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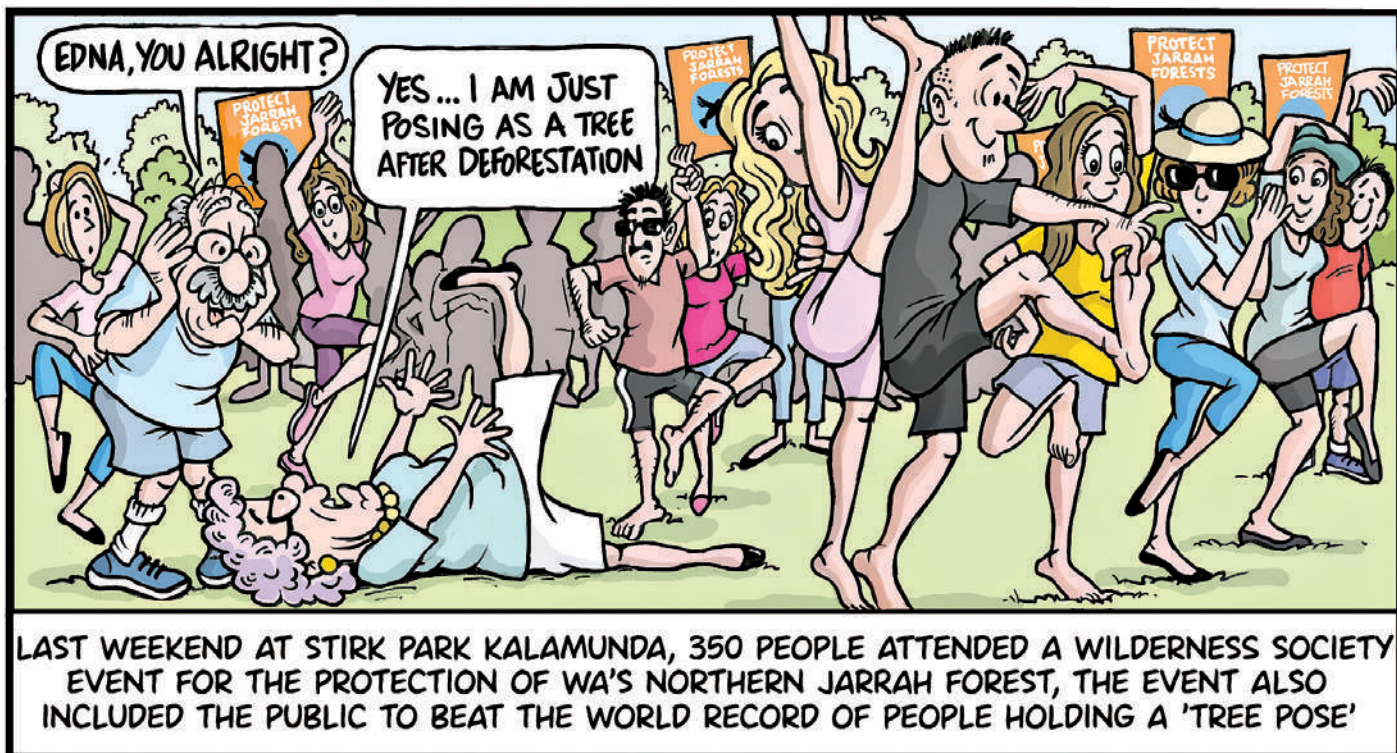
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LAST WEEKEND AT STIRK PARK KALAMUNDA, 350 PEOPLE ATTENDED A WILDERNESS SOCIETY EVENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF WA'S NORTHERN JARRAH FOREST, THE EVENT ALSO INCLUDED THE PUBLIC TO BEAT THE WORLD RECORD OF PEOPLE HOLDING A 'TREE POSE'

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Ray Owen seating an issue

Dear Echo News,
I recently went to the Ray Owen facility in Lesmurdie to watch my grandkids play basketball. It was my first visit this year, and I was astounded by what has happened to the seating. Half of the benches at either end of the first

Thought for the day
"Vitality shows not only in the ability to persist but in the ability to start over."
— F Scott Fitzgerald

four courts have been removed and replaced with about four rows of plastic chairs.

Seating is probably sufficient for the weekly games, but I was wondering what will happen, and where will all the spectators sit when it is finals time?

Someone mentioned that the benches were removed because they were considered to be too dangerous!

I've been attending as far back as the 90's when my own sons were playing, and in all that time, I don't think I have ever heard of a serious accident having happened.

Nor have I heard of any serious injuries. I think having removed the benches, which catered to a huge number of spectators, has totally ruined the otherwise fantastic facility in the Perth Hills.

I Sanderson Kalamunda

Bullwinkel Election signage

Dear Echo News,
As soon as the federal election date is announced, expect Bullwinkel to be inundated with political signage.

It is timely to remind all candidates and councils that it is an offence to post or maintain any portable sign on a carriageway where the speed limit exceeds 70kph, in particular Welshpool Road East, Roe Highway, Great Eastern Highway and Toodyay Road.

It is also an offence to place or maintain any portable sign within one metre of a carriageway.

It will be interesting to see how many candidates blatantly flout these regulations and if so, will councils do anything about it.

D Keirnan Lesmurdie

Keep the Sheep concerns

Dear Echo News,
As a local resident, I recently read your article *Keep the Sheep blitzes Bullwinkel* (Echo News, February 21).

I would like to remind your readers that RSPCA research shows that 78 per cent of Australians want this industry to end, with a just transition for farmers and the regions, including 71 per cent of Western Australians and 69 per cent of Australians in regional areas (McCrindle 2023).

The chilled meat trade is already bigger than live export – in 2022-23 chilled and frozen sheep meat exports earned \$4.5 billion compared to \$85 million for live sheep exports.

Live sheep export has decreased, only accounting for 0.1 per cent of Australia's agricultural exports, which means last year, only 570,000 sheep were exported, down from over

6m in 2002.

People who care for animals are not opposed to agriculture, primary production or farmers. We want a just, economically supported transition for those farmers who rely on live export.

We are opposed to the long sea voyages animals are made to endure.

There is no economic or welfare reason for the unsustainable live export practice to continue.

A Campbell Greenmount

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Beware the trap - work from home scams

With Commissioner for Consumer Protection Trish Blake

Watch-out for job scams that hope to steal your money, rather than make you any.

Social media or encrypted message platforms like WhatsApp or Telegram are currently flooded with job scams, offering easy employment online with no experience needed and the added benefit of working from home.

WA ScamNet has already received many reports of these scams this year. The victims have lost over \$200,000 in total.

The phony jobs require people to perform tasks for a commission, such as leaving fake 'five star' reviews on food delivery services apps and online shopping platforms, or liking and following social media accounts. Some people are asked to purchase products before leaving a false review, so they appear as a 'verified buyer'.

Victims often have to send evidence of their 'work' to an 'auditor' (i.e. scammer), and they are led to believe they are helping a business' profile with their fake positive reviews. But it's got nothing to do with the reviews, it's about scamming you out of your hard-earned money.

Scammers will request money through bank transfer or crypto currency to cover taxes, keep your account active or to cover conversion rates when paying out your 'earnings'.

They will be encouraged to create an account where they are often asked to provide forms of identification as well.

If you think you have fallen prey to a job scam, cease and block all contact with the scammers, contact your bank and report to WA ScamNet – scamnet.wa.gov.au

Swan council votes for Henley Brook Ave enviro study

ANITA McINNES

CITY of Swan councillors have voted for an environmental assessment of the whole of the alignment of the proposed Henley Brook Avenue from south of Asturian Drive to Reid Highway.

A motion put forward by councillor Jennifer Catalano at the March 12 ordinary council meeting also included that Urban Bushland Council and Swan Valley Ratepayers & Residents Association members be involved in the drafting of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

The council vote was 9-5 with Swan Valley Gidgegannup ward councillor Rod Henderson leaving the council chamber while the item was under discussion after declaring a proximity interest as he owns land adjacent to the proposed road development.

The officers report presented to the council meeting said city staff supported the motion as it would allow a comprehensive environmental assessment to be undertaken for the proposed Henley Brook Avenue.

Cr Catalano said there had been no comprehensive environmental studies undertaken for the Henley Brook Avenue alignment area.

She said the Worley Parsons Henley Brook Avenue Reservation Review 2013 recommended 'field surveys to investigate vegetation and flora (were) undertaken to ground-truth dataset mapping' and more specific investigation of such matters as storm and



City of Swan councillor Jennifer Catalano says environmental assessment of the whole Henley Brook Avenue needs to be undertaken. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

groundwater discharge into waterways including the river, impacts on remnant vegetation including Bush Forever 200 site, acid sulphate soils and potential impacts to matters of environmental significance with none of them done to date.

