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### Kookaburra Cinema reopening

**Dear Echo News,**  
 Picking up a copy of the *Echo* I was absolutely delighted to hear that the Kookaburra Cinema will be reopening next month. The most wonderful and welcome news. After the terrible damage done by the storm last winter, the thought of the cinema

not becoming operational again was most distressing – such a valuable, iconic asset to the Perth Hills.

Thanks to the prisoners who, apparently, did an amazing job in clearing all the debris.

We have been regular patrons of Kookaburra and we shall be first in line for when the first movie – no matter what it is – is screened.

Can't wait.  
**I Sanderson Kalamunda**

### The link between poverty and the homeless

**Dear Echo News,**  
 Anti-Poverty Week (October 13-19) gives us a chance to focus on homelessness and its strong connections with poverty.

In Australia, more than 3.3 million people live in poverty, including more than 760,000 children. Every hour, 3000 people in Australia seek help from homelessness services like those provided by Mission Australia.

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At Mission Australia, we want to live in a country where homelessness and poverty doesn't exist.

This week and always, we call for solutions to break the link between poverty and homelessness.

Together, let's work towards a future where everyone has a safe home and can thrive.  
**S Budalich Mission Australia**

### Smith Family shines the light on poverty

**Dear Echo News,**  
 National education charity The Smith Family is shining a light this Anti-Poverty Week, October 13-19 on the deepening digital divide that is holding many students back from making the most of their education, as part of a wider push to end child poverty.

Access to an appropriate digital device is crucial for a child's success at school.

But students experiencing disadvantage often cannot afford such items, limiting their participation in education and employment opportunities.

Gone are the days when pen and paper were the key materials a child needed at school. Digital devices are now non-negotiable in both the classroom and at home.

Students simply cannot hope to complete their homework and assignments without having these items and being digitally connected.

Currently, 30 per cent of students support-

### Thought for the day

"If you don't have a goal in mind, you can't expect to achieve it." – Frank Sonnenberg

ed through The Smith Family's learning for life education program are not digitally included, meaning they don't have access to a laptop or tablet, either their own or shared, in a household with mobile or broadband internet.

Digital inclusion means more than just having access to a device and a reliable internet connection. It also involves having the necessary skills and support to navigate the online world.

The latest NAP ICT literacy report found 25 per cent of Year 10 students and 40 per cent of Year 6 students don't have access to a suitable device outside school.

I have serious concerns about the ability of all students to thrive in the modern-day classroom and to be adequately prepared for future work and study opportunities if they do not have access to the necessary digital resources, home internet and technological support, as well as the chance to develop their digital literacy skills.

During Anti-Poverty Week, The Smith Family, WorkVentures and Good Things Foundation, are jointly highlighting the growing issue of digital poverty.

Work Ventures has supplied The Smith Family with 6400 refurbished laptops over the last two financial years.

For more information, visit [www.anti-povertyweek.org.au](http://www.anti-povertyweek.org.au)

Or to donate to close the digital divide for students, visit [www.thesmithfamily.com.au](http://www.thesmithfamily.com.au)

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# Gun laws leave sports shooters in limbo

GUANHAO CHENG

**WHITEMAN Park hosted a successful state shooting carnival in the closing weeks of September and is set to host nationals next year, but the future of the sport remains uncertain.**

Western Australian Clay Target Association (WACTA) vice-president Murray Cornish said the event was a success.

"It was a new format, and we tried to run it for eight days straight," he said.

"We ran trap for four days and the other one was skeet for four days.

"It was a good success and (nationals) next year will be bigger and better."

Mr Cornish said the state carnival was a simulation ahead of the national event to be held in Whiteman Park on April 2 next year, but new gun law changes concerned shooters.

"Every second person I talk to wants to know what's happening with the gun laws," he said.

"There's been a lack of consultancy, the legislation and regulations aren't complete, and so we've been largely left in the dark.

"We've tried to suggest things – there's probably 10 different ballistics sports involved and each ballistics sports' presidents goes to the meetings with police and the law reform commission but they've told us what they'll do without much consulting.

"There's a lot of concerned people and having to deal with the new laws is going to have a big impact on our sport."

Mr Cornish said the main concern were the gun limits which he was worried will affect the competitive shooting due to different formats requiring different guns.

"How did they come up with limits?" he said.

"There are many different formats such as down-the-line, skeet, International

Shooting, Sport Federation shooting, sporting, and you can't use the same firearm for everything.

"The biggest thing is the numerical limit.

"In the law reform commission from 2016, one of the recommendations was that numerical limits don't have anything to do with public safety.

"They've ignored that right through even though that was the 2016 recommendation."

Nationals Central Wheatbelt MLA and Bullwinkel candidate Mia Davies said law-abiding firearms owners have raised with her serious concerns about the new firearms laws.

"Competitive shooters, like members of the WACTA, are particularly worried about restrictions on the number of firearms they can own," she said.

"Many top-tier shooters who compete at state and national levels rely on more than five firearms to participate across various disciplines.

"Under (the) new laws, they'll be forced to surrender some of their firearms, limiting their ability to compete and potentially causing a decline in membership, which could put the future of some clubs and events at risk.

"There's also growing frustration about the lack of clarity on how these laws will be implemented, with regulations still not released, despite the laws coming into effect in early 2025."

Mr Cornish said not much could be done until the regulation came out, but he didn't think shooters would readily accept the changes.

"We'll do what we need to save our sport," he said.

"The average shooter who goes to shoot at a range, are not the problem in society but we're targeted like criminals.



Nationals Central Wheatbelt MLA and federal candidate Mia Davies helped open the WA clay target state carnival in Whiteman Park in September.

"The biggest thing the Western Australian Firearms Community Alliance did was the petition."

The petition Mr Cornish referred to was signed by more than 32,000 people opposing the Firearms Bill 2024.

Mr Cornish said he felt the petition was ignored and competitive shooters were at a loss.

"You can't do anything in the courts until you know what the laws are," he said.

"Well, that was the highest petition put into Parliament and they took no notice and decided it wasn't relevant and they weren't interested.

"From here competitive shooters will have to keep the pressure going and let it be known that we're not in support of the changes, and come the election in March, we can try to reverse some of this.

"It's the only option we've got at the moment."

## Opposition to York tip continues as EPA recommends its approval

PETER W LEWIS

**LOCAL shires, residents, business and Indigenous groups have united in their continued opposition to the Allawuna landfill site near York.**

After more than a decade fighting the proposal to store Perth's waste, this week the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) recommended approval of the new landfill site which could see up to 250,000 tonnes of waste dumped annually.

A state government spokesperson said while the minister had determined the appeals his decision was not an approval.

Following determination of the appeal, the Minister must then decide whether to grant final environmental approval under Section 45 of the Environmental Protection Act which allows the minister to consider broader issues that fall outside the scope of the EPA.

"The minister will now consider the EPA's findings as well as other issues before deciding whether to approve," the spokesperson said.

"In determining the appeal, the minister was required to consider matters that fit within the scope of the EPA's remit.

"Issues around planning and future needs in relation to waste infrastructure sits outside of the EPA.

"To be clear, determination of the appeal does not equate to ministerial approval for this project.

"The appeals raised several matters that were beyond the EPA's scope, and the minister will consider them alongside the report when making his final decision on implementation."

Shire of York chief executive officer Chris Linnell said council was disappointed with this week's decision.

"While we acknowledge the outcome, it is important to note that this is not the final stage of the process. As highlighted by the appeals committee, there are significant considerations that fall beyond the scope of this review," Mr Linnell said.

"The shire remains committed to opposing this proposal and will continue to work with all stakeholders to advocate for a final outcome that serves the best interests of the York community.

"The decision-making process is ongoing, and we will pursue a resolution that reflects the values and concerns of our residents."

York Business Association president Karen

Thomas said the fact that the concerns of residents and businesses via a petition of over 1000 signatures were not considered was an issue.

"Although I understand they are not relevant to the EPA decision we would still hope they would be considered in any final decision by the minister," she said.

"The big growth in our population and visitor numbers and the fact we are now one of the go to areas for film production in WA should all be taken into consideration as we are primarily a tourist destination.

"Our members and businesses rely on this and are very concerned these hard won benefits are not lost including the major recent success of 'Runt' and the influx of people to the town because of it."

Mrs Thomas said the issues with the black cockatoos and the Aboriginal birthing site have to be addressed, and this could involve federal intervention as they are involved in all shire road clearing where there are any possible black cockatoo nesting areas and this should apply to the proposed site.

