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# Bus line foody fumble?

Picture: Gera Kazakov

**Forrestfield Fremantle supporter Steve Barrett says the 655 stadium bus re-routing has seen his journey home now take up to two hours on a Sunday.**

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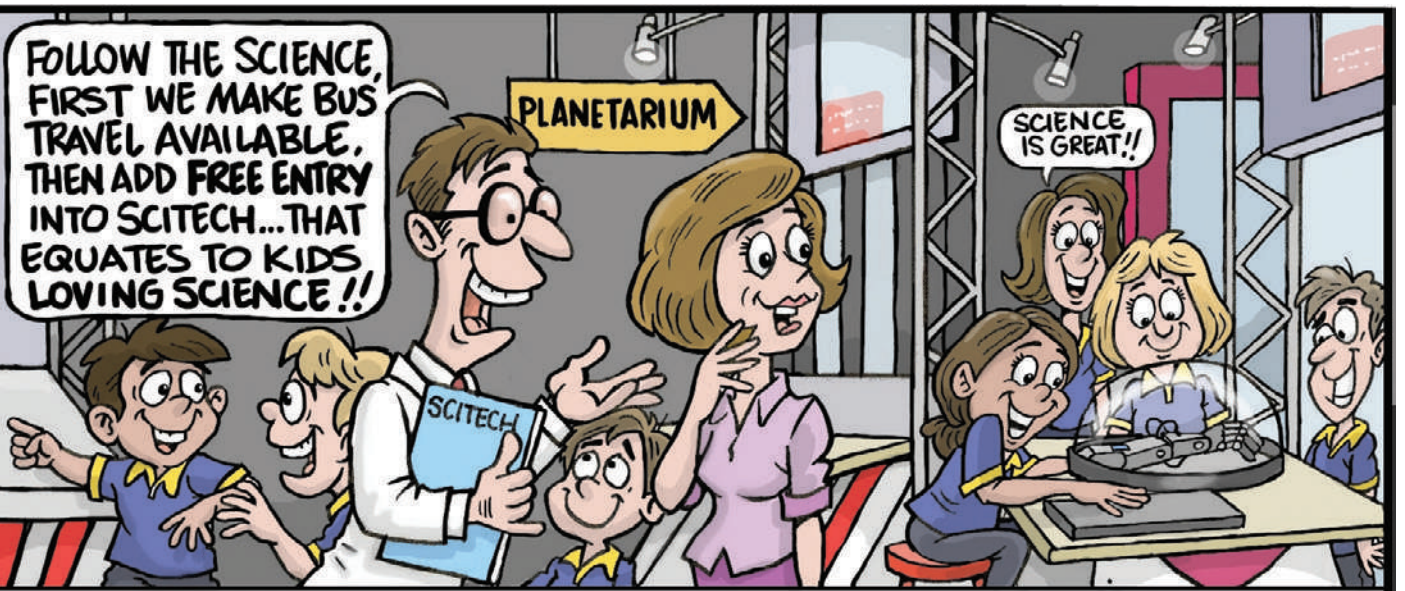
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### Ratepayers fall on deaf ears?

**Dear Echo News,**  
One out of 10 for sincerity City of Swan over your recent annual electors meeting response!  
The meeting was held on February 5 and 86 ratepayers from all over the city took the time to drive to where it was held in Ballajura. Many had submitted motions and worked

### Thought for the day

"It always seems impossible until its done."  
- Nelson Mandela

hard to be ready to explain them with the expectation the council would listen and respond.

Of the 31 motions moved, 29 motions were carried, and 2 motions were lost.

However, since then, according to the council agenda for March 13, the main city response to the motions passed by the community seemed mainly to be along the lines of "this is not needed" and "a council report is not considered necessary."

Should we be grateful that councillor Aaron Bowman withdrew two of the motions for further consideration – one concerning boundary change with Bassendean, the other concerning planning delegations?

No, I believe we shouldn't be. Since while this was passed, it meant councillor Jennifer Catalano's alternative motion to consider and debate each electors' motion separately at a future council meeting was not even heard.

Possibly it was an historic first for an annual electors meeting, since this year there were so many motions that the City of Swan could not get through them all and a further meeting had to be called for March 11 (mind you only thanks to a request from certain councillors). I believe the large number of motions is indicative of a community dissatisfied!

There is more to be said about that second meeting, with rules being changed on the fly at the event, but for now we wait to see if the city will take any serious notice of the second lot of passed motions.

I believe it really is a waste of everyone's time and effort if the city has no interest in re-

sponding to ratepayers motions in a meaningful way – in fact I think it only further demonstrates their continued lack of interest in true community engagement and makes transparent their pretence.

**F Irwin**  
**Woodbridge**

### Helena Street chaos

**Dear Echo News,**

I've seen three quendas killed by cars on Helena Street, Guildford, in the past few weeks, and a resident on Attfield Street saw two more killed in as many weeks.

Every year in spring we will see families of ducks being hit by cars, many not even slowing down as they use the 'Helena Street rat run' to bypass the intersection of Johnson Street and James Street – so much so I think it should be renamed the quenda run (for your life).

Last year the community was so distressed after seeing duck families hit by cars that the City of Swan placed two A-frame 'wildlife crossing' signs near Spring Reserve, but even these did not slow down many drivers.

Last week there was a worker surveying Helena and Attfield Streets, when someone came tearing down and took out her surveying equipment, which had been clearly marked by orange cones.

The driver didn't stop but did come back later to see if the worker was okay.

If that's not indicative of Helena Street needing traffic calming, then I don't know what is.

Helena Street has been identified to be part of the City of Swan's

cycle route strategy, and is also being investigated by the city on implementing the safe active streets program on the road.

As one of the main routes for school children to get to and from school, this cannot come soon enough.

I believe the city has plans to commence work on this in 2026, but what are we to do in the meantime?

**C Scanlan**  
**Guildford**

### Forrest saved?

**Dear Echo News,**

Great news for saving our forests!

At the recent Shire of Mundaring annual electors meeting on March 14, a majority of electors chose to raise their hands in voting yes to back a community-led initiative to save our threatened Northern Jarrah Forests Belt, which stretches across a number of shires, including the local shires of Mundaring, Swan and Kalamunda.

Motions read out by members of the community, that were carried through by a strong majority of about 40 electors present, included six forest-loving motions produced by local folk including Nannas for Native Forests Perth Hills branch – which I am a member of – local hyperspectral surveyors, local eco and environmental scientists, and the new Friends of the Northern Jarrah Forest Belt.

In brief, the six motions were for; support for the Friends of the Northern Jarrah Forest Belt in having that ecology UNESCO listed as a world heritage site and biosphere reserve, with feasibility study, a hyperspectral (environmental) survey policy, and community-wide education in forest science, and in community

governance education.

And support for de-politicisation of the Environmental Protection Agency, so that only scientific facts are reported, without input and direction of politicians or other vested interests.

As an eco-scientist myself, with experience within the United Kingdom, I confidently claim that with enough community people support for this venture to save our Northern Jarrah Forests, including our scientists, we can expect to get registration for heritage within a year or two, and full biosphere accreditation within three-five years.

Whoopee.  
**S Braun**  
**Mundaring**

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The 902 bus service will replace the train operating out of High Wycombe station.

# Midland and Airport line Easter closures

**PATRONS looking to use the Midland or Airport train lines over Easter will have to take replacement buses instead as the line shuts over the break for works as part of the state government's Metronet works.**

In *Midland and Airport line shutdown for alignment* (*Echo News*, March 1) the two train lines will be shut for 10 days from Thursday, March 28 until Monday, April 8.

While the train lines are shut, bus route 901 will be stopping all stations from Claisebrook to Midland.

A Midland-line peak period service will also be running during the working week and will run express from Claisebrook to Bassendean and beyond to Midland from Tuesday, April 2 to Friday, April 5.

Route 902 is the replacement service for the Airport line, running all stops from the city to High Wycombe.

The lines are shutting down for alignment works at the Bayswater station, with Transport Minister Rita Saffioti stating that this will be the last time the

Midland and Airport line will experience an extended shutdown.

"We acknowledge the shutdown will be inconvenient, but it is necessary to progress the final steps in connecting the new Bayswater station to the Midland, Airport and Morley-Ellenbrook lines," she said.

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

"The completion of the rail realignment represents the final stage of construction on the new Metronet Bayswater station."

Rural lines such as the Prospector and Merredin-Link are also affected, with no replacement services set to run between East Perth and the Midland station.

Passengers taking the Indian Pacific will see their journey terminate at Kewdale freight terminal, with a replacement coach bus set to take passengers to East Perth station instead.



Taken on Monday, March 25, at Scott Street bridge. Picture: Andrew Williams

# Scott Street bridge delayed for fourth time

ANDREW WILLIAMS

**THE Scott Street bridge has been delayed for the fourth time with asphalt to be laid in April, according to Main Roads.**

As reported in *Bridge works delayed for the third time*, *Echo News*, March 1) a Main Roads spokesperson said the completion date of the refurbishment of the bridge spanning the Helena River would be in "early-March".

