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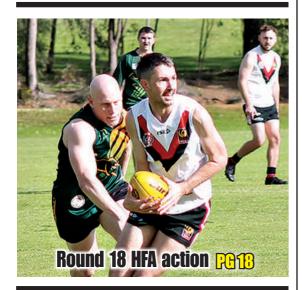
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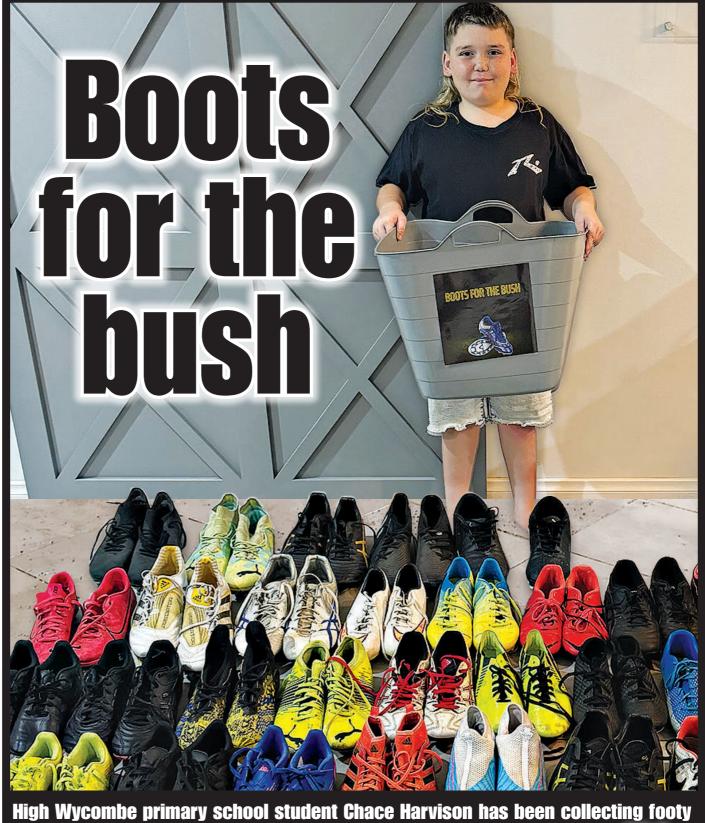
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Declared removal weeds out a concern of control Dear Echo News,

Dear Echo News,

It was pleasing to see ing, in its wisdom, have mentions of weed control in Mundaring adopts ten-year future plan (Echo News, August 16).

The invasion of non-local plants destroying the bush is surely an elephant in the room.

But why was there a lovely photograph of a terrible weed on page 64 of the ten-year plan?

Moraea flaccida, one of several declared weeds out of control in the Perth Hills, is on the march in verges and paddocks in many areas of the shire.

It may be pretty but it's lethal to grazing animals and will render a paddock unusable.

There is an urgent need for more education on invasive species and what local residents can do about them.

The next privately-funded public information and music event is on from 2pm Sunday. August 25 at 120 Stoneville Road, Mundaring **M** Jones

Hovea

Odds on for gambling

this week lost control of the agenda item that 80 per cent of Australians wanted dealt with once and for all – a ban on

Thanks to the distraction afforded by the coalition's attack on those fleeing Gaza and seeking visas for visitor status, the gambling issue was forgotten and ceased to exist as an issue. Job done!

I'm sure both Channel 9 and Channel 7 advertising sales reps as well as all those addictive gambling sites will be delighted with this result, despite the 80 per cent of Australians effectively losing their voice in Parliament.

The coalition has shown it's cynical and Labor has proved itself unable to control business in the House.

No wonder Australians don't trust their elected officials.

P Carman Hovea

Thought for the day

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.

Napoleon Hill.

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Tenant termination: Breaking your lease

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With Commissioner for Consumer **Protection Trish Blake**

Ending a tenancy agreement early, or 'breaking lease' can be stressful, but renters should find it easier in the current tight rental market given it probably won't take long to find new tenants.

While there are potential costs involved with breaking lease, you cannot be asked to pay the usual end of tenancy expenses such as the final inspection fee that an agent may charge and the landlord cannot impose other additional fees.

Landlords are also not entitled to be compensated for losses that could have been avoided, such as lost rent via a delay in reletting the property because they decide to undertake some renovations. They must do everything reasonable to find a new tenant as quickly as possible and keep their losses to a minimum.

Additionally, your bond should be returned to you as normal, minus any costs for repairs, and you will need to leave the property clean and

It's best to notify your landlord in writing as soon as possible that you intend to break lease. This will help reduce any costs you may have

But what costs will you be liable for? You must continue paying rent until your lease officially ends (even if you've moved out), or until a replacement tenant is able to move in, whichever happens first.

If you can, give a specific moving out date as this can make it easier to secure a new tenant. You are entitled to stay in the property as long as you're paying rent as per your tenancy agreement.

Besides the lost rent, you may be asked to cover other costs as a result of you breaking lease, for example the cost of advertising the

What about if your landlord wants to break lease? You don't have to agree with the request but if you do agree, you can ask the landlord to cover some costs of having to move unexpectedly. Landlords can also apply to the Magistrates Court for an order to end the tenancy.

Consumer Protection wants landlords to appreciate that tenants breaking lease can be experiencing a lot of stress, including a need to relocate at short notice for work or a change in finances. In a tight rental market, landlords are unlikely to experience much of a loss of income and should address these situations amicably.





Kalamunda's 'pigeon hotel' still abandoned

GUANHAO CHENG

A YEAR after two students from Helena College rallied Kalamunda's community spirit to redevelop a vacant office building, gaining almost 1000 signatures on their petition, the lot remains abandoned.

Helena College students Izzy Eastman and Penny Blyth presented a petition to City of Kalamunda last year, calling for renewal of the building on 12 Mead Street known to residents as the 'pigeon hotel'.

Towards the end of 2023, the property was finally put on the market after more than a decade of inaction, as reported in Students' petition drives first steps to change in Kalamunda (Echo News, Novem-

City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas said the city had been in communication with the landowner of 12 Mead Street, which had not been occupied since 2010 when the medical centre at the site ceased operations.

"The city has passed on the concerns of the community, citing the poor appearance of the building," she said.

"The landowner is required to ensure that the building is safe, and the city encouraged the landowner to take further action to minimise the amenity impact of the building such as shade-cloth with artwork being added to the fence, painted panelling to block windows, and pest control.

"The site is currently for sale and the city has contacted the landowner and agent to provide support to any enquiries from prospective purchasers.

Izzy said it was disappointing to see the state of the building deteriorate after the support from the community and outpouring of ideas for its renewal.

We are really disappointed to see that the state of the building at 12 Mead Street has worsened within the year since we presented our Put a Sock on It petition to the Kalamunda council," she said.

"The petition included over 1000 signatures from residents who think the building is a disastrous eyesore, attracting more bad attention than good and overshadowing the updated mall.

"There are so many opportunities for this building, that was revealed in the petition: a youth centre, student housing or a boutique hotel.

"We would love to see it get some more positive attention and investment within our great community so we can see a new and functioning estate for all to enjoy and be rewarded from."