"The 1994 EPA submission and formal advice on the North Eastern Corridor Amendment did not provide specific environmental data regarding the impact on the environment of the proposed HBA construction," she said.

"Assessment of the whole project area has to be undertaken as assessment in sections does not reveal the overall environmental impact of the construction of Henley Brook Avenue from Asturian Drive to Reid Highway."

Cr Catalano said it was already known there were sensitive areas in the path of the proposed Henley

Brook Avenue such as conservation category Pannage wetlands where the road would stand 7m high within 10m of the edge of the wetland but it was also necessary to identify and assess the impact the road would have on the wetland.

"We need to identify the impact the road will have on the ecology and future preservation of Bush Forever site, the impact on ecological link 32, black cockatoo habitat, future hydrology, flooding and drainage in the adjacent suburban and Swan Valley areas, including the effect of clearing via retention basins, culverts and drainage on waterways such as St Leonards Creek and other creek corridors," she said.

"We need to know if there are any other environmental qualities not yet identified and identify where wildlife corridors should be

placed if this road is ultimately approved."

The officer's report said at the March 17, 2021 ordinary meeting councillors resolved to put on hold all works and land resumptions in relation to Henley Brook Avenue south of Park Street, with the exception of traffic modelling.

"As such, staff have not been able to progress environmental assessments or review and update designs for the section of Henley Brook Avenue south of Park Street," the report said.

"As the March 17, 2021 resolution put all works on hold including land resumptions, significant portions of the land are not owned or controlled by the city.

"If the city does not receive owner approval and cannot access these land parcels, the investigation and assessment may be limited."

The report said it was not normal practice to involve community groups in drafting terms of reference for the study, although it could be accommodated.

The city said a detailed cost estimate of such a study had not been undertaken but funds could be included in the 2025-26 draft budget.

In *Henley Brook extension questioned* (Echo News, February 21) the Swan Valley Ratepayers and Residents Association (in response to *Henley Brook Avenue Construction Starts* (Echo News, February 7) said even if the road was to go all the way to Reid Highway they were not aware that federal government approval for removal of significant remnant banksia bushland along the route had been received, nor was there approval to encroach on the Pannage wetlands.

Weedy wattles still a worry in Mundaring

CINDY CARTOJANO

SHIRE of Mundaring has turned to Western Power to address residents' concerns about the fire risk build-up of weedy wattle along road verges, particularly under power lines.

Residents Rob Greenwood and his wife Jacqueline Bousfield called on the shire to implement an environmental management control plan in consultation with Western Power to remove the weedy wattle in the area.

Mr Greenwood said he was motivated to raise this issue with the shire after a conversation he had with a contractor who was coppicing Flinders Range wattles along Riley Road last October.

He asked if the contractor could cut the wattles to the ground and the contractor said, "We're not allowed to do that."

Mr Greenwood said he'd replied for less than the cost of what you're doing coppicing them, get rid of them.

Ten years ago, an environmental scientist who is based in the hills Simon Cherriman wrote a story explaining the dangers associated with weedy wattles.

Mr Cherriman said the weed was problematic because it tended to become the dominant plant species which eventually resulted in a monoculture native system.

"But the reason it's a problem in this case is that many of these weedy species are extremely flammable and grow extremely tall and become a greater fire risk compared to the native system that was there," he said.

"What motivated me to write that article was the daily reminders about a sick landscape.

"I'm constantly looking at the composition of the vegetation in the communities that we're living in.

"Looking at the trees, the shrubs and the ground cover and whether each of those forest layers is composed of native trees and shrubs and grasses or introduced ones.

"At the time, and obviously since then, it's become very obvious that many parts of our landscape are being invaded by weeds."

He said it is still an ongoing issue because resources haven't been properly allocated to resolve it.

"It's quite difficult to address because there's so many weeds out there and only so many people and labour options to get rid of them.

"But also, it has spread across different tenures and



Weedy wattles at the Shire of Mundaring growing tall below power lines and posing a fire risk. Picture: Simon Cherriman

so it becomes complex with regards to responsibility. "Is it private landowners, is it local government, is it Main Roads?"

A Western Power spokesperson said management of vegetation is done in accordance with Building and Energy guidelines.

"Management of the vegetation around powerlines is a shared responsibility between property owners, local governments and Western Power."

The shire decided no further action would be taken as it was already liaising with Western Power, and weed control and environmental plans were already outlined in the local biodiversity strategy (LBS).

In the LBS 2023-2030, it is acknowledged that weeds affect bushfire fuel loads and can have negative environmental impacts.

According to the report it is impossible to eradicate all weed species.

"Shire resources and weed control efforts must be directed to weeds that have worse impacts such as rapid spreading, or increased bushfire risk.

Mr Cherriman is calling for more action to be undertaken from both the shire and residents to address this problem.

"We need more people aware of the really significant fire risk these plants are to our landscape, we need more resources allocated by all of the people concerned, especially the shire, but also other utilities and greater incentives to private land owners."

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CINDY CARTOJANO

LAST Saturday morning, people gathered for the Unite for the Jarrah event at Kalamunda's Stirk Park to raise awareness about the threatened Northern Jarrah Forest and at the same time, smash a world record.

The Wilderness Society WA (WSWA) tallied more than 400 people in attendance at the event with some joining virtually from New Zealand and Thailand.

WSWA senior campaigner Jenita Enevoldsen said over the past 60 years there had been bauxite mining which started off at around 1ha per year but now, Alcoa was seeking to expand by 7500ha.

"The jarrah forest is imminently under threat," she said.

"So, we wanted to raise awareness about that."

Miss Enevoldsen said the event organisers at WSWA wanted to incorporate mental health and wellbeing to reflect the feeling of relaxation and calmness associated with

being in the forest.

"We thought a great connection is to actually do some yoga in a park and see if we can get as many individuals doing the tree pose as possible, at the same time, simultaneously."

"And if we could do that, we might be able to break the world record."

The current record is 114 participants, according to the Worldwide Book of Records.

Although WSWA is still waiting for a committee to verify numbers, Miss Enevoldsen said she is confident they have at least tripled the current record.

"Standing together in the tree pose was more than a yoga world record," Miss Enevoldsen said.

"It was a powerful symbol of unity for the Northern Jarrah Forest."

"This forest is a globally significant ecosystem, and yet it's disappearing before our eyes."

Alcoa's restoration of the jarrah forest was reviewed in a paper published in the scientific journal Restoration Ecology.

The researchers concluded, "The 2-star rating of restoration against Alcoa's 4-star medium-term goal and poor to declining trajectory means that restoration areas do not return to a state similar to the native reference ecosystem, improve over longer timeframes, nor show sustained improved outcomes from adaptive management processes."

Miss Enevoldsen said WSWA is calling on WA decision makers to end forest mining and deliver commitments for a network of protected areas across the state.

"What we're really seeking is for the federal government to deliver on their commitment to prioritise nature," she said.

"What we're seeing is because decision making for mining happens on a state level, the Western Australian government is the key decision maker."

"But when threatened species of national environmental significance are going to be affected, that's when the federal government become decision makers."

According to the Department of Climate

Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEE), Australia's environment is protected under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act.

"The EPBC Act requires actions that are likely to have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance to be approved before they can proceed," a DPCCEE spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, last Tuesday Liberal Senator Michaelia Cash accused Prime Minister Anthony Albanese of misleading Western Australians after Labor recommitted to nature positive laws.

Senator Cash said the laws would impact mining and agricultural sectors as well as WA families.

"It is estimated that Mr Albanese's nature positive, mining negative laws will increase the costs of housing by 10.6 per cent and increase electricity prices by 38 per cent. This would be a disaster for Western Australian families during a cost-of-living crisis," Senator Cash said.

