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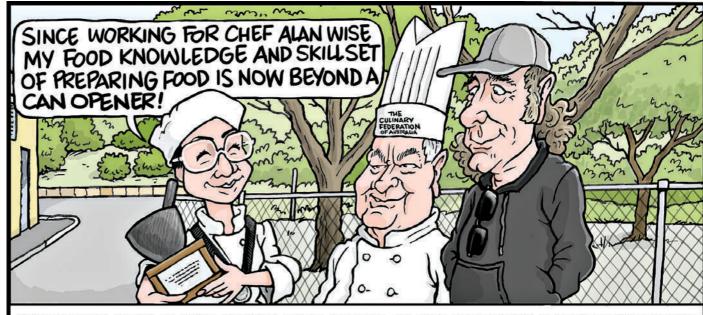




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APPRENTICE CHEF ALEXIS MIFSUD WHO WORKS AT THE STANDARD GAUGE RESTAURANT IN CHIDLOW HAS BEEN AWARDED THIS YEAR'S WA HOSPITALITY APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR BY THE CULINARY FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA.

## ECHO YOUR THOUGHTS

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#### Railway Parade is no place to park

Dear Echo News,

We're constantly being told that Railway Parade parking is being reduced.

Now it's a fact.

All day parking is being used by MetroNet patrons and most recently by St John of God hospital staff.

The total number of bays outside of Stockman units has reduced. and without a two-hour limit, means that visitors are unable to find vehicle space.

**B** Steels Midland

#### There is no provision for Midland **EV** charging

Dear Echo News,

Can you believe it? Despite 10 per cent of car sales now EV, the City of Swan has approached the Midland Junction Alliance, the group responsible for planning and construction of the new Midland train station.

This discussion confirmed that no provision has been made for future EV charging within the multistorey carpark.

There is no provision for separated bike paths and personal EV transport like scooters to and

#### Thought for the day

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow."

Helen Keller

from the station along major roads.

And this in a climate emergency that needs massive action to avoid falling off the precipice in the next 10 years.

**C** Hughes Midland

#### Open pool for school holidays

Dear Echo News,

With the school holidays coming up in the next couple of weeks it raises the question as to whether the Bilgomen Aquatic Centre will be open for the students and others

 Helen Keller that are on holidays.

> Is it the Shire of Mundaring's desire, as it has been in past years,

to have the centre closed thus sending many to Swan Active in Midvale. Come on Shire of Mundaring show some

community spirit and support the residents and ratepayers of this shire that you are not all cold hearted and open and close the pool before and after school holidays. It is a community fa-

cility, not a shire facility, when school holidays are on.

**E** Smith **Glen Forrest** 

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#### **Upcoming Events**

• The Save the Children Hills branch will hold a spring fund raising stall in the Mundaring shopping mall outside Woolworths from 9am to 3.30pm on September 27. Friday. The stall will include second-hand books, hand knits, rugs and small gifts and plants including vegetable seedlings. Dwarf tomato plants are also available suitable for patio pots. No EFTPOS available at the stall but an ATM machine is nearby.

 Wesley Chapel Uniting Church Guildford's Old Manse markets at 91 James Street, Guildford are on Saturday, October 5 from 8am to noon. Most items available for a gold coin. A sausage sizzle and tea or coffee and cake will be available for a modest cost. There is parking behind the

church. • The St Stephens Anglican Church will be running their market day on Friday, September 27 from 8.30am to 11.30am. There will be bargains galore at 9

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

#### Woofer of the week



Gizmo is an eight-yearold maltese and cavalier king charles spaniel. He is good with cats and other animals. He is very well behaved and only needs a new home due to his owner's ill health. He is sterilised, vaccinated and microchipped. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.

# Read





Life from an Old Stump

Some time back I cut down one of our gum trees at our place as it was too close to our house. I cut it back, leaving a two-foot-high stump. For years I was going to dig it out, but I never got

plants growing over it.

Recently after clearing away the overgrowth I discovered that life had sprung from the old stump. A shoot had grown on the outside of it and a new tree was developing!

around to it. It just remained an old stump - with

Life from the old stump reminds me of how we can have new life, even when we feel like an "old stump". This is a reality that Jesus taught us. In John 10:10 Jesus declared "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

In this life, as we face trials and troubles, we can easily become like an old stump or an empty shell. But if we would turn to God's Son Jesus and call on Him to forgive us of our sins, and ask Him to help us in life, He will refresh and renew us and revitalise us by His Spirit – new life!

For those who trust in Jesus, we read in **Psalm** 1:3 "They will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever they do, they prosper."

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## **Environment** minister's approval ties in habitat offsets Liberal candidates Adam Hort (Kalamunda) and Matt Moran (Bullwinkel) say federal Labor's decision gives a green light to the proposed North Stoneville development.

#### **ANITA McINNES**

FEDERAL Environment Minister Tania Plibersek says her approval of the North Stoneville development only relates to the project's effects on matters of national environmental significance.

In a letter to WA Premier Roger Cook on September 16 Ms Plibersek said of national environmental significance in structure plan 34 were the Carnaby's black cockatoo, Baudin's black cockatoo, the forest red-tailed cockatoo and the

"My department accepted that clearing associated with the development would clear habitat that could potentially be used by these species, however this could be managed by the offsets of other habitat within the area," she said.

'This is the standard approach to the approval of matters under federal environment law.

But WA Senator Linda Reynolds along with Liberal candidate for Bullwinkel Matt Moran and Liberal candidate for Kalamunda, Adam Hort said the decision gave a green light to the proposed development in the Perth Hills.

Their joint statement said the federal environment minister had the capacity and authority to defer the decision under the Act.

But the minister has now signalled approval for a development that has been opposed by local residents for more than three decades," the statement said.

Hasluck MHR Tania Lawrence said it had been hoped the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act of 1999 might have been an avenue to veto the proposed development, but it had been determined the matter sat with the state to decide.

"I stand with my community and oppose the proposal in its current form," she said.

In her letter Ms Plibersek said Ms Lawrence had also passed on concerns put to her by community groups like Save Perth Hills (SPH).

Ms Plibersek also received comments from Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil and deputy president Trish Cook, who is Labor's candidate for Bullwinkel.

Ms McNeil said the council remained opposed to the proposed development due to bushfire evacuation concerns and state environmental im-

"The federal decision, under the EPBC Act, is an environmental approval, however SAT will make the final decision, at a future appeal hearing, as to whether the development goes ahead or not," she said.

