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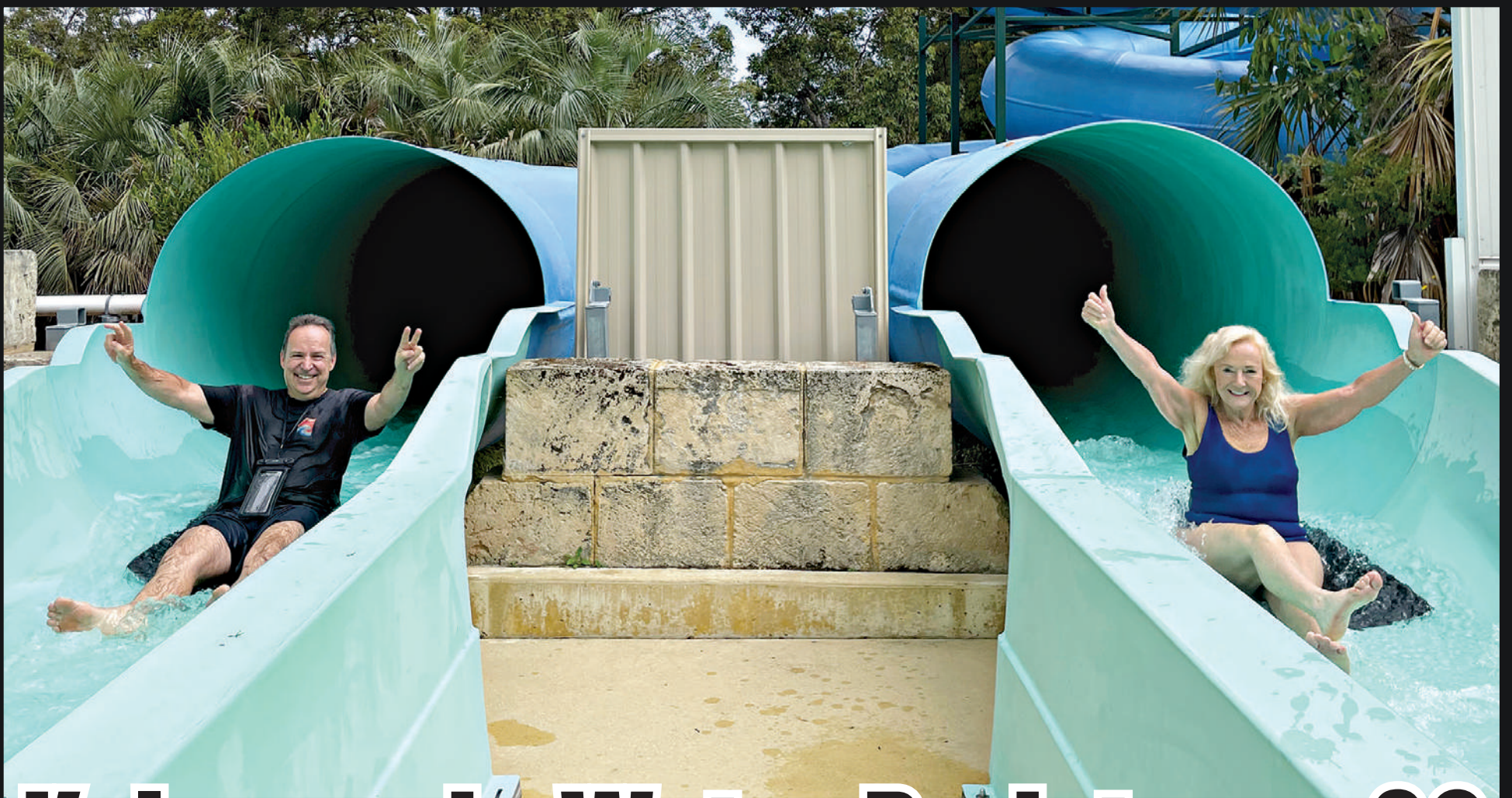
## Kickboxers fight at major promotion

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## Thieves target Kookaburra Cinema

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# Kalamunda Water Park turns 60

In celebration of Kalamunda Water Park's 60th anniversary the City of Kalamunda chief executive Anthony Vuleta and Mayor Margaret Thomas enjoyed a ride on the slides. **PG 8**

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## Draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan

The City of Swan is committed to preserving and protecting our natural environment, ecology and ecosystem biodiversity. To do this, we have developed a draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan.

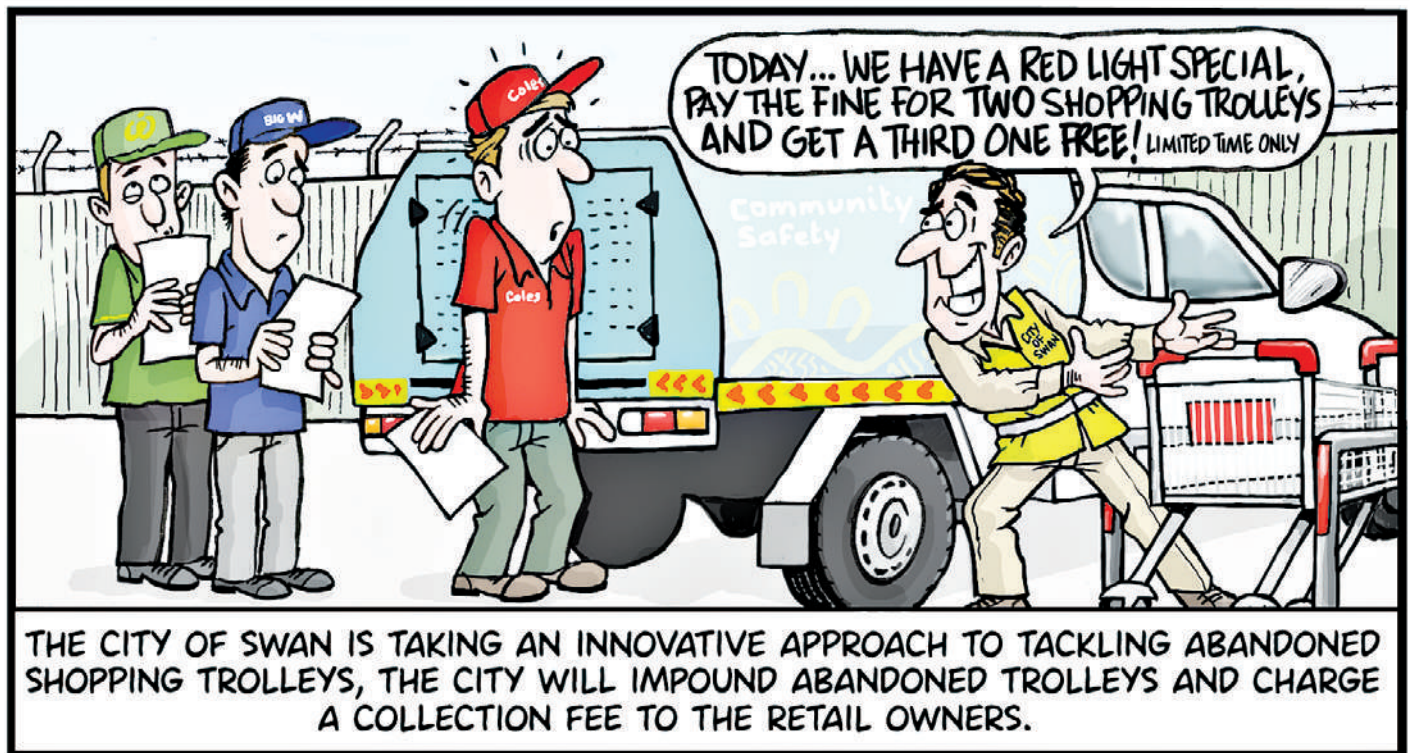
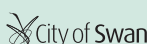
We want your thoughts on the plan to see if we've got the actions right, if anything is missing and how we might develop the actions to help private landowners protect biodiversity.



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### Polies missed chance

**Dear Echo News,**  
I attended the Kalamunda High School Year 12 valedictory on Friday evening alongside about 600 or more others, celebrating the passing-out of another cohort of young adults into the next stage of their lives. The night was full of speeches and a palpable sense of pride and of

course, there were prizes awarded by a raft of politicians of all stripes, but not one attended in person, despite it being a wonderful opportunity to show the students and their families that they gave a fig.

But no, all were busy elsewhere and sent a representative in their stead.

Their prizes were probably paid for by us and were given to the students by someone even less well known than them.

If you wanted to say "we don't care enough to turn up, but we do want our names banded about", then I guess you succeeded.

Did you all jointly agree not to show each other up by attending?

Was there some sort of 'pair' agreement, so as not to embarrass each other?

Hang your heads in shame Mr Hughes, Ms Lawrence, Ms Faragher and Mr Price. You weren't missed, but your absence was noted.

Was it any wonder not one student, when asked what they were going on in life to do, expressed any desire to serve in politics?

And about 80 per cent of them will vote for the first time next year at both state and federal elections.

What a wasted opportunity.  
**P Carman  
Hovea**

### Reduce speed limits

**Dear Echo News,**  
Congratulations to the *Echo News* for highlighting the concerns raised by the community through Voices of Bullwinkel.

It seems the issue of speed limits goes much further than just Greenmount Hill.

At a recent meeting of the Darlington Ratepay-

ers, members raised the lack of enforcement of speed limits down Darlington Road and Glen Road putting school children at risk.

Others talked about the entry of new 17-year-old drivers from Helena College trying to enter GEH at Bilgoman Road where big trucks are doing just 40km/h, while motorists are pulling out to overtake at 80km/h.

No wonder we have so many accidents.

We are calling on our local politicians to demand that the Road Safety Minister attends an in-person meeting along with Main Roads at the shire offices to discuss the immediate lowering of speed limits on GEH.