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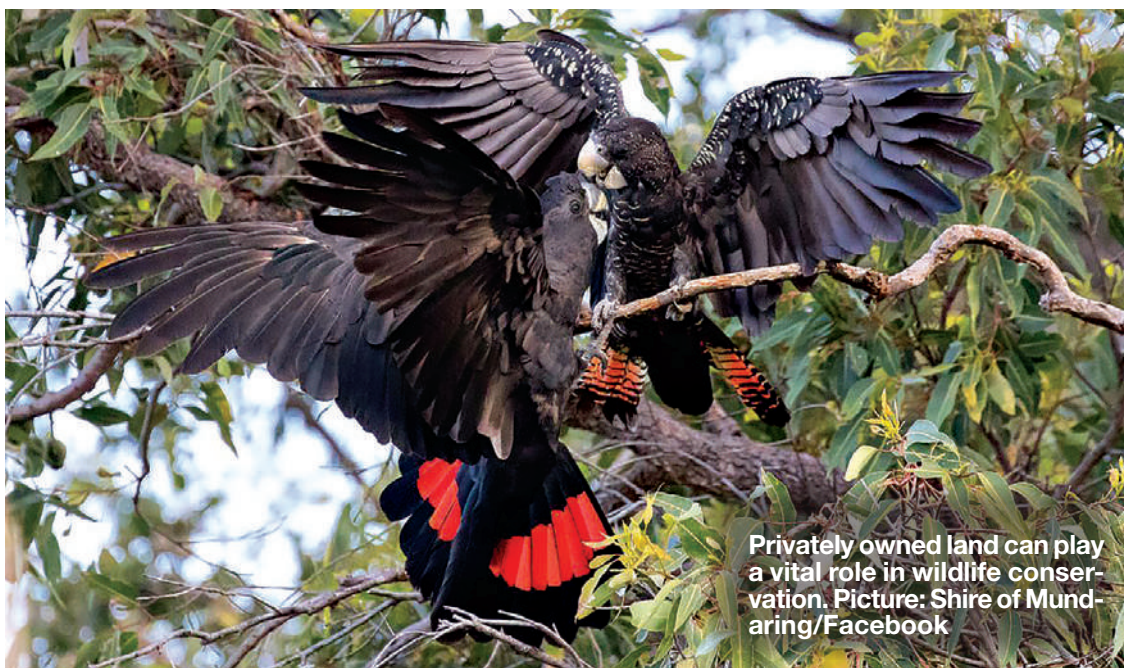
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Privately owned land can play a vital role in wildlife conservation. Picture: Shire of Mundaring/Facebook

Private landowners called to protect wildlife

MUNDARING is launching its Land for Wildlife initiative to help conserve local bushland and support native wildlife habitat by inviting private property owners to open their homes to conservation efforts.

The voluntary program calls on landholders with properties of more than 1ha in size that contain at least 10 per cent native vegetation or a watercourse.

Participants will receive guidance and resources from the shire to manage their land in ways that protect and restore natural ecosystems.

The Shire of Mundaring said native vegetation on private land played a critical role in supporting biodiversity by providing food, water, shelter, and safe breeding areas for animals.

These green spaces also help link larger conservation areas, allowing wildlife to move through the landscape more safely and naturally, according to the shire.

The program offers a number of benefits to members, including expert advice, access to free environmental workshops, a welcome kit featuring the Wildlife of the Perth Hills booklet and opportunities to join citizen science projects.

A wildlife camera loan program is also available as part of the initiative and will allow participants to record and observe native species on their land.

This data will then contribute to the shire's efforts in monitoring local wildlife activity and for planning future conservation efforts.

Private landowners located within key wildlife corridors are particularly encouraged to apply.

For those with smaller properties, the shire provides alternative advice on supporting backyard biodiversity.

Additionally, landowners looking for more environmental initiatives can take part in the shire's Seedlings for Landcare program which provides approximately 20,000 free native seedlings annually for planting on rural-zoned private properties, school grounds, and bushland reserves.

This initiative aims to restore local bushland, creek lines, and wildlife corridors to improve habitat for native animals.

To learn more or express interest in joining, residents can visit the Land for Wildlife page on the Shire of Mundaring website or contact the shire's environment team at environment@mundaring.wa.gov.au.



Liberal candidate Adam Hort has won the seat of Kalamunda after a recount.

Adam Hort wins Kalamunda after recount

GUANHAO CHENG

KALAMUNDA Liberal candidate Adam Hort won the seat of Kalamunda, leading by 82 votes against Labor candidate Karen Beale following a recount.

The result in Kalamunda has been one of the most tightly contested in the 2025 state election.

The seat had previously been held by retiring Labor MLA Matthew Hughes, who Mr Hort thanked for his service to the community.

"I want to take a moment to thank the retiring member for Kalamunda, Matthew Hughes," he said.

"Matthew has served our community for eight years.

"He was first elected in 2017 with a significant swing of 12.7 per cent and has given two full terms to the people of the Perth Hills.

"Thank you, Matthew, for your service."

With the margin between the two candidates too close to call on election night, the outcome remained uncertain for days.

The final count took place on March 23, with the electoral commission preparing for the possibility of a recount.

Mr Hort said this outcome was likely and that it was disappointing for hills residents that counting in other districts was

prioritised before the result in Kalamunda could be finalised.

"The disappointing part for the Perth Hills is that 27 seats have been prioritised for a detailed count before Kalamunda," he said.

"Most of these already have a clear outcome."

After the recount confirmed his victory, Mr Hort said he looked forward to proving the hills constituents were his number one priority in the next four years.

"I will never take this position for granted," he said.

"It is truly the honour of my life to represent the place I grew up in and

call home.

"Thank you to the many community members who took the time to share what matters most.

"Your voices shaped this campaign, and they will shape my work as your parliamentarian.

"Now, the real work begins."

Commitments announced during Mr Hort's campaign include \$1 million to build a new station for the Parkerville volunteer bushfire brigade, \$500,000 to build new change rooms and decontamination room at Darlington volunteer bushfire brigade and \$20m to bring more courts to Ray Owen Sports Centre.



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Pearce air base celebrates Harmony Week



Corporal Hakim Khan-Crofts says his background allows him to promote a culture of inclusivity and mutual respect in the Air Force.

TWO decades of executive hotel management and experience leading diverse teams across South America and Australia has proven invaluable for Corporal Hakim Khan-Crofts' new career in the ADF.

As a network technician at Pearce air base, Corporal Khan-Crofts works in the regional information and communications technology (ICT) services team to support Defence communication systems across Western Australia.

Before enlisting in the Air Force in 2021, Corporal Khan-Crofts held several general manager roles at hotel chains in Melbourne and Ad-

elaide, where he managed multiple properties and teams.

"My ability to relate to diverse cultures and unique individual characteristics enables me to establish trust, encourage cooperation, and enhance team cohesion," he said.

"My background allows me to contribute positively to the Air Force every day by promoting a culture of inclusivity and mutual respect."

For Corporal Khan-Crofts, diversity means embracing the unique characteristics of each person to build stronger teams.

"It allows us to learn from each other, broaden our perspectives,

and grow together both personally and professionally.

"A diverse team reflects the values of inclusivity and adaptability, which are essential for success in dynamic environments.

"It also helps us build stronger connections with global partners and the communities we serve."

As a native Spanish speaker, Corporal Khan-Crofts looks forward to contributing to Air Force capability in international engagements with Spanish-speaking partners.

Corporal Khan-Crofts said it was a proud day when he first put on his uniform.

"I felt incredibly proud and I still feel that way every time I wear my uniform."

"My first day on the job was a bit intimidating – in a good way – but I posted into my unit with three other members from my recruit course, which made the transition easier."

One of Corporal Khan-Crofts' highlights so far was flying as a passenger in a Hawk 127.

"The experience was unforgettable and a true reminder of the unique opportunities that come with serving in the Air Force."

Another highlight was his first posting at 1 Combat Communications Squadron, Edinburgh air base, where the team would share typical dishes from different cultures.

"It wasn't just about the food – it was an opportunity to learn about each other's cultures in a personal and engaging way," he said.

"This simple act of sharing meals helped build stronger bonds within the team and fostered a deeper appreciation for the diversity around us."



Kalamunda Bulldogs president Rodney Campbell, Labor candidate for Bullwinkel Trish Cook, women's tackle player Pajmarie Hiko Kita and Bulldogs vice president Carl Hiko.

Oval upgrade pledge

LABOR candidate for Bullwinkel Trish Cook has pledged a \$2.9 million funding commitment to the redevelopment of Forrestfield's Hartfield Park. The funding pledge will see the expansion of Morrison Oval, including the alignment of the cricket nets, along with additional car parking and construction of LED floodlights.

The LED addition of lighting for matches and training sessions will ensure more sporting clubs can access the facilities into the evening, catering for the significant growth

currently experienced by the clubs using the site.

"This commitment will improve accessibility, while meeting the current and future demand, helping locals in Perth's eastern suburbs to lead an active and healthy lifestyle," she said.

"Sport is vital to our local community, whether it's keeping fit or catching up with mates.

"Building floodlights at Morrison Oval will improve community safety and help sporting clubs use the facilities later into the night for training and matches."

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Federal budget 2025 report card

AT first glance the 2025 Albanese Government budget seems to offer little specifically for the eastern suburbs.

On Wednesday at a press conference WA Treasurer and West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti said she welcomed the federal budget presented on Tuesday and particularly the major boost to health funding, Medicare urgent care clinics and supporting GP affordability.

"We need to encourage more people and more GPs in particular to bulk bill and also to have more GPs accessible," she said.

"That will help take pressure off our health system, in particular our emergency department.

"So, we welcome the initiatives when it comes to increasing the supply, but in particular, the accessibility of affordable GP visits."

