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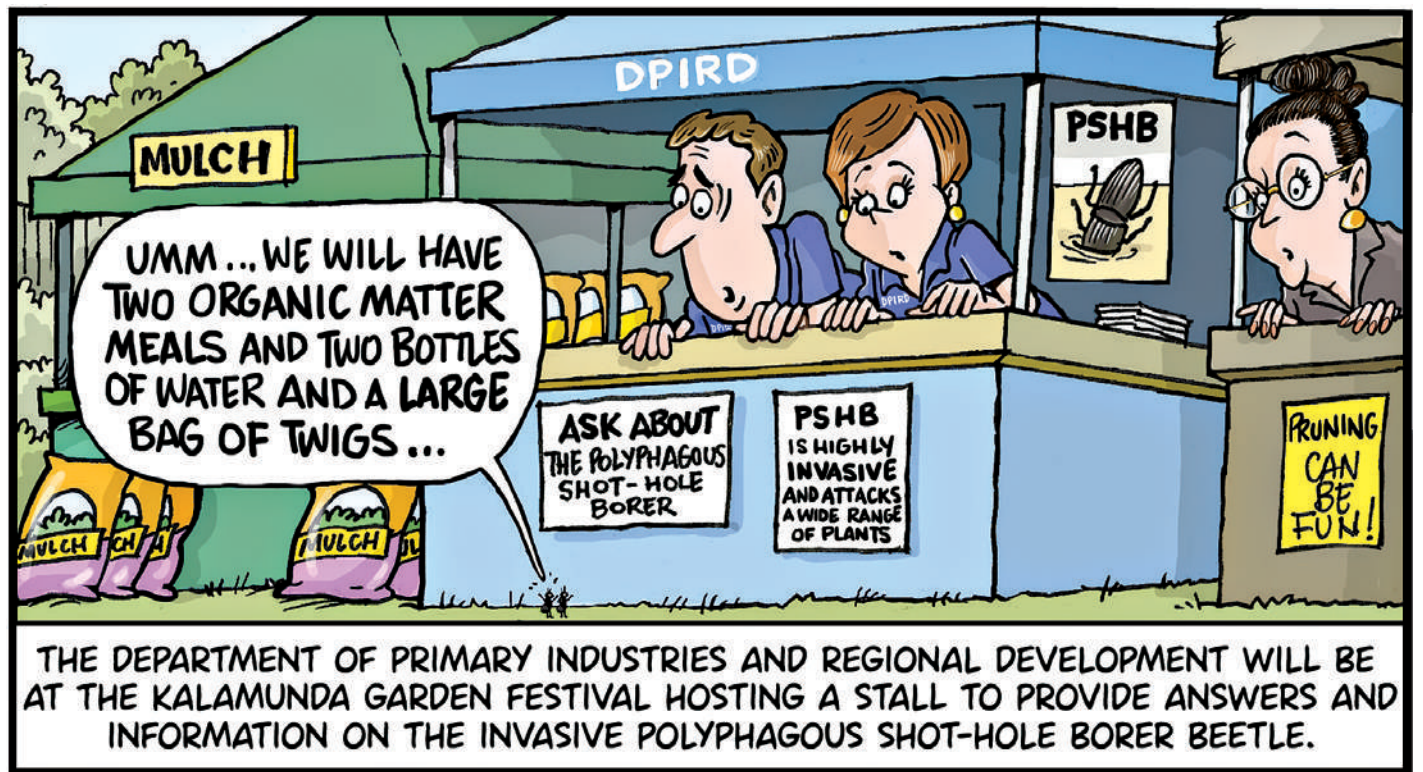
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Great Eastern Highway dangers

Dear Echo News,
Your article *Four signs for road safety* (Echo News, November 8) highlights the dangers of Great Eastern Highway in Greenmount, particularly near the Scott Street intersection.

I grew up near there, and that intersection has become increasingly more risky over the years, to the extent that consideration should perhaps be given to restricting right turns on to the highway, as well as reducing the maximum speed.

However, the bigger issue is the fact that we still have the state's primary interstate highway and road freight route interacting with numerous local roads, and household driveways, in Greenmount and elsewhere in the Shire of Mundaring.

To overcome this far from ideal situation, the 'Orange' route was selected as a new route for a safer road after a thorough process in the late 1980s.

Now known as Eastlink WA, the sooner it is built, the better.

**J Day
Woodbridge**

Abandoned trolleys are not a trial

Dear Echo News,
Unreal to believe the City of Swan mayor would not understand the policies of the council she leads.

The mayor referred to the most recent program to collect dumped shopping trolleys as a 'trial' over Christmas - an outdated and inaccurate claim.

In reality, the council initiated a trial back in 2020, which was later expanded citywide due to its success.

Following these successful trials, the council amended its local laws in 2023 to make the collection of abandoned trolleys an endorsed program, which it now is.

Her claim there was no push for retailers to collect their trolleys ignores a history of documented trials and discussions with retailers in council records.

Disappointing.

Next time, check the facts before speaking on live radio.

**J Murray
Aveley**

Stopping trolleys solution

Dear Echo News,
Why are the retail stores being charged for what idiotic customers do?

I think Coles Swan View and Woolworths Subiaco Station have got a stoppage in place from trolleys moving out of a certain area.

This idea, years ago, featured on the ABC Inventors show and has yet to be applied.

Can our major shopping centres start working on trolleys remaining with their areas of control?

**D Cruden
Jane Brook**

Natham Square fire risk

Dear Echo News,
We bought our lot in Swan View in 1988, part of Natham Square Stage 3.

There was just an open field, so everyone bought off the plan.

As it turned out, buyers of lots backing onto

Natham Square Park found out that what was showing on the plan as open space was an open drain, which later doubled up as a wind tunnel.

The then shire eliminated most of the wind problem by planting a multitude of trees and bushes on the south-west side of the drain.

For the next two decades we then watched trees being mutilated one way or another, but at least they made an attempt to mow the grass.

However, in the last decade, large roots have emerged on the surface, making it impossible to use a mower on 90 per cent of the 5000sqm strip of land.

So, the now City of Swan have decided to solve the problem by letting the grass grow.

We are now three weeks into the fire season, with six months of growth ready to burn.

It makes it hard to fathom the level of ignorance, arrogance, stupidity and lack of responsibility displayed from the very top, down through the ranks of park management.

Shame on you.

**O Madsen
Swan View**

Pump station noise concerns

Dear Echo News,
Who, residing in the City of Swan or the Shire of Mundaring, has a home impacted by amplified clunking and pulsing and/or droning bassy noise vibrations which are in sync with consumer off peak/water demand?

Since Water Corporation upgrades and maintenance in June and July, intrusive pump station noise vibrations, propagating through the ground via

Thought for the day

"I think it is important to be present with whatever it is you're doing. And if you can't be present, take a break."

— Emily Giffin

the underground pipeline infrastructure, have significantly impacted my home on the doorstep of John Forrest National Park (hard clay soil with coffee rock), turning it into a resonance chamber and uninhabitable at worst.

Impacts to neighbouring properties vary depending on location, property structure type and size, and ceiling height.

Despite escalating the complaint with the Energy and Water Ombudsman and recording evidence, no remedy appears as yet.

I continue to suffer pressure and pain in my ears from the throbbing noise and unbalanced sound spectrum from sound pressure levels changed by the vibrations impacting my home.

These symptoms, including lightheadedness, and more, disappear when away from exposure to the vibrations.

Properties in the Swan Valley, located within the WA Tourism zone, which I frequented for quiet respite, are now also impacted by intrusive pump station noise.

It pervades the greater environment and natural wetland which is deeply concerning. Timelines of impact correlate with work on the Bellevue wastewater pump station, and same again for the Ellenbrook to Wangara wastewater pipeline.

Pump stations are required to move water (including gravity fed) to, and wastewater from metered properties.

Travelling stress waves through water

pipes are undesirable as they fatigue the pipeline infrastructure, and because they are bassy, have the capacity to travel far from their originating source point.

So why is there failure in operational compliance to eliminate propagating pump station noise vibrations in this instance, and from negatively impacting people and the environment?

**K Blandford
Swan View**

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Pickering Brook and surrounds sustainability and tourism strategy recommended an increase in the size of the townsite but the proposal has since stagnated.

John Carey says WAPC independence must be respected

ANITA McINNES

AFTER years of work a proposal to re-zone about 17ha of Pickering Brook land from rural to urban has stalled leading to questions being asked in state Parliament.

On October 24 Wheatbelt MLA and Bullwinkel candidate Mia Davies raised a grievance on the issue with Planning Minister John Carey responding.

Ms Davies said a lot of work had been done on the proposal from community consultation, discussions with landowners and other community stakeholders and a survey eventually resulting in a sustainability and tourism strategy, which was submitted to a taskforce for consideration.

She said the project taskforce included the then transport and planning minister, the then regional development minister, the then deputy premier and the then Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) chair.

The project working group was chaired by Kalamunda MLA Matthew Hughes and included representatives from the Department of Fire and the City of Kalamunda.

"No fewer than 11 documents on the

website have been published as a result of the work done by the working group to inform the decisions of the taskforce," she said.

"That includes soil surveys, land assessments, bushfire management plans and risk assessments, a tourism gap analysis for the area and transport scenario planning."

Hansard records that Mr Hughes made a statement about the sustainability and tourism strategy on September 26, 2019 saying it was a state government initiative to facilitate sustainable tourism growth within the Perth Hills and in particular to undertake a sustainability assessment of the Pickering Brook town site.

