from March 1 will target various plastic items, including plastic-lined hot beverage cups and plastic lids, aiming to curb the proliferation of single-use plastics in Western Australia.

However, during the transition, alternatives such as certified compostable coffee cups and durable plastic cups designed for reuse will remain permissible.

The project pioneers a novel approach, advocating for a blend of reusable alternatives alongside approved compostable coffee cups.

Participating cafes will have the flexibility to choose from various options, including serving coffee in reusable mugs, compostable cups, or encouraging patrons to bring their own.

"This flexibility aims to alleviate the transition pressure while fostering a culture of sustainability within the community," Our Kinds co-founder and chief executive officer Karen Monaghan said.

Aligned with EMRC's ambitious sustainability goals, the project will engage 12 cafes across EMRC's jurisdiction, with three cafes in each council area participating in the trial.

Beyond the provision of cup libraries, participating cafes will receive comprehensive support, including staff training and social media assistance, to effectively communicate the benefits of reuse to customers.

In a strategic collaboration, the project sources second-hand cups from Good Sammy Enterprises, providing these cups with a new purpose while reducing waste.

This partnership not only tackles the issue of sec-

ondhand cup waste but also creates opportunities for disability employment, exemplifying a holistic approach towards sustainability.

As the ban on single-use plastic coffee cups looms, Our Kinds extend an invitation to local cafes to join the movement towards sustainability.



The White's team take a breath after a fast and furious service.



Mundaring Shire President Paige McNeil, Karen Monaghan, Tony and Karen Whitcomb.



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

In term-time, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, our Playgroup Leaders run structured mornings from 9:30am to 11:30am, catering for children between 18 months to 3 years. A Montessori-prepared environment includes a focus on respect for the child, fostering the child's independence, respecting the needs of others, and caring for our surroundings. At Sugar Gums Playgroup, parents are involved in supporting the safe, fun and stimulating environment.

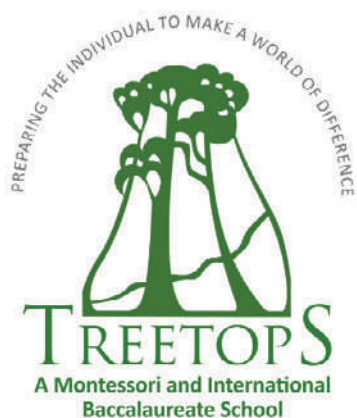
If you are interested in attending Sugar Gum Playgroup, please complete and return the Playgroup Application form (refer to website) to the Treetops school office, plus the application fee. Places are limited at each session to ensure an authentic Montessori experience.

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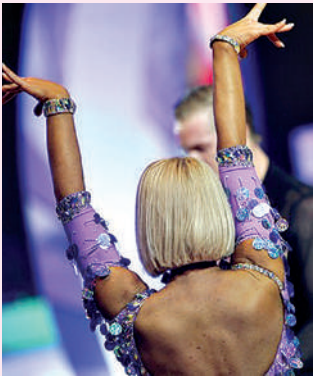
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Mayor's MESSAGE

I hope this message finds you well as we transition into the month of March. At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 27 February 2024, the Council decided to

revoke Local Planning Policy 33: Tree Retention. This change respects people's rights, making it easier for them to manage their own properties.

We will keep you updated as the process unfolds, ensuring transparency every step of the way.

For those seeking leisure activities, our Sunset Series movie nights continues to offer delightful evenings under the stars. Join us for a screening of Dreambuilders tonight (1 March) at Ollie Worrel Reserve, High Wycombe, and Buckley's Chance on 8 March at Walliston Primary School, Walliston. Please note that movies are subject to weather conditions.

If you're feeling more adventurous or looking to stay active, I encourage you to explore the various sport and recreation offerings available at local clubs in our community. It's a great way to connect with others and stay healthy while enjoying the outdoors.

On a celebratory note, this month marks the Second Chance Reuse shop's second birthday! I'm thrilled to share that the shop has made remarkable strides, diverting over 174,000 kg of waste from landfill since March 2022. Additionally, our partner, Workpower, has collected and processed over 105 bales of cardboard (>24,000 kg) and 125 bags of Polystyrene (> 560 kg), contributing to estimated cost savings exceeding \$36,000 to date. This achievement is a testament to the power of community collaboration and environmental stewardship.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and engagement in making our city a vibrant and sustainable place to call home.

