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Stuart Kostera senior and Stuart Kostera junior at the front of the family's shop. Picture: Cindy Cartojano

Century-old Kostera's



The Kostera family with their matching celebration shirts.

EARLIER this month on April 6, Kostera's celebrated its 100th birthday at the Kalamunda History Village.

A century ago, a garage, bus and taxi service opened in Kalamunda and traded as Kostera and Webster.

Not long after, Kostera became the sole proprietor, and his three sons joined him in the business.

During the mid-1950s, Kostera's was the largest business in Kalamunda with 21 buses in his fleet, plus two taxis and a well-equipped workshop.

"The Kostera workshop earned a good reputation, and it provided important services for local orchardists and transport operators – because of its extensive range of equipment and skills," Mr Kostera said.

"Apart from repairing and servicing their own fleet, they made major modifications to many buses and trucks, even for other bus com-

panies."

On the day, there was a convoy of 1930s cars and 1950s buses leaving Kostera Oval in the afternoon and Kostera descendants arrived at the village in an original 1952 AEC bus, which was part of the Kostera's bus fleet.

Stuart Kostera junior said the day was a relaxing one as attendees flicked through old photos, signed a memory book and shared moments amongst each other.

To commemorate the day, the family gathered around, with their matching celebration shirts, and planted a eucalyptus tree at the village.

Mr Kostera said the tree reflected the shop's 100 years of life and hoped, it too, would live long in the years to come.

He said he was grateful and proud to have the shop in the family throughout all the years and hoped it would continue to stay this way.

He pointed to his kids sitting in the car and said 'that's the next generation right there'.



Attendees rode an original 1952 AEC bus to the Kalamunda History Village.



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Live sheep ban is unfriendly

Dear Echo News,

President Trump has turned the global trade on its head in a matter of weeks with his global tariff agenda.

Sure, the Albanese government can look dimly on what President Trump does and make statements that this is "not the act of a friend".

However, in reality the Albanese Government is getting a taste of its own medicine as this is exactly how his government has treated our Middle Eastern trading partners with the ban on live sheep exports.

Despite longstanding trading friendships, the Albanese government has simply cast these to the side in the name of ideology.

Middle Eastern governments have made countless representations explaining that our trading relationship with them is intrinsically linked to live sheep.

They have repeatedly outlined the fact that the trade cannot be replaced by chilled and frozen meat, that it will cause job losses in their countries and imperil their food security – possibly irreparably damaging the relationship between our countries.

How has the Prime Minister responded? With indifference and ignorance and by saying we can sell them more processed meat! Essentially, that he doesn't care.

When I was in the Middle East last year I met with several Australian diplomats. All discussions were informal and off the record.

However, in every single meeting it was raised how poorly re-

ceived the policy has been and that it was a very sensitive topic that is impacting Australia's broader agenda in these countries.

I would hasten to add that these Middle East markets are important for other agricultural products such as beef, lamb, dairy, horticulture and grains.

Prime Minister Albanese has said words to the effect that retaliation is not the way to go, and that Australia seeks to set an example of how free trade should be done. This is a position our industry supports.

Noting that our Middle Eastern friends have been good enough not to retaliate, perhaps the best example the Prime Minister can give is by undertaking the "act of a friend" and reversing the ban on live sheep.

It's not too late to do the right thing by some of our other longest standing international allies.

Mark Harvey-Sutton
Australian Livestock Exporters' Council CEO

Appalling attitude of dog owners

Dear Echo News,

I'm writing to bring attention to the appalling attitude of a small section of dog owners across Midland, in terms of the mess these lowlifes deliberately leave behind when their dogs defecate.

My wife and I are dog owners and love dogs, but owning a dog brings enormous responsibility, to the dog and the community; sadly, however, there appears to be a group of self-entitled, irresponsible dog owners, who simply don't care, which doesn't augur well for society, as

Thought for the day

"Success is not the absence of failure; it's the persistence through failure." — Aisha Tyler

that attitude will surely not just be confined to ignoring their dog's needs.

We regularly attend the Balfour Road dog run and everyone we meet with takes pride in cleaning up after their dog and keeping the place clean and tidy, as we should.

Yet every morning, or evening, we all have to walk around cleaning up after dogs that have been there throughout the day and night.

We have families with little kids and elderly people, all in a relatively confined (fenced) environment, and the Mundaring shire provides ample 'poop bags', it's really easy and respectful to pick up after your dog and look after the environment and your neighbours.

But no, instead, there's proof the real animals aren't necessarily the dogs.

The other day, in a four-minute wander around the run, I picked up ten bags of dog faeces.

I took a photo and posted about the constant mess on both the dog run FB site and the Midland community FB site.

The response was even more shocking, as people related their experiences of dog poop left on their lawns and on footpaths, literally everywhere.

The lady who runs the coffee van at the dog park wrote that she and her partner pick up after dogs every time they arrive, along with syringes – and that's not in the dog park, she's talking about the surrounding area!

Others write that the walkways and paths throughout are covered

in dog faeces, the Heritage Trail in particular, being a nightmare for anyone walking or bike riding.

I wonder at the mentality of the people who deliberately leave their dog's poop behind – they must live in filthy conditions at their homes, and it doesn't augur well for our communities when people obviously don't care about their environment or their neighbours.

In many ways, it's a sad reflection of our society, and it also reflects on the attitude of governments.

The safe Labor seat of Midland has long been ignored by the state government, and the City of Swan is notorious for its obvious lack of interest in presentation and beautification. The area is scruffy, footpaths and walkways don't exist, or suddenly stop and dry, desolate, overgrown verges are the norm. I suspect that disinterest is reflected by some residents.

It's time the City of Swan, Shire of Mundaring and the state government started leading by example and it's time for rangers to be given free rein to start fining dog owners who don't pick up.

A ticket for a \$150 fine for not picking up after your dog would, I suspect, quickly lead to an attitude adjustment.

