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Midland sisters Sunday and Ruth Aryang both played in West Coast Fever's impressive win against the Queensland Firebirds in SSN round five. PG 18

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Swan Districts Football Club celebrates 90 years

SWAN Districts Football Club celebrated its 90th anniversary in the WAFL competition with a game against East Fremantle the first club it played against back on April 28, 1934.

For the game played at Bassendean Oval during the Anzac round, Swan Districts players wore jumpers commemorating the occasion.

Swan Districts was granted entry into the WAFL in October 1933 to start competing in 1934 after struggling for some years to form a team to represent the area.

The Swan Districts team that was formed included players from Midland Junction such as George Krepp, Johnny Park, Keith McInerney, Snapper Clarke, Clem Buckley, Andy Zilko, Mick Jamieson, Clive Hellmrich, George McRae, Fred Hall, Ted Holdsworth, Tom Moiler and Max Chester.

There were then Bassendean Perth Suburban Association players George (Judda) Bee, Fred Woolcock, Nigel Gorn, Russell Grieve, Lal Mosey, Jack Zilko, Clive Perham, Dinty Ford, Shinnery Dawes, Robert Millwood, Jack Reilly, Jack Dickson and George Fitzgerald.

From these players the team was formed that took to the field at Fremantle Oval in round one, 1934 to play Swan Districts' first ever game carrying with them the unified support of a proud district.

Richard (RA) McDonald was the inaugural president at Swan Districts as the architect and founder of the club while Bee was also made the inaugural coach having initially moved from East Fremantle to join Bassendean in 1933.

East Fremantle won the game 16.23 (119) to 16.6 (102) but that's the type of attacking football and high-scoring affair you could only dream of seeing in modern football.

There was a lot to be encouraged about in that performance from Swans with Gorn and Dawes kicking four goals apiece, Bee three and Fred Sweetapple two.

The next week the Swans played their first ever home game and beat Subiaco.

The history of Swan Districts is more than just about success on the field even though the two premiership hat-tricks of 1961-62-63 and 1982-83-84 along with the last two premiership triumphs in 1990 and 2010 are well worth cele-



Inaugural team 1934.

brating.

Current president Peter Hodyl said the event was about celebrating the history of the past 90 years and remembering those no longer around but also welcoming back plenty of familiar faces.

As a former player of the club who was part of the 1990 premiership Hodyl is proud of the role Swans plays in the community and hopes it long continues.

"I've spent my whole life around the footy club," he said.

"I remember as a kid I was up in the McDonald stand as a six or seven-year-old pressed up against the fence and watching my heroes being a local Basso boy.

"There were opportunities to be involved as a young fella coming through the development program and the colts, and then my involvement now is about acknowledging all the people that came before me.

"The reason I do what I do is because someone did it for me and it's my turn so if I've created the opportunity for other young men and women to play the game, and represent Swans, then I think I've done my job."

In the 90th anniversary game the Swans put themselves in a terrific position to honour it with the victory as part of the WAFL Anzac round and were leading by as much as 22 points as well into the fourth quarter.

But East Fremantle then stormed home with three late goals before the siren and then another after it to snatch an 11.10 (76) to 11.8 (74) victory.



Maynard (No 28), GF Bagley, Turnbull, Bunton, Walker and Slater.



Bassendean Oval 1934.



Bassendean Oval 1944.



Swan District Football Club supporters.

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Midland IGA owner's fair compensation bid

GUANHAO CHENG

WEEKS of back and forth between a Midland IGA owner and the Public Transport Authority (PTA) has resulted in a happy outcome as his just over \$6000 compensation request is to be fully paid.

Pham Group operations and marketing manager Matthew Huy Pham, who owns the Midland SUPA IGA, said Metronet works outside his business meant the power had to be cut off on February 25.

As such, Mr Pham had to hire a generator for his supermarket which cost a little over \$6000.

Mr Pham initially approached Western Power to recoup costs, but was directed to Metronet and the PTA.

Mr Pham said only after weeks of no offers of compensation

did the PTA finally offer him a "goodwill figure".

"(The PTA) said, 'We're giving you \$1340 as that's what we've compensated other businesses'.

"I said, 'No, the case you're talking about, that person's business, his generator cost \$2300 or whatever, and he was eligible for the \$1000 from Western Power and you, the PTA, paid the difference," he said.

Mr Pham said because he uses a bigger generator for his business, he wasn't eligible under Western Power's compensation scheme, and therefore expected the PTA to pay the full amount.

"That was my position and what I was going for. I was like, 'Look, what you're claiming and citing, I don't disagree with, but you need to compare apples with apples. You paid the difference between Western Power's amount

and the cost for the generator, and I'm asking for the same, which I think is fair'," he said.

Mr Pham said being handballed around was also a frustrating part of trying to resolve his claim.

"(PTA) initially were like, 'We've nothing to do with compensation and claims. Go to Western Power'," he said.

"I had to go to them and say, 'No, you'll just send me to a dead-end because I've already been there. This is my claim number and reference number from when I contacted them. Their position is very clear that I have to speak to you guys'.

"The last 8-10 weeks being in contact with (PTA) has just been back and forth. They're asking for more examples and justifications like, 'send your invoice', and why you need to be compensated and how much you're look-

ing for.

"I don't want to be compensated for the extra time, or goodwill, or whatever the case.

"In my position, it cost me a little over \$6000 for the generator hire and that's all I want to be compensated for."

Mr Pham said he felt it was reasonable to expect the PTA, who engaged Western Power to shut down power, to pay for costs incurred that were out of the business owner's control.

Despite the initial conflict, the correspondence has ended on a positive note with the supermarket owner glad he didn't have to pay the bill himself.

Mr Pham said he felt relieved that this issue had come to a satisfying resolution.

Echo News reached out to the PTA to confirm the agreement to full compensation and to com-

ment on the turnaround in decision.

PTA spokesman David Hynes said the PTA had reimbursed the Midland IGA the full amount for the hire of a generator for the power outage on February 25 as a gesture of goodwill.

"The Public Transport Authority and New Midland Station project team are committed to working with local businesses to minimise disruption during the delivery of the project," he said.

"While an initial sum of \$1340 was offered to Midland IGA for the business disruption, the PTA escalated the matter and have made a one-off payment to cover the cost of the generator.

"The PTA has also made similar offers to other small businesses impacted by works and will continue to engage with local businesses to minimise impacts."

Swan to advertise payment in lieu of parking plan



ANITA McINNES

THE City of Swan will be advertising a payment in lieu of parking plan for the Ellenbrook town centre where parking is expected to be placed under considerable pressure once the Ellenbrook train station opens.

A May 8 officer's report presented to the City of Swan council said it had been identified that there were still a number of sites to be developed in the Ellenbrook

town centre which may look to utilise cash in lieu of parking.

In August 2019 then planning minister Rita Saffioti, as part of planning reform, called for a consistent policy for payment in lieu of car parking in established town centres, retail-café corridors and other commercial and mixed-use centres.

The preparation of a payment in lieu of parking plan to enable the collection of cash in lieu for parking became a requirement for

Parking in the Ellenbrook town centre is expected to be placed under considerable pressure once the Ellenbrook train station opens. Picture: Anita McInnes

local governments in July 2021.

Cash in lieu is only applicable for non-residential development that requires development approval and where a parking space shortfall of at least two bays applies, according to the amended planning and development (local planning schemes) regulations 2015 – part 9a provisions about car parking.

"Further, in considering a parking space shortfall, the local government may vary or waive on-site parking requirements or determine that all or only a portion of the variation is to be subject to a condition requiring cash in lieu of on-site parking," the provisions said.

In February 2023, the city engaged consultants, WSP, to prepare a parking management plan and payment in lieu of parking plan for the Ellenbrook town centre.

On May 8 the council approved

the draft Ellenbrook town centre payment in lieu of parking plan (PILPP) for public advertising.

"Once the PILPP has been advertised and is presented back to council for final adoption, an update to the schedule of fees and charges will be required," the officer's report said.

"A new fee reflective of the cost per bay in accordance with the method of

calculation provided by the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage will need to be introduced.

"At this stage the proposed fee, based on a 500sqm infrastructure cost for constructing parking is \$7500 and will be reviewed before being presented to the council with the final report on the PILPP and annually thereafter."

Government cracks down on violence against retail workers

TOUGH new laws targeting violent offenders who assault retail workers have passed through state Parliament.

Individuals who assault retail workers in the course of their duties will now face up to seven years in prison, or three years and a fine of \$36,000. This is up from the previous penalties of 18 months' imprisonment and a fine of \$18,000.

The state government's reforms create a new provision in the criminal code that carries more severe penalties than general assault provisions for those who assault retail workers in the course of their duties. This includes the throwing of an object at a retail worker.

The higher penalties send a strong message to the community that this behaviour towards retail workers - who are simply doing their job - is unacceptable.

The Covid-19 pandemic saw increased instances of assaults on retail workers, and there is growing evidence that violence against retail workers continues at unacceptable levels.

A 2023 national survey by the Shop, Distributive

and Allied Employees' Association (SDA) of its members, which attracted 4600 responses, revealed 87 per cent said they had experienced abuse from customers in the past year.

The reports of physical violence increased by a staggering 56 per cent when compared with the results of a 2021 survey.

Attorney General John Quigley said the state government will not stand for cowardly acts of violence against retail workers.

"Retail staff play a critical role in our economy and in our communities. This was highlighted for the community during the pandemic.

"Under no circumstances should workers be exposed to threats of violence in the workplace. None of us would tolerate it.

"These reforms will ensure that not only does our justice system protect retail workers, but also community standards are met with appropriate penalties for these types of crimes."

Police Minister Paul Papalia said retail employees should not have to work in fear of being assaulted.

