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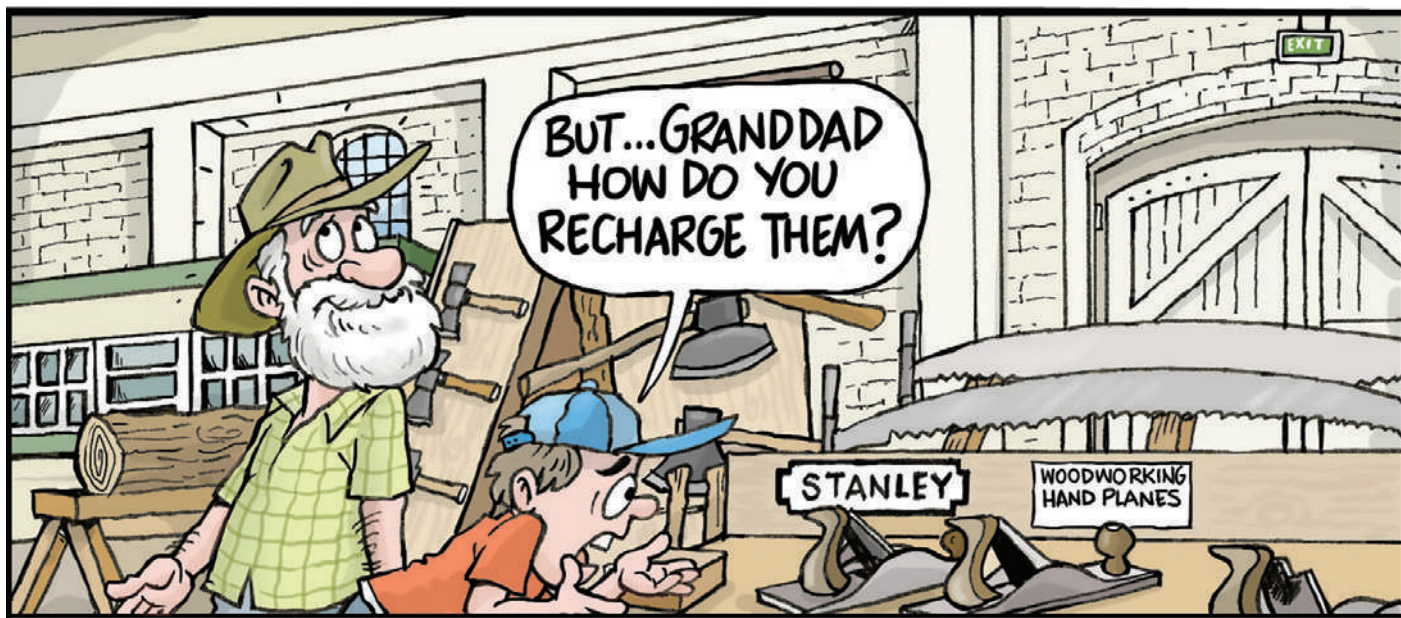
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**Dear Echo News,**  
 As the cost-of-living crisis deepens on the back of a global pandemic and natural disasters, many people are feeling overwhelmed with how to address the issues facing their community.  
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ing targeted, local solutions.  
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 We were inspired to see genuine interest from community leaders to understand the findings and as a result, we have welcomed some great initiatives, such as progress towards a National Housing and Homelessness Plan and a modest increase to the JobSeeker allowance, but there is still so much to do.  
 This latest survey will allow us to gauge where progress has been made and where help is desperately needed.  
 It has become a crucial part of our advocacy, changing leaders' perspectives on social justice.  
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**Thought for the day**

"If my mind can conceive it, if my heart can believe it, then I can achieve it."  
 - Muhammad Ali

**Joyous jarrah news**

**Dear Echo News,**  
 Joyous jarrah news.

As of April 9 2024, Shire of Mundaring (SOM) has become the first "Jarrah Joy Council" in the northern jarrah forest belt.

This means it is the first shire in that huge unique ecosystem centred on the ancient giant jarrah - that runs from the Julimar Forest in Toodyay, south through Collie - to board the shire collaboration for this land to become UNESCO listed as a World Heritage Biosphere Reserve.

At the mid-March annual electors meeting, the electorate had voted through four motions from the community that directly moved for SOM to join other shires in this quest.

These were addressed at the April shire council meeting, with positive joyous outcomes for all of them.

SOM indicates it has a heartfelt interest in saving our unique jarrah-based biodiversity, has in the past tried to get local shires cooperating in surveying this land, supports the community in rolling out jarrah forest ecology education across the shire, agrees that SOM is eligible for the UNESCO listing, which would boost eco-investment, and hence is writing to two government departments to find out the process for our northern jarrah forests becoming a World Heritage Biosphere Reserve.

The council also learned that an informal community art poster

petition, to the Australian PM and WA State Premier, for their support in obtaining UNESCO accreditation for the northern jarrah forest belt to become UNESCO listed, has in less than a month, obtained almost 1000 signees.  
 May all the other shires in the jarrah forests rapidly hop on board the Jarrah Joy Council train.  
 It is the only way to save and regenerate our magnificent jarrah ecology.  
**S Braun**  
**Mundaring**

**Bilgoman pool**

**Dear Echo News,**  
 What is the matter with the Mundaring Shire that it yet again closes the Bilgoman Pool just before the school holidays amid perfect 30 degree-plus temperatures, and which has its libraries closed to the public on Saturdays and Sundays?  
 Surely it can't be just the cost, because it could easily close libraries on Mondays or Fridays so that those who work could attend on Sunday and even Saturday afternoons?  
 And why not seek volunteers, especially from the seniors community, to add to those employed at the libraries?  
 Many of us would be up for that.  
 As for Bilgoman Pool - that is simply a dastardly attack on the junior members of the hills community, who can't vote, can't swim and who don't seem to matter.  
 Common sense and the ability to think lat-

erally have long been absent from the Shire of Mundaring.

**P Carman**  
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# Barladong Elders say 'We don't want a tip'



Dr Marion Kickett at the culturally important Aboriginal heritage site that proponents want to turn into a landfill site.

PETER W LEWIS

**BARLADONG** Noongar Elder Dr Marion Kickett, along with 13 of her cousins, met with the chair of the EPA Appeals Committee last week, Dr Garry Middle, with a clear message: "We don't want a tip at Allawuna Farm".

She has also rejected claims that local Indigenous groups have been properly consulted over the planned landfill at Allawuna Farm, located on the Great Southern Highway.

Dr Kickett represents some of the descendants and grandchildren of Thomas Kickett Junior and his wife Josephine Blurton, formally of the York reserve.

"Last week was the first time we have been consulted over the more than 12 years since the tip was first proposed, and as the traditional Barladong Noongar custodians of York, we have traditional, historical, and contemporary links and a strong connection to York," she said.

Dr Kickett said she was told the appeals committee has spoken to three local Elders, which they wouldn't identify or confirm how they were selected, and felt that was inappropriate as wider consultation should have occurred.

"Our grandmother Josephine gave birth to a number of her children on the Thirteen Mile Brook as did many other Aboriginal women during the 1930s and 1940s. Some babies survived and some died and were buried on the banks of the Thirteen Mile Brook," she said.

"Oral history was shared by our aunties about the traditional Barladong birthing practices including rituals and ceremonies performed. Oral stories were told to us by our grandparents, parents, uncles and aunties about the importance and sacredness of waterways such as Thirteen Mile Brook and Wambyn (Aboriginal name) otherwise known as Saint Ronans Well.

"We do not want any disturbance of these traditional sites. We do not want any disturbance of our sacred dreaming the Waagle (serpent) that we traditionally believe created and continues to maintain the water ways surrounding Allawuna Farm."

"We have spiritual connections to country. If children died during childbirth they were buried there – we don't want the area disturbed, they are disturbing our sacred areas of our birth and burial site.

"The site has been used for probably thousands of years as a place where women give birth. Some babies have died at the site during birth and the placentas of babies that do not die are usually buried there."

She said the site was used in more recent times when Aboriginal women were not allowed to give birth in the local hospital.

Dr Kickett said her group were never consulted over the tip proposal, as traditional custodians of York and surrounding areas.

"The Environmental Protection Authority of Western Australia does not appear to understand the geography of the area. Why does it refer to the Helena River which goes nowhere near the proposed development site," she said.

"Why does the EPA say that it 'does not consider there to be a material risk to Aboriginal heritage' and then contradict itself by recommending a condition to avoid disturbance of an Aboriginal cultural heritage site?" Dr Kickett said.

She said the EPA positively states and seems to accept that the proponent consulted with three local elders.

Dr Kickett has written to Dr Middle and asked if the developer provided further factual information about this to the EPA in its submissions which have not been disclosed to her as a petitioner?

"I maintain my ground of appeal and will not compromise. I liken this to the destruction of the Juukan George in the Pilbara and the breach of trust placed on Aboriginal Traditional Owners," she said.

"To us this proposal is disturbing our sacred areas, you wouldn't place a tip on a cemetery would you?"

