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Thought for the day

"Working hard for something we don't care about is called stress. Working hard for something we love is called passion."
— Simon Sinek

Nothing learnt from wars

Dear Echo News,
It may be that we may have learned nothing much from two world wars.

Before World War I tensions had been brewing throughout Europe for years. The war was precipitated with the murder of Archduke Franz Ferdinand along with his wife, Sophie. A Wikipedia article, based mainly on officially published figures states: "The number of military and civilian casualties in WW I was about 40 million – estimates range from around 15 to 22 million deaths and about 23 million wounded military personnel, ranking it among the deadliest conflicts in human history."

World War II was precipitated by the rise in power of Adolf Hitler linked to the inequitable post WWI conditions of the Treaty of Versailles.

The US came into the war following the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese.

Prior to this it had been trying to stop Japan's expansion which included attacks on China and Russia.

The US began passing economic sanctions against Japan, including trade embargoes on aircraft exports, oil and scrap metal, among other key goods.

It was of interest that the UK benefited from the attack on Pearl Harbor as it brought the Americans into the war against the Germans.

Indeed, the British Prime Minister Winston Churchill had suggested to the Americans that Ja-

pan was a weak country. The WW II death and injuries toll outstripped WW I by far.

WW II was the deadliest military conflict in history. An estimated total of 70-85 million people perished, or about 3 per cent of the estimated global population of 2.3 billion in 1940.

Deaths directly caused by the war (including military and civilian fatalities) were estimated at 50-56 million, with an additional estimated 19-28 million deaths from war-related disease and famine.

Civilian deaths totalled 50-55 million, while military deaths from all causes totalled 21-25 million, including deaths in captivity of about five million prisoners of war.

More than half of the total number of casualties are accounted for by the dead of the Republic of China and of the Soviet Union.

Given the superior weapons of today's military powers, the death toll in a global war could outstrip WW I and WW II combined.

Yet, we see the US President-elect Trump talking about passing severe economic sanctions on China, which it could be argued, is equal in power to the USA taking into account its large population, rapidly increasing military capacity and expertise in information technology.

If Australia was worried about a Japanese invasion in 1942 it should be terrified if, in response to a war between China and the USA, there was a Chinese invasion of Australia in 2025-26.

In fact, China could wipe out the eastern states of Australia with a few nuclear weapons

and take the rest of the country for future Chinese development.

B Buchanan
Kalamunda



Memorial service for WW I unit

Dear Echo News,
The 44th Battalion AIF Memorial Service will be held from dawn until dusk with the main ceremony taking place from 11am to 12.30pm on Saturday, November 23 at the Perth War Cemetery, Nedlands.

The 44th AIF Battalion was raised in Perth in World War I, with many of its members coming from the City of Swan areas.

This will be the first dedicated service in many years for the 44th Battalion, a Western Australian unit that fought in World War I and suffered 482 men killed.

Western Australian Governor Chris Dawson will be in attendance along with a dozen officials, bands, honour guards and school students.

Nearly 100 items (battle stories, songs, hymns and poems) will be recited throughout the day in addition to the names of all the men of the 44th Battalion AIF who paid the supreme sacrifice.

All members of the public are welcome to attend in order to keep the memory and story of the 44th Battalion AIF alive.

The newly formed 44th Australian Infantry Battalion Memorial is responsible for organising this ceremony, being made up of young

Australians dedicated to keeping the memory of the unit alive.

For more information email Director@44battalionmemorial.com or visit 44battalionmemorial.com

L Muir Anderson
44th Battalion Memorial

Western Power ready for bushfires

Dear Echo News,
Western Power is readying the network for the bushfire season by implementing a range of measures to minimise bushfire risk.

The ongoing impacts of climate change and extreme weather events along with Bureau of Meteorology forecasting extreme high temperatures this summer means Western Power is continually refining the way it manages and mitigates bushfire risk across the network.

In addition to Western Power's annual maintenance program, the organisation is investing \$229 million in preparation for summer conditions, with \$136m to be spent on pole replacements, \$61m on conductor replacements and \$32m on vegetation management.

Every year before bushfire season crews prepare the network, particularly in high and extreme bushfire risk zones to reduce the likelihood of a network-related spark that could cause a fire.

This includes inspecting more than 149,000 poles in high and extreme fire risk areas, significantly increased our vegetation management program and replacing more than 3,200 insulators.

The safety of the community and our crews underpins everything we do. We work closely with the Department

of Fire and Emergency Services and local governments to make sure we have workable and effective exemptions in place to safely restore power on high fire danger weather days.

The combination of extreme heat and dry conditions across vast areas mean communities must also play a role in reducing the risk of bushfires.

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Western Power

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Four signs for road safety

GUANHAO CHENG

GREENMOUNT resident Colin Hughes says the November 3 serious crash on Great Eastern Highway was a reminder of the dangers along that stretch of road yet to be addressed.

The incident occurred at about 2.30pm near the Scott Street intersection and left a vehicle on its side, requiring attendance from incident response, an ambulance and towing services.

"Changing speed limits cost taxpayers nothing and saves lives and accidents," Mr Hughes said.

"The idea is to install four signs for safety and reduce the number of accidents on this road.

"Trucks need to get up speed to clear the hill, I understand that, but the two existing signs going up the hill can be moved past Old York Road so that people turning into Innamincka Road, Greenmount Rise, and Old York Road aren't competing with cars barreling 80km/h at them.

"Greenmount Primary School is just at the end of Innamincka Road, and the number of parents that have to make that turn onto the road is just insanity to me, especially with the accidents we are having."

Mr Hughes said Greenmount was also classified as suitable for aged care and residences for seniors and older residents risk their lives every day trying to enter or cross Great Eastern Highway.

"The other part of the change is to move the signs going downhill to the top of the crest and slow it down to 60km/h," he said.

"Many of the cars coming down are still going 80km/h and don't start slowing down

until they reach the sign sitting past Old York Road, and even then, the change is only 70km/h.

"That's far too little time to react if a car were to come out from one of the intersecting roads."

Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil said upgrading the Scott Street and Great Eastern Highway intersection was a key advocacy priority for the Shire of Mundaring.

"Main Roads are currently working with the shire staff on a upgraded design but this project remains unfunded," she said.

"I have called on the candidates for the federal seat of Bullwinkel for black spot funding and we are writing to Road Safety Minister David Michael seeking his support to improve the safety of this intersection."

Liberal Bullwinkel candidate Matt Moran said many residents had brought up that cluster of intersections on Great Eastern Highway as an issue.

"I have been in conversations with residents and the Shire of Mundaring in relation to the intersection," he said.

"I'm actively looking at how to make that safer and am looking at getting funding through the black spot program.

"It is a significant issue that needs to be addressed and as someone who grew up on Melville Court which is just off Scott Street, I know the area and issues very well and we need to do more to address the concerns.

"There are some things that can be done immediately to increase the safety of that road such as changing the speed limits."

Midland MLA Michelle Roberts said she was also in support of the change in speed limits to promote safety there.



Greenmount resident Colin Hughes says there needs to be immediate action to reduce accidents along Great Eastern Highway. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

"I continue to raise the very real safety concerns of local constituents with the minister and Main Roads," she said.

"I support a lower speed limit on this section of Great Eastern Highway."

Mr Hughes said a Main Roads engineer had mentioned previously a long-term solution may be to build flyovers in the inter-

sections.

"That's going to cost millions of dollars and won't be a quick fix," he said.

"In the interim, accidents are still happening, and we need a solution now.

"All we need are four signs for safety."

Main Roads has been contacted for comment.



Perspective of new bridge.

Contract awarded for bridge at John Forrest

JOHN Forrest National Park is set for a new bridge and accessible walkway across Glen Brook following a \$5 million state government funding boost.

Advanting Civil Engineers will build the structure, which will offer visitors stunning views over the surrounding granite outcrops, Jane and Glen Brooks, and the Railway Reserve Heritage trail.

It will also allow visitors to walk or cycle between the new West Ridge carpark, expected to be completed by early 2025 and the future park hub.

Construction is due to begin early next year and is expected to be completed by mid-2025.

Environment Minister Reece Whitby said John Forrest National Park was an iconic part of Western Australia.

"Combining style with functionality, the Glen

Brook Bridge will not only provide a functional connection between key areas in the park, but it will also showcase its natural beauty by offering visitors sweeping views over the waters, granites and open forest.

"The Cook Labor Government wants WA's environment to be open and accessible, and that's exactly what we're doing with these improvements to John Forrest National Park."

MLA Matthew Hughes said the project was a vital link between the parking and the park.

"We're delivering, as we promised, a better experience all round for visitors to John Forrest National Park."

For more information about the work underway to transform John Forrest National Park, visit: <https://www.dbca.wa.gov.au/johnforrestimprovementproject>.

not injured.

Investigators are urging anyone with any information relating to this crash, or who saw either silver Kawasaki motorcycle or the white Mazda hatchback, travelling in the area prior to the crash, to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at www.crimestopperswa.com.au.

Dash-cam, CCTV, or mobile phone vision relating to this crash, can be uploaded directly to investigators via this link: <https://wapf.au.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/carvmotocycle-woodbridge>

Woodbridge serious crash investigation

OFFICERS from the major crash investigation section are seeking information regarding a serious crash that occurred in Woodbridge on Wednesday, November 13.

About 3.15pm, a silver 1998 Kawasaki motorcycle travelling east on Great Eastern Highway, collided with a white 2015 Mazda 3C hatchback turning onto Great Eastern Highway from Third Avenue.

The 61-year-old male rider sustained serious injuries and was conveyed by ambulance to Royal Perth Hospital for medical treatment.

The 20-year-old female driver of the Mazda was

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Variety Heart scholarships open for new applications

VARIETY Heart scholarships are open for applications for 2025.

