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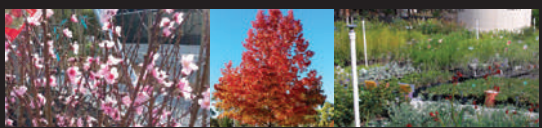
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Graham Cox: Still on top of the world after 30 years

THE 30 years devoted by Swan youth worker and Noongar man Graham Cox to reaching out a caring hand to others was celebrated last week at Swan City Youth Service.

Mr Cox sat on his golden throne as visitors arrived to give him a hug, have a laugh at the seat arranged in his honour, and strike up conversations about his achievements since beginning his career on April 1, 1995.

Swan City Youth Service general manager Rachel Robertson said the date he chose to start work had become a long-standing legend in the office.

"When Graham arrived for his first day of work on April 1, his boss looked at him and said, 'Who starts a new job on April Fools' Day?'," she said.

"So, naturally, Graham turned around, got back in his car, and went home.

"Thankfully, he returned the next day – and the rest, as they say, is history."

She said Mr Cox had made a lasting impact over his three decades of service.

"He played a pivotal role in the Gordon Enquiry, which led to the closure of the Swan Valley Camps, ensuring justice for young people who had suffered abuse," she said.

"He also spearheaded efforts to improve safety measures around volatile substances, advocating for secure storage in hardware stores like Bunnings and WA Salvage."

Ms Robertson said Mr Cox remained a steady and passionate force, even as youth work took its toll on many.

"In a field where burnout, vicarious trauma and compassion fatigue are all too common, Graham has found the balance that has allowed him to keep showing up, day after day, for three incredible decades," she said.

Among his most recent initiatives is the Kadadjing Circle, a school-based program developed five years ago to help young people shift their mindset away from prison as a rite of passage and toward cultural identity, storytelling, creativity and healing. "We just guide these young blokes on their journey," Mr Cox said.

"It's not our journey – people think when they come into this job that they can change people. "You cannot change people."

Instead, he said, young people should be supported to uncover their own strengths.

"We give them different options, we give them different ways of seeing things," he said.

"We give them choices and options – they change themselves."

Known to many as Uncle Graham or Unc, Mr

Cox has worked with generations of local youth, including volatile substance users and those other services turned away.

"Our doors are never closed," he said.

"Even if it's an older guy off the street that wants a feed, you've got to give them the staples of life."

His reflections were filled with humility and humour, but he made clear the work was never about ego.

"I don't just love myself; I idolise myself," he once joked to a colleague but the wisdom followed close behind.

"It's not our job to walk in the shoes of young people," he said.

"It is our job to walk behind them on their journey, so that we can be ready to catch them when they fall back."

Over the years, Mr Cox has helped inspire a new generation of youth workers and community advocates, many of whom started out as students or volunteers under his mentorship.

"I personally start every day knowing nothing," he said.

"Then I work my way through the day by listening to stories from the young people."

In 2023, Mr Cox was named Midland NAIDOC's male Elder of the year. He was also a participant in the Swan Lullabies project, which helped showcase Noongar language and the gentle strength of fatherhood as an Aboriginal man.

In 2024, he was recognised with the Swan Chamber of Commerce's employee of the year award.

Mr Cox said that he still loved his job as he loved it the day he began and if he lost the passion for youth work, he would walk out instantly.

"But through all those years I never doubted my ability, I never doubted the job, I never doubted the young people and I never ever doubted my work colleagues – and I'm still here."



A young Graham Cox in his office.

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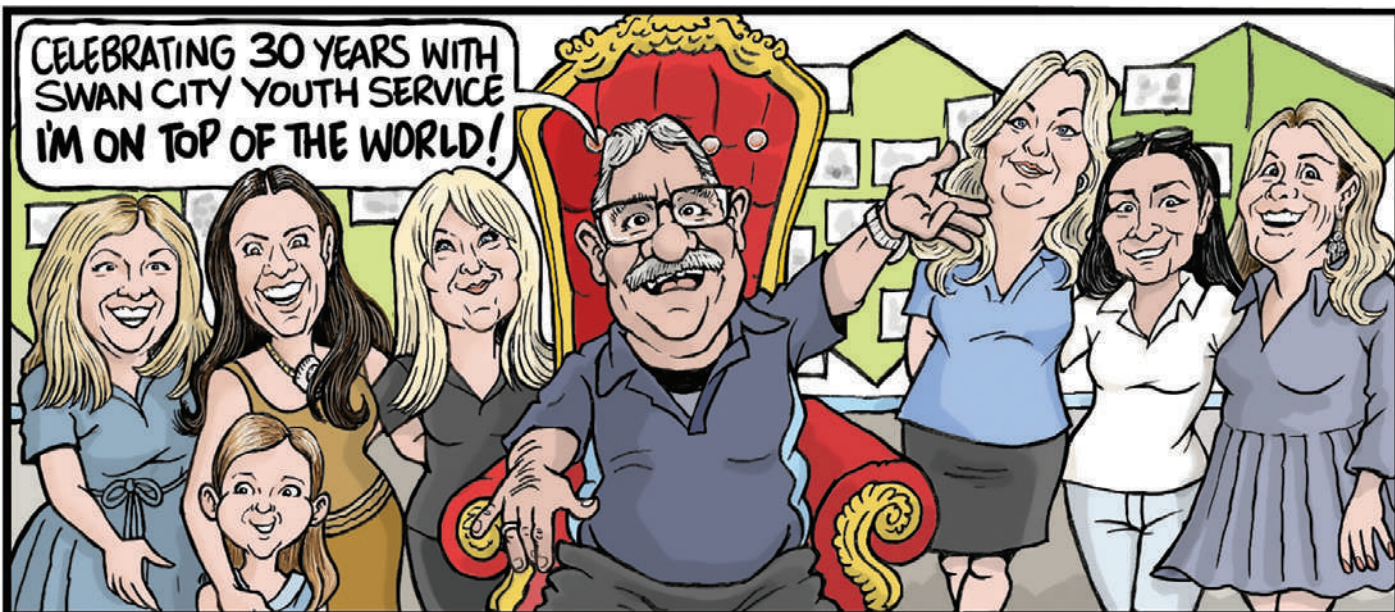
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Early morning recycling

Dear Echo News,

I am writing very tired from being awoken at 6.30am by a man taking beer bottles out of next door's yellow bin.