G Ross
Swan View

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City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson says a review of the three-bin kerbside collection service will allow residents to share their experience with FOGO.

City of Swan residents to have their say on FOGO

ANITA McINNES

CITY of Swan residents will be given an opportunity to have their say on FOGO as part of a review of the three-bin kerbside collection service.

Swan pauses FOGO rollout (*Echo News*, April 11) reported the city had agreed to review the three-bin kerbside collection service following a notice of motion put forward by Pearce ward councillor Aaron Bowman.

FOGO has been introduced to all or parts of the suburbs of Ballajura, Bennett Springs, Beechboro, Caversham, Dayton, Kiara, and Lockridge and the city said those areas would continue to have the service until the council made a decision on a way forward.

The city said some residents who had moved to the three-bin system – particularly those with big families or medical conditions – had reported challenges with the smaller

red-lid general waste bin.

At the April council meeting Cr Bowman's notice of motion was supported 13-2.

Cr Bowman said the reason for his notice of motion was that feedback from the community had been and continued to be overwhelmingly that a fortnightly general municipal waste pickup was not satisfactory.

When seconding the motion Swan Valley Gidgegannup councillor Charlie Zannino said he had been inundated with emails and phone calls from very unhappy ratepayers.

Cr Zannino said the council needed to go back and reassess, because the current three-bin system was not working and the councillors and the local authority were going to end up with egg on their faces.

"As Cr Bowman said the City of Swan is not like your run-of-the-mill local councils," he said.

"We are huge and we are the most diverse

council, therefore we need to consult our ratepayers and do what is required by them and acceptable by them because they are paying the rates.

"So this is a chance to go back to the drawing board and get things right."

Pearce ward councillor Cate McCullough, who voted against the notice of motion along with Midland Guildford Cr Sarah Howlett, said it would be prudent to have a briefing first that included all of their considered feedback to city staff.

"We can't go back to the drawing board without all councillors feedback, without time taken to consider wisely everything before us and I believe that we probably all need to make it a priority before the briefing, to bring what we all individually have from our residents, positive and negative and make sure that that briefing is rigorous," she said.

"City staff" are working hard – they've identified there are issues and as long as it has taken for FOGO to be rolled out in the stages that have been deemed appropriate, we need to not have a knee jerk reaction and take a breath and actually look at how we move forward."

Earlier in the meeting chief executive officer Stephen Cain reminded councillors in relation to any potential budget amendment on the issue, August was the last meeting they could do that before they went into caretaker mode with local government elections due in October.

"(Also) there are financial ramifications for this, their are contracts entered into," he said.

"There are legal agreements and you need to be aware across all of those ramifications before you seek to make decisions."

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Rat baits at a supermarket.
Picture: Rob Davis

Mundaring residents call for rat poison ban

CINDY CARTOJANO

CONCERNED Mundaring residents and experts are calling on the shire to restrict or ban the use or sale of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGAR).

Darlington Resident and Ratepayer Association chairperson Louise Stelfox said she had observed a noticeable absence of boobook owls in her area.

“From 2015 to 2022, I went to sleep with the sound of boobook owls calling,” Ms Stelfox said.

“The nights are now silent.”

The motion was raised by councillor John Daw who said SGARs were scientifically proven to be the cause of death of some native wildlife.

“They are much more dangerous than the traditional types of rat poisons,” he said.

“Anyone, a child could even go and buy this deadly poison at a shop in Western Australia.”

Cr Daw called on the council to support the Australian Local Government

Association’s (ALGA) motion to restrict or ban the use of SGARs.

In order for the motion to go before the ALGA national general assembly (NGA), it must first be endorsed by council.

If the motion goes before the NGA, the assembly can call on the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) to take the necessary action and address the issue at the federal level.

Edith Cowan University associate professor Rob Davis spoke at the April council meeting in support of Cr Daw’s motion.

Under Dr Davis’ supervision, PhD student Mike Lohr studied owls and found 75 per cent of boobook owls had potentially lethal levels of rodenticide in their livers.

“Which means, if not killed by the poisons, they were going to be in the near future,” Dr Davis said.

Dr Davis said the reason why the second-generation rodenticide was created was because rats in Europe and North

America evolved and resisted the first generation.

“They came up with even nastier ones. They last a very long time, so they take up to a year, perhaps, to break down.”

Dr Davis said SGAR is so readily available for purchase because government bodies have allowed it to be.

He said the United States, and parts of Europe and Asia have banned SGARs.

“I would go as far as saying (Australia) may be the last developed nation that still allows consumers to walk into a shop and buy these products.

“Unfortunately, retailers like Bunnings and supermarkets have told us that they will keep selling them because they’re legally permitted to,” Dr Davis said.

According to the APVMA, “SGARs are not approved for use in crops, in the open, or in other areas accessible to non-target animals or children.”

Dr Davis said no one monitors the use of SGARs and it’s up to consumers to read the box.

“But I would ask you, ‘how many people read that box?’,” he said.

An APVMA spokesperson said a review of the first and second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides commenced in 2021.

“Comprehensive environmental and human health risk assessments are currently underway,” the spokesperson said.

“We expect to publish a proposed decision in July 2025 for public consultation.”

Dr Davis said the only suitable outcome is for the federal regulator to place a ban on the consumer sale of SGARs.

He called on consumers to look out for the active ingredient brodifacoum, which he said was constantly picked up in their analyses as being the real problem.

“I think the most powerful message to the readers is, this is actually a problem everyone at home can solve.

“All you have to do is not buy those products.”

If this happens, Dr Davis said supermarkets will stop supplying it.

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WALGA and related stakeholders are yet to confirm the details of an old and new energy agreement. Picture: Cindy Cartojano

Questions on local energy deal remain

CINDY CARTOJANO

MORE clarity is needed about the quantity of carbon dioxide emissions by the Shire of Mundaring's buildings which are part of its renewable energy agreement, as well as what carbon offsets apply.