The scholarships aim to give all Western Australian kids a fair shot at achieving their dreams, financially supporting gifted and talented kids from six to 17-years-old who are living with a chronic illness, disability or financial disadvantage, to fulfil their full potential.

The applicant must be gifted in the arts, sport, or extracurricular academics, and this talent and any resulting prizes or achievements must be verified by an industry professional.

13-year-old Gidgegannup resident Isabella Geracitano received a 2024 Heart scholarship to help pay her tuition at Youth Ballet WA.

She started full-time ballet training last year, and her mother Kirsty Geracitano said her daughter would not be progressing as she has been without the financial help of the

scholarship.

“The Variety Heart scholarship funds have helped with Isabella’s ballet fees at Youth Ballet WA. She used to just be an after-school student but now she attends school there as well, doing two to three hours of schooling via long-distance education and four to five hours of dancing a day,” she said.

“She is ecstatic about being part of the full-time ballet program, which she started last year when she was 12. She loves dancing and has been doing ballet since she was about five years old.

“It’s been a big help having the scholarship going towards paying fees. She wouldn’t have been able to join the program without the scholarship.

“In the future ideally, Isabella wants to be a professional dancer and Variety Heart scholarships are helping her with that.”

Isabella said she is excited about pursuing professional dancing in the future.

“Being at dance full time is going to help me be a professional dancer in the future, the teachers are experienced and very encouraging,” she said.

“Dance makes me feel happy and free, I can use it to express my feelings.”

New Variety WA ambassador Rhannon Clarke, who competed for Australia in the Paris Paralympic games, said the scholarships were a unique opportunity to help young achievers with a setback in life go after their goals.

Applications close on Friday, February 14 visit www.variety.org.au



Isabella at school in one of her performance costumes.



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Nominations close

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Mission Australia volunteer coordinator Melissa Rogers and event manager Carley Smith.

Give back this Christmas

JACKI ELEZOVICH

MISSION Australia is again seeking volunteers for its annual Christmas lunch in the park.

The Christmas lunch, which has been held in Wellington Square for the past 49 years, is the biggest event of its kind in the country and has served more than 71,750 meals since its inception in 1975.

It provides a space where those living rough around Perth can enjoy the festive joy of carols, traditional Christmas food and the company of others on the special day.

The event needs more than 300 volunteers to help the day run smoothly and make sure everyone who goes along can get some good food, entertainment and company.

Glen Forrest resident and annual volunteer Rocky Harding has been volunteering at the Christmas lunch for the past two years and is looking forward to being part of this year’s event.

“I’ve always loved volunteering, to give back to the community,” she said.

“The best part about being part of the Christmas lunch in the park is to see the happy smiling faces of the guests coming in and their cheery greetings of ‘Merry Christmas’.”

She said volunteering has helped her learn life lessons and appreciate everything she has.

“Remember that the happier people are not those getting more but those giving more,” she said.

“At the end of the day it’s not about what we’ve accomplished it’s about who we’ve lifted up, who we’ve made better and what we’ve given back.

“More people should volunteer for this event so as to realise that we are fortunate whilst others have their own reasons for being where they are.”

Mission Australia event manager Carley Smith said everyone deserves to feel the joy of Christmas, no matter their living situation.

“Christmas is a time for celebration, filled with food, festivities and family,” she said.

“However, for many it can also be one of the most isolating and challenging days of the year.”

She said guests would enjoy a three-course meal, as well as festive music and companionship as everyone sat down for Christmas lunch together.

On the day, additional services will be offered for free to lunch guests.

“In addition, our dedicated wellness zone will offer free haircuts, showers, and clothing to those in need, ensuring everyone can feel cared for and valued during this special season,” Ms Smith said.

Every child in attendance will receive a gift from Santa, and each adult will receive a care package which includes personal care items and non-perishable food to help in the days between Christmas and New Year when many services are closed or have reduced hours.

Last year more than 1500 people attended, making it the biggest Christmas lunch in the whole time the event has been running.

Rising attendance numbers laid bare the confronting reality of the housing and cost of living crisis in Perth, and Ms Smith said a similar number of attendees are expected this year.

“With the increase in need in our community, our volunteers are more essential than ever to help make this event possible,” she said.

“If you can’t help on Christmas Day we still need volunteers to help put together our care packs, as well as help set up and pack down the event.”

To donate or register as a volunteer, go to www.christmaslunchinthepark.com.au

RSPCA summer warning for pets in cars

RSPCA WA is urging people to consider the comfort and safety of their pets as temperatures ramp up across the state.

The organisation is reminding dog owners the temperature in a parked car can quickly climb to double the outside temperature and kill a dog in just six minutes.

Even when the temperature outside is a mild 22C, the temperature inside a parked car can rise to over 47C. Dogs in these conditions can suffer an agonising death.

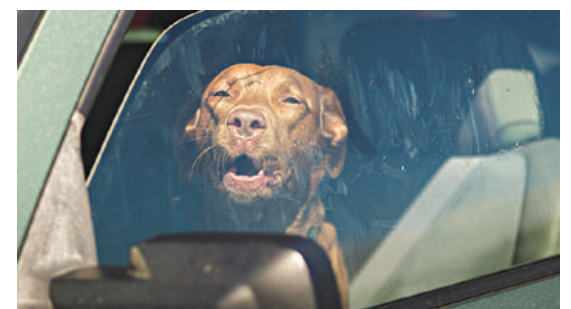
RSPCA WA inspector manager Kylie Green said there were 236 reports of dogs left in cars from November to April.

“I’m concerned with this week’s temperatures we’ll see a jump in numbers again and dogs will suffer, perhaps even die,” she said.

“Our message is simple – if you love your dog, leave them at home. A quick visit to the shops could cost your dog their life. Don’t put your best friend’s life at risk.”

Similarly, warmer weather brings reports of people walking their dogs in the heat of the day, risking burned paw and respiratory distress.

“Protect your hound and check the ground before



a walk. Check the surface temperature by placing your palm down on the ground. If you can’t comfortably hold it there for five seconds, it’s too hot for your dog’s sensitive paws and may cause injury.

“In hot weather, walk your dogs in the cool of the early morning, or wait until the evening.”

If you’re at a shopping centre, ask the centre management to page the owner of the vehicle.

If you see a dog in a hot car identify signs of heatstroke, note down the vehicle’s registration number and location and report it immediately to the RSPCA Cruelty Hotline on 1300 278 358 (1300 CRUELTY) or call WA Police on 131 444.

Swan and hills pool barrier inspection statistics

ANITA McINNES

A REVIEW by Building and Energy shows the local governments of Kalamunda and Northam have no swimming pools overdue for barrier inspection.

But as at June 30 the local governments of Bassendean, Mundaring, Swan, Toodyay and York still had pools overdue for inspection.

WA local governments are required to carry out compliance inspections of the safety barriers of private pools in their districts.

If four years lapse between checks, the pool is considered overdue for inspection.

The statistics are from the latest local governments' periodic inspections of private swimming pool safety barriers progress report, which are in response to recommendation 7 of the Ombudsman WA report Investigation into ways to prevent or reduce deaths of children by drowning, tabled in Parliament on November 23, 2017.

In 2023-24 the Town of Bassendean with 876 pools had 28 inspected and 18 (2.1 per cent) overdue for inspection.

The City of Kalamunda with 5857 pools

had 1957 inspected with none overdue for inspection.

The Shire of Mundaring with 3725 pools had inspected 1210 with 32 (0.9 per cent) overdue for inspection.

The Shire of Northam with 528 pools had 203 inspected and none overdue.

The City of Swan with 9107 pools had 2528 inspected with 12 (0.1 per cent) overdue.

The Shire of Toodyay with 82 pools had 48 inspected with 34 (41.5 per cent) still requiring inspection.

The Shire of York with 174 pools, had 38 inspected and five (2.9 per cent) not inspected.

Building and Energy said in their responses, some local governments gave reasons why some inspections had not been completed within the four-year maximum period.

The most common reasons were difficulties organising access and staff resourcing.

Back in 2022 Building and Energy said 11.9 per cent (444) of Shire of Mundaring pool barriers were overdue for inspection.

Over the same time frame the Shire of York had 155 or 92.8 per cent of its pools overdue for inspection.



Adult supervision of young children around swimming pools is vital but safety barriers are an important back-up measure.



Bullwinkel candidate Matt Moran.

Liberal candidate joins call to stop North Stoneville

PETER W LEWIS

BULLWINKEL Liberal candidate Matt Moran has also written to the federal Environment and Water Minister Tanya Plibersek expressing concern over her decision to give environmental approval to the proposed North Stoneville development.

The move follows similar letters of opposition sent to the federal minister from the Shire of Mundaring and Greens MLC Brad Pettitt last week, *Greens push Plibersek to reject Nth Stoneville* (*Echo*

News, November 8).

"Locals have opposed this development for decades and are worried about the damage caused to the local community and the biodiverse environment if this decision stands," Mr Moran wrote.

He said the federal minister had the authority to defer the decision under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act but decided against this.

"Your decision could see sixty thousand trees cut down in the Perth Hills. Perth cannot afford to lose that many trees with our can-

opy at just 16 per cent, the lowest out of all capital cities," Mr Moran wrote.

"The development will see houses built in a dangerous bushfire prone area, potentially putting lives at risk as the current structure plan cannot demonstrate safe evacuation in a bushfire emergency.

"Whilst more houses are needed in Perth, this is the wrong development in the wrong location."

He said the Shire of Mundaring made a compelling case against the development stating that the

decision was based on environmental surveys undertaken in 2017 which do not account for the current state of our forest after the cumulative environmental fallout of the Woorlooloo 2021 bushfire and last summer's drought.

