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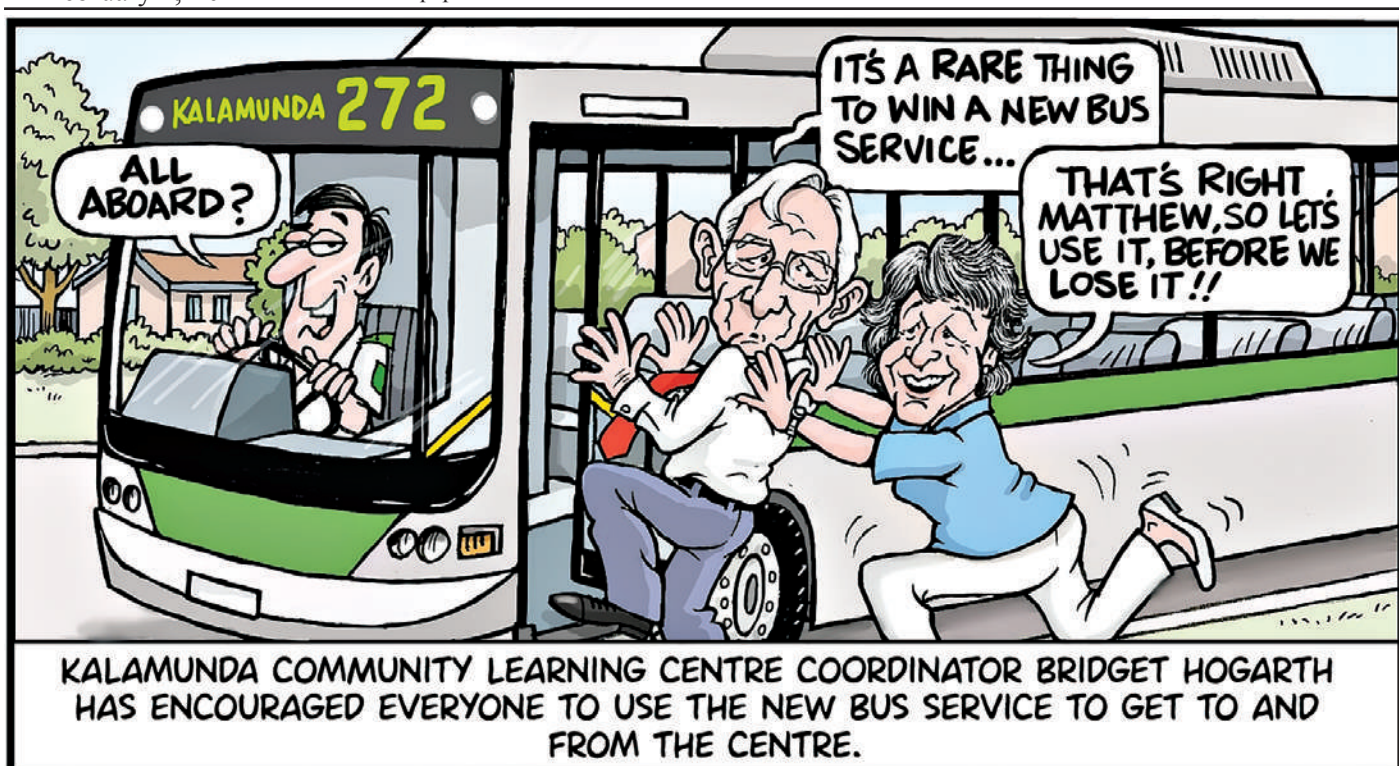


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Travel troubles

Dear Echo News,
I read with interest the Consumer Protection Refunds, returns, repairs and gift cards: know your rights (Echo News, January 19) relating to vouchers and gift cards.

Working in the travel industry I regularly have clients lose considerable amounts of money due to the restricted validity of their airline tickets.

Airlines set the validity of a ticket at 12 months from the date of purchase, even when travellers are paying months in advance for their tickets.

The majority of consumers are aware they need to book well ahead of their travel date, particularly for holiday periods, to secure an acceptable price for the journey.

For example, tickets purchased January 13, 2023, for travel on August 13, 2023 – the airline has those funds for seven months prior to providing the service and they are non-refundable.

Sometimes, unforeseen circumstances occur, and the client isn't able to travel on the booked date and are unable to commit to a new date for any number of reasons.

The airlines rules are that travel must be taken before 13 January 2024.

How is that the airlines are not taken to task for making the validity 12 months from the purchase date and not 12 months from the date of original travel (at least).

Retailers are required to have an expiry period of at least three years on vouchers and gift cards.

Isn't the airline holding the client's cash to provide a service and shouldn't they be re-

quired to give the consumer a reasonable amount of time to claim that service?

Sincerely, tired of seeing clients lose substantial sums of money when they find themselves unable to travel on their original date.

E Morris
Gooseberry Hill

Unwanted retic removal

Dear Echo News,
St Swithuns Anglican Church of Kalamunda and Lesmurdie is a Western Australian heritage listed church located on Lesmurdie Road and has been in use since 1910.

It is estimated that sometime between 4pm Friday, January 19 and 7am Sunday, January 21, a person has entered the church property.

They proceeded to cut the PVC pipe to the reticulation, cutting the wiring to the four solenoids located on a herring bone piping system as well as cutting the outlet piping then removing the lot, including a large green heavy duty reticulation cover box.

They did have the consideration to turn off the mains water tap to the system – thanks!

I fully understand the many difficult situations many people are facing at this time, however for someone to be so uncaring to steal items valued at a few hundred dollars and readily available at local hardware or reticulation shops, leaves me sad and shattered for this to occur in our community.

The bush garden area is designated as a memorial garden and the ashes of many former parishioners are there.

There is a bird bath and also a bench seat which is regularly used

Thought for the day

"There is no substitute for hard work."

- Thomas Edison

by those seeking solace and peace with nature.

We are indeed fortunate to live in this region, and yet so sad that in our midst are people who can steal some watering infrastructure which helps maintain that beauty, especially during the summer months.

Areas such as this have been provided and cared for by donations and voluntary work of local residents – again, so sad and disrespectful.

The matter has been reported.

B Colegate
Lesmurdie

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Festival fiasco – know how to avoid ticketing blues

With Commissioner for Consumer Protection Tim Banfield

YOU'VE got your outfit picked and you know all the words to your favourite band's songs – then they cancel as a headlining act.

There are other bands to see but you're still disappointed and you assume you're not entitled to a refund. Well, that's not entirely true.

You have rights under Australian Consumer Law (ACL) when things go wrong and an event is cancelled or has a major change, such as the date, the location or the headliner doesn't perform.

It's worth noting these rights don't just apply to music festivals and live concerts.

You have the same rights if the event is a food or arts festival, expo, sporting event, convention or other large event.

If the event is cancelled, you may be entitled to a full refund from the company that sold you the ticket.

If you lost extra money due to the cancellation, such as from cancelling flights or accommodation, contact the ticketing agent first.

The ACL says a business must provide the goods or service it advertised.

If the event goes ahead but is significantly different from what was advertised, you may also have a right to a refund on the grounds you were misled, or because you would otherwise not have bought a ticket in the first place had you known the line-up, venue, date or any other important feature, would change so much.

What happens if a support act cancels, or traffic delays meant you missed the first few songs of the headliner?

We recently saw this with the Robbie Williams concert in the Swan Valley. In these cases there may be grounds to receive a partial refund.

With any of these issues, in the first instance you should contact the ticketing agent to attempt to negotiate a solution.

If you have issues obtaining a refund or the ticket is refused at the gate, the event is cancelled or your ticket doesn't arrive, then we recommend seeking a chargeback from your bank.

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Due to lack of space, the crossword will not be running in this week's edition.
We apologise for any inconvenience.
Please check our website for the crossword and last week's solution.

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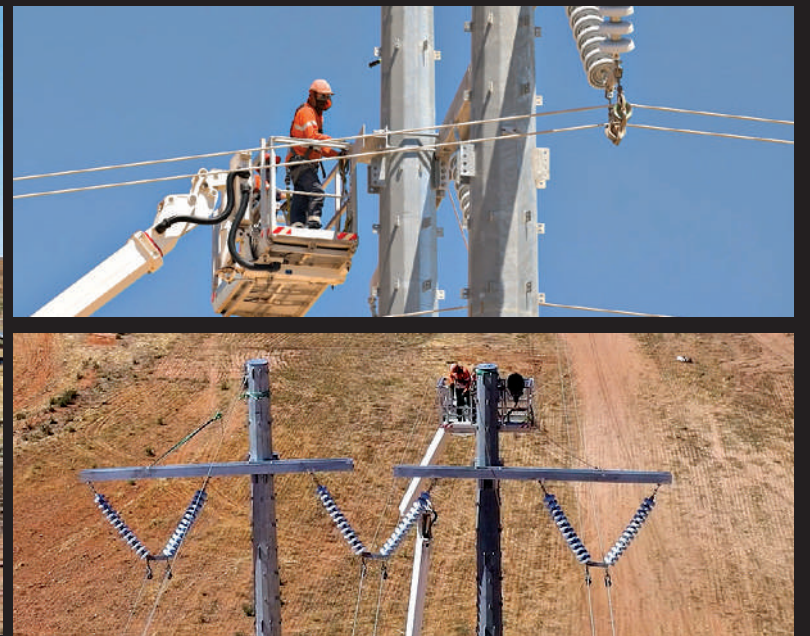
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Above: Part of the extensive damage caused by the recent storm. Right: Work commences on the rebuild of the damaged section.