She said she was currently taking steps to get the site heritage listed.

A final decision by Environment Minister Reece Whitby is still pending with his office still unable to confirm a date, despite the fact that submissions closed almost a year ago.

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Local Government Minister Hannah Beazley with father Daniel Morgan (left), Oscar and Zander Morgan and Wanneroo MLA Sabine Winton.

## York upgrades to off-road vehicle areas

**UPGRADES to two off-road vehicle (ORV) areas in York and Ledge Point are complete, providing safe and environmentally friendly sites for trail bike, quad bike and all-terrain vehicle users.**

The state government has invested \$100,000 to improve the ORV areas, which was carried out by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC).

Upgrades at other sites are in the pipeline, as the search continues to expand Western Australia's ORV network, which includes 21 local government areas and four privately owned sites.

Arrangements for an ORV area in the Peel region are well-advanced, with DLGSC issuing a licence to a private proponent to undertake investigations and carry out due diligence.

This new facility, designed only for two-

wheel bikes, is expected to launch next year.

Additionally, the future of Pinjar's ORV site was assured when the government decided to end pine harvesting in the Gngangara State Forest, to preserve the roosting habitat of the endangered black cockatoo and support the recreational use of the area.

Local Government Minister Hannah Beazley said off-road vehicles have become very popular in recent years.

"The state government recognises this growing demand from locals and tourists for these areas to be safer and environmentally sensitive.

"A bonus is riders are more likely to avoid using areas of environmental or cultural importance."

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## Dry season taskforce for 2024

**THE state government will establish a 2024 Dry Season Taskforce to help address concerns as farmers across Western Australia experience challenging seasonal conditions.**

The taskforce will be chaired by Wheatbelt Development Commission chief executive officer Rob Cossart, who also led the emergency response to the Kimberley floods, in his role as State Recovery Coordinator.

The taskforce will share information and identify ways in which the agriculture industry, in collaboration with government, can support farm businesses and rural communities during current dry season challenges, which are expected to become the 'new normal' due to climate change.

The taskforce will consider access and availability of fodder for livestock, and water for livestock and cropping operations; extension and adoption of drought resilient practices across different farming systems; and provision of evidence-based information and tools to support on-farm decision making processes.

There will also be opportunities for collaboration and co-ordination of industry, local and State Government activities.

The state government has a range of resources and programs in place to help farmers and regional communities prepare for and manage the impacts of more frequent dry seasons.

Agriculture and Food Minister Jackie Jarvis said autumn was

already proving to be hotter and drier than previous years across much of the state, and some areas have had no real rain since spring last year.

"Livestock and horticultural producers are already feeling the brunt of this," she said.

"Climate modelling is indicating we may have a late break to the season across grain growing regions, and I want to ensure WA farmers have all the information they need to support critical on-farm decision making.

"This hot, dry weather is the 'new normal' due to the effects of climate change, and it's absolutely vital we find new ways to tackle these challenges going forward."

## Noongar artists on show

**FIVE Noongar Artists are contributing to public art on the Metronet Morley-Ellenbrook line project creating pieces that celebrate Noongar culture and connection to Country.**

The artists and their works include Whadjuk, Ballardong and Yamatji Noongar artist Marcia McGuire, with award-winning Australian designer Penelope Forlano, who are creating glass skylights for the five stations on the Morley-Ellenbrook line, with each skylight sharing and honouring concepts of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal beliefs.

Marcia is also creating metal ar-

bour screens that draw inspiration from Ellenbrook being a 'place of looking', and feature the circular stump of the Balga, as well as gum and peppermint tree leaves.

Nimunburr, Yawuru and Ballardong Noongar artist Kambarni is creating patterned metal arbour screens for Ellenbrook station's platform, with the designs paying respect to the natural environment and representing the movement of people through changing landscapes.

Noongar artists Nathan Coruna and Darren Hutchens will paint a bright, bold mural to surround Ellenbrook station's electrical

building, representing the Karla Nara Gynning Bidi (Ellenbrook train track). Bidis represent the seasonal movements of animals and people.

Finally, Noongar artist Peter Farmer, in collaboration with Jason Hirst, is creating four arrival sculptures that will be positioned in pairs to reflect how Noongar people and families travelled together on Country in search of food and water sources.





Swan councillor Rashelle Predovnik has moved a successful motion to have a decision to increase the vacant land tax by 30 per cent revoked.

## Vacant land tax increase proposal bites the dust

ANITA McINNES

**FOLLOWING** debate during which councillor Dave Knight said concern about a proposed 30 per cent vacant land tax increase was a 'storm in a tea cup' the motion has been revoked by City of Swan councillors.

On April 10 Cr Rashelle Predovnik introduced a motion to revoke the original motion introduced by Cr Knight in February, which was passed 9-6.

Cr Predovnik's reason for wanting the motion revoked included that voting for a 30 per cent rate hike – with no consultation and no communication with about 4700 ratepayers that had been singled out – and targeted to cop the hike – was being viewed as discrimination.

She also said people were wondering why wasn't the city asking all rate payers to contribute to a tree planting levy – since this was an issue that affected every ratepayer.

"They ask if this motion to raise revenue for tree planting really is for the greater good – as was mentioned in the debate in February – why aren't all ratepayers being asked to share the load?" she said.

Seconding the motion Cr Rod Henderson said consideration of the unintended consequences of the proposal had not been thought through.

"A proper consultation free of other influencing factors is required," he said.

When Cr Knight introduced the motion, which passed due to a casting vote by Mayor Tanya Richardson, he said the reason for the motion was the housing crisis and the need to increase urban in-fill by encouraging vacant landholders to develop their land.

He said the proposal would bring the city into line with other local government areas and generate an estimated \$1.5 million extra per annum.

His third reason was that the money raised could be spent on lining the city's streets with trees, which would improve property values, create better, healthier more desirable places to live, which would improve the return for the landholders when they develop their blocks of land and sell; as well

as expediting the goals of the city's urban forest plan.

During the debate Cr Haeden Miles said there continued to be some confusion about the motion that was proposed to be revoked and the council decision back in February did not formerly impose a differential rate on vacant land.

"Cr Knight's motion simply set the ball rolling on a proposed measure that's adopted by many local governments and their (proposed) vacant land tax rating is actually higher than ours," he said.

"In relation to Cr Predovnik's reasons for the revocation, in particular the lack of community consultation, staff also outlined the city was still obliged to prepare a draft budget and advertise the (objectives) and reasons for categories of rates, which would have allowed for widespread feedback on the proposal and the council could then consider that before making any changes."

He said the majority of ratepayers and residents would benefit from the proposal.

Deputy mayor Ian Johnson said to see how much vacant land there was people just needed to take a walk around three streets in Midland – Cope Street, Loton Avenue and Hooley Road – where he said there were 10 vacant blocks.

Cr Charlie Zannino said the proposal was out of touch given current economic realities and quoted a letter *Unused land burdens*, (*Echo News*, March 22) from Midland vacant land owner Michelle Zimmel.

She said the dire state of the building industry had prevented her from developing the block and on-selling it.

"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," she wrote.

"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."

## Granny flat exemptions begin to boost housing diversity

**RELAXED** amendments to residential design codes (R-Codes) aimed at boosting housing supply by removing minimum lot size requirements for granny flats have taken effect.

R-code compliant ancillary dwellings (granny flats) on residential lots of any size in Western Australia will not require planning approval, allowing homeowners to simply seek a building permit.

Granny flats will no longer be required to be compatible with the design of the existing dwelling.

The minimum lot size requirement of 350 square metres has been removed opening up greater diversity of housing choice, while ancillary dwellings will now also be permitted in grouped dwellings and strata lots.

Ancillary dwellings or granny flats are not required to have a parking bay, except for some den-

sities or locations where a car is more likely to be needed due to distance from public transport.

Granny flats will still need to meet setback requirements and must not exceed 70sqm.

Planning Minister John Carey said the government was continuing to do everything they can to bolster housing supply throughout Western Australia – including through nation-leading planning reforms that cut unnecessary red tape.

"The new exemptions for ancillary dwellings – or granny flats – offer a boost to housing diversity, choice and supply for residential areas in WA.

"This is just one of the major reforms to the state's planning system that aim to accelerate the delivery of diverse housing supply."

Residential property owners can contact their local government for information about building an ancillary dwelling and whether an exemption applies.

## Nationals preselections to be held in Kalamunda



Nationals WA leader Shane Love talks to Peter fom Kalamunda Community Radio.

**THE** Nationals WA have used the Kalamunda Show to promote their first state council to be held in Kalamunda where they will preselect candidates for four metropolitan seats, including Kalamunda.

For the first time in the more than 100-year history of The Nationals WA, the party had a presence at last weekend's Kalamunda Show as they look toward contesting metropolitan seats at the 2025 State election.

Leader Shane Love attended the two-day event, including the official opening, and praised the Kalamunda community for a wonderful event.

"It was great to see the community come together, and I commend the Kalamunda & Districts Agricultural Society for organising a fantastic event for families to enjoy," he said.