Main Roads opened both lanes of traffic at the bridge – which has been under construction for a year now – last Thursday, March 21.

"The majority of works have now been completed on Scott Street bridge, resulting in the bridge being opened to traffic on 21 March," a Main Roads spokesperson said.

"Temporary traffic barriers were removed from the site earlier that day (March 21), and the road was attended to by a street sweeper to clean up excess debris to ensure the area was safe before being opened to traffic."

But when *Echo News* went to the bridge on

Monday, March 25, it had returned to a single lane crossing under an automatic traffic control system.

Variable message boards remained in place and still displayed information regarding road closures on March 7 and 8.

When questioned by *Echo News* about the cause of the latest round of delays, Main Roads did not provide an answer.

The last two delays, as previously reported, were attributed to harvest and heavy vehicle movement bans imposed by the Shire of Mundaring.

The "early-March" completion date already factored in any potential movement bans.

"A final layer of asphalt will need to be applied in April, however this is likely to occur after hours with stop/slow traffic management in place to reduce impact to the commuting public. The road will not be closed," the Main Roads spokesperson said.

But the Main Roads spokesperson said there would be the need for some infrequent single lane closures from now until the asphalt works are scheduled in April.

# Asthma in outer suburbs kids is twice as likely

ANDREW WILLIAMS

**CHILDREN in outer suburbs like Midland, Butler and Girrawheen are twice as likely to have asthma than inner city suburbs, according to a new study.**

The study, from a team of researchers from the Telethon Kids Institute, was released on March 12 and used data from the 2021 census to compare Australia's four biggest capital cities to help map patterns of chronic disease.

Lead researcher and geospatial modelling expert associate professor Ewan Cameron said children aged between five to 14 years old, who live in the lower socio-economic suburbs of capital cities are twice as likely to have asthma compared to those from more affluent inner-city suburbs.

"Going in, we thought the inner city might have the most childhood asthma because of heavy traffic flow and air pollution but instead, the pattern we see is one of increasing asthma risk towards the outer areas of cities," he said.

"The (outer) suburbs, with 12 per cent prevalence, had twice the rate of childhood asthma as the inner city (6 per cent).

"For Perth and Sydney, for example, when you look at the maps you immediately see it's much lower in the more advantaged inner, northern and beach suburbs compared to suburbs that are more inland," he said.

"We know from earlier studies, including the Raine study in Western Australia, that the risk of developing asthma is strongly shaped by socio-economic factors.

"These factors include higher rates of chronic family stress and poor housing quality, including dampness and poorly ventilated gas stoves, as well as dietary and obesity factors."

Dr Cameron said climatic factors also play a major role in the likelihood of asthma developing in children, particularly in areas that experience large differences between

day-time maximum and night-time minimum temperatures.

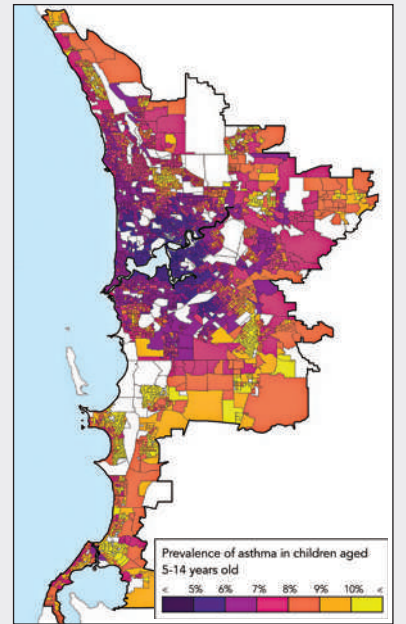
However, the research found some lower socio-economic suburbs in Perth, such as Hamilton Hill and Spearwood, had a lower asthma risk compared with Midland due to their coastal climate.

"We do find there's a contribution from environment – places that experience large daily temperature variations tend to have higher risk of asthma. More extreme weather can be a factor in triggering asthma," Dr Cameron said.

The findings highlighted the challenges faced by government and health authorities tasked with fighting Australia's childhood asthma epidemic, Dr Cameron said.


"By revealing where asthma risk is highest at a fine level of precision – down to neighbourhood block size – we can identify the local government areas that need the most support," he said.

"This means we can target interventions and policies to help those most at need and have the greatest impact."




Prevalence of asthma in children aged 5-14 years old. Credit: Telethon Kids Institute.


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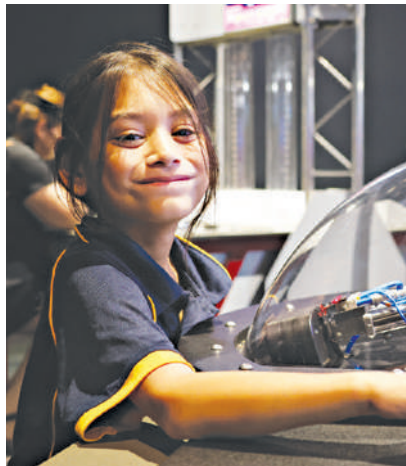
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# Scitech experience



**A TRIP to Scitech allowed Year 2 students from Midvale Primary School to immerse themselves in engaging and interactive science experiences thanks to Scitech's school access program and Metronet.**

Scitech's school access program provides selected Perth metro primary schools with support towards bus transportation and free entry to Scitech, giving students the opportunity to take part in a Scitech excursion who may not otherwise have access due to financial and transport barriers.

Through engaging with hands-on exhibits, full-dome planetariums shows, a live science show and interacting with expert science communicators, students have an immersive and tangible experience of science not possible in the classroom.

More than just a fun day out, a Scitech excursion gets students to be active participants in their science learning, showing them the connection between what they learn at

school and its application in the real world.

Students are prompted to be curious and ask questions, so they leave the day with a sense of excitement and enthusiasm to continue their discovery back at home and school.

Memories from a Scitech excursion give students positive associations with STEM topics that can lead to them retaining what they learnt and a developing an ongoing interest in science long after their visit.

Midvale Primary School along with Moorditj Noongar Community College, Clayton View Primary School and Gwynne Park Primary School were recently selected for the school access program thanks to support from Metronet.

The program is part of Scitech's commitment to providing opportunities for those with barriers to access science and technology engagement and learning experiences.

Midvale Primary School science teacher Sancia White said she was excited to take the opportunity for a school excursion to Scitech.

"As a teacher it was important to me that the children had fun but also realise that science is amazing," she said.

"We are a low socioeconomic area and many of the children had never been to Scitech before.

"Especially for Year 2 students, it's so important to engage them in science at a young age and they all said how much they had loved the day and how fun science can be.

"It can be difficult to provide these kinds of engagements in the classroom so for our school to be able to access this was truly outstanding," she said.



# Swan and Kalamunda urban greening grants

**THE cities of Swan and Kalamunda will both benefit from a program to support urban canopies and help fight climate change.**

THE urban greening grants program, managed by the WA Local Government Association and funded by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, will see support for local governments to plant trees and understorey vegetation across two funding rounds.

Funding of almost \$6 million will go towards planting more than 9000 trees and close to 30,000 understorey species between May and July in 13 local authorities.

The City of Kalamunda keeping it cool program will see an injection of \$55,664 for the planting of trees and understorey along a key thoroughfare corridor in Forrestfield, which is complemented by the presence of a creek that provides a water source for the cockatoos.

The planting will counteract the adverse impacts of the urban heat island effect, create a local ecological linkage and provide a feeding

and roosting site for black cockatoos.

Meanwhile the City of Swan's urban tree canopy street tree planting program will benefit to the tune of more than \$43,000 for the planting of trees on verges along streets highly used by families with young children and the elderly in high urban heat areas.

Footpaths will also link to amenities such as playgrounds, parks, sports fields and schools.

Urban canopies and understorey vegetation can help cool our streets and homes by providing shade, increase biodiversity by creating habitat and nature links, and provide natural places that benefit our health and wellbeing.

Environment Minister Reece Whitby said the state government was committed to mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

"By promoting biodiversity and reducing the need for artificial cooling and heating, urban canopies can significantly contribute to reducing carbon emissions and improving wellbeing," he said.

# Transperth's footy fumble?

GERA KAZAKOV

**FOOTY season might be just beginning, but for one Forrestfield Fremantle supporter it's never felt so far away due to re-routing of the stadium bus service.**

Steven Barrett used to rely on the 655 stadium bus route which runs from Kalamunda bus station to Optus Stadium, but since the service has been re-routed out of Forrestfield to instead go through High Wycombe and the suburb's train station, he said his journey to the game using public transport has gone from taking 45 minutes to up to two hours on a Sunday.

He said the 655 stadium bus route used to run down Kalamunda Road, before taking Hawtin Road all the way through to Hale Road and turning right at Tonkin Highway and onto the stadium.

But after High Wycombe train station opened, the bus now turns off Hawtin Road onto Maida Vale Road, going to the train station, then down Dundas Road, before turning right at Berkshire Road – but not to go into Forrestfield, but to deviate onto Roe Highway to get onto Tonkin.

