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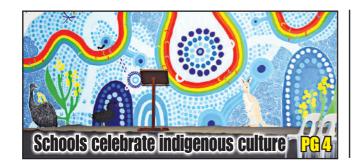
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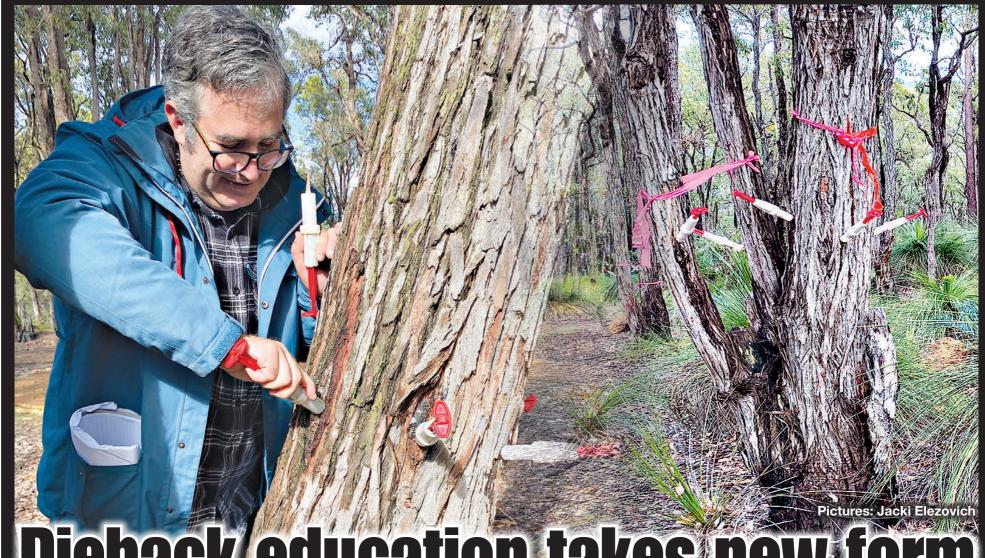
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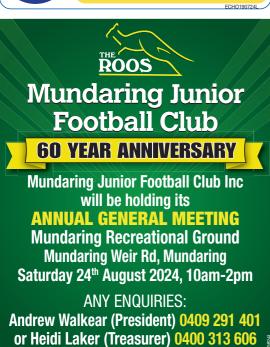
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GUILDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMISSIONED ABORIGINAL ARTISTS JULIE WINMAR AND BRIANNA DAWSON TO PAINT A MURAL SYMBOLISING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WAGYL DREAMING STORY TO THE LAND THE SCHOOL IS BUILT ON.

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YOUR THOUGHTS

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National Homeless Week

Dear Echo News,

August 5 - 11 is National Homelessness Week where the homelessness crisis that affects our country gets put under the spotlight, and where we get to advocate for those who are the most vulnerable in our community.

As the largest provider of homelessness services in Australia, The Salvation Army wants others to be aware of the key issues facing those experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

We are seeing across the country that social housing waiting lists are growing, the demand for homeless services is skyrocketing and rental prices are increasing by 10 per cent every year.

There are also increasing levels of mortgage stress and 'tent cities' popping up around the country while there is very cold winter weather.

The Salvation Army is trying to meet the needs of thousands of people experiencing homelessness each month, made more difficult due to a winter of unaffordable housing and a cost-ofliving crisis.

We can't do this alone. Our hope during Homelessness Week this year is to inform and educate the public about the issues surrounding homelessness and to advocate for the most vulnerable in our community as we lobby for more accommodation and support services.

As a major provider of accommodation and financial assistance in Australia, we put clients at the centre of our work.

The Salvation Army's desire is to treat everyone who reaches out to our services with dignity, compassion, and

respect. We are passionate about seeing transformation in people's lives. It is our privilege to meet people where they are at, whether that is rough sleeping, couch surfing, emergency accommodation or in other circumstances, and we will continue to do all we can to support people in their journey.

Dr J Donoghue Salvation Army **Homelessness** general manager

Closure of Railway Rd/ Elizabeth St about

Dear Echo News,

In response to R Wood and C Coulthard letters regarding the proposed closure of the top of Railway Road and Elizabeth Street.

Both of who will not be directly impacted if this closure occurs.

As a resident who will be affected, I'd like to point out that closure of this section of Elizabeth Street will impact ambulances going to/from the hospital, impact ambulances getting quick and easy access from the ambulance station to Kalamunda Road, force local traffic to either travel through the centre of Kalamunda (causing more congestion in peak periods); or to travel to Headingly Road, which itself crossing Railway Road is a blind spot.

Unless traffic slows down on Railway Road approaching Kalamunda (don't hold your breath on that one), the best and safest option for all Kalamunda residents and ratepayers is a roundabout.

Why? Because the City of Kalamunda has received federal and state grant funds to build a roundabout. Any other option

(which there are sev-

eral other than closure of the road) - including closure of the road, ratepayers will pay for.

work Roundabouts effectively and efficiently ensuring traffic flows in all directions with limited issues.

One thing I do agree with the previous two correspondents is that the city should get on with what they have been given funds for and build the roundabout soonest for the safety and benefit of all residents.

G England Kalamunda

Round opinion

Dear Echo News,

Regarding a second roundabout to the hospital main access entry road next to the ambulance precinct.

Driving past there as I have for over 50 years as a local, I would suggest a pathway opening on the left hand side, looking down that Elizabeth Street corner for a bike path and pedestrians and postie vehicle.

I am sure the city town planners don't always see everything in the town and most of them never grew up in Kalamunda.

But another annoyance is the lack of a defined taxi rank in the town which used to be under the old marri tree opposite the R&I bank in Barber Street near the Post Office.

In fact, a focus on a little paved level square there might be interesting as a sunny winter forecourt to that popular cafe bread shop 37.

A couple of car parking spaces removed there would pave the way for three or four tables and seating too. R Wood

Lesmurdie

Thought for the day

"Choose to be optimistic, it feels better."

- Dali Lama

Kalamunda rate rise

Dear Echo News.

I write regarding a recent article in Echo *News* about the five per cent rate rise in the City of Kalamunda.

Kalamunda council by introducing FOGO bins and giving away native plants, seem to be concerned about the environment.

However, in the article it appears that at least one of the councillors, although admitting that climate change was a serious issue, appeared to believe that tackling this problem was a job for others and not the local council.

I disagree with him. If every individual did their best to live with the environment in mind, we would be a long way to tackling climate change.

Australia, being one of the highest polluters per capita, should be doing its best to reverse that. And our leaders, in particular our councillors, should be leading by example instead of abrogating responsibility to others.

My other concern, also relating to the environment, is the felling of mature trees in Kal amunda. We are fortunate to live in an area close to beautiful bushland, but I have recently seen a number of mature trees felled locally.

It is great that some communities like Caversham are planting saplings but these will take generations to mature by which time it may be too late.

There should be tree preservation orders on our mature trees in the

J Þilgrim Kalamunda

crossword will not be running in this week's edition.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Please check our website for the crossword and last week's solution.

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Spotlight on Kalamunda's aged care crunch

GUANHAO CHENG

CITY of Kalamunda has plans to boost residential aged care in Forrestfield's Cambridge Reserve, but aged care advocates say more must be done to meet shortfalls for the ageing population.

Kalamunda resident and Friends of Aged Care coordinator Iris Jones said she was very concerned about the deepening lack of aged care availabilities in the area.

We are an ageing population," she said.

"There are more people coming into the age group who need facilities – every week there are more people looking for beds.

"A brand-new facility opened last year in High Wycombe: Karingal Green

Very high-quality facilities for a 162-bed nursing home.

