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'DV' is domestic

violence Dear Echo News,

To all those who seek to end the scourge of domestic violence in all its forms, I have a plea: use the full name, every time

Do not abbreviate it to 'DV' – which all-but removes its meaning and certainly diminishes its importance.

If it's worth discussing and if it's worth the attempt at stopping domestic violence, once and for all, it's worth saying and writing its name in full, every time.

Domestic violence may be perhaps the most shameful of all crimes committed but that doesn't mean we should shy away from naming it.

Meanwhile, thank you to those who work so tirelessly and passionately to bring an end to this blot on our society.

P Carman Hovea

Salvos Christmas Appeal

Dear Echo News,

It truly is beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Shops are brimming with festive products, the airwaves are beginning to hum with Christmas tunes and families are putting up their Christmas trees across the country.

For the Salvos, it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas too, but for a very different reason.

For us, we are starting to see our busiest time of year come to fruition; we are seeing the need for our services increasing, more and more ole calling up for Christmas support, the financial and emotional stresses of the festive period beginning to overwhelm people, and the threat of loneliness and isolation starting to creep into people's lives. For many, Christmas

is a time of joy, relaxation, sharing with family and friends, and hope. But for some, including many of those who The Salvation Army support every day, Christmas is a time of increased pressure, stress and loneliness We have seen another devastating year for people financially in 2024. The Salvos have seen an increase in demand for our services. Individuals and families who have never reached out to a charity before are doing so for the first time this year.

In fact, recent research from the Salvos found that seven in 10 Australians are watching their spending more this Christmas compared to previous years.

But there is hope. Throughout the Christmas period, The Salvation Army distribute hundreds of thousands of gifts and toys, food hampers, special Christmas meals and much more to those who are doing it tough in our community.

We also provide safe places for community and connection. We often find that a friendly chat or a shoulder to cry on can be just as powerful as the practical support of gifts, meals and hampers.

The Salvos want everyone to know that we are here for you this Christmas if you need support. No child should have to go without a present on Christmas Day, no person without a special Christmas meal, and no one without a place to go for community and connection. Reach out to us if you need a hand.

We also can't do this work without the support of the Australian public through our Christmas Appeal, which is aiming to raise \$27 million this year so Aussies don't have to go without this Christmas.

If you need help this Christmas, or if you are able to donate to The Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal, please visit salvatio narmy.org.au or call 13 SALVOS (13 72 58).

Colonel R Walters
The Salvation Army

Thought for the day

"The only thing that overcomes hard luck is hard work"

Harry Golden

Have your say:

No EV for Midland planned

Dear Echo News,

Can you believe it?
It is 2024 and

It is 2024, and despite spending millions of taxpayer dollars on the new station there is no strategy or provision for EV charging.

Swan councillor Sarah Howlett has tried to raise the alarm, but it has fallen on deaf ears.

The issue is much bigger than EV charging.
While cities like Bar-

While cities like Barcelona have reduced ICE vehicle use by 40 per cent saving the nation huge import costs on fossil fuels our governments local and state seem to think that transition will come along in its own time without proactive planning.

proactive planning. Yet Midland MLA Michelle Roberts has offered to match federal funding from Tania Lawrence to provide separated personal EV and bike lanes north, south, east and west from the station so that school kids and commuters can ride from Swan View, Guildford, West Midland and Greenmount safely to the station taking loads of traffic off our busy roads.

Forget putting solar on prime farming land. How about putting rooftop solar on all car parks and the huge warehouses in Midvale so people can recharge during the day when they are at work.

Is it pure laziness or is it climate denial?

It's time for a community forum to tell our politicians what we need for our kids' future.

C Hughes Midland



Due to lack of space, the crossword will not be running in this week's edition.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Please check our website for the crossword and last week's solution.

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Swan votes against Guildford childcare

GUANHAO CHENG

CITY of Swan voted against the officer's recommendation to advise approval of a childcare development proposal that's been lodged directly with the Metro Outer Joint Development Assessment Panel.

Although the final decision is yet to be determined by the Development Assessment Panel (DAP), Swan councillors have advised against the childcare proposal.

Deputy mayor and Midland Guildford ward councillor Ian Johnson put forward a motion for council to advise the DAP that it does not endorse the officer recommendation to approve the development application.

"The reason for the motion is the development application proposes to remove one mature flooded gum tree which is an endemic species in the locality and also to remove a bottle tree" he said.
"This removal of trees is not

aligned with the Guilford heritage area planning policy.

Cr Johnson said the traffic study done in the area also dates from 2017 which was before the increase in traffic on Swan Street East and Fauntleroy Street.

He said this was a result of the nearby St Jude's aged care expanding and the East Guildford train station being used more.

"Perth Airport has (also) objected to the development application as the childcare centre is within the flight path and the type of activities in the childcare centre are arguably unacceptable under state

planning policy 5.1," he said. *Echo News* paid a visit to Fauntleroy Street on Wednesday to meet with members of the Guildford Association and see the fenced off lot where the childcare development was proposed.

Guildford Association president Claire Scanlan, vice president Deanna Rokich, members Jude Smyth, Alison Polich and others gathered in the morning to comment on the undeveloped lot.

Guildford childcare proposal

raises tree removal concerns (Echo News, November 8) reported the community concerns regarding the required removal of mature gums on the property as part of the childcare's development.

In the span of 20 minutes, two aeroplanes flew over the proposed childcare site.