"Tourism development initiatives, including the potential growth of agritourism and the potential expansion of the Pickering Brook town site, are being investigated as part of developing the strategy," Mr Hughes said.

"I am pleased to chair the working group that will report to the ministerial task force with a set of strategic recommendations once the study is concluded during the course of 2020.

"Over 70 separate interviews were conducted as part of (the) initial community

consultation process."

The state government Pickering Brook and surrounds sustainability and tourism strategy page said a report by the project working group on the potential sustainable expansion of the Pickering Brook townsite was endorsed by the project taskforce.

"The key recommendation is that the townsite can support modest expansion of about 14ha, to protect its rural amenity," the page said.

"The report recommends that the City of Kalamunda prepare and submit a metropolitan region scheme (MRS) amendment request, so that the WAPC may consider re-zoning the supported land area from rural to urban."

In her grievance Ms Davies said the community's patience had run out and they wanted to know what the government's intention was for the future of Pickering Brook and surrounds.

Planning Minister John Carey said the metropolitan region scheme amendment process was done under the authority of the WAPC and that the government's planning reforms had strengthened the independence of the WAPC.

"We have seen that in other matters with-

in the electorate of Bullwinkel, including the Stoneville proposal, which was rejected by the WAPC," he said.

"I say, respectfully, that we must respect the independence of the WAPC and the MRS amendment process, not just when it suits us politically.

"On one issue like the Stoneville plan, which people were against, they are very happy to say that the WAPC has done the right thing, and then on another issue, they tell the WAPC to hurry up and get this land urbanised.

"I understand that the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) has raised some not insignificant concerns with the proposal regarding bushfire risk mitigation.

"If we think back to the Stoneville proposal, a key concern and consideration was bushfire risk.

"We should not underestimate or devalue the expertise of DFES.

"Given the location in the densely vegetated Perth hills, we are talking about a significant bushfire risk."

He also said there were key water supply issues as the amendment was located within a priority 2 public drinking water source area.

Kalamunda FOGO review motion carried

GUANHAO CHENG

CITY of Kalamunda carried a motion to review the community impact of FOGO in the most recent council meeting following back and forth debate in the chamber between councillors.

Councillor David Modolo, who moved the motion, said leaving used nappies, used female hygiene products, or soiled medical consumables in a bin was self-evident of the impact a fortnightly wait time had.

"Frankly, to leave any rubbish in a bin for 14 days is unhygienic, stinks to high heaven and is causing pests like rats and maggots to infest our waste," he said.

"This motion before you tonight, councillors, is about common sense.

"It's not calling for a rush to change things tomorrow.

"In supporting the motion, you're very simply saying, we accept that some people are having a hard time with this system.

"We acknowledge that in a cost-of-living crisis, some people simply cannot afford to pay for an extra bin.

"And finally, perhaps most importantly, we're asking the city to go away, come up with some options because we hear our residents and as their elected representatives, we're doing our bit."

The main arguments against the motion included that it was too soon to conduct a review after the FOGO system had only been rolled out for three weeks.

Councillor Kathy Ritchie spoke against the motion citing the recency of the rollout and said not enough time had been given to residents to adjust to changes.

"FOGO across the whole city of Kalamunda has been in place for just over three weeks," she said.

"It took two months to roll it out to all households.

"This small amount of time is not sufficient to make a call on how well we are progressing, and three weeks is certainly not sufficient time to warrant a review with its associated costs.

"Other local governments have indicated it takes 12 months for residents to adjust to the changes.

"As councillors we know that if we do not meet the obligations of the better bins funding and if we change to either a weekly bin collection or a 240L bin, the \$1 million will need to be refunded to the state government.

"This million-dollar cost would of course need to be passed on to rate payers.



City of Kalamunda rolling out the FOGO bins.

"I urge councillors to vote against the motion that can only create uncertainty across our community and inevitable cost increase if changes are made and bewilderment for those who have been urging councillors to introduce FOGO over the past several years."

City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas spoke against the motion, concerned it might send the wrong message about residents not having to try and adjust to positive change.

"I just think that's sending the wrong message to our community," she said.

"So, you've got a choice, councillors — you can do what's popular and just say let's forget this, we'll have pick-ups every week, we'll pay back the money for the grants, or you can do what's right for our city.

"If we move this motion tonight nobody's going to try, and we all need to try harder."

Cr Modolo closed the debate by saying the motion didn't call for drastic immediate change.

"This motion is calling just for a review," he said.

"And it's not a review tomorrow, it's a report in three months' time, in February.

"I agree with councillor O'Connor that we cannot wait 12 months with the status quo.

"We're saying consider the whole lot, give us some options, and then we'll have a think about it.

"I think that's a pretty fair position for us to consider at this point and as such, I urge everybody to support the motion this evening."

The motion was eventually carried five to four. Councillors Giardina, Stallard, Cannon, O'Connor, and Modolo voted for the motion. Councillors O'Donnell, Cooper, Ritchie, and Thomas voted against.

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City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson (centre front), Swan councillors and the Swan Valley Visitor Centre team at the awards night.

Swan Valley Visitors Centre gets gold

THE City of Swan's Swan Valley Visitor Centre (SVVC) has been awarded gold for the visitor information services category at the recent 2024 Perth Airport WA Tourism Awards.

The prestigious award recognises tourism businesses who deliver unwaveringly dedicated and exceptional service to visitors of Western Australia.

Up against the likes of Mandurah Visitor Centre and Fremantle Visitor Centre, the SVVC was acknowledged as a beacon of excellence in Australian tourism and the gateway to WA's oldest wine region.

At the Planning Institute of Australia's state awards for planning excellence the City of Swan received a commendation for its tree protection and management approach.

The city's approach uses forward thinking, cutting-edge technology and proactive community engagement to deliver a tree protection and management policy that will support tree retention in the Swan region.

It also involved the launch of the city's 'branching out' program – a comprehensive community engagement campaign that shifts public perception about the value of urban trees.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the city was thrilled to have been recognised for its work across multiple industries.

"The city has been a strong supporter of tourism for many years, and we are proud to provide one of the state's best visitor centres," she said.

"This is the seventh time we've received this prestigious award and it's truly a testament to the efforts of the amazing staff.

"We're also incredibly proud of being recognised for our innovative tree protection and management approach which addresses current and future tree canopy retention.

"We know our community values their green spaces and we are focused on delivering initiatives that preserve and improve them."

New aged care Bill welcomed

THE Aged and Community Care Providers Association (ACCPA) has welcomed the passing of the Aged Care Bill in the Senate, paving the way for a new Act, as a watershed moment for older Australians.

A new, rights-based Aged Care Act was the number one recommendation of the Royal Commission into Aged Care, something that aged care providers fully supported.

Once passed in the Lower House, the new Act will deliver on dozens of other recommendations made by the Royal Commission, all aimed at creating a better system for the future.

"We congratulate our elected politicians for putting older Australians and the future of aged care above party politics, passing the Aged Care Bill in the Senate, with rare bipartisan support," ACCPA chief executive officer Tom Symondson said.

"The path to the new Act follows significant consultation with consumers, providers, unions, workers, accountants, economists, and members of parliament.

"Negotiations have been robust, but in good faith, with everyone putting the future of older Australians at the heart of reforms."

Given the scope of change, providers are calling for a clearly articulated transition plan so that the sector can successfully implement these significant reforms.

"Reforms of this magnitude will take time to implement, so we're continuing to call for realistic timeframes and support for the new requirements. We can't have a situation where parts of the new Act can't be achieved due to a lack of lead time and funding," Mr Symondson said.

"We need certainty, we need support, and we need time. Everyone wants these reforms to succeed and we only get one chance to get this right."

The new Act will replace the previous Aged Care Act, which was drafted back in 1997.

"The old Act was no longer fit for purpose for delivery of services to older people and nor was it fit for purpose to address Australia's rapidly ageing population," Mr Symondson said.

"Australia's population is ageing rapidly, with the demand for aged care set to spiral in coming decades. At the same time more than half of aged care providers are losing money on every resident, while home care is variable at best.

"We hope reforms under the new Act will bring sustainable financial security, so we can grow a sector that's vibrant and meets the needs of Australia's ageing population.

"Australians want and deserve quality, safe and person-centred care. I am optimistic that this achievement will go some way to cultivating the trust and confidence of all Australians in what we hope will become a world-class aged care system."

Summer of free public transport

THE state government will deliver another Summer of Free Public Transport, saving regular commuters hundreds of dollars and helping Western Australians get out and about over summer.

The \$14 million scheme will begin on Saturday, December 14 and run until Wednesday, February 5, with free public transport available to all SmartRider users in the Perth metropolitan area and regional WA, on trains, buses and ferries.

A family of four can save up to \$30 on a single trip in public transport costs through the initiative.

Last year's Summer of Free Public Transport initiative saw 8.3 million SmartRider boardings across bus, train or ferry services, a significant increase compared to the same period in 2022-23.

Passengers must tag on and off at the beginning and end of their journey to access free travel.

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during this time when passengers use their SmartRider at parking stations.

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said last year's summer of free public transport was an enormous success, with a 42 per cent increase in SmartRider boardings compared to the same period in the previous year.

"Based on the success of last year's scheme and the incredible take-up, we're providing this important initiative again, helping families save on travel costs this festive period.

"Catching public transport is a great way for families and young kids to explore our city, and thanks to the major expansion through Metronet, you can reach more places than ever before.

"So leave the car at home, and get on a train, bus or ferry and make the most of the free public transport this summer."

