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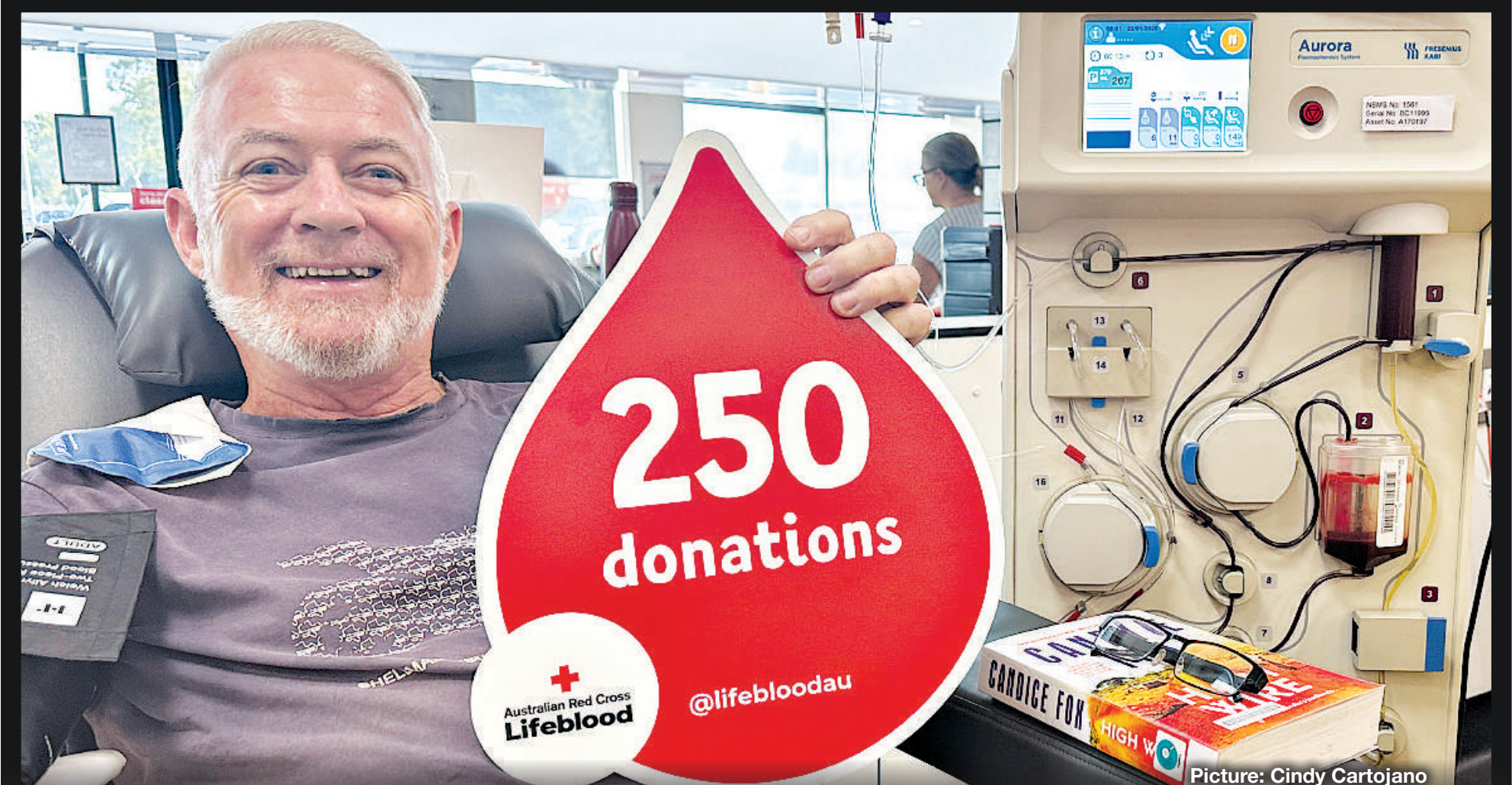
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Peter Talijancich with family and family-friend far right.

Peter Talijancich

an icon of the Swan Valley



A SERVICE late last year celebrated and remembered Peter Talijancich as a loving husband and father, and an icon of the Swan Valley.

With more than 75 years' experience in the wine industry, it may come as a surprise that Peter's first love was actually the ocean.

Peter's son James Talijancich said his dad wanted to be a fisherman but Peter's mum didn't allow him to because she thought the land was safer than the water.

Despite abandoning his dream of being a fisherman, Peter still made time for the ocean when he could.

"He was a very peaceful and very different person in the water," James said.

Growing up in Croatia and being near the Adriatic Sea, James said the ocean was part of Peter's DNA.

At 13 years old, Peter's dad died, which forced him to leave high school early to work at his family's vineyard.

In addition, Peter also started working part-time at Houghton with Jack Mann to further support the family income.

"His hands showed the years of hard work and dedication to the land," James said.

With his mother making wine for local customers, Peter often visited a gentleman named Jack Hrabar across the river, with the excuse of barrels that needed repair.

It turned out Peter wasn't after the barrels – he was after Mr Hrabar's very attractive young daughter, Mary.

Peter and Mary married, had four children, 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren with more to come.

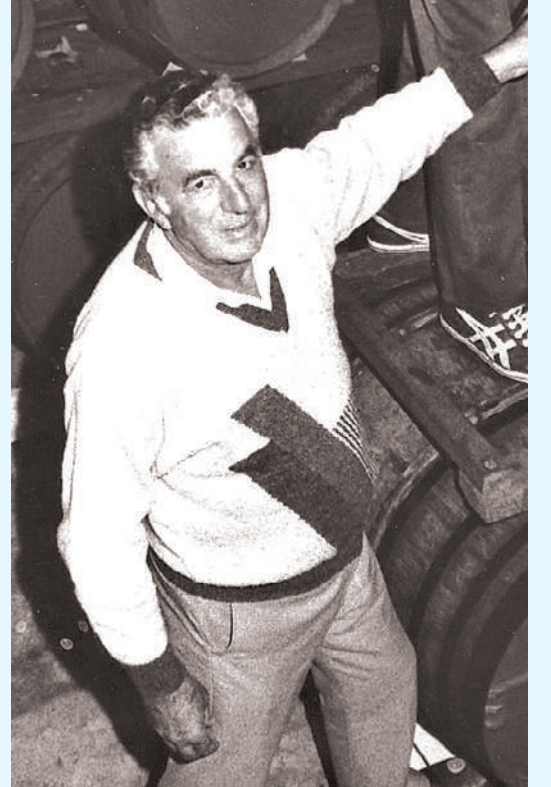
Despite spending some weeks working all seven days at the vineyard, James said his parents still made time for friends and family.

Throughout their children's youth, Peter and Mary encouraged Dianne, Carol, Kaye and James to play sport.

Peter was responsible for dropping off and picking up the kids, but he didn't mind.

He said it was important to give time for each other.

In 1986, Peter's 1961 Liqueur Muscat was awarded the best wine in the world at a London competition.



He was emotional and proud of this award because the wine was made using local fruit from Swan Valley.

James remembered when he was young and learning how to make wine, he asked his dad many questions of what, why and how.

To which Peter replied, "That's just the way it is, you'll know when it's right."

"He had a sixth sense when it came to decision-making about techniques and blending," James said.

"He felt connected to the changes and the different process each season brought."

This sixth sense wasn't limited to his wine-making, Peter made it part of his everyday life.

"Following your instinct and heart is a vital way of living," he told James.

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Residents say water not pumping enough in Chidlow

GUANHAO CHENG

CHIDLOW residents say they have been experiencing water outages in recent years and are frustrated responses from Water Corporation have denied responsibility for the issues experienced.

Chidlow resident Roberta Selleck moved to Chidlow in 1982 and said apart from outstanding circumstances such as firefighting, there was no pressure issue until about two years ago.

“January 2023 was probably the first time we made a complaint because we were getting such low water pressure we couldn’t have a shower at night,” she said.

“The hot water system wouldn’t even come on and it was happening periodically.

“To their credit, they came out and they investigated and said, ‘look, not sure what the issue is but we’ll have a look into it’.

“Water pressure increased for a little while but fast forward to January last year, it was getting ridiculous as it was happening during the heat, and you couldn’t have a shower.”

Correspondence continued with Water Corporation and after nine months of complaints, Mrs Selleck said she had had enough.

“We were told at that time, if we want to solve the issue, the best thing to do was put a header tank in and our own pump, and then we’d have steady water pressure,” she said.

“So, I’m going ‘So you’re not going to do anything and instead you want us to pay for a fix?’”

Ms Selleck said it took getting political pressure and the ombudsman involved for Water Corporation to reveal there was an issue with the pumping and the pressure across the system in Chidlow.

“Up until that point, we were told it was our issue,” she said.

“They provided what was needed under their service agreement and they weren’t going to do anything else.

“So, for two years, until I got political pressure put on this, no result – not even a scrap of acknowledgement that it was their issue.

“I’m going, ‘this can’t be just us,’ there’s got to be others on the same pipeline – and I put it out to the community.”

Chidlow resident Ben Wheeler who lived in central Chidlow said he had also experienced water pressure issues in the area.

“What I’ve noticed is during November and December last year, at 5.30pm on the dot the pressure would drop off during a heat wave,” he said.

“It’s not bad but it’s not great either – I can still get the sprinklers working but it takes more gas to heat the same amount of water which impacts cost of living.”

Mrs Selleck said the operational team at Water Corp took action and arranged the installation of a water pod and pump so their household could get continuous pressure.

“They’ve fixed the problem on our end as a temporary solution so you’ve got to be fair and acknowledge the operations guys are doing what they can do,” she said.

“But we need a broader solution.”



Roberta Selleck will be heading an action group within the Chidlow Progress Association which has recorded 25 affected residents to date.



