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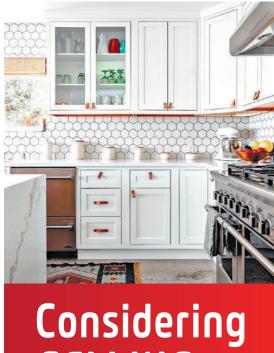
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### ЕСНО

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#### 'Evidence' must be tested

Dear Echo News.

Before we go down the US/Trump route of claiming something to be a 'fact' before evidence has been tested, let's take a good, hard look at the alleged actions of the CFMEU and if or when they are proved to be accurate — but not before — then action could be taken.

To assume the allegations are true, before testing them, would be a total travesty.

Corporation rorts, businesses trading when insolvent, or committing outright frauds and/or tax evasion crimes are prevalent but rarely acted upon until fully tested in courts.

Even then, too often it's only after the miscreants have shifted their assets away from reach of prosecutors. Our media doesn't get into a frenzy over that, but is now doing so over a union

Why don't we see a media blitz on Australia's corporate thugs, cheats and thieves? Is it because the media owners might also be tarred by the same brush?

P Carman Hovea

#### Dead trees on the Avon

Dear Echo News,

As a frequent visitor I was shocked to find so many dead trees lining the Avon River at our tourism icon Bells Rapids picnic area victim to summer's record heatwaves and drought.

This sad and stark reminder of just how quickly the climate is changing has turned this beautiful spot popular with daytrippers into a tree graveyard.

Indeed, all over the surrounding scarp and Perth Hills, in local parks, reserves and verges you see dead shrubs and trees when it should be green this time of year.

When will local and state government take the urgent climate action needed to prevent more ecological collapse? Fire seasons are likely to be beyond catastrophic with so much dead wood.

T Maxted Woodvale



Dead trees lining the Avon River at tourism icon Bells Rapids

# No to cement wall barrier

Dear Echo News,

Not everyone in Swan View wants a cement wall barrier on Blackadder Road.

There are several reasons for not having a cement barrier on Blackadder Road.

There is a significant environmental impact with the manufacture of cement due to the high energy use and the release of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere that is a major greenhouse gas which contributes to global warming and climate change.

Cement absorbs heat in summer which increases temperatures as it releases heat back to the environment when cooler.

For months the res-

idents of Swan View have been subjected to unsightly graffiti and if a wall is built this side graffiti will also be a fixture which will involve constant repainting and use of shire rates.

A vegetation barrier will decrease noise and improve the environment along Blackadder Road.

It will reduce and deflect noise while providing a habitat for wildlife such as small birds and insects therefore improving biodi-

versity.

It would also provide a wildlife corridor along the railway for native wildlife including small marsupials such as bandicoots. Plants also provide a cooling effect, absorb carbon dioxide, store carbon and improve the environment for walkers along the road.

P Nielsen Swan View

# Round -about needed like a hole in the head

Dear Echo News,

For the benefit of R. Wood (*Echo News*, July 12) I would like to point out that I wholeheartedly agree with him that Railway Road and Elizabeth Street top end needs a roundabout like a hole in the head.

However, if he rereads my letter to the *Echo News*, July 5, he will find out that I said: "The City of Kalamunda was dithering about whether to construct a roundabout here or simply close a section of Elizabeth Street."

Accordingly, perhaps he should have addressed his comments to the City of Kalamunda rather than to me.

C Coulthard Gooseberry Hill

#### Thought for the day

"You miss 100 per cent of the shots you don't take."

— Wayne Gretzky

#### Smith Family Winter Appeal

Dear Echo News,

I would like to offer a sincere thank you to readers who gave to The Smith Family's Winter Appeal.

In recent times, charities have been significantly impacted by the rise in the cost of living, affecting the number of donors able to give, while increasing the number of those needing support.

The Smith Family has certainly been no exception to that trend. In terms of donations, we were facing a 40 per cent shortfall with just a few weeks remaining during our Winter Appeal.

But thankfully, we were very fortunate to receive some generous support from the public and our fundraising target was reached. Donations from supporters will make a world of difference to 17,200 students experiencing disadvantage.

Each will be able to receive the extra help they need during the final terms of school this year. Our ability to deliver our flagship education support program Learning for Life, that assists almost 63,000 young Australians nationwide, depends on your donations.

And they really do make a difference. Just this week we received an email from a student to the people who had sponsored her through Learning for Life.

She had had just graduated with a Bachelor of Science and was writing to thank them.

"Please accept my sincere gratitude for your belief in my potential

and for your unwavering support throughout my educational journey and believing in us students that need the extra support," she wrote.

"Your generosity has inspired me to strive for excellence and to give back to others in the community."

#### Doug Taylor CEO The Smith Family

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# Swan acts on Clayton Street flooding

**GUANHAO CHENG** 

RUSTIC Gallery owner Rob O'Brien has called on the City of Swan to provide evidence they have cleaned out the drains over the last few years, following ongoing flooding at his Clayton Street

City of Swan Mayor Tan-ya Richardson confirmed this week the city is working with Arc Infrastructure to address the flooding issues on Clayton

"The City of Swan is working with Arc Infrastructure to arrange relevant approvals to complete some of the required maintenance works in the rail-way easement," Mrs Richardson said.

"Further works will be conducted once this initial blockage is resolved."

Rustic Gallery owner Rob O'Brien's shopfront was inundated, and woodchips were left scattered around his shop walkway from the water as reported in Flood frustrations on Clayton Street (Echo News, June 14).

Mr O'Brien said three City of Swan engineers visited his shop on June 28 which he appreciated as a sign of action.

But since the initial report, Mr O'Brien's shop was flooded again on July 17 despite installing sleepers to stem the

'Flooded out again," Mr O'Brien said.

"My costly endeavours to stop the influx of woodchips (floating in from the nearby shopping centre) failed as I was having a shower myself when the real impact was felt.

"I went out there and noticed the sleepers I had added to my driveway had been driven back by the power of the flooding allowing more woodchips in to

mess my shop up."

Mr O'Brien said there was still one question he had not received an answer for from the City of Swan despite weeks of email correspondence.

"Can (City of Swan) provide evidence they have cleaned out the drains over the last few years, bearing in mind I have been flooded out completely as a part of the general flooding of the (Clayton Street and Military Road) intersection for the last three consecutive years?

"At great cost to me for the wages for the people cleaning out the woodchips and rubbish that gets deposited all over my property each and every time that intersection floods but especially so last year, and again on June 6 this year.

"I inspected the drains in the area and saw a slow-growing palm in the drain in front of the salvage yard, the water levels in the drains outside my home aren't going down and there's a plant growing in there too.

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"Is it raining right now? No. Yet the water level isn't going down in the drain right outside my property.

This is devastating for my business as customers can't come in for days while the water remains above the walk into my shop."

Echo News contacted Arc Infrastructure, PTA, the Midland Megaplex, and City of Swan for comment about a month after reporting on Clayton Street's June flooding.

The PTA confirmed Arc In-

frastructure had control over the relevant part of the rail re-

BY NEGLECT

Infrastructure Arc spokesperson confirmed they spoke with the city about solu-

"Arc recently met with the City of Swan to discuss the drainage issue affecting Clayton Street," they said.

"We will work with our teams to look at possible solutions to this issue and continue to liaise with the City of

Rustic Gallery owner Rob O'Brien has been flooded out again a month after the major Clayton Street flood in June. Inset: Mr O'Brien says the drains along his property appear to have not been cleaned out. Picture: Guanhao Cheng



# Helena Valley traffic troubles

**GUANHAO CHENG** 

**HELENA Valley businesses have been under the** pump as street traffic grew into a daily challenge for commuters after water pipeline installation began, but help may be on its way.

The Water Corporation are building a pipeline to secure drinking water to more than 24,000 properties and as far as Kalgoorlie-Boulder, as reported in Securing future scheme water supply to Perth Hills (Echo News, May 10).