I spoke to him and advised he had woken me up and he replied that it was his livelihood.

This I don't believe,

as even the unemployed have benefits.

He had no concern that he had woken me up and said next time he would come back at 7am.

Do I want to get woken up by the sound of some stranger searching through bins and dropping them into a crate? No, I want my rest after a long evening shift.

I rang the police and was advised it was a City of Swan matter.

The police officer also advised he has the same issues up in the hills on bin day.

This man is new as the rest come late at night, and he is organised with his own crates and own car.

The others are usually on a skateboard. One is completely covered in black and has a cloth over his face.

So, if you see a guy with brown short hair with a cap and an Australian flag t-shirt tell him to bugger off.

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Swan hospital demolition by neglect

Dear Echo News,

Thank you for exposing the political situation with the old Swan hospital in *Swan District Hospital in ruins and in limbo* (Echo News, April 4).

The hospital will now end in demolition by neglect, a term previously used to destroy an old home on Spring Road and Great Northern Highway.

However, it appears that a land developer has the land, seeing the area is fenced off with Rivermark signage?

**D Cruden
Jane Brook**

Sensible advice for voters

Dear Echo News,

Some sensible advice to the voters with the federal election approaching.

Try choosing the ones with some common sense – ones who will eventually help the voters and really help the people.

I have one very sensible suggestion, slow down immigration for up to a decade.

I also have a suggestion to all candidates – please, when advertising yourself, put your mobile number as well as all other ways of communication.

Not every voter has a computer and not every voter uses Facebook.

I am 73-years-old, and do not know or use any modern extras.

Love your paper!

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Glen Forrest**

Donate to The Salvos 61st appeal

Dear Echo News,

The Salvation Army is calling on the community to sign up for this year's 61st Red Shield Appeal, raising local funds to support people who are struggling most in our region.

Across Australia the Salvos are aiming to raise \$38 million for Australia's largest and longest-running door-knock appeal.

The last few years have been incredibly tough for the hardest hit in our community, and for many that shows no sign of slowing down.

We see so many people grappling with increased stress and uncertainty as everyday living has become unaffordable, leading to

Thought for the day

"Success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get." — WP Kinsella

housing stress, financial hardship and an inability to get by.

The funds raised in Perth for the Red Shield Appeal will stay in the local community and will be used to meet the specific needs faced by the most disadvantaged and vulnerable.

Earlier this year, The Salvos released their Social Justice Stocktake and within WA it was found that 73.5 per cent of people identified the issue of housing affordability and homelessness as the top concern for the community, with the second being access to health care at 56.6 per cent.

The Red Shield Appeal culminates in the Red Shield Weekend (May 24 and 25), and there are a number of ways to get involved throughout the month of May - volunteering by collecting at local shopping centres and other locations, door knocking, online fundraising, organising a collection at your workplace, school or sporting event and making a donation.

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Please reach out to your local Salvos to find out more about

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**Major Warren Palmer
The Salvation Army**

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Mundaring council rejects Darlington childcare recommendation

GUANHAO CHENG

A PROPOSAL to build a childcare centre in Darlington was unanimously rejected by Mundaring councillors at Tuesday night's meeting, despite a shire officer's recommendation to approve the development.

Dozens of Darlington residents filled the public gallery and several made deputations opposing the proposed development at 1 Amherst Avenue, which proposed to build a childcare centre for 80 children.

At the December 10, 2024 ordinary council meeting, Mundaring councillors resolved to request an extension of time from the development assessment panel (DAP) for the application relating to the development to consider at a later meeting.

The DAP, which has the final say, granted an extension until midday on Wednesday, April 16.

Darlington Residents and Ratepayers Association (DRRA) chairperson Louise Stelfox said the officer report failed to address the cumulative impacts of the proposal.

"This is a win for Darlington and the hills community," she said.

"It demonstrates people power and that large commercial development doesn't belong in congested, residential areas.

"It also demonstrates the importance of councillors who are diligent in thoroughly appraising development applications, reading public submissions and listening to the community."

The proposal was lodged by Briscola Pty Ltd and triggered a public consultation period late last year, prompting 59 submissions from residents raising concerns about traffic, amenity, bushfire evacuation and noise.

Despite this, shire officers recommended approval in their responsible authority report (RAR), stating that infrastructure services had no concerns that the proposal will result in any significant traffic issues.

Ms Stelfox said residents were incredulous at that assessment.



The Darlington Residents and Ratepayers Association were pleased council voted to reject the officer's recommendation.

"There needs to be two entrances for bushfire evacuation and there was only one," she said.

"Parents would be walking across the road with children going from daycare to school at the same time – that's the peak traffic period. The application is for a large, commercial development in a residential area.

"The built form was going to be (about) five sea containers high."

Councillors raised a number of objections during debate, including loss of amenity, traffic impacts, and non-compliance with the Western Australian Planning Commission's

childcare policy regarding vulnerable land uses.

The site, which sits in a bushfire prone area, was originally assessed by the proponent at bushfire attack level (BAL) 12.5, but later revised to BAL 29.

"Neighbouring homes have a BAL rating of 40," Ms Stelfox said.

One resident asked how evacuation of 80 infants and children could be safely achieved if a bus was not available during an emergency.

Ms Stelfox said DRRA's campaigning played a role in ensuring the application came before council in the first place.

"This application would not have come to council if it wasn't for DRRA lobbying Mundaring Shire and councillors to bring DAP applications to council," she said.

The proposal is yet to be considered by the Outer Metropolitan DAP, but Ms Stelfox said she hoped the proponent would reconsider.

"DRRA would like to help them find an alternative location," she said.

"We're not anti-development (and) we're not anti-childcare.

"We just want to make sure the shire does its job (and) childcare is provided in a sustainable way."

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Father says he'd appreciate call from Education Minister

ANITA McINNES

THE father of a teenage boy allegedly assaulted at an Ellenbrook shopping centre on April 2 says the issue is a societal problem and not the fault of one school.

On Wednesday, the father whose son attends Aveley Secondary College told *Echo News* that “as a community we have to stand up” and call for solutions “but we can’t blame the individual school”.

He also said he had not been contacted by Education Minister Sabine Winton but he would appreciate a call.

In contrast, following a separate incident involving the alleged assault and hospitalisation of an eight-year-old child from a primary school in High Wycombe, Ms Winton confirmed in state Parliament on Wednesday that she had spoken to the younger child’s parents.