Barladong Elder Dr Marion Kickett who in April met with the EPA appeal committee chair Dr Garry Middle said she didn't want any disturbance of the sacred dreaming of the Waagle (serpent) that created the water ways around the site.

"We have spiritual connections to country. If children died during childbirth they were buried there – we don't want the area disturbed, they are disturbing our sacred areas of our birth and burial site. The site has been used for probably thousands of years as a place where women give birth," she said.

"I am very disappointed in their decision and I will be attending the Balardong Corporation AGM which will be held in Northam on Saturday. I will be addressing members of the Balardong Corporation at this meeting, and working on strategies to address this decision."

Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil said council had previously expressed concerns relating to possible environmental impacts relating to the potential for leachate flow to the downstream water catchment areas, and the potential increase in traffic movements on Great Eastern highway.

A spokesperson for the City of Swan said the city had no comment on the EPA decision.

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# Ellenbrook boy aims for world BJJ championships



Jarrah Blackmore has competed in 35 competitions in the two years since he began and is aiming to compete on the BJJ world stage next year.

**GUANHAO CHENG**

**NINE-YEAR-OLD** Ellenbrook boy Jarrah Blackmore is training hard ahead of next year’s Brazilian jiu jitsu world competition, having taken part in 35 competitions in the two years since he began.

He has competed and won multiple state titles and competitions in Perth and the south-west for his age, belt and weight and came second place in the International Brazilian jiu jitsu Federation (IBJJF) Pan Pacific Championship in Melbourne.

Jarrah trains Brazilian jiu jitsu (BJJ) out of Ellenbrook’s Perth Martial Arts Centre under the guidance of master Goioere and his son William Dias, who is also a multi-time world BJJ champion.

Master Goioere said Jarrah’s journey has been an uphill battle against fierce competitors from over east where more opportunities to compete created tough opponents to defeat.

“In his division it’s always very tough with a lot of good kids but we’re very happy with the way he’s doing,” he said.

“We’re very isolated here but his level is comparable to the other kids who have it easier because they compete more than him.

“In Perth we’re so far from everything and big competitions you need to spend a few big dol-

lars to travel there.

“If you talk about Brazil, it’s different, but here (in Australia) kids have a lot of things to do for fun so it’s hard to focus on jiu jitsu.”

Master Goioere said Jarrah’s unique strength was his outstanding stamina.

“One particular thing Jarrah has is his stamina is unbelievable — since he began in BJJ his stamina was always very good, and his fitness,” he said.

“When he does private lessons with me sometimes, I make him go for one hour non-stop and we work on cardio and techniques for an hour and the other students gas out but he doesn’t.

“I think for some kids, their parents have to push them very hard to do things but it’s an easy job for (Jarrah’s father), because he loves to be involved as much as he can and is serious about it, but Jarrah loves it so it’s easy.

“If (Jarrah) could, he would live at the gym.”

Jarrah’s father Gordon Blackmore said training in Ellenbrook was a supportive environment for a developing BJJ practitioner as the grappling community’s bond was strong in the area.

“It’s good training here because you see friends from school and friends you might see at inter school carnivals you might meet,” he said.

“Your competition team’s pretty tight knit — the kids from

this club compete a lot and their team is very tight knit.”

Mr Blackmore said he began training BJJ from a humble invitation by a friend who practised the grappling martial art.

“So, how he got started, his best friend actually started doing it first and kept asking and kept asking and finally he decided to come down and try it,” he said.

“He was doing soccer at the time and decided this was more fun and what he wanted to stick to.

“Jarrah decided to go from there and started training full power at this.”

The road ahead remains full of action for the young Ellenbrook grappler.

Mr Blackmore said Jarrah’s journey will eventually build up to him aiming to compete in the world BJJ championships in Abu Dhabi next year and will be looking for support to get him there.

“Next year, he will be attending the Abu Dhabi World Championships along with as many state titles in Australia as we can get to,” he said.

“We will be looking for potential sponsorships and doing some fundraising to help assist getting him over there.”

At the end of October, Jarrah will be reattending the IBJJF Pan Pacific Titles in Melbourne looking to replace his previous silver medal win with gold.

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The Movida noise wall in February 2023.

## Petitioners ask for another study

ANITA McINNES

**THE Noise Wall Action Group presented a petition with 241 signatures relating to the Movida noise wall at the City of Swan's ordinary council meeting on October 9.**

The petition asked the city to support the group's request that an independent consultant be hired by the city, selected in conjunction with the community, to conduct new sound measurements at various times and locations with and without a noise wall.

"This will help us understand how the noise wall affects train noise for homes on both sides of the freight rail line and how to respond to the council's July motion seeking a community preference for solution," the petition said.

The councillors decided the petition would be referred to the chief executive officer Stephen Cain with a report to be submitted to a future council meeting.

*Freight train noise wall failure* (Echo News, February 17, 2023) reported Swan View and Stratton residents saying the noise from freight trains, which

never used to bother them, had become unbearable since the construction of the noise wall.

According to the city the noise wall met the requirements placed on the developer by the Western Australian Planning Commission.

The Noise Wall Action Group is a Swan View Community Association sub-committee.

In her statement to the council, chair Angela Charlesworth said people just wanted their lives to go back to the way they were before the noise wall was built.

"Many people are concerned about the consequences of the yet to be built sections of this wall and many people are expressing their shock and distress with the increased noise resulting from the section currently being built opposite Stratton," she said.

Following the February 8, 2023 council meeting an acoustic consultant was engaged to investigate noise reflections off the eastern side of the noise wall with two reports produced – one was based on desktop noise modelling and the sec-

ond incorporated updated modelling and onsite noise measurements at five locations.

The city has said the results of noise monitoring were inconclusive, with the best fit noise model showing relatively low changes in noise levels from the construction of the wall to the residences to the east, such that mitigation was not considered necessary by the consultant.

The introduction to the Freight train preliminary noise modelling report (Movida estate noise wall) prepared for the city by Lloyd George Acoustics and presented to the December 13, 2023 meeting said the report reviewed modelling methodology and the possibility of reflected noise associated with freight trains by way of a desktop study.

The desktop study produced results from noise modelling using Kilde algorithms and NORD2000 algorithms from 15 Stratton and Swan View premises located on Burton Retreat, Kurrdon Way, Blackadder Road, Ella Courtyard, Spinebill Drive, O'Connor Road, Redgum Lane, Gumnut Close, Fussel Green and Yeates Lane.

## Some Kalamunda trees lost to PSHB

**WITH more polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) infestations found each month since it was first detected in Lesmurdie in August, the City of Kalamunda is trying to stop the spread of the invasive beetle.**

The city said the pest was first detected in Turner Park and Marri Crescent, Lesmurdie, in August and September, and most recently, a positive infestation was found earlier this month on Elizabeth Street in Kalamunda.

"Under the PSHB National Eradication Program, led by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), the city has been advised of the necessary removal of infected trees, including a river sheoak and a black locust, to reduce the spread and protect the local tree population," a city statement said.

A community information session on PSHB will be held at Pickering Brook Sports Club at 6.30pm on Wednesday, November 6.

The one-hour session includes a 45-minute presentation covering the pest's biology, life cycle, the types of trees at risk, signs of infestation and how to report suspicious activity.

Last month Bullwinkel candidate Mia Davies said it was time significant resources were allocated for research into management solutions, as there was no guarantee that the pest could be eradicated.

DPIRD has outlined measures they are trying to get rid of PSHB such as plastic wrapping, which has been put forward by some as a possible way to kill the invasive pest.

A DPIRD spokeswoman said as part of the PSHB eradication, the department had examined the use of partial wraps in a few high value trees with small infestations at Kings Park and at Perth Zoo.

"This approach is showing promise but has limited application," she said.

"Mesh trunk wraps have been trialled in the US as a preventative measure to PSHB attack in relatively small trees. In addition to trialling other treatments, DPIRD has been liaising with international scientists and remains open to exploring a range of measures to control this invasive pest."

## Nats to overturn sheep ban

PETER W LEWIS

**THE Nationals, on both a state and federal level, along with farming groups have again called on the federal government to rescind its decision to ban live sheep exports, rejecting an increase in the funding package for the industry.**

The Nationals federal leader David Littleproud earlier this week reiterated that a future coalition government will reinstate the live sheep export trade, following Labor's announcement of 'extra funding' for the 'transition' to phase out the trade.

Mr Littleproud said the extra \$32.7 million shouldn't be there in the first place.