Storm-destroyed transmission line rebuilt and re-energised

THE 220kV transmission feeder line into the Kalgoorlie-Boulder area was successfully re-energised on Sunday following a fast-track rebuild of the storm damaged section by Western Power in just nine days.

Five towers were destroyed by the extreme storm experienced on Wednesday, January 17, affecting power supply to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder area and surrounds. Power was restored through a combination of Western Power network assets, Synergy's back-up generator and a local privately owned generator.

Western Power executive manager of asset management Gair Landsborough said the trans-

mission line was a critical piece of network infrastructure in the area, and as soon as the damage was known, teams across the business sprang into action to fast-track a solution.

"Our design and engineering teams developed a robust and resilient solution that could be constructed timely and safely, and we began procuring materials needed with a particular focus on using alternatives that we had in stock.

"Specialist crossarms to go on the towers had to be designed and fabricated, and all materials and equipment had to be transported out to site.

"Logistically, this operation

has required meticulous planning and execution from establishing temporary access roads to setting up on-site mobile facilities for our crews – every aspect has been thoughtfully managed to ensure continuous progress and energisation of the line for the community.

"Despite the remote location, our engineers and crews have been working tirelessly to restore this vital link including extensive drilling into hard rock to secure new foundations and installing 12, 32-meter-high steel poles along the 2.5km work site in place of the five damaged towers.

"Crossarms were then fitted,

conductor strung, conductors moved and clipped as required and additional earth wire strung before final checks and energisation of the line today.

"Understanding the complexity of such large-scale operations, we put comprehensive backup plans in place such as specialist crews on standby to handle any mechanical issues or unforeseen challenges."

Mr Landsborough said the crews outstanding efforts could not have been achieved without the fantastic support and collaboration from the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder, a number of other agencies, contractors, and suppliers.

"We thank them and most importantly the community for being patient while we repair the storm damage," he said.

"Additionally, the support of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) during this time to ensure a co-ordinated effort was invaluable in minimising any disruptions to the community while maximising efficiency on-site.

"Every step was taken with two goals in mind: safety and speed. We understand the importance of this line to the people of Kalgoorlie and the surrounding regions. Every action was taken to respond as swiftly and safely as possible."

Mundaring doctor suspended

A MUNDARING doctor has been reprimanded and suspended for engaging in professional misconduct and must undertake and successfully complete a program of education, approved by the Medical Board of Australia.

On January 18 the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) ruled that medical practitioner Andrew Dunn, who has had his registration suspended for five months, must once his suspension has finished nominate an education course, assessment or program covering topics including sexual harassment and boundary violations as well as ethics and professional communication.

Once the training is completed the Mundaring Medical Centre GP has to provide to the medical board evidence that he has successfully reflected on his understanding of the power dynamics between medical practitioners and patients and how those dynamics affect interactions between them and how he would incorporate the lessons he had learnt into his medical practice.

SAT also ruled the GP, who has been practicing medicine for about 40 years, had to pay \$20,000 towards the medical board's costs.

The statement of agreed facts said on July 15,

2021 and then on October 12, 2022 the medical board received notifications in relation to the GP's conduct both of which form part of the proceedings.

On February 6 last year the medical board decided to take immediate action under section 156 of the Schedule to the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (WA) Act 2010 (National Law), by suspending the GP's registration with his registration remaining suspended since then.

The statement of agreed facts said in October 2018 the GP told a female patient in her late 20s when she sought treatment for a urinary tract infection that "A girl who looks like you, you're probably having it (sex) two or three times a day, so that might be too much. Sorry, I just had to say that."

In June 2021 a female pharmaceutical sales representative attended the medical centre and the GP made inappropriate and sexualised comments to her.

Then in October 2022 the GP inappropriately and/or unprofessionally made use of the personal information obtained from a woman at her son's appointment to visit her business in Glen Forrest and stayed there until he was asked to leave the premises.

Community resumes John Frylinck search

GERA KAZAKOV

TWO weeks after he went missing, 70-year-old John Frylinck is yet to be found.

Mr Frylinck went missing on the evening of January 18 at Sculpture Park in Mundaring, sparking a five-day search by police and State Emergency Services volunteers before it was suspended on January 23.

WA Police said an extensive area was searched and thanked those involved who assisted; however, Mr Frylinck was unable to be located.

After the police search was called off, Mundaring community members resumed the search, and by the time *Echo News* went to press, he was still yet to be located.

Mr Frylinck is 180cm tall and is described as having a slim build with a small pot belly, white hair and a white moustache, fair skin, and blue eyes.

Police are asking members of Mundaring to continue checking for signs of Mr Frylinck in their gar-



John Frylinck has a moustache now and was last seen at Sculpture Park in Mundaring.

dens and outbuildings, and to contact crime stoppers (1800 333 000) if they believe they have any relevant information.

Planning and Development Act 2005



Proposed Local Planning Scheme Amendment

Local Planning Scheme No.3 - Amendment 113 - High Wycombe South Development Contribution Area 2 and associated Development Contribution Plan Report

It is hereby notified for public information, in accordance with section 87 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* that the City of Kalamunda has initiated Amendment 113 to *Local Planning Scheme No. 3* (LPS 3) and the associated draft Development Contribution Plan (DCP) Report for the purposes of public advertising.

Amendment 113 and the draft DCP Report relate to the proposed establishment of a DCP, which will coordinate contributions towards, and the delivery of, infrastructure that is needed for the future urban development within the High Wycombe South Residential Precinct Local Structure Plan.

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

Gary Ticehurst
A/Chief Executive Officer



kalamunda.wa.gov.au



West Swan firefighter Thomas Allen and crew leader Xavier Cousin.

West Swan firefighters now see the light thanks to Rio

PETER W LEWIS

THANKS to Rio Tinto's community giving program the West Swan Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade have been able to purchase rechargeable torches to assist in firefighting efforts.

Brigade captain Evyn Johnson said the brigade was thrilled to have been able to purchase the rechargeable torches which have already assisted firefighters during recent incidents.

"Safety is paramount when we attend incidents, and the initiative will further enhance this for our

members on the fireground."

The brigade attends more than 150 fire calls every year, anywhere from the metro area to regional WA.

"A large number of these call outs occur in the middle of the night, in locations involving challenging terrain, both by vehicle and foot, and without the benefit of streetlights. Without sufficient lighting, the risk of twisted ankles, falling into holes/ditches and walking into fallen lines is high," he said.

"Our appliances come equipped with standard torches that require

regular battery replacement. Consequently, there are occasions where batteries are flat or emit only a low level of light.

"As the fires are usually in locations that cannot be reached by vehicles, having sufficient lighting to hand is essential for our volunteers' safety as well as quickly getting to the job to extinguish the fire."

The grant has enabled the West Swan brigade to purchase four rechargeable Fenix WF26R 3000 lumen torches with in-vehicle charging stations for firefighting appliances.

New Kalamunda bus service and free travel on Sundays

SMARTRIDER holders can now get free public transport on Sundays, student smartrider holders can travel to school for free, and Kalamunda residents also get to enjoy a new bus service – the 272.

Kalamunda Learning Centre coordinator Bridget Hogarth encouraged everyone to use the 272 bus to get to and from the centre once term starts on February 12.

"This is great – the buses will run at exactly the right time for our classes," she said.

Kalamunda MLA Matthew Hughes said the new weekday 272 service is timed to fit in with the Kalamunda Learning Centre classes.

"Down the hill the 272 goes at 9.17am and 12.17pm, on the way back up to the village it's 11.55am and 2.55pm," he said.

"It's a rare thing to win a new bus service... it's seen as a three-month trial, so we need passengers – I say, 'use it or lose it.'"

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said a review of the 272 service will be conducted in May this year to allow time for patronage in the line to grow.

Ms Saffioti and Premier Roger Cook also announced on Sunday that public transport is now free for smartrider holders on Sundays and for student smartrider holders travelling to school.