Ms Winton said she was very comforted by the fact that they were absolutely satisfied with the school’s response and with the

supports that they were getting. “Interestingly, they seem more interested in finding solutions to what is happening in our schools and providing constructive ways in which we can support our schools – not only for (their own child), but those parents are also interested in the kids that are perpetrating the violence.”

“It is such a refreshing approach to have people meet with me and come up with solutions.”

Midland detectives are still investigating the alleged serious assault of the Aveley SC student, which happened about 4.20pm last Wednesday, when he was approached by a group of juveniles known to him.

The teenager received serious facial injuries as a result and was conveyed by St John WA to Perth Children’s Hospital for treatment.

The 14-year-old’s father said to see his son unconscious in the Ellenbrook Central shopping centre and to see him undergo an operation and seizures had been very difficult.

The father said his son’s jaw had



The father of an Aveley Secondary College student allegedly assaulted at Ellenbrook Central says the issue is a societal problem. Picture: Google

been broken in two places and that during an operation on Friday two plates and eight screws had been inserted and part of his jaw wired to keep it together.

WA Police said a 15-year-old male was arrested and charged

with one count of acts intended to cause harm or endanger the life, health or safety of any person.

He is due to appear before the Perth Children’s Court on Wednesday, April 23.

The father said he had heard a

meeting had been held including principals, police, shopping centre management from Ellenbrook and Aveley but he had not been given an update from anyone following the meeting.

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Swan pauses FOGO rollout

ANITA McINNES

THE City of Swan has paused the rollout of its FOGO service.

Swan councillors voted 12-2 on Wednesday, April 9 to seek a review of the FOGO service and consider GO as an alternative but *Echo News* understands the service had already

been paused before the councillors made this decision.

A notice of motion put forward by Pearce ward councillor Aaron Bowman requested that a report be provided to the council within two months (changed to within four months) to allow for any budget considerations, of possible options available to the council of amending the

current FOGO program, which includes GO instead of FOGO and GO collected fortnightly with general municipal waste reverting back to weekly pick up and all rural properties removed from the GO service.

Cr Bowman said the reason for the motion was feedback from the community had been and continued to be

overwhelming that a fortnightly general municipal waste pick up was not satisfactory, community feedback on the proposed changes was never sought and the contamination rates were excessive.

On Thursday morning the city said the matter would be reported back to the council in the coming months.



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Commercial broadcast issues in Kalamunda

CINDY CARTOJANO

KALAMUNDA born and raised Karene Nixon says she's experienced issues with TV reception in her area ever since she can remember.

Ms Nixon said the lack of reception was a daily occurrence, which happened any-time between 6pm and 6.30pm.

"It goes from being a perfectly good screen, then starts to do a little pixelation and then it just completely pixelates out and it's just a black screen," she said.

"You can scroll through channels and it's just black because it can't pick up any sig-nals at all."

Ms Nixon said throughout her childhood Channel 10 was always an issue but in re-cent years, channels 7 and 9 followed suit.

She said the ABC and SBS networks worked normally and she believed the is-sue to be with commercial broadcasters.

Ms Nixon said she already had two aeri-als at her home and thought the aerial wasn't the problem.

"I was blaming the magpies and the kookaburras for landing on it, but that's not it."

She said she has lived at the house for about 50 years and said the lines are about 60 years old.

"That's about when the house was built," she said.

When Ms Nixon finally had enough, she turned to Facebook at the end of March and asked if other Kalamunda residents had experienced the same issue.

As people commented on her post, she found it wasn't just a problem at her home, there were others.

Ms Nixon found another resident who installed two aerials to try solve the prob-lem but throughout the 26 years of having the second aerial installed, the resident still had issues with reception.

According to the government's myS-

witch website, Kalamunda should have good coverage.

A City of Kalamunda spokesperson said TV and digital reception enquiries and concerns fall under the responsibility of the federal government.

"The city's involvement is generally lim-ited to instances where infrastructure, such as communication towers, is proposed on city-managed land, at which point we may enter into a lease agreement.

"While the city can advocate on behalf of residents where known reception issues exist, we recommend directing your ques-tions to the relevant federal representatives or agencies who oversee broadcasting ser-vices," the spokesperson said.

When *Echo News* asked the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA), why transmission was a problem in Kalamunda, a spokesperson advised the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) would have information and advice.

An ACMA spokesperson told *Echo News* TV broadcast stations were respon-sible for the transmission of their signals.

ACMA was also asked if it could pro-vide statistics on the uptake of Viewer Ac-cess Satellite Television (VAST) in Kala-munda.

VAST is a service for remote commu-nities and travellers who are unable to receive TV reception from a land-based transmitter or would like to receive free to air TV in their vehicles or camp sites, ac-cording to DITRDCA.

Ms Nixon said she used to have a VAST box when she lived in the country.

"You used to get a VAST box and that's how you got your channels.

"We shouldn't have to have that in the middle of suburbia," she said.

ACMA's website stated VAST is man-aged by MySatTV.



Kalamunda resident Karene Nixon said TV reception has always been an issue in the area. Picture: Cindy Cartojano

But a spokesperson at MySatTV told *Echo News* they do not keep track of sta-tistics regarding VAST.

Ms Nixon hoped action would be taken to address the issues with TV transmission in Kalamunda.

"I just want to sit down and relax, whip my feet up, watch the news and stuff like that.

"It'd be nice to have enough signal to be able to do that without losing those other channels," she said.

Easter public holidays Bin collection

Take note of changes to your bin collection day over the Easter period.

If your usual bin day is normally on a Friday, it will be collected on Saturday 19 April instead.

There are no changes to collections for Easter Monday or ANZAC Day public holidays.



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Volunteers build cocky nest boxes in Hazelmere

GUANHAO CHENG

DOZENS of volunteers gathered in Hazelmere this week to build large artificial hollows for black cockatoos at a nest box workshop hosted by Trillion Trees.

More than 30 participants took part in constructing artificial hollows at the Hazelmere nursery, aiming to support endangered black cockatoos, which struggle to find natural nesting sites.

Trillion Trees ecological restoration manager Doug Laurie said artificial hollows were one way to support species affected by clearing.

"Every time a housing estate goes in, there's a lot of old trees that get taken out," he said.

"So this is one way we can simulate nature, because hollows take 150 to 200 years to form.

