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Round about again we go

Dear Echo News.

Like all emergency services and transport drivers including taxi drivers their driving difficulties often can be negotiating turning circles and traffic islands at speed.

In fact, what I would suggest to the federal Labor party funding organisers mentioned by Mr England's letter last week is use the allocated budget monies on a diamond saw and trim some of the fat off some of these concrete median strips.

I am sure it would save a hundred thousand or so off replacement mag wheels and tyres at the local garage, but seriously the main reason why there are accidents at the top of Elizabeth Street is probably hand brake starts by inexperienced drivers due to the steep topography as they stall entering Railway Road too slowly.

Sorry Mr England it's more a question of refocusing on re-engineering steep topography.

Stirk Street T junction is a safer bypass road for the ambulance or shift the roundabout down to the top of Headingley Road in years or so, but seri ously get that diamond saw and re-shape some traffic islands and insert more bus stop points that are badly placed and designed.

Better to spend the Feds money on improving downtown side-walks in Haynes Street

Yep, a bit of lawn might be better under that old marri gum tree to aerate the root system next to that taxi rank in Barber Street near where the doggies all meet on Saturday morning in their smart

doggie jackets . Oh, and while the town council is on traffic management what about some federal funding on a heated bus terminal one day.

Now that would get the people to use public transport as old Kalamundaites were used to, so to get to the big bad city and encourage the school kids to walk to school rather than pick up, as their mums did, for the pampered mobile phone generation with the three-car mansions.

Something for the 'environmentalists' to think about?

If the existing Kalamunda bus terminal is updated it could have a solar powered roof covering that may charge up that warm waiting room space at its top end, or a couple of EV charging points carpark that the City of Kalamunda council is thinking of buying.

Smaller buses may be a better idea but that's a state government – federal matter not a local government matter.

The city council owns the land. **RJ Wood** Kalamunda

Action needed for the homeless

Dear Echo News,

August 5-11 is Homelessness Week, a time to make louder our plea to our leaders to join us in taking urgent action to end homelessness.

The theme, 'Home-lessness Action Now' is a call to action - every Australian deserves a safe, secure home.

It is outrageous that, as wealthy as Australia is, we collectively allow the glaring inequalities in housing access to continue.

Mission Australia's

new youth homelessreport revealed ness nearly one in 10 Youth Survey 2023 particexperienced ipants homelessness in the previous year.

More than 220,000 households are waiting for social housing and some will never get access to a stable home.

The ripple effects of homelessness are profound, especially for children and young people – having a devastating impact on their lives in adulthood.

Homelessness is usually a result of poverty, housing unaffordability and inadequate support systems.

This is why Mission Australia advocates for systemic reforms aimed at tackling the root causes of homelessness.

\$500 million Α homelessness preventransformation fund will help people avoid homelessness in the first place.

Substantial increases to income support and rental assistance are needed so people can afford to stay safely housed and afford life's essentials

It's time for action,

Thought for the day

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work

- Tim Notke, coach.

to create a future where homelessness is a thing of the past in Australia. S Budalich

Mission Australia state director

Thanks for Bush **Forever** article

Dear Echo News,

Congratulations your article Concern Bush Forever link to Whiteman Park cut off (Echo News, August 2).

Inclusion of the urban development photo at the top of the article is very eye-catching and appropriate to the arti-

The Urban Bushland Council (UBC) advocates for the protection of Bush Forever sites and linkages between them - and also linkages between other natural and built areas such as bushland that is not Bush Forever, parks, treed areas, wetlands, creeks.

The UBC has around 100 'Friends of' member groups as well as around 100 individual supporters.

We also have an excellent webpage - www. bushlandperth.org.au

M Owen **Urban Bushland** Council

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council meeting last week where a 3.6 per cent rate increase was voted in as part of their annual budget.

The budget was unanimously approved by councillors along with the council's 10-year plan for Mundaring's development.

During public question time, Glen Forrest resident Eric Smith asked council why they were going ahead with a rate increase in the current financial climate when many were struggling.

Mundaring chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker said the consumer price index was 3.8 per cent from the 12 months to June 2024 and council looked to minimise impact on ratepayers where possible.

This follows on from a 3.5 per cent rate increase in the previous year's budget.

Mr Smith also put to the council a question about the planned expenses on plant equipment and asked if the equipment would be treated the right way.

We are going to spend (about \$4.15 million) on plant and equipment," he said.

"Seems a fairly large amount of money to be spending on plant and equipment.

'Are we treating our plant and equipment in the proper way so that life expectancy on some of this stuff can be lengthened?"

Mr Whiteaker said he could assure Mr Smith and the community that council and staff took all precautions to make sure that they were managing their plant in the most effective possible way.

"In terms of replacement, we're constantly reviewing the (optimal) replacement timeframes and periods to ensure that council's optimising its return on any trades.

The council moved on from public question time to discuss support for the 10-year plan and budget.

The flagship project for the council remained the revitalisation of the Mundaring town centre as reported in Mundaring President says time for revitalisation (Echo News, July 19).

Councillor Trish Cook said while there were disagreements about the budget, overall she thought they were on the right track

"One thing I'm particularly happy we got through is that there are no spectator fees for parents to watch their children at the swimming pools," she said.

"We want people to go to the swimming carnivals and to attend the swimming pools, they're an extra set of eyes we want parents to supervise their children in the public place and that spectator fee is now zero, so I'm particularly pleased with that.

"I think we're really on the right path and we're heading in the right



Keep the Sheep campaign begin targeting marginal Labor seats

PETER W LEWIS

THE Keep the Sheep campaign has commenced its targeting of the marginal seats of Hasluck, Tangney and what is expected to be the seat of Bullwinkle.

Over the weekend volunteers letterbox dropped to more than 5000 homes in Hasluck, and will hit the streets this weekend to homes in Bullwinkle.

Following donations to the cause the group have also erected billboards in Hasluck on Walter Road East in Bassendean and in Bullwinkle on the Roe Highway in Midvale, and this week added another on the Canning Highway in Como near the boundary of Tangney and Swan.

Keep the Sheep spokesperson Ben Sutherland said the fight was far from over.

