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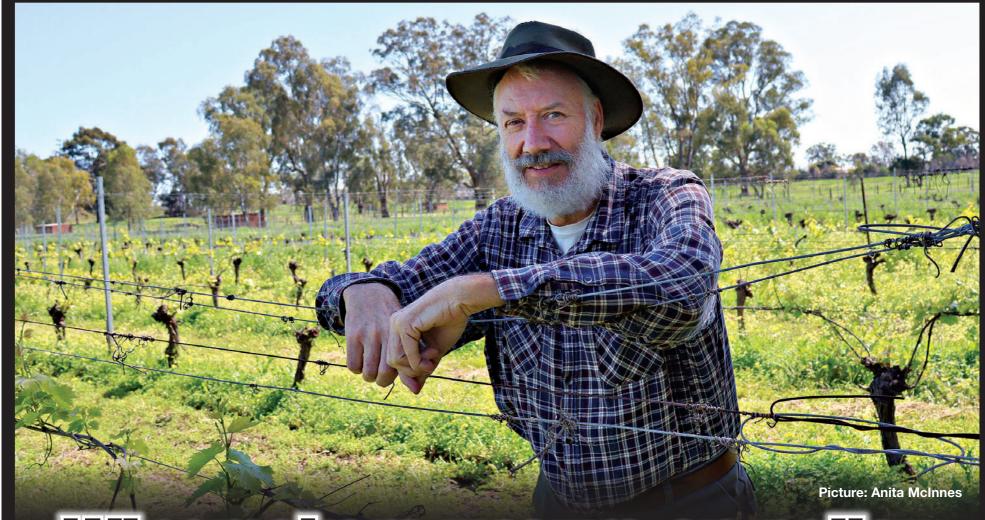
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Difficult times for disabled

Dear Echo News,

It's been a difficult month for our disability community as we grapple with the devastating formal responses from governments to the Disability Royal Commission and the passage of the NDIS Amendment Bill.

I'm disappointed, but I also have hope in the future drawn from the community coming together in supporting one another and fighting for our rights to be upheld and changes that are led by us. We may not win every fight, but we will never stop.

This month the government also released their draft lists on what supports can and cannot be funded by the NDIS.

People with Disability Australia (PWDA) remains deeply concerned about these proposed changes and what they will mean for our lives. We will continue to fight to restore the NDIS to what it should be - a scheme that supports our needs and has the access and flexibility that our members rely on. Thank you for your trust. Let's continue to support one another through these challenging times.

Finally, this month we enjoyed the Paralympics tired Paralympic medal winning swimmer, I'm excited - not jealous - by the performances of our athletes and the way this is being supported by the community and covered by media around the world.

To see broadcasters with disabled athletes covering events, television advertisements featuring Olympians and Olympians side-by-side and even walking into my local supermarket and seeing life-size cut outs of teammates has brought a huge smile to

my face and is a reminder that future generations will be able to be what they can see.

And that includes generations without disabilities who will see amazing athletic achievement and won't blink an eye at the reporter with a limb difference or using a wheelchair.

While the world isn't perfect once every four years, for 10 days we see a demonstration of as close as humanity has got to an inclusive world for people with disabili-

And a reminder none of our athletes want to be inspiring because they were having a go at the end of the games. They're just like all the rest of us disabled Australians navigating the same systems.

M Jonkers **President** People with Disability Aust

Caversham traffic mismanaged

Dear Echo News,

I have had the pleasure of calling Caversham my home for 24 long years.

This is a peaceful and harmonious neighbourhood that unfortunately, struggles with severe traffic mismanagement and congestion due to the extension of Daviot Road to Benara Road exit to Lord Street and heavy traffic use from Ellenbrook with majority of traffic exit-ing via Caversham on Daviot Road.

A recent proposal submitted to the City of Swan, aims to establish a place of worship on 5 Bennett Street, Caversham.

As a long-standing resident and community member, I am deeply concerned about the potential increase in larger volumes of traffic the establishment of this place of worship will precipitate.

Existing congestion already compromises the safety of our community by obstructing exit routes from our neighbourhood to Benara Road.

transportation The and infrastructure section of the 2020 City of Swan community survey reported significant resident discontent over traffic loads, with 67 per cent of surveyed residents stating traffic congestion as their primary community concern.

The specific proposal to establish a place of worship on 5 Bennett Street is poised to exacerbate this issue, situating it as a public safety concern, not excluding noise from said events and roadside parking buildups and double parking on the main thoroughfare to Caversham (Bennett Street).

Access for emergency vehicles and the likes will be compromised in the event of an incident in Caversham quite similar to the fire evacuation

Thought for the day

"If you believe it will work, you'll see opportunities. If you believe it won't, you will see obstacles." - Wayne Dyer

Therefore, I urge our local government to reconsider this development proposal, prioritising the safety and wellbeing of Caversham residents and the existing flora and fauna for the protection of the Bennett Brook and its ecosystem directly adjacent to the proposed construction the run off will jeopardise the nature area for many spe-

I seek your support to keep our community uncomplicated by further unnecessary traffic complications and safety for all residents.

Please join me and countless other con-cerned locals by signing this petition at https:// chng.it/bcfQFD2qYr

Together, we can make a difference in our beloved community. J Bell

Caversham

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We apologise for any inconvenience.

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

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Swan Valley winemakers comment on policy change

ANITA McINNES

POLICY changes announced by the Director of Liquor Licensing include the claim small wine producers are big winners with the removal of quotas effectively opening the door for more local businesses to market and sell their product.

The Australian Hotels Association (WA) said new entrants to the wine industry would be supported by the deletion of an old policy which stated that a vineyard must have 1.5ha of vines or produce 5000 bottles of wine per year, which had discouraged small businesses and boutique wineries.

Echo News asked some Swan Valley winemakers to comment on the policy changes, which were announced on August 29.

