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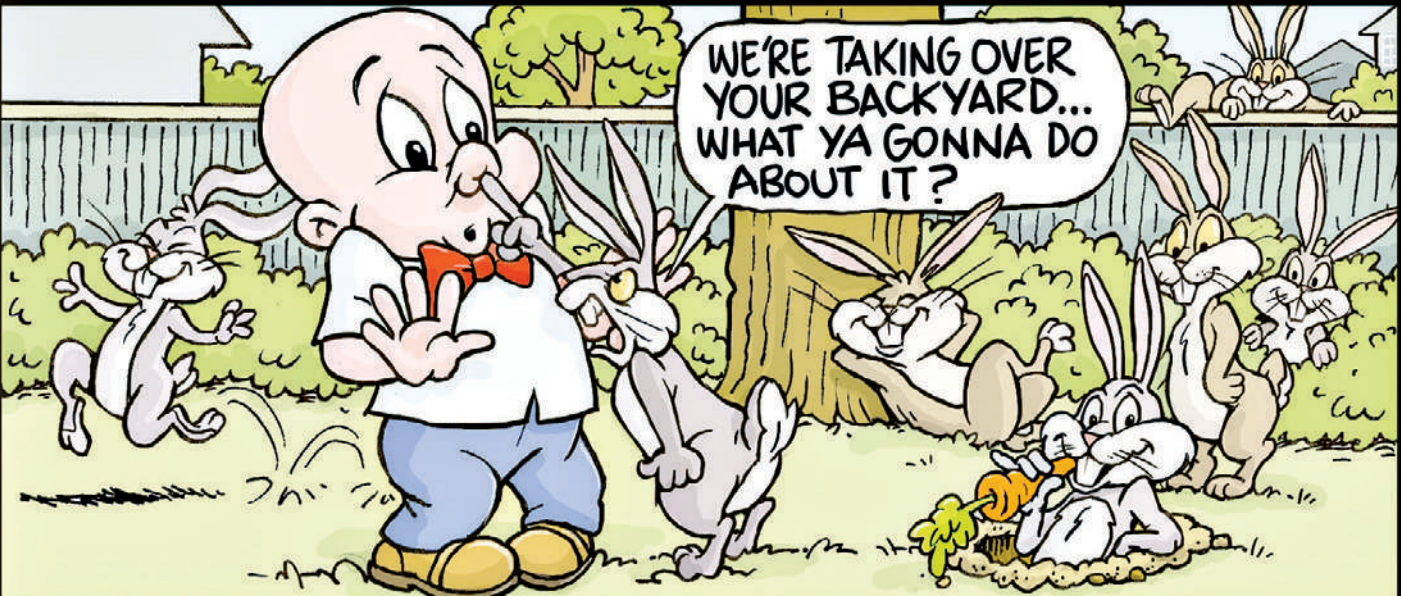
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Thanks to the Echo
Dear Echo News,
Just a note of thanks to your journalist Jacki Elezovich, for a great story and picture in the Echo of our tourist historical accommodation Strelley Brook Farmhouse last month.

Great story *Overture moves to Herne Hill* (Echo News, September 6) which garnered lots of interest for our wonderful Swan Valley.

Super professional, accommodating and personable and able to get a story from our scant details and excited ramblings about Brian Brown coming to film.

Thank you for all your efforts.
**L&R McCrae
Herne Hill**

No sleep with Metronet night works
Dear Echo News,
The impact of sleep deprivation on myself and family is an issue with a past. I will be 77-years-old in a few weeks, have suffered severe trauma many times.

During the recent shutdown of the crossing, we heard the grinders and generators day and night.

Of course, we were told that the suburban rail lines couldn't be laid at the same time during the shutdown, so we now expect yet another disruption to our daily lives.

Our lived experience through all of this is one of calamity followed by excuses and yet another calamity.

Bureaucratic shadow play fails to recognise our situation and human needs.

We can't afford to sell up and move elsewhere, not at my age, and we genuinely looked forward to progress.

We have made it very clear that we do not want such progress to stop but would appreciate a glimpse of compassion and understanding from Metronet workers on the ground, and those who make the decisions from the comfort of their offices overlooking the CBD.

Another disastrous period of sleeplessness and trauma in my retirement, and she has just booked a six-day short break away in a couple of weeks to help me recover a little.

She alone knows the signs and signals of PTSD, with my attendant intensity and anger at what is happening to us right now.

Please do not neglect us, we are not your enemies, we are just looking to live the rest of our lives out here in Midland, in our community, in peace.
**B Steels
Midland**

Elephant in the room

Dear Echo News,
I watched a very good Q&A on Monday night – about our health system and its attempts to deal with an overwhelming number of issues, all of which needed more resources than are available.

Some very erudite and knowledgeable people participated but every one of them suffered from cognitive dissonance.

Thought for the day

"You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction."
– George Lorimer

None spoke of the real problem – the elephant in the room – which is the need for more taxes to be raised to pay for the health system we need. The same can be said for education, too.

If we don't raise sufficient taxes we're stuck with second-rate services. That's a simple statement of fact.

If we improve services, we will probably save money in the long run.

That's a simple statement of opinion, but given my 40-odd years as an economist and financial analyst, you can trust my judgment on that. We will save money.

The real problem is that those who have the means to pay for their health and education needs aren't interested in paying more taxes. There's your real problem, Australia.

It's called greed and it demonstrates worse than cognitive dissonance – it's a basic lack of civic and economic understanding.
**P Carman
Hovea**

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Out of hours disruptions on Railway Parade

GUANHAO CHENG

RECENT out of hours construction works on Railway Parade has left residents frustrated at the level of noise that has been disrupting rest at night.

Railway Parade resident Fiona Nichols said noise from nighttime operations had left her sleep deprived and concerned for her wellbeing.

"It's hard to understand how Metronet can carry out their work at such disruptive volumes," she said.

"I found myself questioning why the noise levels have to be so high, and whether Metronet even considered compensating residents affected by these disturbances.

"I expected at least some form of consideration, like funded (alternative accommodation), which only happened on night three of the noise after (reporting my complaint on) the phone at 4am in the morning."

Railway Parade resident Brian Steels said the noise had permeated Railway Parade and Cale Street like never before.

"We have shift workers, aged and disabled residents as well as young schoolchildren attempting to make sense of being interrupted all night," he said.

Commercial Bar and Kitchen owner and Railway Parade resident Kevin Bartholomew said the high noise levels were eventually acknowledged, but relief came too late and to too few.

"Only 2 per cent of households in the street were offered alternative accommodation," he said.

"This past week, the neighbourhood essentially became a bulldozer racetrack, and it finally took direct threats from exhausted residents that they would shut down the site be-



Railway Parade's out-of-hours worksite as seen from the Commercial Bar and Kitchen.

fore (PTA) took action."

A PTA spokesperson said they were conscious about the impact of night works on the community, which were undertaken only when necessary.

"During a three-day shutdown of the Midland line from October 24 to October 27, critical out-of-hours works were carried out when no passenger trains were running, and the high-voltage power was switched off," they said.

"This enables works to be carried out efficiently, and more importantly, ensures the safety of workers.

"We recognise that night works can impact community members in different ways and assess respite requests on a case-by-case basis.

"Residents will continue to be informed well in advance of upcoming works for the remainder of the project.

"We are also in regular contact with the local government and work collaboratively with them to address any issues."

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the city was aware of community concerns and an approved noise management plan was in place for the work with the city liaising with the Midland Junction Alliance to minimise impacts on residents.

"Residents with concerns regarding the works should lodge a formal noise complaint with the city by emailing swan@swan.wa.gov.au or completing the noise investigation request form available on the city's website," she said.

Perth Hills incident control centre progress criticised

ANITA McINNES

THE Nationals have criticised Labor for failing to deliver an incident control centre in the Perth Hills ahead of what is expected to be a challenging summer.

WA Opposition Emergency Services spokesman Martin Aldridge said the area had been hit with storms and fires this year, with many households and businesses left without power, and only two of 13 recommendations into the Wooroloo bushfire independent inquiry completed.

Mr Aldridge said a Perth Hills incident control centre still had not started almost four years on from the Wooroloo bushfire, which claimed 86 homes and razed almost 11,000ha.