"That's the Guildford pause," Ms Rokich said.

"When a plane flies past, you have to pause the conversation until the noise passes over.

"How does anyone think this is an appropriate place to build a childcare with the amount of noise they'll be exposed to?"

Ms Rokich also cited the traffic as another concern for residents along the street.

"Fauntleroy Street is so narrow, locals turning out of it will go on the curb to allow others space to go the opposite direction as they enter," she said.

"And the visibility on that turn into Fauntleroy is so bad, sometimes I need to quickly get out of my car to look for traffic before running back and rushing across.



Guildford Association members gathered on Wednesday morning to share their concerns about the proposed childcare development. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

"This street is usually much busier with this entire road full of parked cars — you've come during the school holiday season.'

Prior to the decision, the matters were brought to the City of Swan at their most recent agenda forum meeting

Ms Scanlan said the 67-place

childcare facility would see mature trees removed and be a devastating loss and change the Fauntleroy streetscape forever.

"Prior to this approval a previous application for childcare premises on this site was refused unanimously by this council owing to a five-bay parking shortfall," she

"There's still a parking shortfall of two bays and the traffic and congestion have only worsened.

"This suggests that the City of Swan's heritage policy for Guildford is not at all taken seriously.

"Is this lack of respect to be re-



Ellenbrook line celebrations

RESIDENTS in Perth's north-east are final- affordable transport while stimulating local emly connected to affordable, world-class public transport, with the official opening of the Metronet Ellenbrook line earlier this week.

Ellenbrook has been one of Perth's fastest growing areas. The annual population growth rate has exceeded six per cent, making it an attractive place to live, work and study for the now 50,000 local residents.

Delivered by the WA Labor government with funding support from the Federal Albanese Labor government, the new line will connect tens of thousands of people in Perth's growing north-eastern suburbs to the rail network for the first time.

The 21-kilometre line includes five new stations at Morley, Noranda, Ballajura, Whiteman Park and Ellenbrook, and will tie in with the new Bayswater Station that opened earlier this year.

Each station has modern facilities with a total of 3300 parking bays and 335 bicycle storage racks, with trains to operate every 12 minutes at peak times and every 15 minutes outside of this.

The journey from Ellenbrook to the city will take only 30 minutes – less than half the time it currently takes on public transport. Travel to and from Ellenbrook will be free on

Sundays for everyone and free for students travelling to and from school.

Generally, it will cost as little as \$4.68 on the state government's two-zone fare cap, delivering ployment, education and tourism opportunities.

The north-east of the city will also see a significant improvement in bus services to support the new line, with around 100 new buses being brought into service, adding around five million bus service kilometres every year.

Construction has supported approximately 6,500 jobs, including 332 apprentices, 140 graduates and 290 Aboriginal employees.

The state-of-the-art stations will unlock economic development in the local community including commercial and housing opportunities linked to major infrastructure and services.

The construction included a number of major projects and milestones including the demolition and reconstruction of Broun Avenue Bridge, removal of the iconic Bayswater Bridge, tunnelling under Tonkin Highway, delivery of a 900-metre-long viaduct through Bayswater, three new intersections and roads to access stations, two rail pedestrian underpasses, three road pedestrian underpasses, a footbridge over Tonkin Highway to access Ballajura Station and 20 public art pieces across the line.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said a well planned and accessible public transport system was a game-changer for local communities, and the Ellenbrook line will make it easier for thousands of residents to travel to and from the CBD.

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Ellenbrook and Aveley students shine at WorldSkills competition

JACKI ELEZOVICH

STUDENTS from Aveley and Ellenbrook Secondary Colleges (ESC) have received medals at this year's WorldSkills competition, while ESC was awarded the WA school shield for the second year in a row.

More than a dozen students from the two schools achieved medals in their chosen vocational training fields which included business, tourism and trades.

ESC Year 11 student Brooke won a gold medal for tourism studies and said she was completing her studies in tourism because of the rise of the global tourism sector and her desire to travel

"Receiving a gold medal for the competition felt rewarding and exciting," she said.

"I am feeling enthusiastic and eager to compete in the national competition in Brisbane next year, I'm mostly excited to meet new people and create new friends.

ESC students Hope and Kashvi won silver and gold medals in business services,

Hope said she chose to pursue business because of the career flexibility it offered

'To receive a medal in my category felt surreal because it really boosted my confi-

dence, made me see my potential and motivated me to keep striving to achieve more in the future," she said.

Kashvi said receiving her medal felt like a recognition of all her hard work and preparation for the competition

"I feel a great sense of pride and motivation, knowing that I have the chance to represent my skills at a higher level," she said.

"What excites me the most about this event is the opportunity to challenge myself further, showcase my abilities on a national stage and learn from the best in the field."

ESC won the school shield again this year, and the school's VET coordinator Debbie Harris said it was testament to the school's ongoing commitment to its VET students.

The school shield recognises the school's commitment to excellence in VET and highlights the effectiveness of the coordination, teachers and students involved in the program," she said.

"It strengthens the college's reputation as a school for everyone not only in the local community but broader and recognises that ESC is a leader in VET.

Aveley Secondary College also had several students medal in multiple industry categories.

Aveley's VET coordinator Cheri Mac-



ESC was presented with the school shield along with individual student medals.

Donagh said VET studies were a great opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience and skills in their chosen industry.

"Students gain a nationally recognised qualification through industry relevant training which enables these students to be more competitive when applying for employment and further education and training opportunities," she said.

