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## ECHO Celebrations



The original Caversham CWA ladies' club members pose for a group photo.

## Caversham CWA celebrates 60 years

THE Caversham branch of the Country Women's Association recently celebrated its 60th birthday.

The group met for morning tea and lunch at the Caversham Memorial Hall to celebrate the milestone.

Sue Meredith, a Caversham CWA member, said the event, held in the centenary year of the CWA of Western Australia, was well attended and enjoyed by all.

"All in all, a very successful day," she said.

The event was also attended by representatives from the City of Swan, Shalom House, Grandcarers, Caversham Primary School, Purple Road, and numerous other CWA branches from around Perth.

Mechelle Turvey attended as guest speaker for the group, and everyone was entertained later in the day by the Caversham Primary School choir.

Caversham Memorial Hall, the group's regular meeting place, was decorated in blue and white, the traditional CWA colours, and included displays of historical memorabilia from early in the group's history, with photos from as far back as the 1960s.

Ms Meredith said the CWA had played an important role in Western Australian women's lives for decades.

"It's really something special, and once you join most women stay in it for life," she said.

Anne Pervan and Jenny Vandenberg, Caversham's oldest members, have been members of the CWA for more than 50 years.

Ms Meredith said her mum told her about the CWA and encouraged her to come along, something she said she would be doing for her own daughter.

"We're very involved in the community, which is a great thing for everyone, and we welcome all new members to come along and have a cup of tea and meet everyone," she said.

Ms Meredith's daughter and niece baked the celebratory cake and cookies for the occasion, and Anne and Jenny did the ceremonial cake cutting together.

The group received a \$2000 community grant through the City of Swan to provide catering for the event, and she said not having members needed in the kitchen made the day feel even more special.

Ms Meredith said new members of all ages were welcome to attend future meetings and encouraged younger women to consider coming along.

"There's this misconception that the CWA is only for old ladies, but there is space for everyone to come along and enjoy themselves.

"So even if you're a younger woman, you can come and be a part of a new group and a new community of women."



Longest-standing members Anne Pervan and Jenny Vandenberg cut the cake.



Three generations celebrate together (Sarah Meredith, Mary Seelander, and Sue Meredith)



Guest speaker Mechelle Turvey with club memorabilia.



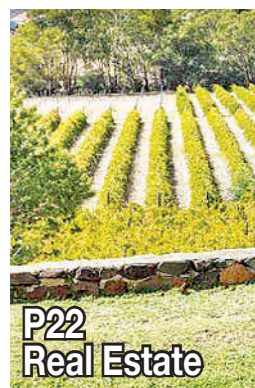
Mrs Peg Gobby, club membership photo taken in 1978.

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The Cale Street level crossing has opened but residents aren't happy with the noise and safety concerns. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

## Cale Street crossing uproar

GUANHAO CHENG

**MIDLAND'S new Cale Street level crossing opened last Friday at about 7pm but nearby residents' worries about increases in noise levels and safety hazards haven't been put to rest.**

Cale Street resident Brian Steels, who lives in front of the crossing, said the noise disturbed his household all night.

"Last Friday night was terrible," he said.

"The streetlights were bad. The flashing red lights come on forever, and we heard the bells in our lounge room while watching TV.

"Metronet may well say that the bells don't sound for long, but they ring just long enough to wake you up or keep you alert."

In *Residents feel overlooked over Cale Street crossing* (Echo News, April 26), it was reported residents along Cale Street had been voicing their apprehensions about the level crossing for months.

The Public Transport Authority (PTA) said they would continue to monitor noise impacts after the level crossing was complete as reported in *PTA comments on Cale Street* (Echo News, May 3).

Mr Steels documented five instances of the level crossing's bells penetrating into their building on the first night, with a particular instance at 3.35am followed up by another round of ringing 20 minutes later.

"Once the noise begins it matters not the duration and intensity, but the fact that it has penetrated the person's environment," Mr Steels said.

"It came into our bedroom throughout the night."

Mr Steels said the noise and light continued to disrupt the lives of residents and businesses in the days after the opening.

"(This past Tuesday), as for the past four or five nights we had to hear the noise of the diesel generator powering the light over the pedestrian crossing towards St John of God hospital from Railway Parade," he said.

"Surely, with power available all around for various lights and gates, we can have an electric light not one that is diesel powered with sound entering our residential area."

On top of concerns about disruptive noise, traffic safety also became a focal point of the community's worries.

Commercial Bar and Kitchen owner Kevin Bartholomew, whose business is less than 200m from the new crossing, contacted Main Roads on behalf of nearby residents with questions about the danger of the traffic flow.

"This intersection is expected to handle over 4000 vehicles daily and is also a critical crossing point for freight trains, with around 70 freight trains passing daily, each taking approximately two and a half minutes to clear the crossing," he said.

Mr Bartholomew pointed to a diagram published by Metronet which illustrated the direction of traffic flow at the new Cale Street and Railway Parade intersection **cont page 22.**

## Lloyd Street bridge saga continues

ANITA McINNES

**THE finish date for the Lloyd Street bridge remains unclear with the Transport Minister this week saying the state government will go back and ask the City of Swan what they want to do with the project.**

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti's comments came after a story in The West Australian said City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson blamed the delay in building the bridge on the transport minister.

Over the years the bridge – proposed to span the Helena River with the aim of easing heavy vehicle congestion in the surrounding area – has attracted considerable opposition.

Last year the Save the Helena River Wetlands – Rethink the Lloyd Street Bridge Facebook page cited a motion presented on March 2, 2022 by Midland Guildford ward Cr Rashelle Predovnik to endorse the original design of the Lloyd Street bridge.

The post said adoption of the original design went against months of community and Noongar pleas to re-design the bridge so it went over an important heritage site and (tortoise) wetland and not through it.

Current Mayor Tanya Richardson and current deputy mayor Ian Johnson, who were both councillors back then, were among those to vote against the motion.

On Tuesday Ms Saffioti said the Lloyd Street bridge was a City of Swan project, which they had asked the state government to deliver.

Ms Saffioti said after the state government had started planning on the bridge the city had said 'We don't want you to deliver that project because we don't like the project'.

"We're currently going through that planning process but I've got to say this is becoming increasingly difficult getting a consistent and coherent strategy from some councils when they ask you to help them deliver something and you do that and then they



Concerns the initial Lloyd Street bridge proposal would affect heritage sites and biodiversity, led to the project being reassessed.

walk away from it or they campaign against it," Ms Saffioti said.

"That's happened to me a few times in which as I said councils under one particular makeup ask the state government for funding or ask you to take over their project, which we do and then they make it very complex and impossible to deliver."

On June 11 government leader in the Upper House Sue Ellery, on behalf of the transport minister, responded to questions by the Opposition about the future of the project and when the transport minister would make a decision.

Ms Ellery said the minister advised that a feasibility study was undertaken to assess the viability of an alternative alignment for the project following a section 10 application under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984.

She said the findings of the feasibility study were under consideration in conjunction with the City of Swan, noting the Lloyd Street bridge was a local government initiative.

The City of Swan has been contacted for comment.

## Laws to protect retail workers and businesses from crime



**SIGNIFICANTLY increased penalties now apply to violent attackers who target retail workers simply doing their job.**

A new assault retail workers offence is in effect, seeing individuals who attack staff in the course of their duties face up to seven years in prison, or three years and a fine of \$36,000.

The tougher sentencing options are notably higher than the previous penalties of 18 months behind bars and a fine of \$18,000.

If a violent offender is armed or in the company of others, the penalty rises to a maximum 10 years' imprisonment.

Repeat offenders charged with multiple low level stealing offences also face potential jail time after the Cook Government sentencing reform removed the fine-only penalty limit for those convicted of stealing, or attempted stealing, when they have two or more prior convictions for similar crimes in the past year.

Serial thieves will instead be subject to a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment and \$24,000 when dealt with summarily.

Last year, a national survey by the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees' Association (SDA) of its members,

which attracted 4600 responses, revealed reports of physical violence increased by 56 per cent when compared to two years prior.

The higher penalties for repeat and violent offenders provide additional deterrence for those who look to intimidate, hurt or exploit retailers and those working in the sector.

Police Minister Paul Papalia said just like other Western Australians, retail workers had every right to feel safe in their workplace.

"These tougher penalties send a strong message that violent behaviour towards staff simply doing their job won't be tolerated.

"WA Police do an incredible job tracking down shoplifters and holding them to account but some serial offenders don't get the message. Under these new laws, if shoplifters continue to disregard the law they will go to prison."

Attorney General John Quigley said the retail sector plays a crucial part in WA's economy and staff shouldn't be threatened or subjected to acts of violence in their workplace.

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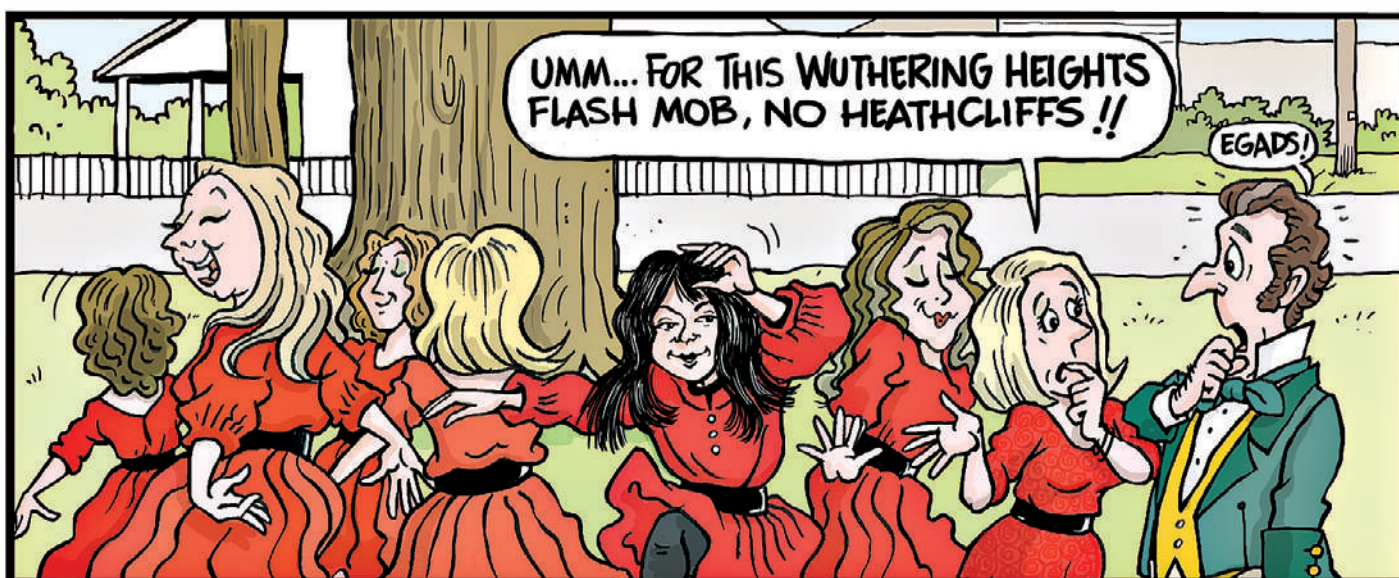
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### Thanks for the help

**Dear Echo News,**  
On Wednesday July 10 we had an accident at the roundabout of Hartung Street and Stoneville Road.

I would wish to thank all the people that came to our aid and offered assistance and supplied information.

Thank you very much to every one of you, especially Rocky.  
**M Warnock  
Stoneville**

### Mundaring Heritage a Hot topic

**Dear Echo News,**  
Heritage was a hot topic at this month's July 9 Shire of Mundaring (SOM) monthly ordinary council meeting.

According to Deputee (questioner) Eric, SOM has lost a WWI gun. Shire CEO Whiteaker promises to do all he can to help find the gun.