Colliers investment services manager Shane Isaacs said they were not actively marketing it but the owner is looking at other options.

'We've had local kids take it upon themselves to put bricks through the windows and break in, so it's not for lack of trying to secure the building," he said.

"If the owner's talks come to fruition it'll be a great outcome for the community there, but these things don't happen overnight."

Pest found outside quarantine area

ANITA McINNES

THE boundaries of the polyphagous shot-hole borer quarantine area are under review after the pest was found outside the quarantine area including in Ellenbrook and Kalamunda.

On August 21 the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) said it expected to have the results of the review by the following week.

Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) has been detected on eight properties in the City of Swan – Guildford, Woodbridge, Caversham, Beechboro, Kiara and Ellenbrook.

In February DPIRD confirmed the shot-hole borer had been found in a small number of coral trees in Guildford and Woodbridge and was working with the City of Swan to ensure detections of PSHB were responded to quickly and efficiently.

This week a DPIRD spokeswoman said the department understands how important trees were to the community.

"Unfortunately tree pruning and removal of infested trees is currently the only way to stop the spread," she said

To date in the City of Swan DPIRD has removed 20 trees and pruned an additional four.

In the City of Kalamunda Forrestfield, Wattle Grove, High Wycombe and Perth Airport are in the quarantine zone.

DPIRD said it is also working closely with the City of Kalamunda with PSHB detected on two properties in the city.

"DPIRD has removed four trees and pruned one tree.

On August 14 DPIRD said PSHB had not been detected in Mundaring, Northam, York or



The polyphagous shot-hole borer has been found outside the quarantine area so DPIRD is reviewing the quarantine borders.

Toodyay, all of which were outside of the current quarantine area.

"DPIRD has inspected nearly 9000 host trees across the shires of Mundaring, Northam, York and Toodyay, and traps are deployed in the areas as part of the ongoing surveillance program."

Recently the Sunday Times quoted Murdoch University environmental scientist Jane Chambers as saying the pest affected exotic trees by preference but would also attack native trees such as marri and red-flowering gums.

The DPIRD spokeswoman said PSHB had been detected in marri and red-flowering gums.

"(But) West Australian native trees do not appear to be preferred hosts for PSHB," she said.

"Native trees tend to only become infested when surrounded by heavily infested introduced host trees such as box elder maple, coral and rob-

Submission for SAT review

ANITA McINNES

SHIRE of Mundaring councillors have voted to make a submission to the State Administrative Tribunal review of North Stoneville SP 34 unlike Save Perth Hills, which is seeking to intervene in the process.

Councillors made the decision at the shire's ordinary council meeting on August 13

Shire President Paige McNeil, who is a former Save Perth Hills (SPH) chair, did not take part in the vote, after declaring she holds an interest in a property in the proximity of structure plan 34.

In a statement chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker said the decision to make a submission in the ongoing review followed the Western Australian Planning Commission's (WAPC) refusal to approve the amended structure plan due to unresolved concerns about bushfire risk, traffic impacts and environmental conservation.

'The council resolved not to seek leave to intervene in the review, acknowledging the high bar set by the SAT for such interventions," he said

"But due to the significant pub-lic safety, environmental, and planning implications for the shire, the council will apply to make submissions, focusing on issues directly affecting the community

North Stoneville hearing adjourned (Echo News, August 16) reported SPH is seeking to intervene in the SAT hearing under section 37(3) of the State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004

SPH chair Peter Brazier said they considered the council's decision to apply to make a submission appropriate.

"SPH, on behalf of the community, will seek to intervene to provide 'new information' to prove that if North Stoneville is approved, life and property cannot be protected," he said.

This has the makings of a future class action due to improper planning in bushfire prone areas around threatening, or causing loss, of human lives and destruction to private property and public infrastructure.

North Stoneville bushfire simulation impresses CSIRO (Echo News, April 14, 2023) reported the bushfire simulation modelling carried out for the amended North Stoneville structure plan Part 3B had attracted support from the CSIRO bushfire behaviour and

Leader Andrew Sullivan said the company behind the bushfire modelling report had gone to great lengths to make it as bullet-proof as they could.

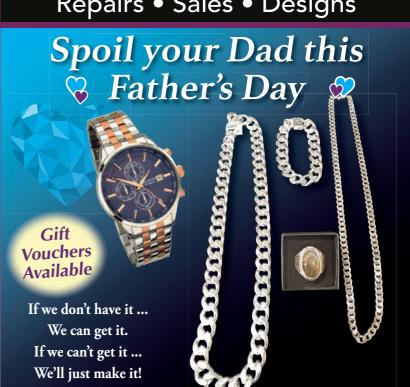
'The science that they've employed to do this is basically the best available for that job and they've gone to great lengths to try and ensure that it is as meaningful and applicable as possible to the conditions," Dr Sullivan

This week a CSIRO spokes-woman said they would not be making a submission to the SAT hearing under section 242 of the Planning Development Act 2005.

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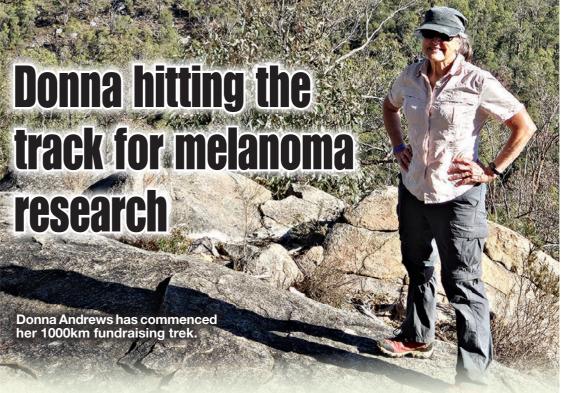


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DONNA Andrews (63) will be camping under the stars alone for the next 50 days as she completes one of the world's great long distance walking trails, stretching 1000km from Kalamunda in the Perth Hills to Albany on the WA south coast.

Apart from other walkers she may pass on the trail, and her husband who will meet her every few days for a food drop, Mrs Andrews will be traveling completely solo on the Bibbulman track.

At the start of the month Mrs Andrews laced up her hiking boots and hit the Bibbulmun track to raise awareness and life-saving funds for melanoma, a cause not only close to her heart, but the hearts of many Australians.

As a registered nurse working in a hospital, Mrs Andrews has cared for countless melanoma patients. When her husband Steve was diagnosed with stage III melanoma, she feared the worst. After participating in a clinical trial, Steve is seven years cancer free and feels lucky to be a survivor.

"Steve's journey inspires me to always be pushing my boundaries. While nothing compares with a cancer diagnosis, I feel like this hike draws paral-

lels to the highs and lows of a melanoma journey in a way. It's about feeling the fear and pain but doing it anyway. It takes courage," Mrs Andrews, who will celebrate her 64th birthday while on the track, said.

Australia has the highest melanoma rates in the world. One person is diagnosed with melanoma every 30 minutes and one person dies from the disease every 6hr. It is the most common cancer affecting 20–39-year-old Australians.

"These statistics are what have driven me to set up this fundraiser for Melanoma Institute Australia. I hope that my hike not only helps raise funds for research but also draws attention to the danger of melanoma and encourages people to think twice about sun safety."

