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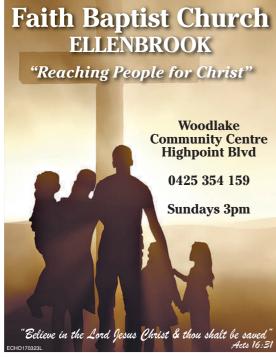
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Homes before cheap power

Dear Echo News,

If the Leader of the Opposition wants to criticise the Prime Minister over the purchase of his house and complain about the housing shortage or mortgage stress, perhaps he should ask himself this question.

What good is 'cheap' nuclear power to a family that does not have a roof over its head?

Even if the power is free, it won't help them.

Spend the money on the homeless, not the wealthy.

KG Blake Lesmurdie

Greens push for live sheep ban

Dear Echo News,

I was pleased to read the article *Nats to over*turn sheep ban (Echo News, October 18) which confirms that the Nationals, both state and Federal, have vowed to ensure the live sheep export trade will return under a future Coalition government.

lose sight of how the live sheep exports fiasco came into being in the first place and that was because Labor would sell its soul to the devil (The Greens) in return for their support to stay in power.

It is The Greens who are pushing for the ban on live sheep exports.

Labor will never be its own master while it has to rely on The Greens to get any legislation passed in Parliament.

C Coulthard **Gooseberry Hill**

Lloyd St Bridge update needed

Dear Echo News,

Could we please have an update from the council of the City of Swan about what it is doing to achieve the construction of the Lloyd Street bridge, and completion of this important transport link, in Midland-Hazelmere?

Anyone who travels in the vicinity of Clayton Street, Military Road or Stirling Cresent, particularly in peak times, will be aware of the increasing congestion, which completion of the link was intended to relieve.

This project, which is a City of Swan responsibility, is intended to be part of the \$386.5 million Great Eastern Highway interchange project, which is increasingly important due to the increasing industrial development in Hazelmere, but is now on hold.

I well recall various mayors and councils campaigning for state and federal government funding to assist with construction of the bridge as a key priority, going back at least 12 years.

A council document in 2013 lists a number of benefits, including "This important project will provide for better access to areas in the City of Swan as well as complement the existing regional road system", "It will also reduce freight traffic impact on Hazelmere and Guildford townsites and associated residential communities". and "With the development of the Hazelmere Industrial Area, the Lloyd Street extension will also relieve traffic congestion on Great Eastern Highway

through Midland."

Their campaigning was ultimately successful, and it was therefore surprising that in 2022, the project was deferred on the eve of construction commencing, following advocacy by a number of councillors.

Of course, any site of significant Aboriginal heritage should be protected, but was this not considered in the previous planning?

I think consistency in long term planning is preferable and I hope we will soon see some action to complete this project, however that is achieved.

J Day Woodbridge

Guildford Gunners Day parade

Dear Echo News, The Royal Australian

Artillery Association (WA) Inc committee would like to invite all gunners past and present, their families and other interested parties to attend our annual Gunners' Day parade and service at Stirling Square, Guildford on

Thought for the day

"Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day."

Dalai Lama

Sunday, November 3. Those marching should form up on the path outside St Matthew's Church at 10.10am for a 10.15am march off to the war memorial, (guests and families are to be seated at the dais in front of the memorial) where there will be a short service, laying of wreaths and the playing of the last post.

The colour party will then lead the parade, the official party and the congregation to St Matthew's Church for a service at 10.45am. After the service at

about 11.30am, a light luncheon will be provided at the church hall (next to the church), following which all are welcome to share some fellowship at the Rose & Crown Hotel.

For enquiries or further information email info@artiller ywa.org. au or contact the secretary John Blylevens on 043 869 5711.

Wendy Mahoney RAA Assoc of WA Inc

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A persistent pole on Farrall Road

GUANHAO CHENG

AN ELECTRICITY pole has been obstructing Farrall Road for two years which residents say is an "accident waiting to happen".

Jane Brook resident John Wilkins has driven past the pole many times and said it was confusing that no action toward removing it seemed to be taking place

"How can road hazards be allowed to exist for that period of time?" he said.

"It's been there for more than two years, and when they realigned the road, they actually bituminised around it and put up barriers to stop people hitting it.

"It would have made more sense to move or remove it entirely, but instead the pole is in the middle of the road with barriers erected around it.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the city was aware of the pole on the road and have been in contact with Western Power to remove it.

'The City of Swan is aware of an electricity pole impacting traffic flow south of the train line near the development in Stratton," she said.

"The developer is working with Western Power, who own and manage the pole, to relocate it following the realignment of Farrall Road.

The city regularly communicates with the developer on the progress of the pole's relocation, and we have written to Western Power to prompt a quick resolution of the issue.

The Farrall Road upgrade and realignment was completed by Peet in 2022 to support the growth of Movida Estate and fulfill its masterplan.

A Peet spokesperson said as part of the upgrade,

The pole remains on Farrall Road with barriers to direct traffic as Western Power aims to begin removal before November's end. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

Western Power will relocate the power pole located in the road reserve.

"In the interim, Peet has implemented community safety measures, including erecting road barricades and lighting, to ensure motorists' safe passage until Western Power is able to relocate the pole," they

"Community safety is of the utmost importance, and we are in ongoing discussions with Western Power to prioritise the relocation as early as possi-

A Western Power spokesperson said they acknowledged community concerns raised by the City of Swan regarding the location of the pole along Farrall Road.

"Western Power is actively working to ensure the pole is removed as quickly and safely as possible,' they said.

Western Power anticipates removal will begin before the end of November.'

Mr Wilkins said with all the recent conversation around road safety, having a hazard sitting so centrally on a road seemed illogical.

"It doesn't quite make sense to me," he said. "There hasn't been roadwork there for at least 12 months and all the kerbing has been put in.

"The lack of real roadworks makes it easy to dismiss the temporary speed limit.

"It's just an accident waiting to happen and that's more the concern."

Great Northern Hwy and Rutland Road intersection to be upgraded

PROJECT to construct a three-legged, single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Great Northern Highway and Rutland Road in Bullsbrook has been awarded to Advanteering Civil Engineers.

The \$10.5 million project will replace the existing unsignalised T-junction at the busy Bullsbrook location, significantly changing the road environment to improve safety, enhance traffic flow and reduce congestion for all road users through the

Currently, more than 8000 motorists use the intersection each day, with 11 per cent of these being heavy vehicles.

The proposed roundabout has been designed to accommodate heavy vehicles, including multi-combination vehicles up to 53.5m in length, as well as high wide loads.

As part of the project, new street lighting will also be installed to align with current safety standards and reduce the occurrence of crashes at

Between 2019 and 2023, there were 31 reported crashes at the intersection.

When completed, the roundabout is predicted to reduce the number of crashes by more than 85 per cent.

The upgrade is being funded

through the state government's road trauma trust account which receives 100 per cent of the revenue resulting from photographic speed and red-light camera fines.

Construction will commence in November 2024, with completion expected mid-2025

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said safety was the government's top priority when it comes to improvements on

"I support any project which will upgrade the network for our heavy ve-

"Service relocations for this project were completed in early-2024 to prepare this site for construction.

"I'm pleased we have now reached this important milestone, which means our state government can continue improving WA roads, such as this vital heavy vehicle route in our north-eastern suburbs.

Swan Hills MLA Jessica Shaw said she was very happy to see this project progressing.

"The community knows how congested this intersection can be, and a roundabout will help to make traffic movement smoother and safer.

"As we deliver this important project there will be some disruptions, so I want to thank the community in advance for their patience.'