The Albanese Government may have got the ban through Parliament, but we won't stop fighting. We know from the 80,000 signatures on our petition and the thousands that have turned up in support of our rallies, that the issue is important to the community, both in the country and in metro Perth," Mr Sutherland

"The Labor MPs who voted against rural communities to ban sheep exports should be getting very worried, and the billboards we have put up will serve as a constant reminder that our movement is only growing ahead of the next election.'

He said this weekend's activities will concentrate on the new seat of Bullwinkle which is notionally held by Labor with a slim margin of just 3 per cent.

Volunteers will meet at High Wycombe's Fleming Reserve carpark at 11am for morning tea before commencing letterbox deliveries at

People can sign up to join the campaign, be a volunteer or donate at www.keepthesheep.

Heidelberg Park still an aged care target

Heidelberg Park in Carmel has been a site planned for aged care residency for years but is seeking new developers to reduce Kalamunda's aged accommodation shortfall.

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Department of Planning, Lands, and Heritage (DPLH) and City of Kalamunda have confirmed they will continue monitoring changes in market conditions to readvertise Heidelberg Park for aged care accommodation development.

In Spotlight on Kalamunda's aged care crunch (Echo News, August 2) Iris Jones said it took years of advocacy to rezone Heidelberg Park for aged care purposes and more action was needed to meet shortfalls.

City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas said the city has been exploring the potential development of Heidelberg Park in Carmel for several years.

"The site remains a strong candidate for future aged care use,"

"However, it's important to note that this land is owned by the state government, not the

"With this in mind, we led early community visioning and investigations for Heidelberg Park, incorporating detailed feedback from Friends of Aged Care.

'Our advocacy prompted the Department of Planning, Lands, and Heritage to consider the site for aged care, environmental protection, and enhanced public open space.

"Collaborative efforts resulted in amendments to the metropolitan region scheme and local planning scheme No. 3, laying the groundwork for aged care development on the site.

DPLH spokesperson said in 2021, the state government, through DPLH, released land in the Perth Hills at Heidelberg Park in Carmel, following a registration of interest (ROI) process, with the aim of increasing the availability of aged care in the region.

"At the conclusion of the ROI process, Boston Group and Rosewood were chosen as the preferred proponent.

"Unfortunately, the Boston Group and Rosewood advised the DPLH they were no longer able to deliver a new aged care facility at Heidelberg Park, citing the current heated construction market, changes to aged care

operational matters and internal changes within Rosewood Aged

Ms Thomas said the lack of localised infrastructure and complexity for necessary approvals was a major consideration in Boston Group not proceeding with developing this site.

"The geography, geology, water catchments, fire and environmental factors makes development in the Perth Hills challenging, although this site remains a wonderful opportunity for the right developer.

"Both the city and DPLH are disappointed but are considering re-marketing the site.

"While the project's deferral is disappointing, it also opens the door for future opportunities that align with our vision."

The DPLH spokesperson said the decision not to proceed with the project was solely that of the proponent's and the state government delivered upon its commitment to make the land available and brought it to the market.

"The state government will continue to monitor changes in market conditions," they said.



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Indigo Junction maintenance coordinator James Tyson painting with client Jason at the Paint and Soup event at Karlup engagement hub. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

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BEHIND Karlup Engagement Hub's red gates patterned with eucalyptus leaves, homelessness service workers and residents of Midland gathered on Tuesday for a morning of art, soup and connection.

Homelessness Week is hosted annually to build community support and government commitment to end homelessness.

Indigo Junction held a paint and soup event in support of Homelessness Week 2024, where attendees could enjoy free soup along with a paint-

Echo News attended the event where the engagement hub was busy with activity as homelessness service members worked in the kitchen to prepare the soups, and set out bread rolls and bottled water for attendees.

Indigo Junction chief executive officer Sharon Gough spoke with service workers and watched as Indigo Junction workers and clients painted together at their tables.

Ms Gough said Midland had a high rate of homeless families, compared with other areas where it was more common to see individual adults who had become homeless.

'A lot of people come through with babies, and are fathers or mothers, who are sleeping in cars," she said.

'It's different from somewhere like Fremantle where you see relatively more adult homeless clients come through the system.'

Census data shows a recorded increase of 378 rough sleepers in the City of Swan between 2016

Forty-three per cent of the people recorded were identified in the Midland and Guildford area.

The increase in total recorded homeless figures including couch surfers, supported accommodation, and other forms of homelessness showed a jump of 622 in Swan in the five-year span.

This is the highest recorded increase in rough sleepers and recorded increase in total numbers of homeless people in the Perth metropolitan area.

Cost of living pressures have continued to rise in the area as rental prices have increased.

Data from SQM research show the median rental price in Midland is now \$569 per week.

This is up from \$483 per week in 2023 and \$324 per week four years ago in 2020.

An Indigo Junction spokesperson said the recorded number of rough sleepers had increased

"Indigo Junction's homelessness engagement assessment response team (HEART) has identified an increase in people sleeping rough in the Midland area, with 22 newly identified clients recorded in the three months (between) March 1, 2024 and June 19, 2024," they said.
"The ABS index of relative socio-economic

disadvantage places Midland in the 38th percentile, with the broader NE Metropolitan area in the 46th percentile.

"This is indicative of a relatively high level of disadvantage in the area."

Unemployment, low incomes or education levels, single parent families, low skilled occupations, or poor English proficiency are examples of disadvantage indicators used by the ABS index.

The spokesperson said a dedicated network of local service providers, government agencies and businesses were developing a plan to end homelessness in Midland and surrounds.

'The Midland Alliance (to end homelessness) is currently developing its own action plan to guide a collaborative and place-based collective impact approach to ending homelessness in Midland and the surrounding community," they said.

Ms Gough said recent funding uplift and sup-

port for the HEART program in the Midland area has improved Indigo Junction's capacity to support the growing numbers of people impacted by homeless in the community.

This funding is long overdue and demonstrates a genuine commitment from this government to work in partnership with homelessness service providers in responding to the housing crisis.

Ms Gough said homelessness is a problem that can be solved.

'There are many international examples of where this has been achieved. We have exciting plans for growth and will continue to respond to the needs of this community.

Grow and Grind brews in

MIDLAND's Homeless Week 2024 has started with a few morning roasts by Grow and Grind outside Karlup Engagement Hub on Tuesday.

Grow and Grind is a social enterprise delivered by 55 Central looking to equip people experiencing homelessness and isolation, the employment skills they need through on the job training.

