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Wandoo Heights cottage destroyed



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No shame in death

Dear Echo News,

I'm writing in response to *Funeral parlour petition* (Echo News, March 8) regarding the Wattle Grove residents petitioning to prevent a funeral parlour from going ahead in the Wattle Grove community.

This was of great interest to me, being a facilitator of a Death Cafe for the community, through Midland Library.

As someone who has had an irrational fear of death since I was a small child, and having decided to reflect and question these fears, it is evident and confirming the lack of death literacy within the community.

Yes, you read correctly, death literacy – it's a thing.

It saddened me to read and feel the undertones, voiced by some of the Wattle Grove residents.

Death should not be seen, it is to be hidden, and not worthy of having a place in their community.

Somehow, I just can't see how a chapel will be more pleasant in an industrial area.

We need to ask ourselves:

What is it that scares us about death?

Why do we not want our children to see it?

Why do bodies have to be ferreted through the back door, as if in shame?

Why do we not want to consider our dead as part of our community?

Death is a part of life and community is life.

I hope we can expand on our thinking and I have a feeling that the Wattle Grove community could do with a Death Cafe, where we can start having these conversations.

S Hope
Viveash

Thought for the day

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

- Benjamin Franklin

Unused land burdens

Dear Echo News,

I own vacant land in Midland.

The dire state of the building industry has prevented me from developing it and on-selling it.

It is incredibly disappointing to see 'wokist' elements in the City of Swan whack us with this misguided tax without any community or industry consultation.

The profitability malaise in the building industry that has persisted for nearly 10 years, was greatly amplified by Covid, deters development, and is not fixed by punitive taxation.

No one is going to do a residential development if they cannot make a profit.

We are not greedy landholders banking our land and preventing development.

We have the right to buy land for our children's future needs, we have the right to sit tight when market conditions prevent us from developing or selling and we have the right to invest and hold for the future.

The City of Swan does not have the right to trample on our choices.

From time of land purchase to occupancy is at least two to 2.5 years, so this pernicious tax will not result in short term housing supply.

If the city was really serious about addressing the housing shortage, it should look at the entire housing estate in its area, including land zoning and the mass of homes on Airbnb.

Taxing vacant landholders who are already conveniently identified

in its data base is just a selfish money grab that kicks owners whose hands are tied by circumstances beyond their control.

M Zimmel
Midland

Root of the problem?

Dear Echo News,

The Kalamunda Council recently voted to rescind the local planning policy 33 – tree retention relating to retention of trees during planning and development processes; thereby giving developers and landowners the right to remove all trees in areas being developed.

This was despite the fact that Kalamunda ratepayers' deputations were three times higher and asking to retain the policy.

This is also against Western Australia Local Government Association (WALGA) – of which the City of Kalamunda is a members who moved to protect trees on private land (as reported in *LGAs move to protect mature urban trees on private land* (Echo News, March 15)).

I can only wonder why and ask the council to publish the reasons behind their decision – which was against the request of the majority of ratepayers, against the city's own tag line 'a home in the forest' and against WALGA recommendations.

I await with bated breath.

There are already too many streets in the City of Kalamunda with no or limited tree coverage, where temperatures in summer are several degrees higher than those streets where

tree coverage is plentiful.

The City of Kalamunda should be retaining as many large growth trees as possible and planting more trees – rather than approving the destruction of whole areas – without any council overview or community approval.

Hang your heads in shame.

G England
Kalamunda

Holy Saturday

Dear Echo News,

I'm writing to invite the community to a very special gathering at St Swithun's Church, from 3pm – 4pm on Holy Saturday, March 30.

We will be 'Flowering the Cross' – an ancient and moving Christian tradition.

All are invited to come to the church and bring flowers that have personal significance, be they roses, bottle-brushes, or humble dandelions.

Together we will place these flowers upon the cross.

This will bring something of this place and its people, of Kalamunda and Lesmurdie, together upon the cross.

It will be an act of veneration and love for Jesus Christ, who on Holy Saturday lies in the tomb, and at the same time an act of hope: our hope in the new life to come, our hope in the resurrection, our hope as we wait for dawn.

Fr G Bowland
Anglican Parish of Kalamunda-Lesmurdie

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Red Hill fire cause undetermined

ANITA MCINNES

THE Red Hill bushfire has destroyed a cottage in Wandoo Heights nature reserve and three sheds but DFES says aircraft and firefighters saved homes in the northern part of the fire area that were surrounded by bush.

On Thursday morning WA Police said the arson squad and the fire investigation officers were still waiting for the area where the fire is believed to have started to cool down so they can continue their work, so at this stage the cause of the fire is undetermined.

At a community meeting held at Baskerville Memorial Hall on Wednesday DFES incident controller Murray McBride said while the bushfire, which had burnt about 690ha of land, had been downgraded to a watch and act it was still not contained or controlled.

Mr McBride said DFES was hoping to get people back to their homes on Thursday.

When the bushfire was reported about 2.39pm on Tuesday, March 19 it was near Toodyay Road.

On Thursday morning DFES said roads to the east of Campersic Road would remain closed until hazardous tree work, site inspections and risk assessments had been undertaken.

The closed roads included Range Road, Macham Road, Cymosa Street, Hardwick Road, east of Campersic Road, Williams Street, east of Campersic Road, Padbury Avenue, east of Campersic Road Loton Road, east of Campersic Road.

In relation to crews having to stop using heavy machinery to build containment lines, Mr McBride said right from the start they got a list of critical infrastructure in the area and Indigenous liaison officers came out and worked with them to make sure they didn't do any damage.

The easterly winds fanned the blaze towards Wandoo Heights, 22ha of largely virgin bushland that was gifted to the City of Swan in 1988.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said it was a poignant moment for many city staff and residents.

"Wandoo Heights is a special place with a special history and although the bushland can regrow, the cottage cannot," Mayor Richardson said.

"That property has been maintained with so much care over the years and it's sad to see a piece of local history lost.

"Once we have the all-clear, our staff will go into the area and start assessing the environmental impacts of this fire."



Picture: Ricky Harvey DFES

PTA responds to Metronet concerns

ANDREW WILLIAMS

The Public Transport Authority (PTA) has said it is doing everything it can to mitigate Metronet associated issues experienced by small businesses and residents in Midland.

The PTA, Metronet, Midland Junction Alliance (MJA), City of Swan, and Development WA were all contacted for comment regarding last week's story *Bar owner's Metronet Misery*, (Echo News, March 15) detailing the Commercial Bar and Kitchen's experience with the new Midland train station construction.

PTA spokesperson David Hyne said the PTA worked hard to minimise disruption to all businesses in the Midland area.

"With respect to the Commercial Bar and Kitchen, a number of meetings between the owners and the project team leads have been held, as well as with the project's alliance director," he said.

For the Midland Station project the PTA has said it's conducted 972 visits to businesses, two community information sessions, 61 presentations to business, six community reference group meetings, and more than 60 separate meetings with businesses and residents since the project moved into the delivery stage.

"We acknowledge the issues raised by the owners of the Commercial Bar and Kitchen and we have moved to address them as quickly as possible.

"We will continue to make every effort to minimise works that impact on local businesses and to hold subcontractors accountable for delivering their works safely," Mr Hyne said.