"Making public transport free every Sunday is another way we're helping Western Australians manage the cost of getting around and comes on top of our two-zone fare cap," Ms Saffioti said.

Premier Roger Cook said helping Western Australian's with cost-of-living pressures is a top priority for his government.

"The cost of public transport for school kids adds up, and this measure alone can save families more than \$500 each year," he said.



Kalamunda MLA Matthew Hughes and Kalamunda Learning Centre coordinator Bridget Hogarth.

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New Midland private hospital project

ST John of God Health Care is set to deliver a brand new standalone private hospital in Midland, the first of its kind for Perth's eastern suburbs and the wider Wheatbelt region which will more than double private bed capacity in Midland and surrounding areas.

Planning for the project is well underway, with the facility to be located at a site already earmarked for development of a private hospital, about 300m from the current St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospitals campus.

The hospital will provide a full-service standalone private hospital experience, offering comprehensive medical and surgical services, some of which will be offered for the first time in the region.

The new 17,000sqm facility will include 96 overnight inpatient beds including a six-bed critical care/high dependency unit, 24 bed (plus six chairs) short stay and day procedure unit, four general theatres, two procedure rooms and a cardiac/vascular catheter laboratory.

St John of God Health Care Group chief executive officer Bryan Pyne said the project demonstrates the organisation's commitment to boosting hospital, allied health and community services for an ever-increasing population.

"In addition to continuing to deliver pub-

lic services in the soon-to-be-expanded St John of God Midland Public Hospital, the new private hospital will offer greater choice for the community at their doorstep, with a wide range of medical and surgical services including interventional cardiology," he said.

"In particular, interventional cardiology services will be a first for the region, meaning many patients with heart diseases will no longer be required to travel long distances to receive care at a tertiary hospital.

"We are committed to continuing to provide the highest standard of private health care services in a contemporary facility to meet the future needs of private patients. The new private hospital will, in effect, more than double private bed capacity in Midland and the surrounding area.

"The project will be delivered swiftly, to meet the existing high demand for private hospital services at Midland and minimise the gap in the provision of these services when the current private hospital facilities cease operation in 2026."

Subject to relevant approvals, commencement of site works is scheduled to begin in 2024.

New private hospital facility includes:

- 96 overnight inpatient beds, including a six-bed critical care unit/high dependency unit.
- 24 bed and 6 chair short stay and day pro-



Hospital chief executive officer Paul Dyer at the location where the new hospital will be built on Watertank Way in Midland.

cedure unit.

- Four general theatres, two procedure rooms, cardiac/vascular catheter laboratory, radiology, pathology, pharmacy, patient administrative and support functions, support services infrastructure including catering, engineering and biomedical services.

- Dining and end of trip facilities, café and retail, education and research facilities, hospital sessional suites, medical consulting suites; and dedicated car parking facilities.

Private hospital services will include sur-

gical services, general surgery, colorectal surgery, endoscopy, gastroenterology, breast surgery, gynaecology, orthopaedics, ear, nose and throat, ophthalmology, plastic and reconstructive surgery, upper GIT surgery, urology, vascular surgery, interventional cardiology, and pain.

Medical services will include general medicine, cardiology, respiratory medicine, neurology, haematology, medical oncology, renal medicine, endocrinology, dermatology, immunology and infections, and rheumatology.

Residents seek to extend heritage

ANITA McINNES

THE Town of Bassendean has voted to proceed with its amended heritage planning including the designation of the proposed Earlsferry heritage area while also requesting a report on the Nurstead Avenue precinct.

This came about after some town residents asked for Nurstead Avenue to be included in the heritage area.

At the December council meeting Jean Anning of Nurstead Avenue made a statement to the council about the submissions to include Nurstead Avenue and 8 Thompson Road in the proposed Earlsferry heritage area.

The minutes said she described the historical context around the four properties listed on the town's heritage survey and was unsure why other properties of the same era had not been included on the heritage survey.

Fifty per cent of Nurstead Avenue responded to the consultation with almost unanimous support for Nurstead Avenue to be included in the heritage precinct.

Nurstead Avenue resident Katharina Wolf told *Echo News* the Nurstead area was of unique value as residents had preserved the original cluster of early 1900s federation homes, maintaining their street appeal and key architectural features.

"This area compliments Earlsferry House – indeed I'd argue that the historical value of the category 1 listed Earlsferry House and guided bridge sites are contextualised by the cluster of houses in Nurstead Avenue," she said.

"At a time where new estates pop up right left and centre, I believe it's crucial that we recognise the detail and planning that has gone into these early settlements.

"West Guildford was originally marketed as a weekend escape location from the city – similar to the likes of Dalkeith.

"The fact that the Success Hill railway station

was established in the first place speaks to the social role of this area, which is much older than what is today known as Bassendean.

"So yes, I would encourage every single resident to value, protect and celebrate their local history and to embrace any measures to protect historical landmarks into the future.

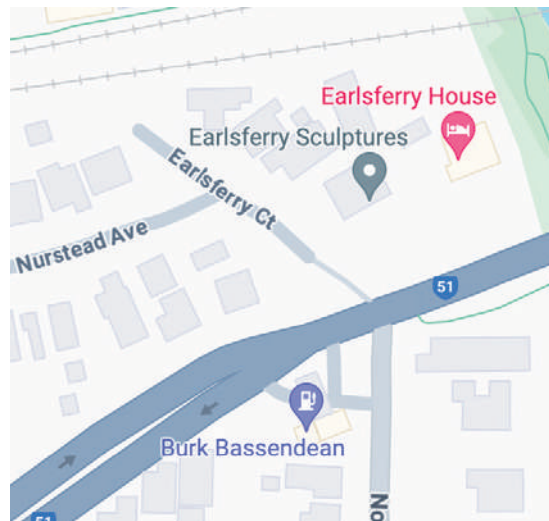
"This particular area is loved by locals – not just the actual residents of Nurstead Avenue.

"It's on the town's heritage trail and sought out by many (dog) walkers.

"There is a special feel about this little pocket of Bassendean."

But Martin Jaine from Earlsferry House told the council they had not had anyone come and see them about the heritage proposal.

"We are already on the heritage listing and the houses at the front aren't of a heritage precinct so we can't build anything, so I'm not really sure what this heritage thing is all about," he said.



Some residents want Nurstead Avenue included in the heritage area. Google maps

Midland farmer's markets on ice

GERA KAZAKOV

THE City of Swan remains open to discussion on the future of the Midland farmers' markets as licensing and insurance issues have brought the markets to a halt.

The markets ran in the City of Swan and Landgate carpark before a Facebook post in June 2023 by Midland Farmers Market stated that "the markets will be closed until further notice due to a leasing issue with the shire."

An update post in December by Midland Farmers Market then stated that the markets will be closed permanently due to being "a problem for the shire."

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said that after the previous licensee who was authorised to run markets gave up the lease, two stallholders kept

the markets going for a while.

"However, they were not incorporated or insured and did not have a license to operate the markets," she said.

"This presented considerable risk for the stallholders.

"The city met with the stallholders last year to explain the situation and reiterated that the city wanted the markets to continue if possible."

Ms Richardson said the city offered to help them to become incorporated, and proposed an auspicing arrangement and a temporary license while the process was worked through.

"The stallholders stopped running the markets while they considered their options," she said.

"The city remains open to discussion about the future of the markets."

SHIRE OF MUNDARING

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Swan Chamber 'Hour of Power' is back

PETER W LEWIS

The Swan Chamber of Commerce 'Hour of Power' resumes this month at its regular venue the Crooked Spire Coffee and Arthouse boardroom on Wednesday, February 14 at 10.30am.

To kick off the year of monthly events two seasoned speakers who come from the highs and lows of the hospitality industry, and whose industries are among the first adversely effected by economic fluctuations and circumstances, will take centre stage.

Tony Williamson wears a number of hats as general manager of Bailey Brewing Co and chairperson for Radio Lollipop WA, the charity that provides smiles and laughter to young people in hospital.

Mike Matich, the owner of Crooked Spire Coffee and Arthouse and president of the Swan Chamber of Commerce, is well-versed at taking on expansion and exercising enormous vision.

Each speaker has 15 minutes each to share their passion for business, among other things, leaving plenty of room for engaged discussion.

As usual, sponsors Leanne and Shane Wilcox from SLW Transport will facilitate the monthly events held on the second Wednesday of each month.

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Mike Matich.



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For further information please contact chief executive officer Tom Smilovitis on 0407 866 555 or email ceo@swanchamber.com.au



Chief bushfire control officer for the Shire of Toodyay Craig Stewart began his career in 1998.