Mrs Andrew's 1000km walk began at Kalamunda, and she is planning on reaching Albany on September 28.

People can help Mrs Andrews reach her goal of \$1000 (\$1 per km of walking) by donating to her community fundraiser and help raise life-saving funds at https://challenge.melanoma.org.au/page/DonnaAndrews

York Wildflower Society marks 20 years

AS part of its 20th anniversary the York Branch of the Wildflower Society of WA recently held the society's annual conference, the first time it has been hosted in the town since 2015.

The conference and annual general meeting was held at the Environmental Discovery Centre and attended by 38 delegates from nine of the 11 branches around the state.

"The society's motto of know, grow, conserve & enjoy keeps its members heavily engaged in the promotion, propagation and conservation of WA's diverse native flora," York branch secretary Kathy Boladeras said.

"There is a need for constant monitoring of government and private sector land clearing policies so that our fragile floral heritage doesn't disappear."

Pat McGregor, an inaugural member of the York branch, opened the conference followed by a Welcome to Country by Elder Audrey Nettle, who described her upbringing on the Aboriginal Reserve in York in the 60s.

Branches raise awareness and funds through the propagation and sale of native species, while others have developed apps and other marketing tools, and conduct wildflower tours of their local reserves.

The evening conference dinner was held at Settlers House with the theme of rare flora of the Wheatbelt.

Sunday's program of speakers discussed the theme of the 'importance of small reserves' and was attended by more than 70 people.

Well-known author of bird and wildflower books, Simon Nevill, opened the program with com-





Dr Neville Marchant gave a talk about York botanist and pharmacist Oswald Sargent.

ments on the richness and diversity found in the reserves in the vicinity of York.

River Conservation Society chair John Crook covered revegetation, the restoration of salt affected land, weed control, and monitoring rakali populations in the river pools.

Other speakers included Fred and Jean Hort, retired teachers who have a passion for exploring and conserving the unique flora and fauna of Western Australia.

As Parks and Wildlife volunteers for more than 30 years they have participated in flora studies collecting and co-collecting over 5000 plant specimens lodged with the WA Herbarium.

Northam flora conservation officer Bree Phillips talked about her role in identifying and addressing threats to threatened and priority flora species in reserves.

Retired forester and local resident Roger Underwood talked about his mission to gain recognition for the humble York gum, speaking of its many uses and

qualities, and how it became an indicator of good farming land to the first settlers.

The tree's extremely hard wood was used for mallet heads and wagon wheels and is featured on Roger's blog Forest Leaves available online.

Another under-celebrated part of York's history is pharmacist and botanist Oswald Sargent, who collected and studied York's local flora in the early 1900s, who was featured in a talk by Dr Neville Marchant AM who has a long history with the WA Herbarium as an eminent botanist.

He became interested in Oswald's contribution to the identification and collection of rare flora in WA's southwest, particularly around York.

The weekend wound up with tours of the Grey Street Bushland Garden and Nursery where a cluster of giant kangaroo paws created by York artisan Dee Robinson was unveiled, and the York Seed Orchard.

Mia Davies wins preselection

ANITA McINNES

MIA Davies says she will work hard to earn the trust of communities across WA's new federal seat and take the fight for a better future to Canberra.

Ms Davies – the only candidate considered by the federal Nationals for preselection for the new WA seat last weekend is still the Central Wheatbelt member.

At a press conference she said if the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese called the next federal election before the state went to the polls in March next year she would resign from state Parliament once the writs were issued.

The Nationals leader Mr Littleproud said the new WA federal seat was one of two nationwide the party would focus on.

You're going to see a lot of National party members over here showing respect to the people of Western Australia and the people of Bullwinkel," he said.

"That's why I flew across to be here for Mia's preselection.

"I want to show the people of Bullwinkel that east coast politicians – there are some of us that actually do care about Western Australia and we're going to be here every step of the way and we're going to bring some commonsense back to Canberra.

Mia Davies said it was a great privilege to have been preselected by The Nationals



WA as their inaugural candidate for Bullwinkel and that her passion for advocacy and standing up for WA's best interest was stronger than ever.

"Western Australia delivered this federal Labor Party to government, and we've had nothing but pain since," she said.

'Our state is an economic powerhouse and I'll be working hard to earn the trust of communities across Bullwinkel and take the fight for a better future to Canberra.'

Mr Littleproud said Ms Davies understood the crippling cost-of-living pressures being faced by families under the Albanese Labor Government's economic management.

"Labor policies are damaging the local economy by shutting down long standing Western Australian industries and driving up the cost-of-living for families," he said.

'Under Labor's economic mismanagement, electricity prices have increased by 22 per cent, we've seen 12 mortgage rate hikes, and the price of food

and groceries is up more than 11 per cent.

'Mia remains committed to fighting for farming communities impacted by Labor's live sheep exports ban and is campaigning for families feeling the budget squeeze in local suburbs and rural communi-

In January last year Ms Davies announced her resignation as state opposition leader, Nationals WA leader and that she would not re-contest the 2025 state election.

As reported in The Nationals hold preselection for new federal seat (Echo News, August 16) the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is yet to make a final call on the name and boundaries for the proposed division of Bullwinkel.

On August 21 an AEC spokesman said there was no specific timing on a release of final boundaries just yet.

But it would likely be fairly soon given the public input period was complete and the committee had met.



Luke Bracey, Bryan Brown and Susie Porter soon to be filming in York. Image credit: Ambience Entertainment

More filming in York with Overture

PETER W LEWIS

FILMING of the comedy-drama Overture is set to begin on Friday, August 23 until Monday in York with support from the state government's WA production attraction incentive (WAPAI) and Screenwest, injecting about \$3.5 million into the state's economy.

The call came out earlier this week for extras, along with a footy team for a scene to be shot on Monday, August

There will be about 225 Western Australians employed on the project to be filmed in York and Perth including crew, extras and contractors.

The film comes on the back of Take Two recent film and television productions, the Craig Silvey adaptation of Runt, which will hit cinemas next month and the second season of popular TV drama The Twelve, now streaming on Binge and Foxtel, both of which used York as their main filming location.

These productions join a list of earlier films and TV series filmed partly in York, including Breath (2017), Cloudstreet (2011), Natural Justice: Heat. (1996) and a number of film shorts.

The direct spend for York and the Perth Hills for both Runt and The Twelve was \$1.165m, and during filming, all of York's accommodation

was filled, with some cast and crew also being guests in private homes.

Many York residents were also employed as extras for the two productions, with more roles expected in the most recent production.

Overture, by award-winning filmmaker Bruce Beresford is produced by Ambience Entertainment, and follows the journey of Stephen Seary, a successful stage designer, returning to his small Australian hometown to say goodbye to his dying mother. He has to navigate chaos and drama while trying to return to Europe for a major opera design contract.

The acclaimed cast includes Luke Bracey as Stephen, alongside Bryan Brown (Anyone but You, Breaker Morant, Cocktail), Susie Porter (Mercy Road, Transfusion, Gold), and Nicholas Hammond (The Amazing Spider-Man, The Sound of Music, Once Upon a Time in Hollywood).