"They are no longer taking names on their waiting list.

"They opened last year, and all the beds have been filled – what does that tell you?"

City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas said the city's 2021 local housing strategy predicted a 480 to 730 shortfall of aged accommodation beds in 12 years' time depending on which developments were planned and approved.

'The city remains committed to addressing the needs of our ageing population," she

"We are committed to delivering the Cambridge Reserve community enhancement project in Forrestfield.

The project aims to deliver an integrated aged care outcome with complementary uses, enhance community amenity and recreation, protect and enhance natural areas, and provide much-needed urban renewal in the Forrestfield locality.

"Including aged residential care and or retirement living will provide additional activation and amenity, meeting a critical need for our ageing population.

Ms Thomas said the Cambridge Reserve

Project had already progressed through three key phases.

These include the adoption of a master concept plan in December 2020, the amendment to the local planning scheme in April 2022, and the transfer of tenure to the City of Kalamunda in September 2022," she said.

'Currently, our focus is on finalising a business case to recommend a preferred path

"This will support a future investment decision by the council for development."

Ms Jones said while the Cambridge Reserve development was a step in the right direction, the state government also had their role to play.

"After almost six years of Labor state government, we still await the turning of the sod on a piece of prime land owned by the government at Heidelberg Park, Carmel," she said.

'It is zoned for aged care, and we are still almost 200 nursing home beds short in this

The state government put out a media statement in 2023 announcing the progression of Heidelberg Park's development into aged care residency.

In it, Lands Minister John Carey said a registration of interest process for the development was conducted in 2021 with the aim of increasing aged care facilities in the Perth

"With an ageing population, this government is committed to making land available to enable diverse housing options to be developed for those who want to remain in their local communities," he said.

Seniors and Ageing Minister Don Punch said the government continued its commitment ensuring senior Western Australians had access to residential care options that suit their needs.

"With our ageing population and a high demand for aged care facilities, it's pleasing to see this progression for this much needed



The City of Kalamunda says it is investigating Forrestfield's Cambridge Reserve for development opportunities.

project in our Perth Hills," he said.

Since then, the development's preferred proponent Boston Holdings notified the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) they were unable to proceed with the project and all project negotiations

Ms Jones reached out to the DPLH for answers about Heidelberg Park earlier this year and received a letter response in July.

The letter attributed the pandemic and subsequent heated construction market as conditions that didn't facilitate a new expression of interest process now, despite the previous process reportedly being conducted in 2021.

Ms Jones said it took years of advocacy to rezone Heidelberg Park for aged care purposes, and the state government's lack of action in attracting developers was disap-

"They have had six years in office to deliver a tangible result on that land for a significant percentage of their constituents, their elderly," she said.
"During that time, many of our elderly and

infirm have either died, or been exiled to far distance facilities for the care they so desperately need and deserve.

"After six years? Please explain. Our elderly do not jump up and down when treated

"They take what is thrown at them with forbearance and dignity, but they have paid their taxes, and they deserve a voice and a

Boston Group and the DPLH have been contacted for comment.



School upgrades for Caversham and Brabham

CONSTRUCTION has started on two major school projects in Perth's north-eastern suburbs, which are seeing some of the fastest population growth in the nation.

Works have begun on a new two-storey teaching block to accommodate more students at the growing Caversham Valley Primary School, as well as works on Stage 2 of the Brabham Primary School kindergarten and pre-primary centre.

The \$12.3 million facility at Caversham Valley Primary School will include 10 general classrooms and a science classroom, staff offices, learning spaces, toilets and storage. There will also be a new landscaped courtyard and adjoining play area for

The new state-of-the-art facilities will accommodate an additional 300 students and are currently anticipated to be completed next year.

Construction of stage 2 of the Brabham Primary School offsite kindergarten and pre-primary centre is also underway and is currently scheduled to open for the commencement of the 2025 school year.

These two projects will complement the other education infrastructure projects that are underway to support the population growth in the region.

The \$37.36m stage 2 of the permanent accommodation at Brabham Primary School is scheduled to open in 2025 and will include a double-storey teaching block, kindergarten and pre-primary block, education support centre, and car park modifications.

The \$39.9m Brabham East Primary School, currently in construction, will accommodate 540 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and will open for the start of the 2025 school year.

The facilities will include administration block, kindergarten and pre-primary block, two double-storey teaching blocks, library and staffroom block, covered assembly with canteen and music room, an oval, hardcourts, car parking and land-

The \$16.6m new double storey building at Anne Hamersley Primary School will include two pre-primary and 12 general classrooms, internal activity areas, staff study areas, offices, storerooms, toilets, car parking and landscaping. The facility will accommodate 380 students and is anticipated to be open in the 2025 school year.

Planning for new facilities at Caversham Primary School has commenced. The new facilities will accommodate up to 300 students to replace long-term transportable buildings.

The \$26.5m facility will include a double-storey teaching block with internal activity areas, storerooms, staff study areas, toilets and car parking.

These projects are part of a massive education infrastructure program in the rapidly growing area. Henley Brook Primary School and Stage 1 of the Brabham Primary School offsite were opened at the start of this year, while new primary schools have recently been built in Brabham and Dayton.

Planning continues for a new high school in Brabham, to be located close to the soon to be opened Whiteman Park Metronet Station, with an initial \$15m allocation.

West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti said as the north-eastern suburbs continued to grow rapidly, the sgovernment was continuing to do everything they could to ensure local families have access to state-of-the-art education facilities close to home.



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Artists Brianna Dawson and Julie Winmar with their artwork. Pictures: Jacki Elezovich

Schools celebrate Indigenous culture

hundreds in the state to undertake new projects celebrating Aboriginal history and cul-

inal artists Julie Winmar and Brianna Dawson to paint a mural at the school symbolising the native flora and fauna of the country and the importance of the Wagyl dreaming story to the land the school

est primary school in WA, Guildford was keen to recognise the area's significance to the Whadjuk Noongar people.

"We were very keen to have a mural that recognised the school's connection to the natural environment, this section of the river as the resting place of the Wagyl: the Dreaming spirit of the rainbow serpent, as well as the birds that have been chosen as our new factions; waalitj (eagle), maali (black swan), and djidi djidi (willy wagtail).

"We are very proud of the new mural and it symbolises our school's commitment to cultural responsiveness and reconciliation," he said.

Mr Mort said the partnership, acceptance, learning, sharing (PALS) program grant helped contribute to the project's cost, including to commissioning Ms Winmar and Ms Dawson as artists.

Ms Winmar said she and Ms Dawson took on the project over multiple months, painting the biggest mural the pair had tackled thus far.

Mr Mort said the whole school community was impressed with the mural.

We approached Julie and Brianna to complete the artwork for us after seeing their work in an Indigenous artist's calendar," he said.

They were given a design to consider by Jocelyn Kickett, a Noongar teacher at our school (and) they presented a brilliant plan to us highlighting what the end product would look like.

Aveley North primary school also received a \$3000 grant from the PALS program.

The school's science head Sundarii Barnao said the grant made planting their new Noongar seasonal garden possible.

'We chose to create a Noongar seasonal garden to represent Aboriginal history because it serves as a living testament to the harmony between Whadjuk Noongar wisdom, ecological sustainability, and the revitalisation of our natural heritage. By embracing the Noongar six seasons, we honour the Whadjuk Noongar people and their deep connection to the land, promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of their knowledge," she said.

"By providing the necessary financial support, the PALS funding has enabled us to honour Indigenous wisdom, promote sustainability, and offer an immersive educational experience that aligns with our vision of fostering environmental stewardship and cultural appreciation.'