Andrew Huxtable from Ugly Duckling Wines in West Swan said he understood one of the original rationales for needing vines for commercial/tourism activity in the Swan Valley was to support ongoing viticulture in the Swan Valley.

"The key issue is that economies of scale will always ensure it is cheaper to obtain juice-wine from

outside the Swan Valley," he said.
"It follows that any wine produced from vines in the Swan Valley will be more expensive.

"If there is no support or incentive for vines to be grown in the Swan Valley, they won't be.

"As a cellar door in the Swan Valley we have chosen to always use local grapes (including our own) and local winemakers.

"If we have to compete with similar venues who have a lower cost base, supporting local growers and having our own vines makes no economic sense. "Ultimately we will lose viticulture in the Swan

Duncan Harris said removing the restrictions allows the possibility of small producers to start with

"The question remains does that mean that more vines will be planted or more vines will remain in the Swan Valley," he said.

'I don't have an answer for that but I just question whether this change will be a benefit or not for the Swan Valley.

It is not apparent whether the unique situation of the Swan Valley was taken into account when considering the policy change.

But he said you have to be positive that more producers meant more energy and more vitality for any

"So that's good – if you're dynamic and a good marketer and you need more grapes to make more wine then that's good for the Western Australian wine industry.

When the changes were announced Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries director general and Liquor Licensing director Lanie Chopping said the policy changes were overdue.

"We heard a lot of feedback that it was too complicated and not enough common sense being applied, so we're fixing that," she said.

"We want to see a thriving local hospitality and tourism industry where everyone can enjoy a great experience. Where we actively encourage and assist small and medium sized businesses to realise their ambitions and in doing so open up employment opportunities, particularly for young people."

Motion designed to review issues

SWAN councillor Rod Henderson, who was referred to as moving a motion that "will indefinitely defer the approvals needed to get on with planning and building" the Brabham high school, says the motion was designed to get the developer to review matters of concern not stop the develop-

On August 17 Transport Minister and West Swan City of Swan councillors had decided to indefinitely defer a decision to progress planning for a new high school and new primary school in Brabham.

"The community has asked me to work hard to deliver a new high school in Brabham," she posted on Facebook.

"That's why in this May Budget we committed \$15 million to fast-track planning and early works for the Brabham high school.

"But on Wednesday, a Liberal party councillor moved a motion that will indefinitely defer the approvals needed to get on with planning and building the school.

Swan Valley Gidgegannup councillor Rod Henderson, who said he was speaking on his own behalf not the council, said the state government knew the council decision was not a process to stop their development proposal.

"This is a process that is allowed under the regulations for the developer – Peet in this case – to go back and review the matters we have raised concerns about and they were outlined in my motion," he said.

Cr Henderson's successful motion on the proposed Brabham 3 structure plan said it failed to encompass the land to the immediate west that adjoined Drumpellier Drive, failed to articulate the detail of connections to the new Whiteman train station and so limited the plan as an effective instrument for orderly and proper planning.

In her post Ms Saffioti said the planning process councils making decisions on plans before the WA Planning Commission could consider them.

"The decision made by the council during the week means the state government cannot progress the delivery of the school," she said.

"It also delays much needed housing - and it should be noted this area was always earmarked for housing and development.

"I have asked the Planning Minister (John Carey) to see what options are available to overcome this

The Education Department said there were currently no public secondary schools within the suburb of Brabham.

A site for a new secondary school in Brabham has been identified in the Brabham Stage 3 Local Structure Plan. In April Education Minister Tony Buti said the \$15m would be invested in detailed planning for the new school to serve families in the rapidly grow-

Mundaring calls for action

GUANHAO CHENG & ANITA McINNES

THE Shire of Mundaring is taking a proactive stance to try and stop the spread of an invasive pest after concerns the pest is being unintentionally spread through the transportation of affected plant and wood material.

At its ordinary council meeting on Tuesday, September 10 Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil said if the polyphagous shot-hole borer got into the shire it would be devastating from an environmental and financial perspective.

Pest found outside quarantine area (Echo News, August 23) reported boundaries of the polyphagous shothole borer quarantine area were under review after the pest was found outside the quarantine area including in Ellenbrook and Kalamunda.

Since then in an effort to help stop the spread of the destructive polyphagous shot-hole borer the quarantine area has been expanded to include all 30 metropolitan local governments, including Mundaring.

The quarantine area has also been divided into two zones with rules applied to the movement of wood or plant materials out of each zone, to increase protection for Perth's urban tree canopy.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) said quarantine area zone A had higher numbers of infested trees and ongoing tree management works.

Zone B acts as a 'buffer zone' with fewer or no infested trees.

DPIRD said it was undertaking increased surveillance in zone B and would respond rapidly to any new detection in that area, as early detection



was vital to the eradication effort.

Ms McNeil said she had attended several briefings and updates from the WA Local Government Association, which highlighted the spread was linked to human assisted trans-

People are transporting infected from zone green material and wood from zone A into zone B and beyond," she said.

In a statement the shire said it was seeking partnerships with neighbouring councils and government agencies to launch a community awareness campaign, highlighting the environmental risks and the importance of early detection.

With a focus on safeguarding the areas vital tree canopy and agricultural industries, Ms McNeil said the council's motion called for escalated research efforts and increased measures to prevent and treat the spread of the highly invasive pest.

Both Ms McNeil and City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson called on the community to do what they could to protect the environment.

"If you suspect the polyphagous shot-hole borer in your area, please report it immediately to DPIRD," Ms McNeil said.

"Early detection is key to stopping this pest in its tracks and safeguarding our precious trees for the future."

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THE Perth Hills is hot on the heels of York as a film destination with filming being wrapped up last week on a new survival thriller feature film Shed starring legendary Australian actor John Jarratt and Mani Shanks.

Playtime Motion Pictures award winning director and independent filmmaker Steven J Mihaljevich said this was his third feature film in seven years, all set, shot and made in the Perth Hills including Midland, Swan View, Mundaring, Parkerville, Hovea, and Greenmount.