**C Hughes  
Midland**

### Firebreak confusion

**Dear Echo News,**  
The City of Swan's annual fire hazard inspection letter, dated October 15 to residents, some who reside on 500sqm blocks, states 90 per cent of properties are deemed compliant on first inspection.

This may be the case in residential Ellenbrook, but doubtful when travelling throughout the rural Swan Valley, as a result of this city's ambiguous rulings and ad hoc attention to compliance.

The letter refers to the fire break notice and mentions clause 7 and clause 8, but gives no explanation to any of the clauses.

Seeking a copy of the city's fire season guide proved disappointing as it only offered the same wording as in the letter regarding firebreaks.

An illustration used by the city in the *Echo News* advertising of a fire truck on a road (hardstand) showing a 3m wide and 4m high clearance with no adjacent firebreak on the

### Thought for the day

"Most of us spend too much time on what is urgent and not enough time on what is important."  
— Stephen Covey

other side of the fence created further uncertainty.

At a council meeting on September 4 under item 14.1.4 community safety manager Heath Stenton stated firebreak specification was passed to include maintained to mineral earth, reticulated lawn, or bitumen driveway but none of this appears in any of the city's instructions.

Mr Stenton said the current ruling doesn't actually state the length of grass, it just says it has to be reticulated.

For those of us deemed non-compliant and receiving a follow up letter, that again only states "upgrade a 3m wide firebreak inside external property boundaries" are left confused.

So, what is a firebreak?

Is it clear access for an emergency vehicle? Is it bare earth? Is it mowed lawn?

What are the key requirements constructing a firebreak?

Firebreaks ain't firebreaks!

**Confused Resident  
Swan Valley**

#### A firebreak or not?



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# New Darlington childcare proposal bypasses council

GUANHAO CHENG

**A PROPOSAL for a childcare centre in Darlington has prompted the community to discuss the gaps in the current planning process in WA they say are dismissing resident input.**

Currently, developments worth over \$2 million and under \$10m can be lodged directly to the joint development assessment panel (JDAP) and bypass going to a council decision.

A similar process was reported in *Guildford childcare proposal raises tree removal concerns* (*Echo News*, November 8) where a childcare centre had been proposed for Guildford and was lodged to JDAP after council disapproval.

The Guildford childcare development proposal caused residents to rally and voice their concerns about the childcare's impacts on local traffic, parking and removal of mature gumtrees.

Darlington Residents and Ratepayers Association chair Louise Stelfox said the ability to bypass council represented a shift of power away from residents and their representatives.

"I don't like what state government is doing to communities and how we can't influence it through council," she said.

"These DAPs are blocking out local governments and silencing the voice of the local community."

Ms Stelfox said childcares were commercial developments that occupied an especially interesting space as they could be constructed in residential zones, but the legislation allowing this was outdated.

"Childcares used to be much smaller in scale," she said.

"The laws allowing childcares to be constructed in residential areas were written when only a few families would drop their children off."

"These days big commercial developers can drop a childcare built to accommodate 80 children into a residentially zoned area."

"We're not against a daycare being built but this is not the

location for it.

"There are many more appropriate places such as on reserves on the area near the Bilgoman swimming pool."

"There's already a playgroup (Darlington Family Playgroup) there and it would just really work well together."

Darlington resident Karen Gray was also concerned about the childcare development and attended the November 12 Shire of Mundaring ordinary council meeting to gain more clarity on council involvement.

"Does council routinely debate contentious development applications prior to the final report being sent to the development assessment panel and what in this context exactly determines contentious?" she said.

Shire of Mundaring chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker said items going directly to development assessment panels did not come to council so they're assessed by a city officer and sent to the development assessment panel to make a decision.



**Darlington Residents and Ratepayers Association chair Louise Stelfox says residents aren't against childcare developments but the proposed area isn't appropriate.**

## SAT sets North Stoneville date

**THE State Administrative Tribunal has listed the controversial North Stoneville SP34 proposal for a final hearing on November 3 next year.**

The latest SAT orders said that by Friday, November 29 this year Satterley must file with the tribunal and give to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) its own statement of issues, facts and contentions setting out (a) by reference to each paragraph number in the WAPC's updated statement (dated October 25) whether Satterley accepts or rejects the issue, fact or contention identified by the WAPC and (b) any other issues, facts and contentions it says are relevant to the decision under review.

Satterley must at the time of filing and providing its statement of issues, facts and contentions file with the tribunal and give to the WAPC an indexed and paginated bundle in chronological or other logical order of the documents on which it proposes to rely in the proceeding not in the WAPC's bundle.

By December 19, in order to attempt to narrow the scope of the issues in dispute in the matter and to confirm the remaining issues for determination in the matter, the parties are to confer in relation to (a) issue B5 (bushfire policy framework) identified in paragraph 21, page 14, of the WAPC's updated statement and (b) the implications of the approval dated September 16 granted under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth).

SAT said any application to intervene under s 37(3) of the State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004 or to make submissions under s 242 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 was to be made by December 13.



**Swan View Noise Wall Action Group says it is not opposed to the noise wall but no consultation had been done on the effects it would have on nearby residents.**

## Swan council supports action group call for wider noise study

ANITA McINNES

**SWAN councillors have voted for the city to undertake before and after acoustic measurements of the freight train noise in the areas where the Movida acoustic wall has not yet been built.**

At their ordinary November meeting councillors voted unanimously for an alternate motion put forward by deputy mayor and Midland Guildford ward councillor Ian Johnson, who said the Swan View Noise Wall Action Group believed that before and after acoustic measurements would be the best way to demonstrate the impact of the noise wall.

Cr Johnson said the action group believed the existing acoustic report did not reflect their lived experience of the increasing freight rail noise as that report was based on comparison of model noise before the wall was built and actual acoustic measurements after the wall was built.

His alternate motion removed part of a motion in the officer's report on the item recommending not undertaking additional noise measurements of the type requested by the action group with the report noting the measurements had already been undertaken by an independent acoustic consultant.

The officer's report said in Western Australia noise was controlled by the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.

"These regulations do not apply to noise emis-

sion from trains," the report said.

"This prohibits the city from enforcing any requirements on another entity in relation to any noise from trains."

State planning policy 5.4 – road and rail provides guidance on the requirements for noise walls around new subdivisions or major infrastructure.

"But as the rail and residences to the east of the Movida estate are existing, this policy does not apply," the report said.

*Freight train noise wall failure* (*Echo News*, February 17, 2023) reported Swan View and Stratton residents saying the noise from freight trains, which never used to bother them, had become unbearable since the construction of the noise wall.

Previously the City of Swan has said the noise wall met the requirements placed on the developer by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) but that it had provided a copy of the consultant's reports to the WAPC along with a request to consider the inclusion of a requirement to consider reflected noise into state planning policy at their next review of the policy.

The city said in discussions with officers at the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage staff they confirmed that they could include recommendations to the WAPC to address reflective noise, but only where the impact of the reflective noise could be justified through an acoustics report.

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# Swan Active Ellenbrook aquatic and recreation centre now closer



**Artists' impression of the new \$108 million Swan Active Ellenbrook recreation and aquatic facility now before the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) for approval.**

**CITY of Swan has submitted a development application to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) for the new \$108 million Swan Active Ellenbrook recreation and aquatic facility.**

Situated in the heart of Ellenbrook and adjacent to the new Ellenbrook train station, the new facility is set to make a splash with its extensive list of regional-level provisions.

The \$108m project is the city's largest by far and aims to meet the needs of the rapidly growing community in Perth's eastern corridor, now and into the future.

The project has been made possible with \$42m in grant funding from the state and federal governments.

The city has already gone to tender for earthworks which are expected to start in early 2025,

while the WAPC determines the development application.

The development proposal includes a range of facilities – the aquatic area boasts 50m and 25m pools, warm water pools, small toddler pools, four waterslides, a small grandstand, change rooms, significant shade sails and barbeque and family areas.

The recreation area includes a sports hall housing indoor multi-purpose courts, a gym and fitness centre, a wellness centre, family facilities like a creche and a kiosk with kitchen facilities.

The proposed design delivers a welcoming, adaptable and responsive centre that meets the needs of the community through sustainable, passive design and contemporary aesthetics.

This is evident in the planned wave-like façade that draws visitors from the main entrance to

the aquatic hall, where a timber structure and wave ceiling direct daylight and sound, creating an energetic internal atmosphere.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the development application submission marks a major milestone in the project's timeline.

"We know our Ellenbrook community has been waiting a long time for their own recreation and aquatic facility and we're thrilled to be making headway with the project," she said.

"We couldn't do this without the support of the state and federal governments who will help us deliver a modern leisure centre for a modern community with diverse needs and expectations."

Deputy Premier Rita Saffioti MLA said the milestone backs up the state government's com-

mitment to delivering a leisure facility in Ellenbrook.

“Our dedication to delivering this project is coming to fruition with the reality of the leisure centre reflected in the City of Swan’s development application submission – bringing more recreational and aquatic facilities to a centre strategically located in Ellenbrook’s transport hub,” she said.

Member for Swan Hills Jessica Shaw said plans for Swan Active Ellenbrook delivered the state's pool commitment and paved the way for the city's additional facilities.

"The state and federal governments are funding the new pool facilities, with our support making stage one of the project a reality," Ms Shaw said.

"This is another promise kept for the Ellenbrook communi-

ty, right by the train station and youth centre.

"I'm glad the city plans to expand the project with an indoor sports centre and look forward to both stages being completed," she said.

Member for Hasluck Tania Lawrence said the collaboration of all three levels of government to achieve this project will give the community the facility they deserve.

“It’s exciting to see the wheels in motion for one of the largest recreation and aquatic facilities in our local area – provisions in the development application submission reflect the community’s desires for a regional-level facility,” she said.

