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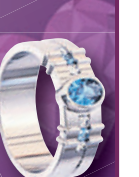
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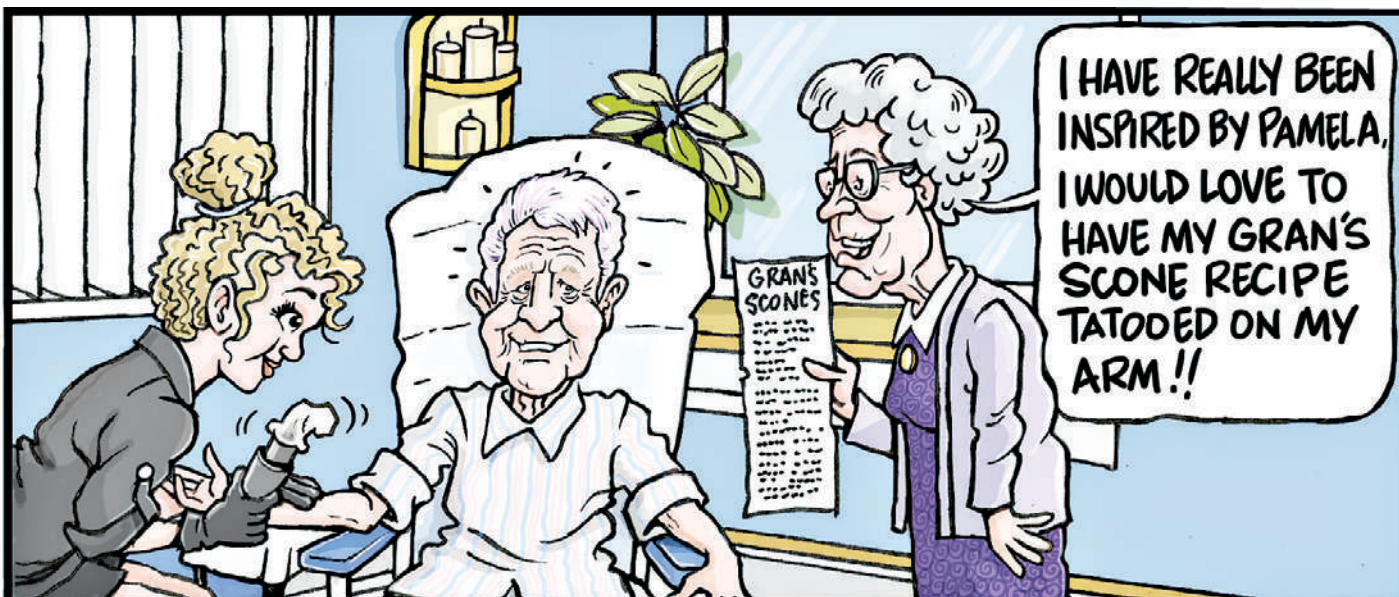
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Fire advice is needed much earlier

Dear Echo News,

On Friday, September 27 your front page shouted 'Get smart about burning', followed by an article on page five espousing the importance of fuel reduction and the responsibility of landholders to manage their fuel load.

All good advice - except it appeared with only three days left of the unrestricted burning period and on a day we received 16mm of rain thus eliminating any chance of fuel reduction burns within the available timeframe.

That is, unless the landholder applies - and pays - for a permit that has conditions many of us can't comply with, and is likely only available in a very tiny window of time (if at all).

I know that the weather is frequently uncooperative but good grief, shouldn't this advice have been issued a month earlier?

Come on DFES and local government, get your publicity act into gear in a timely and useful manner.

L Atkins
Parkerville

Past bushfire vollies not invited

Dear Echo News,

In response to the article *New Stoneville Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Station is officially opened* (Echo News, September 27), with reference to the Stoneville volunteer brigade.

No disrespect to the current volunteers, but it's a shame past presidents, life members and ex-committee members, were not invited to the official opening. Only

a handful of privileged members received an invite.

Some of the members who were not invited were older members who had toiled and built the original shed and included the seventeen members who formed the day team and were rejected from the brigade as they were square pegs that did not fit into a round hole.

These men and women put their lives on the line for the community and successfully committed their spare time to supporting the hills people, which most would be unaware of. If the public knew how they were treated, they would be appalled.

I would also like to know where the jarrah honor board is, that shows all the past presidents, secretaries and life members, a true honors list dedicated to the volunteers who put their lives on the line for the community.

This board should be proudly displayed but has not been sighted, where is it?

The shire, DFES and the current brigade officials ought to hang their heads in shame at the way these former members were treated in not being invited.

Poor form.

A Healy
Stoneville

Search for hills puma

Dear Echo News,

Seen a panther/puma in Perth hills catchment recently?

Have you seen the above or had stock killed or pets attacked?

The incompetent public sector union dominated, state government monopoly the Department of Biodiversity and Attractions have lazily not done enough mammal surveys to rule out the existence of these creatures.

If you have seen a panther/puma in the

Perth Hills please call 0434 904 944.

I am an independent searcher/researcher.

M Moss
Rivervale

Thought for the day

"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today" - Will Rogers

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Don't get stung - tips for hiring a pest controller

With Commissioner for Consumer Protection Trish Blake

When a can of bug spray or a mouse trap no longer works to keep your house pest-free, it could be time to call in the experts. And with the warmer weather around the corner, the creepy crawlies will be making an appearance.

Unfortunately, pest control services don't always go to plan, leaving you dealing with continued problems or even damage to your home.

The good news is you have rights under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL).

Since 2023, Consumer Protection has received 45 complaints about pest control providers, mostly related to the operator not using due care and skill or providing services that are fit for purpose.

A number of complainants claimed the treatments didn't work and, in several cases, went on to cause damage to the property. On complainant signed up to a yearly contract costing over \$2500 with extra treatments for termites. When he saw his house eventually damaged by termites, he sought an independent opinion and it was discovered the termite barriers were never applied. Many consumers tried to resolve the issue with the trader but were "ghosted."

The ACL consumer guarantee applies when using pest control companies because their service must be fit for purpose and the treatments must be carried out with due care and skill. This means if they cause damage to property, they could be liable for those costs. If they recommend a particular treatment and it doesn't work, the consumer may be entitled to a remedy in the form of a refund or a new treatment.

There are a few things you can do to avoid engaging a pest controller that will leave you bugging out.

To get the best deal, shop around before you make a choice - this means getting a few quotes and asking for the terms in writing, to work out which business will provide the most professional service at the best price to meet your needs. Make sure you understand whether the price you are told is an estimate only or is a firm quote.

Request written information on the pesticide to be used, treatment methods and limitations. If you have health concerns speak to the technician about precautions you can take.

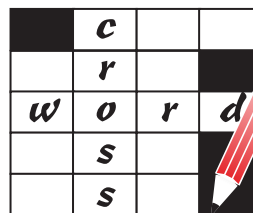
Pest controllers are licensed by the WA Department of Health. It's a good idea to check the person is authorised to apply the pesticides they are recommending, and they work for a registered pest management business. These details can be checked by asking to see their licence when they arrive or by contacting the Health Department on 9222 2000.

For more information about the other aspects of pest control, see our website: www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/pest-control

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Land supply just one issue in housing crisis

ANITA MCINNES

AMIDST a housing shortage the organisation representing the development industry has identified critical infrastructure requirements across key growth corridors including Bullsbrook and North Ellenbrook, which it says will help facilitate the delivery of new homes.

Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA WA) said the types of infrastructure requirements identified predominantly included wastewater pump stations and trunk mains, power substations and feeder networks and intersection and road upgrades.

UDIA WA chief executive officer Tanya Steinbeck said WA had the fastest growing population in the country, there were plenty of job opportunities and the economy was strong.

“The problem is we just don’t have the housing to adequately accommodate people,” she said.

The UDIA’s Growth Areas Infrastructure Requirements Report outlines the infrastructure it said is needed to allow land in Bullsbrook and North Ellenbrook to more rapidly come to market.

The report said a district level wastewater pump station, pressure mains and gravity mains which was in the concept planning stage was required in five years.

It said the North Ellenbrook interchange, which was in the funded stage (\$98 million but estimated to cost \$118m) was required immediately and called for the transport project to be brought forward as soon as practicable.

A water reticulation trunk main required in five years’ time required an immediate funding commitment to unlock the planning process for the area.

Planning on the Henley Brook power substation should start immediately as there was less than 5MVA spare capacity.

The report said there had been no activity on the Warbrook Road or Railway Parade upgrades estimated to cost \$25m each, which were both estimated to be essential in the next five to 10 years.

But although funding infrastructure would bring forward the supply of land in these corridors more land for housing is not the only issue as there is also a construction industry labour shortage and environmental concerns to be considered.

Master Builders Australia said according to the latest data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, there were 24,900 vacant jobs nation-wide in the building and construction industry in May 2024.

In its The future of the workforce: the building and construction industry September 2024 report Master Builders Australia said the cause of the workforce shortage was a perfect storm of low productivity, high demand, an increased cost of living and doing business, high inflation and low unemployment.

On the environmental front the North Swan Land Conservation District Committee (NSLCDC) said it had been aware of the planned Residential and Industrial developments in the Bullsbrook area for a number of years.