If re-elected the federal Albanese Government has committed \$644 million to fund Medicare urgent care clinics with new clinics planned in Ellenbrook and Mundaring.

Ms Saffioti also said at the conference that there was about \$640m provisioned to WA which remained unallocated and more work needed to be done to get that allocated to funding key road priorities around the state.

"We did get notification last night about the \$640m of extra funding, which wasn't highlighted in the budget, but highlighted as a provision, and that will be allocated to the state," she said.

In his budget speech on Tuesday federal Treasurer Jim Chalmers said

the Australian economy was turning the corner.

"Inflation is down, incomes are rising, unemployment is low, interest rates are coming down, debt is down, and growth is picking up momentum," he said.

"On all these fronts, our economy and our budget are in better shape than they were three years ago.

Mr Chalmers said his budget's five main priorities were helping with the cost of living, strengthening Medicare, building more homes, investing in every stage of education and making the economy stronger, more productive and more resilient.

"New plans for cost of living and health are accompanied by new investments in housing," he said.

"We are tackling the housing shortage from every responsible angle.

"Our \$33 billion plan will help build 1.2 million new homes before the decade is out.

"This includes \$54m to accelerate the uptake of modern methods of housing construction."

Mr Chalmers also said first home buyers were receiving more assistance by updating the property price and income caps so more first home buyers are eligible for the scheme.

"This will help 40,000 Australians buy their first home in the next 4 years," he said.

"And we're easing pressure on the housing market by banning foreign investors from buying established homes, and cracking down on foreign land banking as well."

Labor's federal budget also addressed the Future Made in Australia plan which plans to support the production of Australian-made green metals, like aluminium and iron.

Meanwhile the Labor party's Made in WA plan affects areas like Forrestfield where a pledge was made to manufacture power line infrastructure for Western Power by utilising existing businesses in the area.

Mr Albanese told Triple M Hobart on Thursday that he would be calling the election soon.

"Certainly my Caucus colleagues (want me to), wanting to get into the campaign, particularly as the Coalition have just announced this morning, not only did they vote against the tax cuts for every taxpayer last night in the Senate and in the House of Representatives yesterday, they're now saying they're going to repeal it," he said.

The Nationals candidate for Bullwinkel Mia Davies criticised the Albanese Government's fourth budget saying it's a bust for households and businesses doing it tough in the electorate.

"It doesn't matter whether you're in regional WA, the Perth Hills or foothills, this budget misses the mark," she said.

"Despite record revenue delivered by strong commodity prices and income tax, the Albanese Government has driven net debt to an eye-watering one trillion dollars.

Federal opposition leader Peter Dutton will be delivering his budget reply on Thursday night.



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That's so weird!



Witches' broom on *Jacksonia* causing red deformed growths, fasciation on *Templetonia*, phyllody on strawberry, and chimera on orange rind (left).

Plant abnormalities have intrigued gardeners and botanists alike for many years.

These abnormalities sometime result in strange growths or odd variations. Causes include environmental or genetic factors, pests, and disease. Below are some common examples, and perhaps you've noticed one or two of these before?

Witches' broom

Witches' broom is a symptom of stress in woody plants resulting in a deformed mass of twigs and branches, which looks broom-like in appearance. Causes include insect pests, viruses, fungi, environmental factors and genetic mutations.

Fasciation

Fasciation appears as abnormal flattened, ribbon-like, crested or elaborately contorted stems or leaves. Causes include hormonal, genetic, bacterial, fungal, viral and environmental.

Chimera

Chimera is the result of a genetic mutation. The overall appearance of fruit can be changed and sections of the rind or skin can appear striped and/or green. This is often reported in citrus where the rind colour is perfectly split between yellow and orange. Chimera leaf mutations produce variegated, misshapen, or completely white leaves. These mutations may be prized and propagated to create new varieties.

Phyllody

Phyllody is the abnormal development of the leaf tissue caused by viral infections or environmental factors resulting in an imbalance of the plant hormones. It makes leaves grow in strange places.

Is control or reporting necessary?

Not much can be done to prevent these oddities. Keep plants as healthy as possible to allow them to fight off pests and diseases as best they can. These weird and sometimes wonderful malformations can be a great talking point, but if you don't want them on your plants, consider removing the affected parts. Remember to disinfect gardening equipment before and after, to avoid spreading pests and diseases.

We would love to see photos of any weird or wonderful plant growths or variations. Take photos, tell us what you've found and on what plant. Photos can be submitted to **MyPestGuide** or the **Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS)**.



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Kalamunda council approves private property tree removal

TWO mature trees at a Forrestfield property have been cleared for removal after Kalamunda council approved the owner's application, despite a recommendation from planning officers to refuse it.

The application was debated during the March ordinary council meeting after officers had advised against removal.

Both were assessed as healthy with a medium retention value.

Councillor Brooke O'Donnell moved the officer's recommendation and said it was consistent with existing planning expectations.

"The WAPC approval should be really respected in terms of the tree removal," she said.

"That would be, I think, a reasonable recommendation to continue and support the officer's recommendation."

Councillor Kathy Ritchie seconded the motion and said 41 trees had already been removed across the area with only two remaining.

"So, these are the only two trees remaining and we try and find that balance between the need to have room for housing and the need to retain, particularly in the foothills, what little trees remain," she said.

"They are healthy trees and it seems to me to be a reasonable proposition that these two trees remain."

Councillor David Modolo spoke against the motion and said the reason for refusal misrepresented planning regulations and that council had discretion to make its own judgment.

"We're refusing an application to cut down a tree because the application doesn't adequately consider preserving the tree," he said.

"How can any application ever to cut down any tree ever succeed under this logic?"

Cr Modolo said the applicants, the Machinguras, were a migrant family who may not have been fully aware of tree retention conditions when buying the property.

"They came to Australia to live a better life and enjoy opportunities they couldn't get elsewhere," he said.

"I don't believe that they read the fine print, or at



The council has approved the removal of two mature trees in Forrestfield despite planning officers recommending their retention.

least it wasn't highlighted to them that these trees needed to be retained."

Cr Modolo referred to an email Mr Machingura had sent him in 2024.

"I've got two big old trees on my property which have dead branches," Mr Machingura said.

"These trees are looking dangerous to property and people."

Councillor Lisa Cooper supported the officer's recommendation and said she had visited the site to assess the trees herself.

"They're quite magnificent trees," she said.

"I think they probably do need to be kept under control and with pruning they're going to last another 25 years."

The officer recommendation was lost in a 4-3 vote with councillors Modolo, Stallard, Giardina and Thomas against it.

Cr Modolo then moved an alternate motion to approve the application without conditions.

"The owner's application be approved on the basis that council believes he has the right to remove vegetation on his own property," he said.

This was carried 4-3 as well, allowing removal.



The Mundaring Weir Hotel was built in 1898 and is a category one heritage list entry.

Invitation to comment on draft heritage list

GUANHAO CHENG

MUNDARING residents are being invited to comment on the shire's revised draft heritage list with the aim of considering elevating places into the heritage list to safeguard and celebrate the area's historical assets.

The draft heritage list uses two significance categories to differentiate its items with category one indicating exceptional significance and category two indicating considerable significance.

Heritage entries in category one is considered essential to the heritage of Mundaring while category two means it's very important to heritage and has a high degree of authenticity.

An example of a category one entry is Chidlow's Lake Leschenaultia which has a statement of significance that outlines its great social and historic significance as a recreational location and origins with railway heritage.

Category two entries include sites such as Greenmount's Bilgoman well and convict ruins which is one of the few physical reminders of the convict era.

In 2024, Mundaring and Hills Historical Society (MHHS) member Jenny Johnson, who is now the society's president, said having a designated heritage officer within the shire would prevent any queries or issues surrounding heritage in Mundaring shire from slipping through the cracks.

In *Mundaring heritage strategy presses ahead* (Echo News, July 19, 2024) it was reported Ms Johnson felt it wasn't cost efficient for the shire to outsource heritage consultation when there were experts that lived in the area already.

Ms Johnson said she still maintained that view a year later, and the MHHS has submitted to council their suggestion, but it remained yet to be implemented.

"Council has stated they are not going to employ a heritage officer in the coming months," she said.

"There have been consultations made and outsourced and they're not cheap.

"We have people with PhDs in this subject and our council is wasting money when some of our members can provide the same service free of charge.

"We offer our services but there's a bit of a gap there which we are trying to bridge.

"The whole MHHS committee are of that view"

Ms Johnson said she was however glad that the heritage list was progressing, and the community was now given the opportunity to comment.

"MHHS has reviewed the document and are pleased that it has been presented for comment by the public," she said.

"There are inaccuracies in the list which MHHS will note in a submission to council."

Public submissions close 4pm Friday, April 11 and can be made on Engage Mundaring portal.