"Farmers don't want compensation, they want their industry," Mr Littleproud said.

"If they're not in the industry, there will be the senseless death of millions of sheep from those countries who take up this market, that don't have our animal welfare standards.

"The Nationals support our farmers and our live sheep export trade and will ensure our live sheep trade returns under a future Coalition Government.

"In fact, if elected, as future Agriculture Minister, one of the first things I will do is travel to the Middle East to bring back confidence and restore trade relationships to those who seek our world-class live sheep from Australia.

"This funding is disingenuous and a mere PR exercise.

"It does nothing to help the 3000 farmers who have had their livelihoods taken away.

"Since Labor's previous announcement for a transition



The Nationals have vowed to reinstate the live sheep export trade if they get back into power.

package of \$107m, which included just \$64.6m for sheep producers and the supply chain side, not one cent has gone to helping our live sheep farmers."

Mr Littleproud said live sheep exports from Australia also increased from 380,000 in 2022 to more than 654,000 in 2023, but the WA flock was now decreasing from 12 million and expected to drop to eight million by 2025, with the state likely to start seeing the closure of abattoirs.

Liberal candidate for Bullwinkel Matt Moran, who has been meeting outraged farmers around Bullwinkel and travelled to Canberra for the Keep the Sheep rally, said farmers feel rejected by Labor.

"Farmers are understandably livid about the proposed ban and they are worried about the devastating impact it will have on our rural communities.

"Labor are set to destroy an industry to try and win inner city votes – it's politics at its worst."

Meanwhile, Australian Livestock Exporters Council (ALEC)

chief executive officer Mark Harvey-Sutton has rejected claims the organisation was involved in the design of the compensation package.

"ALEC has stood shoulder to shoulder with farmers since this reckless policy was first introduced and we remain resolute that the repeal of this legislation is the only reasonable course of action," Mr Harvey-Sutton said.

"The minister claims to be listening to farmers.

"If she were listening, she would hear loud and clear that transition is unwelcome, both domestically and with our trading partners, who will continue to require livestock.

"The government cannot buy its way out of this appalling policy decision, and it should reverse the ban.

Keep the Sheep's Ben Sutherland said his group did not want government handouts or their help.

"We just want them to get out of the way and let us get on with the job," he said.

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# Middle Swan sculptor heads to Bondi

JACKI ELEZOVICH

**MIDDLE** Swan sculptor Ron Gomboc will be exhibiting at Sculpture by the Sea in both the Cottesloe and Bondi versions of the iconic event.

The exhibition is the world's largest free to the public outdoor sculpture exhibition featuring more than 100 sculptures this year.

Since its inauguration in 1997, artists have competed to have their work exhibited as part of the exhibition, and over the 20 years of running, Sculpture by the Sea has shown more than 2650 sculptures by artists from 51 countries.

Mr Gomboc said his piece in the exhibition was inspired by the feeling of looking for sunshine on a cloudy day.

"All my sculptures are inspired by human emotions," he said.

"Silver Lining is based on looking for a positive outcome when faced with adversity.

"My work is inspired by my life's experiences and each sculpture must have its own story and meaning."

Mr Gomboc was born in Slovenia in 1947 and said his formative years in Europe and his love for European sculpture continued to influence his craft and inspirations.

"I have been sculpting for more than five decades and the biggest influence was my childhood in Europe and exposure to some monumental, meaningful art," he said.

"Creating a sculpture goes through phases, first an idea which is captured in a drawing, from there a small model or maquette is made which I then enlarge to the scale I want, in this instance more than 3m.

"All my work is designed and made in my studio in Middle Swan. Depending on the size and the materials it can take many months."

Mr Gomboc's sculptures have been exhibited in galleries and collections the world over, in countries including China, South Korea, the USA, France, Dubai, Oman, Malaysia, Singapore and in both public and private collections in Australia.

He was in the army, serving in the Royal Australian Engineers from 1969 until 1971 and started part time art studies at the Claremont School of Art while still in national service.

He said free-to-the-public exhibitions like Sculpture by the Sea helped build an artist's profile and exposed their work to a bigger market.

"From the early days, exhibiting in outdoor exhibitions has been beneficial to my career, especially Sculpture by the Sea which gave me the opportunity to submit my design and then be accepted to participate at both Bondi and Cottesloe exhibitions.

"This created a great exposure not just to Australian public but to international curators and collectors," he said.

Sculpture by the Sea will launch in Bondi on October 18 and will return to Cottesloe in March next year.



Ron Gomboc with a maquette of one of his sculpture designs.

## Learn how to make your garden firewise

**THE** Forever Project and Mary's Mount Primary School are inviting people in the Perth Hills community to take part in a free firewise gardening workshop at the school, this Saturday, October 19.

In the workshop, participants will be shown how to design and build a firewise garden, as the finish touches are put on Mary's Mount's new school garden.

The garden has been constructed by students, with the help of staff from the Forever Project.

Firewise gardening is designed to slow the spread of out-of-control fires and is an easy step to create both a low-maintenance garden and keep your home safer as WA enters the warmer months and the start of bushfire season.

While changing gardening habits and designs will not stop a raging bushfire, having a firewise garden can help keep homes and properties safe.

All plants can be fuel for a fire, so the idea is to keep those fuel sources clear of houses or sheds, and to limit the amount of extra fuel sources dead leaves and dropped branches plants in your garden will produce.

More strategies included in firewise gardening include planting more sparsely to allow clear access to paths and defensible space for firefighting and using native plants which are more fire resilient.

More tips for constructing your own firewise garden will be shared at the workshop.

The event will run from 2pm to 3pm.

To register go to: [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1297371](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1297371)



The Forever Project crew starts work on a firewise garden design. Photo: Victoria Baker

## Youth homelessness council needs members

**THE** Youth Homelessness Advisory Council (YHAC) is looking for two young people aged between 16 and 25 to join their committee.

YHAC is a WA youth-led advocacy group, made up of young people with lived experience of homelessness.

There are two paid positions available for a casual committee member and an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander casual committee member.

Successful applicants will have an opportunity to get skilled up as a leader and advocate with paid training also provided while you work in a team

with other young people at Youth Advisory Council.

"We are seeking a diverse team and strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, LGBTIQ+ young people, young people living with a disability, and young people from a refugee, migrant and multicultural applicants backgrounds to apply," a spokesperson said.

"We are keen to attract young people with lived experience of homelessness or housing insecurity."

Applications close 9am on October 28.

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## Kalamunda firearm forum full house

**LAW-abiding firearm owners turned out in huge numbers to attend a firearms forum hosted recently by The Nationals WA at the Kalamunda Community Centre.**

The event garnered such significant interest the venue had to be changed to accommodate more than 200 registrations.

Nationals' federal candidate for the new electorate of Bullwinkel Mia Davies MP joined Opposition leader Shane Love, candidate for the state electorate of Kalamunda Lisa Logan and Senator Bridget McKenzie to present The Nationals' view on what they called the state government's flawed firearm reforms.

Ms Davies said the turnout was indicative of the frustration felt by law-abiding gun-owners across the state in the wake of the Labor Government's legislation.

"Minister Papalia has treated this community with complete disdain, painting them as criminals and people to be feared," she said.

"His view of the world couldn't be further from the truth. Gun owners are Olympians, volunteers in our community, business owners, friends, colleagues and family – not the enemy."

Leader Shane Love said the fact that The Nationals WA had drawn a crowd of more than 200 people in the Perth metropolitan area showed that the party's stance was resonating with many people disappointed with the state Labor government.

## Four Cassius accused face trial in February

ANITA McINNES

**THE four people facing charges after the death of Noongar Yamatji teenager Cassius Turvey are due in court for a status conference on November 15.**

On October 10 WA's Chief Justice Peter Quinlan rejected an application by Jack Brearley – one of the four accused of Cassius' murder – to have some of his charges heard separately.

The Chief Justice has suppressed the reasons for his decision.

The case involving Brearley along with Aleesha Gilmore, Mitchell Forth and Brodie Palmer is listed for trial in February next year.

All four have entered not guilty pleas.

Fifteen-year-old Cassius was allegedly attacked with a metal pole as he walked in Middle Swan with friends on October 13, 2022.

As reported in *Three more charged with murder of Cassius Turvey* (Echo News, January 28, 2023) Cassius spent five days in hospital before being sent home where he suffered a seizure and two strokes.

He was placed in an induced coma but died on October 23.

In the days and weeks after Cassius' death, thousands gathered across Australia at more than 40 vigils and rallies to remember his life.