Request for review of JDAP decision fails

ANITA McINNES

A GROUP of Guildford businesses and residents seeking a review of an Outer Metro JDAP approval of redevelopment of the old Guildford vaudeville theatre have had their case dismissed by the Supreme Court.

The case was heard on June 14 and delivered on October 8 with the judge saying the applicant Friends of Guildford Historical Precinct (FGHP) - had contended that the respondent - the JDAP had engaged in several failures concerning matters relating to parking (ground 1) and failed to have regard to submissions made (ground 2).

The judge said to succeed on either ground the applicant had to establish that 1) any process which the respondent was lawfully required to adopt in arriving at the decision was not followed and 2) such failure(s) gave rise to jurisdictional error thus enlivening the decision to grant certiorari (a writ of certiorari sets aside a decision made contrary to the law)

But the judge said for a number of reasons the applicant had failed to establish the above matters with respect to either of its grounds and dismissed the application for the review.

In November last year the Friends of Guildford Historical Precinct applied seeking a writ of certiorari saying the grounds for the review included that in granting approval the Metro Outer JDAP erred



The judge referred to the City of Swan local planning policy TP129 when dismissing the Friends of Guildford Historical Precinct case.

by failing to require any onsite parking to be provided, contrary to the requirement of regulations, and failed to consider the adequacy of parking required by regulation.

Review of JDAP decision sought in Supreme Court (Echo News, February 9) reported that in their application FGHP said the JDAP erred by failing to consider that the applicant made reasonable effort to comply with minimum on-site parking and also failed to require payment in lieu of parking or shared parking both required by regulation.

Another ground for the application said that the JDAP erred in the exercise of any discretion and failed to have regarded submissions made as required by the City of Swan town planning scheme.

North Stoneville back in SAT

ANITA McINNES

THE proposed North Stoneville development is due back in the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) for a directions hearing next month.

On Monday the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage confirmed SAT has scheduled a directions hearing for Friday, November 8.

The directions hearing follows the environmental approval of North Stoneville SP 34 last month by federal Environment Minister Tania Plibersek.

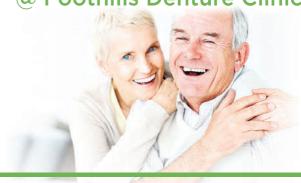
WA Senator Linda Reynolds along with the Liberal candidate for Bullwinkel Matt Moran and the Liberal candidate for Kalamunda Adam Hort said SAT should to listen to the community and reject the proposal.

They said Ms Plibersek had ignored residents and signalled approval for a development opposed by them for more than three decades despite having the capacity and authority to defer the decision under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act.

When her decision was announced Ms Plibersek said her approval only related to the project's effects on matters of national environmental significance.

This week the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water said in accordance with statutory timeframes under National environmental law, a decision for the North Stoneville townsite development was required no later than September 18 with approval given on Septem-





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Kalamunda Scouts offers Japanese cultural connection

THE KALAMUNDA Scout Group is inviting families in Kalamunda to open their doors for a cultural exchange opportunity as Japanese high school students seek host families in November.

Kalamunda families who have been involved in the hosting program previously say the experience of hosting has been transformative.

The Ryan family, who are a part of the Kalamunda scouts, said hosting has helped enrich their life.

"Hosting students through the scout program has been a wonderful opportunity to support Japanese students and fundraise for our community," they said.

'Our first student, Kyoko, made such an impact that we decided to host again this year for Shinyo.

"The cultural exchange has been fantastic for our family, especially for our son, Lucas, who built life-long connections with our exchange students.

"Hosting has been such a positive experience, and we hope more families join in.

"It's been incredible for Lucas, who now has a strong desire to visit Japan and reconnect with friends there."

Five Kalamunda families have stepped forward to host students and the Kalamunda Scouts are looking for 10 more willing to share their homes to visitors for a threenight stay from November 23-26

Kalamunda's Wunderlich family will be one of the families hosting the international guests for the first time and said they were excited for the opportunity to exchange cultures.

"We thought this would be a great opportunity to expose our kids to a different culture and help them build their cultural understanding," they said.

"It was also a chance to support the Kal-

amunda Scouts (to help them take part in WA's biggest scouting experience), while giving our children the chance to experience something new.'

Families don't need to part of the scouts to host and will be supporting Kalamunda's scouts in attending OneCamp in 2026, which is the largest scouting experience in the state.

Host families will be invited to a community barbecue held by the Kalamunda scouts to welcome the guests and will also receive up to \$300 as a hosting fee.

Kalamunda scouts aimed to empower young people through out-door adventure, leadership, and community service.

As part of Scouts Australia, the group worked to foster skills for life while building friendships and global connections.

Kalamunda Scouts assistant cub scout leader Freda Neo said the initiative supported that goal by being the first step to building a global friendship.

"This initiative not only helps our scouts attend OneCamp, but it also gives local families a chance to experience Japanese culture firsthand and build lasting international friendships.'

Kalamunda families are being invited to host Japanese students who will be visiting Kalamunda in November as part of a scouts cultural exchange program.

ots on offer at the Gidge Show for all the family



THE Gidgegannup Show is on again this weekend Saturday, October 26 offering lots of entertainment and country fun for the entire family.

Australian rustic farm art award competition entries, created after the 2021 Wooroloo fires to show respect to local community members recovering from the devastation, are on display again with prize money sponsored by a Bendi-

go Bank Mundaring grant.

A grant from the City of Swan has funded a marquee, shared with the Agricultural Society and the CWA, to house the full range of children's exhibits plus many other entertainment activities, while adult cooking and craft exhibits, vegetables, eggs, honey and flowers will be on display in the hall.

Over in the Livestock area, Gidge 2024 is hosting the premier Goat Show in WA, featuring dairy, boer, angora and pygmy goat classes, organised by Trevor Blight of Dandalee Park Dairy Goats, third time winner of the prestigious Governor's Cup at the 2024 Perth Royal Show.

During the day the inaugural Baby Pygmy Goat Racing events offer several opportunities to watch these little charmers racing towards their next bottle of

Sponsored by Embarr (manufacturer and supplier of fire control systems), Gidgeridoo Pygmy Goat Stud will supply the athletes, with Hills Billy Carts' members assisting with co-ordination of

This year the Gidge Show is holding

judging classes for house cows and other livestock classes encompassing beef cattle, sheep, fleeces and a wide range of

Gidgegannup Horse and Pony Club will stage a full program of events and other activities in the arena include the WA Farriers Association WA Championships, the log chop, sheaf toss, shearing and a climbing wall.

There will also be men's shed demos, food, music, dancing, crafts, kites, machinery, many entertainments and stalls and all the fun of the fair complete the program.

Show entry fees are adults \$15, school age children \$5, pre-school children free.

Tickets can be purchased at the gates by EFTPOS or www.eventbrite.com.au



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Herbicide a risk to unborn babies

A HERBICIDE used to kill annual grasses and common weeds without killing flowers, fruits and vegetables is now banned in Australia.

Chlorthal dimethyl is used for pre-emergence weed control in certain vegetable crops including brassicas, beans, peas, garlic, onions, carrots, potatoes, turnips and for weed control in strawberries, cotton, lucerne, perennial grass crops, lawns and ornamentals

In Australia chlorthal dimethyl is found in 12 products.

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) said infor-

mation on the product recall process would be issued soon.

APVMA chief executive officer Mr Scott Hansen said the decision brought Australia into alignment with international counterparts and reiterated there was no phase out period for the products due to the risk to human health.

"The APVMA considers the risk of continued use to be unacceptable as the risk of exposure cannot be effectively mitigated,' he said.