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Darlington childcare development concerns

GUANHAO CHENG

THE NEW Darlington childcare remains planned to be built near Darlington Primary School despite community members speaking to the applicant's representative and opposing the proposed location.

Darlington residents and ratepayers' association (DRRA) met with the applicant's representative for the childcare on Thursday last week to raise concerns but felt the outcome remained unchanged.

The Darlington community were concerned about the childcare going over the council and directly to the development assessment panel (DAP), as reported in *New Darlington childcare proposal bypasses council* (*Echo News*, November 22).

DRRA chair Louise Stelfox said the meeting was attended by one representative from Briscola Pty Ltd, and the main concerns raised were about bushfire risk and impact to minors.

"The worry is that the childcare is being developed so close to the primary school and it's in a cul de sac location," she said.

"The traffic flow in the area is a concern because the community really don't want so many more cars."

"There are an estimated 434 vehicular movements per day at the moment."

"In the event of a fire, there are five roads egressing with the daycare and school clustered together."

"Are the parents not going to collect their child or is it more likely they'll all try to access the same road to evacuate their children?"

DRRA member Pip Windsor was at the meeting as well and felt the residents and ratepayers' questions weren't answered by the representative.

"I think she was just there to represent and for us to be able to say what we feel and for her to take it back for consideration," Ms Windsor said.

"It's the fact that it's gone, bypassing the shire and straight to state planning, which we felt was pretty strategic and it's going in right before Christmas, which doesn't give us much time to give our opinions."

"We're not holding up too much hope, but we just hope that the community who are going to be affected by this development will be listened

to.

"We're just concerned that state planning is going to override that."

Shire of Mundaring chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker said the shire heard the communities' concerns which mainly related to traffic and noise.

"The shire is in the process of advertising the proposed development application, which finishes at 4pm on December 10," he said.

"Letters have been sent by the shire to landowners potentially affected by the proposal, as well as the DRRA, and the relevant state government departments and agencies."

"In addition to inviting public submission, shire planning staff are available to discuss this development."

Mr Whiteaker said shire officers have not yet been in contact with the applicant specifically regarding the traffic and noise concerns they've received from residents.

"At the conclusion of the advertising period shire officers shall collate all of the submissions, and an outline of the concerns received will be provided to the applicant to give them the opportunity to address or

respond to," he said.

"The applicant has not indicated whether they would consider relocating the proposed childcare premises."

Mr Whiteaker said the shire will be assessing community submissions and sending a report to the DAP for consideration.

"The matter may be presented to council for their comment prior to the report being presented to the development assessment panel."

"While this is not current practice, council will be considering a change of its normal process at the upcoming December meeting of full council."

Ms Stelfox said DRRA lobbied South Ward councillors to represent them and have been advised a motion will be raised at council for all DAPs to be considered.

"The message we were given by the applicant was that this was for the community," she said.

"The Darlington residents have said we want childcares, but the community is distressed it's in the wrong location," she said.

"There's a major bushfire risk. Despite us saying this, the applicant reinforced that they think it's



Shire of Mundaring chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker says the shire staff will be providing a report to DAP for consideration and the matter may be brought to council.

the right location and that they're doing this for the community.

"It's a commercial activity, and it's totally the opposite of what the residents currently want."

Free TAFE for housing and construction trades

A FURTHER 2140 fee-free TAFE places will be available in housing and construction in Western Australia.

The additional places are made possible through federal government funding of \$9.4 million, as they partner-up with the state government to address skills shortages to build the houses that Western Australians need.

From January 2025, 2140 new fee-free TAFE places will be available, including up to 540 pre-apprenticeship places.

The trades pre-apprenticeships will give students an opportunity to learn about a trade such as bricklaying, cabinet-making, carpentry, electrical and plumbing, and prepare them for future employment-based trades apprenticeships.

Western Australians who enrol in the new fee-free building and construction courses are set to save up to \$1425 in tuition fees in comparison to 2024 costs, helping to further reduce financial barriers to people engaging in vocational training and joining WA's in-demand construction workforce.

Premier Roger Cook said his government continued to work with industry and training

providers on the best ways to further grow WA's residential construction workforce.

"This partnership between the Cook and Albanese governments will add seven more building and construction courses to the Fee-Free TAFE list for 2025, taking the number of fee-free construction courses available to people looking to pursue a career in this in-demand sector to 17," he said.

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Photos of various fungi collected by Department staff and MyPestGuide® users. Left to right, Rhubarb bolete (*Boletellus obscurecoccineus*), a native bracket fungi (Polypore fungi), and Fly agaric (*Amanita muscaria*).

Spring has arrived here in the south-west. The weather is mild, the bush is exploding with flowers, and many Western Australian's are venturing out to experience the natural wonders of our region. Although past their peak, those with keen eyes will still spot what the intrepid winter bushwalkers have been enjoying for months, weird and wonderful specimens from the captivating kingdom of fungi!

Fantastic fungi

When you think of south-west WA's biodiversity, fungi might not be the first thing that comes to mind. However, it's estimated that fungal species may outnumber plant species 10:1, which means there could be as many as 140,000 different species in this region, the majority yet to be discovered. These often-overlooked lifeforms play crucial roles in our ecosystems, from the forest floor to the treetops, they are hard at work, decomposing organic matter, forming symbiotic relationships with plants, nourishing wildlife and even glowing in the dark. One of the most enchanting fungi you might encounter is the ghost fungus (*Omphalotus nidiformis*). These bioluminescent beauties can be found growing on dead or dying wood, emitting an eerie green glow in the darkness. Look but don't touch - ghost fungi are toxic.

The dangers of foraging

While the world of fungi is fascinating, and some species are safe and tasty to eat, it's crucial to remember that foraging for wild mushrooms can be extremely

dangerous. Many poisonous species closely resemble edible ones, and misidentification can lead to severe illness, organ damage or even death. Never eat wild mushrooms unless you're an expert or have had them identified by an expert. Sadly, fungi experts are hard to find, and even experienced foragers can make mistakes. It's best to admire fungi in their natural habitat without taking them home for dinner. For cases of suspected poisoning call 000. For general information, the poisons information centre: 13 11 26.

Livestock and pet concerns

Occasionally we receive enquiries from the public concerned about the risk of poisonous mushrooms to their animals. Though not common, ingestion of mushrooms has caused accidental poisoning of livestock and companion animals. If you are concerned your animal/s have consumed wild mushrooms, please contact your local veterinarian in the first instance.

Fungi resources

Unfortunately, the Department has limited expertise in the identification of mushrooms and fungi species outside of our plant pathology expertise. However, some helpful resources include the Fungimap website (fungimap.org.au), the WA Naturalists' 'Fungi books and resources' webpage, social media fungi interest groups, and various fungi book resources including publications from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation, Attractions (DBCA) and CSIRO.

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International Day of People with Disability events take off in Swan

ORGANISATIONS in the City of Swan have received grants to host events for the International Day for People with a Disability, internationally recognised on December 3, as part of the state government's plan to build a more inclusive WA.

515,600 people, approximately 19 per cent of Western Australians, live with a disability, and of those aged above 15 years old, only 65 per cent said they were happy with their social and community participation, according to the ABS.

Two organisations working to change that percentage are Ellenbrook Friends of the Arts (EFOTA) and Crosslinks, who both received grants to run events for their disabled community.

Ellenbrook Friends of the Arts are running a series of art workshops at Ellenbrook Arts on Sunday, December 1.

EFOTA coordinator Amanda Kirk said around 100 participants were expected over the afternoon.

Four facilitators, all of whom are artists with a physical disability, will present workshops centred around both wheelchair awareness and arts and crafts for participants.

Last year's inaugural workshop event had a fantastic response from the community, and Ms Kirk said she hopes this year's event will be just as successful.

"We had great feedback, people loved it," she said.

"Lots of the people who came hadn't had much experience with people with physical disability before, and they all said they learned a lot and were made more aware about people living with a physical disability."

Crosslinks manager Julie McCulloch said holding an event to commemorate the international day was important to make the disabled community feel respected and recognised.

"At Crosslinks, we are committed to creating an

inclusive environment where individuals of all abilities are celebrated for their unique strengths, resilience and creativity," she said.

"This International Day of People with Disability, we are proudly recognising the importance of fostering a supportive community where everyone can thrive."

The Crosslinks event will be an organised day in Caversham Wildlife Park on Thursday, December 5.

Ms McCulloch said it would be a chance for the community to connect through nature and animals, with free entry for carers and support workers to help make the event more financially accessible.

"Together, we are driving positive change and working towards a future where inclusion is at the heart of everything we do," she said.

The City of Kalamunda is also running a community event at the Kalamunda library to mark the day and Mayor Margaret Thomas said everyone was welcome.

"Open to all, the event will feature morning tea and stories from locals with disability," she said.

"This gathering offers a chance to understand the challenges and resilience of people with disability, building a more inclusive community.

"Attendees will be introduced to an accessible parking map of central Kalamunda, part of a broader initiative to improve mobility.

"As part of this effort, new 'this bay is someone's day' decals will be added to ACROD parking bays to remind everyone of the importance of accessible spaces."

More than \$100,000 in funding has been distributed across the state to more than 100 organisations and events to complement this year's theme 'confident, capable and creative: come with me'.

Hills group taking climate action

JACKI ELEZOVICH

THE Perth Hills environment has found a voice through the Perth Hills Climate Change Interest Group (PHCCIG), a volunteer group dedicated to protecting the area from the impacts of climate change.