"As every student learns differently, VET

caters to students who learn in more practical manner providing a great stepping stone into their future careers as well as adding points towards achieving their WACE.'

83 VET students were selected for the training squad for WA, including 32 school students.

Students selected for the national team will compete at the WorldSkills national competition in Brisbane next year.



Community Carols provide Midland with Christmas cheer at Ascension Connection. er weekly at the Ascension Church Hall in

Christmas cheer with Ascension Connection Midland

MUSICAL duo Pat and Fran Irwin will be bringing Christmas cheer to the Ascension Connection community hub and food relief program in Midland throughout December.

The duo and guest musicians from Midland Community Carols will provide live music entertainment and carol singing on most Fridays throughout December, creating a happy and festive atmosphere for those in need of encouragement and a hand up.

Volunteers and community members gath-

Spring Park Road to share life, coffee and cake, a sausage sizzle and food parcels.

Rev Peregrin Campbell-Osgood said the cost-of-living crisis and increased homelessness had seen steady growth in the number of people attending, food parcels shared, the number of volunteers and support from across Perth.

A grant from St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospitals will support the festive cheer and provision of Christmas hampers and gifts for those who might otherwise go without.

The grant will ensure food parcels can continue throughout the holiday period, when it's hardest to be certain of ongoing donations.

Other donors include the Hills Symphony Orchestra, the Sexual Health Quarters, schools and individuals.

"To continue our work, we need donations of non-perishable food such as long-life milk, canned beans, canned vegies, cereal and pasta," Rev Peregrin said.

Ascension Connection operates out of the Ascension Church Hall in Spring Park Road, Midland, every Friday from 10am to noon.



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Forrestfield trainer keynote on surviving DV trauma

GUANHAO CHENG

personal **FORRESTFIELD** trainer and domestic violence survivor Catherine Eastman shared her story about escaping an abusive relationship and moving on from the trauma during Midland's 2024 March That Matters.

Ms Eastman, who is a dental hygienist and personal trainer in Forrestfield, said her story began in childhood with the behaviours she saw at home.

"It starts with my parents: my dad is one of those Caucasian men that travelled to a poor Asian country to find a wife, so growing up I saw a lot of disrespect in the home but didn't realise that that was what it was," she said.

"I thought my parents loved each other just like I guess all young children do.

"When you're growing up in an environment where there is abuse,

you do normalise it.

"You don't understand what healthy is and you just think that's the way of the world.

"My childhood really shaped me for being just re-victimised over and over again throughout my life and then eight years ago was the final abusive relationship that I was in, and it was bad."

Ms Eastman said her last relationship almost cost her life but was also a reminder of the resilience and capacity for change that exists in the human spirit.

"It was the worst relationship of my life, and it almost killed me multiple times," she said.

"He was a terrifying man who I'll call Brad.

"I'm just telling you this so people can appreciate how terrifying it was to be with someone like that and I found myself in a situation where I didn't know how to es-

There was one incident where



Forrestfield personal trainer and dental hygienist Catherine Eastman (right of banner) was at the Midland March that Matters 2024 and spoke about her experience with DV. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

he attempted to drown me in the Swan River but luckily the police attended and pulled us out of the

"It was eight years ago but I have slowly been trying to put my-

self back together and I've always loved the ocean but that experience terrified me.

"I was an alcoholic, I couldn't work, I could barely leave the house and it was just terrible but

I thought, 'No, you know what? How about I'll just try for the first time in my life — how about I really try to get over my mental health issues and stop repeating my patterns?' cont page 17.



The WA Police band marched with the Swan crowd while playing music to symbolise the noise they wanted to make to break the silence around violence. Picture: **Guanhao Cheng**

Midland DV march theme a call to action

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Swan family and domestic violence network hosted its 11th annual Midland March That Matters last Thursday with its theme being a call to action for ending violence against women.

The event was held at Midland's Juniper Gardens which was decorated with rows of t-shirts that had messages against domestic violence painted on them.

Along with the t-shirt display, the Indigo Junction women's group Maali Deadly Yorgas led a community art project painting a canvas to symbolise collective heal-

After Noongar Elder Dianne Ryder gave a Welcome to Country, Midland March That Matters committee member Matt Vapor was the first speaker to talk about his experience with domestic violence.

Mr Vapor invited the attendants to close their eyes as he guided them through his childhood encounter with domestic vio-

"I want you to picture a young boy (who's) 10 years old," he said.

"A parent has just tried to take his life.

"I want you to think about how he'd feel (and) what the rest of his time would be

like in that household.

"Now I want you to think of that boy in adulthood.

'What they would look like (and) how that household had impacted them.

"I was that boy (and) it was one of the most horrific times of my life and one of the scariest things that I ever had to do was emerge from my hiding place.

"At the age of 42 now I still have nightmares about the stuff that I went through in childhood.

"Even this morning when my wife touched me to wake up, I screamed out, 'No'." cont page 17.





Social housing tiny homes completed in Northam

FOUR new modular tiny homes have been completed in Northam as part of the state government's continued reforms to boost social housing across Western Australia.

These four one-bedroom, one-bathroom homes have been built by Summit Homes and follow the first four tiny homes delivered for social housing in Perth's southern suburbs unveiled in March 2024.

Prefabrication is undertaken over approximately 12 weeks and the design and construction method means faster construction time, less time on site, waste reduction, design adaptability and a small on-site building footprint that allows for more extensive landscaping.