Ms Plibersek told the premier the federal government had no ability or authority to intervene in local planning or zoning decisions in relation to bushfire risks or traffic management.

"These are properly a matter for state governments," she said.

"I trust the WA government is taking every necessary step to address these concerns in accordance with your responsibilities.

SPH chair Peter Brazier said the environmental approval struck at the heart of Perth's hills, and demonstrated an indifference by the federal government of the bigger picture around environmental sustainability.

"This proposed development will wipe out a substantial swathe of natural environment in the Perth Hills, while, knowingly, placing thousands of homes, and thousands more people at bushfire risk and entrapment in a region that's already lost more than 150 homes to bushfire in 10 years,'

Save Perth Hills vowed to continue its opposition to what it said was an inappropriate 1990s style urban development in Stoneville which had been twice rejected by the WA Planning Commission, by the Department of Fire and Emergency, the Shire of Mundaring council, (twice) and by more than 3000 public submissions.



## **New petition on Movida noise wall**

**ANITA McINNES** 

A DECISION about the Movida noise wall has been deferred following a request from the Swan View Community Association, which has formed a noise wall action group subcommittee.

A letter from the Swan View Community Association secretary Bev Hanley presented at the City of Swan September 11 council meeting said noise wall action group was now working to engage with the wider community about the noise wall issue.

Owing to the fact that community members are unable to devote themselves full time to this endeavour it will not be possible for them to provide a response in time for the city's September meeting,' the letter said.

"We therefore request that the City continues to support their efforts by deferring item 14.2.1 Movida estate acoustic wall to the October meeting.

Deputy mayor and Midland Guildford ward councillor Ian Johnson moved a motion that the council resolve to defer a decision until it received a submission from the noise wall action group.

Cr Johnson said the reason for the motion was to give the newly-formed action group time to make

Freight train noise wall failure (Echo News, February 17, 2023) reported Swan View and Stratton residents saying the noise from freight trains, which never used to bother them, had become unbearable since the construction of the noise wall.

Previously the City of Swan has said the noise wall met the requirements placed on the developer by the Western Australian Planning Commission.

Following the February 8, 2023 council meeting an acoustic consultant was engaged to investigate noise reflections off the eastern side of the noise wall with two reports produced – one was based on desktop noise modelling and the second incorporated updated modelling and onsite noise measurements at five locations.

Visit the Noise Wall Action Group Facebook page for more information about the location of their new petitions – one petition is for City of Swan residents the other for Shire of Mundaring residents.

## **Traffic worries for Canning Rd persist**

**GUANHAO CHENG** 

CITY of Kalamunda says investigations into traffic conditions on Canning Road show a pedestrian crossing installation near Kalamunda Glades isn't necessary yet.

City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas said the city is committed to ongoing investigations into traffic conditions to ensure community safety.

"The city is aware of a community survey aiming to gather support for the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Canning Road at Kalamunda Glades," she said.

'The city has undertaken a comprehensive review.

"This includes two detailed traffic investigations: a 24-hour survey conducted on Friday, April 26 and an automatic traffic count from June 25 to July 1.

'These surveys assessed pedestrian and cyclist movement as well as vehicle speeds at the Canning Road and Lewis Road intersection.

"Additionally, a review of Main Roads' crash data over a five-year period from January 2019 to December 2023 revealed no reported incidents involving pedestrians or cyclists at the two pedestrian crossings on Canning Road.

This data suggests that the existing crossings have a strong history

of safety.

"The city values community input and will keep residents informed about any developments or decisions regarding this issue, should the status of this intersection

Kalamunda resident Chris Jones letterboxed 350 homes to see if the community agrees a pedestrian crossing should be installed on Canning Road to make a trip to the

He received 55 digital responses with a 90 per cent support rate of pedestrian crossing installation.

Mr Jones has been gauging the community opinion on the crossing installation since January, as reported in Call for another pedestrian crossing on Canning Road (Echo News, January 24).

He said the bar was set too high for what the city needed to see before installing a pedestrian crossing.

"Following Main Roads guidelines, not laws, monitoring 60 pedestrians per hour is what warrants a pedestrian crossing being installed," he said.

"I don't think any part of Kalamunda has that many pedestrians per hour.'

Mr Jones said it was illogical to base the installation of a crossing by using that method of measurement.

"To me, that's like saying if only one or two people swim across the Swan River, why would we build a bridge?" he said.

"The point is more people would cross the Swan River if there was a bridge because they wouldn't have

to swim.
"It's the same thing with pedes-

"They would be more than happy to walk across if it was safer to do

## **Upcoming Events in York:** A Perfect Time to Visit

Discover the best of York this September and October, as the town comes alive with a series of engaging events that promise to delight visitors of all ages.

#### THE YORK FESTIVAL September 20 to 29

Over two weekends, the multi-arts festival will feature theatre, dance, music, storytelling, and family-friendly workshops.

#### MEDIEVAL FAYRE Sunday, September 22 9am to 4pm

Travel back in time at Avon Park for a lively medieval experience. Enjoy sword fight performances, period food, and themed stalls.

#### SPRING INTO YORK October 4 to 6

Discover the beauty of gardens with a weekend dedicated to displays, tours, and talks across York. Free entry or gold coin donation.

#### 51<sup>ST</sup> YORK ART AND **CRAFT AWARDS** October 5 to 13

The Gala Opening Night on October 4 features artworks with free entry for participants and complimentary supper and drinks.

For more details and a full list of events, please scan the QR code. Mark your calendars and make the most of your visit!

In addition to these exciting events, be sure to catch "Runt." a movie filmed in York, arriving in cinemas from September 19.



September 10 with Craig Silvey, the author of "Runt

With so much happening, York promises an unforgettable visit for everyone.









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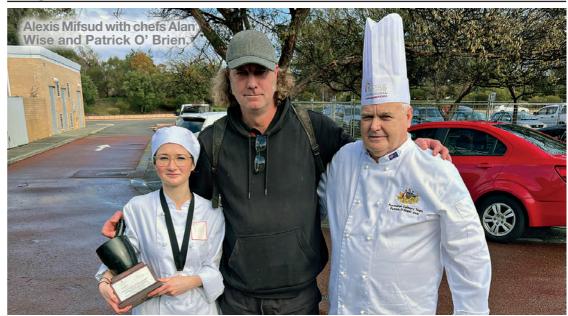
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## Apprentice of the year for Standard Gauge restaurant

JACKI ELEZOVICH

CHIDLOW apprentice chef Alexis Mifsud has been awarded this year's WA hospitality apprentice of the year by the Culinary Federation

Ms Mifsud said she was proud of herself and her

She works as a first-year apprentice at the Standard Gauge, a fine dining restaurant in Chidlow owned and run by Michelin starred chef Alan Wise.