Part of the Shire of Mundaring's environmental advocacy group, representatives from the Perth Hills group help to advise the shire on the best steps to take to deal with climate change in the Hills community, and many of their recommendations have been implemented.

These include the introduction of an electric vehicle fleet for the shire council and use of FOGO bins.

Group chair Lynda Winter said she was encouraged that the shire was taking action on climate issues.

"PHCCIG history of advocacy with the Shire of Mundaring has been really positive - we were invited to attend EAG meetings as observers and also met with the environmental officer several times to discuss climate issues and she has been very supportive of our ideas," she said.

The group has also suggested that the council start setting a pathway to net zero emissions and encourage small action and adaptation to a rapidly changing climate.

A big focus for climate advocacy groups in WA in recent months has been the 'go beyond gas' campaign.

Ms Winter said last year saw the biggest surge in greenhouse gas emissions around the world and Australia was floating closer and closer to the centre of this.

"Australia's domestic greenhouse gas emissions per capita are among the highest in the world and Australia is also one of the world's largest exporters of fossil fuels," she said.

"WA's natural environment is facing the compounding impacts of climate change, land-clearing and industrialisation."

She said scientists and advocates alike were begging both state and federal governments to intervene.

"A meaningful intervention to ensure the long-term health and resilience of the state's spectacular and globally unique natural environment requires a strong, independent EPA backed up by strong na-

ture laws," she said.

"Our community especially in the hills is on the frontline of witnessing the changes and impacts to nature caused by human induced climate change.

"The conservation council of WA have led the charge in questioning government changes to the WA Environmental Protection Act, as changes proposed to the legislation will slash environmental protections, gut the independence of the Environmental Protection Authority and fast-track project approvals by allowing the EPA board to be filled with industry representatives and issuing statements of intent to direct the EPA's priorities."

The group, along with the Climate Council of WA, has been campaigning for stronger environment protection laws rather than weaker ones.

"The Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act is currently being debated in parliament with proposed laws to create an independent environmental regulator," Ms Winter said.

"This is critical legislation which is long overdue but again could be watered down to suit fossil fuel and big corporate interests at the expense of the environment."

Ms Winter said it was important for everyone to be involved in climate activism, to protect the world we live in.

"We owe it to ourselves and to future generations to leave this planet in a liveable state," she said.

PHCCIG's annual general meeting will be held at the Kalamunda Hotel this Friday, November 29.

The meeting will run from 6pm to 7.30pm, and Ms Winter said she encouraged anyone interested to come along.

Guest speaker Kevin Mack from Sustainable Bayswater will give an overview of the benefits of electrifying households.



The small group of volunteers work hard to combat climate change in the hills.

Forrestfield GP wins supervisor of the year

JACKI ELEZOVICH

GENERAL practitioner Dr Gregory Caddy, who practices at Mead Medical in Forrestfield and Kalamunda, has been named Western Australia's GP supervisor of the year by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

Dr Caddy was recognised for his wealth of knowledge and for nurturing generations of doctors towards a rewarding career in general practice.

He was born in the small town of Three Springs, around 300km north of Perth and said he was inspired to become a GP by learning from the work of rural doctors.

"Country GPs did everything, I remember countless times when I was young my siblings and I being treated by a GP for all manner of things," he said.

"A country GP often does everything you can think of, and does it with very little support, but they're always there for their community.

"That's the kind of medicine I wanted to practice and that's what I try to teach all my registrars.

"Most of the time people don't need knowledge. You can get knowledge from anywhere. Mostly they need to learn how to be caring and gentle with people in tough situations, I think that's the most important part of being a GP."

Dr Caddy has been working in the Perth Hills for more than

three decades and said he felt like a real part of the community as a local GP.

"There really is a sense of community up in the hills, it's great to be part of, especially as I have been for so many years," he said.

"It's a great place to start for any young medical practitioner, and I'm proud to help so many young registrars come through.

"I'll have ex-students of mine that I see go on to run their own clinics and travel round the country and branching out to do all sorts of things, and that's the beauty of teaching, I guess, is seeing your students grow and go on to become as good or much better than you are."

Dr Caddy said he wants his students to be the best they can be and is proud of his role in helping the next generation of doctors grow and flourish.

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners WA chair Dr Ramya Raman said the awards were an opportunity to reflect on the important work of GPs and their teams.

"This year's winners are all exceptional GPs who have done brilliant work – not just for their patients, but for their wider communities and colleagues," she said.

"They are standout examples of why general practice is such a wonderful, challenging and rewarding career, and the impact that is possible in the role."



Dr Caddy received his award at a RACGP ceremony.

Engineering company fined \$567K over workshop fatality

AN engineering company has been fined \$567,000, and ordered to pay \$28,695 in costs, over the 2019 death of a worker at its Bassendean workshop.

Hofmann Engineering Pty Ltd pleaded guilty under the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984 to failing to provide and maintain a safe workplace and, by that failure, causing the death of a worker and was fined in the Perth Magistrates Court this week.

In May 2019, the worker was using a welding manipulator at Hofmann's fabrication workshop to weld clamp plates to the end of a girth gear segment. To do so, he needed to work underneath the boom of the welding manipulator, which weighed 1350kg.

The boom fell suddenly when the man was working underneath it, resulting in fatal crush injuries.

The court heard there was no manufacturer's manual or

maintenance logbook kept for the 40-year-old welding manipulator.

The only checks done were visual pre-operation checks limited to checking buttons, ensuring the machine went up and down and that it was not making any unusual noises.

Apart from these pre-start visual checks, there was no other scheduled maintenance or inspections carried out or recorded by a qualified fitter.

The court agreed that the incident was caused by a lack of reasonably practicable safety measures.

WorkSafe Commissioner Sally North said today the case was a reminder of the crucial importance of regular inspection and maintenance of machinery in workplaces.

"The court found that the machinery involved in this incident had not been adequately maintained and had also been sitting unused in storage for several years, exposing it to for-

eign materials such as dust," Ms North said.

"When independent experts inspected the welding manipulator, they confirmed the threads on the nuts involved in holding up the boom were worn to such an extent that they were unable to maintain the load placed on them.

"In addition, grease on the lead screw was grossly contaminated with foreign fine solid material to the point where it was having a negative effect on the screw.

"The tragic outcome of the company's failure to implement safe work procedures should serve as a warning to all employers with heavy machinery at their workplaces to conduct regular inspections and maintenance in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and take action to eliminate or minimise any risks to workers' safety."

Information about machinery safety is available on the department's website.

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Additional Bin Collections over the holidays	My collection day should be	All 3-bins will be collected on
For this year Council has arranged for an extra General Waste collection for all properties over Christmas/ New Year (to assist with the introduction of FOGO). Additional Recycling collection over Christmas/New year as in previous years will also continue.	Wednesday 25 December 2024	Thursday 26 December 2024
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As no collection occurs on Christmas Day or New Years Day Public Holidays, the following changes will occur:

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Working through distress when words are hard to find

NOVEMBER is Arts in Health Month and recognises the importance of self-expression as a means of addressing mental health and emotional issues to work towards a more hopeful future.

Kitsiri DeSilva and Paul Davis are art therapists working at Head to Health, a walk-in community mental health centre providing free counselling and therapy to adults in Midland.

They use art therapy with clients in groups or individually to help them process issues, express emotions, discover strengths and explore how to resolve issues.

“Clay, painting, drawing, collage, mask, movement or drama can all be used to assist clients to feel safe accessing vulnerable parts of themselves,” Mr DeSilva said.

“It’s not about perfecting a technique, but a process of exploration and experimentation.

“Expression through art can be energising and uplifting, it can help release frustration and anxiety, and break the cycle of repetitive thinking.”

He said no art experience or knowledge are necessary because art therapy is a space to be spontaneous and let out what’s inside when words might be hard to find.

“Exercising the imagination and creativity helps people get out of their head and into their heart and body,” Mr DeSilva said.

“Expression through art can help people look at themselves and their situation in different, helpful and healthy ways.”

The definition of health is often focussed only on your physical self, but emotions and mental health also have a huge impact on



Head to Health art therapists Kitsiri and Paul use creative techniques to help people identify and express emotions on their mental health journey.

wellbeing.

As the World Health Organisation defines it, “health is a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing, not just the absence of disease or infirmity”.

Midland Head to Health is located at 23 Old Great Northern Highway and is an initiative of the federal government, commissioned under the Primary Health Network Program and operated by St John

of God Health Care.

All services are provided for free and no appointment, referral or Medicare card are needed.

To find out more go to www.sjog.org.au/headtohealth/

Grants fund new Swan e-waste disposal projects

JACKI ELEZOVICH

ELECTRONIC waste processing projects have recently received a state government funding boost, including one in the City of Swan.

E-waste refers to any items with a plug, battery or cord including computers, home appliances and mobile phones, and the state government is working on decreasing the numbers of these items that end up in our landfills.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya

Richardson said the new infrastructure would help residents dispose of e-waste correctly and keep more electronics out of landfills.

“The City of Swan has received \$250,000 in funding from the State Government’s E-waste Infrastructure Grants Program to help implement our e-waste ecosystem project, supporting the objectives of the e-waste to landfill ban in Western Australia,” she said.

“The e-waste ban addresses the need to keep hazardous materials

posing a threat to the environment out of landfill, instead recovering valuable materials to manage our resources sustainably.

“The city is committed to reducing our waste to landfill and keeping items in the economy and this grant will help us develop a network of e-waste collection, management and education opportunities.”