"It seems our local area has become a springboard for filmmaking, utilising the scenic and iconic Perth Hills landmarks and capturing the beauty of our local areas. We are calling it our mini Hollywood Hills," Mr Mihaljevich said.

His first film, The Xrossing, made in 2019, was entirely set and made in Swan View, with the story and characters soley representing the area, and all three movies, which also include Violett and now Shed, with production and post production done at a local film production studio in Swan View.

The Xrossing featured at many festivals around the world, and was awarded best indie at Toronto and Paris international indie festivals, and has just been picked up in the US for worldwide streaming via Apple TV and Prime.

The movie obviously had a big impact on the Swan View community, but there are still so many people who have not seen it, so after four long years they now have the opportunity," Mr Mihaljevich said.

'This was a much-loved film within the local community as it spoke to many different people from social and cultural backgrounds. For this film, I wanted to create a story about my local neighborhood, highlighting the beauty and darkness that

exists in this very unique area of the country."

It is a moving story about the beauty and darkness of growing up in the Perth Hills, with powerful themes of misjudgement and the absence of role models, acceptance and human understanding.

"After The Xrossing, we received private fund-

ing to make a second feature movie in the Perth Hills, and this year, we released Violett, shot entirely in Hovea, Mundaring, Swan View, Midland and Greenhills, east of York," Mr Mihaljevich said.

Violett is a psychological mystery and has just won best Australian feature at ANOH international film festival in Sydney.

Screenings start next month at Kookaburra Outdoor Cinema in Mundaring December 8-10.

Violett was made on a budget of just under \$500,000 and has won a large number of awards, including Best Australian Film and Best Australian Performance (Georgia Evers The Xrossing) at the 'A Night of Horror International Film Festival' in Sydney, and best narrative feature film (under one million) at the WA Screen Awards.

When streaming in the US it was the number one rented movie for three weeks on Apple TV.

Mihaljevich's third feature in six years - Shed, the survival thriller about a courageous 10-yearold girl Mia, who is locked inside a work shed and must survive inconceivable odds whilst trying to learn what happened to her family, is yet another movie set around the Perth Hills - this one in Swan View, Greenmount, Mundaring and Chidlow.

Shed, currently under post-production, features an outstanding performance by young actress Mani Shanks (Violett) as well as veteran actor John Jarratt (Wolf Creek, Django Unchained).

I always felt that the Perth Hills is an extraordinary backdrop for filmmaking, given the breathtaking views, atmosphere and different types of landscapes - which is one reason why I moved out here 10 years ago now," Mr Mihaljevich said.

"I have built my film production company Playtime Motion Pictures over nine years now to be a creative boutique studio house in Perth Hills, focusing on feature film post-production as we continue to strive to make more movies out here.

'More creatives need to know what we are doing out here as we continue to expand our crews and work with different people, it is quite remarkable what we have been able to achieve in a small space of time. I am excited about what the future holds.

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Mundaring toy library celebrates 50 years

MUNDARING toy library is marking 50 years of service to community, making it one of the longest-running toy libraries in Western Aus-

A celebration will be held at the toy library, 12 Craig Street, Mundaring, on Saturday, September 14, from 10am to 12pm.

The event, supported through the Shire of Mundcommunity funding p opportunity for current and former members and volunteers to celebrate half a century of dedicated efforts within the local community.

The free two hour 'birthday' event will include children's entertainment, face painting, bubbles, ice cream, play, birthday cake and more, and all members past, present and future are invited to join in the celebration.

Hundreds of children have benefitted from the toy library's services since its inception in 1974. As a not-for-profit, volunteer-run organisation, it offers local families access to a wide range of fun and educational toys for children aged 0 to 8 and is a model of sustainability, both economically and environmentally

"The Shire of Mundaring recognises the crucial role libraries play in fostering community, as well as supporting young people's early development," Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil said.

Similar to a book library, the following items are



available to borrow:

Beginner/baby toys, activity toys and outdoor ride-ons, construction toys - wooden and magnetic blocks, Lego, giant construction blocks, train tracks, games and puzzles, fine motor toys - threading, lacing, playdough tools, peg boards, educational and STEM toys, fancy dress costumes, sand and water toys, sporting equipment, musical toys and instruments, role play toys - dollhouses, doctor kits, animals, vehicles, and party packs - tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery, and decorations.

Tickets are limited, to secure your ticket visit https://MTL_50thBirthday.eventbrite.com.au

Lake Leschenaultia works completed

IF you haven't been to Lake Leschenaultia for a while it may be worth a revisit following the completion of \$450,000 of significant enhancement works.

A ceremony was held last week to officially acknowledge the completion of the works attended by federal Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister Catherine King, alongside Mundaring deputy shire president Trish Cook, who unveiled a commemorative plaque, marking the significant investment in one of the shire's premier tourism destinations.

The Lake Leschenaultia visitor improvement project aims to elevate the visitor experience and improve the facility's access and safety management.

With the lake attracting more than 14,000 campers and about 80,000 visitors each year, the project is expected to strengthen tourism and boost the local

The project was funded by a grant of more than \$218,000 from the federal government, with the remaining funding of almost \$228,000 contributed by the shire's capital works program.

The completed works have introduced a range of new features and upgrades, including the creation of a designated swimming-only area protected by commercial buoys, ensuring a safer environment for swimmers by excluding personal watercraft from the area.

Vehicle counters will also be installed at the entry and exit points, providing the shire with valuable data to assist in risk management and future planning.

Hasluck MHR Tania Lawrence said Lake Leschenaultia holds special memories for families all across Perth, who have long enjoyed the lake and its camping facilities.

'As a local resident, I know these upgrades will be welcomed and enjoyed yearround by our community, too. It's been great to work with the shire to secure the federal investment partnership.'



Mundaring deputy shire president Trish Cook said the upgrades would significantly enhance the lake's appeal as a top tourism destination in the heart of the Perth Hills.