Local Western Australian producer, Kelvin Munro (We Bury the Dead), will also join the production alongside the experienced producing team at Ambience Entertainment of Michael Boughen and Michael Street. whose film projects include Tomorrow When the War Began (2010) and Storm Boy (2019).

The production attraction incentive is designed to attract high profile, market driven screen productions to Western Australia.







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Call to action for Midland cancer treatment

GUANHAO CHENG

MIDLAND's Icon Cancer Centre is seeking support from the state government to help bring cancer treatment closer to home for patients in Swan and the hills through a new partnership.

Icon Cancer Centre state manager Colin La Galia said the establishment of a radiation oncology (RO) service in Midland presented a unique opportunity to significantly improve cancer care accessibility and outcomes for the community.

"Patients in Midland and surrounding areas currently face long wait times and often need to travel considerable distances

to receive radiation therapy," he said.
"All RO patients from St John of God (SJOG) Midland need to travel from Midland and surrounding suburbs to Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital for treatment.

This not only adds to their emotional and physical burden but also impacts their overall treatment efficacy.

Kalamunda resident Elizabeth Collett said she could attest to the difference closer to home treatment made after experiencing four different cancers in four years, with two being in stage four.

"When I had radiotherapy at Icon Midland I needed to go there every day for three weeks, excluding weekends," she

"My appointment would be about 15 minutes, and I would be home again faster than a one-way drive to Royal Perth Hospital (RPH).

"Including driving time, the experience was about 30-40 minutes, which was wonderful and significantly less stressful than having to drive to RPH or (Sir Charles Gairdner).

When I had chemotherapy at Midland, that treatment was four hours, every two weeks for two months.

"The staff were exceptionally efficient, and I didn't have to worry about transport

"My husband could also go home if he had to and return easily to pick me up.

'It is not just the patient but the carer who drives you and waits with you and the visitors who give you moral support, who are negatively impacted by not having ready access to treatments.

The latest release from the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows about one in 50 Australians had cancer in 2022, with skin cancer being the most reported type of cancer.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) reported the previous month that, between 2000 and 2023, new cancer cases increased by 88 per cent.

Though the incidence of cancer is on the rise, it is in line with general population increases and AIHW reports the rate at which people died of cancer has decreased by 32 per cent over the past 30 years.

Mr La Galia said the rise in cases increased pressure on existing oncology services, which underscored a need for better local cancer treatment access

'Midland and Swan Hills have been identified and highlighted as an area of need and focus for RO services moving forward," he said.

"There is an opportunity for the state government to enter into a public private partnership with Icon Cancer Centre in Midland to provide RO services closer to home.

Mr La Galia said the plan required community engagement and awareness raising





Icon Cancer Centre state manager Colin La Galia says a partnership approach will enable cost-sharing and risk mitigation, ensuring the project's long-term sustainability and success.

to bring attention to the partnership's need for state government support.

"This is a call to action," he said.

"Patients can share their experience with the community, state, federal and regional members of parliament of having to travel to (distant hospitals) for RO treatment.

"Patients can write to the WA Health Minister as well.

"This service would be a collaborative initiative between East Metropolitan Health Service (EMHS), SJOG Midland and Icon Cancer.

"EMHS have already proactively approached Icon Cancer Care (for the partnership)

"Icon Cancer Centre is happy to support this public private partnership to ensure we are able to provide the best cancer care possible, to as many people as possible, as close to home as possible.

"We already have a similar arrangement in place at Icon Cancer Centre Rockingham with South Metropolitan Health Service, Fiona Stanley Hospital and Rockingham General Hospital."

Ms Collett referred to the Rockingham arrangement and said she agreed patients from Midland and surrounding areas needed the same accessibility.

Cancer patients at Icon Rockingham and Genesis Mandurah have easy access to radiotherapy for no out-of-pocket cost (and) Midland should too," she said.

'Is it not time that the patients in Midland, surrounding suburbs and regional eastern areas, have the same equity to access lifesaving treatments?"

Icon Cancer Centre Midland is also adding a second linear acceleration machine for radiation treatment which is due to be operational before the end of the year.

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Footy boots for the bush

JACKI ELEZOVICH

HIGH WYCOMBE primary school student Chace Harvison recently started an initiative to collect football boots to donate to underprivileged kids from remote WA communities who can't buy their own.

Chace has played AFL for multiple years, in High Wycombe, and wanted other kids to have as much fun playing as he did each weekend.

"I play for the High Wycombe Doggies, I love playing footy, and I wanted to make sure other kids could play too," he said.

Chace said when he started the idea, which was originally part of a school community service project, he didn't expect such strong support from the community.

His mum, Marika Harvison, agreed.

"The whole community has just been amazing, they've really gotten around it and have all said how great they think the initiative is, which is really great to hear," she said.

Chace and Ms Harvison designed fliers to put around town, encouraging people to drop off their old boots.

"We made fliers and put them around school, and mum posted it on Facebook," Chace said. "We've got drop-off buckets outside our house

and at school, and around the footy club as well."

In the first collection, 44 pairs of boots were collected, all well-loved but also well-looked after, and in perfectly useable condition.

Ms Harvison said many kids grew out of their boots before they were broken or worn through.

They do grow so fast at this age and as they get a little bit older, people are throwing away perfectly good boots just because they're too small," she

The first collection of boots was sent to Broome with the WA police citizens' youth club to kit out



Chace Harvison with boots ready to send to remote communities.

kids for a charity footy carnival.

The next package is headed to Warburton, an Aboriginal community on the edge of the Gibson desert, 920km North-East of Kalgoorlie.

Chace said he hoped the new boots would encourage more kids to get involved in playing footy.

'More kids can play because they've got new boots, and it's great if more people can go and have fun on the field," he said.

"I hope their team wins a game with their new

Ellenbrook students win big with problem-solving startup



Ellenbrook Secondary College students were awarded \$5000 for their field 2 fork app.

JACKI ELEZOVICH

ELLENBROOK Secondary College (ESC) students have won the Just Start IT WA competition, taking home \$5000 in prize money.

The team of Year 9 students designed an app called field 2 fork, connecting WA farmers directly with consumers to minimise waste and lower fruit and vegetable costs.

ESC's gifted and talented program coordinator Shaloni Naik said the school wanted their students to be involved in a program that fostered skills for the future.

"Just Start IT builds enterprise skills, often referred to as entrepreneurial skills, which are crucial for students. These include skills like teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and resilience," she said.

Students learned key business skills that Ms Naik said they will be able to take with them into the workforce after they graduate, such as forming practical solutions in problem solving, smart investment strategies, and being able to consider an idea from others' perspec-

"We wanted our students to be involved in this program because they benefit from learning through exploration, discovery, and creativity – these approaches foster deeper understanding, critical thinking, and adaptability," she said.

In their pitch presentation, students described their startup as a platform that connects farmers directly to consumers, helping both parties combat wastage and get more fresh, local produce into consumers' hands.

"Field 2 fork serves as a platform to make it easier for farmers to advertise and organise selling their surplus produce with geofencing and marketing features, ensuring they don't miss possible profits," Ms Naik said.

"For consumers, we help them nav-

igate pick-your-own processes responsibly and discover new farms all in an organised manner with booking, interactive mapping, pre-purchased boxes and communication features.