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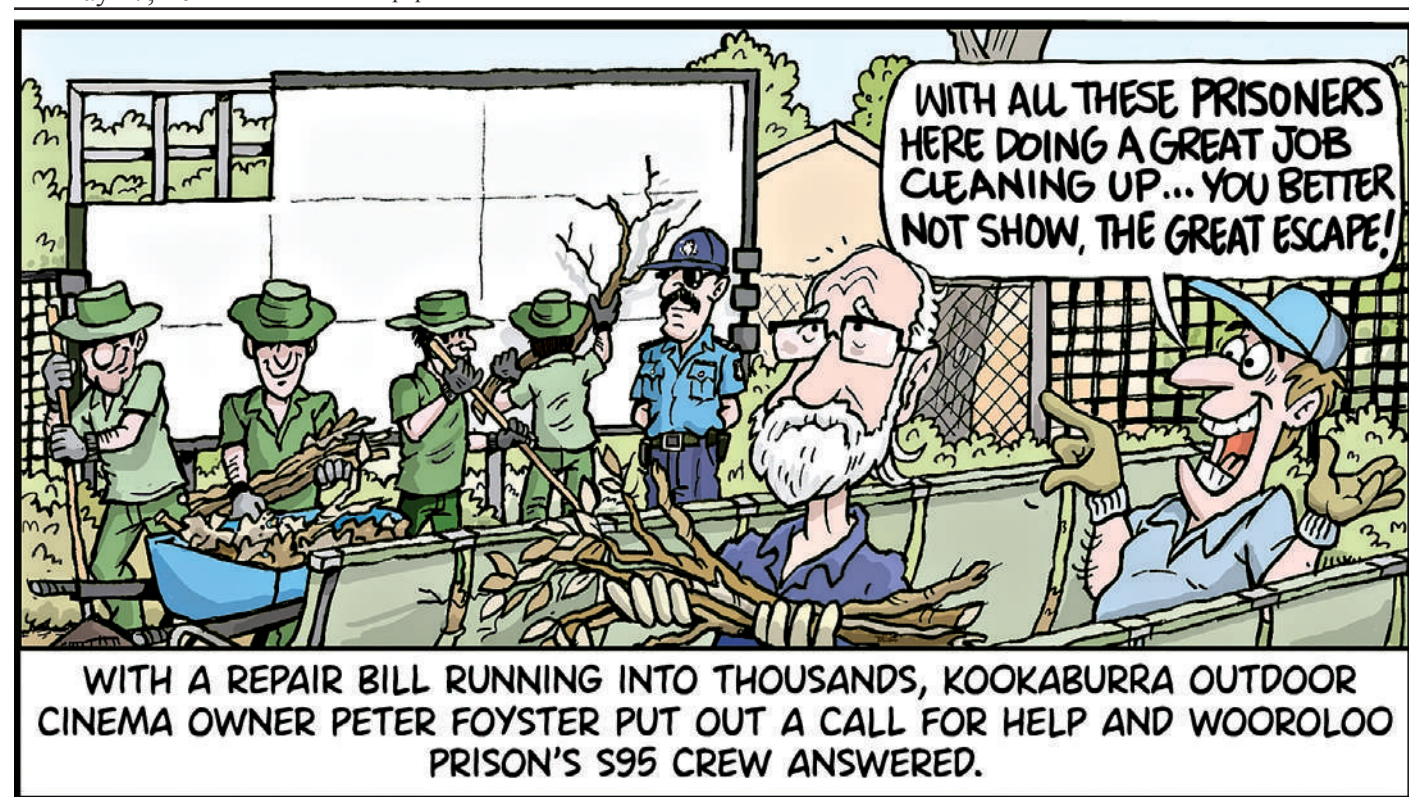
COMMUNITY GRANTS program

Community Event grant

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Applications must be submitted at mundaring.smartygrants.com.au by 4pm Monday 17 June 2024.



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No excuse to support lip service

Dear Echo News,

Last year City of Swan councillors were urged not to support the reduced deputation time from five minutes to three minutes.

Deputations are a last resort to correct nuances or ensure disinformation is corrected

- they indicate matters of importance.

Last year to justify voting in support of reduced time council representatives used the excuse it was to align with state reforms.

New state reforms were announced last month recommending a deputation time of five minutes?

Deputations are important forums - a week ago behind closed doors this 'three versus five minutes' was discussed.

Let's watch carefully what our council does especially given the disregard of AE motions, this year.

At election time attended by over six candidates at an event (all, but one) stated they would reinstate deputations to five minutes.

Make a note - those whose word can be relied, those who value your views and participation - and councillors who give 'lip service'.

Everywhere, government is trying to regain and build trust, open the dialogue, but not at our council?

Name supplied
Woodbridge

No over or under pass!

Dear Echo News,

OK the State Government have been closing railway crossings (Armadale line).

Great.

Now the Helena Street Midland is to close July this year.

Great.

However, we are to open a new crossing at Cale St Midland.

Grapes (sour).

Well Minister is it because you forgot or couldn't get the land to do an over or under pass?

One step forward two

steps back. Typical
Pollie actions.

D Cruden
Jane Brook

Toughest firearm laws in the nation

Dear Echo News,

To the West Australian Labor government and WA Police minister.

Thanks for introducing toughest firearms laws in country.

Firearms owners have long memories.

Western Australia has 2,700,000 people, 1,700,000 voters, 90,000 firearms owners, 59 state electorates, and 28,000 voters each electorate.

New WA gun laws won't change 2022 statistics:

- Three homicides by firearms, 94 homicides other means.
- 17 suicides by firearms, but 377 suicides other means.
- 17 police suicides, 11 serving, six former officers.
- Won't change 170+ road deaths a year.
- 30+ drowning a year.
- 20+ deaths by fire.
- 2+ E scooter deaths a year.
- 105 Covid deaths 1 Jan 2024 to the 5 April 2024.

New WA gun laws, government offered buyback is 5-10 per cent market value of firearms.

WA owners will be 'moving deck chairs on the Titanic.'

Those with too many, sell those to those below threshold. Others will change licenses to new categories; collectors, businesses, hunters, manufacturers, corporate, etc.

Thanks for introducing toughest firearms laws in country to Western Australia.

R Bogerd
Beechboro

Thought for the day

"Develop success from failures. Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success."

- Dale Carnegie

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Lithium-ion batteries - a silent threat in our homes

With Commissioner for Consumer Protection Trish Blake

Our lives are filled with devices powered by lithium-ion batteries - e-rideables, power tools, laptops, toys, smartphones, electric vehicles and even electric toothbrushes. Unfortunately, they also harbour a hidden danger. Lithium-ion batteries, no matter how small, are susceptible to fiery failures that can escalate quickly and pose a serious threat to our safety. These fires can be very difficult to extinguish with water and battery contents may reignite or explode several days later.

You're not mistaken if you've been thinking it seems like every few days there is a news story about another lithium-ion battery fire. Last year, an average of two fires per week were sparked by these batteries. WA is on track to beat that figure in 2024 with 55 battery fires already recorded. Almost 20 of those fires were caused by e-rideables.

Consumers should avoid mixing and matching chargers, unplug products when fully charged and charge batteries on a hard surface in a cool, dry place and away from flammable materials like beds, lounges or carpet. Also look for the tick and check the charger has the regulatory compliance mark to show it meets Australian Standards.

E-rideables should be charged outside of the home and never left to charge overnight. It's also worth considering installing a smoke or heat alarm where these devices are charged. It could save your life.

Lithium-ion batteries are more likely to catch fire when exposed to heat and moisture, or if they're crushed - common conditions in garbage trucks and household bins.

For this reason, never put lithium-ion batteries in your household waste or recycling bin. Chucking batteries in the bin can cause rubbish and recycling trucks to catch fire and waste facilities to burn. This endangers the lives of workers and costs the ratepayers.

Instead take lithium-ion batteries to the nearest battery drop-off point, which can be found at Recycle Right - recyclelight.wa.gov.au.

Always purchase reputable lithium-ion powered products and regularly check for damage. Look for signs of overheating, swelling, leaking or venting gas, and if damaged take it to a household hazardous waste collection facility.

For further info go to www.dfes.wa.gov.au

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Gun buyback success

THE state government's \$64.3 million voluntary firearm buyback scheme has reached a significant milestone, with more than 10,000 firearms removed from the Western Australian community.

During the first 10 weeks in operation, the buyback scheme saw just over 1000 guns on average handed in each week, including 1043 handguns, 2521 shotguns and 6466 rifles.

More than half of the 10,030 firearms were surrendered within the metropolitan districts.

The buyback supports the historic firearms reform, which is about to enter Parliament's Legislative Council for debate following years of extensive consultation with industry stakeholders, firearms owners, and the WA public.

Individual firearms licence holders are eligible to receive a maximum of \$1000 for their gun, dependent on type, style, calibre, and initial registration date.

New legislation will see WA become the first jurisdiction in the nation to impose a limit on the number of firearms an individual can own, as well as more rigorous licensing and storage provisions plus the introduction of mandatory health checks and mandatory disqualifying offences.

In addition to rewriting the state's 50-year-old Firearms Act, the state government has already more than doubled the penalties for anyone convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm or

unlawfully discharging a firearm in public, outlawed 3D printed guns, and introduced firearm prohibition orders to target bikies and other organised crime figures.

Police Minister Paul Papalia said WA's enhanced and modernised legislation will ensure stricter regulation of firearms throughout the state.

"An overhaul of the corrupted property letter system alone will see a significant reduction in the number of written authorities granted by landowners," he said.

"Many people who currently have a property letter as their only reason for owning a firearm might not be able to adhere to the new requirements.

"The Firearms Bill is designed to enhance public safety by ensuring unnecessary firearms aren't spread throughout WA.

"The state's outdated laws currently allow guns to be legally owned by people who have been convicted of serious crimes, including dangerous family and domestic violence offenders.

"The introduction of mandatory disqualifying offences will remove this loophole and make WA a safer place for women and children.

"I strongly encourage all firearms owners to consider participating in the buyback before it closes or the fund is exhausted.

"This is your one opportunity to receive compensation from the state government before the new laws come into effect."

Malaga data centre approved

ANITA McINNES

A DATA centre approved for Malaga has certain conditions applied such as being limited to a maximum number of 38 people (staff and customers) on site at any one time.

On May 8 the Outer Metro development assessment panel (DAP) approved the extension of NEXTDC's data centre (P1) within Lot 101 (No. 10) Malaga Drive into the two southern adjoining lots at Lot 327 (No. 10) and Lot 328 (No. 12), Millrose Drive.

The \$56.4 million data centre extension will consist of a new five-storey building, with a mezzanine and plant equipment on the roof.

The first floor to the third floor will accommodate specialised data halls and the fourth and fifth floors will accommodate a chiller and pumps and generators respectively.

The three lots will form a 10,858sqm site with a second loading dock accommodating 8.8m long vehicles proposed within the extension.

