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ECHO Celebrations



Swan View couple celebrate 60 years of marriage

LONGTIME Swan View residents Russell and Bernadette Waugh celebrated 60 years of marriage last month with their extended family.

Mr Waugh said the couple have lived in Swan View for 53 years and couldn't imagine living anywhere else.

They both graduated from UWA with their bachelor's degrees in the class of 1963 and married the following year.

In their Swan View home, they raised three children together and welcomed nine grandchildren to the Waugh family.

The entirety of their extended family came home to help them celebrate their diamond anniversary, celebrating with a home-cooked meal by Bernadette and some quality family time.

Both Russell and Bernadette have been active volunteer workers in the local community throughout their time living in the Swan View area and were

awarded medals of the Order of Australia in 2019 for their contributions to community life and wellbeing.

Annually, they organise a Christmas appeal through the St Vincent charity and have consistently provided around 60 free food hampers and roughly 400 presents to Perth families and children in need at Christmas time.

These gifts come from donations and are collated by Russell and Bernadette and distributed through St Vincent's.

Still keeping busy, Bernadette has picked up photography and was recently awarded third prize in the Mundaring Photographic Exhibition, which is currently being shown at the Boya public library.

Russell is a former president of the Shire of Mundaring and for the last 25 years has delivered free science incursions to local primary schools to help younger kids learn about science and have fun with experiments.

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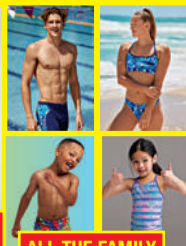
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ECHO Obituary

Remembering Father John Ward

FATHER John Ward was the parish priest of Kalamunda for 11 years and was remembered at a funeral service honoured by the attendance of hundreds from the wider community.

Fr John was involved in a number of community activities, being particularly enthusiastic about the Mundy Regional Park course of the ParkRun community events.

He was known for representing a number of different Christian churches, working together with priests, ministers and pastors of other denominations.

Fr John facilitated the process of bringing the parish of Lesmurdie and the parish of Kalamunda together into the parish of Kalamunda-Lesmurdie.

He then oversaw services at both St Barnabas and St Swithun's Church.

Parish of Kalamunda-Lesmurdie assistant curate Grahame Bowland said Fr John was well respected by many.

"John was very well known and well regarded in the area, and I've been moved by how many people beyond the immediate church community have been coming to the church to pay their respects at the prayer services we have held after his death," he said.

"We estimate that 350 people attended.

"In his time in the parish John

served the community with kindness and generosity.

"It wasn't unusual for John to take a baptism, a funeral, or a wedding having met a family while out walking his dogs, or when people came into the op-shop."

Fr John was born on May 4, 1962, in Morawa and grew up on the family wheat and sheep farm.

He studied zoology at the University of Western Australia.

It was during his university years that he found God.

Fr John met his future wife Julie Ward at Youth Synod, and it was through their committee meetings that they got to know each other.

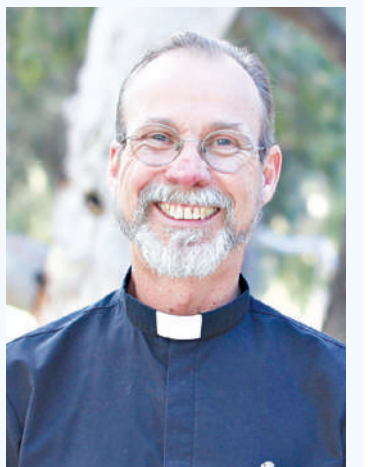
In 1986 they married, and it was around that time Fr John felt a calling to the ordained ministry.

He completed a bachelor of divinity and was ordained deacon and priest in 1991 by Archbishop Peter Carnley.

His first role was as the mission priest, attached to the parish of Rockingham-Safety Bay, to start a church community in the rapidly growing suburb of Warnbro.

The success of St Brendan's by the Sea, Warnbro, meant a lot to Fr John.

Over the years, he had been involved in parishes in Fremantle, Belmont, Yokine, Yanchep, Heathridge and finally Kalamunda-Lesmurdie.



Later, his work as Archdeacon of Sudanese Ministry was immensely satisfying to him and led to life-long friends and many fond memories of joyful worship.

A gifted artist, Fr John encouraged others to create visual expressions of Christian experience.

He also served on the board of the Mandorla Art Award for a number of years.

On August 2, Fr John was diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer and was admitted to SJOG Midland for pain relief and to deal with other cancer related issues.

After a week, he went home for nine days, during which he started chemotherapy to slow the spread of the cancer.

However, the cancer spread aggressively, and he was taken back to hospital by ambulance on August 19.

Fr John died peacefully during the night of August 20, leaving behind Mrs Ward, their three children and their partners, and two grandchildren.



Graph of regional ecological linkages (dark green) superimposed on Bush Forever sites (light green) in proximity to the amendment 1421 area.

Swan councillors vote not to support Brabham amendment

ANITA McINNES

SWAN councillors have voted to not support metropolitan region scheme amendment 1421, which if approved by the Western Australian Planning Commission would allow urban development close to Whiteman Park station and remove a Bush Forever classification.

Concern Bush Forever link to Whiteman Park cut off (*Echo News*, August 2) reported the rezoning proposal including some Bush Forever and land once owned by the Whiteman and Day families to urban would remove the Bush Forever 200 designation over about 1.22ha.

The officer's report presented to the September 11 council meeting made separate recommendations in relation to different parts of the amendment.

The report recommended no objection to land being rezoned urban deferred, which was currently reserved public purpose – special uses and primary regional road, to facilitate investigation of the potential alignment of a water trunk main through the area and determination of the final extent of regional road requirements for the Drumpellier Drive and Youle-Dean Road intersection in Brabham.

No objection was recommended to the removal of the Bush Forever classification along the existing Isoonod Street alignment, to reflect the current use of the land.

However, the report recommended the need for further investigation of the retention and potential planting of vegetation within part of the parks and recreation reserve to establish an appropriate balance between preservation and restoration of the environmental values of the land reserved for parks and recreation and future development.

But councillors voted 9-5 following an alternate motion put forward by Altona ward councillor Amanda Dorn to advise the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) that it did not support proposed metropolitan region scheme amendment 1421.

Cr Dorn's motion also included that the council request the WAPC as the landowner to improve the environmental values of the parks and recreation reserve through significant planting of target specific species of flora found in the area, to enhance the ecological link identified over the site and to benefit the broader area where vast areas of vegetation is lost to accommodate residential development.

At the September 4 agenda forum Friends of Whiteman Park president Harry Gratte spoke against rezoning the land now zoned parks and recreation to urban.

Mr Gratte said as the Brabham 3 local structure plan had been sent back to the developer to be cor-

rected and improved the plan for the land that was the subject of amendment 1421 should also be included.

He said that would allow an opportunity to reinstate ecological linkage 32, the flora and fauna corridor meant to connect wildlife from the Swan River through Bush Forever Site 200 into Whiteman Park.

"Ecological linkage 32 has been destroyed by poor planning, yet it still shows up on the City of Swan website and on government websites, so it needs reinstating," he said.

When speaking for the successful motion Cr Dorn said the council would be going against the city's own local biodiversity strategy, which listed the ecological linkage under debate as a priority for protection, and also questioned who wanted to live right up against Drumpellier Drive.

Pearce ward councillor Aaron Bowman, who was against the motion, asked the city's planning chief if the identified ecological link went over existing development and the train station.

Planning and development executive director Leon Van der Linde said it was correct the ecological corridor was shown going over Bush Forever sites and to the north of the site it ran through an area already zoned urban and past the train station and then through where the Brabham shopping centre was located.

Cr Bowman said because houses and a train station were already being built the ecological link was redundant but the council could ask the WAPC to shift the ecological link.

Mr Gratte said the ecological linkage 32 site could also be used for a primary school as that would fit with the Whiteman Park objective of education.

"The Education Department in its submission on the previous LSP said that primary school site there was too small," he said.

"Others identified that there was no drop-off road and there was insufficient buffer to a sewerage pump station."