"Our original idea targeted consumers on a low budget, suggesting an app for low-ingredient recipes. However, as we validated this and conducted more research, we realised farmers have problems with drop-and-rot and selling surplus."

Ms Naik said this led to the idea that they could satisfy a double-sided market by connecting the two of them simultaneously.

"With this, we decided that we can make something to reach farms to people's tables, essentially bringing WA fields to our forks," she said.

The student team is putting the cash prize towards further development of their startup idea, and were eager to continue building on the idea and to be able to put it to use in the community.

More off-road vehicle site funding for York

The state government has provided funding to carry out further improvement works to the York off-road vehicle site

The Shire of York will receive a \$60,000 grant for stage two works at the popular Oliver Battista York Motocross Track.

This is in addition to the \$100,000 spent on stage one upgrades at York and Ledge Point, which were completed earlier this year.

The stage two works at the York offroad vehicle area (ORV) include installing a new accessible and compostable toilet facility.

Completed stage one works made

improvements to the tracks, existing amenities and signage, and created earthworks and vegetation buffers.

These investments follow the recent introduction of the *Control of Vehicles* (Off-road Areas) Amendment Bill 2024, which will enable the online registration of ORVs. Fees collected from registrations will support further investments in establishing and improving ORV areas.

Local Government Minister Hannah Beazley said so many more Western Australians enjoyed off-road motorsports and government was committed to investing in off-road vehicle areas to support this growing sport.

"It's important for riders to have dedi-

cated areas to ride, and areas for younger riders to develop their skills.

"I'm pleased these investments will support the Shire of York to deliver works to ensure the areas are more family-friendly and accessible.

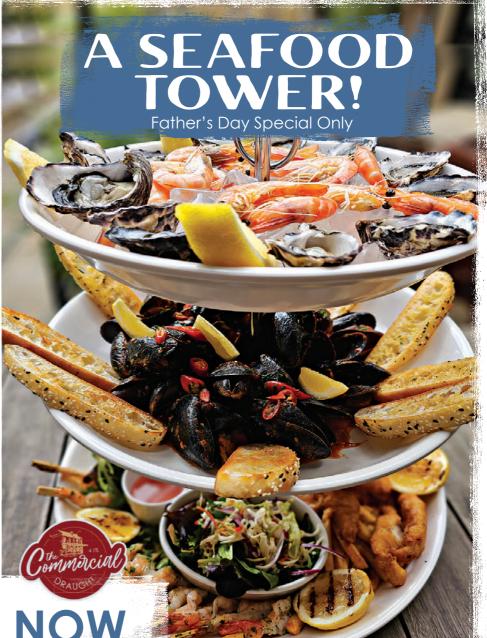
"Thank you to the Off-Road Vehicles Advisory Committee, the local governments and rider groups, like Recreational Trailbike Riders' Association, for their work supporting ORV areas."

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Local Government Minister Hannah Beazley in York recently with ORV supporters and shire president Kevin Trent.







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Swan chief executive invites resident engagement

CITY of Swan's chief executive officer Stephen Cain presented on how to engage with local government, beautifying Midland, and working outside the role's wheelhouse, at last week's Swan **Chamber Hour of Power.**

Mr Cain said the city worked hard to engage residents and valued the chance to do so at the event.

"It was a pleasure to speak at the Swan Chamber of Commerce's Hour of Power, where our executive team embraced the opportunity to engage directly with members of our business community,"

"My presentation focused on the city's commitment to outstanding customer service, some of the improvements we've made in that space, how we handle complaints and the many ways we engage and support local businesses.

Swan is a vast local government area, and our population is growing rapidly, so it's important we keep looking for ways

Mr Cain spoke about the issue of abandoned trollies and the possibility of introducing fines to encourage better centre management practises to deter the frequency of stray trollies.

The future of Swan is shaped by feedback from the community, and this event was another opportunity to keep those important conversations flowing," Mr Cain said.

"I want to thank the Swan Chamber of Commerce for the invitation to speak at

"I intend to offer to present at a future Hour of Power about key issues related to the growth of our city.

Swan Chamber of Commerce president Mike Matich said the presentation went well with Mr Cain presenting to a 'packed room"

'Stephen told us about his own story and his own journey to where he is today and highlighted what the city was involved with and its areas of focus," he

Mr Cain was the chief executive at the City of Cockburn and interim chief executive at the City of Canning before becoming chief executive at the City of Swan in December 2022, as reported in Swan CEO at Hour of Power (Echo News, August 9).

"He spoke about the different focuses of the executive team and how they cover different areas and how they have to operate in a framework that's not necessarily theirs such as Metronet," Mr Matich

"He has to act on behalf of ratepayers even when they might not have authority in those cases, such as dealing with Main Roads, but still lobbying for the residents' interests.'

Swan chief executive Stephen Cain explained how complaints were resolved at the city during his talk.







TASTE of Chittering 2024 is on this Sunday, as a free-to-enter event celebrating Chittering's food, wine, beer and produce with live music, market stalls, and other attractions.

The event will be held at the Nesci Estate Wine Farm in Lower Chittering on Sunday, August 25 from 10am to 3pm.

A Shire of Chittering spokesperson said the funding from the regional grants scheme was a boost to help cover the increasing cost of events so they could remain free.

"The funding will go towards providing more hands-on experiences in the form of workshops and classes for both adults and children," they said.

"We want to include an Indigenous bush tucker experience and keep the event entry free with free activities once inside.

'This includes activities for kids such as a petting zoo and faceTaste of Chittering returns

painting, along with other free activities like tastings, cooking classes and workshops. Culinary attractions include

cooking demonstrations and workshops by Slow Food during the afternoon, Gather Foods tastings and talks which focus on using Indigenous ingredients, and tart filling and decorating for kids with Bindoon Bakehouse and Berrv Sweet.

Children will also be able to enjoy the Lions Club train, reptiles from Animal Ark, Old McDonald Farm's petting zoo, face painting, balloon twister, as well as arts and crafts with the Chittering Art So-

Grayson Dennis and Gilbert are scheduled to be on stage, entertaining with live music, with a bar area and food vans available to complement the free tastings

It is one of 73 regional events that have received support from state government through the 2024-25 Regional Events Scheme.

The annual funding round supports smaller and developing regional events, helping to attract new visitors to Western Australia's five tourism regions and stimulate local economies.

Tourism Minister Rita Saffioti said hosting vibrant and dynamic

events in WA's regions was essential for tourism in attracting visitors, while also supporting jobs and communities.

"I encourage all Western Australians to get out, explore our state and support our regions through attending these great events," she

The Taste of Chittering will be a strictly dog free event due to Nesci Estate's status as an active cattle farm, with the exception of service

Enquiries about the event may be directed to Shire of Chittering events coordinator Natasha Muir at 9576 4600.

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ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Hills classical music



THIS weekend, the Perth hills are alive with the sound of classical chamber music. The Wendling Quartet, a classical group will be performing a selection of classical and early Romantic period quartets for flute, viola, violin and cello.

The group is comprised of Emily Gunson on flute, Zak Rowntree on violin, Daniel Schmitt on viola, and Isaac Davis on cello, all strings performers from the Western Australian Symphony Orchestra.