55 Central program coordinators Tammie West and Aaron Rogers worked alongside Grow and Grind founder and support services coordinator Jaryd Tan and trainee Peter to prepare coffees on the streetside.

Visitors flowed in from Karlup Engagement Hub's paint and soup event to get some hot drinks from the van in the winter morning.

Mr Tan said the day was aimed at networking and raising awareness for people experiencing homelessness that 55 Central's services were open

'Since we started, we've been able to engage 60 people experiencing homelessness through the Grow and Grind program," he said.

"Now 20 people have found employment, and hat's general employment, not only in the hospitality industry, which coming from the work that we do and the people that we support, is a huge

'These are people that have been experiencing the trauma of homelessness, so the impact is real, and we're proud of the work that's happening, with 25 individuals engaged by the program now having their barista licences.

Grow and Grind trainee Peter, who is one of the residents at 55 Central, spent the majority of the morning behind the van preparing orders and serving customers.

"He's doing really well — for somebody like Peter who generally struggles with anxiety and isolation to get up and have a purpose is a huge step and a huge outcome," Mr Tan said.

"He's been on the program for about four to five months and being able to run the van by himself now is just an incredible difference."

Mr Tan said the next step was looking at a brick-



Grow and Grind trainee Peter working at the coffee van with founder Jaryd Tan. Picture: **Guanhao Cheng**

and-mortar shop where Grow and Grind could self-sustain as a social enterprise.

"Things are looking positive and we're actually oking at Midland as a potential place to set up the Grow and Grind shop," he said.

"It's quite a new development, and we're not really too sure if it's confirmed to be in Midland at this stage, but once it is confirmed, people will

Mr Tan said for Homelessness Week 2024, the public should remember the value of sharing kindness and being human to somebody experiencing homelessness.

"A lot of people will cross the road because they don't want to walk past somebody homeless or they think they'll be attacked," he said.

'It's a stigma: not everyone experiencing homelessness has a drug addiction, or is a bad person, they're just individuals like me and everyone else looking for a chance.

'We all have a story, and the message really is to not be afraid to approach someone who is street present, and just showing that act of kindness can really brighten their day.

Impact on 'remnant vegetation' questioned

ANITA McINNES

THE EPA has highlighted that a small area of vegetation within amendment 1421 involving lots in Brabham and Dayton is covered by an existing ministerial statement for the Malaga to Ellenbrook rail works proposal already assessed by the authority.

The July 2024 Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) amendment report includes advice provided by the EPA stating the Malaga to Ellenbrook rail works proposal included land within the amendment area as native vegetation retention areas (NVRA), which were proposed to be avoided as part of the proponent's mitigation measures for the proposal.

The EPA considered the incorporation of the NVRAs to protect, amongst other values, black cockatoo fauna habitat and potential

breeding trees," the advice said.
"The quantification of residual impacts and offset requirements, included the retention of NVRAs.'

What the WAPC report describes as remnant eucalyptus and marri vegetation recorded to be in 'degraded' to 'completely degraded' condition' the EPA said was likely to be high quality foraging and potential nesting habitat for threatened species of black cockatoo, including because of the location's proximity to Whiteman Park.

'Several trees contain potentially suitable hollows and an internal hollow inspection of these trees has not been completed," the EPA said.

The EPA said it expected that nesting trees with suitable hollows were also retained and protected.

"The EPA considers additional

offsets should be considered... consistent with Ministerial Statement (MS) 1156 if any high quality foraging habitat is removed.

The EPA also advised that any future schemes and/or proposals which proposed development within NVRAs may be considered significant and would each be considered on their own merits.

Amendment 1421 – out for comment until August 16 – proposes to transfer land within Brabham and Dayton from parks and recreation reservation to the urban zone, public purposes - special uses to the urban zone, and primary regional roads to the urban deferred zone.

Concern Bush Forever link to Whiteman Park cut off (Echo News, August 2) reported some residents are against the proposed rezoning of the land, which includes Bush Forever and land once owned by the Whiteman and Day families.

Urban Bushland Council (UBC) WA has recommended Planning Minister John Carey reject it citing concerns including that it would lead to the loss of linkages between Bush Forever sites and areas of native trees and vegetation and loss of black cockatoo habitat.

"The UBC submits that loss of eucalyptus and marri trees within this MRS amendment area, would have a significant effect on cockatoos using this habitat," they said.

The WAPC amendment 1421 report said some of the amendment area contained scattered remnant vegetation, some of which was identified as being part of NVRAs in the environmental approval, which was issued, for the construction of the Ellenbrook passenger railway line (MS 1156).



Cheryl Rogers says her grandfather Walter Day and Lew Whiteman wanted the land they sold to the state government to stay as parks and recreation for community use.

"The conditions of this approval require the Public Transit Authority to avoid any direct or indirect impacts on the remnant vegetation in the NVRAs arising from the con-struction of the railway line," the WAPC report said.

"As such, consideration may need to be given to the potential retention and protection of this vegetation in subsequent planning

The December 2020 MS 1156 said the proponent should undertake offsets to achieve the objective of counterbalancing the significant residual impact on environmental values as a result of the implementation of the proposal.

MS 1156 lists the loss of banksia woodlands, black cockatoo foraging habitat and potential black

cockatoo breeding trees as well as 1.9ha of conservation category wetlands, 0.5ha of resource enhancement wetlands and 17.2ha of Bush Forever site 304, which along with Bush Forever site 200, is mentioned in the environmental assessment management strategy prepared for Lot 822 Youle Dean Road due to go before the City of Swan council on



Swan CEO at **Hour of Power**

THE Swan Chamber of Commerce will hold its next Hour of Power on Wednesday, August 14 from 10.30am at the Crooked Spire with a focus on how best to engage with local government. City of Swan chief



CEO Stephen Cain.

executive officer Stephen Cain will be the guest speaker and said this event will be another opportunity to engage with the community and share some advice.

"I have accepted an invitation to speak at the Swan Chamber of Commerce's Hour of Power about the City of Swan's role as a local government, the support we offer to businesses and how we engage with our community," he said.

"Our city covers almost 20 per cent of the Perth metropolitan area. It's an extremely diverse region, ranging from historic Guildford to rapidly growing newer suburbs and rural areas

We put a lot of effort into how we engage with residents and businesses and this event is another opportunity to do that.'