"As The Nationals WA seek to contest seats in the metropolitan region, including Kalamunda, the show was a great forum to hear from residents about the projects and priorities they want to see from us in the future."

Kalamunda resident and Nationals WA member Lisa Logan said the event was part of a momentous push by the Nationals into the Perth Hills and metropolitan area.

"This weekend the Nationals WA state council will be held in Kalamunda for the very first time and will preselect candidates for four metropolitan seats, including Bateman, Darling Range, Kalamunda and South Perth," Ms Logan said.

"And next week, we will hold the first ever meeting of the Perth Hills branch of the Nationals WA, further establishing our presence in the area."



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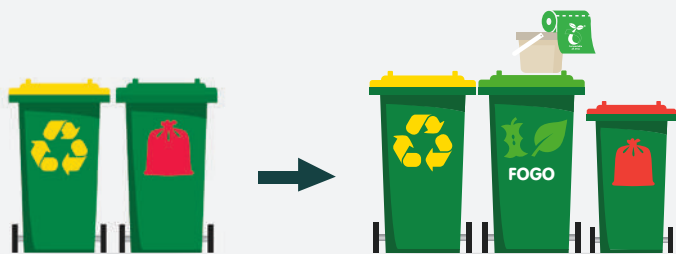
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## Disaster resilience a hot topic in the Perth Hills

ANITA McINNES

**MORE than 70 people attended a community forum in Mundaring to talk about strengthening connectivity and resilience during bushfires and storms.**

Senator Linda Reynolds said it was important that all levels of government and stakeholders engaged with the community to find solutions to improve connectivity and resilience in the Perth Hills.

"Growing up in Gooseberry Hill and as a former federal Disaster Management minister, I know first-hand the significant impact these disasters have on communities and the great examples of governments taking action locally," she said.

Senator Reynolds said Telstra and NBN Co, who attended the community forum at her invitation, took questions from the floor and there were clear issues identified by the community, including the inability to access telecommunications when the power was out, particularly during natural disaster emergencies.

"I look forward to establishing a working group with key stakeholders to continue to find ways to strengthen connectivity and disaster resilience in the community."

But she said the community had been let down by the federal government's failure to deliver funding for disaster resilience and connectivity in the Perth Hills.

"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.

"As we move into winter, now is the time for Hasluck MHR Tania Lawrence to provide the necessary funding to assist the community's ability to prepare for and respond to natural disasters."

Hasluck MHR Tania Lawrence said it was frustrating for many people across the electorate to access reliable communications – particularly in the Perth Hills and the Swan Valley.

"Some of the issues, including at my own property, are due to the terrain – with hills and our trees blocking line of sight signals; some are due to the type of our building structures," she said.

"Since being elected in 2022, I have not stopped advocating for improvements to the telecommunications network across Hasluck, meeting regularly with businesses, householders, and with Communications Minister Michelle Rowland, who also has visited the area to look at the possible solutions.

"Through collaboration with mobile network operators and local governments to identify areas needing improvement, I have secured funding for a new transmission site in Stoneville, we've worked to improve the upgrades in Brigadoon to provide greater coverage across more of the Swan Valley, and there is a possibility of yet more funding through Round 2 of the peri urban mobile program, which is currently assessing applications.

## Nationals promise a disaster recovery centre

ANITA McINNES

**THE Nationals WA have pledged to establish a new lead agency to manage disaster recovery and make WA communities safer and more resilient if returned to government in next year's March state election.**

When making his announcement Nationals WA leader Shane Love said a WA Resilience & Recovery Agency, modelled on similar agencies already operating successfully in other jurisdictions, would ensure WA communities could rebuild, recover and reconnect sooner and more effectively in the aftermath of a disaster.

This week when answering a range of questions about disaster readiness and mobile connectivity for Perth Hills communities, federal Hasluck MHR Tania Lawrence referred *Echo News* to the February 2024 Update on the government response to the Wooroloo Review.

Recommendation 1 of the review is the consideration of a dedicated Perth Hills incident management facility.

The review said following the completion of stage 2 of the options analysis the construction of a new incident control centre (ICC) in the Perth Hills had been placed on the Department of Emergency Services strategic asset plan and would be presented to the state

government for consideration.

Mr Love said the state government's woeful response to cyclone Seroja, which saw just \$8.8 million out of a promised \$104.5m disaster recovery funding arrangements package reach the ground as a clear example of why a standalone agency was needed.

"Many families, businesses and communities found the recovery grants offered following Cyclone Seroja difficult to access or too restrictive in how they could be used," he said.

The proposed agency would take a proactive approach to keeping communities safe by reducing risks, helping communities prepare for disaster and building resilience capacity at a local level.

"The agency will also take the lead in administering funding following disasters, ensuring it reaches those in need in a timely manner, reducing the haphazard approach to recovery grants, and providing greater transparency and accountability."

Agricultural MLC and opposition Emergency Services spokesman Martin Aldridge, who on Wednesday, April 17 announced he would step down at the next election, said the proposed agency would provide a dedicated recovery capability, taking pressure off local governments, emergency service volunteers, community

groups and other agencies.

"Under existing arrangements, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services is often only responsible for immediate disaster response, leaving local governments, community groups and volunteers to do the heavy lifting with their long-term recovery," he said.

"As we saw following the Wooroloo bushfire...recovery can take months or even years, and many local governments have limited capacity to coordinate and undertake recovery activities on such a significant scale.

"Numerous reports, including the Bushfire Royal Commission, have called for state governments to take a larger role in disaster preparedness and recovery, and that is something the Nationals will deliver by establishing a WA reconstruction authority."

Mr Aldridge said the Queensland Reconstruction Authority was regarded in the emergency services community as a 'best practice' model for disaster recovery and had provided almost \$1.5 billion in disaster recovery support and secured \$670m funding for Queensland.

"This is (way) beyond what WA has been able to deliver to help disaster impacted communities build back sooner and stronger, showing just how inadequate our current recovery model is."

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# House tour of a Bellevue home taken off grid



Martin Chape and his solar panel array. Pictures: Guanhao Cheng

GUANHAO CHENG

**A BELLEVUE man will be showcasing his off-grid house on Tennyson Street this weekend from 9.30am to 3.30pm on Sunday, April 21.**

Retired telecommunications engineer Martin Chape has worked on taking his home off-grid since 2011, beginning by installing lights that worked with solar panels, and tinkering with the possibilities of using a small wind turbine for generating power.

Mr Chape has been able to build a system to power his house and its electrical appliances without relying on his electricity retailer by using the set up in his back shed, which he said would be a main attraction during the house tour.

"I hope the house tour will attract people with questions so I can give them answers from my experience in making my own home self-sustaining," he said.

Mr Chape said he wanted to provide suggestions for making visitors' homes more sustainable to ease cost-of-living expenses in the long run.

"The tour will be mostly about my experiences because I can build a better house now," he said.

"I want to show my mistakes and give people information so they can make intelligent decisions.

"I imagine not many people will want to showcase their mistakes."

Mr Chape's talk will focus on replacing appliances with more energy efficient models, using your

own solar generated power instead of selling it and buying it back at a higher price, and understanding and inspecting the insulation at home as just some of the cheaper methods of improving energy usage and reducing electricity costs.

Mr Chape's house is one of the featured houses for WA during this year's sustainable house day, which is an event from the non-profit organisation Renew aiming to provide the "opportunity to explore some of Australia's most inspiring homes, and learn from the people who designed them, built them, and live in them".

Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and free for children under 12, and can be found at <https://sustainablehouseday.com/listing/martys-off-grid-house/>



Martin Chape's off grid system in his shed.

# Lilac Hill foreshore revegetation is underway

**THE revegetation of Lilac Hill's picturesque foreshore is underway with thousands of native plants set to line the banks of the Swan River.**

The City of Swan has teamed up with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) for a two-year co-funded project that will have environmental benefits for many years to come.

The revegetation efforts will develop the ecological corridor from Lilac Hill Park's southern foreshore to Barkers Bridge, supporting biodiversity, increasing shade and stabilising soils along the riverbank.

The project was launched with a traditional Aboriginal smoking ceremony by Noongar man Trevor Stack near Lilac Hill Park on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

It was made possible by \$172,513 in grant funding from the DBCA's Swan Canning Riverpark urban forest (SCRUF) program, and guidance from Aboriginal environmental consultants.

The SCRUF program helps to deliver pro-

jects that improve the Swan Canning Riverpark's amenity, use and ecosystem health.

Preserving Swan's incredible natural assets is a key focus for the City, as outlined in its strategic community plan.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said it was important to act now to protect the environment.

"Our population is expected to reach about 220,000 by 2034 – an increase of almost 50,000 people in just 10 years," she said.

"While we embrace our rapidly growing population, and the development necessary to accommodate everyone, we know we must preserve and enhance our precious natural environment.

"Focusing on revegetation projects such as this one is part of our overarching plan to support our biodiversity and protect our valuable natural resources.

"It is our responsibility to preserve the environment so that our residents, visitors and our children have an urban forest to enjoy."