"The approved offset site is located 184km away in Williams and does not support black cockatoo breeding grounds, raising further concerns about this decision," he said.

Mr Moran said he supported the shire's stance and urged the minister to reconsider her decision.

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The amendments cover every stage of the retirement living experience.

Retirement village laws pass

FAIRER retirement village laws include residents being able to ask for help from their operator with aged care fees while they are waiting for exit entitlements, according to Consumer Protection.

The Retirement Villages Amendment Act 2024 was passed on November 5 but is the first step in the reform process with further work being done on supporting regulations and to make other changes needed before the reforms start in the second half of 2025.

Some of the other key changes included in the Act are new disclosure requirements to provide earlier, clearer disclosure of the type of tenure offered, availability of facilities and services and costs of entering, living in, and leaving a village.

Timely payment of exit entitlements for holders of a lease-for-life, or completion of buybacks of strata titled properties for former residents within 12 months of leaving the village.

Operators will be able to apply to the Consumer Protection commissioner for extensions to exit entitlement and buyback obligations where required.

For this an amendment will be made to the Duties Act 2008 (WA) to exempt operators from paying transfer duty in the event of a compulsory buyback. Also included in the Act are clarified obligations

and responsibilities around maintenance of the village and replacement of capital items, clear rules about reinstatement and refurbishment and clear rules for operators and residents and requirements to consult on the annual budget for the village.

Operators will have 12 months to prepare for the new time limit on exit entitlements and for new disclosure and contract requirements.

Commerce Minister Sue Ellery said the amendments covered every stage of the retirement living experience, from finding the right village and living there, to when it eventually became time to leave.

“Potential residents will benefit from clearer upfront information, and a 12-month exit entitlement payment deadline will ensure former residents receive their funds promptly, reducing financial uncertainty,” she said.

Village Retirement WA president Hank de Smit said the reforms were a positive step toward protecting the rights of retirement village residents and their families.

“As the new reforms roll out over the course of the next 12 months, Village Retirement WA will continue to engage with our members and provide feedback to the Government on the implementation process and continuing needs of the sector,” he said.



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Education is key to helping teens understand, recognise and respond to bullying.

Kids Helpline moves on bullies

KIDS Helpline is calling for urgent action to combat the rise in bullying among Australian teens, with their recent survey revealing 85 per cent of young people have experienced bullying.

In the last year, more than 3000 of Kids Helpline counselling sessions were directly related to this issue, highlighting the need for more intervention. Australia ranks second highest for teen bullying among 24 OECD countries.

To tackle the issue, Kids Helpline has teamed up with Instagram to launch How Do You Mean?, a campaign to empower young people to recognise, report, and seek support for bullying.

Kids Helpline’s Tony FitzGerald said education is key to helping teens understand, recognise and respond to bullying, providing practical strategies and encouraging open conversations to create more compassionate, safer spaces for everyone.

More than 178,000 individuals have accessed bullying-related information on Kids Helpline’s

website this year.

Mr FitzGerald said the campaign is essential not just to educate young people but to reassure those experiencing bullying that there is a way through it.

“The mental health impact of bullying can be profound, impacting self-esteem and overall well-being, which is why it’s vital to remember that support is always available,” he said.

Kids Helpline’s practical steps for managing bullying include getting social support and spending time with friends, seeking professional help, and report bullying to a trusted adult or through online tools.

The only person who benefits from you not reporting is the person doing the bullying.

Kids Helpline is available 24/7 for any reason. Young people can call 1800 551 800, chat online at kidshelpline.com.au or go to kidshelpline.com.au/how-do-you-mean

Final two Ellenbrook line stations now completed



Morley Station.



Noranda Station.

The final two stations for the Metronet Ellenbrook line are now complete, ready for the official opening of the new line on Sunday, December 8.

This follows the completion of Ellenbrook, Ballajura and Whiteman Park stations earlier this year.

Travel from Morley Station to Perth will only be a 15-minute journey, and 18-minutes from Noranda Station into the CBD.

With convenient and modern facilities, the stations both include 400 parking bays and secure bike parking.

Public art features include an arrival statement piece which includes a mural and perforated screens at Morley Station, and sky lights, façade screens and an underpass mural at Noranda Station.

Almost 1000 tonnes of steel was used

for the construction of these two stations.

This milestone follows an intensive period of testing and driver familiarisation along the 21-kilometre line.

This project has supported over 6,500 jobs to date and will unlock thousands of new housing options for Western Australians as part of future developments.

The Ellenbrook line starts at the new Bayswater Station, with new stations at Morley, Noranda, Ballajura, Whiteman Park and Ellenbrook.

The \$1.65 billion Ellenbrook line is jointly funded by the federal and state governments.

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said the Ellenbrook line was powering towards completion, and when it opens later this year it will slash travel times for people across the north-eastern sub-

urbs.

“Communities in our growing north-east corridor have been crying out for better public transport options, and I am incredibly proud that our Government is making that a reality.

“Our government made a commitment to deliver this rail line, and by the end of this year, passengers will be able to jump on board the first trains.”

Bassendean MLA Dave Kelly said it was fantastic to see the two new train stations completed, and in around a month’s time, they’ll be used by the community for the first time.

“Our government recognises the importance of high-quality public transport for a better functioning city, and we will continue to prioritise investment that provides the community with better ac-

cess to buses and trains.”

Morley MLA Amber-Jade Sanderson said two new stations looked incredible and will provide the community with high-quality public transport for many years to come.

“Access to reliable public transport is essential, and the Ellenbrook Line will completely transform how people move around our city.”

Maylands MLA Lisa Baker said Metronet was transforming the community with the new train stations in Bayswater and Morley providing better access to public transport than ever before.

“Our government is proud to be delivering on its commitments and a record of providing high quality and affordable public transport to more people than ever before.”

Major bus network improvements after Ellenbrook line opens

THE introduction of new high-frequency routes is among several noteworthy changes coming to Perth’s bus network once Metronet’s Ellenbrook line starts services on December 9.

After considering feedback received during community consultation earlier this year, modifications have been made to the Transperth bus network to better connect the local community to the new Metronet stations at Morley, Noranda, Ballajura, Whiteman Park and Ellenbrook.

The new services will be supported by the addition of 88 new buses to the network, adding a combined five million bus service kilometres every year.

The already popular high-frequency 950 and 970 routes will be extended to Morley Station and Landsdale respectively, while a new high-frequency 975 service will link Warwick, Mirrabooka and Morley bus stations (to be renamed Galleria Bus Station) and Bayswater.

Passengers will also benefit from the newly created 386X, 950X and 970X routes, which will provide a limited-stop option during morning and afternoon peak periods, helping commuters get to their destination faster. These services will replace routes 385, 66 and 370 respectively.

Other notable changes include:

- new east-west connections

between the Yanchep and Ellenbrook lines via upgrades to routes 449 and 450, and new routes 451 and 452;

- improved connections between the Midland and Ellenbrook lines via an extension to route 310 and new routes 358 and 359;
- improved coverage in suburbs such as Aveyley, Henley Brook, Caversham and Upper Swan; and
- improved capacity for many schools across the region.

These network modifications will provide local residents with more travel options, higher-frequency services, a longer spread of operating hours, more services

running seven days a week and improved access to community hubs and popular destinations.

The new bus network will come into effect when the Ellenbrook line begins services on Monday, December 9.

Bus timetables are being finalised and will be released closer to the opening date.

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said the opening of the Metronet Ellenbrook line in December will represent more than just a new train line, representing significant improvements to the bus networks servicing the north-east of our city.



“To support the new Ellenbrook rail line, we’re adding 88 new buses and five million bus service

kilometres to the network meaning increased frequency, more coverage, better operating hours and enhanced service reliability.

“We’ll be seeing more high-frequency services and the addition of limited-stop services during morning and afternoon peak hours, which will help commuters get to and from home faster.

“While these new bus services will significantly enhance the way people can get around our suburbs, there will be some change, so we encourage the community to take the time to acquaint themselves with the updated routes before services begin on December 9.”


Visit the Transperth website for more information on the changes.

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Dancing duo applaud Mundaring facilities



Saoirse and Hugo.

COMMUNITY facilities within the Shire of Mundaring continue to play an essential role in the lives of two young dancers.

State and national juvenile Latin, ballroom, and new vogue champion, Hugo Crisp Crow (12), from Parkerville, and up and coming dancer Saoirse Farrell (15), from Swan View meet once a week at the Brown Park Community Centre.

They use the centre to practice fiery Latin routines so Saoirse can compete in DanceSport competitions with a partner across the Perth metro area.

There is a lack of boys in DanceSport and often girls have to dance with available coaches if they don't have a regular partner.

Happily, these childhood friends, who met at Kindy Dance Time in Darlington as very young children, decided they would not let a lack of partner get in Saoirse's way of continuing her career.

It has paid off, with Saoirse's medal wins stacking up and Hugo's experi-

ence as a professional partner ever growing.

Hugo, who started dancing at seven-years-old, is the current reigning juvenile state champion in all three styles said he appreciated the Brown Park facility.

"My mum and I spend so much time in the car driving out to Vic Park, Hamilton Hill and Myaree for me to dance, it's so much easier for Saoirse and me to meet up and work on her routines just down the road.

"This opportunity has really given me the motivation to continue with my dance career beyond just winning competitions for myself.

"That's still super important to me and in December I will fly to Melbourne as the WA DanceSport representative to compete in my last year of juvenile at the national championships with my dance partner, Joanna.

"We're really lucky we get to do this together. She's already taller than me but I hope she will keep me around when she goes up to under 21 next year, I will really have to be on my A-game! And hopefully I will keep getting taller!"

Saoirse, who is a dedicated and talented dancer and ice skater, said having access to a dance studio just down the road had helped her improve her dance skills faster than she could have imagined.