Ms Gunson said the program would keep audiences on the edge of their seats with brilliant, sparkling fast movements, nicely contrasting with an expressive, dramatic Adagio movement.

The afternoon's program features music from Mozart, Friedrich Hartmann Graf, Anton Reicha, and the group's namesake Johann Wendling.

Each item on the program will be introduced by John Hardy, and afternoon tea will be served to audiences at interval, including freshly baked scones.

The concert will be held in the historic St Cuthbert's Anglican Church in Darlington on Sunday, August 25. The first performance commences at 3pm. Admission is \$40, and tickets will be

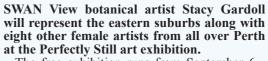
Admission is \$40, and tickets will be sold in door sales on the day if not sold out prior, although booking ahead is recommended to avoid disappointment.

All bookings and queries, call Emily





Perfectly Still Art Exhibition - Nine of the Best Artworks



The free exhibition runs from September 6 - 15 at the Moores Building Art Space (MBAS) in Fremantle, then online until September 30.

Ms Gardoll studied design for theatre and film at WAAPA, then worked in Perth and Melbourne designing and painting sets and costumes for productions in theatre.

Many of her early design opportunities were as a costume designer, designing for musical theatre, opera, and dance productions, working in small independent theatres, as well as the larger ones, including the State Theatre in Melbourne, the Production Company and Perth Theatre Company.

She also holds a Bachelor of Design from Curtin University and has been commissioned by the head of Kings Park Botanic Gardens to create a painting of a new species of eucalypt, and is a long-term member of the Mundaring Hills Open Studio trail.

The exhibition features nine women who ironically, rarely keep still. In fact, this collective of leading contemporary artists are prominent movers and shakers in the Western Australian art scene.

Perfectly Still brings together a remarkable collection of over 80 still life and botanical paintings, superbly crafted and uniquely depicted by each artist, all connected in their exploration of everyday objects.

A celebration of still life with a modern, innovative twist which examines those quiet mindful moments when time almost stands still, it is an exhibition to be savoured slowly.

This is not your average group show, it is rare to find such a collection of artworks of similar genre and quality in one exhibition. Nine of the best in one space.

These talented award-winning artists are passionate, creative, collaborative and diverse. They are also multi-faceted, evidenced by what they have accomplished alongside their art careers. Life experience, culture, careers, environment, struggles and family all strengthen the resultant work, weaving through and informing their art.

The other artists exhibiting will be Sarah Abbott, Bec Bartell, Sue Eva, Teresa Fernandez, Hayley Kruger, Alex Kyriakacis, Mia Laing and Heidi Emma Mullender.

On Friday, September 6 there will be a free opening from 6pm, with tickets available at https://events.humanitix.com/perfectly-still-exhibition

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At this time of year and making wonderful cut flowers you will find Geraldton waxes, kangaroo paws and Guichenotia species. It is not all about flowers though with foliage and nuts from some of the small gum trees like Eucalyptus pleurocarpa being a perfect addition, adding contrasting grey foliage and interesting structure.

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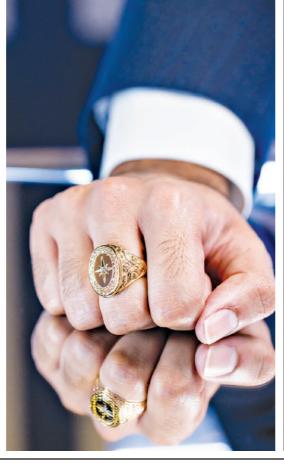
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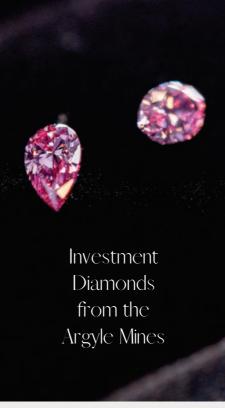
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Nate Lansdell Adelle & John. 6.30pm. Free. 4 Thomas St Chidlow

Woodbridge Hotel Good Stock. 9pm. Free. 50 East St Guildford

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

Sat 24 August

Hemingway & Co Kyra Bee Duo. 7.30-9.30pm. Free. 6 / 7095 Great Eastern Highway Mundaring

Settlers House York Graeme Fisher.

12pm. Free. Lez Karski. 5.30pm. Free. 125 Avon Terrace York

Woodbridge Hotel

Jammins. 9pm. Free. 50 East St Guildford

Mount Helena Tavern Kevin Curran. 6pm. Free. 900 Keane Street Mount Helena

Bassendean Hotel Yannai Goldberg. 8pm-Late Free 25 Old Perth Road Bassendean

Sun 25 August

The Jukes of York. 12pm. Free. 125 Avon Terrace York

Chidlow Tavern Rusty Pinto. 12.30pm. Free. 4 Thomas St Chidlow

Rose & Crown Matt Burke. 2pm-6pm. Free.

Bassendean Hotel Yannai Goldberg Ruzell Curita 2-5pm. Free. 25 Old Perth Road

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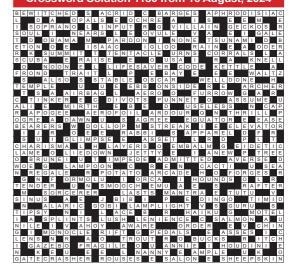
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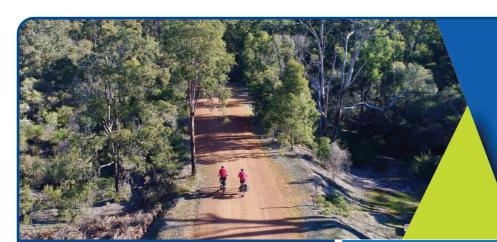
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Shire of Mundaring ON THE TRAIL

Shire President's Message

Hi Everyone

I'm so proud to launch our 10-year Plan for the Future based on our Community's Vision - The Place for Sustainable Living!

Our entire shire can celebrate our Council Plan because there's something in it for all of us!

The Plan includes many exciting projects including the Mundaring Cultural Hub and Town Centre Revitalisation, community facility upgrades including universal clubrooms at Mt Helena, Glen Forrest and Boya ovals, and delivery of the Brown Park Masterplan upgrades in Swan View that I know so many of you have been waiting for.

Protecting and enhancing our natural environment remains a priority, while we remain vigilant to the increasing need to be bushfire safe in managing our unique conservation responsibilities.

Our new Council Plan is built on four key values - Community Focus, Proactive, Respectful and Accountable. It's our Shire's guide for our strategic priorities - and exciting times over the next decade. Download your copy via our website mundaring.wa.gov.au

I invite you to visit the 'Life in Motion' photography competition and exhibition at the Boya Community Centre. This is the 8th presentation created in partnership between Mundaring Camera Club, Mundaring Arts Centre and Shire of Mundaring. 35 images were shortlisted from over 100 works by 30 talented photographers who uniquely captured motion through their lens. Congratulations to winners Paul Bastian, Ronald Borich and Bernadette Waugh.