*Moving forward after Cassius*, (Echo News, June 24, 2023) reported on his mother Mechelle Turvey delivering a powerful message to the young people affected by his death.

She said while she was there to carry on Cassius' legacy of being a mentor and leader, who people went to when they had a problem, she would not do it alone and called on them to help her.

## Ballajura Primary welcomes new modern classrooms

**A NEW modern classroom block at Ballajura Primary School has been officially opened with the new classrooms replacing old facilities that were no longer fit-for-purpose.**

The new building provides staff and students at the multicultural school with a new general classroom, a pre-primary block comprising two pre-primary classrooms, a kitchen, play area with storeroom and toilets for staff and students.

Parry and Rosenthal Architects designed the new building and Solution 4 Building completed the construction works in July.

Ballajura Primary School offers its staff first-rate leadership opportunities and has a strong focus on academic achievement.

West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti said she had always been focused on ensuring local students and their families have access to great education right in their community.

"The new building looks incredible, and I'm sure students will love coming to school and learning in these state-of-the-art facilities."

Education Minister Dr Tony Buti said Ballajura Primary School enjoyed an excellent reputation for providing an outstanding education for the students in its care.

"This significant upgrade will ensure this continues into the future," he said.



Students, Ballajura Primary School P&C president Michelle Maynard with Education Minister Tony Buti and Swan MLA Rita Saffioti.

## Mundaring citizenship awards

**SHIRE of Mundaring is seeking nominations for the 2025 Australia Day Citizenship Awards to recognise the remarkable individuals and groups who have made a significant contribution to the community.**

This year's categories are Young Citizen of the Year, recognising individuals or groups (up to 30 years) who have significantly contributed to the community, Inspirational Volunteer, celebrating volunteers whose efforts have positively impacted the local community, Access Mundaring, honouring individuals or groups who work towards a more accessible and inclusive community and Long Service, acknowledging those who have been community champions, dedicating more than 10 years of service to the local area.

Council agreed to broaden this year's eligibility criteria, making it easier to acknowledge a wider range of community contributors. Nominees are no longer required to live within the shire, as long as their contributions benefit the local Shire of Mundaring community.

Shire President Paige McNeil said the awards reflect the shire's commitment to celebrating the diverse nature of the community and reinforce its aim to be inclusive of all residents and volunteers making a difference in our community.

"Council encourages everyone to nominate those making a remarkable contribution to our community. These awards are a fantastic way to celebrate the extraordinary efforts of our community champions," she said.

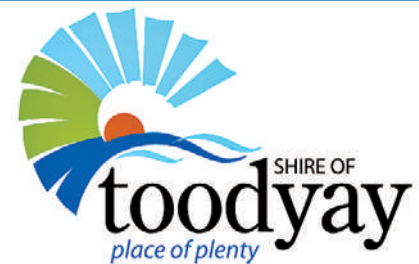
"This year we hope to recognise an even wider range of volunteers, whether they reside in the shire or not. We have also amended our Young Citizen category to recognise those up to 30 years old, ensuring that the award reflects the breadth of community service across all ages and backgrounds."

Nominations opened on Thursday, October 10 and close at 4pm on Wednesday, November 27.

Nominations can be submitted online via [mundaring.wa.gov.au/citizenship-awards](http://mundaring.wa.gov.au/citizenship-awards) or by completing a written form, available at the shire administration building and shire libraries.



Cr Prapti Mehta and Cr John Daw congratulate Tom Burbidge who received a Long Service Award in 2024.



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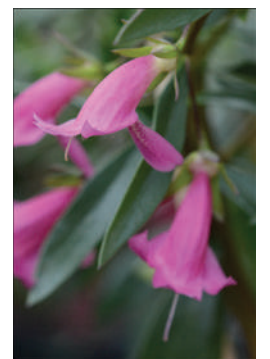
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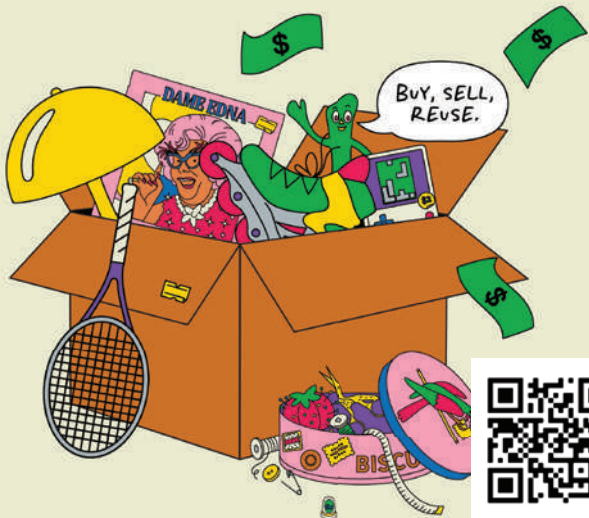






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Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil talks with local youth.

## Mundaring adopts youth strategy

SHIRE of Mundaring Council adopted the Youth Informing Strategy 2025-2029 at the ordinary council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 8.

The five-year strategy has been developed to support and empower young people in the shire, addressing key priorities, future services, aspirations and community activities to enhance their health and wellbeing.

The strategy's development involved extensive consultation with 264 young people aged 12 to 25, 51 parents and caregivers, 10 organisations and stakeholders as well as council members, shire employees and the broader community.

The strategy identifies four key focus areas: engagement and communication, places and activities, health and wellbeing and connection and belonging.

Shire President Paige McNeil said the strategy aligned with the shire's council plan 2024-2034, placing young people at the centre of building sustainable communities.



It also directly addresses concerns raised in the 2024 community scorecard where youth services and facilities were highlighted as a priority area for improvement.

"This strategy articulates council's commitment to create opportunities for connection, growth and to encourage our young people to engage in decision making that impacts future generations," Ms McNeil said.

"Our young people bring energy, fresh ideas and a unique perspective to the challenges and opportunities that

lie ahead. Our responsibility as a shire is to harness and nurture this potential, ensuring that contributions from our young people help shape a vibrant, inclusive and sustainable community for all."

The strategy aims to address key issues that affect young people in the shire, providing a framework for delivering services, programs, and initiatives that ensure young people have opportunities to connect, thrive, and contribute to the community.

A copy of the strategy can be viewed on the shire's website at [www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/community/youth/youth-information-strategy.aspx](https://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/community/youth/youth-information-strategy.aspx)

## Bilgoman pool upgrade

THE Bilgoman Aquatic Centre is set to reopen to the public from 7am on Saturday, November 2 following a series of significant upgrades which commenced in April 2024.

Prior to opening to the public, the facility will host school swim programs from Monday, October 21.

The staged reopening ensures that the centre can still support the Department of Education's Term 4 swimming lessons as the project nears completion, with the newly refurbished universal access toilets and essential amenities finalised.

Completion of the remaining upgrades include refurbishments to the centre's administration areas, first aid room, entry area, kiosk and storerooms to make the facility ready for public access.

Shire of Mundaring chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker said the project is expected to be completed by October 30, allowing the centre to be fully operational starting Saturday, November 2.

"We appreciate the community's patience as we complete these essential upgrades and look for-



Changeroom upgrades at Bilgoman Aquatic Centre are almost complete.

ward to welcoming everyone back for an improved aquatic experience," he said.

To find further information about Shire of Mundaring's aquatic and other leisure facilities, visit the leisure and recreation page of the shire's website: [www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/leisure-recreation](https://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/leisure-recreation)

## Valiants to show and shine



THE R&S Valiant Club will mark its 10th national reunion with a free Show and Shine Day at Guildford's Stirling Square on Saturday, October 19 from 9am to 3pm.

Celebrations will include a Show and Shine display of Q, R and S series and Dodge Lancer Valiants with more than 40 cars on display.

Some of the cars displayed have travelled from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson, whose father owned a Valiant, will be in attendance to present the Mayor's Choice trophy.

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DFES Kalamunda Community day was held earlier this month.

# Bushfire awareness focus of Kalamunda Community Day

PETER W LEWIS

**THE Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Bushfire Community Day held earlier this month at the Kalamunda Community Centre was a huge success with more than 2500 in attendance.**

The event, a collaboration between DFES and the City of Kalamunda, was a mixture of family fun and education – families teaching young kids about fire risks; adults learning about fire risk mitigation and fire threat response.

Demonstrations showcased or described traditional techniques, including Indigenous cultural burns, as well as more modern technology such as virtual reality.