More than \$790,000 in grants were awarded last year under the PALS program, to more than 280 WA schools.

Education and Aboriginal affairs minister Dr Tony Buti said he was impressed with the wide range of projects WA schools chose to take on with the help of the grant.

"Participating in these activities promotes the journey towards reconciliation for all involved and also provides an important opportunity for Aboriginal students to see their cultures being respected, shared and celebrated," he said.

'I encourage all schools to apply for funding to assist with their projects to foster partnership, acceptance, learning and sharing of Aboriginal cultures.

The next round of PALS funding opened on July 25.

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Major milestone for Ellenbrook line

The \$1.65 billion Metronet Morley-Ellenbrook Line is powering towards the finish line, with all of the track now laid and the second of five new stations complete.

Works are now complete at Malaga Station, which will be formally named Ballajura Station to better reflect the location, the significant residential community adjacent to the station, and future residential opportunities in the area.

The milestone follows the completion of the Ellenbrook station earlier this year and the opening of the Bayswater station in April, a project jointly funded by the federal and state governments and critical to the operations of the new Morley-Ellenbrook Line.

As part of the transformative Metronet project for Perth's north-eastern suburbs, 21 kilometres of new rail track has now been laid, allowing for line electrification to occur next month ahead of the testing of trains.

It marks the most significant milestone to date on the project, which has supported an estimated 6500 jobs.

The Morley-Ellenbrook line starts at the new Bayswater Station, with new stations at Morley, Noranda, Malaga, Whiteman Park, and Ellenbrook.

The station is a 21-minute journey to Perth city, and will connect the suburbs of Ballajura, Landsdale, Alexander Heights, Malaga, and Bennett Springs to high-quality and affordable public transport.

With convenient and modern facilities, the Ballajura station includes a 12-stand bus interchange and 1100 parking bays, and will unlock thousands of new housing options for Western Australians as part of future developments.

Work is also now complete on the new Ballajura footbridge to provide safe access for pedestrians and cyclists from the residential areas west of Tonkin Highway to the

An education campaign will be delivered in coming months as electrification of the line begins, to encourage public safety around high-speed rail and live rail.

WA Transport Minister and West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti said the Morley-Ellenbrook line was powering towards completion, and when it opens later this year will slash travel times for people across the north-eastern suburbs.

'Communities in our growing north-east corridor have been crying out for better public transport options, and I am incredibly proud that our government is making that a

Dieback education takes new forms

JACKI ELEZOVICH

PERTH Hills environmental group, the Dieback Working Group, are working with the state government's department of conservation to help educate Perth students about the dangers and treatments of dieback.

Phytophthora dieback is a plant disease that moves through forests and tree ecosystems through soil movement.

Humans and animals can spread dieback by tracking mud and soil from an infected area into a non-infected one.

The Dieback Working Group, based in the Perth hills, has been working with the Department of Conservation's nearer to nature' program to bring educational programs to local schoolkids, teaching them how to properly clean mud and dirt off shoes and clothes, and how to prevent and treat dieback with phosphite injections.

One of the more recent workshops was with Kalamunda Senior High School, during which the group injected more than 50 trees surrounding the Perth Hills Discovery Centre with phosphite, protecting a large area of native forest from dieback.

Working group training and education manager Amy Priemus said the programs would help educate young people about the impacts of dieback and how important it was to stop its spread.

"Unlike some other plant diseases, the spread of dieback can be controlled through limiting soil movement. Awareness and education are key for this to be effective, with the potential for just one person to accidentally spread dieback into a large area," she said.

'It's important for students to learn how to safely interact with natural areas to protect our bushland and forests. This is particularly important for young people living among protectable natural



Dieback Working Group members demonstrate phosphite injecting

areas, like those in Kalamunda.

"Young people are enthusiastic learners and are full of great ideas, you never know who the next up-and-coming industry expert might be.

"Receiving this kind of education at a young age will have a lasting impact and may even inspire students to enter into an environmental industry. We've certainly heard feedback from students many years later reporting this!'

She said that while the classroom aspect of the excursion was necessary for learning about dieback and its impact.

"However, the magic of this training session is that it's not only environmental education for the students. it's hands-on conservation in the field with a lasting impact. Injecting dieback-threatened trees around the Perth Hills Discovery Centre with phosphite will offer them protection against Phytophthora for years to come," she said.

A department spokesperson said their 'outdoor classrooms' created through the 'nearer to nature' program provided a unique, hands on approach to environmental learning, and the department was constantly updating, adjusting and improving the program.

The programs are continually monitored to meet school needs to keep them relevant to the curriculum and interesting for students, as well as safe and practical at a delivery level.

For example, venturing deep into the forest to trap and release wildlife or examining fire scar areas.















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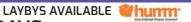
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Concern Bush Forever link to Whiteman Park cut off

ANITA McINNES

A PROPOSAL to amend the metropolitan regional scheme to rezone land, including Bush Forever – and land once owned by the Whiteman and Day families – to urban has concerned some residents, who say there has been minimum effort to inform the public about the proposal.

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) is seeking public comment on a proposal to transfer four parcels of land in the City of Swan under the proposed Brabham and Dayton urban precincts metropolitan region scheme amendment 1421.

According to the Have your say page on the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage website the first parcel of land is about 11.94ha in Brabham, which if the amendment is approved would change from parks and recreation to urban and remove the Bush Forever 200 designation over about 1.22ha.

The second land parcel is about 5.11ha of land in Brabham, which would change from public purposes – special uses reservation to urban deferred.

The third parcel of land is about 2.79ha in Brabham and Dayton from the public purposes special uses reservation to urban and the fourth is about 6363sqm in Brabham from the primary regional roads reservation to urban deferred.

Former Swan councillor and West Swan resident Jan Zack said ecological linkage

32 that was supposed to link Bush Forever 200, on the former Caversham airbase, to Whiteman Park had been terminally severed by the burgeoning urban development and infrastructure of Brabham.

She sent *Echo News* a picture of where an ecological link was supposed to be located.

"The congestion is obvious (there's) no place for native fauna amongst this array of urban infrastructure," she said.

"Planners and developers totally ignored the ecological linkage that has been in place since 2003 despite using it in almost every document to enhance their green credentials.

"It also plays a prominent role in underpinning the City of Swan's environmental policies

"A large resource enhancement wetland existed at the junction of Youle-Dean Road and Lord Street but this has since been reduced in size, modified and alienated by urban development and the road interchange that connects Youle-Dean Road to Drumpellier Drive.

"Everything has converged on this location, the roads, the rail line, the entrance to the park, overpasses and underpasses, the new Whiteman Railway Station and access to a large carpark to service the railway station.

"There couldn't be a worse place for the regional ecological linkage to be situated.

"It connot fulfill its function as a biodiversi

"It cannot fulfill its function as a biodiversity corridor in its present location."

She said Lot 94, currently out for public comment to rezone to urban, was part of the

park but became isolated when Drumpellier Drive was constructed.

"It is still zoned parks and recreation in the MRS and despite it being former farmland it is still home to about 100 trees, some well over 40 years old.

"As the government, through its departments and agencies, have extinguished the connection of regional ecological linkage 32 to Whiteman Park, it is beholden on it to recreate this connection through other means.

"The most obvious, and perhaps the only solution, is to redirect the ecological corridor through Lot 94 which aligns with the western boundary of Bush Forever 200 and then west into Whiteman Park.

"This would require wildlife bridges over the roads and rail similar to those constructed over Tonkin Highway.

"It would also require the rehabilitation of Lot 94 and a corridor through the south eastern section of the park to Horse Swamp as both these areas are degraded.