Mr Gratte cautioned that the impact of any development on the hydrology of the site and nearby bushland, in particular Bush Forever sites that contained threatened ecological communities, was of paramount importance.

"Groundwater rises under urban, and this was great at Ellenbrook over the deep sands.

"It was a win, win situation because it meant the Department of Water was able to extract more water from its bores.

"But in Dayton, Brabham and Henley Brook, where the soils are sand over clay, the hydrology has been a complete fail.

"There are places where the groundwater is as high as 300mm below the slab."

Pest beetle concerns



Nationals candidates Lisa Logan and Mia Davies with Mick Padula discussing the spread of PSHB.

ANITA McINNES

A BULLWINKEL candidate says businesses in the expanded polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) quarantine area are now on tenterhooks amidst fears the pest continues to spread unchecked.

The Nationals candidate for Bullwinkel and Central Wheatbelt MLA Mia Davies said the unwanted pest was devastating the Perth suburban tree canopy with the potential to spread to the Perth Hills and Avon Valley.

Ms Davies said she had recently visited a business in the Perth Hills whose future could be wiped out if the beetle continued to spread unchecked.

But the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) said they had undertaken surveillance on 37 commercial grower properties in the Perth Hills to check for signs of PSHB.

A DPIRD spokeswoman said growers who had concerns could request DPIRD surveillance at their property.

The spokeswoman said the department was leading an unprecedented biosecurity response, the single biggest in its history.

"This includes a more than 150

strong response team that has inspected more than 2 million trees to date," she said.

"In addition, more than 3000 surveillance traps are out in the Perth metropolitan area and across the regions."

Echo News asked the department if PSHB was to get into non-reproductive hosts such as citrus and grapes in the cities of Swan and Kalamunda and the Shire of Mundaring was there any concern that the citrus and grape industries could be affected, especially financially if citrus trees and grape vines need to be pruned to save the plant.

The spokeswoman said globally, citrus trees and grape vines have not been found to be highly susceptible to PSHB attack.

"DPIRD has inspected over 63,500 citrus trees and less than 0.03 per cent have been infested by PSHB," she said.

"Of the over 15,500 grape vines inspected, no signs of PSHB have been detected.

"Unfortunately, no chemical treatment has proven effective anywhere in the world and some infested tree species can die within two years.

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Street verges in poor state

Dear Echo News,

I am writing about the poor state of our street verges in Highpoint Boulevard, Ellenbrook, and the Woodlake Park gardens which are opposite our home where we have lived for over 26 years.

At present thistles and other weeds are over 1.5m high and are growing on both curbs in our street and in and near the Woodlake Park gardens and entwined amongst the Geraldton wax plants.

With quite a few of these thistles over 2m high now, the seeds are starting to spread into nearby homes and back into the Woodlake Park gardens.

I have tried to contact three of the city's Pearce Ward councillors of the City of Swan over the past three weeks with no response.

One of the councillors from another ward had told me that Ellenbrook is a cash cow for the City of Swan.

In the recent past we had two good council workers in Blair and Paul who did a good job, but they have now been moved on.

In 2000, Highpoint Boulevard won the award for the best street in the suburb from the Ellenbrook Garden Club, but we would have little chance now of any award due to gaps in street trees including ours plus the big thistles and weeds making the street an eyesore.

During the first week in September, I asked for a new street tree seeing we had not had one for five years, but I was fobbed off by council staff who said that I should have applied in winter.

I tried to point out that the booklet with the rate notices had suggested about applying for a street tree to improve the street canopy.

The last tree I had received had come in November and was dead by the following February.

I am a life member of the Ellenbrook Garden Club, was a finalist in the City of Swan citizenship awards in 2003, won a City of Swan community leader award in 2006, the Lew Whiteman award in 2009, a special volunteer award from the City of Swan in 2015 and a member of Ellenbrook Lions Club for 20 years winning several awards.

I hope that this letter may prompt some action from the City of Swan as getting no response from any coun-

cillor to date has been disappointing.
J Edgecombe
Ellenbrook

Salvos need emergency volunteers

Dear Echo News,

There is nothing quite like an Australian summer.

Between the comforting warmth, the adventure of being outdoors and the enjoyment of sharing in the Christmas and New Year seasons, there is something very special about this season in Australia.

However, it isn't all sunshine and rainbows.

In fact, traditionally this season is responsible for some of the most devastation, heartbreak and destruction that we will see all year. Unsurprisingly, the cause of so much heartbreak are our natural disasters.

We at The Salvation Army know this all too well.

Our Salvation Army Emergency Services (SAES) teams are stationed around the country ready to spring into action whenever a disaster hits; whether it be fire, flood, cyclone, earthquake, or any number of physical disasters, the Salvos are there.

Our dedicated team of staff and volunteers have been around for decades, over 130 years in fact.

As we look towards the upcoming disaster season, The Salvos are preparing, but we need the support of the Aussie public to help us do this.

We need 1000 Aussies to sign up to volunteer with the SAES by the start of summer, to ensure we can meet the needs of the community wherever a disaster might strike.

During a disaster, The Salvos are responsible

Thought for the day

"Failure is an amazing data point that tells you which direction not to go." — Payal Kadakia

for providing meals and refreshments to first responders and evacuees, as well as material needs for displaced community members. We also are there for people, offering a listening ear, a compassionate hug, and a shoulder to cry on.

During a disaster, when people see the Salvos volunteers, they see people with friendship and hope to offer. As a volunteer, you can be a part of that.

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Daryl Crowden
Salvation Army
Emergency Services

Traffic lights the answer?

Dear Echo News,

Last week I was walking along Railway Road, Kalamunda and at the intersection with Elizabeth Street there was yet another pranged vehicle there waiting for assistance to be removed.

Fortunately though, no one appeared to be injured.

Now, as previously discussed on these pages, it is apparently impractical to construct a roundabout here, but something must be done before a fatality occurs, and in this respect maybe traffic lights would be the answer.

However, I suspect

the powers that be will not want to impede the traffic flow along Railway Road so I guess the status quo will continue until someone is killed.
C Coulthard,
Gooseberry Hill

Cale Street crossing chaos

Dear Echo News,

Months ago, the Cale Street crossing was opened with great fanfare, a milestone of incompetency and chaos, that left us with the southbound lanes reduced to one, a barrier that is too short, vehicles still to this day turning into Railway Parade East though the No Entry signs, lights too bright and sounds that you estimate will be measured in 18 months time.

That is in addition to a lack of vehicle parking along Railway Parade, a shortfall that has enormous consequences.

But the main point here is the barrier installed for the opening.

Too short, something I was told months ago would take three weeks to fix. It needs replacing, and so the question has to be, when?

We have been told that the crossing will be completely closed very soon, and trust the reopened one will allow for two lanes to be used for vehicles moving south.

This is an embarrassing situation for Metronet.

Grand openings, short comings, and bureaucratic answers to our very personal issues.

B Steels
Midland

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Community urged to Burn SMART

PETER W LEWIS

THE Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is urging the community to safely undertake planned burns now, while conditions are mild, ahead of a potentially challenging bushfire season.

Earlier this week a burn-off demonstration was held at a Kalamunda property owned by Mark Jackson, a Kalamunda Bush Fire volunteer, and his wife Carol, where they talked about the measures they have in place to protect their home from bushfire.

As a volunteer firefighter Mr Jackson has seen first-hand how quickly fire can threaten life and homes.

"It is essential to get the fuel load around your house clear to the point where things are not going to go so fast that you can't manage them," Mr Jackson said.

Mrs Jackson said it was important to protect your property.

"It's an all the year round job, gutters have to be clear, firebreaks have to be clear, and this time of year you have to burn responsibly," she said.

Also in attendance was DFES Bushfire Centre of Excellence chief superintendent John Tillman who discussed the importance of preparing properties and Burn SMART resources available to help people safely manage their burns.

"What we want people to understand is that they should be managing the fuel on their properties, particularly in the cooler time of the year," Mr Tillman said.

A DFES spokesperson said the window for planned burning could close early this year due to warmer-than-usual conditions, and community members are being urged to conduct planned burning and mitigation ahead of what looms as another challenging bushfire season.