"Lake Leschenaultia stands as a premier tourism destination offering natural attractions and diverse activities for everyone to enjoy, and these improvements will undoubtedly boost the appeal.

"Visitors can relax in the shaded dining area amidst colourful artwork, surrounded by biodiverse bushland habitat for native birds and animals.

'The new interpretative signage will help visitors appreciate and protect the lake's natural environment.

'These enhancements, especially the new swimming area and automated gate system, have significantly improved both the safety and enjoyment of our visitors.

They also play a crucial role in the effective management of Lake Leschenaultia, ensuring that this beloved destination remains a safe and accessible place for everyone to enjoy.

Ms King said the Australian government had partnered with the Shire of Mundaring to fund the much-needed improvements to the popular natural tourist attraction, including making the area much safer for

"The beautification of Lake Leschenaultia thanks to this project will also increase cultural awareness, support tourism growth, and improve economic activity in and around Chidlow and Mundaring

Lake Leschenaultia is open year-round to visitors.

Find the lake's opening times and further information about camping and leisure activities by visiting www.mund aring.wa.gov.au/leisure-recreation/ lake-leschenaultia

Unlocking 'lazy land' for housing development

MIDLAND and Woodbridge are two suburbs to be supported by new apartment development funding in a state government push to boost housing supply.

The state government has invested \$17 million to help develop under-used land into almost 1,700 new apartments.

A Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) spokesperson said the Woodbridge development will deliver 20 new apartments within 500m of Midland Station and 1km of the Midland Strategic Activity Centre.

"The latest announcement of successful applicants also includes four apartment projects in Midland to support the delivery of 44 apartments,"

"The targeted apartment rebate of up to \$10,000 per apartment is assisting industry to address essential water, wastewater and electricity infrastructure costs in delivering apartment developments close to train stations and retail and commercial centres.

"Two previously announced successful Midland projects will deliver an additional 67 new apartments supported by the targeted apartment rebate."

The spokesperson said the funding comes as relief for the development industry as its ability to deliver higher-density housing projects remains impacted by the pandemic.

"(This includes) supply chain challenges, skilled labour and cost escalations and these challenges are widely recognised and acknowledged by industry," they said.

This has affected the number of density apartments being delivered in the private market, which are an important to overall housing

DPLH is welcoming expressions of interest for developers to identify and potentially purchase state government-owned land to deliver more housing and land supply sooner.

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Bassendean SES members Gary Littlewood and Maxine Burrell and Swan SES member Danny Jeater were awarded for their excellence at the WAFES awards.

WAFES awards for Swan and Bassendean

SWAN and Bassendean SES volunteers have won awards and had their efforts recognised at this year's awards for excellence in emergency services.

Swan SES' Danny Jeater won the Peter Keillor Award for his valuable leadership skills over the bushfire season.

Mr Jeater managed a team of SES volunteers responsible for reloading large air tankers (LAT) with fire retardant to make drop after drop on some of the summer's biggest bushfires.

He developed and ran Exercise Walyunga which was a multi-agency exercise testing the response and management of a mass casualty emergency

Mr Jeater's ability to coordinate and collaborate with multiple agencies ensured seamless communication and efficient response strategies during their simulated emergency scenario.

He was also recognised for demonstrating exemplary skills in managing and leading the LAT reloader team when it was brought together on very short notice.

His planning, coordination and organisation ensured the LAT reloader team was equipped with the necessary resources and information to respond

swiftly

Bassendean SES' Gary Littlewood and Maxine Burrell were honoured with the SES team achievement award for creating a standardised equipment list all units could use on deployment across the state.

Mr Littlewood and Ms Burrell's work on the development of a standard equipment list for SES general rescue utilities (GRU) teams when they were deployed regionally now forms the foundation of standard equipment lists throughout the SES fleet

The need for a standardised list was first identified during Tropical Cyclone

Ilsa in 2023 when six GRU teams were deployed to the Pilbara.

During the incident, the lack of consistency in on-board equipment was discovered.

Gary and Maxine collaborated with other SES units to settle on a list of equipment that would become standard in vehicles and trailers.

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Call for feral cat funding

THE Invasive Species Council have called on all political parties to commit to increase funding to reduce the impact of feral and roaming pet cats on Australia's wildlife ahead of the upcoming federal election.

The call follows the release last week by Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek of the details of 55 federally funded feral cat projects across the country.

"The environmental toll from feral and roaming pet cats cannot be understated," Invasive Species Council advocacy director Jack Gough said.

"By this time tomorrow, over five million native mammals, birds, reptiles and frogs will have been killed by the millions of feral and roaming pet cats in Australia.

"Cats have driven over 25 of our native species to extinction and without serious action we could lose iconic native wildlife like bilbies, numbats, and night parrots forever.

"That is why we are calling on all parties to commit to increased funding, focus and reform that matches the seriousness of this threat to our wild-life.

"Environment Minister Plibersek has shown important leadership by bringing states and territories together to focus on this critical issue and we look forward to an ambitious national cat plan being adopted soon.

Mr Gough said an additional future commitment of at least \$60 million over the next four years would be needed if the plan is to be properly implemented.



"It is great to see funding that has already been announced is now hitting the ground across the country for high quality projects like island eradications, research into new control techniques and protection of threatened native birds.

"Given the seriousness of this threat to our wildlife, we will be looking for all parties to step up with additional funding for action on cats in the lead up to the federal election.

"We also need all state and territory governments to declare feral cats to be pests, support all appropriate control tools and develop their own feral cat plans.

"We have an archaic situation in Western Australia where local governments cannot implement basic cat curfew laws for pet cats due to outdated state laws. This is despite the onus for managing cats in urban areas falling on local governments," Mr Gough said.

Free tickets to the Perth Zoo

WESTERN Australians can visit Perth Zoo for free this spring thanks to the state government's new Perth Zoo free pass.