NEXTDC had wanted to be able to have additional employees and customers permitted during events as well as emergency periods but an amending motion to that effect did not get the support of the majority of DAP members, which included Pearce ward councillor Aaron Bowman and Altona ward councillor Jennifer Catalano.

A second amending motion limiting the maximum number of people (staff and customers) on site at any one time to 38 with additional employees and customers permitted only during emergency periods – subject to a parking management plan being approved by the City of Swan prior to occupation of the development – was approved.

In March the city said the existing P1 data centre at 101 Malaga Drive, which was approved in December 2011 by the joint development assessment panel, had required 163 bays with 28 bays provided.

"As 38 bays are provided for the overall development this results in an overall shortfall of 332 car parking bays," the city said.

"As previously advised, a condition limiting a maximum of 30 people (staff and customers) on



NEXTDC has approval to amalgamate three lots in Malaga to build a new five-storey data centre.

site, during peak time would be applied to justify the limited parking on-site."

NEXTDC said the intent of the condition was supported.

"We only request that the maximum number of staff and customers on site be increased to 38, to reflect the number of parking bays available on site.

"We also request that the condition allows for a 'parking management plan' be considered by the city, for when additional staff and customers are required on site, or NEXTDC holds small events."

But the DAP panel expressed concern that the proposed extended use of the premises for events was not appropriate particularly given the large reduction in the number of parking bays and said the condition would ensure there was an appropriate parking management plan for emergencies.

The development application said NEXTDC provides data storage and communications solutions across Australia via a national network of data centre facilities.

It also said Malaga remained an excellent location for the infrastructure due to its proximity to critical network, power and submarine data cable infrastructure.

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Seven players from this 1913 Caledonian team served in World War I.

Caledonian soccer club commemorates Anzacs

THE Bassendean Caledonian Soccer Club recently commemorated members who enlisted in World War I, along with current and ex-service personnel, at a small Anzac service.

The club was founded on February 11, 1913 by members of the Fremantle Caledonian Society and is now based in Bassendean.

The original club, which played games at Fremantle park, had its formative years interrupted by World War I.

In 1915 the team was forced to leave Fremantle Park, which was commandeered as an AIF camp, and move to the polo (trotting) grounds at East Fremantle.

The council refused their application to use East Fremantle oval.

Eventually most of the Caledonian soccer team's players and officials enlisted in the Australian Forces during the war – 27 associated with the Caledonians went to war and only five returned.

The club was forced to close at the time, but was reformed in 1920.

Over the years the club has moved to Mosman Park, then Perth Esplanade (now Elizabeth Quay), Woodville reserve in North Perth, Lake Monger velodrome and then in 1972 the Caledonians moved to Jubilee reserve in Bassendean, their current home.

The club is currently represented in the Football West Sunday League across junior and senior competitions.

The club with more than 500 members (including players, social, associate and family memberships) is one of the oldest in WA.

Bassendean Caledonian Soccer Club vice president Kyle Barrett said the day went very well.

"We had gunfire inspired goodies for the junior games with the canteen open in the morning, and



then a raffle with prizes up for grabs later in the afternoon when the bar was opened," he said.

"About 300 came to take part in the small service, including ex-players, life members, current players and members.

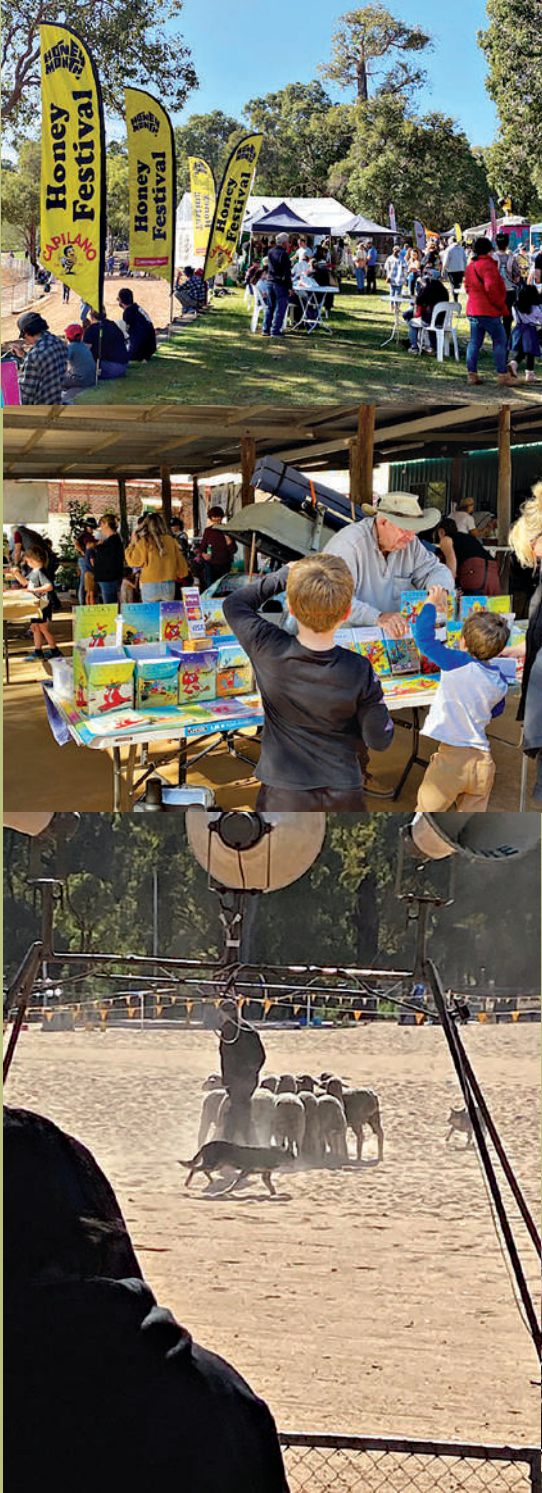
"We were very fortunate to get two serving regimental pipers to march the teams out for the main game to include the club's deep Scottish heritage, along with a bugler from the Australian Army band to perform the last post, Bassendean RSL came with flag and pole and recited The Ode before a minute's silence was held."

Players wore a special match shirt for the main game against Perth AFC.

Donations from the day will go to Bassendean RSL and Legacy.



Gidgegannup Small Farm Field Day



THIS year's Countryman Gidgegannup Small Farm Field Day is shaping up to be another great event, jam packed full of information, exhibitors and entertainment on Sunday, May 26 from 9am to 4pm.

Once again, the field day will be joined by the Honey Festival and the Slow Food Movement with the Olive Festival, with a larger food and wine display in the hall and entertainment in the café area.

Informative talks are scheduled for all the various talk centres around the ground and the Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development (DPIRD) will be on hand ready to help out with any information required or assistance they can give with your animals and bio security.

You can visit them in the livestock area and the small landholders marquee, as well as a range of talks, advice and demonstrations on livestock.

The theme this year is 'toadstools, mushrooms and fungi' which has generated a lot of interest with a talk from fungi fanatic Faye Acaro.

A stall by Mycoca - Jay not only grows edible mushrooms, but also makes mushroom stock and medicinal tinctures. The Discovery Trail for the youngsters also involves searching for toadstools by visiting as many areas as possible.

The bush veranda is also the place to visit with the potting paradise and the worm farm for the young ones and more gardening advice from Susa's Gardening Sanctuary.

The café and entertainment centre has entertainment throughout the day, including puppetry, storytelling from the Freedom Fairies and lots more.

Around the grounds there will be the Mad Tatters dancing, Paul Davies with his wonderful music, the Enchanted Stilt walkers and so much more, as well as a new dedicated Gardeners Dell over by the café and entertainment area.

Don't miss Chris Ferreira's talk and see his demonstration of a firewise garden being installed on site.

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Clontarf students look at Water Corp careers

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STUDENTS were given an insight into careers in WA's water industry last week, when a group of 17 from the Clontarf Foundation toured Churchman Brook and Canning Dams and were given an up-close look at the processes and work behind Perth's drinking water.

Water Corporation's Aboriginal employment and development team leader Hector O'Loughlin said the boys learned how WA's drinking water is treated and protected, as well as more information about career pathways within the Water Corporation.

"One of the great things about being such a large organisation is the diverse opportunities we offer," Mr O'Loughlin said.

"Hopefully students who took part in this tour now have a better idea of what a career in the water industry entails."

He said the Water Corporation career day hosts up to 20 Clontarf students each year and has been doing so since Clontarf and Water Corporation first partnered together in 2008.

"The event began at Water Corporation's Kelmscott depot where students were given an insight into the type of careers we offer. This includes roles like dam operators, engineers, catchment rangers, as well as a variety of traineeships and other career options," Mr O'Loughlin said.

He said Water Corporation values how Clontarf graduates help grow their culturally diverse workforce.

"We're incredibly proud of our partnership with the foundation,



Clontarf students learned about sourcing WA's drinking water and future career options.

which has now seen 39 Aboriginal students join Water Corporation."

Federally-funded, Clontarf Foundation programs focus on improving education, life skills and job opportunities for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.

There are 148 local academies operating across Australia, based in community centres and high schools that supported more than 11,000 Clontarf students in 2023.

One of these academies is based in Ellenbrook Senior High School, and academy director Wayne Young said Clontarf programs help students stay engaged with school and motivated to keep working to graduate.

"The main goal is getting the boys to graduate Year 12, and the idea with Clontarf is that we're here

every day for them to support them doing that, we're not just here for one or two hours a week."

Before Clontarf started their Ellenbrook academy, Mr Young said Indigenous attendance at the school was below 58 per cent. That figure has grown to be consistently over 80 per cent this year.

Ellenbrook Senior High has been involved with Clontarf since 2020, and Mr Young said he has seen more than 60 boys go through the program.

Clontarf received \$32.8 million in funding in the 2023-24 federal budget to run their programs around the country for another year, as part of the effort to "close the gap" in Year 12 attainment.

Mr Young said this funding con-

tributes to the full-time care and support the boys receive, including yearly health checks, driving boys to and from school, and end-of-term camps that many wouldn't have been able to otherwise access.

Clontarf general manager of employment Marcus Harrold said partnering with companies was vital to create connections for graduates.

"It gives students an opportunity to live and work locally once they graduate, maintaining their connection to Country," he said.

"I think the group came away from the visit quite enthusiastic about their future options, and with a greater appreciation for how we source and supply drinking water."