Last season was longer and more intense than recent years with volunteer and career firefighters responding to 5088 bushfires between October 2023 and May 2024 - 1000 more than the same period the previous season.

The Bureau of Meteorology has forecast warmer than usual temperatures throughout most of Western Australia during spring. Coupled with an already dry landscape across southern WA, this means bushfires that start ahead of summer have the potential to escalate quickly.

Planned burns on private property can significantly reduce fuel loads and the potential for major damage during bushfire season but it is crucial they are conducted safely so they do not escalate and damage the environment or put life and property at risk.

Burn SMART resources, available on the DFES website and YouTube channel, help simplify the process of developing a burn plan for properties.

The resources also explain what fuel and weather conditions mean and outline the local requirements.

Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Darren Klemm AFSM said the free Burn SMART resources included a planned-burn guide and checklist to help landowners prepare.

"Bushfires are inevitable in Western Australia, but planned burns can substantially reduce the intensity and speed. A well-planned burn could save your home, it's that simple," he said.

"It is crucial that everyone plays their part to reduce bushfire risk and prepares their property, especially as the frequency and severity of these incidents increase.

"Western Australians are also encouraged to register their planned burns with DFES to reduce the number of false alarm triple zero calls made to emergency services.

"If you light a fire to burn-off you own it. Registering a planned burn is important and may avoid an unnecessary emergency response from career and volunteer firefighters."

When planning a burn, property owners need to assess weather conditions and obtain advice from their local government about possible burning restrictions.

To view and download Burn SMART resources visit dfes.wa.gov.au/plannedburning.



Mark and Carol Jackson of Kalamunda with DFES Bushfire Centre of Excellence chief superintendent John Tillman.



Kalamunda bushfire volunteer Mark Jackson gets ready for summer with fuel reduction on his property.

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While at North Metropolitan TAFE Midland, Skills and Training Minister Andrew Giles and Hasluck MHR Tania Lawrence also got to see childcare workers in training.

Midland TAFE adds training skills

NORTH Metropolitan TAFE in Midland is becoming home to a high-tech renewables trade training centre, where students will train on commercial scale wind turbines and learn to work at heights to prepare for the jobs of the clean energy future.

Earlier this month Hasluck MHR Tania Lawrence and federal Skills and Training Minister Andrew Giles visited the Midland TAFE to check out the progress of the high-tech renewables trade training centre.

The North Metropolitan TAFE website said co-located with a broad range of training for existing trades they are investing \$3.24 million to install wind turbines and a working-at-heights training tower.

"We are working towards Global Wind Organisation (GWO) certification and will deliver courses in vertical rescue skills, hazard awareness and renewable energy storage – the centre will be a Western Australian first," the website said.

Mr Giles and Ms Lawrence also had an oppor-

tunity to see the next generation of healthcare and childcare workers in training in Midland TAFE's real world and simulated environments.

They said under the government's new policy, childcare workers would benefit from a 10 per cent wage increase in December and another 5 per cent in December 2025.

To help them manage the costs of doing the mandatory work placements student nurses at Midland TAFE and around the country will be able to access the commonwealth prac payment from July 1 next year.

Student social workers and teachers will also be able to access this payment.

Ms Lawrence said many present were mature-age students preparing to change careers and taking advantage of fee free courses to upskill.

"These students are learning in a training system that lets all of us access skills, make a good living, and make our society the best to live in anywhere in the world," she said.

Proposed Permanent Road Closure:

Portion of Nardine Close,
High Wycombe

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The City of Kalamunda invites public comment on the proposed permanent closure of an approximately 436 sqm portion of the Nardine Close road reserve/verge.

The road itself will not be closed and vehicle access will not be affected. The proposed changes affect the area on the verge depicted in the plan available online at engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au.

Comments close 5pm Monday 4 November 2024 and can be returned by:

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Free health coaching service for adults



IN the face of rising chronic health conditions and lifestyle-related risks, a new initiative has been launched offering free health coaching services to adults across Western Australia.

Operated by Better Health Company and funded by the WA Department of Health, the initiative aims to improve well-being and address the pressing preventable health challenges that many Australians face today.

Recent statistics by the department reveal more than one in three adults are categorised as overweight, with more than one in three adults categorised as obese.

More than 21 per cent of adults have been diagnosed with a mental health condition in the past year, while conditions such as high cholesterol (23.6 per cent), high blood pressure (22.7 per cent), and heart disease (8.2 per cent) are prevalent. Additionally, significant lifestyle risk factors such as high rates of smoking (10.9 per cent), excessive alcohol consumption (37.8 per cent), and poor dietary habits are contributing to deteriorating health outcomes.

Better Health Company's health coaching service aims to tackle these challenges head-on by provid-

ing personalised remote support and practical guidance.

The free coaching service offers Western Australian adults the tools they need to make positive changes, manage chronic conditions, and improve their overall quality of life, including 10 phone appointments with a qualified health professional.

"During my few months on the better health coaching, it was an amazing experience. As I had someone that cared and was able to understand and help me with things I've found difficult in the past. My health and lifestyle has had a great positive change, I feel more confident with the ability to take care of my health and wellbeing," a participant said.

"Western Australians are invited to take advantage of this valuable resource and join the movement towards better health. Whether you're looking to manage a chronic condition, improve your diet, or reduce stress, the coaching service is here to support you every step of the way," a spokesperson said.

For more information and to register for the free coaching service, visit www.betterhealthcoaching.com.au/wa-about/ or contact Better Health Company at 1300 822 953.



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Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil and Hasluck MHR Tania Lawrence at the opening.

New Stoneville Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Station is officially opened

STONEVILLE Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade (VBFB) celebrated the official opening of its new, purpose-built station last week.

The \$1.2 million facility, made possible by \$900,000 from the Australian Government and \$300,000 from Shire of Mundaring, will significantly enhance the brigade's ability to serve the community.

The new station boasts modern features, including female changerooms and expanded capacity for firefighting apparatus and equipment, ensuring the brigade can grow its volunteer numbers and better serve the region.

Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil acknowledged the vital role

volunteers play in bushfire management.

"Our volunteers are our first line of defence in confronting the fury of bushfires. It is our duty to support and equip our first responders with the resources they need to do the job they trained to do in keeping our community safe," she said.

"Council's decision to dedicate federal and local funds to build the station was the right choice. The new station represents a significant enhancement to our bushfire response capabilities. It is equipped and designed to support our brigade with improved facilities for training and operations.

"This new station marks an essential

step forward in bolstering local firefighting capabilities and ensuring the safety of the community. Shire of Mundaring remains committed to ensuring all ten of its brigades have fit-for-purpose facilities to protect the community, particularly in bushfire-prone areas."

The opening of the new station was attended by Shire President Paige McNeil and guests including Member for Hasluck Tania Lawrence MP, Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) assistant Commissioner Danny Mosconi and Metropolitan north-east superintendent David Gill in addition to the presidents, captains and valued volunteers of both Stoneville and other local bushfire brigades.



Increased heat increases fire risk

AFAC, the National Council for fire and emergency services, has released the seasonal bushfire outlook for spring showing areas of WA having above average mean temperatures so far this year.

August saw widespread above average temperatures and was the warmest August on record.

For spring, there continues to be an increased likelihood of unusually high maximum temperatures across most of Australia, while large parts of WA have an increased chance of below average rainfall.

Large parts of WA received rainfall in the lowest 10 per cent on record for the first half of the year, however August saw above average to well above average rainfall in the southwest, easing dry conditions in the region.

While Western Australia shows normal risk of fire during this outlook period, communities are encouraged to be vigilant and stay alert through winter months. Destructive and deadly fires can still occur during normal bushfire seasons across Australia.

AFAC chief executive officer Rob Webb urged communities to prepare and adhere to advice of local fire authorities this spring.

"Fire and emergency services are prepared for the fire season ahead and are here today to encourage communities to do the same," Mr Webb said.

"Now is the time to make a plan. Understand your local risk, know where you will get your information, and talk to your family about what you will do."





