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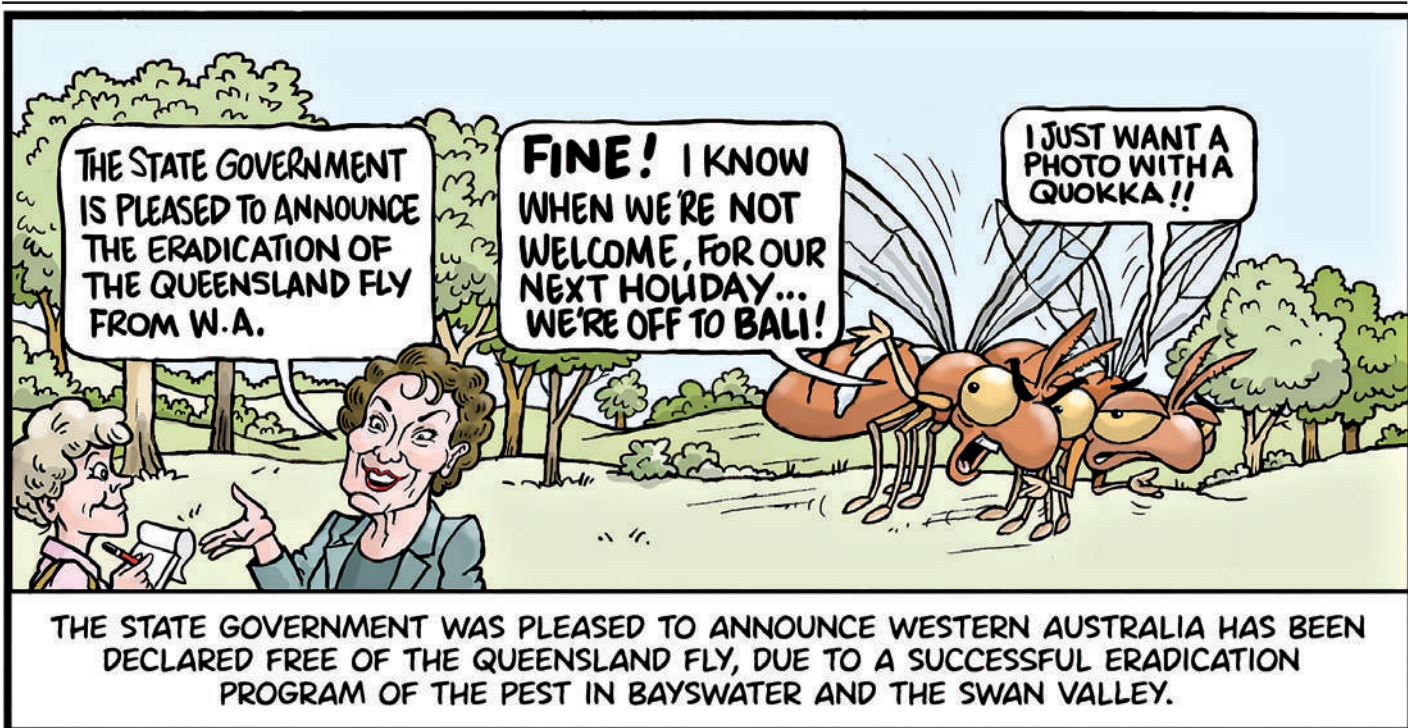
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### Long live the Echo

Dear Echo News,

Congratulations to the Echo News team on the extensive line-up of real news stories that your newspaper has recently covered.

Definitely not a quiet news time! Most is truly local and community-focused.

We are most fortunate to still have a 'local rag' and one that is independently owned!

Long may the Echo survive against all the odds.

**M Maher  
Lesmurdie**

### Agendas laid bare?

Dear Echo News,

I write in reply to C Dornan's letter *Concern for the trees* (Echo News, March 8).

I believe the likes of these people's true agenda is that they don't want any form of development in the City of Kalamunda because that's why they live here, away from the over-crowded inner suburbs.

I think they care little about a healthy and prosperous future for our community, little do they care about youth employment, or for that matter any form of modernisation.

Face it – in my opinion they are by far the minority, and I ask if those radicals have ever been to Pickering Brook, Carmel, or Bickley – there are hundreds of acres of paddocks, due to orchards not being viable, so what are they doing to encourage vegetation up there; please, I want to know.

I await your answer.

**R Furfaro  
Kalamunda**

### Trees and rights

Dear Echo News,

In the article *Applause as Kalamunda bins tree retention policy* (Echo News, March 1) it states that a tree retention "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".

### Thought for the day

"To know oneself is to study oneself in action with another person."

- Bruce Lee

But recently, people present, applauded when the policy was scrapped suddenly at a Kalamunda ordinary council meeting on February 27, despite there being three times as many resident deputations for maintaining the policy, as for scrapping it.

This raises the questions: why did the Kalamunda community go to a lot of trouble to get a tree retention policy implemented in the first place? Why and how could it be revoked suddenly at one council meeting only 15 months later?

The trouble is, trees take a long time to grow, so when they come down, they are gone, with replacement taking a very long time, if at all.

Thus, in many shires around the world, trees are treasured as local community assets affecting the physical and economic health of a region.

Taking down a tree is not like taking down a fence that can be readily replaced. Hence the crucial need for tree mapping and retention, with community support to nurture our trees, which takes knowledge and skills.

This is especially the case in Perth Hills local government areas, given we are part of the unique and threatened northern jarrah forest belt ecology.

Some people when buying property in the Perth Hills expect to do whatever they want with any trees on their property, as if trees are readily disposable at will.

That often means felling trees – or mis-care of trees – if they have little knowledge

or appreciation of trees.

The City of Kalamunda local planning policy 33 rationale was thoughtful and necessary if we want our trees to be treasured.

Effectively, the policy was attempting to preserve trees and provide both the individual property owners, their neighbours, and the wider community, with the support to make fair and sensible decisions.

It took a lot of community and councillors' time and effort to instigate the policy, which was an obvious service to the community.

But as is often the case, the work has been undone by a revocation motion by a group within the current councillors in agreement with a minority group in the shire, without what I believe is the majority wish of the community.

Why? The reason is given on page 16 of the same Echo issue; in the Kalamunda Mayor's Message, in which she states "At the ordinary council meeting of February 27 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," it states.

In other words, the revocation principle is that people who are not keen to maintain trees where possible, have the 'right' to do their own thing, regardless of their knowledge and skills base, and regardless of the value of quality maintenance and tree retention for the community.

Tree value includes the biomass cooling effect, wildlife support, aesthetics, mental health support, and localised eco-economics.

But if a property

owner or councillor does not understand this, they will prefer to do their own thing more easily.

Why should a property owner have such self-interested rights over a heritage item that is virtually irreplaceable?

They don't even have such a blanket right to do their own thing regarding fencing, because fencing impacts others, visuals, practicalities, and opportunities.

Why should there be planning requirements regarding replaceable fencing but not regarding irreplaceable biomass?

**S Braun  
Mundaring**

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# Bar owner's Metronet misery



Left: construction remnants in front of the hotel. Right: Kevin Bartholomew with his wife, Rini, and his daughter Amelia. Pictures: Andrew Williams

## ANDREW WILLIAMS

**THE owner of a bar steeped in Midland history says he has had enough of the lack of accountability after his business has been impacted by the construction of the new Midland train station.**

Kevin Bartholomew, the proprietor of the Commerical Bar and Kitchen on Railway Parade and across the road from the new station site, said he is exhausted trying to communicate with the developers of the Metronet project.

"They need to do better. No one is against the project, we are all for the project, but don't bulldoze everyone who is next to it in the process," he said.

Since work began in the middle of last year, Mr Bartholomew has been in constant communication with the myriad government bodies and organisations in charge of the development.

For months, Mr Bartholomew has been in contact with the Public Transport Authority, Metronet, City of Swan, Midland MLA Michelle Roberts, Midland Junction Alliance and DevelopmentWA in order to find a single point of contact who will liaise between these organisations to advocate on behalf of those who are impacted by the development.

"We no longer have anyone to go to. DevelopmentWA don't answer anything, they don't help. That's why I went to Michelle Roberts, who was no help," he said.

"This is almost a year down the track and the penny dropped a few months ago that there is no one to go to," he said.

*Echo News* contacted Michelle Roberts for comment, and she said she has met with Mr Bartholomew a number of times and has raised his concerns through the Transport Minister's office.

"He has done a magnificent job restoring the hotel, it's regrettable that the new Midland

station works are disrupting his business," Mrs Roberts said.

Mr Bartholomew said issues include power outages, damaged footpaths and curbs, miscommunication about Railway Parade closures, loss of parking due to the development, private parking being used and blocked by contractors, loss of an entire row of streetlights, and traffic cones and signs left strewn across the road for days.

Although these issues seem like small inconveniences, it's the quantity and effort by Mr Bartholomew and other residents and small businesses in order to resolve them that he points to as the main issue.