Margaret Thomas JP
Mayor

Community SCORECARD

The City of Kalamunda is conducting market research with the 2024 MARKYT Community Scorecard, to understand the community's perception and priorities on what it is like to live in the City.

The study is being managed by CATALYSE®, an independent research company and is conducted every two years. The Scorecard helps the City understand the community's priorities and assess performance against the vision and outcomes set out in *Kalamunda Advancing 2031 - Strategic Community Plan*.

Please let us know what you think about services, facilities and programs in your local area and how they could be improved, by completing our Community Scorecard.

Responses will remain confidential in accordance with the Privacy Act and Australian Privacy Principles. The City will receive a report with aggregated responses and a Voicebank with anonymous comments.

Community members and business representatives aged 14 years or older are invited to submit one response per person.

The scorecard generally takes 5-10 minutes to complete or may be slightly longer if you wish to expand on some of your written answers.

To have your say, complete our 2024 Community Scorecard online.

Submissions close Friday 8 March 2024.



Scan the QR code or
visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au



Have Your Say ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Road Asset Management Plan outlines the quality conditions and maintenance over a five-year period for the City's road assets which include road surfaces, bus stops and parking areas.

Before we finalise our Road Management Plan, we want to know your feelings on our roads. Are the City's road assets in an acceptable condition? Are they functional and fit for purpose?



Comments close Friday 15 March | 5:00pm.

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engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/rate-our-roads



Kalamunda ART AWARDS

The Art Awards is an exciting new opportunity to showcase artworks by established and emerging artists and explore the many flourishing artistic practices and stories of the City of Kalamunda and Perth Surrounds.

Join us at the exhibition on Saturday 16 March | 6:00pm at the Zig Zag Gallery.



Coming September/October 2024



Public Agenda Briefing Forum

6:30pm, Tuesday 12 March 2024

Administration Centre, Council Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting

6:30pm, Tuesday 26 March 2024

Administration Centre, Council Chambers

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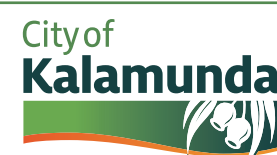
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New LGBTQIA+ inclusion strategy to promote equality

THE state government has committed \$900,000 to develop a strategy to drive inclusiveness for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual plus (LGBTQIA+) Western Australians.

Led by the Department of Communities, funding will be provided to three not-for-profit organisations over two years to support the development and implementation of the strategy.

The three organisations are Living Proud, which provides support to LGBTQIA+ people through peer support, information and resources, TransFolk of WA, a peer support service for transgender people and their loved ones by informing, empowering and advocating for trans and gender diverse people to survive and thrive, and GLBTI Rights in Ageing Inc (GRAI), a voluntary group focusing on promoting the voices, expertise and lived experience of older LGBTI people to the wider community.

These organisations play vital roles in supporting the LGBTQIA+ community in WA.

Additionally, an LGBTQIA+ peak body will be established and supported to implement the strategy.

Rainbow Futures WA, a consortium of WA-based LGBTQIA+ organisations and individuals has also advocated persuasively for this initiative and will be an important contributor to its development and implementation.

LGBTQIA+ people face significantly higher levels of discrimination, stigma, and social exclusion, which can contribute to deteriorating health, social and economic outcomes.

The strategy will support a coordinated approach through targeted support, strong partnerships and better integration between government agencies including the

Departments of Communities, Education and Health and the Mental Health Commission.

Youth Minister Hannah Beazley said equality and freedom from discrimination are fundamental human rights that belong to all of us, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

"We know that young LGBTQIA+ people are far more likely to face discrimination and exclusion, which is completely unacceptable in 2024.

"The Cook Government is committed to creating equal opportunities for all West Australians, and this whole-of-government strategy will bolster our efforts to address discrimination – ensuring LGBTQIA+ people in WA are given every chance to thrive and succeed."

Community Services Minister Sabine Winton said this was an important step to ensure LGBTQIA+ people in WA benefit from a coordinated approach that will champion their interests now and into the future.

"The funding will allow the Department of Communities to work closely with non-government LGBTQIA+ groups to develop a framework that will reduce discrimination and promote equality."

Seniors and Ageing Minister Don Punch said the government was committed to ensuring older Western Australians feel valued, safe and empowered to lead happy and fulfilling lives in age-friendly communities.

"Seniors make up 5.3 per cent of same-sex couples in Australia, which is why it's so important all seniors feel safe to be open about who they are.