Mr Young said students have pursued a range of career pathways

post-graduation, from retail to trade and mining, and site visits help the boys to open themselves up to new possibilities after graduation.

"Site visits help us to gauge their (students') interest in a certain pathway. And they see things they might not know about," he said.

Clontarf extends their program after graduation, to monitor the boys in their employment and support them as they transition out of high school, one of the most important aspects of the program.

"A lot of boys have said they don't feel they would have graduated without being part of Clontarf. And they get that support after they graduate too. If you're a Clontarf boy, you're part of the family for life."



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From little seeds, big things grow

A SIX-month nutrition and gardening pilot program in South Guildford has grown due to its success in promoting healthy behaviours in people recovering from mental illness.

Casson Homes received \$5,000 from Healthway towards establishing a community garden and to run bi-weekly nutrition and permaculture sessions for more than 100 of its past and present residents.

The pilot has expanded its offering to the public who can now take part in free 'Living Well' workshops to learn the benefits of growing food, permaculture education and the role of community gardens, diet, and nutrition.

Casson Homes community engagement/project coordinator Margaret Lawlor said the community garden has improved access to fresh organic food and physical activity opportunities through garden maintenance, while also improving interpersonal skills.

"Our community garden is part of our 'Mental health recovery in action' series and being out in the fresh air, growing food, and the many activities our permaculture educator delivers brings fantastic benefits for participants," she said.

"We can see the friendships emerging when a community gets together to produce their garden and the added benefit of feeling a sense of belonging and pride in achieving a collective goal."

Healthway acting chief executive officer Jeremy Hubble said he was pleased to see that a small investment has gone a long way in supporting people's mental health and wellbeing.

"By creating this community garden, participants have also been able to find out about the best foods for a healthy mind and body," he said.

"We look forward to continuing to support community-based activities that promote mental wellbeing."



Hard at work.



Some of the extensive damage following the storm.

Prisoners help local landmark cinema get back in business

PRISONERS from Wooroloo Prison Farm have been working to get Mundaring's Kookaburra Outdoor Cinema up and running after extensive storm damage forced the popular local landmark to close.

Part of the cinema's screen was crushed by a large tree branch brought down by the severe January storm, which also caused widespread damage throughout the Perth Hills area.

Facing a repair and clean-up bill running into tens of thousands of dollars, cinema owner Peter Foyster put out the call for help – and Wooroloo Prison's S95 crew answered.

Section 95 of the Prisons Act enables minimum security prisoners to contribute to the community through supervised work programs.

With the favourite film spot, which has been operating since 1997, the Wooroloo prisoners had their work cut out for them.

"When we first got here it was like a cyclone had gone through, there was debris everywhere it was a total mess," Vocational Support Officer, Graeme, said.

Strong winds and falling branches from surrounding trees had also punched holes in the perimeter fence and blanketed the car park in debris.

Under close supervision, the S95 crew has been clearing branches and wreckage scattered across the venue before repairing the fences.

"I can't believe the amount of work that they've done; incredible," Mr Foyster said.

"I can't imagine it would be where it is now. It looks like a completely different place."

The work gives the carefully screened prisoners an opportunity to learn new skills and experience working as a team.

"When they get out of prison, they can use those skills to better themselves or get a job," Graeme said.

That's not all the prisoners get from the experience.

"It's good to get into the community, get involved in the community and make a difference," one prisoner said.

"When you get back to the prison you feel like you've achieved something for the day."

Mr Foyster, who'd been planning to sell the venue before the storm hit, said while the future of the cinema is still not certain, he hopes the show will go on.

"Even though it's a privately owned business, it feels more like it belongs to the community to me and that's why I'd like to see it taken over, preferably by the community," he said.



Wooroloo Prison Farm volunteers help restore Kookaburra Cinemas.

Light in the darkness at Head to Health Midland

BECAUSE emotional distress isn't limited to daylight hours, Midland Head to Health offer mental health and emotional support into the evenings.

"As the days grow shorter as winter approaches, sometimes the evenings can seem long. And if you are grappling with an emotional issue or feeling more and more distressed as the day goes on, you might be dreading the long night ahead," Head to Health service manager Ruth Lawrence said.

"That's when it can be helpful to share your worries with one of our friendly caregivers in a safe and welcoming place," she said.

Two Head to Health locations in Midland and Armadale are open into the evening, providing walk-in support for adults until 8pm every day of the week.

No appointment, referral or Medicare card is needed and the service is completely free.

"So, if you work or have caregiving responsibilities during the day, have a big problem on your mind, or just find it easier to talk in the evenings, these services are a new option that work to reduce the barriers to accessing the help you need, when you need it," Ms Lawrence said.

Head to Health is for adults who are feeling distressed, down or overwhelmed, or are worried about their mental health, as well as families, friends and carers.

The centres provide caring and inclusive mental health and wellbeing support in a calm, safe and welcoming community environment.

"You'll be seen by one of our experienced mental health nurses or allied health staff. If your care requires the input of a GP, psychologist or psychiatrist, we can facilitate this via referral," Ms Lawrence said.

With easy, free parking at the doorstep after 6pm and proximity to public transport, both Midland and Armadale Head to Health are easy to access.

They also offer free computer use, wash-room and locker facilities, and a community kitchen. As part of your care plan, you may be offered the opportunity to undertake free art therapy or employment support.

Head to Health centres in the Perth metro area are operated by St John of God Health Care, through funding provided by the federal government under the Primary Health Network Program.

There are four locations, with Midland and Armadale open seven days from 10am – 8pm, while Mirrabooka and Gosnells are open week days from 9am – 5pm.

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Midland Head to Health social worker Terry Larson.



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Tourism funding welcomed



THE Australian Hotels Association WA has welcomed the \$36.6 million increase in investment in the state's tourism industry including boosts to event funding and workforce development, but will continue to lobby for payroll tax relief.

The funding, delivered as part of the 2024-25 state Budget, will increase the existing major events fund

by \$25m over the next four years and create a new metro events program worth \$3.6m designed to draw in locals and visitors from outside WA.

"This new funding will play a significant role in boosting the reputation of WA as an events destination, bringing new visitors to the state and driving economic growth for our hotel and hospitality industry," AHA (WA) chief executive officer Bradley Woods said.

He also welcomed the additional \$4.9m funding to continue the work of the tourism workforce development program.

Families record budget relief



THE state government will deliver record cost of living relief to every WA household, with the state Budget providing \$762 million in new cost of living support for families.

The package is headlined by a new \$400 household electricity credit, in two instalments - with the first paid from July and the second from December, during the power peaks. An additional \$300 for each household was also announced in the federal budget this week.

Additional support is also available for those who need it most, with

energy assistance payments to bring total energy bill assistance to \$734 for around 330,000 eligible households - including pensioners, veterans and health care card holders.

Eligible families can also receive the dependent child rebate, bringing the total support to at least \$1086.

Small businesses will also benefit from a new \$400 electricity credit for more than 90,000 small businesses with annual electricity consumption below 50 megawatt hours per annum.

The basket of state government household fees and charges for an everyday WA family will decline by two per cent or \$124 in 2024-25, with the basket of household fees and charges remaining more than \$140 lower in 2024-25 than in 2018-19.

With the state budget announced last Road, rail and transport infrastructure

OVER the next four years a total of \$11.8 billion has been allocated for new road, rail and transport infrastructure projects, part of the overall \$42.4b investment in new infrastructure across the state.

The budget provides \$4.8b over the next four years to deliver Metronet, supported by \$2.9b in federal funding, and an additional \$254m for the Metronet infrastructure program, with the Yanchep rail extension to commence operations in July and the Morley-Ellenbrook line on track to be completed by the end of 2024.

Completion of these five major Metronet rail projects will see the delivery of 17 new train stations, 61.5km of new tracks, 5.5km of new ele-



vated rail, six hectares of new public open space and the first east-west connecting rail between the Mandurah and Armadale lines.

A total of \$13.4b will be invested on the state's roads over the next four years, to deliver new infrastructure, upgrade and maintain existing roads, manage the network and undertake future planning, including \$4.5b of regional investment.

Further funding for fee free TAFE



THE state government has allocated \$195 million to keep training affordable and help more local workers into the jobs of the future, with an \$8m top-up to continue the successful fee free TAFE initiative.

Additional fee free places have been allocated to keep pace with demand, which has led to more than 62,000 enrolments since the start of 2023.

Targeted support for WA's critical building and construction sector and other key industries continues to flow through a range of initiatives, including \$85m to grow WA's construction industry workforce.

This includes funding for initiatives to encourage

more apprentices into good jobs in the building and construction industry and help them to complete their qualifications.

Milestone payments of \$1000 will be made available for eligible building and construction apprentices after they complete each training milestone, along with a \$1000 rebate to help purchase tools or safety equipment at both commencement and completion of their training.

Recently enhanced services to improve Aboriginal Western Australians' access to the statewide network of jobs and skills centres will continue beyond June 2025, thanks to a \$4.2m commitment to involve more First Nations peoples in frontline service delivery.

The skilled migrant job connect program will receive \$5.6m over three years to keep connecting skilled migrants to WA employers, providing subsidies of up to \$7500 to eligible migrants located in WA who are seeking to gain local employment.

Environment and water security

THE state government's commitment to strong environmental protections and water security will be bolstered by \$536 million in new investments in the 2024-25 state Budget.

The government has progressed a number of important initiatives over the past 12 months to boost climate action, protect WA's pristine environment and secure the State's water future.

These include moving to legislate the State's net zero commitment, ending native forest logging, continuing the biggest expansion of WA's conservation estate in history and starting site works on Perth's third desalination plant at Alkimos.

Those decisions will now be supported by a \$73m investment in 'plan for our parks' and a \$67.2m investment in the forest management plan (FMP) 2024-33.

An additional \$320m has been committed to upgrade vital water infrastructure across the state, which will both unlock development opportunities and help secure water supply in the regions.

This includes a \$79.9m investment to replace vital Water Corporation infrastructure across WA through a water and wastewater pipeline renewals



program.

Future upgrades to the Goldfields and agricultural water supply scheme are being prioritised under an initial \$15m commitment to undertake critical planning and design work, supporting long-term economic development in the Goldfields and Wheatbelt.

An additional \$21.2m investment will support the government's environmental monitoring, compliance and enforcement activities, including for Alcoa's mining operations in the Darling Ranges.