Mr Bartholomew said one issue was Railway Parade appeared closed on Google Maps for almost five weeks before it was updated, which he attributed to his persistence.

He said the work being done isn't being remediated afterwards by the workers and then it's not being audited by higher ups, leaving it

up to those affected to complain.

"It's up to the people who live here to put in several complaints and make an annoyance of themselves, and the stress and time that goes along with this to get things fixed.

"It's a real drain on your resources and mental health. It's exhausting," he said.

"Their main focus is the project, I get that, but there also needs to be consideration for the locals, and the impact these projects have on residents and businesses.

"We don't want another Bayswater in Midland, the precinct down there has been an absolute disaster.

"I went down to talk to some of the business owners down there and it was heart wrenching to talk to them about their experience with a Metronet project," Mr Bartholomew said.

The Public Transport Authority, Metronet, Midland Junction Alliance, Development WA and the City of Swan were contacted for comment.

## Registration suspended for Kalamunda dentist

### GERA KAZAKOV

**THE Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) suspended the registration of a Kalamunda dentist at the beginning of March.**

AHPRA has confirmed that Peter Terzi, of Terzi Dental in Kalamunda, had his dental registration suspended on March 8, with an AHPRA spokesperson stating that the agency cannot discuss individual cases beyond what is publicly available.

"Speaking generally, a national board can suspend a practitioner's registration using immediate action powers if it reasonably believes that the practitioner poses a serious risk to the public, or the national board believes it is otherwise in the public interest," the spokesperson said.

"Reasons for immediate action decisions are not public."

The AHPRA spokesperson said immediate action decisions can be appealed to a responsible tribunal.

The AHPRA spokesperson said under national law, practitioners are advised of decisions which affect their registration, and dental practitioners who have had their registration suspended must not practise as a dentist.

"In some circumstances, such as where the practitioner is a practice owner with responsibilities for the day-to-day operations of the practice, the practitioner may still be physically present at the practice location," the spokesperson said.

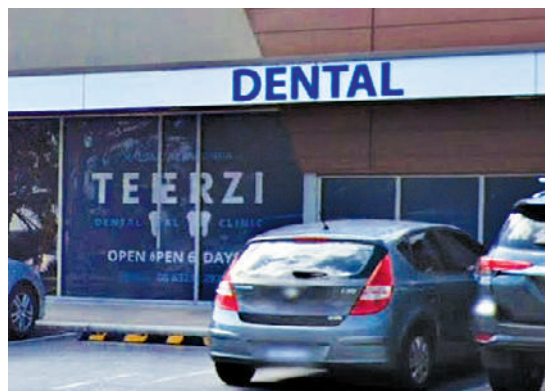
The AHPRA spokesperson said once suspended, dental practitioners should immediately cease practice from the date the suspension takes effect.

"They must not undertake any dental practise after the date the suspension commences," they said.

"In some circumstances where other registered dental practitioners practise at that practice location the practice may continue to operate dental services."

A seek job advertisement placed on Tuesday, March 12, stated that Terzi Dental in Kalamunda was looking for a dental associate – with an immediate start – to "pick up a full book of patients while the dentist recovers from a hand injury."

Mr Terzi received his Doctor of Dental Medicine



from the University of Western Australia (UWA) in 2018. He also holds a Bachelor of Nursing from Monash University, which he obtained in 2010.

AHPRA still has Mr Terzi registered as a nurse. After Mr Terzi graduated, he served in the Royal Australian Navy as a dental officer, according to the Terzi Dental website.

While studying, Mr Terzi was a recipient of a Western Australian Dental Foundation (WADF) hardship grant, with Australian Dental Association of WA (ADAWA) publishing a story about the difficulties Mr Terzi faced in becoming a dentist.

The ADAWA piece details how Mr Terzi grew up in foster care and had to go through university without financial support from family.

"My journey into dentistry was not an easy road; most of my peers throughout childhood had dropped out of school well before year 10," he said in the ADAWA piece.

The ADAWA piece details how Mr Terzi was at risk of burning out during his studies due to working nights at a hospital to make ends meet, and it was with the help of the WADF grant that he was able to focus on his studies full time.

"As a foster child, it can be hard to fit in and feel accepted at university.

The grant gave me confidence to go back to the community I came from and provide care to people in the foster-care environment," Mr Terzi said in the ADAWA piece.

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# Dianne recognised in WA Women's Hall of Fame

ANITA McINNES

**DIANNE** Ryder of Stratton, who was last night inducted into the WA Women's Hall of Fame says she feels humbled and honoured to be acknowledged in such a way.

The former Australian Army non-commissioned officer is a respected Noongar Elder who has dedicated her life to serving her community and promoting reconciliation.

"It's such an honour and humbling, when I look at the previous inductees extraordinary women have gone ahead of me," she said.

"For me, I love what I do in the community and I believe each and every one of us can make a difference.

"It can start small and then just with the right support around you it'll be able to grow into other things."

A strong advocate for Aboriginal people in the areas of veterans, families, and children she has received an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 2023, the National NAIDOC lifetime achievement award in 2017, was nominated for Australian of the year in 2015 and was awarded the Perth NAIDOC outstanding achievement and the City of Swan active citizen awards in 2009.

Ms Ryder has also been recognised by the Australian Army and the NAIDOC committees for her unparalleled service.

Her mother Josephine Ryder told her she was the first Aboriginal girl to be born at Swan Dis-

trict Hospital.

She grew up in Bindoon and Toodyay before moving to Perth when she was about 16 or 17-years-old and worked with her mother who was employed at the chicken farm at Wooroloo.

"When my youngest sister - I'm one of 11 - started school, my mum got a job," she said.

"She went and worked and she loved it because not only did she have all the kids at home either working or at school she had her own life, her own money - it was just amazing."

She joined the Australian Army in 1974, when there were few Aboriginal soldiers, and rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant by 1995.

Her mother and father, William, were both big influences on her life.

"Dad worked all his life - he started off at Gidgegannup with my pop working at a sawmill and from there I think he worked at a sawmill in Morley.

"Then we moved to Bindoon where he worked the sawmill and from there to Toodyay where he worked on the railway so he was away four or five days a week basically from Sunday night to Friday night while mum kept the house going."

She retired after 20 years in the army but started volunteering for various health, education, and cultural programs, determined to make a positive impact on others' lives.

This led to her becoming part of many committees, boards and programs that aim to improve the lives of Aboriginal people and in-



Dianne Ryder of Stratton with her sister Anne Garlett who nominated her for induction into the WA Women's Hall of Fame. Picture: Damien Smith

volve non-Aboriginal people in their culture and history.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic she has stepped back a bit but still runs the Indigenous Veterans Service up at Kings Park every year and the Swan Aboriginal Community Christmas Celebration.

For her both are incredible events.

"I think it is because so many people come together - you look at the spirit of reconciliation this

shines out in both of these things.

"It's because people do want to make a difference to Indigenous veterans.

"But also the Christmas celebration - no one gets paid - we do a whole week of it.

"We start on the Monday - the Christmas party is normally on the first day of the Christmas holidays so we get all this stuff in and start from there sorting and wrapping and all that sort of stuff so it

can come together on the Friday.

"That's held in Guildford, which is significant to Aboriginal people anyway because it was a meeting place all those years ago.

"The Anglican Church (St Matthew's) through Reverend Katrina Holgate they've been amazing so it's just all fallen into place after Covid."

She has one son Jay and a daughter-in-law Sharrie.

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## High Wycombe taekwondo hero nabs Swan IWD award

GERA KAZAKOV

A HIGH Wycombe resident was one of six women awarded at the inaugural Swan International Women's Day breakfast.

Taekwondo gold medallist at the state, national, and international level Chloe Perez was awarded the Swan young woman of the year at the event held at Mineral Resources Park in Lathlain on March 8.

Ms Perez said winning the award was not only an honour, but it was also a reminder of the positive influences she had on the community through her time teaching taekwondo at Taekwondo Oh Do Kwan in Belmont.

"To be recognised amongst many other wonderful, influential women instilled the confidence to continue to inspire others as well," she said.

"I believe that after a while, what I do becomes natural routine and I tend to forget the potential impact I have on others and the community."

Ms Perez said it was inspirational to hear from all the other award winners, and that organisers also did a wonderful job organising the event.

The Swan International Women's Day awards breakfast was run by federal Swan MHR Zaneta Mascarenhas and the Jacaranda Community Centre.

Other winners from the day included Maryann Tsai, who was awarded Swan woman of the year; Swan scientist of the year went to Dr Parwinder Kaur; Swan senior woman of the year was awarded to Joan Sutherland; Swan sportswoman of the year went to Michele Burton and the Swan social cohesion award was given to Sobia Shah.

Ms Mascarenhas said all the nominees were amazing women, with each having their own inspirational story.

"There are so many amazing women in Swan, and I was delighted to work with Jacaranda Community Centre to bring the community to recognise them and celebrate the work they do," she said.



Chloe Perez and mum Kristine with her Swan young woman of the year award.