City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson and Noongar man Trevor Stack at the Lilac Hill foreshore.

# Extra funding for child services

ANITA McINNES

**EAST Metropolitan MLC and opposition Early Childhood Education spokeswoman Donna Faragher says the state government's announcement to provide extra money to child development services is a win for everyone calling for increased funding.**

On April 9 Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson announced \$39 million for the Child Development Service to substantially increase staff and overhaul the vital service.

In *AMA joins call for govt action on child services* (*Echo News*, April 5) AMA (WA) paediatrician representative Stephen Oo said the state government had been well aware of the crisis in access to paediatric care.

Dr Oo said the select committee into Child Development Services had shown there had been a 52 per cent increase in referrals to child development services since 2013-14 with the last significant increase in staffing in 2010.

Ms Sanderson said the investment in both the Child and Adolescent Health Service metropolitan service (CAHS-CDS) and WA Country Health Service regional service (WACHS-CDS) would be part of the 2024-25 state budget.

The funding boost will allow a significant increase in clinical staff, including paediatricians, clinical nurse specialists, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, psychologists and audiologists, in both the metro and regional areas.

The funding also includes infrastructure funding to lease additional temporary accommodation to allow staff to see more families.



Donna Faragher

"This \$39 million investment will pave the way for a major uplift in CDS staff, especially in clinical roles, and ensures this vital service meets the needs of WA kids and families," Ms Sanderson said.

Mrs Faragher said while the announcement was very welcome it had taken far too long for the government to finally act.

"There are almost 10,000 children on a waitlist to see a paediatrician and the current median wait time is 21.3 months (February 2024)," she said.

"Children are also waiting almost a year to see a speech pathologist or an occupational therapist.

"I will be seeking more detail through the Parliament on this funding increase to determine the immediate impact it will have on wait lists and I will continue to push for other measures to be introduced that aim to reduce wait times and increase service provision across Western Australia."

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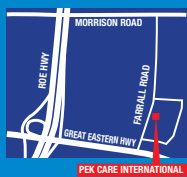


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# Improved water security for Wheatbelt is in the pipeline

**FUTURE** upgrades to the Goldfields and Wheatbelt's Agricultural Water Supply Scheme (GAWSS) are being prioritised with the state government investing \$15 million to help support long-term economic development.

Funded as part of the 2024-2025 state budget, the new funding will enable the Water Corporation to undertake critical scoping and design work as it plans the staged upgrades required to meet future demand, including for the Goldfields strategic industrial areas.

The GAWSS – totalling 9601km in length, including the heritage-listed Goldfields Pipeline – supplies drinking water to more than 100,000 residential and business customers from Mundaring to Kalgoorlie, including Northam, Cunderdin, Kellerberrin, Merredin and Southern Cross.

Water Corporation has commenced concept design studies, with planning to consider options to expedite the delivery of the upgrades, including early engagement with potential partners, as well as detailed engineering design and on-site preliminary works.

The work will include designing an initial 112km of upgraded Goldfields Pipeline, pump stations and ancillary infrastructure (surge vessels, treatment units and storage), involving further heritage, environmental, topographical and geotechnical surveys.

This will be supported by ongoing consultation with key stakeholders, including landowners, local government and Traditional Owners, around the proposed alignment of the upgraded section. Recognising the significance of the



Pat Donovan with Water Minister Simone McGurk.

Goldfields Pipeline, the project will align to a forthcoming heritage interpretation strategy and management plan – guided by a community research project completed last year – to help preserve the 121-year-old pipeline's heritage and tourism value.

Pending further approvals, the staged upgrades to the GAWSS are expected to commence in 2025.

Water Minister Simone McGurk said the initial \$15 million commitment would fund detailed design and engineering works to inform a long-term

program of staged upgrades to the Goldfields Pipeline.

"Progressive upgrades to the Goldfields Pipeline remain the most cost-effective and reliable solution to meet increasing demand – unlocking more opportunities for economic development and growth in the Wheatbelt and Goldfields," she said.

"The Goldfields Pipeline has a rich history. These upgrades will ensure that it continues to meet the needs of the community and industry for years to come."

## New executive director for Swan



Sarah McQuade.

**DR Sarah McQuade has been appointed the City of Swan's new place stakeholder management executive director.**

A highly regarded leader with experience in the local and state government sectors, Dr McQuade will start with the city on Monday, July 1.

She joins Swan – a vast and diverse local government area

that covers almost 20 per cent of Perth – after almost nine years with the City of Canning.

She spent the past three-and-a-half years as Canning's customer and community director, leading the city's community-facing services and programs.

Before entering the local government sector, she gained executive leadership experience with the State Library of WA as community, learning and discovery director.

Dr McQuade also served as chair of the National and State Libraries Australasia's Indigenous working group from 2011 to 2014.

She is a Doctor of Philosophy and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD).

In her new role with Swan, she will lead the city's customer ex-

perience, communications and engagement, organisational planning and development, and business and tourism services teams.

"I am excited to be joining the City of Swan and working in partnership with the community to help shape the sustainable growth of the city," Dr McQuade said.

"It is a privilege to join the city's executive team and to work alongside them and council in continuing the great work they're doing in supporting Swan to continue to grow and prosper."

Dr McQuade will replace Merial Pickering, who is leaving the city to continue her career in local government.

City of Swan chief executive officer Stephen Cain said Dr McQuade would be a valuable member of the Swan administration and community.

## EMRC CEO Marcus Geisler retires

**THE East Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) is on the hunt for a new chief executive officer following the retirement after five years of service by Marcus Geisler.**

EMRC chairperson Filomena Piffaretti said she and her team bid farewell to a visionary leader who has steered the regional council through remarkable growth and success.

"During his tenure, Marcus Geisler has exemplified unwavering commitment, strategic foresight, and a passion for circular economy and innovation in our region," she said.

Under his guidance, the company has achieved milestones

such as diversification and significant revenue growth, developed a FOGO strategy, expanded its market presence, delivered the Hazelmere Waste Transfer station, and moved towards commissioning the Circular Energy Recovery plant.

"He has also championed employee development, diversity, and community engagement, and as he embarks on this new chapter of life, I express my heartfelt gratitude for his tireless dedication.

"His leadership has inspired us all, and we are confident that his legacy will continue to resonate within the EMRC," she said.

The EMRC will now embark



Marcus Geisler.

on a recruitment process to identify the most suitable candidate to ensure the ongoing delivery of waste management services and to drive circular economy-based initiatives and sustainable benefits for the region.

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## Heritage hand tools showcased

**THE Hand Tool Preservation Society of WA's (HTPSWA) Yester Year Tool Show on the weekend in the Old Midland Railways Pattern Shop was a huge success with almost 2000 people in attendance.**

Hand tool heritage buffs viewed tools of bygone years from a diverse range of trades, including traditional coach building tools, sets of plane, shaves, chisels, braces, spanners, measuring items, saws and axes.

The ladies of the past were represented with displays of irons, mini sewing machines and kitchenalia.

HTPSWA president Kim Mitchell said many of the public brought along tools to be identified, or enquire about their history, as well as some that were donated.

“Interest for the public was high from both young and old, especially the working displays. The ‘timeline of tools’ allowed people to see the development of tools over the past centuries and the various materials that were used to make them,” Mr Mitchell said.

“The practical wood working area which allowed children to learn tool skills was also extremely popular.”

The Old Midland Railway Boiler Room and Powerhouse will be open to the public again on Saturday, May 11 from 9am to 1pm and an open day hosted by the Machinery Preservation Club on May 18 during the same times, along with a winter tool sales hosted by the HTPSWA.



## Swan is already on the EV path

ANITA McINNES

**WHILE some local governments are just starting down the electric vehicle path the City of Swan says almost 40 per cent of its light fleet and utility vehicles are already hybrid or electric.**

Recently WALGA said 22 local governments committed to spending \$7.68 million to roll out 129 battery electric vehicles to replace existing petrol and diesel vehicles.

The Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) provided \$3.51m and the state government \$1m to provide charging infrastructure and energy upgrades.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the city was committed to supporting a transition to clean energy supply that maintained affordability and reduced emissions.

“Part of our strategy is introducing electric vehicles to our fleet and improving access to charging infrastructure,” she said.

“The city was one of two local governments to take part in Australia’s first electric vehicle trial in 2010.

“Almost 40 per cent of our light fleet and utility vehicles are already hybrid or elec-

tric. “We are currently trialling the new generation of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV).

“If the trial is successful and provides a benefit to our ratepayers, it is likely that PHEVs will make up more of our fleet.”

The Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council, City of Kalamunda and shires of Mundaring, and Northam were among the local governments to benefit from the funding support, which WALGA said they had been working with local governments for nearly two years to develop.

WALGA President Karen Chappel said the project showed what was possible when governments and WALGA work together.

“This project, through aggregating procurement, will accelerate our local governments being able to transition their fleets to battery electric vehicles, providing cost effective solutions.