There was also a practical display about fire-wise gardening, a bushfire preparedness

trail and virtual reality booth, along with lots of DFES firefighters and firefighting equipment on site at ‘hands-on’ interactive displays.

Event host chief superintendent Bushfire Centre of Excellence John Tillman said the free and interactive event was designed for all ages to learn how to stay safe in bushfire season while having fun with family and friends.

“Bushfire Community Day is a great opportunity to learn more about Western Australia’s dynamic emergency services, with opportunities for the kids to get up close with fire trucks and meet their local firefighters,” he said.

“Attendees got to see burn over drills in action, demonstration on how to safely manage a planned burn and the opportunity to

ask the experts on how to limit bushfire risk including having a bushfire plan, knowing the fire danger rating system and preparing your property and emergency kit.”

Mr Tillman said the event was a great chance for big and little kids to meet firefighters, hold a fire hose, climb aboard a fire truck or take a virtual ride in the RAC Rescue Helicopter.

“But more than that, parents were able to teach their kids some really valuable lessons about fire safety and also get some tips for how they can make their own homes and gardens more fire safe.”

He said the Kalamunda Community Centre was a great venue that worked really well, and having the Red Cross, BoM and DPIRD involved added extra interest as well.

“And I think everybody got the day’s key

message: bushfire is a dangerous part of life in Australia, but the risks can be mitigated with awareness and a little forethought. It is essential to have a bushfire plan – it only takes 15 minutes to make one using the free My Bushfire Plan app or website.”

Information tents were hosted by the City of Kalamunda emergency management team, Australian Red Cross and Bureau of Meteorology, while the DPIRD animal welfare in emergencies’ team provided displays and information for visitors.

Joining the fun were Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson and City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas.

Both noted the importance of community fire danger awareness and preparedness, especially as we face what may be another long, hot summer.

**DFES to acquire two Black Hawk helicopters to assist firefighting efforts. Picture: DFES**



## \$10m boost for firefighting fleet

**THE state’s aerial firefighting fleet has received an additional \$10.1 million in state government funding to help keep Western Australians safe ahead of what is expected to be another challenging bushfire season.**

Two additional Black Hawk helicopters will be brought on to the state aerial firefighting fleet to provide rapid response to bushfires across WA, as part of the state’s biggest ever aerial firefighting fleet of ex-military aircraft.

The helicopters, which can hold up to 4500 litres of water each, will be online for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 seasons and based in strategic locations to the north and south of the metropolitan region.

Premier Roger Cook and Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson made the announcement last week while visiting the site of the new Cardup Career Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) Station, which is on track to be completed in December this year.

The \$14.5m facility fulfils a major Labor government election commitment to future-proof demand for emergency services in Perth’s rapidly growing south-east corridor.

The station will receive three state-of-the-art appliances and be crewed by 36 firefighters, part of a multimillion-dollar investment in career personnel.

It comes as the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) launched its annual bushfire safety campaign, highlighting that it takes just 15 minutes to make a plan which could save your property or your life.

This year’s campaign is being launched more than a month early due to an increased risk of bushfires.

More than 93 per cent of WA is bushfire-prone, yet only 1.95 per cent of households have a recorded plan.

Prolonged periods of dryness have left a large amount of mature fuel throughout WA, which is why Western Australians are being urged to get ready for what could prove to be an extremely challenging

season.

The My Bushfire Plan app and website helps users make the critical choice of leaving early or staying to defend and has important prompts including what to do with pets and what is needed if you have to evacuate.

Visit [www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au](http://www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au) or download the app from the Apple Store or Google Play.

Premier Roger Cook said his government was stepping up to invest in the best facilities, equipment and resources possible, as well as more firefighters to help keep Western Australians safe from the growing risk of bushfires.

“We’ve acted early ahead of a potentially tough season to secure two extra Black Hawks, which will provide invaluable support for firefighters on the ground as they work to protect lives and homes,” Mr Cook said.

Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson said his dedicated emergency services personnel are getting ready for summer – now it’s time for all Western Australians to play their part and spend 15 minutes creating a bushfire plan.

Department of Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Darren Klemm said the 2023-24 bushfire season was longer and more intense than experienced in recent years which should serve as a wake-up call to the community.

“The first emergency-level bushfire arrived much earlier than usual, in October 2023, and over the seven months that followed firefighters battled 5088 bushfires – 1000 more than the previous season,” he said.

“But the reality is firefighters can’t be at every home during an emergency, so it’s important that people sit down with their family now, complete a bushfire plan and agree on a course of action to keep them safe using the My Bushfire Plan app or website.”

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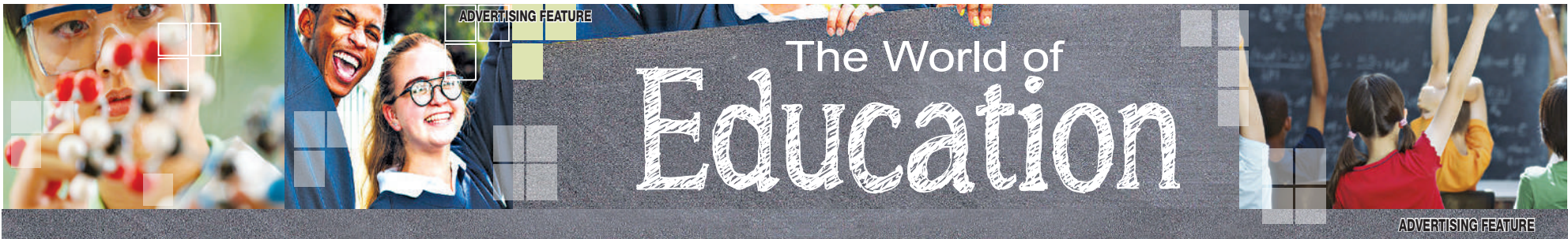
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## Family Day Out @ Italian Car Day 2024



designers. Michelotti had a hand in designing many leading cars for a great variety of manufacturers.

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This year marks the 21st edition and as a special display also pays tribute to Giovanni Michelotti, as one of Italy's most famous car

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Find out more about the Italian Car Day by visiting

[www.italiancarday.com.au](http://www.italiancarday.com.au)

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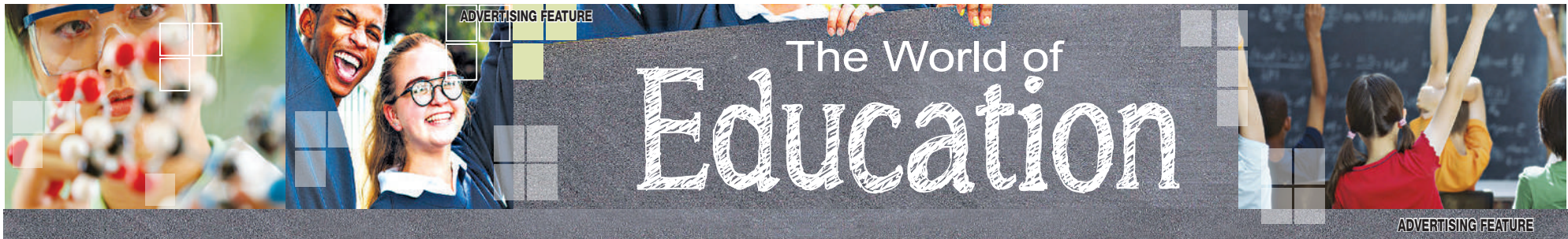
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You need to apply to enrol your child if they are:

- Starting kindergarten at a school or community kindergarten – 4 years old by 30 June
- starting pre-primary and enrolling in their first year of compulsory schooling – 5 years old by 30 June
- starting Year 7 – the first year of secondary schooling
- changing schools
- new to Western Australia.

You can find out what year children need to start school with our school-age calculator available at [www.education.wa.edu.au/enrolling-in-school](http://www.education.wa.edu.au/enrolling-in-school)

Schooling options include public education in government schools, private education in non-government schools and home schooling.