The Nationals Wheatbelt MLA and Bullwinkel candidate Mia Davies said despite an independent review recommending in late 2022 that a dedicated incident control centre be established in the Perth Hills, the state and federal Labor governments had made no progress.

The WA government noted the review's recommendation while acknowledging the benefits of increasing incident management capacity in the Perth Hills and at the same time recognising the significant analysis and consultation that would be required.

On Wednesday Hasluck MHR Tania Lawrence said state and territory governments had the constitutionally enshrined primary responsibility for preparedness, response and recovery.

"We will continue to work with the Cook Government to achieve outcomes that help keep our communities safe," she said.

"This includes our commitment to building an incident control centre to service the hills community.

"A federation funding agreement has been signed with the state government, and as part of this, the funding for the incident control centre was provided to the state government, as per my commitment (\$3 million) at the 2022 election.

"We look forward to them delivering an operational facility appropriate to the needs of our community."

The timeline in the Update on the Government Response to the Wooroloo Review dated February 2024 shows the Department Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) was planning to present final options analysis to the government in March with the next steps for a new incident control centre to be confirmed based on WA government feedback.

A spokesman for Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson said in response to the Wooroloo review and the recommendation to establish a dedicated Perth Hills incident response centre, DFES was progressing the recommendation and was currently evaluating options, which included re-

viewing several sites that could potentially meet requirements for the Perth Hills.

He said in addition, the government and DFES have opened a level 3 incident control centre in Gingin and DFES was working with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions on assessing how mobile incident control centres could be an alternative to better support operations.

Late Wednesday DFES said it continued to work with the state government on site options and analysis for a permanent structure in the Perth Hills.

"DFES is considering a range of both fixed and mobile incident control centre options that will enhance the state's emergency response and management capabilities when natural disasters occur," a spokesman said.

"DFES is currently constructing mobile incident control centres and expects to have at least four available for this bushfire season, which can be transported and established in a short space of time."



The Nationals say Labor has failed to deliver a Perth Hills incident control centre.

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Housing major challenge with population growth: WALGA



ACCORDING to the Australian Bureau of Statistics population clock, Western Australia's population surpassed three million people last week.

"While a significant event in WA's history, this presents more pressure for local governments to provide services and facilities to meet community needs and expectations," WALGA president Karen Chappel said.

She urged the state government to recognise the growing population pressure on councils, particularly in addressing the shortage of affordable housing.

"100 per cent of our 139 member councils view housing as a major challenge in their local government area," Cr Chappel said.

"We are concerned about the supply of rental housing and the affordability of housing in general."

As part of the 2025 state election priorities, WALGA is asking for the state government to work with local governments to officially unlock underutilised government-owned land for housing initiatives, to in-

crease availability of temporary accommodation solutions and to review the role of Development WA to support housing developments in areas where private developers will not enter.

Cr Chappel is also asking the state to review the government regional housing (GROH) program.

"We need GROH to be more responsive and coordinated so local governments can invest in GROH housing."

WALGA also recognise that a population of three million will place pressure on the use of recreation centres, swimming pools, playing surfaces and parks, as well as arts and cultural facilities and public libraries.

"We are looking to the state to bolster the very successful but over-subscribed community sports and recreation facilities fund (CSRFF) to cater for the inevitable increased usage of council community facilities," Cr Chappel said.

"We are asking for CSRFF to increase from \$20 million to \$30 million each year."



Rabbits of Mundaring are going unchecked

GUANHAO CHENG

WHILE Shire of Mundaring residents have been seeking support for the increasing rabbit sightings in the area they are discovering that no authority is managing the wild rabbits now disrupting homes and private infrastructure.

Parkerville resident Claire Silveira said rabbit numbers in Mundaring seem to be at an all-time high after living in the area over a decade.

"We've lived here for 13 years, and we've never seen numbers like this," she said.

"I've gotten in contact with multiple agencies and as a layman everyone's assuming there's an agency responsible that's controlling numbers and baiting the rabbits, but there isn't."

"My property backs onto John Forrest National Park, and so I contacted the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) who said they weren't a priority for them at the moment."

A DBCA spokesperson said there were more pressing issues on land under their control.

"The DBCA does not consider rabbit control to be among the most pressing issues on DBCA managed land in the Perth Hills district," they said.

"DBCA continues to focus efforts on the control of feral predators such as foxes and cats and feral herbivores such as pigs and goats."

"Control options are available to local communities and landholders are detailed on the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) website."

A DPIRD spokesperson confirmed they did

not monitor rabbit numbers and said the responsibility of managing rabbit populations belonged to residents.

"Rabbit populations fluctuate in numbers in localised areas — DPIRD does not monitor rabbit numbers," they said.

"As rabbits are a widespread and established pest, it is landholders' responsibility to control rabbits."

"On occasions local communities may arrange a local coordinated response to an increase in rabbit numbers."

A Shire of Mundaring spokesperson said the shire was aware residents had been having concerns about the rabbits in the hills.

"Environmental services do receive questions from the community regarding rabbit issues in the hills," they said.

"The responsibility for rabbit control lies with individual landowners."

"DPIRD has a comprehensive list of control options and the advantages and disadvantages."

"DPIRD also offer a free online course to complete the training to handle the RHDV1 K5 virus — this was previously known as calicivirus."

"The shire will be holding a Feral animal and Fox control workshop on the November 16."

"The shire would encourage landowners to report rabbits or other feral animals to FeralScan."

"The database will further assist with any release trials and targeted pest management."

Residents looking for more information about rabbit control may visit www.agric.wa.gov.au/baits-poisons/rabbit-control-options

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Shire of Mundaring acts to stop North Stoneville's destruction

PETER W LEWIS

SHIRE of Mundaring has written to federal Minister for the Environment and Water Tanya Plibersek, requesting her to reconsider the recent Environmental Protection Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) approval for the proposed North Stoneville development.

The approval for Structure Plan 34 North Stoneville granted on September 16, permits the removal of approximately 200 hectares of critical habitat within a local natural area, and according to the shire threatens Black cockatoo breeding areas.

Shire President Paige McNeil issued a letter to the minister on behalf of council, expressing significant environmental concerns surrounding the development's impact on local biodiversity.

Ms McNeil said the request for reconsideration underscored the shire's strong commitment to sustainable environmental practices and preserving the unique biodiversity that define the Perth Hills.

"The Mundaring Shire Council and com-

munity are gravely concerned about the North Stoneville development's significant impact on local biodiversity, including the loss of 60,000 trees which are a critical breeding habitat for the endangered Carnaby, Baudin's, and vulnerable Forest Red Tailed Black cockatoos," she said.

"We are deeply disappointed with the decision that has been based on environmental survey's undertaken seven years ago and believe that serious consideration must be given to the current condition of the forest that has been impacted by the cumulative environmental fall out of the Wooroloo 2021 bushfire and the 2022/23 summer drought.

"The developer's approved offset plan is located 184km away in Williams and deemed unsuitable by the shire due to its lack of ecological relevance to the black cockatoo's breeding area.

"Black cockatoo's are highly dependent on specific ecological conditions found in the Perth Hills. Attempting to recreate these unique ecosystems in regions with different soil and climatic conditions, 184km away, is

highly challenging and puts the long-term survival of the species at great risk.

"Council takes its responsibility to protect our biodiversity and unique ecosystems very seriously. We strongly urge the minister to reconsider this decision, as the significant loss of habitat for vulnerable and endangered species in North Stoneville would have irreversible consequences for the local environment and greater Perth.

"Our concerns reflect those of the entire community, who share a deep commitment to preserving our native environment. Allowing this scale of clearing at the expense of endangered species and vital habitat contradicts the very principles of sustainable planning and conservation."