According to the CSIRO, emissions are measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide.

Mundaring shire chief executive Jason Whiteaker said the Energy Sales Agreement (ESA) was signed on April 1 and would expire on March 31, 2028.

The ESA is similar to the shire's previous renewable energy contract with the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), titled Purchase Power Agreement (PPA).

In *Power purchase agreement: What is it?* (Echo News, March 14) a WALGA spokesperson said, a PPA was a contractual agreement that would purchase energy that was directly generated by a renewable asset.

"The WALGA contract uses LGC's (large-scale generation certificates) that are generated from wind farms that are surrendered and therefore used as carbon offsets," the WALGA spokesperson said.

A video by Cities Power Partnership identified

reduced energy costs, price certainty and reduced emissions as the three benefits of the agreement.

On April 8 Mr Whiteaker highlighted the economic and sustainable benefits of the agreement.

"Total savings over the three-year agreement has been estimated at \$141,000 based on existing usage as compared to the open market rates.

"Shire of Mundaring participation in the WALGA Purchase Power Agreement, continues our journey to a more sustainable and environmentally responsible future for our community."

According to WALGA's 2023 statement on the Sustainable Energy Project Beyond 2025 Strategy, the selection of a PPA option may entail a greater degree of risk, commensurate with the prospect of reward.

"These risks include the likelihood of a longer-term lock in period which could be adversely impacted by market changes and emerging technologies," the strategy said.

"Load profile management of consumption will also be critical to optimising the benefits of PPA model.

"WALGA may opt to mitigate this risk by layering managed service activity for billing and demand management into a future contract term, funded through project cost savings whilst still

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Northam backs another round of WALGA agreement

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Shire of Northam has committed to another three years of renewable electricity supply after councillors voted to renew their participation in a statewide green energy deal.

The power purchase agreement (PPA), coordinated by the WA Local Government Association (WALGA), took effect from April 1 this year.

The Shire of Northam joined the PPA in 2022 and said it had since avoided about 480 tonnes of carbon emissions while protecting its facilities from rising energy prices.

Shire of Northam president Chris Antonio said the environmental and financial outcomes had been better than expected.

"The savings seen both within the Shire of Northam and across the state in terms of cost and carbon footprint have been well above expectations," he said.

"As such, the shire is happy to enter into another three-year contract, under which we hope to see this trend continue."

The PPA applies to Northam's large energy-using sites which has been defined as those using over 50MWh each year.

According to a Shire of Northam publication, under the current contract, about 800,000 kilowatt hours of the shire's electricity was matched by re-

newable sources, including wind farms supplying Synergy's grid.

Northam is one of more than 40 local governments involved in the 2022 to 2025 collective energy deal using renewable energy.

WALGA began consulting with members late last year on the next stage of the project, known as the Beyond 2025 strategy.

Echo News reported last month that the Shire of Mundaring was assessing renewing their agreement ahead of its expiration at the end of March.

As reported in *Power purchase agreement: What is it?* (Echo News, March 14), despite being in effect for the past three years, and with more than 50 local governments signing on, little is known about it.

Minutes of the March 5 Shire of Northam special council meeting showed three documents totaling 16 pages were considered as part of their agreement renewal and all were marked as confidential redacted material.

These documents included the WALGA estimated cost and analysis of offer, detailed report of pricing of 25 percent to 100 per cent and the WALGA sustainability energy project offer document.

The officer's recommendation of approving the renewal following a behind closed doors meeting was passed unanimously by councillors at the March 5 meeting.

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Bellevue RSL cenotaph gets renewed ahead of ANZAC Day



Bellevue RSL member and Navy veteran Roy Jewell hopes the cenotaph being relocated in the back area of the club building will protect it from vandalism. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Bellevue RSL has secured a \$10,000 federal grant to relocate their cenotaph after more than half a decade of campaigning.

The funding will come as part of batch two under the federal 2024-25 saluting their service commemorative grants program.

Bellevue RSL secretary Vicki Bates said the sub-branch's members were delighted their cenotaph site was completed ahead of Anzac Day and were excited for people to gather there.

she said. "The idea was to have the memorial site ready ahead of April 25—that was the original vision," she said.

"We usually spend about \$15,000 to put together our Anzac Day event, and that starts as a dawn service at Blackboy Hill and then a march in Bellevue.

"The rose garden and the path to the cenotaph won't be complete until the grant comes in a few weeks later, but the main thing is the cenotaph is ready for Anzac Day."

Bellevue RSL president Bryn Reed said the cenotaph helped veterans heal from their experiences by giving them a place to come together.

"When I first came back from Vietnam, my medals were thrown across the counter," he said.

"Someone behind the bar turned around and said, 'oh, you're a Vietnam vet — get out'."

"That's the way Vietnam veterans were treated.

"And this is part of all the healing towards me and towards my brother, because he was wounded over there.

"That memorial is about the social impact — not just for veterans, but for everybody to get together."

Fellow Bellevue RSL member and Navy veteran Roy Jewell said the hall was overcrowded in the absence of a proper gathering site for the cenotaph.

"Well, we didn't have a proper service area and we had to have it in here, in the hall," he said.

"On Anzac Day here, you can't move because people come from everywhere and a lot of people cram in with some people at the back not close enough to be part of it and that.

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Mundaring Community Sculpture Park. Picture: Cindy Cartojano

Calls for new sculpture funds for Mundaring park

CINDY CARTOJANO

MUNDARING residents are hoping the shire will contribute more funding towards the Community Sculpture Project 2025.

Mundaring Arts Centre (MAC) executive director for arts and culture Jenny Haynes said Wheels reached out to the centre to see if they could organise a new sculpture for the Sculpture Park.

Ms Haynes said she noticed a passion to upgrade the chosen site, which was at the western end of the park.