For more information about the Swan Active Ellenbrook project visit the City of Swan website at [www.swan.wa.gov.au](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au)

A promotional poster for Black Friday at Midland Megaplex. The background is a warm orange color. At the top, there's a decorative border with black and white semi-circles. The text 'Black' is in a white script font, and 'FRIDAY' is in large, bold, black capital letters. Below this, a black banner with white text reads 'MEGA DEALS & MEGA REWARDS\*'. Underneath the banner, it says 'HURRY - FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY!'. A diagonal black ribbon with the word 'SALE' repeated in white runs across the middle. On the left, a shopping cart filled with black boxes is shown. On the right, a white rounded rectangle contains a QR code and the text 'MORE INFO:'. At the bottom center, the Midland Megaplex logo (two green triangles) and name are displayed. Below the logo, the address '7 CLAYTON ST BELLEVUE WA 6056' is written in black. At the very bottom, a row of black balloons is visible. A small disclaimer at the bottom left states '\*T&CS APPLY. VISIT WWW.MIDLANDMEGAPLEX.COM.AU FOR MORE INFORMATION.'.



# Mt Bakewell members pony up at York Cup to raise funds

**MOUNT Bakewell Horse and Pony Club members took a spell from riding to volunteer at the recent York Cup, raising funds for much-needed club equipment.**

Through raffles of various items donated by club members and local businesses and donation boxes, the club raised a total of \$1625, with Racing WA matching the funds raised through its Race Club Community Program, bringing the total to \$3250.

The money raised will go towards purchasing vital safety equipment for the club, ensuring members are well-prepared for equestrian competitions at local shows.

York Racing Inc committee member and Mt Bakewell Horse and Pony Club head coach Susan Britza said the program brought everyone together on race day.

"It was wonderful for our volunteers and children to participate, not only to support the pony club financially, but also to engage with another aspect of the equestrian industry," Ms Britza said.

"As a small club, raising extra funds can be challenging, so this event gave our members a fun experience while providing a much-needed financial injection to the pony club."

With 44 of WA's 47 race clubs based in remote and regional communities, Racing and Wagering Western Australia chief executive officer Ian Edwards said the positive effects of the fundraising program have been extensive for community groups and not-for-profits.

“Race clubs play an important role in their communities – both economically and socially – with

partnerships like this a prime example of the strong connection race clubs have with their communities," Ian said.

"York Racing chose a worthy cause for their fundraising, and we are pleased to match their efforts."

“Racing WA is committed to making a positive contribution to our state. The Race Club Community Program allows clubs to guide our giving by proposing a local group or charity they believe deserves support and we match the funds raised on special race days.”

Since the program's inception in 2015, race clubs and Racing WA have jointly raised more than \$1 million for charitable organisations.



**Jess and Tina both competed in Fashions on the Field while Megan is the Mt Bakewell Horse and Pony Club VP.**



# Community sentiment is live sheep ban unjustified

RESULTS released this week from a six-year project examining community sentiment, indicating that public sentiment towards live exports is more positive than ever, show the federal government's decision to ban live sheep exports by sea is unjustified, according to the Australian Livestock Exporters Council (ALEC).

ALEC chief executive officer Mark Harvey-Sutton said the results underscored what the industry had known for a long time.

"We know that the community holds balanced and nuanced views on live exports. They understand that the measures exporters put in place together with Australia's regulatory requirements, is why Australia has the best animal welfare in the world.

"They also understand that the Labor government's punitive ban on live sheep will hurt farmers, truckies and small businesses, particularly in Western Australia, and that it is manifestly unfair," he said.

He said that the fact that 76 per cent of survey respondents agreed that the benefits of the industry are equal to or outweigh the costs of live export indicates that people can see the need for live exports as part of Australia's sheep industry.

"The community also acknowledges the important role the industry plays

in our trading partners' food security, with 64 per cent of respondents agreeing that the trade improved diet and nutrition in our markets.

"The increase in community sentiment here puts the government's tired line about support for the ban to bed. It's simply not true and this survey is further evidence toward that.

"Combined with the overwhelming support for Keep the Sheep, the latest results from this survey demonstrate that the community sees the need for the industry to continue and will support us in the face of activist-driven policies."



Main Roads does not agree with calls to change the speed limit along Great Eastern Highway following a major crash on November 3.



## Main Roads responds to GEH speeds

GUANHAO CHENG

MAIN ROADS has responded to the call for lower speeds along Great Eastern Highway in Greenmount and says the posted speed limits are appropriate.

"Main Roads has been contacted regarding Great Eastern Highway, in the vicinity of the intersection with Scott Street for a number of issues including noise complaints, heavy vehicles and wide loads travelling uphill as well as requests to reduce the speed limit," a spokesperson said.

"(We are) working with the (Shire) of Mundaring to assess possible solutions to the problems being experienced in this area, with the removal of the right turn movement out of Scott Street, to head east on Great Eastern Highway being considered.

"Main Roads considers the current posted speed limits on this section of Great Eastern Highway to be appropriate."

It was reported last week, in *Four signs for road safety* (Echo News, November 15), that residents and representatives were in support of a reduction in the speed limit and other safety measures due to the frequency of accidents along Great Eastern Highway.

The response came off the back of a major accident along Great Eastern Highway on November 3 where the collision involved in the collision ended up flipped on its side.

Greenmount resident and former head of East Metropolitan Health Service Colin Hughes said Main Roads' response to community concern and the concerns of shire and parliamentary representatives was "appalling".

"How can they justify not acting on what the RAC has identified as a black spot high risk intersection?"

"How can they reduce the speeds on the Great Eastern Highway bypass to 70km/h at the stroke of a pen but not reduce the speeds at such a dangerous intersection?"

"What gives a public servant the right to overturn community concerns, especially when it would cost little or nothing to taxpayers (and) potentially save lives?"

"The community would love to have their say on long term solutions but the first question we need answered is how long (that will) take.

"How many accidents will occur during that waiting time?"

Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil said upgrading the intersection remained a priority for the shire.

"We continue to call for federal blackspot funding," she said.

"Shire of Mundaring staff are collaborating with Main Roads on possible design solutions."

Liberal Bullwinkel candidate Matt Moran said he wanted to know why Main Roads deemed the current speed limits appropriate after being contacted about the issues.

"I'm keen to understand why Main Roads believes the current speed limits are appropriate given community concern about safety," he said.

"I will continue to fight for safer roads in Bullwinkel, and I will look at funding opportunities.

"I'll continue to work with the Shire of Mundaring and local residents to do everything we can to make our roads safer for our community."

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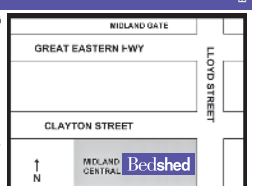
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## Midland attacker behind bars

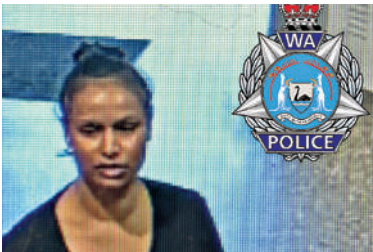
MIDLAND detectives have arrested a woman in relation to an assault on an 84-year-old woman that occurred outside a Midland fast-food restaurant on Saturday, November 16.

Following a police hunt Kierah Jade Miller (29) was arrested and faced Midland Magistrates Court on Monday, November 18 where she was not required to enter a plea and will remain in custody until her next court appearance on December 2.

About 12.35pm, an 84-year-old female was approached by the alleged female attacker in the carpark of Subway on Great Eastern Highway and knocked to the ground.

The attacker fled on foot before detectives charged her with aggravated grievous bodily harm.

The elderly female sustained



Kierah Jade Miller currently behind bars.

serious head injuries and was conveyed by St John Ambulance to Royal Perth Hospital.

It was reported that the 84-year-old victim remained in hospital in a stable condition.

Anyone with information in relation to this incident is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report online at [crimestopperswa.com.au](http://crimestopperswa.com.au)

## Gidgegannup fatal crash investigation

A 21-year-old male rider of a motorcycle has died in a motorcycle crash in Gidgegannup on Saturday, November 16.

Major crash investigations section are investigating the crash which occurred on Clenton Road at 10.10am.

The Kawasaki motorcycle was travelling south on Clenton Road when it left the road and hit a tree. The 21-year-old rider died at the scene from his injuries.

A 16-year-old male pillion passenger was taken to Royal Perth

Hospital with critical injuries.

Major crash investigators are conducting an examination of the scene and are appealing for any witnesses to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report the information online at [www.crimestopperswa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperswa.com.au)

Dash-cam 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/fatalgidgegannup>

Police want anyone with information regarding the above incidents to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or you can make a report online at [www.crimestopperswa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperswa.com.au)



# Chidlow SP 82 sparks questions

GUANHAO CHENG

SHIRE of Mundaring is seeking community feedback on the Chidlow local structure plan 82, which became a focal point during the most recent council meeting's public question time.

The structure plan proposes 53 rural residential lots of 1-3.95ha, a 25.4ha balance lot, a 4.93ha foreshore reserve, 3.7ha of public open space, and new roads and connections to existing networks.

During the November 12 meeting, five of eight residents had queries about the structure plan during public question time.

Questions revolved around the bushfire safety of the structure plan, the roads being decided by developers or council, building road over waterways, and updating of supporting documents.

Mundaring resident Peter Brazier asked if the councillors were confident they could properly evaluate and make an informed recommendation to the WAPC or SPC for Structure Plan 82.

"The design was for 54 lots and the appendices including the bushfire management plan only covered 42 lots," he said.

Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil said the way structure plans worked was public submissions were invited and responses from the public were collated to form part of the report which came to council for consideration.

"Until council receives that report, then council assesses the report and makes a determination," she said.