NSLCDC chair Richard Janes said the Ellen Brook catchment was recognised by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions as a priority 1 catchment due to the high nutrient loading (nitrogen and phosphates) in the Ellen Brook, which ultimately flows in the Swan River.

“With residential developments already under way, another negative impact on our waterways has been identified, sediment,” he said.

“When the erosion and sediment control (ESC) measures are ineffective, sediment enriched

run-off enters the waterways and has a detrimental impact on water quality and aquatic life.

“We have been working with the City of Swan to increase the number of compliance officers available to undertake ESC compliance checks.

“While we understand that residential and industrial developments are a fact of life, it needs to be understood that we need to work harder to ensure developments do not have a negative impact on our environment.

“We need to protect our native flora and fauna, especially our endangered Carnaby’s black cockatoos.”

Mr Janes said people moved to the area because of the pleasant surroundings and protecting the natural environment was priority number 4 in the recent Bullsbrook local area plan.

Ellen Brockman Integrated Catchment Group executive officer Rosanna Hindmarsh said while development would proceed, the important thing was how it proceeded.

“In the north east corridor, the development will be occurring in the Ellen Brook catchment which is a priority catchment for the Swan River and estuary as it carries highest loads of nutrient and non-nutrient contaminants,” she said.

“It is important to limit environmental damage in the catchment to a minimum and maintain constant scrutiny of development as it proceeds.

“Of greatest concern to the catchment group is the North Ellenbrook interchange that is reported to be the highest priority and funded infrastructure item.

“Apparently, the positioning of this infrastructure has been decided by Main Roads WA and will be built over bushland and wetland directly between two waterways that lead to the Ellen Brook.

| IMMEDIATE PRIORITY ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Infrastructure Item | Infrastructure Type | Project Stage | Estimated Cost (Committed to date) | Required In | Additional Comments |
| District level wastewater pump station, pressure mains and gravity mains | Wastewater | Concept planning | \$65,000,000 | 5 years | Funding commitment required immediately to unlock the planning process for this region. |
| Water reticulation trunk main | Water | No activity | \$35,000,000 | 5 years | Funding commitment required immediately to unlock the planning process for this region. |
| Henley Brook substation | Power | No activity | \$25,000,000 | Planning should commence immediately | Less than 5MVA spare capacity. Substation upgrade required (third transformer and feeder extensions). |
| North Ellenbrook Interchange | Transport | Funded | \$118,000,000 (\$98,000,000) | Immediate | Bring forward project to ensure construction commences as soon as practicable and provide funding to cover potential cost escalation. |
| Warbrook Road upgrade | Transport | No activity | \$20,000,000 | 5-10 years | |
| Railway Parade upgrade | Transport | No activity | \$25,000,000 | 5-10 years | |
| Total | | | \$288,000,000 (\$98,000,000) | | |

“A more appropriate area is as short distance to the north of this wetland on cleared land with direct access to roads from the proposed Ellenbrook North (west) and Ellenbrook North (east) estates.

“Unfortunately, this site is deemed too close to the Stock Road interchange, however, the distance between Stock Road and the better siting of the North Ellenbrook interchange is about the same distance between Gnangara Road interchange and that of The Promenade in Ellenbrook.”

She said the siting of the North Ellenbrook interchange was of concern to the Ellen Brockman Integrated Catchment Group and further discussion on its placement was warranted.



North Ellenbrook and Bullsbrook have critical infrastructure requirements according to a UDIA report.



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The system is a crucial part of the state waste avoidance and resource recovery strategy 2030 and is supported by the state government’s \$20 million Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO program.

Local governments that offer FOGO services currently have a recovery rate of 56 per cent, compared to just 14 per cent for those with the two-bin system.

With the addition of 20,000 households in City of Kalamunda, the three-bin FOGO system is now available to 270,000 households in WA.

The city is the 15th local government to in the metropolitan Perth region and the 23rd in the State to offer the three-bin FOGO system.

City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas said many residents have already embraced FOGO principles through reuse or diversion of food organics through composting.

“I anticipate the positive impacts FOGO will have in the community and on recovery rates. It will revolutionise our recycling habits and bolster our recycling rates.”

Kalamunda MLA Matthew Hughes said everybody wants to help reduce the amount of landfill waste in WA.

“The extra City of Kalamunda bin means we can recover more organic household waste from the kitchen and garden.”

Environment Minister Reece Whitby said households throughout WA support the three-bin FOGO system.

“It’s great to see City of Kalamunda provide



this service to tens of thousands of additional households. I want to see even more local governments get on board with this system.

“It provides you with a convenient place to put your kitchen scraps and lawn clippings, as well as an opportunity to do your bit to avoid waste, improve recycling rates, and do what’s right for WA’s environment.”

To find out more, head to: <https://www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/programs/view/food-organics-and-garden-organics>.

From firefighting and fencing to films for Midland man

GUANHAO CHENG

A MIDLAND raised man whose career path has transformed from firefighter to neighbourhood fencing boss to film-stunt worker says his Swan area upbringing helped set the trajectory.

Actor and stuntman Sam Desmond's recent work involved bringing the vision of Craig Silver's story Runt, largely filmed in York, to cinemas both on screen as an extra and off screen as a stunt team member.

He said the abundance of sporting venues and opportunities to stay active in the City of Swan helped prepare his foundation for stunt work.

"I grew up on (2.4ha) in Bellevue and I got the best of both worlds, having that farm life experience while being close to the city.

"We drove cars and rode dirt bikes, and I think that's where my love of thrill-seeking came from.

"Dad, who was born in Midland and was one of the founding La Salle students, took me for truck rides with him when I was young, and we used to always have the 8mm running at home which is where my love for film came from.

"I went to (Midland's) Police and Community Youth Centre from a really young age where I did gymnastics, boxing, and got to use air rifles.

"I also played baseball at the Swan Districts Club, and I boxed in winter at the Speed Dome, so I was always around the area."

Eventually, Mr Desmond's love for thrill-seeking led him to skydiving in York as a teenager, where the experience compelled him to travel to America and become a smokejumper.

"(Smoke jumping's) a remote type of firefighting they do over there," Mr Desmond said.

"You parachute in and fight fires that way, which appealed to me, but I had to make money to get there.

"So, I did security crowd control at 17 and made enough money to go overseas by 19.

"I teed up a job as camp councillor in San Diego and did that for four months before meeting a mate there whose old man offered me a job as a forestry firey in Victoria.

"I took the job and then fought in some of the biggest fires back when 1.5 million hectares of Victoria was burning in 2002 and 2003 and received a medal from the premier at the time.

"We nearly died a few times, and it put me off it, so I left and then found myself doing some work as a firey in New South Wales."

Mr Desmond said the wet seasons meant the work in NSW was uneventful, and when a friend invited him back home to do some fencing in Swan, he accepted.

"I opened Neighbourhood Fencing to service the Midland community and we expanded to service all through the Perth CBD," he said.

"I was fencing successfully, but after working nonstop for 15 years, the repetition of getting up and digging holes took a toll on



my body with all the heavy work.

"I wanted more for my career life, and I thought if my body was going to go, I needed to do something more.

"After I had my third kid, I took a bit of time off and thought, 'Is this it?'"

In the time off, Mr Desmond was invited to help a friend on a film set, where a sound technician pointed out his active upbringing made him a good fit for stunt work.

He then found himself diving into work in the film industry, working full time in stunts in 2019 and using his trade skills in the art department of films such as Love and Monsters.

The pandemic arrived, and Mr Desmond was stuck in Victoria during lockdowns where he continued to work in the film industry before coming home and

working on Runt, which he was glad to see being screened now.

Mr Desmond said he hoped his story would be an inspiring showcase for local talent and the Swan region's achievements.

"Doesn't matter where you come from, if you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything," he said.

"If you're not happy with what you're doing then you need to do something else.

"If your interest is in films, it's a great time to get into the film industry right now with the (Home Fire) studio being built in Malaga.

"Keep your eye on the Screenwest website because they always have opportunities.

"Making connections is the main thing and when job opportunities pop up, give them your CV and get involved."



Pic caption: Midland-raised actor and stuntman Sam Desmond atop the pole assisting stunt work on the set of Runt. Pictures: Court McAllister



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The new Whiteman Park Station.

Morley-Ellenbrook line open December

THE Morley-Ellenbrook line will officially open on Sunday, December 8 with the journey from Ellenbrook to Perth expected to take about 31 minutes.

The 21km Ellenbrook line starts at Bayswater station, with five new stations at Morley, Noranda, Ballajura, Whiteman Park and Ellenbrook.

Under the state government's two-zone fare cap, riding the train will only cost commuters in the north-eastern suburbs \$4.16 with a SmartRider – with free fares on Sundays and free travel for school students throughout the week.

Other journey times will be 27 minutes from Whiteman Park, 22 minutes from Ballajura, 19 minutes from Noranda and 17 minutes from Morley.

The \$1.65 billion line, jointly funded by the commonwealth and state governments, has created about 6500 jobs throughout construction.

To celebrate the opening of the new line, a community event will be held on December 8 with

regular passenger services to commence the next day.