Other initiatives funded in the Budget include \$30m to strengthen regional bushfire management in national parks and state forests, \$3.1m to continue the native vegetation policy, and \$2.7m additional funding to understand the impact of climate change on WA's water resources.

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nbn regards the proposed installations as a Low Impact Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 2018*. In these circumstances, it does not require planning approval from Council.

Further information on these specific proposals can be obtained by calling Ash Mathulla on 0467 953 938.

Written submissions can be sent to T1 Building Level 2, 39 Delhi Road, North Ryde NSW 2113 or via email to Ash.Mathulla@downergroup.com

The closing date for submissions is **Friday 31 May 2024.**

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Hospital and mental health funding



THE state government will invest a record additional \$3.2 billion in health to boost hospital capacity, support the health workforce and improve patient access to care, including more than \$1.2b for core WA public hospital services to cope with demand.

Mental health, alcohol and other drug (AOD) services will also be bolstered with a \$260m investment.

A further \$60.9m will be allocated to transform child and adolescent mental health services, bringing the total to \$143.6m.

Improving access to emergency departments and enhancing coordination of patients across the WA health system has been aided by additional funding of \$154.6m for health and mental health initiatives.

Key initiatives to improve patient access include:

- \$1.1m in 2024-25 to continue to deliver the residential care line;

- \$28m to continue the WA Virtual Emergency Department program, part of the State Health Operations Centre;
- \$6.2m over 2024-25 and 2025-26 for the Patient Transport Coordination Hub; and
- \$8.6m over 2024-25 and 2025-26 for the Co-HIVE program (East Metropolitan Health Service).

Major mental health and alcohol and other drug initiatives funded in the budget include:

- \$32.2m to support suicide prevention;
- \$13.6m to boost the workforce at licensed private psychiatric hostels;
- \$10.6m to continue the active recovery team program;
- \$10.1m to increase funding for non-government organisations for mental health, alcohol and other drug prevention services;
- \$22.4m to establish acute care and response teams (ACRTs);
- \$19.5m for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service's crisis connect service to support children and their families to remain at home while waiting for an appointment; and
- \$4.7m to the 24-hour WA Country Health Service brief crisis intervention service.

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Budget boost for sports programs

COMMUNITY sport and recreation facilities throughout the state will benefit from a \$6.7 million expansion of the successful community sporting and recreation facilities fund and club night lights program.

A further \$10.9m will be provided to deliver key maintenance at a range of WA sporting venues, while \$5m in funding will go towards refurbishments, upgrades and improved access arrangements at HBF Arena and HBF Stadium.

The WA Rugby Centre will benefit from almost \$1m in facility upgrades, including modifications to changerooms to ensure gender equal



access.

In total, more than \$53m will go towards improvements, maintenance and planning.

The funding will support redevelopment and modernisation of venues to increase the number of users, with floodlights allowing for longer hours of use into the evenings.

More funding for school education



A TOTAL of \$6.8 billion has been allocated in this year's state Budget to school education in 2024-25, an increase of \$224m or 3.6 per cent from the previous year.

Additional funding of \$391.3m has been allocated over 2023-24 to 2027-28 to ensure state schools will have the necessary teaching staff and resources to accommodate enrolment growth and provide high-quality programs for all students.

A \$26.5m double-storey classroom block will be built at Caversham Primary School to replace

long-term transportable classrooms, while a total of \$15m will be invested to fast-track planning for a new secondary school in Brabham.

The government will inject an additional \$410m into new schools and upgrades to support WA's growing suburbs and improve school maintenance across the state.

There were 3992 more students (1.2 per cent growth) enrolled in public schools in Semester 1, 2024 compared to Semester 1, 2023.

The increased investment for public schools includes \$224.3m for individual disability loading allocations, and a further \$42.7m for English as an additional language or dialect loadings to public schools.

The Budget also includes \$3.3m to establish a new school of swimming and water safety.

Budget delivers Aboriginal support

THE state government has committed almost \$300 million of increased investment to support the empowerment and wellbeing of Aboriginal Western Australians.

The new funding will support the government's ongoing work to address key Closing the Gap targets, while also expanding culturally appropriate community services and extending job-creating programs across a range of industries.

To deliver more reliable energy to Aboriginal communities, \$25.2m will be provided for energy improvements and efficiencies to social homes through a social housing energy performance initiative.

Significant funding has been allocated to bolster culturally appropriate community services, including \$8.2m for the continuation of the 'in roads' program for vulnerable young people, including Aboriginal children, and \$5.9m to continue the Aboriginal Representative Organisation (ARO) and Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making (AFLDM) services to support the delivery of culturally responsive services.

The Budget also includes significant investment



to support Aboriginal jobseekers, with \$4.2 million provided for the continuation of the Department of Training and Workforce Development's enhanced culturally appropriate and targeted support for Aboriginal clients at jobs and skills centres.

A further \$800,000 will also be spent to extend the Aboriginal business capability program for a further two years.

To support Closing the Gap initiatives, \$3.5m will be invested, including targeted support for the Aboriginal Advisory Council of Western Australia, while \$870,000 will be put towards expanding Legal Aid's disability advocacy and referral diversion program for young people (DARDY) for two years.

Other initiatives include \$6.2m for the expansion of WA Police's community liaison officer program, \$3.1m to continue the Aboriginal community connectors program and \$200,000 for the Aboriginal Engagement and Partnership Framework.

Support for domestic violence victims seniors, youth, law and NDIS clients



THE state government will provide new investment to strengthen support for safer and stronger communities throughout WA.

Protecting victim-survivors of family and domestic violence (FDV) as well as other vulnerable members of the community is a focus in the state Budget, alongside initiatives to reduce crime, enhance court resourcing and support those living with disability.

The state government will enhance FDV response services, fund emergency accommodation, and improve victim-survivor safety.

A further \$96.4 million will be invested to prevent FDV including:

- \$53.8m for FDV response teams, expanding operations to seven days per week and rolling out additional community corrections officers;

- \$14.2m to fund the operations of a new FDV one-stop-hub in the Perth metropolitan area;

- \$6.2m to establish a dedicated organisation that will support and develop FDV informed workforces;

The budget has also allocated \$88m towards initiatives that support the state's most vulnerable,

including \$46.3m to support young people leaving out-of-home care through Home Stretch WA, \$17m to support the continuation and expansion of foster carer supports and \$13.7m to upgrade residential care homes for children in out-of-home care.

A further \$23.4m for 'operation regional shield' will enable the important WA Police crime suppression strategy to continue for another two years.

A further commitment has been made to rehabilitate offenders and improve infrastructure within state's custodial estate, including \$850,000 additional funding to implement and integrate new body worn cameras and digital data management for the youth custodial estate.

A further \$103.7m is being invested into WA's legal system, including \$69.9m for the implementation of the Criminal Law (Mental Impairment) Act 2023, which comes into force on 1 September, \$31.7m to support the State Solicitor's Office and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) to manage increasing workloads, \$2.1m for a team of prosecutors focused on expediting and improving the handling of regional Children's Court cases involving juvenile offenders.

The budget has also allocated \$5.1b over the next four years allocated to support National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants, and has committed a \$8.8m boost to programs that support WA seniors, including the WA Seniors Card.

Doctor shortages not addressed

THE 2024-25 state Budget lays bare the challenges facing the WA health system and the ever-growing need to address doctor shortages that impact the effective delivery of healthcare.

With the state's population set to pass three million next financial year and the population increasing by 94,000 just in the last financial year, the increase in demand for health services is obvious.

In its \$12.8 billion health budget for 2024-25, the government has allocated \$1.2b for public hospital services to offset some of the demand.

However, AMA (WA) president Dr Michael Page said it was evident that much more will need to be done to address the shortage of doctors.

"The government has added 1,800 full-time equivalent doctors since 2016-17, but bold initiatives will be required to ensure a pipeline of doctors to address ongoing demand.

Health and mental health account for 30 per cent of the State's recurrent spending.

"We see further scope to fund the crucial role played by doctors in this



most crucial of sectors," he said.

"Our 'hospital health check' survey of junior doctors, released last week, showed the impact of emergency department demand on the well-being of our workforce.

"We support initiatives contained in the government's ramping strategy, including an additional \$28m towards the WA Virtual Emergency Department and \$6.2 m for the patient transport coordination hub.

"An investment of \$7.9m to support stage one of the mental health co-response ambulance pilot to divert mention mental health patients is also welcome."

The government has allocated \$260m towards mental health and alcohol and other drug services, while \$405m of the health budget is directed to the regions.

Investing in digital capabilities for the future with a \$200 million package was welcomed by Dr Page.

First home buyer support

REIWA CEO Cath Hart welcomed measures to support housing supply announced in the state government's first budget, especially increased thresholds for the first home owner transfer duty concession.

"We welcome the fact the government has opted for incentives to boost housing supply, rather than punitive measures such as new taxes as we've seen in other states," Ms Hart said.

"The fundamentals of the WA economy remain strong with the state on track to reach three million people next financial year – driving demand for housing and seeing house prices continue to climb.

"We're particularly pleased to see changes to the property price thresh-



olds for first home buyer stamp duty exemptions.

"WA has seen strong property price growth over recent years which we expect will continue – this has however meant that first home buyers are not only having to pay more, but that they haven't been able to access the stamp duty concessions.

Under the changes, first home buyers will now pay no transfer duty on homes valued up to \$450,000, a total saving of \$15,390.

The threshold was previously \$430,000.

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Retirement comes for Mike and Rex

AFTER 40 years of service, volunteer emergency rescue dog trainer and handler Mike Rooke is retiring himself, and his dog Rex, from on-call duty for the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

With National Volunteer Week approaching (May 19-26), Mr Rooke (80) decided it was time to pass the baton – and had his last weekly training session with Rex at the DFES Training Academy in Forrestfield last Sunday.

In typical understated style, Mike drew a line under his record-long service to the USAR (urban search and rescue) canine team among his friends – other volunteers who selflessly sacrifice their time to be at the ready should an emergency occur and people need to be found and rescued.

Building collapse (through earthquake or other cause), mudslide and aircraft or other large vehicle accidents are the most common incidents.

Mr Rooke and his then search dog were called in at the Kings Park mudslide in 2010, when 100 people were evacuated as a mudflow caused by a severe hailstorm engulfed an apartment block.

He and his dog took part in the 2003 inaugural exercises in Wellington, New Zealand which established USAR canine teams as essential elements of emergency services capabilities in Australasia.