Residents commented under the shire's Facebook

post about the structure plan voicing concerns infrastructure didn't support the subdivision, would increase traffic, and said the smaller block sizes might complicate fire evacuation.

"Block sizes are far too small without access to scheme water," one commentator said.

"Our small local roads have not been designed to accommodate the extra traffic, not to mention the rat run it will create via Kerun and Sertorio roads.

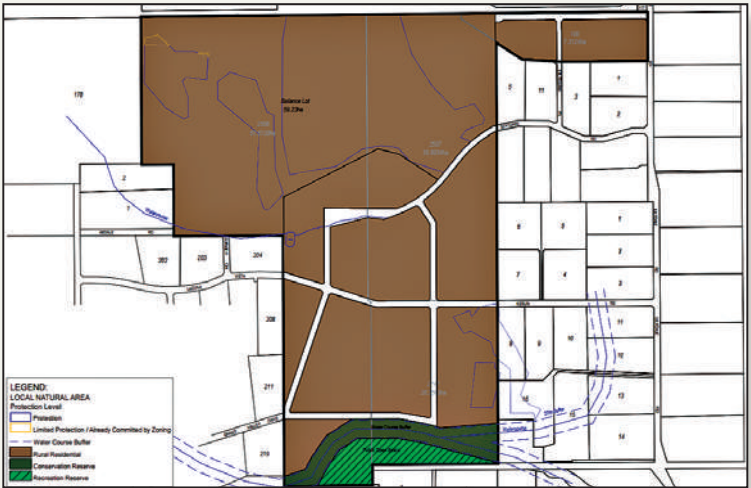
"(I'd) hate to think how we'll all get out next time there is a fire.

"I hope the shire does not support this structure plan."

Ms McNeil encouraged residents to submit a public submission with their concerns which will come to council within the shire officer report.

Public comments can be submitted until November 29.

To view the plans, find out more and submit a comment, visit [engage.mundaring.wa.gov.au/strutureplan82](http://engage.mundaring.wa.gov.au/strutureplan82)



Structure Plan 82 has prompted residents to voice their concerns from traffic increases to bushfire management.

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The Kookaburra Outdoor Cinema announced last month they would be reopening but had their lawnmower stolen in the lead up to their return. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

## Thieves target Kookaburra Outdoor Cinema

GUANHAO CHENG

**MUNDARING'S Kookaburra Outdoor Cinema had its ride on lawnmower stolen on the month of its scheduled reopening and are seeking community support to find a replacement.**

The Mundaring landmark had finally recovered enough to announce its reopening in November as reported in *Kookaburra Cinema reopens next month* (Echo News, October 11).

Owner Peter Foyster arrived at the cinema at the beginning of the month to put a new battery in the ride on mower but arrived to find it had been taken over the weekend.

The perpetrators reportedly broke down a portion of the fence near the metal shed, snapping the bolt of the door as they forced entry into the establishment.

Mr Foyster said the incident came at a strange time and deprived them of a piece of equipment especially suited for treating their cinema grounds.

"We have gone for 10 years without any incidents, and this happened on the same day we bought a new battery for the mower," he said.

"Very strange and very disappointing."

"We've been looking unsuccessfully so far for a replacement."

"It's a specific mower, a Husqvarna R120C."

"Our stolen mower had comparatively little use over the years, (and) it was chosen specifically for its suitability for mowing the lawn at Kookaburra."

The lawnmower was chosen as it mulched the clippings so there wasn't a need to collect them afterwards.

Mr Foyster said its front mounted blades and the way that it steered made it easy to get around the tables and the seats and worked with a tank on wheels that connected to the rear of the mower and picked up power from a battery to work a sprayer unit.

"Very important for treating some of the weeds that come up just before the

season starts, so we really need the same model, if possible," he said.

"If anyone knows of anyone who is selling one, please point them in our direction."

"Being a little older these days, a ride on mower is the best thing for (me) to use."

Kookaburra cinema staff confirmed the theft wouldn't delay the opening of the cinema.

Mr Foyster also praised the efforts of the Wooroloo Prison's S95 crew once again for attending to help with final preparations for the opening.

"They came (on Tuesday) and (Thursday) helping do a final clean up," he said.

"They had to put some more canvases on some of the seats and I showed them how to do it."

"They were efficient as anything and had it all done in half an hour."

"They've been a terrific help, and their efforts should be recognised."

## Binar basketballers head to Wildcats



Angela Newland and Keanu Pinder with Binar kids.

**YOUNG** basketball players from Binar Futures in Midland got to see their heroes at the NBL's 2024 Indigenous round game after tickets were donated by P&N Bank.

Indigenous Perth Wildcats player Keanu Pinder presented the budding young basketball players from Binar with their tickets at a special event recently held.

P&N will also provide the unique opportunity for ten young female representatives from Binar to showcase their skills in a basketball game on the RAC Arena court during the half time break of the Wildcats match.

Binar began in 2011 as a local basketball team of six Indigenous youth and has since grown to have more than 1800 young people (78 per cent Aboriginal) involved in the Perth metro area and surrounds.

Binar's programs include sports, culture, youth leadership and youth development. Binar chair, four-time Olympian and former Perth Wildcats captain Andrew Vlahov, said the organisation was very appreciative of the opportunity to get their young people involved in the NBL Indigenous round game.

"Binar exists to provide positive pathways and opportunities for our young players," Mr Vlahov said.

"Thanks to the generous donation of P&N and the help of the Perth Wildcats - some of our kids will be able to experience basketball at the highest level. It may even illuminate a special pathway for some."

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City of Kalamunda chief executive Anthony Vuleta and Mayor Margaret Thomas and rode the Kalamunda Water Park slides to celebrate its 60th anniversary.

# Kalamunda Water Park 60th anniversary

**CITY of Kalamunda is celebrating 60 years of Kalamunda Water Park, a cherished community icon.**

The water park opened for the season this week and members of the community are invited to come along and dive into decades of family fun, cherished memories, and nostalgic charm.

Since it first opened in March 1964, Kalamunda Water Park has been a beloved destination for generations.

Previously known as Kalamunda Wet n Wild, the Kalamunda Water Park has been a beloved destination for generations since it first opened in March 1964.

Over the years, the facility has preserved its natural appeal, providing locals a place to cool off, relax, and keep the heat of summer at bay.

In 1981, two enclosed water slides were installed, expanding the water park's facilities

and providing variety in activities.

Mayor Margaret Thomas said the park was a longstanding place where people in the community could gather and connect.

"For 60 years, Kalamunda Water Park has been a place where families, friends, and visitors come together to enjoy the unique beauty of Kalamunda," she said.

"This water park has not only provided countless memories but has become an iconic symbol of our community's spirit and togetherness.

"This milestone is a testament to the fondness our community holds for Kalamunda Water Park.

"We're excited to invite everyone to celebrate this iconic attraction, whether it's by reliving memories, enjoying the pools, or sharing past photos and stories.

"Looking ahead, we are planning further upgrades, with new quick-release starting

blocks set to replace the current concrete ones.

"These will be installed at the end of the season."

The water park has seen several refurbishments over the years to maintain its charm and enhance essential amenities.

In 2011, Kalamunda invested \$3 million in upgrades, including improvements to change rooms, the toddler pool, and repairs to the main and junior pools.

The waterslides were refurbished in October last year, as reported in *Slide construction underway* (Echo News, October 20, 2023), with the speed slide demolished and the water park reopening in time for the 2023-24 season.

As part of the celebration, Kalamunda Library will showcase an archival photo display covering the park's history, and a special birthday celebration event is



planned for January 26, 2025.

The community is invited to share their memories, photos, and stories on the City's online engagement portal at [www.engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/KWP60](http://www.engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/KWP60)



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## Audit & Risk Committee Meeting

Pursuant to clause 3.4 of the City of Kalamunda Standing Orders Local Law 2015, notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee will be held in the Council Chambers, Administration Centre, 2 Railway Road, Kalamunda, on:

**Tuesday 3 December 2024 commencing at 6.30pm**

Please note, the Public Agenda Briefing Forum scheduled for the same evening will commence immediately after the conclusion of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting, rather than its originally published start time of 6:30pm.

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## Swan tackles shopping trolleys

**CITY of Swan is taking an innovative approach to tackling abandoned shopping trolleys with the introduction of the Consolidated Amendment Local Law (No.2) 2023.**

Under the local law, the city will impound abandoned shopping trolleys and charge a collection fee to retail owners, covering the collection cost and encouraging retailers to improve their trolley management.

Abandoned shopping trolleys have been a constant problem for many local governments, they're unsightly and create environmental and access hazards.

This new approach comes after the city's proactive trolley collection trials in 2020 and 2022, which saw the collection of more than 70 trolleys every week.

While the trials were effective, they proved costly and didn't encourage retailers to manage their trolleys better.

From this week, the City of Swan will start to collect trolleys from all public areas within its boundaries with a particular focus on hotspot areas.

The trolleys will be taken to the city's impoundment facility and retailers will be sent a notification

– they'll have one month to pay the fee and collect their trolleys.

If trolleys aren't collected, the city will dispose of them and the fee will stand until it is paid.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said introducing the local law was a tough but necessary approach to managing the problem.

"We've worked with retailers to explain our intent and encouraged them to improve their trolley management practices, providing suggestions and demonstrating our willingness to work with them to solve this problem," she said.

"We're committed to creating a safe and accessible environment for our community and piles of abandoned shopping trolleys counteract our efforts and have a negative impact on the Swan community.

"This new local law gives us the ability to enforce the effective management of trolleys without costing our ratepayers."

The community is encouraged to report abandoned trolleys to the retailer first via the Snap, Send, Solve app.