Deputee Jenny reckoned it was high time the shire employed a heritage officer, given the extent of heritage in the shire. Other shires do, so why not ours?

Deputee Jeff described how six local volunteers with extensive local expertise, have spent many hours researching and recording 67 heritage sites in the shire. Still 130 more sites that need thorough investigation!

He claimed shire officers don't have the expertise, and you can't buy in effective heritage consultancy because no outside consultant has in-depth local knowledge. If a consultancy did acquire the knowledge, they would have to pass a massive bill on to the council.

Most cost effective is to have a paid local expert to coordinate local volunteer expertise and research. A heritage community advisory committee alone cannot do all the work.

Shire President McNeil said a new heritage strategy, item 10.2 on the agenda for the night (which can be viewed online), was long overdue.

Cr Cicchini lamented the loss of two much-loved sites with "rich history" in the life of the community; a liquor store transformed into tearooms with tennis courts, and the John Forrest National Park Tavern, torn down despite 20,000 locals petitioning to save it.

She also claimed that

with heritage listing, owners of our older buildings would not be able to ruin them with "piecemeal renovations".

Cr Mehta, who has been with the working group for the heritage strategy, queried why there was at least one reference to the Aboriginal Heritage Act in earlier documents, but this evening's heritage strategy put forward for finalisation, made no mention of it? She also said "We urgently need a heritage plan for an area so rich in heritage".

As deputee for Jarrah Friends, I had asked "Don't finalise the heritage strategy until full intention for a Aboriginal heritage archeological survey is included, as part of a full LAWBSA survey, as part of the Northern Jarrah Forest Biosphere Quest."

Cr Daw asked if it was possible to include Aboriginal heritage in with colonial heritage?

Apparently, it is not possible, so another strategy for that will need to be made. This is necessary for a World Heritage biosphere site.

To quote from the Jarrah Friends deputa- tion; "While Heritage status for our Jarrah ecology is based on significant Natural Environmental Heritage, the UNESCO criteria requires inclusion of the other three heritage categories; historical anthropology, both pre and post colonial, and the built environment.

Cr Zlatnik asserted "Perfect is the enemy of good. This heritage policy is not perfect, but it is good. It is one step forward for making decisions about heritage. It can be tweaked later.

Cr Jeans said "We need to look at the re- sourcing of the docu- ment, toward getting the best outcomes".

With the recognition that improvements still need to be made, the Mundaring Council

### Thought for the day

"When you can't find someone to follow, you have to find a way to lead by example."

— Roxanne Gay

voted unanimously for both the sustainability policy and the heritage strategy, to pass as is. I agree this is a good move.

So to finish off, I quote the ending of the Jarrah Friends' deputa- tion; "Again, congratulations to SOM for heading in the direction of our land becoming part of a Jarrah Belt Biosphere."

**S Braun  
Mundaring**

### Kalamunda environ- ment matters

**Dear Echo News,**  
I read with interest Kalamunda councillors' comments on environmental matters and a seemingly open slather against the city and its residents taking individual action against climate change in Kalamunda's 5% rate hike (Echo News, July 12).

It is true that our individual and even collective actions targeting climate change will be drops in a very big bucket. It is also true that individual actions such as 'buying a couple of expensive electric vehicles' may or may not be relevant at this time.

Since no cost benefit data was shown it is hard to agree or disagree.

Yet even small actions against climate change would have a substantial effect if they were replicated throughout the country and should be supported by political actions at national, state and local government levels.

Sadly, political actions are influenced by individual and Party considerations which

may take catastrophic geophysical changes before we all come together on substantially reducing climate change.

Greater concern and urgent action is needed, at all levels of society, towards reducing our global impact on the environment.

**W Buchanan  
Walliston**

### Bang on the money

**Dear Echo News,**  
P Carman in *Aged care concerns* (Echo News, July 12), is bang on the money!

I have just finished a three-year stint of attending my wife in an aged care facility, for six to seven hours every day.

The time spent has given me a comprehensive inside knowledge of how the system operates.

Most regrettably the management/ownership group do not seem to value their employees.

So how can they/we expect them to value the residents?

There are a few very dedicated, skilled and caring staff that need to be recognised and applauded, but sadly their employers don't seem to understand this.

A massive concern is that less than five per cent of the residents ever get a visitor!

A rub off from this, is a feeling with a lot of the staff, is "no one else cares why should I?"

**A Farrall  
Aveley**

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# Mundaring heritage strategy presses ahead



Jeff Murray and a historical society volunteer check the Hovea railway station heritage site.

JACKI ELEZOVICH

**THE Shire of Mundaring adopted a new heritage strategy in last week's council meeting, despite multiple groups expressing concern over missing pieces.**

The strategy creates a framework for protecting the shire's many heritage sites and ensuring information about heritage areas is correct and up to date.

Mundaring and Hills Historical Society (MHHS) member Jenny Johnson said the presence of a designated heritage officer within the shire would prevent any queries or issues surrounding heritage in Mundaring shire from slipping through the cracks and would be significantly cheaper than hiring an outside contractor to survey and catalogue new possible heritage sites.

"Even with a hired company to oversee things, cases could still be overlooked. A local expert would know the area and understand exactly what they're dealing with," she said.

"We have people in the community with doctorates in heritage conservation, so the expertise is there to utilise."

Ms Johnson expressed concern that community resources were running thin without support from council, and the effectiveness of heritage cataloguing could suffer as a result.

"Who do the community contact with heritage inquiries? MHHS has minimal funding to carry out the admin role for staff and councillors," she said.

MHHS member Jeff Murray said he doubted hiring a heritage officer was something that would come to pass, however a volunteer-based heritage advisory group working with the Shire of Mundaring would likely be a better option to get the work done and keep the cost to council and the community low.

Mr Murray said volunteers put in hours of work through the now-disbanded local heritage survey review working group, but with more than 100 newly submitted heritage sites as yet uncatalogued, he said volunteers would need more help coordinating research efforts, and the proposed solution of the shire's cultural advisory group taking administering the project would not be sufficient.

"This project was a tremendous effort by

just six volunteers. If you believe the CAG will be able to perform the same role when they meet just twice a year and don't have the same interest or historical experience as our members, I believe you are underestimating the work involved," he said.

He said reinstating the previous volunteer group would be the most time and cost-effective solution.

"A dedicated heritage officer or team is warranted, who can not only provide advice but who have strong connections to local history groups," he said.

Jarrah Friends, an environmental advocacy group working in the Perth hills, raised the issue of the omission of reference to the Aboriginal Heritage Act.

Group secretary Dr Stevie Braun said planning for an Aboriginal heritage archaeological survey to take place in the area as part of the heritage strategy was vital to its ongoing success.

But Dr Braun said the shire's decision to move forward with the strategy despite its imperfections and get the ball rolling on an official framework for protecting Shire of Mundaring's heritage was ultimately the right move. **Cont page 22.**

## Mundaring adopts first heritage strategy

**SHIRE of Mundaring is working towards preserving its rich cultural heritage with the unanimous adoption of its first heritage strategy at its July ordinary council meeting.**

Shire President Paige McNeil said the strategy marked a pivotal moment in the shire's commitment to safeguarding and celebrating its unique historical assets and set a clear direction for managing the shire's heritage.

"I extend council's thanks to the Mundaring and Hills Historical Society, Darlington History Group, Midland and Districts Historical Society and

Lost Mundaring and Surroundings Local History Museum for their input and sustained commitment to preserving our local heritage," Ms McNeil said.

"This ground-breaking approach ensures that the shire's heritage is managed effectively and sustainably."

Ms McNeil said the strategy addressed issues raised by stakeholders and council, and incorporates recent legislative changes to align with the broader direction of heritage management and community expectations, to assist the shire in meeting key statutory responsibilities under the Heritage Act 2018, including

maintaining its local heritage survey.

The document is expected to be presented to council in the coming months, while a new 'heritage requirements for planning proposals local planning policy' has been endorsed for public advertising and will soon be open for public comment.

Community members are encouraged to visit the shire's website to view or download a copy of the heritage strategy.

Details regarding current and upcoming heritage-related projects can be found at [www.engage.mundaring.wa.gov.au/heritage](http://www.engage.mundaring.wa.gov.au/heritage)



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# York Business Assn updates

PETER W LEWIS

**THE recent York Business Association (YBA) AGM was well attended and office bearers for the next year were elected.**

The elected team consists of president Karen Thomas, treasurer Guy Lehmann, minutes secretary Rebecca Marwick and committee members Nola Bliss, Vicki Forward, Cherie Wallis, Lisa Buckingham and Roger Hayes.

Following the AGM, Jo Bryant provided an update on the York Festival, while economic development guru Rebecca Atkinson talked about the film releases of both *The Twelve* and *Runt*, which will put York on the global stage.

The YBA is working on their next forums including tourism with a speaker from Destination Perth on August 12, with a 6pm start followed by the importance of 'Work life balance' in difficult trading times, and then social media, 'friend or foe'.

"The biggest news and potential work load is that the Shire of York have asked the YBA to take over the publication of the York Business Directory," president Karen Thomas said.

"After the debacle last year over the book and all the associated dramas with our CRC the shire, although they have taken over the CRC, simply do not have the resources to take on this project."

She said as most directories in the regions are published by Chambers of Commerce it made sense for the YBA to take it on.

"Although it will be a big job for a group that is purely run by unpaid volunteers," she said.

"Our AGM agreed it is an important publication for the town and has invaluable information for residents. If we want people to shop locally we need to give them as much information as possible, so we will work at making the directory a lot more informative for everyone and hopefully substantially increase the advertising revenue and give better value for our advertisers."

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Indi the pony, Luci Bramham, Kalamunda MLA Matthew Hughes, Kelsi Brennan, Robby the pony and little rider Marceline with her mother Bryony.

## New property meets growing demand

**CHARITY HorsePower Hills, which has provided horse riding for more than a thousand people with disabilities since 1978, has obtained a new home in Chidlow.**

HorsePower Hills head coach Willie Warnock said the new property would help HorsePower meet the growing demand for their hippotherapy and small group horse-riding programs.

At 6.5ha the Chidlow property is almost three times the size of their current riding centre.

"Our new home will allow us to continue to make a difference to our participants' lives," the coach said.

"We have a number of innovations in mind and our riders, their families and carers will love the new centre and so will our volunteers and horses."

"Chidlow is a tranquil location and our new property has wildflowers and shady trails."

"We will take a few months to get the property ready for riding and we are looking for more volunteers to help us realise this opportunity."

HorsePower Hills president and retired physiotherapist Sheila Seal said the organisation was faced with losing their riding centre in Sawyers Valley next April.

She said the search for a new permanent site started in 2017 and had been enthusiastically supported by Kalamunda MLA Matthew Hughes.

"Mr Hughes did not want the community to lose our valuable services," she said.

"Equine activities help to improve muscle power, balance and coordination, generally enhancing the quality of life for the riders and their families."

"Mr Hughes connected us with Disability Services and relentlessly advocated our cause, taking it all the way to the Premier,

who gave his support."

Mr Hughes celebrated at the new property with HorsePower Hills volunteers and riders on July 11.

"Thanks to a \$1.2 million grant from the Cook Government, HorsePower Hills has a secure and beautiful property that will bring pleasure and personal development to the riders and also to the volunteers," he said.

"The new home has a wonderful feel to it. I consider this HorsePower achievement to be one of the community projects with which I am most proud to be associated."

Disability Services Minister Don Punch said organisations like HorsePower played a tremendously important role in ensuring people with disability could participate and were included in the community.

Mr Punch also thanked the volunteers who helped deliver the essential service to support families and carers in WA.