Exploring Woodbridge Riverside Park

FREE trishaw rides will be available at the City of Swan's Cycling Without Age event which are held every day of the week, apart from Wednesday.

The cycling event is held from 9.30am to 11.30am at Woodbridge Riverside Park and is suitable for seniors.

With the help of volunteers, individuals who can no longer cycle by themselves are given the opportunity to avoid social isolation and remain active in their community.

Seniors are encour-

aged to bring themselves and their friends, to network at the event and meet new people.

Participants would enjoy a social outing and feel the wind from the comfort of their conversational couch on wheels.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to reserve a spot by contacting bookings@cyclingwithoutageperth.org.au

The City of Swan will be hosting a cycle quest for people of all ages and abilities. Picture: Cycling Without Age.



Free cycling scavenger hunt at Whiteman Park

A **FREE** cycling event at Whiteman Park will be administered by WestCycle WA on Sunday May 4 from 2pm to 5pm.

Cyclers will undergo a self-guided scavenger hunt to find clues and treasures along some of Perth's most scenic sites.

The event, which is funded by the Department of Transport, will

City of Swan continues its volunteer-run cycling event.

be held to build people's confidence with riding a bike more often and to explore local shared paths and facilities in an interactive way.

People of all ages or ability are encouraged to head down and participate in the quest.

Prizes will also be available for participants who complete the hunt.

To keep up to date with cycling events, follow WA Bike Month on Facebook.

Ellenbrook man jailed

ANITA McINNES

AN Ellenbrook man has been jailed for the sexual assault of a young girl in December 2021.

Callum Ferris Davies was sentenced to 18 years in prison on Tuesday, March 25 in the Perth District Court.

The 28-year-old had faced charges of sexual penetration of a child under 13 as well as deprivation of liberty, impeding the child's breathing and aggravated home burglary.

Davies was 25-years-old when he was charged in December 2021 by child abuse squad detectives after he sexually assaulted a sleeping child.

At the time police alleged the Ellenbrook man entered an Ellenbrook home at 12.30am on December 27 before assaulting a seven-year-old girl.

He will be eligible for parole.

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Hiking adventures for all abilities

The City of Kalamunda, in partnership with Off the Beaten Track WA, is excited to launch Accessible Adventures, a program designed to make hiking more inclusive and accessible for people of all abilities.

Supported by the WA Hiking Participation Grants Program, Accessible Adventures is designed to make hiking accessible for people of all abilities. The program offers a tailored and inclusive approach, fostering a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment, where participants can enjoy the outdoors and build confidence through enriching experiences.

This initiative reflects the City's ongoing commitment to promoting access, inclusion, and wellbeing for all. By creating opportunities for people living with disability to connect with nature and stay active, the City continues to foster a vibrant and inclusive community where everyone can thrive.

Off the Beaten Track WA, a local adventure tour operator, is committed to connecting people with the outdoors. Founder Tracy Lindsey is a passionate advocate for Accessible Tourism and dedicated to making nature-based experiences more inclusive.

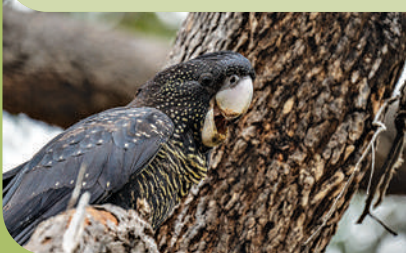
The accessible hikes will be delivered as a monthly series, from April through to October 2025. Duration of hikes can vary between 2-hour or half-day hikes, with a special overnight hike in October.

Participants can bring a carer or support person free of charge, ensuring a truly inclusive experience.

If you're a person living with a disability in WA, we'd love to see you on the trails!

Registrations are essential and a small fee will apply for each hike.

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View all the hikes and book online at offthebeatentrackwa.com.au/accessible-adventures

Kids plan for disaster with Pillowcase workshop

PETER W LEWIS

LAST week students from Darlington Primary School took part in the Australian Red Cross Pillowcase workshop, a disaster preparedness program for children.

The workshop has been running for the past ten years and during that time has been taught to more than 100,000 students throughout the country.

The program, inspired by students in New Orleans, who used their pillowcases to carry their belongings while evacuating during Hurricane Katrina, helps children aged eight to 10 years get physically prepared for disasters by packing essential items into a personalised pillowcase.

It also facilitates emotional self-regulation through techniques such as colour breathing to manage thoughts and feelings during a crisis.

The Pillowcase program has a very strong evidence base, and a study published last year in The International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction found it offered children memorable preparedness information that was retained and implemented when the community went onto experience a bushfire.

As the bushfire in 2019 unfolded, caregivers and teachers reported children staying calm and using the skills and techniques they'd been taught including packing their pillowcases as emergency bags, and playing a positive role in helping their family get prepared too.

Darlington Primary School prin-

cipal Andrew Newhouse said the school held the workshop for Year 3 students to help build resilience.

"Resilience is one of our school values and is developed through our social and emotional program, Friendly Schools.

"Our school is rated extreme when it comes to fire risk, and we do two fire drills per year with the local bushfire brigade, and the Pillowcase program dovetails well with this.

"Students like the activities in the workshop, particularly the drawing on their pillowcase, which is provided by the program, and this helps students remember the workshop," Mr Newhouse said.

A Red Cross study last year found the lessons children learn in the Pillowcase workshops are not only retained but also implemented when disaster strikes.

Australian Red Cross executive director Jai O'Toole said the workshops, held in high-risk areas, were a cornerstone of the organisation's resilience programming.

"Since 2015, we have proudly delivered Australia's first nationally standardised disaster resilience education program, officially recognised by the federal government. These workshops, run by our dedicated volunteers, are not just about preparedness; they're about building resilience in the next generation, especially those living in communities prone to natural disasters.

"By strengthening resilience, especially in children, who are among the most vulnerable, we can ensure they feel safe, in control and ready to respond



Darlington Primary School students prepare for disaster as part of the Pillowcase workshop.

physically and emotionally for any number of challenging situations they may face," Mr O'Toole said.

Antonia Mackay, Australian Red Cross resilience manager and founder of the workshops in Australia, said the study revealed that kids who participated in the workshops were able to apply the preparedness lessons they'd learned when their school community experienced a bushfire.

"As the bushfire unfolded, caregivers and teachers reported children staying calm and using

the skills and techniques they'd been taught including packing their pillowcases as emergency bags.

"The findings remind us that although children are vulnerable in an emergency, they can also play a positive role in helping their family prepare and respond if they're given the right tools ahead of time," she said.

The Pillowcase workshop is one of several resilience programs run by Australian Red Cross, aimed at helping communities in high-risk locations prepare for disasters.



Bells Rapid footbridge is due to be upgraded under a state election pledge by Labor.

Swan Valley Visitors Centre takes gold at Australian Tourism Awards

SWAN Valley Visitor Centre has received a gold medal at this year's Qantas Australian Tourism Awards for visitor information services.

The iconic wine-growing region is soon to receive a sculpture trail and upgrades to the Bells Rapids footbridge following a Cook Labor government election commitment.

Other businesses were recognised for a diverse range of offerings, including for unique accommodation at Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm on the Dampier Peninsula, festivals and events at Margaret River Region Open Studios, and ecotourism offerings at Busselton Jetty.

WA's other gold award winners were Harvest Tours for excellence in food tourism, HeliSpirit (major tour and transport operators), and Spinifex Brewery Cable Beach (new tourism business).

Silver awards went to the Margaret River Region Open Studios (festivals and events) and the Rottnest Island Authority (tourism marketing and campaigns).

Bronze award recipients were Busselton Jetty, Broadwater Resort, Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm, Pull-

man Bunker Bay Resort, Singlefile Wines, WA Museum Boola Bardip and Wooleen Station.

Tourism Minister Reece Whitby said there is no better place to visit in this country than Western Australia.

"That's not just because we live in the biggest and most diverse state in Australia - it's because our tourism businesses know what visitors want, and they're delivering it in spades.

"I want to congratulate the 13 winners and finalists at this year's awards. Their success is proof the Cook Labor government's investment in and support for our state's tourism industry is working, with visitors spending a record \$17.9 billion in WA last financial year.

"We want to see that success continue, with Western Australians earlier this year overwhelmingly endorsing our plan to bring more major events to WA, secure flights to more global destinations, and reform our liquor and trading laws to boost our night-time economy.

"It's all part of our plan to keep doing what's right for WA's tourism industry."

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Kalamunda environment and climate forum



Federal Nationals candidate Mia Davies, Liberal candidate Matt Moran and Labor candidate Trish Cook are planned to discuss environment policies at the forum. Pictures: Guanhao Cheng

KALAMUNDA will hold an environment and climate forum on Wednesday, April 30 with federal candidates for the seat of Bullwinkel to come and discuss how policy will protect the environment.