Learn more about how the city is managing shopping trolleys at [www.swan.wa.gov.au/waste-and-sustainability/shopping-trolleys](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/waste-and-sustainability/shopping-trolleys)



The Reviewing Officer, Governor-General Sam Mostyn AC, inspects members on parade at Pearce air base in Bullsbrook.

## Pearce flies into the history books

**NOVEMBER 14, 2024 will forever be an important part of Air Force history with 2 Flying Training School presented with a new Governor-General Banner during a Colour Reconsecration Parade at RAAF Base Pearce.**

The parade formally consecrated the new unit colours for the school and gave members the chance to celebrate and reflect on their unit's rich history and commendable achievements.

Distinguished guests included the Governor-General of Australia Sam Mostyn, Governor of WA Chris Dawson, Commander Air Force Training Group Air Commodore David Strong and the Officer Commanding Air Academy Group Captain Brett Williams.

As members of 2 Flying Training School proudly stood on parade, guests were treated to spectacular formation flypasts and an aerobatics display as Pilatus PC-21 aircraft tore through the skies above RAAF Base Pearce.

Commanding Officer 2 Flying Training School Wing Commander Jay Tuffley said the day had great importance.

"It was an honour to be a part of this momentous occasion as the commanding officer of 2 Flying Training School, particularly as this is my final year with the unit," Wing Commander Tuffley said.

"The opportunity to take part in a colour reconsecration doesn't happen often and it was without a

doubt, one of the highlights of my command."

The unit colours represent a symbol of loyalty and pride, which is to be fiercely protected. The same symbolic nature is instilled at 2 Flying Training School and is paraded throughout the year during graduation ceremonies.

Parade Reviewing Officer Governor-General Mostyn addressed members of 2 Flying Training School and those in attendance.

"I am truly honoured to be with you on this historic day, my first consecration parade as your Governor-General and I am deeply proud to witness your extraordinary sense of service, your commitment to your mates, and your determination to 'seek the heights'," she said.

"The consecration of a Governor-General's Banner is a ceremonial marker of trust in the squadron and I say to you today as your Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief ... I trust you."

The retiring colours were first consecrated on March 30, 1990, and have been paraded in ceremonial occasions throughout the years. Due to their continued appearance in significant unit and base events, they had started to show signs of wear.

As a sign of respect, the retired colours were marched off the parade ground to the tune of Auld Lang Syne and will be sent to Trinity Chapel in Point Cook, Victoria, the home of all retired RAAF unit colours. **By Flying Officer Stina Frantzych Gardiner**



# Sixth generation hills resident runs for Kalamunda

GUANHAO CHENG

**LIBERAL** candidate for Kalamunda Adam Hort is a sixth generation hills resident, state heart transplant pharmacist, and former deputy mayor of Gosnells who says he wants to make a difference.

Mr Hort met with *Echo News* this week to share his deep connections to the area and how his upbringing shaped who he is and why he got involved in government.

"(My ancestors) moved right across Australia in the 1800s and settled in Darlington right against what we would now call Great Eastern Highway," he said.

"They lived in a cottage up against the highway called Hortly Lodge and that's where my grandfather, pop I call him, was born.

"Now, I'm raising my kids who are seventh generation Perth Hills residents in Lesmurdie."

Mr Hort said he attended school in the hills, doing well in chemistry and eventually working in pharmacy which helped set his course to become the state's chief heart trans-

plant pharmacist and regional health head pharmacist.

"Like any good high school kid, I worked at the local fish and chip shop and I delivered newspapers around Lesmurdie on my bike," he said.

"I stacked shelves in Woolies but eventually I found myself working in Nightingales Pharmacy in Kalamunda.

"That's where I really got to know my community and really relished that community connection.

"I'd see grandparents, parents and their kids coming through for a variety of different ailments and needing different things and I got to help them, and I loved it."

Mr Hort carried his community ideals with him to Thornlie where he lived for a while before moving back to the hills.

During that time the Thornlie community urged him to run for council which was his first taste of working in government.

Mr Hort said this led to a successful run as an elected member, and later became the deputy mayor of Gosnells, where he got to fa-



**Liberal MLA Libby Mettam with Kalamunda candidate Adam Hort at a Kalamunda ability event hosted at Kostera Oval.**

miliarise himself with local government and state government's relationship.

He said with the inside perspective, he realised how little power local government had and how much constraint was put on local government by state government and so wanted to change tack.

Mr Hort said the road ahead meant many meetings with the community, and hoped people would be comfortable approaching him for a pub or coffee catch-up to discuss what they cared about.

"A lot of people are concerned about bush-

fires and what's happening with bushfires and whether or not their local bushfire brigade is going to be resourced appropriately as well as the issue of housing affordability," he said.

"I'm genuinely doing this because I want to make a difference, and I think any other option in this election will not generate the outcomes that our community deserves."

# Nationals make metropolitan push with Ian Blayney



**Forrestfield Nationals candidate Ian Blayney with The Nationals WA leader Shane Love in Forrestfield.**

GUANHAO CHENG

**GUILDFORD** resident and former Geraldton MLA Ian Blayney is spearheading the Nationals WA's push into metropolitan seats for the first time in over a hundred years.

The Nationals WA leader Shane Love and Mr Blayney met with *Echo News* this week to speak about representing Forrestfield and he said the role meant quite a lot to him as it's a first and a strategically strong move.

"You don't get many opportunities in life to do something for the first time," Mr Blayney said.

"I'm a member of Rotary and I'm a member of a church in Guildford, so there are a couple of interests I have in the community.

"I've run for seats in parliament four times and three times successfully.

"But this is very different because obviously I live near it and I've been living around here for four years, but it's different to where it was in Geraldton."

Mr Blayney said he had lived in Geraldton for most of his life and despite the differences, there were similarities between the two areas as well.

"Geraldton's a service centre for the Midwest, which is predominantly mining now, and the similarity here is that a lot of people in Forrestfield are either involved in the mining industry as fly-in-fly-out workers, or they're involved in the trucking industry, and there's a lot of people here in the trucking industry and there's a lot of people involved in the small business sector."

"But I've been struck a little at the similarities of most of the area to some of the suburbs in Geraldton, in particular the suburb called Allendale in Geraldton.

"It reminds me a lot of Allendale, which has got a very similar sort of demographic with a lot of young families generally involved in either small business, mining or agriculture."

He spent a lot of time dealing with housing and medical issues when

representing the residents of the Geraldton electorate and wanted to bring his experience to Forrestfield.

Mr Love and Mr Blayney both wanted to be a voice for the firearm owners who were impacted by the latest round of legislation for reforms of the Firearms Act.

"I have an open-door policy: if you've got a problem, come and see me and I'll do what I can to help you.

"I work hard and I'm not here for myself," Mr Blayney said.

# Safety call for ag workers

**LAST** week's National Agriculture Day has encouraged agricultural workers to review their safety practices, with agriculture one of Australia's most dangerous industries.

Australian Institute of Health and Safety (AIHS) chief executive officer Julia Whitford said the agricultural industry was unique in the number of safety challenges workers must manage, which can impact physical and mental health.

Safe Work Australia statistics show the agriculture, forestry, and fishing sector is ranked number two on the list of industries with the greatest number of worker fatalities in 2024, with 30 deaths so far this year.

"Over the past five years we've seen an average of 38 deaths a year in agriculture, forestry and fishing, and any death is one too many," Ms Whitford said.

"Ag workers face a range of hazards that they must mitigate every day. Among the risks is the operation of heavy equipment, being struck by an animal, handling chemicals, exposure to weather and dust, slips, trips and falls, and vehicle accidents, in-



**AIHS chief executive officer Julia Whitford.**

cluding those involving tractors and quad bikes."

Data reveals fatal quad bike accidents and rollovers are on the rise, with 18 deaths recorded so far in 2024, up 38 per cent on last year and 63 per cent on 2022.

"To help bring those numbers down, we encourage ag workers to do a registered quad bike training course, install a crush protection device, ride on familiar tracks, and avoid riding in bad weather, on rough terrain, and on steep slopes wherever possible," Ms Whitford said.

As well as physical risks, there are considerable psychological safety challenges due to high stress seasonal pressures like intense periods of planting, harvesting, shearing, lambing, felling, fishing, or calving.

"Agriculture is key to Australia's economy, but unfortunately the long hours ag workers put in often go unrecognised, and they have little to no control over variables like the weather, disease, or market conditions, making for an unpredictable and stressful work environment," Ms Whitford said.

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# Focus on Seniors

## Finding a Home Where Care Meets Compassion: Your Journey to Aged Care with Roshana Care Group



**Choosing a residential aged care facility is a deeply personal decision, requiring thoughtful consideration.**

At Roshana Care Group, we understand it's not just about finding a place to live but discovering a caring home where you or your loved one can truly flourish.

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Our beautifully landscaped gardens, welcoming communal spaces, and unwavering commitment to exceptional care make Roshana Care Group more than just aged care, it's a place where life is celebrated every single day.

Let us help you find a home where compassion meets care, and your journey can continue.

With Roshana Care, it's "Your life, your way, every minute, every day".

### Concession guide for seniors released

**MINISTER for Seniors and Ageing Don Punch has released a new resource which provides Western Australian seniors with information about the wide range of services and concessions available to them across the State.**

The Seniors Information Resource was recently launched as part of 2024 Seniors Week celebrations at Have a Go Day in Burwood Park, an event organised by the Seniors Recreation Council of WA aimed at creating awareness around the importance of seniors leading active lives.

The booklet was developed in response to feedback from older people across WA about the need for user-friendly, consolidated information on all the services, concessions, and programs available to them.

Available as a hardcopy booklet or digital version online, the resource provides useful, State-wide information about a range of topics including housing, health and wellbeing, aged care services, elder abuse, technology and communication, transport, com-

munity groups, concessions and rebates and end-of-life planning.