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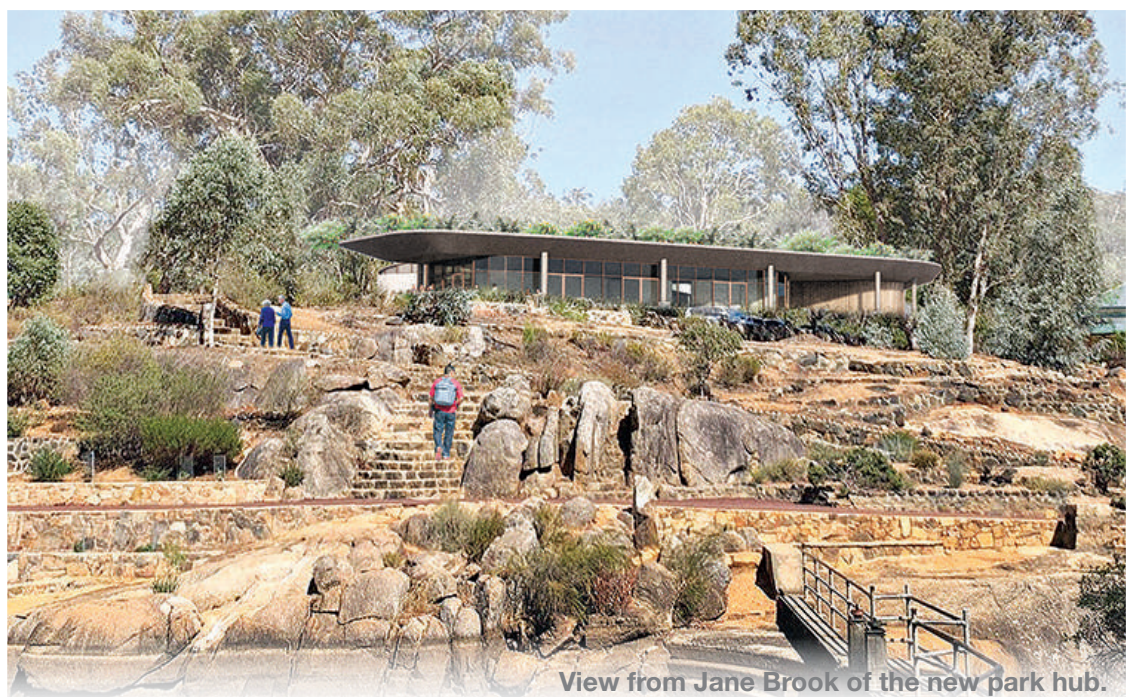
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View from Jane Brook of the new park hub.

## New hospitality outlet to be part of John Forrest National Park hub

**REGISTRATIONS of interest are being sought from individuals and organisations interested in operating a new café within John Forrest National Park.**

Forming part of a new park centre, which will be the central point of the visitor hub once the John Forrest National Park improvement project is complete, the café will have an internal dining area of 180 square metres and an alfresco dining area of 150 square metres.

The café's operator will also be given the opportunity to provide dine-in, takeaway and function catering, as well as obtain a liquor licence.

In addition to the new café, the park centre will be home to an interpretation centre and function space that will showcase and interpret the cultural values and heritage sites within the park.

Interested operators have until August 16 to register their interest.

Kalamunda MLA Matthew Hughes encouraged

local entrepreneurs to register interest in running the important new dining and refreshment concession in the Perth Hills.

"We're delivering, as we promised, a better experience all round for visitors to John Forrest National Park."

Environment Minister Reece Whitby said the redevelopment and upgrades underway at John Forrest National Park would create a world-class, accessible park that will include a broad range of activities available to allow the public to enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

"This new café presents a fantastic opportunity for an enterprising operator to be part of the transformation of Western Australia's first national park."

The John Forrest National Park Improvement Project is expected to be completed in 2026. For more information, visit [www.dbca.wa.gov.au/johnforrestimprovementproject](http://www.dbca.wa.gov.au/johnforrestimprovementproject).



# Time for revitalisation: Mundaring President

LIBRARY

Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil wants to build a contemporary centre in Mundaring for people of all ages to come together and says now is the time to pursue it. Picture: Guanhao Cheng.

## GUANHAO CHENG

**AHEAD of the upcoming budget endorsement meeting, Mundaring council unanimously voted for a community hub planned to integrate library, youth spaces, and art galleries into one building.**

Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil walked around the site planned for the project with *Echo News* on Monday to share her vision and more details about her visit to Canberra.

"In life, sometimes, you just know when it's the right time for something," she said.

"The stars have aligned for this project, so to speak, with our chief executive Jason

Whiteaker on board with his experience delivering cultural projects, and Mundaring being within the new proposed (federal seat).

"We've saved up separately in our own shire fund and we'll be advocating vigorously to get the remaining federal funding needed for this project."

Documents detailing the costs and timeline for the projects showed \$12 million had been saved up with a further \$13m to be sourced from federal funding to facilitate the projected costs.

Ms McNeil recently returned from her trip to Canberra with deputy president Trish Cook on the first week of July as reported in *Mundaring strengthen their ties*

in Canberra (*Echo News*, July 12).

At the 2024 National General Assembly, Ms McNeil also spoke to Infrastructure Minister Catherine King about building the new contemporary heart.

"Minister King was supportive of the project and reminded us to keep in mind the surrounding areas of the community hub," she said.

"You wouldn't want to build something like this and not consider allowing the buildings around it to be liveable," she told us.

"So, we're thinking the old (Albert Facey Memorial library), and art centre buildings, which will be relocated into the new

cont page 22.

## New rental reforms to start end of July

**THE next stage of the state government rental reforms will commence at the end of the month, giving tenants more certainty in their budgets and allow them to feel more at home in their properties.**

From Monday, July 29, rent increases will only be allowed to occur once every 12 months, down from every six months previously.

The minimum 12-month timeframe will begin immediately for periodic tenancies, while for fixed-term tenancies it will start once the current term of the lease agreement ends.

Pets will be mostly allowed, with the landlord only able to refuse if written laws, local laws or by-laws prevent them, or if a good reason can be provided to the commissioner for Consumer Protection.

Tenants will need to seek permission from the landlord to keep a pet and landlords can impose reasonable conditions. Some conditions will require the approval of the commissioner.

Minor modifications - such as hanging pictures on a wall, putting up flyscreens or installing a water-saving shower head - are also now allowed in most cases. The tenant will need to get the permission of the landlord.

Disputes about minor modifications and pets will be considered by the commissioner for Consumer Protection, who will hear from both sides before making an independent ruling.

These latest reforms follow the implementation in May 2024 of a ban on soliciting rent bidding and empowering tenants to challenge retaliatory action by landlords in court.

A streamlined bond release process is expected to be introduced in early 2025.

Commerce Minister Sue Ellery said a rental will feel more like a home now that tenants are allowed to keep pets where reasonable and make their own small, personalised changes to the property.

"Empowering the commissioner to handle disputes about pets and minor modifications will allow for these issues to be resolved in a fast, fair and transparent way."

Further information about the Western Australian rent reforms is available on the Consumer Protection website at [www.commerce.wa.gov.au](http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au)

## New storm warning system rolled out



**CHANGES to cyclone, flood and storm warnings are being rolled out across Western Australia with the introduction of the Australian Warning System (AWS).**

Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson said the adoption of the AWS for these hazards would ensure anyone who sees or hears a warning has a better understanding of what to do to stay safe.

The wider introduction of the AWS is part of a \$16 million investment by the state government to deliver a world-class emergency warning system in WA.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is coordinating the rollout of the system, with warnings for cyclones, floods and storms now categorised using the same three levels already being used for bushfires and heatwaves: Advice, Watch and Act or Emergency Warning.

Warnings for these hazards now share the same nationally consistent colours and icons, providing easily recognisable cues to help people make decisions during emergencies.

The warning level is determined by the threat posed to lives and homes before, during and in the aftermath of a natural disaster and is as follows:

**Advice:** An incident has started but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes. Be aware and keep up to date.

**Watch and Act:** There is a possible threat to lives and homes. Take action now to protect yourself and others.

**Emergency Warning:** There is a threat to lives and homes. You may be in danger and need to take immediate action.

The changes include the removal of the All Clear level. Instead, a final Advice message will be issued, highlighting the remaining hazards that exist after a cyclone has passed or a bushfire is extinguished.

The AWS has been adopted by Emergency WA, which is the state's official website for accurate and timely emergency information.

As part of the government's multimillion-dollar commitment to enhance emergency messaging, the Emergency WA website is under-

going significant upgrades to deliver faster, more personalised and targeted warnings during emergencies.

Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson said the warning system will help people better understand what they need to do in the event of a cyclone, storm or flood as they are with bushfires with clear and consistent messaging.

"Up until now there has been a range of different alerts and warning levels for different hazard types across Australia and now the AWS will help everyone make informed decisions to protect themselves, their families and their property."

Fire and Emergency Services commissioner Darren Klemm said the introduction of standardised warnings was part of a multi-year innovative project to improve public information, with continuing upgrades to the Emergency WA website and an app launching later this year.

An awareness campaign is underway to help people better understand the new AWS warnings.



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A flash mob will perform Wuthering Heights at Stirling Square on July 28.

## Wuthering Heights flash mob

DANCE student Liam Fitzpatrick, 12, is looking forward to taking part in a Wuthering Heights flash mob in Guildford this month.

The keen performer, who is a member of the West Australian Young Voices choir, wowed the crowd when he led participants through the moves of Kate Bush's 1978 hit song at the inaugural Guildford event last year.

"I love music and dancing and it is great to be part of a flash mob and see everyone dressed up," Liam said.

While not many will be able to manage the bend backs and cartwheels Liam is able to pull off, people are encouraged to modify the moves to suit themselves and just have fun. Wuthering Heights Day is a global event where people dress up as Kate Bush in a red dress and frosty green eye shadow and recreate the song's video.

The event will be held at Stirling Square in Guildford on Sunday, July 28 at 1.30pm.

Free parking is available at Guildford train station.

People are asked to bring a gold coin donation and support a marmalade, cake and sandwich stall.

Money raised from the event will go to Lung Foundation Australia.

Organiser Steph Radis said last year's event attracted nearly 80 Cathys of all ages.

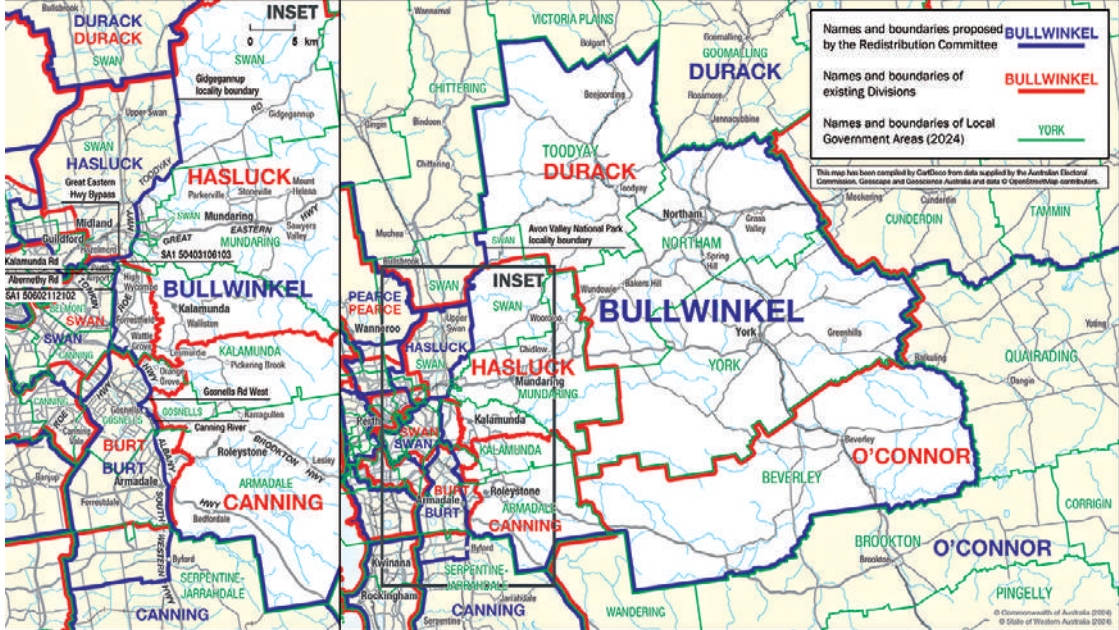
"It is a chance to have fun for a good cause," she said.