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## Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 5 November, 2024

**DATE:** Tuesday 5 November 2024 **TIME:** 6.30pm - 7.30pm

**LOCATION:** Mazenod College, Gladys Road, Lesmurdie

**RSVP: IS ESSENTIAL** - [www.mazenod.wa.edu.au](http://www.mazenod.wa.edu.au)





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

**Chidlow Tavern**  
Blue City Wailers.  
7pm. Free.  
4 Thomas St Chidlow

**Settlers House York**  
The Back Verandah  
Band.  
6pm. Free.  
125 Avon Terrace York

### Sat 19 October

**Bassendean Hotel**  
80's Underground.  
8pm. Free.  
25 Old Perth Road  
Bassendean

**Parkerville Tavern**  
Table for two.  
6pm-9pm. Free.  
6 Owen Road Parkerville

**Settlers House York**  
Graeme Fisher.  
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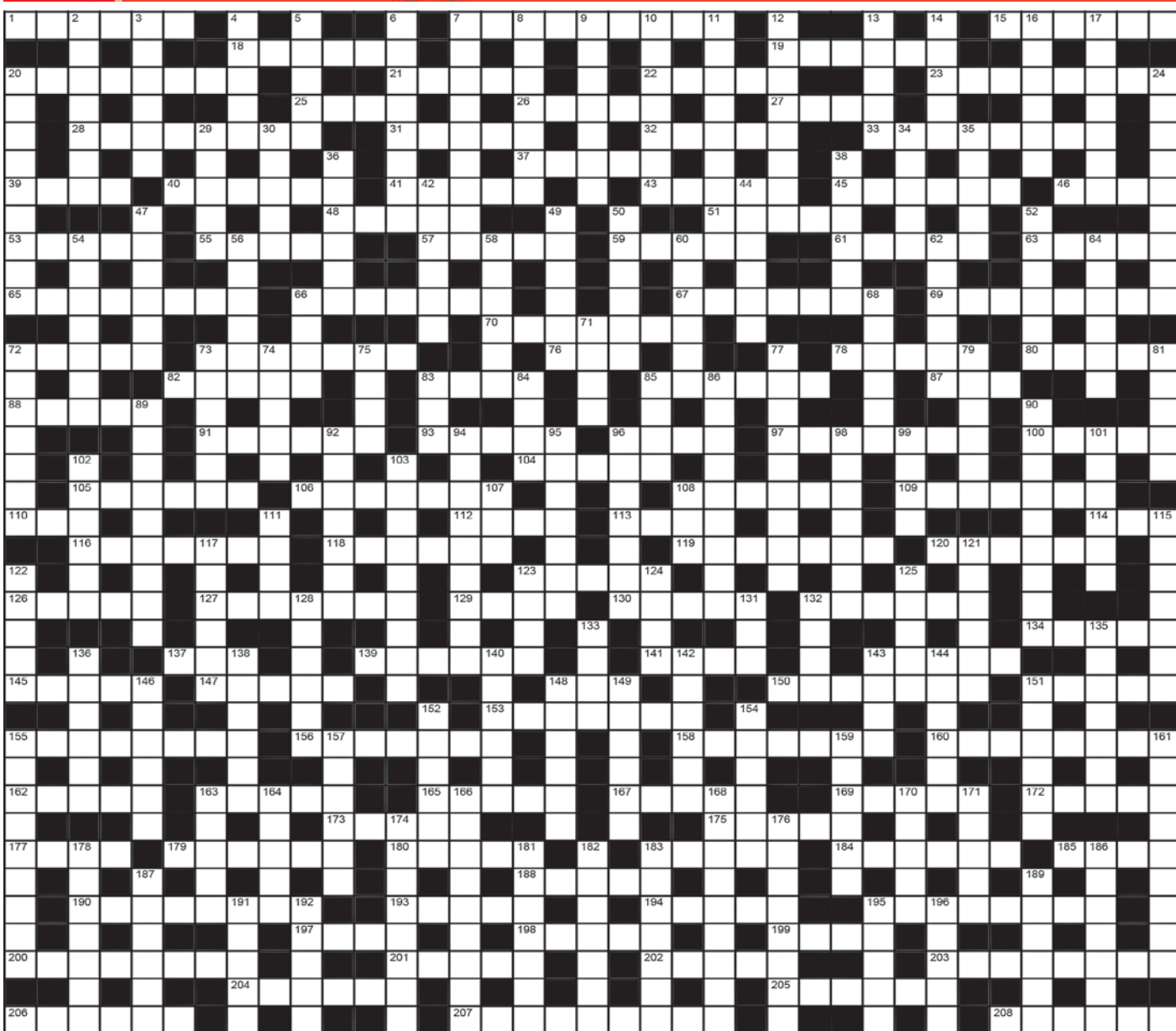
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## Mind Boggler Crossword

1189



### ACROSS

1 With hands on hips  
7 Dishonour  
15 Carve artistically  
18 A mental illusion  
19 Plant used  
20 Breached  
21 Japanese dish  
22 Back of boat  
23 Pointed weapon  
25 Acting group  
26 A male servant  
27 Monetary unit  
28 A loose woman  
31 Rent  
32 Not healthy  
33 Intensify  
37 A motor  
39 Throaty sound  
40 Fit for eating  
41 Assesses  
43 A donkey  
45 A fur  
46 A beginner  
48 A herb  
51 A Japanese  
53 A period of  
55 Chocolate  
57 A Service Station  
59 Afastener  
61 A board game  
63 A slight sign  
65 International  
66 Private thoughts  
67 A windflower  
69 Critical  
70 Childminding  
72 A tall structure  
73 Put back  
76 A deer  
78 A colour  
80 Move  
82 Waist  
83 Coral formation  
85 Strut (coll)  
87 A pig pen  
88 Acute  
91 Dress folds  
93 Copy  
96 Whip  
97 A safeguard

100 Give a speech  
104 Dress feathers  
105 Reply  
106 Of good behaviour  
108 A placard  
109 Unusual  
110 A kernel  
112 Snake-like fishes  
113 One of a pair  
114 A body joint  
116 Lit up  
118 Twists forcibly  
119 Countryside  
120 Farmhouse and  
123 Face hair  
126 Become weaker  
127 A game piece  
129 Decorative ball  
130 From Scandinavia  
132 A large number  
134 Heavy one-edged  
137 Drenched  
139 Capital of Greece  
141 Goes wrong  
143 A sprinter  
145 Main actors  
147 A fracas  
148 Ocean current  
150 Won't accept  
151 Window parts  
153 Classy in dress  
155 Part of cricket field  
156 Spoilt the  
158 Frame for vines  
160 Body builders' drugs

162 Actor, ... Dingo  
163 Lifting machine  
165 Highly skilled  
167 Luxury  
169 A visitor  
172 A sudden thrust  
173 A dog  
175 Follow straight on  
177 Bonus (coll)  
179 A lasso  
180 Beasts of burden  
183 A measure  
184 Architectural  
185 Near to (poet)  
188 Peninsula near  
190 Distance across  
193 A defence - being  
194 A building support  
195 Young hares  
197 Large-scale

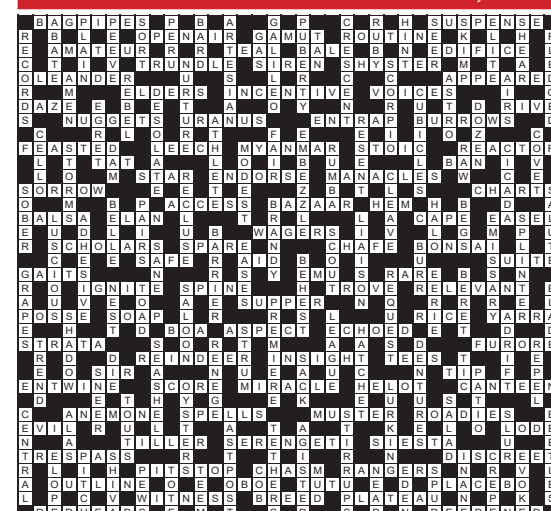
198 A fish  
199 Doing nothing  
200 Large aquatic bird  
201 A bay  
202 Arabian gazelle  
203 Wages  
204 Soft fabric  
205 Beginning of life  
206 A spice  
207 Outlaws  
208 In sorrow