The \$6.2 million initiative provides an opportunity for Western Australians experiencing cost of living pressures to enjoy a memorable day at the zoo for free between September 9 and November 20.

Every Western Australian can claim up to four free tickets to Perth Zoo via the ServiceWA app, with the pass able to be used to admit both children and adults, and also provides free public transport to and from the zoo.

A family of four headed to Perth Zoo will save more than \$100 in ticket prices, plus more than \$10 in public transport costs.

More than 800,000 people visited Perth Zoo last financial year - a new visitation record - underpinned by the state government's \$51 million investment to upgrade facilities and attractions at

For ticketing details, including alternative booking methods, visit www.perthzoo.wa.gov.au/zoo4you

Moort Boodjari Mia Aboriginal maternity service expansion



Health and Mental Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson visited the facility and spoke with caregivers about the vital service.

EXPANSION works of the Moort Boodjari Mia at St John of God Midland Public Hospital have been completed, marking a crucial development in providing culturally secure maternity health care to Indigenous women in Perth's east.

Moort Boodjari Mia, a dedicated service offering culturally sensitive maternity care and education, has seen a notable increase in both referrals and registrations over the past year.

The growing demand highlights the critical need for specialised Aboriginal maternity services in the region, and access to culturally secure midwifery care is essential for improving outcomes in maternal and neonatal health.

By enabling women to engage with the service at earlier stages of pregnancy, the facility is enhancing care for pregnancies and effectively managing co-morbidities, leading to better overall health outcomes

The Moort Boodjari Mia team offers comprehensive support throughout pregnancy, using Aboriginal-specific resources and involving Aboriginal caregivers alongside professional midwives.

This approach ensures that families are engaged in a culturally responsive manner, recognising the significant role of grandmothers and aunties in fostering a nurturing environment for child's upbringing.

The program's design integrates Aboriginal values and practices with a blend of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal health professionals, creating a holistic, woman-centered continuum of care, supporting women through their pregnancy journey with the backing of their immediate family, community, and a dedicated team of health experts.

Hospital chief executive officer, Paul Dyer said the expansion of Moort Boodjari Mia's facilities significantly boosts the service's capacity to deliver high-quality care to a growing population.

"This achievement highlights the positive outcomes of strong community partnerships, exemplified by the collaborative efforts of East Metropolitan Health Service, the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation, and St John of God Midland Public Hospital," he said.

Health and Mental Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson visited the facility upon completion and chatted with members of the team as they prepared to welcome new and expectant mothers back into the expanded space.

The official opening featured traditional Aboriginal dancers and a Welcome to Country performed by talented Noongar Elder and local artist, Aunty 'Neta' Knapp.



East Metropolitan Health Service borad chair Pia Turcinov and EMHS Aboriginal Health area director Francine Eades with Noongar Elder and artist Aunty 'Neta' Knapp at the launch of the expanded service.



Many families who have utilised the Moort Boodjari Mia service came along to see the new expansion.



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Swan residents' finalists for YACWA youth awards

JACKI ELEZOVICH

THE YACWA youth awards finalists have been announced, and three City of Swan nominees are in the running.

James Audcent, finalist in the 'vouth futures innovation for a sustainable future' category, Casey Moller, finalist for the 'Minister for Youth's most outstanding youth worker' award, and the Rise Network, finalist in the 'youth focus sector collaboration' category with Indigo Junction, spoke to Echo News about making it to the final round.

James runs Zentient, a tech consulting firm targeted at not-for-profits, and said he was proud of his work to bridge the technology gap between the for-purpose and for-profit sectors.

'În all the work we do, the goal is the same helping organisations do more good with less. Sector-wide, everyone is struggling to meet the demand for their services, so this focus has never been more important," he said.

James came into consulting through volunteering while at university, finding out how big the gap between sectors' technology actually was in WA.

"The time I spent volunteering was eye-opening for me. I never could have imagined that they would be quite so far behind – a digital divide of between 10 and 20 years. It was confronting – especially knowing how many people rely on these critical community organisations. But I had the right skillset to tackle this challenge, so I knew I had to do something about it," he said.

While nothing could beat seeing not-for-profits flourish because of his work, James said being a finalist for a youth award was a real honour

"I hope my nomination can inspire other young people to look around them to see how they can create an impact in the community," he said.

Casey, an engagement officer at Headspace Midland, echoed James' feelings.

'My passion for this work stems from my own experiences navigating mental health challenges and being part of the queer community. I've faced various obstacles that have shaped my empathy and facing similar challenges," she said.

"Being a finalist for the youth awards is a profound honour and a testament to the hard work and dedication I've put into supporting and empowering young people. It validates the impact of my efforts and highlights the importance of the work being done in the community.

"Winning the award would be a significant recognition of the achievements and progress made in advocating for and empowering youth. It would also serve as a platform to further amplify the voices of young people and continue driving positive change in the community.

Midland organisations Rise Network and Indigo Junction were nominated for their collaboration on the Ken Moort program, a support program for youth at risk of becoming entrenched in the criminal justice system, designed to teach them life skills that will help them handle both professional and family situations.

said the collaboration between the two organisations has helped more at-risk kids stay on track for good

"A collaborative approach across the east and metro services has allowed for shared knowledge and expertise from two leading not-for-profit organisations working together to enrich the lives of young people and reduce the risk of re-offending behav-

Announcement of the youth awards finalists has already helped raise awareness for the work being done to support at-risk youth in the local community.

"Recognising individuals and organisations working with at-risk youth is crucial because it validates their efforts, encouraging them to continue making a positive impact," Ms McRostie said.

"This acknowledgement also raises awareness of the challenges these young people face, which can mobilise greater community support and resources.

"Ultimately, this recognition fosters a stronger, safer community by supporting those who help steer young people away from the justice system.'





Rise youth justice case worker Nicole McRostie YACWA Youth Awards finalist Casey Moller and James Audcent.