Seniors and Ageing Minister Don Punch said the Seniors Information Resource had been developed to ensure Western Australians seniors have information about all the services and concessions that are available to them in a user-friendly, all-in-one guide.

"The resource is an action of the State Seniors Strategy 2023-2033, a whole-of-government 10-year strategy to support older Western Australians to live their best life as they age.

"I encourage seniors to pick up a free copy at their local council, library or community resource centre, or go online to access a digital version of the booklet."

The booklets will be available in hardcopy at local governments, libraries or community resource centres and local seniors' services across WA in the coming weeks.

An online, printable version is also available at [www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-communities/seniors-and-ageing](http://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-communities/seniors-and-ageing)



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Roshana Care is a leading provider of Aged Care, Home Care, Mental Health Care, NDIS, and Retirement Living in Australia, with over 14 facilities spanning across WA, NSW, QLD, and VIC, and over twenty years of combined experience in healthcare. At Roshana, it's your life, your way -- and that's our promise everyday.



# Understanding retirement living with Keyton

Moving into a retirement village is a significant life decision, but with the right information, it can be an exciting and rewarding step toward a fulfilling retirement. With over 75 villages nationwide, Keyton's empowers people and their families with the information they need to make the right and confident choices about retirement living.

## Making the decision

We offer four types of contracts — deferred management fee, refundable contribution, pre-paid and pay-as-you-go, to suit different lifestyles and situations. We encourage people to talk to their families and seek independent financial and legal advice to ensure they choose the contract that best suits their current and future financial needs, putting them in charge of their decisions.

We also understand people change their minds on occasion, so we provide a six-month change-of-mind guarantee period. During this time, residents can leave the village and will receive back their ingoing contribution, only paying fair market rent for the period they occupied the unit.



## Life at a village

There's no right answer to when you should make the move but if you're over 55 and ready to embrace a lifestyle of community, convenience and comfort, now might be the perfect time. You can participate as much or as little as you like!

Since moving to Lakeside Village, Maggie has enjoyed many new experiences and learnt new skills. "I love the sense of community here. My kids love it that I'm always busy," Maggie tells us. "I've always got something to do, and that's the running joke in the family now - that they have to make an appointment to see me. I love that about my life."

## Understanding fees and finances

We believe in transparent communication about service fees, which align with state retirement village legislation.

These fees cover essential village operations including staff, maintenance and insurance. By responsibly balancing budgets, we ensure that neither residents nor Keyton face unexpected financial strain.

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## Making moving out easy

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**At Keyton, our communities are designed to help you live well, stay active and make the most of every day. Ready to discover retirement living? Visit [www.keyton.com.au](http://www.keyton.com.au) or call 1800 550 550**



## Join a thriving retirement community

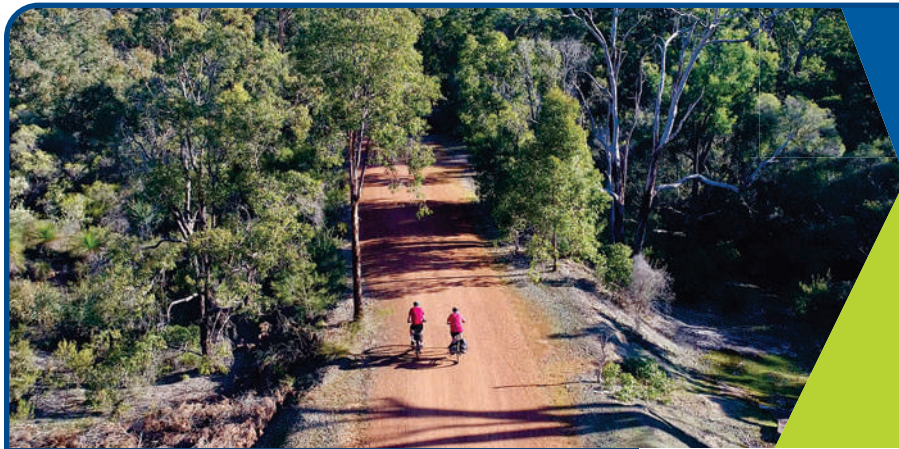
Discover a life where community is more than a place - it's a way of life. In our WA communities, kindness flourishes, neighbours become friends, and your local neighbourhood feels like home.

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## Shire President's Message

Hi everyone,

Exciting projects are underway in the Shire as highlighted in our newly launched Council Plan. This is a pivotal time for our community, providing many opportunities for residents to engage in shaping the future of our Shire. I encourage everyone to read the [Council Plan](#) to explore our upcoming and long term projects.



This includes an upgrade to Sculpture Park's outdoor amphitheatre as part of our Town Centre Revitalisation Project. The upgrade promises to enhance the amphitheatre's cultural and recreational value. Council values your feedback, so please [share your thoughts](#) on this and other proposed improvements.

Volunteering is the heart of our community and I'm so proud to report that the shire boasts a higher volunteer rate than the state average. To honour this incredible contribution, nominations for the Australia Day Citizenship Awards are now open. This is our chance to recognise those who selflessly dedicate their time and skills for the betterment of our community. Nominate via <https://bit.ly/MundaringAwards2025> before 27 November.

Now is the time to prepare and review your Bushfire Plan with family, friends and neighbours. Download the My Bushfire Plan app via <https://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/> or visit the Shire's website for resources. To stay informed about changing conditions, sign up to the Shire's free SMS alerts at <https://bit.ly/SMSinfotool>

Our advocacy campaign continues! The President's Sundowner was a celebration of community, timed to attract attention from candidates in 2025's State and Federal elections. Our Shire welcomes State and Federal assistance to help us deliver priority projects including the Mundaring Cultural Hub, our Town Centre Revitalisation, Brown Park's Masterplan and upgrades to Volunteer Bushfire Brigade stations and sporting changerooms.

Community and business leaders were entertained by local musicians The Ben Bulla Trio and local produce was enjoyed, making the evening a community and networking success! Thanks to everyone who contributed to reinforce our collective commitment of community-focus, sustainability and a vibrant future for us all in the Shire of Mundaring.

Paige McNeil  
**Shire President**

## Community Pulse Survey

We invite all residents and businesses to participate in the MARKYT® Pulse Survey - a quick three minute questionnaire open from 18 November to 2 December.

Residents who have registered on Engage Mundaring or the Shire's Customer Portal (My Mundaring) will receive an email with a link to the pulse scorecard.

Residents can also complete the survey using this link: <https://bit.ly/MundaringScorecard>. Paper surveys are available at the Shire Administration Centre or on request via email at [shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au) or by calling (08) 9290 6666.

The results will be considered by Council and shared with the community in early 2025.

Individual responses will remain private and confidential.



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## Help revitalise Mundaring



Planned upgrades to the Mundaring Cultural Precinct will enhance our public spaces, boost connectivity and create inviting areas for relaxation, events and community connection.

Upgrades to the Sculpture Park Outdoor Amphitheatre are part of the Town Centre Revitalisation project and are scheduled to commence in late 2025, aiming to enhance accessibility and functionality for events while carefully preserving its distinctive character and rich heritage.

Other proposed improvements, such as streetscaping and upgraded amenities, will follow as funding becomes available. View the draft plans and share your feedback in a short survey via <https://bit.ly/Mundaring-cultural-precinct> which is open until Tuesday, 3 December 2024

## What's On

### 1 December Ordinary Council Meeting

**Tuesday 10 December**

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

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

### 2 Styling your Home for Sale or Rent

**Monday 2 December**

10.30am to 12pm  
Boya community Centre

Join interior design consultant Geri Vladeva and learn how to prepare your property for sale or rent. Bookings essential via [Eventbrite](#).



### 3 Predation, Persecution, Production... and a PhD! with Simon Cherriman

**Monday 2 December**

6.30pm to 7.45pm  
Boya Community Centre

Join Simon for a one-hour seminar on Wedge-tailed Eagles (Waalitj), covering research insights from his PhD and behind-the-scenes filmmaking stories. Includes an extended Q&A. Free event with light refreshments; bring a keep cup. Booking essential via [Eventbrite](#).



## Handy Links

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# Perth Hills Tourism Alliance are triumphant with Gold at 2024 Perth Airport WA Tourism Awards



Nikayla Vann & Clive Coutinho – City of Swan, Mandy Skeates – City of Kalamunda, Marcel Bridge – Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, Kirk Kitchin – Shire of Mundaring, Barbara Hugill & Kyla Matthews – City of Armadale, Bev Beale – Shire of Mundaring and Ellie Whitney – City of Kalamunda.

**The Perth Hills Tourism Alliance has achieved remarkable success, winning Gold at the prestigious 2024 Perth Airport WA Tourism Awards.**

Announced at a gala event held at Crown Perth, this award celebrates the Alliance's outstanding achievements in promoting the Perth Hills as a premier destination for both local and international visitors.

The Perth Hills Tourism Alliance is a collaborative effort between five local governments: the City of Kalamunda, City of Armadale, Shire of Mundaring, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, and City of Swan (Gidgegannup).

Working in close partnership with local businesses,

and regional and state tourism bodies, the Alliance has successfully driven brand awareness and increased visitation to the Perth Hills region.

City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas highlighted the significance of this achievement, stating, "The Gold award recognises the extraordinary collaboration and commitment of the Perth Hills Tourism Alliance in showcasing our region's natural beauty, vibrant communities, and unique experiences."

It's a proud moment for all involved, and we are thrilled to see the Perth Hills shine as a must-visit destination."

The Alliance has achieved significant milestones under

the Experience Perth Hills brand, establishing the Perth Hills as a leading destination for nature lovers, adventure seekers, and food and wine enthusiasts.

This brand has successfully promoted the region's scenic trails, seasonal waterfalls, award-winning wineries, and popular dining experiences.