“For non-metropolitan local governments, this project is particularly important as the funding of power infrastructure upgrades will allow them to short circuit what would otherwise have been a difficult process,” Ms Chappel said.

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# Kalamunda Arts Group seeks members

**THE Kalamunda Arts Group is looking for new members to join in and are eager to share their knowledge and expertise with newcomers.**

Members gather at the St Barnabas church hall every Wednesday from noon to 4pm to get creative together.

There is no set medium to work in at the meet ups, and artists are encouraged to bring along the tools they feel most comfortable with or are most excited to learn more about.

The group also holds art sales at St Barnabas Hall on Fridays.

New members may display their artwork in the hall and when their work sells, they keep all the profit.

Kalamunda arts group president Norah Jackson said the exhibitions also helped drive business for the church's op-shop by drawing interest, and profits made by the church went

toward fundraising efforts.

"The amazing op-shop is well patronised and they have a terrific range of goods and many fantastic books," she said.

"It is a credit to the community and on Fridays they have morning teas and the food is delicious."

Mrs Jackson said it would cost \$50 per term to pay for the hall and the insurance, which included 10 sessions in total.

"Come a few times to see if you like it because the first two weeks are free," she said.

"We have all become great friends over time and it is fun to socialise.

"Think about it, get out of the house come and enjoy our company and create!"

For more information, ring Norah on 0438 352 667 or Marilyn on 0439 943 400.



Learn to paint or share your knowledge at the Kalamunda Arts Group.



## Hills climate change group back emissions reduction by shire

**PERTH Hills Climate Change Interest Group (PHCCIG) has congratulated the Shire of Mundaring for their work in exceeding their 2018 target of 30 per cent emissions reduction from 2016/17 levels.**

"At the March full council meeting an amended 'energy and

emissions reduction strategy' was adopted which will achieve a 70 per cent reduction on 2016/17 levels by 2030, and this will be achieved without using carbon offsets," PHCCIG secretary Alisa Paterson said.

"We are already seeing the impact of climate change in the Perth Hills, with low water levels in our creeks and dams and a loss of numerous trees and other vegetation in our gardens and forests. We can only hope that we get

good rains this autumn and winter," she said.

Residents interested in knowing more about climate change and actions you can take to mitigate or adapt, check out their website [www.phccig.org](http://www.phccig.org), subscribe to their newsletter, follow them on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/PHCCIG](http://www.facebook.com/PHCCIG)

Further information can also be found at their stall at the Mundaring Farmers Market to be held on Saturday, April 20.

The Perth Hills Climate Change Interest Group will have a stall at the next Mundaring Farmers Market on April 20.

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## Celebrating the heritage of York and Avon Valley



**ALL roads will lead to York next weekend for the third annual York Heritage Weekend that will showcase the heritage of the state's first inland settlement and the Avon Valley.**

Organised by the York Business Association, the weekend of events will centre around the historic York Town Hall which will play host to a range of demonstrations, displays and talks.

On show will be a large display by York RSL members, along with a presentation by members of the Western Australian Military digital library who will discuss the importance of preserving historical military memorabilia and how to access the service.

York Business Association president, Karen Thomas, said York had a strong history of cycling and this was something the association intended to expand.

The WA Historical Cycling Club will have a display in the town hall and will also give two talks - The Social History of Cycling and crossing the Nulbar Plain on a BMX.

"This year we have promoted from and including Anzac Day to encourage people to stay or use York as the base to explore the Avon valley region," she said.

All the usual historical places will be open over the weekend including the Motor Museum, Court House Cultural Centre, and the Residency Museum, (admission fees apply).

There will also be two other historical talks by heritage architect Eric Hancock, demonstrations of traditional carving and refurbishing antique furniture along with a display by the local fire and rescue volunteers.

"The WA Historical Cycling Club have been with us from the beginning and the parade of old bicycles especially the Penny Farthings is a show not to be missed," Ms Thomas said.

The centenary anniversary of the CWA is also

featured with the York branch putting on a varied programme of demonstrations and showcasing their many achievements over the years, not to mention copious amounts of scones, jam and cream and the never-ending discussion about which goes on first!

"There is a strong emphasis on music this year with the opening event being a concert in the stable yard of the Old Court House featuring local musicians and poetry readings and recitals.

This is entry by donation and a BYO event for the whole family and there are attractions from 6pm when the gates open through to 10pm.

The musical highlight will be the Mucky Duck Bush Band at Historic Faversham House on Saturday evening, a mere \$25 will get you a great evening of bush music in this classic historic setting.

There will also be wandering minstrels throughout the town on Saturday and Sunday as well as at the Settlers Hotel and restaurant.

"Saturday also sees the Morris Dancers hit town and they will be delighted to show you how to join in and avoid getting clobbered by those large sticks," Ms Thomas said.

Sunday is family day with traditional games at the RSL on Avon Terrace featuring skittles, dominoes, quoits and so much more, including a visit from the miniature donkeys.

Sunday you can also try your hand at croquet at a have a go day at the York Croquet Club.

"Most events are either free or by donation and this is due to the generosity of local businesses and organisations giving freely of their time and expertise," she said.

"There are interesting shop displays to see along Avon Terrace as well as our newly refurbished colourful flowerpots. There are plenty of opportunities to relax at one of the many local hostels while grabbing some food and refreshment."

# Celebrate

## The 2024 York Heritage Weekend

### at the opening event Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

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## York Heritage Weekend Program

### SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

ALL DAY EVENTS - FREE OR GOLD COIN DONATION

**From 9.30am-4pm** The iconic Town hall will be home to Heritage displays, demonstrations and talks throughout the day.

**10am-2pm** St John Ambulance museum, South Street next to Peace Park.

**9.30am** WA Historical Cycling club show off their amazing collection of vintage bicycles at the Avon Terrace Guest House.

**10am-2pm** CWA Centenary celebrates at their cottage in Avon Terrace.

**All day** Environmental Centre off Glebe Street houses a fantastic treasure trove of information about the natural environment around the river and the town of York.

### FREE EVENTS

**11am and 2pm** WA Historical Cycling Club ride through town including parade of Penny Farthings

**11am** The Sock Factory demonstration of traditional sock making.

**1pm and 2pm** Eric Hancock will be presenting two talks in the Lesser Hall, attached to the main Town Hall cover his quest to map all the wells between York and Kalgoorlie.

**1.30pm** Environmental Centre presentation on the History of the Avon River in York by the River Conservation Team including the Aboriginal connections and traditions.

**2pm** Tour of the town showcasing York's interesting historical clock collection.

### SUNDAY 28TH APRIL - FAMILY DAY

ALL DAY EVENTS - FREE OR GOLD COIN DONATION

**9.30am-4pm** Visit York's iconic Town Hall for a display of Military memorabilia, Antiques, Heritage Skills and demonstration by craftsmen of endangered skills from years gone by.

**10am-3pm** Get along to the RSL memorial gardens at 169 Avon Terrace for some great traditional children's games, skittles, hopscotch, dominoes and loads more!

**10am-2pm** Don't leave town without visiting the CWA cottage.

**10am-3pm** The Environmental Centre Glebe Street is open showcasing the history of the river and the great diversified flora and fauna in and around York and the Avon Valley.

**11am and 2pm** Historical Cycling Club ride through town with an amazing collection of vintage bikes including the impressive collection of Penny Farthings!

**11am** a demonstration of sock making on one of the oldest fully mechanical machines at the Sock Factory.

**11am-3pm** Make your way to the York croquet club one of the oldest in WA still operating.

**11am-2pm** Feeling a bit peckish? The RSL will be having a sausage sizzle at the memorial gardens where the children's games are being held so if the kid's work up an appetite this is your go to place.

**1.30pm** A presentation on the History of the Avon River in York by the River Conservation society at the Environmental Centre Glebe St.

## Mucky Duck BUSH DANCE

at Faversham House, York

Celebrate York Heritage Weekend with an old-fashioned bush dance on the lawn of the iconic Faversham House.