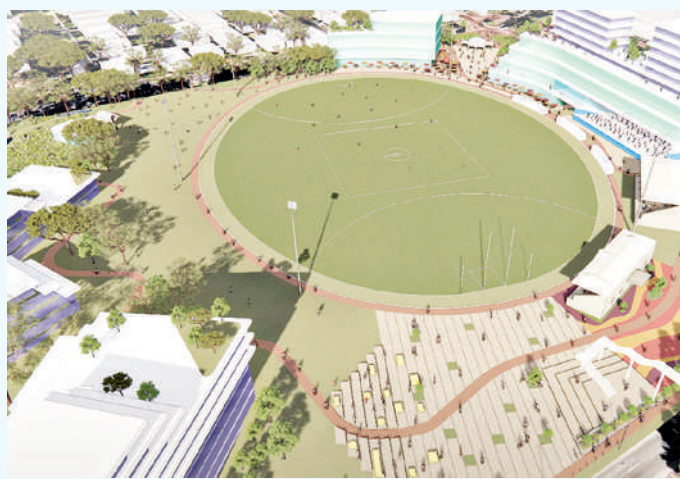
Reconsideration of an EPBC approval is permitted under Section 145(2)(b) of the EPBC Act 1999.

The North Stoneville appeal continues with the next directions hearing at the State Administrative Tribunal scheduled for 11.30am on Friday, November 8.

Environment and Water Minister Tanya Plibersek has been contacted for comment.



The 60,000 trees are critical for vulnerable Forest Red Tailed Black cockatoos.



The proposed masterplan for the Bassendean oval.

New Bassendean oval consultations

CONSULTATION workshops on the Bassendean oval redevelopment concept masterplan will take place on Monday, November 4 and Wednesday, November 6.

The Town of Bassendean said residents, non-residents and stakeholders were encouraged to share their thoughts on the future vision for the precinct.

The town's post on the oval redevelopment consultation said people familiar with the town centre master plan would notice some differences in the current design.

Key differences from the town city master plan are the oval has been reoriented to the AFL recommended orientation of 15 degrees off north/south, it includes potential residential development to the east of the oval and larger development to the west of the oval.

"The town centre master plan is a guiding principles approach document that was developed as a future or aspirational state for the town centre, which would be subject to a more detailed and robust planning approach and architectural concepts," the post said.

"It has been used a guiding document to inform this project; however, the steering committee and consultants have been directed to explore the best way to increase the intensity of use of the precinct and site, allowing it to serve the community more, especially outside of Swan Districts Football Club match days."

The November 4 workshop runs from 6.30pm to 8pm while the November 6 workshop runs from 2.30pm to 4pm. Both workshops will be held at Swan Districts Football Club.

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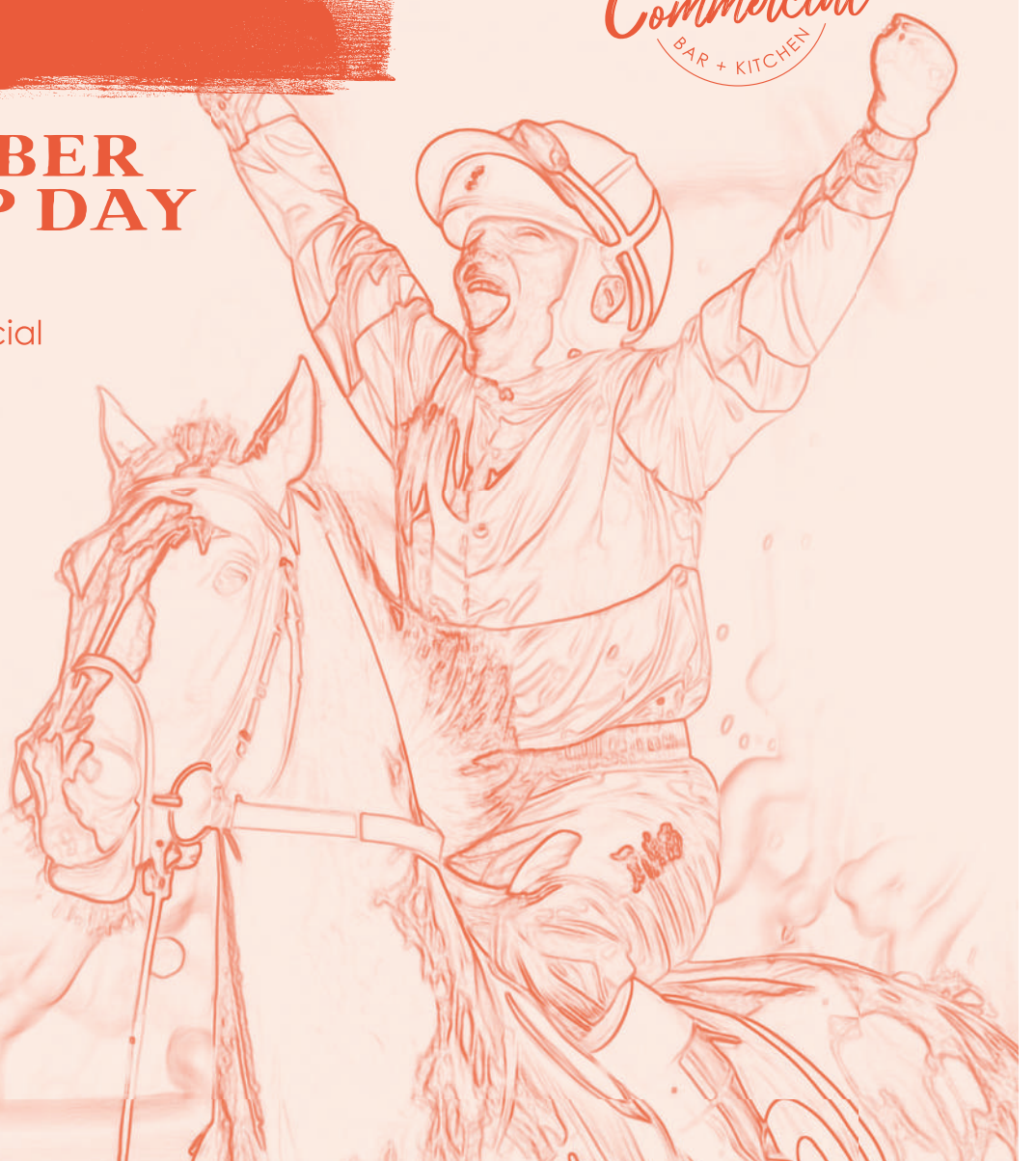
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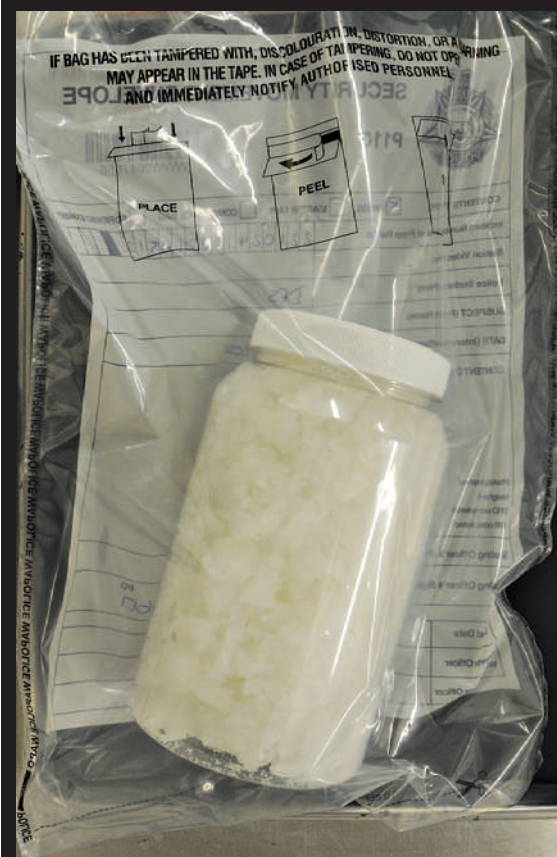
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The methylamphetamine seized by police.

Dayton man charged with serious drug offences

TWO men have been charged with serious drug offences after more than two kilograms of methylamphetamine and approximately \$50,000 in cash was seized.

On Tuesday, October 22, officers conducted a Border Search Area at Perth Airport targeting passengers arriving on domestic flights from Sydney and Melbourne.

Intelligence led officers to a 76-year-old man who arrived on a flight from Melbourne who was believed to have had a quantity of drugs in his possession.