Across WA, the state government has invested more than \$5 million into new e-waste infrastructure programs, aiming to

divert more than 8000 tonnes of e-waste from landfill and creating more than 80 new jobs.

Mrs Richardson said the funding would help create both new projects and build on existing ones within the City of Swan.

“The project is expected to start operating from mid-2025 with an upgrade to the e-waste collection facility at our Recycling Centre – Bullsbrook, followed by introducing e-waste collection points at community hubs,” she said.

“Resource recovery education

is a long-term project and this funding kickstarts one part of improving our education by focusing on e-waste.”

Environment Minister Reece Whitby said the state government was working towards banning e-waste from landfill.

“These grants will support infrastructure that increases WA’s e-waste reuse, storage, collection, processing and recycling capabilities, creating jobs and supporting our state’s circular economy,” he said.

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Research funding to safeguard ag sector from shot-hole borer

THE state government is backing local research initiatives to help protect the state's valuable agriculture industry from the destructive polyphagous shot-hole borer.

Up to \$2 million in funding is available for innovative projects aimed at safeguarding Western Australia's agricultural assets through a new program led by the WA Agricultural Research Collaboration (WAARC).

Expressions of interest are now open for the program, with Western Australian scientists encouraged to put forward research proposals and apply.

Research into the destructive beetle and its associated fungus within the WA environment is vital to support the ongoing national eradication response.

The WAARC recently brought together experts from across government, research and industry to identify key priority areas for research into the polyphagous shot-hole borer.

These include the pest's interactions with its environment, innovative control strategies and new approaches to detection and surveillance.

Agriculture and Food Minister Jackie Jarvis said the state government was continuing to work hard in the fight against the polyphagous shot-hole borer and its response efforts have proven effective in containing it to the metropolitan area.

"There have been no effective chemical treatments found anywhere in the world, so the more we can learn about the polyphagous shot-hole borer, and how to combat it, the better.

"The Cook Government is committed to continuing to look for alternative solutions, including supporting local scientists to undertake research in WA.

"I encourage our leading researchers and scientists to embrace this opportunity and put forward research proposals to help us protect our State's urban tree canopy and horticultural industry."

For more information on WAARC's Polyphagous Shot-hole Borer Research Program visit

www.waarc.org.au/opportunities/polyphagous-shot-hole-borer-fusarium-dieback/

Kalamunda garden festival beetle talks

GUANHAO CHENG

A COMMUNITY information session on an invasive tree-killing beetle affecting Kalamunda will be on at the Kalamunda Summer Garden Festival on December 1.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) will host a stall at the festival manned by their polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) response team.

DPIRD previously held a community information session on PSHB at Pickering Brook Sports Club on November 6.

The garden festival will be another opportunity for attendants to look at samples of PSHB infested organic matter and ask questions.

The beetles bore into susceptible trees and cultivate a fusarium fungus within the pathways it makes in the tree which it uses as food for themselves and their larvae.

The fungus grown inside the tree impedes the uptake of water and nutrients which can in turn cause dieback and tree death.

PSHB infestation discoveries have been increasing each month since it was first detected in Lesmurdie in August, as reported in *Some Kalamunda trees lost to PSHB* (Echo News, October 18).

DPIRD has reported the pest has only been found in the Perth metropolitan area and are being monitored by the department to stop its spread.

They have also urged residents to

keep an eye out and report any sightings of PSHB infestations.

City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas said the city was supporting DPIRD's efforts in removing and disposing infected material under the PSHB national eradication program which the department led.

"The city has advocated for increased community education and hosted a DPIRD community information session on October 6 at Pickering Brook Sports Club, and assisted property owners with arranging inspections by DPIRD officers," she said.

"City staff have also been trained in the detection of suspicious symptoms to assist with DPIRD's efforts.

"Trees are a vital part of the City of Kalamunda's natural beauty and environmental health.

"Residents are encouraged to stay informed and report signs of PSHB."

Signs a tree might be infested with the beetle are tiny holes in the tree trunk, discolouration or staining on the surface of the tree, or dieback.

Sightings of PSHB may be reported through the MyPestGuide Reporter app, emailing padis@dpird.wa.gov.au, or by calling the DPIRD pest and disease information service on 9368 3080.

The Kalamunda Garden Festival is a community event that is staged four times a year on the first Sunday of every season.

It will run from 10am to 3pm at Stirk Park, where attendants can learn more about the PSHB and explore the range of gardening stalls at the event.

Swan River stories brought to life



Swan River Trust chair David McFerran, cultural consultant Jayden Boundary, Burswood Park president John McGrath, MLA Hannah Beazley, DBCA director general Stuart Smith and Warrang-Bridil's Nick Abraham.

A NEW opportunity to connect with the unique heritage of the Derbarl Yerrigan (Swan River) is now available with the opening of the latest 'river journeys interpretation node' along the foreshore at Burswood Park.

Designed to create a continuous trail of interpretive spaces stretching from Fremantle to Guildford, 'River Journeys' aims to enhance the Swan Canning Riverpark with engaging places to learn and reflect.

The new interpretation node offers visitors a chance to explore the cultural and ecological stories of the river.

Through the words of Whadjuk Elder Dr Noel Nannup and sandblasted artwork by Whadjuk artist Justin Martin, visitors are invited to delve into the traditional significance of Joorolup, or the 'place of the jarrahs,' and discover the tale of the Yakkam (oblong turtle), an integral part of the river's ecosystem.

A collaboration between Burswood Park Board and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the project brings together cultural insights and environmental

stewardship, creating a meaningful experience for all who visit.

By weaving these stories into the landscape, the node connects visitors to both the natural beauty of the area and its deeper historical and cultural layers, fostering a stronger sense of connection to the river and its surroundings.

Since its inception, Burswood Park has been a place for the community to gather, learn, and celebrate, and the addition of the new node continues this legacy, enriching the park's role as a vibrant community hub.

Visitors can stroll along the pathways, enjoy scenic views, and now, engage with stories that honor the significance of the Derbarl Yerrigan to past and present communities.

This latest installation invites everyone to explore, reflect, and deepen their understanding of this important waterway.

Burswood Park Board encourages the community to visit, enjoy the new interpretive space, and take part in the ongoing journey to celebrate and protect the history and natural beauty of the Derbarl Yerrigan.



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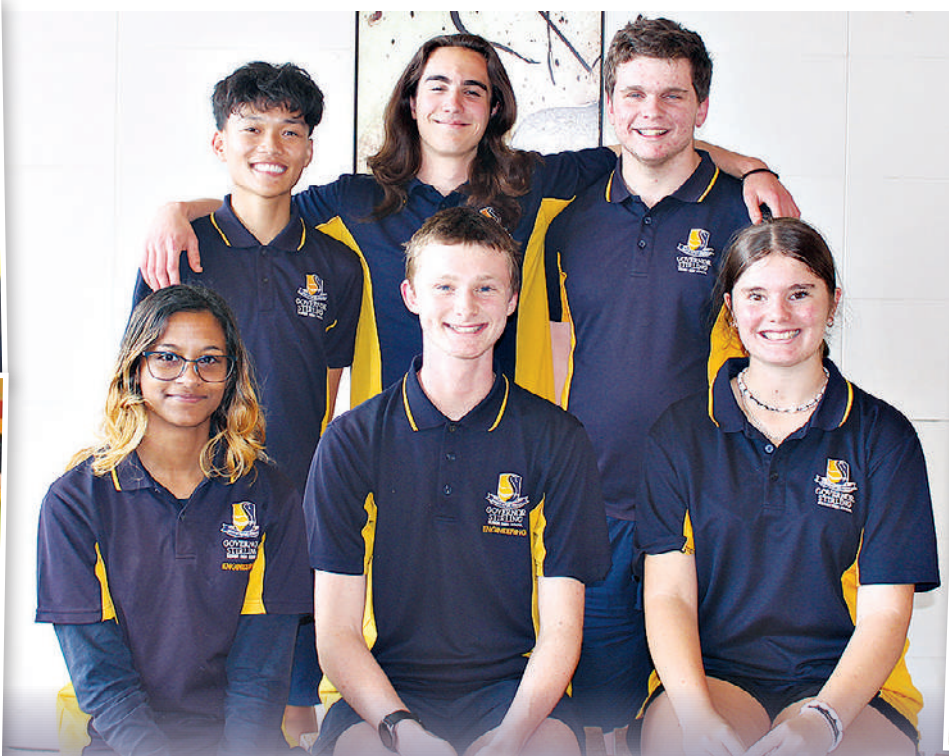
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SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION



Fruitful Education, Canberra Awaits

Year 9 and 10 students from Governor Stirling Senior High School's Academic Gifted and Talented (GAT) and Arts Media programs will be heading to Canberra in early December for a Civics and Citizenship tour.

This is the first time since COVID that this annual trip has been able to run.

The group will visit and participate in workshops at prominent institutions in our national capital including Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, National Gallery, High Court, and the Australian Institute of Sport.

Year 10 student William O'Brian says "I'm excited to see what our capital is like

and where so many decisions are made. It's great to get out of our normal learning environment and go on a trip.

We've been together for four years as a tight group, so this is a great thing to do before we transition to upper school."

Meanwhile Will's classmate Oscar Bernousa is looking especially forward to vis-

iting the National Gallery. "It's a place of so much artful culture. I hope the visit will make our education feel more fruitful."

Applications have recently opened for 2026 GAT program entry.

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Students from Kalamunda Senior High School who showcased their talents.