The community event will include family-friendly entertainment at each of the five new stations including free sausage sizzles, food trucks, entertainment and music.

Further details about the community event will be announced closer to the opening date.

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said she was thrilled for the communities in the north-east who had waited so long for the train line.

“This train line will be a game changer for these communities, offering affordable and reliable transport options to get around our city,” she said.

Premier Roger Cook said living in Kwinana, he knew how life-changing a rail line could be for suburban communities.

“This Metronet project will transform the north-eastern suburbs, providing affordable or free public transport on a world-class rail network for tens of thousands of local families,” he said.

Ellenbrook payment in lieu of parking change

ANITA McINNES

THE City of Swan has decided to modify its Ellenbrook town centre payment in lieu of parking plan, which was only put out for public advertising in May.

On September 9 Swan councillors voted for an officer's recommendation to ensure the payment in lieu of parking plan was transparent about the costs to be paid by a developer wishing to seek approval without providing the required number of parking bays.

The officer's report recommended the payment in lieu of parking plan be changed from requiring the payment in lieu expense per bay to be based on an infrastructure cost per square metre to being based on the cost of constructing a single at-grade parking space.

According to the report the cost will be calculated on an annual basis and updated when required within the plan.

At the time of adoption, the applicable fee per bay was \$7500 – based on an infrastructure cost of \$500 per square metre and using an approved method of calculation governed by the WA Planning Commission.

The Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 include within the deemed provisions a requirement for payment in lieu of parking plans to be prepared to allow the collection of cash in lieu for parking for relevant developments.

Infrastructure items that payment in lieu can be used for under the plan include construction of public car parking facilities, general car parking and specialised bays (ACROD, on-demand transport-taxi bays).

It can also be used for improvements

to existing public car parking facilities, provision of associated lighting and supporting parking infrastructure, including parking ticket machines, parking metres and other parking technology to support parking management measures, parking control signage and line marking.

Other transport infrastructure that payment in lieu will be used for include construction of new, or upgrades to existing, pedestrian and bike riding infrastructure (including traffic calming measures, footpaths, shared paths, secure bicycle parking facilities and end of trip facilities).

Things to improve public transport use, construction of public motorcycle parking and installation of wayfinding and signage can also be paid for.

Ancillary or incidental purposes include the provision of shade trees, street furniture and education campaigns to encourage public transport and active transport use.

“No funds from the reserve account shall be used for the operation of car parks, or to fund parking enforcement,” the officer's report said.

The Q & A section about the payment in lieu of parking plan on the city's website said it would be implemented when new developments were proposed and the required number of parking bays could not be provided on the site.

In this instance the city can accept payment in lieu when it was not possible for developers to provide parking or enough parking bays (noting this referred to new developments where adequate number of parking bays were not provided, not developers taking existing bays away).

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The new payment options and services include direct debit payment instalment plans, payment extensions, identifying the driver of the vehicle, and electing to have the matter heard by a court.

The new DoTDirect infringement services make it easier to submit the identity of the person behind the wheel at the time of an alleged traffic offence.

The community can also log into DoTDirect to view traffic infringement images or request a review or a court hearing.

Minister Assisting the Transport Minister David Michael said the new options include a payment extension or a direct debit payment instalment plan.

“The changes also make it easier than ever to review infringement photographs, identify the driver of the vehicle at the time of the alleged offence, request a review or elect for the matter to heard by a court.”

Go to www.transport.wa.gov.au to register for a DoTDirect account.

Taking the plunge for WA’s guide dogs

JACKI ELEZOVICH

KALAMUNDA resident Dave Hodson is taking on the Central Park Plunge to fundraise for Guide Dogs WA.

This will be the second time Dave has taken the plunge, abseiling 130m down the Central Park tower on Saturday, October 26.

Dave and his wife have been providing a home for trainee guide dogs for 10 years, and he said the dogs can be housed with them from a couple of weeks to a year at a time depending on their age and what stage of training they are at.

“We sometimes have them when they’re puppies, and sometimes they come to us for what’s called temporary care, so just for a few weeks of a couple of months while they train in Victoria Park,” he said.

“Our job is to teach them all the general manners. There are certain things you can’t do, like play fetch or ball with them, because they learn to get excited about chasing a ball and when they’re in service they could go running off after a ball when they’re meant to be on the job. Things like that are important while they’re in training.

“Generally, we like to make sure they’re calm and don’t get too excited over things because this is how they need to be as a working guide dog.”

The main challenge to Guide Dogs WA, Dave said, is funding.

“It costs about \$50,000 to train a guide dog, it’s not a cheap ex-

ercise. There’s no government support there either, so the whole cost falls to Guide Dogs WA. And if they can’t afford to train more dogs, there will be people in the community who have to go without that support for longer,” he said.

Only about 30 per cent of dogs who go through training actually go on to become working guide dogs. The rest have what Dave called a ‘career change’ where they move into work as emotional support or care dogs, or a variety of other jobs to support people with a disability.

He said seeing the difference guide dogs make to blind peoples’ lives is the most rewarding part of being in the program.

“It’s just awe inspiring really, seeing and hearing what a difference these dogs can make to people,” he said.

“There is a graduation ceremony at the end of each dog’s training, so we are able to meet the people they’re paired with, and it’s really emotional, to see the difference these dogs can make in someone’s life and what we’re helping contribute to.”

Dave is aiming to raise \$6000 through the Central Park Plunge, and said all donations were gratefully received.

“The Central Park Plunge is great for fundraising; we’re really getting the word out there by doing it. This is the second year I’ve taken it on, and it will be my last! Anything people can give is going to a great cause,” he said.

To donate online, go to guide-dogs-wa.grassrootz.com



Kalamunda’s Dave Hodson in training for his second plunge down Central Park to raise funds for Guide Dogs WA.



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Owner Peter Foyster holds up the previous season’s schedule in front of the newly repaired screen.
Picture: Guan hao Cheng



Kookaburra Cinema reopens next month

MUNDARING’S Kookaburra Outdoor Cinema is scheduled to reopen next month after months of repairs following the storm it endured in January.

Late last week, the cinema screen repairs were finally completed, replacing the original screen built in the mid-1990s, and it is now scheduled to reopen on November 22.

The cinema’s screen was severely damaged when a tree fell on it and caused the centre to bulge forward as reported in *Kookaburra Cinema future uncertain after storm* (Echo News, January 26)

Owner Peter Foyster said the prisoners from Wooroloo Prison Farm have done an outstanding job in clearing debris both inside the cinema’s seating area and the car park.

“If it hadn’t been for them, I wouldn’t be able to reopen,” he said.

“I know people in the (Mundaring) community also offered to help, but the prisoners were totally organised.

“A whole bunch of them came in and they got it done really quickly.”

The prisoners began helping clear the debris and repairing the cinema’s fence earlier in the year as reported in *Prisoners help local landmark cinema get back in business* (Echo News, May 17)

Mr Foyster said he still needed to test the lighting, set up seats, start booking films and getting adver-

tisers in the lead-up to what will likely be his last season.

“I’ve made it known around the traps that the last season would be my last, but of course, the storm happened,” he said.

“I was hoping maybe a community group could take it over and keep it running for a very good price, but I’m certainly not going to just give it away.”

Mr Foyster said in the upcoming season, he will be aiming to secure screenings of *Paddington* in Peru and also screen *Dirty Dancing*, which was scheduled before the storm disrupted plans.

“I don’t have the exact date but *Paddington* should screen in mid-December,” he said.

“I also got an offer from a local filmmaker whose documentaries I’ve shown here before and she offered to let me have one of her movies for free.

“I may take her up on that and maybe have a free screening for the locals.”

Mr Foyster said he was eager to welcome his patrons back to Kookaburra Cinema and was counting on them to help deliver a successful final season.

“I’m looking forward to seeing everyone again,” he said.

“I’m counting on good patronage because we’ve taken quite a hiding financially.

“There’s a lot of other expenses we’ve had and so we might be a bit light on the Choc Tops when we first reopen.”

World tourism delegates visit Swan Valley

ANITA McINNES

WHEN World Travel & Tourism Council global summit delegates visited the Swan Valley this week quality Western Australian produce was on display.

The delegates dined at Sandalford winery on Tuesday and everything from vine ripened tomatoes, tiger prawns and lamb was on the menu.

Sandalford chief executive officer Grant Brinklow said while the Swan Valley was the original food bowl of Perth the reality was there was no meat or seafood – the things people want to try so what they showcased was WA produce.

“Where we can showcase Swan Valley we do but the bottom line is there is a very limited commercial supply of Swan Valley produce,” he said.

Mr Brinklow said a lot of the staff who served the guests were Swan Valley residents as many of their team had grown up and lived in the region and so for them it was an extraordinary opportunity to showcase their skills to an international audience.

“The theme is guided by Tourism Western Australia so they are giving it a distinctly Western Australian feel but they want the visitors to I guess have the only event outside the CBD – the Swan Valley.

“They are going to King’s Park, they’re doing a thing on the pitch at Optus Stadium, they’re obviously spending a lot of time at Crown but I guess one of the things they wanted to showcase is a point of difference (which is) the Swan Valley.