First starting in taekwondo when she was seven, Ms Perez now has her sights set on making the Australian national team in a few months - and if she's successful, she'll be representing the country in Hong Kong later this year.

"To be part of the national team, I have to attend selection trails in Brisbane and win gold in my division amongst many other amazing competitors across Australia," she said.

"I take my studies very seriously so coupled with ATAR in high school, this will be one of my busiest years yet.

"I would be lying if I said I wasn't nervous.



# Swan against amendment to North Ellenbrook DSP

ANITA MCINNES

CITY of Swan councillors have voted to advise the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) they are against adding extra land from a sand quarry to the North Ellenbrook (west) district structure plan.

The inclusion of Lot 5892 (owned by Stefanelli Group – one of the owners of *Echo News*) into the district structure plan (DSP) would add 158ha and provide for between an extra 2200 to 2500 dwellings and an increase in the estimated population of 6600 to 7500 people.

The report presented to the city said the proposed amendment would provide additional residential land, an extra primary school and an additional key area of environmental open space with clear road linkages for the future residents and amenities proposed to the north in the DSP.

Councillors said if the WAPC, which is the decision making body in this case, progressed proposed Amendment 1 then the council would request the retention of identified listed banksia woodlands (now a listed as a matter of national environmental significance) within the DSP area be considered by the EPA, including consideration of its referral under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act), prior to the approval of the DSP amendment and/or the progression of any request for a metropolitan regional scheme amendment from its current rural delineation for the land.

Ellen Brockman Integrated Catchment Group executive officer Rosanna Hindmarsh said according to environmental studies conducted in the area the vegetation remaining – banksia woodland, xanthorrhoea shrubland and melaleuca low woodlands – were all in excellent to pristine condition.

“Large areas of banksia woodlands in near pristine condition on the Swan coastal plain

are incredibly unusual to find, especially within the metropolitan region,” she said.

“That makes this particular area even more important to conserve.”

North Swan Land Conservation district committee chairman Richard Janes said the Carnaby’s black cockatoo was registered as endangered under the federal Act and was described as ‘fauna that is rare or is likely to become extinct’ by Western Australia’s Wildlife Conservation Notice 2008, so “you would think that we would do everything in our power to ensure their survival”.

“But here we are, on the cusp of allowing another developer to destroy an area of pristine banksia woodland for more houses,” he said.

About 5ha of Lot 5892 is already included in the DSP area.

The executive summary prepared for the proposed amendment said the extractive industry licence and clearing permit associated with the quarry allowed for the extraction of silica sand and other construction-grade sands.

Mining is taking place generally from east to west with about 29ha of the mining tenement area already cleared.

“The current approved sand mining operations are progressively removing existing vegetation and simultaneously modifying the existing landform in accordance with environmental and extractive industry approvals at a rate congruent with market demand,” the executive summary said.

“As the majority of the site currently operates as a sand quarry, the removal of native vegetation will progressively take place over a large portion of the site as mining continues in order to remove the necessary and valuable sand resource. “Therefore, as the majority of the site will be cleared as a result of current land use, it would be a logical and sequential extension of the proposed urban expansion envisaged for North Ellenbrook.”



Leonie Harper with Midland Guildford Cricket Club president John Gartrell. Picture: Peter Markham

## Historic cricket medal is given a new home

GERA KAZAKOV

THE Midland Guildford Cricket Club has been reminded about the achievements of some of the clubs past players in a unique way after an more than 100-year-old medal was returned to the club.

The medal was returned by Leonie Harper, who found the 124-year-old medal – awarded to her grandmother’s brother George Tyson Miller during the 1899-1900 season – while going through the estate of a deceased relative in the Guildford area.

She then contacted the club and returned it at the end of February, with club president John Gartrell extremely happy to have it returned.

“It might only seem like a small thing, but it’s important to preserve the history of the club,” he said.

The medal itself is a Guildford Cricket Club medal, a club which lit-

tle is known about.

It predates the formation of the Midland Guildford Cricket Club by only a few years – the earliest Midland team, Midland Junction, would be admitted into the Western Australian Cricket Association premier competition in 1902.

The current Midland Guildford Cricket Club was formed in the post-WWI reconstruction period, with the club adding Guildford to the name in the 1918-19 season due to the spike in playing numbers from the suburb.

Mrs Harper’s grandfather, Harcourt Harper, was an inaugural member of the Midland Guildford club, with his photo also displayed in the clubrooms.

He played A grade cricket for Midland Guildford and was a five-time winner of the club champion award.

The club plans to display the medal for future generations to appreciate.

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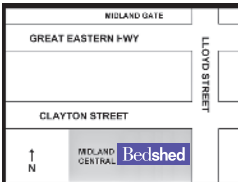
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## Youth Week photo comp

**CALLING on young people to showcase their talent and creativity through the lens in celebration of Youth Week WA.**

Commissioner for Children and Young People Jacqueline McGowan-Jones, is inviting WA young people to share what the 2024 Youth Week WA theme of 'Head. Body. Heart.' means to them through an online photography competition.

"This year's theme can mean so many different things from one person to the next, so we're asking the young people of WA to share their perspectives through the power of photography," she said.

"Entrants are encouraged to share an original photograph based on part or all of the theme, with prompts and questions provided online to help spark unique ideas.

"Children and young people see the world differently to adults, and it's important that their views are considered and that their voices are heard.

"I can't wait to see the incredible entries from young people across the state and encourage every-

one who enjoys taking photos to submit their entry, no matter what their abilities or skill levels are."

The competition encourages young people to explore the meaning of 'Head. Body. Heart' and empowers them to share their voices and views through an online platform where their diverse perspectives are valued and celebrated.

This competition is open to WA young people of all abilities who are aged 10 to 17 years, with prizes up for grabs from \$50 to \$200 in gift vouchers.

Entries can be submitted online at [www.ccyp.wa.gov.au](http://www.ccyp.wa.gov.au) until Tuesday, April 2.



## Heat causes rise in animal cruelty reports

**WITH a whopping nine days over 40°C in the Perth metro area alone in the first two months of 2024, RSPCA WA, along with the rest of the state, has felt the heat.**

The unprecedented hot start to 2024 caused bushfires, region-wide power outages and heat-related hospitalisations across WA – as well as a staggering rise in animal cruelty reports.

RSPCA WA was hit hard, receiving 251 cruelty reports relating to insufficient shelter from January 1 to February 29, compared with 156 during the same period last year.

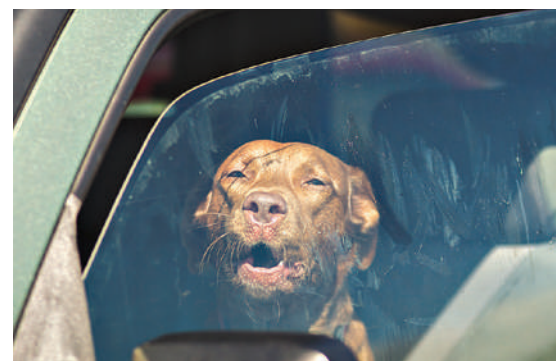
That is a 61 per cent increase in reports of cruelty incidents such as animals being tethered in the full sun or left in backyards without any shade.

Also on an upward trajectory were insufficient food and water cruelty reports with 403 made in the past two months compared to 310 in the same period last year – a 30 per cent increase.

The only heat-related statistic on a downward trend was harmful confinement in a vehicle which showed a 22 per cent decrease from 123 last year to 96 this year.

Animal services executive manager Hannah Dreaver said while it was reassuring to see a decrease in reports about dogs in hot cars, 96 reports were still a lot in two months.

"We can see more of the general public has heed-



ed our dogs in hot cars warning this season and it is great to see but we still received far too many reports of this happening and it is really disheartening," she said.

"That is, on average, more than one report a day of people putting their pet in a potentially life-threatening situation. Most cases relating to dogs in hot cars occur in shopping centre parking lots, outside of cafes and out the front of people's houses.

"Many of the insufficient shelter reports were related to dogs being confined in backyards in the hot sun during the heatwaves and the other hot days in between without any refuge from the heat."

Report on 1300 278 358 or [www.rspcawa.org.au](http://www.rspcawa.org.au)

## Beyond Now app to go to Lifeline

**BEYOND Blue is transferring ownership of its highly regarded suicide prevention app, Beyond Now, to Lifeline Australia as part of a partnership that aims to provide more clarity for people seeking support during a crisis.**

Lifeline, which is well known for supporting people in crisis and suicide prevention, is taking ownership of the suicide safety planning app this month and will continue to provide the service and maintain uninterrupted access for new and current users.

Beyond Now has been accessed by hundreds of thousands of people since it was first developed by Beyond Blue in 2016 providing crucial support to those who are in suicide crisis. In the past four years alone, more than 400,000 people have used the app with more than 150,000 safety plans made.

Beyond Blue chief executive officer Georgie Harman said this carefully planned move is part of Beyond Blue and Lifeline's new partnership to reduce

confusion and build a more connected support system for people.