This innovative approach to social housing offers the opportunity for an increased number of single bedroom dwellings, within a shorter timeframe.

All four tiny homes have been allocated to people on the public housing waiting list who will be moving in around mid-to-late December 2024.

Housing Minister John Carey said the government continued to do everything it can to bolster the supply of social housing across Western Australia – including through the record \$3.6 billion investment in housing and homelessness measures.

"Alternative building methods, such as modular construction and tiny homes, has meant a quicker delivery of housing through shorter construction times.

"It's brilliant to see another four new tiny modular buildings completed in Northam and more importantly, these new tiny homes will provide safe, affordable and secure housing to the most vulnerable members of the Northam community.

"Since the Cook Labor Government's record \$3.6b investment in housing and homelessness measures, we've added more than 2550 social homes, with more than 1000 social homes currently under contract or construction throughout Western Australia."

North Ellenbrook (West) amendment

PUBLIC consultation on North Ellenbrook (West) major amendment 1409-41 closes on Friday, December 13.

Amendment 1409-41 proposes the transfer of about 393ha in North Ellenbrook (West) from rural to urban deferred and parks and recreation reserve for future residential, light industrial and commercial development.

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) said the amendment was to be processed as a major amendment given the size and scale of the proposal and the establishment of a new urban area was considered a substantial-regional change in the North Ellenbrook-Bullsbrook locality.

In the amendment report the Water Corporation said new water and wastewater headworks would need to be planned and capital funding for major infrastructure assigned through the corporation's capital investment program (CIP) with major headworks infrastructure not presently funded on the corporation's five-year CIP.

The report said the various proponents in North Ellenbrook may have the option to individually or collectively fund any water and wastewater headworks infrastructure to suit their timeframes.

According to the report the Water Corporation has adopted conceptual planning to guide wastewater over the longer term

"An option is for the proponents to extend a large gravity sewer from the Barrambie Way main waste water pump station (WWPS) northwards alongside Drumpellier Drive to a topographical high point to achieve a discharge point around 60m AHD," the report said.

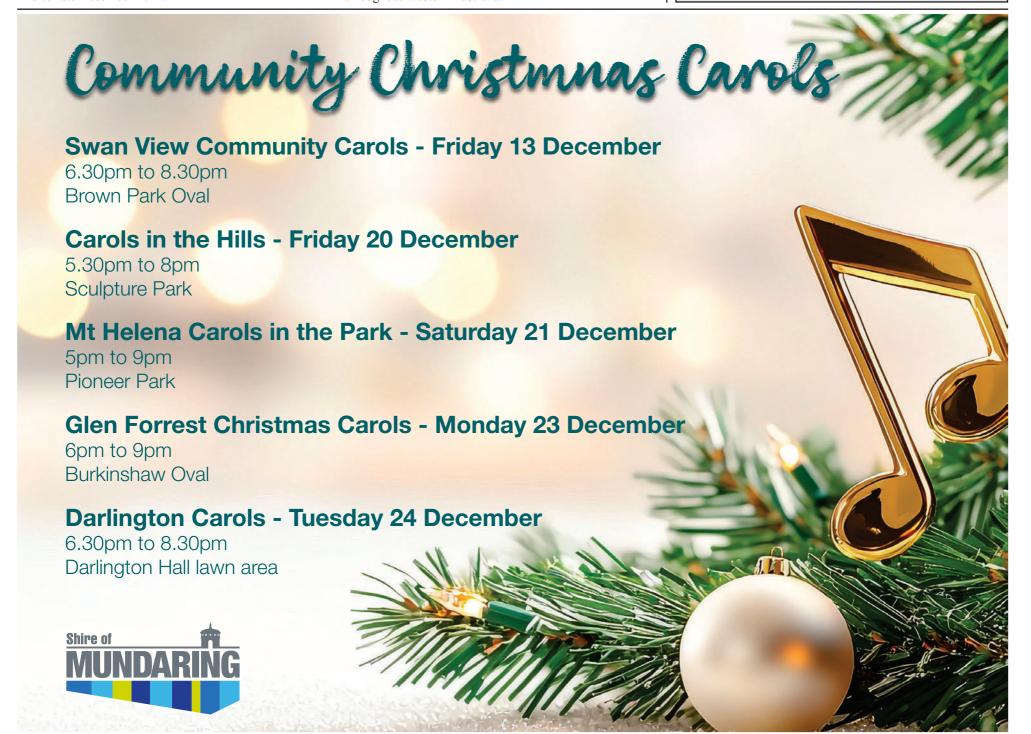
"This main gravity sewer is not funded on the Corporation's CIP, and it would be efficient to install this sewer in stages as part of the future subdivision and development."

The most likely source of drinking water is from the Corporation's Ellenbrook storage tank approximately 4-5km to the west.

"Water infrastructure planning will need to examine

"Water infrastructure planning will need to examine how the development can be serviced and to determine the likely route and funding of future water distribution mains."

The WAPC noted the Water Corporation's requirements have been included as matters to be addressed prior to the lifting of urban deferment.



Leschenaultia open longer

SHIRE of Mundaring has announced measures that will now allow summer visitors to enjoy Lake Leschenaultia more often during the fire season.

The shire has revised closure protocols and enhanced bushfire mitigation effort, so visitors can spend more time at the popular summer destination, while ensuring safety remains a top

The introduction of the Australian fire danger rating system (AFDRS) prompted a review of Lake Leschenaultia's closure protocols, which had caused more frequent closures, even in milder conditions.