Alexis made the decision last year to leave high school to pursue her passion for cookery and has been thriving in the industry since then.

"I have been under my apprenticeship with Michelin Star chef Alan Wise for just over seven months. I started working at the Standard Gauge in January, after I left school at the age of 16," she

"Working with Alan has helped me expand my

skillset and knowledge about food and how it is used to create new and creative dishes. Working with Alan and having the menu change daily and having new dishes come to the menu every week helps me expand my knowledge further and helps me understand the kitchen and how it should work.'

To nominate for the first-year apprentice category in the apprentice of the year competition, she said she had to construct her own recipes using an ingredient list sent by the culinary federation, along with a set of judging criteria.

My favourite aspect of my apprenticeship is learning something new every day and being able to expand my knowledge and get better at cooking

Ms Mifsud said she has big dreams for her future both in and outside of Perth's restaurant scene.

'My major goal for the future is to be able to work as a chef on cruise ships and travel around

## Free VacSwim lessons at Bilgoman and Mount Helena Aquatic Centres

THE state government will offer free VacSwim swimming lessons during the upcoming December and January school holidays.

As part of this cost-of-living relief measure, children enrolled in VacSwim at Bilgoman and Mt Helena aquatic centres will also enjoy complimentary entry to the venues for the full duration of their

The program aims to make essential swimming and water safety lessons more accessible by removing financial barriers, with the Education Department managing advance payments to venues, covering entry costs for enrolled children.

The initiative will provides local children with the opportunity to develop critical water safety

Enrolments close on Wednesday, October 16.

For more information on VacSwim enrolments and details about the program, visit the Department of Education's VacSwim website www.education.



Bilgoman Aquatic Centre.

## Road safety funding increased

state under the black spot and safer roads programs this year, a combined \$52 million investment by the state government.

Funding will deliver both current upgrades and crucial planning and pre-construction works, with a total of \$22m allocated for black spot projects and \$30m to safer roads projects.

Projects include upgrades to the Great Eastern Highway and Scott Street intersection in the Shire of Mundaring, the Wellington Street and Gordon Street intersection in the Shire of Northam, the Padbury Avenue and Moore Road intersection in the City of Swan, and overall improvements to Greenhills Road in the Shire of York and to Mooliabeenee Road in the Shire of Chittering, with works planned to cost more than \$1m.

In the last decade, WA road fatalities have been higher in regional areas than metro every year, with the highest disparity between regional and metro areas being more than 50 deaths in 2022.

SAFETY upgrades are to be delivered at more Road Safety Minister David Michael said the onal and metro locations across the funding highlights the government's commitment to improving WA's road safety.

"Unfortunately, deaths on regional roads are again over-represented in the fatalities data for the year-to-date, but we are working hard with road safety improvements such as these along with the regional road safety program to make our roads as

safe as possible," he said.

The planned projects include 63 improvement sites in regional areas.

According to statistics released by the state government, there has been a slow downward trend in road fatalities in WA over the past 20 years, however the number still sits tragically high, with 122 deaths already this year.

This \$52m injection will help deliver more than 100 projects across the state: critical upgrades like new safety barriers, sealed shoulders, roundabouts and traffic signals," she said.

"Improving road safety is a high priority for our



## **Expensive lesson for illegal dumpers following investigations**

TWO illegal dumpers have been taught an expensive lesson, with a court ordering them to pay thousands of dollars for dumping piles of rubbish in the City of Swan.

Illegal dumping is a major problem for the Swan community, harming the environment, costing ratepayers and creating safety haz-

At the Midland Magistrates Court in July, one offender paid the price for illegal dumping after pleading guilty to three charges under the Litter Act 1979.

The court agreed that the offender knew the materials should have been disposed of at an appropriate facility when he dumped them

illegally near Old West Road in Bullsbrook.

The materials included rotting food waste, smashed glass, flammable canisters and used

The court imposed a penalty of \$1500 and ordered the offender to pay the city \$809 for legal costs and \$2719 for clean-up costs.

In a separate matter dealt with on the same day, the court fined another offender \$500 and ordered them to pay the city \$1,128 for legal costs and \$735 for clean-up costs.

In that case, the court noted the illegally dumped materials were potentially blocking an emergency access way near Bernborough Avenue in Caversham.

Cleaning up illegal dumping cost the city more than \$1 million in the 2023-24 financial year and is a major problem for the Swan community, harming the environment, costing ratepayers and creating safety

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson welcomed the court's rulings and congratulated city staff on their investigations

Mrs Richardson said the city would continue to take a zero-tolerance approach to illegal dumping

"Not only is it unsightly, but illegal dumping also pollutes the environment, harms our flora and fauna and can impact human

"We're lucky to have so many beautiful natural assets in the City of Swan, including the Swan River, and it's a shame to see people choosing to do the wrong thing.

People have plenty of options for disposing of the rubbish they can't put in their kerbside bins, including our recycling centres in Malaga and Bullsbrook, the Red Hill Waste Management Facility or pre-booked bulk verge collections.

There's no excuse for illegal dumping."

To report illegal dumping to the city, use the Snap Send Solve app, call (08) 9267 9267 or visit www.swan.wa.gov.au/dumping.

## Mundaring's housing future is open for public comment

**GUANHAO CHENG** 

MUNDARING'S public question time during their most recent council meeting highlighted that residents can have a say in how they see land in their areas being developed.

Darlington Residents and Ratepayers Association member Louise Stelfox brought up the matter of a lack of housing for older residents in Darlington during public question time.

The recent application by the (Plymouth Brethren Christian Church) to develop 7 Hardy Road in Glen Forrest got me thinking," she said.

'I went to the development assessment panel and that evening there was a meeting and protest of people at 7 Hardy Road, at which a number of oldies were present.

"Some of those people wanted to downsize into a smaller property in Glen Forrest, and there was a young lady there with her child who said, 'My grandmother wanted to downsize in Glen Forrest. and she wasn't able to, so she had to move down the hill'

"In Darlington there are a number of oldies who are actually part of the engine room of the community, and it wouldn't be the same without them.

"Without somewhere smaller for them to live, they probably wouldn't be in Darlington, and they wouldn't be adding to the fabric and diversity that is in Darlington.

"My question to the shire is, is it time for the shire to allocate land for smaller lots in each village or community centre within the shire?

'People in a village centre, they don't necessarily want to downsize and move to Mundaring because they're not in their community.