The discussion will feature Bullwinkel’s Labor candidate Trish Cook, The Nationals candidate Mia Davies and Liberal candidate Matt Moran which will be held at Kalamunda Community Centre.

They will be joined by environment and conservation experts in an effort to explore how protections for forests and urban canopy can be strengthened, how to secure the area’s water future and address climate impacts on land and oceans.

This is aimed to inform planning in areas where nature and community intersect by dissecting what commitments candidates are bringing forth, asking what policies will safeguard landscapes and seascapes and how residents

can stay engaged with their representatives to make their voices heard.

This Conservation Council of WA (CCWA) event will be co-hosted by the WA Forest Alliance, and the Australian Marine Conservation Society.

A CCWA spokesperson said there will be opportunities for attendees to ask questions and interact with the candidates and experts.

“Following opening statements and a facilitated panel discussion, attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions and upvote the questions of others, and the emcee will direct the most upvoted questions to the candidates,” they said.

The spokesperson said beyond this discussion, local community had other methods available to protect the environment.

“There are so many different ways to take action on na-

ture and climate - no matter who you are, if you’re interested in protecting the environment there’s a way to get involved that’s right for you,” they said.

“From getting your hands dirty with planting and community clean-ups through to volunteering with local campaigns or making a donation, it’s really about finding something that fits your passion and capacity.

“Head to the ‘get involved’ page on CCWA’s website for more information.”

The spokesperson said at this federal election, the environment and climate will be crucial issues.

“People in the Perth Hills are in a seat that really matters to the national outcome,” they said.

“Now’s the time to get informed, get involved, and speak to the people around you about which parties are committed to protecting the natural environment we all love.”



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St John Midland wellbeing grants

THE St John of God Midland Private Hospital community wellbeing grants program applications are now open and will offer small grants between \$500 and \$2500 to local organisations who are improving the health and wellbeing of the community.

To be eligible for funding, organisations will need to demonstrate how a project will contribute to the mental or physical wellbeing of the community.

Priority will be given to projects that positively impact one or more of the hospital’s key focus areas of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, youth or people living with a disability and their carers.

The grants have previously been provided to a life-skills development program for at-risk teenagers, an art recovery group for people living with a mental illness and a camp for families of children with autism, amongst other programs.

St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospital Chief Executive Officer, Paul Dyer, said the grants are designed to provide additional support to groups who are providing much-needed services to the local community.

“As a not-for-profit organisation, we take pride in supporting the communities we serve in a variety of ways,” Mr Dyer said.

“Programs like the community wellbeing grants and our charity of the year initiative aim to ensure our care and values of hospitality, compassion, respect, justice and excellence are felt beyond our hospital walls.

“It is our privilege to support the many wonderful organisations running programs that enhance local health and wellbeing.”

The community wellbeing grants are a biannual program and have run since 2013.

The grant program was developed by St John of God Health Care to provide a much needed boost for grassroots groups delivering programs that provide tangible outcomes within the catchment that the hospital serves.

Between 2013 and 2023 the grants have supported almost 60 initiatives.

The deadline for applications is April 21, 2025.

For further information on the community wellbeing grants program, including eligibility criteria and how to apply, please visit www.sjog.org.au/midlandgrants



Hardwired Entertainment stunt riders will also be on show. Pictures Chooksphotography



Plenty of motorcycle enthusiasts will converge on York next weekend for the annual York Motorcycle Festival.

Motorbikes head to York for annual festival

PETER W LEWIS

THOUSANDS of motorcycles and spectators will head to York next weekend on Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6 for the annual York Motorcycle Festival.

The free festival is a family friendly weekend, and attracts motorbike riders and enthusiasts, car enthusiasts, and families who arrive each year to enjoy the event.

The event has been running since 2012 and serves as a fundraiser for the Black Dog Ride and also to raise public awareness for depression and suicide prevention.

The event includes trade displays in the main street of town, plus live music, motorbike stunts, show and shine, kid's activities, and market stalls.

The entertainment begins on the Saturday of the festival weekend with the York Motorcycle Festival

launch party at Avon Park from 4pm.

This free activity includes food trucks, bar and licensed area, kids' activities, live music, BMX stunt shows and fire entertainers.

The Harley-Davidson concert is on at the Imperial Homestead Saturday night from 8pm, while Settlers House will be hosting Hide the Harley where attendees can win some amazing Harley-Davidson prize packs.

Sunday of the festival weekend is the main event.

The main roads within the township are closed to traffic and filled with trade stalls, motorcycle displays, food trucks and the Harley-Davidson stunt track.

There will be the ever-popular Show and Shine display inside the York Town Hall with 10 categories, along with the people's choice awards, FMX stunts and Harley-Davidson stunt riders, live music and plenty of bikes on display.

The event includes a charity Black Dog Ride from

Midland and Narrogin on Sunday morning.

Avon Valley Black Dog Ride coordinator Wes Sutton said the worthy cause was invested in raising awareness of this important cause within the community.

"Last year more than 100 motorcyclists took part in the Avon Valley ride and this year we are hoping to attract even more riders and pillions," Mr Sutton said.

This year's ride will depart from the Kalamunda Agricultural Hall and wind through the Avon Valley, ending up in the beautiful town of Toodyay.

Interested riders can register on the official Black Dog Website at www.blackdogride.org.au

Camping is also available on the Saturday night for tents and swags at the York Recreation Centre and while toilet and shower facilities are available there is no power provided.

More information is available at yorkmotorcyclefestival.com.au

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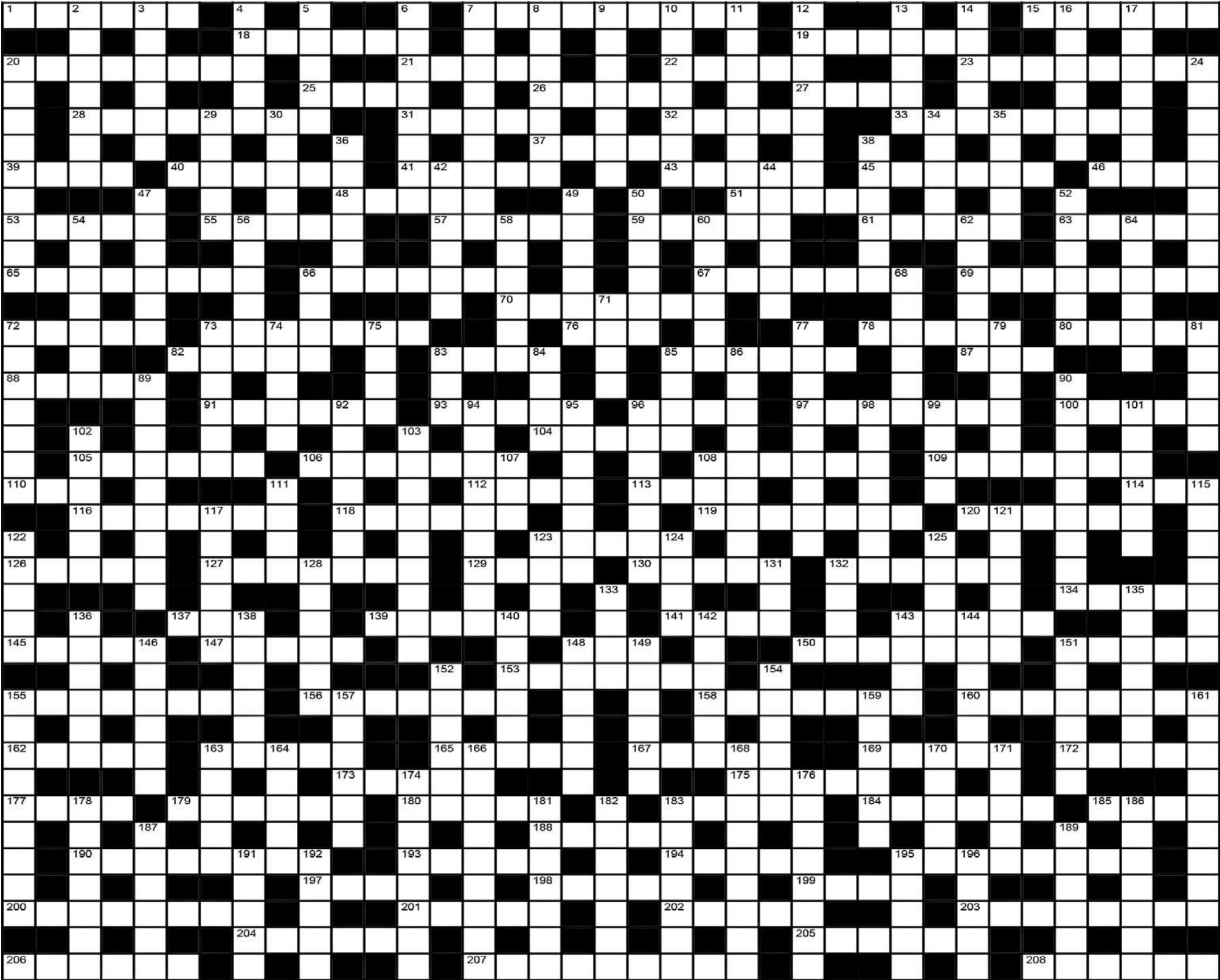
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- ACROSS