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Old Young's Distillery wins Champion Spirit at Royal Perth

OLD Young's Distillery in Henley Brook has received top honours after being crowned winner of the coveted champion spirit award for their Old Young's 1829 Gin at the 2024 Royal Perth Distilled Spirits Awards.

They also won the champion distillery award which recognises the exemplary quality of their spirits range.

Owner of Old Young's James Young said it was the first time the distillery had all of their core range spirits win gold medals.

"Winning the champion trophy for gin and the overall champion spirit is phenomenal," he said. "We have won champion distillery before, but we've never won champion gin."

"We were not expecting this. We were up against insanely good brandy and whiskey, so for our 1829 Signature Gin to be awarded champion gin and champion spirit means its super well made, and for the judges to recognise that is amazing."

"Champion gin and spirit to me is more important than champion distiller because it's a celebration of our gin product – I got into the industry to make gin."

The judging panel consisted of 20 independent experts who evaluated 169 entries from 36

exhibitors in the company of 10 stewards.

The products were meticulously assessed for each product based on five criteria – colour/appearance, nose, palate, balance and finish.

Besides being crowned for their champion gin, Old Young's was awarded gold medals for their Old Young's 1829 Gin, Old Young's Common Gin, Old Young's Six Seasons Gin and Old Young's Pavlova Vodka.

The Packing Shed Distilling Company in Bickley won a gold medal for their Garden Party Floral Gin, as well as gold medals in the liqueurs category for their Australian Limoncello and Coffee Liqueur.

Other notable winners included Australian Distilling Ltd, from Henley Brook in the Swan Valley, winning a gold medal for their Gingin Gin, Damaged Goods Distilling Co, located in Middle Swan, was awarded a gold medal in the liqueurs category for their Smashed Apple Aperitivo, while Sin Gin Distillery in Herne Hill was awarded a gold medal in the liqueurs category for their Sloe Gin 2023.

Agriculture and Food and Small Business Minister Jackie Jarvis presented the awards alongside John Snowball, Royal Agricultural Society of WA president.



Old Young's Distillery receiving their champion spirit award from Agriculture and Food Minister Jackie Jarvis.



Nature based tourism will benefit sites such as National Park Falls.

WA Tourism Industry welcomes new nature-based tourism focus

THE WA tourism industry has welcomed the new tourism-focused division of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and its focus on nature-based tourism.

Tourism Council WA chief executive officer Evan Hall said it was critical new attractions and experiences were created for people from around the world to enjoy the state's amazing natural environment.

"Nature-based experiences drive visitors and visitor dollars to Western Australia, particularly into regional WA, and is the main reason tourists come to Western Australia for a holiday," Mr Hall said.

Mr Hall said visiting national parks, marine parks and botanical gardens was the third most popular leisure activity for visitors to WA after dining out and shopping.

"Sustainable tourism businesses not only create jobs but ensure minimal environmental visitor impact and help protect and promote our national and marine parks," Mr Hall said.

"Sustainable tourism also creates revenue for conservation and education, as well as tourism jobs in our regional towns."

"Tourism Council WA particularly welcomes the focus on new commercial tourism projects, as tourism businesses want to invest in nature-based experiences for national park visitors."

Mr Hall said adequate public investment in existing attractions was critical to ensure they remained open and accessible to Western Australians and guests from around the world.

"Visitors don't just want to stop and stare from lookouts, they want to engage with nature and have adventurous experiences, particularly in natural environments that are unique to Western Australia," Mr Hall said.

"National parks are public land and should be open and accessible for everyone into the future."

"Tourism Council WA calls on DBCA to maintain all current visitor access and experiences across our wonderful national and marine parks."

DBCA's new nature-based tourism division will be charged with driving new commercial tourism projects in national parks.

It will also support the department's industry relationship management, tourism operator licensing, and new tourism opportunity development.

To support the division, DBCA will also establish a nature-based tourism industry reference group, with representatives from Tourism Council WA, tourism operators and the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI).

Recruitment is already underway for an executive director and other key positions at the new tourism division.

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Victim notification service trial launched in Midland

WA Police will trial a new victim notification service (VNS) in Midland to better connect victims of crime with support services and the agency.

The service will result in victims receiving an automated SMS from WA Police when certain criteria are met – including the type of crime that has occurred and verified contact details for the complainant.

The SMS will include a unique incident report (IR) number and links to online resources and websites including information about safety, security and support.

"We're enhancing our technology to provide a better policing service to the Western Australian community," Midland District superintendent Kellie Taylor said.

"The VNS is an innovative way to better connect with and support victims of crime – which is a key priority for WA Police."

During the trial phase, only victims of burglary, stealing, damage and fraud will receive an SMS.

As part of the trial, police officers and staff in Midland will inform victims that they will receive a SMS notification which will include the IR number and other information.

Each day, the VNS will automatically filter through IRs and send messages to appropriate victims between 6am and midnight.

Members of the public who receive a message in error are urged to contact the Police Assistance Centre on 131 444.

The sender details included with the SMS will display on the recipient's device as WAPolice rather than a phone number.

The links used will not require you to enter any personal information.

The VNS will be switched off after a two-week period, at which point the trial will be reviewed.





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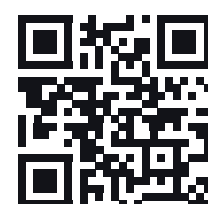
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A picture's worth a thousand mouldy samples



Photos demonstrating a range of features in focus, thumb for scale, close-up of flowers as well as most of the plant. The only thing missing is a picture in situ - it's important to see how and where the plant is growing. This is an aquatic plant but you wouldn't guess it!

Weird plant, who do you call? DPIRD!

Imagine if we could turn back the clock and stop some of WA's worst weeds from becoming established, saving millions in eradication costs and lost agricultural revenue, not to mention the financial and mental burden of management for landholders.

Well, biosecurity is everybody's concern and here at DPIRD we rely on eagle-eyed members of the public to raise the alarm when they see something out of place. Whether that's a weedy looking, unfamiliar plant growing in your paddock, a patch of plants you've never seen before rapidly overtaking a roadside, or just something suspicious being traded online.

How to take quality pictures

You've found something of concern but what then? A few well taken photos offer advantages; they can be easily submitted from anywhere, allow for a rapid assessment and often negate the need to submit a sample. When photographing, remember the three F's, **Features, Framing, Focus**.

Features – try to capture as many as you can, **fruit and flowers** are especially helpful, but so are the leaves, their arrangement, whether they are hairy or smooth, differences between the top and bottom surface, any thorns or spines, aim to include as much detail as possible.

Framing – try to also capture the whole plant, it's great to have close ups of leaves etc but what are they from? Is it a tree, is it shrub, is it a vine? Stand back, snap a pic and show us.

Focus – the most important F of them all, there's no point diligently documenting these features if they aren't in focus!

These photography tips will hopefully prevent wasted efforts in submitting inadequate or mouldy samples, which will be unusable for identification.

If a sample is needed, we will advise on how to collect the most useful material (whole plants, flowers, fruit, seeds etc) and how to package and post it to maintain its freshness for our diagnosticians.

How to submit your photos

You can contact our Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) or report to the MyPestGuide team. Remember to include your contact details, the location of the plant(s) and your concerns when you are reporting. Our teams will review and provide identification and advice.



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WA Women's Hall of Fame chair Fiona Reid calling for nominations for 2025.



Hall of Fame nominations now open

WITH nominations open for the WA Women's Hall of Fame 2025 it's timely to recall the three women from Swan and the Perth Hills who have been inducted in the recent past.

Last year Dorothy Bagshaw of Beechboro and Victoria Laurie of Gooseberry Hill were both inducted as reported in *From Stolen Generation to WA Women's Hall of Fame* (Echo News, March 10, 2023) and *Journalist and conservationist inducted into Hall of Fame* (Echo News, March 10, 2023) respectively.

Dianne Ryder of Stratton was inducted earlier this year as reported in *Dianne recognised in WA Women's Hall of Fame* (March 15, 2024).