Pickering Brook firefighters are sharing a fire station with the existing Kalamunda volunteer bush fire brigade.

Kalamunda calls for another fire station

GUANHAO CHENG

KALAMUNDA residents are calling for upgrades to fire safety by building a new station for the Pickering Brook brigade and the state Liberals have pledged to meet the demand if elected.

Pickering Brook resident and business owner Michael Vinci said he’d seen quite a lot of bushfires come through over the years and had to fight them with the heavy machinery from his welding business.

“I’ve had first-hand experience with it and there’s been quite a few times where there’s a fire breakout and sometimes it can be the challenge for brigades travelling from Kalamunda or Mundaring to make it on time,” he said.

“It has been an issue and there’s been times where it’s gotten out of control before we could do something.

“If we had something local, we could get onto it straight away and put it out before it got out of control.”

Mr Vinci said the Pickering Brook community had been calling for more support against bushfires ever since a particularly bad fire struck the area in 2004.

“We had a bad fire in the summer of 2004 and

2005 and the idea started that we were going to need our own fire station or something to be able to get onto it faster,” he said.

“It’s a pretty high-risk area here and we can back up Roleystone, Mundaring and all those areas with our equipment too if we had a station built here.

“This is the fire front if we get it coming from the top of the hills.

“Sometimes they break out and if we got to them within 10 to 15 minutes, we could get it under control quite quickly but by the time teams come from Kalamunda in 25 to 30 minutes, it’s spread too much and become too hard to control for one unit.”

Liberal candidate for Kalamunda Adam Hort said the present fire response was managed by Kalamunda Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade in Walliston, resulting in delayed response times of up to 13 minutes.

“West Australians have the right to know that when they call in an emergency, their first responders will have the resources they need – whether that is police, ambulance or firefighters,” he said.

“This \$4.9 million commitment will establish a central hub for firefighting resources, helping attract and retain volunteers, and strengthen our region’s firefighting and emergency response capabilities.”

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Kalamunda is losing village feel

Dear Echo News,

Why, when Kalamunda wants to promote the area as a food and wine tourist destination, does it think a McDonald's is in keeping with this?

Trees are to be removed, so much for our 'home in the forest', traffic problems intensified, and litter will become an eyesore.

I already pick up litter from their outlet and we don't even have one here.

Unfortunately, Kalamunda is losing the village atmosphere that we love.

This is yet another nail in the coffin.

No thought at all about the visual impact or healthy lifestyle, just dollars.

Just say No.

**S St James
Gooseberry Hill**

her letter of January 24 is a disservice to not only Mr Hughes but also to our community.

This did not happen because of an election year - it has taken substantial work over many years and was no easy task as Mr Hughes explained.

Can we please start acknowledging and celebrating the positives in our community (which are many) instead of jumping on to the continual negativity train?

**A Paterson
Stoneville**

Will there be pedestrian access to the platform? Will EV charging be provided?

Will they replace the shade trees given Perth has the lowest tree coverage of all our cities?

Will we be able to turn right in to GEH?

Will there be separated lanes for personal EV, bikes and scooters to safely get to and from the station?

Hope you can get the answers I have been unable to get from Transport WA.

**C Hughes
Midland**

Thought for the day

"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles." - Christopher Reeve

Midland station blow out

Dear Echo News,

Despite a blow out in the budget from \$160 million to \$300m the new Midland station is hopeless for humans and not much better for cars.

Pedestrians are forced to walk the full length of the station instead of being able to tag on or off as they leave.

Pity the poor disabled or walking challenged oldies.

The cars exiting the car park can't turn right in to Great Eastern Highway forcing us into a dangerous U turn or turning left and coming back to Lloyd Street.

They have completely ignored the rising emissions and have failed to provide EV charging and to make matters worse have cut down the only big trees providing shade.

Questions need to be asked?

Maths clarify aged care

Dear Echo News,

Kalamunda MLA Mathew Hughes states in his letter (*Echo News*, January 17) that there is 'no crisis' in aged care here and that there is 'no shortage of aged care beds'.

The official statistics speak for themselves and are easy to check with the City of Kalamunda.

Based on federal government targets and population estimates, the City of Kalamunda has a well acknowledged, critical shortage of residential aged care beds.

Using the city's 2025 population estimate of 64,573 and assuming the number of people over 70 years of age is about 15 per cent, this city has a current target of 770 aged care beds, but only around 462 are in place, and many waiting lists are closed.

So, Mr Hughes has not done his homework as we are still 300 beds short.

Kalamunda City is aware of the crisis and is working hard to attract a provider for its aged care site, Cambridge Reserve in Forrestfield.

Conversely, Mr Hughes has not been able to have the sod turned on his government's aged care site in Carmel (Heidelberg Park) after six years in office.

**I Jones
Friends of Aged Care
Lesmurdie**

against the proposal.

**C Brown
Gooseberry Hill**

Editor's note: The Liberal Senator and Liberal candidates were referenced in the story as they sent us confirmation that the federal Environmental Minister was revisiting the issue. Labor candidates are welcome to write a letter about how they voted in the council against North Stoneville.

Lesmurdie aged care proposal

Dear Echo News,

I noted the letter from I Jones (*Echo News*, January 10) regarding the provision of aged care in the hills and also read Matthew Hughes' excellent response (*Echo News*, January 17) outlining the work that he and the WA government have undertaken over the past eight years to ensure the facility at Lesmurdie could be delivered.

I find the negativity Ms Jones displays in

Labor also opposes Stoneville

Dear Echo News,

I was very disappointed with the article by Anita McInnes on the rally to oppose North Stoneville SP34 in *Minister's North Stoneville environmental reconsideration* (*Echo News*, January 24).

She managed to name a Liberal Senator and two Liberal candidates as being opposed to the development, while ignoring the fact that Karen Beale (Kalamunda) and Trish Cook (Bullwinkle), (both Labor candidates and Mundaring Shire Councillors) are opposed and have continually voted in council

Pavement needs to be fixed

Dear Echo News,

Ellenbrook are getting a new Active Complex - good luck to them.

But unfortunately, the residents of Midland and Midvale still have broken and uneven pavement to walk on.

Surely the City of Swan has a duty of care for its residents so that we all can walk, push trolleys and prams safely.

The City of Swan takes our rate money but don't do anything for the rate payment.

**R Brown
Midland**

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Eastern suburbs could be the next investment

CINDY CARTOJANO

INVESTORS looking to enter the housing market should look to the untapped eastern suburbs of Perth, according to Better Way 2 Build's (BW2B) founder Michael King.

Mr King said the affordability and accessibility of suburbs like Middle Swan, Stratton, Midvale, High Wycombe and Maida Vale is what makes these areas the top five suburbs for investment in 2025.

"In our eastern suburbs, you can buy a block of land for anywhere from half a million up to \$700,000 – might even have a house on it," he said.

"And then that's able to be subdivided." He said these suburbs have been neglected because they were considered low socio-economic areas.

"They've been the undesirable places in the past to live in," Mr King said.

But he said these untouched suburbs have been improved throughout the years.

"Midland has had a complete and utter facelift over the last five to seven years," he said.

"Areas of Midvale, Bellevue have followed suit."

REIWA chief executive Cath Hart said prices in the greater Perth region were ex-

pected to grow by 5 to 10 per cent this year.

Ms Hart said older eastern suburbs such as Morley, Maida Vale and Midvale have plenty to offer investors.

"Subdivision and redevelopment is already underway in many of these areas, where the zoning allows it," she said.

According to REIWA data, market activity has increased.

"Listings are currently 24 per cent higher than at the same time last year," Ms Hart said.

With price growth in mind, Mr King said, "We've probably got one to two years of development potential before it gets out of reach for most people."

Mr King said buying or building is dependent on the individual.

He said first home buyers should always build if they have the incentive to.

"But the age-old question has to be asked," he said.

"If you can find what you want, in the area you want, for the price that you want, you should definitely buy it."

"And if you can't, then you need to build."

Meanwhile a new report from Hotspotting identified Cloverdale, Mandurah, Parmelia and Yokine as some of the safest investment locations in the nation.



Swan-based building broker Michael King points investors to Perth's under-developed eastern suburbs.

Ray Owen Reserve changerooms complete

THE new changerooms at Ray Owen Reserve are now complete, marking a key milestone in the \$5 million Cook government redevelopment for the Kalamunda community.

The changerooms offer upgraded amenities for local players across a variety of sporting codes and cater to the growing needs of the local sporting community.

Future stages of the redevelopment, including an oval extension, upgrades to the existing oval, and floodlighting for

both playing fields, are expected to be completed by mid-2026.

Kalamunda MLA Matthew Hughes said the project had been eagerly anticipated by the local community for some time.

"It is just wonderful to see the works complete. The new changerooms will improve accessibility and give more people a chance to get out and get active."

Sport and Recreation Minister David Templeman said sporting complexes like Ray Owen Reserve were more than just

facilities.

"They're spaces where communities connect, thrive, and build a shared sense of belonging," he said.

"This investment demonstrates our commitment to supporting grassroots sport and creating modern, inclusive facilities that cater to everyone in our community, from juniors to senior players."

The investment is part of the broader \$300m WA recovery plan package for sport and community infrastructure projects throughout the state.



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Troughs needed due to lack of water for black cockatoos



ANITA McINNES

A DAYTON resident is calling for water troughs for black cockatoos in the area like the one in use in the Town of Victoria Park.

Resident Catherine Dixon said the troughs cost \$6000 each but were necessary due to the water ways being filled in and drainage now through underground pipes, leaving no water for the birds and no natural flow into Whiteman Park and other natural waterways that go to the Swan River.

Ms Dixon said she had picked up a red-tailed black cockatoo in Whiteman Park the other day near the cycle path.

“So no cars around so I reckon the bird has (died) because it hasn’t had enough water or food,” she said.

“In Whiteman Park, Mussel Pool is completely dry and there’s usually water in there.

