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**ECHO** Celebrations



Mary Dorothy Major known to everyone as Molly with her sons Alan and Colin Major.

*Molly's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

MAHOGANY Creek's Mary Dorothy Major, better known as Molly, celebrated a milestone of 100 bountiful years on January 29.

Molly's son, Colin, said she had spent nearly all her life living within 5km of where she was born in the hills.

"Even her maiden name is Hill," Colin told the guests.

On the day of her birthday party, Molly was surrounded by her many friends and family at Yallambee retirement village.

Being the youngest of seven siblings, Molly's family has only become more abundant as she's been blessed with 10 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren to follow.

Residents at the retirement village described Molly as a quiet and kind person.

She is often found strolling the gardens but is always keen for a chat, with a simple 'hello', her friends at the village said.

During her youth, Molly travelled to and from school by horse and cart.

But she didn't mind because she enjoyed the outdoors and also loved horses.

Her active nature is reflected through the many trophies she earned while playing at the Glen Forrest Tennis Club.

In 1946 Molly married John Major, who was a welder at the Midland workshops.

Colin said the couple raised him and his three brothers Robert, Alan and Graham (now deceased) in their Glen Forrest home on Hardey Road which the couple built brick-by-brick.

He said his mum was known for being a helping hand to the wider community and to her own family.

"She made every obstacle an opportunity, turned hardship into happiness and poured love into everyone and everything she did," Colin said.

Shortly after her husband died at the young age of 67, Molly moved to a unit at Yallambee, which translates to "place of rest".

For the past 30 years since her move to the village, Molly's made new friendships and has continued her involvement with community activities.

Throughout her 100 years of life, Molly has seen the many changes in time.

From radio to TV, black-and-white to colour, to iPhones and Apple watches.

Molly attributes the longevity of her life to perseverance and taking each day one day at a time.



The two-bedroom house that Molly and her husband John Major built on Hardy Road.

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# Trolley bylaw amendment passed in council

GUANHAO CHENG

**CITY of Swan councillors passed a motion to amend the trolley fine local law on February 12 after some back and forth about the merits of approving the change.**

Midland Guildford ward councillor Rashelle Predovnik moved the motion to not immediately fine retailers upon collection, extend collection windows to eight hours instead of four, trial a fee waiver step and to continue working with affected retailers to find solutions.

“An additional step is needed to ensure businesses are not unfairly financially penalised, as the issue of abandoned shopping trolleys is often beyond their control,” Cr Predovnik said.

“Our current system relies on the Snap Send Solve app to report this issue to retailers but relying on community reports via this app is ineffective according to the owners of IGA in Stratton, Ellenbrook and Midland who say they have received no feedback through this system since the new laws were implemented.

“This more collaborative and practical approach ensures we better work together with our business sector – treating them as part of the solution instead of the problem.”

The officer recommendation was to not waive the collection fee as it was there to cover collection costs and to incentivise retailers to take preventative measures and collect trolleys promptly.

The officer’s comment explained the city was unsuccessful in solving this issue through other methods and that businesses and community had been engaged during advertisement of the local law’s adoption.

It explained that having begun for only a few months, it had already cost the city more than \$26,000, factoring in trolley bay, trailer and collector costs.

The revenue recorded up to December 24, 2024 was reported to be just shy of \$8000, but the collector and vehicle cost the city \$3000 per month.

“The city only collects trolleys one day a week, the retailers have six days a week to collect themselves without charge from the city,” they said.

“The collection fee represents the reasonable cost the city incurs in impounding trolleys, and it is reasonable that the city seeks to recoup these costs from the retailers.



Stratton IGA owner Ben Heptinstall says fining small business owners for abandoned trolleys is punishing the victims instead of the perpetrators.

“The city’s position is that we have a duty to enforce the local law.”

The officer’s recommendation said it was the city’s view retailers do have control of most abandoned trolleys but accepted a small percentage were genuinely stolen.

“The issue raised of unfairly impacting smaller businesses we certainly agree is challenging with a one size fits all approach,” they said.

“Providing some allowance to only small businesses could be a better solution.

“This could for example include not charging a collection fee for ‘small retail shop’ as defined under Section 10 of the Retail Trading Hours Act 1987, for a limited period if collected promptly from the city.”

Stratton IGA owner Ben Heptinstall said the officer’s comments relied largely on opinion when suggesting not charging a collection fee would de-incentivise retailers from trolley

collection.

“This is just the officer’s opinion and there is no evidence to support this suggestion,” he said.

“We do everything that is reasonably possible already and we would not change how we operate if there was a two-week window to collect our trolleys.”

Mr Heptinstall agreed with the officer’s comment that ratepayers shouldn’t bear the cost of abandoned trolleys but said the previous solution would have impacted them unfairly.

“Any fines or penalty the city imposes of the retailer, will end up being paid by the ratepayer,” he said.

“When a retailer incurs a cost, it will be reflected in the sell price of their goods.

“The only way the ratepayer won’t be impacted by this local law, is if the city fines the offender that steals the shopping trolley.”

The motion was passed nine to four.

# Fears plastic and other waste entering the Swan River



Plastic and other rubbish from from a West Swan Road property has blown into a drain, which feeds into Wandoo Creek.

ANITA McINNES

**THERE are concerns about plastic and sponge and other potential contaminants spread over a West Swan Road property with some of the rubbish blowing into a drain, which enters a creek that feeds into the Swan River.**

An amended development application for proposed agriculture – intensive and industry – primary production and associated incidental infrastructure for Lot 9 West Swan Road, West Swan was open for public comment from June 19 to July 3 last year.

The proposal has to comply with the Swan Valley planning scheme 1 with all development to minimise impacts on native vegetation and include adequate buffers from bushland, wetlands and waterways, in accordance with any relevant planning policies and state planning policies.

The report said there was no bushland, wetland, or significant waterway on or adjacent to the site.

But *Echo News* understands a City of Swan drain that runs along the northern boundary of the property, heads eastwards towards the Swan River – entering the Wandoo Creek tributary of the Swan.

*Echo News* has seen correspondence that says while the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) is responsible for administering the En-

vironmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act) and illegal dumping is an offence under the EP Act, in this instance the elements of the offence were not met and, therefore, DWER was unable to pursue any formal action.

The letter said DWER had contacted the City of Swan and been advised the city was aware of the occurrences at the West Swan Road property.

“But the property falls within Swan Valley planning scheme 1 and, therefore, any complaints concerning land use are referred to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH).

“I understand the City of Swan attended the premises on December 16, 2024 and January 28, 2025, and is currently co-ordinating a joint site visit with DPLH,” the letter said.

“DWER’s waste crime officers attended the premises on January 30 and are supporting DPLH in its action.”

The Swan Valley planning area is under the control of the Western Australian Planning Commission.

The Swan Valley statutory planning committee refused the original development application on December 6, 2022 so an appeal was lodged with the State Administrative Tribunal for the review of the decision in January 2023.

According to the report the proponent undertook water and soil testing in August 2023 and as a result the original application was amended.



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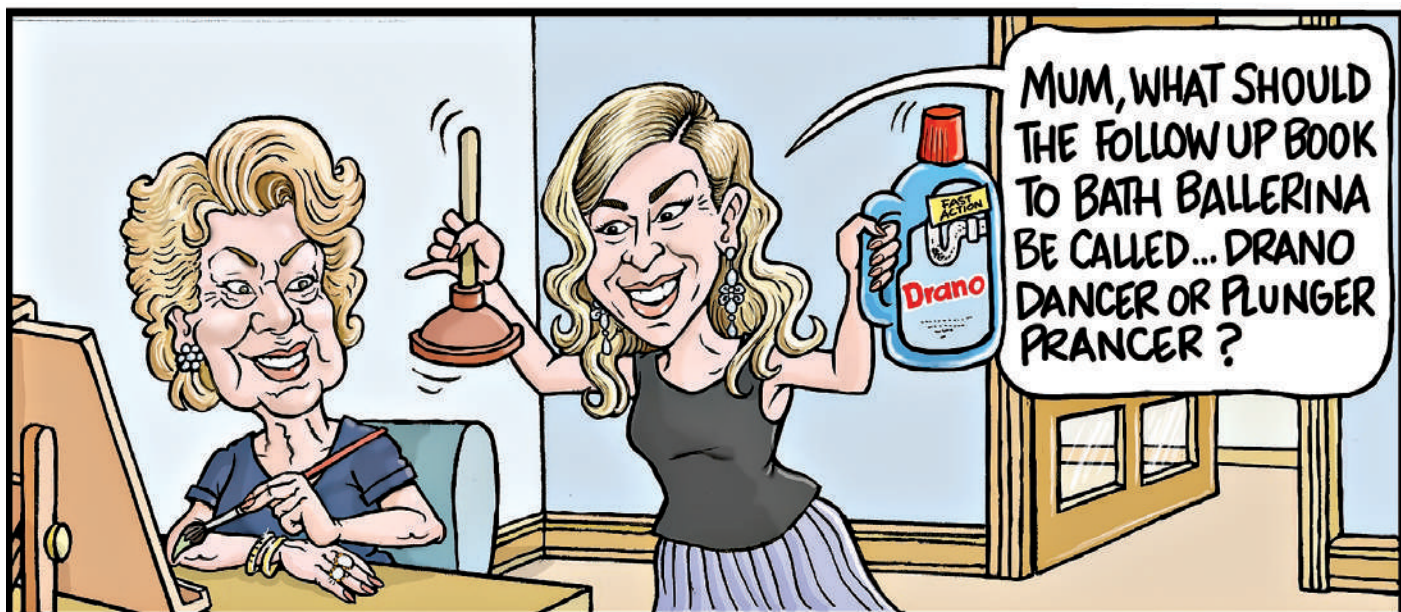
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**Opposition to North Stoneville**

Dear *Echo News*, We're well aware, thanks to *Echo* letters and reports, that there's significant opposition from voters and politicians across all major parties, state and federal to Satterley's proposed township for fire-prone Stoneville on land owned by

the Anglican Church. This is a battle spanning three decades and, in recent years, it has pitted Australia's biggest land developer against residents of the Perth Hills and well beyond.