Mr Cain said he hopes to meet members of the community and give a better understanding of how local governments operate through this

"Together with other members of our executive team, I'm looking forward to meeting the attendees, giving them insights into our organisation and sharing some advice I hope they may find useful," he said.

Mr Cain was the chief executive at the City of Cockburn from November 2004 to April 2020 and became interim chief executive at the City of Canning in May 2021 before becoming chief executive at the City of Swan in December 2022.

To register for this free monthly event, go to https://www.swanchamber.org.au/



students plant for tomo

STUDENTS from Brabham Primary School's 'green team' were out in force last week for the second annual Brabham Planting Day as part of National Tree Day.

The event encourages students to live more sustainably by nurturing their local environment and through a partnership with Peet worked to cultivate and plant more than 250 seedlings in the Brabham Estate.

Community development consultancy, Creating Communities Australia, and revegetation specialists, Tranen, helped run the

Having participated in last year's inaugural Brabham Planting Day, Jessica Fisher, a teacher at Brabham Primary School, said she was excited to see the event come to life once again.

"Last week, our school's 'green team', in collaboration with Peet, were fortunate enough to take part in a meaningful excursion to plant new trees in a local bushland area," Ms Fisher said.

"The students embraced the hands-on experience, gaining valuable insights into the local environment and the critical role trees play in our ecosystem, all while enjoying the rewarding experience of contributing to the area's revegetation efforts.

The smiles on their faces and the mud on their shoes were a testament to this. Brabham Primary School deeply values this initiative, as it aligns with our commitment to environmental stewardship and providing students with practical, impactful learning opportunities. We look forward to watching these trees flourish over the years to come."

Peet chief executive officer Brendan Gore said that encouraging environmental stewardship at an early age helped younger residents understand the role they play in building a greener com-

'Brabham Estate is one of a number of Peet communities around the country that support National Tree Day as a national community initiative to educate students about sustainability and the role we can all play in having a positive impact on our local environment," he said.

"It reflects our commitment to fostering strong community relationships, supports our ongoing sustainability education programs, and aligns with our broader effort to exceed tree planting requirements set by the City of Swan."

Building off a decade long tree planting initiative in Peet's Lakelands estate, Brabham Planting Day hopes to engage an entire generation of students, encouraging them to care for both the community and local environment for years to come.



Brabham Primary School students planting at Brabham Estate.

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Y WA launches School ReadY program

SCHOOL ReadY, a play-based learning program, has been rolled out across Y WA early learning centres including at Brabham and Yappara House in South Guildford.

The program is designed to support three to fiveyear-old children giving them the best start to formal schooling and enabling them to flourish both in school and beyond.

In a statement Y WA said it had developed the program to engage children and get them school ready.

'School readiness refers to the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed by a child, so that when they commence formal schooling they can successfully engage in learning. In development for over two years, the Y WA School ReadY program is informed by a contemporary understanding of the science of early childhood learning and brain development,' the statement said.

"It focusses on building success in three developmental domains including literacy and language, social and emotional wellbeing, and numeracy.

"The program is initially focussing on early literacy and oral language through play-based, fun learning experiences.'

Y WA chief executive officer Tim McDonald said reading was the key to learning so if children were taught the early literacy and oral language skills that

prepared them to learn to read once they got to school they would have a greater opportunity to thrive.

"The foundations of School ReadY will provide the keys to learning, giving children a head start," Dr McDonald said.

"The first five years of a child's life is crucial for their development and learning.

"We recognise how important the years before formal schooling are to assist children to develop the foundational knowledge to enable them to flourish at school.

our early learning centres to educate children on being school ready.

Dr McDonald is a leading authority on student learning and engagement and has led the program with recognised experts in their fields.

Edith Cowan University researcher Dr Simmone Pogorzelski developed the literacy and language component in partnership with Knowledge Society and Y WA educators.

Dr Tessa Weadman from La Trobe University Science of Language and Reading Lab reviewed the language components, and both were instrumental in facilitating a pilot of the program and evaluated

Y WA has also appointed literacy specialist Renee Chakaodza to provide ongoing support and coaching to educators as they implement the program

Dr McDonald said school readiness was often perceived as being able to sit on a mat quietly, being able to get your lunchbox ready, use scissors or being able to listen to a story.

But evidence shows the brain is so receptive at this young age and there is so much more we can do to prepare children for success at school and beyond," he said.

'Our focus on the early years is a commitment to prioritising prevention and early intervention.'



"That's why we've de- A play-based learning program has been rolled out across Y WA veloped this program for early learning centres including at Brabham Early Learning Centre.

PETER W LEWIS

PUPPY farmers have been put on notice following almost \$10 million in state government funding to PetsWA to establish an online centralised registration system for dogs and cats, a move welcomed by RSPCA WA.

As part of the government's 'stop puppy farming reforms' PetsWA will replace all dog and cat registers currently managed by every local government, and will be used by pet owners, local governments, rangers and rescue organisations

It will enable local governments to identify cases of puppy farming through improved visibility of pet registrations and transfers, and breeders across Western Australia.

Regulations are being drafted to enact the reforms, which introduces mandatory registration of dog breeders, transitions pet shops to adoption centres, and mandatory sterilisation of dogs, from two years, unless exempt or already registered.

Historical registration data will be migrated from 139 local governments during the development phase of PetsWA, to enable a seamless registration experience for users, and allow people that move houses into a new local government area to update their address through PetsWA.

The reforms have been welcomed by RSPCA WA who said the establishment of an online centralised registration system will help to identify cases of puppy farming.

RSPCA WA worked closely with the state government on the 'stop puppy farming' laws and the requirements of the registration system which will launch in 2025.

Executive manager animal and enforcement operations Hannah Dreaver said the centralised system will give RSPCA WA inspectors greater oversight of breeding practices in WA and improved traceability of the dogs they are dealing with.

"The system will assist our inspectors and the broader community in identifying cases of puppy farming to ideally put a stop to the cruel practice," she said.

"Puppy farming comes with a

plethora of welfare concerns including dogs and puppies not being able to access basic needs like food and water, overcrowding, lack of socialisation with people and other dogs, and lack of proper vet care. The breeding practices also pose major welfare concerns for mother dogs with many being bred too young and for too long."