On Tuesday, contractors were seen on Railway Parade addressing some of the issues Mr Bartholomew had raised in last week's story, including remediating brick paving which had been left unfinished.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the city had made an active effort to collaborate with Metronet and the involved organisations to improve outcomes for residents and address feedback from ratepayers.

She said the city was aware of the concerns of lack of communication and accountability shared by local businesses and residents.

"The city has met with the MJA to discuss these concerns and are satisfied they are working appro-



priately to address customer concerns and minimise disruption as much as is possible for a project of this complexity," she said.

Despite this, concerns remain in Midland due to how small businesses and residents were affected by Metronet's Bayswater station project.

In Parliament this week, the Opposition leader Shane Love asked Transport Minister Rita Saffioti why the Bayswater project continued to cost more money each year than the government thought it would.

"As I said, the cost of everything we are building in the state has increased," Ms Saffioti said.

"Some of the complexities of the project continue to exist.

"That includes increases in labour costs, materials and equipment, the bridge structure, civil and civic works and the rail system work."

Ms Saffioti said costs for building infrastructure have increased, not just in WA but across the country and noted Victoria's North East link project cost \$10 billion more than planned.

"The cost of delivering infrastructure has increased. It is beyond what anybody expected. That is the reality," she said.

When asked by Mr Love how much money used on the Bayswater project was being spent on compensation to businesses and locals, Ms Saffioti said she did not have that information on hand.

However, as of October 8 of last year, Ms Saffioti said the government had spent "hundreds of thousands of dollars" on compensation to Bayswater businesses and residents.

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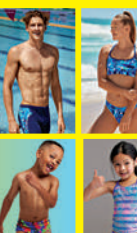


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Swan wins multicultural award

CITY of Swan’s commitment to embracing and empowering its multicultural community has earned it the Local Government Award at the WA Multicultural Awards 2024.

In 2021, 33.6 per cent of residents in Swan were born overseas and 23.2 per cent spoke a language other than English at home.

Last year, the city’s mulicultural vision was formalised with the adoption of their five-year access and inclusion plan which aims to give better access and support to community members who may feel isolated, marginalised, excluded or vulnerable.

It takes a whole-of-community approach that nurtures cultural unity and reflects the incredible diversity of the people who call Swan home.

The development of the plan was one of many initiatives that earned the city the award.

Altone Comes Alive, which was held at Altone Park Oval on Saturday, March 16 is an annual celebration of multiculturalism which attracted thousands of people.

The Women’s Aquatic Program at Swan Active Beechboro gives women a safe and culturally appropriate space to focus on their health and swimming.

The city has delivered a range of other events, programs and services with a multicultural focus, such as interfaith bus tours, language classes, staff intercultural awareness training, community grants, and civic and citizenship workshops.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said



Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson with Minister Dr Tony Buti.

receiving the award was an honour for staff and councillors.

“It’s something that means a lot to all of us, given the effort that has gone into making Swan a place that celebrates its diversity,” Mayor Richardson said.

“We can all see that those efforts are making a difference in our community but to be recognised at a state level is really encouraging.

Citizenship and Multicultural Interests Minister Dr Tony Buti said the awards shone a spotlight on Western Australians who were passionate about fostering multiculturalism.



Altone Comes Alive – Altone Comes Alive is the City of Swan’s annual Harmony Week celebration.



Women’s aquatic program – a program that gives women a safe and culturally appropriate space to focus on their health and swimming.

Swan Writer-in-Residence program aiming to inspire

CREATIVITY has taken up residence in the heart of Midland, with six talented Western Australian writers involved in the City of Swan’s inaugural Swan Writer-in-Residence program.

Swan Writer-in-Residence has

been developed as an extension of the successful Swan Artist-in-Residence initiative.

The city has delivered artist residencies since 2021, giving guest artists free temporary studio space and support for research, development

and production.

The residencies are mutually beneficial arrangements which give creatives a platform, while activating community spaces and inspiring residents.

This year, the city aims to support the development of creative works in the Midland area.

In late 2023, the city shortlisted six authors for the Swan Writer-in-Residence program and offered each of them free use of the historic Courtyard Studio in Midland for two months in 2024.

The writers are Bec Bowman (January-February), Bianca Breen (March-April), Nina Dakin (May-June), Lisa Collyer (July-August), Lakshmi Kanchi (September-October) and Rafeif Ismail (November-December).

During their residency, each of the writers will be required to facilitate community programs and produce a creative work inspired by their experience in Midland.

The locally inspired work will be relative to the creative’s field. It could be a song, a short story, a play, a poem or a text-based artwork.

Those commissioned pieces will be combined with documentation of workshops and conversations with the writers before being published in 2025.

Bianca Breen, the writer-in-residence for March-April, is an emerging children’s and



Bianca Breen, Rafeif Ismail, Lakshmi Kanchi, Lisa Collyer and Bec Bowman. Nina Dakin absent. Picture: Cassandra Edwards.

young adult author.

The founder of YA in WA, she said she is passionate about promoting and writing stories set in her home state.

Community members are welcome to drop in and see what she is working on during one of six open studio sessions, which

started last week.

In addition to the open studio sessions, she will host community workshops – Writing with Magic on April 2 and YA 101 on April 11.

To register for the workshops, visit www.cityofswan.social/library-events

Spotlight on sporting groups

LOCAL government areas will benefit from state government funding for community sporting and recreation to light up clubs at night.

The ‘club night lights program’ (CNLP) is dishing out more than \$3.4 million to 11 projects to upgrade lighting or install new floodlights.

Sport and Recreation Minister David Templeman said the government was committed to providing financial assistance to clubs and local governments to develop sports and recreational infrastructure.

This results in increased physical activity and extends options available, for example enabling use of facilities after dark contributes to healthier, more active and socially connected communities.

Funding allocations:

\$1,300,000 to City of Kalamunda for the construction of Scott Reserve Pavilion.

\$614,200 to City of Swan for the upgrade of Baskerville Pavilion.

\$1,000,000 to the West Australian Football Commission for the upgrade of 52 changerooms to all-accessible across Perth metro area.

\$168,000 to City of Swan for the upgrade of floodlighting to 100 lux at Baskerville Oval.

\$199,354 to Shire of Mundaring for the upgrade of floodlighting to 300 lux at Brown Park.

\$274,968 to Shire of Northam for the installation of four lighting towers and 300 lux LED at Bert Hawke Sports Precinct.

\$667,179 to Shire of Beverley for the upgrade of Beverley Swimming Pool.

\$570,000 to Town of Bassendean for the upgrade and installation of floodlighting to 100 lux at Jubilee Reserve.

Local Planning Policy 33: Tree Retention - Revocation Notice

It is hereby notified that Local Planning Policy 33 – Tree Retention (LPP 33) was revoked on 1 March 2024 is no longer a valid local planning policy.

The revocation of LPP 33 does not remove the requirement to obtain development approval for clearing trees in some circumstances.

Clearing of trees can still be considered works that require approval depending on the scale and impact of the clearing.

Exemptions will continue to be available where needed, and you are encouraged to discuss your specific circumstances with the City’s Development Services Team on 9257 9999 or via enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au.

Nathan Ritchie
A/Chief Executive Officer





The Vines residents meet to discuss concerns about redevelopment of the golf course.