"An inclusive community benefits everyone and a culture of inclusion leads to higher performance, productivity and improved well-being for all."

eye on crime

Woodbridge couple remanded

RAPID apprehension squad (RAS) detectives have charged a Woodbridge man and a woman with 83 offences as a result of their investigation into stealing incidents from staff, visitors and patients at hospitals.

It will be alleged on Sunday, January 14 the two accused persons entered a ward at a city hospital and stole a purse containing cash and a debit card, as well as earrings and a necklace from an 82-year-old patient.

The offenders then used the victims debit card in 81 alleged separate fraudulent transactions in various stores.

It is further alleged on Saturday, February 3, the two accused persons entered a hospital in Nedlands where they entered a restricted room which is only accessible via a swipe card, and stole a staff member's bag and left.

The alleged used the victim's bank card in seven separate fraudulent transactions at various stores.

It will also be alleged the two accused persons were involved in a number of other stealing incidents from hospitals and vehicles, resulting in further fraudulent

transactions being done.

During the investigation a vehicle of interest was identified and RAS detectives stopped the vehicle in East Perth and took the two accused into custody.

A search warrant was executed at the couples Woodbridge home where officers allegedly located and seized items of interest.

A 43-year-old man from Woodbridge has been charged with burglary and commit on a place, two counts of trespass, four counts of stealing, eight counts of possession of stolen or unlawfully obtained property and 31 counts of gains benefit by fraud.

A 48-year-old woman from Woodbridge has been charged with burglary and commit on a place, two counts of trespass, four counts of stealing, one count of possession of stolen or unlawfully obtained property and 29 counts of gains benefit by fraud.

They appeared before the Perth Magistrates Court last week on Wednesday, February 21, with the male back at Perth Magistrates Court via video-link from Hakea, and the female via video-link from Melaleuca on March 20.

Wattle Grove serious assault

MIDLAND detectives are continuing their investigation into an alleged serious assault that occurred at a cultural festival in Wattle Grove on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

About 8.30pm, two groups of people attending the Diwali Mela festival at the Abruzzo Molise Sporting Club became involved in an altercation.

The incident occurred between the clubhouse and the playground, and during the altercation, a 22-year-old man was struck to the head with a metal object, believed to be a pole.

The man received a skull fracture and was taken by St John WA to Royal Perth Hospital.

A 38-year-old man from Piara Waters has been charged with one count of 'To cause fear that someone will be injured/disabled' however inquiries remain ongoing, and detectives believe further persons were involved in the incident.

This was a significant event, with a large crowd of bystanders who may have seen the incident.

Detectives wish to speak with anyone that was present at the time of the incident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Crime Stoppers. Anyone with vision can upload it via: <https://wapf.au.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/wattlegroveseriousassault>

Meckering fatal crash info sought

OFFICERS from the major crash investigation section are investigating a fatal crash that occurred in Meckering on Saturday, February 3.

At about 3.35pm, a black Toyota Hilux travelling west on Great Eastern Highway left the road and collided with a tree.

The 50-year-old male driver of the Hilux sustained critical injuries and died at the scene.

Major crash investigators are conduct-

ing an examination of the scene and are appealing for any witnesses to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report the information online at www.crimestopperswa.com.au.

Dash-cam or mobile phone vision relating to this crash can be uploaded directly to investigators via this link: <https://wapf.au.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/fatalcrashmeckering030224>

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

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Upcoming Events

• **Hovea Residents and Ratepayers Association's** general meeting will be held in the Parkerville Oval Sports Pavilion, Seaborne St, Parkerville, on Wednesday March 6 commencing at 7.30pm. Guest speaker is Secretary of Mundaring Community Men's Shed Ross Boughton talking about the foundation, function, and future of the association. Central ward councillors are invited and tea and coffee will be available afterwards. Contact Max on 9295 4557 for enquiries.

• **Friendship Group** is on Wednesday, March 6 starting 9.30am – 11.30am. It's

run for anyone who is alone and needs company, a chat, a cuppa, and a fun time. They meet at Valley Church of Christ, 189 Clayton St, Bellevue. For further information call Doreen 0428997383.

• **Midland Friendly Garden Club** meets at 9.30am every second Thursday at Bruce Douglas Pavilion, Brown Park, Salisbury Road, Swan View. Next meeting will take place on the March 7, 2024. The guest speaker will be horticulturalist Ms Lynne Chapman who will give a presentation about some gardens of New Zealand. New members and visitors will be welcomed. For any enquiries phone Steve 0409 157 447 or Jenny 0424 553 002.