Council is committed to attracting and featuring even more fabulous events to showcase our talented local artists and artisans. At the Mundaring Open Studio's launch I announced a \$25,000 grant to support this popular event featuring 37 studios from Swan View to Chidlow. I hope to see you on the art trail during 19 - 27 October and enjoying our local hospitality in the Shire of Mundaring - Heart of the Perth Hills!

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Join the Child and Parent Centre Swan for its annual Baby Expo on Tuesday 10 September.

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Event Details

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Waste update

Our teams are currently swapping the lids of general waste bins from dark green to red. We thank you for your patience during this changeover which may take some months to complete.

Bulk Verge collections are now underway. Please remember eWaste (electronic waste) will no longer be collected as part of the service. Both Mathieson Road and Coppin Road Community Recycling Centres will accept your eWaste. eWaste is accepted for free and it will not cost you a waste entry pass.



What's On

1 September **Ordinary Council** Meeting Tuesday 10

September

The meeting will be held on at 6.30pm at the Shire Administration Centre. The agenda is available on the website,

Administration Centre or at our libraries. Meetings will be live streamed via the Shire's website mundaring.wa.gov.au/councillivestreams-and-recordings.

2 Bullet Journalling with Amanda Kendle Monday 2 September

10.30am (FREE) Boya Community Centre

Bullet journaling combines a to-do list, planner, and diary to help you stay on track and record your accomplishments. Bookings are essential

3 Protective Behaviours Workshop **Thursday 12 September**

via 020924b.eventbrite.com.au

10am to 12pm - Boya Community Centre

Boya Library hosts this FREE workshop by Midvale Hub Parenting Service Perth (North East) for parents of children aged 0-13. Learn strategies to empower children and adults in safety, problem-solving and resilience. Bookings are essential via 120924b.eventbrite.com.au

In Conversation with Author Rebecca Raisin Monday 9

September

6pm (FREE) Boya Community Centre

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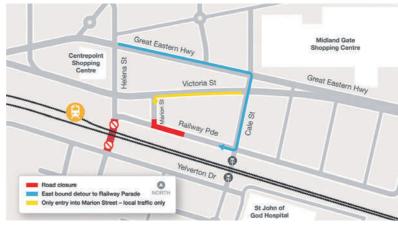
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Upcoming Events

• Join Guildford author Jennie Jones as she discusses her latest book, The Girls from Fitzroy, with Elizabeth Lewis on Monday, August 26 from 6pm to 7.30pm at Boya Community Centre (entrance off Clayton Road), 119-135 Scott Street, Helena Valley. You can meet the author, who will be signing books on the night, and hear about her writing inspirations and what else she is working on. Books will be available for purchase courtesy of Dymocks Midland Gate. Light refreshments will be available but you are encouraged to bring your own keep cup or mug for

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• The St Stephens Anglican Church will be running their market day on Friday, August 30 from 8.30am until 11.30am. There will be bargains galore at 9 Salix Way, Forrestfield. All welcome.

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Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk

So Special!

Last Sunday, while driving back from the Wheatbelt, we had the joy to see the countryside after winter rains. It looks amazing! The canola is in flower, the wheat crops are looking good, the paddocks

On our way back, we saw something you rarely see – an echidna. It was crossing the road! I slowed down and pulled over to watch it waddle across the road. When we got out of the car to take a photo, it curled up and went into its protective position. But what a special creature it is.

Echidnas are monotremes. They are the only known group of mammals that lay eggs, rather than bearing their young alive. The only other monotreme is the platypus - and both types of monotremes live in Australia. While on our recent holiday in Tasmania, we actually saw platypus in the wild, as well as echidnas in an animal enclosure. They are fascinating creatures – so unique.

But so are we! The Bible tells us that us humans are 'fearfully and wonderfully made', and that God has 'knitted us together in our mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13-14). We are all unique and handmade by our awesome Creator God.

That's why each human is so special to God. That's why God sent His Son Jesus to die for us in order to save us from our sins so that we can live eternally with God in heaven - if we turn to Jesus and trust in Him as our Saviour.

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Swans need another win to keep third spot

CHRIS PIKE

IT was a tough day in challenging conditions last Saturday for Swan Districts with their loss to Peel Thunder, but the black-andwhites remain in third spot and will stay there if they have a win in the final round.

Swan Districts' nine-game undefeated run had come to an end the previous week with a loss to the reigning WAFL premiers East Fremantle before heading south to take on the league-leading Peel in Mandurah.

The weather conditions made the afternoon a challenge and Peel did adjust to it the better on the way to an eventual 7.12 (54) to 3.5 (23) victory.

Despite the consecutive losses, Swan Districts remains in third position on the WAFL ladder with one round to play with 10 wins, six losses and a draw.

The equation is simple heading

at Bassendean oval with a win guaranteeing that Swans remain in third and earn a finals double

A loss for Swan Districts and they will need to hope one of East Fremantle, Claremont and South Fremantle all lose to guarantee still playing finals in 2024.

The goals throughout the afternoon for Swans were kicked by Max Chipper, Leigh Kohlmann and Will Collins.

Nik Rokahr racked up another 32 possessions throughout the afternoon, Jye Chalcraft 31, Jehb O'Donohue 22 (13 tackles), Jake Pasini 22, Jesse Turner 21 and Bryce Watson 16.

It wasn't the ideal start for Swan Districts with Peel opening the scoring with a goal inside the opening minute to Sebit Kuek.

But in the trying conditions that would be the only goal for either team in that first quarter with Peel

into Saturday's game against Perth leading by six points at quarter-time.

It took more than 17 minutes for either team to kick a goal in the second quarter as well and it was Swans who got that thanks to Will Collins who continues to go from strength to strength this season with the black-and-whites.

Max Chipper added another soon after and after not kicking a goal up to that point, Swans kicked two in the space of three minutes and suddenly had the lead just before half-time.

Peel did get a goal back just before the break thanks to Matt Taberner to give his team the twopoint lead as the teams headed for the locker rooms.

The Thunder then turned that two-point lead at half-time into a commanding 22-point advantage by three quarter-time after kicking the only three goals of the third term thanks to Kuek, Taj Wyburd and Cooper Simpson.

Swan Districts lost to WAFL leaders Peel Thunder but still cling to third spot on the ladder. Picture: Shazza J Photography

While Swan Districts did kick a third goal of the game in the last quarter through Leigh Kohlmann, it wasn't to be with the 31-point

victory but they do remain in third position heading into the last round of the season and just needing to

John Todd state memorial

HUNDREDS of Western Australians have gathered at Optus Stadium for a state memorial to formally honour football legend John Todd, who passed away on 4 June at the age of 86.

Manjimup-born John Todd was a highly influential figure who made an outstanding contribution to football across both WAFL and AFL.

His decades of service and leadership had an impact across the WA community.

Todd played 132 senior games for the South Fremantle Bulldogs and 13 games for WA. He was a member of the State team that won the 1961 national carnival.

He forever etched his name into WA football folklore when he edged out fellow WA champ Graham "Polly" Farmer for the 1955 Sandover Medal aged just

Injury cut short his playing career, but it didn't stop his passion for the game - he would become one of the WAFL's greatest coaches.

He went on to coach South

Fremantle, East Fremantle and Swan Districts, winning six WAFL premierships.