"And so to provide an artificial hollow in the short term while other trees grow is one way that we can sort of help those species that are in urgent need."

The workshop was led by environmental scientist and ornithologist Simon Cherriman, who guided participants through the technical steps of constructing a functional and durable nest box.

"You've all been drilling drainage holes, putting in sacrificial chewing posts, lining the bases – these are tree-ready," Mr Cherriman said during a wrap-up talk.

"All of this hard work is the start of the journey, not the end."

Mr Cherriman said the artificial hollows, once installed high in trees, had already been used by a wide variety of wildlife.

"These boxes have been used by red-tailed black cockatoos, Carnaby's black cockatoos, ducks, owls, possums and geckos," he said.

He said one of the advantages of the box design was that it helped keep out pest species.

"If our feral bee population disappeared tomorrow, it would be one of the best things that could happen for hollow-dependent fauna in the south-west of WA," he said.

Mr Cherriman encouraged residents in the Perth Hills and Avon Valley to stay involved by volunteering, spreading awareness or funding box installations.

"You might not see a cockatoo move in straight away – it might take time – but every box is a step toward helping these incredible birds survive," he said.



Volunteers gathered in Hazelmere to build artificial large hollow nests with environmental scientist Simon Cherriman guiding the workshop. Pictures: Guanhao Cheng



Bee alert as keepers look out for varroa

CINDY CARTOJANO

AS the threat of varroa mite looms over Australia's bee farms, The House of Honey director Rupert Phillips says they are being extra vigilant and proactive during this year's bee pest blitz (BPB), which is held each April.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) are encouraging WA beekeepers to participate in the April blitz and report the results to the department.

According to Plant Health Australia, the blitz is part of a national campaign to identify bee pests to mitigate against any impact on the industry and environment.

"The BPB campaign aims to create awareness of exotic and established bee pests, the importance of hive inspections using nationally-agreed surveillance techniques and consistent record keeping and reporting of results," Plant Health Australia stated on its website.

"The campaign also aims to increase understanding of roles and responsibilities and the shared culture in biosecurity."

Mr Phillips said a varroa mite breeds within the beehive by attaching itself to honeybee larvae and adult bees before killing them.

"Only with beekeeper intervention can a colony survive and not always so either," Mr Phillips said.

Although BPB is held annually, Mr Phillips said awareness for pests is part of a beekeeper's regular routine.

According to the DPIRD, there are more than 4500 registered beekeepers in WA, with more than 53,000 hives.

"WA's bee industry is notable for remaining free from many serious bee diseases and pests that challenge the honey industry elsewhere," DPIRD deputy chief plant biosecurity officer Michelle Christy said.

According to the federal body Outbreak, varroa mite was first detected in 2022 in NSW.

"In September 2023, it was agreed that it was not technically feasible to eradicate varroa mite."

In August 2024, Agriculture Victoria reported the first case of varroa mite outside of New South Wales.

"In Australia we are now embarking upon a rather monumental battle to keep our bees alive and well following the incursion of the varroa mite in NSW," Mr Phillips said.

"We are trying our very best to keep it out of WA, which requires an acute awareness by beekeepers and the general public."

Mr Phillips said the blitz is beneficial for both hives and industry.

"A good working knowledge of these pests and diseases greatly assists all beekeepers in keeping hives healthy and numerous, which in turn benefits honey production and pollination enormously."

"More bees equals more honey and better pollination of crops."

"A win for everyone," he said.



A beekeeper at The House of Honey on their way to smoke a hive. Picture: Cindy Cartojano

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Free flu vaccine available for winter

THE state government is encouraging Western Australians to get a free flu vaccination during May and June to protect themselves during the peak influenza period.

All Western Australians older than six months are eligible for the vaccine, and getting vaccinated will help reduce the risk of severe illness and hospitalisation this winter.

While the vaccine is free, individual providers may charge a consultation or service fee.

To access a free flu vaccine in May and June, people can book an appointment at participating GPs, community pharmacies, Aboriginal Medical Services, nurse practitioner clinics, corporate vaccination service providers and community health clinics.

Influenza is a highly contagious respiratory illness that can lead to life-threatening complications.

The peak period for influenza transmission in Western Australia is typically June to September.

However, there are already higher than usual influenza cases in WA for this time of year.

Up to 12 March 2025, WA has reported 3,442 influenza cases in the year to date.

The community is urged to get their influenza

vaccine as soon as possible, especially young children, older adults, and those with underlying medical conditions.

It is especially recommended for people aged over 65, who are at higher risk of serious complications from influenza.

Outside of May and June, free flu vaccines are also available through the national immunisation program (NIP) or state-funded program for people considered most at risk of severe illness, including pregnant women, people older than 65, children from six months to year six, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over six months, and people who are immunocompromised or have serious medical conditions.

Premier Roger Cook said his government will never stop working towards making Western Australia the healthiest state in the nation.

"The state government's free flu program has the potential to be the difference between life and death for some Western Australians. Ensuring you're vaccinated against influenza is the best defence against the virus developing into serious illness over winter."

"The free flu program lets us all do our bit to stay healthy and ease pressure on the health system."



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Nationals candidate for Bullwinkel Mia Davies at Burkinshaw Park with Glen Forrest Cricket Club members.

Nats pledge \$1.25m for Burkinshaw Park

THE Nationals candidate for Bullwinkel Mia Davies has announced a \$1.25 million election commitment for new sporting and community clubrooms at Burkinshaw Park in Glen Forrest if returned to government at the federal election.

Cricket and tennis, along with winter sports, will all benefit from the upgrades, which will include universal changerooms and improved accessibility.

"Glen Forrest is one of the fastest growing suburbs in the Shire of Mundaring and the facilities at Burkinshaw Park are no longer big enough or fit for purpose," Ms Davies said.

"The community deserves modern clubrooms to provide access to sport for all community members, regardless of gender, age, or ability.

"Anyone that has visited the current clubrooms that are home to cricket and tennis during the summer months will know just how outdated and unsuitable they are."

Ms Davies said the upgrades are aimed to address the growing participation in junior and senior sports throughout the Shire, especially among women.

"The Glen Forrest Women's Cricket

Team, which has been a grand finalist for the past three years, needs suitable facilities to host matches and attract more participants," she said.

"We need facilities that are welcoming, that encourage families and young people to participate, and that make it easy for our hardworking volunteers to run the clubs and seasons activities."