• **Swan View Salvos** are holding a car boot sale Saturday, March 16, 9am to 1pm at 371 Morrison Road, Swan View. There will be car boot goodies, a sausage sizzle, Devonshire tea and the Salvos op-shop will be open too. To register for the sale email james.brennan2@salvationarmy.org.au or pop in for a registration form. Registrations must be received by March 11.

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

Remi is 12 month old staffy cross who is sterilised, vaccinated and microchipped. Remi is not good with cats but is ok with other dogs and loves to be around you all day. Remi would suit someone that's retired or works from home. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.

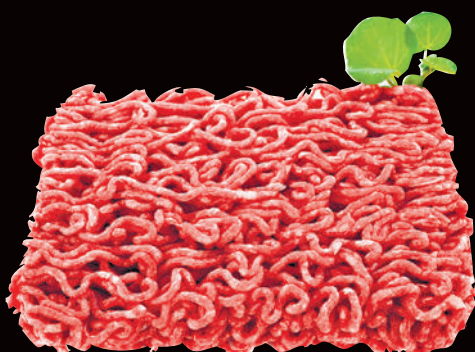
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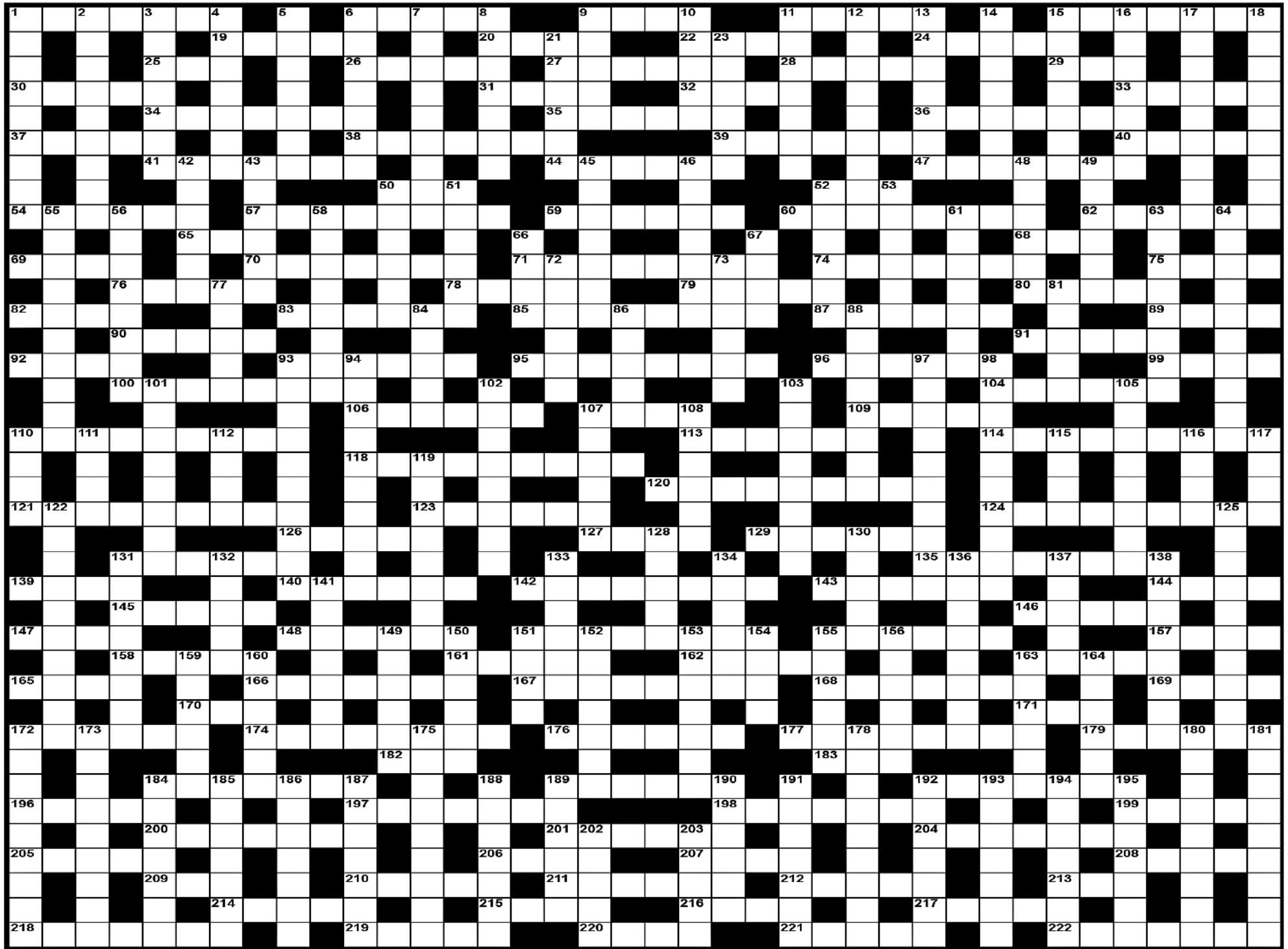
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1 Dwells