The RSPCA said the Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Bill 2021 includes important checks and balances to end irresponsible and indiscriminate dog breeding.

Local Government Minister Hannah Beazley said the awarding of the contract to PetsWA was another step forward as the government continues to implement 'stop puppy farming' reforms.

"PetsWA simplifies the registration process for dog and cat owners, and ensures their origins can be traced, making the cruel practice of puppy farming easier to identify and stamp out," she said.

"Work to finalise regulations and guidelines to fully enact the reforms is progressing well and expected to take effect before the PetsWA system goes live.

"This is another milestone in the work we're doing - you can do your bit too by choosing to 'adopt, don't shop' from your local shelter."

An awareness campaign is being planned to ensure the public and key stakeholders are aware of the changes before the new system is fully operational later in 2025.

For more information, visit: https://www.dlgsc. wa.gov.au/local-government/community/catsand-dogs/stop-puppy-farming

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A CITY of Swan resident has been ordered to pay \$95,000 and banned from owning dogs for a decade after a city investigation led to its largest ever dog seizure.

The city seized 82 dogs from a property in October 2022 during an investigation into possible breaches of planning and animal laws.

The investigation was carried out after a complaint about the number of dogs at the property and the conditions they were being kept in.

The 82 dogs were successfully rehomed through the city's animal management facility and another facility

They received health checks and vaccinations before they were registered and rehomed.

After the seizure, the city initiated a prosecution for offences under the Planning and Development Act 2005 and the Dog Act 1976.

The matter was finalised at Midland Magistrates Court in June

2024, where the Magistrate described the offending activity as "heart-wrenching".

The resident was banned from owning or keeping dogs for 10 years and ordered to pay penalties and costs of \$95,000.

A total of \$80,000 in penalties was imposed for planning charges related to the keeping of dogs at the property.

The charges under the Dog Act 1976 related to microchipping, registration and keeping excess dogs

Čity of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the city was pleased the court had sent a strong message to the community.

"This stands as a deterrent for others, and it also validates the thorough investigation and seizure process undertaken by our staff," Mayor Richardson said.

"This was a confronting case for our staff and I'm particularly happy to know that all of these dogs were able to be rehomed."





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Welcome to Country art unveiled at the Swan Valley Visitor Centre

LAST week saw the official unveiling of the new Welcome to Country mural, entitled Kwobardak Boodja (Beautiful Country) at the Swan Valley Visitor Centre in Guildford.

The beautiful artwork is the result of the winning design submitted by contemporary Noongar artist Chloe Calyon in an open-call design competition held by the WA Indigenous Tourism Operators Council (WAITOC) and the City of Swan.

"I grew up watching my loved ones especially my father painting. listening to stories and learning how to create stories has helped shape my style of art," Ms Calvon said.

'For this mural, I wanted to create something that was not only

eye-catching but something that people can read the background story to the artwork and see how everything comes together to create a story.

Native plants such as grass trees, wattle and kangaroo paws, found throughout the Darling Scarp, are celebrated in Kwobardak Boodja. And so is the butterfly, a symbol of beauty and happiness.

"I would want people to feel happy and welcomed when they look at my design. I hope that when people walk into the Swan Valley Visitor Centre that my artwork is the first thing they see, and that they take the chance to read about the story behind it," Ms Calyon said.

WAITOC chief executive officer

Robert Taylor congratulated Ms Calyon on her achievement at the official unveiling ceremony held at Swan Valley Visitor Centre and Guildford Town Hall.

"This mural is a vibrant celebration of Noongar cultural heritage. It enhances our community and reminds us of the deep connections we share. We are proud to present this artwork as part of the Jina Aboriginal tourism action plan, inspiring appreciation for our Aboriginal heritage and for all visitors to the Swan Valley to feel welcomed."

Midland MLA Michelle Roberts says the unveiling was a great opportunity to celebrate Indigenous culture, food and art, which all provide experiences that grow the state's tourism industry.

'The mural's layout symbolises the Darling Scarp and the meeting place symbols linked to represent people travelling, with the travelling lines also symbolising paths people would have taken to travel to Guildford and the Swan Valley for ceremonies, corroborees or celebrations.

plain for more than 40,000 years and Guildford is an important place for Noongar people.'

She said the state government offered several funding programs to support Indigenous start-ups.

These programs aim to foster economic growth and sustainability within Aboriginal communities.

'It's wonderful to see the growth of tourism around Aboriginal experiences including bushfood and wildflower trails, iconic road trips, campgrounds and retreats.

"Currently, there are over 200 Aboriginal tours and experiences throughout Western Australia."

Ms Calyon said she was immensely proud to be able to share this momentous achievement with Midland MLA Michelle Roberts with artist Chloe Calyher family.

"The Whadjuk Noongar people Noongar artist Chloe Calyon creator of the Welcome have inhabited the Swan coastal to Country mural at the Swan Valley Visitor Centre.



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North Stoneville directions hearing

ANITA McINNES

THE Western Australian Planning Commission and developer Satterley have both complied with State Administrative Tribunal orders in preparation for a directions hearing listed for later this month.

A Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) spokeswoman said the applicant (Satterley) filed an amended North Stoneville structure plan on June 14 in accordance with the SAT orders made on March 8 this year.

'The Western Australian Planning Commission complied with the SAT orders by filing the further information requested, on July 12," she

said.
"A directions hearing is listed for August 30 which will enable SAT to continue programming the matter towards a final hearing.

The North Stoneville SP 34, which proposes a new townsite in the Shire of Mundaring, was refused by the WAPC on July 14, 2020.

DPLH did not respond to questions from Echo *News* when information about any applications to intervene under section 37 (3) of the State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004 or to make submissions under s 242 of the Planning Development Act 2005, which are to be made to the tribunal by August 23, become known to the



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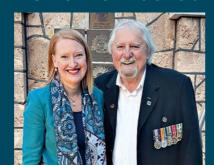
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Each year on the 18th of August, the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, Vietnam Veterans Day is

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Across Australia, commemorative services will be held on Vietnam Veterans Day to pause, remember and thank all who served. We honour those who lost their lives in battle, those who returned



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Midland dad is nominated for sports father of the year award



JACKI ELEZOVICH

IN 2011, Adam Desmond supported a team of six Indigenous boys to form and play in a basketball team in Kalamunda, and from that team has grown Binar Futures, a grassroots youth organisation bringing Indigenous culture, health support and sporting opportunities to young people across Perth and WA.