“There are only two capital cities in the world that have a historic and premium wine producing region inside



World Travel & Tourism Council delegates arrive at Sandalford in the Swan Valley and below an Aboriginal dancer showcases WA’s rich Aboriginal cultural heritage. Pictures: WTTC

their metropolitan area.

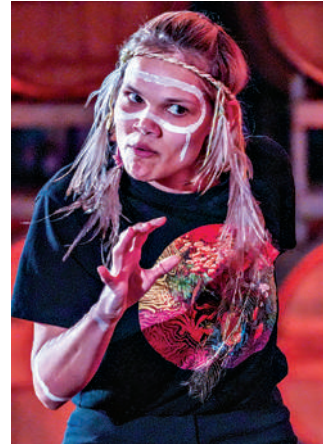
“You have Vienna in Austria and then you’ve got Perth with the Swan Valley.

“For people coming from all over Asia, Europe, South America, Africa and North America it’ll be quite extraordinary for them to be 25 minutes drive from the CBD and here they are in one of Australia’s oldest wine producing regions that is arguably one of the leading wine tourism estates in Australia.”

Treasurer, Tourism Minister and West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti said the global summit would help show-

case WA as a must-visit tourism destination, with attendees set to experience some of the state’s tourism attractions and experiences firsthand, including wine and food experiences in the Swan Valley, day trips to Rottnest Island, afternoon cruises on the Swan River, plus visits to Esperance, Broome, Ningaloo and Margaret River.

This is the first time the WTTC global summit has been held in Australia with the conference expected to drive investment and development in tourism accommodation, attractions and inbound aviation routes.



Nats oppose Bullsbrook 311 bus service cancellation

THE impending withdrawal of the 311 Transperth bus service will have major consequences for Bullsbrook and Lower Chittering residents according to shadow Transport Minister and WA Nationals leader Shane Love.

Mr Love has written to Transport Minister Rita Saffioti appealing the withdrawal of the service which many students rely on for access to schools and the TAFE in Midland.

A review of the supporting bus network for the Morley-Ellenbrook line indicates the 311 service will be withdrawn to be replaced by new 308 and 345 bus services and a modified 310 service.

Mr Love said the 311 was an important service offering students direct access to a choice of schools in the Midland area, without the need to change buses.

“The replacement 310 and 345 buses deliver students to the Ellenbrook train station and the 308 services Midland,” Mr Love said.

“The population of Bullsbrook and Lower Chittering is expanding rapidly and access to existing schools in Midland is more important than Ellenbrook.

“Some students are already catching a bus to Bullsbrook and it’s not fair or safe that they have to then take multiple buses or trains to get to school when the existing 311 option worked well.”



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Mundaring resident celebrates 85th birthday with new tattoo

NEW Zealand-born Pamela Mohi recently celebrated her 85th birthday with a new tattoo to add to her slowly expanding collection.

Through BaptistCare Yallambee, where Ms Mohi is a resident, and their Make a Wish program, Ms Mohi was able to spend her special day getting tattooed.

Studio 187 tattooist, 28-year-old Kate Leslie, travelled to Yallambee last week to tattoo Ms Mohi, who was her oldest client in her tattooing career so far.

She said there was a rising trend in older people getting their first tattoos.

“We are seeing more and more clients receive their first tattoo at an age which is much older,” she said.

“We also don’t usually do mobile tattoo services as you need approvals from the appropriate local government authority but there’s certainly a demand for it.”

The ink Ms Mohi chose was a copy of her grandfather Anthony Joseph Vidal’s signature on the inside of her wrist.

Anthony Vidal was known as one of New Zealand’s earliest winemakers, starting Vidal Estate Wines in a converted racing stable in the Hawke Bay region in 1905.

The estate was family-owned until the 1970s, and although the wine label is now in different hands, Ms Mohi said descendants of the Vidal family still felt connected to it, and each bottle of wine carries the family name and Anthony’s signature.

Ms Mohi moved to Perth in 1978 and had not thought about getting a tattoo at all until three years ago when her husband Peter Mohi passed away.

“I never liked the thought of a tattoo on myself, but after Peter passed away something changed and I just went crazy getting two tattoos – an



infinity family symbol and the traditional New Zealand fern,” she said.

“My newest addition matches that of my daughter Beryl who got her autograph ink in Queensland earlier this year.”

The tattoo for Ms Mohi was part of BaptistCare Yallambee’s Make a Wish program, which was started at the beginning of the year and gives residents an opportunity for wishes they write down and place in a wishing well to be granted with the help and funding of the organisation.

Yallambee Lifestyle Coordinator Annemarie Kluvers said that they are grateful for Ms Leslie for helping them grant Pamela’s wish.

“We are so excited to be able to help Pamela honour her heritage,” she said.

“It wouldn’t have been possible without Studio 187 Tattoo and the Shire of Mundaring helping to make Pamela’s wish a reality.”

BaptistCare endeavour to grant each and every one of their residents’ wishes, giving Mundaring seniors the opportunity to tick off bucket list items they may never have been able to otherwise.



Pamela Mohi celebrates her 85th birthday with a tattoo of her grandfather’s signature, one of New Zealand’s earliest winemakers Anthony Vidal.

Hour of power on resilience and building community

GUANHAO CHENG

OCTOBER’S Swan Chamber Hour of Power featured talks from ROAR Inc founder and head coach Kate Kendrick and Johnson Property Corporation principal Corina Johnson, where themes of resilience and community building emerged.

Ms Kendrick shared her journey as an athlete with Olympic aspirations, before injury changed her trajectory and led her to develop ROAR Inc.

She trained in the 400m race and was on the cusp of qualifying for the Sydney 2000 Olympics before her foot gave out from training on a stress fracture for months.

She then stopped athletics for a period of time before coming across a news story about the leading death of young Australians being suicides, which compelled her to study and change that.

Ms Kendrick then met her husband who held a project management position which allowed her to coach as a side job, until he experienced a ‘catastrophic’ brain aneurysm.

“I freaked out and thought, ‘What if he’s disabled, what if he’s blind, what if he could never talk again or remember who we were, and obviously what if he doesn’t make it?’” Ms Kendrick said.

“Then I remembered my training. “You don’t run a 400m by stopping at the 350m mark — this is the last 50m, so my focus just had to be on that.

“He had nine strokes during surgery and three of those in the executive function department of his brain so he couldn’t manage projects anymore, so suddenly it was on me.

“That was the birth of the ROAR project.

“I had a lived experience of trauma and trying and failing, and trying again, and if I can teach young people that there is something inside them that can overcome anything, and I can show them how to do it with training, and mindset, and acts of kindness then maybe we’ll save a life.

“Maybe they’ll pass it on their kids, and that’s my story.”

Ms Johnson then followed on and shared her story of working as a property developer and the influences and motivations that built her resilience.

“My father initially was a chartered accountant before finding out in his late 20s that he was going blind from a rare eye disease, so he pivoted career and went into property,” she said.



Johnson Property Corporation principal Corina Johnson and ROAR Inc founder and head coach Kate Kendrick at the October Hour of Power. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

“I’m one of three children and I grew up in a home where business was discussed over the dinner table.

“I spent a lot of time with my father who was very hands on, who had a great love of property and taught me from a very young age that there’s no such word as ‘can’t’, and it became our life motto.”

Ms Johnson said she had to contend with a property industry that was very male-dominated at the time, but that also allowed a space for her to define her own strengths of negotiation and mediation.

“My business essentials for our business were the same for any small business: always do your research, keep a close eye on the details, you need to be highly organised, give great service all the time, respond promptly to all your enquiries, build bridges, work hard, and put a smile on your face no matter what yesterday did or did not bring,” she said.

“Don’t let failure define you, we’ll all fail from time to time, and if you make a mistake own it.

“You need to be genuinely interested in other people’s lives, give back to your community, and help to articulate for those who can’t articulate for themselves.

“Remember, integrity is everything and everything should be relationship driven.

“Know your value, be prepared to be brave, stay humble, and you can’t please all people all the time, as much as you might try.”

Challenging allergy season predicted

EXPERTS have warned that this year’s pollen levels may surpass those of previous years, largely due to robust early-season vegetation growth and higher soil moisture levels compared to 2023.

AirHealth, the company behind the Perth pollen monitoring program said this is largely due to anticipated increased rainfall and improved soil moisture conditions.

Grass pollen is the primary trigger for spring and early summer respiratory allergies, includ-

ing hay fever and asthma.

AirHealth chief operating and scientific officer Dr Edwin Lampugnani said the early signs of robust grass growth around Perth suggest a heavier pollen season ahead.

“People should be vigilant, especially those prone to allergies, as the season could start sooner and be more intense than usual,” Dr Lampugnani said.


“This year’s environmental conditions are primed for a more intense pollen season, with higher soil moisture and robust grass

growth likely to be contributing to elevated pollen levels.

“Knowing when pollen counts are high is an important step in minimizing exposure and protecting your health. The Perth pollen app is a great tool to help people stay one step ahead.”


Edith Cowan University’s Dr Mary Hanson said the early signs of robust grass growth around Perth suggest a heavier pollen season ahead.

“People should be vigilant, especially those prone to allergies, as the season could start sooner.”