Shire chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker commissioned an independent risk assessment, resulting in a balanced plan for increased access while maintaining safety.

Aligned with measures used by national parks and schools, the updated protocols were informed by the risk assessment, legislative guidelines and technology, developed in consultation with the shire's bush fire advisory committee and approved by council.

The shire, in partnership with DFES and local bush fire brigade volunteers, conducted hazard reduction burns over 160ha and upgraded firebreaks, significantly lowering fuel loads. Ongoing maintenance and planned burns will keep the area safe while preserving its natural beauty

Shire President Paige McNeil emphasised both the community's role in maintaining safety and the significant efforts that have made these changes pos-

"Lake Leschenaultia is in a bushfire-prone area, and while we've done a lot to reduce risks, it's important for visitors to stay alert and follow instructions, she said.

"Being prepared can save lives, and everyone has a part to play in ensuring safety.

These changes have taken a lot of hard work and teamwork, including bushfire mitigation efforts and careful risk assessments.

"I want to thank everyone who's helped make Lake Leschenaultia a safe and welcoming place for our community to enjoy.

Information about emergency procedures will be readily available at the lake.

Visitors are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these protocols before their visit.

Further information is available on the shire's website or by contacting the fire protection team on (08) 9290 6666.





Call for signs in Greenmount continues

GUANHAO CHENG

AFTER another crash on Great Eastern Highway, Greenmount resident and former East Metropolitan Health Service head Colin Hughes asked what the Mundaring council was doing to address the issue.

The crash occurred at the intersection of Great Eastern Highway and Brooking Road in Parkerville as reported in Parkerville fatal crash investigation (Echo News, Decem-

Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil said the council had identified Seaborne Street and Scott Street in their advocacy priorities and noted that Great Eastern Highway was under the control of Main Roads.

'So, our role here is an advocacy one," she said.

"I have been advocating to all the candidates in the (upcoming) election.

"I've also written to the Road Safety Minister and provided you a copy of that letter and Main Roads is currently working with the Shire of Mundaring.

Mundaring infrastructure services director Shane Purdy said the shire staff had several meetings with Main Roads and the City of Swan looking at potential short-term and long-term options for the Scott Street intersection.

'As a consequence of those earlier meetings, to get a better understanding of the traffic movements, they did organise some traffic survey cameras that were put up and down at various intersections on Greenmount Hill," Mr

Purdy said. "The advice that I've had is that they're also progressing various concept options to improve the intersection there and they're in a position to present them back to us in late January (or) early February.

Mr Hughes also asked if the shire would meet with Main Roads, ministers and their representatives to discuss the lowering of speeds along Great Eastern Highway, as reported in Four signs for road safety (Echo News, Novem-

Shire of Mundaring chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker said that speed was an issue council had raised with Main Roads on multiple occasions.

"Ultimately that decision rests with Main Roads," he

"As the shire president alluded to previously, we'll certainly continue that advocacy on behalf of the community.'

In response to questions from Echo News, a Main Roads spokesperson said several requests to Main Roads to review speed limits along Great Eastern Highway, had prompted a thorough review to be undertaken.

"The review aims to ensure that all speed limits are appropriate and consistent, reflecting changes in the level and type of roadside development that have occurred in recent years," they said.

"It is anticipated that the review will be finalised during the first quarter of 2025, after which, any necessary adjustments to speed limits will be implemented."

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March 2025	Tuesday 11 March	Tuesday 25 March
April 2025	Tuesday 8 April	Tuesday 22 April
May 2025	Tuesday 13 May	Tuesday 27 May
June 2025	Tuesday 10 June	Tuesday 24 June
July 2025	Tuesday 8 July	Tuesday 22 July
August 2025	Tuesday 12 August	Tuesday 26 August
September 2025	Tuesday 9 September	Tuesday 23 September
October 2025	Tuesday 7 October	Tuesday 14 October
November 2025	Tuesday 11 November	Tuesday 25 November
December 2025	Tuesday 2 December	Tuesday 9 December

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THE owners of the Rose & Crown will be the recipient of a state heritage grant to help remove and replace the hotel's veranda.

The \$100,000 grant from the major conservation category will go towards a project worth about \$500,000, which includes the use of salvaged and re-used timber where possible or new like-for-like materials.

It also includes the installation of new tim-

ber decking for the veranda floor.
The hotel was built in Guildford in 1841 by Thomas Jecks who moved there in 1839 to open a general store.

According to inHerit the place with its surviving hotel buildings, including the cellars containing the well and the stables at the rear, demonstrate a way of life no longer practised.

Midland MLA Michelle Roberts welcomed the grant for the project saying it would help with significant restorative works that the owners Mark and Tracy Weber were doing at the hotel.

The Rose and Crown is an important part of Guildford's heritage," she said.

"I was delighted when we were able to formally heritage list Guildford by placing it on the state register of heritage places, back in

Heritage Minister David Templeman said the 2024-25 heritage grants program would deliver more than \$3.47 million in conservation works and projects across Western Australia.

The inherit listing said the two-storey building was colonial-Georgian with original detail

"The cellars are below ground-level, underneath the 1860s section of the Rose & Crown Hotel," the listing said.

They were probably built for storage of beer and wine, and other provisions for the hotel.

The external and internal walls are of brick, the thick internal walls having round-arched doorways to allow access from one part of the cellars to another.