The male was observed at the airport by officers before he left during the search and later returned to collect a bag.

Officers followed the man to an address in Dayton, where a traffic stop was conducted and the 76-year-old male and a 55-year-old male were taken into custody.

It will be alleged the bag that was collected at the airport by

the 76-year-old male contained more than two kilograms of methylamphetamine.

A subsequent search of the home in Dayton located more than \$50,000 in cash which it will be alleged is the proceeds of drug offences.

The 55-year-old male from Dayton has been charged with possession of a trafficable quantity of methylamphetamine with intent to sell or supply, one count of received, possessed, concealed, disposed of or dealt with any money or other property that is the proceeds of an offence and supplying a prohibited drug.

He is next due to appear before the Perth Magistrates Court on December 5.

The 76-year-old male from Balga has been charged with one count of possession of a trafficable quantity of methylamphetamine with intent to sell or supply.

He is due to appear in the Perth Magistrates Court on November 7.



Western Australian grain harvest is now underway

WESTERN Australia's grain harvest is underway with the first receivals for the season delivered to Geraldton, Kwinana and Esperance ports.

In welcome news for the industry, it is expected the state's total grain production will be between 17 to 18 million tonnes - in line with WA's yearly average.

The figures are a remarkable result after a growing season characterised by very low rainfall, for most of the growing regions.

Despite a relatively late start and dry September, the Geraldton zone had a wetter than average season and is now shaping up to be the standout region for harvest in 2024.

Parts of the region are experiencing exceptionally high yields, with expectations well above historical averages.

Each year, CBH collaborates with local freight contractors and subcontractors to transport grain to port, contributing millions to the regional economy, ensuring local in-

dustries and businesses remain integral to the supply chain.

The WA grains industry is crucial to the state's economy, contributing \$7 billion annually with the state government significantly investing in grain research and infrastructure, supporting WA's grain industry.

Agriculture and Food Minister Jackie Jarvis said with harvest underway it's fantastic that it's starting with a promising outlook for the season's results and optimism for our

grain industry.

"Our growers faced some tough conditions this season but their resilience, patience and willingness to embrace innovation means our State is on track for a solid harvest.

"While this may not be a bumper year, we've seen a significant turnaround after an extremely late break and this success is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our grain producers, industry leaders, and researchers."

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Imperial Homestead finalist in two AHA award categories

THE Imperial Homestead in York has been chosen as a finalist in two categories of the 2024 Australian Hotels Association (AHA) Hospitality Awards for Excellence.

The historic hotel is a finalist in both the Family Dining Regional and Restaurant Award Region.

This is a notable accomplishment attained in just four months under the guidance of new owner Manish Bhalla and his family and staff.

"I am thrilled in such a short time after we took over the Imperial to be a finalist in two award categories," Manish said.

"I believe this has been made possible through the unwavering support and outstanding hospitality of our customers in York, and the many visitors that are attracted to York to enjoy the many events the town regularly holds," he said.

"I've always wanted to do something special in the country after owning the Glass Junction in Adelaide Terrace in Perth's CBD."

This year, a remarkable 530 nominations across over 40 award categories have been submitted, showcasing the outstanding calibre of WA's hospitality industry.

The finalists have been narrowed down to an exclusive list, representing the state's leading hotels, bars, pubs, taverns and restaurants, along

with the dedicated staff who are the backbone of their success.

The prestigious 2024 AHA & Coca-Cola Hospitality Awards for Excellence will be celebrated at the Lion Gala Ball on Monday, November 11 at Crown Perth, with more than 1000 attendees expected to honour the very best in the industry.

AHA(WA) chief executive officer Bradley Woods said the vast number of nominations highlights the growth and diversity of WA's hospitality sector, which continues to thrive across both Perth and regional areas.

"The 2024 AHA & Coca-Cola Hospitality Awards for Excellence reflect the dedication and commitment of those who work tirelessly to deliver exceptional food, beverage, and service experiences," Mr Woods said.

"Western Australians enjoy an unprecedented range of hospitality options, from vibrant hotel cocktail bars and country pubs to suburban taverns, neighbourhood restaurants, and innovative multi-venue outlets.

"These awards are not only about recognising venues but also about celebrating the incredible people behind them. The 2024 employee awards finalists embody the heart and soul of WA's hospitality industry, demonstrating excellence in service and passion for their craft."

Community rallies for Robot Bun Factory Café



The Robot Bun Factory Café after the fire and Glen Kleinig at the café with his daughter and owners Neil Wilson and Lesley Li before the fire.

GUANHAO CHENG

WHILE Robot Bun Factory Café was burned during the fire late last week, a fundraiser for their recovery has raised tens of thousands of dollars within the past weekend.

Café staff took to Facebook to notify patrons their shopfront was damaged when their neighbouring store experienced a fire and had to close indefinitely while undergoing repairs.

The community flooded the post with reactions, with hundreds of comments of support and fond memories about the café shared below.

“A world without the Robot Bun Factory is a little darker,” one commentor said.

“Lesley, Neil and the rest of the staff made everyone’s day a little brighter.

“We all eagerly await your return.”

Swan residents and long-time Robot Bun Café patrons Glen Kleinig and Hayley Harris set up a GoFundMe shortly after learning about the damages.

Ms Harris said starting the fundraiser was a first and felt compelled to help café staff.

“This is the first time we’ve done something quite like this,” she said.

“I’ve run some advocacy campaigns related to my work

but the inspiration was out of love and care for Lesley and Neil and the staff at Robot Bun.”

Ms Harris said the community support response was incredible, but it had been expected because of the owners’ warmth and hospitality had earned them many loyal friends through the years.

“(The response from the community) has been incredible,” she said.

“Part of me is not even surprised by the reaction because the Robot Bun is a much-loved community hub.

“(The owners) are always so full of warmth and love, so I knew with 100 per cent confidence their customers and community would get behind them.”

Mr Kleinig said he was also expecting the Robot Bun Factory Café to receive much support from its patrons but was surprised by the speed of the community’s donations.

“I was pretty confident that we could get \$10,000 which was the initial goal for the GoFundMe when I set it up in the evening but when I woke up the next morning and it was already at couple of grand, I was like. ‘Whoa,’” he said.

“It’s already taken off, so we upped the fundraising goal to \$20,000, and we’ve hit that, so we had to raise it to \$30,000 to better cover the extensive repairs needed to restore the café after the fire damage.”

Ms Harris said many in the community expressed they

were willing to lend a helping hand to physically clean up, but the state of insurance made that impossible.

“People want to help physically clean up but given insurance that’s not an option right now,” she said.

“We’re hoping to look at other ways to continue supporting Robot Bun as they get back on their feet and are looking at getting other businesses involved.

“It might be a quiz night or a raffle of some sort, and we’ve already had interest from businesses like the Crooked Spire, who are another coffee store like the Robot Bun, willing to get involved to help them recover.

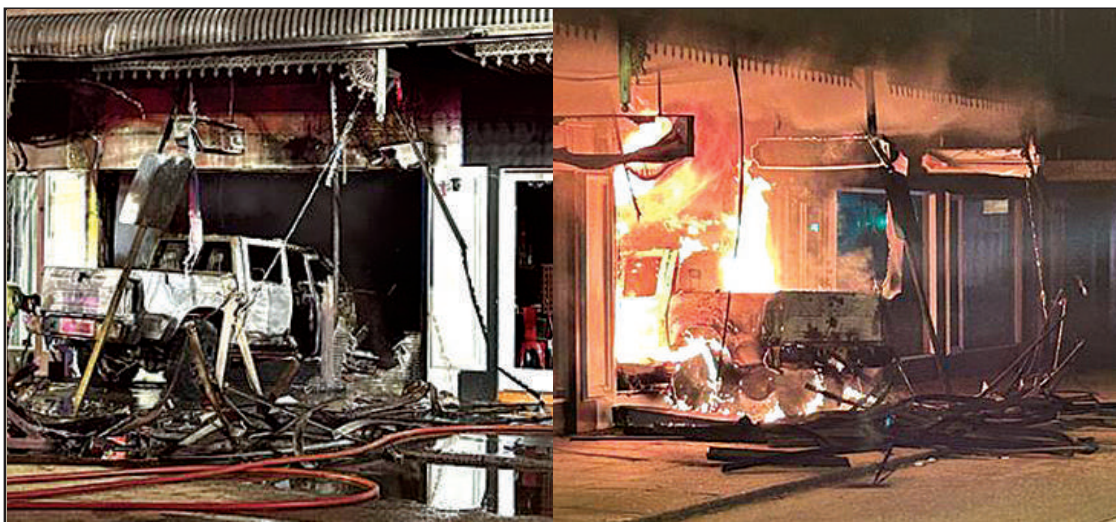
“We’re just hoping (the owners) are doing okay because having this happen is a big mental hit apart from just the physical side of things and getting the café fixed up is the biggest priority at the moment for them.