The new route is a cruel irony for Mr Barrett, as he said the bus now passes 600m from his house when on the highway, but if he takes it home, he instead disembarks 6km away at High Wycombe station.

"It's actually closer for me to walk to Roe highway itself than it is to walk to the bus station here on Hale Road, but of course, it's 100kmh speed limit – you wouldn't want the bus to stop there," he said.

"But it's so frustrating to drive past, because when we're coming back from the game, I can see the palm trees in the back of my house, and where it drops me is 6km away."

Mr Barrett said he has been in contact with Forrestfield MLA Stephen Price – who said other residents have also complained to him about the re-routing – and Transport Minister Rita Saffioti, who's office informed him that sending the bus through Forrestfield on Hale Road was considered but was scrapped as it "would add about seven minutes of additional journey time to each trip."

For Mr Barrett, that response is not good enough. "I think it's arrogant, absolute arrogance," he said. "Seven minutes, really, and you saw that it cost me either side of the game, and I missed the first quarter of the game."

Mr Barrett is referring to his journey to and from the round one game where Brisbane was defeated by the Dockers at home.



Steve Barrett is unhappy with the 655 re-route.

What should have been elation was instead marred by a two-hour journey back home via the 655 route, as when he arrived at High Wycombe station he had just missed the adjoining 270 into Forrestfield, and had to wait an hour for the next one to arrive.

Public Transport Authority spokesman David Hynes said since the change was introduced, patronage on the 655 has increased sharply (29 per cent for Dockers games and 58 per cent for Eagles), and High Wycombe Station has become the second busiest stop for buses behind Kalamunda Bus Station.

"When the Airport Line became operational in October 2022, the Route 655 special-event bus service was realigned to operate via High Wycombe station," he said.

"This was considered a more efficient use of the service and allows eastern suburbs residents more options for getting to events at Perth Stadium."

Echo News questioned why the 655 doesn't follow Berkshire Road into suburban Forrestfield before turning onto Hale Road and joining onto Tonkin Highway, but Mr Hynes said it was not considered "because it would add up to 15 minutes for each return trip."

"As is the case with every mass-transit system across the world, providing a perfect solution to get everyone from their desired point A to point B – specially without a transfer – is not always possible."

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# Nursing rego suspended for Kalamunda dentist

GERA KAZAKOV

**WEEKS after his dental registration was suspended, Peter Terzi from Terzi Dental in Kalamunda has also had his nursing registration suspended by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).**

An AHPRA spokesperson confirmed that Mr Terzi's nursing registration was suspended on March 20 by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

"We can't discuss individual cases beyond what is publicly available," the spokesperson said.

"A decision to suspend a practitioner's registration can only be made by a board

using immediate action or interim powers.

"Immediate action decisions are appealable to a responsible tribunal."

*Registration suspended for Kalamunda dentist (Echo News, March 15)* reported Mr Terzi had his dental registration suspended on March 8.

Mr Terzi's legal team said they have commenced proceedings in the State Administrative Tribunal to appeal the boards decisions to suspend his dental registration.

"Dr Terzi intends to do the same in relation to his nursing registration," the legal team said.

"Dr Terzi denies there is a reasonable basis to suspend his nursing and dental registrations."



## DFES says escaped camp fire likely caused Red Hill bushfire

ANITA McINNES

**THE Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) says the recent Red Hill bushfire is accidental and likely caused by an escaped campfire.**

DFES fire investigators had not concluded their investigation into the Red Hill bushfire when *Echo News* went to press on Thursday morning, March 21.

But at 2.08pm that afternoon DFES said the cause of the fire had been determined as accidental.

"A thorough investigation within the area of origin found that the most likely cause was an escaped camp fire," a spokesperson said.

As a total fire ban was in place

on March 19 in the Perth metropolitan area including the City of Swan – the day the fire was reported – *Echo News* asked WA Police if the arson squad came to the same conclusion as the DFES fire investigators that the bushfire was accidental and most likely caused by an escaped camp fire or was their investigation still ongoing.

A WA Police spokeswoman said the arson squad would only investigate if DFES determined the cause of the fire to be suspicious.

"This investigation was not handed over to police and it is not a police matter," she said.

By 4pm Wednesday, March 20, DFES said more than 200 firefighters had worked along with aircraft over 24 hours fight-

ing the bushfire, which at its peak was moving at up to 2km per hour with wind gusts of around 50-60km/h.

During that time aircraft made 163 drops equating to more than 398,000 litres of water or retardant.

Perth Airport said due to the location of the bushfire, some flights to and from Perth had experienced minor delays on Wednesday.

DFES downgraded the bushfire, which burnt about 690ha, to an all clear about 4pm on March 25.

The Wandoo Heights cottage on the bushland, gifted to the City of Swan in 1988, was lost during the blaze and three sheds were destroyed but no homes were lost.

## WALGA: granny flat reforms short-sighted

**WEEKS before the state government's relaxed residential design codes (R-codes) are set to come into effect, the Western Australian Local Government Association President Karen Chappel says the recent planning changes to granny flat compatibility are a short-sighted decision that further erodes the role of local government.**

"We all want to see more housing, but this decision, made without consultation or any other demonstrable evidence that it will, in fact, make a significant difference to the current housing shortage," Ms Chappel said.

"I really don't think the community wants to see dongas and sea containers in front or backyards."

The decision she is referring to is the state governments relaxed R-codes, which are set to be gazetted and become operational on April 10, according to the Department of Plan-

ning, Lands, and Heritage.

The relaxed R-codes were announced by Planning Minister John Carey at the end of January, who at the time said the government was doing everything it could to bolster housing supply.

But Ms Chappel said the on-going erosion of the role of local governments in planning and approvals could have long-term negative impacts.

"Local government supports planning reform and changes to the medium density code that delivers quality developments and greater diversity of housing stock," she said.

In *Council caveats on state's granny flat exemption (Echo News, February 23)* it was reported that while the R-codes are set to be relaxed, rural-zoned residents may still need to seek council approval to put a granny flat on their property despite the state government's relaxed regulations.

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## Strengthening Connectivity and Resilience in the Perth Hills

Senator Linda Reynolds CSC

The Perth Hills are still grappling with the aftermath of the most recent bushfire and also the devastating storm that swept through without warning over summer. Local impacts included significant damage to key infrastructure, leaving homes and businesses without power and telecommunications for up to 7 days.

The disruption caused by the natural disasters not only highlights the immediate challenges of restoring power, but also the critical need for more robust telecommunication networks as a vital aspect of our disaster resilience in times of crisis - a long-standing problem in the Perth Hills.

In this day and age, it is simply not good enough to have anyone without access to power and telecommunications for extended periods of time, regardless of the situation. I've heard the concerns of locals, including those in Parkerville, who reported the inability to contact emergency services during the natural disaster – it is simply unacceptable.

Nearly two years after being promised \$3 million to support disaster readiness and mobile connectivity by the Albanese Government, the community deserves answers as to when this investment will be delivered. In the wake of another natural disaster, the time is now for the Government to provide the necessary funding to assist the community's ability to prepare for and respond to natural disasters.

Shire of Mundaring President, Paige McNeil, has clearly explained the challenges faced in this disaster-prone area, where extended power outages have jeopardised access to vital emergency information and communication services.

While I acknowledge the challenges that telecommunications companies face in restoring services after disasters, greater responsibility must be placed on providers to enhance the resilience of their infrastructure. It's not just about restoring services after the fact, but about investing in solutions that can withstand the inevitable challenges posed by natural disasters.

I have met with telecommunications providers to share the community's concerns, there is a willingness to collaborate and find solutions through working with the community, including a review of network designs to become more disaster resilient. By working together, we can develop a plan to strengthen local connectivity and ensure that the community is better prepared to weather any fire or storm, both figuratively and literally.

Growing up in Kalamunda and as a former Disaster Management Minister, I know first-hand the significant impact these disasters have on communities. To strengthen connectivity and disaster resilience in the Perth Hills, I am hosting a community forum with the Shadow Minister for Communications, the Hon David Coleman MP, along with the Shire of Mundaring and telecommunications providers. The forum will tackle the issues surrounding telecommunications and disaster resilience, including answering questions that locals have.

As we move into the cooler months, let's not wait for the next disaster to strike before taking action. Let's seize this opportunity to build a more resilient future for the Perth Hills – one where reliable telecommunications are not just a luxury, but a lifeline in times of need.

Authorised by Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds, Liberal Party of Australia, Rivervale WA 6103.



# Defence says PFAS technology not brought to its attention

ANITA McINNES

WHEN ecoSPEARS chief executive officer Sergie Albino was in Perth last month discussing approaches for the identification, assessment and remediation of PFAS hosted by crcCARE Australia he may have missed an opportunity to put the company's technology before the Department of Defence.

A former NASA engineer, Mr Albino said the company's NASA-developed clean tech solution was on a mission to cleanse the world of these contaminants.

But a Department of Defence spokesman said its per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) investigation and management branch had not received any enquiries or proposals from ecoSPEARS regarding its PFAS treatment technologies, and has not funded or been involved in research to develop ecoSPEARS.