Concerns holes at The Vines will close

ANITA McINNIS

EARLIER this month about 300 people attended a meeting to discuss their concerns that redevelopment of the golf course was proceeding and that holes 3-11 of the Ellenbrook golf course could be closed in April.

Before the meeting on March 11 The Vines Residents Association said it appeared that as well as closing holes 3 to 11 The Vines (WA) was preparing to make further applications soon including for infilling the grass driving range.

Echo News contacted The Vines Resort last week and again on Wednesday asking if The Vines (WA) intended closing holes at the golf course and if so when and how many holes would be closed, was the driving range being closed for infill and if so when and would any proposal lead to the lake used by the water bomber being filled in and used for housing.

But by deadline there had been no response.

Swan Hills MLA Jessica Shaw said she had been working with the the Vines Residents Association and a number of other groups who were all opposed to the proposed redevelopment of The Vines Country and Golf Club into housing.

Ms Shaw said the proposal had a complex history.

"There are two golf courses in The Vines – the Heinekin course, which is the private (and) what used to be the championship level course and then the Ellenbrook golf course which is a public golf course," she said.

"The proposal that was originally put to the community was to take half of the public golf course and put housing on it, to put retirement living on the site of the current driving range and then to do

some upgrades to the club facilities themselves."

People were against the proposal and in particular the back nine holes being redeveloped into housing.

"There are a lot of people in that part of the world that bought their blocks with the promise of golf course views that would never be interrupted and they also had to pay a premium to make the front of the house and the back of the house as equally visually appealing for golf course users and so there were a lot of people there that expressed their concerns to me about that."

A suggestion that there was someone interested in buying the golf course and retaining it as a golf course did not come to fruition.

The Vines Golf Club then submitted an application to redevelop just the existing driving range into a double storey driving range and wanted the JDAP to just consider that proposal.

The community and Ms Shaw made submissions saying the JDAP would be remiss in its duty if it didn't consider the big picture.

She said if they had gotten the approvals for the double storey driving range that could well have precipitated the big picture redevelopment.

But the JDAP took that into account and denied the application.

She said the lack of clarity about any proposal makes it difficult for her and the City of Swan.

"They haven't initiated any subsequent planning process but I do understand that there may have been correspondence between golf club members and the golf club about what their plans are in the future.

"There have been some changes in the way the land has been managed so people have noticed that too," she said.

Motorbike theft surge

FORRESTFIELD police sergeant Kel Ellis has voiced concern over the recent surge in criminal activities affecting the community.

With motorbike thefts, retail thefts, and security challenges at tourist attractions on the rise, Sergeant Ellis is spearheading efforts to address these issues head-on.

"In just the past week, we've seen up to six machines stolen, posing not only a threat to road safety but also potentially linked to wider criminal activities," Sergeant Ellis said.

In response to the escalating motorbike thefts, Sergeant Ellis has launched a localised policing operation to highlight the severity of the situation.

Urging residents to be vigilant and enhance their security measures, sergeant Ellis emphasised the importance of promptly reporting any suspicious activities to the Forrestfield police station or hotline.

Additionally, she encouraged the community to share any dashcam footage that could aid in identifying the culprits.

Sergeant Ellis then commented on the rise in retail thefts and assured local businesses of Forrestfield Police's unwavering support.

"We're fully committed to provid-



ing support and home security advice to businesses to target harden establishments against theft and ensure the safety of our community," she said.

She said the security challenges facing Forrestfield's tourist attractions, such as Lesmurdie Falls and the Zig Zag, have not gone unnoticed.

Sergeant Ellis emphasised the need for proactive measures to protect belongings and encouraged community involvement in safeguarding the neighbourhood.

She called upon the community to unite and actively participate to maintain the safety of the City of Kalamunda, and underscored the collective effort needed to preserve the beauty of the area and make it a safer place for everyone.

"Your help is key in ensuring the safety of our area," she said.

York CRC fraud case update

ANDREW WILLIAMS

FORMER Shire of York councillor Ashley Garratt and his wife Robyn Garratt re-appeared in court this week over charges relating to the defrauding of the York Community Resource Centre (YCRC).

The couple attended Northam Magistrates court on Monday, March 18, and will next appear on Monday, April 29.

As previously reported (*Former York councillor faces fraud charges with partner*, *Echo News*, November 3, 2023), Mr Garratt faces two charges relating to the misappropri-

ation of funds from the YCRC, and one unrelated charge of failing to adequately store firearms.

The York CRC, a vital service provider to residents in the area, initially went into involuntary administration last July due to financial problems but has since been taken over by the Shire of York.

Mrs Garratt faces thirteen charges relating to the misappropriation of funds from the York CRC, where she worked.

Those charges are seven counts of fraud by forgery, three counts of stealing as a servant, one count of property laundering, and two counts of benefiting from fraud.

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Mundaring ticks rural residential subdivision at North Parkerville

SHIRE of Mundaring has unanimously supported a rural residential subdivision application at Lot 9503 Lake Valley Terrace, in Parkerville, acknowledging that the proposal represented a lower-density development outcome for the North Parkerville townsite.

At its Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 12 council supported a rural residential subdivision and requested the applicant and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage continue consultation with the Shire of Mundaring to ensure a better balance between bushfire risk management, biodiversity conservation and landscape amenity and contribute to the upgrade of local roads outside of the subdivision area.

Shire President Paige McNeil said the shire is committed to responsible and sustainable planning and development.

“One of our greatest challenges is to achieve a balance between biodiversity conservation, bushfire risk management and amenity. This plan goes a long way to achieving that balance and the Shire will continue to collaborate with the applicant to ensure the best outcomes for our community and our environment,” she said.

“Council also has an expectation that any development application within the shire that requires forest clearing, be self-referred to the Environmental Protection Authority.

“Council is confident that this subdivision provides a more appropriate development outcome compared to the original urban style Structure Plan 33.”

The council also requested the applicant to concurrently rezone the subject area from 'Urban Deferred' to 'Rural' under the Metropolitan Region Scheme and from 'Development' to 'Rural Residential' under Local Planning Scheme No 4.



Perth Hills no place for urban development: SPH

SAVE Perth Hills (SPH), has applauded the Shire of Mundaring's decision last week at its full council meeting to tell land developers that dangerously outdated urban mass developments have no place in Mundaring shire's increasingly volatile hills.

“Council's unanimous decision, to support a Rural Residential (RR) subdivision plan for North Parkerville, delivers another blow to the relentlessly rejected sprawling urban North Stoneville plan by Australia's biggest private land developer, Satterley Property Group, and its business partner, WA's Anglican Church Diocese,” SPH deputy chair Debra Bishop said.

SPH's opposition to North Stoneville's is now in its 33rd year. On March 12, before an over-flowing public gallery, Mundaring shire councillors supported the RR subdivision plan for a 190-hectare site at North Parkerville, located across the road from the proposed North Stoneville urban townsite.

EastCourt, North Parkerville's landowner, released a revised RR plan to the community in December. Their original

1990s 'urban' plan proposed up to 740 suburban lots for 2000 people.

The revised plan is for just 67, 2.6-hectares (five-acres) and larger lots, for 200 people, with firefighting tanks on every site.

Councillors acknowledged the shire officers' position that the RR plan supported a lower-density outcome and the shift away from urban.