"I am so grateful to the shire for the services they have provided and how supportive they have been of Hugo and I dancing together.

"We have had so much fun learning new routines and the extra practice time has been crucial to being able to do so well in our competitions," she said.



The November Hour of Power keynote speakers Gate McCullough and Alex Smilovitis invited attendees to believe in the unseen effects of investing in others and building strong relationships through repeat interactions. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

Talks on the power of our social capital

GUANHAO CHENG

THE year's final Swan Chamber of Commerce Hour of Power was an invitation to consider the legacy of social interactions and their lifelong impacts.

Swan Christian College head of mathematics Alex Smilovitis spoke about the effects of social capital that aren't immediately apparent.

"Let me introduce you to Zoe," he said.

"Zoe was a typical teenager and trying to connect with her, trying to be a mentor teacher was basically praying for her and saying, 'I care about you'.

"At the end of last year, I said, 'Zoe, I care about you,' because she had all these entries inside the system saying she's done this, she's been rude to this teacher, she's been rude to that teacher, she hasn't obeyed instructions.

"I said, 'Zoe, I'm getting all these things. What are you doing? I care about you'.

"She looked at me in the face and said, 'Stop caring about me. I feel like you're stalking me. It's creepy.'

"But in Year 9, we rebuilt a wonderful relationship to the point where two weeks ago I announced I was going to be stepping down from the head of department and moving on to different things and her face just dropped.

"She said, 'You're no longer going to be my mentor teacher?' to which I said, 'I thought it would be a relief, Zoe, I don't have to torment you any longer,' and she just looked at me and said, 'Really? You're going to leave us?'

"I encouraged her and said, 'Zoe, next year

you're going into Year 10, and I'm actually going into a position where you're doing some work experience.

"I want to be involved in that because part of my portfolio here at the Swan Chamber is Jobs Galore, and I'll connect you to industry and be in a better position for social capital'.

"You are branches and there is a stump — trees do not just stand on their own and the larger the tree, the bigger the root system and the unseen happening underneath every one of you."

City of Swan councillor Gate McCullough said social capital was about giving to the community and helping others fulfil their aims.

"I love the fact I could meet with residents, community groups and individuals who have concerns, dreams and visions to be realised and we have a meeting with them and them knowing they could realise what they were looking for," she said.

"That really excites me each and every day with what I do and that flows on to the community work.

"When you're investing in others, they can see that example, and they'll do it too.

"Build and reinforce those social relationships with repeat interactions because that establishes stronger relationships and understanding, and some of those conversations just open up a new path."

"It's the quality of the relationship, not just the people that you know, so value them because it's easy to go about our busy lives without valuing the knowledge and so encourage others through mutual exchange."

Ruah Centre for women and children opens

THE new Ruah Centre for Women and Children, a \$29.2 million state government-funded seven-storey purpose-built facility, has been officially opened in Perth's CBD.

The centre is Australia's first dedicated, state-of-the-art healing and recovery centre for women and children fleeing family and domestic violence, offering safe accommodation alongside a one-stop hub and a range of services to help families regain their independence and wellbeing - all in the same location.

It will provide 13 self-contained units, supporting up to 13 women and 26 children at a time with secure and private accommodation.

Wraparound services such as counselling and legal supports will be delivered alongside the units, forming part of the hub called the 'Karlup' Service that will help families regain their independence and wellbeing.

In 2022, the state government was forced to call in a City of Perth Council decision to oppose Ruah Community Services' application to move its exist-

ing Shenton Street drop-in centre around the corner to a site on James Street.

Ruah would have been forced to shut down its drop-in service to facilitate construction of its Centre for Women and Children, without state government intervention.

In addition, Ruah was presented with a new \$882,353 Lotterywest grant to continue delivering crisis and emergency relief.

The grant will also assist Ruah to incorporate preventative measures and capacity building for people in need into its crisis and emergency relief program.

Premier Roger Cook said a range of responses was required to address high rates of family and domestic violence in the community, and support for vulnerable women and children escaping violence was critical to these efforts.

"This centre is the first in WA to bring comprehensive support services and secure accommodation units together under one roof to support the healing and recovery of victim-survivors of family and domestic violence.

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Gun buyback plan for dealers

THE state government will pay licensed gun dealers in Western Australia for surrendered stock ahead of the nation's toughest firearm laws coming into effect.

Between now and January 17, 2025 licensed WA firearms dealers can hand over guns to WA Police in return for up to \$1000 in cash, depending on the type, style, calibre and age of each weapon.

The dealer buyback will see thousands of guns removed from towns and suburbs across the State and follows the government's multimillion-dollar voluntary firearm buyback program, which resulted in close to 40,000 guns being handed in and destroyed over a six-month period.

It also allows individual firearm owners who chose not to participate in the previous buyback a further opportunity to sell their guns.

WA's new firearm laws will be enforced from March 2025, placing a limit on the number of guns an individual can own and significantly hardening the rules around ownership.

Under the outdated legislation, to obtain a gun for hunting purposes an individual is required to get permission from a property owner to shoot on their land.

Currently, the number of property letters (written authorities) in circulation bears no relationship to property size and control of vermin with just eight properties in WA enabling close to 15,000 gun licences.

New requirements will restrict the number of

property letters allowed to be distributed to a maximum of 15 per property subject to size, location and prevalence of pests.

It will also become illegal for property owners to sell property letters, with a fine of \$5000.

Falsifying a written authority carries a maximum penalty of a year behind bars and a \$12,000 fine. All current property letters will become void when an individual gun owner renews their licence.

In addition, property owners will manage active authorisations on a new digital platform, enabling greater control and providing police with real-time oversight.

Police Minister Paul Papalia said the buyback provides an opportunity for the industry to hand in their weapons before tough new firearm laws come into effect.

"Almost 40,000 guns were handed back to police as part of our voluntary gun buyback program and we anticipate thousands of additional guns to be off-loaded by licensed dealers in the coming months," he said.

"Our new gun laws are the strictest in the nation and prioritise public safety above all else.

"The new legislation not only limits the number of guns an individual can own but makes it harder for guns to fall into the wrong hands.

"I encourage anyone who didn't take part in the previous buyback to consider selling their unneeded firearms to a dealer prior to the January deadline."

Rainbow Futures new LGBTQIA+ peak body

RAINBOW Futures WA has been named as the new independent peak body to represent lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual plus (LGBTQIA+) people in Western Australia following a competitive tender process by the Department of Communities.

Rainbow Futures WA is a consortium of WA-based LGBTQIA+ community organisations.

The peak body will work with the state government and co-chair the LGBTQIA+ community reference group to support the development and implementation of WA's first LGBTQIA+ inclusion strategy.

Earlier this year, the state government announced \$900,000 to develop the strategy to support a whole-of-government approach to promote inclusion and reduce discrimination for LGBTQIA+ people by identifying priority areas and associated actions to drive long-term systemic change in WA.

The peak body will work across WA to represent the interests of the LGBTQIA+ community.

The Department of Communities



will offer a variety of options for people to participate in the development of the strategy.

Youth Minister Hannah Beazley said establishing WA's first LGBTQIA+ peak body was an important step in the government's commitment to inclusion and equality in WA.

"As the inaugural peak body, Rainbow Futures WA will play an important role in representing and advocating for the interests of LGBTQIA+ people across Western Australia," she said.

"I'm looking forward to working with Rainbow Futures on the development of WA's first LGBTQIA+ Inclusion Strategy with the LGBTQIA+ Reference Group and the broader WA community."

Industry forced to tow the line

THE Towing Services Bill 2024 to create a safe, fair and efficient crash towing industry for Western Australians has passed state Parliament and will take immediate effect.

Spotter fees that are advertised, offered or paid to members of the community for reporting a crash are now banned with penalties up to \$45,000.

New regulations will soon cap the price for the standard towing and storage of crashed light vehicles in Perth and Peel.

These regulations will also require that charges for all other crash towing and storage across the State are to be reasonable.

Increased penalties are also on the way for towing workers and towing service providers who breach the requirement of the Authority to Tow form or who behave unacceptably.

The Department of Transport will soon com-

mence information sessions to educate industry on the new regulations and the wider reforms.

Access more information about towing for consumers and industry including the reforms, on the Department of Transport website.

Transport assistant minister David Michael said the passing of the Bill meant the state government could now rebuild the reputation of WA's crash towing industry - making it safe, fair, efficient and affordable for the people of WA.

"The public should be aware of the immediate ban on spotter fees, which means the towing industry cannot advertise or offer spotter fees to the community. It is also an offence for members of the public to receive spotter fees.

"I encourage the WA crash towing industry and the community to register their interest for regular updates on the reforms as they progress."

Painter prosecuted for York job

WA's building regulator is reminding service providers and consumers to ensure contracts are signed and registrations are up to date after a Perth painter faced Midland Magistrates Court following work near York.

Following prosecution by Building and Energy, Simon Craig Callard, part of a partnership trading as Freedom Painting, pleaded guilty last month to five charges under three building laws.

The court was told Mr Callard was engaged to carry out painting and decorating work valued at \$16,960 at a property near York.

The quote included taping and flushing wall joints to create a smooth surface and painting the home's exterior with a primer and two-coat texture.

The homeowners later lodged a building service complaint with Building and Energy, which issued a remedy order requiring Mr Callard to rectify areas including redoing the joints and ensuring a uniform colour, finish and texture for the paintwork.

Mr Callard did not comply with this order and it was converted to a \$21,410 payment order for the homeowners, which Mr Callard has since paid, along with a \$1000 fine.

The court also heard Mr Callard breached the Building Services (Registration) Act 2011 because his painting contractor registration had expired when he provided the quote and carried out paid painting work valued at more than \$1000.

Mr Callard received a \$1000 fine, suspended for six months, for this offence and has since renewed his registrations.