A vital section is being installed along Helena Valley Road, where traffic has changed to a oneway flow.

Helena Estate Pharmacy owner Neel Shah said the traffic disruptions have been "disastrous" for his business.

"To get to us you have to take a 15 to 20-minute detour with the current conditions," he said.

'The detour takes you through to Midland and loops around, and by then most people would rather just purchase in Midland.

We've been down about 42 per cent in customer numbers and the IGA next door told me business has been the worst it's been since they opened.

'Water Corp keep saying they've done all they can, and they've put up a sign saying the shopping centre is open for business.

"But walking past, the sign is easy to miss, and you have no chance reading it if you're driving by at 60kmh

"The thing is, we are 200m out of their 1.2km work zone, so theoretically we shouldn't be affected, but we are.'

Envy Lifestyle Boutique owner Wendy Hanley runs her store next to Mr Shah's pharmacy and said she also felt the change in walk-in numbers. "I've got a small retail shop, and the rising inter-

est rates and cost of living has massively changed peoples discretionary spending amounts," she said. "A lot of people further up in the hills haven't been so badly impacted, I guess. They're the ones

more inclined to spend a greater amount with us. "By putting huge detours in place that take 20 to 30 minutes even if you don't encounter a problem, it's very off-putting for people to even come down

A Water Corporation spokesperson said they were aware of the project and had previously sent out a statement advising of and apologising for impacts during construction.

Ms Hanley said she understands that it's a vital project but doesn't feel it was fair for small business owners to bear the brunt of the cost.

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### Mundaring community groups celebrate their local efforts

MORE than 70 Mundaring community groups filled the Mundaring Arena last week to applaud their outstanding efforts.

Celebrating Community is at the heart of Mundaring's Bendigo Community Bank which works to empower local people and groups to support and contribute to the long-term prosperity of their own local communities, in and around the Shire of Mundaring.

The arena was packed with dedicated and diverse community representatives, including Possum Valley Animal Sanctuary, Sawyers Valley Playgroup, Hills Choir, Mahogany Creek Tennis, Mt Helena and Mundaring Volunteer Bushfire Brigades, Clayton View Primary School, Perth Hills United Football Club, Swan View Cricket Club, Gidgegannup Agricultural Society and Trillion Trees

Andrea Southam, Bendigo Bank Mundaring's Executive Officer, said the event was all about bringing community groups together and to allow valuable networking to share experiences, achievements and ideas for the wider community.

"This is what we call our Lightning Grant Round," Ms Southam said.

"At Bendigo, up to 80 per cent of our profits are distributed back to the local community. At this event we're giving back almost \$492,000 to a fabulous range of hard-working community members who can now go on and make an even greater difference to their local efforts with the support of Bendigo Bank," Andrea said.

Sharing success with local communities is a Bendigo Bank hallmark, with Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil, a former Director of Community Bank Mundaring, praising the work of Bendigo's volunteer board and staff.

"Bendigo is all about banking local and supporting local," Paige said.

Their business approach is to put Community first which matches our Hills' community spirit. So, if we in turn, invest in Bendigo Bank as customers, then Bendigo has more to give back to our community. It's a win-win for all of us!"

In 2023/24 Financial Year Bendigo Bank Mundaring distributed \$897,715.40 to the local commu-

"Our grant programs and awards nights demonstrate and celebrate Bendigo Bank Mundaring's unwavering community commitment, and the unique benefits it delivers at the grass roots level," Ms Southam said.

It's been a big couple of weeks for the bank which was recently named Business of the Year at the Swan Chamber of Commerce Business Awards, and Andrea Southam named as Business Person of the Year.

# Crisis and emergency relief for youth

YOUTH Futures are continuing to offer vital support to hundreds of young people seeking crisis and emergency relief across Perth, thanks to a Lotterywest grant of \$50,849.

For almost 40 years, Youth Futures, have provided accommodation and support services to disadvantaged and young peo-ple experiencing homelessness throughout Western Australia.

Youth Futures Spokesperson Louise Bond said Lotterywest's grant is helping address the financial challenges young people are facing when navigating homelessness, violence and unemployment.

"Emergency relief offers immediate short-term support and is a vital engagement tool for understanding a young person's situation, allowing us to offer additional support services if needed

"Data gathered through emergency relief distribution offers insight, supporting us to plug the gaps and deliver what is actually needed.'

Youth Futures Emergency Relief people across Perth's north-eastern and northwest suburbs.

clothing and school items.

Support came through the provision of essentials such as food, toiletries, sanitary items, medication, vouchers for public transport,

Lotterywest chief executive officer Colin Smith said delivering crisis and emergency relief funding for Youth Futures has been a focus for Lotterywest since 1997.

"Every young person deserves equal access to food, essential items, such as clothing and toiletries, and to have their wellbeing supported, which is why we have funded Youth Futures for more than



program in 2023 assisted 524 young Homelessness services manager Jemma Gardiner, Youth Minister Hannah Beazley, and Youth Futures development manager Louise Bond.

25 years."

Since 1988, Youth Futures has helped more than 40,000 disadvantaged young people with assistance through a range of support programs.

The Youth Futures Emergency Relief program aims to reduce financial distress among young people experiencing immediate or imminent financial hardship, provide equal access to food, hygiene items, and other essentials, and connect at-risk young people with appropriate support services to address the underlying issues that led to their financial stress or burden.

# Vaudeville theatre appeal decision reserved

**ANITA McINNES** 

A JUDGE has reserved his decision on an appeal by the Friends of Guildford Historical Precinct against the JDAP approval of the redevelopment of the Guildford Vaudeville Theatre following a hearing on June 14.

Last year Friends of Guildford Historical Precinct (FGHP) was formed to apply to the Supreme Court to appeal the decision to approve redevelopment of the vaudeville theatre mostly due to concerns about the lack of parking in the area.

The Guildford Hotel website shows The Hall (the former Vaudeville Theatre) is a "revitalised open plan space seemingly (integrated) with the charming outdoor courtyard, beer garden and in sight of the new kids' playground".

The appeal application lodged by FGHP on November 3 said the grounds for the review included that in granting approval the Metro Outer JDAP erred by failing to require any onsite parking to be provided, contrary to the requirement of regulations and failed to consider the adequacy of parking required by regulation.

Also the application said the JDAP erred by failing to consider that the applicant made reasonable effort to comply with minimum on-site parking and also failed to require payment in lieu of parking or shared parking both required by regulation.

Another ground for the application said that the JDAP erred in the exercise of any discretion and failed to have regarded submissions made as required by the City

of Swan town planning scheme.

When JDAP considered the proposal on September 26 last year it included comments from the city's design review panel and State Heritage.

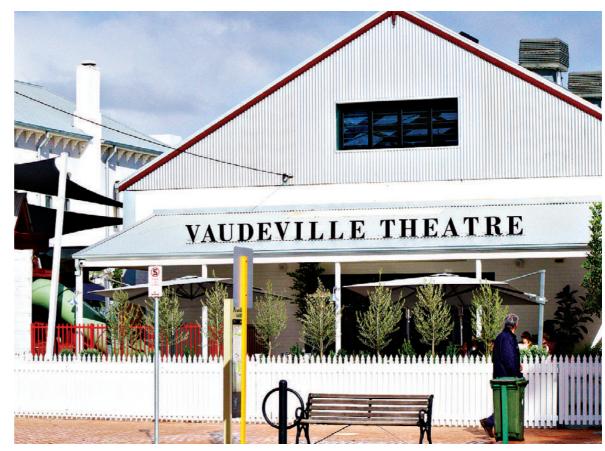
"The proposed design is an exemplary outcome that breathes new life into a heritage building in a restrained and sensitive manner and will help to activate Guildford's historic main street," the

city's design review panel said.
"The proposed development will have an overall positive impact on the registered places and on the James Street streetscape,' State Heritage said.

But at the JDAP meeting the Guildford Association raised concerns about the linking of the development application to the Guildford Hotel, with particular reference to parking issues in the area and that resident concerns had largely been ignored in the responsible authority report (RAR) prepared by the city.