Kalamunda SHS hosts WorldSkills

KALAMUNDA Senior High School recently hosted the 2024 WorldSkills Australia north regional hospitality competition.

The event, a highlight in the vocational education calendar, brought together Year 11 students to showcase their culinary talents and compete for top honours.

The competition at Kalamunda Senior High School was designed to test the students' basic cookery skills as they prepared a two-course menu, with three portions of each dish, within a set time limit.

The project aimed to evaluate the competitors in several key areas including demonstrating basic cookery skills for a two-course menu, displaying competence in handling tools and showcasing skills in all basic kitchen preparations, innovation and use of garnishes to enhance presentation and stimulate appetite.

The participants were judged against a set of criteria by two judges, including ex-student Vicky Gregory, who brings extensive industry experience to the table.

Congratulations to the medal recipients for their outstanding performances: with gold going to Megan Schwinkowski, sil-

ver to Shayla Fazari and bronze to Findlay Scobbie.

One of the students in the competition, Shayla said this was the best experience she had ever had at school.

"It was great to see each student's creativity in designing their dish, and how each overcame any challenges that arose," judge Alex Gallagher said.

"Each student dedicated significant effort to the planning and preparation of their dishes and what a joy to see their ideas come together on the day."

Teacher Sophie Bee said the quality of the students' work was exceptionally high, and she felt immense pride in all of their achievements.

WorldSkills' mission is to influence, challenge, and support Australians in contributing to a sustainable economy through the development, recognition, and promotion of skills excellence.

Over the years, they have raised awareness among hundreds of thousands of young Australians, their parents, industry leaders, and employers about the critical importance of a robust skills training system for the future.

Green spaces get state grants

JACKI ELEZOVICH

THE state government's 'community gardens grants program' will allow the Darlington community garden and Trillion Trees in Midland to expand their public spaces, allowing more people in the community to connect and get into nature.

The groups received more than \$18,000 collectively to build new community-focused spaces.

Darlington community garden will develop a design and construction plan for a community meeting place.

Trillion Trees will construct a new wetland garden as an educational habitat, which will be open to the public and host informative workshops about caring for wetland flora and fauna for school groups and the community.

Darlington community garden coordinator and Trillion Trees engagement officer Kate Herren said both projects would benefit their local communities and enhance their connection to nature.

"I think the combination of protecting and restoring our natural environment while connecting with so many lovely people is the best thing," she said.

"Shared green spaces are so important to communities; public green spaces provide places for communities to gather, celebrate, socialise, play and relax.

"Access to green space is hugely important for mental health and wellbeing, reducing stress and anxiety and promoting positive moods."

Ms Herren said she hoped the new space within the Darlington community garden would act as a new community hub.

"The deck will be open to the community to share and enjoy the shaded space," she said.

"It can also be used for community meetings, workshops and children's educational activities, and the funding will allow us to employ a range of small local businesses and support the local economy."

With both organisations being not-for-profit and community and volunteer driven, Ms Herren said the grant money would allow the planned

projects to progress rapidly and be available to the community sooner, rather than taking the time to plan and deliver fundraising campaigns to make them happen.

"The Trillion Trees project will engage volunteers and community members, under the supervision of local landscape designer Kylie Brinfield, in the creation and ongoing management of a wetland wildlife garden," she said.

"Workshops are important for building knowledge and connecting communities as they come together to learn.

"Participating in workshops equips people with information and knowledge to share with their communities about how to protect and restore natural environments, the importance of wildlife in balanced ecosystems and so on.

"The workshops will be aimed at adults and children and topics could include designing a frog-friendly garden or how to make natural water features.

"Education is really important for young people as we seek to nurture the next generation of environmental advocates."



Members of the Darlington community enjoy a range of activities in the garden.



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The boutique award-winning roller-rink in the Perth Hills, nestled in the trees in Kalamunda, won the Excellence in Tourism, Hospitality & Events Award, along with the People's Choice Award and a gold medal for Vision and Strategy.

Brought to life more than thirty years after its initial opening - Sarah Andros is a dedicated skater and rollerblader who started skating at the age of nine, and whose target is to encourage people of all ages to enjoy roller-sports.

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The win follows last year's Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Enterprise of the Year award.

Owner Keira Nicholsons said she honoured by the agency's award win for the second year in a row and felt humbled by the acknowledgement the award offers.

This local small business embraces a community-centric ethos and a commitment to make client's dreams a reality from residential, commercial and specialised medical fit-outs and disabled accommodation.

Keira envisions a future tightly interwoven with community collaborations, aiming to assist small business owners and contribute to accessible home designs for various lifestyle needs and life changes.

The latest accolade is not just a recognition of past achievements but a catalyst for future endeavours that promise to elevate the standards of design, planning consulting, and community engagement.

Keira Nicholson and the Collective Design Agency are not just designers; they are committed to fostering a more connected and accessible future.

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Business Awards



Zanthorrea with Jackie and her young family, 1990.

Celebrating 49 Years of Retail at Zanthorrea

Zanthorrea Nursery is a family owned garden centre in the foothills of Perth that specialises in growing and selling Australian plants.

We are delighted to win the Excellence in Retail Award for 2024.

From humble beginnings in 1975 with just the three Hoopers, Jackie, Alec and the late Jean Hooper, Zanthorrea now has over 20 staff.

We love our team. They all bring different skills to the business like artistic displays, maintaining request databases and IT skills.

One common trait we share is a passion for Australian plants and for helping people with their gar-

dens.

We love that we are part of the community, helping to make the place we all live have more green space, and increased biodiversity.

Thanks to all the staff and customers who have supported us over the 49 years, and helped shape Zanthorrea into the award winning retail business it is today.

We would also like to congratulate all the winners and finalists of the Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce Awards and thank the chamber on an amazing Awards Gala Dinner event.

- Ross, Zanthorrea

Home-based beauty in the Perth Foothills awarded for Outstanding Personal Service

KALAMUNDA Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Enterprise Awards Businessperson of Year Jasmin Harley is the owner of Foothills Beauty which also received the award for Outstanding Personal Service.

Foothills Beauty is a home-based salon located in Forrestfield within the scenic foothills of the City of Kalamunda.

The salon offers a wide range of beauty services, including advanced facials, waxing, brow and lash treatments, cosmetic tattooing, cavitation, muscle sculpt treatments, and more.

Foothills beauty prides itself on providing quality services at affordable prices in a comfortable, council and health-registered setting.

It has received strong reviews from clients, praising the professional and attentive service offered by their beautician, Jaz, who is known for her expertise and thorough work.

Foothills Beauty in Forrestfield offers a variety of beauty treatments tailored to meet different needs which are delivered in a comfortable home-salon environment.

Owner, Jasmin Harley, holds numerous qualifications, including a Diploma of Beauty Therapy and expertise in advanced skin treatments, body sculpting, and cosmetic tattooing.

Jasmin has been a therapist for more than 15 years and has been running Foothills Beauty for the last six of them.

For the past two years she has also been a volunteer with the Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce. Foothills Beauty

was awarded Outstanding Personal Services and Business Person of the Year for 2024.

The salon has a strong reputation for personalised service and continuous upskilling, ensuring that clients receive the latest in beauty and wellness services.

Foothills Beauty is located at 42 Agincourt Drive, Forrestfield, phone 0439 860 792.