"They want to be with the people they know and spend time with.

"Someone may not go and see someone elderly who's moved from Darlington, Boya, Swan View to Mundaring because it's a big trip to go up there."

Mundaring chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker said the timing of Ms Stelfox's question was great as council recently resolved to review its local planning strategy and local planning scheme.

"Part of that process will involve public consultation and that's the opportunity for the community to have input into how they see each of the individual areas progressing from a land use point of view," he said.

"There will be the opportunity for council to reassess its position in terms of the density of development that might be occurring in those areas. "Certainly, something the council can consid-

Ms Stelfox said she would like to see the shire

working with state government and developers to make smaller lot residences in the further communities mentioned

"My question is, is the shire willing to purchase land in areas which could be developed for these smaller lot residences for old people?" she said.

Mr Whiteaker said there was no direct intent now, but council was looking at exploring a land rationalisation strategy to identify existing land holdings and what potential future uses might oc-

"From council's perspective, and through our shire president who's been advocating strongly on behalf of the community, our aim is to attract private investment to provide these services and facilities back to our community," he said.

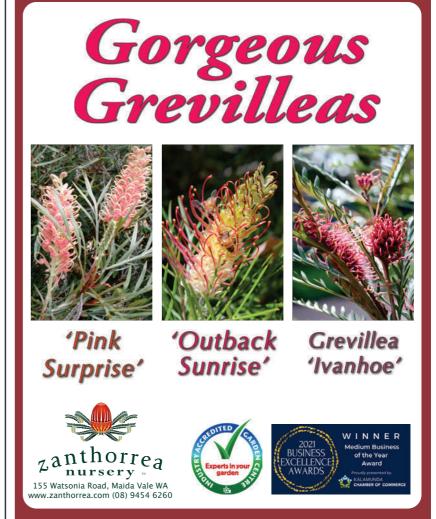
"Just a point in respect to the Hardy Road development approval that was recently granted — that certainly doesn't preclude the remainder of that site being developed for aged care.

"Along with the planning staff, we've been proactive in engaging with that group to see if there is an appetite for that kind of development to occur.'

Residents can take part in the consultation process and have their say by visiting Mundaring's engagement portal at engage.mundaring.wa.gov.au



Shire of Mundaring chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker.





## eye on crime

# Police investigate York death circumstances

HOMICIDE squad detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a 76-year-old man in York last Sunday.

About 8am on Sunday morning, St John WA advised WA Police Force they were responding to a report of a deceased man at a home on Avon Terrace.

Detectives from the Homicide

Squad are investigating the circumstances surrounding the man's death.

A 63-year-old man, known to the victim, is assisting police with inquiries

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report the information online at www.crimestopperswa.com.au

# Ellenbrook man on child exploitation charges dies

AN Ellenbrook man who was due to appear before the Midland Magistrates Court on Tuesday, September 17 died suddenly on Monday in non-suspicious circumstances.

WA Police said child exploitation operations squad detectives had charged the 56-year-old man, a former private school principal, as a result of their investigation into child exploitation material offences

On Tuesday, August 27, child exploitation operations squad detectives executed a search warrant at the man's Ellenbrook home where they seized electronic devices allegedly belonging to the man.

Police alleged a forensic triage of some of the devices seized identified child exploitation material on them

The offences occurred while the man was a principal of a college within the Perth metropolitan area.

At this time there is no evidence that any student of the college was depicted in the child exploitation material.

The man had been charged with one count of possessing child exploitation material, one count of fail to obey and unlawful possession of a controlled or prescription

If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you have information about someone being sexually abused, please contact police on 131 444, or report the information anonymously via the WA Police Safe2Say online reporting plat-

**SAT 9-1** 

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



strategic projects executive manager Carmel McKie and chief executive officer Sharon Gough. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

## Midland crisis hub receives grant

**GUANHAO CHENG** 

MIDLAND's Karnany Engagement Hub has received \$330,500 from a Lotterywest grant to provide relief for people directly affected by crises or experiencing homelessness.

Karnany Engagement Hub is an open-door service which offers a safe place for clients to share their story.

The latest Lotterywest grant comes on the back of millions given to Indigo Junction earlier in the year to develop their youth housing project and refurbish their women's shelter, as reported in *Indigo Junction receives \$5m grant for two major projects* (*Echo News*, April 26).

Latest recorded data shows that Karnany receives 500-600 contacts per month from people seeking support.

Indigo Junction chief executive officer Sharon Gough said the most recent funding had helped Indigo Junction achieve better quality of service in terms of what they could deliver.

"We're able to spend more time with people," she said

"We've obviously been able to recruit new staff and provide a more intensive level of service for people accessing both Karnany and Karlup engagement hubs

"Karlup tends to support families experiencing homelessness and young people, while Karna-

ny, only a few doors down, tends to support more adults and couples.

"People will connect with either of those services and be directed within or under the same roof essentially to the supports and services they need.

"In the last 12 months, we have provided emergency relief assistance to 1834 single people and families.

"Food is probably the most common — that alleviates some of the stress and pressure people are experiencing going day-to-day in survival mode."

Karnany Engagement Hub manager Krystle Addison, who recently created and organised the soup and paint event reported in *Swan's homelessness rises but services remain hopeful (Echo News*, August 9), said the increase in rough sleeping numbers was felt by the homelessness services industry.

"In 2022-23 at Indigo Junction, 256 people who were sleeping rough, homeless or at risk of homelessness were provided with support through our outreach and intensive case management programs.

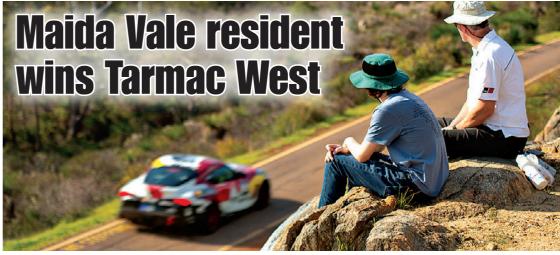
"No one in Australia should be living in poverty or experiencing homelessness and it's on all of us to make sure we demand our human rights as a reality and not allow any excuses for them not to be upheld."

Midland MLA Michelle Roberts said the latest funding boost for Karnany was well deserved.

"A quick response in a time of crisis can be life changing," she said.



MON- FRI 10-4



MAIDA Vale resident Brett Morse in his 2019 BMW M2 with co-driver Rodney Ng finished fastest at last week's Lance East Exotics Tarmac West.