In relation to traffic, parking and access the RAR concluded city staff were prepared to consider the application, which encompassed both the existing hotel and the former vaudeville theatre on the basis it entailed no increase in traffic generation or parking demand subject to imposition of a condition on the planning approval that limited the total number of patrons within both premises at any one time to no more than 729 persons.

A transport impact statement prepared for the redevelopment said to encourage other modes of transport the proponent had pre-



Friends of Guildford Historical Precinct applied to appeal the JDAP decison on the Guildford Vaudeville Theatre, which has been redeveloped. Picture: Anita McInnes

viously partnered with rideshare providers to offer discounts to their patrons.

"The parking survey has shown that there is sufficient available off-site parking spaces to accommodate the proposed redevelopment," the statement said.

"The location of the site has also made it viable for employees and patrons to be encouraged to

use alternative modes of transport, such as public transport, walking and cycling.

"The site is currently located within walking distance of the train station and a bus stop located rear of the site.

"The site is also in the vicinity of an excellent pedestrian and cyclist network.

In Poste Cafe owners explain

their decision to close (Echo News, June 7) Michael Noonan said they had been alarmed to witness the fate of those attempting to restore the Guildford Hotel, another historic landmark in the vicinity – a business attempting to breathe new life into the heritage precinct reported in Review of JDAP decision sought in Supreme Court (Echo News, February 9).





# **Participants are** needed for new hearing study

PEOPLE aged 65 and over with mild to moderate hearing loss are needed for a research study to improve hearing and mood.

The Ear Science Institute Australia and University of Western Australia (UWA) are conducting the study to determine whether hearing amplification using personal amplification devices (hearables), together with a behaviour activation program, could improve mood and social participation.

Led by Dr Dona Jayakody (ear science) and Dr Andrew Ford (Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, UWA), the research team is looking for older people who are experiencing hearing loss that affects their daily lives and contributes to low moods.

Hearables are personal amplification devices (like wireless ear buds) that fit inside the ear and amplify sounds through a smartphone

They are popular with people who have mild hearing loss and want to improve their hearing in certain situations.

"Hearing loss can adversely affect someone's quality of life and contribute to feelings of loneliness, social isolation and even depression," Dr Ford said.

"Óur behavioural activation program focuses on reducing the social isolation and mental distress that is commonly associated with hearing loss.

The trial is over a six-month period with participants randomly appointed to one of four

All participants will be gifted a hearable device worth \$500 during the trial.

The research study has been made possible thanks to a grant of \$600,000 from the National Health and Medical Research Council.

To register your interest search 'ear science hearables and behaviour study' or contact research team coordinator Matthew Zimmermann on 0476 987 837.



# Minister's running challenge takes off

**JACKI ELEZOVICH** 

LAST week, the education minister's schools running challenge launched and Lesmurdie Primary School students were some of the first to pick up the challenge.

Lesmurdie principal Louise Armstrong said the challenge was popular among students last year as well.

"We already had a running club established at the school. Students were therefore encouraged to register, to complement their activity in the club.

The student running club, which meets for a morning run every Wednesday before school and is run by the parents and friends' association, reliably attracts more than 30 students each week from all year levels.

Ms Armstrong said the running club had generated interest amongst students for the upcoming minister's challenge, with students eager to use the running challenge

to continue achieving running club certificates for each milestone distance recorded, such as a half marathon or marathon, and strive for individual and whole-school prizes on offer through the running chal-

This year, teachers and school staff will be able to register to participate in the challenge for the first time. Ms Armstrong said getting teachers involved was sure to help get more students out and running.

She said the school had also joined the department of transport's 'your move' program, another state government project aimed at supporting healthy lifestyle choices through choosing public transport to get to school.

We see all of these initiatives, along with the minister's running challenge, as essential tools in promoting health and wellbeing in our community," she said.

Physical wellbeing can also help with mental wellbeing, and Ms Armstrong also noted this was an important part of encouraging students to take on the challenge.

'It's important to encourage students to be active and to be accountable for their own health and fitness. Being active and taking on new challenges also helps their mental health, which is another area of concern for all students, these days.

Education Minister Dr Tony Buti encouraged all WA students to get involved in the challenge, no matter their age or fitness level.

"The running challenge is a fantastic way for young people and staff to get their bodies moving and boost overall wellbe-

ing," he said.
"I enjoy running as part of living my own healthy and active lifestyle, and I encourage all Western Australian students and staff to sign up to the challenge and get moving."
The challenge will be open until Friday,

September 13 students can register online at www.ministersrunningchallenge. wa.gov.au

### Film studios to sell Perth to the world

**ANITA McINNES** 

THE Perth Film Studios being built in Whiteman are part of the state government's strategy to diversify the WA economy, providing opportunities for people who sometimes have to travel over east or overseas to get jobs in their industry.

Deputy premier and Swan MLA Rita Saffioti said the film studios would allow those people to get jobs to stay and work in WA and help produce content that can be on WA TVs and streaming devices but also in main cinemas.

The development will include four studios in two buildings and a backlot.

"We know that WA has produced and continues to produce incredible talent in the arts and culture space and it also al-

lows other jobs through the supply chain for example carpenters and electricians as we continue to support having more productions made in WA, she said.

'Not only is it the actors and all the directors it's also the sound engineers and all those that are involved in also producing sets and making things happen.

She said there had already been interest from around the world in the film studios.

Culture and the Arts Minister David Templeman said what the investment in cultural industries meant for Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts WAAPA students studying screen, acting or directing or even stage management and the technical side of things have a clear pathway now into the film, television and digital industry.

"This is a beacon for all of those who are engaged in the creative industries," he said.

Homefire director Howard Cearns said they were heading towards practical completion late next year and then hopefully open in about April 2026.

'In terms of the name Perth Film studios has been chosen, which may sound simplistic but really when we're taking this amazing facility to the world - parts of the world which probably don't know this area well we're selling Perth we're selling Western Australia," he said.

"The producers and the people who are going to be making the decisions come here (and) they want to know about the city, its amenity its location and closeness to the airport, closeness to the city, which Culture and the Arts Minister David Templeman this ticks a lot of boxes.



with deputy premier and Swan MLA Rita Saffioti.

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# **Payman** enters live sheep debate



**PETER W LEWIS** 

WAFarmers met with Senator Fatima Payman last week, the new independent MP from Western Australia, who walked from the Australian Labor Party (ALP) after splitting on the issue of the war in Gaza.

'We were impressed. This is not your normal politician. She is clearly smart and articulate and has the ability to listen, something Senator Murray Watt was not interested in doing when it came to live sheep," WAFarmers chief executive officer Trevor Whittington said.

'Aside from talking about live sheep and her homeland Afghanistan, she pointed out to us, the local Islamic community having an interest in the live sheep debate, as giving and slaughtering sheep as part of their Eid al-Fitr and Ramadam festivals has deep religious meaning and many wanted the ability to buy livestock as gifts for relatives in the Middle East to then be slaughtered in controlled facilities.

Senator Payman told Echo News that she appreciated the team at WAFarmers for making the time to meet with her.

"It was important for me to un-

derstand the challenges, the complexities and implications of policy changes on our agricultural sector.

"I look forward to continuing these conversations and visits to hear from farmers far and wide. As the independent voice of WA, I will continue to prioritise the best interests of my constituents," she said.

Mr Whittington said next month, there could well be a fourth political party in the Senate if the Australian Muslim Party gets off the ground.

"If nothing else, it should make for interesting bedfellows with One Nation. How's the old saying go? My enemy's enemy is my friend,"

Mr Whittington said with or without the new party, Senator Payman will be in the position to exercise her newfound freedom to vote to support WA farmers in a future vote to reverse the federal government's live export ban.

In other moves the 'Keep the Sheep' petition has attracted almost 75,000 signatures with the campaign calling for volunteers to hit the streets to letter box and deliver pamphlets in key seats.