"As Beyond Blue focuses more on early intervention and prevention – supporting people before problems snowball – it makes sense for us to hand over this important crisis management tool and precious community asset to our partner Lifeline who are well known for their work in supporting people who are in crisis," she said.

While the look of the platform is changing, the service will continue uninterrupted with redirects linking to Lifeline's Beyond Now app and webpage. People who currently have the Beyond Now app downloaded to their phone are being notified of the change in ownership via an in-app message. People can continue to access their plan and use the app as they normally do, uninterrupted.

Beyond Blue Support Service: 1300 22 4636 or [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au) or Lifeline: 131144.

## Community heritage grant application

**APPLICATIONS are now open for this year's community heritage grants (CHG) program, offering cash grants of up to \$20,000 to community organisations.**

The grants support organisations to preserve and manage collections that have Australian cultural and historical significance.

The CHG program is celebrating 30 years this year, and since it was first run in 1994, has provided more than \$8.9 million in funding to over 900 organisations for more than 1,650 projects nationally.

"Over the course of three decades, CHG has become a constant and trusted source of support in the heritage sector," collaboration branch assistant director Fiona Clarke said.

"It is pleasing that the original purpose of the program in 1994 – to assist groups across Australia who are responsible for nationally significant collections – remains at its heart.

"CHG is still looking out for volunteer-run historical societies and museums, groups that have become custodians of unique heritage material, and

Indigenous and multicultural groups to ensure that these collections can remain within their communities and region," she said.

Historical societies, regional museums, archives and galleries are invited to apply, including Indigenous and multicultural organisations.

The grants enable groups to work with consultants to undertake significance assessments and preservation needs assessments and based on these reports, deliver preservation and conservation, collection management, and digitisation activities. Funding is also available for training workshops.

New applications close midnight (AEST) on Thursday May 9. Previous CHG program recipients and proposals for training projects have an extended deadline, with applications closing on Tuesday June 4.

The grants enable groups to work with consultants to undertake preservation needs assessments to deliver activities, with funding also available for training workshops.

To find out more and apply visit [nla.gov.au/chg](http://nla.gov.au/chg)

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For more information, visit our website or scan the QR code on the right.

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## John Forrest National Park facilities have been upgraded.

# New trails and amenities open at John Forrest

**JOHN** Forrest National Park, the state's inaugural national park, has received a makeover with a new day-use area and trails now open to visitors.

Upgrades include the Noolbenger trail, a new 16km off-road cycle trail now for cyclists and runners, Little Eagle trail, a new 8km loop trail, realignments, maintenance, and extension works to the popular Eagle View, Wildflower and Glen Brook trails, landscaped gardens and accessible picnic and barbecue facilities.

Construction of a new, 730-metre access road is also underway and is due to be completed in the first half of this year.

These upgrades come following the recent award of a \$1.7 million contract to construct a 270-bay carpark which will be built to the west of Glen Brook and the park's existing visitor precinct parking area.

Work on the carpark is due to commence in March and is expected to be complete in late-2024.

Environment Minister Reece Whitby said John Forrest National Park was a special part of Western Australia as our State's first national park.

"I am excited to see these improvements to it take shape. These new trails and picnic areas complement the surrounding landscape and will give visitors more experiences to enjoy."

Kalamunda MLA Matthew Hughes said it was very satisfying to see a major 2021 election commitment coming to fruition.

“John Forrest National Park is a major attraction with around 130,000 visitors per year already.

“The improved visitor experience, with active and passive recreational opportunities and better parking will be a boon to the range of tourism opportunities available in the Perth Hills.”

# Qfly quarantine lifted

**THE state government says Qfly has been eradicated in WA while also thanking Swan Valley growers and the Bayswater community for their support during the quarantine process.**

In November last year *Echo News* reported the discovery of one Qfly in Nollamara on September 12 had extended the quarantine area notice to December 5 pending no further detections.

One of the biggest threats to WA's horticultural industries and backyard fruit trees, the destructive pest was found in Bayswater in February last year – this is the ninth time in 35 years Qfly has been eradicated in the metropolitan area.

This week Agriculture and Food Minister Jackie Jarvis said eradicating this outbreak of Qfly and achieving area freedom for Western Australia is a tremendous achievement that demonstrates why detecting pest and disease threats as early as possible was the best form of defence.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's (DPIRD) eradication campaign included regular visits to more than 5500 properties in the area and testing of about 3000 collected fruit samples.

DPIRD also worked closely with horticulture growers in the nearby Swan Valley to help get produce to market, while maintaining strict biosecurity protocols.

At one stage DPIRD developed tags containing advice for home gardeners on how to manage their fruit trees to help prevent the spread of the pest land fruit fly to be attached to citrus, stone and pome fruit trees prior to sale.

Ms Jarvis said the quarantine area notice had now been lifted and people were no longer subject to movement controls on fruit and vegetables out of the area that were required to prevent the pest from spreading.

## Demolition day looms

**AFTER** an appeal at the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) was dropped, the apartments on 28 Scaddan Street in Bassendean are now one step closer to demolition.

The Town of Bassendean said a demolition application for the site must be received by Thursday, March 14.

“The mortgagee is aware of this deadline and seeking to comply with it,” the town said.

The deadline comes after the SAT case appealing the town's demolition orders was withdrawn by 28 Bassendean Pty Ltd, a company also owned by FTD construction's owner Ricky Hirsch.

The Scaddan Street apartments have now been repossessed.

In *Scaddan Street apartments in SAT limbo* (Echo News, February 16) the town had questioned the sites steelwork compliance, while earlier in the year Mr Hirsch's FTD construction entered liquidation, months after the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety's Building and Energy division stripped the builder of their registration.



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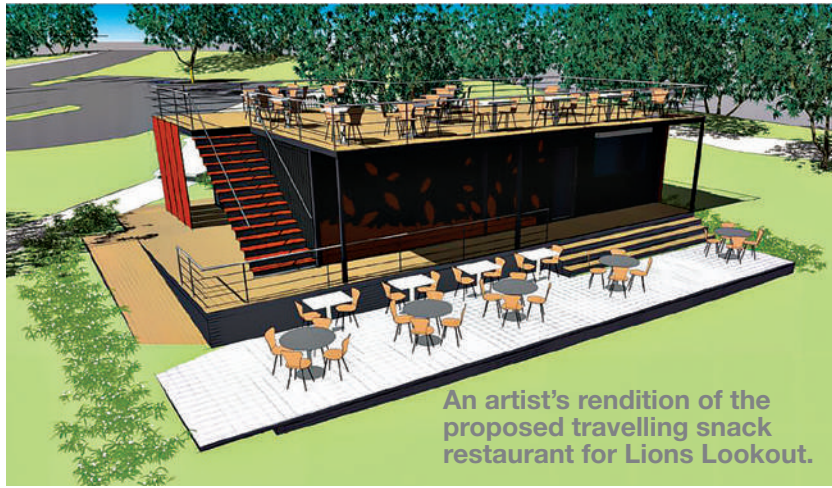
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# Café proposed for Lesmurdie lookout



An artist's rendition of the proposed travelling snack restaurant for Lions Lookout.

GERA KAZAKOV

**LIONS Lookout, just off Welshpool Road East at the top of the hill in Lesmurdie, could soon house a café with a development application lodged with the City of Kalamunda.**

Set to be known as the travelling snack, the stationary restaurant will be made from a repurposed sea container, according to the bushfire management plan prepared by Fireguard West.

The proposed site for the container restaurant is next to the existing barbecues at Lions Lookout, and if the development goes ahead, the barbecues will be removed.

The sea container restaurant will feature a seating area in front of the café, alongside seating on top of the container.

Toilets are included in the proposal, located at the back of the sea container in an adjoining structure, while the inside of the sea container itself will

be repurposed into a kitchen and food preparation space, also featuring an office and a service counter.

Parking at the lookout is also set to be expanded, with the estimated 100 visitors set to park at a proposed 32 bay parking lot – an extension from the 19 bays already at the site.

The City of Kalamunda also wants the lookout to be accessed from a different point and proposed to shift the lookout entrance further up Welshpool Road East as part of the development.

Due to the bushfire risk, the report recommends that the proposed container restaurant should be closed on days where the fire danger rating is 'catastrophic' to ensure safety.

"Fire history shows fire as recently as 2018 in the area immediately south of the site and the site itself burnt in the early 2000s," the report states.

The City of Kalamunda sought comment on the proposal from March 6 to March 15.



The Commercial Hotel mural. Inset: artist Jarrad Martyn.

## Tribute to historic railway workers

ANDREW WILLIAMS

**A TWO-storey mural which pays tribute to the workers of the historic railway workshops in Midland has been unveiled on the wall of the Commercial Bar and Kitchen on Railway Parade.**

The artwork depicts knock-off time at the Western Australian Government Railway Workshops as a stream of workers journey over the old footbridge towards the Commercial Hotel, the very watering hole the mural now resides upon.

Artist Jarrad Martyn, who grew up in South Guildford, completed the piece after just three weeks on Thursday, March 7.