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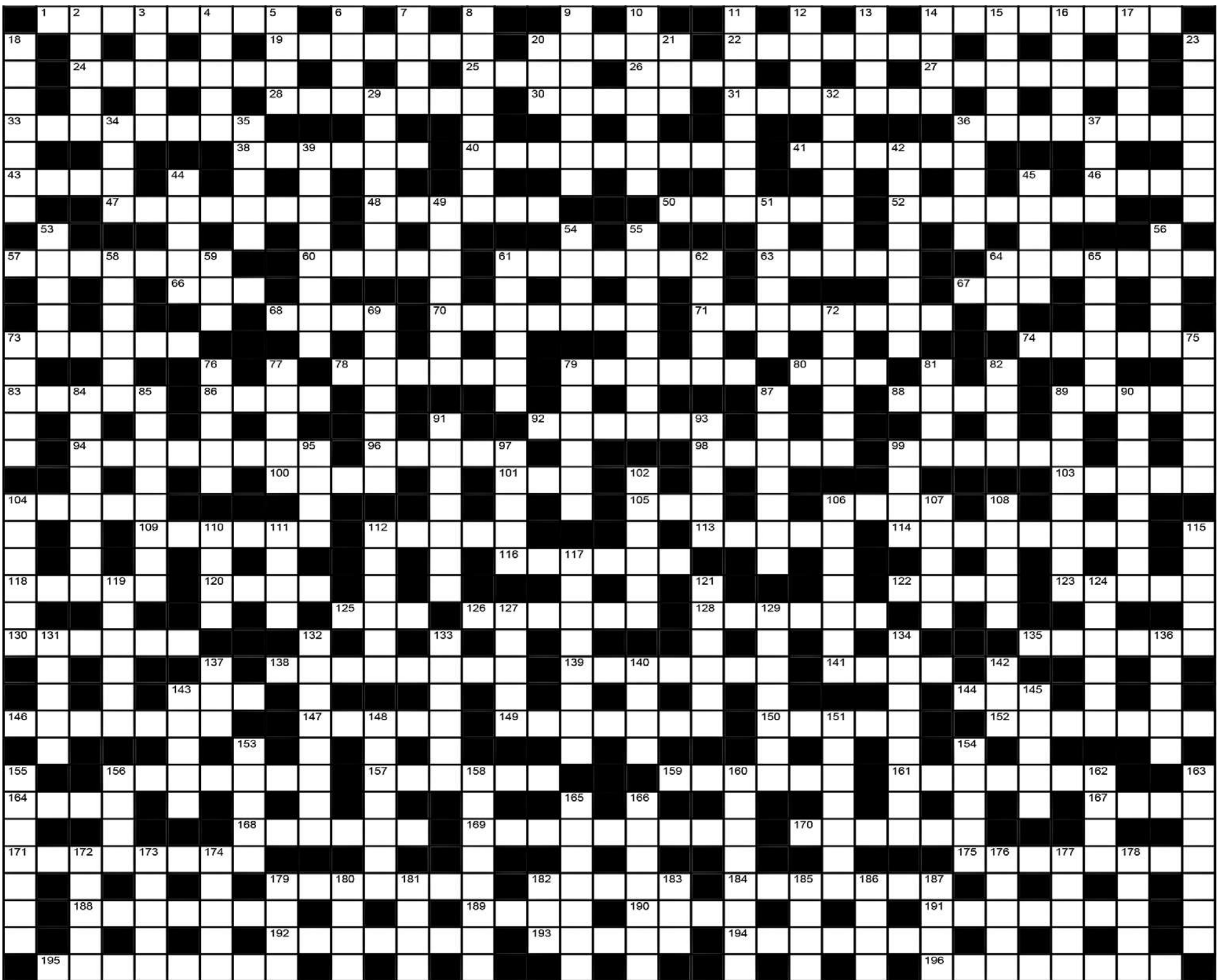
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Mind Boggler Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Response
- 14 Army dirge (4,4)
- 19 Sudden inclination to act
- 20 Inherited character units
- 22 Ordinary movements
- 24 Learns about
- 25 Nasty remark
- 26 Friend (coll)
- 27 Tender beef portion
- 28 Be doubtful about
- 30 Coloured slightly
- 31 Climate periods
- 33 High-pitched voice
- 36 Stroked
- 38 Ruckus
- 40 Over-pompous
- 41 Trinket
- 43 Preservative
- 46 Wait
- 47 An excess
- 48 Accord
- 50 Young cat
- 52 Bedroom items
- 57 Gave encouragement to
- 60 Circular route
- 61 Pallid, lacking iron
- 63 French capital
- 64 US city
- 66 Beer container
- 67 Head movement
- 68 Quite silly
- 70 Tell
- 71 Greatly enjoyed
- 73 Appoint to a post

- 74 Naked person
- 78 Life's work
- 79 Turkish high official
- 80 A mire
- 83 Speed contests
- 86 Prayer ending
- 88 Baked treat
- 89 Oyster gem
- 92 Even if
- 94 Beginners
- 96 Collection of papers
- 98 Wanders
- 99 Concealed marksman
- 100 A wise man
- 101 A drink
- 103 A false name
- 104 Broken (coll)
- 105 A spirit
- 106 Male offspring
- 109 Bring about
- 112 Showers with ice
- 113 Perfume
- 114 Extent of term
- 116 A flag
- 118 Monastery inhabitants
- 120 A thick slice
- 122 A thought
- 123 A rest
- 125 A club
- 126 Cause to recall
- 128 Bird farm
- 130 English river
- 135 Constraint
- 138 Those 'in the know'
- 139 Large plate
- 141 Liquid measure (Imp)
- 143 Drink as a cat
- 144 Possess

- 146 Of turning point
- 147 Bloodsuckers
- 149 Haphazard
- 150 Girl's name
- 152 Small hare
- 156 A cleft
- 157 Reddish brown
- 159 Asian ornamental plant
- 161 Female emperor
- 164 Leaning Tower's location
- 167 Melody
- 168 Heavenly body
- 169 Practised in play
- 170 Fasten down
- 171 Arrangement of ribbons etc
- 175 Staunch
- 179 An Australian parrot
- 182 A fruit
- 184 Passage from a book
- 188 High flat area
- 189 Type of whisky
- 190 A transport levy
- 191 Certain in remarks
- 192 Improve
- 193 A narrow boat
- 194 A high vantage point
- 195 Breast inflammation
- 196 One who tends sheep

DOWN

- 2 A artist's stand
- 3 Drench
- 4 Lease grassland
- 5 Touch lips
- 6 Musical piece

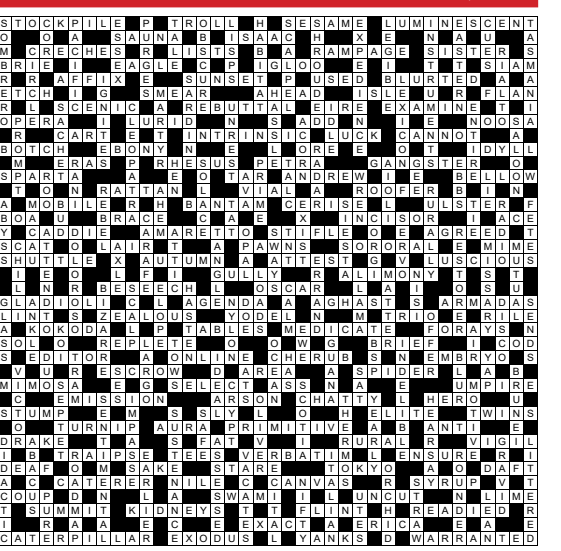
- 7 A help in a search
- 8 Small signs
- 9 Brave woman
- 10 Agent of retribution
- 11 A moon shape
- 12 A mountain lion
- 13 Fodder storage place
- 14 Minus
- 15 Middle-east country
- 16 Face down
- 17 A cavity
- 18 Own up
- 20 Alimentary canal
- 21 Sorrowful
- 23 Natural affinity
- 29 Disturb greatly
- 32 Mechanic's tool
- 34 Collections
- 35 Many times
- 36 Four-stringed instrument
- 37 Cries bitterly
- 39 Sensible
- 42 Went around
- 44 Small watercourse
- 45 Nodded off
- 49 Concentrated
- 51 Drink alcohol
- 53 Something extra
- 54 Molten rock
- 55 Appropriate fraudulently
- 56 Instrument faces
- 58 A long step
- 59 Early freshness
- 61 A display in skies
- 62 Cut into
- 64 To betray someone (coll)

- 65 An enigma
- 69 Trudge around
- 72 Shallow places
- 73 Cook's garment
- 75 Long claws
- 76 Fervent
- 77 Equals
- 79 A glen
- 81 Young deer
- 82 Ocean growth
- 84 One who holds first place
- 85 Bush huts
- 87 Type of firework
- 89 Ancient Egyptian monuments
- 90 Listening group
- 91 Dupe
- 93 Cuts shorter
- 95 Account
- 97 Dishonest
- 99 Beach material
- 102 Extremely cold
- 104 Fate
- 106 Rider's foot support
- 107 Soft leather
- 108 Gem measure
- 110 Late evening
- 111 Group of families
- 112 US state
- 115 Animal hides
- 117 Light footwear
- 119 Japanese garment
- 121 Pertaining to milk
- 124 A buccaneer
- 127 Follow along
- 129 Forays
- 131 Damp... as air
- 132 A detested thing
- 133 Count of people

- 134 Natural to one
- 136 Legendary sea nymph
- 137 A friend
- 140 Against
- 142 A night bird
- 143 Coat part
- 145 At no time
- 148 Funeral procession
- 151 Copy
- 153 Small tufts
- 154 Whirls
- 155 Lively bird
- 156 Wired enclosure
- 158 Flowing paper ribbon
- 160 Famous bushranger (3,5)
- 162 Simmered dish

- 163 A planet
- 165 Former Spanish currency
- 166 Farm vehicle
- 172 A brown pigment
- 173 Drink to
- 174 Expel
- 176 Make fun of
- 177 Lead for a dog
- 178 Sacrificial table
- 179 Is regretful
- 180 London district
- 181 Camera part
- 182 Presbyterian Ladies College (init)
- 183 Soil tiller
- 185 Use an axe
- 186 Chess piece
- 187 Makes lace

Crossword Solution 1194 from 22 November, 2024



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Midland Junction Arts Centre open day

PETER W LEWIS

MIDLAND Junction Arts Centre (MJAC) will be holding an open day this weekend on Saturday, November 30 from 11am to 3pm to celebrate the completion of two years of heritage works, and the centre's history.

The event will be a celebration and recognition of the history of MJAC, the land on which it is built and the rich stories of the people who are part of the fabric of Midland Junction and its community, with exhibitions curated to share their story.

The day will be jam packed with family-friendly events, including the opening of two exciting new exhibitions, *Building Fabric and Interior*, featured in *Curated collection of precious objects at MJAC* (*Echo News*, November 22), free art and educational activities, music and dancing, all culminating in a gala fashion parade in celebration of Eco Fashion Week Australia.

There will also be a historical drop-in session with the Midland and Districts Historical Society where people are invited to bring in photographs and stories of their connection to Midland Junction, along with a display of hundreds of primary school student artwork depicting their ideas to protect local waterways.

The Interior exhibition will be held in the West gallery featuring a selection of leading WA designers and an artist's residency presenting the work of Mollie Edgecombe, a painter and designer who grew up on Edgecombe Brother's vineyard, Swan Valley.

New works by invited artists will be shown alongside historical information and works on loan from local collections.

The artworks have been selected to tell a story of Midland Junction's growth, from a rich natural habitat nestled between the hills, the Swan (Derbarl Yerrigan) and Helena rivers (Mandoon) to a junction of industry and learning.