The lobby group is targeting Tangney, Hasluck and the possible new seat of Bullwinkel.



# PTA responds to Cale St noise and traffic worries

**GUANHAO CHENG** 

The Public Transport Authority (PTA) says it is continuing to do all it can to minimise the impact the new Cale Street crossing has on the community and will monitor the traffic and noise for further changes.

In Cale Street crossing uproar (Echo News, July 12), it was reported the noise from the level crossing opening was disturbing residents and the new traffic configuration raised safety concerns.

PTA spokesperson David Hynes said the new level crossing would maintain connectivity into the town centre and ensure traffic and pedestrians could cross the rail corridor safely.

"Because we take passenger and pedestrian safety very seriously, the level crossing and pedestrian crossing at Cale Street, like all such crossings on the PTA network, will be protected by flashing lights, boom gates, bells, crossing gates and signage," he said.

"Our project team has made a series of temporary and minor modifications to help the community navigate the new configuration.

These measures will be continuously monitored and reviewed by the PTA, Main Roads and the local government.

"CCTV traffic monitoring is in place to help

Mr Hynes said the safety of the community and the project's workers was paramount.

"Residents have been encouraged to report all traffic violations to both the project and the local police, who can enforce action," he said.
"We acknowledge noise and light pollution

concerns raised by some residents near the level crossing, and we will continue to explore op-

"Now that the crossing is operational, we are monitoring noise levels to ensure that any response will be effective in addressing issues raised.'

Mr Hynes said the PTA would continue engaging with the community on concerns related to the new crossing.

"The dedicated project team has engaged extensively with the local community on works associated with the Midland Station project and continues to do so," he said.

This includes a large volume of information in the lead-up to the closure of the Helena Street level crossing and the opening of the Cale Street level crossing.

'We will continue to make every effort to minimise the impact of the new crossing to the local community.

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# Swan and Bassendean businesses expand to Asia

#### **GUANHAO CHENG**

A SWAN and Bassendean business are recipients of a state government funding program to advance export and trade activities in new Asian markets.

Under round six of the Access Asia business grants, 16 local businesses will share in more than \$325,000 to help expand into Asia.

The businesses receiving funding were Old Young's Distillery in Henley Brook and TraumaSim in Bassendean.

Old Young's distillery founder James Young said they welcomed the funding which would help them research new business partners and find ones that were the right fit.

"We export to Singapore currently but we're looking to open up a couple of markets on top," he said.

"India, middle Asia, Indonesia, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam and Thailand are some of the markets we're looking at expanding to, off the top of my head.

We're not just funding the right markets. It's also about really getting to know which distribution partners will align with our hopes and dreams for the brand.

Mr Young said being based in Western Australia had a strategic appeal for Asian businesses who favoured the west over the eastern states.

"From a shipping point of view, it'll be more attractive to Asian markets to ship from the west coast instead of Sydney and Melbourne because we're closer, so we'll be leveraging our proximity," he said.

We're also working with Scott Conchar as part of our strategy, and he's helped brands like Stauning Whiskey get backing and expand into Asia.

We're really lucky to be working with Scott

and really excited to get it up and running.
"(The funding will) allow us to do all of that work: the market research followed by the identification of partners and supporting marketing materials to go with it.

'It's a really nice boost for our company."

TraumaSim is a WA based business manufacturing medical and emergency training aids in Bassendean.

TraumaSim founder Nola Pearce said their products were used by emergency services, militaries, universities and first aid trainers throughout Australia and internationally, but Asia was an untapped market.

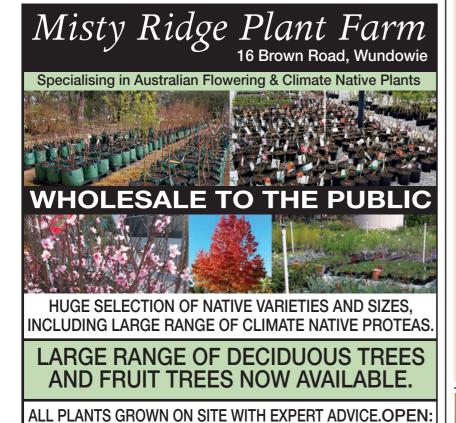
"We have existing sales pathways in Europe, Middle East, USA but until recently haven't had avenues into Asia," she said.

"Prior to this grant we had been communicating with a business in South Korea with synergies who we felt could make a suitable distributor in South Korea.

"We visited them in May and jointly exhibited at a fire and rescue exhibition where we introduced our products to a new audience.

"This grant will enable us to revisit South Korea in October this year this time to exhibit at a defence industry exhibition.

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first we were apprehensive," he said.
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Moorditj Maaman members Michael Cross, Anthony Culbong and John Mogridge at the Aerial Recording Studio in Glen Forrest this week. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

### Lullaby legacy for Noongar men

**GUANHAO CHENG** 

TUCKED in the hills of Mundaring is a studio wnere a group of indigenous men from Midland are recording an album of lullabies sung in Noongar language.

Indigo Junction's Moorditj Maaman men's group in Midland have come together every Friday for the past few months to share and learn language.

Their language sessions include writing and composing original lullabies as a legacy for their children and grandchildren.

In July, they began recording their first songs at Aerial Recording Studio in Glen Forrest.

Swan Aboriginal partnerships and development officer John Mogridge, who is also a Moorditj Maaman member, said this was a special Lullabies project as it's the first that's composed of almost

"Moorditj Maaman men's group was asked if we wanted to participate in the lullabies project and at

going into this project, and were thinking, 'lulla-

bies?', but we've always tried to push the envelope for the brothers, comfortably.

"The Community Arts Network (CAN) made sure we were all supported and fully through the process and working as a collective, it's been empowering.

CAN language facilitator Cyndy Moody said the Noongar language nearly got lost as it was taboo to speak it when cultural and racial discrimination was at its peak.

"People got flogged or thrown in jail for speaking it, and it wasn't until the Elders came together to revive the language and get dictionaries written that it's gotten stronger again," she said.

"The project is a celebration of language and culture, and having the men involved is a big state-

'We've written a song about Yagan who is a warrior from the Midland area, whose mother's side is the Beeliar people.

'Booraka Yagan, meaning brave Yagan, is a group song written and sung by the group celebrating the theme of leadership.

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# **WA charity helping**

**JACKI ELEZOVICH** 

**FOOD charity Hands and Feet** are looking for local support and donations to expand their operations further into Perth's surrounds.

Hands and Feet are an Australian charity focused on providing disability support and food for those who need it

The community food banks are run once a week out of local churches and community cen-

Hands and Feet have 11 distribution centres across Perth, including in Bassendean and Bellevue.

These centres are open for one day a week, and some support more than 90 families on a weekly basis.

Hands and Feet WA warehouse manager Letecia Price said anyone is welcome to show up for food and support if they feel they need it.

that provide food for those in need, but people need a concession card or proof that they are in need. We don't require that. Our feeling is that if people are turning up for food and telling us they need it, they are doing so because they really need it,"

Ms Price said the local distribution centres provided a point of community and connection for people who may be strug-

We want people to feel like they have a community and there are people who care about them and the problems they might be facing. We say food is like the gateway to understanding people's needs," she said.

"We're trying to go beyond the physical need of food. A lot of the time when people come in for food, they're also after someone to listen to their problems and someone to connect with. No-questions-asked support is "There are plenty of charities often amazing to break down someone's protective shell. Eventually people want to talk, we really encourage that everyone's there to help, nobody's there to judge.

Ms Price said the charity fed and supported around 400 families per week in WA and went through roughly five tonnes of food, and that the major barrier to further expansion is the amount of food supplies and donations.

"We want to grow in more areas, and we need more food to do that. The distribution services and logistics are set up and ready to go, we just plain run out of food every week," she said.

"Our big donators are Coles and Aldi, and we go to Canning Vale Markets as well. We have a warehouse in Osborne Park where we sort everything, so anything that is off or mouldy and can't be eaten obviously doesn't get distributed, it's just good food that the supermarkets don't want anymore.