The call for 2025 nominations was launched in Parliament House by Finance, Commerce and Women's Interests Minister Sue Ellery, who is also the government's Legislative Council leader.

Following a Welcome to Country by Whadjuk Noongar Elder and 2016 inductee Glenda Kickett, WA Women's Hall of Fame chair Fiona Reid announced the 2025 call for nominations.

In her address Ms Reid said as they marked the hall of fame's 15th anniversary, she found herself reflecting on the wide array of women who came from diverse social and cultural backgrounds,

across sectors, and around the state, who have been recognised for their contributions, their achievements, and their commitment to the betterment of fellow Western Australian's, with this year's champions but a few of those inspiring women.

The year's champions include 2011 inaugural inductee and plastic surgeon Professor Fiona Wood AO.

Professor Wood said being an inaugural recipient of the WA Hall of Fame was a profound honour.

"Reflecting on its 15-year journey, I'm inspired by the incredible achievements of the women celebrated since, and the passion and dedication of those who strive to make a difference in their fields," she said.

"Together, we can continue to push boundaries, innovate, and build a stronger, more compassionate future for all."

Nominations will be accepted in the categories of health, community, STEM & technical trades, culture, education, arts, sport, and business.

Nominations are also welcome for the roll of honour, to be inducted posthumously.

Nominations close on December 4. To nominate visit <https://wawomenshalloffame.com.au/>

eye on crime

Midland detectives investigate Malaga burglary of replica guns

MIDLAND detectives are seeking information regarding a burglary incident in Malaga which occurred sometime on Sunday, September 22 or Monday, September 23, in which several replica firearms and a number of knives were stolen.

Sometime between 5.00pm on Sunday night and 8.00am on Monday morning, entry was forced to a business premises at the Malaga Markets on Bonner Drive.

Eleven replica firearms were stolen, including nine handguns, a AK-47 assault rifle and a 'Tom-

my Gun' submachine gun.

A number of knives and an amount of cash was also stolen.

Detectives are seeking information regarding any people or vehicles seen in the vicinity of the Malaga Markets or surrounding area Sunday night or Monday morning.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, or who has vision of any vehicles in the area at the time, is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report the information online at www.crimestopperswa.com.au.

Forrestfield man faces firearm charges

GANG crime squad detectives have charged a 36-year-old man with a number of firearm offences following the search of an address in Forrestfield on Tuesday, September 10.

About 10.55am, the accused was arrested by police in the carpark of Hakea Prison on Nicholson Road in Canning Vale in relation to a separate matter.

He was conveyed to an address in Forrestfield where police executed a Firearms Act search warrant. It will be alleged during a search of the home, officers located a 20-gauge single shot shotgun and a .22 calibre pump-action rifle.

The rifle was loaded with 10 rounds of ammunition. Police also located a black gel blaster handgun, knuckle dusters as well as various quantities of cannabis and steroids.

The 36-year-old Forrestfield man was charged with four counts of possessed a prohibited drug, two counts of unlicensed person possess firearm/ammunition, two counts of possess firearm with circumstances of aggravation, two counts of possessed a prohibited weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia in or on which there was a prohibited drug or plant.

He appeared before the Perth Magistrates Court on September 11 where he had his charges remanded through to September 19.

Gang crime squad officer in charge detective Senior Sergeant Anthony Thompson said whether

the firearms are used to commit offences, or used to cause fear to victims who may be targeted, the risk of a person being seriously injured or killed in a confrontation increases when a firearm is present.

"We have seen the reckless disregard for community safety shown by outlaw motorcycle club gang members (OMCG) and associates, including incidents involving firearms being discharged, so we know the removal of these firearms has made our community safer.

"We will continue to ensure OMCG members and associates who engage in criminal activities will be put before the courts to face the consequences of their offending."



Shotgun (left) and Gel Blaster Handgun seized by WA Police.

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



Mundaring's Trish Cook is Labor's Bullwinkel candidate

GUANHAO CHENG

MUNDARING deputy president Trish Cook has been chosen to be Labor's candidate for the new federal seat of Bullwinkel and says her experience in collaboration will be her greatest strength for delivering the community's requests.

Ms Cook pointed to her four years off council as an example of her ability to mobilise people and help them achieve what they want through collaborative work.

"In my four years off I (learned) what people wanted, and I knew how things worked, and I got involved in the community," she said.

"I chaired a group called Darlington Community Recreation Advisory Group.

"We had this huge, big area in the main centre of the Darlington Village.

"As chair of this group, I got together and I did a year-long community consultation with my local community all the groups, all the residents nearby, including the fire brigade who are based there, and said, 'What do you want for this area?'"

"We can't leave it like this — it's just barren and looks like a disused mine site."

"The shire at that time was saying they had no money, so in Darlington we just go up and do it ourselves, and that's what I did."

Ms Cook said she utilised the abundance of retired professionals in her area and secured a local architect to turn the local community vision into a plan.

"We had a plan, we had agreement, and all we needed now was money," she said.

"It was election time, and we backed both horses, and Ken Wyatt was the successful candidate at the time against James Martin, but they both supported the community vision."

Ms Cook was able to secure \$375,000 in federal funding and deliver a pump track and revitalise the Darlington Village centre.

"I've worked with politicians from all parties, and I must say I've never met a politi-



Mundaring deputy president Trish Cook stands in Sculpture Park, across from where the shire's major town centre revitalisation project is set to be developed. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

cian whose heart wasn't in the right place.

"I'm not the combative type, I'm the collaborative type and that's always worked very well.

"I always say to the community my superpower is really getting the right people in.

"I don't actually have those (expert) skills, but I know how to explain and communicate with people and get them on board."

Ms Cook said her family and work history gave her reason to speak up for the vulnerable and also noted the nursing connection between her and Vivian Bullwinkel, whom the new seat is named after.

"My father, as a youth, was quite an exploited worker and he worked with a lot of immigrants," she said.

"He was abused, and we had a strong sense of justice and equality in the house, so he eventually became a union secretary.

"Not that I've had much association with unions myself, but I've got those values of speaking up for people that can't speak themselves and I think that comes from being a nurse as well.

"As a nurse you advocate for patients when they're at their most vulnerable.

"It's been a natural progression for me,

and I think the next federal level will be exactly the same."

Ms Cook said she looked forward to bringing all the concerns she had learned about from the community, from telecommunications to housing, to a federal level.

"I love where I live, I love the shire, and when Bullwinkel opened up it was just such an opportunity," she said.

"Some things we don't have control over in local government, and that does frustrate me, so if I'm in federal government, I'll have more of an opportunity to handle those issues."

Born and bred in Bullwinkel: Matt Moran

GUANHAO CHENG

LIBERAL's endorsed candidate for Bullwinkel Matt Moran says he is ready to serve the community he was born and raised in and wants to meet as many people as possible.

"I was born in Kalamunda, I grew up in Boya, went to primary school in Greenmount, and I had my first job as a kitchen hand at Dragon Village not far from Midland, and my family has been involved in the area for generations," he said.

"My grandfather was the shire clerk of Kalamunda, and my grandparents had a small chicken farm in Mundaring.

"My parents had a small farm in Toodyay and dad still lives in Toodyay and mum's in Northam."

Mr Moran met with *Echo News* last week to share his hopes of carrying his community's concerns to Canberra, and to help formulate "pragmatic solutions".

"The key is to listen to what people are concerned about and make sure those concerns are heard in Canberra and that you actually come up with pragmatic solutions that help people," Mr Moran said.

"Pragmatic solutions are for example, we have an issue with housing supply, and the way you deal with that is by increasing housing supply.

"It's supply and demand - when you don't have much supply and there's a high demand, prices go up.

"One of the best things I ever did was buy a small townhouse in my early twenties.

"That was a great decision, and I really hope that young people have that same opportunity, and that's something we can hopefully help them achieve by increasing housing supply."

Mr Moran has a background in the defence force, having been deployed in Afghanistan and East Timor as a public affairs officer, and serving alongside Liberal Canning MHR Andrew Hastie.

He said it instilled a sense of service and discipline, which meant meeting with community members and councils to hear out their concerns.