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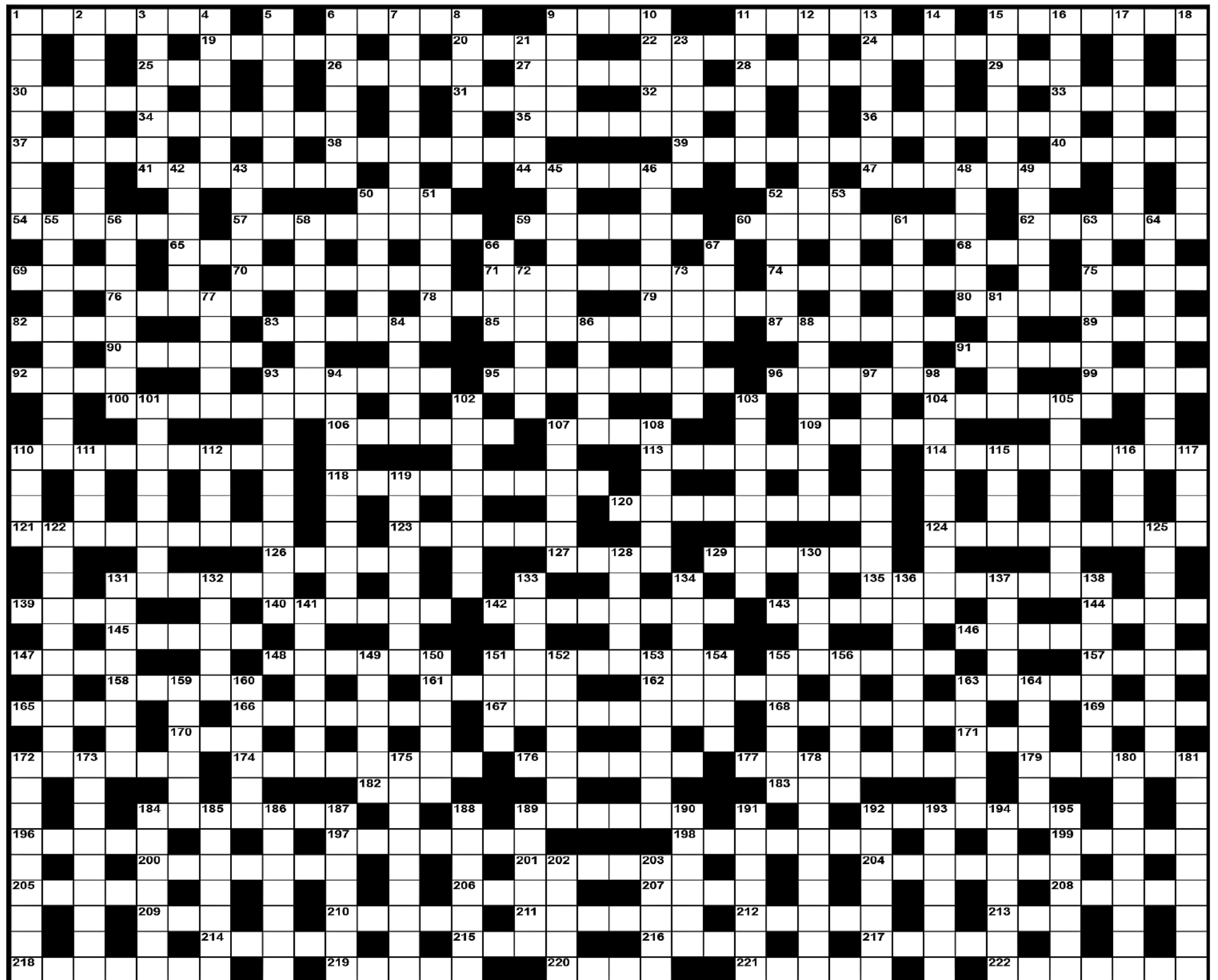


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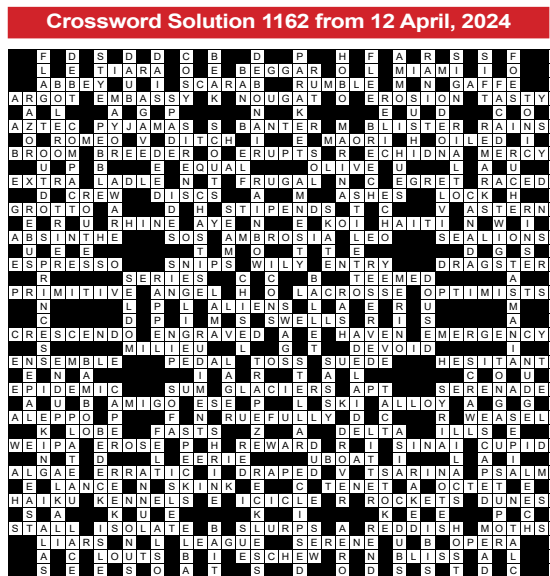


# Mind Boggler Crossword

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                    |                         | 71 Ship's window            | 147 Frozen shower               | 214 Portents                      | 55 Cafe favourite      | 173 Piece of poetry             | 178 Benefit                 |
| 1 Agent of retribution           | 74 A game piece         | 148 Raised banks            | 215 Comfort                     | 56 Unobstructed view              | 138 Highly delighted   | 180 Attendants                  | 181 Garden tools            |
| 6 Comes across                   | 75 Drains               | 151 American sports car     | 216 A beginner                  | 58 Repository of official records | 141 Eternal            | 181 Garden tools                | 184 Breastbone              |
| 9 A chessman                     | 76 Desert haven         | 155 Girl's name             | 217 Backward                    | 61 A ruler                        | 149 Small insect       | 150 Ancient text                | 185 Steplike formation      |
| 11 A secret store                | 78 Childish             | 157 God of thunder          | 218 Belly                       | 63 A locale                       | 151 A rooster          | 152 Set free                    | 186 Complete remedy         |
| 15 Takes inside                  | 79 Indian city          | 158 Australian landmark     | 219 Chores                      | 64 Able to be used up             | 153 Able to be touched | 154 Actual existence            | 187 A peak of the Himalayas |
| 19 A vine                        | 80 Attend to            | 161 A living copy           | 220 A long river                | 66 Unwanted emails                | 155 Greek god          | 156 Country holdings            | 188 Buccaneers              |
| 20 A greek goddess               | 82 Rough metal edge     | 162 Writer of fables        | 221 Desires                     | 67 Snakelike fish                 | 159 Imperative         | 160 Can be used                 | 189 Huge crowds             |
| 22 A hairstyle                   | 83 Bad failure          | 163 A medicinal plant       | 222 Bacon slices                | 72 Edible bulbs                   | 163 A pulpit discourse | 164 Floating                    | 190 Series of prayers       |
| 24 Lowest point                  | 85 Head teacher         | 165 Fret                    |                                 | 73 Example for learning           | 164 Floating           | 172 Outstretch of land in ocean | 191 Important journey       |
| 25 A sheep                       | 87 A salad ingredient   | 166 Sheep clipper           | <b>DOWN</b>                     |                                   | 163 A pulpit discourse | 173 Became stagnant             | 192 Fire remains            |
| 26 Treasure taken                | 89 Skating place        | 167 Gathers                 | 1 Wild daffodil                 | 77 Inuit hut                      | 164 Floating           | 175 Young hooligans (Aust)      | 193 Iterates                |
| 27 Light cake                    | 90 Light in movement    | 168 A sketch                | 2 A declaration                 | 81 Olden inscription style        | 164 Floating           |                                 | 194 Line on map             |
| 28 A characteristic              | 91 Boredom              | 169 Sharp sound             | 3 Lawman                        | 84 Apple drink                    | 164 Floating           |                                 | 195 Kitchen implements      |
| 29 US espionage agency (init)    | 92 A confidence trick   | 170 Indian state            | 4 Dormant spy                   | 86 Cord                           | 164 Floating           |                                 | 202 Lady of Troy            |
| 30 Old city official             | 93 Ten year period      | 171 Soak flax etc           | 5 A cocktail                    | 88 Make longer                    | 164 Floating           |                                 | 203 Combine                 |
| 31 Capital of Italy              | 95 A cut                | 172 Grinding instrument     | 6 A bullfighter                 | 93 Pulled to pieces               | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 32 Huge                          | 96 Go well together     | 174 French prison           | 7 Spoken delivery               | 94 Fancy light fixture            | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 33 A map                         | 99 Applaud              | 176 Clearly spoken          | 8 Tibetan Himalayan people      | 97 Needing no work                | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 34 Stated as likely              | 100 Amaze               | 177 Precious metal          | 9 Steps                         | 98 Chief points                   | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 35 A large bird                  | 104 A plug holder       | 179 Right of entry          | 10 Ingenuous                    | 101 Sleeveless tops               | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 36 Narrow walking space          | 106 Car safety device   | 182 Informal - female       | 11 Bungalow                     | 102 A criminal                    | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 37 Bundle of hay                 | 107 Female birds        | 183 A poem                  | 12 Accompany to supervise       | 103 Ambitious person              | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 38 Live longer than              | 109 Presents            | 184 Church spire            | 13 Lures                        | 105 Well-spoken                   | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 39 Eat greedily                  | 110 A word riddle       | 189 Young bovine            | 14 Accessory plug               | 107 Computer rogue                | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 40 Chat show host, ... DeGeneres | 113 A puzzling thing    | 192 Wind instruments        | 15 Ancient                      | 108 Placid                        | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 41 Horse shoer                   | 114 Deeply interested   | 196 A bar of metal          | 16 Loosen off                   | 110 Masterstroke                  | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 44 Caught sight of               | 118 Application to duty | 197 Giddiness               | 17 Standing in competition with | 111 A memo                        | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 47 A crusader's opponent         | 120 Pulsation           | 198 Japanese paper art-form | 18 Guards                       | 112 Scarce                        | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 50 A lettuce                     | 121 A former decision   | 199 Swedish monetary unit   | 21 Distant                      | 115 Struggles to breathe          | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 52 Coloured fluid                | 123 Born in the place   | 200 Improve                 | 23 Tattered                     | 116 Hit a fly                     | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 54 Ranges                        | 124 One checking things | 201 A type of monkey        | 42 Church passages              | 117 Expensive                     | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 57 Sparkling ornaments           | 126 Scottish landowner  | 204 A planet                | 43 Horse events                 | 119 Explosive device              | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 59 Perplexes                     | 127 Mature              | 205 Set of steps            | 45 Stitches                     | 122 Give new energy to            | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 60 Vines                         | 129 A dog               | 206 An assistant            | 46 Blow up                      | 125 Eating all foods              | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 62 Barriers                      | 131 On dry land         | 207 Catches                 | 48 Away                         | 128 Absence of hostility          | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 65 Sheltered side                | 135 Dribble             | 208 Less well               | 49 Bring from grave             | 130 Bright light                  | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 68 Flightless bird               | 139 Slight argument     | 209 Nothing                 | 50 Gem measures                 | 131 Rich                          | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 69 Gyrate                        | 140 Australian city     | 210 Cast from home          | 51 Artist's room                | 132 Academy Award                 | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
| 70 Fruit farm                    | 142 Small towns         | 211 A magical potion        | 52 Of irony                     | 133 Japanese garment              | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
|                                  | 143 Count of people     | 212 A copy                  | 53 Inner nut part               | 134 Group of six                  | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
|                                  | 144 Voucher             | 213 Golf mound              |                                 | 136 Test act                      | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
|                                  | 145 Bring               |                             |                                 |                                   | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |
|                                  | 146 Angry               |                             |                                 |                                   | 164 Floating           |                                 |                             |