Volunteers help distribute food hampers.

Ms Price said the charity is aiming to get to a level of operation where individuals can donate food from their own pan-

"You do start thinking, if there's that much waste at a supermarket level, how much is there at a household level? There's so much of that that we could probably be using," she

"We do eventually want to expand to individuals being able to donate their own food. The logistics of that are a bit more complicated. And financial assistance is just as important as food assistance. At the moment, people can donate online to help us and what we're doing.'

Donations can be made through www.gofundme.com/ f/5db2k-helping-those-in-need

# eye on crime

### Maida Vale man drug offences

OFFICERS from the central regional operations group have charged a 24-year-old Maida Vale man with a multiple drug offences in relation to an incident that occurred in Belmont over the weekend on Saturday, July 20.

About 10.40am police sighted a grey Holden Commodore sedan on the Great Eastern Highway, near Belgravia Street, and attempted to perform a routine traffic stop.

It will be alleged the accused ignored direction to stop and sped away from police, breaching a red traffic control signal before colliding with two stationary vehicles near the Tonkin Highway off ramp.

Fortunately, nobody was injured however both vehicles sustained extensive damage.

The accused was arrested without incident and a search of his vehicle was conducted where it will be alleged officers located various quantities of methylamphetamine, MDMA, LSD, diazepam and oxycontin.

He was charged with driver of a vehicle failed to comply with a direction to stop (circumstance of aggravation), reckless driving to escape pursuit by police, no authority to drive (fines suspension), possess a prohibited drug (methylamphetamine and MDMA), unlawfully possess a controlled prescription drug, and possessed a prohibited drug.

The 24-year-old Maida Vale man appeared before the Perth Magistrates Court on Tuesday, July 23 where he was remanded to reappear at the Perth Magistrates Court on August 8.

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



# **Helping to stop food waste**

**JACKI ELEZOVICH** 

**BASSENDEAN business Fresh** Frontier has signed up to a new state government project to track and reduce food waste.

The initiative, called the 'post-harvest food waste transformation project', is designed to help small or medium-sized businesses track food wastage and look into opportunities to transform and reduce food waste, reducing landfill and cutting costs at the same time.

The state government has invested \$320,000 into the project to work with local companies in decreasing their food waste.

Fresh Frontier, a ready-made meal company based in Bassendean, will use their share of the new funding to investigate developing new products using what would previously have been food waste.

Brand manager Scott Joy said the business saw the opportunity to enhance their sustainability e forts and maximise fresh resources, all while developing a more resilient business.

"This program has assisted us to map areas of waste and processing methods, and in turn then research opportunities for new additional products to develop value from our by-product rather than going to waste," he said.

"We are looking into how we can utilise some of our higher volume by-products, one of these being outer lettuce leaves that consumers do not usually want."

Mr Joy said Fresh Frontier was actively looking for ways to make business more sustainable.

'With an existing positive relationship with the Department of



Fresh Frontier launches its new waste program with Agriculture and Food Minister Jackie Jarvis.

Primary Industries and Regional Development through their food industry development team the a toundation industry partner with this project was a natural and obvious step for us," he said.

"Our desire to be environmentally conscious and creatively explore ways to reduce waste comes down to the culture and leadership of this company in leaning into our position as a proud local WA, high quality, fresh, family business. We take our responsibility seriously in continuing to provide quality, safe and sustainable products that make the most of our fresh resources and serve our customers as best as we are able."

Carnarvon's Sweeter Banana Co-operative and Avena Mills in the Wheatbelt have also already signed onto the project.

More businesses are expected

to join these initial three over the coming months.

Agriculture and food minisopportunity and willingness to be ter Jackie Jarvis said food waste costs the Australian economy an estimated \$36.6 billion every year and adds to the country's continuing landfill overuse problems.

She said reducing costs through being more waste conscious could also mean consumers can shop

"Our government is helping small to medium-sized businesses to remain internationally competitive by supporting them to improve environmental, social and governance credentials, which are an essential component of modern business operations," she said.

"I look forward to seeing the innovative solutions to come from the 'post harvest food waste transformation project' and how they benefit local businesses.'

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### E-waste disposal to landfill ban

AN e-waste to landfill ban came into force last week banning batteries, mobile phones, televisions, computers, light globes and fluorescent tubes, large white goods and professional medical devices.

Funding of \$14 million has been committed to implementation, which includes support for policy and regulatory changes, infrastructure grants for new e-waste collection and recycling infrastructure, and community educa-

The ban is aimed at industry rather than households, with banned items having recovery pathways in place to ensure a smooth transition, aligning with national product stewardship arrangements, and supporting local industry capacity.

Householders can assist by properly disposing of e-waste by using the Recycle Right website and app, Find My Nearest – Recycle Right.

This search engine displays local options for dropping off e-waste items either through participating retailers, or local council drop-off points.

According to DWER Director Circular Economy Adrian Wiley, e-waste had become one of the fastest-growing waste streams in Australia and the ban would assist in the recovery and reuse of valuable materials that may otherwise be lost to landfill

The initiative will help build local industry, as well as assist in creating a more circular economy," Mr Wiley

"While this ban is aimed at industry, I encourage everyone to dispose of their e-waste at appropriate facilities, especially for batteries, which should never be disposed of in the bin."



Jaeger Peters, Sonaa Aneja and Blake Mercer debated during Youth Parliament earlier

# Students debate in **Youth Parliament**

**PETER W LEWIS** 

THREE young people from Bassendean, Ellenbrook and Caversham earlier this month had the opportunity to represent their electorates as part of this year's Y WA's Youth Parlia-

They were among 59 young people selected around the state to present and debate eight bills they had written based on issues they deemed important as reported in Students selected to youth Parliament (Echo News, May 10).

Jaeger Peters, representing the Bassendean electorate, debated the Youth and Small Business Relief Bill 2024 and chose the topic because the economy is going through a tumultuous period where many people are struggling, especially business owners.

"I think that small businesses are the backbone of our economy and so they should be supported during these times of economic downturn," he

Jaeger said he would recommend Youth Parliament and said it was a wonderful opportunity to learn much about the parliamentary process and advocate for issues that matter most to you, and to get your voice heard.

Sonaa Aneja from Ellenbrook, representing Swan Hills for the first time, said she was interested in the education area of government.

"After graduating from a public high school and going into university, I was able to observe huge discrepancies between the private and public schools in WA. Resources, quality of content, and opportunities available were quite low for certain schools and so it is a great interest of mine to further explore and contribute to in the future," she said

She said she joined the program because she felt it was important to have a voice.

The range of issues young people face are difficult to solve if they are not communicated and conveyed. We can't have a better life if we don't voice our opinions and struggles and make sure they are heard by those who are older than us and in power to make a change," she said.

Blake Mercer from Caversham represented the Midland electorate.

The four-month program, run by the Y, offers a unique opportunity for young people to actively participate in the democratic process and have their voice heard by policy makers.

Y WA chief executive officer Dr Tim McDonald said the program, now in its 29th year, offers young people an insight into the workings of gov-

ernment and policy development.

The Y WA Youth Parliament is led and run by a dedicated team of young people, including volunteers and former participants, with the assistance of the Department of Communities.

# Backyard Buddies Your monthly guide to pests, weeds and diseases

### Splitting the difference



Left: Native longicorn beetle larvae, extracted from jarrah timber. Right: EHB larvae and a cross section of seasoned (dry) pine log showing larvae feeding tunnel.

#### Larvae in firewood

During the winter period where firewood is often collected and split, our service receives a common enquiry: "I've chopped some wood and found these grubs! Are these borers? Is this the European house borer? Is my house at risk??? The first question we ask to split European house borer (EHB) from many other wood borers is: "What wood are you cutting? Is it pine?". If the answer is no, it's not going to be EHB.

EHB larvae will only reproduce in seasoned (dry) coniferous timber and wood, including pine, fir and spruce. Of these, pine trees (Pinus species) and pine timbers are abundant in WA.