National honours for state firemen

FOUR Western Australian firefighters have been recognised in the Australia Day honours list and awarded the Australian fire service medal – with one working in Toodyay and another beginning his career within the Shire of Kalamunda.

Chief bushfire control officer for the Shire of Toodyay Craig Stewart and superintendent of the Nambelup Bushfire Centre of Excellence Craig Garrett were awarded the Australian fire service medal.

Mr Garrett's career started in the Shire of Kalamunda where he was a fire control officer before he joined the Department of Fire and Emergency Services in 2009 as the Mundaring community emergency services manager and chief bushfire control officer.

In 2012 he was promoted to north-east metropolitan district officer, before gaining himself the title of the inaugural superintendent of the Bushfire Centre for Excellence in 2019.

"A cool head under pressure, Mr Garrett's strong communication skills and calm and collected approach have been vital to keeping the public safe and informed when disaster strikes," Mr Garrett's nomination said.

Mr Stewart began his 25-year long career as a volunteer firefighter in 1998 with the Toodyay Central Bush Fire Brigade before becoming a fire control officer for Shire of Toodyay in 2010, and in 2014 he was promoted to chief bushfire control officer.

The last nine years has seen him work closely within the Wheatbelt educating the community on the dangers of bushfires and helping ensure they're prepared each season.

"Mr Stewart's exceptional incident management skills came to the fore at the Avon Valley Bushfire in January 2023, where he was part of the incident management team that fought several bushfires under control that had broken out in the area under control within 24 hours before the



Superintendent Craig Garrett.

flames could destroy lives or homes," Mr Stewart's nomination said.

The other two Western Australian fire service medal recipients were the Shire of Capel's chief bushfire control officer Christopher Scott and the late Ronald Winstone, who was credited with almost single-handedly saving the Geraldton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service from the brink of collapse in 2012.

State Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson congratulated the state's recipients of the fire service medal.

"Each recipient has displayed dedication, selflessness and bravery in different areas of the WA fire service," he said.

"These outstanding firefighters don't seek accolades, but it's heartening to see them recognised nationally for decades of loyal service to their community."

Granny flat exemptions give housing boost

THE state government has introduced relaxed amendments to residential design codes (R-Codes) aimed at boosting housing supply through removing the minimum lot size requirements for granny flats.

Compliant granny flats on residential lots of any size in Western Australia will no longer require approval under the latest state planning reform initiative to help boost housing supply.

Previously, a minimum lot size of 350sqm was required for an ancillary dwelling or granny flat. However, where a granny flat meets the deemed to comply provisions of the codes it may be

exempt from development approval.

Any granny flat will need to meet setback requirements and must not exceed 70m².

In addition to the removal of the minimum lot size, changes in most cases mean an ancillary dwelling will not be required to provide a parking bay, except for ancillary dwellings in some densities and proposed in locations where a car is more likely to be needed due to distance from public transport.

The changes made in relation to parking have been designed to allow for greater flexibility when considering parking requirements

and reduce the extent of covered parking on-site, thereby opening up more of the lot for either dwelling space or garden space.

These reforms build on previous initiatives that removed the need for planning approval for some change-of-use applications and small residential projects such as pergolas and decks.

The amended state planning-policy 7.3 will be released in mid-March 2024 and will become operational by mid-April 2024.

Contact your local council for information about building an ancillary dwelling on your property and whether an exemption applies.

Mundaring Workshop for young changemakers

YOUNG people aged 12 to 25 who live, work, study, volunteer or spend time in the Shire of Mundaring are invited to a young changemaker workshop on Wednesday February 28 from 5pm to 7pm at Katharine Susannah Prichard (Boya) Library.

Hosted by the Youth Affairs Council of WA, the free workshop is set to inspire, teach new skills and connect like-minded young changemakers and leaders, with an added bonus of a \$50 door prize for one lucky attendee.

This workshop will help inform a new youth informing strategy being developed by Shire of Munda-

ring in partnership with Youth Affairs Council of WA.

The aim of the strategy is to understand what is important to young people and explore what is needed to make their community the best possible place over the coming years.

Visit <https://events.humanitix.com/yacwa-young-changemaker-workshop-mundaring> to book a spot at the workshop.

For further information about this workshop or the youth informing strategy, contact the shire's project officer – community engagement via email POCE@mundaring.wa.gov.au or (08) 9290 6790.



The City of Swan congratulates its 2024 Community Citizen of the Year recipients:

- **Mechelle Turvey**, Community Citizen of the Year
- **Isaac Bhalsod**, Young Community Citizen of the Year (16-30 years of age)
- **Janice O'Shea**, Senior Community Citizen of the Year (over 65 years of age)
- **Swan Family and Domestic Violence Network**, Active Citizenship (group or event)

Winners were announced at the City's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony on Friday, January 26, 2024.

For more information about the ceremony and the winners, visit www.swan.wa.gov.au/Australia-Day-2024



FTD Construction's website promoted these unfinished Scaddan Street apartments as costing \$2m to build and the completion date as February 2024. Picture: Gera Kazakov

Property investor collapses

ANITA McINNES

A DEVELOPER with partly-built apartments on Scaddan Street hit with a demolition order by the Town of Bassendean has gone into liquidation.

In its website promotion to potential investors FTD Construction – also known as Fulfil The Dream – said the eight apartments it was building on Scaddan Street would be worth \$3.8 million once completed.

Last year in September the building services board refused to renew the company's building contractor registration as the board was not satisfied that the company met financial, management and supervision requirements for registration.

As reported in *Unfinished Bassendean apartments to go* (Echo News, January 19) the Town of Bassendean has issued a demolition order saying it was concerned with the development.

The town said it could not provide any more information as the demolition order was subject to an appeal with the State Administrative Tribunal.

Then on Tuesday, January 30 an Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) announcement said at a general meeting of the mem-

bers of the company held on January 29, it was resolved that the company be wound up and that Mathieu Tribut be appointed liquidator.

This prompted Building and Energy to recommend that property owners affected by the liquidation of FTD Construction to contact their home indemnity insurance (HII) provider, QBE Insurance, if they have not already done so.

Building and Energy acting executive director Peter Stewart said homeowners with incomplete or defective building work by FTD Construction should contact QBE on 1300 790 723 to discuss their HII policy.

"Home indemnity insurance provides financial protection for homeowners if their builder faces circumstances such as insolvency or loss of their builder registration," he said.

"Contacting the insurance provider enables homeowners to begin the process of engaging another registered builder to complete the work or managing other remedies they may be entitled to."

Mr Stewart said subcontractors affected by the insolvency should contact Mathieu Tribut of GTS Advisory, who has been appointed liquidator, on info@gsadvisory.com.au or 9223 7900.

Wheatbelt battery project planned

PETER W LEWIS

THE Shire of Merredin has backed a proposed \$220 million battery development that could help improve power reliability in the Wheatbelt and Goldfields.

Nomad Energy and Sydney-based Atmos Renewables are planning a 400-megawatt-hour battery project in Merredin.

Only recently, storms knocked out electricity for thousands of customers throughout the Perth Hills, Wheatbelt and Goldfields, made worse when Kalgoorlie's gas-fired turbine backup

failed to restart.

The planned battery would boost grid reliability and have the capacity to support restart during a blackout.

The Central Wheatbelt location will mean the battery can firm up supply in the eastern section of the network, including Kalgoorlie.

A final investment decision is targeted in the second half of the year.

The 400-megawatt-hour battery project will have about twice as much storage capacity as Tesla's Hornsdale Reserve system in South Australia.

Swan meeting of electors on Monday

ANITA McINNES

THE City of Swan annual meeting of electors will be held at Ballajura Community College on Monday, February 5, starting at 6pm and concluding at the latest by 9pm.

Last year electors put forward 43 motions with the city's responses available on its website – most of the city's comments also included that no further report was required.

Patrick Irwin of Woodbridge put forward a motion that the whole of greater Midland area traffic planning by Main Roads WA and Transperth be obtained and made available to the council and the public.

The city said the matter had been dealt with as part of a notice of motion from Midland Guildford councillor Sarah Howlett on May 4, 2022.

"The city has written to the state government and requested a copy of the 'Jacobs 2021 Traffic Report', which will be reported back to the council when it is received," the city said.

A motion put forward by Kerry Rowe from the Upper Swan District Ratepayers and Residents Association requested that contact details of the operations/quarry manager be displayed on front gates of all extraction sites within the City of Swan, especial-

ly Upper Swan and surrounds.

The city said it was currently reviewing the existing local planning policy pertaining to extractive operations and has received responses from stakeholders to a scoping questionnaire on issues associated with extractive activities.

"Site management obligations by proponents will be addressed as part of a new draft policy to be provided for public comment in 2024," the city said.

Woodbridge resident Francesca Irwin put up a motion that the city apply for Lottery West Funding to create history walks plaques for Midland.