Ms Davies said the Shire of Mundaring had been a strong supporter of the upgrades and congratulated them on their advocacy and willingness to provide matching funding to get the project off the ground.

"As a former Minister for Sport and Recreation I applaud the focus of the Shire to provide modern facilities that encourage their community to get involved in sport," she said.

"Sport can be a game changer, particularly team sport, and we need to keep working on providing opportunities for people of all ages and ability to join a club and reap the benefits.

"This extends beyond the physical benefits to include mental well-being, creating a sense of belonging and community cohesion.

Hartfield Park cricket and rugby pledge

AN elected Coalition government will improve local sporting facilities in Forrestfield by delivering \$5.75 million to build a new cricket and rugby pavilion at Hartfield Park.

Liberal candidate for Bullwinkel Matt Moran said the commitment would deliver much needed upgrades so local sporting clubs can continue to grow.

This funding will deliver the construction of a new co-located facility for the cricket and rugby club and ensure club members and the community can access safe and modern facilities.

The funding will also deliver an expansion of Morrison Oval which includes new LED sports flood lights, car park improvements, cricket nets, and landscaping.

"I've had strong feedback from local sports clubs about the need for upgraded facilities. Investing in sport is vital for

a healthy community," Mr Moran said.

"With participation in sports growing in our area, these expanded facilities will mean sporting clubs that call Hartfield Park home can continue to grow and thrive."

Nationals Bullwinkel candidate Mia Davies said Hartfield Park played host to thousands of hours of sport every year and is a significant regional community sport and recreation precinct for the City of Kalamunda.

"Hartfield Park is home to some great sporting clubs and it's clear the volunteers work hard to support their players and encourage as many people as possible to participate," she said.

"But when it comes to cricket and rugby the facilities need some work - especially to cater for women's and junior teams."

Ms Davies said the City of Kalamunda had worked with

the two clubs on the designs for the new facility which would be finalised when funding was secured.

She welcomed a commitment from Rugby WA to invest in the project pointing to the growing membership and player numbers in Forrestfield as a good investment for their sport.

"The Hawks Cricket Club has 100 members on the books and is growing, and the Bulls have over 400 in their club and are bursting at the seams in their current clubrooms," she said.

Kalamunda Rugby Club President Barry Jordan said the announcement was huge news for the club.

"New upgraded club rooms will mean we can keep expanding our junior club. Which in turn will mean more local players coming into our senior environment creating a stronger club for our local community," he said.

Information sought over York fatal crash

MAJOR crash investigation officers are seeking the public's assistance for information relating to a fatal crash that occurred in Kauring, near York, on Friday, April 4.

About 11.50pm, a green Toyota Hilux utility was travelling east on the Quairading-York Road, when near Cubbine Road, the vehicle left the road and rolled.

The male driver and female passenger, both aged 28 years, received life-threatening injuries in the crash and died at the scene.

Major crash investigators are urging anyone who saw or has information relating to this crash, or who saw the Toyota Hilux utility travelling in the area prior to the crash, to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online via

www.crimestopperswa.com.au

Dash-cam, or mobile phone vision relating to this crash, can be uploaded directly to investigators via this link: <https://wapf.au.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/kauring>

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STROKE Foundation is calling on the Australian government to urgently reverse its decision to not extend funding in this year's federal budget for vital stroke awareness, secondary prevention and recovery support programs, which benefit thousands of Australians of all ages

impacted by stroke every year.

Now that the election has been called, the foundation is calling for all parties to commit to funding these critical programs and increase investment in chronic disease prevention if elected.

"As the only national charity dedicated to stroke, Stroke Foundation is

disappointed not to see urgently needed funding for one of Australia's top five causes of death and disability included in the budget," a spokesperson said.

Over 45,000 Australians of all ages experienced a stroke in 2023 (one stroke every 11 minutes), and there are now over 440,000 survivors of stroke living around Australia.

Stroke is estimated to impact the Australian economy in excess of \$9 billion dollars a year (accounting for health system costs, lost productivity, unpaid care costs, and National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) costs).

Stroke Foundation is currently delivering the FAST (Face, Arms, Speech, Time) community education and stroke awareness program; and the living well after stroke secondary prevention program aimed at supporting Australian survivors of stroke to make changes to their health behaviours and improve secondary



stroke prevention.

"Without additional support from the Australian government support, the Stroke Foundation will be unable to extend these programs beyond December 2025," Stroke Foundation chief executive officer, Dr Lisa Murphy said.

"Given the huge impact stroke has on the lives of tens of thousands of Australians every year, we are extremely disappointed there has been no investment in stroke prevention, treatment and recovery in this year's federal budget," Dr Murphy said.

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Vintage motorbikes in Midland for Old Iron event

THE Vintage Motorcycle Club of Western Australia (VMCCWA) has held its annual Old Iron event in the Midland Railway Workshops.

The VMCCWA is a non-profit club which holds the event to display vintage and classic motorcycles, some of which go back to 1904.

Murray Barnard from the VMCCWA said for the club's 50th anniversary being celebrated this year the Old Iron motorcycle display and swap meet was held at the Midland Workshops with the assistance of the Machinery Preservation Club of WA.

"The day was blustery and stormy but it did not detract from the festive atmosphere of this anniversary event," he said.

"From the start, the heritage precinct provided a wonderful background for the display of motorcycles and machinery with many up to 120 years old.

"A great number of the motorcycles

were clearly lovingly maintained and looked as good as new.

"The variety of machines covered examples of some of the best produced by Britain, Italy, Germany and Japan amongst others.

"Machines rarely seen were on display from the more well-known brands such as Triumph, BSA, Ariel, AJS but also HRD, Douglas, FN, Premier, MZ, CZ, Jawa and BMW.

"Japan was well represented with machines from all major brands i.e. Honda, Suzuki, Kawasaki and Yamaha."

Mr Barnard said the show was crowded from the start with upwards of 1500 people attending without including the many volunteers making the event happen.

"The sausage sizzle sold out as did the canteen run by the hard working ladies.

"Nearly 50 swap meet stalls also made the event a success as did the Machinery Preservation Club with the hand tools dis-

play and old machinery.

"The vintage motorcycle club presented a restored BSA C11 motorcycle to the Machinery Preservation Club in appreciation of their assistance."