'The primary risk is to pregnant people's unborn babies, particularly where those people have handled the chemical or re-entered areas where the product has been used within the last five days.

"We understand the impact that this regulatory decision will have on industry, but the safety of people is of paramount importance.

The ban follows the recent United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) emergency order to stop use of chlorthal dimethyl (DCPA) also known as dacthal in

Writing in The Conversation University of Adelaide pharmacology Senior lecturer said chlorthal dimethyl or daethal works by inhibiting auxin, a growth hormone in plants which promotes the development of buds, roots and lengthening cells.



Chlorthal dimethyl used for weed control in strawberries and lawns is now banned.

Urgent action is called to save Carnaby's cockatoos



Scientists call for action to stop mass starvation of Carnaby's black cockatoos.

THE Leeuwin Group of Scientists, an independent body of leading Western Australian scientists on matters of scientific and national importance, has called for urgent action to prevent the mass starva-

tion of Carnaby's black cockatoos.

The driest and hottest summer on record for Western Australia is taking a dire toll on the last Carnaby's cockatoos.

"Wildlife shelters and other facilities are stretched beyond capacity, with some converting much-needed space for other injured animals into specialised cockatoo enclosures to handle the five-fold influx of starving birds," Leeuwin Group zoologist Professor Don Bradshaw said.

He said Carnaby's rely on the last 30 per cent of remaining banksia woodlands with these fragile ecosystems nearing collapse from land clearing, climate change and fire impacts.

The failure of banksias to flower in the last year across the south-west has hastened the onset of famine for the iconic Carnaby's cockatoo

"To avert extinction every Banksia tree represents a critical seed resource to save the species.

"Yet the state government policy of a 'business as usual' approach to prescribe large areas of banksia woodland that removes highly nutritious Banksia already in critically low levels due to flowering failure," Prof Bradshaw said.

Despite banksia woodlands being listed as a threatened ecological community over 400sqkm of banksia habitat was burnt in the last two weeks and much more is planned this spring.

This is equivalent to burning the whole of Kings Park every day, and these woodlands are the last chance food resources for Carnabvs cockatoo.

Prof Bradshaw said recent nesting surveys from prime breeding areas north of Perth have shown 2024 to be the worst breeding season on record due to drought, famine and sustained loss of tree hollows.

'The few birds that are laying eggs are doing so exceptionally late and will therefore face the challenge of caring for young in the nest over the hottest time of year, he said.

The Leeuwin Group of Scientists convenor Professor John Bailey said it was a pivotal moment for the cockatoos.

"Despite being warned of this point being reached for many years, the government's plan is to wait for a report from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions who have no action or contingency plans in place," he said.

We must immediately pause the government's burning program in our banksia woodlands – a simple and effective precaution that may stay the extinction of the spe-

Meanwhile, one of Australia's most iconic species is literally falling from the

The Leeuwin Group of Scientists comprises leading WA scientists and is an independent body on matters of scientific and national importance. For further information go to www.theleeuwingroup.org.au



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Gidgegannup's art from the forge

GUANHAO CHENG

FROM the forges of Gidgegannup's blacksmith artist Caine Scott, pieces inspired by rural Australian life and history are being showcased as part of Mundaring Hills Open Studios.

Echo News visited the studio, where rusted pieces of pipes, wagon wheel frames, and other iron structures lay side by side, propped up against shipping containers in the hills backdrop.

Mr Scott ran his fingers along a rusted iron pipe and felt the divots and textures along the piece with an appreciative smile.

'Some people just have these beautiful old pipes laying in their backyard ready to throw away," he

"To some people it's their rubbish, but to me it's

'Only with age do you get the pitting and the rusting that gives the iron so much character.'

Mr Scott was born and raised in the Perth Hills and moved to Broome where he discovered and fell in love with the art of blacksmithing.

The funny thing is there are a fair few artists in the family, but I wasn't creative like them early on," Mr Scott said.

"I was always great with my hands and did well in any trades-based classes in school, but I just didn't have the art in me.

"In 1996, that's when I moved to Broome as a panel beater and a spray painter at the time and there was a guy who lived a couple of sheds up from me who needed his bike fixed

"I offered to fix his bike, and he said, 'Come on down to my place, and I'll show you what I do'

"The next night, I was there swinging the hammer and never looked back — before I knew it, I was sketching up my own designs and making

Mr Scott said growing up in the Perth Hills gave him an appreciation of adventure, the beauty in rural living, and WA's agricultural identity and history.
"It was great growing up in the hills and I had a

lot of freedom with motorcycles and bush bikes,"

"The hills were a great place to grow up, right next to the countryside where I'd go and see friends who lived on farms and also see them drive in their

"I still go to the Northam swap meets where there's plenty of beautiful iron pieces to pick up, and I love the history of it all.

Watching Mr Scott work was an experience in seeing 'found' objects glowing from the fires of his forge and being beaten, bent, and twisted into new forms to be incorporated into something larger.

Many of his pieces featured tendrils of iron swirling around different shapes such as spheres or even the unaltered end of a spanner that had been given new life through the forge.

"The iron has to flow like a ribbon dancer," he

"There has to be that energy in the work, otherwise it isn't where it needs to be — and it's all about the details.

'If I'm working on a table or a piece with a period look, every bit of it needs to look the part.

"Even if I incorporate new material and combine it with the aged pieces, I beat and bend them until they look like they've also been aged because it's no good if someone looks at a piece, and then looks under it to see a fresh steel bolt that looks clearly out of place.

Mr Scott said blacksmithing is a fading art form but will be holding a blacksmith artmaking workshop at his studio on Friday, October 25 where visitors can come and see the forge fired up and iron being worked into art in real time.

"The most beautiful thing is when you fire up the coal forge and you heat up the piece of iron until it's yellow hot," he said.

At that point you can see the molecules bubbling on the surface, and when you hit it with the hammer, the explosion of sparks is spectacular."

More information about Mr Scott's weekend studio opening can be found at www.mundaringhill sopenstudios.com/caine-scott



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Caz Boyd to celebrate 30 years post lung transplant

JACKI ELEZOVICH

ELLENBROOK resident Caz Boyd was born with cystic fibrosis and celebrates 30 years post double lung transplant next month.

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease where a person's lungs, airways and digestive system produce thick, sticky mucus that traps bacteria in the lungs and causes recurrent infections, as well as limiting the function of digestive organs like the pancreas.

CF is the number one life-limiting genetic condition in Australia, with more than 3700 people living with the disease across the country, and one in 25 people carrying the recessive gene that causes cystic fibrosis

Ms Boyd has been involved with Cystic Fibrosis WA for many years, and is a strong advocate for CF treatment and research.

She said her own experiences with the disease made her want to make a difference for other peo-

'Some of the experiences I had growing up and living with CF I did not want others to experience so I decided at 16-years-old that I would start advocating to ensure no one else had the same experiences,"

This year, Ms Boyd will also be the guest speaker at the annual Glenn Brown Foundation Melbourne Cup fundraiser.

The Melbourne Cup lunch was started in 2003 by the Glenn Brown foundation, to raise money for much-needed research into the causes, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of cystic fibrosis.

The foundation is named for Glenn Brown, a Kalgoorlie boy who lost his life to cystic fibrosis at only 15 years old.

Ms Boyd said she was proud to be sharing her story at this year's event, and said the money raised would ensure research continues for many years and helps many more people like her.

'Research made my transplant possible and it's

what keeps me going today," she said.
"100 years ago, no one would have thought you could have a double lung transplant but look where we are today. And through research there will be

more miracles."