Apart from the hazards of putting people in harm's way in an area that annually commemorates fires that have left people homeless - fires that are treacherous to fight or to flee and that will only increase with climate change - there are multiple reasons why so many people, organisations, and authorities have opposed this development for so long, including the WA Planning Commission twice, and Mundaring council.

I'll focus on two, the first being planning in a nation that, in terms of fires and floods, is learning the hard way from past planning mistakes.

At a time when we'll struggle to meet our net zero emissions commitment, it's surely Planning 101 to locate much-needed new housing stock along public transport routes rather than an area of bushland and farms bereft of appropriate infrastructure that will simply funnel more cars onto already clogged highways.

Recent rail extensions have opened up opportunities for such development and planners agree our capital city itself is ripe for urban renewal - just take a look at the graffitied buildings that are the first impression tourists get when riding the airport train into the heart of Perth.

People living in Perth Hills' villages know that, every weekend, we share this special place with city visitors who come to ride horses or bikes, hike the forest trails, visit wineries and art galleries or pic-

nic by a river.

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As the *Echo* has reported, Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek will be asked to revoke an environmental approval (based on outdated surveys) of Satterley's proposal at the Save Perth Hills Rally at Mundaring Sculpture Park on Sunday, February 23.

So, it's important that those attending this rally and the 'meet the candidates' gathering at Mundaring Arena on February 20 send a strong message to candidates and governments.

Residents of the Perth Hills will not stand by and watch 60,000 trees needlessly bulldozed.

**T Wiltshire  
Darlington**

**Henley Brook extension questioned**

Dear *Echo News*,

I write regarding Guan-hao Cheng's article *Henley Brook Avenue Construction Starts* (*Echo News*, February 7) in which our mayor Tanya Richardson waxes lyrical about the so-called benefits of this extension commencing, cannot go unchallenged.

First some clarification as to what construction has actually commenced - is it just to Park Street or all the way to Reid Highway?

Either way we are not aware that federal

**Thought for the day**

"You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction."  
- George Lorimer

**Call to push back on banks**

Dear *Echo News*, Our federal government needs to push back against the banks' intent to close more regional branches and ATMs.

The best way is to threaten to withdraw the taxpayer guarantee on bank deposits.

It's a two-way street, banks need us as much as we need them.

Without our guarantee their products look less attractive so let's get a deal done that at least one bank remains open and supplies an ATM (let them fight amongst themselves who stays) in every regional town with a catchment population of 500 or more.

**P Carman  
Hovea**

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# Guildford IGA proposal under scrutiny

GUANHAO CHENG

**A PROPOSAL to build an IGA on the corner of Guildford's Swan Street and West Swan Road has received mixed responses as residents agreed there's demand but disagreed on planning grounds.**

Guildford Association president Claire Scanlan said members opposed the development on parking and heritage grounds.

"The intersection where they plan to site the IGA is already very busy and the location of several serious accidents over the past few years," she said.

"There is the potential for queuing and delays at the roundabout, which already has a high rate of rear end crashes.

"Traffic will enter the IGA carpark from a single-entry point in Meadow Street and there will be increased traffic caused by delivery vehicles and waste collection."

Ms Scanlan said to comply with the city's parking policy, the proposed development required 61 car bays, but only 28 were on the plan.

"Two parking bays on Swan Street will be removed to allow service vehicles easier access to the site," she said.

"Take into account the IGA and liquor store staff, and the number of bays on the plan seems very inadequate.

"Residents of surrounding streets are already being blocked in their own driveways due to the parking demand caused by the



Artist impression of proposed IGA in Guildford as included in the report presented to the DAP.

businesses in the area.

"It won't take long for this supermarket carpark to fill up."

To assess the traffic concerns, City of Swan are conducting a traffic study of the intersection with traffic counters currently in place.

"On the heritage issues, we don't think the scale or design of this building is sympathetic to the overall streetscape of this area, or to the 1852 heritage building that is already on the site," Ms Scanlan said.

"It's located in probably the most historically significant part of Guildford, and we don't want

to see Guildford's heritage being chipped away."

Ms Scanlan said she felt the development application process was undemocratic as it was a way for developers to find loopholes in heritage considerations and get approval for developments despite residents' concerns.

The development application report said extensive pre-lodgement consultation was undertaken to inform the preparation and design of the proposed development.

The report detailed that all consultation meetings were between the City of Swan and state herit-

age office, and that the heritage context had been considered in a February 12, 2024 meeting.

"The proposal involves developing an additional building to accommodate the Market Fresh IGA, whilst retaining the existing buildings where the current liquor store operates," it said.

"The design has carefully considered the location and siting of development to ensure it respectfully integrates into the historical heritage building and complements the unique heritage character of the immediate area, whilst taking into account the operational requirements of the current

liquor store tenant and the Market Fresh IGA.

"The existing liquor store, tenanted by Copper and Oak Liquor Merchants, on the subject site will remain in its current use and links together with the heritage building under one liquor licence.

"The proposed use for a Market Fresh IGA store with convenience, grocery and retail goods and offerings strongly reflects the original use and historical context of the subject site and the heritage building, being a retail and wholesale store offering varying goods during Guildford's convict and gold rush period."

## Pledge to boost Mundaring emergency telecoms



Parkerville Bushfire Brigade captain Dan Wharton said the new proposed generators would give ample time for an emergency response. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

GUANHAO CHENG

**A PLEDGE was announced at the Parkerville Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade on Tuesday to provide \$1.2 million to build generators for keeping telecommunications online in the event of an emergency.**

Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil has advocated for improved telecommunications in the Perth Hills for about 12 months, bringing community concerns to state and federal leaders, including in Canberra as reported in *Mundaring strengthen their ties in Canberra* (*Echo News*, July 13, 2024).

Ms McNeil said the federal Coalition election commitment was a direct response to sustained advocacy efforts, recognising the critical need for reliable communications during natural disasters.

"This is a win-win for our Perth Hills communities and volunteer bushfire brigades who've waited too long for reliable emergency telecommunications that ultimately help to protect and save lives," she said.

Parkerville Bushfire Brigade captain Dan Wharton said without telecommunications services, emergency services had no other way to coordinate a response, so having backup was vital.

"We use radios and an app that communicates to volunteers, but other than that it's all telecommunication," he said.

"With what's been suggested today, it definitely will help us and to keep that telecommunication up and help the community."

Mr Wharton said while extra towers would help, power to run them was essential so this new announcement was a needed solution.

*Echo News* asked how much telecommunication time 10 new generators would buy emergency services in the event of a power outage.

Mr Wharton said he believed the battery life of the towers with the current system was four hours.

"That gives us ample time to get the generators hooked up and start them off," he said.

Ms McNeil added to the answer and said the generators could be refuelled to keep the communications on for as long as the emergency required.

"So the arrangement with Telstra is that the local government has what's called the local emergency management orders and so Telstra will permit for these generators on the trailers to be housed at the volunteer bush fire brigade stations and then deployed to the towers under Telstra's guidance," she said.

"The issue with the telecommunications towers is that they're in a daisy chain so you can't just power one, you have to actually deploy these gensets out to the to chain of towers to be able to keep the telecommunications on in the local area."

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## Perth Hills storm damage

**SEVERE** thunderstorm activity on Wednesday this week has impacted parts of the network in the Perth Hills and parts of the north metropolitan area affecting power supply to around 8300 homes and businesses, down from an earlier peak of 12,200.

Areas affected included Mt Helena, Stoneville, Mundaring, Gidgegannup, Chidlow and surrounds.

Due to the damage and large number of faults, some customers may be without power for an extended period of time.

Damaging and destructive wind threw debris, including tree branches, into the network damaging equipment and bringing down powerlines.

As of Thursday morning, there were still 90 hazards for crews to attend, with reports of more than 150 wires down in the Perth Hills area, and about 15 wires down in the Muchea, Bindoon area.