Recently, Mr Desmond was nominated for sports father of the year, an annual award presented and

supported by the Fathering Project. Mr Desmond said Binar Futures grew very or-

ganically from helping one group of boys play basketball to recognising a need for support in the community.

"It started as one team, but it's definitely a lot more than basketball now," he said.

'Sport is great for everyone, it brings communities together and teaches kids life lessons and also provides a bit of a safe space where kids can let go of everything else happening in their lives and just focus on what they're doing on the basketball

"It also opens doors to meeting people who the kids might be able to keep in contact with and might lead to scholarships or jobs down the line.'

Binar runs regional sport tournaments, which partner with health organisations to deliver checkups and preventative healthcare to kids who register to play, completely free of charge.

With our regional tournaments, we partner with local health organisations to deliver preventative health measures and checkups for kids playing in the tournaments. The idea is that while we have a Adam Desmond has been nominated for the sports father of the year award for his work with Indigenous boys that has grown into **Binar Futures.**

big number of Indigenous kids in one place, we ask what other positive measures we can put in place for them," Mr Desmond said.

January's southwest tournament, played in Bunbury, had a turnout of 73 teams. Binar has hosted tournaments in other towns across the southwest and the Goldfields, and is currently looking to expand into the Kimberley.

"Everything with a good impact we see that we can do, we want to do more of," Mr Desmond said of the project's expansion.

Mr Desmond said nomination for the Fathering Project's sports father of the year award came as a surprise and the recognition was a humbling experience he was still getting used to.

'I've worked behind the scenes lately, but I'm a lot more comfortable being in the spotlight if it's to talk about the kids and the benefits of the programs, because it's important work. And some of the kids we see get older and become confident leaders in their own rights, so being in the public eye a bit

more helps to set an example for them," he said.
"People doing the hard work behind the scenes are so important to acknowledge, and this spotlight can help get them more support.

"Being a father is my highest calling, and being acknowledged like this is definitely humbling but it's an honour. I'm proud to be a dad and it's super important for young people to have that role model, and I'm proud I can be that for other kids who need

eye on crime

Mundaring fatal crash investigation

MAJOR crash investigation officers are Landcruiser was uninjured. investigating a fatal crash that occurred in Mundaring on Monday, July 29.
At about 9am, a white Mitsubishi Pajero

travelling east on Great Eastern Highway and a silver Toyota Landcruiser travelling in the same direction were involved in a collision.

The 52-year-old male driver of the Mitsubishi Pajero was taken to Midland Hospital but died due to his injuries.

The 74-year-old male driver of the Toyota aringFatalCrash

Major crash investigators are conducting an examination of the scene and are appealing for any witnesses to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report the information online at www.crimestopperswa.com.au

Dash-cam or mobile phone vision relating to this crash can be uploaded directly to investigators via this link: www.wapf.au.evidence. com/axon/community-request/public/Mund

Wattle Grove fatal crash investigation

OFFICERS from the major crash investigation section are investigating a fatal crash which occurred earlier this week in Wattle Grove on Monday, August 5.

About 10.25pm, a white Holden Commodore sedan was travelling east on Welshpool Road East when it left the roadway and crashed into

The 21-year-old male driver died at the scene. Major crash investigators are appealing for

any witnesses to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at www.crimestoppe rswa.com.au Dash-cam or mobile phone vision relating to this crash can be uploaded directly to investigators via this link: https://wapf.au.e vidence.com/axon/community-request/public/ carvtreefatalwattlegrove

If you or anyone you know has been affected by a road crash, contact Road Trauma Support WA on 1300 004 814.

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Free Food and Dog Checks in Midvale

RSPCA WA will be in Midvale on Monday 19 August offering free advice and supplies to pet caring for their pets.

The Community Action Day will take place at Ron Jose Oval, Gray Drive from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. RSPCA WA staff and volunteers will be on hand to perform health checks and microchipping for dogs, give out flea and worming treatments for cats and dogs, and hand out free cat and dog food.

Pet owners are also encouraged to chat to our friendly staff about dog training tips and other que-

RSPCA WA Executive Manager Animal and Enforcement Operations Hannah Dreaver said more and more pet owners were asking for help amidst the cost-of-living and housing crises.

"The City of Swan was the leading local government area for animal cruelty in the 2022-23 financial year," she said.

"Nearly a third of requests from people looking to surrender their animals this year have related to cost-of-living and housing issues.

"It's hoped this support will ease some pressure on family budgets and help stop small health probowners who may be struggling with the costs of lems for pets from becoming big and expensive

"We want to keep much-loved pets together with their owners wherever possible. If you could benefit from a little help with your animals, please come along and take advantage of this free support."

People are welcome to bring social, vaccinated dogs and puppies along to the event on leash. If your puppy has not had all its vaccinations yet, you will need to carry the puppy at all times.

Due to welfare concerns, cats are not able to at-

RSPCA WA inspectors and an RSPCA WA dog trainer will be on hand to answer questions.

The health checks will be conducted by vet staff and students from South Metropolitan TAFE and Vetwest Midland.

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- Massage Services

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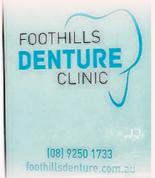
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Getting out in the bush to remove weeds with a bunch of like minded people is deeply satisfying, it's therapeutic. Groups use a variety of methods to deal with weedy wattles, watsonia and many other plants out of place. Some members organise our bushcare days and other events, and we all enjoy learning about plants and how the bush works.

Many of us have wonderful non-local plants in our gardens. The right to have those should come with the responsibility to keep them out of reserves. Will you be a responsible gardener and join a Friends group? Join us soon!

Meet us at the next BICM event 2pm Sunday 25th August, with guest speakers and displays. Music by Mx Margaret. See www.mixmargaret.com/bushcare



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HorsePower Hills volunteers complete first aid training



HorsePower Hills volunteers, coaches and therapists completing first aid training at the Sawyers Valley Hall.

HORSEPOWER Hills volunteers, therapists and coaches have taken a significant step towards ensuring the safety and well-being of their clients and the community by completing comprehensive first aid training, thanks to a Shire of Mundaring \$500 quick grant.