Ms Boyd eventually met the family of her donor, a young mum named Natalie, which is uncommon for transplant recipients to be able to do, unless they knew the person beforehand.

'Natalie's kids told me I was special, saying you've got mummy's lungs'," she said.

'It's something I think about every day and I'm incredibly grateful for. I wouldn't be here without the organ donation made by Natalie's family.

'Organ donation is the most generous selfless act. Without the organ donor, there is no story, no hope, no transplant. But when there is an organ donor, life springs from death, sorrow turns to hope, and a terrible loss becomes a gift."

Ms Boyd said funding research is the most straightforward path to a cure.

"Research into CF is imperative to help us find a cure, and develop new medications to aid people living with CF. Too many people lose their lives to this disease and the only way we can stop that is through research," she said.

Donations to the Glenn Brown Fund and tickets to this year's Melbourne Cup lunch can be purchased through www.fundraising.resphealth.org.au



Caz Boyd at last year's Melbourne Cup lunch.



City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson with 2024 winners young community citizen Isaac Bhalsod, community citizen Mechelle Turvey (accepted by her mother Liz) and senior community citizen Janice O'Shea.

Local Swan citizen awards

IT'S time to recognise local champions who have made the City of Swan a better place to live, work and visit by nominating them for the 2025 community citizen of the year

Nominations are open to acknowledge an individual or community group that has made a significant contribution, demonstrated leadership, introduced a significant initiative or displayed inspiring qualities as a role model for the community.

There are four categories, community citizen of the year, young community citizen of the year, senior community citizen of the year and active citizenship – group or event.

The 2024 citizen of the year winners were Mechelle Turvey and Robyn Pickrell, who were nominated for their community advoca-

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said

the city was full of uncelebrated champions who deserve to be in the spotlight.

"Our community is built on the incredible and selfless work of individuals and groups who make our wonderful community even better," she said.

"While these people often don't contribute for the accolades, we want to acknowledge and celebrate them to raise awareness about their efforts and hopefully inspire others to follow. 'Think of your family members, friends,

neighbours, or someone you have met in passing and tell us about the great things they have done so we can acknowledge them.

Awards will be announced at the City of Swan's 2025 Australia Day citizenship cere-

Nominations close on October 31, 2024. For full details and to nominate, go to www. citizenshipawards.com.au

1000 volunteers needed for natural disaster season

WITH increased bushfire risk across many parts of the country, The Salvation Army Emergency Services (SAES) are calling on Aussies to sign up as a Salvos volunteer and help support thousands of first responders and survivors of natural disasters each year.

The Salvos need volunteers ahead of the upcoming disaster season to help their teams during a disaster provide meals and refreshments to first responders and evacuees, bedding and material needs for displaced community members, and a listening ear for those who have experienced the disaster first-hand.

In the past three years alone, SAES teams have distributed over 390,000 meals and refreshments and supported over 80,000 people, all of which wouldn't have been possible without the 51,000 volunteer hours completed by over 8500 incredible volun-

"Whether it be fire, flood, earthquake, cyclone, or any number of other disasters, the Salvos will be there for the long haul, which is why we are looking for passionate, dedicated people who would like to sign up and volunteer to support people doing it really tough during a natural disaster," Daryl Crowden, head of Salvation Army emergen-

THE state government's safety and

security rebate allows WA Seniors

Card members to claim up to \$400

after the purchase or installation of

eligible home security, electrical or

Many businesses offer WA Seniors

Card members a discount on their

safety or security products or servic-

es. Many local businesses are listed

on the WA Seniors Card website or

in the 2024-25 Discount Directory

fire safety items.

Safety and security

rebate for seniors

cy services said.

"Whether it is cooking and serving meals, chatting to evacuees, administration support, maintenance and much more, all these roles are vitally important in ensuring we can best support those who have experienced a disaster.

"However, this volunteer role is also a serious one, so we encourage Australians to consider it thoughtfully. The process to become a volunteer is thorough, as we want to ensure we find the right people for the role. So please, consider signing up as a volunteer with the Salvos. You will make a profound difference."

The application process for becoming a SAES volunteer is designed to ensure the team has the right mix of skills, experience and passion so they can support those in

need. For this reason, the process includes the submission of a resume, screening questions, a phone interview, references and a police check.

accepted, volunteers would undertake online training modules to learn the appropriate skills for the role. Then, if a disaster hits, volunteers may be contacted and

mobilised to the disaster site (volunteers within a close proximity to the disaster are contacted before any interstate volunteers).

"Being a volunteer for The Salvation Army Emergency Services not only makes a huge difference for people doing it tough in a disaster, it also is extremely rewarding, Mr Crowden said.

"It gives people the opportunity to give back at a time when communities are shattered, often unexpectedly. When people see The Salvation Army, they see a place of friendship and hope, and that is what you are able to bring to people as a volunteer with us.'

To sign up as a volunteer for the Salvation Army Emergency Services, or for more information, visit https://www.salvationarmy. org.au/emergency-services/



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tion and repairs services on eligible items listed above. It is important to remember that

when installing security items, such as security doors, windows, dead-locks, home alarm and CCTV systems, it is mandatory for the supplier to hold a security agent licence and the tradesperson to hold a valid security installer's licence.

This is to ensure the tradesperson has been registered with WA Police because they will have access to house and security systems during

For the safety of both the home occupant and tradesperson, electrical items such as mains-powered smoke alarms or residual current devices must only be installed by a licensed

Seniors and Ageing Minister Don Punch said the rebate was an important program that gives older Western Australians a helping hand to improve their home security systems.

"I encourage eligible Western Australians to make use of the rebate to protect themselves and their loved ones," he said.

Since its launch in August 2021, the rebate scheme has paid \$12 million in claims to more than 30,000 members for eligible items which have been purchased, installed or repaired in seniors' households.

To apply, please download the safety and security rebate application form or apply online via the WA Seniors Card website www.seniorscard. wa.gov.au

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A DELEGATION of 24 European Union ambassadors last week begun its tour of Western Australia by learning about the historic Croatian roots of the Swan Valley wine region.

The delegation is touring the state to deepen engagement and understanding of the mining sector following the signing of the EU-Australia Critical Minerals MoU earlier this year.

The bilateral commitment is aimed at enabling the European Union and Australia to collaborate on the future supply of sustainable critical minerals as Europe and Australia embark on their roadmap to net zero emissions by 2050.

The ambassadors kicked off their tour with a visit to the Swan Valley's Nikola Estate, which has been growing vines since 1929 and laid the backdrop to the annual Croatian Wine Festival.

Croatian ambassador to Australia, Betty Pavelich said it was a fascinating experience for the group to gain insight into the how the valley's Croatian heritage had contributed culturally and financially to the state.

"It is always such an honour to come back to the Swan Valley for the Croatian Wine Festival, hosted by the WA Croatian Chamber (WACCC). I am truly grateful to chamber president Luke Jurcevic, the owners of Nikola Estate the Yukich family, and all of the volunteers for the effort that they put into organising this incredible festival.

Families of Croatian heritage have been in the wine making business in the Swan Valley for more than 100 years. Some of the vineyards even started with vines from the Croatian Island of Vis, where winemaking began some 2500 years ago.

"I'm particularly pleased that more than 20 of my fellow European Union ambassadors were able to join me at Nikola Estate for what was a fabulous afternoon of Croatian culture, great food and wine. I congratulate the WA Croatian Chamber on this successful event," Ms Pavelich said.



WACCC president Luke Jurcevic said the visit was one of the most influential and high-profile encounters in recent history.