6 Airship

9 Billiard sticks

11 Illegal schemes

15 A singer

19 A subject

20 A haircut

22 A book

24 Former slave

25 Meadow

26 Relaxed

27 Brings out

28 Japanese dish

29 Highly skilled person

30 Goddess of hunting

31 A toboggan

32 Skin ailment

33 Flee to marry

34 Destructive wave

35 A riddle

36 A source of mischief

37 Female's name

38 Holy city

39 Bringing back to life

40 Record

41 Put away a sword

44 Soldiers

47 Broke out

50 High explosive (init)

52 Aura

54 An Italian city

57 A plunderer

59 Lacking decency

60 Horse attendant

62 Short roles

65 A beverage

68 Fuss

69 A pace

70 A sailing ship
- 71 Water crops

74 No longer existing

75 Fodder storage place

76 Lively dance

78 Conceptions

79 Musical instrument

80 Cast out

82 A type of wine

83 Tilted

85 Deep furrows

87 Picturesque

89 A ceremony

90 A ring-shaped cake

91 Fabled magician

92 A sword

93 Cutting tool

95 Challenged effort

96 Bombard the enemy

99 A father

100 One under arrest

104 Views through trees

106 Upper part of windpipe

107 An air

109 A group of chasers

110 Crop protection

113 Logic numbers puzzle

114 Bounced back

118 Hard to convince

120 A quack

121 A wild ruffian

123 Irritate

124 Hair on eyelid

126 Cook in oven

127 Flat plateau

129 Stay

131 Interior courtyard

135 Diced paper

139 Farm trucks
- 140 Yellowish brown pigment

142 Measure of weight

143 Pitworkers

144 Drinking cups

145 Holy person

146 Fill properly (3-2)

147 Water

148 Fit for eating

151 Heavenly body

155 About apes

157 Do as told

158 Large number

161 At no time

162 Burial chamber

163 Funeral fires

165 A freshwater fish

166 Asserts without proof

167 Make longer

168 Cereal food

169 A nipple

170 A night bird

171 And others (abb)

172 Dog home

174 Floating ice masses

176 A sea channel

177 Having notched edge

179 Concurred

182 A lair

183 Regret

184 Olden bandstand

189 Decorates

192 Large parrot

196 Courtyard

197 Small claws

198 Type of porch

199 Short

200 Family member

201 Draw

204 Agent of retribution

205 An eagle's nest
- 206 Undo

207 Depend

208 Possessed

209 Lion symbol

210 Bury

211 Of higher rank

212 Actor, ... Dingo

213 A paddle

214 Articles

215 Amount of medicine

216 A dam in river

217 Girl's name; Musical

218 A shop ...

219 Devil's abode

220 Grassed area

221 A coarse fibre

222 A meal course
- 43 Camel-like ruminant

45 Compunction

46 Ancient Egyptian king

48 A buccaneer

49 A call for more

50 Australian snake

51 Ardent

52 Capital of Greece

53 Baby's toy

55 Germ killer

56 Askew

58 Proof

61 Pope

63 Head teacher

64 Erase completely

66 Eating directions

67 Beer containers

72 Uncommon thing

73 Three times

77 Steam-filled room

81 Young kangaroos

84 An anaesthetic

86 Pacific island

88 Ancient siege weapon

93 Blizzards in Arctic

94 Uranium oxide

97 Choosing not to do something

98 Some shrubs

101 Coming forth

102 In wayward way

103 Burn slowly

105 Profuse

107 National song

108 Breathing disorder (coll)

111 High hills

112 A flightless bird

115 Drill

116 Hurry along

117 A platform
- 119 A guard

122 Earth tremor

125 Emphasise too much

128 A sweetener

130 A defence - being elsewhere

131 A killer

132 Inside

133 Type of fuel

134 A lasso

136 Decoration

137 A very hard wood

138 False claimant

141 Enjoy immensely

149 In a morass

150 US Naval rank

151 Affirm with confidence

152 Ran slowly

153 Applause

154 Act for two