Mr Callard and his business partner - who is not named after receiving a spent conviction - were fined \$250 each, suspended for six months, for failing to provide a written and signed contract and variations as required by WA's home building work contract laws. Mr Callard was ordered to pay \$615 in costs.

Magistrate Gregory Benn noted the homeowners had to put up with unrectified work for some time before the remedy order was resolved, but acknowledged Mr Callard's early guilty pleas, lack of prior offences during decades as a painter and payment of the monetary order and expenses.

Details of registered painters are available at www.commerce.wa.gov.au/building-and-energy/find-registered-painter

Wattle Grove electrical contractor fined \$40,000

WATTLE GROVE electrical contractor Reztech Electrical Services has been fined \$40,000 for offences related to dangerous installations that left parts of a property unprotected from potentially lethal voltages.

Reztech Electrical Services Pty Ltd, based in Wattle Grove, was not represented at Perth Magistrates Court when it was convicted for submitting inaccurate compliance paperwork and failing to provide documents to WA's electrical safety regulator, Building and Energy.

According to information presented in court, the owners of the subdivided property engaged Reztech to carry out electrical work including installing the site main switchboard, switchboard enclosures for each lot and related protective components.

Reztech later submitted a notice of completion to the network operator, Western Power, declaring the electrical work was complete, compliant with applicable legislation and safe based on compulsory checks and tests.

However, the court was told an inspection by Western Power revealed two key safety elements had not been installed – the multiple earthed neutral in the site main switchboard and an earth bond to a metal switchboard enclosure. Without these components, users could be at risk of electric shock because protective devices may not operate if an electrical fault occurs.

Delivering a notice of completion to a network operator for electrical work that does not comply with the wiring rules is an offence under WA's Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991. Reztech also breached the Energy Coordination Act 1994 by failing to comply with Building and Energy's requests for documents and records related to the project.

Magistrate Sarah Oliver ordered the company to pay \$700 in costs and described its conduct as a "very serious offence", noting the importance of ensuring work is completed appropriately with proper compliance notices.

WA's Director of Energy Safety, Saj Abdoolakhan, said licensed electrical contractors must carry out their work to the high standards expected by the community and set out in law.



Morrison Gardens residents Heather Brown and Olga Beale with the Molly Trolley.

Molly Trolley full of treasures and treats brings joy

EVERY Tuesday afternoon, Heather Brown (87) and Olga Beale (82), push a shopping trolley stocked to the brim with treasures and treats down the halls of BaptistCare Morrison Gardens Residential Care in Midland.

Chocolate, embroidery sets, home-made truffles and aftershave – whatever the residents want, the Molly Trolley delivers.

The cart was joyfully named the Molly Trolley by one of Morrison Gardens' longest serving volunteers, Julie Hall.

Miss Hall, who experienced a brain aneurysm at 23-years-old and is unable to work, has been donating her time and energy to BaptistCare for five years, and is now a much-loved member of the Morrison Gardens team.

"Some residents don't have family in Perth to drop off extra supplies, so it's very special to see their faces light up when we ring the bell on the Molly Trolley and start making our rounds," she said.

"If we don't have something that a resident wants, we make sure we stock it in time for next week."

Created with left over funds from their successful Easter raffle, Morrison Gardens lifestyle coordinator Maree O'Connell obliged when residents requested the money go towards an at-home shopping experience.

Miss O'Connell said the Molly Trolley's success was also thanks to Mrs Brown and Mrs Beale who were heavily involved in the running of the trolley and often donated their change when purchasing items.

"Heather's daughter and granddaughter even provided bags of homemade truffles for us to sell on the trolley," she said.

"They proved very popular, and unsurprisingly, chocolates and sweets have been the most sought out items on offer," she said.

A resident since 2023 Mrs Brown said the trolley was an uplifting addition and was loved by many residents.

"Everyone enjoys the Molly Trolley and everyone wants to be a part of it, it's a great asset," she said.

Additional funds raised from the trolley will go towards the purchasing of a Tovertafel – an interactive magic games table – for the memory support unit at Morrison Gardens.

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Kwean & Co founders Isabelle Violet and Cathryn Rose have backgrounds in make-up and hairdressing respectively; industries fostering intimate story sharing moments which they say laid the foundation for their desire to empower other women. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

Swan perfumers seek to uplift community

GUANHAO CHENG

STRATTON perfumers Cathryn Rose and Isabelle Violet are residents who know the joys and challenges of a Swan upbringing and want to uplift the community one perfume at a time.

To this end, the pair have recently been reaching out to women's prisons across WA as a way to empower inmates to take a different path by first reclaiming their confidence.

Though still a start-up celebrating their second anniversary this year, they've been able to collaborate with three prisons, with their latest target being West Swan's Bandyup women's prison.

Ms Rose said they have reached out to Bandyup three months ago but establishing the same connection they have with the other prisons remained a challenge.

"We have reached out a number of times, so we're on their radar but they haven't quite accepted us yet, but they will," she said.

"Even if they do have a response, I think because there's been some changeover of staff.

"The time is coming and that's why we've managed to get into the others while we're still focusing on Bandyup but that is a mission in itself.

"That is our key prison to get into because it is so close and in our community."

Ms Violet and Ms Rose founded Kwean & Co during the pandemic, a business idea sparked through conversations shared as their children played together in the same Stratton neighbourhood.

Because the pair discovered they both shared sensitive skin and a passion for fragrances, they found a gap in the market for alcohol-free perfumes which didn't cause irritation.

This led to a year and a half of formulation to find a way to fill that space, which soon became interwoven with a desire to empower other women and give back to community.

Ms Violet and Ms Rose said giving back to community was important to them because they were products of their environment and had empathy for all walks of life.

"I went to Swan View High School and Middle Swan Primary School — do you know what I mean?" Ms Rose said.

"I did a lot of things before I turned 18, so by the time I turned 18 there was nothing fun left to do.

"I went from truanting from school to smoking cigarettes and all the things that kids do when you're hanging with your friends at the train station."

Ms Violet said she shared a similar upbringing and exposure to the lifestyle showed her what she didn't want for herself.

"For myself, I was raised by a single mother, and she had a drug and alcohol dependency herself which led to a lot of mental health problems," she said.

"I grew up in the thick of it and was overexposed so as an adult, I've seen it all and want to go a different direction.

"I've made choices as a product of my environment.

"That's why I wholeheartedly believe having some confidence in yourself and being able to empower yourself, you make better choices and I'm talking from my own experience."

Kwean & Co were awarded as finalists in this year's SHE-com product awards, celebrating women-founded and female-run businesses, taking out an entry for the major award category.

Though they were listed for the Australian made product of the year category, the pair said the journey was fraught with self-doubt.

"We picked a perfume to send from our pre-release range and we entered the competition," Ms Rose said.

"I said, 'We'll just send it. I don't know. We're not too sure because it's our first thing and we're still very new'.

"We sent it off and we got a finalist (nomination) which was really good and that took us to Brisbane."

Ms Rose said the panel was amazing to experience and hearing successful businesswomen recount their struggles was validating and encouraging, but doubts did creep in.

"This is another thing coming down to us coming from the City of Swan — sometimes you feel like you're not worth that," she said.

"You're not sure where you fit, because sometimes everything else is so fancy and luxurious.

"Even entering the competition, you have doubts about whether you're good enough and I suppose that comes from all the things we've done in the past.

Ms Violet said she felt the same way but hoped their journey would disprove that for themselves and others.

"We were sitting among all these amazingly talented women all from Australia," she said.

"It seems like a higher level of social demographic, and you wonder, 'Where do I fit?'"

"I've been here, I've seen this, I've done all of that, and you start to ask, 'Is my self-confidence still down here and is my worth still quite low?'"

"It's just so mind-blowing to know where we've come from and how far we can go and how far we've come but still maintaining the roots of our identity and who we are.

"All the trauma doesn't define us and doesn't hold you back.

"You can still come back and, again, success is different to everyone.

"It could just be getting out of bed that day and making sure you've got food on the table, and we've all been there."

Ms Rose said despite their experiences being the source of their uncertainty, it's also the driving force that helps them empathise and want to give back.

"We've not been in the prison system ourselves, but we could've easily been there along the way," she said.

"We do appreciate all walks of life, and we are all the same but just have different circumstances and being able to reach those people and let them know, 'Hey, we are thinking of you'."

Smith Family Xmas appeal

THE latest annual pulse survey released by national children's education charity The Smith Family, has revealed almost 60 per cent of families who responded have struggled to afford essential school items for their children this year, with the majority attributing this to the rising cost of living and increased school expenses.

More than one in six of the 2454 survey respondents said family financial pressures had also made the school year difficult for their child.

The Smith Family's chief executive officer Doug Taylor said it was concerning to see the impact financial difficulties have on a child's education.

"This is the third Christmas in a row the cost-of-living crisis has weighed on families already experiencing disadvantage," Mr Taylor said.

"Unfortunately, many children will be looking back on their school year having tried their very best, but the challenges faced by their families have likely affected their ability to achieve their full potential this year.

"Today in Australia, one in six children are growing up in poverty, limiting their ability to make the most of their education. Everyone is feeling the effects of the cost-of-living crisis, but it is not felt equally.

"The families we support are continually having to make hard decisions between paying for essentials like rent and groceries, and school essentials like uniforms and laptops. The latter costs can't be prioritised when more essential needs must be met, and children are missing out as a consequence."

The Smith Family is launching its 2024 Christmas Appeal, hoping to raise \$4.91 million to provide more children in need with its tailored out-

of-school learning and mentoring programs.

"Our evidence-based education programs are proven to help children catch up and keep up with their learning. For example, our student2student reading program helped 96 per cent of participants to improve their reading this year.