Mr Martyn now lives in Melbourne, but he made the trip back to Perth after he was contacted by the owner of what is now the Commercial Bar and Kitchen, Kevin Bartholomew.

"The mural is based upon archival images of the workshops from 1939 so we've combined elements from that period of time that come together in the same frame, so the workshops, the bridge, the pub, and the train," Mr Martyn said.

The workshops' mural marks a return to drawing inspiration from archival images for Mr Martyn, who has completed an array of murals across the state, including the piece depicting an aeroplane on the corner of Roe Highway and Morrison Road.

"I'm usually interested in smaller localised aspects of history. More forgotten or less idealised versions of history, or how local history can intersect with state or global history," he said.

A few challenges were presented during the

process, including the February heatwaves and harsh Western Australian sun, which Mr Martyn said added difficulty in blending the black and white tones.

"So, it's just how to blend them all together and what tones do you want to push forward and what do you want to pull back in terms of spatial depth," he said.

Mr Bartholomew said the idea for the mural crept into his head the moment he bought the historic pub.

"Since being here, the Midland Workshops are becoming more and more separated from Midland, and I fear they are becoming forgotten."

"I felt it was important for people to remember the old connection with Midland and the workshops. It a tribute to the workers who toiled there, and their families," he said.

"The response has been terrific from locals, especially those who are connected to it. We've had people come in and say it reminds them of their fathers and grandfathers."

The piece is undoubtedly a hit, as shown by a post on the Midland and Districts Historical Society Facebook page about the new mural, which received almost 70 comments and more than 600 likes in just a day.

The comments of the Facebook post convey appreciation and gratitude for the work as a snapshot of what life used to be like.

## Swan website takes out international award

**THE City of Swan's new website has earned global recognition, winning Kentico's 'site of the year' award in the government and municipal category.**

Kentico is a leading online platform that hosts more than 35,000 websites across 120 countries.

The city teamed up with Perth digital agency ALYKA last year to overhaul its website by improving the user experience, meeting accessibility standards and introducing self-service options.

Kentico was the content management system chosen to host the site because of its scalability, performance, support and top-tier security.

The new site features a clean and appealing design, intuitive navigation, simpler language, advanced search functionality, enhanced mobile responsiveness, custom filters and a modernised brand.

It also has specialised modules for waste management, events and park facilities.

After it launched in October last year, the city's website was named Kentico's 'site of the month' in the government and municipal category.

In February, it was announced as Kentico's 2023 'site of the year' in its category, finishing in front of entries from Texas and Ohio in the US.

"One of our key challenges as a city is communicating effectively to a diverse population which is spread across almost 20 per cent of the Perth metropolitan area," City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said.

"It's important for us to keep looking for ways to improve our communication and make our services-



City of Swan digital staff members Simon Fryer, Declan Allen and Damian McDermott.

more accessible for residents and visitors.

"We know that people are getting more of their information and doing more of their business online, so we want our digital services to be first-rate."

"Our website winning an international award is a fantastic achievement for the city and our talented staff."

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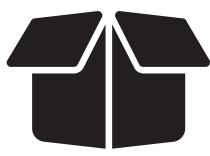
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# Pickering Brook volunteer fire brigade a step closer

GEORGE Spriggs Reserve in Pickering Brook has recently had an additional reserve purpose added to its grounds – with the new designation identifying the area as a fire station.

City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas said the city had received a Landgate notification confirming the successful completion of the process to add an additional reserve purpose to reserve 52678 – otherwise known as George Spriggs Reserve.

“This achievement is especially significant and means we are one step closer to making the new (Pickering Brook volunteer bushfire brigade) building a reality,” she said.

In the November 2022 ordi-

nary council meeting, all sitting councillors voted unanimously to establish the Pickering Brook volunteer fire brigade as soon as practicable before the high threat bushfire period of summer starts.

The June 2021 City of Kalamunda feasibility study into the Pickering Brook volunteer bush fire brigade and fire station site noted that response times from Kalamunda into Pickering Brook were extended.

“To address the current and future requirements to protect the community of Pickering Brook and the hinterland from an emergency, and in particular bush fires, there is a need for a volunteer bush fire brigade and station in Pickering Brook,” the feasibility study states.



## Council meeting disorder to stop

THE state government has released a consultation paper with the aim to create simplified meeting procedures for all Western Australian local governments, the most significant changes to local government in the state in more than 25 years.

The proposal will set a new standard for dealing with disruption and disorder at meetings, and will:

- make it easier for people to understand, participate, and observe council meetings.
- provide consistent rules on how meetings are held.
- reduce costs by removing the need for each local government to develop and review local laws.
- allow mayors and presidents to silence, but not remove, council

members who are disorderly – while members of the public who are disorderly can be removed.

- ensure meetings do not run too late, with meetings to be adjourned at 11pm.
- the proposed regulations will replace council procedures, standing orders and local laws.

The consultation paper and associated survey questions can be viewed or downloaded at <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/standardised-meeting-procedures>.

Local Government Minister Hannah Beazley said the public expects council meetings to be a forum for respectful discussion and constructive debate. Submissions close on Wednesday, May 29.

## eye on crime

### Drug, cash seizure after Forrestfield stop car stop

FOLLOWING a Forrestfield traffic stop detectives from the serious and organised crime division, Mandurah detectives, and the gang crime squad have charged six men and one woman after more than \$2.2 million cash, drugs, and firearms were seized as the result of an investigation in relation to a drug and money laundering syndicate.

During the evening of Tuesday, January 30 officers stopped a vehicle at a carpark in Forrestfield and located more than \$500,000 in cash.

It is believed the cash, that was contained in a duffle bag, was partially secreted in bushland in Lakelands and collected by a 35-year-old man, who then drove to Forrestfield.

The 35-year-old man was taken into custody and was charged with one count of ‘received, possessed,

concealed, disposed of or dealt with any money or other property that is the proceeds of an offence’.

He is next due to appear before the Perth Magistrates Court on April 9.

As a result of further inquiries, detectives executed a further 10 search warrants in the southern metropolitan area and located a kilo of methylamphetamine, two kilos of MDMA, smaller quantities of cocaine and cannabis, \$2.2 million cash, two hand guns and a silencer.

A 46-year-old man, 33-year-old man, 30-year-old man, 26-year-old man and a 26-year-old woman have all been charged with a number of serious drug and stealing offences.

The investigation into the involvement of other parties remains ongoing – police anticipate further charges will be laid in the near future.

### Wattle Grove assault: second man charged



Midland Detectives have charged a second person in relation to a 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. 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’.

On March 6, a 38-year-old man – also from Piara Waters – was charged with ‘Unlawful act or omission with intent to harm (endangering life, health or safety of any person)’.

As inquiries continue, detectives have released CCTV vision of a third man who may be able to assist with the investigation. Anyone with information in relation to the identity of the man pictured is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via [www.crimestopperswa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperswa.com.au).

Anyone who attended the festival and has any relevant vision is urged to call detectives.

### Bullsbrook serious crash information sought

OFFICERS from the major crash investigation section are appealing for information in relation to a serious crash that occurred in Bullsbrook on Wednesday, February 28.

About 4:05pm, a silver Suzuki Baleno hatchback travelling west on Neaves Road, left the road and collided with a tree.

A 7-year-old male passenger received serious injuries and was airlifted to Perth Children’s Hospital.

The 36-year-old female driver received minor

injuries.

Major crash investigators are conducting 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](http://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/communityrequest/public/seriouscrash/neavesroadbullsbrook>

### Ellenbrook man faces illegal filming charges

DETECTIVES from child exploitation operations have charged a 28-year-old Ellenbrook man following the discovery of surveillance device located in the female toilets of a university campus in Fremantle.

It will be alleged that between August 2023 and February 2024, the accused used a stolen key to access the service area located behind the disabled toilet and – using a mobile phone – recorded

women using the facilities.

The accused in this matter was previously employed by an external contractor delivering hygiene services to the university.

The 28-year-old Ellenbrook man has been charged with three counts of unlawfully install an optical surveillance device, three counts of trespass and stealing as a servant. He is due to appear in the Fremantle Magistrates Court on March 18.

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](http://www.crimestopperswa.com.au)

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# Nominations called for WA Youth Parliament

**THE Y WA (formerly YMCA) is calling for the next generation of youth leaders to apply for the 29th Y WA Youth Parliament program.**

This four-month program, run by the Y, offers a unique opportunity for young people to actively participate in the democratic process and have their voice heard by policy makers.

Offering an insight into the world of Australian politics, participants will draft, debate, and advocate for mock youth-focused legislation and gain insight into the workings of government and policy development.

Last year, Owen Briffa, Blake Mercer and Paul Jackson respectively represented their Kalamunda, Midland and West Swan electorates in the *Youth Parliament Trio debates in youth Parliament* (Echo News, July 21, 2023).

Mr Briffa debated a Bill for an Act to introduce online voting, require local government candidates to disclose their political and union affiliations on campaign material, require local governments conduct postal voting, reduce the frequency of local government elections to three years.