155 A fireman

156 Adult

159 Olden god
- 160 A rum and coconut flavoured liqueur

163 A vow

164 Remember

172 Mementoes

173 A fruit

175 Esteemed

178 Basic parts

180 Spying

181 Self-doubting

184 Handsome paraeet

185 A newspaper

186 Whinnied

187 Mental pain

188 Tapes

189 Estimate

190 Orb

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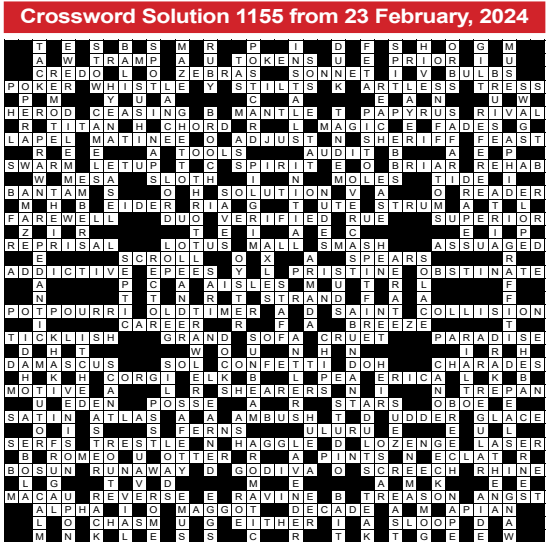
193 A piece left over

194 Noosed

195 Takes inside

202 Be on knees

203 Coronet



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The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) is seeking public comment on the following draft policy under the *Swan Valley Planning Scheme No. 1*. **Draft Fencing and Walls Policy.**

This policy will provide guidance and establish development standards for all fences and walls within the *Swan Valley Planning Scheme No. 1* area.

The policy can be viewed online at consultation.dplh.wa.gov.au or in person at the:

- WAPC, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth

Submissions close **5 April 2024** 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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ADOPTION OF CHILD CARE PREMISES AND FAMILY DAY CARE LOCAL PLANNING POLICY


Notice is hereby given for public information that the Shire of Mundaring, at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 13 February 2024, resolved to adopt the Child Care Premises and Family Day Care Local Planning Policy.

The purpose of the policy is to provide a framework for the location, design and operation of Child Care Premises and Family Day Cares within the Shire of Mundaring. Also to ensure child care premises are appropriately designed to ensure the health and safety of children attending the early childhood education and care service.

A copy of the policy can be viewed on the Shire's website: www.mundaring.wa.gov.au

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Wet weather wins and losses for Midland Guildford



Jack Giancono and Ben Skinner from the male 2nd grade put together a late tenth wicket partnership of 115 runs.

JOSHUA McKENZIE

RAIN delays and losses marred February's final weekend of play for the Midland Guildford Cricket Club playing sides, while a late tenth wicket partnership by the male 2nd grade proved the difference in the match.

The senior male sides completed their two-day matches against University, while the other teams played a variety of different opponents, battling rain delays. The male 1st grade suffered a 10-wicket defeat in their match, while the male 2nd grade did not see play commence on day two of their contest.

The match did however see a remarkable 10th wicket partnership shared by Jack Giancono (77 not out off 122) and Ben Skinner (32 off 105) who together took the score in the first innings from 9/174 to 289 all out in a partnership of 115 runs.

In the male 3rd grade, the side posted a total of just 116 all out in their first innings, before dismissing their opponents for a total of just 76 and securing a 40 run first innings victory.

The male 4th grade chose to bowl first in their

match and were rewarded with dismissing their opponents for a total of just 54 runs.

The side declared with a 78-run lead and began the second innings. Their opponents would manage to reach 9/111 at stumps on day two with Ethan Ozanne and Lennon Brookes finishing with figures of 4/7 off 16 overs and 2/10 off 14 overs respectively.