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# ANZAC Day 2024 - Commemorates Harold Ernest Whiteman

## Poignant reminder of what so many families lost in the Great War



Harold Ernest Whiteman wanted to become a barrister once the war was over but like many from the Swan district he never made it home.

**BEFORE** Harold Ernest Whiteman, who grew up in Middle Swan, became a serviceman in World War II he had planned to become a barrister.

Sadly Harold Whiteman – a first cousin of Lew Whiteman the developer of the Mussel Pool picnic area that was the forerunner of Whiteman Park – was killed on his first solo flight.

He wasn't from a wealthy family but was talented and after attending Middle Swan state school he went to Guildford Grammar, the University of Western Australia and won a scholarship to Oxford.

His great niece Cheryl Rogers of West Swan has been writing the history of the Whiteman family.

"Harold died at 7.21am on Monday, October 23, 1916," she said. "His regular letters home sud-

denly stop and the letters of condolence start.

"From a family point of view, this is still a poignant reminder of what so many families lost in the Great War - John Mountjoy, Doug Barrett Lennard, Harry Elms, Joseph Minchin, Thomas Barlow and Norman Wilson - just a few from the Swan district who didn't return home.

"Many of those who did survive felt the physical and mental effects of war throughout their lives.

"Harold's death had a huge impact on his immediate family and on the Swan community where, at a party to wish him well in 1915 he had pledged that if spared by the war he intended to become a barrister."

She said the humble house where Ernest and Hannah Whiteman raised their six surviving children

was north of Bishop Road, Middle Swan, east of where Jack Mann Oval is now, and was part of a settlement of three Whiteman houses at Janebrook-by-the-Line where Harold's father Ernest and his uncle, Louis, were pioneer brick-makers from the 1890s.

Copies of some of Harold's letters, written in 1915-1916, the last year of his life, remain with the family and in public archives.

In March 1916, Harold wrote from the Inns of Court Officer Training Corps in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire saying he'd spent his 21st birthday marching."

On April 25, 1916 he was gazetted to his commission, his pay increasing from one shilling and tuppence to 10 shillings per day, and moving to the 3/8 Hants Regiment at Parkhurst on the Isle of Wight.

Then on July 10 he wrote that he was back in camp at Nunwell Park, Brading, on the Isle of Wight, doing well in bombing, which he attributed to his time as a fast bowler in cricket.

He was also becoming increasingly aware of the casualties of war on the Western Front.

"Gee whizz, there's something doing in France now.

"You should see the number of hospital ships that pass daily by this coast from France.

"Every day's paper contains a list of 150 officers and about 1200 men. The Canadians in particular have been getting it in the neck."

On September 4 he wrote to say he had been accepted into the

Royal Flying Corps and was in the 8th Hants Regiment attached RFC, hence was now both an infantry and aerial officer and that the war would still last some time.

"I must take my part...engines and apparatus are being brought so up to date that I can safely say that flying is the safest job in the army...you will clearly see this from the fact that 750 infantry officers, wounded from the Front and recovered, joined the RFC in August."

On October 1, 1916 he wrote about two bad crashes.

"In one case the pilot jumped out 30ft from the ground and was unhurt, though his machine bore no resemblance to an aeroplane; in the other machine and pilot came down in a heap, machine smashed to matchwood and pilot severely mangled, leg and rib broken, head gashed and internal bleeding.

"As soon as I have flown for three hours on my own, I move from here to an advanced squadron. "I don't know where it will be, but from there I go to France.

"So, if the weather is at all decent I shall be with luck in France by the end of next month."

Harold was buried at Bexhill Cemetery, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, in England, which is near the home of his Whiteman cousins.

The family would visit and tend his grave, and it has also been visited by staff from Exeter College, Oxford, where he had planned to study. Many of his relations have since made the pilgrimage to visit his grave.

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The festival is the premier colonial festival in WA, first held in 1984.

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The opening ceremony is at 10am. Locals and guests are encouraged to dress in 19th century costumes for a colourful procession down the Main Street..

The festival follows through the main town

site to the beautiful Duidgee Park resting on the banks of the Avon River which will be filled with specialty craft and food stalls. Events include log chopping, blacksmithing, bush poetry, stilt walkers, horse & cart rides, go-karts, reptile display, historical tools restoration, and of course the ever-popular Swaggie Camp. Kids amusement rides, a ride on the mini rail train and a visit to Moodyne Joe's cell at the old Newcastle Gaol Museum.

The festival will be held on Stirling Terrace Toodyay which will be closed off to traffic from 8am to 4pm Sunday May 5th 2024.

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For more information or events programme visit [www.moodynefestival.com.au](http://www.moodynefestival.com.au) or Face Book <https://www.facebook.com/Moodynefestival>





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THURSDAY 25 APRIL, Dawn service at 6.15am  
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### CHIDLOW - Village Green

Cnr Old Northam and Thomas Road  
THURSDAY 25 APRIL, 7.30am gunfire breakfast,  
9.30am march-off, 10am service. Followed by fellowship  
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<b>9:30am</b>	March to the Village Green
<b>10:00am</b>	Chidlow ANZAC Day Service
<b>12:00pm</b>	Lunch & live music at The Chidlow Tavern

# 2024 Anzac Day ceremonies



Service	Address	Time	Contact
Ballajura RSL sub-branch	Ballajura Community College Peace Park, 258 Illawarra Crescent South, Ballajura	6am	Sub-branch secretary Avril Clark 0403 579 433 avrildjs@gmail.com
Bellevue RSL sub-branch	Bellevue RSL Hall 2 Purton Place, Bellevue	12noon	Secretary Vicki Bates 0412 098 307 bellevuersl@gmail.com
Brabham Blokes and Brabham Primary School P&C	Brabham Oval 52 Lakefield Drive, Brabham	6am	Brabham Blokes' David Johnston 0457 362 338
Bullsbrook and Districts RSL sub-branch	Bullsbrook and Districts RSL Hall 6 Hurd Road, Bullsbrook	5:45am	Sub-branch secretary Penny de Grussa 0411 043 887 bullsbrookrsl@bigpond.com
Ellenbrook RSL sub-branch	Ellenbrook District Open Space 27 Maffina Parade, Ellenbrook	6am	Sub-branch secretary June O'Neil 0430 839 157 secretary.ellenbrook.rsl1@gmail.com
CWA Gidgegannup	Gidgegannup Showgrounds 2171 Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup	6am	CWA Gidgegannup's Terrienne McDonald 0435 394 157 terrienne_McDonald@yahoo.com.au
Eastern Regional RSL sub-branch	Stirling Square Meadow Street, Guildford	8.55am	Sub-branch treasurer Bob Gildare 0412 974 053 easternregional.treasurer@sb.rslwa.org.au
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Due to the unusually dry autumn and ongoing significant fires, the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner has - under section 17(6) of the Bush Fires Act 1954 - extended the prohibited burning period until Sunday, April 28 2024 in the City of Swan. This means the restricted burning period will start on Monday, April 29, 2024, and all burning until this date is prohibited.

For information on burning restrictions and obtaining burn permits please visit the City of Swan website [www.swan.wa.gov.au/Fire](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/Fire) or call (08) 9267 9267.

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We invite comment on a development application for a Private Hospital at Lot 787 & 788 Shellforge Lane, Midland. The site is located within the Clayton Precinct.

The proposed development is comprised of:

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- a total of 333 car parking bays including 114 staff parking bays and 219 visitor parking bays, inclusive of 9 short-term and drop-off parking bays;
- three vehicle access and egress points from Watertank Way; and
- landscaping works, including an east-west pedestrian walkway.