Mr Mercer, representing the Midland electorate, debated a Bill for an Act to introduce regulations to address artificial intelligence and impacts associated with its use, while Mr Jackson, representing West

Swan, debated a Bill for an Act to improve health-care services for Aboriginal Australians living in rural areas of Western Australia.

The Y WA strives to bring together a diverse group, encouraging young people aged 15 to 25 from all backgrounds to apply for the apolitical program, including applications from Aboriginal young people and young people living in rural and remote locations. The program aims to secure representatives from all 59 electoral districts across WA.

"If you're a young person passionate about issues and representing your community, then this is a program for you. You'll learn to work with a diverse range of people, gain deeper knowledge of political systems including how to create your own legislation and write speeches and you will develop lifelong friendships and networks," Y WA chief executive officer Dr Tim McDonald said.

Throughout the program, participants act as 'youth members', representing a state electorate in parliament. The program culminates in members attending Parliament House and participating in a debate in the chamber.

Applications close on March 24.

To apply for the 2024 Y WA Youth Parliament program, visit <https://bit.ly/YouthParliamentApplication2024>



Paul Jackson, Blake Mercer and Owen Briffa were part of the 2023 cohort.

## Swan Chamber Hour of Power focusses on youth services



Rebecca Forte.

**THE Swan Chamber of Commerce will be holding its second Hour of Power for the year on Wednesday, March 20 at the Crooked Spire Coffee and Arthouse boardroom at 10.30am with a focus on youth services.**

Two guest speakers from the not-for-profit sector Dawn McAleenan from Crosslinks disability support services and Raise Mentoring's Rebecca Forte will hit centre stage to talk about services for youth.

Crosslinks is a not-for-profit organisation that has proudly supported people with disabilities since 1996.

Their team of more than 220 staff

provide disability support services to hundreds of people all over the Perth metropolitan area from their base in Midland.

Their services include community participation, adult and youth social clubs, supported independent living accommodation, and support coordination.

Raise Mentoring provides early intervention, evidence-based mentoring program for young people in high school supporting mental health, social and emotional wellbeing and school engagement.

Each speaker has fifteen minutes to

share their passion for their business and profession, among other things, leaving plenty of room for engaged discussion.

The monthly leadership and personal development workshop is facilitated and sponsored by SLW Transport's Leanne and Shane Wilcox.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Pedal power movie night



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**TRANSITION Town Guildford and the City of Swan are hosting a pedal-powered outdoor movie night this Saturday, March 16, for a screening of the documentary 'Climate Changers'.**

The free event will be held from 6pm to 8pm at Spring Reserve at 96 Helena Street in Guildford, with attendees taking turns pedaling 15 stationary bikes to generate enough electricity to power the movie projector.

The documentary is created by the Climate Council's chief councillor, and former Australian of the year, professor Tim Flannery.

Mr Flannery was named Australian of the year in 2007 for recognition of his role as an effective communicator in explaining envi-

ronment issues and bringing them to the attention of the public.

The documentary follows Mr Flannery's search for leadership on climate change, as he poses questions about where the leaders are who will drive change, and how might they succeed where others have failed.

The screening will start at 7pm with attendees encouraged to join the festivities from 6pm for a BYO picnic dinner.

Attendees do not need to pedal for the entire film, as people will rotate out riders of the stationary riders.

Register online at humanitix for this free event here <https://events.humanitix.com/summer-outdoor-movie-night-in-spring-reserve-climate-changers>



## Desert experience motivates artist

**AN exhibition of paintings – a tour de force of seascapes and flower studies – by Drewfus Gates of Viveash opens later this month.**

Since 1982 Gates has become one of Western Australia's best-known artists painting in oils, pastels and watercolours and in a wide variety of subjects.

He has won numerous awards including the America's Cup prize and is a six times finalist in the Doug Moran national portrait prize – the richest portrait prize worldwide.

According to his biography in 2001, Gates was severely burned while on an art trip to a remote Aboriginal community in the Gibson

Desert in Central Australia.

Despite burns to 35 per cent of his body and losing some of his fingers and toes he survived after 17 days in a coma.

Even as he was being burnt he vowed that if he survived he would become a great artist.

The numinous experiences he had in the coma he knew in some way had greatly expanded his consciousness in a way that would further influence his art.

The Rock of Defiance exhibition at the Gallows Gallery, 53 Glyde Street, Mosman Park opens at 6pm on March 27.

For more information call the gallery on 9286 4730.



Ric Spencer, Jen Kerr, Una Bell, Nic Compton, Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil, and Cr Prapti Mehta in front of works by Merrick Belyea. Pic: Brad Coleman.

## Mundaring artists on show



G.Haynes -The Kitchen.



Merrick Belyea – Darlington Cloud 3.



Nic Compton - Water Heater.

**EACH year the Mundaring Arts Centre (MAC Inc), curates the Acquisition exhibition on behalf of the Shire of Mundaring, showcasing artists who have lived, worked, played, and created in the Mundaring Hills.**

This exhibition is open free to the public at the Mundaring Arts Centre from February 24 to April 21.

This year's exhibition entitled DRAWN, showcases the distinct language of drawing by four eminent West Australian artists George Haynes, Merrick Belyea, Nic Compton and Ric Spencer.

Their lines and marks on paper draw from diverse creative wells and conceptual concerns, but for each artist whether they draw to describe, research, meditate or heal, they have very personal connections to the objects of their attention.

George Haynes presents a selection of signature drawings in charcoal alongside lithographs commissioned in 1995 for the inaugural Mark Howlett Foundation.

Mr Haynes studied at the Chelsea School of Art in London, after which he moved for a time to Darlington, WA.

Influenced by where he lives and the Western Australian light, his artworks offers a keen observation of his life and the landscapes.

Completed in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Merrick Belyea's drawings are ruminations on the enormity of natural phenomena and the uncertainty of how to accurately depict them.

For Mr Belyea a drawing is the purest form of trying to understand exactly what is in front of us. Less imperfect than a photograph, drawings inspire him to create larger and more ambitious works.

His mixed media drawings trace the story of a massive thunderstorm building and dumping its drenching rain across the scarp. They are observational studies of the land and sky and reveal typical seasonal sights that hills people are familiar with.

He studied fine art at Claremont School of Art and since then has been involved in many prominent West Australian collections and projects.

Nic Compton, a sculptor, uses drawing to understand form, communicate ideas and explore his connection to nature.

An integral part of Mr Compton's art practice, drawing forms part of the pathway to building his sculptural works that explore the organic and vascular systems that make up our world.

After his recent open-heart surgery his drawings are observations of domesticity, a form of meditation, distraction, and contemplation.

For Ric Spencer, drawing is a profoundly personal aesthetic experience, an intimate and intuitive relationship between the object of his attention, the body, the pencil and the paper.

For this exhibition he focuses on rock similar to those of the Darling Scarp, to draw forth their essence in layers of pencil that accumulate to build up the structure and record the conversation he has with the rock, with the soft graphite pencil recording acute sensitivity and energetic blackness.

This annual exhibition provides an opportunity to celebrate the continued partnership between the Mundaring Arts Centre and the Shire of Mundaring over the past 43 years.

Alternating between an open, invitational, and retrospective format, the acquisition exhibition promotes the abundance of artistic talent that is the legacy of the Mundaring hills and invites the community to learn more about the selected artists.

Join the artists in conversation from 1pm to 2.30pm Sunday, April 7 at the Mundaring Arts Centre. RSVP essential [www.macmjac.com.au/products/drawn-artist-talk](http://www.macmjac.com.au/products/drawn-artist-talk)

More information on the exhibition is available from [www.mundaringartscentre.com.au](http://www.mundaringartscentre.com.au)



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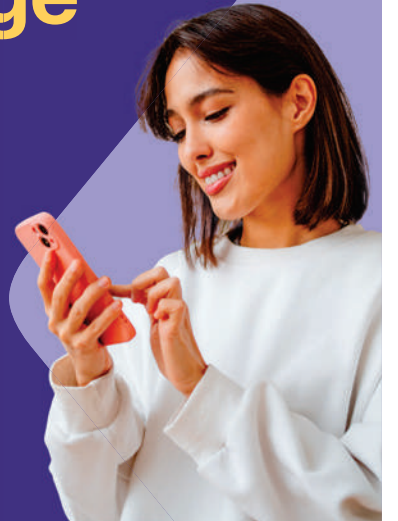
The next workshop will be held at 35 Clifton Crescent, Mount Lawley on Saturday 6th and Saturday 13th April. For more information see [www.avpwa.org](http://www.avpwa.org) phone 0428 730 530 or email [avp.wa1@gmail.com](mailto:avp.wa1@gmail.com)