The female A grade faced Subiaco Floreat in their latest 50 over fixture in a match that was impacted by rain. Electing to bowl first, they limited their opponents to a total of just 97 all out.

The match resumed after a rain delay with a reduced target for the side, which was reached with only three wickets lost in a seven-wicket triumph.

The female B grade had a bye, and the female U17s and female U14s were both defeated in their matches.

The male U14s also fell short in their grand final against Subiaco Floreat and suffered a 91-run defeat, the male U17s were defeated by 64 runs, and the male U15s were unable to resume play on day two and had their match abandoned.

Hills Grandslam hits the Maida Vale clay

GERA KAZAKOV

DRIZZLE and overcast conditions didn't stop a capacity player cohort competing at this year's Hills Grandslam French Open in Maida Vale.

Run by the Midland Lawn Tennis Club, the 'French open' was again held at the Maida Vale tennis club on Sunday, February 25, with 96 competitors filling 24 mixed-teams of four.

Kicking off at 8am, the teams competed across six divisions each named after a French region, with each player playing three timed sets in the morning and afternoon.

Lyon was won by Racquets 'R' Us – comprising of Noah Watts Bibby, Nigel Dickinson, Waree Holton and Ann MacGeehan, while the Haberneros (Courtney Newton, Justin Myles, Claire Newton and Ha Le Davis) were the runners up.

Toulouse was won by Trying Our Best (Adrian Manescu, Bill Kerr, Anne Kerr and Katja Aslop), with Jason Hall, Lee Dallow, Maureen Deal and Simone Mikolich's team The Friendly Forries walking away as runners up.

Avignon was won by the Beach Bums (Andrew Raymond, Ibrahim Aliu, Wendy Lewis, Lorraine Oliver) and Brian Lansdown, Denis Gilbert, Julie Thomas, Di Evans from the Dare Doubles were runners up.

In Amiens, Team Bayswater (Andrew Siney, Surabh Nair, Ashlinne Zoranich and Masalingo Boland) won while Team Extreme (Marc Adam, Tyrone Murray, June Vonderling and Gillian Longworth) were runners up.

Bordeaux was won by Mark O'Donnell, Sukwinder Singh, Anne Miller and Elena Holt's Can Not Be Serious, with Ray's Rebels (Ray Barker, Gareth Hughes, Judy Hawrylak and Harriet

Robertson) as runners up.

In Marseille, team Forrestfield (Andres Arevalo, Matthew (substitute), Leanna MacArthur and Audrey Tuckey) were victorious while the Duecebags (Oscar Ellard, Lee Benporath, Keri Benporath and Jill Kendall) were runners up.

Hills Grandslam tournament director Mandy Campbell said all the runners up received a special Hills Grandslam embroidered hand towel, while the division winners received a cash prize.

She thanked all volunteers who helped make the day run smoothly and said the French Open has often been dubbed the 'hot and dirty slam' due to the high temperatures players often must face when playing.

Now entering its nineteenth year, the French open is the second tournament in a series of four which seek to recreate world-famous tennis tournaments across the hills and foothills suburbs.



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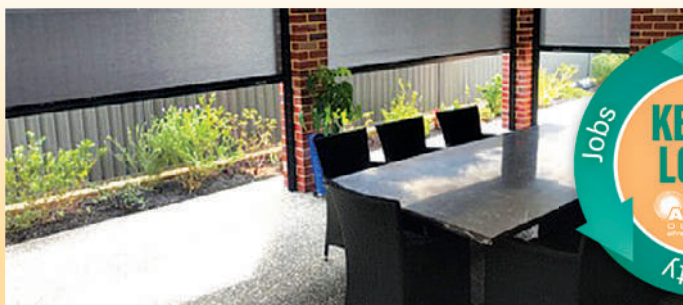
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Our current offer is a FREE MOTOR UPGRADE (7 year replacement warranty) for all Interlock blinds. Interlock blinds have a 50 knot (92km/hr) wind rating plus a 10 year warranty on the mesh. The mesh has a range of features to ensure longevity and a large colour range. You can match the mesh and frame to existing colours or the new range of colour bond mesh colours.

Alfresco Classic blinds can be made with mesh or pvc, clear or tint. A great solution for year round outdoor entertaining in comfort and style. Keep your outdoors clean and comfortable all year!

The show room at 1/6 Elmsfield Road, Midvale has an outdoor display as well as an indoor display.

Call 9274 0555 for an obligation free appraisal.



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