“It’s also about the 10 staff members that woke up the next day without work and with the cost of living being what it is, it makes it really hard to not have a job.

“So, it’s also about how to help get them opportunities for work as well and getting other businesses involved in the meantime who can lend a hand.”

Businesses who are interested in a supporting a fundraising event for the Robot Bun Factory Café or assisting staff members in the interim may contact kleinig@gmail.com

Donations for the café restoration fundraiser may be made at www.gofundme.com/f/robot-restoration



Police photos of the incident site in Midland last Friday.

Midland smoke shop fire investigation continues

A FIRE gutted multiple businesses along the Midland Parade near Tuohy Lane early on Friday morning and arson detectives are continuing to appeal for public assistance in the investigation.

As investigations continue, police have released further CCTV of the incident, and an unknown male they believe may be able to assist with the investigation.

Police are also investigating links to the tobacco wars in the eastern states.

About 2.30am on Saturday morning, police and Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) were called to a fire at a business on Great Eastern Highway.

Emergency services found the vehicle inside the premises and the building on fire upon arrival.

Arson squad officers conducted a fire scene examination determined the fire was deliberately lit.

Initial CCTV footage captured a white Nissan Navara pulling into the empty carpark in front

of Dan Murphy’s Midland at about 3am before looping around and crashing into A-Deal Tobacconist’s shopfront.

A man could be seen exiting the vehicle and running from the scene shortly after the shop was rammed.

Police have now revealed the car used in the incident was stolen on October 8 from a property in Aveley and that the Midland tobacconist had not been involved in criminal activity.

The cost of damages is estimated at half a million dollars.

Rewards of up to \$25,000 are available for information that leads to the identification and conviction of an arsonist.

All reports can be made anonymously.

Anyone with CCTV, mobile phone, or dash-cam vision of the area between 1.30am and 5am, can upload it directly to police via www.wapf.au/evidencecom/axon/community-request/public/251024024016893

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Michelle Roberts MLA

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As we gather at memorials and cenotaphs across the region to pay our respects, it's a time to reflect on the horrors of war and to pledge, *Lest We Forget.*

It's a time to ensure the memory of those who fought and died in service to their country endures for generations to come.

At a time when the lessons of the past are as crucial as ever, Remembrance Day offers an opportunity for Australians to not only express gratitude to veterans and current service members but also to strive for a more peaceful and united world.

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Swan business opportunities conference

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A BUSINESS opportunities conference will be held in Midland to help attendants build industry connections and explore the new frontier of AI technologies in business on Monday, November 4.

Keynote speakers at the event will include Startup WA chairperson Charlie Gunningham and Friyay co-founder Gareth Rydon.

Mr Gunningham said he's worked with start-up businesses for more than two decades and will speak about the lessons that businesses of any level can take away from start-ups.

"I've spent 25 years in the start-up ecosystem and have been a major investor as well as worked for federal and state government," he said.

"I've also lectured in e-commerce, so I've seen the ecosystem from all sides.

"My talk will be about what can we learn from startups as business leaders and what can they teach us about business in general.

"One thing start-ups do is, because they don't often have much money, they have to think smart and about how to maximise every ounce out of their dollars.

"Many startups aren't even paying themselves a salary in the early months and years, so it's about making that money really count.

"Another is (agility) and being able to have ideas in the morning that go live in the afternoon.

"I've worked for bigger companies and governments where it takes weeks if not months to incorporate a small change, but with start-ups it's about learning to assemble the plane as you take off.

"It's scary to do but it's exciting as well."

Mr Rydon, whose company provides AI solutions to empower businesses, said his presentation will focus on live demonstrations of how AI can be implemented by small businesses.

"The focus will be around practical applications in business and that's the thing we try to work on," he said.

"An example is the use of AI in meetings, and the biggest benefit our clients get straight away is using AI to augment how they meet and collab internally.

"Being able to use AI to take good quality notes, action things, and instead of having to spend two to



three weeks writing the agenda and follow-up emails, businesses can now do that in two or three minutes after the meeting.

Mr Rydon said it was the first time new technology was in a space where small businesses could access its benefits as much as big corporations could.

"With the right use of these tools it's a far bigger opportunity for smaller businesses who can now compete with these bigger businesses," he said.

The program includes a series of panel discussions following each keynote speech, where industry representatives from varying fields will explore how new AI technologies can be relevant in different situations.

Breaking up the panel discussions will be half-hour tea breaks where attendants will have the opportunity network with industry experts and leaders.

The event will conclude with a question and answer segment.

The event is a collaboration between the Swan Chamber of Commerce and North Metropolitan TAFE.

Swan Chamber of Commerce president Mike Match said the conference was also an opportunity to build relations between educators and industry figures to help better support students entering the workforce.

"It's a great thing to be training the next generation of business leaders and workforce members in what's actually relevant to them and welcoming in the new technologies that can streamline work processes for the future," he said.

The event will be held at the North Metropolitan TAFE Midland campus and run from 8.30am to 12.30pm with tickets available at www.swanchamber.org.au

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The new system, introduced in 2022, helps City of Swan residents decide what action to take to protect themselves and their families from the impact of bushfires.

Each day, the Bureau of Meteorology uses local weather data to calculate the next day's fire danger as either moderate, high, extreme, catastrophic or no rating.

On days when a rating is declared, residents need to take the following actions:

Moderate: Plan and prepare – most fires can be controlled
 High: Be ready to act – fires will be dangerous

Extreme: Act now to protect life and property – fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous

Catastrophic: Leave bushfire risk areas for your survival – if a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost

No rating: Remain alert – fires are unlikely to spread dangerously.

If you live or work in a bushfire risk area this summer, it is your responsibility to keep up to date with the AFDRS so you can plan and take the appropriate action needed to protect yourself and others.

Current and predicted fire danger ratings can be found on the Bureau of Meteorology website or the Emergency WA website.



Install your firebreaks

The City of Swan requires all properties over 5,000sqm to install internal boundary firebreaks.

While it's unlikely that firebreaks will stop an intense fire, they will slow or maybe even stop a low intensity fire. They also provide important access for fire trucks to combat a fire.

Firebreaks must be:

- 3 metres wide with a 4 metres vertical height clearance,
- cleared of all flammable material,
- have sweeping corners to allow rooms for fire trucks to turn, and
- located inside, and as close as practicable, to the properties boundary.

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Bushfires don't wait, and neither should we.

Acting early by managing grass and reducing

fuel loads around our homes builds a buffer that may protect lives and property when it matters most.

These are actions each of us can take to collectively minimise risks this season.

The City of Kalamunda has resources available to guide residents in fire preparation.

Visit the City's website for essential tips and information and help protect our beautiful community this bushfire season.