"The city is currently reviewing its local heritage survey with stage 1 being properties in Midland," the city said.

"This needs to be undertaken prior to any walk trail marking being identified to ensure the correct information and subsequent costs being identified."

Former councillor Claire Scanlan of Guildford's motion was that the council provide a safe pedestrian crossing on James Street near Attfield Street in Guildford to enable access to East Guildford train station and local schools.

"It is within the city's 10-year plan to construct this crossing as part of the cycle strategy," the city said.

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The City of Kalamunda is working with the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) to reduce contamination rates in our kerbside recycling bins.

Over a six-week period, our Waste Education team will be doing 'health' checks of recycling and general waste bins over selected areas.

Tags placed on bins will indicate your bin's health using a simple 'smiley' face system, and will also contain helpful tips on how to reduce contamination.

This program has been rolled out successfully, with significant improvement in recovery rates in other local governments.

By working together to reduce our contamination rates, we can take our recycling rates to the next level.

Got more questions? Visit the Bin tagging page and FAQs on our website, or contact (08) 9257 9999



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Mundaring outstanding community heroes honoured

SHIRE of Mundaring celebrated its outstanding community heroes at a citizenship ceremony and citizen awards event held on Australia Day at the Boya Community Centre.

Shire President Paige McNeil congratulated all award winners, saying their generosity and desire to enhance our community were a true reflection of the spirit of these awards.

“Shire of Mundaring is incredibly fortunate to have such passionate and dedicated people contributing to our strong, connected and supportive community,” she said.

2024 Citizen Award winners Shanti Wilbers – Access Mundaring

Over seven impactful years with the Mundaring toy library, Shanti’s leadership has been instrumental. As a former member turned driving force, she dedicated five years to the committee and the past three as president.

Shanti’s strategic vision and ‘Dreaming Big’ project secured significant funds, enabling extensive renovations and the addition

of inclusive offerings to the toy catalogue which has transformed the toy library into a vital community hub, fostering strong bonds among local families.

Mundaring Hills Open Studios Organising Team – Inspirational Volunteer Award (Group)

Mundaring Hills Open Studios (MHOS) holds an annual art trail event in which local participating artists open their studios to the public.

This vibrant annual art event, now in its 13th year attracted 4000 visitors and showcased 65 artists across 37 studios, generating \$400,000 in art sales.

MHOS is a self-funded initiative with a dedicated team of 12 volunteers who have collectively contributed thousands of hours to deliver this exceptional event which promotes Mundaring as a thriving art and cultural destination.

The organising team 2023 includes Silvana Ferrario, Liz Berry, Jenny Kerr, Melissa De Winter, Denise Bending, Neil Elliot, Julie Smith, Yvonne Wadley, Stacy Gordoll, Ian Kay, Craig McKeough

2024 Citizen Award Recipients



The Mundaring Hills Open Studios team were the recipients of the inspirational volunteer award.



Jenny Johnson. Tom Burbidge.

and Nicola Constant.

Long Service Awards

Tom Burbidge has served as the secretary of the Mundaring Residents and Ratepayers Progress Association for the past decade.

His extensive involvement in the scout movement spans decades in roles from scout leader to treasurer, contributing specialised communications knowledge.

Tom continues to support the local community, assisting older

residents with equipment issues and setup. With a 45-year history as a business owner, Tom’s commitment extends to various organisations, making him a selfless contributor who has significantly enriched the Mundaring community.

As a dedicated advocate for the environment and various causes in the shire, Jenny Johnson has been actively involved with numerous environmental groups such as Jane

Brook Catchment Group, Friends of the Bridle Trail, Brookside Park, Falls Park, and Wedgetail Reserve.

Her commitment extends to membership in the Parkerville Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Eastern Hills Wildflower Society, and Mundaring and Hills Historical Society. As a past shire councillor of 10 years, Jenny passionately works on advisory committees for Heritage and Culture.

City of Swan celebrates its champions and citizens

IT was a morning of inspiration and culture as the City of Swan celebrated local champions and welcomed 73 new citizens from 28 countries at Weep Park on Australia Day.

The ceremony started with a special performance from the Midn Marr Dreaming dancers, who had guests out of their seats and dancing to the

sounds of the didgeridoo.

Mayor Tanya Richardson spoke about the late Whadjuk Noongar leader Weep, whose name lives on at Weep Park.

She acknowledged the sensitivities around the date of Australia Day and paid tribute to the “resilience and enduring culture” of Aboriginal and Tor-

City of Swan local champions



Mechelle Turvey Community Citizen of the Year.



Janice O'Shea Senior Community Citizen of the Year.



Isaac Bhalsod Young Community Citizen of the Year.

res Strait Islander Peoples.

City of Swan local champions

Mechelle Turvey Community Citizen of the Year

She may be a local champion in the City of Swan, but Mechelle Turvey’s message of unity and justice has touched people all over the world. She has shown incredible strength and grace after the death of her son, Cassius, in October 2022.

With tensions seemingly poised to boilover, Mrs Turvey sought to unite the community through shared values of love and respect. Her work with WA Police is improving support for victims of crime.

She is a powerful catalyst for change and her advocacy has already earned her widespread recognition, including the titles of Midland NAIDOC Female Elder of the Year and WA Australian of the Year for 2024.

Janice O'Shea Senior Com-

munity Citizen of the Year

Janice O'Shea’s development of the first memory café in the City of Swan continues to have profound positive impacts on the community. Mrs O'Shea founded the Swan Valley Memory Café on the back of her research and collaboration with Dementia Australia.

Her drive to tailor activities and support to individuals has made a marked difference to the lives of people with dementia in our community. The Swan Valley Memory Café provides a supportive and engaging space for those with dementia, as well as their carers and relatives.

Isaac Bhalsod Young Community Citizen of the Year

At just 16 years of age, Isaac Bhalsod has shown remarkable courage in the face of tragedy to advocate for life-saving change. Isaac’s father, Ashwin, died in 2022 after trying to save his two sons from the surf at Yallingup

Beach.

There was a defibrillator at the beach, but it took emergency services seven minutes to provide the lockbox pin code. Isaac spoke out in the wake of his father’s death, putting pressure on WA authorities to improve defibrillator procedures. An investigation led to an overhaul of the procedures, with the generic lockbox pin code shared between WA emergency agencies.

Swan Family and Domestic Violence Network Active Citizenship

The Swan Family and Domestic Violence Network is a grassroots collective of organisations passionate about supporting survivors and breaking the cycle of abuse.

After the inaugural Midland March that Matters in 2013, a range of not-for-profit organisations decided to work together to increase the spread of their awareness and educational activities.

Shire of York award 2024 winners

THE Shire of York’s Australia Day celebrations for 2024 kicked off with a breakfast barbecue on Forrest Oval at the recreation and convention centre.

A flag raising ceremony was conducted by York District High School’s 2024 head boy Angus Jones and student Indiana Astle and Aboriginal representative River Cummings.

Ballardong Noongar Elder Audrey Narkle-Nettle opened the formalities by delivering a Welcome to Country. Citizen of the year was Rachel Hayes and senior citizen of the year was Dianne Baker.

The active citizenship group award went to York Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services, junior sports start of the year was Kai Harries and senior sports star was awarded to Vicki Reynolds.

Kalamunda awards outstanding citizens

THE City of Kalamunda has given out five citizenship awards at this year’s ceremony.

Three citizen of the year

awards were given out, with Danielle McCormick, Sean Winter, and David Saunders receiving the accolade.

Young citizen of the year award went to Kaitlyn Sin and senior citizen of the year was awarded to Sandra Hales.