Midland MLA Steve Catania and Midland Guildford ward councillor Rashelle Predovnik both attended.

"Rashelle has been a welcome and enthusiastic supporter of the vintage club's involvement in the heritage precinct for some time now," Mr Barnard said.

"With the success of the Old Iron show for 2025, the VMCCWA is looking forward to building a more permanent presence in the area if and when the opportunity arises, especially in respect of suitable accommodation to maintain and display the many rare motorcycles on hand.

"The club preserves much of Western Australia's motorcycling heritage and the latest show proves it can attract many people to the region."



Shawn Vieceli with several old British Ambassador machines in the Midland Railway Workshop's Powerhouse.

Kindness, branding and TikTok virality at Hour of Power

GUANHAO CHENG

KINDNESS and authenticity were the focus at this week's Swan Chamber of Commerce Hour of Power, where speakers shared stories of purpose, perseverance and viral marketing.

Midland Meals founder Loren Pratt, who won the City of Swan citizen of the year award in 2024, spoke about his journey founding Midland Meals, which now feeds about 100 people a night across three locations.

He said his life had been shaped by small acts of love, recalling how his mother once gently removed burrs from the back of a man sleeping rough.

"You never judge people," he said.

"You love the unlovable – you love them until they ask you why."

He told attendees his drive came from both faith and experience, including early lessons on resilience and compassion learned on a farm in rural New South Wales.

"Life is mostly froth and bubble," he said.

"Two things stand like stone – kindness in another's trouble, courage in your own."

Mr Pratt said Midland Meals had grown from a single trailer and pot of soup into a registered organisation with more than 200 volunteers.

"I just want to bless this city," he said.

Pham Group director Matthew Pham and owner of several IGA supermarkets gave a presentation on branding, social media and the value of being genuine and projecting that in online marketing.

He said a light-hearted video promoting Chick-fil-A sauce had reached more than half a million views and led to the sale of 500 bottles across his stores.

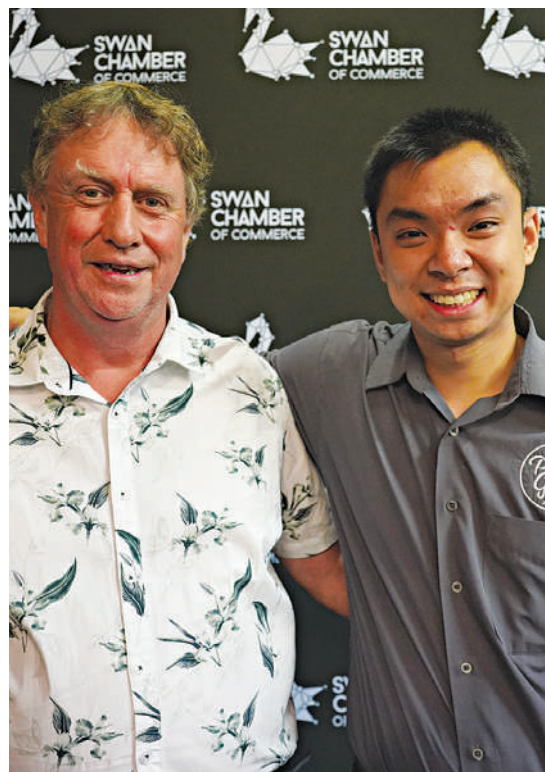
"This dumb TikTok video – it's okay to call it dumb because my staff remind me it is," he said.

"But it actually worked."

He shared three lessons for success online: be authentic, build community and hit the post button.

"It's like throwing darts – eventually one hits the bullseye," he said.

Mr Pham also spoke about his past struggles



April's speakers Loren Pratt and Matthew Pham shared stories about their successes and the lessons they learned through kindness and courage.

with social anxiety, saying volunteering helped him gain confidence and direction.

"My parents were boat refugees and I realised how lucky I had it," he said.

"Volunteering is the best thing I've done in my life – period."

The session ended with questions from the audience covering everything from artificial intelligence to how to get involved with Midland Meals.

"You never touch a person so lightly that you don't leave a trace," Mr Pratt said.

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St Barnabas Church – 40 Railway Road, Kalamunda
St Swithun's Church – 195 Lesmurdie Road, Lesmurdie

Maundy Thursday – April 17

- 9am: Mass at St Swithun's
- 6pm: Fish & chips meal in St Barnabas Hall (book by email to admin@kalamundaanglicans.org.au), then 7pm Mass

Good Friday – April 18

- 9am: Matins at St Barnabas with Stations of the Cross
- 3pm: Vespers at St Swithun's with Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 19

- 3pm: Vespers with Flowering of the Cross at St Swithun's

Easter Sunday – April 20

- 6am: The Great Vigil of Easter at St Barnabas
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Friday 18th April Stations of the Cross
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Friday 18th April The Passion of the Lord
At Sacred Heart Mundaring 3.00pm

Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

Saturday 19th April The Easter Vigil Mass at Mundaring 7.00pm
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Weekend of heritage in York

PETER W LEWIS

YORK's historic annual Heritage Weekend is on again starting with country style Anzac Day events including a special tribute to York's soldiers who served in WWI at the Residency Museum from 11am to 3pm.

Later in the day a heritage family concert will be held in the Stables Theatre behind the York Courthouse in Avon Terrace, with gates open at 6pm, so BYO snacks and drinks. Entry by donation.

There will be a host of events on Saturday, April 26 with St John opening their museum from 10am to 4pm and CWA Cottage offering cream and jam scones from 10am to 2pm.

At 11am the WA Historical Cycle Club will have a parade along the main street featuring bicycles of all ages, shapes and sizes, including the amazing penny-farthings.

At 2pm Bunbury Men of Song will be at Holy Trinity Anglican Church performing a program including Anzac and Australian themed songs.

For a small donation it's the perfect chance to visit this lovely church and admire the beautiful stained glass designed by Robert Juniper.

The historic York Town Hall will feature a range of displays and demonstrations from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, with entry also by donation.

Displays include the Historical Cycling Club, and the York Motor Museum featuring newly acquired American popcorn making machine, plus other fascinating pieces from their amazing collection.

There is also an opportunity to meet conservators from the York Society and learn of the work done by the York archives team.

The RSL display will allow you to learn how to man an observation post with the opportunity to dress the part, grab the binoculars and take some pictures.