Ms Haynes said a friends group was established to replant and rehabilitate the site as there were a lot of weeds growing.

She said school groups, Wheels, the MAC, the shire and volunteers have all worked together to revitalise the site and it had become a whole community engagement project.

Ms Haynes said local sculptor Jason Maxlow was selected to develop the concept with the groups.

She said the committee was drawn to Mr Maxlow's work on laterite stone, which he polishes then carves into different forms.

"The design that he's continued to work on with the students that have been involved in the project the whole way along is to create the fallen foliage on the forest floor."

Ms Haynes said they would like for the sculpture to be interactive.

"People can come and have educational talks and meetings and gather there.

"So it's not just a sculpture that you walk past, it's a place that people can continue those conversations around that park and why this environment is so special."

At the April council meeting, Wheels representative Cheryl Osborne spoke in favour of the motion and highlighted the intergenerational aspect of the project.

"We also would like to leave a little legacy when we're all past up to greater pastures and have a sculpture there," Ms Osborne said.



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High Wycombe Baptist Church will officially launch on Easter Sunday at 9.30am, at 24 Edney Road, High Wycombe, and is inviting the community to celebrate a fresh start with an uplifting service and family-friendly activities.

Senior Pastor Wayne Field said the vision behind the launch was to provide an opportunity to do something fresh.

“We want to build a church that is accessible to people at every stage of life and faith,” Pastor Field said.

“We’re really passionate about being a church that reflects the diversity and heart of the community,” he said.

“It’s part of our DNA to value and incorporate the different cultures represented in our

neighbourhood.”

Pastor Belinda Lakelin said while they were thankful for the churches already established in the High Wycombe area, the church believed they bring something a little different.

The church aims to be a multi-generational, multi-cultural community with a strong local focus.

From the outset, the church is placing a strong emphasis on creating a welcoming environment for everyone – children, families, and individuals alike.

The launch service will include live music, an inspiring Easter message, and a free family Easter egg hunt.

“Whether you’re new to the area, curious about faith, or looking for a fresh start, we’d love for you to come along,” Pastor Lakelin said.

“You don’t need to have it all together to feel at home here.”

Non-stop radio for Make-A-Wish

ELLENBROOK’S community radio station is holding a weekend of non-stop radio to support Make-A-Wish Australia foundation.

April is Make a Wish month and VCA88.5FM is kicking off their wish-a-thon radio marathon at noon on Saturday, April 26 and won’t stop until 6pm the next day.

The station is aiming to raise \$8850 and every donation takes them one step closer to granting a wish for every eligible child in Australia.

“This is the first time a radio station anywhere in Australia has hosted a radiothon for

the Make a Wish Foundation and your support will make a world of difference,” the radio station said.

The 30 hours of non-stop broadcasting will be filled with amazing stories, special guests, exciting challenges and plenty of opportunities to donate.

The event wouldn’t be possible without the dedication of radio station’s volunteers.

From their on-air presenters to the behind-the-scenes crew, everyone involved is generously donating their time and energy to make the wish-a-thon a success.

Station president Jimmy Antartis said every contribution, no

matter how big or small, would make a difference.

“We will have multiple ways to donate throughout the event, which will be announced on air,” he said.

“Let’s come together and make some wishes come true.”

All donations \$2 or over are tax deductible.

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Ellenbrook Community Radio volunteers Graham Dore, Sandy Marwick, Jimmy Antartis, Peter Gray, Will Marwick and Suzanne Dore.



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BULLSBROOK College has a fresh new look with the completion of a striking mural showcasing local native flora and fauna, thanks to a collaborative effort from students, staff and community members.

The large-scale artwork, made possible through a \$5000 activation grant from the City of Swan and additional funding from the Bullsbrook College P&C, was completed as part of a community painting event earlier last month.

"I first saw the paint-by-num-

bers mural concept at an event run by the Shire of Gingin in late 2023, and was instantly struck by how well that would translate to a school environment," Bullsbrook College P&C secretary Kyra Burns said.

"I brought the idea to our P&C team and principal Angela Coghil, who were also on board.

"After evaluating funding options, we were pleased to receive the grant from the City of Swan, and as a P&C, we were able to fund the remaining costs."

The mural's design was shaped by input from students and the wider community, who overwhelmingly supported a theme featuring native flora and fauna from the region.

Renowned artist Mel McVee from Melski brought the vision to life, with a remarkable design that includes a female red-tailed black cockatoo, kangaroo, banksia, wattle, kangaroo paws, pink fairy orchids, grass tree flowers, native bluebells, and star guinea flowers.

The artwork also features the

silhouettes of three jets as a nod to Pearce air base.

The painting day was held alongside a meet-and-greet night at Bullsbrook College, where parents, students, and staff, along with invited guests, enthusiastically took part in the project.

Under the careful instruction of Tash Alibegovic, the community contributed their artistic efforts, while she dedicated additional time to apply a second coat and final touches in the following days.

Bullsbrook College P&C Asso-

ciation president Shannon Bennett said she was excited about the completion of the project.

"Seeing the beautiful project come to life after more than 12 months in the planning process gives us a sense of joy," she said.

"To be able to bring the kids, teachers, and wider community together to complete this brings a huge sense of pride, and I hope it will be enjoyed by everyone for years to come, with the mural highlighting the region's natural beauty."



Shire President Paige McNeil, Matthew Batchelor from Cox Architecture and shire chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker.

Mundaring architect brings his visionary design to cultural hub

SHIRE of Mundaring has appointed award-winning architecture firm Cox Architecture to design its new cultural hub, a once-in-a-generation project set to transform the heart of Mundaring.

A council spokesperson said the shire had agreed to a budget of up to \$25 million, with further work through the concept design phase to develop a comprehensive cost estimate for the project.

Cox was appointed following a competitive tender process, standing out for its internationally recognised design excellence, deep experience in community focused projects and meaningful local connection.