“Our network operations team is working to isolate damaged parts of the network and back feed where possible to restore power where it is safe to do so,” a West-

ern Power spokesperson said.

“Given the high number of hazards, our crews are responding to risks and making safe before they undertake repairs and restore power. Additional crews are being deployed this morning to support this work.

“Current restoration times are estimated based on similar past storm events and will be updated as our crews assess damage and repairs required, and start restoration works.”

Western Power estimated the current restoration would be 8pm on Thursday, January 20.

“As crews patrol, additional damage may be found which could impact restoration times,” the spokesperson said.

“We understand the inconvenience outages have on the community and are communicating with affected customers by SMS.

“We would like to remind everyone that if you see damage to the network, please stay eight metres clear and make the safe call to Western Power on 13 13 51.”

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# Midland traffic study required

ANITA McINNES

**INDEPENDENT** Midland candidate Sarah Howlett says there are some big traffic issues in Midland and the smarter thing would be to do a traffic study of the whole area first to understand where the problems are and have a look at the solutions before spending anymore money.

Ms Howlett, who is a City of Swan Midland Guildford ward councillor, said Clayton Street, Robinson Road, Cale Street and the closing of the Helena Street crossing were causing big issues.

“People are telling me in Koongamia, Helena Valley, Boya, Greenmount, Swan View that they’re not coming to Midland because it’s too difficult to get in,” she said.

“So that is very upsetting for the Midland business district – they’re choosing to shop in High Wycombe, Mundaring, Swan View not Midland.

The Robinson Road level crossing was closed to make way for the Bellevue railcar depot.

“Robinson Road obviously is still being raised as an issue – two years on there has been no movement there.”

She said she had heard that up to 20 businesses had closed down but she hadn’t had that data validated.

“The level crossing at Cale Street and the access to that level crossing from Cale Street across is fraught with danger – having to turn left to do a permitted U-turn onto Victoria Street then left onto Cale Street is how you access that crossing from here – that’s how you get to the other side of the railway line.

“The other problem is when you are heading north from Cale Street you have to run the gauntlet of Victoria Street to come to the small little exchange to be able to turn right to go back up Great Eastern Highway.

“And if you’re turning right it’s all those problems – if you are turning right heading east to go right onto Cale Street to go to the crossing traffic is banking up in all directions.

“It’s become a very bespoke road network that is fraught with one-way streets, permitted U-turns, single lane access and this is the metropolitan regional centre of Midland and that’s a problem.”

As a strategic centre DevelopmentWA have control over so much of the area but she said the traffic issues were all caused by DevelopmentWA – they’re all state government planning problems.

“Well before the station was being constructed and at the planning stages that intersection was raised by the Metronet community consultation



Independent Midland candidate Sarah Howlett says a traffic study is required before more money is spent. Picture: Anita McInnes

group of which I was a community member and we were asking why is the level crossing being opened there because (it) was state government policy (to not open them).”

Another question was how were people meant to access the crossing and this was what they’ve come up with.

In relation to comments by self-confessed train obsessive Kevin McQuoid from a railway family that the Cale Street level crossing in Midland should have followed a Horseshow bridge solution she said it was possible but it had been said to her that overpasses wouldn’t work because WA’s freight ran on double height containers and that’s where the amount of road you needed to create the ramp didn’t exist.

“But if they’d moved the freight line like they were meant to we wouldn’t necessarily have this issue – that’s another problem in itself.

“The other problem it’s caused by closing Helena Street crossing is that from the Coal Dam development (people) have to access through Amherst Road around the primary school and then exit over the Morrison Road crossing – that banks up so far and you can get caught at that boom gate for 20 minutes, which means people in Woodbridge can’t actually leave their community because of the traffic banking up.

“(One) answer is to put an underpass, a grade separation at Morrison Road – I don’t know if that the right answer as that’s going to reclaim the primary school and I don’t know where we’re driving the traffic – the smarter thing would be doing a traffic study..before we spend another dollar trying to do a little patch work.”



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Liberal candidate for Midland Mike Match has committed \$75,000 to help Midland Meals deliver their service. Picture: Guan hao Cheng

## Giving wheels to Midland Meals

**MIDLAND** Meals have received a commitment of \$75,000 to put toward a new vehicle used to transport food for the vulnerable members of the community.

Liberal candidate for Midland Mike Match said he was committing the amount to support food transport for Midland Meals, ensuring essential meals were delivered.

Midland Meals provides 870 meals a week with the help of 170 volunteers, with some even supplying the food.

Midland Meals founder Loren Pratt currently uses his own personal vehicle for food collection and delivery and says a vehicle for the group would reduce much personal wear and tear.

“You’re usually taking two trips, and I’ve run a Camry into the ground,” Mr Pratt said.

“Whereas in a van, you just put it in and bring it

back, because it also would have air conditioning in it, which means that the food stays cold and safe as well.

“I’ve got the vision of making sure that there’s no one out in our community that’s going to be homeless, or if they are homeless, they’re not going to be hungry or lonely or cold at night.

“I could not go to sleep at night knowing that on my watch someone in this city was doing that, and so that’s why I make it well known that we’re there in a sea container behind the police station.

“They come in, we give them sleeping bags, we give them blankets, we give them all the food they want, and one of our values is we set a king’s table.

“I want them to walk away with a little bit of heaven when they haven’t seen heaven, and just a little bit of reality from their unreality.”

# Mundaring cat and sign local laws face review

PETER W LEWIS

AT its February ordinary meeting the Shire of Mundaring voted to review several local laws, with a particular focus on signage regulations and cat management.

A council spokesperson said the decision was in response to key areas of community concern.

The proposed local laws amendments have been referred to the shire's governance committee for further review to consider the purpose and scope of potential amendments before making recommendations to council.

The review process follows council's previous resolutions in November 2024 and January 2025, which identified the need to align the local law with relevant policies and legislative requirements.

Shire President Paige McNeil welcomed the decision, highlighting council's responsiveness to community feedback.

"Council has listened to our community and is taking action to strengthen our local laws," she said.

"We encourage our community members to participate in the review process."

Ms McNeil also emphasised the importance of ensuring the laws remain effective and relevant.

"By reviewing these local laws, we aim to deliver relevant, fit for purpose and practical regulations that reflect the needs of our community. Whether it's improving signage rules or addressing concerns about responsible cat ownership, our goal is to deliver fair and enforceable outcomes," she said.

"Our shire is home to small birds, mammals, and reptiles, all of which need protection from the impacts of domestic cats. The review of our Local Law reflects our community's strong commitment to enhancing containment measures and promoting responsible cat ownership.

"This effort is crucial to safeguarding our local biodiversity and preserving the natural beauty of our natural environment," Ms McNeil said.

The process will be conducted in accordance with Section 3.12 of the Local Government Act 1995, which prescribes the necessary steps for making or amending a local law, including public consultation.



Keep the Sheep campaigners have taken their fight to the metropolitan area with action days being held at local markets in Kalamunda and High Wycombe.

# Keep the Sheep blitzes Bullwinkel

THE Keep the Sheep campaign has been making its presence felt across the new Federal seat of Bullwinkel, with action days and strong attendance at local markets in Kalamunda, and High Wycombe.

Their message is clear; the Albanese Government's live export ban is already hurting rural communities.

At the recent Foothills Family Night Market, a dedicated team of farmers, shearers, truckies, vets, and onboard stockwomen came together to speak with the community about the importance of the sheep

and wool industry and highlight the damaging effects of the ban.

Corrigin farmer Steven Bolt brought six of his sheep for a shearing demonstration, giving families the chance to see first-hand the skill and importance of wool production.

Western Australian Shearing Industry Association president Darren Spencer showcased mechanical shearing, while volunteer 'Tom the Pom' demonstrated the traditional art of blade shearing.

The interactive display was a hit, with families enjoying the opportunity to see, feel, and learn about wool and sheep up close.

Tiffany Davey and Mandy Matthews, experienced female stockwomen who have worked on live export voyages, spoke about the importance of wool as a natural fibre, the role of sheep production in WA's rural communities, and the high animal welfare standards they've witnessed on board and in importing countries.

With the campaign gaining momentum across Western Australia, Keep the Sheep continues to engage with locals and show why rural communities remain crucial to WA's future, while having a bit of fun along the way.



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## Stephen Price seeks another term



If re-elected Stephen Price hopes promote the growth of Forrestfield by focusing on schools, transport and health.

CINDY CARTOJANO

**AFTER eight years of representing the residents of Forrestfield, Stephen Price is running for another term as the Labor candidate and says there is still work to do.**

"My reasons for wanting to do this to begin with, was to try and help people where I could to improve some of the infrastructure and the opportunities we have in the area for residents," Mr Price said.

"It's because I've been able to do some of those things, and there's still a lot more to do, that I'm really keen to keep going."

Prior to starting his two terms in 2017 as the Forrestfield MLA, Mr Price said he worked FIFO at a gold mine which was followed by working as a union official for about 10 years.

He said he enjoyed helping people deal with their problems and wanted to continue this line of work in a different field.

"Which is why politics came in as something to consider," he said.