The Perth Hills Tourism Alliance's Gold award win is a testament to the passion, innovation, and collaboration that have transformed the Perth Hills into a destination of choice.

For further information, visit [experienceperthhills.com.au](http://experienceperthhills.com.au)

## Award Winning Destination

Perth Hills Tourism Alliance triumphs with Gold at 2024 Perth Airport Tourism Awards.

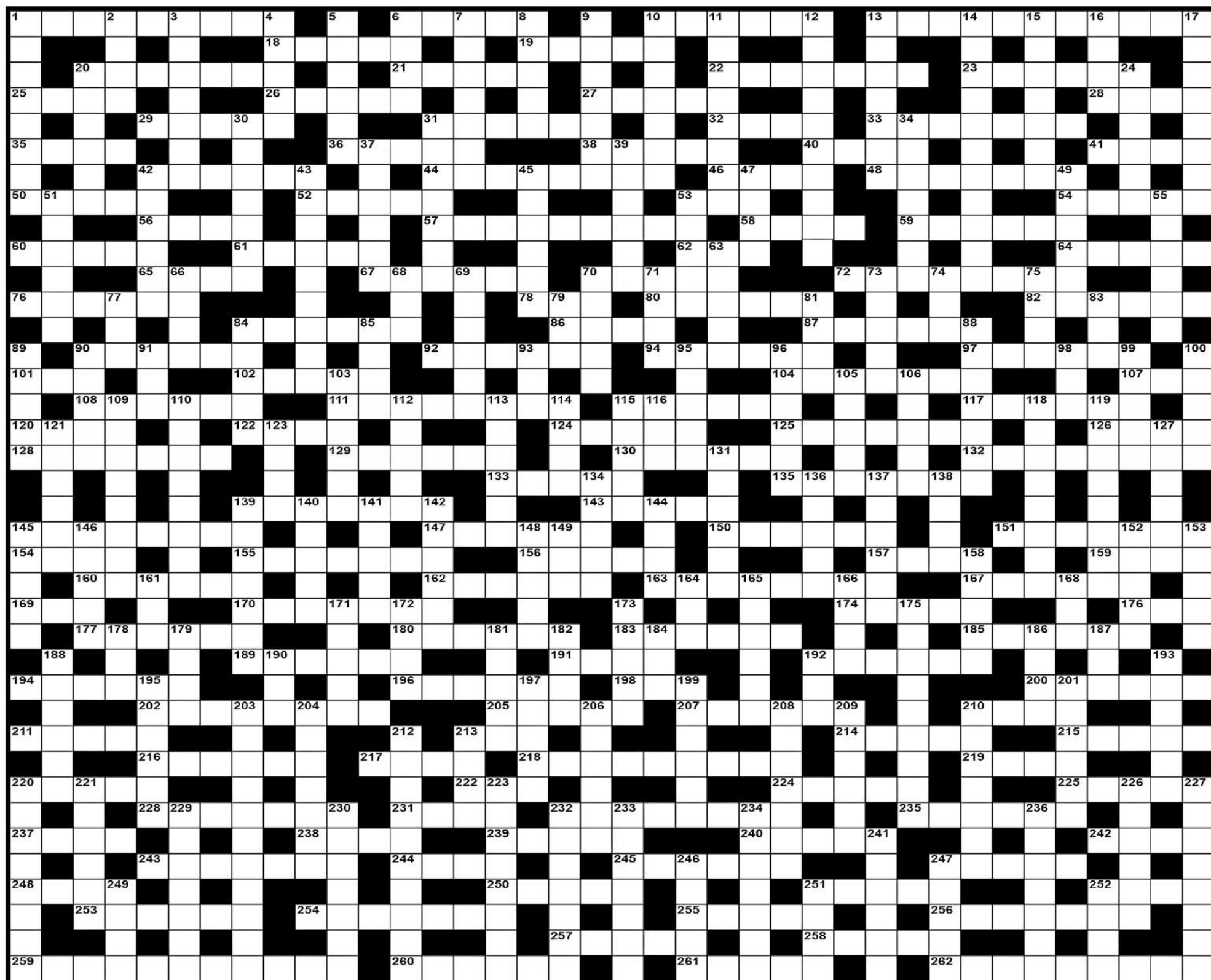


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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



## British India bring their explosive energy to Guildford's Stirling Arms

AUSTRALIAN rock legends **British India** are set to ignite Perth with their electrifying live performance at **The Stirling Arms Hotel in Guildford on Friday, November 29.**

British India launched their career in Melbourne's indie rock scene, quickly making waves with their debut album, *Guillotine*.

Featuring hits like *Tie Up My Hands* and *Black & White Radio*, the album sold 20,000 copies independently and earned them the AIR Award for best new group in 2007.

They continued their rise with the follow-up album, *Thieves*, which debuted at No 5 on the national charts and featured *I Said I'm Sorry*, one of their eight entries in Triple J's Hottest 100.

Thieves also brought in three ARIA nominations, solidifying British India's reputation as one of Australia's most dynamic rock acts.

The band's third album, *Avalanche*, further elevated their profile with the hit single *Vanilla*, a track that showcased their ability to fuse raw rock energy with infectious hooks. This success was

followed by *Controller*, which included the Platinum-certified *I Can Make You Love Me* – a powerful, emotional anthem that struck a deep chord with fans across the country.

In 2015, British India released *Nothing Touches Me*, featuring the standout track *Suddenly*, which went on to achieve ARIA Gold status. Their knack for crafting memorable, high-impact songs has won them a devoted fanbase and critical acclaim, making them a must-see live act.

Known for their explosive live shows, British India's performances are a powerful blend of passion and energy. As they wrap up their 2024 Threshold American Tour, this special performance in Perth promises to be an unmissable experience for rock fans.

Don't miss British India live in Guildford – grab your tickets now for a night of iconic Aussie rock.

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## Curated collection of precious objects at MJAC

**INTERIOR** is a curated collection of precious objects exhibiting at Midland Junction Art Centre (MJAC) from November 30.

Featuring homewares and 2D artforms that imbue our lived environments, this contemporary design collection highlights the work of 31 accomplished artists from Western Australia.

The selected artists' works promote reflection on our interior spaces as we see them both through the curatorial lens, and as desired objects for the domestic setting.

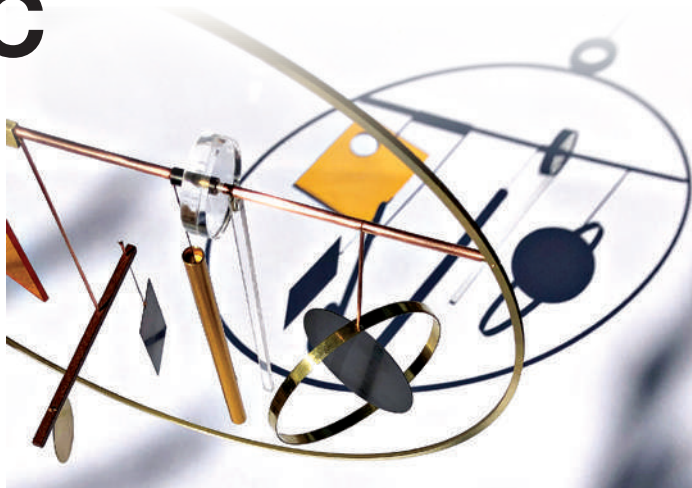
The art-object occupies the liminal space between fine art and design, often resulting in contemplative and subtle forms for our spaces. They may manifest as strikingly bold sculptures that reject function or form or serve as joyously decorative objects, however in both respects they offer a delight for the eyes. They are curated, coveted and collected.

Interior is an opportunity to explore a diverse collection of artwares and design objects celebrating the beauty of how we adorn our homes while championing the importance of supporting the handcrafted market and fostering sustainability for our artists.

These artists excel in their mastery of materials, form, and functionality. They transform raw, traditional applications, found and industrial fabrications into beautiful objects that enhance our everyday lives.

The exhibition is curated in-house by MAC Inc.'s retail manager Kristy Scaddan, a 2021 visual arts graduate from Edith Cowan University, printmaker and emerging curator who brings a trained eye for detail as well as deep respect to artisans and contemporaries alike.

Scaddan expertly balances art and design with the knowledge,



**KA KE, Drift, 2024, mixed media, dimensions variable.** Image courtesy of the artist.

connections and insight to curate the intersection where gallery meets retail space. In 2023, she debuted in the curatorial field with *Placemarks*, *Gallery 25*, *ECU* and *Hand in Hand*, *Mundaring Arts Centre* and this year with an artists' book exhibition *Unfold*, which recently closed at MJAC.

The MAC Inc. shops were established with the objective to support artists in their professional pursuits, while providing visitors to their galleries with the opportunity to acquire exceptional, handcrafted objects from Western Australia.

Interior further expands this mission by inviting artists to explore their practice within the realm of design and serves as a platform for showcasing the narratives behind each piece, which are often overlooked in traditional retail environments.

Featured artists include: Gemma Ben-Ary, Felicity Bodycoat, Sian Boucher, Helen Clark, Greg Crowe, Jon Denaro, John Eden, Penelope Forlano, Alice Guinness, Louise Hamill, Gabby Howlett, Margaret Dillon & Jesse Lee, Wendy Hubert, Daniel Iley, Cath Inman, Tanya Jaceglav, Sarah Keirle, Robbie Kerr, Ben Kovacs, Emma Lashmar, Mark Lilly, Coby McDougall, Kate Rae & Kerry O'Flaherty, Chris Reid, Sarah Soulay, Jacob Smith, Jude Taylor, Anne Williams and Michael Woodley.

The Interior exhibition is open and free to the public from Saturday, November 30 to Sunday, February 16 at the Midland Junction Arts Centre.