Because of the demand of continuous weekly training, and the one-on-one relationship between dog and owner/handler, Mr Rooke is the only person in WA to have trained three dogs, consecutively, for a lifetime of service readiness.

Upon his retirement, USAR canine team leader Lisa Spatcher presented Mike with a certificate of distinction for his unrivalled service, and immense dedication to emergency services as a volunteer.

“He has invested so much of his time in training new members, providing support and advice, and always being available to help out. With his 40 years of service across different branches of emergency services, he has set an example for everyone. I doubt anybody will ever show more dedication,” Ms Spatcher said.

He has simultaneously been a 40-year volunteer at the Mundijong Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

“So really I have been volunteering for 80 years,” he said.

Of course with that kind of commitment, he has been lucky to have a supportive family along the way.

“For the first few years, my kids would come along to the training with me. Unsurprisingly, they did get a bit tired of it. But ever since then, they have all been very supportive for me to keep going,” he said.



Mike Rooke with Rex (left).

And what's next for Mike and Rex?

“Well, a little more time off on Sundays. But if something big were to happen tomorrow, Rex and I would certainly be available to help if needed,” he said.

With the retirement of Mike and Rex, the USAR Canine team is looking for another volunteer or two.

“We like to have five or six handlers and dogs ready to go to any emergency, so if anyone is inspired by Mike's efforts, then please get in touch with us,” Lisa says.

USAR Canine team trains on Sunday mornings and can be contacted via the DFES website, www.dfes.wa.gov.au



The new \$30 million Dayton sport and recreational hub.

Dayton's \$3m sports hub stage two opens

A \$30 million sport and recreation hub has opened in one of Perth's fastest growing areas, with the inaugural games taking place last week.

Located in the Swan urban growth corridor where the population is expected to rise by almost 50 per cent by 2050, Dayton district open space (DDOS) features sports ovals, hockey fields, netball and tennis courts, pavilions and more.

The scale of the project meant the City of Swan had to complete it in two stages.

Stage one, which focused on the neighbourhood park and play equipment, was completed in August 2022.

Stage two involved construction of buildings, floodlit sports grounds, a half-court basketball court, landscaping and parking areas.

DDOS will become the home of the Ellenbrook Falcons and Eastern Blades hockey clubs, the Caversham Suns Junior Football Club and the Caversham Dayton Cricket Club.

Steve Rogers, Ellenbrook Falcons Hockey Club

president, said it was fantastic for all 180 members of the club to have a facility to call home.

“For us, it will bring all of our players and families together in the one place, which we've never had before,” he said.

“It also gives us a community facility which can be used for more than just sport.”

Mr Rogers said it was particularly special to have access to both dry and wet hockey turfs at the same ground.

“It's a pretty amazing facility, including the infrastructure around there – it's got all of the stuff that we need.”

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the world-class new facilities would be a cornerstone of the Dayton community.

“Dayton is part of the Swan urban growth corridor – a key area for population growth,” she said.

“Building a high-specification open space like this will support that growing community in the future, providing a place for all ages, abilities and skill.”



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Habitat for Local Frogs

CREATING a frog pond is very enjoyable and adds life to the garden.

A pond or water bowl with a diameter 50cm or more is large enough for making a frog sanctuary.

Once you have picked your pond; look at adding some water plants which will clean the water and provide protection.

I like the strappy leafed sword sedge and knotted club rush that can grow with their roots submerged in the water. Add some rocks on top of the soil to prevent it from washing out.

Around your frog pond it is good to have a selection of insect attracting plants to add a food source.

A couple of my favourites are: Darwinia citriodora, Thomasia purpurea and Dampiera diversifolia.

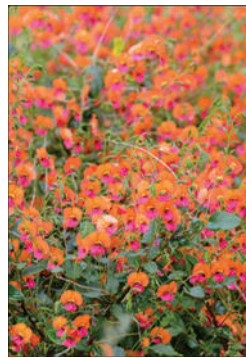
Next you need some frogs. Generally if you create it they will come, but there is also a tadpole exchange. You can find out more on the WA museum website: <https://museum.wa.gov.au/explore/frogwatch>

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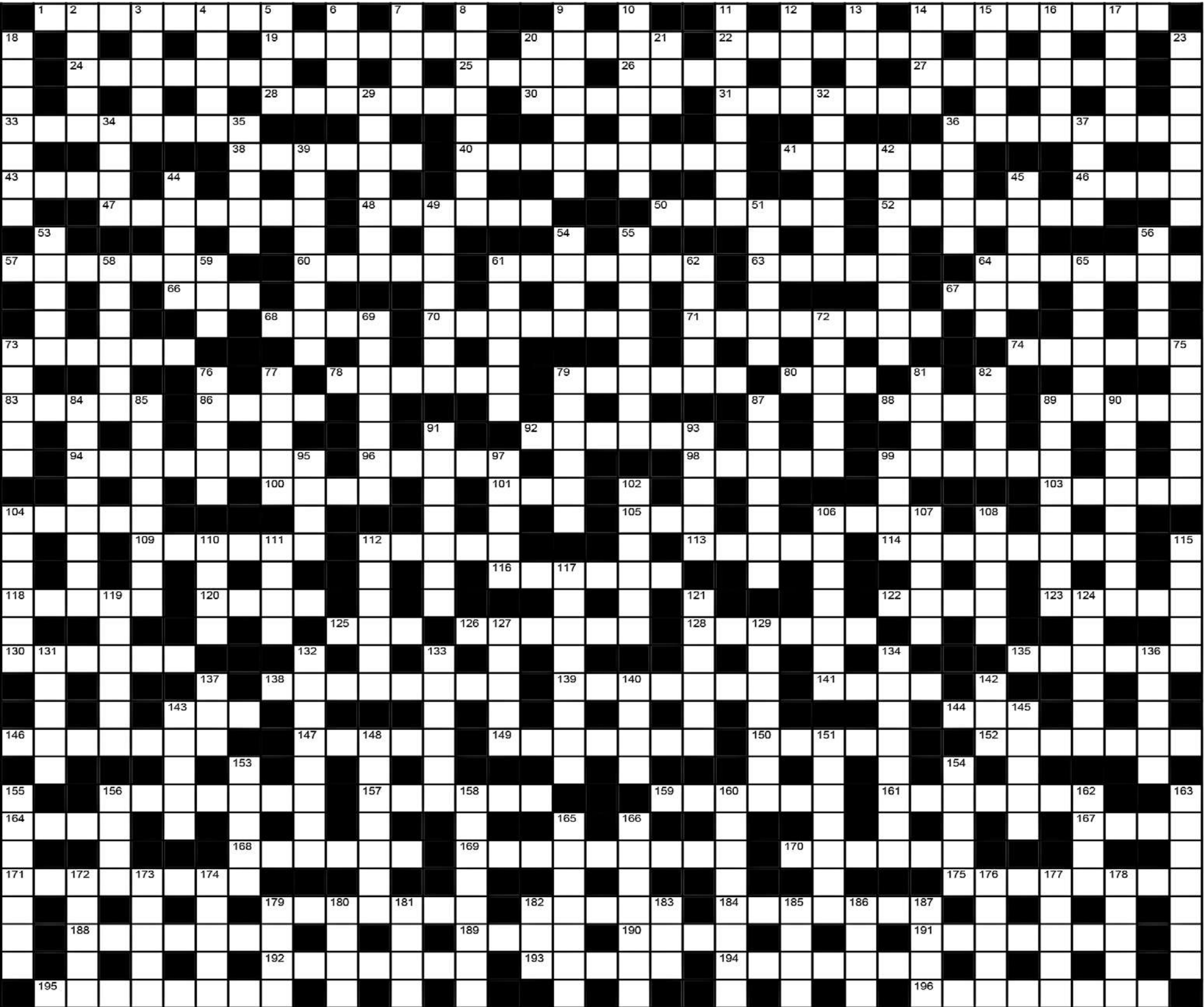
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Mind Boggler Crossword