"Defence regularly receives and assesses proposals from organisations requesting support for PFAS research studies or to demonstrate technologies," he said.

Mr Albino said ecoSPEARS was an environmental remediation company committed to sustainable remediation of persistent environmental contaminants such as PFAS, PCBs, 1,4 dioxane, dioxins, and more.

"These chemicals, widely produced and used in the US and other industrialised nations for years, are associated with serious health

issues, including cancer, liver damage, and birth defects," he said.

"What makes them particularly challenging is that they do not naturally degrade, persisting in major waterways and causing harm to wildlife, habitats, and communities.

"Traditional methods of remediation involve digging up contaminated sites and transporting the material to landfills or incinerators, releasing significant CO2 emissions and toxic byproducts. This process also poses risks to communities through the transport of hazardous waste across the country.

"In contrast, ecoSPEARS offers a sustainable solution by extracting and eliminating contaminants on-site, reducing CO2 emissions and eliminating the risks associated with transporting hazardous materials.

"Importantly, our technology avoids the use of heat or combustion processes, preventing the creation of additional toxic byproducts, unlike incineration and other remediation methods.

"At the core of ecoSPEARS technology is the SPEARS sorbent polymer extraction and remediation system.

"When they are placed in sediment layers, in water, SPEARS leverage the hydrophobic nature of contaminants.

"SPEARS can be placed in waterways such as ports, coastal areas, lakes, and rivers, where they act as sponges, absorbing and removing the contamination from the sediment."



Wing Commander Grant Taylor, and Singapore Air Force's Lieutenant Colonel Goh Seow Hong in front of a Hawk 127.

# Flight affirms friendship

WHAT started as a casual conversation at the 2023 RAAF Base Pearce end of year function turned into a unique opportunity for the Commanding Officer of 130 Squadron Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF), Lieutenant Colonel Goh Seow Hong, when he was offered a flight in a 79 Squadron Hawk 127.

Lieutenant Colonel Hong said he had not flown in a fast jet since posting to the RSAF Pearce detachment, but felt right at home in the Hawk.

"The power and handling of the aircraft were amazing and really suitable for fast jet-training," Lieutenant Colonel Hong said.

"The flight also allowed me to gain a better understanding of 79 Squadron's operations and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Wing Commander Taylor for providing me the opportunity to experience the Hawk 127 firsthand."

Commanding Officer 79 Squadron Wing Commander Grant Taylor said this flight was a by-product of the close relationship the RAAF Base Pearce commanding officers have.

"We share the base, airspace and facilities at

Pearce and have done so for 30 years, so this is an extension of an on-going partnership both countries have for training Defence pilots," Wing Commander Taylor said.

"We worked out that we've all been on exercises at the same time over the years as junior pilots and had fond memories of those 'bograt' days growing up and learning."

Lieutenant Colonel Hong said the flight underscored the close and long-standing relationship between the RSAF and RAAF.

"Flying on board a RAAF aircraft not only reaffirms the strong relationship between our air forces, but also fosters personal connections among our personnel," Lieutenant Colonel Hong said.

"Such gestures are not commonplace and are typically reserved for close and trusted friends."

The RSAF Pearce Detachment celebrated 30 years of flying operations at RAAF Base Pearce in October last year, and recently resumed the Qualified Flying Instructor exchange program with 2 Flying Training School in January.

By Flying Officer Michael Thomas

# Residents opposed to additional Woodbridge playground parking

GERA KAZAKOV

WOODBRIDGE residents are petitioning against a City of Swan council decision made last year which went against the officer's recommendation and seeks to install an extra 12 bays at Woodbridge Riverside Park.

Woodbridge Residents Association president Lyn Deering tabled the petition against the additional 12 bays on behalf of Woodbridge residents at the city's March 13 ordinary council meeting.

She said the proposal for an additional 12 bays was flawed and jeopardised the parks future as an all-abilities park if pursued.

"The petition requests council to halt works on the 12 overflow car bays proposed at Woodbridge Riverside Park and go back to the original playground design principles and proposal, including consulting with residents and key stakeholders," she said.

The decision to install the 12 bays at the park was made at the July 12, 2023, City of Swan ordinary council meeting.

In the meeting minutes, the officer's recommendation was that the city include \$40,000 for an additional five bays at the park in the 2024-25 draft capital budget.

But councillors instead unanimously supported councillor Rashelle Predovnik's motion to put an additional 12 parking bays in the south-eastern corner of the park.

The motion, which was seconded by councillor Cate McCullough, instead proposed to include \$135,000 in the draft 2024-25 budget for construction of the 12 bays.

The meeting minutes record the reason for the change being that "users of the park can't find parking during peak times and the request has been made for an increase in parking - not for existing parking bays to be repurposed."



Prior to this, at the November 2, 2022, ordinary council meeting, the City of Swan had received a petition containing 509 signatures noting parking problems at the park, which mostly occurred when a park run event was held there on Saturdays.

The minutes note that the park run event attracted up to 260 participants with the current facilities not catering to peak demands.

The minutes also note that City of Swan had liaised with Governor Stirling Senior High School about the possibility of using the school's carpark as overflow parking.

Governor Stirling Senior High School principal Leo Surjan confirmed that the City of Swan had been in contact with the school about the use of the bays, and that he had allowed the school's bays to be used for overflow parking on the weekends and during the school holidays.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said some planning works have been done on the 12 bays, but construction has not started.

"The project stemmed from a petition with 509 signatures from the community asking for additional parking at Woodbridge Riverside Park.

"The extra parking was requested to alleviate demand on weekends and school holidays," she said.

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Left: the contents of the cleanaway truck. Right: a City of Swan truck exuding smoke.

# Truck fires spark hazardous waste warning from LGAs

GERA KAZAKOV

**TWO separate instances of rubbish catching fire in the back of a garbage truck has led to the cities of Kalamunda and Swan reminding residents to dispose of hazardous waste correctly.**

On Monday, March 18, the City of Swan waste team had to pull over when team members noticed smoke coming from the truck.

The City of Swan said that numerous aerosol cans, a portable gas container, and a battery were some of the items found in the back of the truck, which received minor damage.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the fire was extinguished quickly and there was no injury to staff.

“On average we see about five or six truck fires a year,” she said.

“Hazardous waste poses a serious risk to the public and environment due to its reactivity, flammability, corrosiveness, or toxicity and should always be taken to the appropriate waste management facility for

disposal.”

Prior to this, in the final week of February, a Cleanaway rubbish truck had to dump its contents at Maida Vale reserve after smoke was detected inside the truck, leading to DEFS coming and extinguishing the fire.

The City of Kalamunda said there were no injuries and that a lawnmower with fuel was the likely source of the fire, saying the incident underscores the importance of proper waste disposal, particularly hazardous items such as petrol, electronic waste, motor oil, paints, chemical waste, aerosols, and batteries – all of which are not accepted in the general waste bin.

Mayor Margaret Thomas said the incident shows proper disposal of hazardous waste is vital for the safety of the community and the environment.

“I strongly encourage residents to visit the city’s website to locate the nearest drop-off points for their household hazardous waste,” she said.

Red Hill Waste Management facility has free hazardous waste disposal for all hazardous waste items excluding asbestos.

# Issues of transparency raised over state gov sport spending

ANDREW WILLIAMS

**A REPORT by the auditor general’s office has raised concerns about transparency and ‘pork barrelling’ after hundreds of millions of dollars were spent on sport and recreation funding by the state government.**

Auditor General Caroline Spencer said the process – which saw over \$260 million in funding allocated across the state – was not transparent.

“It is not clear how the merit of some of these projects was assessed, and there is no public transparency on why some projects were funded and others were not,” she said.

From 2020-21 to 2022-23 the Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) provided almost \$300m to support sport and recreation projects across the state.

The office of the auditor general’s report, released on March 21, found that the DLGSC applied “sound and transparent” assessments to approve Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) projects to the tune of \$36m.

However, according to the report, DLGSC was not involved in the assessment and approval of the other \$261m, which was allocated to 474 projects across the state through two funding other streams.

“The practices used by government to select, assess and approve these projects were not transparent and therefore the public and parliament cannot be assured public money has been fairly and equitably awarded to communities,” the report said.

The \$261m was separated into

\$125m for the WA Recovery Plan, and \$136m for 2021 election commitments.

The \$125m was awarded to 16 projects as part the state’s Covid-19 recovery plan.

“These projects received between \$150,000 and \$30m each. We found limited public information about how projects were selected and assessed by the state government,” the report said.

The Department of Treasury and the Department of Premier and Cabinet’s response was the issues raised would be considered as part of the 2025 grants guideline review.

The City of Kalamunda received \$5m via the WA Recovery Plan stream for the design and construction of an additional playing field, the upgrade of an existing playing field, the installation of flood lighting and construction of water delivery infrastructure at the Ray Owen Reserve.

The city also received an additional \$5.4m across three projects via the large election commitment stream, while another \$651,000 was split amongst 17 sports clubs from across the Kalamunda local government area.