After a three-year pause, the event saw 50 competitors race the clock on closed roads around Whiteman Park, Ellenbrook, Parkerville, Kalamunda, Toodyay, Maryville, Bullsbrook, Malaga and the City of Perth.

Morse was more than three minutes ahead of his nearest rival, the 2017 Lotus Exige of Heuson Bak and Roger Tan.

Competitors started at 30-second intervals, with the winner being the fastest over all 33 stages, a total of 250 competitive kilometres, across four days. Rounding out the top three was the rally's only EV

Rounding out the top three was the rally's only EV entrant, the 2019 Tesla Model 3P+ driven by Jurgen Lunsmann with co-driver and wife Helen Lunsmann, just 13 seconds behind Bak, and 3:17 minutes behind the winner, Morse.

Morse took the lead in day 2 and never looked back.

Day 2 was held in and around Parkerville and Kalamunda. Morse finished the day's six stages, 46.5km, in either first, equal first, second or equal second with Bak who similarly finished every stage first, equal first, third or equal third.

Morse said it felt good to end the day with a good result, taking the lead.

"The Parkerville and Kalamunda stages are more suited to our car," Mr Morse said.

"After the Kalamunda East stage, we came across some really nice spectators who asked for a selfie, they were having a wine and enjoying the rally action in the cun

"We're plugging along doing our thing, and a few things have fallen our way with competitors who've had issues," he said.

Kalamunda's Haynes Street was closed off and turned into a service park for a one-hour service and lunch stop.

Hundreds of spectators took the opportunity to get up close to the rally cars as crews furiously carried out repairs, maintenance and the usual checks and balances.

Competitors then tackled the notoriously tight Zig Zag stages, twice.

Two Kalamunda stages were cancelled because of delays, but that didn't dampen the spirits of competitors who were mostly all smiles on a beautiful 28-degree sunny day.

Mr Morse had a game plan, to go out hard and fast early, and the plan came to fruition.

"I'm thrilled, it's taking a bit to sink in, we work really hard in our sport and it's great to get a reward," he said.

He has contested seven Tarmac West events and his best previous result has been fourth (besides a win in the entry-level 130 Class in his first year).

"Thanks to Ross the event organiser, all the fans, my sponsors, G-Spec, it's a team sport, you can't do this one your own, and a huge thanks to Rodney my co-driver – to call notes doing warp speed is incredible, I don't think I could do it."

The event is only possible thanks to a dedicated committee and an army of 500 volunteers.



**EMRC CEO Marcus Geisler with chief** sustainability officer Wendy Harris.

## **EMRC** wins waste award

THE Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) has been awarded the 2024 Local Government - Regional Council winner for waste managemen initiatives at the Waste Authority's Waste Sorted 2024 Awards gala dinner.

The award recognised EMRC's commitment to sustainability and its comprehensive strategy to demonstrate circular economy leadership, minimise environmental impact, and create value for the communities it serves.

EMRC audit and recruitment committees member and Swan councillor Aaron Bowman said the award was a testament to EMRC's dedication to creating a sustainable future for the community through innovative waste management practices.

EMRC chief executive officer Marcus Geisler said the sustainability strategy is not just a plan but a reflection of the organisation's culture and values.

"The EMRC team is thrilled to be rec-

ognised by the community, industry peers and the state government as a leader and innovator in waste management and resource recovery," he said.

"The surpluses of our activities are reinvested into community-owned circularity infrastructure as well as education and engagement programs.

This accolade is a fantastic recognition of the hard work and dedication of the entire EMRC team, and we are proud to be acknowledged by the Waste Authority.

Mr Geisler said the name of the award, Waste Sorted, was a reminder of what can be done by all to help minimise waste generation.

"Sort the waste you generate and first try to reuse, repurpose, repair, or put it in the right bin so it can be recycled into new products," he said.

"(It's) a great opportunity to get involved and become part of the solution."



## **Cale St crossing** works closure

CALE Street's level crossing will close for a week from October 1 to facilitate critical works for the new Midland station project.

The level crossing is scheduled to close at 6am on October 1 and reopen at 6pm on Oc-

The Midland station project team has advised to plan ahead and follow the detour signs that will be in place.

During this time, the pedestrian crossing will also be closed, and an alternative crossing will be available at Morrison Road.

Bus route 301 will also include new stops along Yelverton Drive to provide north-south

A PTA spokesperson said the closure was to allow essential track works to be carried out on the freight line. "This will include replacing ageing track in-

frastructure such as sleepers, rail and turnouts, and repositioning signalling," they said. "These upgrades are crucial for the contin-

ued safety and efficiency of freight assets.' Resident questions can be directed to info@

metronet.wa.gov.au or 9326 3666.

## Dangerous Kalamunda hoon arrested

A 20-year-old man has been arrested following a dangerous hoon incident in the early hours of Saturday, September 7, in Kalamunda.

At around 12.35am, witnesses reported seeing a blue 2008 Ford Falcon utility performing burnouts and driving recklessly after exiting the car park of the Kalamunda Hotel.

The vehicle was seen speeding east on Haynes Street on the wrong side of the road before circling back to perform a second burnout outside the 777 Chemist, leaving visible tyre marks.

During the manoeuvre, the driver struck a kerb, heightening concerns for public

Following a detailed investigation, Forrestfield Police, in cooperation with Perth city detectives, identified and arrested the suspect at his home in Roleystone.

The man was served with a surrender notice for his vehicle and now faces multiple charges, including reckless driving, in connection with the dangerous behaviour in the Kalamunda town centre.

Forrestfield Police officer-in-charge Senior Sergeant Brad Robinson expressed frustration over the incident, highlighting the risks posed by such driving.

"This type of reckless driving is completely unacceptable and endangers our community. We are fully committed to holding offenders accountable," he said.

Senior Sergeant Robinson also thanked the local community for the information provided, which played a key role in the investigation

"This is a reminder that while everyone is welcome in our beautiful hills community,

those who engage in unacceptable behaviour can expect a swift response from local police," he said.

"The suspect now faces a range of charges as a result of his actions."



**CCTV** footage of hoon activity.



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Athena Powell, distributes food to more than 2000 families. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

## Forrestfield mum nominee for kindest Australian

**GUANHAO CHENG** 

A FORRESTFIELD mum who saves good food from becoming landfill and feeds thousands in need has become a state finalist in the search for Australia's kindest person.

Athena Powell volunteers for charity Feed it Forward, distributing food to more than 2000 local families from her car and home.

Ms Powell is a mother of four and performs these acts of service while also being a fulltime carer for her father.

She is one of three state finalists who were selected from hundreds of entries nationwide.