"There are plenty of videos online that teach the moves to the song."

The Guildford Association will be hosting the event in memory of Steph's husband and former committee member, Chris Coccozza, who died nearly three years ago after battling lung cancer.

"Chris loved music and volunteered his time for community groups.

"I know he would love that this event is in his honour and raising money for lung cancer research," she said.



## Public meeting held to discuss new seat name

ANITA MCINNES

THE Australian Electoral Commission will be holding a public meeting to allow those who have made submissions or comments on the proposed name for a new federal seat in WA to make further comment.

Forty-five submissions were lodged after the AEC proposed naming the new seat Bullwinkel in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel followed by 15 comments on the initial submissions.

On Tuesday AEC said the date for the public meeting was still to be set.

"This will be part of the expanded (redistribution) committee's discussions soon with the date to be advised," he said.

The location for the public meeting is also still to be determined.

"It depends on where the committee deems it to be most needed.

"Sometimes there is a meeting held in the relevant capital city, sometimes in a particular region or town of significant interest as part of public input – sometimes both.

"They'll decide this soon."

He said the public meeting was part of the continuing consultative process that was a federal redistribution.

"The public meeting provides an opportunity for anyone who has submitted an objection to the proposal, or a comment, to expand on their case to the redistribution committee.

"Redistributions are very consultative with significant consideration of public input."

In *Heroine's name put forward for new seat* (Echo News, July 5) John Lyon suggested the name Lyon after his surgeon aunt – Dr Marjorie Jean Lyon – should be considered.

Mr Lyon said what made his aunt a more appropriate woman to have the electorate named in her honour were the facts that "she was born in Northam, the heart of the proposed subdivision, went to school there and that her family lived there for 60 years or so practicing law."

He said significantly she had visited every school in the electorate checking on the health of



children for about 20 years and in 1946 she had been awarded the OBE by the King for her work. But in his comments Benjamin Close said Mr Lyon might be a bit biased and Lyons was already a division in Tasmania and it would create confusion.

In regards to the name Bullwinkel he agreed she was not born in WA and therefore the name probably didn't belong in WA.

He seemed against Beard being considered in honour of Alma Beard instead of Bullwinkel as the seat's boundaries were likely to change over time and no longer include Toodyay.

Mr Close said someone whose name had association with all of WA like his suggestion of Currie should be considered.

## Youth week activities grants closing soon

JACKI ELEZOVICH

STATE government grants for 2025 Youth Week activities will close on August 6.

For next year's celebrations, the state government announced \$80,000 in grant funding will be up for grabs for community organisations and local governments to hold events celebrating Youth Week 2025, which will run from April 10 to April 17.

Grants are available up to \$1500 for eligible organisations to deliver projects such as workshops, youth forums and award ceremonies.

Larger grants up to \$3000 are available for bigger-scale community-wide events such as festivals, wherein multiple organisations contribute to a program of activities.

The City of Kalamunda received more than \$3000 in funding to celebrate Youth Week 2024, putting on a community festival called Connected communities: foothills fiesta to celebrate and em-

power the city's young people, and Mayor Margaret Thomas said at the time that Youth Week was a vital part of celebrating the community (Echo News, February 16, 2024).

The week of youth celebrates young Western Australians, offering a week of opportunity for them to express ideas, raise important issues in their communities and state, and connect with their peers at large-scale events.

Last year's event saw 36 organisations and local governments receive grant funding.

Youth Minister Hannah Beazley said the state government was proud to be supporting local initiatives celebrating young people across WA.

She said the government wanted to build on the events held in 2024 and wanted to encourage community organisations and local governments to join the effort to make 2025 an even better celebration.

"These grants will support some great events and activities for young people," she said.

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# Midland’s Mad Dog kickboxers take home the trophy

**GUANHAO CHENG**

**TWO** Midland Muay Thai fighters took home their trophies at an amateur-to-professionals development promotion on April 20 and are training hard ahead of their next chapter in martial arts.

At Domination Development Day, the crowd gathered in Kenwick to see the art of eight limbs, where Midland’s Ashraf Farawah and Jack Vostan put on a show of skill, power, and sportsmanship.

Vostan opened the first round with a blitzying two punch combination and continued to rely on his hands as he kept his distance and circled the ring.

He found success, scoring the first knock down of the night, as his opponent hopped in for a punch and was met with a right overhand that halted his action.

Vostan diversified his strikes in the kick-heavy second round where both fighters kept a longer range, and the fight remained competitive until the last bell, where the decision was given to Vostan.

Farawah stayed light on his feet, landing clean strikes and made it difficult for his opponent to land kicks as he moved in and out of striking range, with his “untraditional style”.

His opponent threw a leg kick in the third round but injured himself as Farawah avoided it, giving him the win, after which he knelt at his opponent’s side showing his respect before returning to his corner.

Both fighters train under Mad Dog Martial

Arts coach Slade Hutcheson who said the work ethic, discipline, and drive that the two young fighters have inspires everyone that trains alongside them.

“Jack Vostan is an enthusiastic young man, who’s dedication was showcased with the first knock down of the night,” he said.

“He currently helps coach the kids’ classes, inspiring them to follow his lead by giving them hundreds of press-ups.”

Vostan said he’d been training for three years and took up training the kids two years ago when Mr Hutcheson fell ill with Covid.

“The main thing is instilling discipline, and making sure everyone is respectful while still having fun,” he said.

“Muay Thai is a sport I love.”

Farawah said he began training when he was 14 years old attending a Midland school where things were a bit rough.

“I’ve been training for seven years now, and I like how it keeps me busy and fit.”

When asked if the sport made him feel more confident, Farawah laughed and thought about it.

“I think I might be even more confident if I hadn’t done it,” he said.

“It’s definitely humbled me, but it’s instilled a healthy amount of confidence.”

“Muay Thai is all about respect. If you walk into the gym, people don’t really pick up on your fight skills until after some training, but respect is the first thing they notice.”

“We keep it friendly and welcoming, so antisocial behaviour gets called out immediately and brought to light.”



Jack Vostan is set to train in Thailand in August and Ashraf Farawah is preparing for his first mixed martial arts bout in November. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

Mr Hutcheson said he was proud to coach his crew at Mad Dog Martial Arts.

“We push and inspire each other to be better than the day before,” he said.

“Although I’m getting older and half my students can now smash me, I will never stop helping and coaching them to be better fighters and better people.”

## Be a voice for volunteering

**THE** state government is calling for people to be a voice for the volunteering sector by nominating to be a part of the ‘volunteering community reference group’.

The reference group, established under Minister for Volunteering Don Punch, provides an important link between the sector and the state government.

Its role is to provide the state government with updates on emerging trends, issues impacting the sector and feedback on the implementation of the WA volunteering strategy.

Expressions of interest for the reference group are open to people from the volunteering sector and membership is for two years.

Young people, LGBTQIA+ people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, culturally and linguistically diverse people, people with disability, and people living in regional and remote areas of Western Australia are strongly encouraged to apply.

The volunteering community reference group will be made up of 12 to 15 members and will include representatives from the volunteering sector - including individuals and organisations - as well as the sector peak body Volunteering WA and the Department of Communities.

The expression of interest process will establish a membership pool to draw from when vacancies arise.

Visit [www.volunteeringwa.org.au](http://www.volunteeringwa.org.au) to register your interest by 4pm Friday August 9.



## Orienteering children explore the Swan Valley

**MIKE PEETERS**

**ORIENTEERING WA** hosted 20 schoolchildren from around the state on a three-day junior camp late last month.

The camp was held at the Swan Valley Adventure Centre in Middle Swan and run by new camp coordinator Riley McFarlane under the watchful eye of mentor Rob West.

Orienteering WA promotions officer Helen Post said activities included a team-based, four-part sprint orienteering course, an exercise called ‘o-craft’ where participants used their orienteering skills to gather and ‘mine’ resources as in the Minecraft video game, and a quiz night.

“There was also a ‘night-o’ activity set by Jiri and Veronika where a 10x10 metre square grid of 16 controls was placed on the hillside adjacent to the pool,” Ms Post said.

“The blank white map included a line course and participants had to orientate their maps based on the direction of the grid, not

true north.”

On day two, everyone headed to Yetar Springs near Mundaring where participants were shadowed on a harder course before completing their own courses.

There followed a review of the camp’s activities and courses to learn from any mistakes.

On the final day after breakfast a biathlon sprint orienteering relay was followed by morning tea and an official announcement by WA schools’ orienteering team manager Tom Brownlie.

“Thanks go to Riley and Sharon McFarlane, Janet Fletcher, Rachel, and Rob and Lois West for doing the majority of the booking and helping with the paperwork,” Ms Post said.

“Big thanks also to coaches Jiri Vales, Veronika Kubinova, Mark Lommers, Nick Dale, John Toomey, Sten Claessens, Tom Brownlie, Ekaterina Klyukina and Anthea Feaver for coaching the kids as well as setting up and packing away training activities.”

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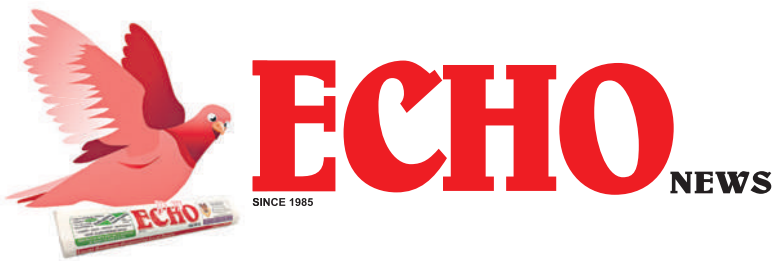
Echo News acknowledged for Innovation and Creativity for its new online news website



**ECHO News** is proud to be the recipient of the 2024 Swan Chamber of Commerce award for ‘Innovation and Creativity’, a finalist in the ‘Excellence in Marketing’ category and sponsor of the “Food and Beverage Production’ category. *Echo News* general manager and editor Peter W Lewis said the award was acknowledgement of the work undertaken by his team to develop the website, with all work completed in-house without the need for external service providers. The *Echo News* team launched its new website less than a year ago on Thursday, July 20, 2023, featuring all the latest news, entertainment and gig guide, sport, real estate, trades and services, special reports and community informa-

tion in a digital online format accessible from desktops, tablets and mobile devices. The new web presence offers advertisers a choice of affordable digital advertising spots that can hyperlink directly to their own webpage or business phone number to generate more traffic to their business. Each week the *Echo News*, beyond its distribution of printed copies to its readership area, coupled with more than 3,000 Facebook friends that receive daily updates and links to the current edition, with all printed stories now available online, and the ability to share with their friends and family, resulting in an additional 10,000 interactions a week, along with more than 3,000 subscribers to our weekly online pdf electron-

ic edition and more than 35,000 visits to our website each month. Each week more than a thousand people use Google to search for the *Echo News* to access our online news service, and to our pdf edition, have increased more than 50 per cent in the last month. “The website is now becoming an historical collection of news and events in our readership area, along with pdfs of our printed edition that will become an important archive as the years progress as we reach our 40th anniversary next year. This is coupled by increases in subscriptions, and visits to our website where more than a 1000 people a month use google to search for our website, and followers of our social media accounts, namely Facebook, Instagram and X. The success of our relaunched website in July 2023 is demonstrated by our Google Analytics growth. In 2022, prior to the launch of our user-friendly site it has grown from 14,000 users in that year to 303,000 users in 2023 with 1.3 million events, and so far this year we have had more than 211,000 users with a total of events almost reaching one million. Go to [www.echonewspaper.com.au](http://www.echonewspaper.com.au) to check out the latest news and community information.