A copy of the proposed development plans can be viewed online at <https://developmentwa.com.au/planning-and-approvals/current-planning-items>, or at our office, Level 2, 40 The Esplanade, Perth, between the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Comments on the proposed development should be received by **10 May 2024** and can be submitted on our website, by email to [planning@developmentwa.com.au](mailto:planning@developmentwa.com.au) or by post for the attention of the Manager Statutory Planning, Locked Bag 5, PERTH BUSINESS CENTRE WA 6849.

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Closing Date: Tuesday, 30 April 2024 at 4:00pm (WST). Late applications will not be accepted.

# Fever nail 19-point win over the Giants



West Coast Fever defenders were able to capitalise off some supershot misses from the Giants with Sunday Aryang gaining a crucial rebound.

**WEST Coast Fever, whose players include Sunday Aryang, led from start to finish and showed their new list has plenty of speed, flexibility and scoring prowess as the Jamaican duo of Jhaniele Fowler-Nembhard and Shanice Beckford transferred their international connection onto the SSN court.**

Beckford was joined by Fran Williams and Olivia Wilkinson in making their Suncorp Super Netball debuts, while Kelsey Browne and Kadie-Ann Dehaney wore the green dress for the first time.

Fever's new recruits started the season in sensational form as the speed of Browne and Beckford put the Giants under pressure as Fever built a five-goal advantage at the start of Power 5.

Despite five supershots from the Giants, Fever spearhead Fowler-Nembhard scored three of her own to ensure Fever maintained a five-goal advantage at the first break.

Browne finished the quarter with 11 feeds, supported by Alice Teague-Neeld with 16 as Fowler-Nembhard racked up 51.5 Nissan Net Points after scoring 19 goals to go with her supershots.

At the start of the second quarter Fever led the Giants 26-21.

Skipper Jess Anstiss set the tone in the second quarter as she courageously put her body on the line for Fever in a contest with Giant Jamie-Lee Price.

Fever lifted their defensive pressure in the second as they built a 12-goal lead going into the Power 5.

The defenders were able to capitalise off some uncharacteristic supershot misses from the Giants with Sunday Aryang gaining a crucial rebound off a Sophie Dwyer miss.

Coach Dan Ryan injected Williams and Jordan Cransberg into the game late in the second quarter as Fever controlled the supershot period to go into half time 45-34 giving them an 11-goal lead.

The Giants moved Jodie-Ann Ward to wing defence to try and quell the influence of Teague-Neeld however, the Fever star was unfazed producing a great quarter with 13 feeds and 11 goal assists.

At the start of Power 5, Fever had grown their lead to 19 goals as they continued to control the contest.

Despite the Giants scoring four supershots, Fever were still able to convert at their end of the court to take a 16-goal lead into the final quarter with the score 67-50.

Two awesome turnovers from Anstiss early in the final quarter helped Fever extend their lead to 21 goals to close the doors on a Giants comeback.

The Giants scored three supershots in the final quarter, while youngster Wilkinson stepped onto court and scored her first supershot of her career but eventually won the game Fever 84-65.

## Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk



### Sacrifice and Mateship

In a few days' time we will be commemorating Anzac Day – the day Australian soldiers landed at Anzac Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula. For the majority of the 16,000 Australians and New Zealanders who landed that day, it was their first experience of war. By that evening, 2000 of them had sacrificed their lives or been seriously wounded.

But that wasn't the end of the war for those who survived. They were then sent to the Somme, France, during 1916, and then to subsequent battle fields until the armistice on 11th November 1918.

Just recently a movie 'Before Dawn' was released that captures the battle at the Somme by Australian troops, including other battles up to the armistice. The movie's producer is a young local film-director, Jordan Prince-Wright, whose grandfather came to our church. The 'trench warfare' filming was done locally near Esperance. 'Before Dawn' is a powerful movie, showing the sacrifice and mateship of our Australian soldiers.

On Anzac Day we often hear these words quoted: "Greater love has no one than this than one lay down his life for his friends". These words were first spoken by Jesus Himself. They are quoted because they describe sacrifice and mateship (friendship).

Calling us friends, and out of great love for us, Jesus, God's Son, would live out these words. He sacrificed Himself for us on a cross so that we could be forgiven of our sins and have eternal life - if we would believe in Him.

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## Digital workshops for businesses

**SMALL businesses across Swan, Kalamunda and Mundaring Shire will have the opportunity to take part in a free online workshop designed to help them strategically plan digital initiatives, identify and respond to business risks and implement resilience strategies.**

The initiative, aimed at supporting some of the more than 800,000 small businesses across the country, is being rolled out by Optus together with business training experts Dynamic Uplift with the one-day workshop available online to ensure access for all regional small businesses.

Emma Jensen from Optus said through listening to their customers across Western Australia, they knew that digital capability – and keeping up to date as it rapidly changed – was one of the key issues that small businesses faced.

"We felt there was a real opportunity for Optus to add value by offering a solution to help educate small businesses and reimagine their own digital strategy," she said.

"The FutureFit workshops will enable small businesses across Western Australia to better understand and leverage technology such as AI, social media, digital marketing tools and website development, with the goal of making their business more resilient in a digital age."

The workshops run by Dynamic Uplift take a gamified approach, incorporating interactive canvases and cards as

well as user-friendly apps to simplify complex processes and meet the needs of small businesses regardless of their digital maturity stage.

The workshops will cover a number of topics including putting digital in context and understanding why it's critical for every business, how to better leverage artificial intelligence and the right apps, understanding what 'digital' could mean for your business, customers, and partners, evaluating your current digital capability and competitive position and planning and implementing a digital strategy.

Dynamic Uplift South Pacific digital director Robert Kinkade said Australia was well progressed on the shift to the digital age, and no business was immune to the impacts of digital disruption, regardless of size.

"Many small to mid-sized businesses are seeking urgent support without the budget to hire consulting firms or other advisors, and the business owners and operators are time constrained, meaning that they only have days to devote to this critical agenda, not weeks or months," he said.

The FutureFit workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 23 from 10am to 4pm.

Small businesses who are interested in attending are invited to register via <https://www.optus.com.au/business/futurefit>



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**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 May 2. The guest speaker will be Lyn Chambers from Tulips With A Difference from Boyup Brook who will be talking about growing bulbs successfully. A variety of bulbs will be available for sale. Visitors and new members welcome. For more information call Steve on 0409 157

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**Orienteering WA's** next bush event is on Sunday, May 5 at Wundabinarang, off Great Eastern Highway then Talbot Road West. Register online until the day prior (preferred), or on the day from 9.30am to 10.30am at the caravan. Orienteering is a map reading sport where participants have to find their way around a course marked on a map in as short a time as possible. There are various levels and lengths of courses at every event so the 'thought sport' is suitable for children from seven-years-old, elite athletes and mature aged people up to 80. Check out Orienteering WA's full program of winter events [www.wa.orienteeing.asn.au](http://www.wa.orienteeing.asn.au) No experience or equipment necessary – briefing given to newcomers. For more information, call Helen on 0409 889 944.

**The Save the Children Hills branch** will hold its annual Mother's Day fund raising stall in the Mundaring Shopping Mall outside Woolworths between 9am to 3.30pm on Friday, May 10. The stall will

include our popular plants & second-hand books and small Mother's Day gifts.

**The St Stephens Anglican Church** will be running their market day on Friday, April 26 from 8.30am until 11.30am. There will be bargains galore at 9 Salix Way, Forrestfield. All welcome.

**Kalamunda Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Falls Farm, 41 Cagney Way Lesmurdie from 10am-1pm. For more information call Roy on 9295 2522 or Ray on 0427 095 892.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** in Gabo Road, Greenmount will be holding an Anzac display and barbecue at their chapel on Anzac Day. Members of the public can attend after the dawn service at Blackboy Hill.

**Noticeboard is for non-profits and community groups advertising free/low cost events/programs. Entries must be emailed to [editorial@echo-news.com](mailto:editorial@echo-news.com) two weeks before the event.**

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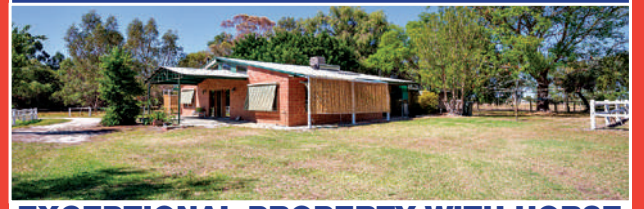


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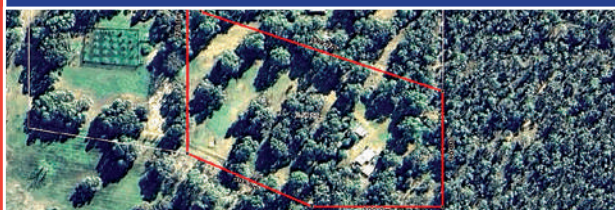


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