The recent training comprised several online modules, which laid the foundation for a full day of practical training including a hands-on intensive lifesaving training session conducted by St

Throughout the day, volunteers acquired crucial life-saving skills, including CPR and basic emergency life support for adults, children, and infants.

They also learned various other first aid techniques, such as responding to sprains, strains, fractures, anaphylaxis, diabetes and snake bites.

"Given our location in the hills, our work with horses, our engagement with children with special needs, and our outdoor service delivery, it is essential that we equip our volunteers, therapists, and coaches with the confidence and competence to respond effectively in emergencies," HorsePower Hills president Shelia Seal said.

"We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Shire of Mundaring for their support and to Julia for her expert instruction. This training not only enhances the safety of our operations but also strengthens our commitment to serving our clients and the community with excellence."

For more information, contact Rachel Gaynor on 0406 860 587.



Gun buyback due to end

GUN owners have until the end of the month to take part in Western Australia's \$64.3 million state government-funded voluntary firearms buyback scheme, which offers licensed gun owners up to \$1,000 to hand in their weapon at any WA Police station.

During the first five months of the program, 19,430 guns have already been removed from the community, including 1852 handguns, 4825 shotguns and 12,753

New contemporary laws, which passed WA Parliament last month limit the number of guns an individual can own depending on their licence type.

The nation-leading move will see primary producers and competition shooters restricted to a maximum of 10 firearms while recreational hunters can licence no more than five.

The complete rewrite of WA's 50-year-old Firearms Act also strips guns from the hands of serious offenders such as family and domestic violence perpetrators through the introduction of mandatory disqualifying offences and orders (MDOs).

Other changes include enhanced storage requirements and regular health assessments for gun owners, mandatory firearms training for all licence applicants and an overhaul of the corrupted written authority or 'property letter' system giving landowners and lease holders control over who shoots on their property.

Premier Roger Cook said the government's safety-first approach to gun regulation was improving community safety throughout Western Australia.

'We have experienced the devastating result of gun crime in our community, highlighting the importance of my government's firearm reform," he said.

"People who don't have a legitimate need to own a gun, shouldn't have access to one. Our tough new laws mean there are going to be less guns in our suburbs, less guns on our streets, less guns in the wrong hands.

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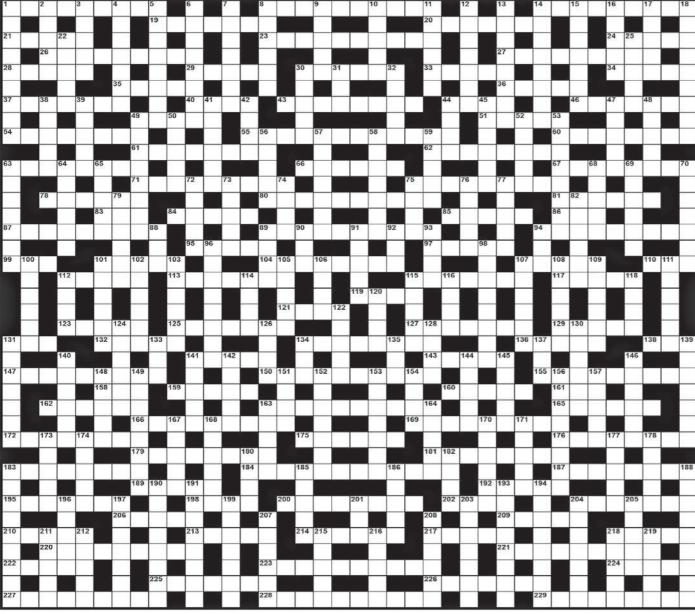
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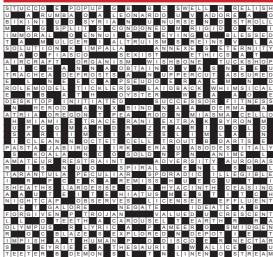
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Swan Districts solidify 3rd position

CHRIS PIKE

SWAN Districts' round 18 win means they have now not lost in the WAFL for nine games this season to consolidate third position with a hard fought 20-point win at Bassendean oval against Subiaco.

The Black and Whites were able to wear down Subiaco as the afternoon unfolded and ended up kicking seven goals to two in the second half to score the 13.10 (88) to 10.8 (68) victory.

The result improves Swan Districts to a 10-4 record on the season along with their draw with South Fremantle last weekend to remain in third position with games now to finish against East Fremantle, Peel Thunder and Perth.

Luke Kelly came back into the team for Swan Districts and took his chances as a small forward kicking three goals as did spearhead Leigh Kohlmann along with Tom Edwards.

Nik Rokahr continued his form on the ball with another 42 possessions while Aidan Clarke racked up 30 disposals, Jye Chalcraft 29, Jesse Turner 28, Josh Cipro 25, Lewis Tester 21, Brad Lynch 20 and Brenton Hilton 20.

Will Collins had 25 possessions and 15 marks while ruckman Nathan Blakely provided 20 disposals, 31 hit outs and six tackles

Subjaco made a fast start with the opening two goals of the contest inside the first six minutes,

but Swan Districts were able to steady from there with the next two goals courtesy of Jye Chalcraft and Luke Kelly.

The Lions then kicked the next two goals through Ryan Borchet before Swans were able to hit back with the next two goals which were kicked by Jackson McLachlan and Leigh Kohl-

There was then another goal each before quarter-time with Wil Hickmott kicking one for Subiaco and Jesse Turner one for Swan Districts, and the scores were all level by quarter-time.

It then took 21 minutes for both teams to kick a goal each in the second term with Swans coming from Kelly, but then the Lions kicked the last two goals of the half including a third to Borchet which saw the visitors head into halftime leading by nine points.

Swan Districts came out strongly to start the second half with a couple of goals to Tom Edwards before Kohlmann added his second of the

Swans would end up kicking the only three goals of the third quarter to turn that nine-point deficit into an eight-point lead before Kohlmann and Edwards kicked quick goals to start the final stanza as well.

Kelly and Brad Lynch also added last quarter goals with Swan Districts winning by 20



Lewis Tester had 21 disposals in Swan Districts 20-point win over Subiaco at Bassendean oval. Picture: Blake Parry

The momentum changed in the third quarter with the Mundaring Roos taking the lead.