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Malaga Print & Signs has been located at Enterprise Crescent, Malaga since 1998, and over those years, they have grown from a service provider to the printing industry to also servicing the greater Perth area and as far away as Christmas Island.

The company provides print solutions to individuals through to large multinationals like Rio Tinto, Virgin and BAE, and we also provide our print services to trade suppliers, government departments, all the while still serving other print shops.

They have also introduced two new services garment decorating and promotional products.



Felicity, Mark and Laughlan would like to thank all of their customers for their on-going support.

### AmberChes Spirits & Distillery does it again!

AmberChes Distillery does it again by winning the Swan Chamber of Commerce Award for Food and Beverage Producer in the Swan Valley for the second year running.

This comes on the back of the recent awards from the prestigious Gin Guide Competition with the Orange Gin awarded best in Australia.

AmberChes continues to beat the best and the rest having won multiple medals in major international competitions since inception in 2021.

AmberChes have recently opened their own cellar door at 1050 Great Northern Highway, Baskerville. The new venue is branded AmberChes Estate which also now includes Swan Valley Distillery. The intention of the team is to continue to produce their current range of spirits but also new bespoke offerings and wine from their own grapes.

The cellar door not only offers the opportunity to try the various spirits and wine but also to take in the ambience and views of the Swan Valley set amongst the vines while enjoying a glass or two along with some delectable food. In addition, why not make your own bespoke gin in one of the Distilling Classes.

For the dog lovers, AmberChes himself, an Irish Setter, is often around so come and say hello.



### Excellence in Training awarded to Crosslinks

Disability services provider Crosslinks is the recipient of the 2024 Swan Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence in Training Award.

Crosslinks has recognised the challenge posed by workforce shortages in the disability industry and developed an effective solution that has benefited the sector.

Workforce shortages are impacting businesses across Western Australia and this impact is further exacerbated by the challenges of attracting and retaining employees under the current NDIS landscape, where supports for people with a disability are needing to grow at exponential rates. Close to 12,000 skilled workers are needed in the disability services sector by 2026.

According to the National Disability Service annual State of the Sector report, released in late 2023, a staggering 86

percent of providers in Western Australia said they were not able to service all of the requests for services they were getting from people.

Crosslinks knew key to addressing this challenge was to provide an opportunity for support workers to feel valued as professionals and see the disability industry as a career option.

Crosslinks believed the solution was in education, but not just another course and it was important that support workers were able to achieve a formal qualification that took into account what they already knew, their prior training and their experience as professionals in the sector.

To do this, Crosslinks leveraged from their existing in-house training, online training and on-the-job experience within a Recognised Prior Learning framework, an approach that

could be supplemented with a tailored learning program to ensure enough credits were earned for the qualification.

To bring this concept to fruition, Crosslinks formed a partnership with two eastern states providers iinduct (online training provider) and the Bradford Institute of Advanced Education (RTO) where they mapped out the course. Funding provided by National Disability Services to cover the cost of training fees, through an initiative of the WA Government, enabled the initiative to be extended to another five disability service providers from across WA.

The Crosslinks initiative has enabled 203 support workers to obtain 213 formal qualifications across the partnership. 113 of these support workers are from Crosslinks who recently held their second graduation to celebrate this major achievement.



# BUSINESS AWARDS 2024 WINNERS



## Copper & Oak Liquor Merchants recipients of Excellence in Marketing and Retail Experience

**Founded in 2003, Copper & Oak Liquor Merchants is an independent, family-owned business with over 50 years combined liquor retailing experience.**

Our Tuart Hill and Guildford stores showcase an everchanging range of over 1000 unique beers, one of Australia's largest whisky offerings, plus hundreds of gins, rums and an extensive yet well curated wine range. South African wine and spirits complement this diverse offering.

Since 2022 Copper & Oak Guildford has operated from the historic Barker's Store & Warehouse, originally an 1850s bond store. Located at the start of the Swan Valley, Australia's second oldest wine region, these wines feature prominently in one of Western

Australia's largest region-specific offerings.

Sympathetic and respectful renovations have also expanded the overall liquor offering into one of the most diverse in the area, if not the state.

Our passion for community and liquor culture – the people and stories behind every drop – saw Copper & Oak Guildford receive not one but two awards at the 2024 Swan Chamber of Commerce awards for Best Retail Experience and Marketing Excellence, this was on top of the New Business award at the 2023 awards.

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## The House of Honey is a sanctuary for bees

Located in the picturesque Swan Valley, The House of Honey is a sanctuary for local bees and hives.

As a family-owned and operated business, they have been looking after and protecting bees for over 30 years — the delicious raw honey crafted and passed on to customers is a nice bonus! The House of Honey also has a buzzing onsite cafe, runs bee safaris, workshops, and tours.

Founded by husband and wife team, Rupert and Kim, it opened its doors in 2010 as a revolutionary honey showroom. With bees under threat globally, the objec-

tive was to not only create amazing food experiences, but to create a bee sanctuary where bees are safe and hives are sustainably farmed. They also opened with a goal to educate and raise awareness on why bees are so integral to ecosystems around the world.

Rupert's interest in bees started at the age of eight when he had been keeping an eye on a colony of bees in a tree at his family's farm in Winterskloof, South Africa.

With a dream of developing a dedicated honey shop and cafe for people to taste and learn about bees, Rupert bought a



well-established apiary and began his career as a commercial beekeeper in 2005.

Today, The House of Honey has expanded to 36 staff, 500 hives, and 30 million bees. Proudly showcasing all things honey and bee-related.

## Tenjune Hair Studio honoured with two awards

Tenjune Hair Studio has been honoured with two awards at the Swan Chamber of Commerce Business Awards, celebrating excellence in customer service and trade services.

Established nearly 14 years ago, Tenjune Hair Studio has become a well known salon in the Midland area, praised for its welcoming atmosphere and exceptional service.

For the first nine years, Tenjune was tucked away at the back of the Midland Village complex.

Despite the challenging loca-

tion, Fallon's hard work and reliance on word of mouth has built a strong clientele.

Eventually, they outgrew the original shop and moved to their current location.

Located in the beautiful 1920s building at 15A Old Great Northern Highway Midland, which Fallon and her husband, Clinton, renovated five years ago.

Today, Fallon proudly shares this special place with her amazing team of nine, ranging from first year apprentices to long term staff members.



Winning this award has been extremely rewarding to the whole team who all genuinely love hairdressing and their valued clients.




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2024 WINNERS

Commercial Bar + Kitchen Wins New Business Award thanks to hardworking staff and loyal customers

The Commercial Bar + Kitchen has achieved enormous success since opening just two years ago, winning over the hearts of the locals, as well as a few gongs along the way.

When the Commercial Bar + Kitchen was announced as winner of the 2024 New Business Award at the Swan Chamber of Commerce Business Awards, it came as a wonderful surprise to owners Rini and Kevin Bartholomew.

“We thank the sponsor, Carco, for this Award and dedicate it to our loyal customers and hardworking staff who have made this venue such an inviting place for patrons to come, eat and enjoy,” Rini and Kevin Bartholomew said.

At the end of 2019, the Bartholomew’s took over the 123-year-old Federation pub and spent the better part of the COVID-19 pandemic investing considerable time and resources into upgrades and refurbishments, while striving to retain its unique heritage.

Having previously won the 2022 WA Redeveloped Venue Award from the AHA Hospitality Awards for Excellence, these accolades are a testament to their vision to transform Midland’s own local icon into



something extraordinary.

Featuring gorgeous timber interiors, timeless fixtures, local produce and seasonal dishes on the menu – in addition to a great selection of 16 ‘crowd favourite’ beers and local wines – this Midland treasure is a must visit.



Haulmore Trailers wins Manufacturing Award

Haulmore celebrates more than 50 years of outstanding service in the state of Western Australia – a business that has stood the test of time – and has again been recognised at the 2024 Swan Chamber of Commerce Business Awards winning the award for manufacturing.

Owner Alan Moody still lives by his business motto ‘Challenges Accepted’ and this year’s award comes on the back last year’s Swan Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award that he received personally.

Servicing the mining, agricultural, road transport, civil contracting and earthmoving industries, Haulmore has

been a strong, resilient and significant leader.

Heavy vehicle manufacturers in Western Australia deal with some of the harshest conditions in the world.

To consistently guide Haulmore Trailers in producing high quality equipment in the boom and bust economy, through recessions and global financial crises and pandemics for more than five decades speaks highly of Alan’s business acumen, passion and his ability to lead.

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Bendigo Community Bank Mundaring

take home three Chamber awards

**BENDIGO Community Bank Mundaring took out the Community Spirit award and Business of the Year award, along with their Executive Officer, Andrea Southam taking out Business Person of the Year!**

They were also a finalist in the Customer Service award category at the 2024 Swan Chamber of Commerce Business Awards.

The awards not only recognise that over the past two years, they have been able to return nearly \$1.4 million to the local community, but also acknowledge the personal efforts of the Community Bank’s Executive Officer, Andrea Southam.

Andrea said she was honoured to receive the Business Person of the Year Award, which she said wouldn’t have been possible without the support of her fellow staff members, the local community, customers and 650 local shareholders.

The Community Bank opened on February 15, 2002 after years of concerted efforts by a committed group of local residents who advocated for a local banking option after the departure of major banks from the hills community, which left businesses without banking services.

Operating as a franchise of the Bendigo and Adelaide bank, Community Bank Mundaring offer all the same products and services that the major banks provide. However, their point of difference is that they return up to 80% of their profits to the community that supports them. The profits are returned via grants and sponsorships to the not-for-profit organisations in their community, therefore impacting most members of the area that they operate in.

“Today we are privileged to provide banking services to nearly 9,000 customers and manage bank accounts for a large portion of individuals and businesses, from children to retirees and everyone in between,” Bank Manager, Mervy Badawy said.

“After over 22 years and almost \$4 million given back, we are fairly well known in our community, however our appeal has increased exponentially in the last couple of years as interest rates have impacted our bottom line.”

Andrea manages the community investment for the company and said “The community bank returned just short of \$900,000 to the local community last financial year, with almost \$500,000 in a six week period.

“These funds were gifted to a range of community groups, offering services including an animal sanctuary, kindergartens, playgroups, primary schools, youth mental health programs, environmental groups, and Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, along with sporting clubs, horse clubs, a community pantry and progress associations for events and equipment,” she said.

Zac Johnson: Young Professional of the Year

**Zac is a commercial property agent, currently working within the family’s commercial property firm, Johnson Property Corporation. Zac is a passionate fifth generation Swan Valley resident with strong family ties to the Swan area dating back to the early 1900’s.**

This has resulted in Zac having a strong passion for the Swan region, its community and the local residents. Zac works tirelessly to give back to the region that has given him and his family so many opportunities, whether it be assisting local church groups or facilitating local not for profits, his dedication and commitment to the area is evident when you meet him.

Zac offers holistic commercial property solutions to a variety of clients throughout Western Australia; however, his primary focus remains on his assisting the property needs of his local community. These local services include both commercial and residential transactions and adding value throughout the process. Zac’s local knowledge and strong property background allows him to ensure he keeps his local communities best interests at heart and his clients happy.

When Zac is not in the office you can usually find him either in a paddock or close to the water.

He shares a strong passion for the equine world, having ridden since before he could walk, and a passion for racing power dinghies; having competed in the Avon Descent since 2016.

He loves his local community, with his significant contribution to the region making him a valuable member.

Zac has a rich passion for the Swan Valley, Midland and surrounding suburbs, he has witnessed the area shift into the powerhouse it is today. He is passionate about giving back to the community in any way possible and is involved heavily with local not for profit organisations.

Zac’s dedication to the Swan region is evident in the work he does, and he is a great role model for other young professionals.