Ms Bishop, said the decision leaves the 'North Stoneville' plan languishing in awkward urban isolation.

“The developer's decision to overturn their 1990s urban plan for a RR approach, recognises the hills' 21st century bushfire dangers, reaffirms the semi-rural amenity of this region, and severely undermines the planning viability of urban North Stoneville,” she said.

“North Parkerville will have no need to share costs, or use North Stoneville's major infrastructure, including a wastewater treatment plant, as Satterley had intended.

“North Stoneville's 1990s inspired urban townsite is fast disappearing into planning oblivion.”

Council's decision reinforces the community and shire's desire to rezone 'North Stoneville' back to 'rural'.

SPH and Mundaring Shire Council lodged rezoning applications with WA's Planning Commission (WAPC) in 2020.

No government agency objected. The rezone option remains on the WAPC's table.

“It's time for Satterley and the Anglican Church to demonstrate humility, surrender their doomed urban aspirations, and spare ratepayers and taxpayers massive cost burdens of appealing inevitable rejections,” Ms Bishop said.

“The North Parkerville plan also satisfies the long-standing community and council desire for appropriate planning that can bring growth to Mundaring shire while offering environmentally sustainable outcomes, and, importantly, is responsive to increasing bushfire challenges.

“North Stoneville has failed dismally to evolve around Perth Hills' increasingly dangerous planning constraints,” Ms Bishop said.

The WAPC will make the final decision on North Parkerville in about six weeks.



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Bennett Springs dog act

ANDREW WILLIAMS

DOG owners and residents near a Bennett Springs park have raised concerns after an anonymous letter was found threatening to drop poison bait.

The letter, now removed, was found two weeks ago taped to a bench at Bennett Springs Sportfield Oval, located on Bennett Springs Drive next to Beechboro Christian School.

"Be aware of dog baits placed specifically in this area randomly to control irresponsible owners of dogs off the lead which seems to be a constant thing on this sport field oval," the letter began.

The author then referenced sections of the Dog Act 1976 regarding dog control.

"If you want your dog's off the lead, go to the Whiteman Park dog exercise area. This current practice is against the rules and regulations of the Dog Act 1976 WA.

"In accordance with Section 31 and 32

of the Dog Act 1976 dogs are supposed to be on the lead and under control at all times on a sports field oval which is not currently happening," it stated.

However, section 32 of the Act stipulates a dog can be off lead if "a competent person is in reasonable proximity to the dog."

It goes on to define a competent person as someone who is liable for the control of the dog, capable of controlling it, and is carrying a lead, chain, cord, or harness.

In response to concerns raised by park-goers, the City of Swan installed four temporary signs around the oval's perimeter with short statements. The signs include the following messages:

"Dogs are not under control if they chase or rush towards people or other animals."

"Keep your best friend safe."

"Our furry friends need exercise too, play responsibly"

"Don't let your mate poo and walk".

An RSPCA WA spokesperson said it had received a report about the threatening letter at the Bennett Springs Sportsfield Oval but acknowledged there were no reports of suspected or actual dog baiting in the area.

"Intentionally leaving baits for off-lead dogs could lead to a charge of animal cruelty which attracts a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$50,000 fine," the spokesperson said.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the city was not aware of any baiting in the area.

"When the city was notified about the sign, staff attended the oval and removed it. Our rangers proactively patrol parks and we encourage dog owners to speak to them if they have any concerns."

She said if anyone found evidence of baiting, they should contact the RSPCA or police.

C-series train is ready to roll

THE state's first locally built and manufactured train in more than 30 years will commence services on Monday, April 8 operating on the Mandurah and Joondalup train lines.

Each C-series train is being built and manufactured locally at the Metronet Bellevue Railcar Manufacturing Facility, while more than 15 WA businesses across industrial areas in Perth are working to provide components for the railcars, with the state government meeting its 50 per cent local content target.

There are currently more than 150 people directly employed at the Bellevue manufacturing facility.

These include bogie frames (Hofmann Engineering - Bassendean), battery boxes (Aerison - Forrestfield), pantographs (mounts on the roof of the train that connect with the overhead line) (Austbreck - Kewdale), passenger seats (McConnell - Bayswater) and metallic components (Unique Metal - Wangara).

The 143-metre C-series train is fitted out with close to 400 seats and is capable of carrying more than 1000 passengers. Once operational, the six-car C-series train will manage more than 103,000 daily passenger boardings.

Passengers will be able to enjoy additional doors for better access, modern passenger display information and USB ports under select seats in the six-car sets.

Over the duration of the 10-year railcar contract, 246 new C-series railcars (41 trains) and six new Australind railcars will be built (two trains), helping to meet the growing demand for train services.

The government also announced this week that a planned expansion of the Bellevue facility had begun, with a contract recently being awarded to EastRail.

The expansion will see new diesel maintenance facilities constructed that will support regional trains including the Prospector, Avonlink and Australind.

The expansion will also see new maintenance facilities built for the existing B-series passenger trains, including two external train wash buildings, internal cleaning roads including platforms for ease of access, additional stowage roads, and a wheel lathe facility for machining, finishing, upkeep, and restoration of train wheels.

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said bringing local railcar manufacturing back to WA was a major undertaking.



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Swan's Stock Road extension awarded

CITY of Swan's \$71 million Stock Road extension has taken out the top prize at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia WA Awards for Excellence 2024.

The Stock Road extension won the metropolitan award for best public works project greater than \$5m and was announced as the overall winner of the prestigious GK Watters local government engineering excellence award.

The Stock Road extension created a 4.3km connection between Great Northern Highway and Tonkin Highway, featuring a bridge over Ellen Brook, a rail crossing, five T-intersections and a roundabout at Great Northern Highway.

Since opening in September 2023, it has increased connectivity, reduced travel times and boosted road safety by allowing heavy haulage to bypass the Bullsbrook townsite.

The federal government provided \$16.67m which was also backed by developer contribution plans.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said it was one of the biggest projects the city had delivered in terms of cost and construction.

"It unlocks significant economic potential, enabling the creation of a new industrial hub in Perth's north-east."

"It's a big step towards ensuring our local economy continues to thrive, creating jobs for our fast-growing community."

The project was led by John Drake, City of Swan senior project manager, who was a finalist for emerging young leader award.

It was the sixth consecutive year



City of Swan senior project manager John Drake with the IPWEA WA awards.

that a city staff member was a finalist in the young leader category.

"This has been a major civil infrastructure project for the City of Swan and it signifies the beginning of an exciting new era for Bullsbrook residents and the wider local community," Mr Drake said.

"I appreciate that I was given the opportunity four years ago, while still in the graduate program, to take on the delivery of this complex project."

"It has enabled me to continue developing my skills in leadership, civil engineering, project management and technical capabilities."



Denis Gilbert, Di Evans, Richard Olive, Julie Thomas, Brian Lansdown.

US Open heads up the hill

GERA KAZAKOV

MORE than 100 competitors again travelled up to Kalamunda Tennis Club to take part in the annual Hills Grandslam US Open.

With 104 competitors making up 26 mixed-teams – two more teams than the French Open down in Maida Vale – the teams again battled it out on the courts in the Midland Lawn Tennis Club's Hills Grandslam competition.

The players competed across six divisions and each player played three timed sets in the morning and afternoon.