For an opportunity to engage with MJAC or to arrange a group tour of the exhibition, please contact Jess Knight, artistic program manager at 9250 8062 or [jknight@mundaringartscentre.com.au](mailto:jknight@mundaringartscentre.com.au)



**Ben Kovacs, Developable 3 & 4, beech and jarrah.** Image courtesy of the artist.

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#### Fri 22 November

##### Parkerville Tavern

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6 Owen Road  
Parkerville

##### Settlers House York

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125 Avon Terrace York

##### Lyric's Bar

The Pick-Me-Up's.  
6pm. Free.  
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105 Swan Street  
Guildford

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Empire Blues.  
6.30-9.30pm. Free.  
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##### Settlers House York

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Leading the charge, is Australia's newest four-wheel drive dual-cab ute, the JAC T9 Oasis which is priced from \$46,910 drive-away.

While the name might seem new to Australians, the JAC brand is an established and dominant player in the commercial vehicle space in its home market of China, and last year alone, the brand sold more than 500,000 commercial vehicles.

The utes also come with an impressive seven-year unlimited kilometre warranty for extra piece of mind as a family vehicle.

The JAC T9 brings rugged looks and a value-packed equipment list to the streets.

With a 1045-kilogram payload and with niceties in the cabin like seat heating, a 10.4-inch touchscreen for infotainment, and leather accented seats, the JAC T9 straddles the line of workaday utility and family practicality that more and more buyers in the segment want.

JAC joins a growing fleet of sub-\$50,000 utes available to Australian buyers, and while Great Wall, LDV, SsangYong and Mahindra might not be household names, they have carved out a niche with their value packed offerings, accounting for around 10 per cent of the dual-cab 4x4 market so far this year.

But it's not just challenger brands targeting budget-conscious buyers.

Mainstream brands like Nissan, Ford and Toyota offer dual cab utes that sell for less than \$50,000, although at that more affordable end of their respective ranges, buyers

will have to forgo features like four-wheel drive and automatic transmissions and some of the interior niceties that have seen dual-cabs increasingly pressed into service as family haulers.

As well as great prices, JAC Motors Australia also offer an industry-leading warranty loan vehicle program, demonstrating their strong product confidence and commitment to providing exceptional customer support.

The program, powered by Carbiz, will provide a JAC T9 dual-cab ute loan vehicle to approved owners during warranty repairs, paid for by JAC.

"While JAC may be a new name to some Australians, we bring 60 years of global automotive excellence to this market. This program demonstrates our absolute confidence in the JAC T9's quality and reliability," Managing Director of JAC Australia Ahmed Mahmoud said.

"We understand that a T9 is more than just a vehicle – it's essential to our customers'

businesses, daily operations, and family life. Getting them back on the road quickly is our absolute priority."

The program will be delivered through collaboration with Carbiz, utilising their extensive fleet of JAC T9 Utes.

This partnership ensures that JAC customers receive timely and efficient service across Australia.

With prices from \$46,910 driveaway for the T9 Oasis, featuring 3,000kg braked towing capacity, 21 turbo diesel, eight speed auto, high and low range 4WS, and 10.4-inch screen, Apple Carplay and Android Auto plus lots more and \$49,990 for the T9 Haven, with Nappa leather seats, 12-speaker sound system, chrome accents and bespoke alloys, 12-inch digital driver display and other extras.

Midland JAC Motors is located inside CARCO.com, 8/181A Great Eastern Highway Midland or phone (08) 8451 2969 for further information.

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# Midland kickboxers fight at major promotion

**GUANHAO CHENG**

**SWAN'S Muay Thai prowess was on display in the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre as fighters from Midland competed in one of the year's biggest promotions.**

Midland Mad Dog Martial Arts fighters Ashraf Farawah and Shell Read both stepped in the ring at Empire Fight series on November 2.

Farawah demonstrated speed and precision during his bout, and although his opponent began to push the pace in round two, it was the Midland fighter who came away with the decision win.

As reported in *Midland's Mad Dog kickboxers take home the trophy* (Echo News, July 19), Farawah's style was untraditional in the sport of Muay Thai.

He preferred to remain light on his feet, dictating the fight through his movement and evasion instead of staying postured stolidly in place and advancing as seen in traditional Thai style.

Read had a last-minute change of opponent and ended up fighting the undefeated Maddie Black.

Read demonstrated her ever growing

arsenal of weapons during her fight, first employing her boxing and finding success with her punches landing true on her opponent.

The bout however came down to a decision loss for the Midland fighter as Black edged Read out in the clinch with the opponent's knee techniques proving dominant.

Mad Dog Martial Arts coach Slade



Midland's Mad Dog Martial Arts kickboxers Shell Read (right) above and Ashraf Farawah competed recently in one of the biggest Muay Thai promotions.

Hutcheson said he commended both for stepping into the ring and demonstrating the grit and skill from the Midland area.

"I couldn't be (prouder) of the work done by Shell Read and Ashraf Farawah in the weekend," he said.

"Both coaches and fighters showed amazing skills and heart at the Perth Convention Centre on the Empire Fight Series.

"Mad Dog Martial Arts is a young and smaller gym compared to most gyms around.

"That makes the work these guys do even more significant.

"It takes the whole team behind the fighters to get the work done — we appreciate everyone for their help.

"A huge thank you to all the parents, kids and supporters we have to make our club run.

"We could not have the fighters without your support."



Ashraf Farawah

# Midland Guildford U17 win over the weekend

**JOSHUA MCKENZIE**

**MIDLAND Guildford Cricket Club had minimal matches completed over the weekend with only the senior female sides and female U17 finishing matches while the male sides started two-day fixtures.**

The female A grade enjoyed a complete performance as they dominated Wanneroo with both bat and ball.

After losing the toss, a bowling effort

led by Shay Manolini (3-18 from 4.5 overs) would restrict their opponents to a total of 116 all out.

Morgan Pires, Elle White and Molly Lincoln would all also take two wickets in the bowling innings.

The run chase would be led by Ruby York (33 runs from 63 balls) and Naomi Dattani (35 from 43) as the side would chase down the target with seven wickets remaining and 23 overs to spare.

The female B grade were set a target of

200 for victory by Rockingham Mandurah after a bowling innings which featured Kiara Smart taking 4-50 from eight overs.

Despite Meg Spalding scoring 57 from 53, the side would be bowled out for 131 and fall 68 runs short of the total posted by their opposition.

The female U17 also faced Rockingham Mandurah in their match over the weekend and the side would lose the toss and be asked to field first, restricting their opponents to 6-154 from 40 overs.

Sharna Abbott was the standout bowler for side taking 3-11 from eight overs.

In the run chase, Caitlin Beck (41 not out from 38) joined Mabel Davenport (11 not out from 33) at the crease with the side struggling at 8-97 before the pair produced an unbeaten 61-run partnership to result in a two-wicket victory with 5.5 overs remaining.

The upcoming weekend will feature matches for senior and junior male sides, as well as for all female sides.

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## Upcoming Events

- **The Swan Valley Ratepayers' and Residents' Association** is holding its annual general meeting at 7pm on Thursday, December 5 at the Swan Athletic Sporting Club, 11/26 McDonald Street, Herne Hill. This is an opportunity to ask questions of your ward councillors Rod Henderson and Charlie Zannino. Swan Hills MLA Jessica Shaw is also invited. Topics for discussion include firebreaks, inappropriate developments, the proposed Henley Brook Avenue and the Orange Route plus any items raised by members or visitors on the night.
- **Voice Interest and Education of Women** meets on the second Tuesday each month at 10am for coffee and chat with the meeting starting at 10.30am at the Bayswater Tennis Club, 1 Garratt Road, Bayswater. Bayswater City VIEW club members enjoy social activities while raising funds to sponsor 12 financially disadvantaged students with their education through The Smith Family Learning for Life program. For more information call Linda on 0417 960 027 or email bayswatercitywa.viewclub@gmail.com
- **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.

• **The St Stephens Anglican Church** will be running their market day on Friday, November 29 from 8.30am until 11.30am at 9 Salix Way, Forrestfield.

• **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 Perth War Cemetery Nedlands. The 44th AIF Battalion was raised in Perth in WWI, with many of its members coming from the City of Swan areas. Nearly 100 items (battle stories, songs, hymns and poems) will be recited throughout the day in addition to the names of the 44th Battalion AIF men who paid the supreme sacrifice. 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 the ceremony.

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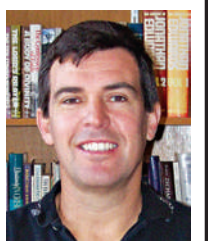


## Woofers of the week

Rowen is an Australian cattle dog cross. He is well behaved and used to children and other dogs. His owner's circumstances have changed and he can't keep Rowen anymore. He is sterilised, vaccinated and microchipped. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.

## Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk



## Our Grass Tree

In our front garden we have a grass tree - apparently about 300 years old. We received it from our neighbour some 36 years ago when he was constructing roads in bushlands north of Perth. Normally they are knocked down and destroyed, but he kept one for me.

After putting one into the back of his ute, he drove it to our place and we rolled it into a big hole we had dug. With roots exposed from rolling it, I thought it would surely die. But after reading about what to do, I cut the tree's crown and then poured petrol on it and lit it up. It may appear I was killing the tree. But the harsh treatment caused it to go into survival mode. Then a month later, we saw the first green shoots. It was alive!

Today, it is thriving in our garden. Not only that, this season, for the first time, it produced two large flower stalks. They look magnificent. These stalks are also attracting many creatures to feed off its nectar - bees and ants, honeyeaters and lorikeets.

What a picture - the two flower stalks giving life to insects and birds! And what a picture this is of Jesus. By two huge events, His death on the cross for our sins and His mighty resurrection, Jesus is able to impart life to us - abundant, spiritual and eternal life - if we would come to Him by faith and receive (feed on) Him.



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