During his eight years as the representative for Forrestfield Mr Price said he had been heavily focused on community groups and is most proud of the \$22 million which was invested into Darling Range Sports College.

"If you get a good education, you've got opportunities that should flow from that later on in life."

"Which then gives you the opportunity to gain employment and progress onto other opportunities."

Mr Price plans to push for further investment into schools to improve the facilities and resources available, which allows older schools to be brought up to a higher standard.

es available, which allows older schools to be brought up to a higher standard.

If re-elected Mr Price said schools will still be a primary focus in addition to transport and health.

Mr Price said although Forrestfield was close to everything, the suburb was bookended by Midland, Cannington, Armadale and Belmont.

"There's a lot of reasons people have to travel to attend services, meetings or appointments."

"So making sure we've got good transport infrastructure allows people to do that because not everyone has a car and not everyone has a licence."

With heavy freight routes such as Tonkin Highway and Roe Highway also crossing the suburb, Mr Price said it's more reason to prioritise travel.

Mr Price said the ageing population in the area means health is a key part of future-planning.

"There's a shortage of aged care facilities in the area."

"There's not enough beds for the projected future."

"Staffing is always a challenge at all different levels but it's something we're aware of and it's something we have to address."

Mr Price described Forrestfield as a beautiful and established part of WA which has seen growth throughout the years but is still unknown and undervalued.

"I'd like to see it continue to grow and for people to benefit from that growth."

"So the growth not to be detrimental to the beautiful lifestyle that people have."

"So it'll be well-planned, well-controlled and everyone will benefit from that."

## Irrigation expert runs for Swan Hills

GUANHAO CHENG

**THE Nationals Swan Hills candidate Ben Giblett says he wants to address water issues for residents in less centralised suburbs, reassess public transport and challenge the status quo.**

Mr Giblett started his professional life as a pipeline and irrigation installer, working across the state for a decade, providing water in various places including Caversham before working in mining.

Mr Giblett said his connection to the Swan Hills area came from moving to the Perth Hills, owning a property in Gidgegannup, and witnessing the impact of the bushfires in the area.

"The big connection I have with the Swan Hills is being a property owner in Gidgegannup and seeing the Wooroloo fire in 2021 passing my property and then in 2023 having a similar blaze pass to the south of it," he said.

"Seeing the hardship the people affected had to go through in rebuilding their lives, it made me feel lucky but saddened that many weren't so lucky."

"That's why I have a strong passion to deliver good fire and emergency services and rebuilding support to the local communities."

Mr Giblett said residents in suburbs like Forrestfield and High Wycombe, who paid their rates like all other suburbs, felt they didn't see the same level of services and promises for their area in the election buildup.

"It's all great that Ellenbrook is getting community centres and infrastructure all surrounding the hubs of transport and yet what do places like Gidgegannup, Brigadoon and Bullsbrook get out of it?" he said.

"As Metronet becomes more established, (residents) feel all the options are being diverted to metropolitan hubs and more localised routes to schools and community hubs are being reduced."

Mr Giblett said another issue was the unaddressed resident water issues which were most apparent in places like Bullsbrook.

"There's a lot of pressure from the state government to develop housing and infrastructure so big developers are going into Bullsbrook for work but the underlying services aren't keeping up like the water infrastructure," he said.

"A lot of residents aren't even on scheme water

and are being ignored, having to fend for themselves.

"Their concerns don't get heard and they have to fight with the power balance between water carting contractors, which has been going on for a while."

"Bottling facilities are getting what they want when they ask for it, and the developers and road constructions are getting whatever they want when it comes to water allocation and it's hard for residents to stand up against that in an environment where ground water other water sources are coming under pressure."

As Mr Giblett prepares for the final campaign push, he said his party was organising many community forums to let more people know how the Nationals were evolving to represent metropolitan suburbs and issues.

"I would say I might not have a traditional career for political aspiration but I think a lot of people are finding that as an attractive quality as the status quo seems to be less and less interested in local representation and more and more people are being left behind," he said.

"I want common sense solutions for everyday people no matter where they live."



Nationals candidate for Swan Hills Ben Giblett wants to spread the focus so under-represented suburbs get a fair go.



## No early votes for Perth Hills

PERTH Hills voters may have to travel down the hill if they want to cast their votes early as no early voting booths have been made available in the area.

The WA electoral commission has confirmed that this year no early voting booths were made available in the hills area and the closest early voting option was in Guildford.

48A James Street in Guildford would first open from 8am to 6pm on February 24 for early voters and remain open over the long weekend.

They said postal votes were also still open for applications if residents preferred to make their decisions via the mail.

Meanwhile, in the Wheatbelt two early voting booths would be available in Merredin and Northam.



Nationals WA leader Shane Love, Bullwinkel Nationals candidate Mia Davies and Nationals WA Kalamunda candidate Lisa Logan with Mundaring Shire President Paige McNeil and members of the Glen Forrest Cricket Club.

## Burkinshaw Oval upgrade commitment

**SHIRE of Mundaring's advocacy efforts have secured significant funding commitments for essential upgrades to the changerooms at Burkinshaw Oval in Glen Forrest.**

The project will deliver modern, inclusive clubrooms and changerooms to support Glen Forrest's growing sporting community, including the Glen Forrest Women's Cricket Team, which has reached the grand final for three years running.

The upgraded facilities will enable the team to host matches and attract more participants to the sport. The upgrades will also benefit local junior and senior cricket, tennis and soccer players, with more than 130 participants regularly using the facilities.

Following an approach from the Glen Forrest cricket and tennis clubs seeking improvements to outdated facilities, council included the project in its advocacy campaign.

As a result, candidates for the state seat of Kalamunda have pledged their support, with Liberal candidate Adam Hort committing \$900,000 and Nationals candidate Lisa Logan committing \$1.25 million towards the project.

Shire President Paige McNeil welcomed these commitments, highlighting the importance of collaboration between local and state governments in delivering essential community infrastructure.

"As part of our advocacy efforts, we called on all candidates to help fund this priority project, which will provide uni-

versally accessible clubrooms for our sporting community," she said.

"It's exciting to see election promises that align with our vision.

"When local and state governments work together on priority projects, we achieve the best outcomes for our community."

The shire has committed \$1.25m towards the project and is seeking a matching contribution of \$1.25m in external funding. Concept designs are scheduled for 2024/25, with construction anticipated to commence in 2026/27.

The shire remains committed to advocating for investment in community sport and recreation facilities to ensure inclusive and accessible spaces for all residents.

## Water mining clarification

Last week's story *Kalamunda meeting to discuss water mining* (*Echo News*, February 14) incorrectly said that Bibbul Ngarma Aboriginal Association (BNAA) was connected with a February 18 meeting to

discuss water mining in Kalamunda.

We apologise for our misunderstanding and have received confirmation from BNAA that they do not support or oppose any political party or their events.

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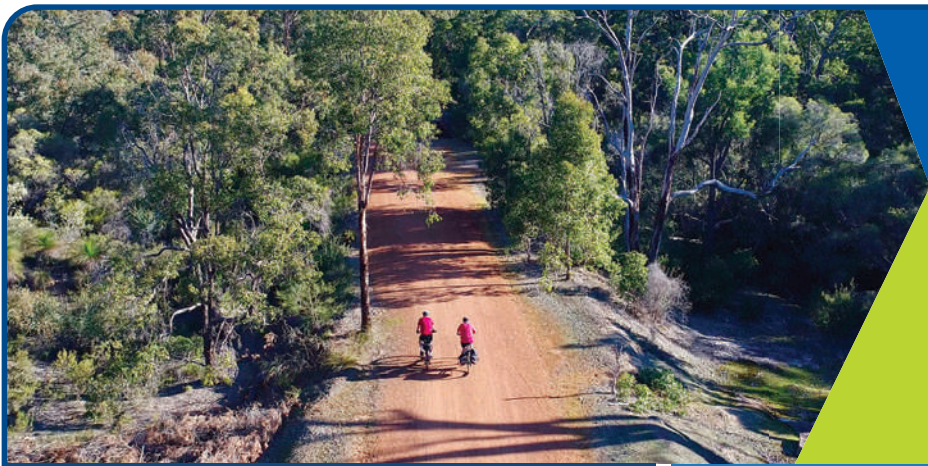
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## Shire President's Message

Hi everyone,

I'm thrilled to announce that in the lead up to the State election, the Shire of Mundaring's Advocacy Campaign has received funding commitments for exciting projects to improve community facilities prioritised in our 'Plan for the Future' Council Plan 2024 to 2034.



Election commitments have been made for a new Parkerville Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Station, accessibility upgrades at the Mundaring Sporting Club, lighting upgrades at the Parkerville Oval and sporting clubroom upgrades in Mt Helena and Glen Forrest to support increased participation in junior and senior sports. These multi-million-dollar election commitments demonstrate your Council's aim to deliver positive outcomes for our community. Stay tuned as there's more to come!