"With the right support at the right time, we hope that all students can stay motivated and engaged at school and go on to complete Year 12," Mr Taylor said.

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Helen O'Grady Drama Academy - Eastern Suburbs wins Best Marketing Award

At the end of last month in front of an audience of more than 430 attendees, the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy - Eastern Suburbs Franchise was one of the WA small business winners in the 31st Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards 2024.

The prestigious 'Night of Stars Event' took place in the grand ballroom of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, celebrating outstanding achievements in small business and community contributions.

With Many VIP guests in attendance, this remarkable evening not only highlighted the success of local small businesses, but also showcased the resilience and innovation that define the Western Australian entrepreneurial spirit.

The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy in the Eastern Suburbs offers developmental drama programs for children aged 3 to 17. The prime aim of their programme is to give children ongoing confidence and skill in verbal communication, a vital ability in today's fast changing world of technology in which our children are immersed.

Led by principal Merylena Sulak, the Eastern Suburbs Franchise is dedicated to helping children and teens develop essential life skills while exploring their creative side. Learning to be able to communicate effectively allows children to find their own path through anxiety, school pressures, friendships, family changes and navigating challenges with a positive mindset.

All new students receive a 'Welcome bag' at the conclusion of their first lesson which contains additional information for parents about the classes plus a few extra fun items for students.

Other marketing strategies include radio and newspaper advertising, social media and parent portals designed especially for enrolled families of the Eastern Suburbs.

The marketing award was proudly jointly supported by Westways Visual Communication & A Team Printing, a versatile graphic design studio and leading print supplier.

Weekly drama classes are held for five to eight-year-olds, nine to 12-year-olds, and 12 to 18-year-olds. There are five studios operating in the eastern suburbs area: Swan View, Kalamunda, Mundaring, Guildford Homeschool and Dianella.

Enrolments are now open for 2025! They also offer school incursions and clubs in liaison with your school Principal or P&C.

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LOCALS Only Club stands as a beacon for emerging artists in the local scene, providing a platform for creative expression and collaboration.

Dedicated to elevating homegrown talent, the Club has become a cultural hub where artists thrive, collaborate, and push the boundaries of their craft.

Recent collaborations with brands like Cross-Path and Fresh Up have only solidified Locals Only Club's role in shaping the local creative landscape, creating opportunities for artists to gain exposure and connect with like-minded visionaries.

One of the standout offerings of the Club is its 'Studio Pool' initiative—a groundbreaking program designed to support artists by giving them access to paid studio time.

This is an invaluable resource, allowing both seasoned musicians and rising stars to refine their sound without the stress of financial barriers.

With a state-of-the-art studio setup, Locals



Only Club is leveling the playing field, ensuring that anyone with talent and vision can make their mark.

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For further information contact Locals Only Club through the Instagram page @localsonlyrec

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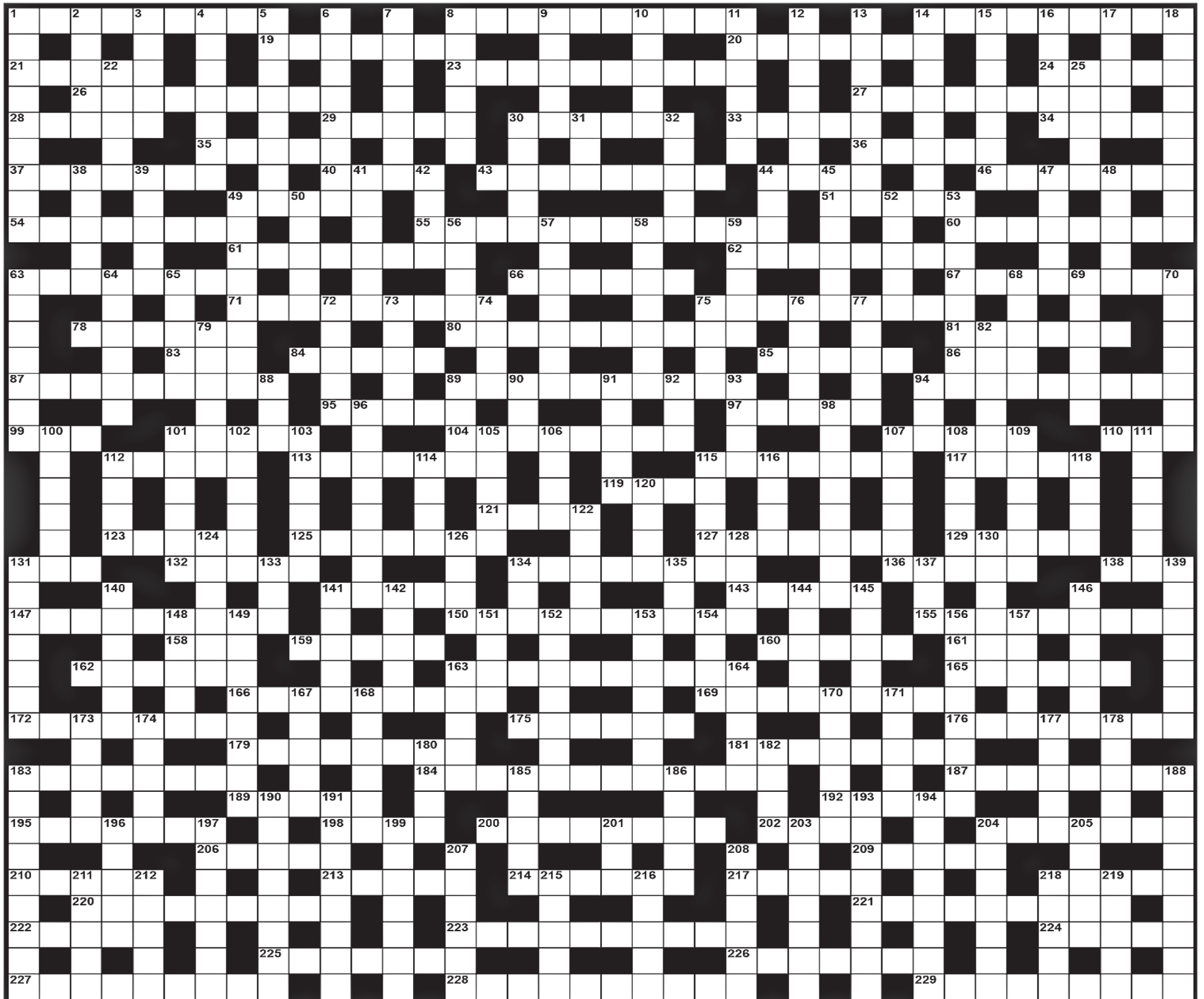
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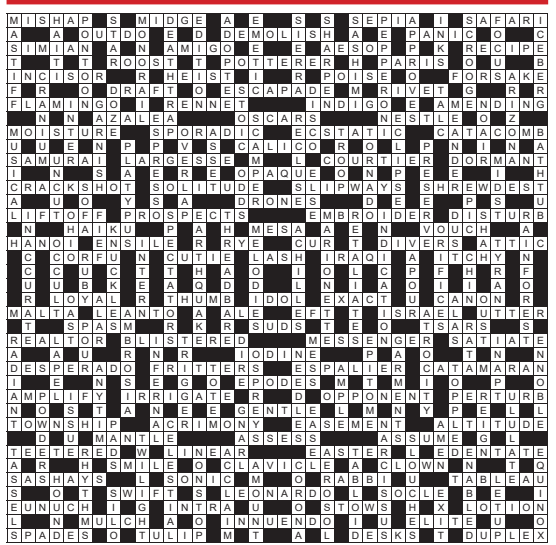
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| ACROSS | 94 Escapade | 181 Front part of an advancing army | 13 American sports car | 89 Bad acts | 153 Mosquito-borne disease | 188 Hairs on eyelid |
| 1 A tomato (coll) (4,5) | 95 Indigenous people (NZ) | 183 Sell cheaper | 14 A sport | 90 Fleeing, on the ... | 154 Commonsense (coll) | 190 A large boiler |
| 8 Polar continent | 97 A segment of garlic bulb | 184 Unforeseen problem | 15 A widow with property | 91 Tidal points | 156 Almanac | 191 Parts of ears |
| 14 Absurd | 99 A pig pen | 187 A pact | 16 Call one's own | 92 Sheltered side | 157 Group of chasers | 193 Royalist Russians |
| 19 A row of houses | 101 A decoration | 189 Detritus on a mountainside | 17 Different | 93 Pain | 163 An argument (3-2) | 194 Poll |
| 20 Official document | 104 One named after another | 192 Bullock | 18 Rider's carry bag | 94 Everything | 164 A barrage of gunfire | 196 Fencers' swords |
| 21 French impressionist artist | 107 Stoppers | 195 Priest's square cap | 22 Build | 96 Desire for food | 167 More unusual | 197 Non-believer |
| 23 Circus boss | 110 Large container | 198 As well | 25 Measure depth | 98 Apt to change | 168 Part of a saddle | 199 Think about |
| 24 Plant louse | 112 A knife | 200 Befitting feminine behaviour | 30 A smell | 100 A star sign | 170 Put into body | 201 Hawaiian garland |
| 26 Bridal chest | 113 Sudden inclination to act | 202 Newts | 31 Pouring edge | 101 Blank edge | 171 Mindless | 204 A reprimand |
| 27 Multi-talented | 115 Comes down | 204 A rest | 32 A reception room | 102 Trader | 173 A duck | 205 Musical instrument |
| 28 Abates | 117 Flower part | 206 More direct | 38 A portion | 103 Likely | 174 A heron | 207 Aid |
| 29 Swoon | 119 A waistband | 209 A mountain ridge | 39 Lease grassland | 105 Ages | 177 Leaks slowly | 208 Live coals |
| 30 Puts at ease | 121 Close | 210 A light beam | 41 An inn | 106 Girl's name | 178 Boredom | 211 Mass of bees |
| 33 Lucky chance | 123 A seasoning | 213 Game of skill | 42 Christian descendant of ancient Egyptians | 107 False | 180 Reflected sound | 212 Plant secretion |
| 34 Wall decoration | 125 Dallies | 214 Film-making cue | 44 Pointed end | 108 A result | 182 Amount wagered | 215 Music part |
| 35 Clip a sheep | 127 Together | 217 Stately home | 45 Small cord | 109 A sea channel | 183 Bellybutton cord | 216 Of eyes |
| 36 A sample | 129 A constellation | 218 A Chinese mammal | 47 Australian landmark | 111 A road through trees | 185 Town square | 218 Diminish gradually |
| 37 A moment | 131 Request | 220 Holiday home | 48 A defence - being elsewhere | 112 One-sided view | 186 Keepsake | 219 A type of surgeon |
| 40 Auricular | 132 From Scandinavia | 221 Come between | 49 Meagre payment | 114 Adore | | |
| 43 Outlet of escape | 134 To expect | 222 Grade | 50 A car accident (coll) | 115 Gesture of disinterest | | |
| 44 Acting group | 136 Group of eight | 223 Trying new things | 52 Ingenuous | 116 Hire car | | |
| 46 Edible garden plant | 138 Bunk | 224 Feel | 53 Being leased out | 118 Grassed area | | |
| 49 Pacific province | 141 Saloon car | 225 A diffusion of fluids through membranes | 56 Being recumbent | 120 High mountains | | |
| 51 A held principle | 143 Beasts of burden | 226 Italian dish | 57 Breastbone | 122 A large crow | | |
| 54 Types of flowers | 147 Formal agreements | 227 A cake delicacy | 58 Prickly plant | 124 Angle | | |
| 55 Congeniality | 150 Contest for many | 228 Inclinations | 59 Find a solution | 126 Small one in litter | | |
| 60 Lasting | 155 Unbelieving | 229 Quite wicked | 63 Private thoughts | 128 Orderly | | |
| 61 A debased likeness | 158 Observe | | 64 Free from | 130 Go back | | |
| 62 Eye expert | 159 Part of a church | DOWN | 65 Behave theatrically | 131 Ancient | | |
| 63 Most pleasant taste | 160 A monastery | 1 Stretching, ... up | 68 A line of people | 133 Appeal for help | | |
| 66 Type of headwear | 161 Fuss | 2 Airholes | 69 Valuable things | 134 Flightless bird | | |
| 67 Inform oneself | 162 Show as truth | 3 Cars (US) | 70 Three-pronged spear | 135 Tool | | |
| 71 South American country | 163 Infamous | 4 Keep doing | 72 Famous racecourse | 137 A lettuce variety | | |
| 75 Tree type | 165 Minor amount | 5 And the rest (2,6) | 73 Body trunk | 139 Lumps of cream | | |
| 78 Fame | 166 Sweats | 6 Rustling of silk | 74 An open space | 140 Lulled jerkily | | |
| 80 A rotating sharpener | 169 Offering to a deity | 7 A cocktail | 75 Enclosed (abb) | 141 Short funny plays | | |
| 81 African fly pest | 172 Act of believing | 8 Charge with gas | 76 Large animal (abb) | 142 Indian city | | |
| 83 Facial twitch | 175 Curses | 9 Heavenly being | 77 A cosmetic | 144 Temperate | | |
| 84 Word element: star | 176 Unnecessary | 10 Easy to rile | 79 Evil | 145 A ledge | | |
| 85 Picture on wall (3-2) | 179 A loose woman (arch) | 11 Off course | 82 Ferocious | 146 Type of gland | | |
| 86 Water (Fr) | | 12 Kitchen utensil | 88 Large body of water | 148 Type of elephant | | |
| 87 Hearing aids | | | | 149 Bad weather events | | |
| 89 Type of bacteria | | | | 151 Mythical monsters | | |
| | | | | 152 Act of renewing | | |