Leading the design is Cox director and Darlington resident Matthew Batchelor, who brings both international architectural credentials and firsthand knowledge of the region.

Shire President Paige McNeil said Batchelor's connection to the area, combined with Cox's community centred design philosophy, made the firm an ideal partner for the project.

"This is a very exciting project for the Shire of Mundaring," she said.

"The Mundaring Cultural Hub will foster community connection, showcase local artists, celebrate our rich history and attract tourism. We are excited to be working with Cox, whose design philosophy aligns with our vision for a connected, inclusive and vibrant town centre.

"Matthew's understanding of our hills environment and culture offers a uniquely local lens to the design."

The hub will serve as a contemporary, multi-use facility celebrating the region's rich heritage culture and natural setting, while offering spaces for life-

long learning, artistic expression and community connection.

Designed to be accessible and welcoming for all, the hub will replace ageing facilities and provide flexible, future-ready spaces that support sustainable tourism, creative industries and community services.

Mr Batchelor said the project was one that resonated deeply with the Cox team.

"Cox Architecture is very pleased to be successful in our submission for the design of the Mundaring Cultural Hub," he said.

"This is a great opportunity to create a place that will support, foster and engage with the community and culture that is unique to the hills. We look forward to working with the shire on this exciting project."

Cox brings to the project an extensive history of delivering award-winning cultural and community infrastructure across Australia and globally.

The firm's collaborative approach and strong stakeholder engagement will ensure the final design reflects the values and aspirations of the local community.

Funding for the project has been secured through a \$15m grant from the federal Thriving Suburbs grant program, with the remaining balance provided by shire reserves and other smaller grants.

The project is a key priority in the Shire of Mundaring's strategic council plan to create attractive, welcoming and well-maintained places.

To learn more about the how the precinct will be enhanced including the cultural hub project visit www.engage.mundaring.wa.gov.au/mundaring-town-centre-revitalisation

Coalition's \$3 million pledge to fix Great Eastern Hwy intersections

AN elected Coalition government will invest \$3 million to fix two of Perth's most dangerous intersections on Great Eastern Highway at Greenmount and Parkerville.

The funding will be directed to two high-risk intersections at Scott Street in Greenmount and Seaborne Street in Parkerville.

Nationals candidate for Bullwinkel, Mia Davies, said the Coalition would work with the Shire of Mundaring to upgrade priority intersections, including at Scott Street and Great Eastern Highway which was ranked Perth's sixth riskiest last year by the RAC.

"When I talk to residents across Bullwinkel they have raised these intersections on the Great Eastern Highway as serious safety concerns and Labor simply hasn't listened. The Coalition will get the job done," Ms Davies said.

"This is about delivering safer roads for families, for freight, and for emergency services. It's a practical investment that will save lives and improve

daily life for the hills community.

"The Scott Street intersection was ranked Perth's sixth riskiest for a reason – locals drive it every day and know just how unsafe it is. Under a Coalition government, we'll make these blackspots a priority."

Liberal candidate for Bullwinkel, Matt Moran, said the high frequency of accidents along Great Eastern Highway means urgent action is needed.

"I grew up travelling along Scott Street and Great Eastern Highway and have seen too many near misses – it was time for action," Mr Moran said.

"For years, the Albanese government has ignored calls for action. That's why the Coalition is stepping up to deliver the upgrades our local community needs."

"I've fought hard to see urgent action taken to improve this intersection and to push for a new easterly connection from Scott Street to Great Eastern Highway to improve safety and traffic flow," Mr Moran said.



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Friday 25th April



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- **Thursday 24th April Sunset Service starts at 5.15pm**
- **Friday 25th April Dawn Service starts 6.15am**

March and Commemorative Service

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ANZAC COMMEMORATION MARCH & SERVICE
SATURDAY 19th APRIL @ 11:00am
Assemble from 10:30 (Memorial Walk Stirk Park).
Travelling from Stirk Park, up Canning Rd to Kalamunda War Memorial,
Kostera Oval



ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE
FRIDAY 25th APRIL @ 05:45am
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**ANZAC DAY
SERVICES 2025**



Join our community in remembrance and reflection and to pay our respects at ANZAC Day Services across the shire.

Greenmount Sunset Service | Thursday 24 April | 5.30pm
Greenmount Dawn Service | Friday 25 April | 6.15am
Blackboy Hill Commemorative Site, Innamincka Rd
More info: Bellevue RSL - Vicki 0412 098 307

Chidlow March and Service | Friday 25 April | 7.30am
Gunfire Breakfast, 9.30am march, 9.40am service
Chidlow Village Green | **More info:** Chidlow RSL
Bob 0418 936 141

Mundaring March and Service | Friday 25 April | 2.45pm
march from Bendigo Bank car park, 3pm service Mundaring War Memorial, Cnr Nichol St and Gt Eastern Hwy
More info: Mundaring RSL - Eric 0419 925 637

Mt Helena March and Service | Friday 25 April | 11.30am march, 11.40am service, 12.10pm Gunfire Breakfast | Elsie Austin Pavilion, Chidlow St | **More info:** Mt Helena Residents & Ratepayers - Joan 0417 778 454

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Assemble from 10:30am (Memorial Walk Stirk Park)
Travelling from Stirk Park, up Canning Rd to
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ANZAC dawn service
Friday 25 April | 5:45am

Kalamunda Memorial, Kostera Oval
Followed by gunfire breakfast
Takeaway egg and bacon roll \$10

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and driveways.