"If there was ever an issue about the Swan Valley not being on the international map, I suspect that won't be an issue any longer," he said.

"The region's door to Europe has been opened far and wide and I would expect the tourism interest to the valley to be significantly boosted coupled with much greater awareness about the important cultural and financial role the Croatian community has played in the region and within the wider Western Australian community."

Fourteen ambassadors representing the European Union, Austria, Germany, Estonia, France, Finland, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, The Netherlands, Romania, Sweden, Slovenia, and Spain were in attendance



Judd Howard leading the race at the National Championships held in Balcatta earlier in

Stoneville boy aiming for BMX world championship

GUANHAO CHENG

STONEVILLE BMX rider Judd Howard has qualified for the BMX world championships in Copenhagen next year after a string of victories following his competition success in America.

Since the world championships in May, as reported in *Stoneville boy at BMX World Championships* (*Echo News*, May 31), Judd has become the state champion by winning the BMX State Championships, finishing first out of 30 other 10-year-old boys.

Judd also finished the national series on top out of 60 other riders from across the nation.

He also won the National Championships held in Balcatta, achieving the fastest lap and gate of the day while racing 47 other riders, which automatically qualified him for Copenhagen next year.

Judd's mother Shenae Howard said she didn't want her son's passion to become all work as the enjoyment was an important aspect too.

"Judd is a normal kid and enjoys riding any of his bikes, so we will endeavour to keep up the fun with the usual training with his coach Khalen Young, an ex-Olympian," she said.

"Judd also trains under Kate Kendrick, in the ROAR program which focuses heavily on athletes' mental health and wellbeing and is extremely beneficial for Judd."

The track of being a BMX athlete wasn't without

challenge though, and Ms Howard said Judd has had to overcome injury in his journey to qualify for Copenhagen.

"Judd has been able to overcome the pressure that comes with backing up the national title, as well as injuries," she said.

"He slipped a pedal at the national series in Balcatta which required stitches.

"The amazing medical team stitched him up at the track and Judd went back out and finished the day in first."

Ms Howard said Judd's childhood growing up in Stoneville helped him foster his talent for BMX racing.

ing.
"Growing up in the Perth Hills has definitely helped Judd along his journey," she said.

"We have a small jump line at home that gets built and rebuilt every other week, if the boys aren't riding, they're building.

"Also living with many up hills, we believe this has helped Judd with his fitness as we spend loads of time out and about."

Ms Howard said Judd loves how far he has come, has always strived to push the limits, and loves jumping big jumps on and off the track.

"He strives to set lap records," she said.

"Judd would love to be the youngest BMX rider to go to the Olympics and would love to see BMX take him far and wide around this world."





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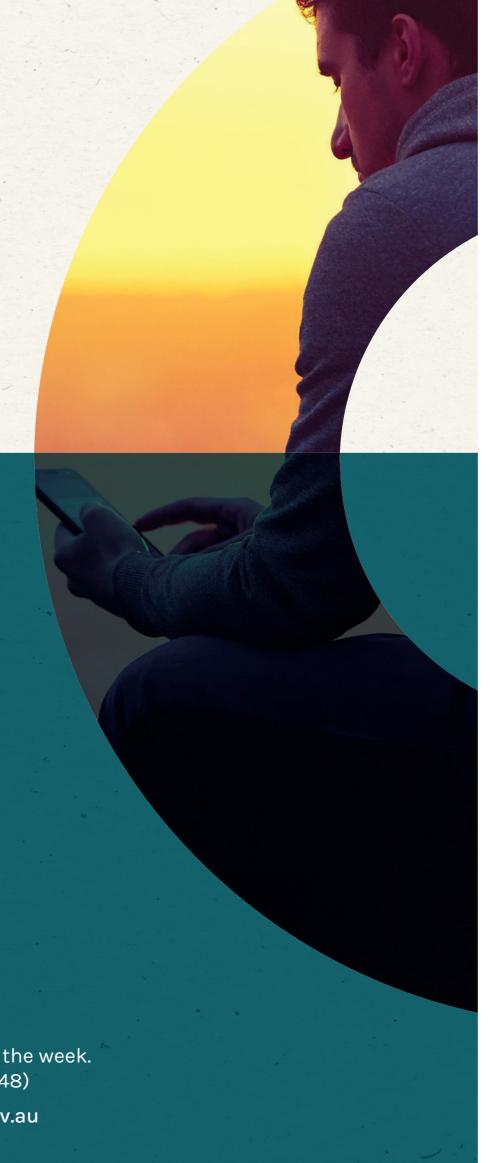




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Camp supports youth with arthritis

CAMP Freedom welcomed 70 children between the ages of seven and 17 for a five-day experience at Bullsbrook Cahoots Adventure Camp

The camp was made possible by a Lotterywest grant of \$56,000 to the Arthritis Foundation WA to create pathways and connection for children living with musculoskeletal and other related conditions.

Arthritis Foundation WA executive director Ric Forlano said the camp aimed to help children with chronic musculoskeletal conditions and was supported by health professionals, and up to 24 volunteers.

"Camp Freedom is truly special because it allows children with arthritis to form lasting friendships with others who understand the unique challenges they face," Mr Forlano said.

"It's a place where they can be themselves and feel supported.

"What sets Camp Freedom apart is its focus not

just on physical wellbeing, but also on building the confidence and social skills that these children will carry with them beyond the camp.

Lotterywest chief executive officer Colin Smith said the grant towards the camp gave children with chronic musculoskeletal conditions a chance to learn about their condition in the company of other children with the same diagnosis.

"Lotterywest has a proud history with Arthritis Foundation WA when it comes to helping children build the resilience, confidence and skills they need to get the best out of life," Mr Smith said.

"It's wonderful to know these camps provide an opportunity for children to create long lasting friendships to support them in their diagnosis.

"The grants are there to empower groups like this to create pathways for West Australians to develop a stronger sense of belonging in their community.'

More information about juvenile arthritis can be found at www.arthritiswa.org.au/juvenile-arthritis

Pirate Dragon Boat Club calling for new members

PERTH Pirates Dragon Boat Club is calling for new members to be part of their dragon boat team.

Taking up to 20 people, plus a drummer and a steerer, a dragon boat is a fantastic way to work as a team, get the pulse rate up in a non-impact sport, and enjoy some splash and

Dating back more than 3000 years, dragon boating is alive and well in WA, with many clubs competing everywhere from the international standard course at Champion Lakes, to the harbour of Fremantle, the estuaries of Mandurah and even internationally

It's a highly accessible sport, with paddlers aged from 12 to 85 and it's open to all ages, gender, body shape or fitness levels.

Those interested can choose to paddle socially or competitively.

The club trains out of Maylands on the Swan River and describe themselves as a 'club for all' with a motto of fun and friend-

The Pirates are renowned for having a good time, but they are also keenly competitive and have won many trophies at regattas.

Paddling convert Karen Butler said that while it might sound a bit weird, joining the Pirates was a life-changing experience.

"Not only did I get fitter and healthier, and I found out that I love a bit of competitive spirit, the friends that I have made in the club will last me a lifetime," she said.

"There is something really special about working in harmony with 20 people, making that boat lift and crossing that finish line. I even made the state team and competed at the national championships earlier this year.'

The club trains all year round on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm and Sunday mornings from 8am.

You can train as much or as little as you like", Perth Pirates president Sharmila Balasegaram said.

We love seeing people come down just to have a go, but we do warn them that dragon boating is a highly addictive sport on many levels and so once you're hooked - watch out.