The City of Swan received \$1.86m for the construction of the Ellenbrook Youth Centre as part of the WA Recovery Plan, as well as \$1.57m spread across two large and six small election commitments. \$343,562 was spread across 28 sport clubs from the Swan to fulfill small election commitments. Of the \$261m, the Shire of Mundaring received just \$300,000 to fund eight projects, while another \$106,300 was allocated amongst five sports clubs.

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# Capital works funding for multicultural facility renovations



The Sikh Gurdwara in Bennett Springs has been awarded \$250,000 to undertake sewer and water projects. Picture: Andrew Williams

**THE state government will give more than \$5.6 million to multicultural community groups to maintain and upgrade facilities.**

The announcement was made by Citizenship and Multicultural Interests Minister Tony Buti on Thursday, March 21.

The funding, allocated via the Community Capital Works Fund (CCWF), will be spread amongst 35 culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) community centres and facilities in metro and regional areas.

This includes two groups in Bennett Springs, \$250,000 to the Sikh Gurdwara for a sewer and water project, and \$182,990 to the Cracovia Club for a facility upgrade.

\$162,508 is set aside for the Polish Sikorski Club to renovate its Bellevue premises, and in Wattle Grove the Abruzzo Molise sporting club has been awarded \$210,800 for refurbishments of its club premises.

Mr Buti said CaLD groups and their facilities are often the heart and soul of the multicultural communities.

These facilities are run and operated by volunteer groups and provide culturally appropriate services, including for people from migrant and refugee backgrounds.

Services can include family support, enterprise development and housing support, as well as programs for specific groups such as, people with disabilities, young people, seniors, LGBTQIA+ and women.

"Many of these buildings are more than 60 years old and require significant upgrades that are beyond the means of the volunteer and community associations that run them," he said.

"Additionally, as the WA community grows, these ageing facilities have increasing and diverse demands which put additional stress on the communities they serve.

"The Cook Labor Government values multiculturalism as one of Western Australia's greatest strengths and this funding demonstrates our commitment to ensuring CaLD communities continue to flourish and contribute to our unique social, economic and cultural fabric."

## Initiative calls for energy efficient public housing

GERA KAZAKOV

**SHELTER WA, the state's peak community housing and homelessness advocacy group, is calling on the state government to retrofit all public housing by 2030 to save money on power bills and help tenants deal with the hotter summer months.**

Shelter WA chief executive Kath Snell said retrofitting public homes to be energy efficient could save tenants between \$780 and \$1500 per year on energy bills while costing \$152 million over three years for the first 10,000 public housing properties, and \$486 million for the remaining 32,000 public housing properties by 2030.

Dubbed 'healthy homes', Shelter WA wants to see public houses retrofitted with ceiling fans, insulation, curtains, reverse cycle air conditioners, efficient hot water systems, draught sealing and fly screens.

"We're also recommending as a priority for this program is to start in WA's regions and suburbs experiencing the most extreme heat and cold," she said.

"We know that people living in Perth's eastern suburbs often experience temperatures of up to 4 or 5 degrees higher than in Perth.

"During the recent heatwaves in February this meant that when temperatures reached 37 degrees in Perth, they recorded 41 degrees in Midland, 39 in Kalamunda and 40 in Armadale."

A Department of Communities spokesperson said that there are 2726 public housing properties within the local government area

of Swan, Kalamunda, York, and Northam.

"Since the states government's record investment in social housing and homelessness measures, more than 2000 homes have been added to social housing stock in Western Australia," the spokesperson said.

"In addition, more than 1000 social homes are currently under contract or construction."

The spokesperson said the department builds all housing with consideration to make homes thermally comfortable and sustainable in terms of costs for tenants to maintain, with tenants also able apply to install air-conditioning or make other modifications.

"Ceiling fans, air conditioning apertures and ceiling and wall insulation have been included in all new construction in the north-west since 1990."

Ms Snell said that an extensive energy efficiency retrofit of all public housing is one of the lowest cost but highest impact opportunities to lift the living standards for occupants of these homes.

"There are more than 2500 families living in social housing in these suburbs and across local government areas like Swan, York and Northam who are enduring even more extreme conditions in summer than everyone else in Perth, in homes without air conditioners or even ceiling fans," she said.

"In the midst of a cost-of-living crisis, the government would get a better return on investment and create a better legacy if it delivers budget measures that reduce energy bills permanently, more so than through one-off rebates."



High school students attended the medical career seminar.

## Medical career pathways night for high school students is a success

**An event hosted in conjunction with Curtin Medical School, the first St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospitals (SJGMPPH) career pathways seminar for high school students, was held earlier this month at the Curtin University campus in Midland.**

In planning for the event, schools within the hospital catchment were contacted and asked to nominate students that could benefit from attending the seminar to gain insights as to how to best prepare to enter medical school.

The initiative is a new collaboration between SJGMPPH and Curtin Medical School that aims to enhance the chances of local students entering medical school.

Content within the seminar was specifically tailored for students Year 10 and above who are still shaping their tertiary entrance pathway.

Speakers at the seminar included experienced consultants, recently graduated junior doctors, medical students and the

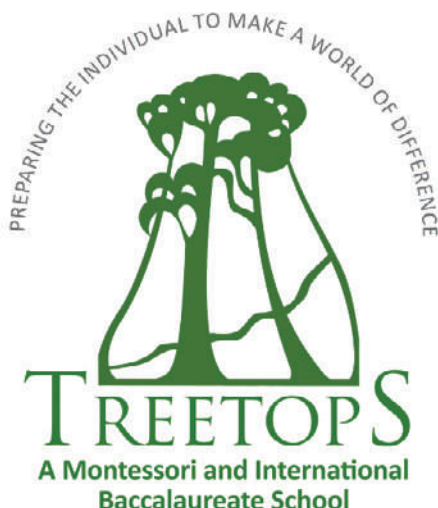
admissions team from the Curtin Medical School.

Topics covered included, meeting the entry criteria for Curtin Medical School (required marks, interviews, portfolios, UCAT), the life of a medical student, the role of a junior doctor and then specialist (including GP) practice.

The seminar closed with an informal question and answer session. The inaugural event attracted 17 high school students from local schools who were accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult.

SJGMPPH chief executive officer Paul Dyer said it was vital that hospitals attract future medical professionals whom are familiar with the community they serve.

"Fostering local talent is just one of many strategies we are implementing to both attract students to medical studies but to also position St John of God Health Care as an employer of choice who can work collaboratively with students to achieve their career objectives."



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# eye on crime

## Lower Chittering fatal crash info sought

**OFFICERS from the major crash investigation section are investigating a fatal crash that occurred in Lower Chittering on Sunday, March 24.**

About 12.10pm, a black Kawasaki motorcycle was travelling east on Chittering Road when the motorcycle left the road and struck a tree.

The rider, a 28-year-old man, sustained critical injuries in the crash.

First aid was administered by members of the public prior to the arrival of SJA paramedics, but sadly the man died at the scene.

Major crash investigators are

urging anyone with any information relating to this crash, or who saw the black Kawasaki motorcycle travelling in the area prior to the crash, to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or 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/community-request/public/lowerchitteringfatalcrash> If you or anyone you know has been affected by a road crash, contact Road Trauma Support WA on 1300 004 814.

## Glen Forest fatal crash information sought

**OFFICERS from the major crash investigation section are investigating a fatal crash that occurred in Glen Forrest on Friday, March 15.**

About 11.30pm, a silver Holden Viva sedan collided with a motorcycle, believed to be travelling in convey with another motorcycle, on Great Eastern Highway near Hardey Road.

The female rider of the motorcycle aged in her 50s, received serious injuries and was conveyed to hospital by St John WA.

The driver of the vehicle failed to stop to assist the motorcycle rider and continued to drive on before crashing into a tree a short distance

away on Great Eastern Highway near Weller Road.

As a result of the crash, the vehicle caught alight and the female driver aged in her 60s died at the scene.

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)

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



Rock Magic and Natasha Barbarich of Red Hill lead out the field in the Rock Magic Stakes named in his honour. Picture: Anita McInnes

# Rocky chills in Red Hill

ANITA MCINNES

**FORMER racehorse Rock Magic, who sounds like he was a strapper's nightmare, now spends his days chilling at Natasha Barbarich's property in Red Hill following her around and eating a lot of carrots.**

Trained by Chris and Michael Gangemi Rock Magic won 16 races and earned more than \$1.7 million in prize money.

While Ms Barbarich was a speaker at a discover racing for ladies function at Ascot on the weekend, host Brittany Taylor said on the day Rock Magic retired and his girth was being done up he was trying to turn around and bite but now he's nothing like that.

Later in the day Rock Magic

with Ms Barbarich led out the field in the Rock Magic Stakes named in his honour.

Although at one stage the 14-year-old gelding stopped in his tracks and watched while the other gallopers went out to the starting gates the rest of the time he behaved like a perfect gentleman.

Ms Barbarich, who is a part time assistant steward at the races, has Rocky and another retired horse at her place.

Over the years she has rehomed about 14 retired racehorses and is still in contact with nearly all of their owners.

She is thrilled that they send her photos and messages from people telling her how their horse is going.