Our ever popular Community Grants Program is open! If your local community group needs financial support for community events, training or equipment that encourage community participation and benefit residents, then get your application in by 7 March! Visit the Shire's website or speak to one of our friendly team members for more information.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Electors Meeting. Twenty three motions will be considered at our March Council Meeting. If you have any queries or ideas, please contact your local Resident and Ratepayer Group. There are 12 registered groups across the Shire, regularly meeting to discuss and address community issues and concerns. Councillors attend these meetings, making them a productive exchange of ideas.

The proposed North Stoneville urban development is a long-term concern to many in our community. I'll be speaking at the Save Perth Hills Rally 10am Sunday 23 February at Sculpture Park in Mundaring to present Council's position and the actions we've taken on your behalf. Candidates for the upcoming elections will also present their views and our Community and Environmental Groups will have stalls and information on how you can get involved in your local community.

I hope to see you out and about enjoying the very best of Shire of Mundaring!

Paige McNeil  
**Shire President**

## Get ready for an unforgettable night under the stars

The sounds of blues, jazz, and soul will fill the air when Twilight Tunes returns to Sculpture Park Amphitheatre, Mundaring, on Saturday 22 February. This free community event promises an evening of outstanding live performances from some of Australia's most accomplished musicians.

Taking to the stage is Dave Brewer's Deluxe Combo, featuring renowned guitarist and singer Dave Brewer.

Known for their dynamic and soulful sound, this group will deliver a performance rich in blues and groove. Also performing on the night is Grammy Award-winner Lucky Oceans with multi-instrumentalist Louis Rebeiro, presenting Louis and Lucky: Story of the Blues.



This special collaboration will take audiences on a journey through the history of blues music, blending storytelling with exceptional musicianship.

The FREE event runs from 5:30pm to 8:30pm, with on-street and nearby parking available. Bring picnic blankets, chairs, and warm clothing to stay comfortable as the evening unfolds. Picnic baskets can also be pre-ordered from Mojo Cafe.

## What's On

### 1 March Ordinary Council Meeting

**Tuesday  
 11 March 6.30pm**



The meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Centre.

The agenda is available on the website, Administration Centre or at our libraries.

Meetings will be live streamed via the Shire's website [mundaring.wa.gov.au/council-livestreams-and-recordings](https://mundaring.wa.gov.au/council-livestreams-and-recordings).

### 2 Subway Blues with Nick Turner

**Monday 10 March  
 (for adults)**

6pm to 7.30pm  
 Boya Community Centre



An evening of music and stories from Nick's memoir about his madcap adventures busking around the world in the 1980s.

Bookings essential at <https://100325b.eventbrite.com.au>

### 3 Protective Behaviours - Parent Workshop

**Tuesday 11 March**

10am to 12pm  
 Boya Community Centre



Shire of Mundaring Libraries welcomes Midvale Hub Parenting Service Perth (North East) for this workshop on empowering children (0-13 years) with safety, problem-solving and resilience strategies.

Bookings essential via <https://110325b.eventbrite.com.au/>

### 4 Book Cafe with Dementia Australia

**Tuesday 18 March**  
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Guest speaker Jane Wells will share tips on reducing the risk of dementia. Call (08) 9290 6683 for further information.

# Gooseberry Hill author launches children's book

PETER W LEWIS

**KALAMUNDA Performing Arts Theatre** played host recently for the launch of a young children's rhyming picture book *Bath Ballerina* written by Gooseberry Hill author Alaina Watts and illustrated by her mother Robin Lezer.

Ms Watts, who works in Kalamunda's First Avenue gift shop grew up in Gooseberry Hill and has been living in Lesmurdie for the past twenty years with her four children.

"It's my debut as a published author and I really want to enjoy the satisfaction of fulfilling this dream right now...but I have more books in me," she said.

Her mother Robin painted the watercolour illustrations for the book in her Gooseberry Hill home of 42 years.

Before she became an illustrator, she was an accomplished hills artist painting, exhibiting and selling many pieces in oils, watercolour and acrylic, and is well regarded for her work by the local community.

*Bath Ballerina* is an enchanting rhyming story with universal appeal, as well as being a book with a twist!

"We have all seen the water vortex spiralling down the plughole and heard the suction noise as the last of the bath water drains away. This is the magic of the *Bath Ballerina*," Ms Watts said.

Parents will love this book as it encourages children into the bath with the knowledge that something very special is ahead.

"Getting kids out of the bath can also be a drama but when they realise they need to hop out of the bath before they can see the *Bath Ballerina*, the end of bath time can become an easy and magical finale," she said.

The catchy rhymes and delightful watercolour illustrations will make this lovely book a childhood favourite.

*Bath Ballerina* will be in local libraries and book shops and is available to order on Ama-



**Bath Ballerina author Alaina Watts with her mother and illustrator Robin Lezer.**

zon, or you can buy the book at the First Avenue Gift shop in Kalamunda where your copy can be signed by the author herself.

Ms Watts will also be reading from her book at the Kalamunda Library on Thursday, March 20 from 10am and Forresterfield Library from 9.30am on Thursday, March 27.



The book launch was well attended.



## European wasp surveillance in full swing



European wasps feed on grapes and other fruit, human and pet food, insects and dead animals like rats, kangaroos and bandicoots.

### The annual hunt to detect and eradicate European wasps (*Vespula germanica*) from WA is in full swing!

Guard your BBQs, monitor your pet's food and check the insects you scoop from the pool! European wasps, we are looking for you!

The European wasp is a declared pest and must be reported. It has threatened to establish in WA since six nests were found and destroyed near Fremantle in 1977. Thanks to ongoing collaborative surveillance between the Department, community, local governments and businesses, WA has prevented the permanent establishment and spread of this species, to date. This is globally unique, and an extraordinary achievement.

European wasps are widely established across most of southern Australia and Tasmania which aren't subject to such a coordinated program. Consequently, new queens hitchhike their way into WA each year, and this is our 48th year spent competing in a sophisticated game of 'hide and seek' against this highly adaptable and destructive pest.

These wasps have the proven potential to establish nests from Kalbarri to Eucla, with outbreaks historically in Kalgoorlie, Kalbarri, Geraldton and regional towns across the south-west. Most detections are made in the Perth Metro, but current regional detections include the Bunbury, Geraldton and Albany regions. These are huge areas to monitor, so please keep your eyes peeled.

#### What to look for

There are similar looking black and yellow wasps in WA, so look for these key characteristics:

- **Scavenging** on human food and drinks, fruit like grapes, apples and stone fruit, pet food and roadkill (carrion).
- **Nest underground** - nests are HUGE, grow larger than a basketball in a single season, and have a small (golf ball sized) entrance hole.
- **Completely black antenna.**
- **Legs up** in flight (rear legs don't dangle).

#### Learn more or report

For more information about the eradication program and how to identify wasps see [European wasp: declared pest | Agriculture and Food](#) or contact our Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS). Reports of suspected European wasps can be made to PaDIS or the MyPestGuide® team. Please include as much information and photos where you can.



#### Report your observations

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Silverchain is seeking palliative care volunteers in Perth's eastern suburbs including Guildford.

## Silverchain calls for volunteers

**HOME care provider Silverchain is looking for passionate volunteers ready to make a difference to the lives of West Australians.**

Silverchain's volunteer resources manager Lily Meszaros said volunteers were essential.

"Volunteers play a vital role at Silverchain, offering personal and impactful support that allows our clients to stay connected to their community and live independently at home," she said.

"Every small act of kindness goes a long way in combatting loneliness and enriching lives, both for our clients and volunteers."

Silverchain offers numerous volunteer roles that cater to various interests and skills, such as providing social support, transport, explaining technology, helping with social activities in their social centres or with group outings, or by providing companionship and respite care for people and their families receiving palliative care.

Silverchain is seeking palliative care volunteers in Perth's far northern suburbs, including Yanchep and surrounding areas and eastern suburbs including Guildford.

Further south, transport volunteers are required in the Bunbury area, and social centre volunteers are also needed in Rockingham and Mandurah to help with group activities and transport support.

Ms Meszaros said volunteers at Silverchain enjoyed numerous benefits.

"As a Silverchain volunteer, you will get to meet people and make new friends, connect and engage with your local community, gain valuable community care experience, boost your confidence and learn new skills, and take part in activities that improve your own health and wellbeing."

Each volunteer receives training, regular check-ins, and ongoing support from a dedicated volunteer coordinator, ensuring they feel equipped and valued in their role.