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Nick Childs.
6pm. Free.
125 Avon Terrace York

Bassendean Hotel
Steve Simmons.
8pm-Late. Free.
25 Old Perth Road
Bassendean

Sun 3 November

Noble Falls Tavern
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Sun 3 November -cont

Settlers House York
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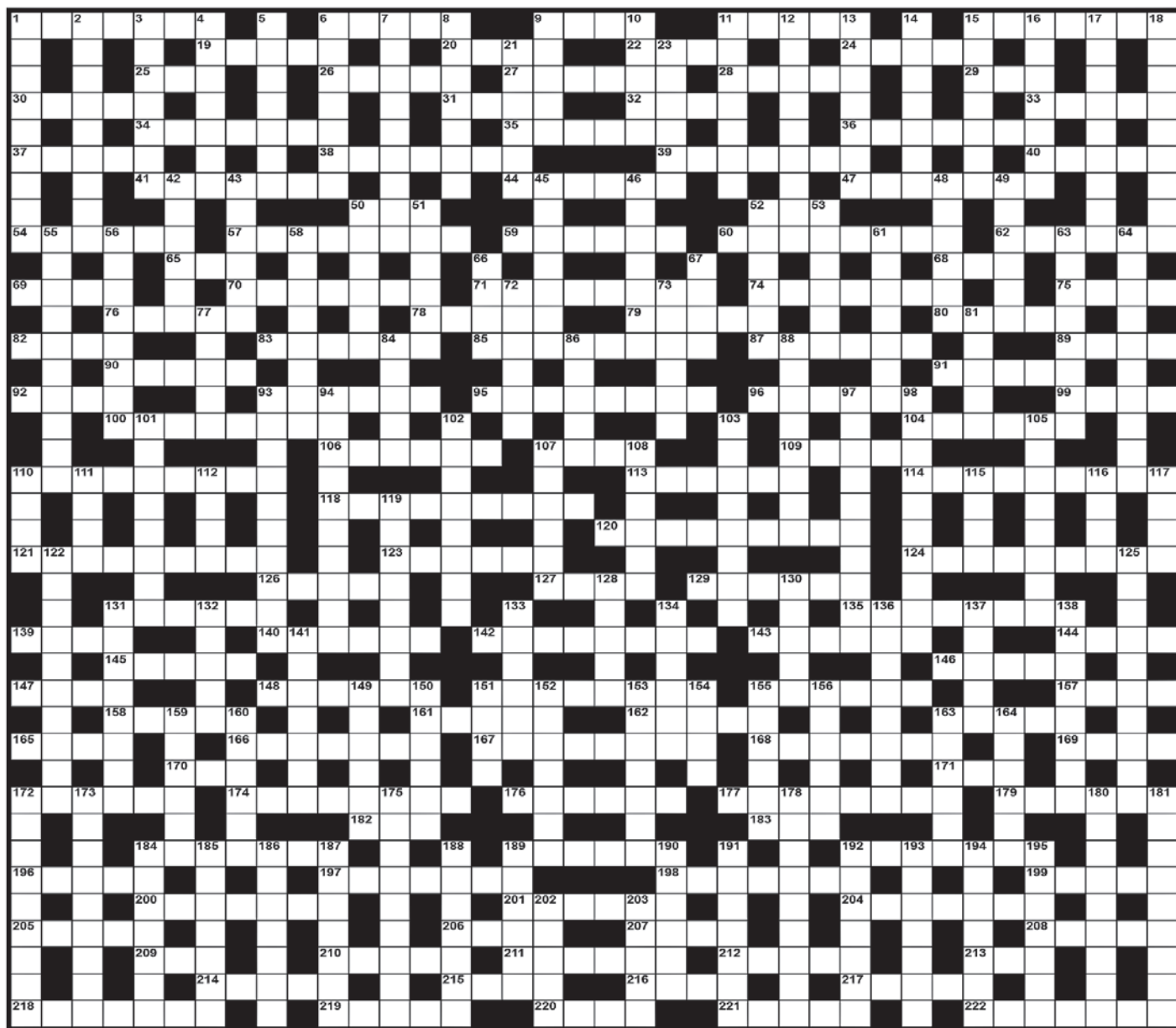
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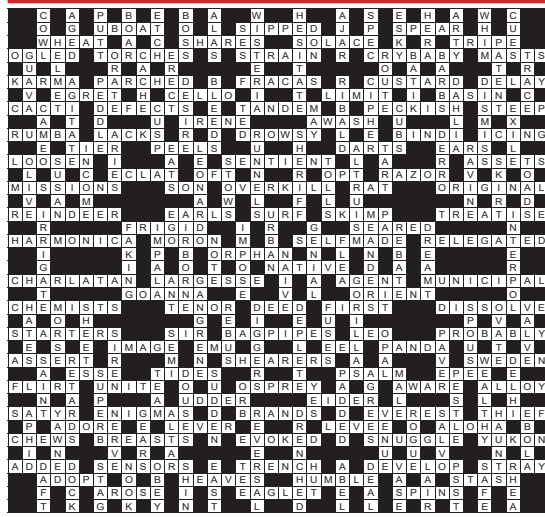
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Darlington Arts Festival returning this weekend



Last year's exhibitions featured every medium from textiles to metallic sculpture.

JACKI ELEZOVICH

DARLINGTON Arts Festival is back for another year, and the festival's committee president said it's bigger and better than ever.

This weekend, Saturday and Sunday, November 2-3, visitors are invited to step into the heart of the Perth Hills art scene at Darlington Village, with the festival showcasing work from more than 500 artists of all mediums and levels of expertise.

Committee president Amy Pepper said the festival had grown significantly since its humble beginnings in 1954.

"The early festivals were informal one-day events showcasing the work of local painters and potters. These were organised as a thank-you gesture to raise funds for volunteer firefighters who regularly saved both homes and studios from summer bushfires," she said.

"The Darlington arts festival brings some 15,000 visitors to Darlington for a vibrant weekend of nature, art and community. Our much-loved community festival has helped celebrate and nurture artists, artisans and performers for decades, creating special memories for generations of locals. Those experiences for many people over the years build a real sense of belonging and welcoming and that is really the heart of the festival."

Ms Pepper said this year the festival would have a much bigger family and youth focus.

"The younger kids can have a go at making some junk instruments and jam with Junkadelic, take a trip to Fairyland and watch as curator Jina Lee demonstrates her craft of stone carving from 3pm to 5pm on Saturday.

"Teens are invited to hang out at the Darlington Station Reserve throughout the weekend with weed weaving and intuitive abstract painting with contemporary artist Issac Huggins. From 5.30pm to 8pm on Saturday night, we are dedicating this zone to our youth with local live music and a free silent disco with tunes of their choice."

A new funding agreement with the shire of Mundaring helped the committee to continue running the festival.

"The Shire of Mundaring has supported this signature event over many years and recognises its importance. The festival is run entirely by volunteers, so it is important in terms

of the benefits of volunteering for individuals and the community: we are really lucky to have this event to help keep us all connected and well," Ms Pepper said.

"Our three-year funding agreement gives our committee of volunteers some certainty, giving us the ability to plan ahead and keep the festival growing in terms of the diversity and quality of what we can offer. The shire funding, in conjunction with funding from Lotterywest, covers the majority of our basic infrastructure costs like shade, sound and lighting, seating, first aid and toilets."

This year, the funding agreement between the shire and the festival was increased from \$11,455 to \$20,850 per year.

Ms Pepper said the funding increase would work to close the current gap between funding for single-day events and large-scale festivals like Darlington Arts in the Shire of Mundaring and help the festival committee provide more diverse and quality entertainment, as well as improve their engagement with Darlington's youth.

"The increase in funding will be used over the next three years to build our youth engagement program, which is aimed at building a sense of belonging for teenagers at the festival and encouraging those teens to get involved and build skills to become the artists of the future," she said.

The festival is free to enter, and more information and the full festival program can be found at www.darlingtonartsfestival.com



The Darlington Arts Festival committee works hard throughout the year to bring the festival to life.



Rehoboth Christian College students prepare for their performance.

Rehoboth performs Animal Farm at Kalamunda Arts

REHOBOTH Christian College will be performing Animal Farm, their first public theatre production in more than two decades on Monday and Tuesday, November 4-5 at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Theatre.

The play, based on George Orwell's famous novel and adapted for the stage by Ian Wooldridge, is a political satire set on a rural English farm.

Orwell's original story was a deliberate allegory for the rise and corruption of communism in 20th century Russia, but it's a timeless tale whose messages about power, politics and propaganda remain as relevant as ever.

The production is directed and performed by the Year 11 general drama class and their teacher Mr Dougherty,

who has taught drama at Rehoboth since 2018.

It features a small ensemble cast playing multiple characters, with dance, original music alongside some well-known songs, and animated scenography.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start and tickets are \$17 for adults and \$12 for students.

There is a 10+ age recommendation due to the mature themes of the material.