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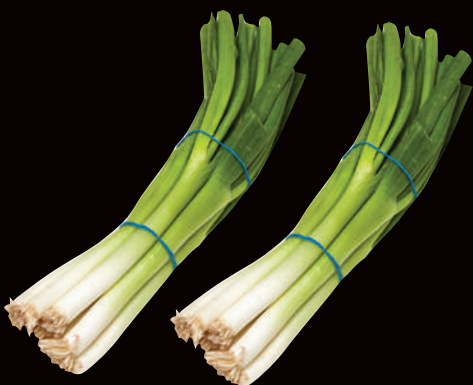
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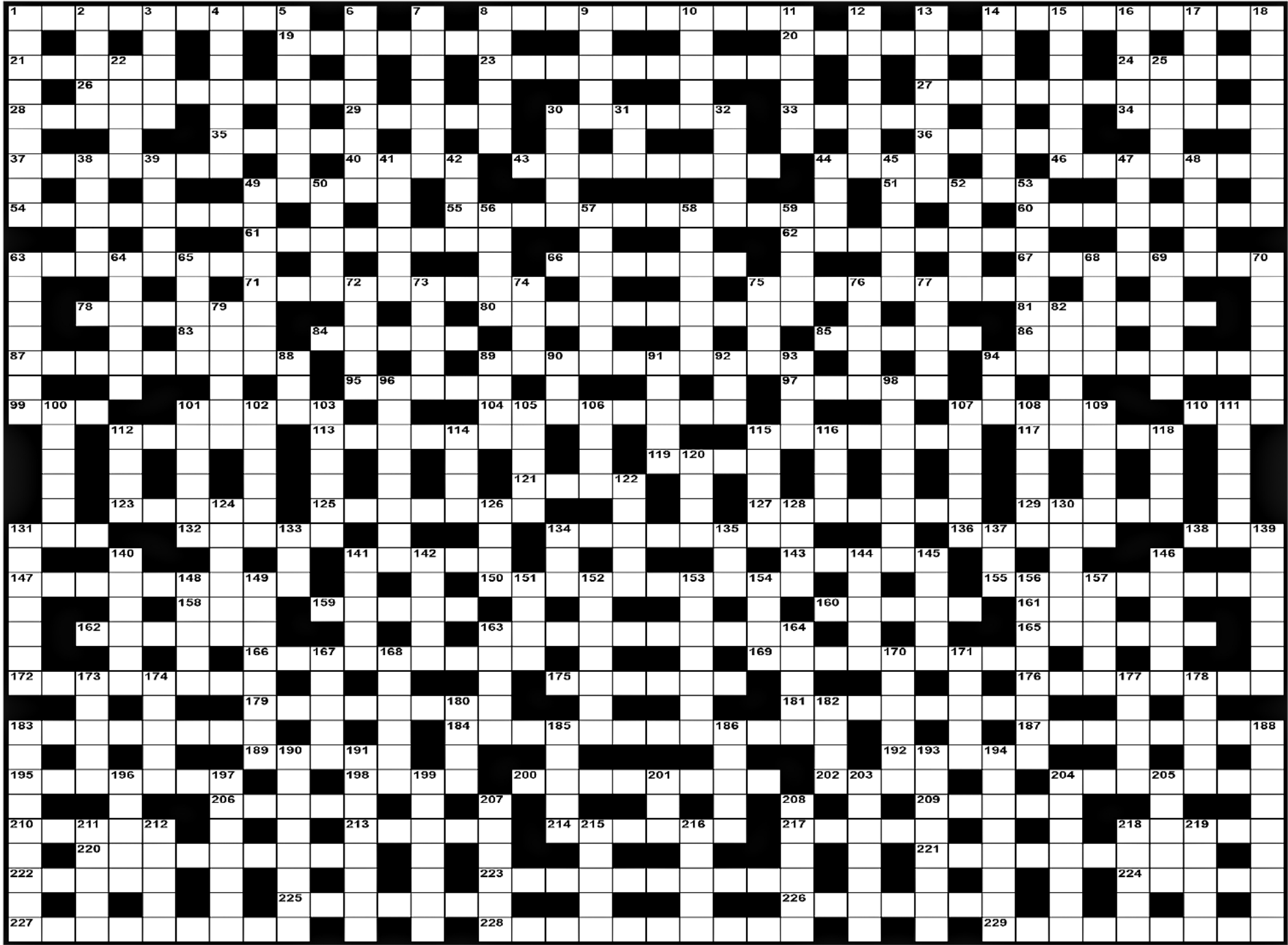
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ACROSS		81	UK capital	172	Musical drama	10	Foot coverings	76	Type of lyric poem		emotion	182	A sly look
		83	High explosive (init)	175	Upper-arm muscles	11	Lower or under (arch)	77	A track	145	A natural earth oxide	183	Engines etc
1	Stable attendants							79	One of a kind			185	Precious stones
8	Ownership	84	High-spirited horse	176	A feeler	12	Boat competition	82	A prophet	146	Green oxidation	186	Place of contest
14	Woos with song			179	Prickly plants	13	Cheers for	88	Born	148	German submarine (1-4)	188	Tree type
19	A huntsman	85	Marine formation	181	Desire for food	14	Persistent type	89	Practical test (abb)			190	Ex-workers
20	Gracefully refined	86	Before (poet)	183	Very bad headache	15	Coloured arc in sky	90	A gutter	149	Satisfied fully	191	Coarse raw sugar syrup
21	NSW city	87	A sidetrack	184	Known			91	A small military unit	151	Russian river		
23	One of high social class	89	Keeping going	187	Practise	16	A book			152	Chanting	193	Frightens
		94	Informal restaurant	189	A type of play	17	Rationed out	92	A sheep	153	Theatrical groups	194	Meditates
24	Holiday house	95	Act with scorn	192	Consumers	18	What is spoken	93	A prong	154	Be in large numbers	196	Boring tool
26	Broad avenue	97	A doctrine	195	Museum custodian	22	Type of drum	94	A large reptile			197	A thug
27	Call another meeting	99	A rodent	198	A single time	25	Clumsy	96	A beginner	156	Disperses	199	Most important
		101	Detonating devices	200	Hesitated	30	Church dwelling	98	Sporting people	157	Illegal burning	201	Be wrong
28	Body parts	104	Disposition	202	Whispered call	31	Crowd	100	Olden god	163	Be responsible for	203	Stitches
29	Indian currency	107	Goes by yacht	204	Poke out	32	Arab chief	101	A brawl	164	A coarse fibre	204	Lived
30	Champagne cocktail	110	A spring	206	To such time	38	Myanmar's former name	102	Concealed marksman	167	Leading dancer	205	A king
		112	Legendary sea nymph	209	Fasten to					168	A cane	207	Lobster's habitat
33	Added			210	A copy	39	Extended dramatic work	103	Not many times	170	A type of monkey	208	Faded away
34	A shelf	113	Literature of love	213	Sky-coloured			105	Female cat	171	Light in movement	211	Malay palm
35	Cowboy's show	115	Unconverted	214	Nepalese person	41	Breathing disorder	106	A wading bird	173	Fervent	212	A stand
36	Four-stringed instrument	117	Holy city of Islam	217	A perfume	42	Bird of peace	107	Pries	174	On the dot	215	Seraglio
		119	Nap	218	Flashy jewellery (coll)	44	Food fish	108	Charge a tax	177	Attend to	216	Braid of hair
37	Large monkeys	121	Sunbathe			45	Thongs	109	Architectural moulding	178	An Ionian island	218	Wild horse
40	A poet	123	Eat grasses	220	Declares again	47	Inside			180	Gaelic	219	Baghdad citizen
43	Without ceasing	125	Greek epic poem	221	Funds official	48	Afraid	111	Eastern temple				
44	A chore	127	Racing car service	222	Jugs	49	High-pitched voice	112	Cosy				
46	Shape wood	129	Adored person	223	Defensive barriers	50	Top card	114	15th March				
49	Festive occasions	131	Solemn promise	224	Give a speech	52	A criminal defence strategy	115	Assists				
51	Former Russian rulers	132	Blood fluid	225	Lift			116	Female relative				
		134	Desperate	226	A peak of the Himalayas	53	Baby's carriage	118	Aid a criminal				
54	A fragrant shrub	136	Ancient kingdom			56	Eat away	120	A shape				
55	Animal doctor	138	A boy	227	Year-old beasts	57	Swords	122	Broken (coll)				
60	Forward	141	Bread ingredient	228	Taken to pieces	58	Non-believer	124	Striped animals				
61	Chortling	143	Looped rope	229	Act of luring away	59	Land expanses	126	Newts				
62	Casual in behaviour	147	Pay back			63	It accompanies lightning	128	Isolated land				
		150	Deputise for					130	Counting frame				
63	Small delicacies	155	A moving staircase			64	A work metal	131	Giddiness				
66	Native American people	158	Lamb's call			65	Speeds at sea	133	Handy truck				
		159	Dress with pride			68	Melodies	134	Centre of wheel				
67	A scout on outskirts	160	Flying insects			69	Pressed clothes	135	Flightless bird				
		161	An outcast dog			70	Mediterranean resort region	137	A colour				
71	A walkway	162	Just about					139	Long-lasting				
75	Heavenly	163	Eaters of meat			72	A type of lily	140	Slow walker				
78	Grow out	165	Attack			73	A relative	141	Victorian river				
		166	Unbiased			74	Actual existence	142	A representative				
80	Chief points	169	A wretch			75	Group of families	144	Not showing				

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# LGAs move to protect mature urban trees on private land

**WALGA has today released a new model local planning policy (LPP) tree retention to support local governments to stem the loss in tree canopy cover in urban areas across Western Australia.**

Councils can adopt the policy which will clarify whether tree removal (or other tree damaging activity) are works that requires development approval.