1 Blue pigment

7 A record keeper

15 Violated

18 Set on fire

19 Merciful

20 Pink wading bird

21 Circular motion

22 Express in words

23 Beginners

25 A ballet skirt

26 Emit light

27 A car

28 Endless time

31 Chain parts

32 Cook in oven

33 Underground storey

37 Character

39 Lawsuit

40 A meal

41 Astray

43 Banish from country

45 Create

46 Small bird

48 A month

51 Desert haven

53 Come out gradually

55 Black

57 Group of skits

59 A way to sing

61 Atolls

63 Bow-shaped

65 Staying alive

66 Firearm

67 A windflower

69 Protective walls

70 Stretches

72 Smooth transition (mus)

73 Small coloured balls

76 A beverage

78 A book

80 Complain

82 Abode of the dead

83 A waistband

85 Artist's paint surface

87 A chart

88 Type of cheese (var. spell.)

91 Dirty

93 Mar

96 Felines

97 Italian region

100 A black bird

104 Rest

105 Big-bang, e.g.

106 A table game

108 Last mentioned one

109 A dictionary

110 A listener

112 Quote

113 Part of a ship's hull

114 Climbing plant

116 Takes by force

118 Part of the foot

119 Of low character

120 Ranges

123 A crown sparkler

126 Thighbone

127 Type of hat

129 Leave

130 Of the sun

132 False

134 A heath plant

137 A passing craze

139 Tenuous

141 Short play

143 Blocks of sugar

145 Comes close

147 A sweet

148 Accelerate motor

150 Those sending out

151 A tempest

153 Railway stop

155 Hugs

156 Clandestine procedure

158 Light rain

160 Extinct monster

162 Indistinct

163 A defence - being elsewhere

165 A valuable item

167 Duck-like birds

169 Climbing plants

172 Jetties

173 Early sci-fi

175 Copious

177 Rescue

179 Large prawns

180 Urge to scratch

183 Absolute

184 Formerly hidden

185 Former Russian emperor

188 Admired stereotypes

190 Family patronage

193 Grossly unconventional

194 Not lighted

195 A pact

197 Type of acid

198 A church language

199 A bird

200 Wide view

201 Hunting dog

202 Foreign

203 Fast runner

204 Find a place

205 Imperative

206 Die

207 Enticing

208 Not many times

DOWN

2 Dam-building rodents

3 Dally

4 Garlic mayonnaise

5 Togetherness

6 Strange

7 Restore to friendship

8 Conjectures

9 Dexterity

10 Opposite in position

11 Destruction

12 Operating rooms

13 Chocolate substitute

14 Mountain tops

16 Acrid

17 A louvred window cover

20 Arrow makers

24 Musical compositions

29 Artless

30 A dance

34 Blacksmith's block

35 Sea eagles

36 Supplication

38 Sight

42 A shimmering illusion

44 Foamy soap

47 Cooking formula

49 Abandon

50 A wattle tree

52 Not wide

54 Erect

56 Sentimental song

58 Stanzas

60 US state

62 A badge

64 Member of the clergy

66 Bathing vessels

68 Amatory

71 Of aircraft

72 Be enough

73 Cattle trough

74 A word picture

75 Covetous feeling

77 Act of separation

79 Windpipe

81 A big occasion

83 Distress signal

84 One inheriting

85 Gently persuade

86 Sentimental recollection

89 Forefathers

90 Vertical cliff

92 Robbers

94 A former decision

95 Small hare

96 Hens' noises

98 Amount left over

99 Capable

101 Disappear

102 A brook

103 General agreement

107 Ocean current

108 A garland

111 Actual existence

115 Part of a ship's sail

117 A scoundrel

121 Garlic pieces

122 Many times

123 Dance mode

124 Ship's diaries

125 A line of people

128 Desks

131 A deep groove

132 Animal feet

133 Be greatly worried

135 Detach

136 Rogue (coll)

138 Of the back

140 Whips

142 Inflame

143 Daintily pleasing

144 Equine harness

146 Gazed

148 Uncommon thing

149 Shrew

151 Bends down

152 Flexible

154 Movie house

155 Listen secretly

157 Unimportant things

159 Adorable

161 Storage tank (Fr)

163 English racecourse

164 Metrical feet

166 Garden shears

168 Heavenly body

170 Of birth

171 Desert in Egypt

174 Glancing rebound

176 Precious metal

178 Wine merchant

181 Ceded

182 Former US car make

183 Destructive wave

186 Giving off perfume

187 Fire particles

189 Lure

191 A country

192 Garden material

195 Donkeys

196 Inclines to one side
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22 Lyric Lane Maylands

Sat March 29

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Jonny P.
6pm-9pm. Free.
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Hemingway & Co
Acoustic Saturday
From 6.30pm. Free.
6/7095 Great Eastern Highway
Mundaring

Bassendean Hotel
Inferno.
8.30pm-Late. Free.
25 Old Perth Road
Bassendean

Parkerville Tavern
Nathan Gaunt.
From 5pm. Free.
6 Owen Road
Parkerville

Mt Helena Tavern
Bronte and Josh.
From 6pm. Free.
900 Keane Street
Mount Helena

Lyric's Bar
Laneway Bar.
Crash Creole.
From 7pm. Free.
22 Lyric Lane Maylands

Sun March 30

Bassendean Hotel
Electrophobia.
From 2pm. Free.
25 Old Perth Road
Bassendean

Parkerville Tavern
Dr Bogus.
From 4pm. Free.
6 Owen Road
Parkerville

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Mel and Fenton.
4pm-7pm. Free.
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Lyric's Bar
Laneway Bar.
Michael J Brady (NSW).
From 2pm. Free.
22 Lyric Lane Maylands

Childlow Tavern
Live Music.
12.30pm - 3.30pm.
Free. 4 Thom-
as Sreet Chidlow

Settlers House York
The Back Verandah
Band. From 6pm. Free.
Avon Terrace York

Tues April 1

Hemingway & Co
Jazz Tuesday.
From 6pm. Free.
6/7095 Great Eastern Highway
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Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Smooth Grove.
5.30pm-8.30pm. Free.
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Wed April 2

Childlow Tavern
Muso Jam Night.
7.30pm till late. Free.
4 Thomas St Chidlow

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
House Grooves presented by Fenton Wilde.
5.30pm-8.30pm. Free.
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There are also two decent sized sheds and carports, with one of them being large enough to fit a caravan.

The home has a relaxed semi open-plan living layout, with a walk-in pantry and a dishwasher in a kitchen area that flows into the dining and living areas.

There are three queen sized bedrooms in the house, including the main bedroom which has a built-in robe and generous ensuite.

The other two bigger queen sized bedrooms also have built in robes and the last room is a double bedroom with built in robe.

The family bathroom has a separate toilet for convenience, and a well-equipped laundry and handy storage cupboards round off the interior aspects of the home.

Solar panels and a heat pump hot water system are installed to help keep electricity costs down.

Outside to the rear, is a large gable roof patio, perfect for outdoor entertaining.

The house garden is separately fenced for a dog or children to play safely and the 6m by 12m shed in the yard has power and a water tap on the outside.

To the rear of the shed is a fully lined back room plus another toilet and beyond that there is the stable and tack room area just a short walk from the house is a garage to the rear of the property.

At the front of the property is a winter creek and a winter dam.

The property has some established fruit trees, grapes, a vegetable bed and chook pen along with two paddocks for horses or other stock.

Bakers Hill has a pub, pie shop, cafe, gift shop, pharmacy, post office, microbrewery and golf club and is only a 20-minute drive from Northam where you can find good shopping and a hospital.

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Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk

Good Friday

Last Monday Colleen and I celebrated our forty-first wedding anniversary. There's one anniversary, though, we will never forget – our fifth one.

It coincided with a very early Good Friday – March 24. We were on our way to church, when Colleen said we needed to go to hospital. She was pregnant, near the time of giving birth to our third child, and contractions had started.

After examining Colleen, the hospital informed us that it wasn't time yet. We went back home. But within two hours, Colleen and I were back at hospital as she was having very strong contractions. Within an hour our third daughter was born – Heidi.