Ms Powell said she wasn't aware of the competition or her submission in it as she was nominated by one of the people she helped.

"One of the people who visited my food pantry nominated me," she said.

"She was visiting and just told me, 'By the way I nominated you and you're a state finalist'.

"I was like, 'What?' and she said she was thankful for the hard times that she got through because of our work, and thought it was worth a nomination."

Ms Powell said she grew up rough in

Forrestfield and Beckenham, and those memories helped give meaning to the work she does.

"Myself, I had a really hard upbringing and there wasn't food there so sometimes family members had to resort to stealing just to be fed," she said.

"My parents were druggies and by the time I turned 10-years-old, Mum was diagnosed with drug induced schizophrenia.

"We were left with our father, which wasn't good either, then after a \$300 power bill went unpaid, we had nearly no power growing up.

"We had enough to run the generator for an hour and quickly shower and feed me and my sisters and that was it.

"I started working at 14 to help pay at home and get out of that situation as soon as I could."

Echo News paid a visit during a Wednesday collection where donuts were being given away.

People patiently waited on Ms Powell's front lawn in the spring sunshine, some shielding their eyes with a hand on their brow, before they were given the signal to come in.

Without rushing or pushing, the people filed into a line and began taking a few

items from the shelves.

"I think I may have scared people off when I told them on Monday that photos might be taken," Ms Powell said.

"Usually there's no parking on the street from how busy it gets."

Community members who arrived took a moment to greet Ms Powell and catch up briefly, and all thanked her and said goodbye as they left.

Ms Powell said there still existed a deep-rooted shame for people to reach out despite the real hardships they faced.

One instance stood out to her that she said she had never forgotten.

"When it first started, I was donating to a local school that my kids go to and this kid came up to me," she said.

"He said, 'If it wasn't for what you do, we wouldn't have food on mum's off week of pay.'

"She had sent him over to thank me because she felt too ashamed to come over herself — they're too ashamed to come and I explain to them I've been in the same situation.

"I remember going home and crying, because it can just be heartbreaking.

"I do it because people deserve to at least stay fed and have food for their children."

# Five generations of Phyl Livingstone's family in 1995.



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## Phyl celebrates five generations again

PHYL Livingstone of High Wycombe has celebrated five generations of her family, not once but twice.

Mrs Livingstone was 61-years-old in 1995 when photographed with her mother Min Sutcliffe, 80, her daughter Yvonne Ball, 42, her granddaughter Joanne Stemp, 24 and her great grandson Brendan Stemp.

Earlier this year a family picture shows Mrs Livingstone, 90, her daughter Yvonne Ball, 71, her granddaughter Joanne Stemp, 53 and her great grandson Brendan Stemp, 29 and her great granddaughter Sailor when she was five-weeks old.

On Wednesday the Guinness World Records website said the most generations alive in a single family was seven in 1989 in the United States.

The youngest great-great-great-great-grandparent being Augusta Bunge (USA) aged 109 years 97 days, followed by her daughter aged 89, her grand-daughter aged 70, her great-grand-daughter aged 52, her great-great grand-daughter aged 33

and her great-great grand-daughter aged 15 on the birth of her great-great-great-great grandson on January 21, 1989.



Five generations of the family today.

## Malaga bus stations EV Upgrade

THE state's electric bus program is surging ahead, with contracts awarded to retrofit Perth's Malaga bus depot with EV infrastructure.

The Malaga depot will be the first in the state to receive major upgrades to support a large fleet of electric buses, which will have capacity to fully-charge 90 buses overnight.

The work follows the partial upgrade to the Joondalup depot in 2022, as part of a trial of four electric buses.

Perth businesses Civcon and Gemtek have been awarded the contracts, valued at \$12 million, to extend and realign the bus parking area and install EV charging equipment.

This marks another significant milestone in the \$250m joint initiative between the State and Federal Labor Governments.

The federal government has committed \$125m towards electric bus charging infrastructure in Perth, combined with a \$125m commitment from the Cook Government for the acquisition of 130 locally-manufactured electric buses.

The award of the contracts comes as the first electric CAT bus prepares to enter formal passenger services within the week.

The bus will be among 18 new electric buses to be used on the Perth CAT bus network and is expected to enter service in the next few weeks.

Electric buses have been operating in Perth since early 2022 when four were added to the Joondalup CAT route as part of a trial.

CAT route as part of a trial.

Since then, the quartet has carried more than 440,000 passengers and covered more than 380,000

kilometres, saving about 350 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions in the process.

Further conversions of bus depots to electric charging will be rolled out to support the future pro-

duction of electric buses.

Federal Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Devel-

opment and Local Government Minister Catherine King said Australia's transport sector was the third largest source of Australia's greenhouse gas emis-

"This is why our governments' pursuit of an electric bus network is critical for our transition to net zero," she said.

"The retrofitting of Malaga bus depot - which will be the first of many to be rolled out under this program - will deliver zero-emission public transport services for commuters now while supporting the growth of the WA capital.

"This means a more effective transport system, better outcomes for passengers, and lower noise levels and exhaust fumes in urban areas."

WA Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said in just two years Transperth's EV fleet had grown exponentially.

"What started out as four buses is now a commitment to provide 130 locally-built electric buses to be rolled out over the next two years," she said.

"As this program continues to expand, we must ensure we have the infrastructure in place to support the day-to-day running of these buses.

"Upgrades to existing depots, such as the one in Malaga, are essential to the smooth and efficient operation of the electric bus fleet now and into the future."

MHR Cowan Anne Aly said the program ticked many boxes for public transport growth in Perth's northern suburbs.

"This will also minimise the impact on the environment, making it an incredible investment from the Albanese Labor Government in partnership with the Cook Labor Government," she said.

"I'm pleased to see the Malaga bus depot in my

"I'm pleased to see the Malaga bus depot in my electorate of Cowan as the starting point for a new zero-emission roll out of electric buses across Perth – a win-win outcome for all."



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#### The pest and its impacts

Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) is a wood-boring invasive beetle that excavates tunnels, or galleries, in the trunks and branches of trees. PSHB introduces a *Fusarium* fungus into these tunnels which it cultivates as a food source.

The fungus spreads inside the galleries and disrupts the plant vascular system and the flow of water and nutrients. The galleries reduce the structural integrity of branches which will lead to branch failure and even tree death. This disruption also makes systemic insecticides and fungicides ineffective in treating PSHB.

Monitor trees and plants for PSHB symptoms including round, 1 mm diameter shot-holes in the trunk or branches, often associated with bark discolouration, staining, gumming and frass. Also look out for galleries when pruning branches and tree wilting or dieback.