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2025 Anzac Day ceremonies

Service	Address	Time	Contact
Ballajura RSL sub-branch	Ballajura Community College Peace Park 258 Illawarra Crescent South, Ballajura	6am	Lionel Delamotte, sub-branch Secretary 0447 555 237
Bellevue RSL sub-branch	Blackboy Hill Commemorative Site Innamincka Road, Greenmount	6am	Vicki Bates, Secretary 0412 098 307 bellevuersl@gmail.com
Brabham Blokes	Brabham Pavillion and oval 52 Lakefield Drive, Brabham	5.30am	Brabham Blokes' David Johnston 0457 362 338
Bullsbrook and Districts RSL sub-branch	Bullsbrook and Districts RSL Hall 6 Hurd Road, Bullsbrook	5.45am	Penny de Grussa, sub-branch Secretary 0411 043 887 bullsbrookrsl@bigpond.com
CWA Gidgegannup	Gidgegannup Showgrounds 2171 Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup	5.30am	CWA Gidgegannup's Terrianne McDonald 0435 394 157 terrianne_McDonald@yahoo.com.au
Eastern Regional RSL sub-branch	Stirling Square Meadow Street, Guildford WA 6055	9am	Ashley Vince, committee member 0438 301 982 dustoff1956@gmail.com
Ellenbrook RSL sub-branch	Ellenbrook District Open Space 27 Maffina Parade, Ellenbrook	5.20am	June O'Neil, sub-branch Secretary 0430 839 157 secretary.ellenbrook.rsl1@gmail.com
Midland Workshops Community Groups	Midland Railway Workshops Soldiers Memorial Yelverton Drive, Midland	8.30am	Midland Workshops Community Groups' Mark Richards 0417 942 472 bellevue.assoc@gmail.com



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Weekend of heritage in York

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.

The historic York Town Hall will feature a range of displays and demonstrations from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday April 26-27, with entry also by donation.

There will be a host of events on both days 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.

Come and hear the story of 'Simpson's Donkey' and 'Midnight - the story of a Light Horse' with author Glen and illustrator Frane at the Town Hall from 11.30am. There will also be miniature donkeys and kids drawing activities.

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

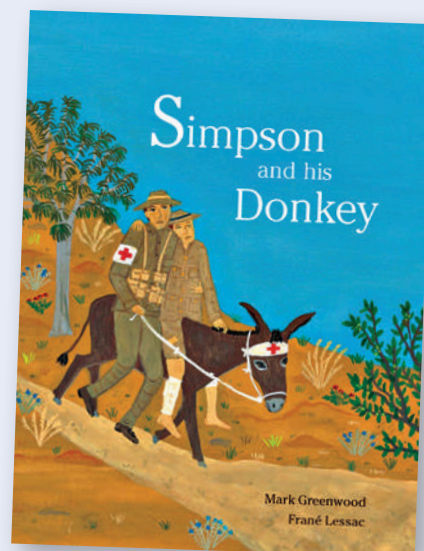
For a small donation it's the perfect chance to visit this lovely church and admire the beautiful stained glass designed by Robert Juniper.

Attendees can learn about the history of the

York Trotting Club, while the York & District Archery Club will also showcase the ancient art of archery.

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

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Moondyne Festival, Toodyay 9am - 4pm, Sunday 4th May 2025

The town of Toodyay celebrate its 41st year of Moondyne Festival and will step back in time to celebrate the life and times of the iconic Moondyne Joe by hosting the Moondyne Festival Toodyay bringing the infamous Avon Valley bushranger Moondyne Joe and his escapades to life. The highlight of the day being the re-enactment of Moondyne Joe's various escapades and his mock trials.

The festival is the premier colonial festival in WA, first held in 1984 to celebrate the life and times of 'Joseph Bolitho John's, known as 'Moondyne Joe', the Avon Valley's legendary bushranger.

The festival transforms the picturesque historical town of Toodyay into a lively all-day festival with the sound of song, dance, laughter and fun for the whole family.

The opening ceremony is at 10am. Locals and guests are encouraged to dress in 19th century costumes for a colourful procession down the Main Street. It is a fun, colourful, energetic and noisy parade with street actors, stilt walkers, town crier, blacksmith, wood chopping and much

more.

Some period costumes are available for loan to wear at the festival, email moondynecommittee@gmail.com for details.

Cheer on 'Joe's Gang' and the floozies, coppers, swaggie and town crier as Joe is tried by a kangaroo court convicted by a corrupt judge and escapes with the assistance of local inhabitants who love Joe, one would say he was the WA equivalent of Ned Kelly or Robin Hood.

The festival will be held on Stirling Terrace Toodyay which will be closed off to traffic from 8am to 4pm Sunday May 4th 2025.

As well as the street entertainment, there will be more than 100 food & Variety stalls, displays, performances and demonstrations. Make sure you don't miss this brilliant event suitable for all ages. Gold Coin donation on entry would be greatly appreciated.