Special Meeting of Council

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Administration Centre, 2 Railway Road, Kalamunda, on:

Tuesday 6 February 2024 commencing at 6.45pm

The purpose of the meeting is:

- High Wycombe Community Hub – EOI for Design Services
- 2023/24 Budget Capital Expenditure – Budget Amendment
- Appointment of Acting CEO

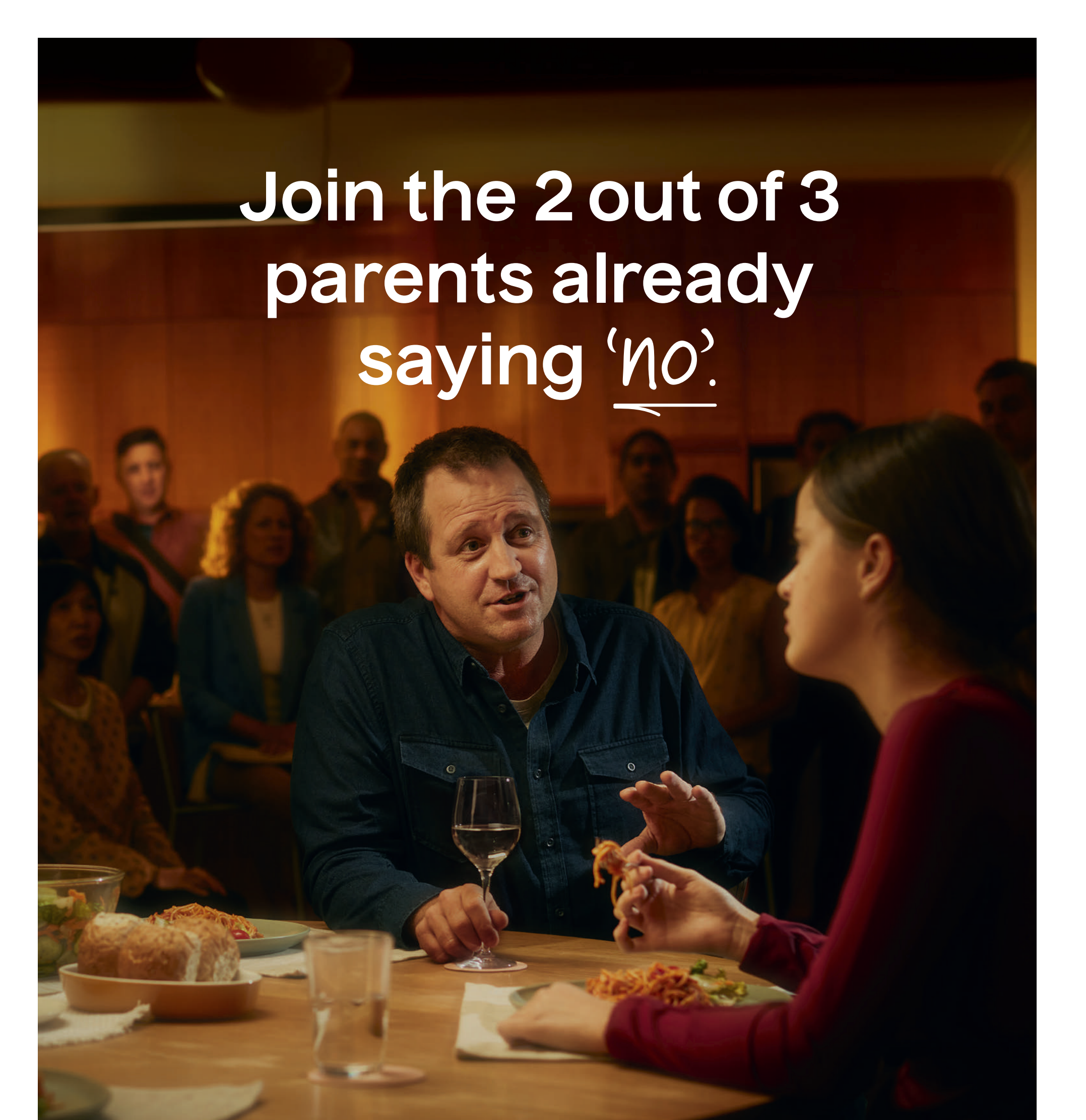
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Noel Morich Park Forrestfield	Stirk Park Kalamunda	Ollie Worrel Reserve High Wycombe	Walliston Primary School Walliston

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A photograph of a man and a woman sitting at a wooden table in a restaurant or dining room. The man, wearing a dark blue button-down shirt, is looking at the woman and gesturing with his hands while speaking. The woman, wearing a red long-sleeved top, is looking back at him. On the table are plates of food, including bread and spaghetti, and glasses of water and wine. In the background, several other people are seated at tables, creating a social atmosphere.

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Mayor's MESSAGE

On Australia Day, I had the pleasure of extending a warm welcome to 40 individuals hailing from over 16 different countries as our newest Australian Citizens.

In addition to embracing our new citizens, Australia Day provided an occasion to honor outstanding individuals through the Citizen of the Year Awards for 2024.

The turnout for the Australia Day Pool Party at Kalamunda Water Park was heartening, and I appreciate everyone who joined in the festivities.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable day celebrating respectfully.

The Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre has announced its dazzling lineup for the February to June 2024 season. This season is a celebration of the performing arts and the joy it brings to our community. We invite everyone to experience the wonder of KPAC, where laughter, music, and captivating performances await.

As we enter into the season of Bunuru we should continue to keep an eye out for and remember to adhere to the rules around Total Fire Bans and Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans. I'd also like to remind everyone to continue to be careful around water, keep our pets safe from the heat, and stay cool ourselves as we hit the hottest part of the year.

Lastly, a quick reminder that the City of Kalamunda Annual General Meeting of Electors to receive the 2022-2023 Annual Report will be held at the City of Kalamunda Administration Centre, 2 Railway Road, Kalamunda on Tuesday 6 February 2024 at 6:30pm.

The Annual General Meeting of Electors is a great opportunity for all residents and ratepayers to ask questions or voice your opinion.

Margaret Thomas JP
Mayor

Sunset Series



The City's FREE, outdoor Sunset Movie series, continues this month with two family-friendly screenings. If you don't have plans for tonight (2 February), join us at Noel Morich Park, Forrestfield for the enchanting 'Thunder and the House of Magic'. Or join us on 16 February, for the captivating tale of 'Red Shoes and the Seven Dwarfs' at Stirk Park, Kalamunda.

For full details, visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au

Citizens OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to our outstanding Citizens of the Year winners! Your unwavering dedication, invaluable contributions, and steadfast support play a pivotal role in fostering a vibrant and caring community that we are proud to be a part of here at the City.

Our Young Citizen of the Year, Kaitlyn Sin (pictured), exemplifies the spirit of excellence. Sandra Heales (pictured) rightfully earned the Senior Citizen of the Year, showcasing a lifetime of remarkable commitment. Additionally, our Community Citizens of the Year for 2024 are David Saunders (pictured), Danielle McCormick, and Sean Winter.

Once again, thank you all for your exceptional efforts in making our community flourish.

Kalamunda ADVANCING

Exciting developments are underway for the Hartfield Park Master Plan Stage 2 and the Ray Owen Pavilion and Oval Upgrade project. Carabiner Architects will lead the design team for Stage 2 of the Hartfield Park Master Plan. AE Hoskins Building Services will oversee the female changeroom expansion as part of the Ray Owen Pavilion and Oval upgrades.

These announcements mark significant milestones in both project journeys, positioning the City on the path to delivering exceptional upgraded amenities for local clubs and the broader community.

The City remains dedicated in its promise to keep both projects on schedule and within budget, delivering facilities that reflect the diverse needs and aspirations of the community.

The Hartfield Park Master Plan Stage 2 is made possible through the generous support of the Federal Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund, Lotterywest, and the City of Kalamunda.

For more details or project updates, please contact the City of Kalamunda at 9257 9999, email enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au, or visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au.



Clean Up Australia Day!

Clean Up Australia Day falls on **Sunday 3 March** this year but you can clean up on any day of the year.

If you know of any litter hot spots in your area, Clean Up Australia Day is a good opportunity to get your friends, family, neighbours and local community group together to make an impact that improves your environment.

When you register, you will receive a FREE starter kit that contains bags, gloves and everything you need to create a safe, fun and effective Clean Up.

Kits are available for individuals, families of four, or groups of 10.

Please ensure you allow at least 10 working days between registering and your event day, so Amazon has time to deliver it to your door!



Public Agenda Briefing Forum
6:30pm, Tuesday 13 February 2024
Administration Centre, Council Chambers
Ordinary Council Meeting
6:30pm, Tuesday 27 February 2024
Administration Centre, Council Chambers
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Hyper festival returning to Midland

MARCH 23 will see Hyper return to Midland to showcase the best rising talent in the Australian music scene.

This year's festival features NSW rockers Pacific Avenue, Perth's own Sly Withers, First Nations artist Sycco, Canberra punk-rock quartet Teen Jesus and the Jean Teasers, and Ūla's 'bubble-gum grunge' aesthetic from Sydney.

Other home-grown acts include South Summit, Joan and the Giants, Coco Elise, Elianie, Teenage Vertigo, Lachy John and the Red Bellies, Blue Lighthouse, and Rosalie Chilvers.

Hyper is organised by a team of young volunteers who received mentorship throughout the year to learn how to organise a music festival in a unique way – by doing it.

The resulting event is Western Australia's longest running all-ages, drug and alcohol-free music festival.

Other activities on the day include food vans, an artist signing tent, free 18-hole adventure golf as well as games and merchandise.

The festival will take place at the corner of Cale Street and The Crescent, at the LoCale event space and Weep Park in the new junction precinct.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the city was proud to support the hard working volunteers who helped organise the festival.