Mr Dougherty said the production is ambitious, modern and fun, and would be a great opportunity for anyone interested in theatre to come and watch some up and coming talent.

Rehoboth is an independent school committed to distinctly Christian education.

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN COLLEGE YEAR 11 GENERAL DRAMA

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Mayor's MESSAGE

As we embrace the warmth and beauty of Kambarang season, I'm thrilled to share some exciting initiatives and updates happening across the City of Kalamunda.

This year, we're celebrating Seniors Week from 10-17 November, partnering with Darling Range Hub, Community Bank Forrestfield, Priceline Pharmacy Kalamunda, and Woodlupine Family Centre to bring a range of inspiring and entertaining events to our community. From educational workshops to social gatherings, there's truly something for everyone. One highlight is the Senior Residents Art Exhibition at the Zig Zag Gallery, showcasing the creativity and spirit of our seniors aged 55 and above. Running from 9 November to 1 December, this year's theme, Odysseys, offers a beautiful and diverse collection of artworks for the community to enjoy - and perhaps even take home!

For those looking to stay active, Hartfield Park Recreation Centre is offering some great deals, including 2-for-1 group fitness classes and free classes for seniors during Seniors Week. It's a wonderful opportunity to focus on wellness as we step into the summer months.

Our youth team also have some exciting projects on the horizon! In partnership with RAC, the Youth Action Kalamunda team will bring Haynes Street to life during the January school holidays, introducing vibrant outdoor seating, lighting, and décor. This revitalisation will connect with the Kalamunda Town Team's ongoing laneway artwork project, adding an extra layer of colour and creativity to our town centre. Just in time for summer!

To celebrate National Recycling Week, the City is launching a community quiz with recycling tips and prizes - keep an eye on the City's Facebook page for how to enter. We also have Q&A sessions planned with the Nappy Guru to answer all your questions about using modern cloth nappies. For details, visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au/libraries

On a more serious note, the City is committed to supporting DPIRD in managing the spread of the polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB), which has been detected in some areas. To keep our community informed, we're hosting a free information session covering everything from signs of infestation to how you can help prevent its spread. Don't miss the opportunity to learn and ask questions at this informative session, starting 6:30pm on Wednesday 6 November 2024 at the Pickering Brook Sports Club. Register today at www.trybooking.com/CWFHK

As we prepare for the warmer months, I want to remind residents to ensure their properties are bushfire-ready by 1 November and maintained through to the end of March. We also offer a free SMS service, delivering real-time alerts for Fire Danger Ratings, Total Fire Bans, and more. This opt-in service keeps you informed and prepared, and signing up is quick and easy.

Thank you for being part of our vibrant community. I look forward to seeing you all at these events and initiatives as we work together to make Kalamunda a wonderful place to live, learn, and thrive.

Margaret Thomas JP
Mayor

STOP THE SPREAD OF PSHB COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

To help the community understand more about polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) we're hosting a free community information session covering the pest's biology, life cycle, the types of trees at risk, signs of infestation, and how to report suspicious activity.

A Q&A session will follow.

Where: Pickering Brook Sports Club, 35 Weston Road

When: Wednesday 6 November | 6:30pm-7:30pm

Register to secure your spot
trybooking.com/CWFHK



City of Kalamunda residents are reminded to maintain their properties in bushfire ready condition by following the annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice.

Properties must be bushfire ready by 1 November 2024 and maintained up to and including 31 March 2025.

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9:30am-11:30am



For more information scan the QR code or visit engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/bushfire-2024-25



SENIORS WEEK CELEBRATIONS FROM 10-17 NOVEMBER

The City of Kalamunda, in partnership with Darling Range Hub, Community Bank Forrestfield, Priceline Pharmacy Kalamunda and the Woodlupine Family Centre, is excited to host a series of events to celebrate Seniors Week 2024.

This week-long celebration runs from 10-17 November and offers a variety of activities to inspire, educate, connect, and entertain.

Find out what's on by visiting kalamunda.wa.gov.au/whats-on






Additional Bin Collections over the holidays

During the weeks starting 23 and 30 December, all three bins will be collected. Collection day may shift due to public holidays. For more information visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au/waste

Public Agenda Briefing Forum
6:30pm, Tuesday 12 November
Administration Centre, Council Chambers
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6:30pm, Tuesday 26 November
Administration Centre, Council Chambers
Visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au to view the Agenda

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Mayor's message

Kaya everyone,

The weather is warming up which means more reasons to head outdoors for a range of events and activities to enjoy in the City of Swan. There really is something for everyone.

In our efforts to create a sustainable future, we were proud to award \$25,000 to Eco Fashion Week Australia to help bring environmentally friendly clothing solutions to Swan throughout this month. There will be fashion shows, exhibitions, workshops, artist talks – all providing great ways to learn how to be more sustainable.

This month, the City will celebrate our diversity at the inaugural community-driven Pride Swan Festival at Carnegie Triangle, Midland on Saturday, November 16 with an evening of free family fun.

Early next month, I encourage you to take part in the 11th Midland March that Matters on Thursday, December 5, 2024 from 11.30am-1.30pm and show your support.

The theme of this year's powerful, all ages event is "Play your part" – as a community, it is crucial that we stand up against family and domestic violence together.

I look forward to seeing you out and about in the coming months and marching with you in December.

Tanya Richardson
Mayor, City of Swan



Engage with us



Allington Park, Ballajura

Thank you for your feedback on our plans to improve Allington Park by planting trees, shrubs, and ground covers, and installing mulch and landscaping in the park's compensation basin area. However, due to wet conditions, the final touches on the mulching have been delayed, with completion expected by November 8, 2024. Looking ahead, we will complete planting all 22,000 shrubs and ground coverings by June 2025.

Go to swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/allington-park-ballajura



Social Strategy

The City of Swan is seeking your feedback on its draft Social Strategy until November 8. After consulting with industry stakeholders at the beginning of 2024, we developed a draft strategy to set the direction for our social services, so we can deliver the greatest value to our community, while balancing budgetary pressures and ensuring that rates remain reasonable. This draft strategy sets out the focus areas needed to deliver our Strategic Community Plan, which contains our social vision and how we will measure our success. We encourage you to provide your feedback on the focus areas we have developed.

Go to swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/open/draftsocialstrategy



What's happening



Ellenbrook Multicultural Festival

Get ready for an unforgettable experience as we mark the fourth consecutive year of the Ellenbrook Multicultural Festival on Saturday, November 9 from 3-8pm at Charlottes Vineyard Sports Pavilion. Bring the family to this free event and explore delicious international cuisines, immerse yourself in vibrant music and dance performances and engage in interactive cultural activities and workshops.



Step into volunteering

If you have been thinking about volunteering, come along to a free information session where you'll find out how it benefits you and your community, the value of your contribution, how to find volunteer positions, and more. The session will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, from 10-11.30am at Swan Volunteer Resource Centre. Call **(08) 9278 9690**.



Midland Town Hall Tour

Explore the historic Midland Town Hall with a free three-hour tour on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 10am - 1pm. Dive into the rich history and architectural wonders of this iconic building and discover fascinating stories and secrets as our knowledgeable guides from the Midland and Districts Historical Society take you on a journey through time. Bookings essential. Call **(08) 9207 8694**.



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- **An Introduction to crochet** craft workshop presented by Zig Zag Community Arts will be held on Saturday, November 30 from 10am to 12.30pm at the Jack Healey Centre, 21 Mead Street, Kalamunda. To book visit <https://zigzagcommunityarts.org.au/events/> For more information call Jill on 0404 866 159.
- **World Vision Mundaring and Hills** support group holds its monthly stalls on the second Saturday of the month in the Woolworths Mall in Mundaring. For more information call Suzanne on 0452 075 371 or Kryssie on 0431 570 985.
- **CWA Kalamunda** meets on the second Friday of each month at 10am on Central Road, Kalamunda behind Aldi, look for the blue tree. Go along to join in the fun and meet new friends.
- **Mundaring Garden Club** meets every second Tuesday in Mundaring. The annual program includes entertaining guest speakers who present on a wide range of topics. Presentations are followed by morning tea in the club café. For more information, call the secretary on 0414 303 985.