'We also find that people join our club just for the social aspect - it's a wonderful way to make new friends and connect in a different

The club provides all of the equipment boats, paddles, life-jackets if needed and so all you need to give this unique sport a go is yourself, a fun attitude and the knowledge that you might get a little wet!

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Mundaring gets distinction for emergency volunteer support

PETER W LEWIS

SHIRE of Mundaring has been acknowledged for its support of emergency services volunteers following a distinction award as a four-time recipient of FESA's Volunteer Employer Recognition Award (VERA).

The award acknowledges businesses and organisations that go above and beyond in supporting emergency response efforts, particularly those that have demonstrated sustained commitment over the years.

The shire was nominated by two members of the emergency services community, Matt Lowndes from the Wanneroo Central Bush Fire Service and Michael Lenne from the Mundaring Volunteer Fire and

Both nominees expressed gratitude for the shire's commitment to supporting them and their teams, enabling them to respond promptly to numerous emergency incidents throughout the year.

The support by the Shire of Mundaring allows volunteers like Mr Lowndes and Mr

Lenne to fulfil their crucial roles in protecting the community.

Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson said the VERA awards were a valuable opportunity to acknowledge workplaces that go above and beyond to enable their staff to respond to emergencies during work hours.

Now in its 16th year, VERA also acknowledges the self-employed volunteers who must often close their doors or turn down jobs at a moment's notice to attend incidents.

A total of 82 businesses, organisations and self-employed volunteers from across the state were celebrated at the DFES hosted ceremony, a significant rise from last year with 57 busi-

ters Switches, Marshall Michael Chartered Accountants, McNamara Greig, Ray White Bullsbrook and SMK Automotive.

With DFES on high alert for another busy summer, WA businesses will again be a strong pillar of

support to help keep the state safe," he said.

Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson said he thanked and commended businesses prepared to send their workers off to an emergency incident at the drop of a hat.

'It is wonderful that the list includes individuals who are self-employed volunteers willing to put the community interest ahead of their own.

'Every year our inspirational emergency services volunteers give up their time across the state - and many could not do this without the support of their employers.

With this summer bushfire period shaping up to be even more challenging we will again be seeking the support of local businesses to help keep Western Australian communities safe.



Metro northeast recipients Mundaring community safety and emergency management were Delta Corporation, Europa coordinator Craig Cuthbert, with Matt Lowndes and Michael Saddlery, GTS Gauges Transmit- Lenne who nominated the shire.



PFAS levels in water under revi

ANITA McINNES

THE guidelines for the amount of chemicals used in many consumer products and industrial applications - acceptable in drinking water are under review with Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) suggesting the levels be reduced.

An NHMRC fact sheet said historical use of firefighting foams had resulted in detection of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at a number of sites including airports, firefighting training facilities and federal government sites.

The issue of PFAS leaving Pearce air base and contaminating groundwater has been a serious concern for Bullsbrook residents since investigations into PFAS started in 2016.

PFAS have also been found in groundwater, surface water, sewage effluents and landfill leachates.

'The increased concentration of PFAS in biosolids from wastewater treatment processes is becoming a concern in the context of biosolid application in agriculture and the potential pathways to continued human and environmental PFAS exposure, the fact sheet said.

PFAS are also used to make consumer products such as non-stick cookware, makeup, clothing and

UNSW Water Research Laboratory managing director Denis O'Carroll said PFAS were a class of

more than 14,000 chemicals used in industrial applications and consumer products around the world and were a serious health concern

Professor O'Carroll said the World Health Organization listed PFOA as a group 1 carcinogen and PFOS as a group 2B carcinogen.

"The Australian government should consider inclusion of a wider range of PFAS in the drinking water guidelines, as is common in a number of other countries," he said.

The PFAS reviewed as part of NHMRC's update include perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) and hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid and its ammonium salt (GenX chemicals).

The NHMRC has proposed updating their drinking water guidelines, suggesting an acceptable level of 200ng/L for PFOA (down from 560ng/L), 4ng/L for PFOS (down from 70ng/L), 30ng/L for PFHxS down from 70ng/L and 1000ng/L for PFBS, which currently has no health-based value in the guide-

NHMRC said no health-based guideline value could be obtained for hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid and its ammonium salt (GenX chemicals) at this time.

The NHMRC is inviting stakeholder feedback on draft guidance on PFAS as part of the Australian drinking water guidelines until November 22.

Waterwise irrigation rebates now on offer

A NEW spring waterwise offer to help save 155 million litres of valuable water is now available, with rainfall run-off into Perth's dams remaining significantly below average despite the wet

Over winter, metropolitan dams received less than one third of the rainfall run-off than the long term (post-1975) average, leaving metro dams holding 38 billion litres (GL) less than this time last year (308GL vs. 346GL).

With more than 30 per cent of household water used to water gardens and lawns, Perth and Peel residents are being encouraged to get their reticulation in peak condition ahead of summer.

To help save valuable water and reduce bills, Water Corporation, in partnership with Irrigation Australia WA, has launched a new Waterwise Irrigation Rebate (WIR) to Perth and Peel residents, providing

up to \$200 off eligible waterwise irrigation products or services.

These include having an existing system serviced or improved by a waterwise irrigator or waterwise irrigation design shop to fix leaks and improve waefficiency or the purchase and set up of a weather-based irrigation controller, which uses weather data to adjust sprinklers to prevent overwatering.

Last year, Water Corporation funded around 2000 irrigation checks and almost 1600 rebates for weather-based irrigation control-

Around half of the systems inspected had a leak, while one quarter had either incorrect irrigation run times or watering times.

Collectively, these waterwise offers contributed to saving an estimated 286 million litres of valuable drinking water - equivalent to nearly 114 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

The WIR is a limited offer available until May 31, 2025 or until allocation is exhausted.

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Horsepower in the Hills is back

JACKI ELEZOVICH

HORSEPOWER in the Hills returns to Walliston Primary School for a day full of cars and family fun on Sunday November 3 from 10am.

The biennial event has been running for more than a decade, attracting up to 400 cars including muscle, classic, new and exotic cars, all on show for the whole day.

All proceeds from the event go to Walliston Primary School for new supplies and equipment.

The Walliston P & C and Wally Boys Racing run the event, and P & C president Rachel Boyes said the show has only been getting bigger each year.

"Each car show we have held has attracted more and more cars to show and more car enthusiasts and families to enjoy the day. Last show saw us enjoy our biggest and best and we have adjusted to ensure we can welcome even more people this time," she said.

The sense of comradery and connection to our community is remarkable. The Wally Boys racing crew put their lives on hold for a good six months in the lead-up to the show to work with us to make the car show a success.

"Not all of them have children at the school, we are so lucky to have all their support and commitment.

'The guys extend and embrace us in their club, where it's not just about building cars, but it's about doing the things you love with your mates and having each other's backs. This connection flows into our community and everyone just has a fun day out."

There are great prizes and trophies on offer for car winners in nine different categories including people's choice, top Ford, top Holden, and principal's

There will also be free activities including face painting, silent disco, a woodworking stall, laser tag for the kids, and a dunk tank with teachers from Walliston Primary lining up to get dunked.

Food will be cheaply available on the day including snow cones, fairy floss, and a barbeque run by the P & C.

Ms Boyes said the school appreciates every dollar raised.

"Being a 54 year old school, there is always infrastructure and equipment the P & C raise funds for. On the list at the moment is resurfacing the netball court, fixing up the early childhood playground and providing much needed air conditioning, not to mention an upgrade to the oval as well. Which one of these projects gets assigned first is up for debate."