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Bennett Springs resident shares her struggles for mental health week

JACKI ELEZOVICH

NATHIDA Chalernsuk, a student from Bennett Springs, is one of seven young people featuring in Y WA's mental health week short film series, Inside our Minds.

The series of short films focuses on mental health of people with a disability, particularly those from underrepresented communities, their struggles throughout their life and strategies they have learned to deal with ups and downs in their mental health.

Seven young people from across WA feature in the series, with one short film premiering each day of mental health week this week.

The films will be released across social media, and will play in the Northbridge Piazza, Yagan Square and on Curtin University's Bentley campus.

Ms Chalernsuk said seeing her own family struggle silently with mental health in her younger years pushed her to speak out about her own issues.

"I've fought really hard to be able to share my story unapologetically in hopes of destigmatising the subject of mental health," she said.

"I've had to sit with the feeling of discomfort and fear of judgement from others to do so. My goal is for others to know that they're not alone and they never have to go through anything alone."

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, almost half of people with a disability reported as having an anxiety disorder, compared to less than 20 per cent of people without disability.

Ms Chalernsuk is autistic but wasn't diagnosed until later in life. She said the combination of her diagnosis, coupled with the existing challenge of her culturally and linguistically diverse background, was just the beginning of challenges she faced.

"However, I think the biggest challenge I face daily is that I don't look like what other people's

expectations of a disabled or an autistic person is, so I'm constantly invalidated by non-disabled people," she said.

"Although, I've come to realise that I don't have to prove my disability to anyone. The disabled community is the most welcoming and accepting community and we never question another disabled person. We know that disability has a wide range of presentations and encompasses many different things," she said.

Currently studying psychology and hoping to go into autism research in the future, Ms Chalernsuk said raising awareness and learning more about the condition was key to helping future generations.

"I feel that we need more autistic people researching autism and I hope to be able to bridge cultural gaps in research too. Hopefully, through research, I'll be able to help inform more culturally safe and inclusive professional practice so that everyone will feel safe enough to reach out to someone in times of need," she said.

"I wanted to participate in Inside our Minds because I wanted to share my story. I know that what I've been through isn't uncommon, so if others can feel heard and seen through me sharing my story, that would be amazing."

This year's film series was produced by The Periscope Crew, a production team staffed and run by young people with disabilities, so this year the films were produced by young disabled people for young disabled people.

Y WA chief executive officer Dr Tim McDonald said the community spirit and passion shone through in the end result.

"Every year when we work on a new Inside Our Minds series, we have the privilege of providing a platform for young people to share their lived mental health experiences," he said.

"At the Y WA one of our primary goals is to assist our youth community to flourish and give them a voice so this initiative has become a crucial event in our annual calendar."



Nathida Chalernsuk, one of seven featured in Inside our Minds.



Short films are being made for Mental Health Week.

Cancer Council supports vaping regs

CANCER Council WA has supported new regulations in Western Australia requiring a prescription to access e-cigarettes (vapes) through pharmacies.

The council's make smoking history manager Libby Jardine said it was a welcome addition to regulatory changes introduced by the federal government a few months ago.

"We welcome the announcement by Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson for new regulations banning the sale of vapes without a prescription," Ms Jardine said.

"It is an added safeguard that protects the health of West Australians from the harms of nicotine addiction and the toxic chemicals in vapes.

"These changes will further prevent young people from starting to vape. Young people who vape are five times more likely to then try smoking compared to their non-vaping peers.

"We know these products are dangerous, particularly for young people, and none have been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) as a cessation aid to help with quitting smoking.

"That means vaping products sold in Australia have not been formally evaluated by the TGA for quality, efficacy and safety, unlike most medicines available for sale in Australia, and is why they aren't recommended as a first option to help any person to quit smoking."

The council's tobacco issues committee chair, Alecia Brooks, said it was important to remember the proposed changes do not ban vaping for smoking cessation.

"It ensures vaping for smoking cessation is available by prescription for quitting smoking with the personalised advice of a medical practitioner," Ms Brooks said.

"For people who want to set themselves up with the best chance of quitting successfully, the evidence suggests TGA-approved pharmacotherapies like nicotine patches and gum alongside behavioural counselling like from the Quitline."

Cancer Council WA encourages people who are looking for support to quit smoking or vaping to see their doctor or contact to the Quitline on 13 7848 or through www.quit.org.au/ways-to-get-in-touch

Scholarships for autistic students

The latest round of state government-funded Autism Academy for software quality assurance (AASQA) scholarships, which provide support to Western Australians with autism to enter the workforce, is now open.

The 2025 scholarships will provide up to \$2500 to students on the autism spectrum to undertake training in eligible courses, aimed at gaining employment in the fields of information technology (IT), programming, software development or cybersecurity.

Introduced in 2017, the scholarships have supported 34 West Australians with autism to learn valuable work skills through vocational education and training.

More than \$60,000 in scholarships have been provided since the program commenced.

Hosted by Curtin University, AASQA works together with the Autism Association of Western Australia and the Department of Training and Workforce Development to deliver the scholarship program, aimed at harnessing the unique skills of people with autism or related conditions.

AASQA is an Australian social innovation initiative harnessing the talents of people with autism through training, education and mentoring programs and creating pathways to long-term employment in the IT industry.

The 2025 scholarship round closes on Friday, December 13.

Minister Assisting the Minister for Training and Workforce Development Hannah Beazley said the state government was thrilled to be offering Western Australians on the autism spectrum this opportunity to be supported to participate in vocational education and training.

"Our workplaces are better and most effective when they reflect the diversity of our community.

"Individuals with autism often bring unique and valuable skills to the workplace, which may include strong attention to detail, appreciation of predictability and capacity to focus.

"These skills are valuable to the ICT industry, particularly for software development, testing and cybersecurity.

"These scholarships highlight the important role training has in changing people's lives, while addressing the skills needs of our State and the individuals who shape it."

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A story-telling tree sprite, eco faeries and a mythological 'green man' will be among the many magical happenings at the first ever Guildford Sugar Gum Day. Picture: Emily Wilson Photography

Guildford's gums in the magical spotlight

A LITTLE touch of magic is coming to Guildford in October as the town celebrates its first-ever Sugar Gum Day at Stirling Square on Saturday October 12 from 2pm-7pm.

The free event is being held to mark the 25th anniversary of the 1999 campaign to save Guildford's iconic trees, which were threatened with destruction after they were deemed unsafe.

The trees were spared the axe after the community turned out in protest, setting up a camp under the gums, with some people even camping out in the trees themselves.

The then Swan Shire council eventually agreed to keep the trees after advice from experts, and began a program of maintenance and replanting.

It was just one of several occasions that the trees had come under threat over the years since many of them were planted back in 1897 to mark Queen Victoria's golden jubilee.

Twenty-five years later, Sugar Gum Day is being organised by the Guildford Association with funding from the City of Swan.

Featuring other community groups, it will include tree-related events and activities, including art and craft workshops, a smoking ceremony, live entertainment, storytelling and games for children and historical displays.

"The sugar gums are an essential part of Guildford's history

and identity," Guildford Association president Claire Scanlan said.

"It's unthinkable now that they could ever be destroyed, but back in 1999 we were very close to losing them and we think it's important to remind everyone how precious they are.

"We want to celebrate those original campaigners and acknowledge the City of Swan's agreement to the community to preserve the iconic trees, reflected in the commemorative bench which can be seen today in Stirling Square," she said.

The Guildford street trees are unique in Western Australia, having been planted in rows along several streets throughout the whole town, which was itself placed on the State Heritage Register in 2019.

"Pretty much wherever you are in Guildford, you're within sight of a beautiful sugar gum. Guildford just wouldn't be Guildford without them," Ms Scanlan said.

"Preserving and protecting them has always been a community effort, so we think an event that brings the whole community together is a great way to celebrate and appreciate them.

"We would love to see as many people as possible coming to Guildford for a picnic, some great entertainment and plenty of fun activities."

The event will culminate with the switching on of lights to illuminate the trees.

Gidge CWA knits travel overseas

DURING a visit to Scotland, Gidgegannup resident Jan Pittman took along a stack of baby clothes made by Gidgegannup CWA members, which were given to a Grantown-on-Spey resident who knits for a nearby hospital.

Ms Pittman, who has won prizes for her paintings and photography, said during the month she spent in Scotland she took her late partner Dave Reid's ashes across to scatter.

"He was a long-time resident of Gidgegannup, and a small business owner (Reid's Plant Hire)," she said.

"While I was there I visited June Smith, the mother of Rob Smith, of Rob's Repairs,

formerly of Gidge Rural, whose late husband Wattie had attended the same school as Dave in a little village called Rothiemay, via Huntly.

"June lives in Grantown-on-Spey and she knits baby clothes for a local hospital.

"I asked the Gidgegannup CWA ladies if they would like to knit some baby clothes for me to take across to her (they all know Rob and Helen from Gidge Rural) and I was absolutely astonished at their response, I had half a suitcase full to take across.

"So my son (who was travelling with me) and I visited her for afternoon tea and she was delighted with the little bonnets, jacks, booties, etc."



Gidgegannup CWA members made baby clothes for June Smith of Grantown-on-Spey who knits baby clothes for a nearby hospital.