“Because the waterways have been filled in, Mussel Pool is not getting any water in it so the frogs are dying.

“The birds have got no-where to go to drink.

“We’re creating a disaster and it shouldn’t be happening in today’s age and what’s going on in the world.”

She moved to Dayton because it was close to the Swan Valley and because of all the trees.

“(But) the trees are all being knocked out – there’s a farmhouse on the corner of Harrow Street that’s about to be turned into more land for houses and they’re going to

knock over every single tree and I think there is at least 200 trees on that farm land – well established trees that are 30, 40, 50-years-old.”

This comes after West Swan resident Jan Zeck saying in November last year that residents in the Swan Valley were concerned that black cockatoos in the City of Swan, particularly Carnaby’s, were in stress through loss of habitat and were starving due to the clearing of foraging habitat along with failure of banksias to set seed after the previous year’s extreme summer heat.

Ms Dixon said the state government and land developers were making a mess of the land and water ways by pulling out all the trees and covering up water ways, which was backing up the water table and killing the land.

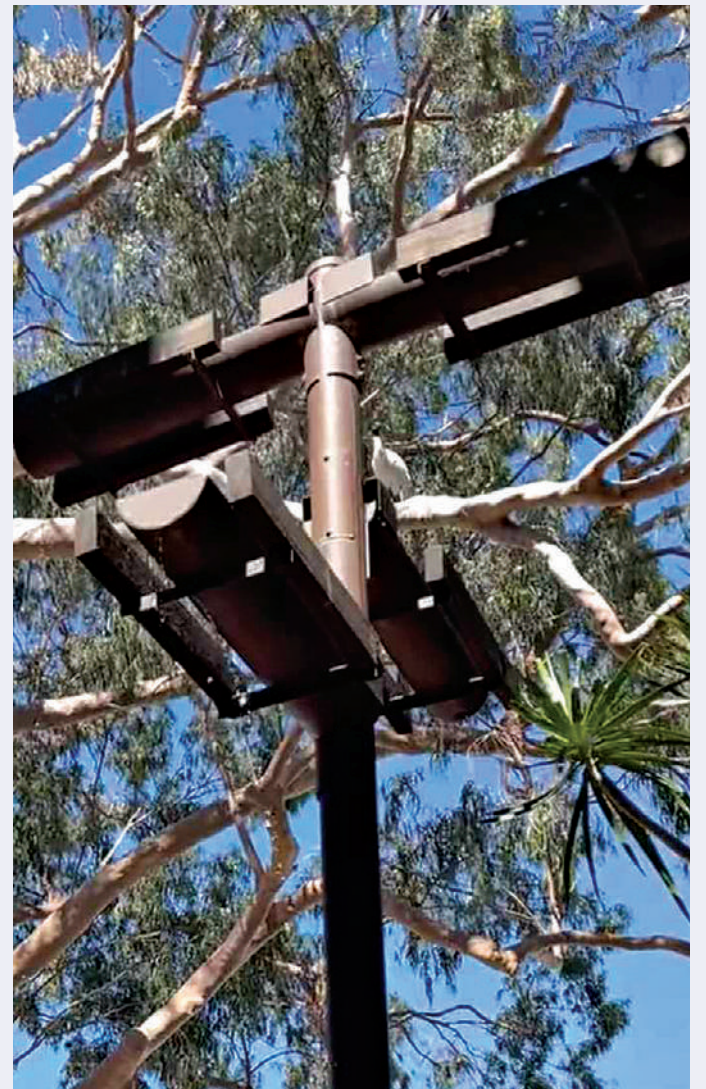
“We’re going to kill so many trees doing this,” she said.

“I get so cross with the land developers – the City of Swan can talk to land developers and the state government because there is a chain of command.”

She said the community were at the bottom of that chain but they were the ones telling everyone else something had to be done about the situation before it was too late.

“The state government needs to step up – I know it’s another problem they have to address but all they have to do is do it right once – they just have to put in policies and then the land developers have to follow that and that’s it – that’s all they have to do.

“A lot of the locals can talk to you about it and they can tell you exactly what to do if they want some help.”



A Dayton resident says troughs are necessary due to the waterways being filled in and drainage now through underground pipes leaving no water for the cockatoos.



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Car park inconvenience for disabled

ANITA McINNES

A VIVEASH resident is raising concerns about parking for disabled people at the new Midland station car park.

Terry McCartney said after finding he couldn’t park in the old Midland station car park he went up to the new multi-storey car park and drove to the entry and asked the attendant there what the alternative was now for disabled people to get to the station.

He got the impression there wasn’t any alternative but said he had been anticipating that for a while.

“Expecting it to happen but one would have thought that with the planning there that they would appreciate that some people would not be able to walk the 0.5km from the new station car park to the railway station entry,” he said.

“And it’s going to be even worse when the new station opens up, which is even further away.

“After speaking to the chap at the multi-storey car park he suggested I go and park in a side street or something nearer the station.

“I had to drive around the multi-storey to get out, which is another story because the exit signs are all tiny little things.

“So I then parked in Centrepoint car park and managed to walk over to the station, up the stairs, spoke to the staff there and they were very helpful, considerate and understanding.

“But there was absolutely nothing they could do about the situation at all and that was that.”

He then went to Midland MLA Michelle Roberts’ office and explained the problem.



Viveash resident Terry McCartney.

The Perth Transport Authority (PTA) said the new carpark’s design underwent various accessibility assessments before it opened to the public and was fully compliant with Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements.

“All ACROD bays within the multi-storey car park are located on the ground floor and several rest stops will be provided between the carpark and the station,” a spokesperson said.

“There will be some time-restricted ACROD bays included on Railway Parade and Yelverton Drive once the project is complete.”

Tonkin Highway upgrade impacts on Kalamunda residents

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Tonkin Highway corridor upgrade aimed to remove two recognised traffic light congestion points have left some Kalamunda residents worried it will also negatively impact access on Hale Road.

Kalamunda resident Milton White has been in contact with Main Roads for years, asking for attention on road problems near the Hale Road and Tonkin Highway intersection.

Mr White said although two public meetings have secured some changes, another was needed as construction was imminent and there were concerns that remained unresolved.

“Main Roads, in my opinion have not shown on their animated video the true effect of how their plan will impact Forrestfield residences,” he said.

“People will have to plan their way to approach Hale Road from the west all the way back at Kewdale Road.

“This is a busy section of Tonkin Highway as traffic has to negotiate how they get onto Roe Highway heading south amid traffic wanting to head for Midland, traffic coming into the mix from Abernethy Road and now those wanting to turn left onto Hale Road and into Forrestfield.

“This is so complicated when the current access works.

“I’ve spoken to sitting Forrestfield Labor MP Steven Price through his representative who seems satisfied with what Main Roads is planning, saying it will be a big improvement.

“The big improvement will be traffic not having to come to a stop at the present intersection, but the problem for us, the residents of Forrestfield, comes down to our access.”



The planned upgrade will remove the left turn on Hale Road which will reduce access. Picture: Main Roads

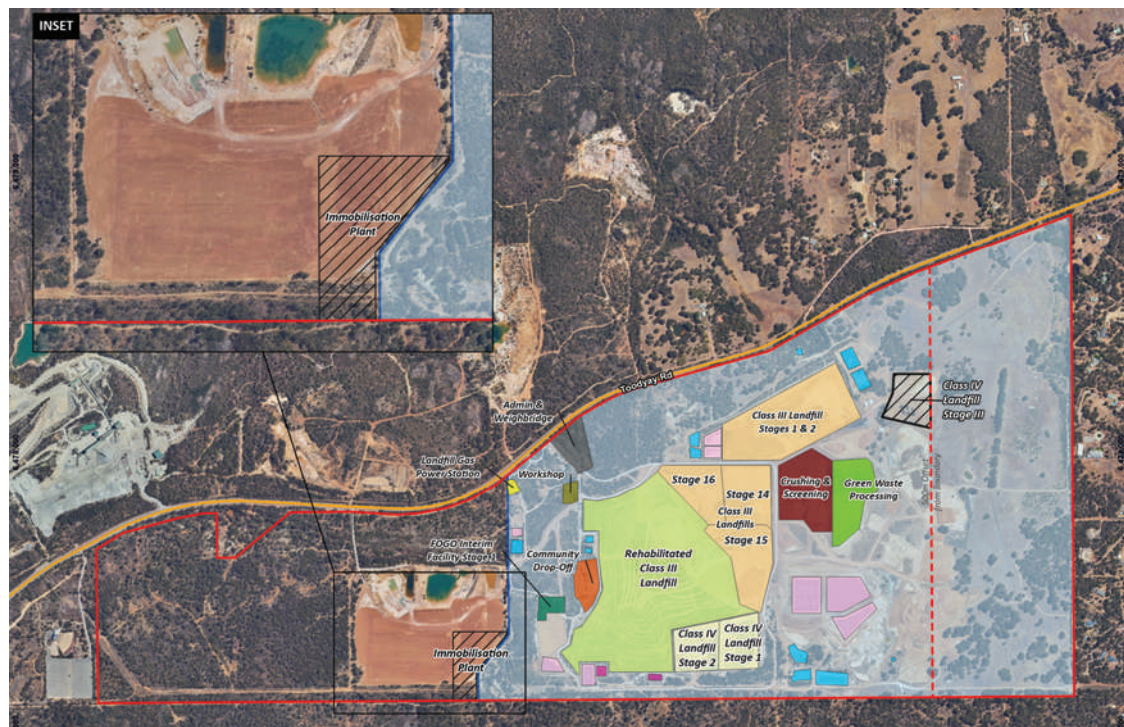
Mr White contacted Minister for Transport Rita Saffioti’s office asking to retain access and received a letter at the beginning of 2025 notifying him the inclusion of south facing ramps to and from Hale Road wasn’t supported.