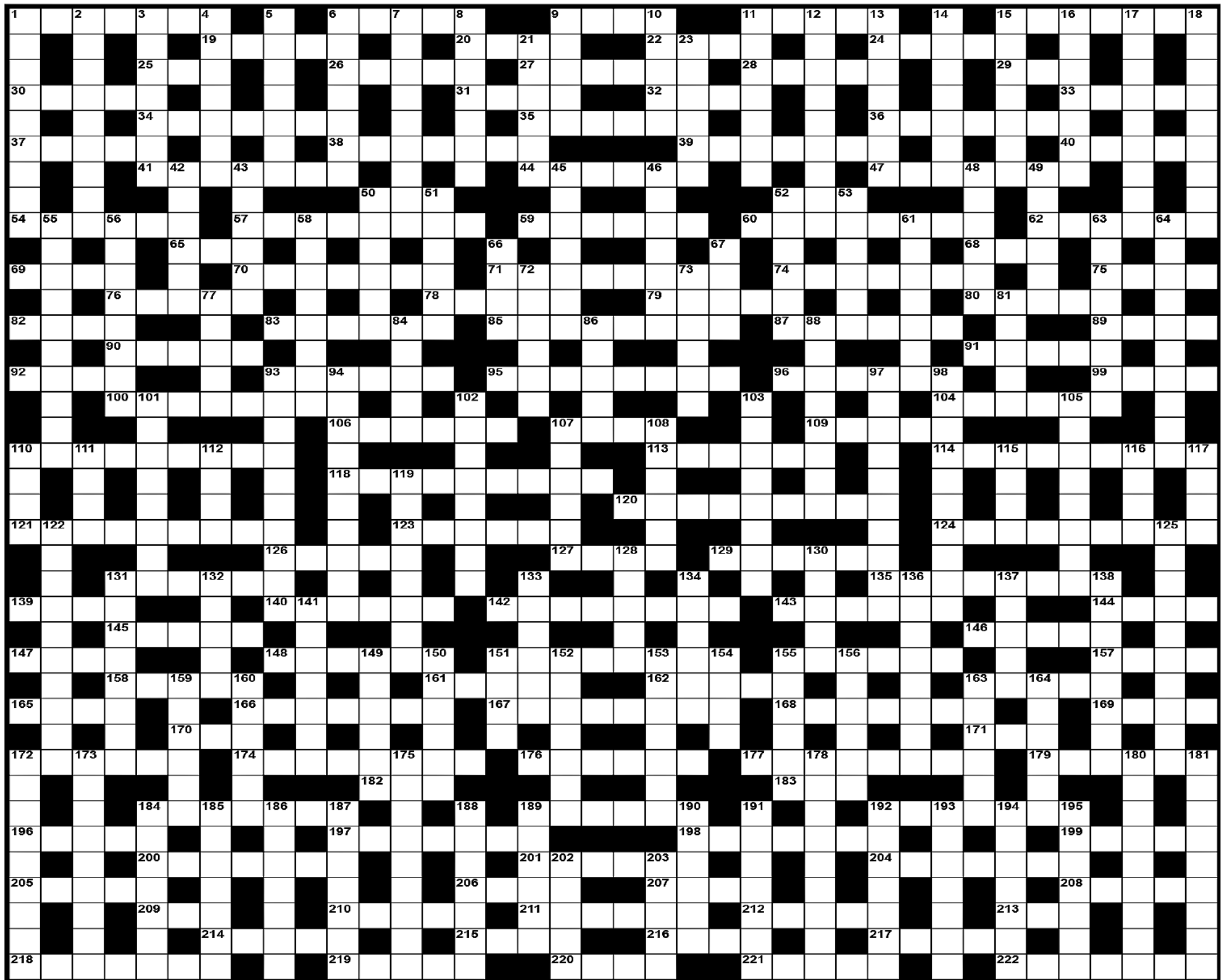
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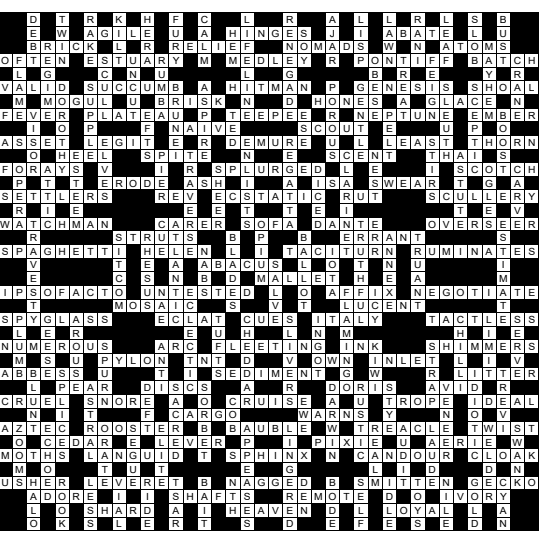
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|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>              |                            | 75 Scarce                       | 155 Tried hard                         | 216 Psalm                          | 52 Sculpts                           | 138 A police officer       | 178 A worker              |
| 1 Religious ceremony       | 76 A dog                   | 157 Main point                  | 217 A cosmetic                         | 53 Annual                          | 141 Communication with               | 180 A mouth organ          | 181 Keeping alone         |
| 6 Musical instrument       | 78 More direct             | 158 A riverside embankment      | 218 Built                              | 55 Popular drink                   | 149 Capable of being tilled          | 184 A contest competitor   | 185 Sang softly           |
| 9 Young horse              | 79 Childish                | 161 A book of fiction           | 219 Abode of the dead (Grk)            | 56 Playful annoyance               | 150 In original position (Lat) (2,4) | 186 Chide                  | 187 Lose lustre           |
| 11 Precise                 | 80 Agreed with             | 162 A subject                   | 220 A single time                      | 58 Type of oil                     | 151 Eager                            | 188 Dangers                | 189 A sacred beetle       |
| 15 Vatican chapel          | 82 Be quiet                | 163 A scoundrel                 | 221 In that place                      | 61 Bearing crops                   | 152 A calendar                       | 190 Sleepy                 | 191 Body replacement part |
| 19 Mexican plant           | 83 Continent               | 165 A bad habit                 | 222 Save from a wreck                  | 63 Parts of ears                   | 153 Repeat                           | 192 A body signal          | 193 Devoted               |
| 20 Yield to low spirits    | 85 Nearer the equator      | 166 Unlucky accidents           | <b>DOWN</b>                            | 64 Holy writings                   | 154 Abominable snowman               | 194 Horses' head harnesses | 195 Surgical instrument   |
| 22 Vast ages               | 87 Problem hard to resolve | 167 Shameful                    | 1 Short rests                          | 66 Touch against                   | 155 Lady (Sp)                        | 202 Nutty pasta sauce      | 203 Machine for woodwork  |
| 24 A Cuban dance           | 89 Tears                   | 168 Article of clothing         | 2 A showy-flowered canopy tree         | 67 Of the mouth                    | 156 Compensate for                   |                            |                           |
| 25 A friend (coll)         | 90 Angry                   | 169 Extremely quickly (init)    | 3 Drive                                | 72 More strange                    | 159 Whirling air movement            |                            |                           |
| 26 Part of a wood joint    | 91 A Native of India       | 170 Regret                      | 4 Mosquito-borne disease               | 73 Coating on teeth                | 160 Come forth                       |                            |                           |
| 27 Presentations           | 92 Pain                    | 171 Brief life history (abb)    | 5 A cocktail                           | 77 Rise from bed (3,2)             | 163 Chasten                          |                            |                           |
| 28 Hindu religious teacher | 93 A close relative        | 172 A cupboard                  | 6 Experienced person                   | 81 From Dublin                     | 164 A cavern                         |                            |                           |
| 29 Golf mound              | 95 A guard                 | 174 Curly                       | 7 Objectionable                        | 84 A strong box                    | 172 Chess defeat                     |                            |                           |
| 30 Girl's name; Musical    | 96 Arch slightly           | 176 Type of street (3-3)        | 8 Official pardon                      | 86 Outside living area             | 173 At a good time                   |                            |                           |
| 31 In another case         | 99 Handle roughly          | 177 Rustling of silk            | 9 Less in number                       | 88 Having natural roofing          | 175 Became skinny                    |                            |                           |
| 32 Taunt                   | 100 Irreverent             | 179 Restrain a horse            | 10 A shelf                             | 93 Type of bacteria                |                                      |                            |                           |
| 33 Word element: star      | 104 Principles             | 182 Flightless bird             | 11 Essential juice                     | 94 Smart in city ways              |                                      |                            |                           |
| 34 Small dog               | 106 Hold on to             | 183 Program to download         | 12 Landslide                           | 97 Legal experts                   |                                      |                            |                           |
| 35 Dealer                  | 107 Roman garment          | 184 Passage from a book         | 13 One of three                        | 98 Answering well                  |                                      |                            |                           |
| 36 Cured hide              | 109 Fixes ills             | 189 Kicked a goal               | 14 A gemstone                          | 101 Grow weaker                    |                                      |                            |                           |
| 37 Japanese verse form     | 110 A riddle               | 192 Garden pavilions            | 15 Loose carrying bag                  | 102 High rocky point               |                                      |                            |                           |
| 38 A pilot                 | 113 Sear                   | 196 Circus entertainer          | 16 Sheep clipper                       | 103 Sailors                        |                                      |                            |                           |
| 39 Rile                    | 114 Pound to dust          | 197 Ancient                     | 17 Set in motion                       | 105 A being                        |                                      |                            |                           |
| 40 Fervent                 | 118 About study of workers | 198 Compunction                 | 18 Attendants                          | 107 Small sum                      |                                      |                            |                           |
| 41 Australian ranch        | 120 Musical compositions   | 199 Ship of the desert          | 21 Cooked dough                        | 108 Estimate                       |                                      |                            |                           |
| 44 Sailing vessels         | 121 Hard to convince       | 200 A soldier                   | 23 Principal Egyptian god              | 110 Guitarist's aid                |                                      |                            |                           |
| 47 Small child             | 123 A metallic element     | 201 Greek god                   | 42 Clothes maker                       | 111 Short sleeps                   |                                      |                            |                           |
| 50 Public transport        | 124 Juicy                  | 204 Endurance                   | 43 Pacific country                     | 112 Hollywood legend, ... Hayworth |                                      |                            |                           |
| 52 Coy                     | 126 Being recumbent        | 205 An engine                   | 45 Brisk and lively (mus)              | 115 Out of the church              |                                      |                            |                           |
| 54 Large prawns            | 127 English trees          | 206 Ground measurement          | 46 Famous doomed ship                  | 116 Doing nothing                  |                                      |                            |                           |
| 57 Mesmerism               | 129 Roofed-in gallery      | 207 Military absenteeism (init) | 48 Holds up                            | 117 Leave                          |                                      |                            |                           |
| 59 Goes on water           | 131 Place of worship       | 208 Chain parts                 | 49 Be better than                      | 119 A criminal                     |                                      |                            |                           |
| 60 In good spirits         | 135 Drives backwards       | 209 Girl's name                 | 50 The practice of growing small trees | 122 Advantageous                   |                                      |                            |                           |
| 62 A dairy product         | 139 A note                 | 210 Bury                        | 51 Afternoon rest (Sp)                 | 125 A deadly type of plant         |                                      |                            |                           |
| 65 A garland               | 140 Makes vigilant         | 211 Helpful items               |  | 128 A large tooth                  |                                      |                            |                           |
| 68 A tool                  | 142 Burn slowly            | 212 Farewell                    |  | 130 Modify fittingly               |                                      |                            |                           |
| 69 Musical work            | 143 Annoy                  | 213 Cut shorter                 |  | 131 Shoe repairers                 |                                      |                            |                           |
| 70 Sudden lunges           | 144 Reflected sound        | 214 Singer, ... Presley         |  | 132 Composure                      |                                      |                            |                           |
| 71 Novice                  | 145 Plait of hair          | 215 Amount owed                 |  | 133 A badge                        |                                      |                            |                           |
| 74 Depict                  | 146 Apple drink            |                                 |  | 134 Vessels' mooring spaces        |                                      |                            |                           |
|                            | 147 A branch               |                                 |  | 136 A lift                         |                                      |                            |                           |
|                            | 148 Bush trip              |                                 |  | 137 Large animal (abb)             |                                      |                            |                           |
|                            | 151 Liveliness             |                                 |  |                                    |                                      |                            |                           |