What if the answer was yes? - If you notice larvae or borer emergence holes in dead pine branches, logs, or untreated pine pallets or timbers please report this. EHB has the potential to cause major structural damage to buildings constructed with untreated pine timber. Infested wood stored in or around the home is worth investigating.

#### Who's on the chopping block?

Most firewood burnt in WA is from native hardwood species and pictured in this article are the larvae of native longicorn beetles (Phoracantha species) in jarrah. These beetles attack

live or recently dead/felled Eucalypt trees and do not pose a risk to the timbers in your

If you have been chopping firewood for years but are only starting to see these borers, it's likely the trees the firewood has come from, were stressed or recently felled. Trees stressed by drought or disease are particularly susceptible to borer attack.

#### Reporting

We can't all be insect identification specialists, but that doesn't matter. If something isn't familiar to you, it's best to report it rather than ignore it. When reporting, please include as much information as possible about what's occurring. Collect and hold onto any insect samples, and if taking photos, include things like a ruler or a pen so the dimensions of insects, holes or other symptoms can be gauged.

If borers are coming out of furniture, timber, or wooden products like bowls, chopping boards or ornaments - report it as soon as possible and we will provide guidance from there.

For more information on EHB and other reportable species like the polyphagous shot hole borer (PSHB), see our webpage agric.wa.gov.au and search EHB or PSHB, or contact us.

## **Diabetes WA calls for better access**

DIABETES WA has called for better access, subsidised technology and preventative measures in the wake of the 'inquiry into diabetes' report.

The federal government report into the State of Diabetes

Mellitus in Australia 2024 captures the scale of the nation's diabetes epidemic and understands that the condition has many and complex causes, says

The report contains 23 recommendations that cover a range of issues, such as diabetes screening, access to diabetes technology and medication, diabetes research and data and diabetes care for at risk cohorts.

As the peak state body for diabetes, Diabetes WA welcomes the attention and effort the Government has committed to an issue that affects more than 148,000 West Australians, with 30 more diagnosed with the condition every day.

Diabetes WA chief executive officer Melanie Gates said her key takeaways from the report were greater subsidisation of life-changing technology, better access to diabetes support and services, and more focus on prevention and education.

We are pleased that the committee has listened to the voices of people living with diabetes, including the submission from Diabetes WA, which featured the voices of so many from our West Australian community," Ms Gates said.

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"We have been calling for greater access to vital diabetes technology, including continuthese vital technologies can

make to the lives of the West Australians who are living with diabetes."

The report recommends increasing CGM access for individuals living with Type 1 Diabetes and expanding subsidised access, to benefit the 28,000 Western Australians living with Type 2 who require insulin injections.

Ms Gates also praised the report for highlighting the importance of telehealth services, such as the Diabetes WA Telehealth.

Western Australia is home to regional and remote communities that have some of the country's highest rates of diabetes," Ms Gates said.

Our Telehealth service, which works alongside country health organisations and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (AC-CHO), can be a lifeline to people living with diabetes in parts of the state that health services often struggle to reach.'

The report also recommends broad-reaching preventative measures, including clearer food labelling about sugar content, regulating food marketing and advertising to children, and government funding for education and public health campaigns.



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# **Brabham community celebrates NAIDOC**

BRABHAM Estate recently held its annual NAIDOC Week celebration, in partnership with the City of Swan for the second year in a row, attracting more than 250 attendees.

"Brabham has a rich cultural history and a diverse community, and through events such as this, we can come together to learn about the unique heritage of the area and further strengthen a sense of inclusion and belonging within the community," said Peet chief executive officer Brendan Gore.

To commence event proceedings, a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony was delivered by respected local Elders, Cindy Garlett and John Mogridge. City of Swan Mayor, Tanya Richardson, warmly welcomed the community and participated in a flag raising ceremony, emceed by Wongi-Noongar man, Jaylon Tuck-

Attendees enjoyed several cultural performances from performers such as Dadaajal, who showcased traditional dance passed down through generations. Rising singer songwriter, Angela Rule, also treated the crowd to her songs, which recounted stories and experiences from her life.

Eventgoers also enjoyed several food stalls and bushtucker tastings whilst learning about historical First Nations artifacts through a traditional tool display. Families and kids took part in a special children's play corner, Koolangah's Wabiny, which included face painting and other

Peet is committed to ongoing positive engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples across operations as they move forward together to build unity within the community," Mr Gore said.

Brabham Estate is an award-winning community developed by Peet in collaboration with DevelopmentWA.



### **Swan View death** under investigation

THE identity of a man found dead in Swan View has been released with a statement from his grieving family as homicide detectives continue to investigate.

Police said the man, identified as Brock Pavy, 39, was found on Thursday, July 18 by a member of the public at about 11am alongside Marlboro Road.

'It is not known how long Mr Pavy had been at that location and the circumstances surrounding his death continue to be investigated," they

It's believed Mr Pavy was found in a stormwater drain next to the road.

St John WA paramedics arrived 15 minutes after he was found but Mr Pavy was unrespon-

Police cordoned off Marlboro Road and forensic officers put up a tent on Thursday as they combed the scene for evidence.

Onlookers watched from the other side of the

road at about 3pm as children finished school and circled around the scene to leave the area.

Detectives are appealing anyone who saw or

was in the company of Mr Pavy in the days or weeks leading up to Thursday, July 18 or with dash-cam footage captured near the scene to share what they know.

They would also like to speak to anyone with information about the occupants of a white Ford Falcon sedan parked on the corner of Morrison

Road and Marlboro Road on 2am last Thursday.
Mr Pavy's family requested privacy and said he "was just a month shy of his 40th birthday".

"He had a great sense of humour, contagious laugh, but was always in the wrong place at the wrong time," they said.

"He enjoyed the simple things like fishing, a good T-bone steak, big dogs, comfy tracksuits and having a beer and a smoke.

"No parent should have to bury their child. Brock is survived by his father, sister, and two

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



### Swan Districts umpires are paving the way for women's participation

**JACKI ELEZOVICH** 

**SWAN Districts umpiring mentor Naomi Bates** nas neiped organise an all-temale umpired junior football game later this month, something she believed was a first for the WA junior AFL league.

Ms Bates has been involved in Swan Districts umpiring for multiple years through her son, who also umpires with the club. This year, when the female mentor position came up, she put her name forward. She said the role was a new challenge, but one she

relished due to how fulfilling it became.

Ms Bates believed more girls should give umpiring a go at their local AFL club, as it was a great way for the girls to try something new, be challenged, and meet new people while enjoying being part of the sport of AFL.

She said the mentorship program helped girls feel more confident to get on the field, and encouraged those who might not have stepped up otherwise.

"It is a great opportunity for females to meet other female umpires and experience the different opportunities that allow them to pursue their umpiring career," she said.

Ms Bates supports her mentees at training and games, and attends the 'umpiring your way' training program in South Perth once a month, which she said has made a marked difference in ability and confidence in her mentees.

"The best part for me is watching the umpires grow within themselves, their confidence and if they want to, try different disciplines within umpiring,

On July 26, the Kalamunda juniors will play a home game against South Perth, and the game will be umpired solely by young women including field, boundary and goal umpiring.

She said everyone approached with the idea of an all-female umpiring team was supportive from the

"I approached our operations manager with the idea of an all-girls umpired game. He approached both teams and they agreed to the idea," she said.
"I think it is important to encourage females to

join umpiring as it is a male dominated discipline. There are great opportunities for females in the umpiring world, and it is great to see females umpiring young children all the way through to AFL.