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Artists head to the hills for community music festival

JACKI ELEZOVICH

A DAY in the Forrest is back in the Perth Hills on Saturday, December 7 with great live music and a fun atmosphere for the whole family to enjoy.

A community music festival organised annually by a group of local volunteers with a passion for music and their community, A Day in the Forrest showcases some of WA's best established and emerging musicians.

Festival committee chair Tim Brice said the main goal of the festival was bringing the community together.

"It brings the wider and local community together for a free musical event in the hills which entertains and inspires young and old in an appreciation of the arts," he said.

"We also aim to support Western Australia's diverse, emerging and established musicians and creatives."

The festival, started in 2015 by a few local creatives, was initially held at the Glen Forrest sporting club, but the event outgrew its original venue so was moved to the Glen Forrest train park in 2019.

Mr Brice said keeping the event free for the community was a main priority for the committee.

"It is important for us to ensure the event

is high quality and free of charge, so we rely on grants, sponsorships and donations to cover costs," he said.

"This year we have generous grants from the Shire of Mundaring, Lotterywest and Bendigo Bank and sponsorships and donations from a number of local businesses and individuals.

"On the day we have more than 40 volunteers to help with setup, running the bar, and ensuring the show runs smoothly.

"We are still looking for volunteers and donations, however small, are gratefully received."

The festival has a lineup of nine live acts, who cover genres including pop, rock, orchestral, country, jazz, blues, soul and traditional Irish music.

Mr Brice said festival goers would get to experience an eclectic mix of artists that they wouldn't normally find in the Perth Hills.

"The day will start with the beautiful sounds of the Corella Saxophone Quartet.

"We will also have hills performer Eliainie with her soothing, mesmerising voice and deep lyricism, as well as prolific WA Irish folk duo the Broken Pokers, who have become stalwarts of the Perth pub and party scene.

"Some of Western Australia's bigger acts will also join us, including Banjo Lu-

1. Festival committee members Paul McLeod, Maddie McLeod, Tim Brice, Abi Hall, Marie Brice and Ben Smeeton.

2. The festival's laid-back atmosphere makes it a great day out for everyone.

3. Volunteers are the backbone of the festival.

cia, Grievous Bodily Calm and the Kill Devil Hills alongside legends Dave Milroy and Lucky Oceans with the Milroy Oceans band, and finishing off the night with funky soul band Mo Hippa, led by the famous Howie Morgan."

Mr Brice said the main reason people have loved the festival was for its laid-back community spirit.

"People have just loved the day out in the beautiful surroundings of the train park.

"The music, the sense of community and vibes you won't feel anywhere else.

"The event has an organic feel that is hard to come by these days.

"It's an event full of creativity and love."

More information including the full festival program and public transport information can be found at www.dayintheforest.com

Guildford's favourite free market is back

JACKI ELEZOVICH

Transition town Guildford is holding a really free market outside the mechanics' hall in Guildford on Sunday, November 24.

The really free market is a place for residents to bring items they want to rehome and take home items others have brought, all completely free.

Only running for one hour from 9am to 10am, the market will be open to anyone in the community, with the goal of creating a free community space where sustainability and generosity are promoted and encouraged.

Coordinator Jane Genovese said the event had a range of benefits to the community.

"Really free markets are part of a worldwide movement that challenges conventional free market economy concepts by offering an event where everything is genuinely free," she said.

"It invites people to bring along items they no longer need – whether that's clothing, toys, books or household goods – and they're free to take items others have brought.

"It's a space where money, bartering and haggling are replaced by generosity and community spirit."

She said the vision was to create a more connected and sustainable community.

"By rehoming items, we're extending



The market is only open for one hour, so make sure you don't miss it.

their lifespan and reducing waste, which ultimately helps the planet, but it's also about improving community well-being," she said.

"The really free market provides an accessible way for people to acquire some items they may need or want without spending, which is particularly meaningful during the current cost of living crisis."

Typically, the volunteer crew sees between 50 and 100 shoppers come through

the market in the hour it is open, and Ms Genovese said the short timeframe was important to balancing convenience and energy.

"People can pop by, perhaps grab a coffee or go for a walk around Guildford, and then return just before we pack up if they need to collect any of their items that weren't taken," she said.

"Coming along to the market doesn't require a large time commitment but still fosters community engagement."

Only items of high quality and in good condition will be accepted to the market and anything that is not taken by 10am must be taken home again by its original owner.

Ms Genovese said there were several reasons people flocked to the market and community events like it.

"People enjoy getting items for free, especially during tough economic times," she said.

"A lot of the items at the market are in excellent condition, and it's a great feeling to pick up something useful without spending any money.

"But beyond that, there's a deeper sense of satisfaction in seeing items go directly to someone else who will use them.

"It's a reminder that we're all here to help each other and that, even in a small way, we can make a difference."

Gates open at 8.50am for those with items to get rid of and the public at 9am.



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- The upgrades are Low Impact Facilities in accordance with the Telecommunications (Low Impact Facilities) Determination 2018. Notification is being conducted in accordance with Part 7 of Industry Code C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment.
- All proposed infrastructure will comply with the ACMA EME regulatory arrangements.
- In accordance with the Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or comments should be directed to: Planning Consultant on behalf of Telstra Ltd - via email to planning.wa@servicestream.com.au phone: 08 7071 9601, or - post to Planning Consultant, Servicestream, 535 South Road Regency Park, SA 5010 by 5pm Monday, 2nd December 2024.

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Have your say Development Application for proposed Ellenbrook Recreation and Aquatic Facility

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) is seeking public comment on a development application from the City of Swan for the construction of the proposed Swan Active Ellenbrook recreation and aquatic facility.

The development application can be viewed online at:

haveyoursay.dph.wa.gov.au/saellenbrookda

or in person at:

- WAPC - Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth
- City of Swan - 2 Midland Square, Midland.