A former racehorse will come

to her for anywhere between a month and up to 12 months if they've had tendon injuries or something wrong with them and needed rehabilitation.

"Once they're rehabbed then I'll start to ride them out into the bush and just give them a very relaxed restart and then I find them a home for someone to go on from there and do whatever they want to do with them," she said.

"Racing is a sport – they're an athlete so they come here for down time and relaxation and just to learn how to be a horse again.

"(Here) they get loved but they don't get fussed over every day like they do at a stable and have to go out and work every day."

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# Inclusion program helps Dayton resident

**DAYTON resident Dhiren Patel has autism and is non-verbal but that has not stopped him from getting a degree in cyber security and an internship with a mining company.**

Mr Patel, 35, started his internship in February last year through a neuroinclusion pilot program with Rio Tinto.

The 35-year-old, whose job title is internship simulation delivery analyst, has a bachelor of cyber security from Edith Cowan University.

The simulation delivery analyst internship was ideal for Mr Patel as he had some knowledge and skills in programming and data analysis.

"My role involves building programs using programming language by converting manual methods to automated methods and analysing data to develop model inputs, validation comparison and decision context (and) defining simulation experiments and interpreting outputs," he said.

"I am currently learning through some online courses about statistics and how to interpret data and I'm also doing some courses to gain advanced programming skills.

"The program has helped me outside of work by getting to learn new skills from the job. I feel excited that I have learned new things every day at work.

"I also feel proud of myself that I also get to teach other people what I learn."

After being accepted into the



Dhiren Patel of Dayton, who is involved in a neuroinclusion program with Rio Tinto, says he learns new things at work every day.

graduate program role he will be on rotation working on different projects and learning new things about the business context.

He has faced some challenges in the workplace.

"The challenge I have faced in the workplace is communication, where I have some difficulties communicating to other team members verbally.

"To overcome the challenge, I communicate to other team members by chatting via email/Microsoft Teams chat and I sometimes use my text to speech

app on my phone where it reads out what I type."

He said the neuroinclusion program had helped break down barriers by providing support at work when he has some issues, and breaking down the issues by explaining things step by step.

"Through the program I've also been able to go on site visits where I get to see the train load out, how it is being operated, where my current project is working on the train load out, and seeing how it is operated in the mine sites," he said.





Raj Pandian, Andrew Mullane and Lakshmana Jeyam were against the home.

## Wattle Grove funeral parlour bid refused

GERA KAZAKOV

**THE City of Kalamunda council has refused a development application for a funeral home in Wattle Grove.**

The officer's recommendation was that the funeral parlour be approved, however no other councillors would second Mayor Margaret Thomas's motion to support the recommendation.

An alternate motion was then presented by councillor Brooke O'Donnell which recommended refusal.

The motion was seconded by councillor Mary Cannon and passed with all councillors in favour except for Mayor Thomas.

In her closing statement for the motion, Cr O'Donnell said that councils should remain fearless when making planning decisions provided they have identified genuine planning considerations.

"The (State Administrative Tribunal) is a process that we can and may have to go through," she said.

"But I believe that if council makes a genuine positive decision upon the nature of all the facts and

circumstances that we should not use that as a reason to make a decision or not make a decision because of a potential financial burden."

The proposed funeral parlour was set to be developed on Hale Road in Wattle Grove and would have been operated by Seasons Funerals.

Seasons Funeral general manager Vanessa Wilson said the company was extremely disappointed by the decision but also clearly heard the community's concern with having a funeral parlour within the neighbourhood.

"We are a passive business that operates quietly and with dignity for the families we serve, but we also understand the stigma that comes with being a funeral home," she said.

"We've heard the community and respect their wishes."

In *Wattle Grove residents petition against funeral parlour* (*Echo News*, March 8) a petition against the proposal with over 700 signatures was due to be presented to council.

At Tuesday's ordinary council meeting, a further 18 signatures were added to the petition, bringing the total number of signatures to 784 residents against the development.

## Mental health crisis support for children and adolescents

**THE state government is investing \$46.6 million to bolster mental health crisis care services for children and adolescents, delivering acute care and response teams (ACRTs) across Perth.**

The existing east metropolitan pilot service will be extended through a \$22.4 million investment in the 2024-25 state budget, along with new ACRT in the Great Southern and north and south metropolitan regions.

ACRTs provide invaluable mobile outreach and crisis support services for children up to the age of 17 years, and are a key pillar of the infant, child, and adolescent (ICA) taskforce reforms being rolled out.

They are mobile teams who provide rapid response and support to children and adolescents experiencing a mental health crisis, as well as their families and carers, and will provide greater connection between inpatient units, emergency departments (ED) and community services, ensuring young people are provided care close to home.

Additionally, the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service's (CAMHS) Crisis Connect service will be extended, to support children and their families to remain at home while waiting for an appointment with a CAMHS team, through a \$19.5 million investment.

The immediate support that Crisis Connect provides reduces the likelihood of children representing to ED and being readmitted into inpatient care due to a decline in their mental health.

Since the introduction of the service in July 2020, Perth Children's Hospital ED mental health attendances have reduced by 10 per cent.

For regional patients, the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Brief Crisis Intervention Service will be extended, with \$4.7 million invested in the State Budget to continue the service to



2025-26.

The WACHS Brief Crisis Intervention service is a telehealth service supporting children and adolescents to transition out of emergency departments.

It will offer 24-hour, seven days a week specialist ICA mental health advice for regional health professionals – and five days a week virtual post-ED follow up for children, adolescents and their families/carers who have been discharged from a regional ED following a mental health related presentation.

Mental Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson said supporting the mental health of kids is a priority, and the ICA taskforce reforms were a key component to support the wellbeing of young people.

"We are committed to the delivery of intensive community-based treatment for children in crisis, keeping more children out of hospital and offering better support for families and carers.

"All areas have reported a large increase in children presenting to an emergency department with a mental health-related condition, but we are expanding support services to keep kids out of hospital."



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## WA's Favourite Motorcycle Event Is Back!

THE 2024 York Motorcycle Festival is scheduled for the weekend of 6 and 7 April, and as always is set to attract huge crowds to York.

It kicks off Saturday 6th April with the York Motorcycle Festival launch party at the new Harley-Davidson Park from 5pm. This free activity will include food trucks, bar and licensed area, sideshow alley, kids' fun, live music, and fire entertainers in Avon Park, York. The Harley-Davidson concert is on at the Imperial Homestead Saturday night from 8pm.

Sunday 7th April is the main event. The main roads within the Town are closed to traffic and filled with trade stalls, motorcycle displays, food trucks and the huge Eni Stunt Track. There will

be the ever popular Show and Shine display inside the York Town Hall, FMX stunts and Harley-Davidson stunt riders, live music and plenty of bikes on display.

Don't miss the Black Dog Ride from Midland on Sunday morning. Black Dog Ride began in 2009 as a ride to raise awareness of depression, evolving into a national charity involving thousands of Australians who have raised millions for mental health programs and fostered mental health awareness around the nation.

The York Motorcycle Festival is free and family friendly and is on Sunday April 7 from 10am-4pm.

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## Cedar Woods launches new display village at award-winning Bushmead



**CEDAR Woods has officially launched a new display village at the award-winning Bushmead estate, just 16km from the Perth CBD.**

It is the third display village in Bushmead and Cedar Woods have partnered with some of Perth's leading builders to feature premium single-storey homes.

The boutique launch event took place on Friday, March 8 where attendees enjoyed exploring the new display homes. Guests were treated to a twilight tasting with champagne on arrival and a progressive dinner through each of the homes including charcuterie boards, delicious canapés and gin tastings.

Featured in the village are seven homes from Dale Alcock Homes, Blueprint Homes, B1 Homes, Home Group, Plunkett Homes, Ross North Homes and RedInk Homes.

Cedar Woods WA State Manager Ben Rosser said that the new Bushmead display village showcases a range of impressive home designs, which are all great examples of modern

family living, with stylish finishes.

"The display homes are a perfect starting point for homebuyers who are researching whether a new build is right for them and those looking to be inspired by what their future home build might include."

Bushmead is a truly unique and sustainable community shaped by the 185 hectares of retained bush that surrounds the project.

"Bushmead purchasers are looking for sophisticated designs that fit in with the estate's beautiful natural views and these new display homes tick all the boxes," Mr Rosser added.

"I encourage you to visit Bushmead's new display village and immerse yourself in what life in your own brand new home might look like."

The new display village is located on Rottnest Street in Bushmead. It is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sundays from 2pm to 5pm.