"Despite this there are still mature trees existing in both areas which could form the genesis of a wildlife corridor to match the original connection destroyed by development."

Consultation on the proposed amendment, which opened on July 6 closes on August 16.

Visit https://haveyoursay.dplh.wa.gov.au/mrs1421standard



The ecological linkage is meant to be located in this area with this picture taken from Youle-Dean Road looking west to Whiteman Park.





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Lesmurdie boy pushes for changes to allergen labelling

JACKI ELEZOVICH

TWELVE year-old Lesmurdie boy Diamond Gyoergy's first day back at school for term three was more interesting than he would have liked.

Diamond suffered a life-threatening anaphylactic shock after eating a Sunsol dark chocolate and almond muesli bar at lunch, which he and his parents didn't realise had traces of peanuts in.

After this experience, Diamond started speaking up about the need for a better system for pre-packaged snacks relating to the allergens they contain.

Good Food Partners, Sunsol's manufacturers, wished Diamond a speedy recovery but assured *Echo News* all their products complied with labelling requirements set by the Australian New Zealand food standards code.

"Present allergens are listed in the ingredients list in bolded text and a bolded separate allergen statement starting with the word 'contains' is provided directly below the ingredient list to help identify allergens present," a spokesperson said

Diamond said while the muesli bar he ate did comply with requirements for allergens to be included on the back of the package in the 'contains' section, there should be a better, more simple method to detect allergens in food products.

"I normally have to look at the back of packets to ensure things

are safe, because even trace amounts of peanuts can trigger a severe allergic reaction for me. I think although it is stated, it should be clearer," he said

"It's very easy to miss small 'contains' labels on the back of packets. The text can be tiny, and if the product's primary labelling doesn't clearly indicate the presence of allergens, it becomes a problem.

Accidentally consuming allergens can be life-threatening to those with severe allergies. According to a 2022 'current treatment options in allergy' report, around 5 per cent of older children, aged between 10 and 14 years old, have a food allergy. Peanuts and tree nuts were noted as the two most common allergy triggers.
Diamond said common al-

lergies like peanuts should be stated on the front of packaging, boldly and easily noticeable

"The 'contains' section is helpful, but it's often buried in the fine print. There should be a more prominent and user-friendly way for people with allergies to identify potential allergens quickly and easily," he said.

New food labelling laws were introduced for Australia and New Zealand in February this year, stating that common allergens must be included in ingredient lists separately, in plain English names, and in bold text.

A separate, bolded allergy list is also required to be printed



next to the ingredients list.

However, Diamond thought people with severe allergies and their parents and carers needed a more effective solution.

Several solutions Diamond had thought of were to include colour-coded labels for common

allergens, putting allergens on the front of packaging, and using an app or digital tool that could be used to show people what allergens are in a product.

Diamond was injected with an epipen and taken to Perth children's hospital in an ambulance. Diamond Gyoergy suffered an allergic reaction on his first day back at school.

He said he doesn't want anvone else to go through an accidental anaphylactic shock like he did.



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Australia's peak retail bodies to tackle retail crime head on

PETER W LEWIS

IN response to the rise in retail crime across the country, the Australian Retailers Association (ARA) and the National Retail Association (NRA) are joining forces to call for major changes to improve the safety of retail staff and business own-

The move follows the introduction of tougher penalties for violent attacks on retail workers in WA as reported in Laws to protect retail workers and businesses from crime (Echo News, July 19).

This includes stronger laws and deterrents for offenders, improved relationships between the retail sector and police, improved information sharing, increased focus on the human impact of retail crime, and increased adoption of technology

The push coincides with the 2024 Retail Crime Symposium held last week, which gathered leading experts with a common purpose to tackle retail crime, worker assaults and the infiltration of organised crime into stores and online environments.

ARA chief executive officer Paul Zahra said that retail crime is one of the most pressing issues facing the retail sector today.

'Retail crime has devastating impacts on business es and their teams. It's an issue that is multifaceted with increasingly sophisticated cyber-attacks, organised crime rings targeting retail stores, and violent confrontations that are taking an emotional toll on frontline workers," Mr Zahra said.

"It's something that keeps our retail leaders up at night as they fear for the safety of their staff.

"Good progress has been made to provide legislative protections for frontline workers, but the coverage is not yet universal across Australia. We need to continue pushing for these laws because this type of aggressive behaviour isn't tolerated in any other workplace, and shouldn't have to be tolerated by retail workers," he said.

The symposium highlighted a number of key areas of concern for the retail sector and opportunities for further collaboration.

"We need a joint approach to address the challenges impacting our sector, including stronger relationships between retailers and police, innovative solu-



tions to capture more data to help track retail crime trends, and the responsible adoption of technology to help deter criminals and hold offenders to account,' he said

NRA interim chief executive officer and legal director Lindsay Carroll said that now is the time for governments, law enforcement and retailers to come together to collectively combat an issue that is costing the economy, consumers and business owners.

The 2024 Retail Crime Symposium gives us the opportunity to present a united stance against the isthat are most important for our sector right now, including the need to address the behaviour of aggressive individuals and demonstrate there are consequences for their actions," Ms Carroll said.

The ARA and NRA have been advocating for stronger penalties for people who assault front-line

"Research shows that stricter laws do have a positive impact for retailers and communities, by creating safer working and shopping environments. However, police need more resources to effectively act on aggressive individuals, and retailers need to increase their reporting of these incidents to police," she said.

"Last week's symposium will hopefully create a pathway for action, ensuring that data and reporting mechanisms accurately reflect the heightened rates of aggressive behaviour.

Our sector has been working with landlords, industry experts, governments and unions to support impacted businesses and the excellent work of the police across the country."

City of Swan news update



Mayor's message

Kaya everyone,

We are incredibly community focused at the moment with our recent Community Care refresh and preparation for the Avon Descent Festival on Sunday, August 11.

Community Care is one of the

most important services we provide, and it has been especially important in recent years, as the sector has experienced uncertainty.

We maintained our dedication to our community's vulnerable by providing a warm and welcoming home away from home and a range of services to keep them active and connected to the wider community.

Our Community Care recently went through a refresh, including a refurbished building for our Dementia Specialised Service clients, new staff uniforms and signage, and acknowledgment of our Indigenous heritage.

The refresh signifies and strengthens our commitment to creating inclusive and connected communities that foster a sense of belonging in the City.

Speaking of connecting communities, one of our biggest events, the Avon Descent Festival, is just around the corner at Lilac Hill Park.

Bring the family down to the banks of the Swan River to enjoy a range of activities for all ages and catch the action as the racers whiz by.

This year's event will again be single-use plastic-free, so don't forget your water bottle to fill up at our water stations.

See you there.

Tanya Richardson Mayor, City of Swan



Engage with us



Business Engagement Framework

We are building a Business Engagement Framework to guide City staff in the best way to get in touch with the different types of businesses and outline how businesses can expect to hear from us. Read our framework summary online and have your say before 5pm, Monday, August 5, 2024.

Go to swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/bef



Local Heritage Survey stage two

Don't miss your chance to recognise, celebrate and protect our local heritage by nominating places you think are of local cultural heritage significance. Stage two of our Local Heritage Survey is open to nominations from all areas, except Guildford, Midland, Bellevue and Woodbridge. If you know of a place of potential cultural heritage significance not already listed or have further information about an existing place, submit a nomination before Sunday, August 11, 2024.