"These are the people who know the Australian music scene best and the success of this event is a testament to their hard work," she said.

Tickets are \$35 or \$30 each in a four pack and can be purchased at <https://www.hyperfest.com.au/>



In 2023, Thelma Plum, King Stingray, Teenage Dads and Old Mervs performed.



eye on crime

Bassendean train station fight inquiry

AT about 1.15pm on Sunday, January 28 emergency services were called to Bassendean Station, following reports of multiple people fighting.

Upon attendance, a 24-year-old man was located with serious injuries. He was taken to Royal Perth Hospital by St John WA for treatment.

Following inquiries, a 16-year-old male was charged with grievous bodily harm.

He appeared in Perth Children's Court on Monday where he was remanded in custody to appear back at Perth Children's Court on February 5 for a bail application.

Inquiries into the circumstances surrounding the incident are continuing.

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



Mundaring community scorecard feedback sought

SHIRE of Mundaring residents and businesses are invited to complete this year's community scorecard.

The shire is seeking feedback on the services, facilities and programs they provide and how they can be improved to help make the shire an even better place to live, work and play.

The scorecard takes between five to 10 minutes to complete and is managed by Catalyse, an independent research company.

Shire President Paige McNeil said the

scorecard enabled everyone to contribute towards making positive long-term improvements for our community.

"Council values our community's voice and that's why this survey is being delivered to every household in our shire. This is your opportunity to have your say on the future of our shire," she said.

"The confidential survey asks whether our shire's community activities, facilities, programs and services are delivering what you expect, what you'd like to change, replace or improve, and what functions and

services of the shire matter most to you as strategic priorities for our future.

"That's why we'd love to hear from you, because this survey will determine how the shire will meet your needs and expectations over the next decade."

All community members aged 14 years and older and businesses within the shire are invited to submit their responses by Friday, February 16.

Responses will remain confidential and the scorecard generally takes five to 10 minutes to complete, or slightly longer if

residents wish to expand on some written answers. The shire will receive a report containing aggregated responses and anonymous comments.

Following the survey, a community workshop is planned for April where suggested actions and priorities to achieve the community's vision will be discussed and then reviewed by council.

For further information or assistance in completing the survey, please contact us on (08) 9290 6666 or via email shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au

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THE Helen O'Grady Drama Academy is proud to declare that their self-development drama programme has been preparing children and teens for life since 1979 and will be celebrating their 45th Anniversary this year!

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Learning to be able to communicate effectively allows children to find their own path through anxiety, school pressures, friendships, family changes and navigating challenges with a positive mindset.

Children love the program and parents love the results says Helen O'Grady Drama Academy principal Merylena Sulak.

"We are very proud of our programme which covers numerous skills that incorporate speech training, creative movement, improvisation, script work, performance techniques and much more," she said.

"Drama not only gives children and teenagers an opportunity to express themselves in a fun, safe environment but also enables them to practise everyday life



skills such as leadership, discussion and negotiation.

Weekly classes are held for five to eight-year-olds, nine to 12-year-olds, and 12 to 18-year-olds.

There are four studios operating in the eastern suburbs area: Swan View, Kalamunda, Mundaring and Dianella. Enrolments are now open for Term 1, 2024. Although many of their classes fill very quickly before the term has even started.

They also offer school clubs and incursions in liaison with your school Principal or P&C.

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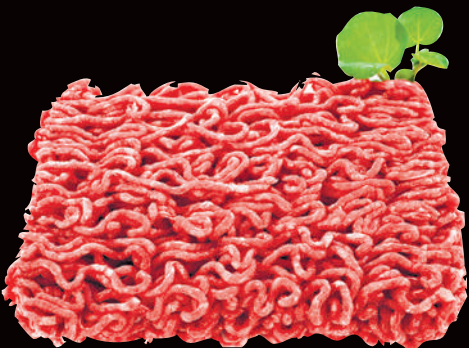
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Harvest in the Swan Valley shows the passion behind the produce

A CELEBRATION of fresh produce and local growers, this year's Harvest in the Swan Valley is a great opportunity to enjoy the very best the Swan Valley has to offer.

The annual festival shares the passion behind the Swan Valley's world-class seasonal produce, as businesses invite visitors to pick, taste and shop their produce.

From February 2 to March 4 Swan Valley businesses will offer an extensive list of unique experiences as they host tastings, fruit picking, master classes, market stalls and more.

That passion is evident in the freshness of juicy grapes, sweet watermelons, soft figs and rich tomatoes – lovingly grown by families of the valley for generations.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said this year's hands-on harvest was all about inspiring visitors to choose local and discover the delicacies right on Perth's doorstep.

"Harvest in the Swan Valley encourages people to buy from the source, which directly supports our local growers," she said.

"Many Western Australians are feeling the pinch as the cost of living rises. Buying locally not only gets you fresher produce, but it can also knock a few dollars off the weekly grocery bill and keeps all profits in the hands of producers."

"There is so much on offer this year and it's a perfect time

for locals and visitors to experience the bounty of the Swan Valley."

The team at Kato's @3000, who specialise in growing around 15 varieties of grapes, are offering a delectable grape gelato.

Refreshing watermelon slushies can be found at Baba and Dida's, a quaint café and marketplace that prides itself on homemade treats and top-notch produce.

Indulge in delightful high teas at stunning locations across the valley including Stewarts in Upper Swan, Mrs Rabbits in Henley Brook, and Champagne and Gumboots in Herne Hill.

Set among acres of vineyards, Sittella Winery is hosting its annual Harvest Lunch featuring a tour of the vines followed by a scrumptious seasonal set menu. From farm to fork, it's time to taste and experience the passion of the Swan Valley.



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Mayor's message

Kaya everyone,

It has been a wonderful start to the year, with our annual Australia Day citizenship ceremony and Community Citizen of the Year awards taking place on January 26 at Weeip Park.

It was an honour to welcome 73 new Australian citizens who had come from 28 countries to call Australian and our City home.

The ceremony also featured the announcement of our Community Citizen of the Year award winners, recognising some of our most selfless and hardworking community members.

Congratulations to Mechelle Turvey (Community Citizen of the Year), Isaac Bhalsod (Young Community Citizen of the Year), Janice O'Shea (Senior Community Citizen of the Year), and Swan Family and Domestic Violence Network (Active Citizenship award for a group or event).

You go above and beyond for our community and you are an inspiration to us all.

To identify and address our community's priorities, the City's Community and Business Perception Survey is now open until February 19.

I strongly encourage you to complete the survey.

We are proud to deliver a range of high-quality facilities and services, and we want to keep improving, with your help.

Whether you are a resident or business owner, this is your chance to have your say on what we are doing right and where we can make improvements.

It should only take you up to 10 minutes to complete, so grab a cuppa and give us your feedback. Please see the link in the section below.

Tanya Richardson
Mayor, City of Swan



Engage with us



Proposed temporary road closure

The temporary closure of a portion of Serpentine Drive is requested to allow the widening and reconstruction of part of West Parade. The temporary close would last two months, starting on Monday, February 19, 2024, with completion expected by Tuesday April 30, 2024. If you would like to comment on this proposal, you can complete the online submission before close of business on Friday, February 9, 2024.

Go to www.swanengage.com/serpentedrive



Bullsbrook LAP phase two

Later this month, we will launch phase two of the Bullsbrook Local Area Plan. We are excited to release the priorities gathered in phase one and seek more information from residents about the Bullsbrook local area. Please keep an eye on Swan Engage and other City communication channels so you can have your say.



Community and Business Perception Survey

The City's Community and Business Perception Survey is open until February 19, 2024. Whether you are a City resident or business owner, this is your opportunity to let us know if your needs are being met and how we can improve. We want your feedback to help us continue delivering high-quality services and facilities.

Go to www.swan.wa.gov.au/CBPS



What's happening

Short films for teens

If you know a teenager with a flair for film, this four-part program is for them. They will learn the art of scriptwriting, preproduction, filming and editing, while discovering their unique storytelling voice. Sessions will be held from 3.30-4.30pm on February 9, 16, 23 and March 1 at Guildford Public Library, 97 James Street, Guildford. Please book as spaces are limited. Call **(08) 9207 8880**.

Muso of the month

Dive into the world of music with local musician Shaun Liddell Jennings from 3-4.30pm on Monday, February 12, 2024 at Old Midland Courthouse. Shaun is a seasoned instrumentalist with over a decade of experience in the local and national music industry, who specialises in a wide range of genres including rock, RnB, blues, folk and more. In this workshop, Shaun will share his knowledge of synthesisers and you'll have the opportunity to jump in and try some yourself. Please book as spaces are limited. Call **(08) 9267 9020**.