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Eastern Hills music celebrates 50 years

EASTERN Hills Senior High School will celebrate 50 years of its flourishing music program next weekend with a concert and picnic.

The event will be held on Sunday, October 20 at the school's music centre, with previous members welcome to come along to reconnect with past bandmates and bring their instrument and participate in a play-along program.

The music program started in 1974 with one small group of students and has grown to four instruction levels and multiple groups. Eastern Hills officially became a specialist music school in 2007, and since then has had a strong focus on guitar and percussion.

Just before this, the specialised music centre was built on the school grounds, supported by parents, students and music teachers alike, and designed to house professional-level concert performances and give music students the best musical education possible.

The guitar ensemble was formed in 1999 and remains one of WA's most successful and celebrated school guitar ensembles.

This group is still taught by Justin Lynam, who started the original ensemble.

Maurice Bourgault became the senior concert band conductor in 1991 and continues to lead the Eastern Hills and Districts Concert Band.

This concert band has been the flagship ensemble for the school for many years,

competing at high levels in the WA band festival and touring the country to participate in music festivals.

The most recent of these tours was to the Sydney International Music Festival.

While at home in the Perth Hills, the band regularly performs for the hills community and for local primary schools.

The music program is supported by the state government's instrumental music school services program, which allows students to receive free instrumental music lessons and for conductors of the ensembles to be paid for their work.

Mr Bourgault said the 50th anniversary event would be a relaxed, fun day out for current and past students and staff, to come along to the school to reminisce and hear some great band music.



Eastern Hills Senior High School concert band.

Gidgestock music fundraiser returns

GIDGESTOCK Music Festival returns this weekend from Friday, October 11 until Sunday, October 13 bringing some of the best local music Perth has to offer to the beautiful hills of Gidgannup, for this family-friendly, fund-raising festival.

Experience a natural amphitheatre bush setting, a total of 22 live bands, campfires, rustic camping and dancing under the stars. Wake up to the call of the kookaburras and enjoy fine fellowship and great music and, on Sunday morning, a hearty cooked breakfast.

The musicians and bands donate their time, as do the stage crew and a group of fabulous volunteers who, together with considerate sponsors, make the event possible.

The venue too is donated by the wonderful hosts Steve and Jo Mitcham, who generously open the gates of their beautiful 20.2ha property for the festival weekend.

All profits from the Gidgestock Music Festival are donated to the West Gidgannup Volunteer Fire Brigade, the Leukaemia Foundation, St Barts, Shalom House and Zero to Hero.

Bring the kids as there are many activities during the weekend to keep them occupied, from bush art to cuddly animals and much more.

Market stalls, psychic readings and the fabulous Kookaburra boutique for pre-loved clothing will keep the adults entertained.

There will be a variety of food and coffee vans, but alcohol is BYO only.

Gates open at noon on Friday, October 11 so come early to secure a fabulous spot and enjoy the atmosphere with music on from 6pm to 10pm.

Music recommences on Saturday, October 12 from 10 am until midnight and on Sunday, October 13 resumes from 8am until the festival closes at noon.

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Nathan Gaunt.
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6 Owen Road Parkerville

Chidlow Tavern
Oscar Litchfield.
6.30pm. Free.
4 Thomas St Chidlow

Glen Forrest Sporting Club
Red Mambo.
7.30. Free.
33 McGlew Road Glen Forrest

Bassendean Hotel
DJ Roller.
5pm-late. Free.
25 Old Perth Road
Bassendean

Settlers House York
Graeme Fisher.
6pm. Free.
125 Avon Terrace York

Sat 12 October

Hemingway & Co
Brett Hardwick.
7.30pm-9.30pm. Free.
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Parkerville Tavern
Lasca.
6pm-9pm. Free.
6 Owen Road Parkerville

Bassendean Hotel
Jammin with Charlie.
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25 Old Perth Road
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Settlers House York
Back Verandah Band.
6pm. Free.
125 Avon Terrace York

Settlers House York
Nick Childs.
12pm. Free.
125 Avon Terrace York

Sun 13 October

Rose & Crown
Jared Herft.
2pm-6pm. Free.
105 Swan Street
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Parkerville Tavern
Slim Jim.
3pm-6pm. Free.
6 Owen Road Parkerville

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Lush in Boots.
12:30pm. Free.
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Bob Brisbane.
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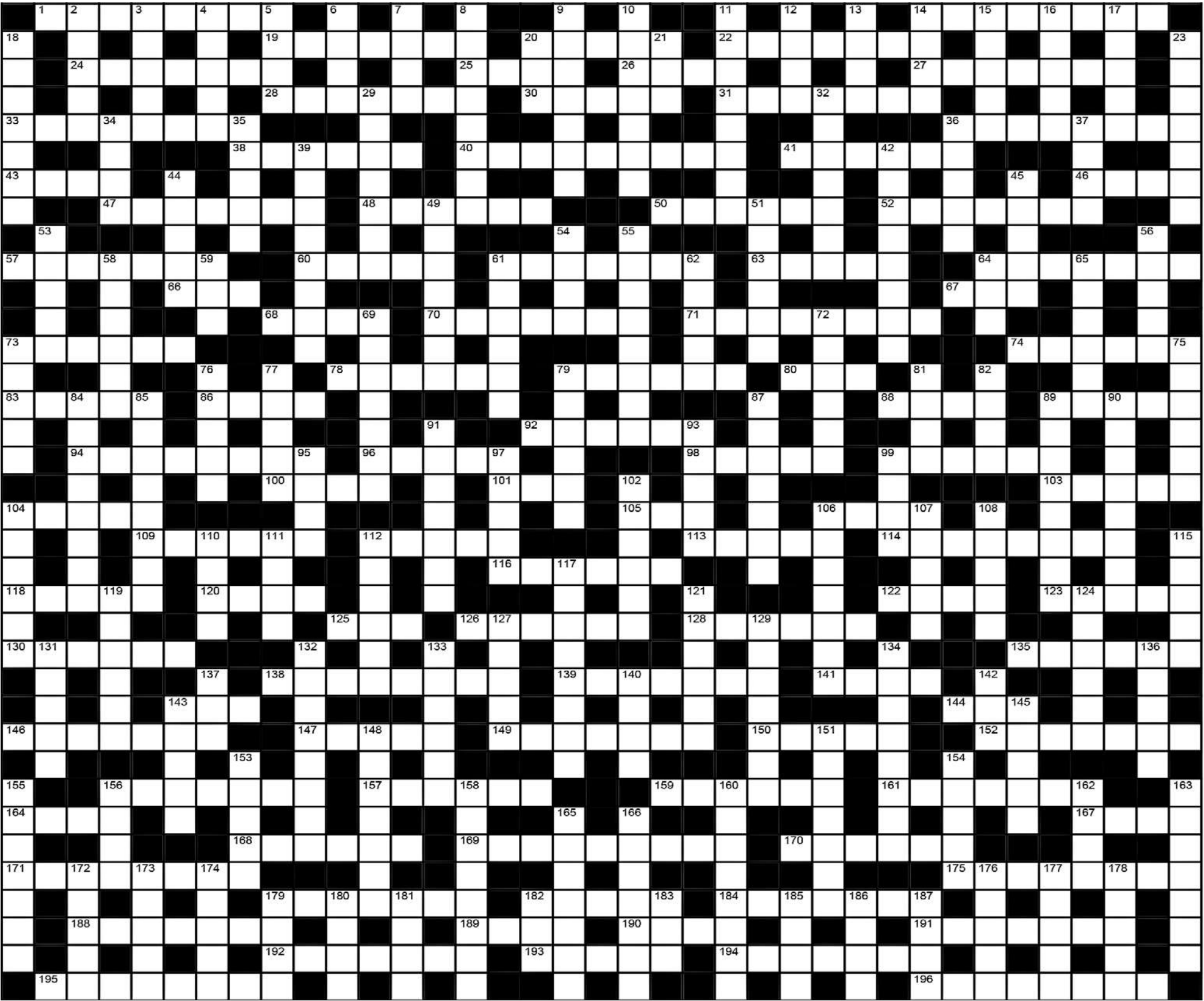
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- ACROSS