Go to swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/ LocalHeritageSurveyStageTwo



Millhouse Road and Verbana **Drive intersection**

We are exploring options to upgrade the intersection of Millhouse Road and Verbana Drive to improve traffic safety and flow. Modifying the intersection to create a no right turn from Millhouse Road onto Verbana Drive is recommended to achieve improved safety. Let's work together to create a safer traffic environment for our community. Have your say until Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

Go to swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/ MillhouseVerbana



What's happening

Avon Decent Festival

The Avon Descent Festival returns to Lilac Hill Park, Caversham on Sunday, August 11, 2024. The free event will be packed with exciting activities and entertainment for all ages including rides, woodchopping competitions and more. Come and enjoy the family fun. Call (08) 9267 9267.

Caring for native wildlife

Join Native Animal Rescue from 10-11.30am on Saturday, August 17 at Ellenbrook Community Library to learn about native animals and what we can do to care for them. Learn why we shouldn't feed human food to native animals and what to do if you find an injured or sick native animal. Call (08) 9207 8787.

Welding sculpture demo

In this free talk and demonstration, you'll see firsthand how professional artist Brian Plank repurposes machinery parts, old tools and scrap metal into incredible artworks. Head along to the Gidgegannup Men's Shed on Saturday, August 24, 2024. RSVP by email placeactivation@swan.wa.gov.au or call **(08) 9267 9267**.













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ON the eve of one of Australia's most iconic events, the Avon Descent, Northam hosts a free family focused event to celebrate our homegrown race.

Paying homage to this legendary event, the street parade will celebrate everything 'homegrown' from participants to local community groups and businesses.

The parade floats will be full of colour and energy, while music and entertainment will descend Fitzgerald Street to amuse and delight attendees.

The Northam Bilya Festival is a unique way to celebrate the start of the Avon Descent, with a variety of activities to entertain the whole family.

From Farmer's Market stalls and interactive displays to side show alley with games and show bags,

this year sees the addition of free carnival rides!

Don't forget the face painting and interactive stalls supplied by local organisations sure to keep even the littlest ones happy.

Enjoy the warmth of the firepit located in the garden of the Bilya Koort Boodja Centre and experience traditional performances from our Ballardong youth, or take your pick from the many local restaurants or one of the food trucks on Minson Avenue, while enjoying some live music for our homegrown WA artists.

Road closures will be in place for the duration of the event

For these details and more please visit www. northam.wa.gov.au



Entertainment and much more at Toodyay International Food Festival

THE Toodyay International Food Festival which will be held as part of this year's Avon Descent has an exciting lineup of entertainment this year.

The Stirling Park stage will host a plethora of music entertainment including musical vibes from the jungles of Brazil and the Peruvian mountains to the Mexican desserts and beyond.

Other performances will include original funk, rhythm & blues, rock 'n' roll and global rhythms, Brazilian dancers and so much more.

The festival will also host another stage area not to be missed featuring the talents of young up and coming musos from Perth at the under 18 stage.

All of this plus more than 30 food vans, kids' entertainment, market stalls and more.

https://liveheats.com/events/246788





CATCH the action on and off the water at this year's City of Swan Avon Descent Festival from 10am-3pm on Sunday, August 11 at Lilac Hill Park.

Watch and cheer from arguably the best seat in the house as competitors paddle and race by.

There will be plenty of entertainment for the whole family with roving entertainment, show rides for all ages, and woodchopping competitions from the Progressive Axemen's Association of WA

Attendees will also be able to sample delicious gourmet food and wine from local growers as they wander through pop-up artisan markets.

The festival will be plastic-free for another year, as we play our part in environmental sustainability, with vendors only using reusable materials.

Don't forget to bring your water bottle to re-fill at the water stations.

There will also be a clothes swap people can

donate or exchange pre-loved items and the City of Swan FOGO education team will be on-site to chat about the new three-bin system that the city has started rolling out.

The Avon Descent Festival is proudly presented by the City of Swan and Perth Airport and supported by Lotterywest and VCMPerth Events.





Fond Descent memories for Tania

THE Avon Descent, now celebrating its 51st year, is regarded as one of Western Australia's most iconic sporting events and has a regular spot in the calendar for many in our local community.

Growing up in York and going to high school in Northam, the Avon Decent is an event that is particularly close to my heart.

My family would travel to watch the power boats off, and watch my brother-in-law compete.

I love the event so much that in 2002 and decided I would enter the race in the double kayak/canoe mixed category.

I came first with my kayaking partner, but the journey was in many ways more enjoyable than the results.

I spent seven months practicing most nights paddling down the Swan River from Perth to Fremantle alongside the dolphins that came up from the ocean.

The race inspires participants to challenge themselves and take the plunge.

It also inspires an enormous amount of community support from the volunteers who keep competitors safe and the show running, to the fans cheering from the riverbanks.

It is wonderful to see the many ways the Avon Descent inspires people to participate in a sport and the community they are passionate about.

With recent good rains, I am hopeful it won't take the competitors the 12hrs and 20mins it took me back in 2002.





WITH ATTS NEW

Lance East Exotics welcomed as new sponsor of 2024 Tarmac West

ROSS Tapper from Tarmac Events is proud to announce and welcomes Lance East Exotics as the official sponsor of the 2024 Lance East Exotics Tarmac West and their other events over the next 12 months.

The iconic event, a cornerstone of Perth's motorsport calendar, will make a thrilling return to the Perth CBD and surrounding areas. The exhilarating four-day Tarmac West Rally will run from 12 to 15 September.

Lance East Exotics' sponsorship of the Tarmac Events WA and Tarmac West is a testament to their dedication to the motorsport community. By sponsoring this event, Lance East Exotics recognises the hard work, commitment, and precision of competitors, volunteers, and enthusiasts.

"We are proud to support the remarkable skill and passion of the drivers at the Tarmac West Rally," stated Lance East Exotics Managing Director Alfa Aminudin. "These individuals push their limits to achieve greatness, providing a thrilling spectacle for all motorsport enthusiasts."

Lance East Exotics – a luxury car dealership where luxury meets velocity – specializes in offering an exclusive range of supercars that are not just modes of transportation but expressions of personality and sophistication. From the awe-inspiring roar of a Ferrari to the sleek elegance of an Aston Martin, Lance East Exotics handpicks every vehicle to ensure it meets its unparalleled quality and performance standards.

The Lance East Exotics Tarmac West starts in Forrest Place at midday on Thursday, 12 September, and then runs through Whiteman Park and the exciting night stage in Ellenbrook. On Friday, the rally goes through Parkerville and Kalamunda, including the iconic Zig Zag, before heading



back to Forest Place for a Show N Shine in the middle of Perth CBD. On Saturday, the crews head to Toodyay, Lower Chittering, and Bullsbrook.

On Sunday, there is a Celebration of Motorsport & Celebration of Hot Rods & Street Machines, which promises a day brimming with excitement. Spectators can look forward to an atmosphere of vibrant carnival set against the backdrop of the Perth City Sprint and Shannons Classics on the Swan

with the final stage for Tarmac West. The event will showcase Perth's largest collection of motorsport vehicles and various interactive workshops, including a demonstration of Radio Rally Club's remote-control cars, Motorcycling WA's workshop for young riders, with opportunities to ride the Monster Bus, helicopter rides, food vans and much more.

Join us for Lance East Exotics Tarmac West from Thursday, 12 September, to Sun-

day, 15 September, at Langley Park, Perth. Admission is FREE to Langley Park and all the spectator Points, ensuring a memorable event that encapsulates the spirit of motorsport for all attendees.

For more information about Lance East Exotics, please visit their website at https://www.lanceeastexotics.com.au/

For more information on Tarmac Events WA and Tarmac West, please visit https://tarmacevents.com.au/



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Mayor's MESSAGE

Our City is bustling with events and projects that foster community spirit and support growth.