To find out more visit [bushmead.com.au](http://bushmead.com.au)



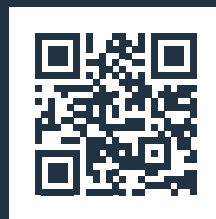
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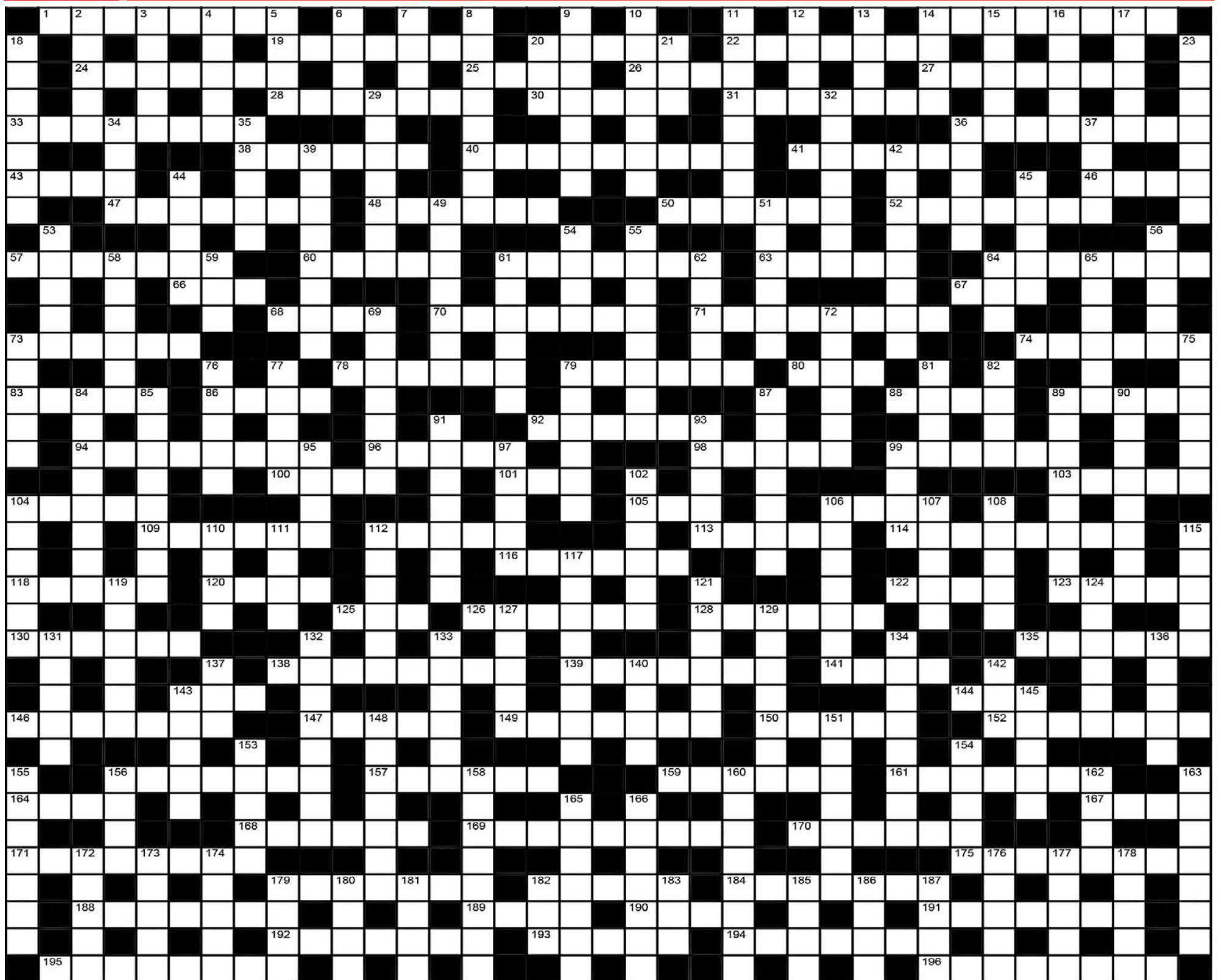
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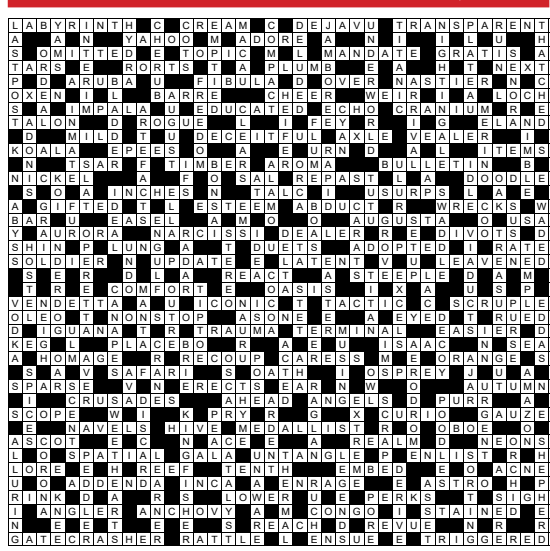
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|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                |                            | 78 Bets                   | 144 Timepiece chain                | 7 Holiday travel                   | 62 Comes close           | 129 Sudden fall      | 160 Sacred             |
| 1 Swinging part of clock     | 79 Disappear               | 146 A few                 | 7 A blueprint                      | 64 A slender stick                 | 131 Short                | 162 A seat           | 163 Outer personality  |
| 14 Entire costume            | 80 Short haircut           | 147 A coffee              | 9 Shivering fits                   | 65 Cuddle in                       | 132 A witch's pot        | 165 Acted against    | 166 A sour liquid      |
| 19 An edible mollusc         | 83 Light timber            | 149 Free of germs         | 10 A planet                        | 69 Tread all over                  | 133 Matures              | 172 A forge worker   | 173 English racecourse |
| 20 Sea eagles                | 86 A graceful bird         | 150 Church passage-way    | 11 American sports car             | 72 Flees with lover                | 134 Clergyman            | 174 Add colour to    | 176 A plant            |
| 22 Fruit farm                | 88 US university           | 152 A pioneer             | 12 Scrutinise                      | 73 Automaton                       | 136 Building addition    | 177 A Hindu divinity | 178 Short performance  |
| 24 Wilful destroyers         | 89 Kindness                | 156 Large cutter          | 13 Drops behind                    | 75 Frustrate another               | 137 A friend             | 179 Egyptian cobras  | 180 Woe!               |
| 25 Ponder                    | 92 Goes to one's knees     | 157 Picture in pieces     | 14 Biblical garden                 | 76 Pale                            | 140 A speaker's platform | 181 A clock face     | 182 Showed the way     |
| 26 A fruit                   | 94 Confined with a rope    | 159 Goddess of wisdom     | 15 Bullock                         | 77 Nude                            | 142 Distress signal      | 183 Cunning          | 185 Grain              |
| 27 Ireland, aka the ... Isle | 96 Chain parts             | 161 Fast train            | 16 Intends                         | 79 Italian city                    | 143 A black bird         | 186 Fishing device   | 187 Actual existence   |
| 28 Saddle's boothhold        | 98 Monoliths in NT         | 164 A rest                | 17 A large spoon                   | 81 Huge                            | 145 Brimless cap         |                      |                        |
| 30 Discharges                | 99 Large stems             | 167 Seep                  | 18 School of instruction           | 82 Fervour                         | 148 Fell over            |                      |                        |
| 31 Deer flesh                | 100 Amount of medicine     | 168 Interwoven mass       | 20 Compass point (init)            | 84 Able to write                   | 151 Body height          |                      |                        |
| 33 Circumspect               | 101 Curved line            | 169 Unbelieving           | 21 State Emergency Services (init) | 85 Craftsmen                       | 153 Famous musical       |                      |                        |
| 36 A moon shape              | 103 A slight sign          | 170 Arctic plain          | 23 British motor company           | 87 Looking ill                     | 154 A weapon             |                      |                        |
| 40 Star sailor               | 104 Pastry dishes          | 171 Australian state      | 29 Beaming with joy                | 89 Head teacher                    | 155 Crudely obvious      |                      |                        |
| 41 Vessel made of alloy      | 105 Tailless primate       | 175 Plunders              | 32 Lack of energy                  | 90 Humorous reply                  | 156 A mollusc            |                      |                        |
| 43 Horse neck hair           | 106 Change over            | 179 Fabled lamp bearer    | 34 Billiards sticks                | 91 A time space                    | 158 A liqueur            |                      |                        |
| 46 Drill                     | 109 Cancels, as a mission  | 182 Parts of ears         | 35 Former Russian rulers           | 93 Bottoms of feet                 |                          |                      |                        |
| 47 Scottish dress part       | 112 Hindu women's garments | 184 Note                  | 36 Container                       | 95 Betrays (coll)                  |                          |                      |                        |
| 48 Estimate                  | 113 Dried grass            | 188 An imaginary demon    | 37 Corn pieces                     | 97 Lively dance                    |                          |                      |                        |
| 50 Give praise               | 114 Army group             | 189 Foot digits           | 39 Made void                       | 99 Heavenly body                   |                          |                      |                        |
| 52 Workers with clay         | 116 A wattle tree          | 190 Shine                 | 42 Designed fabric                 | 102 Radioactive element            |                          |                      |                        |
| 57 Well-born                 | 118 A lock of hair         | 191 Sporting facility     | 44 Regions                         | 104 Outdoor military pageant       |                          |                      |                        |
| 60 Afterwards                | 120 On sheltered side      | 192 Ancient Egyptian king | 45 Crown sparkler                  | 106 Cheat out of money             |                          |                      |                        |
| 61 One's judgment            | 122 Title for a lady       | 193 Falling into waste    | 49 Drug dispenser                  | 107 Bicycle lever                  |                          |                      |                        |
| 63 Wanders                   | 123 Aroma                  | 194 Cricket teams         | 51 Aromatic Asian fruit            | 108 Ocean flows                    |                          |                      |                        |
| 64 A get-together            | 125 A globe                | 195 Movable articles      | 53 Splitting aid                   | 110 Coober Pedy gem                |                          |                      |                        |
| 66 Female pig                | 126 A powder               | 196 A lift                | 54 Gambling cube                   | 111 A layer                        |                          |                      |                        |
| 67 Name of a beer            | 128 Roofed-in gallery      |                           | 55 Meagre payment                  | 112 Divided equally                |                          |                      |                        |
| 68 Mark on skin              | 130 A figure shape         |                           | 56 An Ionian island                | 115 Stringed instruments           |                          |                      |                        |
| 70 Beginning to develop      | 135 A brawl                |                           | 58 Beliefs                         | 117 Repository of official records |                          |                      |                        |
| 71 Beginners                 | 138 A dune                 |                           | 59 High ball                       | 119 Marriage partner               |                          |                      |                        |
| 73 Enjoys greatly            | 139 In the house           |                           | 61 Dominate thoughts               | 121 In abundance                   |                          |                      |                        |
| 74 Type of fruit             | 141 Always                 |                           |                                    | 124 Alpine home                    |                          |                      |                        |
|                              | 143 Uncooked               |                           |                                    | 127 Book of maps                   |                          |                      |                        |