“The inclusion of south facing ramps to and from Hale Road has been thoroughly considered, but is not supported for the following reasons: resumption of private land, including residential properties; impacts to

Veteran Car Club of WA; clearing of bush forever sites; impacts to Welshpool Reserve (Maamba Reserve), a DPLH registered Aboriginal place; major impacts to existing utility services (gas and water) on the eastern side of Tonkin Highway and at the corner of Tonkin Highway and Hale Road and increased vegetation clearing in Hartfield Park, which contains conservation category-bushland and threatened ecological communities,” it read.

“Upon completion of the project, motorists travelling from Forrestfield onto Tonkin Highway South, can use Hale Road to travel to Welshpool Road East and then to the new interchange at Tonkin Highway and Welshpool Road East.

“With the removal of the traffic signals at the Tonkin Highway and Welshpool Road intersection, journeys into and out of Wattle Grove are expected to be more efficient than they are at present.”



An outline of the proposal to treat air pollution control residue from offsite incinerators.

Red Hill to take incinerator residue

ANITA McINNES

THE Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council is proposing to construct and operate an immobilisation plant to treat class v air pollution control residue (APCr) generated from offsite waste to energy plants.

It is also proposing to construct a dedicated class IV monocell for disposal of the treated APCr, at the Red Hill waste management facility.

According to documentation on the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) website the proposed immobilisation plant will treat APCr to meet class IV standards suitable for disposal into class IV landfills.

The existing class IV stage 2 landfill waste disposal cell will be used until the dedicated class IV monocell has been constructed.

The proposal document said the class IV APCr monocell would be progressively rehabilitated in accordance with a closure plan to be approved by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

“Following decommissioning of the immobilisation plant, the area will be rehabilitated in accordance with any relevant approval requirements,” the document said.

“Commissioning of the immobilisation plant will be undertaken by the design and construct contractor.

“A commissioning plan will be prepared during the detailed design phase of the project.

“Commissioning is not relevant to the class IV APCr monocell.

“Decommissioning of the immobilisation plant will be undertaken in 25+ years’ time by an experienced and qualified contractor.

“A decommissioning plan will be prepared prior to commissioning.

“Capping of the class IV APCr monocell will be undertaken when full (approximately three to five years).”

Toxics Free Australia (TFA) believes the project is better described as a project to build and operate a class 5 hazardous waste processing facility and associated class 4 disposal cell.

TFA chair Jane Bremmer said the project should have been described as a prescribed premises (part 1, high risk) project requiring the proponent to provide associated assessments and reports for the EPA to be able to adequately assess the project for both a works approval and license under the WA Environmental Protection Act 1986.

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Permaculture could improve statewide planning practices

CINDY CARTOJANO

PERMACULTUREWEST'S treasurer and membership coordinator Peter Austin says he wants to see the association expand its role in Western Australia.

As a long-serving member, Mr Austin wants to educate people about the fallacies surrounding permaculture.

"Though gardening is part of permaculture, it's only one aspect of it. It provides a framework for people to think differently about how they live," he said.

"You can apply permaculture thinking in building design and in how you design transport networks.

"So when you're looking at solving a problem, you are bringing all of those principles into helping form how you arrive at a solution," he said.

Since his membership with the association in 1988, Mr Austin said PermacultureWest was at its height in the early 1990s with more than 1200 members.

"We brought Bill Mollison over here, we booked out lecture halls at ECU and had public talks, and then we got invited to host the International Permaculture Conference which we

did in 1996," he said.

"That was held out in the Swan Valley."

Mr Austin said the spread of the internet forced the organisation to discontinue its newsletter and monthly meetings which led to the dwindling of membership.

But he said the work carried out by PermacultureWest was still necessary.

When asked about the state of planning in WA and if permaculture principles had been adequately applied Mr Austin said that was easy one to answer in the negative.

"When you've got these houses that are built almost out to the boundary, on tiny blocks, there's not a tree within cooee," he said.

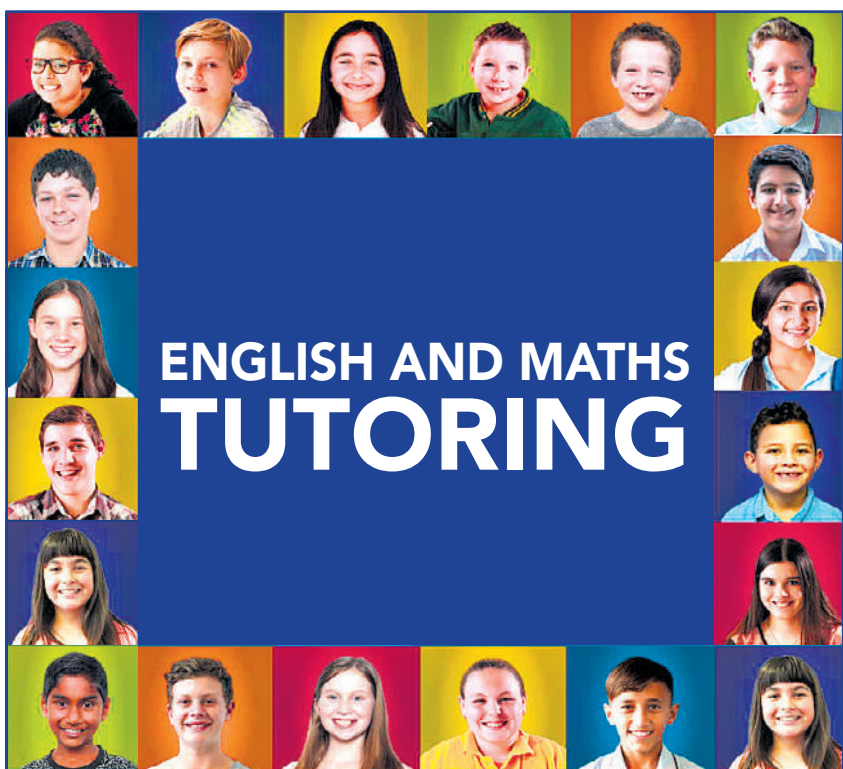
"That's poor design.

"That's designed to get the maximum number of houses into the smallest area, to return the largest profit to the developer."

Mr Austin said PermacultureWest had two main objectives: to reinvigorate local groups and to engage educators so their students could be involved with the association.

"To provide a place where they can interact with each other and ask for help," he said.

PermacultureWest hopes to educate residents and state planners on the value of permaculture principles. Picture: Cindy Cartojano



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2025's first Hour of Power

SLW TRANSPORT directors Shane and Leanne Willcox will be the first presenters of Swan Chamber of Commerce's 2025 Hour of Power, planning to share stories about their life and business.

Mrs Willcox said the talk would be an opportunity to explore the journey of a couple in business together and share insight into more than 40 years together navigating life and business.

"We're coming up 44 years this year doing business and life together," she said.

"We'll be sharing a bit about where we've come from, what brought us to Australia, a little bit about our upbringing, how we got into business and how we've been able to navigate being young parents.

"We were very young parents, being 16 and 17 and then taking a really different trajectory in life.

"Now, having been coached, mentored and having spent time around some entrepreneurs it's about being able to serve people and add value into their lives."

Mrs Willcox said the Hour of Power would be a great chance to network and hoped people would leave their presentation with courage to enthusiastically pursue their ideas and goals with new connections to make them a reality.

She said she met Swan Chamber of Commerce chief executive officer Tom Smilovitis six years ago and the opportunities that came to her were born from that moment of courage.

"I remember when I first heard about the Swan Chamber of Commerce and I had pulled up in the carpark, and just sat there," she said.

"I said to myself, 'if I left now, no-one would know,' but I was able to tell myself to get out and get in there.

"I signed on that day and I suppose for both (me and Shane) if we're able to encourage people to find 10 seconds of courage to take whatever ideas and goals they have and take that leap of faith, we'll have succeeded.

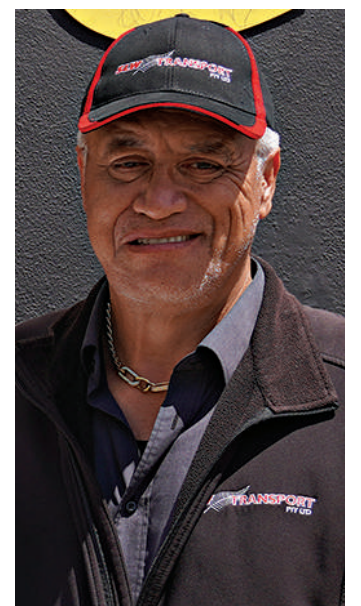
"But the key thing we're big on is finding the right people that will enable you to achieve your goals and dreams."

Mr and Mrs Willcox won the Swan Chamber of Commerce's business people of the year award in 2023 as reported in *SLW Transport awarded business people of the year* (Echo News, August 25, 2023).

The pair have run their High Wycombe-based transport company SLW Transport since 2008 and were able to carve out their own niche in a competitive industry with established competition.

Over the span of their business life, they've been able to build a fleet of nine prime movers and a range of trailer equipment to suit jobs hauling a variety of freight.

Their Hour of Power presentation exploring aspects of their business and personal life as well as what it is to be a husband-and-wife duo in business together will be held at the Crooked Spire, Midland at 10.30am on February 12.



Shane Willcox



Leanne Willcox

WALGA welcomes local road funding

WALGA has commended an announcement that if re-elected, a Cook Labor government will invest \$125 million to expand the regional road safety program onto local government roads and \$17.7m to deliver 23 new signalised pedestrian crossings.

The additional investment will see safety treatments including widening, sealed shoulders plus audible centre and edge lines installed on local government roads for the first time.

These safety treatments are aimed at preventing one of the leading causes of death and serious injury on regional roads – single-vehicle run-off road crashes.