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Mount Helena

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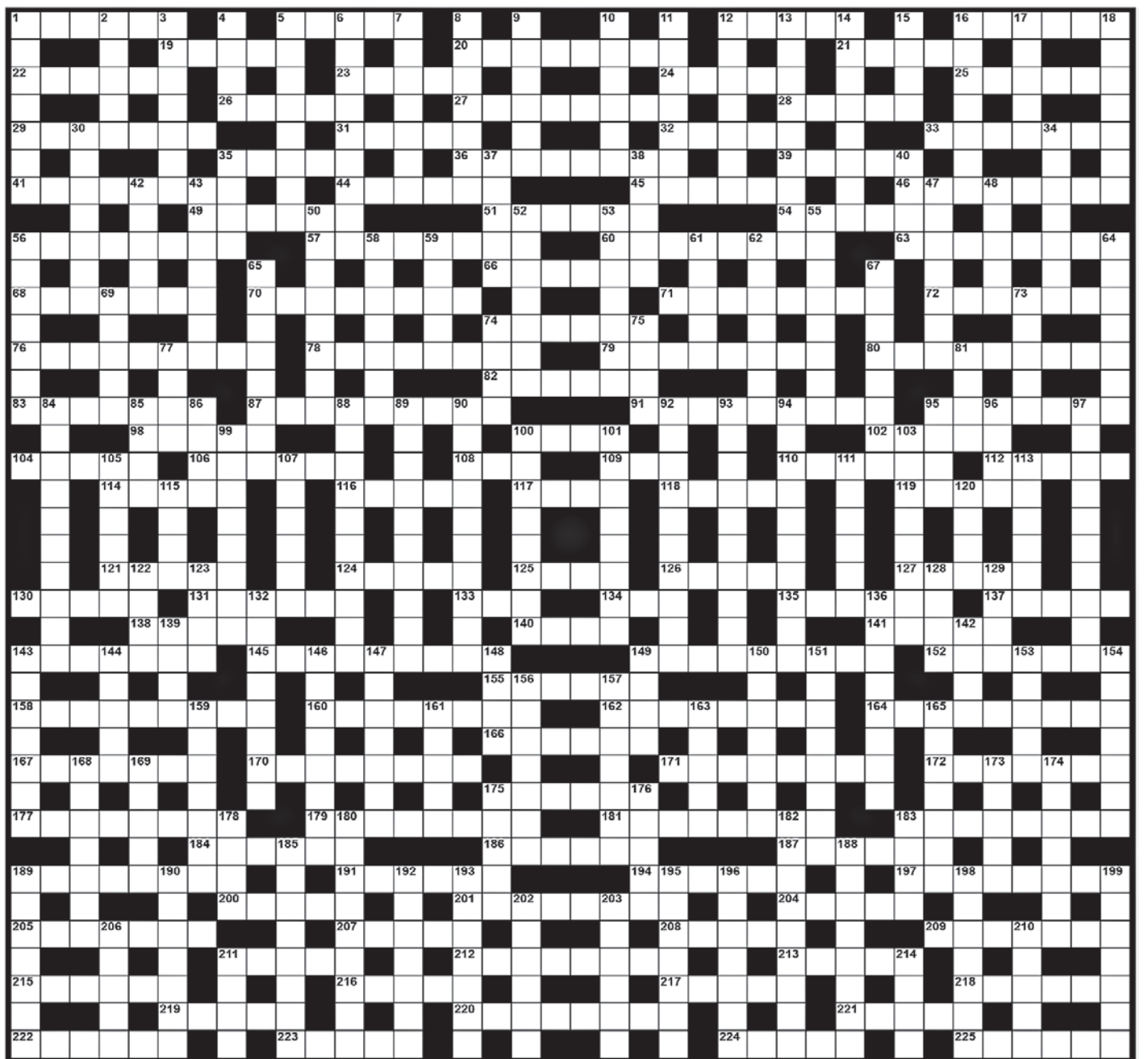
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21 A garret
22 Short doze
23 Egg-white
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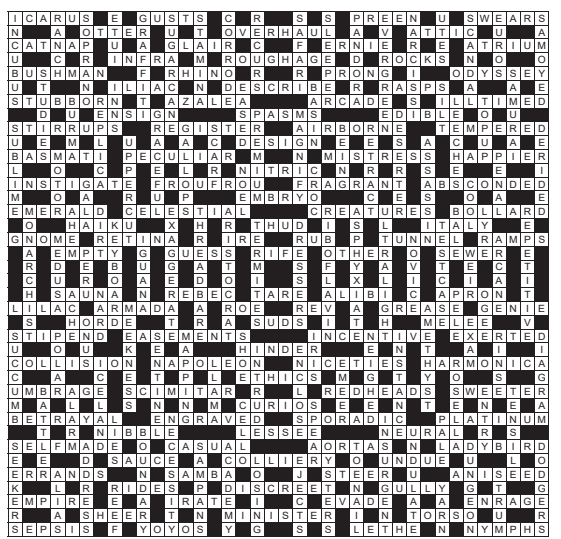
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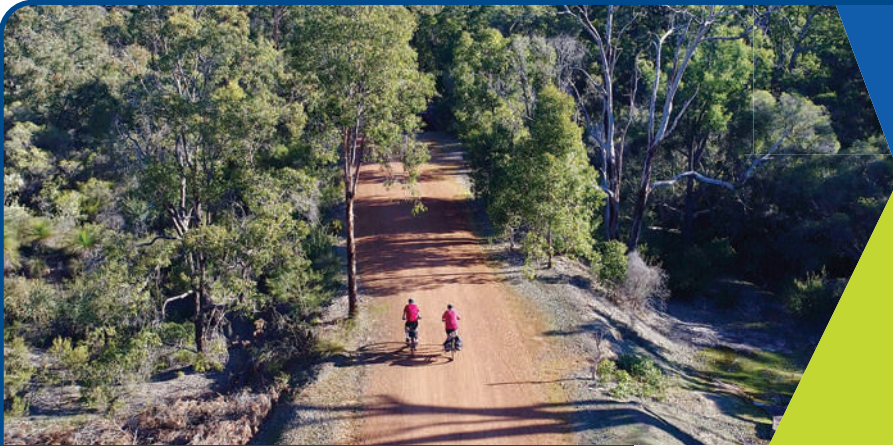
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Crossword Solution 1212 from 11 April, 2025





Shire President's Message

Hi everyone,

I'm pleased to announce that award-winning Cox Architecture has been appointed to design the Shire's new Mundaring Cultural Hub—a project set to transform the heart of Mundaring! Leading the design is Cox Director and Darlington resident Matthew Batchelor, who brings international credentials and deep local knowledge. His connection to the region, combined with Cox Architecture's community-centred approach, ensures the final design will reflect our values and aspirations. The project is fully funded, including a \$15 million Thriving Suburbs Grant from the Labor Federal Government—a significant investment in our Shire's future.