'There is a well set into the floor of one section, the water of which was reputedly used for beer making when the hotel did its own brewing in the 19th century."

Henderson eyes Swan Hills

ANITA McINNES

ROD Henderson, who is running for the seat of Swan Hills in the next state election, says it is an advantage that the incumbent Jessica Shaw is retiring but he still sees himself as the underdog.

A City of Swan councillor, Mr Henderson lost to Ms Shaw in the 2021 election and also unsuccessfully contested the seat of West Swan in 2017.

But he told *Echo News* he had decided to run again in what he said was a bellwether seat.

"I'm quite well known in the Swan Hills district - that's an

advantage, Jessica Shaw has decided to retire that's another plus and I can just see at the moment there's a swing going on towards the Liberal Par-

ty," he said.
"It's one of those flip-flop seats – Frank Alban had it for two terms, Jess had it for two terms – it might be it comes to the Liberals again for two terms.

"Certainly the Liberal Party is going to see a swing back to it there's no doubt about that."

The seat has undergone some redistribution to accommodate the high population growth in the neighbouring seat of West Swan, which involved transferring part of Ellenbrook from Swan Hills to West Swan with the more highly populated localities of Aveley and Belhus shifting to Swan Hills.

To maintain an elector population in Swan Hills that is at the lower end of the permitted range, the electoral commissioners also transferred a significant area of the Shire of Mundaring from the district of Swan Hills to the district of Kalamunda.

After the WA electoral redistribution was released ABC election analyst chief Antony Green said in 2021 Labor won 53 seats, the Liberals two and The Nationals three.

"On the old boundaries the Liberals and Nationals needed a uniform swing of 23.4 per cent to gain



Swan councillor Rod Henderson is the Liberal candidate for Swan Hills.

the 24 seats needed for government," he said.

"The new boundaries do little to alter the swing needed.

Mr Henderson said the Liberals had good candidates out there for this election.

"Certainly if you look at the policy that we're just starting to release now people can start to see what we're about and what our candidates are (about)," he said.

When asked if any policy released to date was of particular interest to Swan Hills residents he said it was a broad spectrum.

"There's some very obvious ones and that is the cost of liv-

ing pressures (are) massive so we'll be looking at measures to deal with cost of living pressures. But the other big one is the fact that our hos-

pitals are struggling, ambulance ramping has been absolutely off the planet and of course the police are literally 800 understaffed."

While very positive he agreed it was going to be difficult for him to win Swan Hills.

"I'm not saying that I have a margin that I'm going to win on.

'I'm saying I'm definitely the underdog so that in itself is the uphill battle for me."

Just days before the Ellenbrook line opened he said Metronet was \$10 billion over budget, which was going to hurt the state's bottom line big time.

"So for my purpose with only 10 per cent of the population using rail we've got to say 'Okay what are the key things that make our road networks work so infrastructure like bridges and overpasses and all that kind of thing'.

Infrastructure is the one single thing that I believe has been neglected if you look at water works. sewerage works, all the electrical installations to be able to service urban development they are way behind the eight-ball and that's something that needs to be fixed up or otherwise we won't be able to build those houses.'











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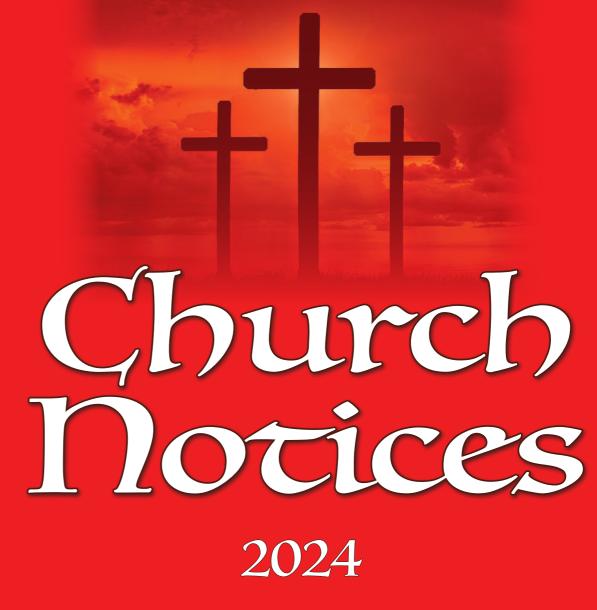
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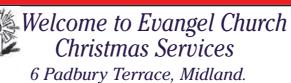
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My collection day should be	All 3-bins will be collected on		
Wednesday 25 December 2024	Thursday 26 December 2024		
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Boya and Mundaring Libraries	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	
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Lake Leschenaultia - Gates close				30 minutes	after sunse	t			
Mundaring Community Recycling Centre Coppin Rd	Closed	Closed	Closed	8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm	Closed	
Containers for Change Refund Point Coppin Rd	Closed	Closed	12.30pm to 4.30pm	8.30am to 3.30pm	8.30am to 3.30pm	8.30am to 3.30pm	8.30am to 3.30pm	Closed	
Mathieson Road Community Recycling Centre	Closed	Closed	8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm	8am to 4pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	
Mt Helena Aquatic Centre	Closed	12pm to 6pm	12pm to 6pm	12pm to 6pm	12pm to 6pm	12pm to 6pm	12pm to 6pm	12pm to 6pm	
Mundaring Arena	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed 2 to 5 Jan. Reopens 6 Jan
Perth Hills Mundaring Visitor Centre	Closed	Closed	9.30am to 4pm	9.30am to 4pm	10am to 2.30pm	9.30am to 4pm	9.30am to 4pm	Closed	
The Hub of the Hills	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	