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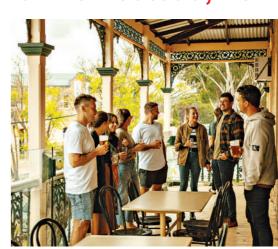
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Business CELEBRATIONS

Guildford's Copper & Oak is WA's best liquor merchants

COPPER & Oak have been awarded the most coveted prize in the Western Australian liquor industry at this year's annual awards night.

The company's Guildford based store was named 'Metropolitan' and the Peter Basioli, 'WA Liquor Store of the Year' at the recent 29th WA Liquor Industry Awards, proudly presented by Lion at the Pan Pacific Hotel.

The awards recognise and celebrate excellence in the independent packaged liquor

Voting for the best store is based on scores by sales representatives from wineries, beer suppliers and distilleries from across the state.

Copper & Oak formed 21 years ago by Jose Pestana who set up shop in Tuart Hill after emigrating from South Africa and decided to call Perth home.

The following year Nelio, his brother, joined him from overseas to help run the busi-

In 2022 the duo established their Copper & Oak Guildford store at a historic building previously known as Chateau Guildford which has been supported by industry peers and lo-

Their liquor Industry award caps off a number of accolades they have received this year from the Swan Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Pestana said the liquor award was validation of many years of demanding work put into the business and being part of the local community.

'That's what we're about, building community and culture, we're not just about being retailers in another shop. We want to be part of something, and Guildford has shown it.

'Being a town that's all about the heritage factor, they've embraced us, they come in, and they know us by name".

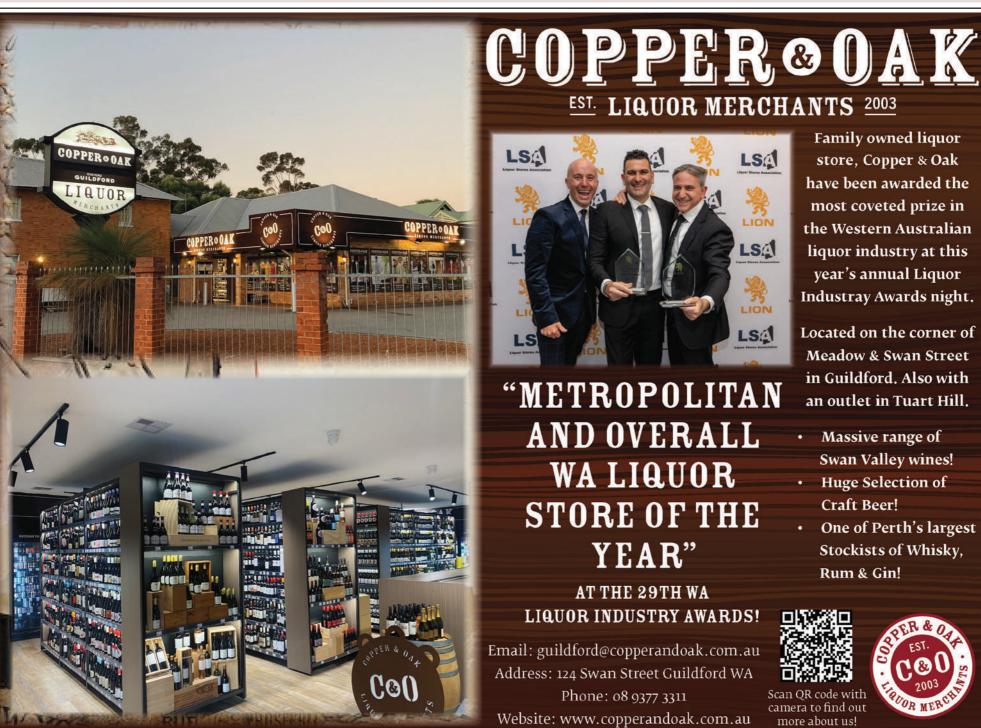


Nelio Pestana driving the old Citroen Van.



Jose Pestana pouring hops.











Ellenbrook Multicultural Festival Returns for Its Fourth Year

The Ellenbrook Multicultural Festival is set to return for its fourth year on Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 1 PM to 6 PM at Charlottes Vineyard Oval. This much-anticipated event celebrates the vibrant cultural diversity of the Ellenbrook community and promises a day of engaging performances, global cuisines, and family-friendly activities.

The festival will open with a Welcome to Country by Senior Marman Vaughn McGuire, followed by the traditional Lion Dance, an iconic performance symbolizing prosperity and good fortune, customarily performed at the opening of important events.

Visitors can expect a rich array of cultural performances featuring acts such as Bollywood and Punjabi folk dances, Māori kapa haka, and the dynamic Cook Islands live drumming and dance and the English Mad Hatters. The enter-

tainment will culminate in a breathtaking Island Fire Dance finale.

In addition to performances, the festival will offer a diverse selection of food stalls, showcasing flavors from around the world, alongside local arts, crafts, and cultural immersion stalls for Youth and Kids.

Children will be entertained with a variety of free activities, including face painting, bubble soccer, African drumming circles, lantern-making, rangoli art, and games such as Mahjong, Carrom, and Korean ddakji.

With its blend of cultural expression, family activities, and community spirit, the Ellenbrook Multicultural Festival provides a celebration of bringing people together to express the shared values of unity, diversity, and inclusion.

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ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Bassendean open studios return for second year

JACKI ELEZOVICH

BASSENDEAN artists are throwing open their studio doors for another year.

Following the success of their inaugural open studios weekend, the team are back this year with a vibrant trail showcasing the talent of the town of Bassendean's artists.

On November 23 and 24, artists will welcome visitors into their creative spaces, offering them a behind-the-scenes look at their creative process, their inspirations, and the unique spaces where their art comes to life.

This year's participating artists include Sarah Eve, Romona Sandon, Netta Thompson, Emma Coleman, Justine Renzullo, Bethamy Linton, Joyce Tasma, Ashleigh Whyte, Debbie Mellows, Jane Dundas and Tabitha Durrani.

The event is free and open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, offering the perfect opportunity to get the whole family out and about for an affordable day exploring and supporting the local art

The art trail includes artists who create paintings, jewellery, textiles pieces, portraits, and drawings, so there truly is something to wow veryone from the art expert to the newest art lover.

Committee member and participating artist Sarah Eve said the weekend was designed to be a fun, relaxed and free event for everyone to enjoy, to bring art to the wider community and foster new connections between local artists and the community.

'Attending an open studio is a unique experience because it goes beyond simply viewing artwork. It allows visitors to step into the personal creative spaces of artists, offering an intimate glimpse into their process. You get to see not only the finished pieces but also the environment where the magic happens complete with tools, materials, and inspirations behind the work," she said.

'Meeting the artists in person, hearing their stories, and understanding the creative journey behind each piece adds a personal connection that galleries often lack. Open studios are also more relaxed and welcoming, making art accessible to everyone.

Ms Eve encouraged people to ask questions and talk to the artists they visit about their work and in-

However, she asked that visitors respect the artist and space they are visiting and to ask the artists' permission before taking any photos.