Our recent NAIDOC program was a huge success, with the community engaging in events to learn more about Aboriginal history, stories, and culture. We are grateful to all the local Aboriginal artists, Elders, and knowledge holders who helped make our 2024 NAIDOC Week a success.

There has been much to celebrate across all generations, with our Intergenerational Storytelling Project kicking off at Lesmurdie Library. This collaborative project between Lesmurdie Senior High School and the City brings teens and older community members together to connect and share their life stories. Throughout the program, students will transform shared stories into scripts, preserving their invaluable experiences for future generations. The Intergenerational Storytelling sessions will run every Thursday until 19 September at Lesmurdie Library. If you'd like to join in, be sure to check the City's website for dates and times.

The City recently celebrated our youngest entrepreneurs at the SEED Awards Night at the Kalamunda Community Centre, awarding a total of \$2,500 in prize money to this year's winners. Congratulations to Isabelle P., who took the top spot for her business, Honey Jade Jewellery - Bead and Sip Program. Isabelle takes home \$1,000 in funding and a tailored Business Mentoring Package to take her business to the next level.

Our popular Barista Workshops return this September and November. Thanks to Dome Kalamunda, these workshops provide a valuable opportunity to upskill and develop those who are looking to excel in the hospitality industry. The free workshops are available to anyone who lives, works, or attends school in the City. Due to demand, a workshop targeted at those aged 25+ will also be running. Places are limited, so be sure to register

Looking forward, the City is progressing with the rollout of the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) three-bin system. Keep an eye on your mailbox for more information to be posted to residents soon. The City is holding two drop-in sessions this month for anyone who would like more information.

Finally, we are excited about our Bushfire Community Day, hosted in collaboration with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. For the first time since the formation of the Bushfire Centre of Excellence, the City is proud to host this event at the iconic Kalamunda Community Centre on Sunday, 6 October 2024, from 10am to 3pm. This family-friendly event will be packed with fun activities and is your chance to meet DFES staff and local Bushfire Brigades to learn how to prepare your home and family ahead of the bushfire season.

For more information scan



Margaret Thomas JP Mayor

ZIG ZAG GALLERY

2025 EXHIBITION PROGRAM CALL OUT

The Zig Zag Art Gallery is looking for artists, art groups, and curators of any age and at any stage of their career – whether established, mid-career, or emerging—to apply for their 2025 exhibition.

The Zig Zag Art Gallery encourages creative exploration, supports connections to local cultural activities, and hosts meaningful and innovative experiences that foster deeper connections to the community and creative work.

Applications are open until 19 August 2024, 11:59pm AWST. Visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au for more information.



2024 - 2025

Fire Hazard Reduction Notice issued

Get ahead and learn how to prepare your property and family for bushfires. Preparing for bushfires is a responsibility shared by the whole community. I' is vital for residents to confidently prepare, safely respond, and recover from bushfires.

All works mentioned in the notice must be completed by 1 November 2024 and maintained up to and including 31 March 2025.

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BARISTA WORKSHOPS

Dome Kalamunda invites you to learn the tricks of the trade and excel in the hospitality industry!

Learn how to operate an espresso machine, interact with customers, and serve coffee like a pro. Thanks to the support of Dome Kalamunda, these free workshops are available to anyone who lives, works, or attends school in the City of Kalamunda.

Workshops will run in September and November, with sessions available for Youth (16–25 years) and Adults (25+).

Places are limited, so when registering your interest, be sure to share how this workshop will benefit you.



Register online at kalamunda.wa.gov.au

Have Your Say

Being part of the community means having your say.

Join the conversation and contribute to matters happening in your City. engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au



Public Agenda Briefing Forum
6:30pm, Tuesday 13 August
Administration Centre, Council Chambers
Ordinary Council Meeting
6:30pm, Tuesday 27 August
Administration Centre, Council Chambers

Visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au to view the Agenda

Coming September/October 2024



Learn more on the City's website: kalamunda.wa.gov.au



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Don't rain on my Railway Parade

GUANHAO CHENG

A STRETCH of Midland's Railway Parade was flooded after weekend rain pooled in the street, discouraging thoroughfare and disrupting business.

Commercial Bar and Kitchen owner Kevin Bartholomew saw the street front outside his business swamped and said it was keeping customers away.

"The flooding has had a significant impact on our business, causing major disruptions, deterring customers, and affecting our revenue," he said.

"We have had 12 such events, with it

"We have had 12 such events, with it becoming notably worse since the (new Midland station) project's re-excavation of Railway Parade West.

"These storms are not abnormal; they happen every year and are predictable."

Public Transport Authority (PTA) spokesperson David Hynes said water pooling in the area was not unusual for the area after heavy rainfall.

"There's no evidence the project has

exacerbated these existing issues, as has been claimed," he said.

"In fact, storm water drainage assets along Railway Parade, which are owned by the local government, are being upgraded as part of the new Midland station works

"Temporary pumps and pipes have been deployed to mitigate weather-related issues, and we continue to monitor this.

"Localised pooling is being effectively dispersed before it poses any threat to people or property.

"The PTA has been contacted by the Commercial Bar and Kitchen and will continue to engage with those who are impacted by the project."

Mr Bartholomew said these issues had solutions and pointed to an example of flooding being quickly cleared once the City of Swan acted with assistance from the Metronet team.

"One instance that stands out vividly was on July 10, when three City of Swan

trucks arrived to investigate the severe flooding in front of our business," he said.

"There was a scramble on the new Midland station site, and they used a crane to lower a submersible pump into a drain on the project site.

"Remarkably, within a short time, all the flooding water on Railway Parade was gone

"This demonstrated that the flooding problem is solvable with the right resources and prompt action."

Mr Bartholomew said he appreciated the community's support during disruptions and hoped a permanent solution could be found.

"We've been informed that the problem should be fixed when they dig up the road in front of our business later this year," he said.

"In the meantime, however, we continue to suffer the consequences.

"We would like to thank our loyal customers for supporting us through this difficult time."



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Call for more foster carers

AS part of WA Foster Care Week, which runs from July 29 to August 4, MacKillop Family Services is calling on the community to find out more about the benefits of foster care and think about how they too can help.

More than doubling in 20 years, the number of children and young people in state care in WA has soared from 1993 in 2004 to 5174 in 2023.

Foster and family carers provide a safety net to support children who are unable to live safely with their own families, but the number of foster carers continues to decline across the state.

Renée and Mike Matich from Henley Brook in the Swan Valley area have been foster carers for more than five years.

Owners of the Crooked Spire Coffee & Art House, the couple have their own four boys aged from eight to 17 and they provide short and long-term foster care for children who need safe and nurturing homes.

Mike and Renée have spent most of their adult lives working with children and young people.

"Over the years, we worked with many kids who were at risk and who needed that extra bit of help. Foster care was always something we had thought about, but we knew it needed to be the right time for our family. Once our youngest reached the right age, we enquired about becoming carers, and we haven't looked back," Mr Matich said.

They also continue to support 21-year-old Sas, a young woman who came to stay with them as a teenager and the whole family maintains a close and loving relationship with Sas, her husband and one-year-old son.

"When Sas first came to live with us, previous life experience had given her a negative outlook and it's so great to see that has completely turned around. The change in her has been breathtaking," Mrs Matich said.

"She trusts us and has turned into a fantastic young woman – kind, smart and thoughtful. We are so proud of the young woman and amazing mother she has become."

For Sas, moving in to foster care with Renée and

Mike was life changing.

"Having Renée and Mike in my life has been amazing. With them, I experienced unconditional love for the first time. That stability and their support played a huge part in enabling me to finish High School and start work in Child Protection as a family



Henley Brook foster carers Renée and Mike Matich

support officer," Sas said.