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2024 WINNERS

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HANSEN PTY LTD  
WINNER:  
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TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS  
WATER SUPPLY LOGISTICS WA  
WINNER:  
ZERO RENTALS

TOURISM EXCELLENCE  
MUNDARING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
WINNER:  
GUILDFORD HERITAGE FESTIVAL COUNCIL INC.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICES  
ST JOHN OF GOD MIDLAND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS  
WINNER:  
ILLAWARRA MEDICAL CENTRE

EXCELLENCE IN TRAINING  
HAULMORE TRAILER SALES PTY LTD  
WINNER:  
CROSSLINKS INCORPORATED

HOSPITALITY  
SANDALFORD  
WINNER:  
QUEST MIDLAND

NOT FOR PROFIT INITIATIVES  
BENDIGO COMMUNITY BANK MUNDARING  
WINNERS:  
INDIGO JUNCTION ROAR INC

TRAINEE/APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR  
BAILEY BREWING CO  
WINNER:  
AGUSTIN FACCHINI-ENVISAGE STEEL CREATIONS

EXCELLENCE IN MARKETING  
MIRVAC  
WINNER:  
COPPER AND OAK LIQUOR MERCHANTS

COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD  
PHAM GROUP  
WINNER:  
BENDIGO COMMUNITY BANK MUNDARING

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL  
MIDLAND GATE  
WINNER:  
ZAC JOHNSON-JOHNSON PROPERTY CORP.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE  
MIDLAND TOYOTA  
WINNER:  
TENJUNE HAIR STUDIO

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR  
CROOKED SPIRE COFFEE AND ART HOUSE  
WINNER:  
GRAHAM COX-SWAN CITY YOUTH SERVICE

FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRODUCTION  
ECHO NEWSPAPERS  
WINNER:  
AMBERCHES SPIRITS DISTILLERY

PEOPLES CHOICE  
SOLOMON HOLLETT LAWYERS  
WINNER:  
ELLENBROOK COMMUNITY COLLECTIVE INC.

MANUFACTURING  
MALAGA PRINT & SIGNS  
WINNER:  
HAULMORE TRAILER SALES

BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR  
SLW TRANSPORT  
WINNER:  
ANDREA SOUTHAM-MUNDARING FINANCIAL SERVICES

RETAIL EXPERIENCE  
NIKOLA ESTATE  
WINNER:  
COPPER AND OAK LIQUOR MERCHANTS

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR  
SWAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
WINNER:  
BENDIGO COMMUNITY BANK MUNDARING

NEW BUSINESS  
CARCO.COM  
WINNER:  
COMMERCIAL BAR AND KITCHEN

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY  
SHIRE OF MUNDARING  
WINNER:  
GREEN EMBASSY

TRADE SERVICES  
STEFANELLI GROUP  
WINNER:  
TENJUNE HAIR STUDIO







# Thank you. You're a winner too!

Business of the Year Winner  
Community Spirit Award Winner  
Business Person of The Year Winner  
Customer Service Finalist

Swan Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2024

We are so honoured to have received these awards. The growth of Mundaring Community Financial Services over the past 22 and a half years is a testament to the contributions of each and every staff member, board director, volunteer, community member, and customer who have supported us (that's you!).





# ENTERTAINMENT & GIG GUIDE

## Your local Gig Guide

### Friday 19 July

**Parkerville Tavern**  
Matt Sofoulis.  
6pm-9pm. Free.  
6 Owen Rd Parkerville

**Chidlow Tavern**  
Fenton Old Meadow.  
6.30pm. Free.  
4 Thomas St Chidlow

**Rose & Crown**  
Bob Brisbane.  
5pm-8pm. Free.  
105 Swan St Guildford

**Bassendean Hotel**  
The Pointy Heads.  
(Jazz night) 7pm-late.  
Free.

DJ Roller. 8pm-late.  
Free.  
25 Old Perth Rd  
Bassendean

**Woodbridge Hotel**  
Jammins.  
9pm. Free.  
50 East St Guildford

### Saturday 20 July

**Bassendean Hotel**  
Darren Reid.  
8pm-late. Free.  
25 Old Perth Rd  
Bassendean

**Parkerville Tavern**  
Fenton.  
6pm-9pm. Free.  
6 Owen Rd Parkerville



### Saturday 20 July cont.

**Woodbridge Hotel**  
Touché.  
9pm. Free.  
50 East St Guildford

**Mount Helena Tavern**  
Kevin Curran.  
6pm. Free.  
900 Keane St  
Mount Helena

### Sunday 21 July

**Rose & Crown**  
Matt Oakley.  
2pm-6pm. Free.  
105 Swan St Guildford

**Bassendean Hotel**  
Henry Clarke.  
2pm-5pm. Free.  
25 Old Perth Rd  
Bassendean

**Chidlow Tavern**  
Carnaby Blue.  
12.30pm. Free.  
4 Thomas St Chidlow

**Parkerville Tavern**  
Jump the Gun Duo.  
3pm-6pm. Free.  
6 Owen Rd Parkerville

**York Mill Emporium**  
The Stromatolites.  
11am-1pm. Free.  
10 Henrietta St York

### Wednesday 24 July

**Chidlow Tavern**  
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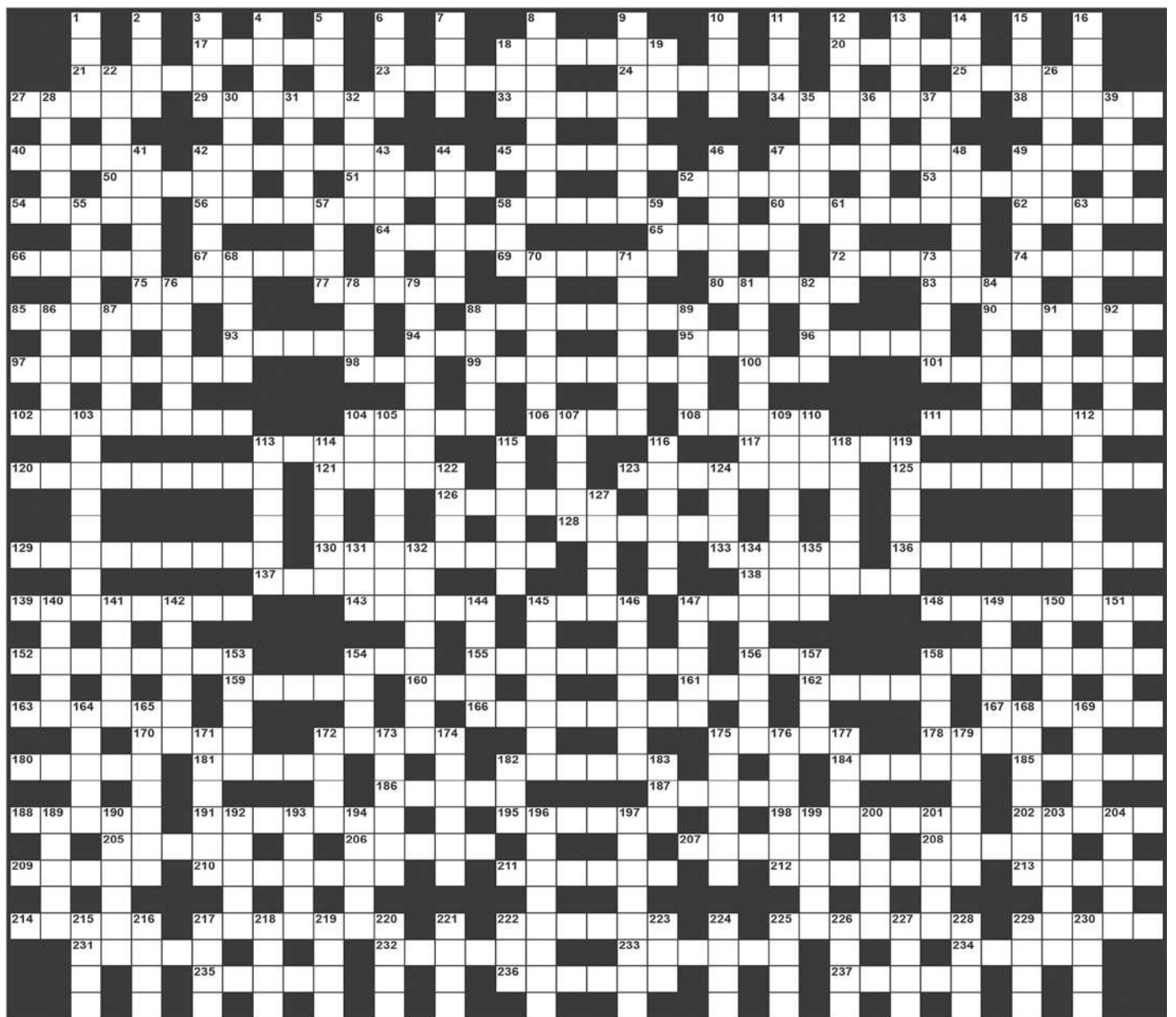
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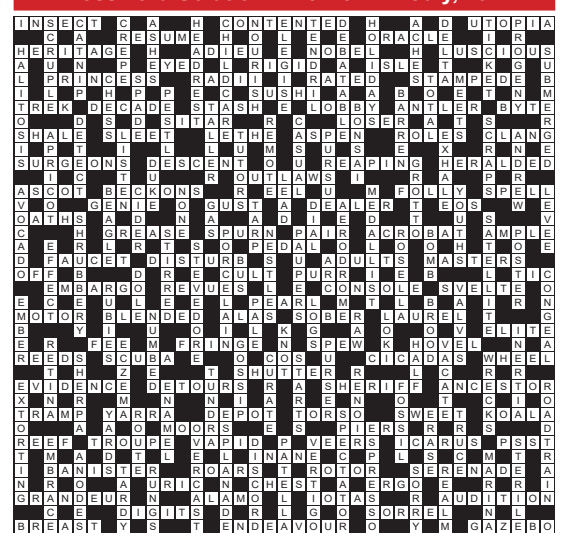
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- 17 A smell  
18 Defeated  
20 Light in movement  
21 A passenger ship  
23 Follows  
24 Huge desert  
25 Entrance hall  
27 A playful caper  
29 A Himalayan peak  
33 Chatter  
34 Came from  
38 Cheeky  
40 About the moon  
42 Alike  
45 Curved fruit  
47 Large bird  
49 A vision  
50 A colour  
51 A gift in marriage  
52 Central part  
53 Strange and mysterious  
54 Lady of Troy  
56 Small hounds  
58 Leave a group  
60 Wasted time  
62 S American ruminant  
64 Pacific constitutional monarchy  
65 Walk awkwardly  
66 Desert animal  
67 Place inside firmly  
69 Lubricant  
72 Accustom  
74 Hidden treasure  
75 No trouble  
77 A tattered strip  
80 A graceful dance  
83 Isolated land  
85 Small and dainty  
88 Gives approval  
90 Off course  
93 Shaving implement  
94 A counter  
95 International battle  
96 Heavenly being  
97 Grow weaker  
98 A draw  
99 European country  
100 A fish  
101 Competitors  
102 Flat Mexican bread (Sp)  
104 Twelve  
106 Makes lace  
108 Pierces with dagger  
111 Ship's window  
113 Spread out a sail or flag  
117 Glass containers  
120 One steering  
121 Horse event  
123 Show doubts  
125 Commits to memory  
126 An orison  
128 A glass bottle  
129 Bridal chest  
130 Gathering for oneself  
133 Girl's name  
136 A Queen's name  
137 Hot and humid  
138 Picture shows  
139 Lower room  
143 Church council  
145 Soap froth  
147 Soft leather  
148 Former French emperor  
152 Made a knave of  
154 A Knight's title  
155 Personal picture  
156 A body joint  
158 A police officer  
159 Childish  
160 Be in debt  
161 Climbing plant  
162 A defence - being elsewhere  
163 Asian ornamental plant  
166 A gift to charity  
167 Type of fuel  
170 A remnant  
172 Friends  
175 A theatre platform  
178 Biblical garden  
180 An aqualung  
181 A cosmetic  
182 Of the stars  
184 A high-pitched complaint  
185 Burn with water  
186 A mistake  
187 Added  
188 Perch  
191 Skill  
195 Strong cloth  
198 Weapon of war  
202 A chasm  
205 A rich cake  
206 Oceans' motions  
207 Gone wild  
208 A passageway  
209 Applaud  
210 Stone figures  
211 Arm adornment  
212 Parachute part  
213 An ancient tongue  
214 Less in number  
217 Type of parrot  
222 Occupant  
225 Hold down  
229 A clock  
231 Spacious  
232 Australian stork  
233 Discuss  
234 A smooth cream of crushed vegetables  
235 Academy Award  
236 Pressed clothes  
237 Man's name