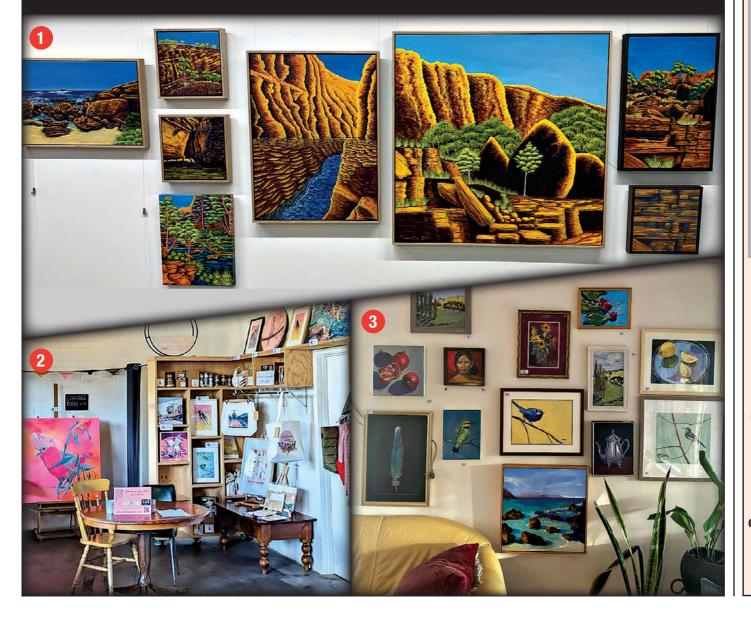
"Visitors will love the authentic and personal connection they can make with local artists during the open studios. The event offers a chance to engage directly with artists, explore diverse art forms, and experience the creative process firsthand," she said.

"Families will enjoy the fun and educational aspects of the event, and for art lovers, it's an opportunity to discover new talent, support local creators, and even bring home a unique piece.

"Most importantly, it's a free, family friendly, accessible to all-ages event that fosters community connection and makes art accessible.

The event's official map and more information can be found on the open studios' social media: @Bassen deanOpenStudios on both Facebook and Instagram.

- 1. Sarah Eve's paintings.
- 2. Romona Sandon's studio.
- 3. Netta Thompson's studio.



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• Casson Community Gardens South Guilford needs volunteers at their new community garden at 9 Wilkie Street. There is parking on Bridge Street. If you want to know more about permaculture Christel from Wild Gaia Plant will be conducting workshops on Wednesdays from 10am to noon with gardening on Thursdays from 10am to noon. For more information call 9221 5629.

The Darlington Competitive Cricket Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Past and present players, supporters, friends of the club are invited to a sundowner on Saturday, November 16 at Ron Jose Oval, Gray Drive Midvale starting at 3pm. You can go along to watch the current Darlington players in action and reminisce about the good old days and share your favourite stories from your time at the club. The bar will be open with both cash and EFTPOS facilities, food will be provided at no cost. There will be entertainment for children. RSVP by Saturday, November 9 to Dom on 0407 777 484.

• A concert at Romancing the Stone Gardens 3 Lilan Road, Maida Vale (corner Hawtin Road) on Friday, November 8 from 7pm to 10pm will support the Amanda Young Foundation. The event will be held in a covered courtyard. A light supper and chairs will be provided and there is ample parking for the BYO event. To book call Tom on 9454 4298 or book

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• Kalamunda Youth Swing Band gives young musicians the opportunity to rehearse and play in a band. Rehearsals are Monday afternoon during school term. For more information call musical director Leah on 0432 973 395.

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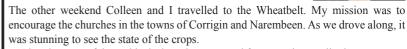
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Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk

A Good Harvest



Already some of the paddocks have been mowed for exporting quality hay overseas. My favourite sight was seeing the wheat crops — especially those further east. They looked magnificent! Some had already turned to that 'golden brown' colour, and the head of the wheat stalk was so heavy with seed that they slightly bent over. It's going to be a good harvest!

Who would have thought that! We didn't have any decent rain until May 29 – it was very late after a record breaking dry spell. Farmers had sown into very dry soil. But then the rain came, and now they are looking at a bumper season (except for some places).

It's good to be thankful for a good harvest. Although not everyone would do this, I particularly thank God for His goodness and His blessings. God's goodness is extraordinary. Jesus taught us in Matt 5:45 "your Father in heaven causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

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Jiu-jitsu champion sets sights on international competition



JACKI ELEZOVICH

AVELEY resident Kaiya Regan has set her sights on the Brazilian jiu-jitsu world championships and looks set to get there with an impressive winning streak in local competitions.

The nine-year-old started training in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu when she was only six, and over three years of competition has garnered a collection of state, national and international championship medals that is nothing short of astounding.

She said her parents put her in the sport for fitness, learning self-defence, and friendship.

"I immediately fell in love with the sport and have been doing it for over three years now," she said.

"I love the challenge of learning techniques and getting better. I love that it makes me more confident and fit. I like that it teaches me how to lose as well as win, and that's okay. I love the respect

Kaiya surrounded by all her awards.

and discipline I learn during classes which makes me a better person. My favourite part is also the teamwork and wonderful friendships I have made.'

Finding matches in WA that can keep up with her has been proving a challenge, Kaiya said, and she often has to compete against older girls or boys her age to find a competitive match, when she is only supposed to be competing against girls her own age.

Kaiya trains at Perth martial arts centre in Ellenbrook, and has competed all around the country, including in Melbourne for national titles and the Pan-Pacific kids' international competition, both of which she won last year.

Kaiya is also a nine-time state title holder for her age group.

She has a rigorous training regimen, and said she has found a range of things to help her keep in top form.

I train every day, eat well, plus daily chin-ups, push-ups and sit-ups to get extra strong! Baths for recovery and also mum gives me a full body massage the night before my event," she said.

"I also visualise myself in the competition, winning with my hand held high and on the first podium place and have positive self-talk for my mental preparation."

Kaiya's mum Tiana Caverley said her daughter loved her sport and representing her country.

"Kaiya possesses an unwavering commitment, dedication and enthusiasm for Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and despite her young age, she displays a level of skill, discipline and sportsmanship that is truly remarkable

and beyond her years," she said.
"She has set her sights on competing at the highest level and achieving her dream of becoming a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt and world champion.'

Kaiya will travel to Melbourne again this week for the national championships and has also qualified for the Youth Gi World Championships in Abu Dhabi next

She is currently looking for sponsorship to help fund her dreams of competing all over the world.

Midland Guildford seniors have wins

JOSHUA McKENZIE

THE Midland Guildford Cricket Club senior male sides played Joondalup in 50 over matches, while the senior female sides played T20 matches against Subiaco Floreat and Rockingham Mandurah respectively.

The male 1st grade side overcame a

slow start to their batting innings which saw them fall to 6-88 and then later 7-113, before captain Jordan Mast (55 runs not out from 55 balls) and Hudson Knight (44 from 61) combined for a 79run partnership to propel the score to 9-220 from their 50 overs.

During the second innings, the side fought back from their opponents being 1-125 to take 9-77 and dismiss Joonda-

lup for a total of 202 in an 18-run victory. The female A grade posted 9-152 against Subiaco Floreat after Abbie Whybrow top scored with 51 from 27,

before they restricted their opponents to 7-104 in a comfortable 48-run victory. Meanwhile, the female B grade lost by

four wickets against Rockingham Mandurah. The male 2nd grade were set a target

of 225 for victory and Calan Hill was the key to the run chase as he smashed 10 sixes on his way to 111 from 99.

The side would win by two wickets with 15 balls to spare.

The male 3rd grade would fall short in their match, while the male 4th grade chased 155 for victory after Lennon Brookes scored 56 not out from 93

The male U17 and male U15 completed their two-day fixtures against Centurions over the weekend.

The male U17 were set a target of 164 for victory, with contributions from Hunter Wills (58 from 55) and Kobe Fernie (73 not out from 84) propelling the side to victory.



The Midland Guildford Cricket Club senior male and female teams had wins over the weekend but some including the male 3rd grade side were not so lucky.

The male U15 fell short in their match, as the female U17 had their match against Melville abandoned due to rain.

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