"It also means a lot that I can help kids who are currently in care; I know how they are feeling and how vulnerable they can be."

MacKillop's WA state director Kellie Goes wants to see WA Foster Care Week raise awareness in the community about the shortage of foster carers. "The reality is that more than 5000 children are in

out of home care in Western Australia and the number who need care keeps rising faster than we can find and train people to become foster carers," Ms Goes said.

"We have a critical need throughout Perth for foster carers to provide stability and positive role modelling to kids in their area who deserve love and nurture."

"Children need support and stability to grow into healthy adults who can achieve their potential – just like Sas."

Ms Goes said that by opening their loving home to Sas, the Matich's were able to help her heal, focus on education, and pursue the career she is passionate about.

"People passionate about supporting our next generation and having an impact on their community should consider foster care. There are many types of foster care which can fit in with all different lifestyles.," she said.

Carers also receive financial assistance and are supported by case workers and other therapeutic professionals to help them care for vulnerable children.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer, visit www.mackillop.org.au/get-involved/be come-a-foster-carer

ENTERTAINMENT **Moonlight for a Cure cancer fund**

PETER W LEWIS

THE annual Moonlight for a Cure fundraiser for the National Breast Cancer Foundation will be held on Saturday August 17 from 7pm to 11.30pm at the Lesmurdie Club in Walliston featuring The Moonlighters.

Earlier in the evening Scott Vance will be performing his favourites from Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond, Dean Martin and Paul Simon, with party band The Moonlighters finishing the night out for a fun dance packed evening.

Free food will be provided throughout the night, along with a well-stocked bar, raffles and silent auctions with some fantastic prizes to be won and all proceeds going to the foundation.

While The Moonlighters band is a regular performer in the Perth Hills this fundraiser has a special place in the hearts of two of the band's members Margie and Colin Jorgensen. Three years ago, their lives took an unexpected turn when Margie was diagnosed with stage three breast

Mr Jorgensen said the journey since

then has been nothing short of a rollercoaster, marked by extensive chemotherapy, radiation treatments, and surgery.

He said the physical and emotional toll on Margie, and their entire family, had been immense.

"The effects of the treatments have been tough. There have been days of pain, exhaustion, and uncertainty. We've faced moments of fear and despair, but also moments of resilience and hope," he said.

"Through it all, Margie has shown incredible strength and courage. Her unwavering spirit has been a beacon of light in our darkest times."

Despite the challenges, Margie found ways to give back, becoming a pillar of support for others battling this relentless disease, and offering mentorship and guidance to those navigating their own cancer journeys.

"Her selflessness and dedication to helping others have been truly inspiring, Mr Jorgensen said.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Margie's journey has been her ability to connect with and support other patients, and she has shared her experiences, offered a listening ear, and provided practical advice to those in similar situations.

"Margie's commitment to giving back has not only helped others but also provided her with a sense of purpose and fulfillment amidst the struggle," he said.

While their journey is far from over, each day is a testament to Margie's bravery and the power of love and support.

We continue to fight, together, drawing strength from each other and from the incredible community around us.

The kindness, encouragement, and solidarity we've experienced have been a lifeline, reminding us that we are not alone in this fight," he said.

Mr Jorgensen said the fundraising event was their way of expressing gratitude for the amazing support they had received from the foundation and a way to helping others in their own battle against breast cancer.

Tickets are available from humanitix https://events.humanitix.com/moonlightfor-a-cure/tickets or to donate directly to the cause go to www.fun draise.nbcf.org. au/fundraisers/margare tjorgensen/moonlight-for-a-cure

ENTERTAINM & GIG GUIDE

Your local Gig Guide

Fri 2 August

Parkerville Tavern Kurt Carrera. 6pm-9pm. Free. 6 Owen Rd Parkerville

Chidlow Tavern Zack Linton. 6.30pm. Free. 4 Thomas St Chidlow

Rose & Crown Trent Williams. 5pm-8pm. Free. 105 Swan St Guildford

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

Bassendean Hotel Swipe Left. 7pm-Late. Free. The Doorman (DJ). 8pm-Late. Free. 25 Old Perth Rd Bassendean

Sat 3 August

Parkerville Tavern Table for Two. 6pm-9pm. Free. 6 Owen Rd Parkerville

Woodbridge Hotel The Heights. 9pm. Free. 50 East St Guildford

Mount Helena Tavern Bronte and Josh. 6pm. Free. 900 Keane St Mount Helena

Sat 3 August cont.

Bassendean Hotel Dr Bogus. 8pm-Late. Free. 25 Old Perth Rd

Bassendean

Bolt Coffee Roasters Mario Leeder 10am-12pm. .Free 338B Great Eastern

Highway Midland **Sun 4 August**

Rose & Crown Greg Scott. 2pm-6pm. Free. 105 Swan St Guildford

Chidlow Tavern Monthly Jam session. 12.30pm. Free. 4 Thomas St Chidlow

Parkerville Tavern Rod Coxell. 3pm-6pm. Free. 6 Owen Rd Parkerville

Bassendean Hotel Bob Brisbane. 2pm-5pm. Free. 25 Old Perth Rd Bassendean

Wed 7 August

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Rare glimpses of Perth Hills in the 70s exhibited A NEVER-before-seen oil painting of



Gooseberry Hill Block c 1940s.



Country Kalamunda c 1940.



Lake Leschenaultia c 1991.

Mundaring Weir in 1977 features in an incredible history-chronicling exhibition which has just opened at the Holmes à Court Gallery in West Perth.

Along with a watercolour work entitled Spring Morning Gooseberry Hill from the same period, it is part of a stunning showcase of the life and work of Western Australian artist Elizabeth Blair Barber (1909 - 2001).

Living a seemingly double life for many of her nine decades, this avid storyteller's public face was as Betty Bunning, the socialite wife of prominent WA businessman, the late Charles Bunning.

But to the art world, she was Elizabeth Blair Barber, the gifted and prolific painter who chronicled WA history, persuaded celebrated figures of the day to sit for portraits, and played a pivotal role in nur-

Elizabeth Blair Barber: A Life Amongst Painters is a heartfelt celebration of a gifted artist whose work was overlooked for far too long but who was instrumental in forging a new appreciation of female artists in society.

The exhibition of around 200 of Blair Barber's artworks, many meticulously restored, has been a labour of love for the Bunning family, the name behind Australia's best-known hardware and garden centre chain.

The late artist's son, Bob Bunning, said his mother had been an extraordinary Australian painter whose legacy captured eight decades of WA history, along with many treasured family memories.

"The result of the restoration and framing works has been transformational. It has been a great feeling of satisfaction to me to see these works come to life again," Mr Bunning said.

'Much of my mother's work has never seen the light of day until now. Partly because society considered female artists an oddity at the time, but also because she was busy juggling life as Betty Bunning, society wife and mother of three, whose husband, my father, was busy building the family business.

'It is my hope that others attending the exhibition will delight in her work as I

Preparing for the exhibition over the past few years has been a journey of discovery for its curator Connie Petrillo.

'As curator I really grew to understand Elizabeth Blair Barber the artist," Mrs Petrillo said

"Her work was highly individualist, nd her approach to painting was about the spontaneous recording of the moments around her. Her work is built from expressive brushstrokes that once laid down, remain as a trace of her experi-

Mrs Petrillo worked closely with Mr Bunning to decide which of the paintings - from the hundreds the family had safely stored over the decades – to include in the

It's the largest time-span involving a single artist that Mrs Petrillo has curated, with about 90 per cent of the works being shown for the first time.

Many towns depicted no longer exist, giving these artworks extra significance as snapshots of WA history.