Taking inspiration from the region's iconic landforms and architectural heritage, invited artists will form a shared experience of the fabric of history con-

nected with significant places that have contributed to the identity of the region.

According to MJAC, what is now known as Midland was named Midland Junction in 1901, emerging from a tent city built on the traditional lands of the Whadjuk Noongar people, a significant meeting place with sites saturated with stories of Aboriginal custodianship of more than 60,000 years.

With the establishment of the Midland Railway Company in 1895, the region's population and infrastructure grew rapidly.

Along the banks of the river the agricultural industry was blossoming, the rail connected Midland to the sea and inland farms and area became known as a place of industry and makers.

In 1896 Midland Junction School was established and continues to be a place of learning.

The artworks in *Building Fabric* share a journey of personal and collective stories from loss of habitat, the impact of industry, cultivation of the land, to reconnections and significant places which support, connect and educate.

Building Fabric features the work of Hans Arkeveld, Madeleine Clear, Allon Cook, Phillip Cook, Eva Fernandez, Nigel Hewitt, Ben Joel, Jessica Jubb, Norma MacDonald, Cindy Moody, Moorditj Maaman Men's Group, Sue Starcken, Jude Taylor and Richard Woldendorp.

The exhibition will be open and free to the public at MJAC, located on the corner of Cale Street and Great Eastern Highway, from Saturday, November 30 until Sunday, February 16.

For more information visit: <https://www.midlandjunctionartscentre.com.au/open-day-2024> or contact MJAC by telephone or email on (08) 9250 8062 or info@midlandjunctionartscentre.com.au



Nigel Hewitt, The Junction, 1995, mixed media on paper mounted on calico covered board. City of Swan Collection.



Hans Arkeveld, Midland Junction, 1988, carbon crayon on paper. City of Swan Collection.

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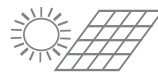
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Upcoming Events

• **Perth Hills United Football Club** are raising funds for a charity and have chosen Indigo Junction as the recipient this year. As well as player and spectator fees, drinks and food profits, Expressway Spares have also donated \$1000. A representative from Indigo Junction and the Shire of Mundaring will be present for the handing over the corflute sign. Perth Hills United FC Masters play Perth Hills United FC U18 on Wednesday, December 4 with kick off at 7pm.

• **Midland Ascension Craft Group** meets in the Parish hall at 17 Spring Park Road, Midland 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. For more information call 0433 265 683.

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Read between the lines



by Pastor Ian Kirk

The Christmas Tree

Many of us will soon be putting up our Christmas tree. We've actually put ours up already. This is because we had some of our grandkids over, and we thought that they would love to help us put it up and decorate it.

Besides putting up a Christmas tree, have you observed the beautiful Christmas trees in our bushlands – the tree with the stunning orange flower? This tree only grows in our part of the world; and it only flowers just before Christmas. When this tree is not flowering, it is very ordinary and bland. You wouldn't probably notice it. But when it flowers, it's so outstanding and noticeable.

This makes me think of something about Christmas. The heart of Christmas is the birth of Jesus. Jesus was born to poor parents; not royal parents. He was born in a stable with animals; not a palace with servants. In many ways, Jesus' birth was very ordinary and bland.

Yet, God brought about something outstanding when He was born. Angels announced His birth, and a star stood was above His birthplace. This happened so that we might know that Jesus was no ordinary baby. Of all the babies ever born, this One was so special. For Jesus is God's eternal Son. He was born and became one of us, in order to rescue us from our sins on the cross and to reconcile us to God – if we would believe in Him. Jesus' birth was truly outstanding!

Wins and losses for Guildford cricket club



Shay Manolini from a match played previously in the female A grade.

JOSHUA MCKENZIE

THERE were some mixed results for Midland Guildford Cricket Club during the past round of fixtures with there still being a number of positive outcomes for some teams.

The male 1st grade had little success in a 91 run defeat against Fremantle.

After being set a target of 302 for victory, James Kirwan (56 runs from 162 balls) was the only batsman to pass the half-century mark.

In the male 2nd grade match against the same opposition, the bowling performance was led by Kyle Christie (4-28 from 16 overs) and supported by Matthew Harben and Hayden Kain who both took two wickets.

The side would restrict their opponents to 169 all out but a poor batting performance would result in a 102 run loss.

The male 3rd grade side enjoyed a comfortable victory with an emphatic 104 run win.

Freddie Britt top scored with 58 from 117 as the side set a target of 187.

This proved too much for their opponents as they would dismiss them for just 83 runs with the main contributions coming from Tom Hayward (3-31 from 20 overs), William Shackles (3-1 from four overs) and Jack Giancono (2-35 from 19 overs).

The male 4th grade could only manage 9-160 from 80 overs, before their opposition would chase the score with five wickets remaining.

The female A grade produced a complete performance in their dominant 51

run win against Melville.

The team posted 9-123 from their 20 overs after Lilly Mills scored an unbeaten 30 from 24 to lead the side.

Shay Manolini took 3-10 from four overs and Mills took 3-21 from 3.3 overs as they bowled their opposition out for a total of 72.

In the female B grade match, their total of 6-97 was not enough despite Laura Croft scoring 48 not out from 45.

They would ultimately lose the match against Subiaco Floreat by nine wickets.

The male U17 could only restrict Fremantle to 9-256 despite Riley Gould taking 4-35 from nine overs.

Jaxon Ozanne made 54 from 80 in the run chase, but the side would fall 91 runs short as they were bowled out for just 165.

The male U15 experienced success against the same opposition as they chased a target of 223 for victory, finishing with a wicket to spare as they posted 9-235 in response to Fremantle's 4-222.

Cooper Forsyth top scored with 76 from 91 as the side got their second victory of the season.

The female U17 lost by nine wickets to Subiaco Floreat, but the female U14 won their match against Joondalup by 67 runs after Kina Patel scored 57 from 63 as the side posted 3-137 from 20 overs.

Seerat Brar (3-5 from 2.4 overs) and Harseerat Chahal (3-11 from three overs) were the best bowlers as they restricted their opponents to a total of just 70 all out.

The upcoming fixtures for all sides feature a mixture of two-day matches and T20 matches for different teams.

Lake Leschenaultia swim

MAIDA Vale Masters swimming club's annual Lake Leschenaultia swim was another great success this year, with more than 200 swimmers registering for the race.

Maida Vale Masters club president Andrea Williams said many competitors had never seen Lake Leschenaultia before.

"Many were suitably impressed by this lovely jewel of nature in the hills," she said.

Competitors ranged in age from 11 to 85 years old, and Ms Williams said everyone enjoyed the day.

2024 will be the club's 38th year running the swim event in the lake, which is sponsored by Healthway.

Ms Williams said one of the main aims of promoting swimming in the community was to highlight the benefits of swimming for mental health.

She said the Lake Leschenaultia swim ticked all the boxes of having fun, getting fit and enjoying a unique experience with an open and supportive group of people, all while enjoying a beautiful outdoor venue in the heart of the Perth Hills.

The event was part of the WOW Swims events calendar, an initiative run from November to March each year by Masters Swimming WA under the banner of Act, Belong, Commit.



Swimmers from all over Perth showed up to compete.

The calendar comprises six open water swims in different locations around Perth including Coogee, Fremantle, Matilda Bay and Lake Leschenaultia.

Each race offers a different challenge to competitors, from a river swim to open ocean, and includes three different race lengths, encouraging everyone from the weekend swimmer to the experienced competitor to take part.

WOW swims were designed as a community swim series to get more people in the water and are open to anyone.

More information including how to register for the next event can be found at wowswims.com.au

Ellenbrook students to represent state in under 12 cricket nationals



Shanaya is excited to represent her state in next week's competition.

SCHOOL Sport WA have recently announced their 12 and under mixed cricket side, who will compete next week at the School Sport Australia national competition.

Two players attend school in Ellenbrook, Cooper Chilman and Shanaya Singh Chauhan.

Shanaya will turn 12 on November 30 but plays in both under 14 and under 15 age group teams for Bassendean Junior Cricket Club and Midland-Guildford Districts.

She will be playing as the state under 12 team's wicketkeeper and one of their batsmen.

The interstate championships will be played in Adelaide over the coming week, with finals being played on December 6.

School Sport WA was established in 1909 and hosts regular tournaments across a range of sports to get school kids involved in playing sport and competing at a state level.

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I remember playing at Swanleigh against the boarders in Middle Swan. The oval itself wasn't too bad, but the pitch was terrible. One ball would skid at your ankles, and the next would hit a bubble and nearly knock your teeth out. No helmets in those days—the ball would just knock your hat off, or you'd take it on the head. There were quite a few of those malthoid pitches around. I think Swan Valley had one, as well as Swan Athletic and Stirling Park Oval opposite the Wheat Silos. Then there was the old Bellevue Oval on Wilkins Street. We trained there when I played a season for Koongamia as a junior. Our coach, Evan Thomas, was quite a character. Most of the ovals were pretty bare in summer—more dust than grass in some cases—but kids and clubs always found a way to make it work. Some of these places only had a tin shed and a couple of trees for shade, and the grounds were rock-hard. Kings Meadow in Guildford was like that; the ground was as hard as concrete. Despite all that, some pretty good cricket was played, and some great players were discovered in local competitions. None of this nice soft grass oval stuff back then—we played hard and hot in those days. Some would call it real character-building, while others might just call it plain crazy.



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