"It's about serving community," he said.

"For me it's about listening to concerns, it's about helping the community and it's that devotion to the nation and that sense of service that I developed through my military service.

"That's what drives me — it's that sense of service



Liberal Bullwinkel candidate Matt Moran stands atop Blackboy Hill, a historical military site overlooking St Anthony's School Greenmount where he had attended primary school. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

that you can make a difference."

In the previous week, Mr Moran said his team had put in requests to meet the councils, and because of the recency of his endorsement, he was eager to formally talk as soon as possible.

Mr Moran confirmed he met with the Shire of Mundaring and the City of Kalamunda on Monday to have a formal chat about bringing their aspirations to a federal stage.

He said it was a huge honour to be the Liberal candidate and invited community members to approach him and strike up a conversation.

"The key is to meet as many people as possible," he said.

"Meet the local cities, meet the local shires, go to the local markets, be available and be really visible.

"If anyone wants to come and have a chat with me, please come up and have a talk."

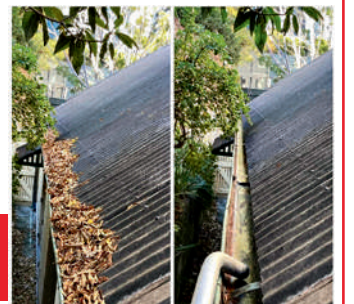
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CY O'Connor's pipeline no pipe dream

GLEN MORGAN
WA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WA Historical Society members met recently at the Fremantle Port Authority to learn about the construction of the port, and to pay homage to the man who instigated the deepening of the inner-port to its present size, CY O'Connor and, of course, the Kalgoorlie Pipeline.

Under O'Connor's towering statue Port Authority guides explained the difficulties and controversies of blasting one million cubic metres of sandstone that needed to be dredged away to complete the deepening.

It was achieved against much criticism, which, unfortunately, became a common theme for O'Connor's great works.

He proved the doubters wrong, and the port received the first large liner in 1900.

Then-premier Sir John Forrest appointed O'Connor commissioner of railways and he became responsible for many of the country railway tracks still in use today.

Manning Clark, in his magisterial History of Australia, refers to the enlargers of life, those who propose and achieve great things against determined opposition – and O'Connor, according to Clark, was one such – a man of prodigious energy, ideas, and talent, yet regrettably possessed with demonic self-doubt.

Sensitive to criticism, he nonetheless presented a seemingly outrageous plan to build a 600km pipeline from Mundaring to Kalgoorlie to service the booming Kalgoorlie region. With the urgent need for fresh water supplies following the 1890s gold rush, water was not only scarce, it was often polluted, hence fresh water was vital for the growth of gold mining and the agricultural expansion that was to come later along the life-giving pipeline.



Work on the historic Kalgoorlie Pipeline (m2014_592).
Pictures: Royal Western Australian Historical Society.



CY O'Connor (m2014_586).

Plans for the laying of 60,000 pipes and the necessary eight pump stations, took three years; all meticulously laid out by O'Connor and his team.

During this time, he received undiminished howls of protest from all sides of the community – the constrainers as labelled by Manning Clark; those who mock any great plan.

The state newspapers were particularly belligerent; The Sunday Times labelling the scheme sheer madness, even becoming personal, calling him 'batty'. Similar sentiments came from members of state Parliament and much of the public, but he was

undeterred, and the project began after an appropriation bill tabled by Forrest passed parliament in 1900. The pipeline was completed two years later.

It is remarkable that some 300km of the original pipes are still in situ and working, more than 120 years later.

New pipes are now replacing damaged ones, other links are being buried against possible future external damage. The burying of some of the pipes is hotly contested, with protest groups claiming it will destroy the visual heritage of the line; others point out that tourism plays an important part of the pipeline with many walking and bicycle

trails, and vehicle sections, accessible and much-used by interested tourists.

Criticism became so hostile against O'Connor that it affected his nerves and health badly. So much so, before the completion of his mammoth project he rode out one morning into the sea at Robb Jetty and shot himself with a revolver.

The pipeline opened successfully less than a year later.

Charles Yelverton O'Connor rests peacefully at Fremantle cemetery; a beautiful memorial that stands testament to one of Western Australia's greatest, if not most maligned, sons.

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Agriculture and Food Minister Jackie Jarvis with Feedbase senior principal research scientist Clinton Revell.

Research into sheep industry feed

SHEEP farmers recently converged on Katanning for the FEED365 spring field day to hear about new year-round feed options that reduce reliance on costly supplementary feed.

The trials at the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) Katanning Research Station with Meat and Livestock Australia proved that a combination of forage crops could help sheep producers endure dry seasons, like the one that occurred last season.

Nearby, new generation saltbush trials produced enough fodder for sheep in just six months – reducing autumn feed costs by up to 30 per cent, while revitalising the landscape.

The research station is also home to the sheep feed intake facility – the biggest in Australia – where DPIRD scientists are exploring how to produce more efficient sheep that emit less greenhouse gases in line with increasing market demand.

In addition, DPIRD is evaluating different feed options to reduce methane emissions with its GreenFeed machines, which measure greenhouse gas emissions from sheep and cattle in the paddock.

The Katanning Research Station is working toward being carbon neutral and provides a demon-

stration site to guide producers to improve productivity and profitability and achieve carbon neutrality, to meet consumer demand.

This includes a salt land rehabilitation project to revitalise a 24ha saline site, as well as a 90ha carbon sequestration demonstration planted with salt-tolerant perennial pastures for rotational sheep grazing.

Agriculture and Food Minister Jackie Jarvis said the FEED365 project was a terrific initiative that was building more climate-resilient sheep businesses that were better equipped to manage dry seasons like seen in 2023-24.

“The Cook Government is backing a range of DPIRD research throughout the sheep meat supply chain that is helping our producers adapt to market demand for sustainably-produced meat.

“This work will ultimately improve flock productivity and profitability, while conserving the landscape for future generations.”

For more information on the research and development investments at the Katanning Research Station visit

www.agric.wa.gov.au/research-facilities/katanning-research-station-and-katanning-office

Gooseberry Hill gets RugbyWA experience



Rugby players Papillon Sevele, Bayley Kuenzle, Grace Freeman and Halley Derera teaching rugby at Gooseberry Hill Primary.

GOOSEBERRY Hill Primary School is the latest recipient of equipment and training as part of a program run by RugbyWA to increase school-level engagement in rugby.

The RugbyWA development package will see the school receiving equipment, including balls and hit shields, in addition to teaching resources and future investment in rugby education.

Gooseberry Hill principal Judith Pescodd said bringing rugby into the school and increasing student exposure will be great in involving students in a multicultural community.

“I’m hoping to see more students coming through in WA that will then be able to participate in the Western Force and then onto our national team, the Wallabies,” she said.

“The pathways are endless for them, and it also promotes good teamwork and resilience.”

Gooseberry Hill physical education teacher Jarrad Blight said the

package enabled the sport to be taught more effectively and opened doors to further education.

“We’ve gone from a school that has less than five rugby balls to one that will now get a heap of equipment, which will allow us to teach rugby to the kids more often and hopefully feed them into high schools down the track,” he said.

“It’s such a great sport, it fits in with our curriculum really well and the kids really, really enjoy it.

“That’s the main thing, making sure kids have fun while they’re doing sport, because those memories will last, stay with them forever and hopefully keep them involved in rugby.”

Two young Kalamunda players were recently selected to compete as part of Western Force’s junior team, as reported in *Young athletes play for Western Force* (Echo News, September 6) highlighting the area’s reputation for producing quality rugby talent.



Youth eco fashion comes to Ellenbrook with textile classes

ECO Fashion Week Australia (EFWA), in collaboration with the Ellenbrook Youth Centre, has been running a series of youth textile art technique classes since March designed to inspire and educate local youth about sustainability and creative fashion.

For the past six months, under the guidance of EFWA’s founder and creative director Zuhail Kuvan-Mills and volunteer assistant Hayley Beardman, young participants have been learning to transform old garments into fashion-forward pieces that reflect eco-conscious principles.