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PROPOSED FORM 1 - REGULATIONS 6,7 & 19 - NEW SHOP BUILDING (MARKET FRESH IGA) AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE BARKER'S STORE AND WAREHOUSE **BUILDING**

LOT 450 (NO.124) SWAN STREET, **GUILDFORD WA 6055**

The City of Swan has received a Development Assessment Panel development application for a new Shop building (Market Fresh IGA) and modifications to the Barker's Store and Warehouse building at 124 Swan Street, Guildford

Parties wishing to make a submission on the application may view the documentation at the City of Swan Administration Centre, 2 Midland Square, MIDLAND between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday or on the City's website:

https://swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/planning

Closing date for the submission is 21 January 2025.

Should you wish to comment on this proposal please do so via the Online Feedback Form available on the City's website

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· Midland CWA meets at the Midland Railway Yards Blacksmith Lane (West) Midland on the third Wednesday of each month at 10am.

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Ellenbrook line celebrations

from page 3

"I'm proud my government could partner with the Cook Labor government to deliver this transformational project.'

Premier Roger Cook said WA Labor promised to build the Metronet Ellenbrook Line.

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"This is what Metronet and my WA Labor Government is all about – affordable travel, creating jobs."

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said while it's been coming for a while, she was very happy to be able to say that Ellenbrook finally has a train.

"The people in our north-east have waited a long time for this train – having been let down repeatedly by the broken promises of the Liberals and Nationals. I am proud to be part of a team that gets on with the job of delivering on its promises'

Forrestfield trainer speaks on surviving **DV** trauma

from page 5.

"My whole life it's the same kind of man but just different faces and I would always find myself in yet again another situation where another man had hurt me and I couldn't figure it out.

"So, I joined a gym, and I started to get fit.

"I read as much as I could about trauma and psychology, I read about narcissism and psychopathy, and I started to understand myself and I started to understand these men.

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"I just want everyone to know that if you knew me back then and you know me now I'm such a different person it would blow your mind

"It blows my own mind, and I can't believe what a human being is capable of when they put their mind to it.

"I didn't know I had this strength and so I just want to leave people with this message of hope that your life can change at any moment it doesn't mean that it won't be hard work, but anything is possible you just have to try to believe in yourself and just take those baby steps."

If you are experiencing family or domestic violence, help can be found by calling 1800RESPECT.

DV march is a call to action

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Mr Vapor asked the audience if they thought he was weak for sharing that with them, and the Midland crowd called out in support of his story.

"Strength comes from vulnerability," Mr Vapor

"The problem that we face is that hiding from our problems, hiding from the stuff that we've been through, hiding from our emotions, masking them with violence, that's what causes a lot of this that is frigging weak.

"Strength really comes from admitting your issues, acknowledging your past, acknowledging what you've been through and being able to talk about it, being able to be vulnerable enough to move on from it in a healthy way, being able to share it with those that are closest to you.

"After all, real men would do anything for their family, right?"

After the introductory speeches, the crowds gathered their placards and mustered to begin their 11th march and set off with the WA Police band leading the procession while playing bagpipes and drums.

The march circled back to Juniper Gardens where the rest of the speeches were presented and Midland's Moorditj Maaman group performed a collection of lullabies written by Indigenous men aimed at showcasing the nurturing side of mascu-

Swan family and domestic violence network chairperson Kristy Darnborough said the march provided a message of solidarity and hope for those affected by family and domestic violence.

"It is inspiring to see the community come together each year to stand with survivors," she said.

"Together, we are committed to doing everything we can to put a stop to violence against women.

"There is no excuse for abuse — everyone deserves to feel safe and supported in their relationships and families.'

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Perth Hills United FC hosted a highly anticipated charity match on Wednesday December 4, between the Masters team and the U18 squad, with proceeds benefitting the fantastic work of Indigo Junction.

The Masters team was coached by club president and legend Jim McCarthy, and the U18 squad was led by former first team coach Steve Haywood.

The stakes were high and the banter even higher.

Adding to the spectacle, celebrity referee Matt Webb, renowned for his questionable impartiality and tactical "genius" brought his signature flair to the centre circle.

The early exchanges saw both sides brimming with energy, but it was the U18 who struck first.

A barrage of corners finally bore fruit when Ellis Gould pounced from close range to give the youngsters a deserved

For a while, it seemed they might run away with it, until "ring-in" Mark Tenney joined the fray.

Known for his knack for finding the net, Tenney equalised after a good press, rounding the keeper and finishing cooly

As the half wore on, the match teetered on a knife's edge until the young apprentices unleashed three devastating counter attacks, netting three goals in five minutes with Zac Linton netting two and Jasper Leeuwangh one to head into the break with a commanding 4-1 lead and again ensuring the Masters would sleep well that night.

The Masters dressing room was undoubtedly a scene of deep reflection, while the U18 basked in their dominant end

The second half, however, proved a tale of resilience, and the Masters clawed their way back into the game.

Tenney, once again proving his value to the team, and perhaps his betrayal to the metros squad, added his second goal to bridge the gap to 4-2.

With the crowd sensing the possibility of a dramatic comeback, it was Steve Reay who kept their hopes alive with another close-range finish and at 4-3 it was game on.