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Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk



Love in a Shoebox

Once a year there is a drive to collect shoeboxes – not empty shoeboxes but 'filled up' shoeboxes; filled with gifts for children. We nickname these shoeboxes 'Love in a Shoebox' for they are given as a loving gift to children in troubled and poverty-stricken places of the world.

Eleven countries, including Australia, participate in this massive exercise. It's mainly done through churches, but anyone can participate. Some start in the middle of the year, buying gifts for children and packing their boxes. The boxes are then delivered to depots in October, for shipping to other places of the world – in readiness for Christmas.

The number of love boxes last year was a staggering 11.3 million worldwide. This year, our Australian boxes are going to war-torn Ukraine, Philippines, Cambodia, Fiji and the Solomon Islands. These love boxes are given to all children without discrimination.

What great joy these children experience when they open their shoebox and see the loving gifts given to them from someone they don't know. It is often the only gift for Christmas they receive.

Afterwards, local pastors share with the children and their families about the Christmas story – the greatest gift from the God they might not know; the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ. They learn that Jesus came and died for us and rose again so that we can be forgiven and be blessed and have the gift of eternal life; when we put our faith in Him. What a gift!

Aussie Diamonds lose cup but win final match

NETBALL AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN Diamonds coach Stacey Marinkovich cited an uncharacteristic flurry of unforced errors as one of the driving factors behind the Diamonds third straight Constellation Cup defeat.

But after the third loss Marinkovich was still adamant her players would put in a much-improved performance in the final match of the series at John Cain Arena on Wednesday and her team delivered an important 63-50 victory over the Silver Ferns in the final test of the series.

The defensive end was on fire from the starting whistle, with Courtney Bruce able to get hands to ball early on and continuing her ball-winning ways throughout the enticing clash.

But even with strong performances across the court early, it was the masterful move of Sunday Aryang into goal defence that proved crucial.

Aryang of Midland had an instant impact upon taking the court at the beginning of the second quarter and continuously shone from there.

In the first game an eye-watering matchup between her fellow defender Courtney Bruce and the Silver Ferns's goal shooter Grace Nweke was the one to watch.

After the second game in New Zealand, which the Diamonds lost 63-52 Marinkovich said the Diamonds, and other Australian defenders, would need to quickly adapt to the Nweke's style of play, given the breadth of tall shooting talent in both the international and domestic game.

"There are so many tall and prominent shooters in a lot of international teams, so we get that challenge every time we step out," she said.

"It's not unfamiliar, she (Nweke) is playing very well and they're certainly letting the ball go, so there is more work we have to do up the court to stop the release coming in so quick."

"We've got to get our footwork right; we've got to get up to it. We're on the body so our elevation isn't there.

"It's something the players will experience in the Suncorp Super Netball next year with pretty much every team having someone of that stature.

"We've got to look at our juniors and get the blend right and teach the skill of being able to do the full court team defence and also get the individual as well."

In the third game the world champions managed just 17 goals in a poor second half showing at RAC Arena on Sunday night, as the Silver Ferns regained the Constellation Cup with a third successive win, running out 18-goal winners, 61-43.

It is just the third time in Constellation Cup history the Silver Ferns have won the trophy.

Speaking post-game, Marinkovich said the difference between the Diamonds best netball and their worst, was far too big.

"The gap between our good and our not so good is too great," she said.

"I thought we took a step forward in terms of the energy in the way we got out there in the first half, but it's the unforced errors and the repetitive nature of them.

"We lose a lot of energy and a lot of confidence quickly and we head into chase mode.

"Full credit to the Silver Ferns they're playing exceptionally well and putting pressure on all over the court and it's something we haven't be able to bridge."

Before the second game played in Auckland a heaving home crowd in Wellington set the tone for the opener to the 2024 Constellation Cup as the Silver Ferns ran away with a 64-50 win.



Midland Guildford's Tom Colley scored 75 runs for the male 3rd grade side.

Midland Guildford 1st grade winners

JOSHUA MCKENZIE

THE Midland Guildford Cricket Club senior males played their final one-day matches of the calendar year, while only some of the female sides were in action last weekend.

The male 1st grade travelled to Claremont Nedlands for their match in which they batted first and posted 6-245.

Their batting innings was led by Jordan Roads (80 runs from 79 balls) and Keaton Critchell (68 from 86).

This performance would lead to the side winning by 42 runs after a bowling performance led by Lachlan Pratt (4-25 from eight overs) as they dismissed their opponents for a total of 203.

The male 2nd grade hosted the same opposition and posted 9-214 in their batting innings after Mitchell Pope (59 from 83) and Calan Hill (74 not out from 56) were the catalysts in posting this total.

During a hard fought bowling innings, Kelly Jones took 3-36 from nine overs to be the leading wicket taker for the side as they held on to win by seven runs in a close contest after limiting their opposition to 7-207.

The male 3rd grade managed a 32 run victory thanks to Tom Colley scoring 75 from 98, while the male 4th grade fell short by 14 runs.

The female A grade had a bye fixture

last weekend, while the female B grade played matches against both South Perth and Subiaco Floreat.

The match against South Perth resulted in an eight wicket loss as the side couldn't defend a total of 3-104, while the match against Subiaco Floreat was an eight wicket victory after Sharna Abbott had the best bowling performance with 4-12 from four overs as they restricted their opponent to a total of just 56.

The female U17 lost by seven wickets despite Rebekah Farr scoring 48 from 43, while the female U14 did not have a match last weekend.

The male U17 and male U15 played in T20 fixtures against Claremont Nedlands last weekend.

Both sides enjoyed comfortable victories with the male U17 winning by 10 wickets and the male U15 winning by five wickets.

The male U17 restricted their opposition to 9-59 from 20 overs with their efforts being led by Max Chitty who took 4-12 from four overs.

The male U15 bowled out their opposition for a total of 66 as Jai Diepeveen took 3-12 from 3.5 overs in the victory.

The male U14 and male U13 did not have matches last weekend.

The senior male sides start their two-day fixtures this weekend, while the female sides will begin their one-day fixtures for the upcoming rounds.



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There is a single carport to the right of the façade with two entrance doors into the house and a remote-controlled roller door for ease of access.

Inside the home, there is carpet flooring in the main living area with the neutral white décor characterising the majority of the interior.

The kitchen area is a compact section with a pantry directly next to the stove cooktop and the sink conveniently placed directly across from the cooktop to allow for an efficient workflow.

The kitchen bench sits between the cooktop and sinks, allowing space for ingredients to be prepared for dishes while used cutlery and food equipment can be easily placed in the sink.

The U shape designed kitchen comes with wooden panel flooring and overlooks the main living area, meaning residents can easily stay close while dinner is being prepared for time together.

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I Remember When...



Do you remember when, as a kid, you would ride your bike everywhere, especially as the seasons changed to spring and summer? I know that as the weather warmed, you'd hop back on your bike and ride down to the Swan River. In summer, we'd go to "the rec," as we called it, in Guildford—also known as Kings Meadow—where the two jetties were. When you arrived, there'd be a heap of bikes down there. I used to meet an old friend, David Murray, and we'd spend hours swimming between the jetties and across to Bassendean, where they held swimming lessons during the school holidays.

I know a lot of the guys from Midland did the same down at "the Westie" in West Midland. I think they'd swim across the river and even swipe the occasional watermelon, just like we did near Barker's Bridge, which leads over to Caversham. "Have wheels, will travel," was the motto, and a high school friend, Ray Penn, and his brother, Mark, would ride down from Koongamia to catch up. I was probably too lazy to ride up to them—besides, I had the river, and they didn't. Ray also used to ride to John Forrest National Park and the clay pits to mess around there.

I guess that's how most boys spent their days, until later on when they found girls more interesting. I think David and I realized there were more girls on the Bassendean side of the river than in Guildford. By the way, we used to ride with no helmets and often no shoes, but we seemed to survive just fine. Back then, we were a bit more streetwise and adventurous. Most of us didn't even have a phone in our houses, let alone in our pockets, so we could focus on the moment, running around, laughing, and just enjoying youth. Of course, we got plenty of sunburn along the way!



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