The classes focus on teaching students how to upcycle old t-shirts and jeans into new, stylish creations, offering hands-on experience in textile art techniques.

Alongside learning practical skills, participants have also gained valuable insights into the environmental impact of fashion, including where garments go once discarded and how to repurpose them to reduce waste.

Ms Kuvan-Mills, who is both the lead facilitator and art teacher for the classes, has worked closely with the youth at Ellenbrook Youth Centre to help them build a collection of sustainable fashion pieces.

The collection, created by young designers aged 12 and above, will be showcased on November 18 at EFWA’s Community Sustainable Fashion

Showcase at the Ellenbrook Art Gallery.

The free event will serve as a platform to highlight the talent of the youth while promoting eco-friendly fashion.

The youth textile art classes are fully sponsored by EFWA and offered at no cost to participants, reinforcing EFWA’s mission to educate and involve diverse communities in the movement toward a more sustainable future.

The organisation’s outreach includes a wide range of community engagement, from youth programs to initiatives in aged care, ensuring that sustainability is accessible to all.

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It's on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi that many pets are blessed in churches and environmental and ecological causes are lifted higher. Therefore, come to this special Sunday at St Francis Wooroloo. It's all happening and please bring your Pets for blessing and to enjoy special morning Tea together!

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Spring INTO YORK

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2024

Talks at the Environmental Centre, Glebe St.

Don't squash me I'm a GOOD BUG!
Kathryn Hubble will talk on garden ecology.

Learn about Gerberas and Roses at the RSL Avon Terrace and see a pruning demonstration.

Meet Victoria Grice for two fantastic talks on sustainability and her passion for Geraniums and Pelargoniums.

Win a Diggers Subscription, follow the Art Trail.

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2024

Learn about bees, how to make compost, wicking beds and worm farms.

Brandon from Yates will talk on all things gardening and how to improve soil for best results.

Visit a working garden and meet the animals at Hope Farm for a fun experience, chat with farmer Mike.

Pick up printed programme from the York Visitor Centre or call 0418 936 214.



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Photo caption: Perth Hills Spring Festival kicks off with the Forest Festival (photo credit: NRM WA)

Spring into York next weekend

York is hosting a garden-themed weekend full of activities for all ages, designed to inspire people from all walks of life to get out in the garden and to reconnect with nature.

Starting Friday October 4, the 'Spring into York' event includes art exhibitions and presentations from gardening experts. On Friday, visitors are encouraged to explore York's art scene, with new exhibitions inspired by springtime, before the weekend's activities kick off.

Gallery 152 will play host to Indigenous artist Dennis 'Noongali' Kickett's new collection of paintings.

In the evening, visitors are invited to the opening of the 'Graven Image' exhibition at the old Masonic Hall on Joaquina Street.

Saturday's program includes fascinating educational talks from environmental experts on a range of topics including garden ecology, flower propagation, composting and worm farming, and growing geraniums in an Australian climate.

In the evening enjoy a twilight guided tour of the grounds of historic Faversham House.

On Sunday, learn about honeybees, soil health, and companion planting, and hang out on Hope Farm, one of York's small working farms that grows everything from vegetables to roses, and is also home to some inquisitive farm animals.



OUT & ABOUT

Get Ready for the Perth Hills Spring Festival!

Spring is in the air, and the Perth Hills are ready to come alive as the annual Perth Hills Spring Festival returns from October 5 to November 11.

Over six weekends, the festival promises a vibrant mix of family fun, outdoor adventures, and mouth-watering food and wine experiences.

The City of Kalamunda, in collaboration with local businesses, is crafting a diverse program to suit all ages and interests. From nature lovers to foodies and art enthusiasts, the festival offers something for everyone.

With beautiful weather ahead, it's the perfect time to explore the Perth Hills. Just a short drive from the city, but a world away from the hustle, this region has so much to offer.

This year's program will kick off with the popular Forest Festival at Stirk Park*. The rest of the program is taking shape, so watch this space for more details.

For more information, visit phsf.au or call (08) 9257 9999.

**The Forest Festival is supported by funding from the State Natural Resource Management Program Wa and the City of Kalamunda*



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Fri 27 September

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Hayden McInn.
6pm-9pm. Free.
6 Owen Road Parkerville

Glen Forrest Sporting Club

Company of Wolves.
7.45pm. Free.
33 McGlew Road
Glen Forrest

Settlers House York

Kevin Doran.
6pm. Free.
125 Avon Terrace York

Chidlow Tavern

Carnaby Blue.
6.30pm. Free.
4 Thomas St Chidlow

Rose & Crown

Trent Williams.
5pm-8pm. Free.
105 Swan Street
Guildford

Bassendean Hotel

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

Woodbridge Hotel

The Heights.
9pm. Free.
50 East Street
Guildford

Sat 28 September

Parkerville Tavern
Jump the Gun Duo.
6pm-9pm. Free.
6 Owen Road Parkerville

Mount Helena Tavern

The Heights.
6pm. Free.
900 Keane Street
Mount Helena

Hemingway & Co

Trevor Jalla.
7.30-9.30pm. Free.
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Settlers House York

Nick Childs.
12pm. Free.
Graeme Fisher.
6.00pm. Free.
125 Avon Terrace York

Jazz Festival this weekend in York – Ticketing included in day/weekend pass.

Friday 27 September

Trinity Church York
Silver Sands Guitar
Quartet.
1pm-2.30pm.
Newcastle Street York

The Rookery

Melody Pool.
7pm-8.15pm.
152 Avon Terrace York

Imperial Homestead

Dan Garner.
5pm-6pm.
83 Avon Terrace York.

Sat 28 September

Trinity Church York
Silver Sands Guitar
Quartet.
6pm-7.30pm.
Visceral Fragments.
7.30pm-8.30pm.
Newcastle Street York.



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Bassendean Hotel
Wildflower.
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DJ Slick.
7.30pm-Late.
25 Old Perth Road
Bassendean

Woodbridge Hotel

Powerplay.
9pm. Free.
50 East Street
Guildford

Sun 29 September

Settlers House York
Lez Karski.
12pm. Free.
125 Avon Terrace York

Rose & Crown

Greg Scott.
2pm-6pm. Free.
105 Swan
Street Guildford

Chidlow Tavern

Adele & John.
12pm. Free.
4 Thomas St Chidlow

Bassendean Hotel

Wilson Sam.
2pm-5pm. Free.
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Tues 1 October

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Wed 2 October

Chidlow Tavern
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welcome). 7pm. Free.
4 Thomas St Chidlow

Thurs 3 October

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Blues Thursday.
6.30pm-9pm. Free.
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ACROSS

- 1 Gathers together
8 Tasty
14 Water storage
19 Quiver
20 Cherish
21 Light-dispersing solid
23 Self-satisfied
24 Distributes cards
26 Unbelieving
27 A flavour
28 Church recesses
29 Tusk material
30 Move in a circle
33 Indigenous people (NZ)
34 Institute of Sport, Exercise and Active Living
35 A memento
36 A male duck
37 Railway stop
40 Aid a criminal
43 Kindest
44 A festival
46 Rose-shaped ornament
49 Delete
51 Egged on
54 Rest periods
55 Already done (Fr) (4,8)
60 Badly used (3,5)
61 Bushy undergrowth
62 Grand welcome (4,4)
63 One lingering
66 Attack from the air
67 Certain
71 A continent
75 Swear
78 Queensland island
80 White wine
81 Famous old island
83 A nuisance
84 Ring-shaped roll
85 Annoy
86 Had a seat
87 Sets free
89 Entertainments
94 Precious adornments
95 Of ocean movement
97 Cow's milk bag
99 Australian state (init)
101 Deep abyss
104 First public showing
107 Easily broken
110 Complimentary touch
112 A trap
113 French painter/sculptor
115 A sunshade