#### **LOOK** for this pest

**Hosts** – Globally, PSHB has a known host range of more than 400 plant species. Over 130 host species have been confirmed in Western Australia. The box elder maple tree (*Acer negundo*) has been identified as the main host for the Polyphagous shot-hole borer.

#### Top hosts include:

Priority hosts

- Box Elder Maple (Acer negundo)
- Black Locust (Robinia pseudoacacia)
- Coral Tree (*Erythrina x sykesii*)
- Plane Tree
   (Platanus x acerifolia)
- Moreton Bay Fig (Ficus macrophylla)
- Poinciana
   (Delonix regia)
- Port Jackson Fig (Ficus rubiginosa)
- White Mulberry (Morus alba)
- Weeping Willow (Salix babylonica)



**Shot-holes** – the round entrance holes of PSHB are approximately the size of a ballpoint pen tip (1 mm).



**Galleries** – dark tunnels form where the beetle is cultivating the fungus. May be visible when pruning a tree or a branch has broken off.



**Dieback** – often the first visible symptom. The *Fusarium* fungus cuts off water and nutrient supply causing branch dieback.



**Staining/lesions** – the *Fusarium* fungus cultivated by the beetle can cause dark discolouration around the shot-holes.



**Frass** – the wood pushed out during the beetles tunnelling. This is a sign of an active infestation.



**Gumming** – thick resin or sap may form as the trees' response to damage, attempting to push the beetles out of the tunnels.



## **REPORT suspected PSHB damage**

- Inspect your trees for symptoms of PSHB
- Take photographs of anything suspicious
- Include a pen or a ruler in your photographs for scale





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**Chidlow Tavern** Replikate. 6.30pm. Free. 4 Thomas St Chidlow

**Rose & Crown** Alexs Rhys. 5pm-8pm. Free. 105 Swan Street

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

**Woodbridge Hotel** Slice (Kurt Carrera). 9pm. Free. 50 East Street Guildford

#### Sat 21 September

**Parkerville Tavern** Neil Adams. 6pm-9pm. Free. 6 Owen Road Parkerville

**Mount Helena Tavern** Sound Wave Trio. 6pm. Free. 900 Keane Street Mount Helena

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**Settlers House York** Graeme Fisher. 12pm. Free. The Dukes of York. 6.00pm. Free. 125 Avon Terrace York

#### Sun 22 September **Glen Forrest Sporting**

Club Open Mic. 4.30pm. Free. 33 McGlew Road Glen Forrest

**Parkerville Tavern** Andy Pearce. 6pm-9pm. Free. 6 Owen Road Parkerville

**Imperial Homestead** Beth Chia. 6pm. Free. 83 Avon Terrace York

**Settlers House York** The Jukes of York. 12pm. Free. Beth Chia. 6pm. Free. 125 Avon Terrace York

Rose & Crown Terry Hart. 2pm-6pm. Free. 105 Swan Street Guildford

**Chidlow Tavern Orient Express Car** Show w/ Red House Blues Band. 12pm. Free 4 Thomas St Chidlow

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#### Mon 23 September

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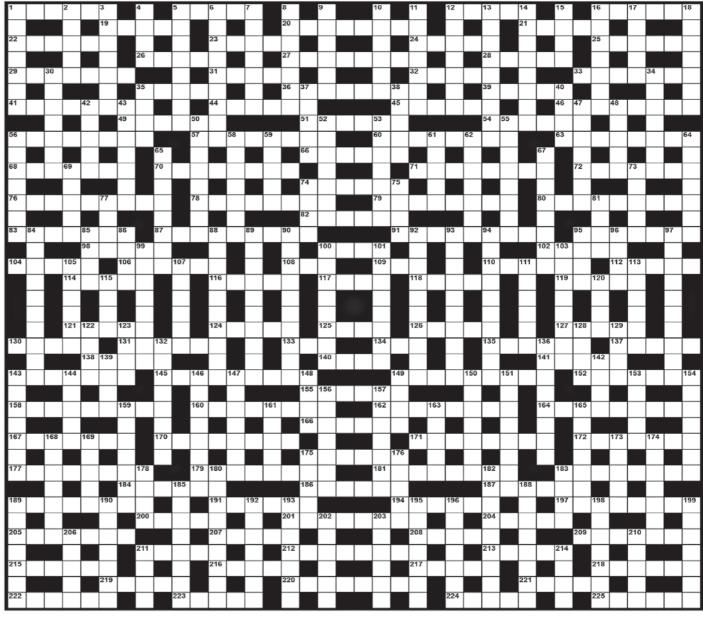
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bushfire response capabilities. It is equipped and designed to support our firies with improved facilities for operations and training, including changerooms to support our growing female participation.

But this station is much more than a building - it's a symbol of our collective commitment to preparedness and emergency response, reflective of the spirit of service. I encourage all residents to prepare their properties and if you need assistance, please contact the Shire on (08) 9290 6696.

Planning decisions affect the way we use and develop land. That's why Council has committed to creating a new, contemporary Local Planning Scheme and Strategy to guide future planning in alignment with our vision -The Place for Sustainable Living. New planning schemes don't come around often, so here's your opportunity to shape our future by completing the survey at engage.mundaring. wa.gov.au/local-planning-scheme-review

The Quarantine Area for the Polyphagous shot-hole borer, the pest that's wiped out hundreds of trees around Perth, has widened across the entire metro area. While the borer hasn't been identified in the Shire of Mundaring yet, we're calling for roadside signage along Great Eastern Highway to increase awareness. It is critically important not to move wood and green waste outside of the Quarantine Area. Please, check your trees particularly Moreton Bay and Port Jackson figs, Box Elder Maple, Robinia, Coral, and London Plane trees and report suspected beetle activity to PSHB@ dpird.wa.gov.au

A milestone birthday for Mundaring Toy Library - celebrating 50 years! It's amazing to think of how many little faces have lit up with delight when choosing a toy or puzzle for half a century! Thanks to past and present volunteers for helping our youngest learn, play and grow in the Shire of Mundaring.

Paige McNeil **Shire President** 

#### **Traineeship Positions**

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Potential candidates are encouraged to visit the Shire's website for more details. Applications close on Monday 14 October.

#### **News Splash!**

A new watering station for our feathered friends has recently been installed at Sculpture Park.

Thanks to the generosity of local business ABM Landscapes, this new feature now graces the park, providing a vital water source for our bird population.



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The Shire is also planning to install two additional watering stations, with locations currently under consideration.