In the Staten Island division, team 'B Plus' (Ben Melbardis, Barry Roff, Bonnie Houldworth, Josie Van Voorthuizen) were victorious while team 'Even Stevens' (Rob Payne/Rob Banerjee, Luke Stevens, Bev Chittleborough, Elisha Stevens) were runners up.

The Brooklyn division was won by the 'Beach Bums' (Mike Drew, Ibrahim Aliu, Wendy Lewis Lorainne Oliver) with the 'Dare Doubles' (Brian Lansdown, Denis Gilbert, Julie

Thomas, Di Evans) runners up. 'Dueced Up' (Hayden Henning, Trevor Watson, Melissa Hughes, Vanessa Leeson) won the Manhattan division, while team 'Kalamunda 1' (Marc Giancola, Tony Derrick, Nisa Lourvanij, Anne Simmons) were runners up.

The Bronx division was won by 'No Faults' (Quinton Clasen, David Barnett, Shelley Curnow, Susanne Broido) with the 'Darlo Devils' (Neil Hurlbett, John Rasmussen, Sachi Kosturkov, Janine Larkin) runners up.

Queens was won by 'Choice Property Group' (Phil Calpakdjian, Chris Calpakdjian, Deb Dessauvage, Maddie Smith) with team 'Kalamunda 2' (Gary Casey, Joshua Grant, Ms King, Rina Ecclestone) runners up.

'Tracey's Kids' (Jesse Gordon, Efrain Dayog, Lauren Bramley, Junko Smyth) won Newark, while 'Forrestfield' (Andres Arevalo, Felipe Arevalo, Puna Rere, Leanne McArthur/Joy Gibbons and 'Cannot Be Serious' (Uman Gambir, Sukwinder Singh, Elena Holt, Vicki Court) were joint runner ups.

Hills Grandslam tournament director Mandy Campbell thanked all those who participated on the day and said the weather gods gave them the perfect day for competition.

Division winners each received a cash prize, while runners up walked away with the Hills Grandslam embroidered hand towel.

The tournament will wrap up with Wimbledon, held at Midland Lawn Tennis Club in April.



Elisha Stevens and Bev Chittleborough.



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Changes to planning scheme referrals to benefit EPA, LGAs and proponents

THE state government is overhauling WA's environmental approvals system with new regulations set to significantly reduce the number of planning schemes that need to be referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

Until now, all regional and local planning schemes and amendments had to be referred to the EPA for assessment for their impact on the environment.

In many cases, these schemes and amendments had little or no environmental impact and schemes that do not impact the environment will no longer need to be referred to the EPA.

This change is expected to result in a rapid and meaningful reduction in the number of planning schemes referred to the EPA, which will be relieved of the administrative burden and able to focus on high-priority work that will protect the environment.

Local governments will also benefit from a reduction in unnecessary administration. The change, a key recommendation of Dr Paul Vogel and Mr David McFerran's review of WA's environmental approvals system, will improve

processes the review found had become overly complex, time-consuming, and costly for proponents.

The State Government will continue implementing the review's recommendations to help unlock billions of dollars of investment in major job-creating projects in WA.

Environment Minister Reece Whitby said the government was committed to reforming Western Australia's approvals system.

"This change means planning schemes that do not have an environmental impact will no longer require an EPA referral, cutting red tape for proponents and reducing the administrative burden on our State's environmental watchdog."

"This is a great example of our government's approach to environmental approvals. It means businesses can get on with doing their job while the EPA spends more of its time protecting the environment."

Planning Minister John Carey said the reform is expected to result in a reduction in the number of planning scheme amendments referred to the EPA and will assist in speeding up the delivery of housing in WA.

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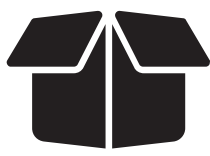
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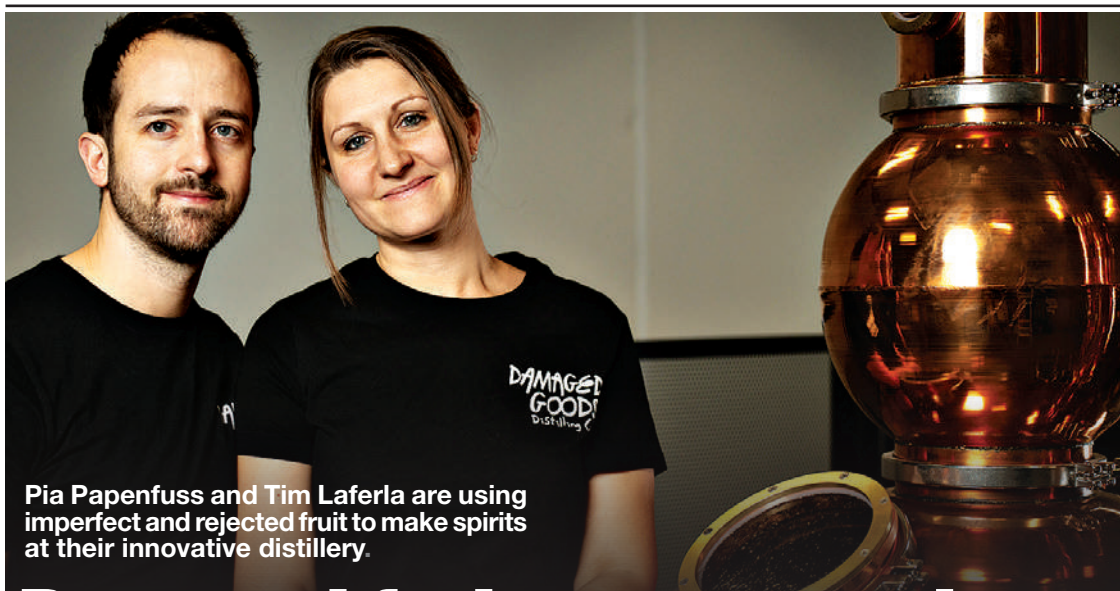
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Pia Papenfuss and Tim Laferla are using imperfect and rejected fruit to make spirits at their innovative distillery.

Damaged fruit put to good use

REJECTED bananas, left over apple pulp and imperfect citrus don't normally come to mind when you think of premium spirits, but Swan Valley couple Pia Papenfuss and Tim Laferla aren't your traditional distillers.

Trained chef Ms Papenfuss and former bartender Mr Laferla see discarded, unwanted and sometimes downright ugly fruit as the hero ingredients of their boundary pushing spirit business aptly named Damaged Goods Distilling Co.

Now, just five months after launching their small batch, sustainable distillery the duo are getting ready to debut their perfectly imperfect drinks collection at the Perth Upmarket on Sunday, March 24.

They're hoping their unique ingredients and innovative distilling techniques will hit the right note with the gourmet food and beverage lovers who visit the quarterly design market.

"Usually, a typical distillery will start with a flavour or product in mind before creating their concoctions," said Mr Laferla.

"At Damaged Goods Distilling Co, we work backwards.

"We identify what the most wasted foods are in society and then determine the best way to extract the flavour or ferment the sugars from those foods."

Ms Papenfuss who trained as a chef in her hometown in Berlin first realised her passion

for sustainable food practises while completing her apprenticeship.

"Very early on in my career we would laugh at our executive chef who would regularly climb into bins to find the produce that we had thrown away that could have been used," she said.