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- ACROSS

1 Class of spider

14 A base for statue

19 An opening

20 Earth (Lat)

22 Normal

24 Vinyl LPs

25 Perceive

26 Former Russian emperor

27 Shaded parts

28 Everlasting

30 Singer, ... Presley

31 A meal course

33 Projectiles

36 Deteriorating

38 Pacific island

40 A quack

41 Funeral vehicle

43 A shoestring

46 Doing nothing

47 Stock herders

48 English naval hero

50 Stops

52 In loving mood

57 Idle talk

60 A coronet

61 Holes for plugs

63 Ladder steps

64 Bringing back to life

66 Short sleep

67 A couple

68 A fastener

70 Put away a sword

71 Cattle supplement food

73 Ocean travel

74 Curtains

78 List for discussion

79 A sacred beetle

80 A joke

83 Grade

86 Amount of bread

88 Of sound mind

89 Diminish

92 Gentle stroke

94 Argued against

96 Remove facial hair

98 Birds

99 A division

100 Labels

101 A drink

103 A sift

104 A slow-moving animal

105 A poem

106 Slippery fishes

109 Assert

112 A pig

113 Looks after

114 A sweet

116 A season

118 Indifferent to

120 A drawback

122 A festival

123 Dress material

125 A club

126 Barter

128 The coming

130 A guard

135 Estimate

138 In ruins

139 Hand coverings

141 A cheese

143 A hint

144 Call for help (abb)

146 An emergency worker

147 Part of theatre

149 A curl

150 Brag

152 Moved a canoe

156 Crossed wooden strips

157 Give a role to

159 Manner of speaking

161 Isolated lands

164 Audio effect

167 Wind instrument

168 Not many times

169 Pre-eminent

170 Barriers

171 Ornamented textile

175 Sacred

179 Hellfire

182 Childish

184 Ouzo flavouring

188 Railway stop

189 A trick

190 Polluted haze

191 Crowing bird

192 A planet

193 A zodiac sign

194 Imposing building

195 Plumage

196 A criminal

DOWN

2 Illegal schemes

3 Desert plants

4 From Scandinavia

5 Amount of medicine

6 Go under water

7 An oven

8 Meditates

9 Underground rooms

10 A skilled worker

11 A flower

12 Sudden spurts

13 A fruit

14 Annoying thing

15 A male duck

16 A plant aperture

17 Church passageway

18 Quiver

20 Golf mound

21 A donkey

23 Barrack tavern

29 Olden handstand

32 Type of hat

34 Cast off

35 Bullock

36 Base for stores

37 A platform

39 Show doubts

42 A sports car

44 Gathering of witches

45 Horse event

49 Communication with

51 Casual walk

53 Church singers

54 Form of jazz

55 A rebel

56 An emblem

58 Character signs

59 Uncooked

61 Go up and down

62 A dance

64 Bed cover

65 Breathe in

69 Deviate from

72 Parts of mines

73 A secret store

75 Neat and clean

76 A false name

77 A male servant

79 Bondservants

81 Land projection

82 Bog fuel

84 S American boa

85 A gemstone

87 Stretch out

89 Root vegetables

90 A dwelling

91 Horse shoer

93 Icy rain

95 A projectile

97 Roof overhangs

99 Window part

102 Jump on suddenly

104 Horse shed

106 Intrinsinc nature

107 Legendary sea nymph

108 Strongly desire

110 A waistband

111 Unwanted emails

112 Ferocious

115 Clues given

117 Army group

119 Type of cake

121 Show sorrow for

124 Ridiculous

127 Church desk

129 In sight

131 A brown pigment

132 Beachcomber's

find

133 Snakes

134 Telling tales

136 A tattered piece

137 Fish part

140 A levy

142 Bread dipped

143 A sample

145 Holy person

148 An edible mollusc

151 Branched horns

153 Intoxicated

154 Luxurious

155 Of rich soil

156 Adore

158 Asked earnestly

160 Small dwellings

162 Alone

163 Pasture lands

165 Place for tanning

166 Give advice

172 Old fashioned

173 In short supply

174 European river

176 Fruit of the oak

177 A waterlily

178 In poorer state

179 Quaint hotels

180 Dandies

181 Big defeat

182 Qld town, Mount

...

183 Print measures

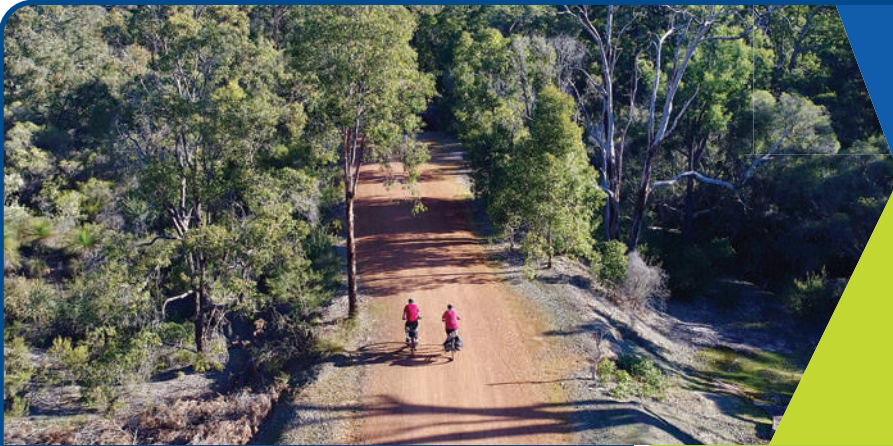
185 A wading bird

186 Large-scale

187 A wine remnant

Crossword Solution 1166 from 10 May, 2024

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B PATELLA Y REALM T S NURSERV MOVIES B
ROOT G REHAB C E PLATO K T M I STEM
ON RAMP S E CHISEL B ROAM UMPIRES U E
SODA N L MELEE EDEMA AFRO NR SCAR
TE MOSAIC M NARRATED MESS ENIGMAS C G
AERIE T ABBOT E U LAX T I B TROPE
X NERO P O UNDERTAKE IDES TAILOR L R
BOOST CORRI R K V VAT R C R V I VOR M
T OMEN I SCVTHE FUSED SHREDDED A
TIMBRE C O H DUO TEACUP E F DEPUTY
C Y N DROWSY R NASA G SPARTA A A E
T DODDLE R L DETAIL GLEAMS V REMOTE T
UTE A BANJO A N S A ATTEMPT B LIE
L BUREAU A BUNDANT DETOUR H A INSIST N
IRAK R TOMB E NALERT R TRIPOD S A LOS
PERSIST R INTACT X LEF MAY E R AMBIENCE
V E E C R R HEIST I RUFFIAN O E O
I T M SAMURAI E MAKES N N I H T P U
VERTEBRA A O NIMBLE E DAHLIA O DEFEATS
AWOL U REDEYES RALLY O I SOYA U RISK
GENEVA A A IMPACT E MANTIGS CARESS T
EVE R GAMBLER W B S R ELUDE M GUEST
T RUBBLE L MUZZLE LEGACY L E EXHALE B
I S T NUCLEI I WEAN H BERTHS E O A
AGHAST G E TEMPLE SEA E O N RETIRE
U PENCHANT POSSE ZODIAC L SWAN R
SALSA A D S MOB T A N ADEPT S WOOP
N ROARED E TNA BORDIELLOS U HAST W
KAYAK N R S P Y E E L O P E M GUEST
I T SHRINES ANTE RADIATOR L MAIDEN X H
NOEL O V STOW DRAKE UTTER N N COMA
D L CAROUSE BALE I SPLITS A PADDY O M
LADS R R L E SINUS A L HINGE O BUBB
I STUDIO FLORIST B E SWAMI S SHERPAS L
N Y E U A R A OGREIS W STOUT L E
LATE CRAISHER YELLOW T OASIS M ORDERLIES



Shire President's Message

This season's unpredictable weather and lack of rain means that burning periods are subject to frequent changes – sometimes daily. The best way to stay up to date with the latest advice is to sign up to the Shire's free SMS message alerts via bit.ly/3PCG6e6 on our website. You'll receive a message from the Shire direct to your mobile phone alerting you to changes in burning periods, harvest and vehicle movement bans and when total fire bans are in place if the weather conditions make it just too dangerous to burn at all. I encourage everyone to sign up, to support the efforts of our volunteer firefighters and to help keep our community safe.



We are getting ready to FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) to make a positive impact on our environment! Under the new FOGO system required by the WA State Government, food and garden waste will be collected in a separate bin, to be diverted from landfill and transformed into compost. Effective from Monday 1 July 2024, your FOGO bin will be collected weekly while general waste and recycling bins will be collected on alternate weeks.

Transitioning to this new system may be challenging for some households. If you are struggling with capacity, please reach out to the Shire's waste services team for assistance. Just as we adapted to the ban on single-use shopping bags, embracing FOGO requires a shift in our household waste habits. Together we can reduce landfill by committing to reducing our household waste. Additional information about the new three bin system will be in your letterbox soon and is also available via our website mundaring.wa.gov.au/environment-waste/fogo. I hope to see you at one of this month's FOGO drop-in sessions in the Shire of Mundaring.

Paige McNeil
Shire President

Wildlife Booklet now Online

We are excited to launch an online version of *Wildlife of the Perth Hills*, a booklet made possible with the help of our talented community of photographers.

While not exhaustive, the booklet introduces commonly encountered species in the shire. We hope that residents enjoy learning a bit more about our local wildlife and perhaps find out the names of the creatures that share your backyard.

We invite you to view an online version of the booklet via bit.ly/MundaringWildlifeBooklet.



FOGO Drop-in Sessions

Come along to a drop-in session to learn more about the new Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) three bin waste system.



The Hub of the Hills

8 Craig Street, Mundaring
Tuesday 21 May, 9.30am to 11am

Mundaring Village Shopping Centre

7295 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring
Saturday 25 May, 11am to 2pm
Saturday 22 June, 11am to 2pm

Mundaring Arena

50 Mundaring Weir Road, Mundaring
Tuesday 28 May, 6pm to 8pm
Saturday 8 June, 11am to 1pm

Swan View Shopping Centre (outside Coles)

Gladstone and Marlboro Roads, Swan View
Thursday 13 June, 11am to 1pm

What's On

1 June Ordinary Council Meeting

The meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11 June** at 6.30pm at the Shire Administration Centre.



The agenda is available on the website, Administration Centre or at our libraries. Meetings will be live streamed via the Shire's website mundaring.wa.gov.au/council-livestreams-and-recordings.

2 Birds of the Perth Hills with Talitha Huston Monday 10 June

6pm to 7.30pm
Boya Community Centre



Talitha Huston talks about her book - a collection of photographs, watercolours and information about birds of the Perth Hills. Bookings essential via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

3 JP Services now available at Brown Park, Swan View

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No bookings necessary. Remember to bring photo ID with you. If your document requires two witnesses, please bring someone with you.

4 Befriending Grief and Loss with Erin Griffin

Saturday 15 June (Free, Adults only)

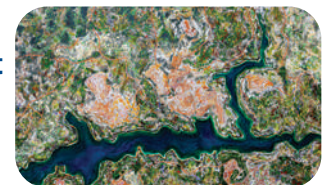
6pm to 7.15pm
Boya Community Centre

This session will gently touch on grief, offering tips and strategies to manage your own grief and support others on their grieving journey.

Bookings essential via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

5 Aboriginal Cultural Centre Visit

Saturday 22 June (Free with bus transport and refreshments)



9.30pm to 1.30pm (pick up and drop off at The Hub of the Hills, 8 Craig Street, Mundaring).

Join us for an exciting morning at Bilya Koort Boodja (Northam) and immerse yourself in the rich culture and history of the local Aboriginal community.

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Public Notices

City of Swan

Request for a portion of land to be dedicated as road in lot 2090 Marshall Road, Dayton

Notice is hereby given of the City of Swan's intent to request the Minister for Lands to dedicate a portion of land as road, under section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*. The subject lot is: Lot 9020 Marshall Road, Dayton.

A plan showing the location of the portion of land can be inspected online at www.swan.wa.gov.au; at the City's Administration Centre, Morrison Road, Midland; or at any of the City's libraries, during office hours.

Prior to Council considering this matter, submissions from the public are sought. Anyone wishing to object to, support or otherwise comment on this proposal may do so by lodging a submission online via swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au or addressed and mailed to the undersigned, **City of Swan, PO Box 196, Midland, 6936**, on or before June 21, 2024.

Stephen Cain
Chief Executive Officer

Public Notices

CITY OF SWAN

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF LAND SECTION 3.58 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

PROPERTY: 27 Junction Parade, Midland, WA, 6056
LESSEE: Active Hearing Pty Ltd, ABN 91 087 971 051
ANNUAL RENTAL AMOUNT: \$55,500.00 plus GST and Outgoings per annum
VALUATION: \$50,000.00 to \$55,000.00 plus GST and Outgoings per annum
PURPOSE: Commercial Office
TERM: 3 Years
Submissions, in writing, addressed to the undersigned, may be lodged on or before **3rd June 2024**.