WALGA President Karen Chappel said the commitment to further invest in regional road safety could achieve major progress towards the 2030 national road safety strategy targets to reduce fatalities by 50 per cent and serious injuries by 30 per cent.

“Between 2018 and 2022, more than 500 people lost their lives and over 2900 were seriously injured on regional roads in WA. Half of these crashes happened on local government roads,” she said.

“Funding is critical to ensure local roads are safe for all who use them.

“The announcement stated that if re-elected a matching contribution will be sought from the Australian government. This

is in line with WALGA’s advocacy calling on both the state and Australian governments to co-fund the investment required to save lives and reduce injuries on Local Government roads.”

The announcement also included a \$17.7m commitment to deliver 23 new signalised pedestrian crossings, which will include the replacement of 19 current warden-controlled school crossings around Western Australia.

“Manned children’s crossings are designed to provide a safe location for children to cross roads on their way to school. However, high traffic speed and volumes can create unsafe conditions for both children and Traffic Wardens,” Ms Chappel said.

“Converting to signalised crossings will allow the redeployment of traffic wardens to less dangerous or unmanned crossings.”

WALGA’s 2025 State Election Priorities calls for \$276m over four years to fund the state’s contribution to applying road safety countermeasures on 439 local government roads, and the conversion of children’s crossings on 30 identified multi-lane, high-speed, high volume roads to signalised pedestrian crossings.

“We all have an important part to play in changing the current road safety outcomes and making sure every person arrives at their destination safely.”



Oliver Kenna celebrates 250 donation at the Midland Donor Centre. Picture: Cindy Cartojano

Swan View man reaches 250 donations

CINDY CARTOJANO

LAST week retiree Oliver Kenna celebrated his 250th donation at the Midland Donor Centre.

The Swan View resident’s message to the people was simple: “Just go in and do it.”

Mr Kenna donates plasma regularly because it allows him to visit the centre more often which means he is able to help more people.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood spokesperson Jess Kempton said there was a higher demand for plas-

ma. “Plasma is used for 18 different life-saving treatments,” Ms Kempton said.

“We need about 33,000 donations a week and 18,000 of those are plasma.”

Mr Kenna was inspired by his dad who was also an avid blood donor in Ireland.

“A mobile unit came around two or four times a year to our village,” Mr Kenna said.

“And if he wasn’t working, if he was available to do it, he would al-

ways donate.”

Though donating blood can be a scary feat for some, Mr Kenna said the process is very easy.

“I just sat in a chair and somebody stuck a needle in my arm.”

“Five minutes later, it was over. “And I didn’t feel anything,” Mr Kenna said.

Knowing his donation is going to help someone’s life is what motivates Mr Kenna to continue his contributions. If you would like to become a donor, register online or contact Lifeblood on 13 14 95.



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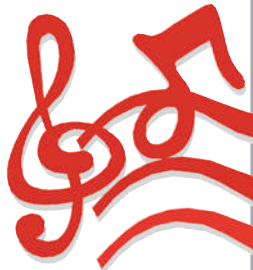
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Kateryna Panasenko.



Andrew Gribben.



Scott Thompson.

New citizens call Mundaring home

SHIRE of Mundaring presented 33 new Australian citizens from across 11 countries with their citizenship certificates at a special ceremony on Australia Day last Sunday.

Four locals from across every area of the Shire of Mundaring, shared their stories of what citizenship and home means to them.

For one of our newest Australian citizens and someone who is 'all about the outdoors', finding their little piece of the hills in Stoneville to call home, was a dream for geologist Andrew Gribben, his wife Ellice and their young family.

Mr Gribben, who moved from New Zealand, recalls what first attracted the family to the area and to moving to Australia.

"I really started to look at Mundaring Weir and had a pint at the local pub with friends and thought how amazing it was. It doesn't feel like you are in the city, it's a real escape. Being from a small town in New Zealand, the community is really strong and it feels similar."

He and his family moved to Stoneville, excited at the opportunity to enjoy a larger block and all that the hills community had to offer.

"We have 0.2ha – chickens, a whole bunch of bandicoots running around, 20 types of fruit trees, a big 'vege' garden and we make our own tomato sauce that we give to our friends."

For Mr Gribben the offer of Australian citizenship and the chance to connect to the Australian outdoor lifestyle is deeply meaningful.

"This is my home (Australia) and has been since 2011 – which is now almost 14 years. Being accepted here means the world to me, this is where I have my feet in the soil."

"It does mean a lot to be an Australian and the opportunities are exponential – if you work hard, things can happen for you. We see ourselves bringing our family up in the hills," he said.

For Ukraine-born linguist and German citizen Kateryna Panasenko, becoming an Australian citizen marks the end of a long journey and the beginning of a new chapter.

Ms Panasenko had never given much thought to Australia beyond its iconic beaches and kangaroos.

But in 2017, she made a quick

decision to apply for an Australian working visa, bringing her halfway across the world to WA's Pilbara region.

"I had travelled a lot in Europe – from Ukraine to Germany and lived in Spain in high school and later Paris, France when I decided to work on improving my English. I thought Australia sounded like a lovely sunny place, so I decided to apply," she said.

It was here in Australia that Ms Panasenko met her fiancé, Grey. After travelling together, the couple decided to settle down, purchasing a property in Mount Helena in 2024.

"Grey and I wanted more space and land, and Mount Helena felt perfect. I grew up in the city, but living in the hills is so peaceful and relaxing – especially coming home after a long day at work."

For Chidlow couple Mark and Fayanna Sowerby citizenship marked the culmination of a journey decades in the making, and one that began reluctantly at least for Mrs Sowerby.

Mark originally lived in Australia during the 1980s before returning to New Zealand, where he met his now wife and fell in love, but it took 27 years to convince her to come to Australia.

"I always wanted to be an Aussie. The way of life here was just easy. WA is it – there's the rest of Australia and the best of Australia," he said.

Finally, in 2018, they made the move, purchasing a five-acre property in Chidlow.

Chidlow quickly became home for the couple.

"It is such an awesome community in Chidlow – everyone

is on the same page. All our neighbours became our best friends."

When not working they volunteer – working with OzHarvest, Foodbank and their church, collecting and packaging food hampers for locals in need.

Citizenship marked a special milestone for Helena Valley resident Scott Thompson,

signifying more than a piece of paper; rather a sense of belonging and permanence after years of moving around the world.

Born in Canada, Scott spent his childhood in Northern Ireland before moving to New Zealand as a teenager. In 2012, he and his wife decided to leave New Zealand in search of better opportunities and a change in lifestyle.

"It was hard to find good work in New Zealand, and my wife at the time wanted to move," he said.

With experience in health-care, Mr Thompson applied for jobs and eventually landed a role in Perth, where the lifestyle immediately resonated with him.

"Australia feels like New Zealand. It's very easy to settle here – it's familiar, but with better weather and more opportunities"

After a year of renting in Bassendean, Mr Thompson wanted a block of land and kept returning to the idea of Helena Valley.

"Helena Valley just kept calling us back," he said.

"I am not a big city person - this suburb is quite rural, even with lots of kangaroos hopping around at night, but also close enough to the CBD and work."



Mark and Fayanna Sowerby.

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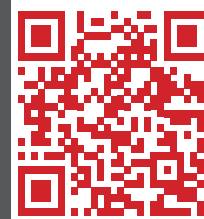
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Darren Rullo, Amariah Stenton, Jenny Johnston (accepting on behalf of Max Hore) and Bruce Watkins.

Mundaring's local heroes recognised

SHIRE of Mundaring recognised its outstanding community heroes at the citizenship and awards ceremony held at Boya Community Centre on Australia Day, Sunday, January 26.

The 2025 Citizen Awards award winners are Access Mundaring: Bruce Watkins, inspirational volunteer: Darren Rullo, long service: Max Hore, and young citizen of the year: Amariah Stenton.

Along with welcoming the shire's newest Australian citizens, Shire President Paige McNeil said the volunteer work of the 2025 award winners is highly valued and inspirational.

"Australia Day is an exciting time of year and an opportunity to recognise the extraordinary efforts of our community members," she said.

"Shire of Mundaring is incredibly fortunate to have such passionate and dedicated people contributing to our strong, connected and supportive community.

Award winners

Bruce Watkins, founder and board member of Parkerville Community Care (Parky Care), has dedicated decades to supporting community resilience and charitable initiatives. Driven by compassion, he has worked tirelessly to help local individuals and families thrive.

He played a pivotal role in securing incorporation status for Parky Care, enabling access to grants and donations. His efforts have supported key programs like 'The Village' creche service, the Community Pantry, and parenting courses.

He also worked on fire recovery projects following the 2021 Wooroloo-Gidgegannup fire and the 2014 Parkerville-Stoneville bushfire, coordinating volunteers and aiding affected properties.

A leader in the Parkerville Baptist Church and a modest team player, his consistent leadership has been vital to these achievements.

Darren Rullo has been a dedicated volunteer and leader in the Swan View Football Club for many years. Starting as a junior player himself - now in his 40s, with two young sons playing in the juniors, Darren is serving his second term as club president.

Under Darren's guidance, the club has achieved remarkable milestones. He was instrumental in securing talented local coaches for the senior team, leading to a grand final win in the Hills Football Association for 2024.

Darren also played a key role in establishing a Year 11/12 team, which also triumphed in its grand final. His efforts contributed to the club

being recognised as the WA Football Commission Metro Central Junior Club of the Year.

Darren's contributions go beyond the football field; as a construction business owner, he often takes on the physical work of improving club facilities. His dedication and enthusiasm have been vital to the club's success, enriching the community and fostering a love of sport.

Max Hore has been a dedicated resident for 38 years, contributing tirelessly to his local community. A founding member of the Hovea Residents and Ratepayers Association in 1989, Max has served as secretary since 2006, leading projects like the Victoria Road playground construction, Landcare working bees, and the 2022 playground upgrade.