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2025 marks 34 years of Save Perth Hills' relentless opposition to the Anglican Church's bushfire dangerous and environmentally destructive 'North Stoneville' – a sprawling, urban and isolated townsite plan in Perth's magnificent hills.

With State and Federal elections looming, our Rally will hear from politicians on how they'll END this disastrous plan, and protect our Hills, forever.

We cannot fail – otherwise 60,000 trees, some 200 years old, which provide critical habitat to Endangered Black Cockatoos, will be BULLDOZED by Australia's biggest private land developer, Satterley.

A tree loss of that scale is unthinkable considering Perth already has Australia's LOWEST urban tree canopy.

And the shot-hole tree borer and fallout from the 2023-24 Summer drought, continue to kill thousands of trees, further pressuring our Black Cockatoos' habitat crisis.

Additionally, Los Angeles' winter fires burnt 16,000 homes and buildings, demonstrating the high-risk realities of urbanising disaster-prone land such as Perth's increasingly volatile Hills.

So join us, for our environment, AND to put 'Community' back into planning!

Bring the kids, your voices and your banners for our Family-Friendly Rally to help Save Perth Hills – forever!

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## 143 Hectare Perth Hills Haven to go under the Hammer

A breathtaking 143-hectare private retreat-turned-tourist destination in the Perth hills will go under the hammer next month.

Burswood-based specialist property services firm Effective Property Solutions (EPS) has been exclusively engaged to sell the stunning and unique rural lifestyle property at 2346 Toodyay Road in Gidgegannup.

Known as "Le Lake Retreat", the picturesque space comprises 10 hectares of stunning lakes, a three-bedroom lakeside cabin, beaches, jetties, stunning landscaped semi-formal and ornamental gardens featuring 12 gazebos, multiple waterfalls, and a plethora of sculptures and artworks sourced from a UK studio.

EPS Head of Property Investments Ollie Salimi said the property – which also includes an office, sheds and equipment – was originally owned by Perth-based shopping centre magnate Michael Coleman.

"Mr Coleman created this masterpiece property over nearly two decades as a beloved private sanctuary and then, after being sold in 2019, it was opened to paying visitors to enjoy the spectacular grounds," said Mr Salimi.

"With three kilometres of walkways winding through the property tucked quietly away in natural bushland in the hills, it's perfect for bushwalking, kayaking, photo shoots, weddings and other functions.

"Le Lake Retreat is a magical botanical paradise offering a level of peace and tranquility that's incredibly rare to find in a secluded valley just 40 minutes



from the Perth CBD."

Mr Salimi said EPS expected substantial interest in the property locally, nationally and internationally.

"From creating an extraordinary resort-style hotel, wellness or eco-retreat, event or function venue on the site to continuing to build it into a buzzing tourism destination, the possibilities for Le Lake Retreat are endless," said Mr Salimi.

"Being a significant rural property, any building additions will only be subject to council approval.

"Of course, this one-of-a-kind property may also be snapped up by someone seeking to return it to its original purpose as a lake-filled, secluded haven for private family use."

Nine large development lots with urban/rural zoning are also being sold by EPS, with a combined site area of more than 175 hectares.

An auction will be held on site at Le Lake Retreat on Friday, March 21 at 11am WST. For further information, please contact Ollie Salimi on 0431 094 839.

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60,000 trees, some over 200 years old and supporting Endangered Black Cockatoos, will be BULLDOZED for this dangerous urban townsite.



Satterley's North Stoneville 'offset' is 184 kms away in the wheatbelt Shire of Williams. How will OUR Black Cockies know to fly to Williams?



WE WON'T ACCEPT people in DANGER and our environment DESTROYED for DEVELOPERS' profits.

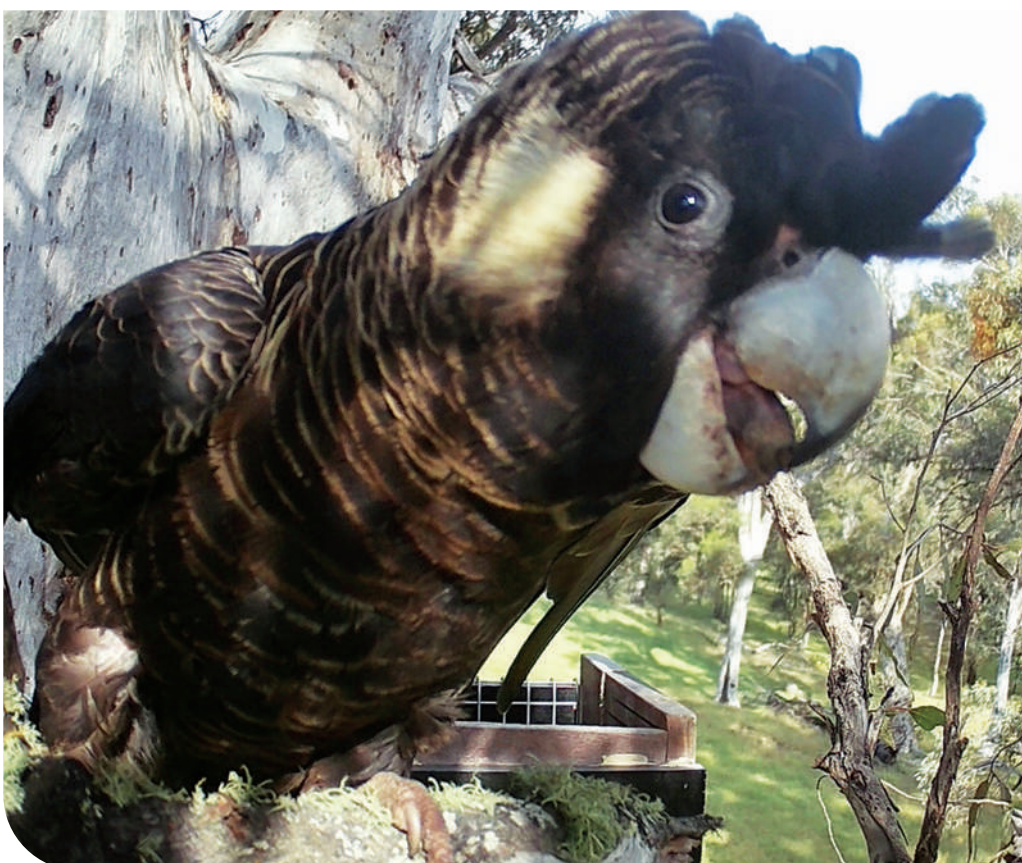


Join our family-friendly Community Rally to tell attending State and Federal politicians: THIS 1990'S DANGEROUS PLAN HAS NO PLACE IN PERTH'S VOLATILE HILLS AND WE WON'T ALLOW 60,000 TREES TO BE BULLDOZED!