### DOWN

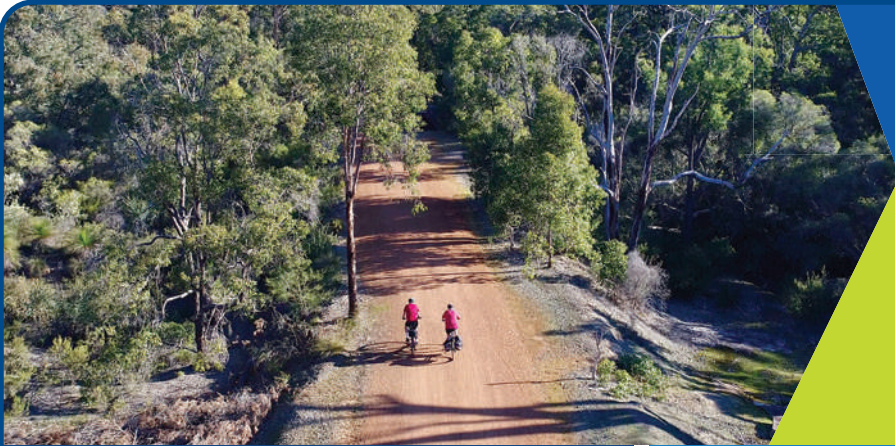
2 A no-win position  
3 Hard to define  
4 Find the total (3,2)  
5 Forcibly remove  
6 Cattle thieves  
7 Pull apart  
8 Trembles  
9 Completely full  
10 Annoy  
11 Tropical plants  
12 Authorise  
13 Ski run  
14 Fundamental  
16 Neck part of  
17 A gamble  
20 Practised in play  
24 Spectators  
29 A doctor (coll)  
30 A live coal  
34 A WWI  
35 battleground  
36 Small rounded  
38 A warning light  
42 Church passages  
44 1800s criminal,  
47 Distant  
49 Boundary  
50 Cutting tool  
52 Brings to a  
54 Exact copy  
56 Branched horn  
58 Save from danger  
60 US state  
62 Light meals  
64 Descend vertically  
66 Biblical name  
68 Bring from grave  
71 Gently persuade  
72 A period of  
73 Small wave  
74 A horse being  
75 Curved bones  
77 Compulsory  
79 Form of 'it'  
81 Stories  
83 Male sheep  
84 Quick turnover  
85 Extend across  
86 Large glasses  
89 One on board  
90 A child educator  
92 Vomited (5,2)  
94 Hard to read  
95 Collided  
96 Church reading  
98 Good for cropping  
99 Midday  
101 National song  
102 Green oxidation  
103 Name  
107 Affirmation  
108 A mine  
111 Ancient god  
115 Caters (to)  
117 In twos  
121 Lines of hills  
122 Quantities of wool  
123 A low-voiced singer  
124 Amount of  
125 Ancient king  
128 Be better than  
131 Printer's measures  
132 Narrow way  
133 Small branch  
135 Gold in mass  
136 Wickerwork  
138 Offer

140 Irritate  
142 Baby's toy  
143 Floorcoverings  
144 Count of people  
146 An arachnid  
148 Moves in answer  
149 Part of mouth  
151 Rolled parchment  
152 Lean animals  
154 Court fool  
155 Contains more  
157 Chooses by vote  
159 Put into body  
161 Sheep attendants  
163 Desire earnestly  
164 Existing  
166 Maker of whisky  
168 Heavenly bodies  
170 Flee to marry  
171 Strong thread  
174 Greed  
176 Christians  
178 Beaming with joy  
181 Affected in a big  
182 Resounding  
183 A condiment  
186 Give  
187 Food shortage  
189 Chastise  
191 Hidden treasure  
192 Kingdom  
195 Suspicious (coll)  
196 Face guard

### Crossword Solution 1188 from 11 October, 2024







## Shire of Mundaring ON THE TRAIL

October 2024

### Shire President's Message

Hi everyone,

There is so much happening in the Shire of Mundaring over the coming months!

Mundaring Hills Open Studios is back from Saturday 19 to Sunday 27 October. This year's event is bigger and better than ever, showcasing the talent of 75 artists across 37 studios, from Swan View to Chidlow. As you explore the art trail, enjoy the delicious offerings of our local eateries.

Join us in celebrating creativity and community at the Darlington Arts Festival on Saturday 2 November and Sunday 3 November. This free event promises to captivate all ages with attractions, including art exhibitions, sculptures on the scarp, live performances, market stalls and more! The Shire is proud to sponsor both the Mundaring Hills Open Studios and the Darlington Arts Festival, so gather your friends and family to enjoy and support these outstanding community driven events.

The weather is warming up and the Restricted Burning period is effective until 30 November. This status may change based on weather conditions, so I urge you to stay up to date by subscribing via [bit.ly/SMSinfotool](https://bit.ly/SMSinfotool) to the free Bushfire Safety Information SMS notification service.

Let's all support our Volunteer Bushfire Brigades this season by preparing our properties and ensuring clear access for fire trucks. I encourage you to review your Bushfire Plan with your family and neighbours. For more information and advice, visit our fire safety page on the website: [mundaring.wa.gov.au/fire-safety](https://mundaring.wa.gov.au/fire-safety) or call us on (08) 9290 6666.

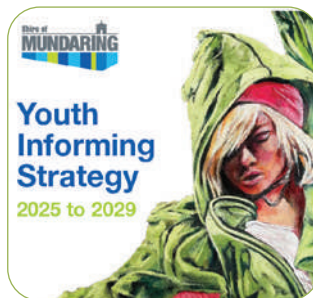
I'm thrilled to announce that nominations for the Australia Day Citizenship Awards are now open! These awards are a fantastic way to honour individuals and groups who selflessly contribute their time and expertise, making a genuine difference in the Shire of Mundaring. These awards enable all of us to acknowledge and celebrate the vibrant spirit of our community! Nominations are open until Wednesday 27 November via [mundaring.wa.gov.au/citizenship-awards](https://mundaring.wa.gov.au/citizenship-awards)

Paige McNeil  
Shire President



### Youth Strategy Adopted

Council has adopted the Youth Informing Strategy 2025-2029, aimed at supporting and empowering young people. Developed through extensive community consultation, the Strategy outlines priorities in four areas: engagement and communication, places and activities, health and wellbeing, and connection and belonging. The Strategy aims to foster opportunities for young people to connect, grow, and contribute to a sustainable community. View the full Strategy via [mundaring.wa.gov.au/community/youth/youth-information-strategy.aspx](https://mundaring.wa.gov.au/community/youth/youth-information-strategy.aspx)



### Aquatic Centres opening soon

The Bilgoman Aquatic Centre is set to reopen following a series of significant upgrades which commenced in April 2024.

The Centre will open its doors to the public at 7am on Saturday 2 November 2024. Prior to opening to the public, the facility will have limited access for school swimming programs from Monday 21 October 2024.

The Mt Helena Aquatic Centre will reopen for the summer season on Friday 13 December 2024.

Visit [www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/leisure-recreation](https://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/leisure-recreation) for further information about opening times for both facilities.



### What's On

#### 1 November Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 12 November



The meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 November at 6.30pm at the Shire Administration Centre.

The agenda is available on the website, Administration Centre or at our libraries. Meetings will be live streamed via the Shire's website [mundaring.wa.gov.au/council-livestreams-and-recordings](https://mundaring.wa.gov.au/council-livestreams-and-recordings).

#### 2 Children's Week in the Park Friday 25 October



9.30am to 11.30am  
Sculpture Park Playground

Bring a picnic and join Playgroup WA and our Family and Children's Services team for a fun morning of free activities and a chat with our team.

#### 3 Botanical Watercolour Art Class with Jan Pittman Friday 1 November



10am to 1pm (cost \$20)  
Boya Community Centre

In this class Jan will teach how to paint watercolours in the botanical style. Bookings essential via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

#### 4 Hiking in Japan with Amanda Kendle Monday 4 November



6pm to 7.15pm  
Mundaring Library

Amanda Kendle, who has lived in Japan and returns frequently, will speak about her experience walking on the Basho Trail in northern Japan, including highlights like bathing in hot springs, tasting regional specialties, exploring museums and temples and meeting wonderful local people. Register via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

#### 5 Seniors Community Connection Friday 15 November



10am to 12.30pm (FREE)  
The Hub of the Hills

Celebrate Seniors Week at this one stop showcase of FREE activities for people aged 55+.

Seniors Community Connection will provide opportunities for you to discover local services as well as participate in activities.

No need to register, we will see you on the day. Locally sourced light refreshments will be provided.



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### COMMENTS INVITED PROPOSED STRUCTURE PLAN NO. 82

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Lots 2507 & 2508 (No. 2000) Sertorio  
Road, and Lot 2147 (No. 475)  
Kerun Road, Chidlow.

Structure Plan 82 (SP82) has been lodged  
for the Shire's assessment.

Public comment is invited on SP82, the  
proposal includes:

- 53 Rural Residential zoned lots (1  
hectare – 3.95 hectares) & 1 balance  
lot (25.4 hectares)
- 4.93 hectare foreshore reserve
- 3.76 hectares of public open space
- New roads and connections to existing  
road network.