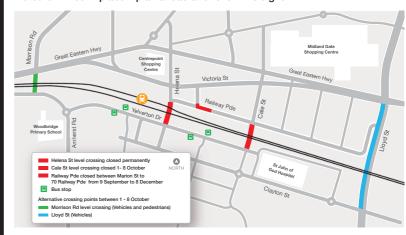
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Photography competition opens

CALLING all shutterbugs - from the seasoned snappers of Swan to anyone with a phone and a flair for photography.

This is your golden opportunity to capture the essence of the City of Swan on camera, get your photography featured in the 2025 community calendar and win a \$400 gift card.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. In next year's calendar, the city wants to tell the story of Swan through your eyes – or more specifically, your lens.

The theme for 2025 is 'Get amongst it,' focusing on the vibrancy, energy and diversity of life in Perth's biggest local government area.

The calendar will showcase the beauty of the environment and the spirit of the community, with images of people getting amongst it across

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said it was a rare opportunity for anyone with a creative streak to get their photography in homes across

"If you are passionate about our stunning landscapes or the everyday moments that make Swan special to you, I encourage you to snap and sub-

"It might be an image of your children laughing at a park, athletes in action at a local sports event or the warmth of community connections at the markets – it's all part of our story.

You don't need to be a professional, you just need a camera and a passion for our community.

Entries are now open until September 29, and once entries have closed, a city panel will shortlist 36 finalists who will then be put to a public vote to choose the final 12 to feature in the calendar.

Please note that photographs must be submitted in a landscape (horizontal) format with a minimum size of 3600 x 2550 pixels

For terms and conditions, FAQs and to submit an entry, visit www.swan.wa.gov.au/2025-Co mmunity-Calendar.

Swan Community care services

THE legacy of forty-three years of caring and support for members of the City of Swan's ageing community continues.

President Ron Carey said the service has only grown in that time, both in expertise and popularity.

Community care services encompass a fleet of cars, buses and volunteer drivers, who ferry members of the community who can no longer drive or are no longer confident driving themselves to ap-



pointments and outings in the local area and operate six days a week.

Services provided by the team include transport to shopping centres, medical appointments, hair salons, bingo sessions, group lunch outings, and visits to places of interest such as museums and historical

The volunteers and staff gathered for their AGM at the end of last month and reflected on a year's work

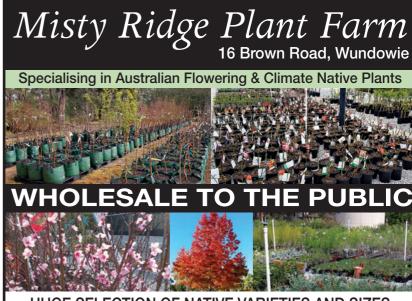
Mr Carey said both volunteers and staff should continue to be congratulated on the work they do day in and day out for the local community.

"They are very special people with very special hearts, and they can be enormously proud of the work they are doing to enrich the lives of the city's many clients," he said.

Over the 2023-24 financial year, the 38 volunteer drivers made 12,558 trips around the area, conveying elderly clients to their chosen destinations and back to their homes, covering more than 300,000 km.

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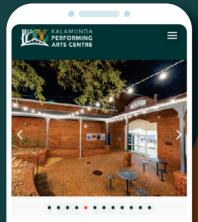
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Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre welcoming audience members to the theatre. Photo credit: Ammon Creativ

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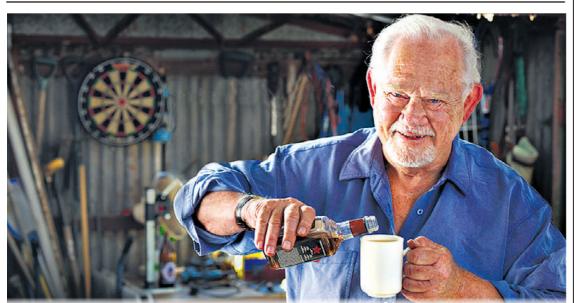
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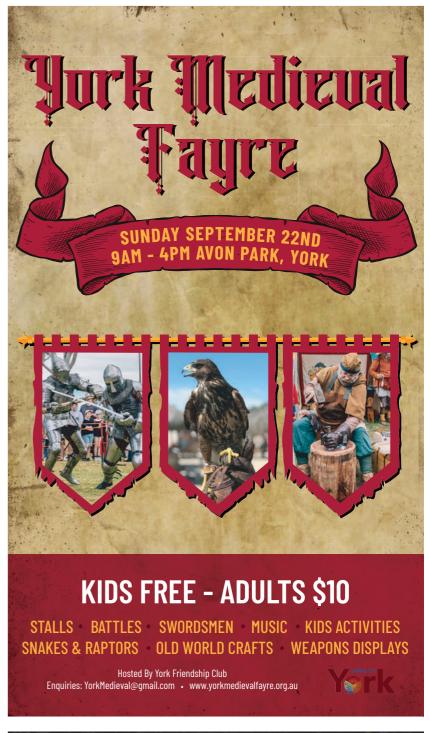
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Have your say

MRS Amendment 1409/41 – Portion of North Ellenbrook (West)

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) is seeking public comment on a proposal to amend the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) for land in the City of Swan.

The amendment proposes to:

- transfer approximately 393.12 hectares in Bullsbrook from the Rural zone to the Urban Deferred zone and Parks and Recreation reservation in the MRS and
- extend Bush Forever Sites 298 and 399

The proposed amendment will primarily facilitate future residential and light industrial/service commercial development and areas for Public Open Space and environmental conservation.

This amendment is to be processed as a major amendment given the size and scale of the proposal and the establishment of a new urban area, and is considered a substantial/regional change in the North Ellenbrook/Bullsbrook locality.

The Amendment Report and plans showing the proposed change can be viewed online at https://haveyoursay.dplh.wa.gov.au/

Submissions close Friday 13 December 2024 and can be lodged online, via email to regionplanningschemes@dplh.wa.gov.au, or posted to: The Secretary, WAPC, Locked Bag 2506. PERTH WA 6001. Late submissions may not be considered.