1 Scottish instruments

14 Dramatic anticipation

19 Outdoor (4,3)

20 Full range

22 Ordinary movements

24 A learner

25 A duck

26 Amount of wool

27 Imposing building

28 Cause to rotate

30 Legendary sea nymph

31 A crook (coll)

33 A shrub

36 Became visible

38 Church officers

40 Encouragement to act

41 Vocal sounds

43 Stun

46 Split apart

47 Lumps of gold

48 A planet

50 Ensnare

52 Tunnels

57 Ate lavishly

60 Bloodsucker

61 Country, formerly Burma

63 Not showing emotion

64 Nuclear structure

66 Make lace

67 A veto

68 Heavenly body

70 Sanction

71 Shackles

73 Grief

74 Maps

78 Right of entry

79 A marketplace

80 A garment edge

83 Light timber

86 Vivacity

88 Land projection

89 A canvas support

92 Bets

94 Students

96 Extra

98 Abrade by rubbing

99 Art of growing small trees

100 Dependable

101 Assist

103 Set of rooms

104 Ways of walking

105 Flightless bird

106 Scarce

109 Light up

112 Backbone

113 Hidden treasure

114 Applicable

116 Late meal

118 Group of chasers

120 Washing aid

122 An Asian food staple

123 Victorian river

125 A large reptile

126 A facade

128 Resounded

130 Layers

135 Ruckus

138 Antlered animal

139 Understanding

141 Golf mounds

143 A knight's title

144 A gratuity

146 Enmesh

147 A tally

149 Divine marvel

150 Spartan slave

152 Workers' cafe

156 A windflower

157 Enchantments

159 Gather up herds

161 Band helpers

164 Wicked

167 Metal deposit

168 Steering device

169 African safari national park

170 Midday nap (Sp)

171 Enter illegally

175 Circumspect

179 Racing car service (3,4)

182 An abyss

184 Forestry workers

188 A sketch

189 Wind instrument

190 A ballet skirt

191 Mock medicine

192 A watcher

193 Propagate

194 High flat area

195 Persons with ginger hair

196 Intensified

DOWN

2 Become weaker

3 Unadorned

4 Annoy

5 Classify

6 South American country

7 A poet

8 Coming from underground

9 Famous astronomer

10 Stage of maturity

11 A moon shape

12 A precious stone

13 A clue

14 A clairvoyant

15 Be thrifty

16 Choice group

17 Cut the wool off

18 Vinyl LPs

20 Aerated matter

21 Brown

23 Made a promise

29 Cherish

32 Zodiac sign

34 Final word

35 Act against

36 Word element: star

37 Ventilates

39 Barren

42 Small compartments

44 A bird

45 Twelve

49 Sportsperson

51 Be offended by

53 Four-stringed instrument

54 Impartial

55 Appropriate fraudulently

56 Strongly desire

58 Tempests

59 Animal parent

61 Humble

62 A Cuban dance

64 Uncooked

65 An noisy insect

69 A hermit

72 Rend apart

73 Temperate

75 Acknowledge rank

76 Attractive girl

77 Couples

79 A spirit

81 Angel's headwear

82 Pleads

84 Sweetly luxurious

85 Able to stick

87 Communication with

89 Agent on mission

90 Fragment of wood

91 A secure boundary

93 Army observer

95 Of sound mind

97 Abates

99 A prickly seed pod

102 A command

104 Vine fruit

106 Ask

107 Strange and mysterious

108 Brimless cap

110 Bird home

111 An amphibian

112 Drinking place

115 A knife part

117 First public showing

119 A faint image

121 A club etc

124 Off course

127 Play guitar

129 Small axe

131 Fashion tendency

132 Beach momento

133 Break a promise

134 False teeth

136 Force back

137 Pass away

140 A bag

142 Facial twitch

143 Show contempt

145 Courtyard

148 Edible molluscs

151 Lying in wait

153 Promotes

154 Dish of greens

155 At heart of

156 Woe!

158 Funeral bugle call (4,4)

160 Rider's feet supports

162 Nasty remark

163 Insects

165 Ties animals

166 Leased land for grazing

172 Flee to marry

173 Batting surface

174 A Hindu divinity

176 Childish

177 A fine material

178 Bring forth

179 Church seats

180 Carry

181 Be in large numbers

182 A male swan

183 Sloppy dirt

185 A low tide

186 Biblical garden

187 Common potato
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Healthy Lifestyles

Mundaring Hills arts community are holding their 15th open studio event



Swan View artist
Kym Kushman.

Their MHOS brochure highlights work by 75 artists to be presented in studios located throughout the shire.

Several artists will also offer demonstrations during the nine day event which will run from Saturday, October 19 to Sunday, October 27.

Swan View metal artist Kym Kushman has joined in to showcase her work which shows her keen eye for detail.

With a lifetime of crafting, Kym creates pieces inspired by her experi-

ences, her passion for our landscapes and her love of colour.

Working mainly in stainless steel, the leaves of eucalypt trees are a key theme for her pieces which come in a variety of arrangements.

Her Hillway studio has inspiring views through the block's Marri trees.

Check out the website mundaringhillsopenstudios.com for more information about all the artists and to download a digital copy of the brochure.

New campaign against ageism

A NEW public campaign that aims to raise awareness of ageism in the Western Australian community was launched this week by Seniors and Ageing Minister Don Punch.

The state government committed \$400,000 in WA's first seniors strategy last year to address ageism in the community, including the challenge your bias campaign featuring comedian and seniors advocate Peter Rowsthorn.

The campaign highlights that judging others based on their age can affect people's mental and physical health, cause social isolation and loneliness, and lead to financial insecurity, a reduced quality of life, and a higher likelihood of elder abuse.

An Australian Human Rights Commission survey of more than 2000 people found that two-thirds of Australians have experienced ageism, many without realising it due to ageism being so ingrained in society.

Ageism can also be self-directed and prevent people from participating fully in life.

The campaign will run across social media, television, newspaper, and radio platforms over the next three months, sending the message that being mindful of how older people are perceived can positively influence our behaviour and attitudes towards older people.

As part of the campaign, a new online resource, 'Embracing Age Diversity: A guide to inclusive language and images', has been developed.

It outlines how images, phrases, and words can better portray older people and offers a legal perspective on age discrimination.

The campaign will also deliver targeted advertising on Aboriginal radio stations starting early next month to raise awareness in remote Indigenous communities.

Seniors and Ageing Minister Don Punch said Western Australians are living longer than ever before, with older people projected to make up one quarter of our population by 2071.

"Raising awareness of ageist attitudes and language, and being mindful of how older people are perceived, can positively influence our behaviour and attitudes towards older people."

"The aim is to rethink how ageing and older people are described and represented in the media, in organisations, and everyday life, and to consider alternatives."

To find out more and show your support visit <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-communities/challenge-your-bias-reducing-ageism-western-australia>



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Public Notice



Government of Western Australia
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Have Your Say

Proposed Rail Communications Infrastructure (Monopole)

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) is seeking public comment on a development proposal for Rail Communications Infrastructure (Monopole) in Guildford.

The development proposes to install rail communications infrastructure (Monopole) at Lot 229 (31) Victoria Street, Guildford.

Relevant documents and development plans showing the proposed development can be viewed online at haveyoursay.dplh.wa.gov.au/31victoriastguildford or in person at the DPLH, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth

Submissions close Monday 4 November, 2024 and can be lodged online or posted to: The Secretary, WAPC, Locked Bag 2506, Perth WA 6001. Late submissions may not be considered.

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Have your say

MRS Minor Amendment 1388/57 – Wattle Grove (South) Precinct

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

The amendment proposes to rezone approximately 126 hectares in the Wattle Grove locality from the Rural zone to the Urban zone in the MRS.

The proposed Urban zoning will allow for the residential development of the site following a local scheme amendment, detailed structure planning and subdivision approval.

The Environmental Protection Authority required the proposed amendment to be formally assessed via an Environmental Review to examine the likely environmental impacts of the amendment and proposed environmental management measures.

The draft Environmental Review is being advertised concurrently with the MRS Amendment so that comment can be made on both environmental and planning related matters.

The WAPC certifies that, in its opinion, the proposed amendment does not constitute a substantial alteration to the MRS.

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

- WAPC, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth
- State Library of WA, Perth Cultural Centre
- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Prime House, Joondalup
- City of Kalamunda
- City of Gosnells

Submissions close Monday 9 December 2024 and can be lodged online, via email to regionplanningschemes@dplh.wa.gov.au, or posted to: The Secretary, WAPC, Locked Bag 2506, PERTH WA 6001. Late submissions may not be considered.

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Public Notice



Have your say

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

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

The amendment proposes to:

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

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

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

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

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – LOT 602 (NO.15) YELVERTON DRIVE, WOODBRIDGE – MULTIPLE DWELLINGS (STAGE 2)

We invite comment on a development application for Proposed Multiple Dwellings at Lot 602 (No. 15) Yelverton Drive, Woodbridge, in accordance with Section 64 of the *Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Act 2011* and Clauses 5.15 and 6.7 of the METRONET East Redevelopment Scheme.

The project comprises of two stages, with Stage 1 of the development for 20 apartments approved in July 2024. Stage 2 is a four storey multiple dwelling development with 36 apartments:

- twelve (12) 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom apartments and twenty four (24) 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartments;
- car parking at the rear of the site, with 6 visitor bays and 24 residential bays as well as 22 bicycle bays;
- pedestrian and vehicle access provided directly from Yelverton Drive; and
- all units are designed to meet a silver-level liveable housing design standard, and a 7-star NatHERs rating.

The application seeks approval for the following proposed variations to the Midland Design Guidelines:

- ground floor courtyards and balconies do not meet the minimum dimensions and areas of the Design Guidelines;
- a minimum of 24 residential parking bays and 6 visitor parking bays are provided where the Guidelines require a minimum of 26 bays and 9 bays respectively; and
- store rooms with area of 3.5m2 do not meet minimum 4m2 area required.

A copy of the proposed development plans can be viewed online at <https://developmentwa.com.au/planning-and-approvals/current-planning-items>, or at our office, Mia Yellagonga Tower 2, Level 7/5 Spring St, Perth between the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Comments on the proposed development should be received by 1 November 2024 and can be submitted on our website, by email to planning@developmentwa.com.au or by post for the attention of the Manager Statutory Planning, Locked Bag 5, PERTH BUSINESS CENTRE WA 6849.