If you like dressing up, go upstairs to the balcony area of the Town Hall and find the dress up space with lots of vintage clothes for all, so get the family together to take some great shots.

The team from WA Furniture manufacturers will also be on deck to show you the tricks of the trade of antique furniture restoration.

Attendees can also learn about the history of the York Trotting Club, the oldest inland club in the state and was recognised as part of the harness racing history in 1922.

The York & District Archery Club will also showcase the ancient art of archery with a display and lots of information.

Town Hall displays and demonstrations will also be open all-day Sunday from 10am to 4pm, with the CWA cottage open from 10am to 2pm, along with the St John Museum, and another ride through the main street by the WA Historical Cycling Club at 11am.

There will also be children's games and activities in Peace Park from 11.30am to 2.30pm with traditional games to play, or they can try their hand at some Aboriginal art and design.

At 11.45am attendees can visit the original Mongers building for a walk through and a history lesson, where you will be amazed at what the owners have done and have planned for this incredible piece of fascinating York history.

There will be an information session about the history of the

iconic Town Hall at midday and tales of ghosts.

The weekend will also host two ticketed events, the Mucky Duck Bush Band on Saturday night with the concert starting at 7pm at a cost of \$25 and a breakfast barbeque and blues concert at the stable yard behind the old courthouse from 8am to 10am on Sunday morning at a cost of \$20 – tickets for both events from Humantix.

All in all, there is plenty to see and do at York's annual Heritage Weekend.

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Start your Sunday with a Barbecue, Breakfast and Blues concert (ticketed) at the Stable Yard then visit the St. John Museum, the kid's can make their own pizza for lunch, do some painting with Michelle & play old style games in Peace Park. Explore the Monger's building & have a tour of our Iconic Town Hall!

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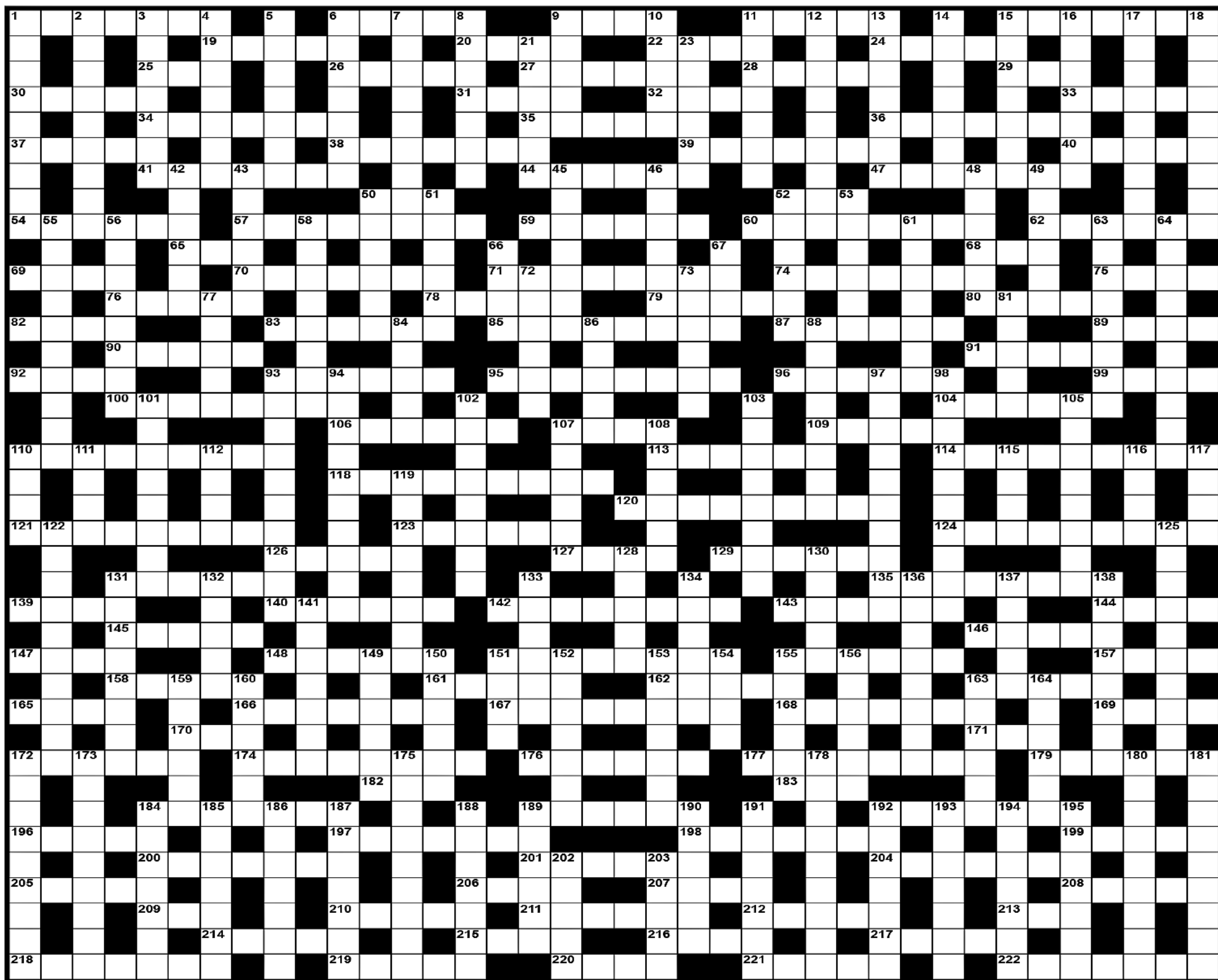


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Stephen Cain
Chief Executive Officer



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Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 58 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*, of receipt of an application seeking to permanently close portion the following public road - Portion of Lot 3001 Coast Road, West Swan. Please be advised that advertising submission period for comments close on Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

A plan showing the location of the road proposed to be closed can be inspected online at <https://swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au>; at the City's Administration Centre, Morrison Road, Midland; or at any of the City's libraries, during office hours.

Prior to Council considering this matter, submissions from the public are sought. Anyone wishing to object, support or otherwise comment on the proposal may do so by lodging a written submission, addressed to the undersigned, City of Swan, PO Box 196, Midland, WA 6936, or via email at assetmanagement@swan.wa.gov.au, on or before Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

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Father says he'd appreciate call from Education Minister

From page 6.

On Facebook some people have complained about how bullying was dealt with at Aveley SC, which the 14 and 15-year-old both attend.