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777 557 or email maureenbarker1@gmail.

- todgi@bigpond.com by Friday, September 20 if you would like to attend. · Bayswater City VIEW Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10am for coffee/chat with the meeting starting at 10.30am at the Bayswater Tennis Club, Bayswater. The club has about 60 members who enjoy a wide range of social
- activities while raising funds through the Smith Family Learning for Life program. For more information call Linda 0417 960 027 or email bayswatercitywa.vie wclub@gmail.com

Woofer of the week



14-month-old labrador retriever. She is looking because her owner is working the time for her sterilised, vaccinated and microchipped. Costs apply. Sanctuary on 9574 1438

ENTERTAINMENT & GIG GUIDE

Your local Gig Guide

Thurs 12 September

Hemingway & Co Blues Thursday (Rusty Pinto). 7pm-9pm. Free. 6/7095 Great Eastern **Highway Mundaring**

Fri 13 September

Settlers House York Nick Childs. From 6pm. Free. 125 Avon Terrace York

Chidlow Tavern Lush in Boots.

6.30pm. Free. 4 Thomas St Chidlow

Rose & Crown Jon Evans. 5pm-8pm. Free. 105 Swan Street Guildford

Bassendean Hotel Romy B. 8pm-Late. Free. 25 Old Perth Rd. Bassendean

Parkerville Tavern Ben Graham. 6pm-9pm. Free. 6 Owen Road Parkerville

Sat 14 September

Mount Helena Tavern Matt Sofoulis. 6.30pm. Free. 900 Keane Street Mount Helena

Hemingway & Co Brett Hardwick. 7.30-9.30pm. Free. 6 / 7095 Great Eastern **Highway Mundaring**

Parkerville Tavern Shane Turner. 6pm-9pm. Free. 6 Owen Road Parkerville

Bassendean Hotel Jammin with Charlie. 8pm-Late. Free. 25 Old Perth Road Bassendean

Cont. Sat 14 September

Settlers House York Les Karski. From 12pm. Free.

The Dukes of York. From 6.00pm. Free. 125 Avon Terrace York

Sun 15 September

Settlers House York The Back Verandah. From 12pm. Free. 125 Avon Terrace York

York Flour Mill **Emporium**

The Stromatolites 11am to 1pm. Free. 10 Henrietta Street York

Parkerville Tavern

Table for Two. 3pm-6pm. Free. 6 Owen Road Parkerville

Chidlow Tavern

Sally Jane. 12.30pm. Free. 4 Thomas St Chidlow

Bassendean Hotel

Bob Brisbane. 2-5pm. Free. 25 Öld Perth Road Bassendean

Rose & Crown Jared Herft. 2pm-6pm. Free. 105 Swan Street

Guildford **Tues 17 September**

Hemingway & Co Jazz – Harry Mitchell

piano, Danny Moss double bass, Bronton Ainsworth drums, Damien Denyer sax. 7.30pm-9.30pm. Optional \$10 cover charge. 6 / 7095 Great Eastern

Highway Mundaring Wed 18 September

Chidlow Tavern

Jam Session (All welcome). 7pm. Free. 4 Thomas St Chidlow

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Upcoming Events • Midland Friendly Garden Club meets at 9.30am alternate Thursdays at Bruce

Grow Plants and People Together. Visitors and new members welcome. For more information call Jenny on 0424 553 002 or Barbara on 0482 935 686. • York Business Association's next forum will be held at the CRC on Monday, September 16 from 6pm with a presentation

soc@gmail.com • Midland CWA meets at the Midland Railway Yards Blacksmith Lane (West) Midland on the third Wednesday of each

to Shop Local. Bring someone who is interested but not yet a member if you wish. Networking after with drinks and nibbles. For numbers rsvp by email to yorkbusas-

by Bev Atkinson on Getting the message

Douglas Pavilion, Brown Park, Salisbury

Road, Swan view. The next meeting will

take place on September 19. The guest

speakers will be Charles and Christel

Mathelot from the Wild Gaia Nursery who

will be talking on the subject of how to

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

• A reunion for Governor Stirling Year 5 **graduates** (equivalent to today's Year 12) who attended the high school in 1961 will be held at noon on Thursday, September 26 at the Rose & Crown Hotel, 105 Swan Street, Guildford. RSVP to Gillian (Hull)

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



for a new home long hours and just doesn't have or the time to train her. She is Contact Bakers Hill Dog Association preliminary final.

SWAN View were too good for Chidlow in the HFA

preliminary final with the 20.17 (137) to 5.7 (37)

victory seeing them fill the remaining spot in this

At the start of their 100-point win over the Cougars

the Swans flew out the blocks with successive goals,

Rudy Riddoch showed all of his evasive skills as he

weaved his way through the contests to deliver the ball

forward for Kane Higgins to mark and goal.
Caleb Butler was having an enthralling battle with

Jayden Bathurst in the ruck, although it was the smaller

Swans on-ballers who were making better advantage

of the contested ruck contests, Bradley Jetta managed

to find enough room to clear the ball out to his team's

The Swans managed to keep the Cougars scoreless

The Cougars were having enough trouble trying to

Then Luke Elliott was restricted to the goal square

They scored their first goal of the game after some

good work out of the centre when Matt Mallaby com-

with a leg injury, although they somehow managed to

slow down the rampant Swans without losing onballer

in the first quarter while themselves having had 11

shots on goal for a five-goal return.

Blake Offer to a hamstring injury.

slow down Swan View's scoring rate.

BRIAN PALLISTER

weekend's grand final.

Swans Districts

SWAN Districts take on Peel Thunder in a home preliminary final this Sunday after losing the second semi-final to

On the back of a stirring qualifying final win in Mandurah against Peel Thunder, Swan Districts moved to within one win of reaching the 2024 WAFL grand final.