Stephen Cain
Chief Executive Officer
City of Swan
PO Box 196, Midland, 6936



PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – LOT 602 (NO.15) YELVERTON DRIVE, WOODBRIDGE – MULTIPLE DWELLINGS

We invite comment on a development application for multiple dwellings at Lot 602 (No. 15) Yelverton Drive, Woodbridge, in accordance with Section 64 of the *Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Act 2011* and Clauses 5.15 and 6.7 of the METRONET East Redevelopment Scheme. The site is located within the Midland Precinct.

The application seeks approval for the following development:

- 4 storey multiple dwelling development which is to be undertaken in two stages. Stage 1 of the development consists of 20 apartments including:
 - ▶ Eight 1 bedroom x 1 bathroom apartments
 - ▶ Twelve 2 bedroom x 1 bathroom apartments
- Pedestrian and vehicle access provided directly from Yelverton Drive
- Sleeved car parking area to the rear of the site, with 4 visitor bays and 15 residential bays as well as 12 bicycle bays
- The site forms part of the 'Workshops Character Area'

The proposal seeks consideration of the following variations from the Midland Design Guidelines and Residential Design Codes (Volume 2):

- Upper floor setback to Yelverton Drive to 1 metre instead of 3.5 metres;
- 4 of the storerooms providing 3m² instead of 4m² area;
- Concealed roof proposed to the development, instead of a pitched roof; and
- Private Balcony and terrace spaces of the development do not meet required areas.

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 **7 June 2024** and can be submitted on our website, by email to planning@developmentwa.com.au or by post for the attention of the Manager Statutory Planning, Locked Bag 5, PERTH BUSINESS CENTRE WA 6849.

For further information on the proposed Multiple Dwellings, please contact our Planning Division on **6200 4011**

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Ruth Aryang (right) made her debut in West Coast Fever's win against the Queensland Firebirds. Picture: Clix by Mia/West Coast Fever

Sisters on court together

IN West Coast Fever's fifth win in a row Sunday Aryang played wing defence for the first time this Suncorp Super Netball season while her sister Ruth made her debut.

The absence of Kelsey Browne (load management) meant coach Dan Ryan had captain Jess Anstiss put on the centre bib.

In defence Fran Williams had two deflections across the quarter, while at the other end of the court the Jhaniele Fowler-Nembhard and Shanice Beckford partnership continued to get stronger.

Following two supershots from Beckford, Fever were 26-16 against the Queensland Firebirds at the first change.

Fever's defence was the star of the second quarter, with Williams' three defensive rebounds, Kadie-Ann Dehaney's two intercepts and a deflection from both Beckford and Jordan Cransberg exciting the Green Army.

Alice Teague-Neeld's nine goal assists paired nicely with her 12 feeds for the quarter and Beckford ended the first half with a 100 per cent shooting accuracy for her six goals, including

two super shots.

Fever were in front 49-28 at the main break.

It was the new kids on the block that created the loudest cheers in the third quarter, Olivia Wilkinson made her start with three straight goals and ended the quarter with a total of nine including three super shots.

Ruth Aryang collected one defensive rebound, one intercept and two deflections, keeping the pressure on Firebird Donnell Wallam, while her sister Sunday stayed strong with a deflection in wing defence.

Taking a 74-48 lead into the fourth quarter Fever put goalers Wilkinson and Beckford together and the duo ended the final seconds of the match with a supershot each.

Teague-Neeld's game ended with three deflections in the final quarter, and a total of 45 feeds and 33 goal assists.

West Coast Fever's final score of 94-58 against the Firebirds was achieved through Fowler-Nembhard's 62 goals, alongside Wilkinson's 15 and Beckford's eight.

Cougars win while Roos in fourth spot



Chidlow and Mundaring played a close contest in their round five Hills Football Association game at Mundaring oval.

BRIAN PALLISTER

CHIDLOW have a bye in the Hills Football Association this weekend after a 13.9 (87) to 13.4 (82) win over Mundaring on May 12.

Despite the win Chidlow are fifth on the ladder while Mundaring with a higher percentage is in fourth spot.

At Mundaring oval last weekend the Cougars had three goals on the board in quick succession before the Roos could enter their forward line.

Matt Mallaby was proving a handful at full forward with four of their six first quarter goals. Luke Elliott was covering most of the ground racking up the possessions.

Cody Langridge and Alex Radonic were busy around the half forward line.

The Roos swung Daniel Thomas into the ruck which paid dividends as they started to clear the ball forward from the stoppages.

Robert Di Salvio, Clayton Thomas and Dylan O'Loughlen started to have an impact.

Austin Thomas converted from a

strong lead and mark to get Mundaring up and about in the second as they chipped away at Chidlow's lead.

By the main break they had reduced the deficit to 11 points.

Sateki A'Vard was lively around the midfield Tyler Levett became a presence across his half forward line as the Roos kept pushing forward.

A fortuitous soccer goal from Reece Carr kept the Cougars five points in front at the last change.

The stage was set for a cracking last quarter in what was shaping up to be the closest finish for the season so far.

Two goals each had the Cougars home by five points at the final siren.

For Mundaring Austin Thomas was a standout with seven goals, Daniel Thomas along with Sateki A'Vard were solid contributors.

For Chidlow Matt Mallaby finished with five for the game, along with several possessions around the ground when having a run on the ball.

Jake Forman, Cody Langridge and Luke Elliott were also influential.

Mundaring will take on ladder leaders Pickering Brook this weekend.

Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk

Crossing Over

My brother John and I, together with our wives, had a holiday recently exploring south-east Queensland and visiting family and friends. While we were there, we saw spectacular waterfalls – like the 40-metre-high Queen Mary falls.

All the waterfalls had good access, except one – Brown's falls. To get to this one required walking along a muddy and slippery track, and then crossing a river three times. Two of the crossings were negotiable; and one looked impossible. But as I studied it more carefully, I noticed some vines hanging high over the river. I thought if I could reach one vine, I could swing to a rock halfway across the river. Then I could grab another vine and swing all the way across. That's exactly what John and I did – Tarzan style. It was a challenging crossing, but worth it – Brown's falls is a magnificent 20-metre-high cascading waterfall.

But there is another crossing that is impossible for us to make by ourselves. It's the crossing from this life into heaven. None of us will make it, no matter how good or religious we have been. This is because of the wrong things we've done against God.

The good news, though, is that we can cross over through Jesus Christ. By dying on the cross for our sins and rising again, Jesus made it possible for us to cross over into heaven when we die – if we would take hold of His hand by faith, trusting in Him as our Saviour.



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Upcoming Events

The Swan Athletic Senior's Group holds a fortnightly function at the club rooms in McDonald Road, Herne Hill and invites people to attend. The functions are especially for seniors to meet and have a fun day out in the Swan Valley. The group also has several bus trips during the year to near places of interest. The group's next meetings are on May 23, followed by June 6 and 20 at 12.30pm. On June 6 the group will have a physiotherapist talk on how to look after yourself after a fall. Plenty of parking is available. Call Tom on 0401 803 675 or Val on 0467 034 529 if you need any further information.

• **Gidgegannup Men's Shed** will have no shed activities from Tuesday, May 21 to Tuesday, May 28 inclusive as they need to vacate the shed for the Gidgegannup Small Farm Field Day. Contact Andrew Brine if you can assist on May 21 to empty the shed and/or May 28 to help move everything back if you haven't

done so already and if you can bring a trailer, store equipment-trailer. If you can spare a few hours on Sunday, May 26 to represent the men's shed at their marquee at the small farm field day contact Andrew Simpson on 0417 152 202 or email treasurer@gidgegannupmensshed.org.au

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

• **Midland Ascension Craft Group** meets in the Parish Hall every Tuesday of school term from 1pm to 3pm. All most welcome to join for a chat, cuppa, any craft and sometimes a guest speaker - 17 Spring Park Road, Midland. Call 04332 65683.

• **Bayswater City VIEW Club** will be taking part in a walkathon around Yokine Reserve on Tuesday, May 21. All money raised will help support the 12 students sponsored by the club in the Smith Family Learning for Life Program.



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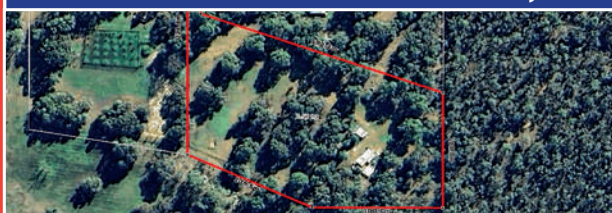


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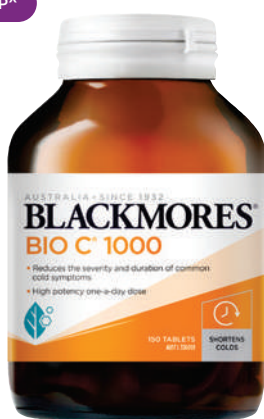
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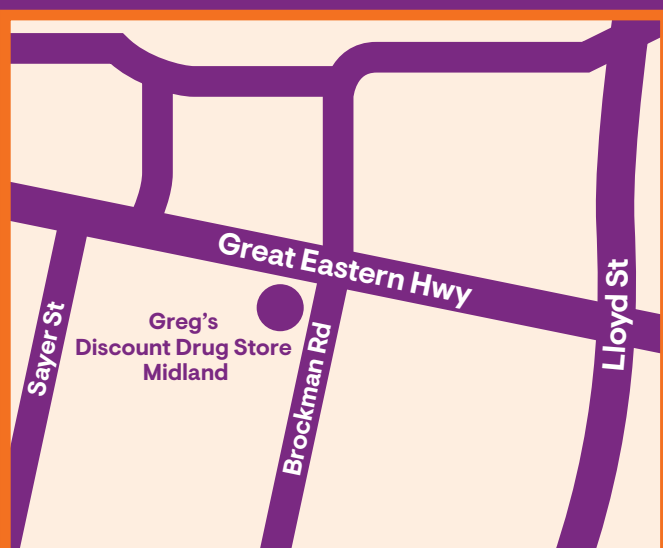
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