"We wouldn't cook with the food that had been thrown away, but it did teach us how foods can be used in different ways.

"There's so much flavour in the odds, ends and offcuts that are often discarded."

Ms Papenfuss travelled to Sydney in her 20s and met Mr Laferla while working at Fred's restaurant in Sydney.

The pair not only became partners in life but decided to build a business combining their expertise in taste and what makes a great drink.

Moving back to Mr Laferla's hometown of Perth in 2022 – a decision made even easier by the abundance of high-quality produce in WA – the couple transformed an old greengrocer storeroom into a distillery with a custom-made, 100 per cent recycled copper still as the centre piece.

Working directly with farmers, growers and producers to collect supermarket rejects, Damaged Goods Distillery Co have already created a citrus gin and an apple aperitivo, and there are plans to add to the range in the coming months.

Confidence returns for our WA farmers

WESTERN Australian farmers are starting the year with an increasingly optimistic outlook, with the state's rural confidence levels bouncing back in the first quarter of 2024.

The latest Rabobank rural confidence survey, released last week, found after languishing at low levels for the past 18 months, farmer sentiment had staged a significant rally in the latest quarter, as economic drivers stabilise.

However, while significantly improved, WA rural confidence levels are still in negative territory, with more farmers taking a negative than positive view on the year ahead.

And this puts WA at the lowest level of confidence for farmers nationally, and one of only two states – along with Tasmania – to still report a negative level of confidence.

The latest survey, completed last month, found that although net WA farmer confidence remains in negative territory, it has jumped from -59 per cent last quarter to now sit at -17 per cent.

While only 12 per cent of WA farmers expect the agricultural economy will improve in the next 12 months, this was up from seven per cent with that view in the previous survey. And there were significantly fewer farmers expecting conditions would worsen – 30 per cent (down from 66 per cent last survey).

Dairy and beef producers were found to be the most optimistic of the state's farmers, while sheep producers and grain growers had a less bullish outlook.

Commodity prices were a key

cause for optimism for those WA farmers with a positive view on the year ahead.

But, conversely, they were also a concern for those farmers expecting the agricultural economy to worsen in the coming 12 months.

The intertwined factors of threats to live export and government interventions/policies vied for second place for why WA farmers expect economic conditions to worsen.

Rabobank regional manager for WA, Steve Kelly said the overall improved sentiment in WA's farming sector could be attributed to one key factor – stability.

"In the second half of 2023, there were a lot of factors at play which impacted confidence levels," he said.

"WA farmers had a very dry growing season, grain yields took a hit, interest rates were increasing, beef and sheep prices were still falling and grain prices started to slide from August onwards."

Now, many of these factors have either stabilised or slightly improved, Mr Kelly said.

"There has been widespread rain since late February which has topped up sub-soil moisture levels ahead of autumn sowing. And significant rain events on the east coast stopped the slide in livestock prices," he said.

Drought was found to be less of a concern for WA farmers in the latest survey.

The state's grains sector had been hardest hit by dry weather, Mr Kelly said, and persistent dryness across WA meant yields in the 2023 harvest were well below recent averages for most growers.

Battery electric trucks to roll out from Hazelmere depot

CENTURION will receive funding from the federal Australian Renewable Energy Agency to roll out 30 battery electric trucks and 15 dual port chargers to cut emissions from its depot in Hazelmere.

An Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) statement said it was supporting the industrial freight provider with \$15.8 million to unlock investment in accelerating the shift to electric vehicles in Western Australia through the Australian Government's driving the nation program.

In a separate statement Centurion said it would amass and operate Australia's first 100 per cent renewable energy off grid battery electric truck fleet in a program, backed by some funding from the agency's future fuels program.

Centurion said the \$29 million project planned to integrate the battery electric trucks into Centurion's existing fleet, powered by solar generation and off-grid battery energy storage by the end of 2024.

Once ready, the 30 Mercedes-Benz eActros electric trucks will service the wider Perth metropolitan area, supported by four megawatts of rooftop solar, 10 megawatt hours of battery, and 15 dual port slow and fast chargers.



Daimler Truck Australia Pacific president and chief executive officer Daniel Whitehead and Centurion chief executive officer Justin Cardaci.

Centurion chief executive officer Justin Cardaci said the project represented a significant step in Centurion's decarbonisation journey and continued their work towards an operational future with net zero emissions.

"Centurion actively seeks to deploy technology where it's ready to displace the diesel transport equivalent and the ARENA funding certainly helps support the project's economics," he said.

Centurion is a national operator serving the resource hubs and

remote communities of Australia.

"For most of our operations, the zero emissions heavy transport technology won't be ready for several years.

"However, battery electric trucks are now ready for operations across the wider metropolitan area and it's great that Centurion has the capacity to bring this technology into our fleet.

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Railway heritage trail charity walk



Teagan Sewell and her six-month-old daughter Matilda.

A GLEN Forrest mum is taking part in the Childrens Cancer Institute's '86k for a cure' initiative with the goal of walking two laps of the Railway Reserve Heritage Trail at the end of the month.

Freelance stylist Teagan Sewell aims to raise \$1000 from walking the 86km with her six month old daughter Matilda.

Ms Sewell said after giving birth she now understands how hard it would be to have a child who is ill.

Ms Sewell is no stranger to the heritage trail and walks segments of it daily, but she plans to complete the two laps over two days, March 30 and 31.

"Matilda and I walk the heritage trail daily, we love connecting with locals who we met along the way, and I am always thinking of ideas to help bring awareness to our area," she said.

The '86k for a cure' walk is a fundraising initiative organised by the Children's Cancer Institute where participants walk or run 86km through March for the 86 children diagnosed with cancer every month in Australia.

To donate to Ms Sewell's fundraiser and the Childrens Cancer Institutes '86k for a cure' follow this link <https://www.ccia.org.au/fundraisers/teagansewell>

Former Kalamunda CEO passes away

FORMER City of Kalamunda chief executive officer Rhonda Hardy, who served for a decade, has died following a battle with cancer.

City of Kalamunda mayor Margaret Thomas expressed her condolences, calling Ms Hardy an exceptional leader.

"Her dedication, vision, and tireless efforts have left an indelible mark on our community," she said.

"Rhonda's dedication to public service and her outstanding leadership have left an enduring impact on our city.

"Her passion for surfing, travelling, gardening, and exploring leadership and human motivation in the workplace endeared her to many.

"She will be sorely missed."

Ms Hardy was the chief executive officer from July 2013 to September 2023, when she resigned due to health issues.

Prior to joining the city, she held positions at the WA Institute of Sport, Edith Cowan University, and the Lady Gowrie Child Centre.

In 2017, she was a finalist in the Telstra Women's Business Awards and in 2018 she received the meritorious award for her service to local government by the Local Government Professionals WA.

Speaking to the Department of Local Govern-



Former Kalamunda chief executive officer Rhonda Hardy. Picture: Sarah Griffiths ment, Sport and Cultural Industries in November 2020, Ms Hardy reflected on her career with the city.

"While my time at the City of Kalamunda has had tumultuous moments, I have also had some of the best experiences of my life," she said at the time.

"It's a wonderful city, with a beautiful environment and amazing people."