But trying to beat the Royals without Aidan Clarke, Jesse Turner and Tom Edwards proved a challenge with East Perth ended up prevailing 11.6 (72) to 6.8 (44) to be the first team to advance to the 2024 grand final at Optus Stadium.

Swan Districts colts will also

Leigh Kohlmann kicked the

Nik Rokahr again did a power of work in the midfield for Swans with the former finishing with 29 possessions and three tackles, and the latter 28 touches and six tackles.

Rokahr was named a joint Sandover medal winner on

Ruckman Nathan Blakely was giving up plenty of size to East Perth's Scott Jones, but battled second semi-final for East Perth to kick the first goal of the game but it didn't take Swan Districts long to respond courtesy of Kohlmann.

After the Royals added their second, Kohlmann kicked his second for Swans before East Perth captain Christian Ameduri added another before quarter-time to give his team the five-point edge.

East Perth also managed the first goal of the second term but again it was Kohlmann keeping Swans in touch when he booted his third of the contest already.

Reidy then got on the board to tie scores up at the 14-minute mark of the second term, but the Royals managed four goals in the space of nine minutes in response to go into the half-time interval leading by 25 points.

It was just one goal apiece in the third quarter with the major for Swan Districts courtesy of Watson with the black-andwhites then able to manage just the one goal in the final term too through Brad Lynch with the Royals advancing to the grand final with the 28-point victory.



Swan Districts get another chance this weekend to make the WAFL grand final. **Picture: Nick Cambridge**

lose to East Perth 13 hit outs and five tackles. **CHRIS PIKE** It took only a minute into the

East Perth last Saturday.

play against Subiaco with a grand final spot on the line.

first three goals for Swan Districts of the second semi-final with the 32-year-old having now kicked 51 goals in 2024.

The other goals on the day came courtesy of Brad Lynch, Jiah Reidy and Bryce Watson.

Gun recruits Jye Chalcraft and

Monday evening.

Max Chipper returned to the team to play on the wing in the absence of co-captain Jesse Turner and compiled 22 possessions with Josh Cipro ending up with 22 touches, Tony Notte 20, Jake Pasini 19, Jehb O'Donohue 18 and Jackson McLachlan 18.

hard to finish with 19 touches,

advantage.

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Swan View kept Chidlow scoreless in the first quarter and fourth quarters of the Hills Football

iew into HFA gran

bined with Steven Schorer to get the ball forward for

The third quarter was by far the best for Chidlow as

Adam McKinlay went forward from his earlier on-

Shannon Fernando seemed to be enjoying his differ-

The Swan View coach gave his players a rev up at

Joseph Butler, Jake Higgins and Jackson Ryan were

The Cougars backline was under constant pressure

Kane Higgins added to his goal tally to end the game

Rudy Riddoch danced around the opposition as he

Jaxon Crook managed to find space 25m from goal

An eight-goal-to-nil last quarter will have Swan

View primed for this week's grand final against Picker-

ball role to kick three goals, while Luke Elliott man-

ent role deep in the backline as he ran the ball out on

the last break and they certainly answered the chal-

impassible in the backline repelling every Cougars ad-

as the ball kept coming back in from the centre ball

Shane Fitzgerald to mark and goal.

aged another one from the goal square.

they managed to keep pace.

more than one occasion.

lenge that was thrown down.

went forward to kick a goal.

where he marked and converted.

ing Brook at Mundaring oval on Sunday.

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Prime Gidgegannup land predicted to spark developer buzz

A LARGE portfolio of nine properties forming part of a tract of land that was once earmarked for a progressive townsite expansion in Gidgegannup - 40km northeast of Perth - has hit the market, under instructions by the Mortgagee in Possession.

End-to-end development specialist property services firm Effective Property Solutions (EPS) has been contracted by the Mortgagee in Possession to sell the land package of nine lots, comprising nearly 176 hectares, on Toodyay Rd.

Head of Property Investment at EPS Ollie Salimi said the significant development site land portfolio was zoned 'Urban' under the Metropolitan Region Scheme and 'General Rural and Rural Residential' under the City of Swan's Town Planning Scheme.

"These lots were once set to be part of ambitious plans to build a tourist, holiday and lifestyle destination for up to 4,500 residents within the rural townsite of Gidgegannup by former listed property developer Port Bouvard," explained Mr Salimi.

"Port Bouvard failed to settle on the 483 hectares and after its owner, Perth-based property magnate Michael Coleman, passed away it was sold in 2019 to a private syndicate of business owners."

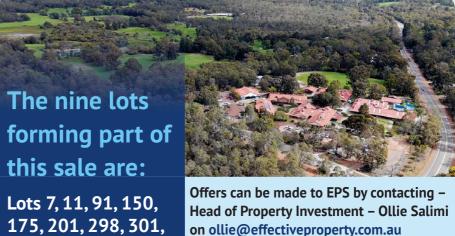
Mr Salimi said he believed interest in the land in the scenic Perth hills would be very strong from developers and owner occupiers seeking a rural change.

"We expect robust demand from rural residential developers within Western Australia and Australia and suspect it will also gain attention from offshore developers as this large tract of rural land is ripe for successful urban development," he stated.

"It's strategically situated, adjacent to the local town centre which encompasses retail outlets, medical amenities, a primary and high school, and a football oval.

"Any incoming developer would likely be looking to seek approval to subdivide the land into rural residential lots of 2000 sqm to 4000 sqm.

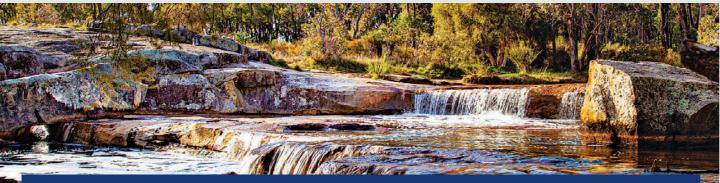
"The land will require connection to scheme water, however won't need the expensive connection to the main sewer catchment."



and 800 and total

175.85 hectares.

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