Detailed information/plans and an  
online submission form can be found on  
Engage Mundaring and via the 'Public  
Consultations' section of our website.

Please contact the Shire's Planning  
Services on **9290 6740** for further  
information.

Consultation period closes at 4pm on  
Friday, **29 November 2024**.

**Jason Whiteaker**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**  
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## PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

### DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – LOT 804 (NO.31) FOUNDRY ROAD, MIDLAND – PROPOSED THREE STOREY MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

We invite comment on a development application for Proposed Mixed  
Use Development at Lot 804 (No. 31) Foundry Road, Midland. The site  
is located within the Helena Precinct of the Midland Design Guidelines.

The proposal comprises a three storey mixed-use development,  
including:

- 34 apartments, comprised of 5 one-bedroom apartments, 26  
two-bedroom apartments and 3 three-bedroom apartments;
- 435m<sup>2</sup> of commercial net lettable area on the ground floor;
- 45 parking bays, comprised of 34 residential parking bays and  
11 visitor bays, located in a single-level basement;
- Vehicle access from Foundry Road; and
- A north-south pedestrian walkway through the site.

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  
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Comments on the proposed development should be received by **8  
November 2024** and can be submitted on our website, by email to  
[planning@developmentwa.com.au](mailto:planning@developmentwa.com.au) or by post for the attention of the  
Manager Statutory Planning, Locked Bag 5, PERTH BUSINESS  
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For further information on the proposed Three Storey Mixed Use  
Development, please contact our Planning Division on **6200 4111**.



# ECHO Notice Board

## Upcoming Events

- **Inclusive Creatives Group** meets on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 1pm at the Caversham Community Centre, 135 Suffolk Street, Caversham. All abilities welcome and you can take your own craft or the group has some available for you to try. For more information call Ally on 0417 180 086.
- **The St Stephens Anglican Church** will be running their market day on Friday, October 25 from 8.30am to 11.30am. There will be bargains galore at 9 Salix Way, Forrestfield. All welcome.
- **A basket weaving workshop organised by Zig Zag Community Arts** will be held at the Jack Healy Centre, 21 Mead Street, Kalamunda on Thursday, October 24 starting at 9.30am. To register your spot call 0416 152 997 or email [zigzagcommunityarts@gmail.com](mailto:zigzagcommunityarts@gmail.com)
- **Kalamunda Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Falls Farm, 41 Cagney Way, Lesmurdie from 10am to 1pm. For more information call Roy on 9295 2522 or Ray on 0427 095 892.
- **Kidz Artz in the Park organised by Zig Zag Community Arts** is on Sunday, November 17 from 10am to 1pm at Stirk Park, Headingly Street, Kalamunda. Arts and crafts activities available. Take a picnic and enjoy a fun day or grab a coffee or ice cream from the food truck. Visit [www.zigzagcommunityarts.org.au](http://www.zigzagcommunityarts.org.au)
- **Midland Ascension Craft Group** meets in the parish

hall, 17 Spring Park Road, Midland every Tuesday of school term from 1pm to 3pm. All welcome to join for a chat, cuppa, any craft and sometimes a guest speaker. For more information call 0433 265 683.

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## Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk

### A Special Little Creature



On our recent family holiday, we went to Dryandra Woodlands near Narrogin. We stayed in old cottages and had a lovely time 'hanging out' together, playing board games, and toasting marshmallows by the fire. During our bushwalks we managed to spot a number of rare animals in the woodlands – echidnas and one numbat.

Numbats are a special little creature, which is why they are our State's faunal emblem. Critically endangered, they are only in a few pockets of bush in WA – one being Dryandra Woodlands.

Numbats are squirrel-like, with a bushy long tail and body stripes. I happened to be with our three-year-old granddaughter Tahlia when a numbat came up to us and ran along an old log just a metre from us. Tahlia was so overwhelmed that she put out her hand and made a most adorable sound like "ohhh".

Numbats are not the only special creature that exists. Every creature is! Above all, humans are the most incredible – just think of human achievements at the recent Olympics and Paralympics.

There's a good reason for this: The first chapter of the Bible tells us that we were made in God's image – no other creature was. In Psalm 139 we read "For you created my inmost being; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

We are so special to God. That's why He sent His Son to save us – if we would believe in Jesus.



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Art group celebrates 15 years with vibrant exhibition

JACKI ELEZOVICH

**FIBRANT Art Group celebrates 15 years of community and creativity with the Gather exhibition at Ellenbrook Arts.**

The artworks exhibited in Gather range from large, colourful wall hangings to intricate sculptures, reflecting the diversity of their artists.

*Echo News* talked to three of the group's members about the group and its collective work: Joyce Tasma who works in mixed media, utilising pieces of the environment she collects on her many travels and adventures, from bushwalks close to home to trips to Mauritius with family, Ayako Goto who uses her family's kimono silk to create fibre-fused pieces, adding in found objects ranging from flower seeds to fish scales, and Bec Suardana whose work is in felting and mixed media, using colour and form to create tangible pieces.

These three women are just a taste of the diversity of the Fibrant group, which Joyce said has hosted a range of backgrounds, interests and abilities since its inception 15 years ago.

"We really reflect the population of Perth, how diverse that population is, and how people's different backgrounds can impact their art," she said.

"This group is unique in that we don't focus on one medium, so everyone can bring something different, and there's no competition but everyone can get so many new per-

spectives on their work."

Bec said the group felt like a true community, and the expertise and vast knowledge of the women in the group was invaluable.

"If you're stuck on something, you can ask the group, and everyone will have a different solution for you. The weaver might suggest something, the sculptor might suggest something else. And so, you've got all these different ways of looking at your art that you wouldn't have considered yourself," she said.

Fibrant comes together weekly to socialise and work on their respective art pieces.

Joyce said this time is special for the women, many of whom have jobs and families, to find their peace and express themselves.

"We really get to let go of all other obligations for a few hours when we come to art group," she said.

"It's time for ourselves and our art, and it's great to have a community to share it with."

The group was first based in a heritage-listed house in Bassendean, which they met and worked in for 10 years.

They have now moved to Bayswater and continue to provide a community and creative space for older female artists to share their voices and stories, however Joyce said the group would be eager to expand their membership to a younger demographic.

"We would love to include younger artists in our group, and we would be excited to see what they bring to it," she said.



Ayako Goto and Joyce Tasma with another Ellenbrook Arts member's artwork. Picture: Jacki Elezovich

"Membership is also very laid-back. We come when we can, or when we want to. There is no pressure to be at every weekly meeting or to sign up for a whole year of membership. We just want women to come and find a place where they can practice their art and meet a new community."

Artists will be running talks and demonstrations of their creative processes in the gallery every weekend until the exhibition closes.

The Gather exhibition will continue at Ellenbrook Arts until October 26 and is free to enter.

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For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://events.humanitix.com/vivaldi-in-the-vines-2024> or contact Faber Vineyard [info@fabervineyard.com.au](mailto:info@fabervineyard.com.au)



## ECHO Sports

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## Veronica Keen helps MGCC beat South Perth

JOSHUA MCKENZIE

**IN the second weekend of matches for Midland Guildford Cricket Club the female A grade side enjoyed a comfortable victory against South Perth after Veronica Keen took 4-13 from four overs.**

This limited their opposition to a total of just 82 runs.

Bree Hyde was the top scorer with 32 not out from 21 in a four wicket victory with 6.1 overs remaining.

The female B grade got their first win of the season with an

emphatic 55-run victory.

Lily-May Lyndon made 78 from 52 to guide the team to 4-163 from their 20 overs, before a complete team effort with the ball restricted their opposition to 5-108 in response.

The senior male sides experienced limited success in their matches against University with only the male 4th grade managing a victory.

Freddie Britt proved to be the match winner in that contest with an unbeaten score of 55 runs to help chase down the target of 182 with four wickets to spare.

Jack Giancono was the main standout amongst sides that were defeated.

His spell of five wickets for 22 runs from nine overs limited their opposition to 182, but this proved to be too much as the batting innings could not manage to chase down this total.

The male U17 and male U15 resume their two-day matches against Centurions this weekend while the female U17 won a thrilling contest by four runs against Rockingham Mandurah.

In their opening matches of the year, the male U14 and

male U13 both won in comfortable fashion as they chased down modest totals set by Subiaco Floreat.

It was a complete team performance in the male U14 and Shakeel Anzir was the standout batter in the male U13 with 57 from 55 in their run chase.

This weekend will see the senior male sides look to bounce back from a slow start, while the senior female sides will aim to continue their strong opening to the season.

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