His commitment extends beyond Hovea, including volunteering with the Jane Brook Catchment Group, supporting the Glen Forrest Primary School fetes, and helping relocate the Mundaring Community Men's Shed in 2017.

He has also assisted the Mundaring Historical Society and continues to organise events and fundraising efforts through the Men's Shed and Perth Hash House Harriers.

Max's dedication to enhancing local landscapes and community life makes him a deserving recipient of this year's Long Service Award. His enduring contributions have made a lasting impact on the Shire and its residents.

Amariah Stenton, a Year 12 student at Eastern Hills Senior High School this year, is a dedicated young leader, active community member and inspiring mentor to other young people.

As a student councillor for four years and now part of the Year 12 student executive, Amariah has helped organise fundraising events, Anzac ceremonies, sports carnivals, and breakfast clubs, inspiring her peers through her dedication and leadership.

A talented musician, Amariah has played the clarinet since Year 5, performing at festivals and concerts, including a recent tour, where her school band earned a silver medal at the Sydney Opera House.

Amariah's love for theatre has seen her perform in school productions and mentor younger students through the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy.

As a fourth-generation member of the Country Women's Association Forrest Darlings branch, Amariah has helped raise thousands of dollars for causes like the Cancer Council and contributed to community events like the Darlington Arts Festival and Shire of Mundaring's centenary celebration.

WA Liberals will commit to Elsie Austin oval upgrade

MOUNT HELENA'S Elsie Austin oval is set to receive \$500,000 to improve changerooms in an election pledge from the WA Liberals to ensure local athletes had access to modern facilities.

Elsie Austin oval is home to the Mt Helena Senior and Junior Football Clubs and the Perth Hills Junior Cricket Club, which operates across four grounds.

The Mt Helena Junior Football Club had been working with Inclusion Solutions to support children with disabilities, but the lack of appropriate access to the oval and pavilion remained a significant barrier.

The existing changerooms were built in the 1960s and no longer met modern standards or building codes and lacked essential accessibility features.

The Shire of Mundaring has committed to replacing the changerooms with a new \$2.5 million facility but required funding support from the

state government.

A request for the services of an architectural consultant to design, document and superintend was advertised by the shire in August last year.

Kalamunda Liberal candidate Adam Hort said the outdated changerooms were a long-standing issue for local sporting clubs and called for greater investment in community infrastructure.

"These changerooms are well past their use-by date and simply do not meet the needs of our growing sporting community," Mr Hort said.

"Football and cricket are an integral part of life in the hills, and our players deserve safe, modern, and accessible facilities.

"Sport should be for everyone, yet these outdated changerooms make it difficult for children with disabilities to fully participate.

"Our commitment will help ensure the new facility is inclusive and accessible for all players."



WA Liberal leader Libby Mettam and Kalamunda candidate Adam Hort at Elsie Austin oval.

Ellenbrook man charged over evade police offence

MIDLAND detectives have charged a 31-year-old Ellenbrook man with several offences in relation to an evade police incident that occurred on Sunday, January 26.

About 7.40pm, police located a silver Holden Commodore wagon on West Swan Road in West Swan.

It will be alleged the vehicle was stolen from an address in Fremantle.

Police activated their emergency lights and sirens; however, it will be alleged the vehicle failed to stop.

Police allege the accused drove at excessive speeds, travelled through red traffic control lights and on the incorrect side of the road throughout the greater Midland, Joondalup and Mirrabooka areas.

The man continued travelling into the Perth city area before abandoning the vehicle near an apartment complex on Wellington Street.

The accused then fled on foot. On Monday, January 27, police

apprehended the accused at a service station on Joondalup Drive in Carramar.

During a search of the man, police located a satchel bag which contained a sawn-off shotgun, a knife, an amount of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

A 31-year-old man from Ellenbrook has been charged with driver of a vehicle failed to comply with a direction to stop, reckless driving to escape pursuit by police, stealing motor vehicle and reckless driving, no authority to drive, obstructing police officers, possess firearm with circumstances of aggravation, possessed a controlled weapon, having ready access to both weapons and illegal drugs, possessed drug paraphernalia, unlicensed person purchase firearm/ammunition.

He appeared before the Midland Magistrates Court on Tuesday, January 28 where he was remanded in custody until his next appearance on February 25.



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Labor candidate for Midland Steve Catania and WA Premier Roger Cook at Greenmount Primary School.

Labor promises Greenmount basketball court resurfacing

LABOR says if re-elected it will commit funding for the resurfacing of basketball courts at Greenmount Primary School.

WA Labor candidate for Midland Steve Catania promised the \$66,000 funding alongside Premier Roger Cook during a visit to Greenmount PS.

Mr Catania is replacing Michelle Roberts who is retiring from state politics after 28 years.

Greenmount primary principal Natalie Astley and representatives from the school's P&C were also in attendance.

Greenmount Primary School caters for 374 students from kindergarten to Year 6, with a varied academic program that is supported by specialist visual art, music, physical education and Japanese programs.

Mr Catania said he was thrilled to commit to the election promise for local students and families within the Midland electorate.

"Active play is an important part of learning for kids, and

this redevelopment will add to what is already a great school community," he said.

"Greenmount Primary School has served its community since 1913, so I am proud to make this commitment.

"We know this project is important for the Greenmount community, and I look forward to it benefitting local families for many years to come.

"I look forward to seeing the students and staff at the school make full use of the fantastic new facility."

Labor pledge for men's shed



Labor candidate for Midland Steve Catania with Premier Roger Cook at Midland Men's Shed.

SINCE forming in 2012, Midland Men's Shed has seen its membership grow to more than 100 members who have a place to connect, share skills and feel valued.

A re-elected Cook Labor government will invest \$10,000 in a new patio for Midland Men's Shed to enhance its ability to host events and welcome new members.

Premier Roger Cook and WA Labor candidate for Midland Steve Catania met with the Midland Men's Shed on January 9 at the group's workshop in Midvale to formally announce the commitment.

Mr Catania said he was proud to commit to the election promise for the Midland electorate and was pleased to have the premier meet members of the men's shed to see firsthand the great work they do for the community.

"Staying engaged with our communities is important at every stage of life," he said.

"The Midland Men's Shed plays a key role in facilitating social interactions for members of the community.

"The shed not only operates an active workshop but also runs a chess group and art classes, hosts talks with guest speakers and undertakes excursions to areas of interest within the state.

"This commitment is about doing what's right for Midland.

"I know this project is important to the shed and I look forward to seeing members make the most of the great new space."

Midland Men's Shed president Andy Klita said the shed had been a valued fixture in the Midland electorate for more than 14 years.

"We play a role in making sure we feel connected and give back to our community," he said.

"We're grateful for this commitment from Steve Catania and Premier Roger Cook. A new patio will allow us to host more events and more members at our workshop."

Midland Men's Shed looks forward to welcoming new members in 2025.

Mr Catania is running for the seat of Midland following Michelle Roberts's decision to retire after 28 years.

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Golfer pain free after radiology treatment

NOBODY is more surprised than Kalamunda's Frank McGuire that he is back on the golf course after suffering years of knee pain.

"I have had differing degrees of pain for 10 years, ever since having a knee replacement in 2015 and further surgery in 2019. I was on painkillers and often withdrew from golf," Mr McGuire said.

The turnaround in his condition came last year when interventional radiologists at Royal Perth Hospital performed genicular artery embolization (GAE) to treat his debilitating knee pain.

It is a procedure that injects microparticles into the knee to block or reduce blood flow in the genicular arteries which supply blood to the knee joint.

This can provide immediate and long-term pain relief by interrupting pain and inflammation signals.

Interventional radiologist Dr Julian Soares said up to 15 per cent of patients can have ongoing pain after total knee

replacements.

Four days after the procedure, Frank, 67, was teeing off at Hillview public golf course in Kalamunda feeling pain-free! He now plays twice a week on a 23 handicap.

He can kneel, rise from sitting to standing, walk upstairs and most importantly, walk on the golf course without a buggy and more importantly without pain – all things he previously took for granted.

"The speed at which the procedure improved my knee was absolutely amazing.

To get my life back within four days of this procedure has left me incredibly grateful to Dr Soares and the team at RPH," Mr McGuire said.

Dr Soares is undertaking a trial at Royal Perth Hospital to further investigate the efficacy of GAE in painful knee replacements.

Contact the trial coordinator at Ingrid.Kiel-Monaghan@health.wa.gov.au

Midland Meals receives community citizen award

COMMUNITY-driven charity Midland Meals and its founder were Swan's 2025 recipient of the community citizen of the year award.

The statewide awards, whose nominees were chosen by councils and residents, aim to acknowledge the individuals or organisations in their communities who have given back in a remarkable way or provided exceptional service over a sustained period.

Midland Meals founder Loren Pratt received the community citizen of the year award for the individual category and Midland Meals received the award in the group category.

The registered charity was formed in 2019 with the goal of serving free meals to people in need in the Midland, Ellenbrook and Bassendean communities, as reported in *Midland hall Op shop fundraiser* (Echo News, November 7, 2024).

Midland Meals serves a selection of free hot food, desserts, cold drinks, and fresh burgers to approximately 870 people every week of the year across its three sites.

In addition to the meals, the group also offer other essential items such as clothing, shoes, personal hygiene products, towels, and blankets.



Mayor Tanya Richardson with Active Citizenship Award winners Midland Meals.