The exhibition runs until Saturday, August 10 at the Holmes à Court Gallery.

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Determined Lions put Saints under pressure



BRIAN PALLISTER

MT Helena and Bullsbrook were both chasing a win to avoid finishing at the bottom of the Hills Football Association ladder but it was the Lions who set up a 10.15 (75) to 7.7 (49) victory.

The Lions started with more intent keeping the Saints goalless for the first quarter while kicking three themselves in some typical scrappy wet weather football.

Jaiden Fernie started in the ruck in the absence of regular James Thompson.

Although he was winning his fair share of the contests it took away his usual ground play presence.

This seemed to allow the Lions midfield players more opportunity to clear the ball. Charlie Read was leading his team by example running hard to get to

Michael Hine played a very serviceable game getting the ball out to Ryan Schwagereit who was being allowed to create his own space freeing him up to get the ball forward where Matthew Ellwood goaled.

In the second quarter the Saints managed to get their first goal on the board after some strong work out of the middle by Jorden Healy getting the ball forward for Josh Tunbridge to mark and goal

This seemed to spark the Lions into action as they kicked the next two, Andrew Holness was picking up multiple possessions delivering the ball with accuracy to his team mates.

Riley Maturo teamed with Bo Read and Jai Blackman to repel several of the Saints forward entries.

Bullsbrook were having trouble finding targets mainly due Mt Helena's pressure, they were being hurried off their kicks causing the ball to turn over.

When the half time siren sounded the Lions held a 27-point lead.

The Lions left the door ajar for the Saints due to their inaccuracy, convertMt Helena who had left the door ajar for Bullsbrook due to their inaccuracy held their nerve in the final quarter to win by 24 points.

ing just one of their seven shots on goal, this had the margin back to 18 points at the last change.

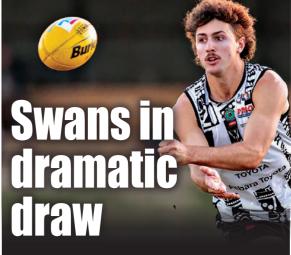
Mt Helena held their nerve in the last quarter as Bullsbrook continued to

They managed to control the outside ball and continued to find unattended players.

Bo Read had a stint in the ruck where Brendan Agnew swooped on the loose

Pushing it out to Ryan Scwagereit on the wing he moved it down the flank to Matthew Ellwood who had slipped his opponent and scored the sealing goal seeing the Lions home by 24 points.

Coach Matt Sofoulis would be pleased with the result as he continues to mould his young group.



Bryce Watson kicked the first three goals of his 16-game WAFL career on the day Tony Notte became the club's games record holder. Picture: Blake Parry

CHRIS PIKE

SWAN Districts weren't quite able to make it eight straight wins instead they finished round 17 in a dramatic draw with South Fremantle on the day Tony Notte set a new games record.

Looking for their fourth in-a-row over the Bulldogs, Swan Districts led by as much as 21 points throughout the contest.

But after scores were tied in the dying seconds, Will Collins scored a behind to put Swan Districts in front.

Just seconds before the siren Manfred Kelly took a mark for South Fremantle and while his kick fell short and came off hands before the goal line, it was judged a behind and scores were locked at 8.12 (60) apiece.

With Leigh Kohlmann, Jackson McLachlan and Brad Lynch all held goalless, Swan Districts found an unlikely avenue to goal with Bryce Watson moving forward after Jiah Reidy had to leave the ground after a heavy fall.

Watson ended up kicking the first three goals of his 16-game WAFL career to be his team's only multiple goal scorer on the afternoon.

The Swan Districts midfield once again had some standout performers led by Nik Rokahr who finished with another 34 possessions while Jesse Turner collected 28 disposals, Aidan Clarke 22, Jye Chalcraft 22, Josh Cipro 21 and McLachlan 21.

The Swans back-line stood up well too with Jake Pasini finishing with 23 possessions and seven marks while Tony Notte had 19 touches and nine marks in the 306th game of his career to now standalone as the club's games record

Swan Districts' colts opened proceedings with a 10.12 (72) to 3.12 (30) victory against South Fremantle.

Tylah Williams kicked three goals in the win for Swans, Evan Smith two and Adam Sandrini

Lucas Andrews picked up 25 possessions, Otis Harvey 20, Chayse Martinson 19, Anthony Hansen 18 and Elijah Huddlestone 16.

West Coast Fever West Coast Fever lost the preliminary final to the Melbourne Vixens by one goal.

WEST Coast Fever won first quarter 19-18 with Jhaniele Fowler-Nembhard and Shanice Beckford taking the first three consecutive goals of the

Kadie-Ann Dehaney knew exactly what her role was in goal keeper, joined by Fran Williams in goal defence, the pair put the pressure onto Vixens shooters Sophie Garbin and Kiera Austin.

A battle started to form between Fowler-Nembhard and Vixens goal keeper Rudi Ellis, the pair were physical in their opposition and challenge of one another.

The Vixens shooting end found their feet late in the quarter, Kiera Austin's three super shots narrowed the margin, whilst Sophie Garbin's super shot in the final seconds closed the gap to one goal. The second quarter was goal for goal

between both sides, with the lead swapping on multiple occasions. The mid court's presence in the sec-

ond quarter was crucial for Fever's

momentum, captain Jess Anstiss was incredibly versatile in both the wing defence and centre bib

Alice Teague-Neeld's ability to move the ball down the court into the shooters hands was crucial, she took seven goal assists and eight feeds for the quarter.

An intercept by Vixen Kate Eddy saw the control shift, aided by Garbin in goals the Vixens took a short lead

In the final moments of the first term, Beckford took home her second super shot of the game to put Fever back in front 38-37 at half time.

Fowler-Nembhard held herself strong against the defence of Ellis, Mannix and Weston, all of whom had eyes for slowing down the shooter.

Beckford continued to be that option for Fowler-Nembhard, with one rebound, eight goal assists and 11 feeds for the quarter.

The connection between Garbin and Austin changed the course of the game at the 11-minute mark.

Seven goals by the pair put the Vixens 57-52 ahead by five at three-quarter

The final quarter of the preliminary final was an outstanding display of grit by both teams.

The Vixens widened their winning margin to as high as 12 goals during the quarter, the strength of their attack line moving the ball from the centre pass to

A talk with head coach Dan Ryan at the five and a half minute tactical time out saw Fever entirely change gears.

In the space of five minutes the squad narrowed the margin from 12 goals to one, an absolutely stellar comeback.

Credit for their invincible couple minutes on court goes to Fowler-Nembhard and Teague-Neeld's three super shots each in the space of a few minutes.

A final goal by Garbin with 30 seconds to go secured the game for the Vixens 73-72.

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- has written 11 books and facilitates two writers groups in Kalamunda. Her talk will be about encouraging everyone to write their own story. Getting it down on paper, before it's too late. She will bring several books with her.
- 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 contact Wendy and Ron on 0408 325 175 or email ronfwens6270@
- Mundaring and Hills Historical Society is holding its annual general meeting at the Boya Community Centre, 135 Scott Street, Boya on Saturday, August 17 at 2pm. The AGM will be followed by a

general meeting at 2.15pm. Guest speaker Ron Wiggins' topic is My Antarctic Days. Light refreshments to follow.

• Orienteering WA's next bush event is at Hill Park Dale farm off Brookton Highway on Sunday, August 11. You can register online until 5pm the day prior, or on the day from 9.30am to 10.30am at the caravan. Orienteering is a map reading sport where participants have to find their way around a course marked on a map in as short a time as possible. For more information visit www.wa.orienteering.asn. au or call Helen on 0409 889 944.

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