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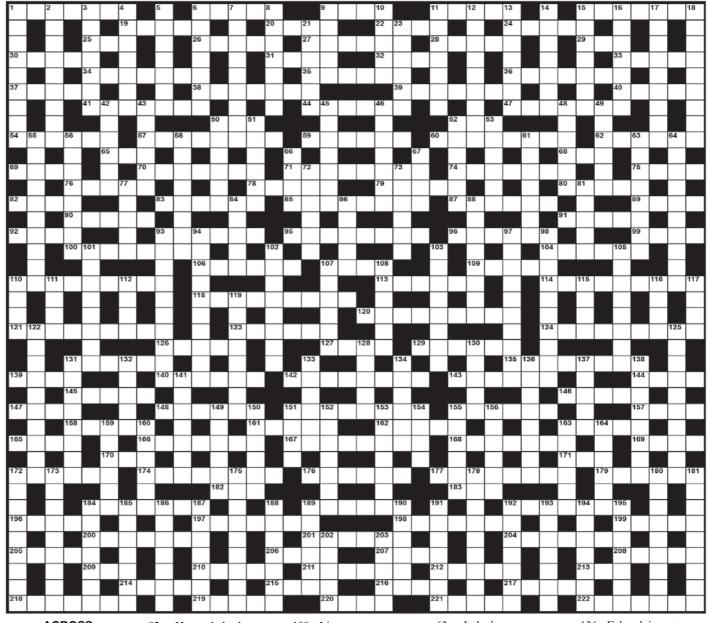
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"Yagan was a father, uncle and brother too."

Ms Moody said the album would be named Maaman Weitj, which means father emu.

"This is the Mookaroo season, between June and July, where emus lay their eggs," she said.

The men are like father emus, who look after the eggs and care for them, so that's why we've chosen that name."

Parkerville youth and childcare cultural lead Anthony Culbong said there had to be a holistic approach to language.

"I grew up not too focused on properly learning the language until I got older and began realising how important language was to identity," he said.

But I always had people around me who spoke the language and I was glad it was still there for me to learn when I did realise.

"If we didn't learn language, we lose sight of who we are as a race and a culture.

Mr Culbong said he had gotten a copy of their group-written song Yeyi Yokai, which means now celebrate in Noongar language, as soon as it was recorded and shared it with his daughter.

"She showed it to my three-month-old grandson who was smiling and laughing to the song," he said.

"He really enjoyed the lullaby, and I think when you can surround our young people in our songs and language and imbed a love for it at a young age, they'll come back one day and want to learn more. It's a cycle.

"I think falling asleep to Noongar language, you're bound to pick up some of it.

"It's a beautiful space and a chance to show a softer side as Noongar men. We can be gentle, we can nurture, and be great role models.

"When we first started writing and singing our personal songs, we were all standing scared but once we got over it, we said, 'we'll give it a crack'

We don't have the best rap, but this is a great chance to show a positive example of who we are

The lullabies will be performed at the Midland NAIDOC event and an album will be released once recordings are complete.

### **Helena Valley** traffic troubles

-mers came through the door and what my till was doing each day," she said.
"Fast forward four months, my latest numbers

have come back, and our income is down 40 per

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"With my books looking like they do, I can't sell my business, so now I am just hoping I can hang on and run down the lease and close it. Obviously losing all the investment we've made in the past seven years in the business.

"What that means is that the community loses a small business and three local people I employ lose their job. I employ two (university) students and a mature age lady.

"Work like this has to happen and we get it, but it's very disappointing there's been no compensation and no support.'

Ms Hanley said it wasn't until she got in contact with the Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC), who then came to visit and spoke with Water Corporation, that things began progressing.

"I've been in touch with the SBDC who offered advice and came out to visit us last week," she said.

"They decided to get involved and they've been out with the Water Corporation project manager and community liaison person to look at the scope of the works.

"(On July 23) we received an email saying there's going to be a meeting between the SBDC. Water Corp, and the business owners in this area.

'That'll be on August 8, so we are going to have

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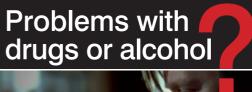
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# Saints overpowered by the accurate Cougars

**BRIAN PALLISTER** 

CHIDLOW continued to experiment with players in different positions during their 26.6 (156) to 7.9 (51) win over Bullsbrook in the Hills Football Association on the week-

In the round 14 game Chidlow started Joshua Liddle up forward while Luke Elliott and Tim Huntley began on the ball.

After five minutes of contested football the Cougars began to attack the goals.

Jake Forman picked up possessions at will delivering the ball deep into Chidlow's forward line where Matt Mallaby, Joshua Liddle and Shane Fitzgerald lined up to have turns at kicking for goal.

After a string of four goals the Saints managed their first through Rory Bennett.

Injuries and FIFO workers continue to take their toll on playing numbers with Bullsbrook starting with 18 players.

Full credit goes to Chidlow's sportsman-ship for agreeing to start with 16 players on the field, which allowed the Saints to have two on the interchange.

Having the ability to be able to rotate players probably helped Bullsbrook finish the game without further injuries.

By the end of the first quarter Chidlow had six goals on the board compared with the Saints one.

The second quarter had the Cougars kicking six straight to have a very accurate score of 12 goals and one point at half time.

James Thompson was winning his fair share of ruck contests for the Saints but Chidlow players Luke Elliott and Blake Offer were reading the ball better.

When the Saints did manage to go forward they were breaking down around half forward where Chidlow's Zane Lyall was quick to mop up and drive the ball back over the centre while Forman continued to find space and create the overlap.

At times all that the Saints midfielders could do was watch the ball go over their heads.

Cougar Shane Fitzgerald was having a day out finishing the game with 10 goals while his teammate Matt Mallaby came to life in the third quarter with a couple of accurate long shots on goal.

Coming off a Wes Hall run-up seemed to work for him.

For the Saints Dylan Bailey combined with Jorden Healy to push the ball forward allowing Sheldon Aplin to mark and kick a goal but Chidlow held such a commanding lead heading into the last quarter the result was already decided.

The two teams kicked 11 goals between them in the final quarter.

In the end it was Chidlow with a 105-point win.



Chidlow were too good for Bullsbrook in HFA round 14 defeating the Saints by 105 points at Chidlow Recreation Centre.

# Aryang through to preliminary final

SWAN Districts Netball Association product Sunday Aryang was part of West Coast Fever's wall of defence helping the WA team beat Sunshine Coast Lightning to progress to the preliminary final.

In the third quarter, which Fever won 54-47 defence was crucial and Fever's trio of Kadie-Ann Dehaney, Fran Williams and Aryang did not disap-

Their wall of defence caused plenty of problems for Lightning's captain Steph Fretwell and Riley Batcheldor in goals.

With just enough pressure from Fever, Lightning produced another held ball call and further shifting control to the girls in green for the final quarter.

Lightning had come out firing controlling the start of the game and won the first quarter 18-16.

For her 16 goals for the quarter Jhaniele Fowler-Nembhard worked her way around former teammate Courtney Bruce and at the other end of the court Dehaney elevated her game for finals with two defensive rebounds, an intercept and a deflection for the quarter.

Kelsey Browne made her entrance in the second quarter, joining Alice Teague-Neeld and captain Jess Anstiss in the mid-court.

The trio's ability to produce momentum down the court was crucial for a shift in the game.

Shanice Beckford proved the nerves of her first Suncorp Super Netball finals series were no match for her skill.

Beckford put the crowd on their feet with her two goals and a super shot.

Two minutes remained in the first half when Fever took their first lead of the game, secured further by Fowler-Nembhard's goal after the siren to an elec-

Heading into the final quarter Fever led 54-47

Teague-Neeld capped off a dominant game with 43 feeds and 25 goal assists, greatly contributing to the side's strength in the second half.

Fowler-Nembhard's scored 67 goals, propelling her side into the preliminary final.

After winning the minor semi final 72-62 Fever move in to the preliminary final against the Melbourne Vixens at John Cain Arena on Saturday, July 27.



Sunday Aryang of Midland was part of West Coast Fever's wall of defence which helped them win the Suncorp Super Netball minor semi final. Picture: Mia Mammoliti/clixbymia

# Notice Board

• The Swan Athletic Seniors group is holding a fund raising event in the Sporting Club premises (McDonald Road, Herne Hill) on Thursday, August 29. There will be a three course hot menu and monster raffles. Call Tom on 0401 803 675 if you would like to help this worthy cause or Val on 0467 034 529. Bookings are essential for catering purposes.