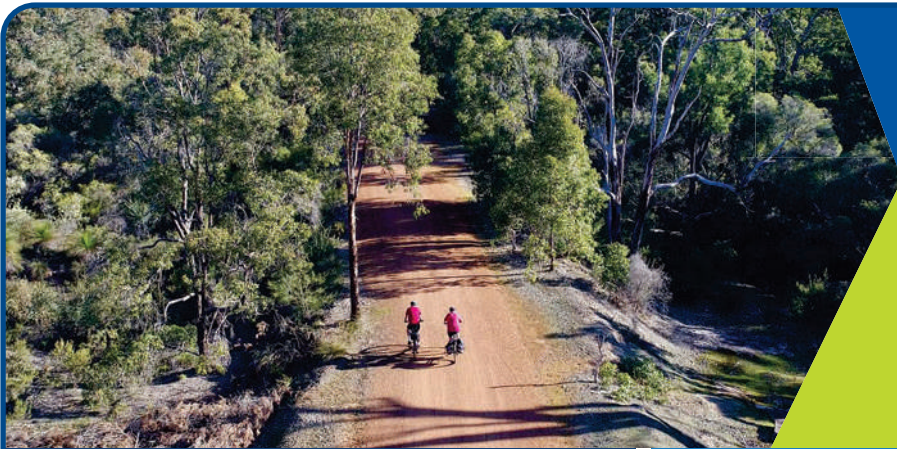
#### DOWN

- 1 Celebration  
2 Rough bed  
3 A challenge  
4 Part of an ear  
5 Ornamental stone  
6 Treaty  
7 A ray  
8 Resound  
9 Left a position  
10 A bill  
11 Scottish hill  
12 Angel's headwear  
13 Ukrainian capital  
14 Join metals  
15 Trivial lies (coll)  
16 Piano parts  
18 Plead  
19 Short sleep  
22 Breathe in  
26 Beer container  
28 Road travelled  
30 People sound  
31 Being sorry about  
32 Garden tool  
35 Distant view  
36 Enticed  
37 A compere  
39 Large number  
41 A curl  
42 Cavalry swords  
43 List of duties  
44 Cut back  
46 Pasture land  
47 Severe test  
48 Planted barriers  
49 Mixed with water  
55 Outer edge  
57 Boys  
58 Droop  
59 Compass point  
61 Buzzing sound  
63 Garlic mayonnaise  
68 Used in incense (bib)  
70 Harmonious connection  
71 Reserves  
73 A firearm  
76 Antenna  
78 A deer  
79 Appropriate fraudulently  
81 Planes etc  
82 An amphibian  
84 Last mentioned one  
86 Muse of amatory lyric poetry  
87 A gold brick  
88 Illegal burning  
89 Tramps' bundles  
91 Attain  
92 Causing death  
103 Extremely hungry  
104 A couple  
105 Common  
107 Former Central Mexican people  
109 House of Lords  
110 Usher (5,3)  
112 Had a seat  
113 No longer in use  
114 A distant planet  
115 Economising  
116 Display proudly  
117 A mental illusion (Fr) (4,2)  
118 Teacher (Jap)  
119 Grins  
122 Musical piece  
124 A thing  
127 Fast  
131 Mountains (abb)  
132 Pattern of symptoms  
134 Precious stone  
135 Day before  
140 Friend (Sp)  
141 Discharges  
142 A cure-all  
144 Conned  
145 Becomes smaller  
146 Endurance  
147 Dress material  
149 A march  
150 A lord entitled to allegiance  
151 A long-haired alpine cat  
153 Australian dog  
154 A bristle  
157 Slight pain  
158 Legendary sea nymph  
164 A type of surgeon  
165 Accessory plug  
168 Put in place  
169 Dishonest (coll)  
171 Blows out  
172 Nothing more  
173 Essay subject  
174 Hide from view  
175 Long lounge seat  
176 A visual manifestation  
177 A jug  
179 Completely lacking  
182 Curved line  
183 Lion symbol  
189 A natural earth oxide  
190 A type of sound reproduction  
192 Nostalgic style (coll)  
193 A willow twig  
194 Hard metal  
196 Beginners  
197 A strainer  
199 An oily fruit  
200 A racing horse  
201 Game of skill  
203 Type of headwear  
204 A pig  
215 Small bird  
216 Wander  
217 Indian peasant  
218 Foot covering  
219 Body of knowledge  
220 Half open  
221 Do as told  
222 Prefix - three  
223 Make hay  
224 A lure  
225 Coral formation  
226 Skin opening  
227 Border  
228 Bouncy in movements  
229 Public conveyance  
230 List of foods

#### Crossword Solution 1175 from 12 July, 2024







## Shire President's Message

As President of Shire of Mundaring, I love representing our local community!



Recently, I had the opportunity, along with Deputy President Trish Cook, to shine the national spotlight on our Shire at the annual National General Assembly in Canberra.

A highlight of the trip was to present the Mundaring Town Centre Revitalisation Project that includes a Cultural Hub - home to our new library, art gallery, museum, spaces for our young people, seniors and everyone in between.

We met Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Catherine King, who is instrumental in determining Federal funding. We explained that this vibrant community Cultural Hub is the catalyst for our Shire's economic growth, jobs and for making our area a notable arts and tourism destination. Importantly, our town centre will stimulate investment in retirement living, aged care and independent housing, right in the heart of the Shire of Mundaring.

We also discussed our ongoing challenges with unreliable telecommunications and presented ideas to improve access to Disaster Recovery funding. We'll also meet State Ministers to ensure our community's needs are well understood before the 2025 State election.

For the first time, Shire of Mundaring and Mundaring Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Swan Chamber of Commerce Business Awards. I'm excited by future opportunities to collaborate and promote economic prosperity and tourism in our eastern corridor.

Congratulations to all our local businesses who nominated. Finalists included Amaroo Retreat while ROAR Inc, Andrea Southam and Bendigo Community Bank Mundaring were our big winners!

Paige McNeil  
**Shire President**

## Compassionate Waste Policy

With the introduction of FOGO, Council understands that community members with medical conditions need extra help with waste collection.



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## What's On

### 1 August Ordinary Council Meeting

The meeting will be held on **Tuesday**

**13 August** 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](https://mundaring.wa.gov.au/council-livestreams-and-recordings).



### 2 Coffee Morning Conversation Tuesday 23 July

10am (FREE event)  
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### 3 A History of Plastic with Laura Monisse

**Wednesday 24 July**

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Boya Community Centre

Join sustainability educator Laura Monisse for an engaging session on plastic: its past, its present uses and issues and its future. Bookings essential via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

### 4 Poetry and Conversation: Morgan Yasbincek and Marcella Polain with Elizabeth Lewis

**Friday 2 August**

6.30pm to 8pm  
Boya Community Centre

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### 5 Advance Health Directives: A Dying2Know Day Event

**Monday 5 August**

10.30am to 12.30pm **or**

**Thursday 8 August**

6pm to 8pm (Boya Community Centre)

Join Erin Griffin and Lisa Tranter for an informative conversation that focuses on understanding what advance healthcare planning is with an option to complete your own personalised Advance Health Directive.

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**ADOPTION OF HERITAGE STRATEGY**  
Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Mundaring at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 9 July 2024, resolved to adopt the Heritage Strategy.  
The Heritage Strategy sets the future direction for heritage management initiatives across the Shire.  
A copy of the strategy can be viewed on the Shire's website:  
[www.mundaring.wa.gov.au](http://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au)  
Any further information can be obtained by contacting the Shire's Planning Department on 9290 6740 or via [shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au)  
Jason Whiteaker  
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**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 31 July 2024, commencing at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber at the Shire Administration Building, 7000 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring.  
The purpose of the meeting is to:  
1. Adopt the 2024-2034 Council Plan; and  
2. Adopt the 2024/25 Budget.  
Please note, this meeting will be audio recorded and livestreamed.  
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The purpose of the draft Structure Plan is to coordinate future land uses, subdivision and development, including the provision of transport networks, public open space, utility and service networks within the METRONET East High Wycombe Project Area.  
The draft Structure Plan proposes the following key features:

- Increased residential density and main street development around the train station.
- A new central Connector Road linking the train station and existing residential area.
- Rezoning existing Light Industry land to Business Enterprise/ Employment, allowing the continuation of existing uses and encouraging the development of lower-intensity uses, improving compatibility with the proposed residential areas.
- Provision for a community hub, neighbourhood centre and local open space amenity.
- Protection of environmental features, including the Central Wetland and Poison Gully Creek.

  
A copy of the draft Structure Plan documentation can be viewed online at <https://developmentwa.com.au/planning-and-approvals/current-planning-items>, or at our office, Mia Yellagonga Tower 2, Level 7/5 Spring St, Perth, between the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.  
Comments on the draft Structure Plan should be received by 9 August 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 Planning Projects, Locked Bag 5, PERTH BUSINESS CENTRE WA 6849.  
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## Cale Street crossing uproar

from page 3.

and discussed the risk it posed. “(A driver), already anxious after waiting in queue for the boom gates to lift, must run the gauntlet across three lanes of traffic, also potentially encountering pedestrians on either side,” he said.

“The intersection is likely to become clogged with vehicles, creating frustration while the boom gates are down for two-and-a-half to three minutes.

“Frustrated drivers are more likely to take risks, increasing the potential for accidents.”

Midland Districts Historical Society reported on their Facebook page that their chairman Matthew Pavlinovich drove the first public vehicle over the level crossing.

Mr Pavlinovich said it was the role of the historical society to ensure moments like this were recorded and preserved for future generations.

“With the closure of the Helena Street rail crossing, it was impor-

tant that another link connecting the Midland city centre to the WA government railways workshops was created,” he said.

“That has now occurred with Cale Street.

“Whether you are of the opinion that you support or don’t support the new Cale Street rail crossing, it was another moment in Midland’s history that we wanted to ensure was recorded.”

While the post received hundreds of thumbs up reactions, commentators below were vocal about fears of the traffic situation worsening.

“With the traffic that will come over this crossing trying to get onto Victoria Street and the highway with no traffic lights I can see it becoming a new black spot for accidents,” one commentator said.

“It’s not the easiest to navigate now as the visibility is bad trying to see around the cars that are parked along the sides of both roads.

“I guess we will just have to wait (and) see.”

## Mundaring heritage strategy presses ahead

from page 5.

“My feelings are that the Shire of Mundaring is wise to identify the need to get a heritage strategy off the ground, still with ‘imperfections,’ and improve and evolve it as time goes on,” she said.

“This itself is a milestone and one that will lead to laying more heritage foundation stones.”

In the July 9 meeting, councillor Neridah Zlatnik said passing the new heritage strategy now, despite its argued flaws, would pave the way for later improvements.

“Perfect is the enemy of good,” she said.

“This heritage policy is not perfect, but it is good.

“It is one step forward for making decisions about heritage.

“It can be tweaked later. We need to have a go and then make improvements.

“If this strategy, and many of these actions that have been flagged that will improve how we appreciate heritage in our community, do put increased burden on those local resources, which are volunteer based, then that is feedback we should have coming back to council, so we can assess how those resources are funded.

“We won’t know what that burden is until we have the strategy approved and in place being acted on so we can see what it looks like on the ground.”