Momentum swings Mundaring's way

BRIAN PALLISTER

ASTRONG third quarter from Mundaring set them up for an arm-wrestling contest against Gidgegannup in the final quarter with the Roos winning 11.16 (82) 9.12 (66).

Gidgegannup opened the scoring at Mundaring Recreation Ground after Riley Marriott combined with Jarrod Young to get the ball forward where Tim Tanner took a strong mark to then convert his kick on goal.

Bulldog Declan Whife was going to be in for a testing day in the ruck against the high leaping Matthew O'Keefe.

By the first break the Bulldogs had five goals on the board to the Roos one, holding a 22-point lead.

The Roos started to chip away at the lead as Sateki A'Vard along with Dylan O'Loghlen cleared the ball forward from the contests, Austin Thomas was moved further up the field from his usual deep forward role allowing Clayton Thomas to slip deep into the forward line and score a goal.

Bulldog Liam Marriott helped Alan Rigg and Josh Carter to repel several Roos forward advances but by the main break Mundaring had reduced the margin to 11 points.

Roo Tyler Levitt has probably found himself a new position as he slotted into the backline like as if he had always played down there, picking up several possessions driving the ball back over the centreline while Hudson Knight and

Matthew Pittaway created scoring op-

The momentum had quickly swung and Mundaring moved to a 16-point lead at the last change.

The fast tempo along with the big ground was starting to impact on the players leading to tiredness starting to

The game became an arm wrestle with the ball spending most of the time in dispute between the two half lines.

A'Vard continued to work hard while Tim Tanner and Dylan Cahill ran the game out hard for the Bulldogs.

Both teams scored two goals and four points in the last quarter allowing the Roos to maintain their three quarter time lead and come away with the win.

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by Pastor Ian Kirk

Blooming Roses – in Winter!

It's in July when I prune my roses. So, why haven't I started yet? It's not due to a lack of time. It's because my roses are in full bloom.

Why are they blooming? Normally, at this time, they are dormant. They even begin to develop diseases like mildew.

Well, this winter they are in full bloom, and my theory is this: they are blooming, even though it's winter, for they are free of that terrible sap-sucking insect called chilli thrip. This pest sucks the life out of a rose plant, deforming flowers, leaves, stems, and shoots; this was happening since summer all the way to mid-July. Now my roses are free, and they are full

In life, we often have things that suck us dry and stunt us. Perhaps it's difficult circumstances, or bad choices we have made, or vices we can't break free from. Like a rose plant being attacked by chilli thrip, we are left stunted and deformed.

I am so appreciative of Jesus Christ, God's Son, who came to set us free and to heal us from things that stunt us. He died on a cross so that we could be freed from sin's consequences, and for those who trust in Him, He sent His Spirit into us, to give us new life so that we can blossom.

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Upcoming Events

about the history of the nursery.

· The Darling Range Branch of the WA Naturalists' Club meets on Friday, August 9 at the Kalamunda Community Centre where ecologist and Citizen Science program manager Kelly Sheldrick will speak about the bat monitoring program and the Christmas Island pipistrelle, which is listed as extinct on the federal Department of Climate Change, Energy the Environment and Water's species profile and threats database at 7.30pm. WA has 42 species of bats some of which weigh as little as a few smarties and can eat more than 1000 insects

· Swan Guildford Historical Society invites the public to hear Bill Cutler talk about CY O'Connor in The Fremantle Harbour and the Golden Pipeline with the crucial role of Hoskins Midland Foundry providing the steel pipes for a project that would bring water to the emerging wheatbelt and the goldfields.

The talk will be at St Matthew's Hall, Stirling Square, Guildford at 7.30pm on Monday, August 12.

• The Kalamunda Ladies Probus Club meets at 10am on the second Thursday of each month at The Kalamunda RSL Club 35 Canning Road, Kalamunda (two doors from Dome) at 9.30am for 10am start. The club has a guest speaker at each meeting and a monthly bus outing to different interesting places. Socially they meet for coffee monthly and lunch also monthly at different venues in the area. Probus is a social club for retirees who enjoy life. For further enquiries please contact their secretary Trish on 0468 309 823 or membership officer Juliette on 9293 4438.

· Midland CWA meets at the Midland Railway Yards Blacksmith Lane (West) Midland on the third Wednesday of each month at 10am. CWA flags are displayed on Yelverton Drive. Midland on meeting days. CWA offers a diverse range of interests and each branch works to meet local community needs. Call Maureen on 0460 777 557 or email maureenbar ker1@gmail.com

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



Woofer of the week

Bertie is a one-year-old maremma sheepdog. He loves people but unfortunately the breed is not suited to a suburban lifestyle with a rural property ideal. He is not yet sterilised but is vaccinated and microchipped. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.



Local Real Estate

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York's Braeside Cottage with acreage country charm

THIS two-road frontage, York small acreage property has all the charm of yesterday with modern features.

The picturesque country residence set on the foothills of Mount Bakewell was the original site of Braeside Cottage circa 1860s and has been rebuilt to represent that era.

The home is a great example of a Victorian Georgian dwelling, featuring two fireplaces and a wood stove in the kitchen, along with fine examples of in-built cabinets by a Welsh tradesman, with stone fireplace surrounds to give that great warm country relaxing area to enjoy a winter's night.

The home also has a separate lounge -entertainment area at the front with a fireplace and crafted wooden cabinets and shelving and a separate dining area.

This house is a three-bedroom one bathroom house that has been renovated to

offer a small degree of modernism with high pitched ceilings in the main living area, with the old charm kept to the fullest, while offering modern high speed NBN

After coming through, the front house into the back area, you will be amazed with the open living area, that comes into a good size kitchen.

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Out of the house there is a great cottage garden with plenty of trees, with views and

the backdrop of Mt Bakewell.

The property is 3653sqm with plenty of space for a granny flat, vegetable gardens, chicken coops or whatever takes your fancy and is located on the edge of town where the old market gardens used to be located.

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Plenty of space for a man cave and workshop area.

There are lots of places to enjoy a private life, with plenty of space for pets to run around, with many properties in the area used for equine pursuits.

Today York is a quick moving place for selling real estate due its close proximity to the metropolitan area, it's historical charm and calendar of events and attractions throughout the year.

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