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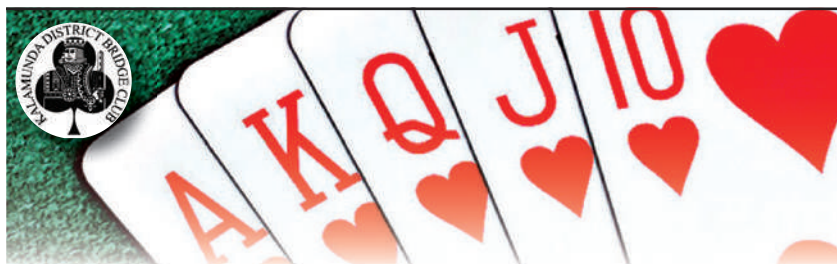
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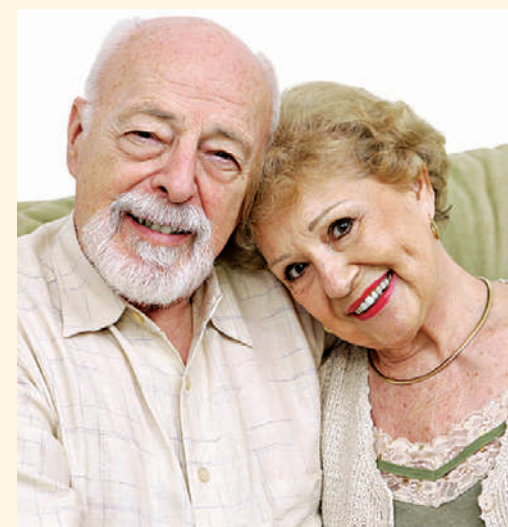
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Retirees could be paying more tax than they should

Thousands of retirees are paying more tax than necessary because they haven't received basic advice to switch their super into the tax-free retirement phase.

The Super Members Council (SMC) found that around 700,000 Australians over 65 who aren't working full-time still have an accumulation (savings-phase) account.

This means retirees could be paying an extra \$650 in taxes each year on average. Altogether, they have \$90 billion in accumulation accounts.

If someone keeps \$100,000 in an accumulation account instead of moving it to a pension account, they could pay up to an extra \$4,500 in super taxes over their retirement. For \$200,000 balances, the extra tax could be \$9,000.

Some inactive accounts belong to people who are still working and adding to other accounts or keeping an accumulation account as a backup. However, research shows many people don't act because they are disengaged or don't know what to do.

A consumer survey of retirees found about 6 in 10 Australians with lower balance (less than \$100,000) who have an inactive account keep it because they haven't decided what to do with super yet or don't know what to do with their account.

Super Members Council CEO Misha Schubert said Delivering Better Financial Outcomes financial advice reforms will be crucial to help retirees access quality information at low cost.

"Not knowing enough about super can lead to poor

decisions, like leaving accounts inactive or withdrawing funds without proper planning."

"Making simple information and advice available to more Australians is a big missing piece of the retirement puzzle. The coming financial advice reforms will help make advice more affordable."

"The package of reforms will enable the 2.5 million Australians on the runway to retirement to get the high-quality information they need to plan wisely at a much lower cost – and we urge Government to introduce legislation swiftly."

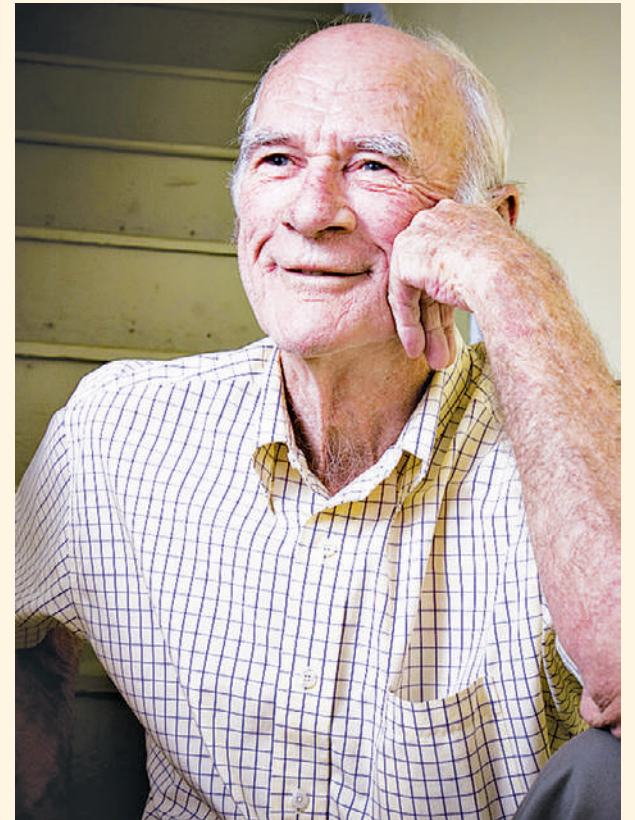
For retirees with low balances (less than \$100,000), the main reason for leaving funds in the accumulation phase is because they don't know what to do with it or how (39 per cent).

This is the group that would most benefit from super funds being able to offer simple and affordable advice relating to their retirement income, as a detailed financial plan may be too costly.

Only 17% of Australians – and just 26% of current retirees – say they have sought financial advice from their super fund. Research shows 4 in 5 Australians aged 45–54 need financial advice but cannot afford it.

The Australian government announced further details of its package but is yet to be legislated.

It allows super funds to better guide members at key life stages with personalised prompts to support them for retirement. It would also create a new type of adviser who can give simple but quality advice on APRA-regulated products.



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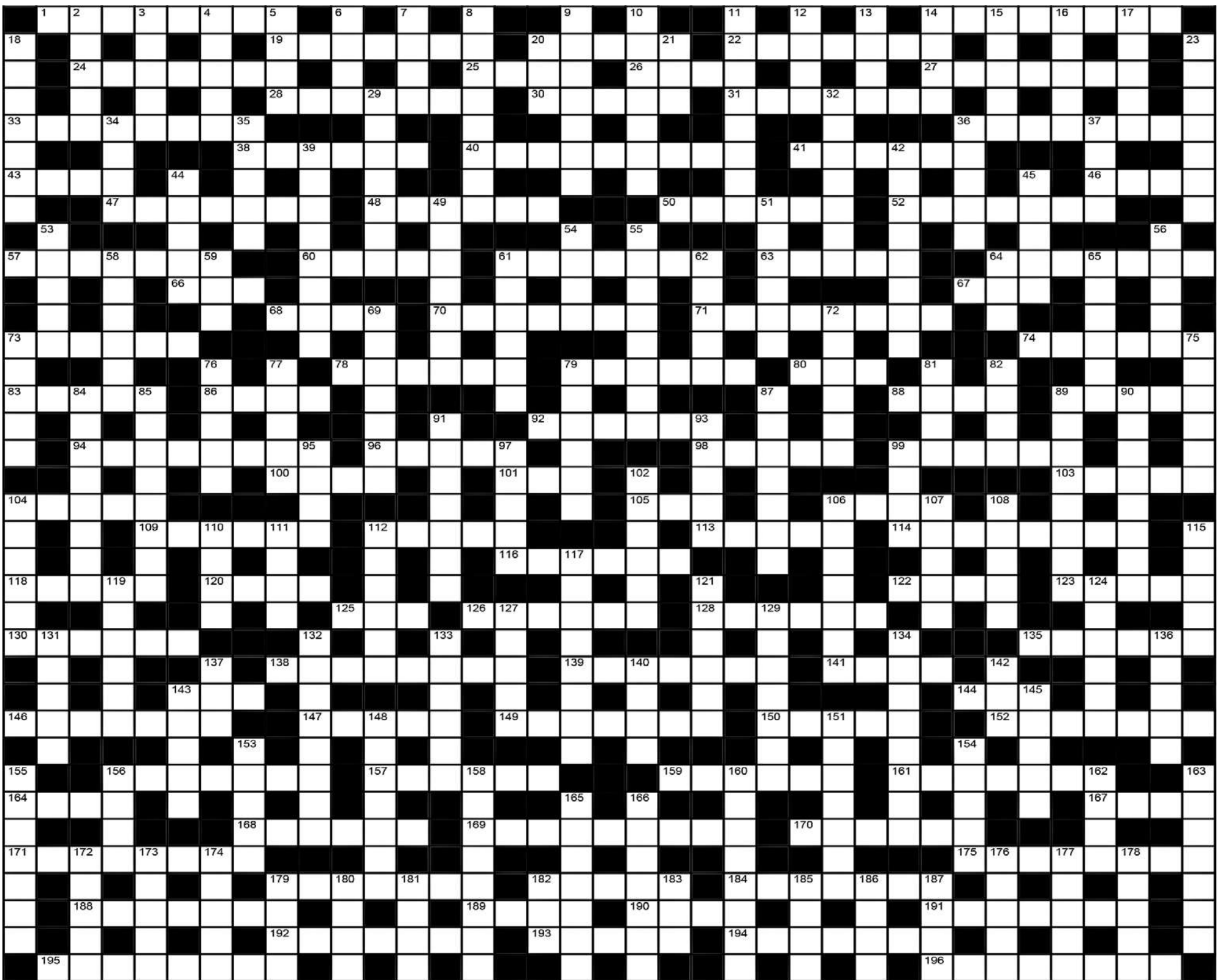
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Mind Boggler Crossword