A letter from the college principal Stephan Pestana said the incident at the shopping centre involving some young people after school hours was a police matter and that process had to be respected.

"However, I can confirm that the school is taking this matter seriously and has taken strong action with the student," he said.

"This action extends to incidents that occur off-site if there is a connection to the school.

"Students will face strong consequences if they engage in violent or anti-social acts, including loss of good standing, suspensions and in very serious cases recommenced for exclusion from the school.

"I ask all parents and the community work together with the school on this."

Department of Education schools deputy director general Steve Watson said it was always distressing to hear reports of physical aggression involving school students, especially when a young person was injured.

Mr Watson said the department would not back down on addressing violence within schools and took decisive action following a serious incident.

"This action reinforces clear boundaries with students and their families, outlining expectations for acceptable behaviour and consequences for unacceptable behaviour," he said.

"Since 2018, both the state government and Department of Education have made expectations very clear through the let's take a stand together action plan to address violence in public schools and support schools to take a very strong stance.

"This issue doesn't just fall on to schools, we need the cooperation of families and the wider community.

"We all have a part to play in modelling respectful behaviour and attitudes and contributing to a culture that doesn't tolerate any form of violence."

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Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk

A Miracle

Colleen and I were driving back home from country ministry the other day when we came over a crest and saw a car on fire. We were the first to arrive on the scene. We knew that this had just happened and feared that the driver and any passengers were still trapped in the car. But what could we do? The car was engulfed in flames.

Suddenly, a young lady staggered from behind the burning car toward us. She was quite lacerated. We were so relieved to see she was alive. She was the only one in the car, and somehow she had managed to get out of the car before it exploded and burst into flames.

As Colleen attended to her wounds and I rang the emergency services, she told us that she had hit a tree, and that the car had spun and somersaulted. We were amazed that she had survived such a horrific crash. As we attended to her wounds, we told her how precious her life was, and that God had definitely spared her from certain death. What a miracle!

There's another miracle that we are about to celebrate - at Easter. What a miracle that God's Son Jesus came down from heaven, to save us from our sins and certain death, by dying on a cross and rising again - if we trust in Him. None of us would be going to heaven if Jesus hadn't come and died for us. What a miracle!



Upcoming Events

- There will be an **Open Garden** on Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13 from 10am to 4pm each day at Erinvale, 31 Ledger Road, Gooseberry Hill. Refreshments will be available. Tucked away in the hills the garden has a quirky painted entry door. Inside pathways meander around a garden that appears much bigger than it is. It has nooks, crannies, colourful pots and displays that take you by surprise. There is luscious green lawn for family gatherings and a productive area with raised garden beds and

still some room for a little native bushland. There is a lot to discover in this garden. Email info@opengardenswa.org

• **Midland CWA** meets at the Midland Railway Yards Blacksmith Lane (West) Midland on the third Wednesday of each month at 10am. CWA Flags are displayed on Yelverton Drive, Midland on meeting days. CWA offers a diverse range of interests and each branch works to meet local community needs. Call Maureen on 0460 777 557 or email maureenbaraker1@gmail.com

• **Midland Men's Shed** social Tuesday is every Tuesday from 9.30am

to 11.30am in the Baptist Church Hall, Bellevue. Call Kevin on 0417 961 971. For workshop inquiries call 0411 833 055.

• **Midland Ascension Craft Group** meets in the Parish Hall, 17 Spring Park Road, Midland every Tuesday of school term from 1pm to 3pm. All most welcome to join for a chat, cuppa, any craft and sometimes a guest speaker. Call 0433 265 683.

Noticeboard is for non-profits and community groups advertising free/low cost events/programs. Entries must be emailed to editorial@echo-news.com two weeks before the event.

Woofers of the week



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Swans aim for comeback this week

CHRIS PIKE

THE opener for the 2025 WAFL season didn't go as planned for Swan Districts, with a tough loss against the West Perth Falcons.

Swans senior coach Andrew Pruyn said it was a disappointing way to enter the new season.

"We ran into a red-hot West Perth who gave us a real reality check," he said.

"In this competition you only need to be a little bit off your best and you will be exposed, which is what happened to us.

"I thought we had some good contributors on the day with veteran Tony Notte being as reliable as ever, Ben Hewett, Evan Smith, Leigh Kohlmann and Jesse Turner all playing their role but we had far too many others below their best.

Captain Jesse Turner had 44 possessions while Leigh Kohlmann had four goals to his name.

Ben Hewett was lively in attack kicking two goals to go with 16 possessions and five tackles.

Josh Cipro had 27 disposals, Jye Chalcraft 23, Jehb O'Donohue 20, Tony Notte 20, Jarvis Pina 19, Connor Blakely 19 and Nathan Blakeley 18 along with 18 hit outs.

Kicking into the breeze in the first quarter was always going to be a challenge for the Swans and the Falcons did take advantage with the game's first two goals before the home team got on the board.

The Falcons went on to kick another four goals before quarter-time to be leading by 31 points and they also managed the first goal of the second term but then Swans worked back into the contest.

West Perth managed to take advantage of the breeze again in the third quarter by kicking six goals to just the one from Swans.

By the third quarter the Swans had work to do, being 47 points down.

Three of the last four goals were kicked by the Falcons, which secured their lead against the Swans and led to their 48-point win.

Pruyn said the Swans were determined to bounce back at their game against last year's grand finalist's East Perth this weekend who boast a formidable front half.

He said they won't be an easy beat but he wanted to show what Swan Districts were capable of.

"I am confident our boys will respond from last week's performance and put in a good showing."



Swan Districts record game play holder Tony Notte in play. Picture: Blake Parry

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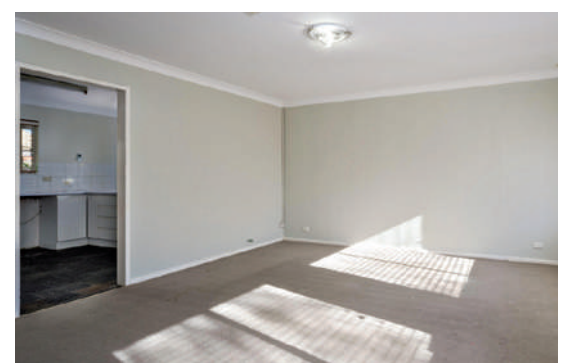
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