For further information on the proposed Multiple Dwellings, please contact our Planning Division on 6200 4111.



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Public Notice



Public Notice

Great Eastern Highway Upgrade Project, Western Australia
EPBC 2022/9151

Notification for Publication of Preliminary Documentation under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Invitation for Public Comment

In accordance with Section 95A(3) of the EPBC Act, public comment is invited on an action proposed to be taken at Copley, Western Australia.

Main Roads Western Australia is proposing to construct and operate the Great Eastern Highway Upgrade Project. The Proposal includes the construction and operation of a two-way carriageway, intersections and other road infrastructure within a 11.4km section of Great Eastern Highway. The Proposal is located approximately 56 km east of Perth and, at its closest point, approximately 25 km south-west of Northam. The proposed action occurs in the Wheatbelt region, Western Australia.

The proposed action has been determined to be a controlled action under the EPBC Act and will be assessed through Preliminary Documentation. The controlling provision under Part 3 of the EPBC Act is listed threatened species and communities (section 18 and 18A). The EPBC-listed species and communities (protected matters) that are impacted by the proposed action includes the following:

- Carnaby's Black Cockatoo (*Zanda latirostris* listed as *Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) (Endangered)
- Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii naso*) (Vulnerable)
- Baudin's Black Cockatoo (*Zanda baudinii* listed as *Calyptorhynchus baudinii*) (Endangered)

In accordance with Section 95A(3) of the EPBC Act, Preliminary Documentation related to the proposed action is available for viewing and comment for a minimum of 10 business days from date of advertisement.

Viewing the Preliminary Documentation

Hard copies of the Referral, the Formal Variation Requests and Preliminary Documentation (including all attachments) will be available to view for a period of 10 business days from 11 to 25 October 2024 at the following locations:

- **State Library of Western Australia**
25 Francis Street, Perth WA 6000
- **Shire of Northam Library**
298 Fitzgerald St, Northam WA 6401
- **Shire of Mundaring Library**
1 Nichol Street, Mundaring WA 6073

Electronic versions of the documentation can also be viewed or downloaded in portable document format (PDF) from the Main Roads project website at <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/projects-initiatives/all-projects/GEH-coates>

Hard copies of the document may be purchased for \$10 (including postage and packaging):

Company Name Main Roads Western Australia
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Persons with special needs (i.e., for whom English is a second language or who has a vision impairment) may contact Mick Adam on 9323 6394 for assistance in accessing the documentation.

Public Comment

Comments are to be received by 25 October 2024 and addressed to mick.adam@mainroads.wa.gov.au

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Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk
Hope in grief



On Sunday, September 29 my fellow *Echo News* article contributor, pastor Ken Duffy, passed away. Our hearts go out to his wife Lorna in her grief.

We received this message from Lorna the day after Ken passed away: “Kendrick left us at 11.00 pm last night. Very peacefully he slipped away, his race was run. God is my strength.”

Lorna expressed how “God is my strength”. Indeed, if we trust in Jesus, we are given this promise in 2 Corinthians 1 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials.”

We also have hope in our grief – a sure and certain hope. This hope is what Ken wrote about in his *Echo* articles. That hope is built on who Jesus is and what He did for us. Jesus, God’s Son, died on a cross bearing our sins and rose from the dead, so that we can live forever, when we put our faith in Him. Ken lives; at home in heaven.

This hope helps us in our grief. We read in 1 Thessalonians 4 “We do not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.”

Ken is with the Lord; he will be coming back with the Lord. What a sure hope in our grief.



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Upcoming Events

• **The annual spring fete at St Barnabas Church, Kalamunda** (on the corner of Railway and Spring roads) is on Saturday, November 2 from 9am to 1pm. There will be vintage, cakes, plants, books, children’s activities, yummy food and loads of free entertainment.

• **Midland Friendly Garden Club** meets at 9.30am on alternate Thursdays at Bruce Douglas Pavilion, Brown Park, Salisbury Road, Swan View. The next meeting will take place on October 17. The guest speakers will be Pelargonium and Geranium Society of Western Australia president Victoria Grice. Plants will be available for sale. For more information call Jenny on 0424 553 002 or Barbara on 0482 935 686.

• **Gidgegannup Men’s Shed** is hosting the Lions Skin Cancer Screening bus on Saturday, November 2 near the Gidgegannup Showgrounds. Community members over the age of 18 are welcome to book for a free skin cancer check but places are limited so online booking is essential. To book visit <http://lionscancerinstitute.org.au>

• **Kalamunda Scottish Dancing Group** welcomes new people to join its weekly dance. Watch, try and learn Scottish country dancing with an informal friendly chatty group of enthusiasts. You will need soft shoes and casual clothes and an interest to learn the steps, formations and dance culture. A typical evening will be eight dances with a break for tea and biscuits. The group meets from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Thursdays at Jack Healey Centre, 21 Mead Street, Kalamunda. For more information message Teresa on 0400 811 504.

• **Midland CWA** meets at the Midland Railway Yards Blacksmith Lane (West) Midland on the third Wednesday of each month at 10am. CWA flags are displayed on Yelverton Drive, Midland on meeting days. CWA offers a diverse range of interests and each branch works to meet local community needs. Call Maureen on 0460 777 557 or email maureenbarker1@gmail.com

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



Woofers of the week

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New funding helps schools create healthy kids

JACKI ELEZOVICH

FORTY schools across WA received funding for the 'healthy schools' program from Healthway, including Henley Brook Primary School.

Henley Brook received a \$5000 grant to introduce a whole-school physical activity and literacy program to encourage active transport like walking or riding a bike to and from school, and to increase student physical activity.

Henley Brook physical education teacher Jessine Bonzas said the school would use the grant to fund additional opportunities for students to be physically active and improve their physical literacy.

"As a new school we are consciously building a culture that values the whole child and wanted to support children's physical development," she said.

"Through additional physical activity opportunities students and our community will develop a strong sense of connection and belonging. This is at the heart of everything we do."

Ms Bonzas said the school hopes to improve on their before and after school activities like running club and extra-curricular sports and involve the wider school community in their physical education program.

"We think involving the wider school community is important to create a community that is connected, and we value developing positive and strong relationships with our families," she said.

"Creating links and partnerships with the broader community enables us to offer unique initiatives that support students learning that is evidence-based and through networking opportunities with these experts we enhance our staff's knowledge, skills and understanding of physical literacy."

She said the program's success was down to a number of factors, but overall, its aim remained to help kids get outside and enjoying physical activity.

"We aspire for students to fall in love with being physically active which will assist them to be active, take care of their physical health and overall wellbeing," Ms Bonzas said.

The 40 selected schools will share in almost \$170,000 in funding to deliver projects aimed at improving student health and wellbeing.

Kalamunda Senior High School and Guildford Grammar also received a \$5000 grant each, to reform the canteen with healthy food options and introduce a whole-school mental health and wellbeing program, respectively.

Since the program launched in 2022, almost \$700,000 has been distributed among WA schools to help make a difference to student health.

Health minister Amber-Jade Sanderson said the state government was proud to be supporting WA schools in improving student health and wellbeing.

"The projects that have been funded will inspire students to eat well, move more, and develop skills to support their physical and mental wellbeing from a young age, laying the foundation for lifelong commitment to wellbeing," she said.

"Congratulations to all schools that have received funding for their projects."



Heathway school kids playing soccer.

MGCC Cricket season Sarts



JOSHUA McKENZIE

THE opening round of the 2024-2025 season for Midland Guildford Cricket Club got underway last weekend including the male 1st grade side having a 157-run victory against Gosnells.

The main contributors in that match were Austin Thomas with 60 runs from 60 balls and Lachlan Pratt with three wickets for 17 runs from 8.3 overs.

Jordan Roads and Keaton Critchell both scored 49 runs, while Regan Hill, Hudson Knight

and Matt Russo all took two wickets in the match.

The side would manage 9-272 from their 50 overs and dismissed Gosnells for a total of just 115 runs.

The male 2nd grade, male 3rd grade and male 4th grade all saw their matches abandoned due to the weather in the week leading up to round 1.

The female A grade began their premiership defence with back-to-back victories in their double header against South Perth and Wanneroo.

In the match against South Perth, Makayla Hendry was the pick of the bowlers with 4-10 off four overs as the side restricted their opponents to all out for 107.

It would take just 10.2 overs to chase the score with Abbie Whybrow the leading scorer with an unbeaten 45 off 25 as they won by nine wickets.

The second match was dominated by Ines McKeon who scored an unbeaten 85 off 59 as the side managed to score 5-135 off 20 overs.

A collective bowling effort

would see them dismiss Wanneroo for a total of 90 as four bowlers would take two wickets each.

The female B grade lost to Perth by six wickets in their opening match of the season.

The male U17 won against Gosnells after a man of the match performance from Jaxon Ozanne (58 not out from 53, 3-16 off three overs), while the male U15 lost to the same opposition.

The female U17 won both of their opening fixtures with strong performances against South Perth and Subiaco Floreat.

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