· Swan Valley Squares are running a 12-week course for beginners starting on Friday, August 9 at the Woodlake Community Hall, 1 Highpoint Boulevard, Ellenbrook from 7pm to 8pm. For more information call Wendy and Ron on 0408 325 175 or email ronf wens6270@bigpond.com

• Kalamunda Youth Swing Band gives young musicians the opportunity to rehearse and play in a band. Rehearsals are Monday afternoon

Upcoming Events during school term. For more information call musical director I call and mation call musical director Leah on 0432 973 395.

• Orienteering WA's next bush form of a lunch at the Swan Athletic event is on Sunday, July 28 in the Avon Valley National Park off Toodyay Road. You can register online until 5pm the day prior, or on the day from 9am to 10am at the caravan. If you want to try something different and try new picnic areas on many Sundays, check out Orienteering WA's full program of events on the website at www.wa.orienteer ing.asn.au/events No experience or equipment is necessary but a briefing is given to newcomers. For more information call Helen on 0409 889

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April, who was abandoned in the bush, is about three-years-old and looks like a staffy and whippet cross. She is very loving and sweet. She is a little unsure when she meets new people but soon warms to them. She is sterilised, vaccinated and microchipped. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary 9574 1438.

#### Read between the lines by Pastor Ian Kirk

The Calm after the Storm We may be familiar with the phrase

'the calm before the storm', but there is also the 'calm after the storm'. We experienced this on a recent holiday in Tasmania.

The day we arrived, an intense cold weather system hit rain and freezing winds blasting the state. But after a day or so, an amazing calm occurred. For six straight days we had perfect weather – sunny days with not a breath of wind in the middle of a Tassie winter.

At Cradle Mountain, Dove Lake gave a perfect reflection of the iconic mount. At other places, the beautiful inland lakes gave incredible reflections of the nearby snow-capped mountains.

This experience reminded me of a Bible verse in Psalm 30.5 'Weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning.

There are times in our life when we feel like we are being blasted by a storm. We experience despair and darkness, anxiety and anguish. But the promise from Psalm 30:5 is that if we trust in God, He will bring us through and give us joy and peace - the calm after the

The greatest fulfilment of this will be for those who know and trust in Jesus. The moment we die, we will enter into God's eternal presence, for Christ has saved us and forgiven us. What calm and joy awaits us that first morning in glory!

## **Local Real Estate**

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# Swan suburbs make top 10 list

**ANITA McINNES** 

VIVEASH recorded the highest price growth for houses during 2023-24 in the Perth property market, with its median house sale price increasing 40.9 per cent to \$620,000, according to REIWA.

Placed fourth on the top 10 suburbs list for median price growth Midvale's median house sale price increased 38.3 per cent to \$515,000.

Ranked eighth Henley Brook's median house sale price increased 35.2 per cent to \$735,000

In ninth place Lockridge's median house sale price increased 35 per cent to \$513,000.

REIWA chief executive officer Cath Hart said the median house sale price set a new record month after month over the financial year and was \$665,000 for the year to June 2024.

"This is 18.8 per cent higher than at the end of the 2022-23 financial year," she said.

"Affordability remains a focus for buyers and this is reflected in the make-up of the top 10 suburbs for house price growth.

The majority have a median sale price below Perth's median and only two have a median house sale price over \$1 million.

"It indicates strong demand for suburbs in more affordable price brackets.

"Demand is also reflected in their selling times."

The annual median selling days for Viveash was seven days, Midvale and Lockridge eight days and Henley Brook nine days.

"The more affordable suburbs on the list have a median time on market that is nearly half that of the suburbs with a median over \$1 million."

Ms Hart said the median unit sale price increased 11.3 per cent year-on-year to reach \$445,000, just \$5000 below the previous record of \$450,000 in 2014.

"We expect this record to be broken in the next few months."

In the fastest selling suburbs for units Ellenbrook with an annual unit sale price rising 21.6 per cent to \$377,000 were selling in a median of eight days.

In the top 10 suburbs for rental yields for units Midland (in ninth place) achieved annual median rent of \$500, annual median unit sale price of \$350,000 with rental yield of 7.4 per cent.

Midland units with an annual change in rent of 25 per cent were also in the top 10 suburbs for rent price growth with an annual median rent of \$500 and annual median of leasing days 16.



# Rural equine comfort in Clackline

WIDE open space to roam in the peace of a rural setting makes this Clackline residence a choice location for the bucket list of buyers looking to accommodate equine companions.

The property includes riding trails, arena, round yard ready for completion, feed storage, tack lock up, yards with shelters float parking and garage.

Through the double gates the driveway leads you up past the first pastured paddock to a second gate.

Beyond this gate you will find parking for your vehicle, and space available for shelving in here for storage.

A lean-to each side of the silo offers parking for your float on one side and ride on mower and trailer on the other.

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Two shipping containers provide airtight storage for your stock feed and tack and off the shipping containers are two yards with cover over each for your ponies providing shelter in both summer and winter.

Vegetable beds already exist on the property for growing vegetables year-round and the property also comes with some fruit trees as an added bonus.

In the middle paddock is the property's 800sqm sand arena. Behind the arena is a round yard, which only needs some fencing installed if buyers wish to keep the yard separate.

The three paddocks offer good rotation and water is available to all paddocks.

Tail riding can be found in two directions from the front gate

which means there is no need to float your horse to get out on a trail

Disappearing for a leisurely ride on horseback is easy and accessible with this home design.

The back patio has screened French doors which allow access to the property.

Inside, the flooring throughout the home is slate, making care easy.

The spacious main living area is kitchen, dining, lounge and room for an office, all made comfortable with a split system reverse cycle air conditioner.

Leading off the kitchen area is the bathroom hosting a walled off toilet, vanity and shower.

For your entertaining needs step out the sliding door to an amply sized front patio which has roll down shades on three sides, making this a comfortable spot to relax all year round.

Solar panels and scheme water help keep living costs down in this equine residence.

The famous Bakers Hill pie shop is only minutes away, Northam is 11 minutes away and the airport is under an hour's commute from the residence.

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### I Remember When...

Do you remember how, in the Swan Valley, the Swan River would flood every winter? It seemed to happen every year. I remember seeing the river flood over the lower level of the paddocks opposite, which I could see from the old science block at Governor Stirling Senior High School. The school was crazy enough to take us students on canoe lessons in the middle of winter. Sometimes we couldn't go because the river came up too far, and the water was as high as the top of the boat shed. Today, that area is the Woodbridge Riverside Park, so fifty years ago it would have been just a bit different.

We had plenty of sports grounds in the area, which really didn't like the rain much. Midland Oval was a classic example—playing footy there with the cricket pitch in the middle was a horror unless you loved sticky, stinking mud. Mind you, the Guildford Rec, as we called it, wasn't much better. It was as hard as a rock in summer and underwater in winter. Pauly Park in Midvale was pretty interesting as well. The guys up in Swan View had their own challenges with Brown Park. But hey, we didn't know any different; we just played the best we could. There certainly wasn't any free-flowing footy happening unless it was with the tide.

The De La Salle Oval, as we knew it then, was a sandpit at times and had a slope to one end. The rugby guys at Guildford Grammar had some pretty muddy grounds as well. It didn't matter—we all just wanted to play sport. The girls had their netball games on courts of mud as well, and huge puddles were funny to watch. I remember seeing the shooting circle on one court being just one big puddle, and the rest of the court was slippery mud. It wasn't ideal for girls trying to stop when they caught the ball. None of that indoor stuff in those days. Saturday and Sunday, come hail or snow, you were out there giving it your best while poor mum and dad sheltered under an umbrella, cheering for their kids and making sure they got their oranges at halftime. Most of the grounds had hardly any shelter and tiny change rooms if you were lucky. We all survived and, believe it or not, had a great time. Not sure it was that great to watch, but we all gave it a go.



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