The shire voted unanimously to pass the strategy as it currently stands, along with a new sustainability policy, with commitment to continue improvements over the rest of the year.

## Time for revitalisation: Mundaring President

from page 7.

hub, could possibly become aged care residences or other housing once empty.

“Then we’ll work to attract some developers to make it a reality.”

Ms McNeil said she recognised Mundaring had an aging demographic and so it was important to keep them in mind, while also creating a space for young people as well.

“We do plan for the community hub to be a place where young people can connect and be,” she said.

“Because of that, it’s going to be multi-storey and quite a tall building.

“The tallest building in the area is probably the pub, so it will be a change to the landscape, but we are going to be conscious of keeping the character of Mundaring.

“We do like our rural town feel so it’s important to keep that when we’re developing.

“We’ve got so many amazing pubs and businesses that keep the heritage aspect about them, and that’s what gives us our unique identity and attracts tourism, and we don’t want to lose that.”

Apart from the main revitalisation project, Ms McNeil also spoke about the urgent need to upgrade telecommunications, as evidenced by the communication outages experienced during the Parkerville fire and super-cell storm.

“It exposed to us how vulnerable we were, and that we needed some changes to prevent the blackouts to communication,” she said.

“Even Western Power who were in the area helping couldn’t get their mes-

sages out, and it was stressful for families to evacuate.

“We’re trying to make sure that doesn’t happen again, and we’re looking at options like power cubes and independent power sources that can keep communication going when power goes out.

“That’s one of our other major projects we’ll be looking to complete.”

Ms McNeil said there was a sector wide local government call for changes to urgent funding access, as it was simply too difficult to access the money needed for relief work after the disasters with the current processes in place.

“We’re hoping we’ll be able to access the money first to do the work, and then we can complete the compliance and paperwork after,” she said.

“Currently it’s a very rigorous process, as it should be with ratepayer’s money, but it’s also very difficult to get things moving once disaster strikes without the money in hand.

Ms McNeil said the aging infrastructure in areas such as the sporting facilities will be the third major project the council watches on the horizon.

“We’ve recently installed lights into Brown Park to allow for games and practise to run into the nighttime because it is a growing area of participation,” she said.

“There’s really an inclusive spirit here at Mundaring, and a great example would be the Mt Helena Junior Football club’s motto, which is, ‘if you want to play, we will find a way’.

“It’s going to be a busy time ahead with lots to do.

“But it’s Mundaring’s turn to shine and it’s time to get to work.”



## Local Real Estate



## A piece of Swan Valley heaven

**THIS valley home is situated in a highly desired location off West Swan Road, just a few minutes’ drive to many of the valley’s iconic wineries, breweries, distilleries and the Margaret River Chocolate Factory, with commanding views out over the vineyard to the Swan River and hills beyond.**

The home was built around 1990 and is a very spacious four-bedroom, two-bathroom residence with two living areas designed and positioned to make the most of the rear view to the river.

Lovers of fruit and the Swan growers’ lifestyle will be delighted by various varieties of grape vines and fruit trees already growing at the residence.

Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, and more varieties line the property as visitors make

their way through the vineyard.

And with a wood-fired pizza oven under the extensive patio, it oozes Swan Valley charm and practically invites an evening with a glass of wine with homemade pizza by the Swan River.

A multi-purpose room accessed via the garage could be utilised as a storeroom, study, or even a fifth bedroom if required.

The home also comes with a powered workshop offering 180sqm of room to work in, with water and restroom facilities built in.

For buyers looking to develop, the home still maintains that very special lifestyle appeal with its expansive views and direct Swan River access, but under the zoning there are many other possibilities that can be explored other than lifestyle or agricultural.

This includes a winery, brewery, cidery, distillery, market, hobby farm, reception centre, restaurant or cafe to name a few possible development opportunities this property offers.

Homebuyers looking for a serene lifestyle on the river with a touch of rural living, the convenience of modern amenities relatively close by, and the possibility of generating an income from home wouldn’t want to miss putting this Swan Valley property on their list to view.

**Address: 114 George Street, West Swan**  
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## WA set for home building increase

**SALES of new homes nationally increased by 15.7 per cent in the June quarter compared with the March quarter indicating that the number of homes starting construction is set to increase later this year, according to HIA economist, Maurice Tapang.**

The HIA new home sales report is a monthly survey of the largest volume home builders in the five largest states and is a leading indicator of future detached home construction.

Mr Tapang said the increase in sales was first observed in Western Australia in the second half of 2023 when sales in that market started to increase.

“This year, sales in Queensland and South Australia have also observed a sustained increase in recent months,” he said.

“Driven by this increase in sales in these three states, new home sales in the June 2024 quarter were 20.4 per cent higher compared to the same period in the previous year.

“With the sales recovery in these markets now sustained, an increase in the number of new detached houses commencing construction will be observed in the second half of this year, albeit

from a low base.

“Market confidence is returning as the impact of rate increases dissipates and the shortage of housing stock makes new home building increasingly attractive.

“These three markets have seen demand for new homes increase due to strong employment opportunities and relatively affordable land, driving local population growth.

“At the same time, new home sales in New South Wales and Victoria remain weak despite similar growth in demand. The adverse impact of rate rises is more significant here due to the higher cost of residential land in Sydney and Melbourne.

“Sales in New South Wales and Victoria have also been constrained by the introduction of additional regulatory costs, through the National Construction Code which has distorted sales data.

“As a result, there is not the significant or sustained increase in sales required to expect an increase in home building in either of these markets.

“The higher cost of delivering a new house and land package, due to higher taxes, fees and charges in these markets, is impairing the recovery of detached home building.”



## Jetta shines during country carnival

BRIAN PALLISTER

**THE Hills Football Association put together a combined squad of 30 players along with support staff to take part in the 2024 Nutrien AG country football carnival played at venues across Perth between July 12-14.**

HFA played in division three with Swan View player Bradley Jetta named the most valued player giving him a Jock Beattie medal.

Jetta was also included in the Country Football WA (CFWA) all-stars team which is chosen from all senior competing leagues and associations – so picked from about 450 players.

On Friday the HFA team lost both games firstly against Esperance district and then

Central Wheatbelt league – four goals in the first game and two goals in the second.

But the HFA team won both games on the Saturday, firstly against North Midlands by seven points then the Onshore Cup Association by seven goals.

Some overall consistent players were captain Adam McKinlay (Chidlow) Bradley Jetta (Swan View), Sateki A'Vard (Mundaring), Jake Forman (Chidlow), vice captain Dylan O'Loughlen (Mundaring), James Thompson (Bullsbrook) and Mitch Shilling (Pickering Brook).

There were also several other players who had good performances during the two days.

More than 800 players took part in the carnival which included seniors and colts from Kimberley in the north, Esperance to the south and the Goldfields in the east.



Swan View player Bradley Jetta won a Jock Beattie medal for his performance during the Country Football WA carnival.

## Swan Districts win puts them in third spot on the ladder

CHRIS PIKE

**SWAN Districts celebrated the milestones of Jesse Turner and Tony Notte with a thrilling seven-point win against Claremont on Saturday.**

Both teams entered the match up as the hottest teams in the WAFL to set the stage for the occasion that included Turner playing his 150th game to earn life membership and Notte equalling the club's games record of 305 to join the legendary Bill Walker.

With just seconds remaining scores were level but Aidan Clarke managed to kick the go-ahead behind for Swan Districts and then his goal went through after the siren to give them a 12.10 (82) to 10.15 (75) victory.

The win means the Swans have now scored seven straight victories to sit in third position on the WAFL ladder with a 9-4 record.

The two milestone men had a big say in the final result for Swans as well with Turner marking his 150th game with 26 possessions and two goals while Notte reached 305 games and finished with 21 disposals and eight marks.

Leigh Kohlmann continued to provide a terrific target in attack for Swan Districts with another four goals from seven kicks and seven marks with Clarke and Tom Edwards also kicking two goals.

The Swans midfield was once again outstanding up against the big guns from Claremont with Nik Rokahr finishing with another 32 possessions and five inside 50s with Jye Chalcraft finishing with 32 disposals, four marks and four tackles.

Clarke also had 25 touches to go with

his two goals with Josh Cipro collecting 21 possessions, Jehb O'Donohue 16, Jackson McLachlan 16 and Jarvis Pina 15.

Down back Swans were strong too and alongside Notte, Jake Pasini had 20 possessions and seven marks, Will Collins 20 touches, nine marks and a running goal, and Brenton Hilton 14 disposals and eight marks.

Claremont got off to a fast start with a goal to Alec Waterman a minute into the game and then the Tigers added another through Talon Delacey to have the first two goals of the contest inside 10 minutes.

Swan Districts responded with a kick from a tight angle by Leigh Kohlmann in front of the McDonald stand and then shortly after he had another to put the black-and-whites in front.

But Claremont hit back with the last two goals of the first quarter and that saw the Tigers head into quarter-time with the 13-point advantage.

It was Swans then who made the perfect start to the second quarter with a goal in under a minute to 29-year-old debutant Kristian Caporn.

Callan England answered with a goal to Claremont soon after before the Tigers also managed the next two of the game to open up a 27-point lead and things were starting to get away from the black-and-whites.

Resilience has been a key strength of this Swan Districts team, though, and that was again on show with the two late goals to Clarke and Turner of the first half to cut the deficit to 15 points at the main break.

Swans then kept the momentum going with Turner kicking the first goal of the sec-

ond half in his 150th game and then Tom Edwards brought the black-and-whites back within four points.

Claremont responded again with the next two goals but Swans got the last of the third quarter, and it was a beauty.

Will Collins took the mark in front of the main grandstand on the wing before taking off.

He then got the handpass back and kept on running, kicked the goal from outside 50 and Swans went into three quarter-time with momentum despite being down by 10 points still.

Kohlmann then brought the margin back to three points early in the fourth term and then put Swans in front with his fourth goal of the afternoon before there was a 14-minute drought without a goal from either side with the tension mounting.

Edwards kicked a crucial goal to give Swan Districts the six-point lead at the 23-minute mark but then Waterman responded for Claremont and scores were all level.

It was a frantic last two minutes after that but Clarke found himself in a bit of space in front of goal at the 27-minute mark and his snap might have been a behind, but gave Swan Districts the lead.

Then from the resulting kick-in, Swans kept the ball in their half and ultimately Clarke got a kick away just before the siren which dribbled through for a goal after the siren to complete the memorable seven-point victory.

**Aidan Clarke kicked the winning goal for Swan Districts. Picture: Blake Parry**



## ECHO Notice Board

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### Upcoming Events

• **The St Stephens Anglican Church** will be running their market day on Friday, July 26

from 8.30am until 11.30am. There will be bargains galore at 9 Salix Way Forrestfield.

• **Nannas for Native Forests, Perth Hills branch**, gather every first Saturday of the month, for coffee and forest-news chat, from 10.30am to noon at Mojos Cafe, Craig Street, Mundaring. All ages welcome to chat and learn about forests and how to save them, and even have a go at embroidering leaves. Saturdays coming up are August 3 and September 7.

• **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 9295 2522 or Ray 0427 095 892.

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

• **Jarrah Friends/Friends of the Northern Jarrah Forest Belt**, gather after the Nannas, every first Saturday of the month, from noon to 2pm,

at Mojos Cafe Craig Street, Mundaring to learn about saving jarrah forests via UNESCO status as a World Heritage biosphere reserve. Next dates are August 3 and September 7.

• **Mundaring and Hills Historical Society** is holding its annual general meeting at the Boya Community Centre, 135 Scott Street, Boya at 2pm followed by a general meeting at 2.15pm. The guest speaker Ron Wiggins' topic is My Artic Days.

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



### Woofers of the week

Shilo is a five-month-old kelpie cross. He is a good boy and will be okay in a family environment but as a pup he still needs training. He's good with other dogs. Shilo is vaccinated and microchipped but is not yet sterilised. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.



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