Taste of Scotland comes to the hills

PERTH Hills residents are in for a rare treat this month when a Scottish Stramash group, comprising a bank of Scottish talented fiddlers playing traditional music, visits the hills.

With a bank of Scottish talented fiddlers playing traditional music, the group is set to provide hills residents with a little taste of Scotland.

The hosts for the Stramash (which means a bit of noise and excitement) is the Lesmurdie Club, Lawnbrook Road, Walliston and the fun will commence at 7pm on Thursday, March 28 when the group will entertain for a couple of hours.

Whether you are from Scotland or not, your feet will be tapping as the group performs reels, jigs, strathspeys, marches, hornpipes and even the odd waltz.

Violinists who are interested in the Scottish style of music are welcome to come along and join in or



just enjoy the 'lilt in the air' which will be on show that night for the first time. Entrance to the venue is free.

The group is headed by one of the top Scottish fiddlers in Australia, Fiona Davidson, who hails from the north-east of Scotland where she grew up listening to the pipers and fiddlers around her, and she is a worthy exponent of the genre.

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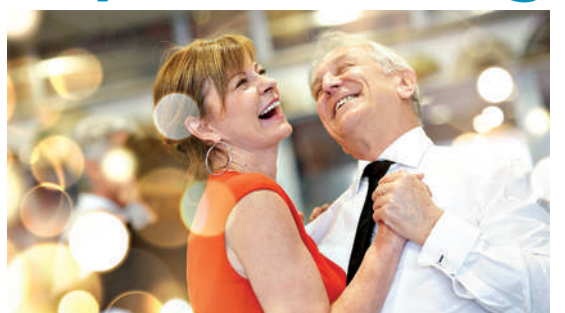
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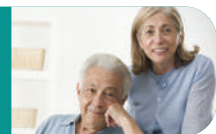
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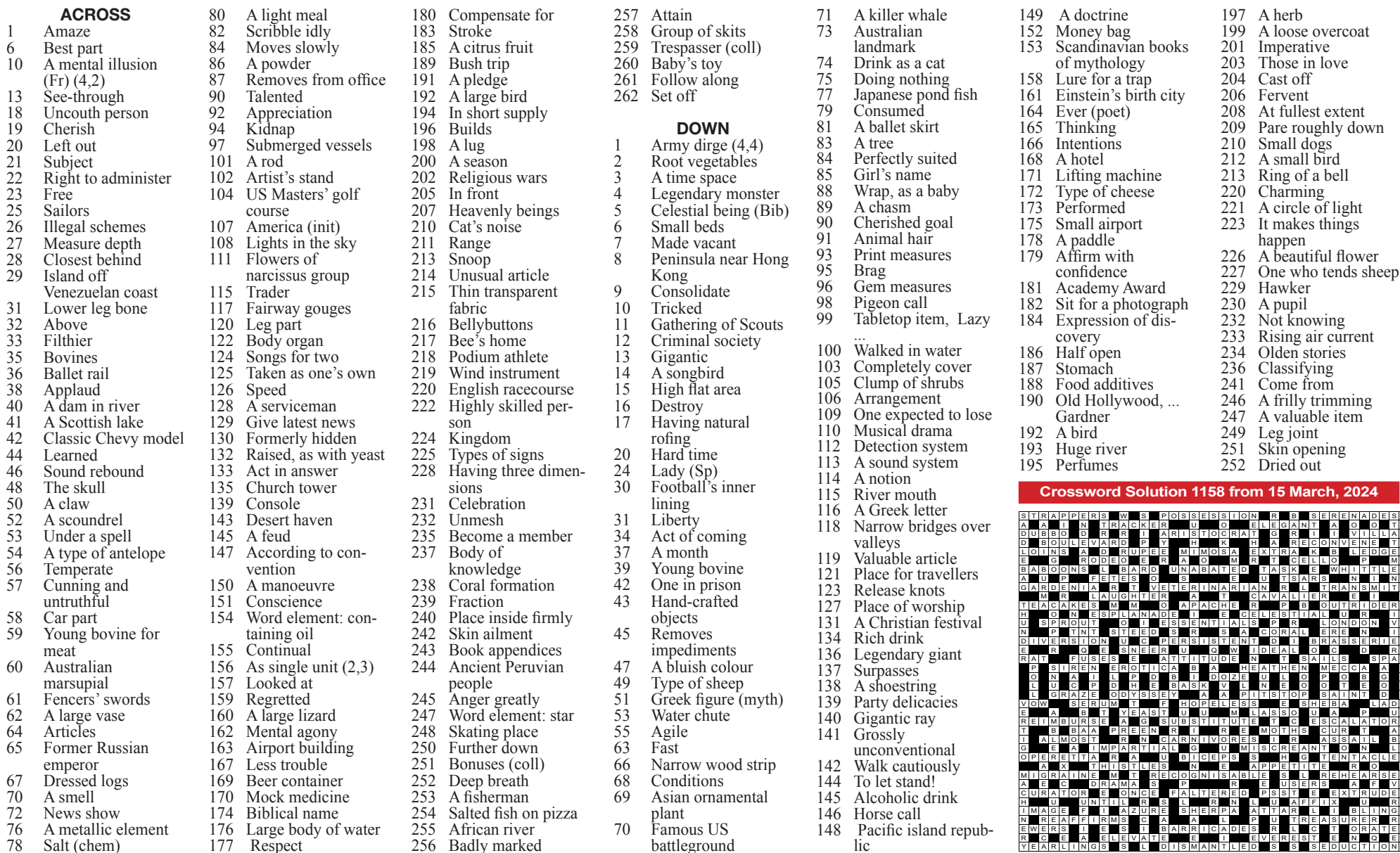
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Holy Thursday March 28th
7.00 pm - Tenebrae Service
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Good Friday March 29th
10 am - Kalamunda Uniting Church


Easter Saturday March 30th
Prayer Vigil
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Easter Sunday March 31st
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Friday 29th March **Stations of the Cross**
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Friday 29th March **The Passion of the Lord**
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Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday
Saturday 30th March The Easter Vigil Mass Mundaring 6.00pm
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11.00am Reflection on the Cross

Saturday, 30 March
3.00pm Flowering the Cross

Easter Sunday, 31 March
9.00pm Easter Eucharist

ST BARNABAS,
42 Railway Rd, Kalamunda

Good Friday, 29 March
9.00am Reflection on the Cross

Easter Sunday, 31 March
6.00am Dawn Eucharist
7.00am Easter Breakfast
9.00am Easter Eucharist

 **Easter at Evangel Church**

Palm Sunday Service - 24th March 10.30am
Good Friday Service - 29th March 9.30am
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Stephen Cain

Chief Executive Officer



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- Installation of three (3) panel antennas, 2.7m long, on the existing headframe
- Installation of three (3) panel antennas, 0.8m long, on the existing headframe
- Installation of ancillary equipment including fifteen (15) remote radio units, antenna mounts and cabling

1. Vodafone regards the proposed installations as Low-impact Facilities under the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018* ("The Determination"), based on the description above.

2. In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Should you require further information or wish to comment, please contact Shreya Rekhapalli at Indara, 02 9495 9000, community@indara.com or Level 1, 110 Pacific Highway, St Leonards NSW 2065 by **Thursday 11 April 2024**. Further information may also be obtained from www.rfnsa.com.au/6055014, and www.rfnsa.com.au/6058003.