He was appointed senior coach of the West Coast Eagles in 1988 and led them to their inaugural finals campaign that same year.

His coaching career spanned a total of more than 700 games.

A well-respected member of the football community and a footy icon Todd was inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame in 2003 and made a legend in the WA Hall of Fame in 2004.

As well as the state memorial service, the state government has also formally honoured the legacy of Todd by naming a function space at Optus Stadium in his honour.

The John Todd coaches' room will be used by many people including the West Coast Eagles and Fremantle Dockers.

The unveiling of the John Todd coaches' room complements a state government-funded memorial match that was held in Todd's honour on Saturday, June 15 between Swan Districts and South Fremantle.

Roos score one of the big wins in round 18

BRIAN PALLLISTER

BULLSBROOK scored the first goal of the game after George Schneider kicked accurately but Mundaring took the ball away from the subsequent centre ball up to go forward for their first score.

While Roo Austin Thomas found the strong breeze blowing his shots on goal off target his teammate Clayton Thomas picked up several early possessions to get the ball forward to Tyson Hamling who marked and converted his kick on goal.

The ball spent the next 10 minutes in the Roos forward line as they continued to battle the breeze and accu-

By the first break Mundaring had a 10-point lead and went on to finish the game with a 22.19 (151) to 4.7 (31) victory.

The Saints had the opportunity to be competitive but the Roos had other ideas kicking eight goals to nil in the second quarter.

Thomas was becoming dominant as the ball spent most of the quarter in his forward line.

Roo Tyler Levitt appears to have cemented his place across half back where he continued to read the incoming ball and clear it out to where



The Saints had the opportunity to be competitive in the second quarter but for most of their round 18 game they were no match for the Roos forward line.

Robert Da Silvio and Jayk Jones were winning on their respective

Saints Blair Gregson, Shaun Booker and Rory Crosby found themselves under siege from the continued pressure and as quick as they could clear the ball it was straight back in.

By the main break the margin had blown out to 60 points.

It appeared that the club room end was the scoring end as 20 of the 26 goals kicked were to that end.

The Saints managed another two goals in the third quarter through Brandon Ghirardi and George Schneider.

Brock Sherriffs came into the game across the Saints half backline. Bullsbrook's Michael Bailev worked hard with Andrew Kutchel to offer their forwards a supply.

The Roos came hard again, closing out the game with the last seven goals, six to Thomas in a stand out display the other to Jay-Michael Savarese from a mid-air snap.

The Saints backline had no answers to the Roos relentless forward entries.

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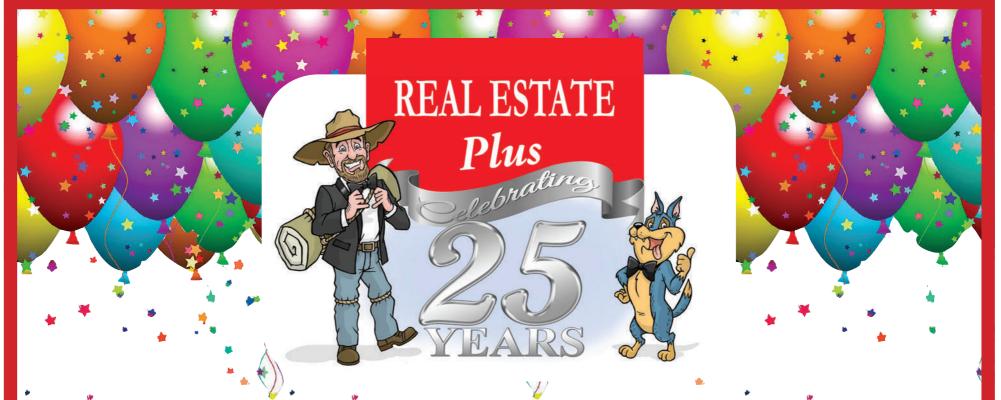
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Do you remember the ambition you once had for your career or for the business you always wanted to start? That was me in the late eighties and nineties. During that period the entrepreneur in me started to grow more and more. My family had businesses long before I was born with my grandfather Stan opening his own bakery in Guildford in the 1920's operating to the early 1960's opposite the Rose and Crown hotel.

Many may remember that Halbert's Chrysler was there in the seventies and eighties, he purchased the bakery site off my grandfather when he sold out. Lou Milanko did a great job of developing the location to what it is today. My career started in banking back in the late seventies before I started in real estate in 1987. Banking was a good background but for me seemed a restrictive career and boring. There was always that, I wanted to do it my way or wanted to have a crack at a new idea which wasn't encouraged in those days in the bank. I've always had that team mentality and sales seemed something more a natural fit for me. Funny, in the bank I was told off for over-servicing a customer and often my sales sheets exceeded the branch manager so the signals were always there.

I seemed to take to real estate like a duck to water, I've made some great friends and worked with some amazing people both as team mates and clients. I was lucky to have had four great mentors in my career. First was David Fisher who gave me my first opportunity as a sales person and later the opportunity to manage his sales team. Bob Manning, who showed me how to be a deal maker as well as looking on the positive side of what I was doing. Bob was a real team man which was always something I admired and he enjoyed a laugh.

Later I was fortunate enough to be in partnership with Don Holmes and Peter Carter who in their own right are very successful in other ventures. Don listened to my ideas I had to opening an office and introduced me to Peter and we had a very successful partnership for a number of years. In recent years I have become the sole proprietor and I am so thankful to these two guys in believing in me. That partnership was the opening of Real Estate Plus which this year celebrates twenty five years servicing the local Swan and Hills areas. It has been an interesting journey and we have seen some interesting times from boom to busts, recessions to covid and during that time I've been lucky to have many good people work with us within our group.

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Mike Palmer was our first employee and is now the owner of the Commercial and Industrial Office in Midvale with his wife Sam. He is one of the most loyal guys you will ever meet and is so patient to keep up with me at times. John Druce was one of the people who encouraged me to take the leap of opening an office, later joining the group and running a successful office in the Hills. We have been mates for a long time and I appreciate his friendship. We have had some great people work with us, some still with us and others have gone.

We appreciate everyone's contribution, that's business but to these people a special thank you to Shane Winnett (Deceased), Judy Gan, Brian Rasmussen, Michelle Glover and Daniel Leung for sticking with me at what seemed crazy times. My greatest support has always come from my wife Wendy (who has worked within the business after agreeing to initially help me for a couple of months now twenty odd years later still here) who believed in me and my daughters Brooke, Sarah, Nicole and Aimee who as a family were always in my corner. Over the twenty five years we have made plenty of sales, leased plenty of properties, helped people find loans and settled properties for clients through our different departments.

The most important part is we have been able to support local people with their needs, contributed to our local community through sponsorships and activities over that time and hope to continue into the future. There has been a number of community projects we have been very proud of in the form of retreats for families working in conjunction with the Smith Family Foundation as an example. One thing I have learnt is that "you never close a deal you open a relationship for life". Thank you again to all the people who have trusted us in our journey over the past twenty five years and we look forward to still doing what we can to help others within our local community. As a guy who just simply had an idea about trying to start a business to help people it has been a hell of an adventure and yes that ad is still in the movies and yes I do look better with my clothes on.

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