Submissions close Thursday 5 December 2024 and can be lodged online, emailed to Caitriona.Slane@dph.wa.gov.au or posted to: Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, Metro North East, Locked Bag 2506, PERTH WA 6001. Late submissions may not be considered.

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

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

The amendment proposes to:

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

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

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

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

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

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Upcoming Events

- **Talkie Tea Time** is at Midland Ascension Hall on Saturday, November 30 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm including the story of Give Write and the Oxfam Fairtrade stall. The speaker has a fascinating story to tell about her switch from the corporate world to running Give Write, which collects donated stationery for WA school children. Enjoy friendly company and afternoon tea at this not-for-profit fundraiser for Gaza Appeal. RSVP to 0414 386 396 or email france.scairwin2@iinet.com.au
- **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.
- **Midland Ascension Craft Group** meets in the Parish Hall every Tuesday of school term from 1pm to 3pm. All most welcome to join for a chat, cuppa, any craft and sometimes a guest speaker - 17 Spring Park Road, Midland. Call 04332 65683.

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



Woofers of the week

Cobber is a 12-month-old kelpie cross. He still needs some training. He is sterilised, vaccinated and microchipped. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.

Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk



Just Around the Corner

I love this time of the year – springtime. Our garden is full of new growth and flowers with the warmer sunnier days. Our roses are blooming and our cottage plants are full of colour.

One plant that has started to flower are our agapanthus. What a beautiful mauve flower they have at the end of a tall slender stalk. Our Jacaranda tree has also started flowering with its spectacular mauve flowers.

The agapanthus and the jacarandas, with their special mauve flowers, remind me that a special time of the year is just around the corner – Christmas. They are like a sign, telling us that the celebration of the birth of Jesus is near, and that it's time to get ready for Christmas.

Thinking about signs that help us know something is about to happen, Jesus taught us that there would be special signs before a most important event – His glorious return. Some of us believe that these signs have been and are being fulfilled – especially as we look at our current world situation. I believe Jesus' return is 'just around the corner'.

And that's really important to be aware of, for Jesus taught us that we need to be ready for His return. We make ourselves ready by turning to Him and trusting in Him, believing He is God's Son and accepting Him as our Saviour from sin. If we're ready, then at His return, we will be received by Him and enjoy eternal life.

Aryang a shining light in cup defeat

NETBALL AUSTRALIA

ONE of the few shining things to come from the Diamonds 3-1 defeat in the Constellation Cup was Sunday Aryang's performance.

The versatile defender, who is a Midland resident, switched between wing defence and goal defence with aplomb and was one of the key reasons the Diamonds were able to finish the series on a high in Melbourne, grabbing four gains, four deflections, two intercepts and two rebounds in just 45 minutes of play.

With a new international cycle now in full swing, Aryang is firming as the defender Diamonds coach Stacey Marinkovich can build her side around.

The West Coast Fever player has dynamic athleticism, is adept on the body, dangerous in the air, has plenty of speed to burn and importantly she is a natural at wing defence, allowing more flexibility when it comes to defensive line-ups.

There will be plenty of changes to this Diamonds line-up by the time Sydney 2027 rolls around, but one thing is for sure, Sunday Aryang's name will be locked in.

Another thing to note was Marinkovich's fact-finding mission.

Obviously, Marinkovich sent her side out there to win, she would never do anything else.

But when faced with large deficits she turned to her bench, eager to try out new players and new combinations on one of netball's biggest stages.

Casting an eye to the future, there are few series where Marinkovich can go fact-finding again before the Diamonds next marquee event, the Commonwealth Games arrives.

This means next year's Suncorp Super Netball (SSN) campaign is a big one for any Diamonds hopefuls.

Speaking of next year's SSN season there should be acknowledgement of the out-

geous performances of NSW Swifts signing Grace Nweke.

The Silver Ferns shooter finished the series with 169 goals from 180 attempts (94 per cent) and was at times pretty much unplayable.

Negating Nweke will be the key to stopping New Zealand at future tournaments.

While defenders across the nation will naturally be dreading having to combat Nweke next season the silver lining to her presence on Australian shores next winter is they will be given a chance to figure out how to stop netball's new number one.

If the Diamonds-studded glasses are taken off the last six weeks of international netball have been promising for the neutral fan.

The Diamonds defeated England, but the Roses stole a game off the world champions.

England then jumped across the ditch and knocked off the Silver Ferns, who have since snatched the Constellation Cup out of Australia's grasp.

England will soon host Jamaica and international netball fans await that series eagerly.

While there is still no doubt who the best side in the world is (the Diamonds if you were wondering), the distance between them and the rest of the field is closing, and closing fast.

Georgie Horjus achieved her childhood dream last Sunday, when she stepped out onto the RAC Arena court for the first time as an Australian Diamond and if the reaction in the crowd, and online, is anything to go by she could soon be Australia's favourite netballer.

Everyone from netball commentator and former Australian international netballer Cath Cox to your neighbourhood barista was bouncing off the walls with excitement when the Thunderbirds star was injected into the game and she took to it like a duck to water, finishing with 20 feeds and 12 centre pass receives from her 24 minutes of court time.



Sunday Aryang of Midland was essential to the Diamonds throughout the series, but was named a standout after the fourth test match and first win for the series in Melbourne. Picture: Netball Australia

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Heavy defeat for Midland Guildford 1st grade

JOSHUA MCKENZIE

THE first round of two-day fixtures for male sides saw a strong showing for many Midland Guildford teams, while the female sides experienced a mixture of results this weekend.

The male 1st grade side suffered a heavy defeat against South Perth, while the male 2nd grade managed a thrilling victory by 26 runs against their South Perth opposition.

In challenging conditions, Hayden Kain (66 runs from 121 balls) and Kelly Jones (42 from 87) helped the side post a total of 144 all out.

Matthew Harben (4-39 from 20 overs) and Ben Skinner (3-27 from 13 overs) were the standout performers with the ball helping dismiss South Perth for 118.

The female A grade lost by seven wickets against Subiaco Floreat, while the female B grade defeated their Subiaco Floreat opposition by seven wickets.

The male 3rd grade secured a narrow three-run victory in dramatic fashion as they defended a score of 186.

Jack Giancono (4-64 from 26 overs) was the standout bowler, while a 59-run partnership for the 10th wicket between Will Shackles (46 from 47) and Jacob Heslop (24 not out from 55) proved pivotal with the narrow margin.

The male 4th grade also enjoyed victory against South Perth with Haydn Lucas (56 from 95) being the main contributor in chasing the target of 224, which the side managed with three wickets to spare.

The female U17 had a close contest against Subiaco Floreat resulting in them chasing down a target of 117 with two wickets in hand.

A bowling effort led by Daena Master (4-18 from six overs), followed by a run chase that featured Rebekah Farr scoring 45 from 41, which propelled the side to the victory.

The male U17 posted a strong total of 8-232 against

South Perth and defended the score comfortably as they dismissed their opposition for just 167.

Kobe Fernie starred with the ball as he took 5-15 from five overs to lead his side to victory. The male U15 fell narrowly short in their run chase against the same opponents as they lost by seven runs while chasing a target of 270 for victory.

Bandhanpreet Swan (77 from 96) and Aravnid Anoop (62 from 69) were the standouts in the losing effort.

The male U14 remained undefeated to begin the season as they defeated Scarborough by 16 runs, while the male U13 fell short against the same opposition as they lost by six wickets.



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ECHO Local Real Estate

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A cottage welcome in Wooroloo

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The block has been terraced to allow full use of the 2054sqm of land, contains a single car garage along with two garden sheds and the home has been totally reclad.

The home has a simple traditional lay out with a hall through the middle and rooms either side, high decorative ceilings and a semi-enclosed front veranda giving privacy from the road.

It provides a cosy little spot to sit and enjoy the hills view from the front of the house and is big enough to fit a small coffee table

and four chairs with no issues.

The inside of the cottage is light and airy with lots of little windows on all sides letting in sunlight throughout the house.

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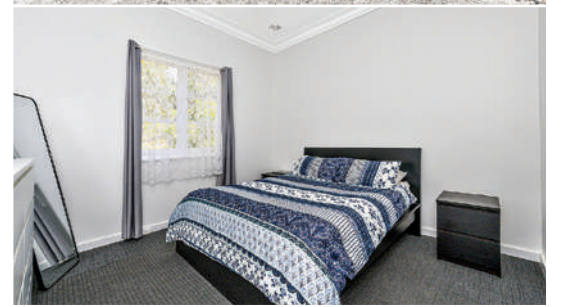
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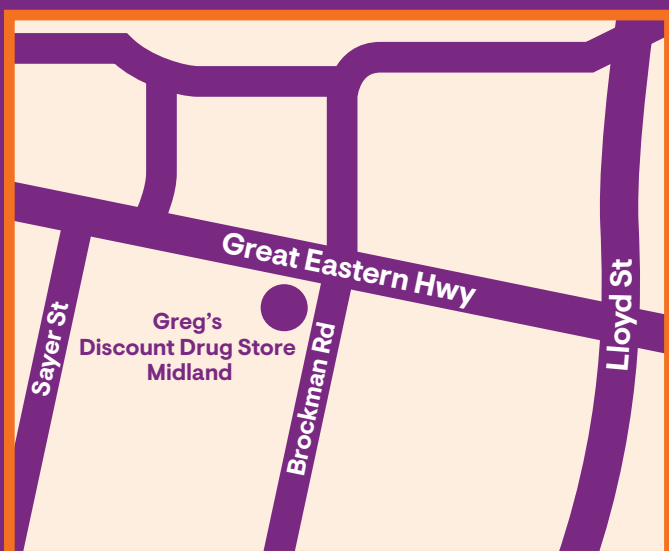
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