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Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk



A Higher Rock

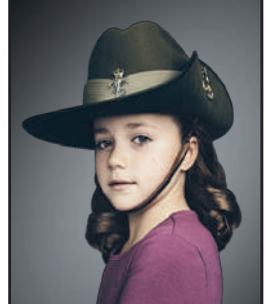
Some weeks ago, we were in Busselton having a short break. Colleen did lots of op shopping. So, when I was 'op-shopped' out, I went to Canal Rocks while she explored the Dunsborough op-shops.

What a day for Canal Rocks! It was sunny and huge waves were rolling in, crashing on the rocks and spraying up high. If you know the spot, I walked across the bridge, and placed myself on a low rock nearest to where the waves roll through this 'gap'.

I noticed that the surf from the biggest waves was coming near to where I was positioned. Suddenly, a big king wave mounted up and went over the top of the other waves and over the rocks. I took a photo and then clamoured very quickly to a higher rock. I'm so glad I did! The king wave went right over where I had been positioned. I would have been swept away!

As we live, we are in danger of being swamped by challenging circumstances, and even being swept away with our life ending. But there is one who is willing to lift us up and preserve us, and even to bring us home to heaven, if we would come to Him and call on Him to save us. That person is Jesus Christ. We read in Psalm 61:2 "From the ends of the earth I called to You, when I was faint. Lead me to You, the Rock that is higher than I".

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The Midland Guildford Cricket Club female A grade celebrate their victory against Wanneroo on the weekend.

Midland Guildford win two more grand finals

JOSHUA MCKENZIE

MIDLAND Guildford Cricket Club senior female sides secured two premierships for their club last weekend with wins over Wanneroo and Perth.

The female A grade faced Wanneroo in their grand final and after winning the toss they elected to bat first.

An opening partnership of 83 runs between Ines McKeon (30 runs off 50 balls) and Morgan Pires (35 off 45) was key in setting a platform for the rest of the innings.

After both were dismissed, it was even contributions from Sheldyn Cooper (28 off 73), Lilly Mills (22 off 31) and Veronica Keen (21 off 27) that guided the team to a score of 9-208 off their 50 overs.

With a target of 209 for victory set for their opposition, the side managed to restrict the scoring throughout the innings with player of the match Shay Manolini doing the most damage with the ball as she took five wickets for just 24 runs off 10 overs.

The regular fall of wickets meant that Wanneroo could only manage to score 146 runs in total and fell 62 runs short to give Midland Guildford the victory in the grand final to win the 50 over premiership.

In the female B grade grand final it was Midland Guildford's opposition Perth who won the toss and elected to



Midland Guildford female B grade also won their grand final against Perth.

field first.

Even contributions throughout the entire batting line-up for the side allowed the total to reach 6-233.

The top scorers for the innings were Merel Dekeling (42 off 72), Kelsi Brennan (41 off 51), Alisha Kozma (36 off 30), Lauren Moore (32 off 41) and Makayla Hendry (28 off 19).

During the run chase, a steady flow of wickets prevented Perth from getting close to the target as they would only manage a total of 128 all out.

Player of the match Emily Allen took 4-25 off her eight overs, while Maddison Briggs took 3-9 off three overs.

Midland Guildford successfully defended their score by 105 runs to secure the 40 over premiership with a comprehensive grand final victory.

It was a successful year for the senior female sides at Midland Guildford Cricket Club who, after also winning the female A grade T20 premiership, secured three out of the four premierships available to them.



Swans dig deep to beat Royals

CHRIS PIKE

SWAN Districts had to dig deep to avoid being the first WAFLW team to lose to East Perth but dominated the final quarter to win by 19 points at home on Sunday.

The Swans were fresh off their first win of the 2024 WAFLW season the previous Sunday also at Bassendean oval against Peel Thunder as they prepared to host the winless East Perth on Sunday afternoon once more.

But the Swans were able to regroup and dominate the last quarter and kick the last three goals of the game to secure the 7.4 (46) to 3.9 (27) victory.

Courtney Zappara continued her impressive start to the season in the forward-line for Swan Districts kicking another two goals to go with 11 kicks and four marks.

Lily Paterson finished the afternoon with 21 possessions for Swan Districts with rising star Carys D'Addario continuing her blistering form with 19 touches, four marks, four tackles and a goal.

Kayley King also kicked a goal to go with 17 possessions with Isabella Edgley finishing with 17 disposals, Hope Ugle-Hayward 15 (10 tackles), Indiana West 12, Kelly Polla 12, Demi Liddle 11 and Kayla May 10.

It took less than two minutes into the game for Swan Districts to make the perfect start with a goal to Kayley King.

East Perth steadied well from there, though, and would have the only other four scores of the opening quarter but the Royals just managed four behinds from those with Swans leading by two points at quarter-time.

The second quarter saw Courtney Zappara continue her standout goalkicking form to start the season when she added Swans' second of the afternoon.

East Perth did get its first goal of the game just before half-time thanks to Matilda Bennett, but Swans were able to respond courtesy of Megan Carron to go into the long break with a seven-point advantage.

It was a tight contest and it remained that way through the third quarter with East Perth having the first four shots of the second half.

The first three were behinds but when Hannah Challenger kicked a goal, the Royals were in front and their first ever WAFLW victory was a distinct possibility.

The Swans did manage to regain the lead by three quarter-time thanks to a second goal to Zappara before the home team had the better of the final term with the only six scores that included goals to Carys D'Addario and Hope Ugle-Hayward to secure the 19-point win.

Ellenbrook Easterns in to grand final

THE Ellenbrook Easterns Teeball and Softball Association women's division 5 side is playing the Jaguars in the grand final on Saturday at Mirrabooka Stadium.

Ellenbrook Easterns Teeball and Softball Association president Gary Weppner said two of the women's teams had made it into the finals this season with the division 5 women going on to secure the minor premiership.

Out of the 16 games they played this season in the Perth Softball League the Ellenbrook Easterns division 5 women won 14 of them.

The Jaguars won 13 games.

Weppner said the women's division 5 team played the Jaguars twice during the home and away season.

He said they lost the first game 27-4 due to their pitcher being away.

But won the next game 14-5 with their pitcher back.

The side won the semi-final 9-8 which put them straight through to the grand final.



After winning the minor premiership the Ellenbrook Easterns Teeball and Softball Association's women's division 5 side takes on the Jaguars this weekend.

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A mirror spans one wall of the main bedroom, with several panes covering the doors to the built-in wardrobe. While the other two bedrooms come with smaller built-in wardrobes.

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of the room. The kitchen itself has both ample storage and food preparation space thanks to the almost full circle benchtop.

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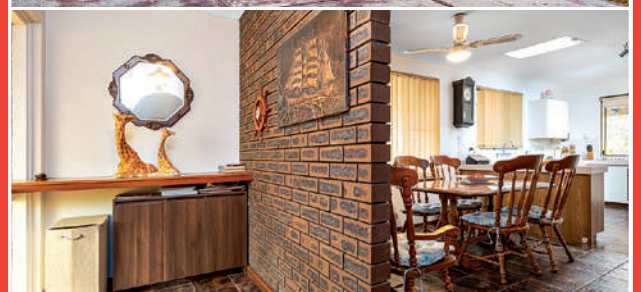
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