Alas, it wasn't to be as the U18 regrouped and found fortune on their side late in the game.

First Luis Parkinson, and then Ellis Gould unleashed speculative long-range efforts that took unfortunate deflections, leaving the Masters keeper with no chance.

As the ball hit the back of the net for the sixth time, the U18 celebrated a 6-3 victory, sealing the win.

Despite the loss, the Masters showcased grit and determination, while the U18 demonstrated why they are the future of the club.

Most importantly, the match raised \$1932 for Indigo Junction, ensuring that everyone left the pitch a winner.

Second grade win

JOSHUA McKENZIE

MIDLAND Guildford senior male grades completed two-day fixtures last weekend while the senior female grades completed their next round of T20 fixtures.

The male First grade suffered another defeat in their match against Subiaco Floreat.

The male Second grade faced the same opponent in a game that produced a number of standout individual performances.

After losing the toss and being asked to field first, the bowling efforts were led by debutant Jacob Heslop who took 5-85 from 27 overs.

Brayden Brehaut also took 3-53 from 16.4 overs as the team restricted their opposition to 280 all out from 88.4 overs.

In the second innings of the match, Brehaut continued his strong match with an outstanding innings of 104 runs not out from 136 balls that would lead the side to a six wicket victory. Hayden Collins (54 from 128) and Calan Hill (59 from 45) would also produce valuable contributions with the bat in the

In the male Third grade match against Subiaco Floreat, Vishver Morendage (47 from 87) and Tom Southon (40 from 87) were the key contributors to the side posting 187 all out.

In the bowling innings, William Shackles (4-34 from 19 overs) and Tom Hayward (3-13 from 16.2 overs) were the best bowlers as the side dismissed their opponents for 162 in a narrow 15 run victory.

The male Fourth grade played away at Subiaco Floreat and posted 9-313 after winning the toss and choosing to bat first.

Oliver Voorn (75), Lennon Brookes (74) and Parth Patel (55) all scored half-centuries in the batting innings, before the bowlers restricted the opposition to 165 all out. Brookes was the standout bowler with 4-46 from 22 overs as the side won by 148 runs.

The female A grade match restricted Wanneroo to 9-91 from 20 overs. It was a straightforward run chase which saw the target passed with five wickets to spare and 40 balls remaining.

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Exciting Times Ahead: Midland City Welcomes New LDV Dealership

MIDLAND City is now home to an exciting addition: its brandnew LDV dealership, which has already opened its doors to the public on December 12.

This dealership is set to become a cornerstone of our local automotive landscape, bringing a dynamic brand that combines innovation, quality, and affordability to the heart of our community.

LDV, known for its award-winning range of vehicles, including versatile vans, robust utes, and stylish SUVs, has been a game-changer in the Australian market.

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The new dealership, Midland City LDV promises to elevate the car-buying experience.

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Whether you're a tradie looking for a reliable workhorse like the T60 Max ute, a family exploring the practicality of the D90 SUV, or a business owner seeking the perfect commercial van, the team at Midland City LDV is ready to as-

The dealership's expert and enthusiastic team is fully equipped to provide a seamless car-buying journey.

Their passion for the LDV brand and dedication to customer satisfaction are already earning praise from early visitors.

Whether you're exploring options for your next vehicle or seeking maintenance for an existing one, you'll find friendly faces and top-tier service every step of the way

This opening also signifies a boost for the local economy. Beyond providing new jobs, the dealership is poised to support the community with initiatives that extend beyond the showroom.

From collaborations with local businesses to community-driven events, Midland City LDV aims to be an active and engaged member in the community.

For those who haven't yet visited, now is the perfect time to explore everything the dealership has to offer. With competitive pricing, flexible financing options, and a showroom that embodies LDV's cutting-edge vision, the facility is already setting new standards in Midland City's automotive scene.

This new chapter is more than just about cars – it's about connecting with the community and driving progress together.

Midland City's LDV dealership, located at 188 Great Eastern Highway is open and ready to welcome you into the future of driving!

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Forrestfield house with room to move

THIS three-bedroom, one-bathroom Forrestfield house is ready to be sold on after being the home of the current owner for 25 years.

The red brick house sits on 792sqm of land and has a generous front yard next to the single carport at the end of its considerably spacious driveway.

Walk inside to discover the powder blue walls and wood patterned vinyl flooring that characterises most of the house's common spaces.

The living room sits at the front left of the home, with semiflush mount lights on the ceiling that have a woven straw design, which shares an open space with a dining table area and connects to a sliding door that leads into the backyard and lets in ample

The home comes with ducted air-conditioning to keep the summer days comfortably cool.

The kitchen has a stone benchtop with a sink built into it and drawers and cupboards beneath it and a window to the backyard.

Step outside to access a free-standing garage in the backyard with power and room enough to fit a pool table, and a back patio to sit down with some fresh air in the comfort and privacy of

There is dual access as the driveway goes all the way to the backyard, providing plenty of room for friends and guests to park if an event is being held from home.

Farmer Jacks is less than 1km away, keeping grocery shopping conveniently close to home, and if the moment calls for a bigger shopping trip, the Forrestfield shopping centre is also about a five-minute drive.

A school is also nearby with Wattle Grove Primary School just a seven-minute drive from home.

This home is also less than 2km from Hartfield Park which is a hub for community sports groups such as the rugby, hockey, tennis and football clubs, providing a prime location for sports enthusiasts or active living individuals that want home to be close to where they train.

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