Worm farming

Have you dreamed of a simpler, more Join Kevin Smith from The Worm Shed to learn about all aspects of worm farming, and the role worms play in recycling and waste management. He will demonstrate setting up and maintaining a worm farm. City residents and ratepayers are entitled to a \$125 subsidy on an advanced worm farm set-up and/or a \$60 subsidy on 1kg of worms, both of which will be available on the day. This session will be held from 6-8pm on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at West Swan Hall, Lot 1 West Swan Road, Henley Brook. Please book as spaces are limited. Call **(08) 9267 9282**.



Visit our online event calendar for a full list of upcoming events in the City of Swan. Go to www.swan.wa.gov.au/events



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Various lots UPPER SWAN

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<https://swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/planningconsultations>

Should you wish to comment on this proposal you may do so via the Online Feedback Form available on the City's website on or before **16 February 2024**.

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Public Notices



Have Your Say Proposed Neighbourhood Centre – 332 Kalamunda Road, Maida Vale

The Western Australian Planning Commission is seeking public comment on a significant development application for a neighbourhood centre with a supermarket, specialty shops including liquor store, restaurant/café and fast food outlets, medical centre, gym and associated parking and landscaping at 332 Kalamunda Road, Maida Vale.

The development application can be viewed online at consultation.dph.wa.gov.au or in person by appointment at the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth. Contact SDAUconsultation@dph.wa.gov.au or **6551 9450** for appointment.

Submissions can be made online or posted to: Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, State Development Assessment Unit, Locked Bag 2506, Perth WA 6001.

Submissions close **5 March 2024**. Late submissions may not be accepted.

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Read between the lines

by Ken Duffy



In the Old Testament Isaiah chapter 44 tells us about a guy who chopped down a tree. He used part of it to warm himself, another part to cook his food. After he is warm and well fed he spots a bit of left over wood. He's obviously a pretty talented guy so he fashions a great little creation. It's so good he calls it his god and ends up worshipping it. Isaiah can't believe it, an intelligent guy creates his own idol and ends up worshipping it? Isaiah wrote about 750 bce. He would be dumbfounded to think the same thing was going on over 2000 years later. Of course our generation is a lot more sophisticated about our idols. Our idols aren't bits of wood, stone or precious gems? Our idols are real flesh and blood, like Movie and TV stars, or entertainers and sporting heroes etc...Our idols are anyone or anything that draws us away from any belief in God and it's amazing how many consider themselves experts on the "Afterlife". Whoa! Isaiah was pretty presumptuous stating God as being "the First and Last, apart from Me there is no God." In Isaiah's book, an idol was anyone or anything that drew us away from believing in God. We can only wonder what he would think about today's world and how he would write?

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Upcoming Events

- **Midland Lawn Tennis Club** at 21 Patterson Drive, Middle Swan has a new coach and new activities. You can make 'giving tennis a go' your new year's resolution and get along and try the sport. The club plays Wednesday and Saturday mornings and there's a cuppa afterwards. All ages and all standards of play are welcome and if you've never tried grass before, here's your chance. New coach Jak Kerrigan will engage with members and organise play for the juniors which starts in February. For more information email playtennis@midlandtennis.com.au or visit www.midlandtennis.com.au
- **Bushcare Info and Music** with Friends of Falls Park and heritage trail Parkerville Hovea, Friends of John Forrest National Park and musician Mx Margaret D. Jones will begin with an initial event 2pm to 4.30pm on Sunday, February 11 at Parkerville Oval Pavilion, 580 Seaborne Street, Parkerville. Drop-in any time to view the displays, listen to the music and have a chat. Afternoon tea provided. For more information call 0414 374 701.
- **Midland Friendly Garden Club** meets at 9.30am every second Thursday at Bruce Douglas Pavilion, Brown Park, Salisbury Road, Swan View. First meeting of the year will take place on February 8. Guest speakers, raffles, bring and buy, plants swaps and morning tea at the conclusion of meetings. New members and visitors are welcome. For more information call Steve on 0409 157 447.
- **The Swan Guildford Historical Society** meets at St Matthew's Hall, Stirling Square, Guildford, on Monday, February 12 for a 7.30pm start, to share the story of The Red Witch of Greenmount. This biography of Katharine Susannah Prichard by Nathan Hobby won the WA Premier's prize for book of the year, 2023. Visitors welcome. For more information call Clement on 0407 997 911.

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Woofers of the week



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Female A grade on top heading into the bye

JOSHUA MCKENZIE

THE female A grade enjoyed a comfortable six wicket win over South Perth after restricting their opponents to 9-173 off their 50 overs before chasing down the target with 18.3 overs to spare.

Lilly Mills was the best of the bowlers with figures of three wickets for 27 runs off her 10 overs.

Set a target of 174 for victory, it was a 60-run opening partnership between Alisha Kozma (32 runs off 53 balls) and Brooke Catania (19 off 39) that set the foundation for the innings.

With the score at 3-70, Lilly Mills (37 off 27) would combine with Ines McKeon for a 54-run partnership, before captain Sheldyn Cooper arrived at the crease with the score at 4-124.

McKeon would finish unbeaten on 48 off 45, while Cooper would score 23 off 22 to guide the side home with an unbroken 52-run partnership.

Once again it was a story of even contributions from the entire team which saw the female A grade place themselves firmly at the top of the one-day ladder heading into

their bye this weekend.

The senior male sides faced Perth in their latest two day fixture.

Three batsmen would pass the half century mark in the male 1st grade with Austin Thomas (79 off 120), James Godfrey (61 off 61) and Jordan Mast (54 off 70) the main contributors towards posting 324.

The total proved to be short of what was required as the side would go on to lose the match by three wickets.

Max Bittner top scored with 70 in a run chase which saw the male 2nd grade defeated by 191 runs, meanwhile a valiant effort from Calan Hill which saw him score a stunning 106 off 192 was not enough for the male 3rd grade who would lose by 71 runs.

The male 4th grade failed to convert on a dominant position at the close of play on day one with their total of 136 being chased down by the opposition despite Matt Olsen taking six wickets for 58 runs off 24 overs.

Midland Guildford Cricket Club female A grade captain Sheldyn Cooper (pictured here on January 14) arrived at the crease when the score was 4-124.



Former Governor Stirling student's latest Diamonds' win



Former Governor Stirling SHS student Sunday Aryang and her Origin Diamond teammates beat the England Roses. Picture: Netball Australia

FORMER Governor Stirling Senior High School student Sunday Aryang is a member of the Origin Diamonds, who have taken out the Netball Nations Cup title with a win over the England Roses.

Defender Aryang, who also plays for West Coast Fever, is a Swan Districts Netball Association product and was the Midland Old Boys junior sports star of the year winner in 2015.

Aryang made her debut for the Diamonds at the 2022 Quads series.

She played in four games at the 2024 Netball Nations Cup for one deflection, one rebound and one turnover.

The Diamonds showed their dominance on the world stage with a clean sweep at the Netball Nations Cup including the final against England, which they won by 20 goals.

The Australians started the game strongly with the shooting combination of Sophie Garbin and Sophie Dwyer moving smoothly in attack.

In defence the Diamonds were firing on all cylinders putting pressure on England to maintain possession.

The Australians held a four-goal lead at the end of the first quarter but the Roses lifted in intensity in the second.

As the pressure mounted errors started to slip into the match but the Diamonds put their foot down to lead by 10 at half time.

Silky connections through the Diamonds mid-court and pinpoint feeds enabled the Australians to power through the third despite the Roses continuing to push.

Relentless in attack and defence the Diamonds made the most of their opportunities to extend the lead to 18 goals at the final break.

Working for each other the Diamonds didn't slow in the final quarter, upping the ante despite head coach Stacey Marinkovich pulling the trigger on a slew of changes.

The ball moved with precision from one end of the court to the other with the Diamonds withstanding the heat from the Roses.

The Diamonds completed a strong four-quarter performance to win 69 to 49 with Garbin named the player of the match and Paige Hadley the player of the series.

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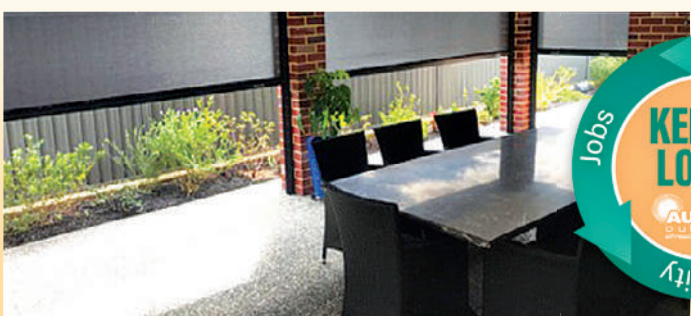
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