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### Fri February 21

**Bassendean Hotel** DJ Roller 5pm-Late. Free. 25 Old Perth Road Bassendean

### Mahogany Inn & Distillery

Table for Two 6pm-9pm. Free. 4260 Great Eastern Hwy Mahogany Creek

### Parkerville Tavern

Ben Graham 6pm-9pm. Free. 6 Owen road Parkerville

### Mt Helena Tavern

The Heights From 6pm. 900 Keane Street Mount Helena

### Lyric's Bar

Laneway Bar Steve Hensby Duo From 7pm. Free. 22 Lyric Lane Maylands

### Sat February 22

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### Bassendean Hotel

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### Parkerville Tavern

The Sinnermatics From 6pm. Free. 6 Owen Road Parkerville

### Mt Helena Tavern

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### Cont. Sat Feb 22

**Lyric's Bar** Laneway Bar Darry & the Devil From 7pm. Free. 22 Lyric Lane Maylands

### Sun February 23

**Bassendean Hotel** Gemma Luxton Duo From 2pm. Free. 25 Old Perth Road Bassendean

### Parkerville Tavern

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### Mahogany Inn & Distillery

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### Lyric's Bar

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### Tues February 25

**Hemingway & Co** Jazz Tuesday From 6pm. 6/7095 Great Eastern Highway Mundaring

### Wed February 26

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### Thurs February 27

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# Male 4th grade in a good position as finals loom

**JOSHUA McKENZIE**

**THE male 1st grade entered the second day of their match against Rockingham Mandurah with the game in the balance as they posted 145 all out before their opposition was 6-94 at stumps on day one.**

But their efforts were in vain as they would lose the match although Matt Russo gave them the opportunity to be competitive with a spell of 4-99 from 30 overs.

In the male 2nd grade match against Rockingham Mandurah, the side won the toss and batted first.

They posted 199 all out, before restricting their opposition to 161 all out to secure a 38-run victory.

It was an all-round bowling effort that was key to the win, as William Shackles (3-31 from 15 overs) and Ben Skinner (3-38 from 15 overs) were the best performers.

A comprehensive display from the male 3rd grade in their match

versus the same opposition, which featured two centuries in an innings of 8-305 declared.

Hunter Wills (102 runs from 124 balls) and Tom Southon (109 from 96) shared a massive partnership of 165 runs for the third wicket which was the main contributor to the 96-run victory.

Tom Hayward led all bowlers with four wickets for 34 runs from 18.3 overs in the dominant outing.

The male 4th grade chased down a target of 215 for victory after a first innings that saw Blair Barratt take 4-62 from 25 overs.

The run chase was led by Cam Jones who scored 76 from 182 in his first match of the season.

Contributions throughout the innings allowed the side to reach the target with five wickets remaining.

They will now have the opportunity to secure 1st position on the table with a victory in the upcoming round.

It was a narrow victory for the male U17 against Rockingham

Mandurah as they passed the target score with just two wickets remaining.

Jayden Hutchison was the best performer in the match as he scored 80 not out from 87 to help secure the victory.

In the male U15 match against the same opponents, it was a more comfortable 30-run victory for the side.

Cooper Forsyth scored 83 from 126 to propel the side to 8-191, before an all-team bowling effort restricted their opponents to 9-161.

The male U14 secured a position in the semi final stage of their competition with a three-wicket win over Joondalup that was led by Tanveer Chauvan (55), Kyle Taylor (42) and James Colley (45).

The male U13 played the same opposition and won their final match of the season after eclipsing the target of 170 that was set by posting 211 in the second innings.

Playing against Subiaco

Floreat, the female A grade side posted a mammoth first innings total of 9-270 from their 50 overs.

Naomi Dattani scored 82 from 98 to be the leading scorer in the innings.

In the second innings, they restricted the opposition to 7-192 from their second innings. Lilly Mills took 3-29 from 10 overs in the 78-run victory.

The female B grade had a bye fixture this weekend.

The female U17 fell short in their match against Rockingham Mandurah.

After losing the toss and bowling first, their opponents scored 4-168 from their 40 overs. In the run chase, no batter could get a significant enough score to challenge the target of 169 as they were bowled out for 123 and lost by 45 runs.

A number of teams have the ability to guarantee their finals positions in the penultimate round of the season, while others aim to carry some momentum into their remaining fixtures.



Sunday Aryang.

## Midland's Aryang stays with Fever

**WEST Coast Fever has extended the contract of defender Sunday Aryang through until the end of the 2026 Suncorp Super Netball season.**

Aryang of Midland made her debut for West Coast Fever back in 2019 and since then has made her debut for the Origin Australian Diamonds, won an SSN premiership with Fever in 2022 and played 78 matches in the green dress.

She had a standout 2024 for Fever which included a second-place finish in the club's best and fairest award, the Stacey Marinkovich medal.

The contract extension will likely see Aryang join the exclusive list of players who have played 100 national league games for the club.

Aryang said what excited her most about West Coast Fever was the team they have and what was still to come from all of them.

"I am really happy with the way I am feeling at the club, I feel like they have done so much for me these last couple of years and I can see the growth and the strength within the team," she said.

"We've built so much in the past year and by the time we are on that third year altogether, we will be stronger than ever and it is exciting to see what's to come.

"I've had such a great run at the club these last couple of years, so what's better to do than stay another year?"

Aryang joins fellow premiership players Jess Anstiss and Alice Teague-Neeld as well as young guns Jordan Cransberg and Olivia Wilkinson who have signed with Fever until the end of the 2026 season, which is the maximum contract length in line with the collective player agreement.

## Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk



### Museum Adventures

Colleen and I recently went with our daughter Heidi and her four kids to the WA museum. The two ten-year-olds loved exploring it, the seven-year-old loved anything interactive, and the almost four-year-old went everywhere – we had to keep an eye on her.

I haven't been to our museum in decades. It was lovely viewing the exhibits, as well as the old museum that houses the skeletal remains of "Otto" the blue whale – which I haven't seen since being a kid.

In our travels, we've been blessed to visit many museums. Probably the most memorable was Cairo Museum and seeing Tutankhamun's head mask. One of our museum adventures was in the town of Zeehan in Tasmania. We spent half a day exploring the various exhibits from their historical mining days with my in-laws. After our visit, I asked each one what they enjoyed the most. Colleen's mum said "the exit sign" – I didn't know she disliked museums.

Museums often display lots of old things – retelling history. I love history; and one of the things I have appreciated as I read the Bible is that I am reading an historical book written between 2000BC and 100AD.

In many ways, the Bible is the record of 'His Story'; a God who made us, loves us, and who desires to save us and bring us back to Himself through His Son Jesus Christ. My joy has been to realise this historical story is true and to put my faith in Jesus.

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### Upcoming Events

• **The St Stephens Anglican Church** will be running their market day on Friday, February 28 from 8.30am until 11.30am. There will be bargains galore at 9 Salix Way, Forrestfield. All welcome.

• **The Year 5 class of 1953 at Guildford Primary School** is hoping to organise a reunion in Guildford on Tuesday, April 29. Partners and siblings welcome. While some of the former students are still in contact the whereabouts of the majority is unknown. Details will be finalised once numbers are known. For more information call Coral on 0450 998 785 or email cor alw@iinet.au

• **Romancing the Stone** amphitheatre presents Brenton Fosdike as Neil Diamond and Fenton Oldmeadow as Johnny Cash at 3 Lilian Road, Maida Vale on Friday, March 14 from 7.30pm to 10pm. This is the garden's first concert of 2025,

which will support the Darling Range Seniors Hub. A light supper and chairs will be provided at the outdoor venue, which is BYO and has ample parking. For more information contact Tom on 9454 4298. Tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1342064>

• **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.

• **Kalamunda Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Falls Farm, 41 Cagney Way, Lesmurdie from 10am to 1pm. For more information call on Roy 9295 2522 or Ray on 0427 095 892.

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### Woofers of the week

Gypsy is a bull terrier cross who was abandoned after having puppies. She is about 12-months-old and is very affectionate. She is vaccinated and microchipped but she still needs to be sterilised. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.

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Joining the open kitchen area is the cosy living area with a central fireplace and air-conditioning.

The living room décor has a wood-panelled wall and wooden floors, which sprawl throughout the halls to the bedrooms, except for one room that is carpeted.

The carpeted main bedroom has a ceiling fan light and built-in robes with mirrors on the door so occupants can check their outfits and tidy up before heading out.

In the backyard, tinkerers will be able to make use of the back garden shed to work on projects and hobbies.

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