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To assist residents who may be thinking about setting up a home-based business the Shire is holding an information session to advise residents of the requirements to be able to commence, and thereafter operate, a home business.

**Date:** Monday 29 April  
**Time:** 10.00am to 11.30am  
**Location:** Shire of Mundaring, Administration Centre, 7000 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring

If you wish to attend please advise the Shire's Planning Department on 9290 6740 or via email to [shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au) by **4.00pm on 12 April.**

**Jason Whiteaker**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## Public Notices

**Local Government Act 1995**  
**City of Swan**  
**Notice of intention to borrow proposed loan (No. 223) of \$7,757,846**

Pursuant to section 6.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the City of Swan hereby gives one month's public notice that it proposes to borrow money on the following terms: seven million, seven hundred and fifty-seven thousand, eight hundred and forty-six dollars only for a period of 10 years repayable by forty consecutive quarterly instalments of principal and interest.

**Purpose:** Construction of an access road into Shady Hills Estate in Bullsbrook, as resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

**Stephen Cain**  
Chief Executive Officer

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## Upcoming Events

- **Midland CWA** meets every third Wednesday of the month at 10am at the Boiler Room Blacksmith Lane (off Main Gate) at the old Midland Railway Workshops. Look for the CWA signs, everyone welcome. For more information contact Maureen Barker on 0456 962 476 or email [maureenbarker1@gmail.com](mailto:maureenbarker1@gmail.com)
- **Midland Friendly Garden Club** meets at 9.30am every second Thursday at Bruce Douglas Pavilion, Brown Park, Salisbury Road, Swan View. Next meeting will take place on April 4. The guest speakers will be Linda and Luke Mitchener from The Green Life Soil Co in Midvale who will be talking about the latest studies and advances in improving our soils. New members and visitors are welcome. For more information call Steve 0409 157 447 or Jenny 0424 553 002.
- **Rosehill Ladies Golf Club** meets each Tuesday at 8am at Hillview Public Golf Club, Kalamunda Road, Maida Vale. The season runs from March to November. New members

welcome. For more information call Roz on 0419 915 623 or Julia on 0419 954 106.

- **National Seniors Kalamunda Branch** meets at 10am on Tuesday, April 9 at the Church of Christ Function Centre, 20 Mileti Road, Lesmurdie. Morning tea provided. The guest speaker is Niagra Therapy senior therapy consultant Sandra Finnerty whose topic is 'How the circulation and lymphatic systems slow down with age and how that affects the quality of life of many seniors'. For more information call Maureen on 0427 084 422.
- **The Kalamunda Ladies Probus Club** meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Kalamunda Club on Kalamunda Road. Arrival time is 9.30am for a 10am meeting start followed by morning tea and then a guest speaker. For more, call Trish on 0468 309 823.

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### Woofers of the week

Miles is a two-year old cane corso cross. He is very strong so needs some one used to handling big dogs. He does not get along with cats and he would benefit with more training as he doesn't realise his size. He is sterilised, vaccinated and microchipped. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.





The Ellenbrook Easterns division 5 women's teams won the grand final against Mirrabooka.

## Ellenbrook Easterns win softball grand final

**DESPITE** only losing two games in the home and away season and even beating their opposition at their past two meetings the Ellenbrook Easterns went into the grand final enthusiastic but also nervous.

But the Division 5 women's team put on brave faces in front of the sea of black and orange who had migrated to Mirrabooka stadium from Ellenbrook to support them and went on to beat the Jaguars 11-10.

Ellenbrook Easterns coaches Shannon and Dale Astill said at the first dig, the Easterns started in the field with the home team advantage and went straight to work like they had all season, backing up their pitchers with rock solid defence.

The Jaguars fired early but Anita Bush started the counter rolling an out at 3rd with Lorrae Kemp.

The Jaguars big hitter stepped up and Katrina Devlin took the catch they were waiting for.

Donna Grigg rounded out the dig snatch-

ing a fantastic grab on a line drive that would've otherwise seen runs score.

But instead the side got their chance with the bat.

Devlin's lead of good luck continued and like she has all season, she was stealing bases before the opposition knew what was going on.

Andrea Hardeman then took to their pitcher driving in the first run with a two base hit.

Brielle Astill walked and Jamie Knight drove the pair in with a great drive to right field.

Susie Sirolli belted a ball deep into centre field, and it took a spectacular catch from the Jaguars player to finish off the dig.

Second dig and both teams brought their A games to the delight of spectators.

In the field, Grigg was putting on a catching clinic at first bag, even going bare hand on one catch just to take another few heartbeats from the coaches.

Kell Hennings rounded out the dig with

the first of three strike outs in the game.

With that the Easterns held them to another run-less dig.

But the Jaguars pitcher earned a mention, putting the Easterns under some real pressure and they couldn't put any more runs in.

Third dig the Easterns faced the challenge they knew was coming and the pressure of the grand final started showing with a few errors sneaking in.

Hennings finished the batters off though with more great pitching even though she'd been hit with a stray ball on a play to home.

By the end of the Jaguars bat and with time running out the Easterns faced a six-run deficit but they went out and got on with it.

Big hits from Astill and Sirolli along with great drive balls from Knight and Kemp saw the lead pegged back, before Bush drove in the tying runs, stealing home, along with the championship run and the show.

## Rocky chills in Red Hill

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Once they get a chance to really relax and get over the hard work and pressure of racing she notices a big change in them even Rocky.

"He came here and you couldn't put him in a paddock without him bolting off and bucking and kicking away and now you put him in the paddock and he just stands there looking at me like 'Well is that it? What else are we doing mum?'" Ms Barbarich said.

"He's probably been one of the biggest changes I've seen in a horse and he just follows me around like a puppy dog now."

She said in her opinion every horse when it finished racing should have time to just chill out and get that racing working ethic out of their head for a bit and just become a horse and relax again.

"It's a very relaxed environment here and the dogs run around, the neighbour's dog comes over to visit, we've got kangaroos that (hop) up and down the street - everything is just very, very low-keyed and relaxed."

When asked what she gets out of it she said she loved the thoroughbred.

"I think they are just one of the most amazing horses, they're intelligent and you can work so well with them."

"I love seeing the change in them and I love finding them a home where they are going to be loved, where they're going to be someone's horse not just my horse here that has to deal with a few different other horses getting my attention."

She takes time trying to match each horse with a new owner.

"I will have people come out - they can come out three or four times, they can come out and ride, they can come out and just play with the horse and get to know it," she said.

But she is quite happy to say 'No sorry' if she doesn't think the horse and a potential owner are a good match.

She had a hip replacement 18 months ago, which made it very difficult for her to keep up with heavy stable work but has got herself set up so is sort of semi-retired now although she continues to do horse rug repairs, which she has done for about 14 years.

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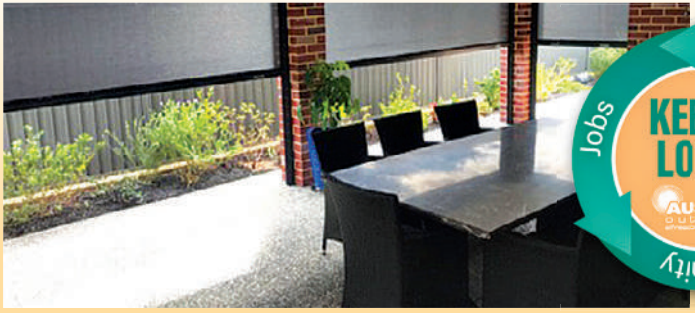


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