- 117 A relative
119 A bristle
121 Germinating agent
123 Large bird
125 Cheat out of money
127 Completely full
129 Horse call
131 Vegetable
132 Colleagues
134 A month
136 Stop suddenly
138 A donkey
141 Creep along
143 Hits hard
147 Announce publicly
150 Lawful
155 Prepare hastily
158 Choose
159 A directional sign
160 Curling waters
161 Qld town, Mount
162 Victor
163 Principal churches
165 Remember
166 Belly-button cord
169 Small teahouse
172 Style of bowling
175 A type of wine
176 Clubbed (US)
179 One under patronage (fem)
181 Young
183 Fall to pieces
184 Chess champions
187 Excused
189 Electric car company
192 Portents
195 Gathers for oneself
198 Looks over
200 Plan of action
202 Wind instrument
204 A card game
206 A planet
209 Vagrant (coll)
210 Renown
213 Comes close
214 Walkway stones
217 Boredom
218 Came up
220 Group of musicians
221 Passing with time
222 A Native of India
223 Three-cornered
224 Verse writers
225 Takes into ministry
226 Processed metals
227 Canvas cover
228 Undergo
229 Year-old beasts

DOWN

- 1 Evaluation
2 From Switzerland
3 Mutely gestures
4 A light

- 5 Persistent type
6 Copies
7 An edible mollusc
8 Lures
9 Vacant
10 English racecourse
11 Bury
12 Make a suggestion
13 Non-resident
14 A rebel
15 More acute
16 Inner-circle lines
17 Give a speech
18 Strong
22 Perfume
25 Follow along
30 Salute
31 Soak flax etc
32 Type of salts
38 A defence - being elsewhere
39 Accustom
41 Laboratory glassware
42 Clump of bushes
44 Turn over
45 A root vegetable
47 Japanese dish
48 Famous fountain
49 Break friendship
50 A false name
52 A shrub
53 Scatter
56 A jelly
57 Dresses
58 A crime
59 A sweet
63 Wool fat
64 English river
65 A Cuban dance
68 Hit hard (arch)
69 Three times
70 Convert into code
72 A characteristic
73 Change
74 Throaty sound
75 A lure
76 A horse being ridden (poet)
77 Float in air
79 Writer
82 US state
88 Droop
89 High mountains
90 Handy truck
91 Comes across
92 Born
93 Fijian port
94 Container
96 Inner portion
98 Legal right of entry
100 A greeting
101 Horse gait
102 Chasten
103 Print with raised design
105 Employ again
106 Friend
107 Fingers of fire

- 108 Heart trouble
109 A legume
111 Counting frame
112 Drinks lightly
114 Move quickly
115 Army church officer
116 Sloping surface
118 Individually
120 A cheese
122 Clump of grass removed
124 Cooking formula
126 A rest
128 Celtic language
130 Go by
131 High flat area
133 A deer
134 Annoy vocally
135 A large reptile
137 Prefix - three
139 Removed wool
140 Transfer of an estate
141 Breed of dog
142 Garlic mayonnaise
144 A maxim
145 Act of surrounding
146 Gracefully slender
148 Pacific constitutional monarchy
149 A loose woman (arch)
151 Amongst others (lat) (2,2)
152 Breathed in
153 Scraps
154 A powder
156 Marvellous events
157 Contested in speed
163 A prank
164 Olden deity

- 167 Anchored floats (naut)
168 Room to move
170 Indelible skin decoration
171 A firearm
173 River mouth
174 Wanders
177 A street child
178 A flower
180 Ova
182 Capital of Norway
183 Excellent shooter (5,4)
185 Still in bed (3,2)
186 Roman garments
188 Doctor's decision
190 Explosion
191 Artist, ... da Vinci
193 Think
194 Region of France
196 Bladed weapon
197 Of a sphere
199 Able to stretch
201 A draw
203 Formal feast
204 Mediterranean island
205 Protein-forming acid
207 African fly pest
208 Funeral vehicle
211 Giver of charity
212 Aqualung
215 Astonish
216 A cosmetic
218 Force back
219 Back of boat

Crossword Solution 1185 from 20 September, 2024

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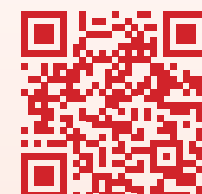
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Swan Districts no match for Tigers in colts grand final

CHRIS PIKE

SWAN Districts colts started their grand final in perfect fashion and even though Claremont ultimately proved too strong it was a tremendous effort to be there with a lot to like about the young group moving forward.

After finishing the home and away season in fourth position, Swan Districts reached the grand final after coming from behind at three quarter-time in all three finals to end up beating Perth, West Perth and Subiaco.

That saw Swans take on Claremont in last Sunday's grand final at Optus Stadium in the first decider the black-and-whites colts have made since 2021.

But in the end it was the Tigers who prevailed to win 11.16 (82) to 7.5 (47) to make it back-to-back premierships with co-captain Hamish Davis winning the Mel Whinnen medal.

Once again the move forward of usual defender Tom Cathcart paid dividends just as it did late in the first semi-final against West Perth with him kicking two second quarter goals.

He would be Swans' only multiple goal scorer for the game too with singles coming from Otis Harvey, Chayse Martinson, Luke Cotellessa, Colby McDonald and Tom Oliver.

Blake Kelly finished with 20 possessions, six inside-50 entries and four tackles in the grand final for Swan Districts while Cotellessa ended up with 20 disposals, five tackles and four marks.

Harvey also had 19 disposals and six tackles, Lucas Andrews 19 possessions and six tackles,

Martinson 14 touches and five tackles, McDonald 13 disposals and 10 hit outs, and Evan Smith 10 possessions and 23 hit outs.

On the back of the momentum of the three finals victories just to reach the grand final, Swan Districts made the perfect start with the first goal to Colby McDonald inside the opening 45 seconds.

Claremont scored three of the other four goals in the opening term, but another goal for Swans by Oliver kept the black-and-whites within nine points by quarter-time.

Swans once again got the better of the start to the second quarter with usual defender Cathcart once again thrown forward and kicking a goal at the three-minute mark to bring the margin back to three points.

Cathcart also kicked a second goal almost 10 minutes later to keep Swan Districts within four points once more, which meant Claremont's lead was only six points by half-time.

Claremont were able to kick the first three goals of the second half to open up a 27-point lead, but Swan Districts managed the last goal of the third quarter through Martinson to cut the deficit to 23 points at three quarter-time.

Swans then made it consecutive goals when Harvey kicked truly a minute into the last term to make it a 17-point game, but Claremont had the answers with the next three goals.

Cotellessa added another goal for the black-and-whites but it was the Tigers' day as they went on to score the 35-point win to make it back-to-back premierships.



In the first grand final the black-and-whites colts have made since 2021 they were competitive against Claremont until the third quarter. Picture: The Sports Photo

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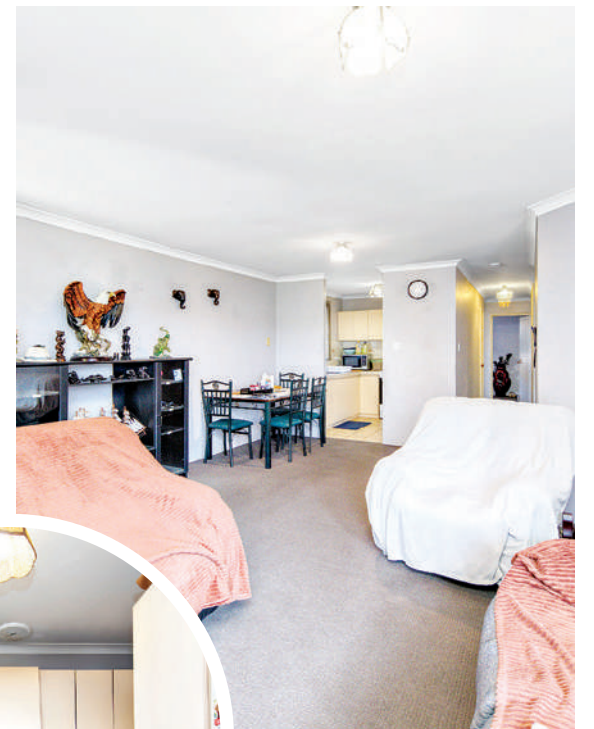
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