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| ACROSS | 70 Deferential esteem | 139 Fine material | 4 Garlic mayonnaise | 64 Uncooked | 131 Purloined | 163 John, Paul, George and Ringo, the ... |
| 1 Front of advancing army | 71 Dislike | 141 Germinating agent | 5 Office table | 65 Entertain heartily | 132 Knocked back | 165 Sang softly |
| 14 See in advance | 73 Building material | 143 A fastener | 6 One from Thailand | 69 Capers as a horse | 133 Snakes | 166 A meal course |
| 19 A monotreme | 74 Boxes | 144 Headwear | 7 Mine entrance | 72 Deviates | 134 Practise | 172 A necklace part |
| 20 King with Golden Touch (myth) | 78 Desert animals | 146 Experienced person | 8 A sport | 73 Former overseas telegram | 136 An artist's stand | 173 Minimum |
| 22 Not knowing | 79 Chestnut colour | 147 Combine | 9 Worrying situation | 75 Large stems | 137 Paddlelike organ | 174 One from Stockholm |
| 24 Choices | 80 Biblical vessel | 149 Small fish | 10 Teaching body | 76 Celestial body | 140 Spoil plans | 176 Angry |
| 25 Fossil fuel | 83 An alloy | 150 A passage | 11 Rear body parts | 77 Takes a chance | 142 Drain energy | 177 Egyptian city |
| 26 A young horse | 86 A gemstone | 152 Close colleague | 12 Look intently | 79 Words for a play | 143 A jury | 178 Medical procedure |
| 27 Australian plant (3-4) | 88 Angel's headwear | 156 Lawman | 13 A lure | 81 Horse neck hair | 145 Window glasses | 179 Greek god of war |
| 28 Maker of garments from yarn | 89 A brown pigment | 157 Petrified remains | 14 A festival | 82 Capital of Italy | 148 Make hotter | 180 Parts of toothed wheel |
| 30 A word picture | 92 Play happily | 159 Place for movies | 15 Act in answer | 84 Sales by lots | 151 Mechanic's tool | 181 A sports group |
| 31 A builder's stand | 94 Calls a meeting | 161 Rowdy protesters | 16 Intriguing collectable | 85 Cleanse thoroughly | 153 Movies | 182 A bright colour |
| 33 Physically intolerant | 96 To discharge from body | 164 A citrus fruit | 17 Become bigger | 87 Saddle's boothold | 154 British currency | 183 A pair |
| 36 Baby's carriage | 98 A false name | 167 Chaste | 18 A cure-all | 89 Canvas bags | 155 Small wager (coll) | 185 A bucket |
| 38 Critique | 99 Iterate | 168 Noon | 20 Damage | 90 Breakfast food | 156 A religious group | 186 Do as told |
| 40 Equally balanced | 100 Cutting tools | 169 Type of dog | 21 Distress signal | 91 High structured hairdo | 158 Struck down | 187 A direction |
| 41 Grinding instrument | 101 Ocean current | 170 Resident doctor | 23 Warhorse | 93 Gem measure | 160 Flowers of narcissus group | |
| 43 Give out | 103 Bottle stoppers | 171 Lacking diplomacy | 29 Quiver | 95 Of sound mind | 162 A goad | |
| 46 A herb | 104 Short period of work | 175 Circumspect | 32 Put away a sword | 97 Lovers' meeting | | |
| 47 Surgical instrument | 105 Girl's name | 179 Religious hermit | 34 Newts | 99 Is regretful | | |
| 48 In profound sorrow | 106 Fabric colours | 182 Perch | 35 Burial place | 102 Military decorations | | |
| 50 Angular material insert | 109 Part of a shoe | 184 Become better | 36 A refuse conduit | 104 Hillsides | | |
| 52 Tree-lined streets | 112 Types of money | 188 A non-professional | 37 Fewer | 106 Dispirit | | |
| 57 Tells tales | 113 Armistice | 189 Eager | 39 Choosing for oneself | 107 Group of fish | | |
| 60 A lock of hair | 114 One who tends sheep | 190 Female sheep | 42 Act of pulling | 108 Capsize | | |
| 61 Forestry workers | 116 Old Dutch explorer | 191 Greed | 44 Declines in power | 110 Queen's Counsel (coll) | | |
| 63 An invited visitor | 118 Group of chasers | 192 Carve in metal | 45 Kept silent | 111 Good soil | | |
| 64 Withdraw from enemy | 120 Amount of bread | 193 Vagrant (coll) | 49 Keep in store | 112 Wheedle | | |
| 66 A child | 122 Small-sized restaurant | 194 Slender pieces of wood | 51 A type of ring | 115 Fortune card | | |
| 67 A craze | 123 Bullock | 195 Very clean | 53 An emblem | 117 Suffers from oppressive heat | | |
| 68 Masterstroke | 125 High ball | 196 Abstaining from alcohol | 54 Amount wagered | 119 A principal feature | | |
| | 126 Fondle | | 55 Of the chest | 121 Sheep's covering | | |
| | 128 A moss-like plant | DOWN | 56 A river vessel | 124 Bullseye | | |
| | 130 A sea channel | 2 Coral island | 58 Keepsakes | 127 A chasm | | |
| | 135 Wind instrument | 3 Water reptile (coll) | 59 Weep convulsively | 129 False action | | |
| | 138 Boldness | | 61 Act against | | | |
| | | | 62 Vassal | | | |

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Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk

Creation's Declaration


While in Jurien Bay last weekend, I did some snorkelling with my eldest daughter Amy. Our favourite place was Dynamite Bay, Green Head, as the water was sheltered from the strong prevailing winds.

It's like another world when you get to explore what's beneath the surface. We saw lots of fish, from small to big, and from plain colours to multi-coloured fish. We also saw various coloured seaweeds and sponges and shellfish, all thriving from the warm waters caused by the Leeuwin current.

I love creation, whether you look up to the heavens at the stars and be filled with awe, or look beneath the waters to see such wonder, or to look across the face of the earth to see such glory.

It was drummed into me when growing up that all that we see has been formed through time and chance and a big bang. I disagree! Any "big bang" I created when young created a big mess. I believe what we see and observe declares to us the existence of God. An intellectual man named Paul wrote "Since the creation of the world God's invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that we are without excuse."

We also have something else to verify God's existence – the coming of God's Son Jesus into our world. He came to reveal the true God to us, as well as to rescue us from our sins.




Upcoming Events

- **The Kalamunda Ladies Probus Club** will resume monthly meetings on Thursday, February 13. The club's new venue in 2025 will be St Barnabas Church Hall, Railway Road Kalamunda at 9.30am for a 10am start. They have morning tea and a guest speaker at each meeting and a monthly bus outing to different interesting places. Socially they meet for coffee monthly and lunch also monthly at different venues in the area. Probus is a social club for retirees who enjoy life. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. For more information call their secretary Trish on 0468 309 823 or membership officer Juliette on 9293 4438.
- **Midland Men's Shed Social Tuesday** is every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Baptist Church Hall, Bellevue. Call Kevin on 0417 961 971. For workshop inquiries call 0411 833 055.
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- **Kalamunda Youth Swing Band** gives young musicians the opportunity to rehearse and play in a band. Rehearsals are Monday afternoon during school term. For more information call musical director Leah on 0432 973 395.
- **Midland Ascension Craft Group's** first meeting in the Parish Hall, 17 Spring Park Road, Midland for 2025 will be on Tuesday, February 11 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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Narrated by Bunuba Traditional Owner Manmiya 'Obby' Bedford, the documentary journeys the length of the 733km National Heritage listed Martuwarra Fitzroy River.

The 50-minute film features never-before-seen footage of rare wildlife – including the critically endangered freshwater sawfish – and highlights the extremes of nature in the Kimberley and its everchanging seasons that species must adapt to survive in.

Bring your friends and family, pack a picnic and enjoy an evening under the stars.

Doors open from 6.30pm with the event starting from 7.20pm. This is an alcohol-free event.

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Peet and the Perth Scorchers bring the heat to Brabham

BRABHAM recently played host to the last of three Peet community fan days alongside the Perth Scorchers.

Peet chief executive officer Brendan Gore said the Scorchers community fan days had become one of the most highly anticipated events across the region's summer calendar.

"The community fan days have always been a highlight on the Peet calendar, and these events represent a valuable opportunity to bring people together, foster local connections, and build community engagement across the region," Mr Gore said.

"Peet is committed to delivering regular family events like these to help residents integrate into welcoming, supportive communities. We're proud to see residents meet and play alongside their cricketing heroes during the fan days this year."

Each community fan day offers its own set of exciting events, from family friendly cricket clinics to player appearances and signings with members of the Perth Scorchers men's and women's teams.

This season marks the seventh year that leading property developer Peet has proudly partnered with the Perth Scorchers, creating memorable, family events enjoyed by more than 10,000 people who have attended the events over the years.

"Peet continues to foster community connections by promoting healthy, active living and an opportunity for children of all abilities to meet their heroes and learn new cricket skills at the community fan days," Mr Gore said.

Peet is the principal partner of the Perth Scorchers men's and women's team for the 24-25 season.



Perth Scorchers players were in Brabham recently for a community fan day.

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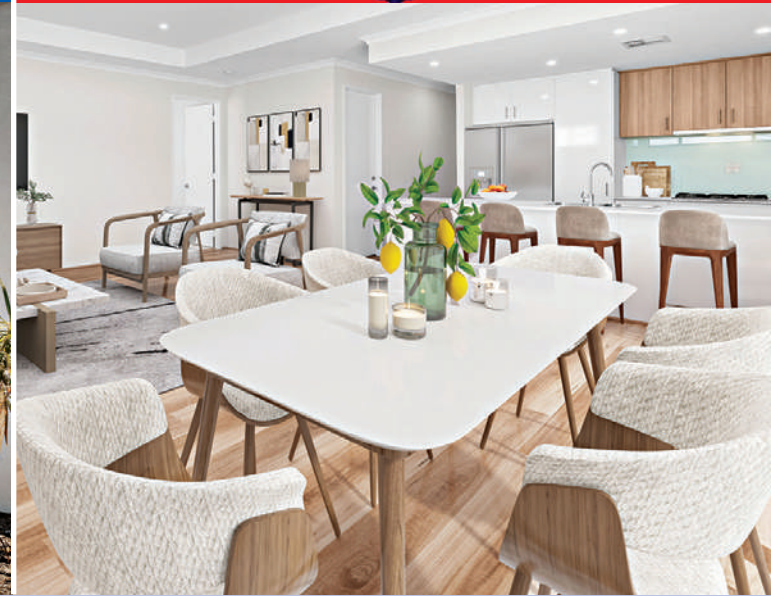
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