#### What's On

#### 1 October **Ordinary Council** Meeting

**Tuesday 8 October** 

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 October at 6.30pm at the Shire Administration Centre.

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

#### 4 Care to Rewear Saturday 5 October

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#### 3 In Conversation with Dave Warner Wednesday 23 October

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More classifieds on page 18.

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The purpose of this local law is to provide for the establishment, organisation, maintenance, administration and funding of bush fire brigades. The effect of this local law is that bush fire brigades will be organised and managed to comply with this local law.

You can view a copy of the proposed local law at the City's Administration Centre, 2 Midland Square, Midland or any of the City's libraries.

To have your say on the proposed local law, send a submission to the CEO by Monday, November 11, 2024.

Submissions should include your name, address and the reference Proposed Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2024. Submissions can be made:

By email to swan@swan.wa.gov.au

- By post to City of Swan, PO Box 196, Midland WA 6936

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Notice is hereby given for public information that the Shire of Mundaring, at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 10 September 2024, resolved to:

a) adopt the Heritage Requirements for Planning Proposals Local Planning Policy; and

b) revoke the Shire's Heritage Planning Local Planning Policy PS-02.

A copy of the adopted policy can be viewed on the Shire's website: www.mundaring.wa.gov.au

Any further information can be obtained by contacting the Shire's Planning Department on 9290 6666 or via

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#### **DRAFT LOCAL HERITAGE SURVEY – INVITE TO COMMENT**

The Shire is inviting comment on its draft (revised) Local Heritage Survey (LHS) which can be found via the Shire's website: www.mundaring.wa.gov.au

The draft LHS is also available to view online at the following locations:

- Albert Facey Memorial Library (1 Nichol Street, Mundaring)
- Katharine Susannah Prichard Library (119/135 Scott Street, Helena Valley)
- The Hub of the Hills (8 Craig Street, Mundaring)

Submissions can be sent via post or email:

Post to: Shire of Mundaring, 7000 Great Eastern Highway **MUNDARING WA 6073** 

Email: shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au

Submissions in relation to the draft LHS will be accepted by the Shire of Mundaring, in writing until close of business on Friday 18 October 2024.

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## Swan View wins | the grand final

**BRIAN PALLISTER** 

THE Hills Football Association grand final was a fairly even affair until the second half when Swan View stepped up a gear on their way to a 17.10 (112) to 9.6 (60) win over Pickering Brook.

Swan View's Josh Hollingum was awarded the Bob Gardner medal for the best player in the grand final.

He was also the winner of the Benjamin Seabrook medal as the season's fairest and best.

In front of a crowd of about 700 spectators Swan View got off to a quick start with the first goal on the board.

Bradley Jetta seemed to be everywhere.

Pickering Brook were equally quick to respond as they started to control the contests and Brett Wolfenden and Michael Brescacin scored goals.

Steven Caccetta and Matthew Outridge swooped on anything loose around the packs delivering the ball forward with pinpoint accuracy.

The Hawks carried an 18-point lead into the first break

Swan View lifted, outscoring the Hawks by 12 points in the second quarter.

Josh Morris went for a run from the back pocket to score a goal.

Kane Higgins then also converted after marking after a strong lead.

Josh Hollingum and Rudy Riddoch worked their way into the game. With only six points separating the two teams

at the long break the game was poised to go ei-

The wide expanses of Mundaring oval offered plenty of open space.



Josh Hollingum from HFA's 2024 premiership team Swan View won the Bob Gardner medal and the Benjamin Seabrook medal.

Swan View shuffled the magnets and came out with a different mindset.

Joseph Butler and Kane Higgins started to get the better of their immediate opponents. Shannon Fernando swooped on anything loose clearing the ball out to where Bo Hyatt, Jake and Jordan Dyer were waiting to take possession.

The Hawks backs found themselves under constant pressure as the ball kept coming in. A six goal to one third quarter had Swan View up by 26 points at the last change.

Swan View carried their momentum into the last quarter.

Jackson Ryan went into the ruck where his fresh legs offered Swan View even more drive.

Caleb Butler went forward with good effect as he managed to score a couple of goals.

Swan View continued to find open space as their players queued up for possessions.

Harley McInerney didn't give up trying and Brett Wolfenden managed a late goal.



## Swan Districts out of grand final

**CHRIS PIKE** 

SWAN Districts kicked the only five goals of the first quarter in the WAFL preliminary final, but Peel Thunder took charge from there with 15 goals to four the rest of the day to end up winning 15.13 (103) to 9.2 (56).

A crowd of 7192 people turned out for Swan Districts' first preliminary final appearance since 2012.

Leigh Kohlmann, Ben Hewett and the returning Tom Edwards all kicked two goals apiece in the preliminary final for Swan Districts.

Sandover medallist Nik Rokahr collected 23 possessions for Swans to go with laying nine tackles while Josh Cipro picked up 18 disposals and Jye Chalcraft 18.

Captain Brandon Erceg fought hard down back for 17 possessions and 10 marks with Brayden Noble finishing with 15 disposals, Nathan Blakely 15 (17 hit outs, seven tackles), Max Chipper 14 and Will Collins 14.

Swan Districts opened the preliminary final having the breeze behind them.

It took less than two minutes for the first goal of the contest thanks to Hewett and soon after Edwards kicked two to mark his return after missing the first two weeks in the first finals appearance of his 66-game career.

Jackson McLachlan also snapped truly when he found space at the top of the goal square and then Hewett kicked his second and suddenly Swans had five goals on the board inside the first 16 minutes.

Peel did wrestle back a degree of control in general play the rest of the first quarter but only managed seven behinds with Swan Districts in charge by 24 points at quarter-time.

Peel kicked two quick goals to start the second quarter and then three more in quick succession midway through the term to hit the front before Swan Districts stayed in touch thanks to Kohl-

But Peel managed one more before half-time to see the visitors go into the main break leading by

Despite the breeze back behind them in the third quarter, Swan Districts could not manage a goal until the 17-minute when Lewis Tester sneaked forward and snapped truly on his left boot for the second goal of his 22-game career.

Peel were still leading by 15 points at three quarter-time but Swan Districts were back within striking distance when Bryce Watson kicked a goal following a 50m penalty early in the last term.

But the Thunder then scored seven goals to one to end up winning by 47 points to advance to the league grand final against East Perth this weekend.

Meanwhile, in the colts preliminary final Swan Districts produced a big finish to beat Subiaco 10.10 (70) to 8.9 (57) to book their spot in the colts grand final.



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