What a good day it was – celebrating five years of marriage and celebrating the birth of Heidi – all on 'Good Friday'. But even without those special things, 'Good Friday' is such a good day; even though it's the anniversary of Jesus' agonising death on a cross.

We may be intrigued by why it's even called 'Good Friday'. But it was a good day; even from Jesus' perspective! On that day, out of great love for us, Jesus died, bearing our sins, so that we could be forgiven and be with Him in heaven one day – if we would believe in Him. He declared, just before He died, "it is finished", making clear that He had accomplished salvation for us.

What a good day 'Good Friday' is – the day Jesus saved us because of His great love for us.



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Upcoming Events

• **The Kalamunda Ladies Probus Club** meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month at St Barnabas Church Hall, Railway Road, Kalamunda (entry off Spring Road) at 9am for 9.30am start. The club has 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. For more information contact their vice president Trish on 0468 309 823 or secretary Juliette on 9293 4438.

• **Midland Friendly Garden Club** meets at 9.30am on alternate Thursdays at Bruce Douglas Pavilion, Brown Park, Salisbury Road, Swan View.

The next meeting will take place on April 3. The guest speakers will be Linda and Paul Mitchener from The Green Life Soil Co who will be talking about the importance of healthy soil to grow plants successfully. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information call Jenny on 0424 553 002 or Barbara on 0482 935 686.

• **Mates** – a community event focussing on men's health and wellbeing – is on at the outdoor alfresco at Mundaring Church of Christ, 1470 Stoneville Road, Mundaring on Wednesday, April 2 from 6pm to 8pm. Held every six months the event, attracting up to more than 50 men, is now in its fourth year. An informal musical session is included so take along your musical instrument. For more information and to RSVP call Doug on

0409 107 019 or doug.facilitator@gmail.com

• **Kostera's in Kalamunda** is celebrating its 100th anniversary on Sunday, April 6 from 2pm to 5pm. To commemorate the 1925 to 2025 era a convoy of 1930s cars and 1950s buses will leave Kostera Oval and head to Kalamunda History Village. Parking is available with a short walk to the village. Entry is free to the village at the main entrance. Visitors can sign the memory book. There will be a presentation, a film of Kostera's in Kalamunda, memorabilia, photos, live coverage and music by KCR, yarns on the old days and more.

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Midland Guildford cricket exciting weekend of finals



JOSHUA MCKENZIE

IT was an exciting weekend of finals matches for Midland Guildford with the female A grade playing Subiaco Floreat in the grand final and the male 4th grade playing Fremantle in the semi final.

Playing at the WACA ground in the 50 over grand final against Subiaco Floreat, the female A grade side lost the toss and batted first.

It was a challenging innings for the team with Chloe Piparo being the lone standout scoring 53 runs from 57 balls.

The team was only able to manage a total of 140 all out from 38 overs as they were dismissed for a modest total.

In the second innings, Sheldyn Cooper and Shay Manolini managed a wicket each but it was not enough as their opposition chased the target in 32 overs with eight wickets remaining.

It was a disappointing finish for the female A grade, but it was a strong season regardless which saw them take out 1st position on the regular season ladder in both formats.

In the semi final of the male 4th grade competition, the team found themselves in early trouble as Fremantle took early wickets to leave the side 3-13 and later 5-63.

It was a vital partnership of 93 runs between Oliver Voorn and Lucas Walk-

er that took the score to 6-156, before Walker was dismissed on 45 from 116.

Voorn would go on to produce a sublime century with 101 from 183 with eight fours and a six.

From their 80 overs, the side would finish with 9-235 in a remarkable comeback from the early struggles they were facing.

As the second innings began, the side were able to restrict their opponents immediately, with the score being 4-28 from 24 overs at lunch.

This would later become 7-60 and after a short resurgence from the opposition, the team would dismiss their opponents for 148 all out to secure an 87-run victory and a spot in the grand final.

Ashley Mucciarone produced a phenomenal spell of bowling with 28 consecutive overs and figures of 4-56 along with 12 maidens.

This proved crucial in the victory along with the contributions from the other bowlers including Matthew Hampson (2-41 from 15 overs) and Matthew Barrington (2-25 from 10 overs).

This result means that the male 4th grade side will have the opportunity to play against Wanneroo in the grand final at Lark Hill Sporting Complex on Saturday, March 29 and Sunday, March 30.

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Midland combat sports: two wins in two weeks

COMBAT athletes from Midland's Mad Dog Martial Arts have been on a winning streak, scoring an impressive two wins in two weeks during their fights in February.

From debut nerves to stunning knock-outs, the team's fighters are proving they're a force to be reckoned with.

On February 15 Midland Mad Dog martial artist Dylan Pollard made his debut at the Inception promotion fight event against Joe Merendino from Pursuit Muay Thai.

Mad Dog Martial Arts coach Slade Hutcheson said with the Mad Dog team backing him up, Pollard warmed up with focus, even with his opponent and team sitting right beside him.

"Both fighters stepped into the ring for their very first bout, and while the nerves were definitely there, Dylan kept his cool," he said.

Round one was a close call, with both fighters coming out strong but by round two and three, Pollard found his rhythm.

He showcased his power with a strong cross and commanding push kicks, while keeping control in the clinch and not letting Merendino take over.

"It was a fantastic debut, with Dylan walking away victorious and proving that nerves can be turned into strength," Mr Hutcheson said.

A week later on February 22 the Mad Dog team competed in the Muay Thai Super Series.

This time it was Mad Dog Martial Arts' Jack Vostan who scored a victory with his performance.

Facing off against Pichitchai product Landen Watterson, Vostan wasted no time making his presence known.

After a powerful elbow in the second round, Watterson was sent to the canvas in a knockout blow that had the crowd roaring.



Coach Ashraf Farawah, fighter Dylan Pollard and coaches Slade Hutcheson and Shell Read after the victory.

"It wasn't just the knockout that had people talking," Mr Hutcheson said.

"Jack's precision and timing were on full display as he controlled the fight from start to finish.

"It was clear that his relentless training had paid off, and the win was a sweet reward for his hard work."

It was a victory that took the decision away from the judges, adding a notch to Vostan's achievements after his decision win last year as reported in *Midland's Mad Dog kickboxers take home the trophy* (Echo News, July 19, 2024).

Mr Hutcheson said he had to credit a massive part of the Mad Dog team's success to the mentorship and coaching from his fellow coaches Shell Read and Ashraf Farawah.

Mr Farawah is also an athlete competing for the Mad Dog gym, having made a successful MMA debut in November last year as reported in *Midland's MMA shines at Domination promotions* (Echo News, December 20, 2024).

"These coaches have been instrumental in guiding their fighters, pushing them to their limits, and shaping them

into top-tier competitors," Mr Hutcheson said.

"Their expertise, dedication, and unwavering belief in the team have made all the difference, and the results speak for themselves.

"With such strong leadership, the Mad Dog Martial Arts team is poised for even greater success in the future.

"With two wins in two weeks, the team is on a roll and showing no signs of slowing down.

"Keep your eyes on these rising stars – they're only getting started."

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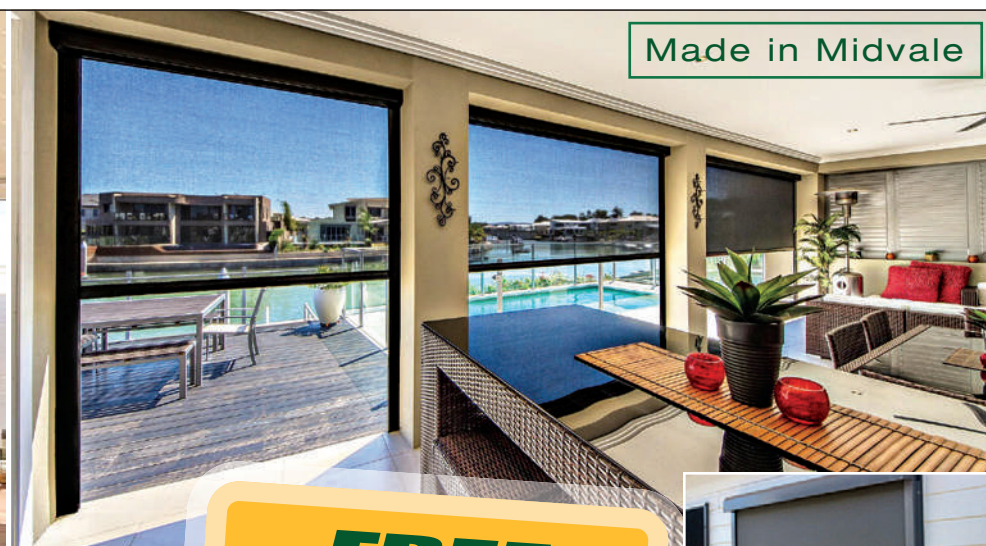


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