WALGA State President Karen Chappel reinforced the important role the new model policy will play in stemming the loss in tree canopy cover.

"Local governments have been at the forefront in addressing the loss in canopy cover through tree planting on verges, parks and other public areas, with support from the state government through the urban greening grant program.

"But planting new trees is not enough to stem the loss in canopy cover. We need to do more to preserve our existing mature trees.

"The policy will provide a high level of protection for the most significant of our canopy trees, removing the need for councils to get approval from the state government on planning processes."

The LPP aims to provide a consistent approach to preserve trees at all stages of the planning and development process, including strategic planning proposals and subdivision applications, as well as development applications.

The model LPP defines the term 'regulated tree' being a living tree that is eight metres or more high; and/or has an average canopy diameter of at least six metres; and/or has a trunk circumference of at least 1.5 metres, measured 1.4 metres above the ground; and is of a species that is not included on a state or local area weed register.

"If a council chooses to use this model it will make decision making on preserving mature trees more consistent and effective."

# Dianne recognised in Women's Hall of Fame

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At the age of 62 she became a grandmother and now helps out with her grandsons aged five and six.

"I've got to make the most of these beautiful kids.

"My son says you never did this for me – I say hello I was working," she laughs.

She said back in her day Aboriginal people were stereotyped and people thought they could achieve little.

But she did things outside the box by joining the army, which taught her that she could achieve things in life.

"Joining the army was hard you had to learn to spit polish shoes, starch uniforms – now this was back in '74 so we didn't have these new uniforms or uniforms you don't have to starch.

"If you set your mind to whatever you can do I got through that five weeks and was like okay and then I went to driver training.

"Mum and dad were really strong

people and they reinforced strong work ethics, mutual respect and the commitment – you can achieve whatever you set your mind to – the army really reinforced that to me throughout my career.

"I've been lucky enough to speak at Banksia Hill detention centre, Casuarina and Bandyup I always put this message out 'you can achieve I'm living proof that you can achieve'.

"You've got to have your mind set the right way but you can achieve whatever you set your mind to.

"Along the way there were hiccups, racism and that sort of stuff but I also had good people that knew that I was a good worker or knew what a person I was that supported me as well and I think that's the key to anything."

Just days before her induction the WA Women's Hall of Fame she was still trying to get her head around how amazing it is.

Her sister Anne Garlett put forward her nomination.

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- **The Guildford Association** is meeting on Thursday, April 18 at St Matthew's Church Hall starting at 6.30pm. The meeting will finish at 7.30pm, at which time the association will welcome their guest speaker Professor Kingsley Dixon who has published more than 420 scientific publications. He will speak about black cockatoos and the birds ongoing safety and survival. Light refreshments will be served.
- **Kalamunda Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Falls Farm, 41 Cagney Way

Lesmurdie from 10am-1pm. For more information call Roy 9295 2522 or Ray 0427 095 892.

- **Swan View Primary School** is holding a fete on Sunday, March 24 from 10am to 3pm at 380 Morrison Road, Swan View.
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## Grand finals await Midland Guildford

JOSHUA MCKENZIE

**THE Midland Guildford Cricket Club's female A grade enjoyed a bye in their final round before their grand final matchup with Wanneroo this weekend.**

The female B grade entered their game against Subiaco Floreat requiring a win in order to qualify for the grand final.

After winning the toss and electing to bat first, a 176-run opening partnership shared by Brooke Catania (91 runs off 110 balls) and Merel Dekeling (75 off 90) created the platform for a total of 5-278 off 40 overs.

Their opponents run chase never gathered any momentum with Makayla Hendry (three wickets for two runs off four overs) and Molly Lincoln (3-9 off 7.3 overs) the best of the bowlers on display.

Subiaco Floreat were only able to reach a total of 67 runs from 30.3 overs, resulting in a resounding 211 run victory for the side and a spot in the grand final secured.

In the final junior female matches of the season, the female U17s played their final regular season match and the female U14 played a semi-final.

Batting first against Subiaco Floreat, the female U17 were unable to post a competitive total with no batter scoring more than 25 runs.

The side finished all out for 107, a total which was chased down in 18.2 overs and finished as a seven-wicket loss for the side.

In their semi-final against Perth, the female U14 were set a target of 94 by their opposition.

Kaija Nielsen seemed to be the catalyst for the chase with her innings of 31 off 39, however the side would ultimately fall just three runs short of securing their place in the grand final.

The season will conclude next weekend with the female A grade facing Wanneroo in the 50 over grand final and the female B grade facing Perth in the 40 over grand final.

## Dom To Shoot draws outside barrier

ANITA MCINNES

**BULLSBROOK-trained Dom To Shoot has drawn barrier 12 in the All-Star Mile (1600m) on March 16 at Caulfield while the favourite and last year's winner Mr Brightside has drawn barrier 11.**

Speaking to *Echo News* on Wednesday Sean Casey, who co-trains with his son Jake, said Dom To Shoot was very fresh at his first start in Melbourne and was entitled to hold his position in the front end of the field.

"With more work since (and) with the wide barrier in the All-Star we will sit beside Mr Brightside and work our way into the race to be coming home at the finish," he said.

On February 24, the six-year-old gelding ran fourth in the Group 1 Futurity Stakes (1400m) at Caulfield, won by reigning All-Star Mile winner Mr Brightside.

Casey said Dom To Shoot, who



was given a wild card entry into Saturday's race, had impressed the All-Star selection panel.

Jockey Damien Lane retains the ride on Dom To Shoot.

In 2023 Dom To Shoot fell in the Perth Cup while trying to avoid another horse, which had fallen and had to be euthanised.

Fourteen days later after extensive vet checks he raced in a re-run of the cup before rounding out the year with his first Group 1 win in the Northerly Stakes (1800m) in December.



Swan Districts WAFLW side celebrated their first win over the weekend. Picture: Blake Parry

## Swans nab first WAFLW win

CHRIS PIKE

**COURTNEY Zappara kicked five goals and that was just the start of the starring performances as Swan Districts beat Peel Thunder by 63 points on Sunday to open their account for the season.**

Swans were making their first appearance of the 2024 WAFLW season at Steel Blue Oval in the Round 2 match up with Peel on Sunday on the back of a competitive showing against Claremont to open the new campaign under new coach Ben Bowness.

Swan Districts were then able to dominate proceedings on Sunday against Peel at Bassendean with six goals to one in the first half, another four goals to nil in the second and to end up winning 10.13 (73) to 1.4 (10).

It was quite the day out in attack for Swan Districts forward Courtney Zappara as she kicked five goals for the afternoon from 11 kicks and four marks.

Tayla Thorn also kicked two goals in the win for Swans with the other goals courtesy of Lily Paterson, Tamzyn Beros and Teyharna Curry.

There were plenty more standout performers in the win for Swan Districts including emerging young star Carys D'Addario. She finished with 24 possessions, six tackles, five inside-50 entries and four marks.

Paterson continued her strong start to the season with another 24 disposals to go with nine marks, five inside-50 entries, three tackles and her goal.

Taylah Edwards also gathered 19 touches for the black-and-whites to go with nine inside 50s, six marks and six tackles.

Naomi Baker collected 19 possessions as well while Emma Humphries had 17 touches, Kayley King 16, Hope Ugle-Hayward 16, Demi Liddle 16 and Isabella Edgley 15.

Swan Districts was playing its first home game of the season and hunting a first win of 2024, and made the perfect start a minute into the contest with a goal through Courtney Zappara.

New recruit and former AFLW player Tayla Thorn then added another for the black-and-whites before Zappara kicked a second just before quarter-time to put the home team in front by 19 points.

That margin was soon out to 33 points nine minutes into the second quarter following goals to Swans from Lily Paterson and a third to Zappara.

Zappara added a fourth just before half-time in a stunning first half performance for Swan Districts with the lead out to 34 points by the main break.

It was Teyharna Curry's turn to kick a goal to start the second half and then Zappara's day out continued as she added a fifth for the afternoon, the lead for the black-and-whites grew to 48 points by three quarter-time.

Swans also managed the only two goals of the final quarter, including a second to Thorn and another to Tamzyn Beros as the home team went on to score the supremely impressive 63-point victory.

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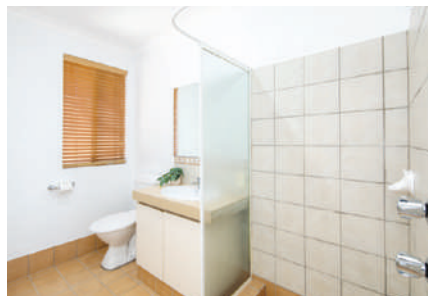
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