The Federal election campaign has also brought some exciting commitments for our Shire's projects. Liberal and National Party candidates have pledged over \$18 million in upgrades and infrastructure, including:

- \$10 million to upgrade sporting changerooms at Brown Park in Swan View, Mundaring Sporting Club, Boya and Glen Forrest.
- \$1.25 million to boost telecommunications resilience through backup power at mobile towers.
- \$3.9 million for upgrades to our local Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, including Parkerville, Glen Forrest, Wooroloo, Darlington, Chidlow and Mt Helena.
- \$3 million to upgrade Great Eastern Highway intersections at Seabourne and Scott Streets.

We welcome these commitments and hope to see more vital funding secured from all candidates in the final weeks of the election campaigns.

As ANZAC Day approaches, I invite everyone to join us at one of the many services held across the Shire to honour the courage, resilience, and sacrifice of our soldiers and to reflect a strong ANZAC spirit and commitment to remembrance. Lest We Forget.

With Easter just around the corner, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy long weekend. May it be filled with laughter, love and precious moments with family, friends – and maybe a chocolate egg or two!

Paige McNeil
Shire President



Resubscribe to Bushfire SMS service

We recently discovered a technical issue with our SMS messaging system that stopped an update about the change from Prohibited to Restricted burning from being delivered.

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Easter and Anzac Day waste services

Bin collections

18 April Good Friday

No collection. Collection will be on Saturday.

21 April Easter Monday and Friday 25 April ANZAC Day

Collections as usual.

Community Recycling Centres

18 April Good Friday – All closed

19 April Easter Saturday – Usual hours

20 April Easter Sunday – Usual hours

21 April Easter Monday – Usual hours

Friday 25 April ANZAC Day - Usual hours



Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 13 May 6.30pm

Shire Administration Centre

The agenda is available on the website, or at the Administration Centre libraries. Meetings will be live streamed mundaring.wa.gov.au/council-livestreams-and-recordings



Butterfly gardening

Friday 2 May

10am to 11am
Boya Community Centre

Discover the magic of butterfly gardening with experienced biologist and passionate gardener, Steve McCabe. Bookings essential at humantix.events.com/020525b



ANZAC Day services

Join our community in remembrance and reflection and to pay our respects at ANZAC Day Services across the Shire.

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Online Safety Workshop
(Tuesday 22 May)
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Emotion coaching your child

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Questions on local energy deal remain

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maintaining market preferential pricing through the project offer."

The retailer to the project is obligated to deliver the capacity and reporting of the supply of renewable energy and the use of carbon offsets, a WALGA spokesperson said.

Mr Whiteaker confirmed Synergy is the retailer to the project.

When asked about annual reports relating to the PPA in the three years it was operational from 2022 to 2025, Synergy directed *Echo News* to WALGA.

Echo News asked WALGA about the costs involved, requested a list of councils that have signed the new agreement, and inquired whether

there is sufficient renewable energy to support additional councils joining.

WALGA replied with a link to its announcement about phase two of the Sustainable Energy Supply Project.

However, a WALGA spokesperson said, "The (sustainable energy) project is not a Power Purchase Agreement."

Echo News asked Energy Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson to explain what the PPA is, and the costs associated with it.

Ms Sanderson's office directed the questions to Synergy for a response, but *Echo News* is yet to hear from the energy retailer.

City of Swan residents to have their say on FOGO

from page 5.

Deputy mayor and Midland Guildford councillor Ian Johnson said from doorknocking in Ballajura he had found about 80 per cent of people liked FOGO and the other 20 per cent of people really didn't like it.

"They were the families and the people with other kinds of unpleasant waste that they wanted picked up weekly, not fortnightly," he said.

But he said people in Guildford were very disappointed that they were not getting their FOGO bins and wanted to know why it was stopping.

Mayor Tanya Richardson said introducing the FOGO service had been a positive experience for some and a negative experience for others.

"We want to pause the rollout to gather feedback from those who have

FOGO and those who are waiting for it.

"Council is committed to an outcome that helps our community get the waste services they need while balancing our responsibility to ensure a sustainable environment for future generations."

City staff are required to report back to the council in time for the ordinary meeting on August 13.

Based on community feedback received, the city will decide to either continue rolling out FOGO to all properties as is, introduce an amended version of FOGO with an upsized general waste bin, change FOGO to a GO (garden organics) service and collect the general waste bin weekly, instead of fortnightly and/or exclude rural properties from the FOGO service.

Bellevue RSL cenotaph gets renewed ahead of ANZAC Day

from page 8.

"You might have a PA down here, but they can't see it.

"But out there in the open, there's going to be a lot more room and people will be closer to it rather than stuck down the back somewhere."

Mr Jewell said the cenotaph and the new remembrance site means a lot to many in the community.

"A lot of families have had members who have served in the services and didn't come back and all that sort of stuff, you know," he said.

"Thinking about all the people I've worked with and were involved with in the RSL, quite a few have passed away over the years.

"A lot of the people, they were pretty young Australians when they went to the wars and they didn't know what they were in for.

"It's a lot different than what they thought.

"You're starting to make my eyes water a bit."

At the end of the club next to the cenotaph area, four mannequins stand.

Some wear military attire while one has on a nurse's uniform.

On the Navy uniform mannequin, a name badge sticks to the chest which reads Darren Probert.

Greenmount resident and Navy electronic specialist Darren Probert was a newer member of the RSL but said he enjoyed the camaraderie of membership.

He donated his uniform after seeing a spare mannequin and wanting to give his Navy attire a new purpose.

Mr Probert said the cenotaph was an evocative monument.

"For me, coming from a military background, it's almost a familiar thing that involves parades and such," he said.

"It just evokes memories of being back in the military for me and that's how things were.

"For me, the importance of it is keeping the whole idea of things alive.

"People that are in the military then have some sort of outlet as well and get paid a little bit of respect along the way for what they've done.

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MRS Amendment 1395/57 (Minor) – Rationalisation of Midland Brick Landholdings

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) is seeking public comment on a proposal to amend the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) for land in the City of Swan.

The amendment proposes to transfer approximately 23.7 ha of land in Middle Swan from the Rural and Industrial zones to the Urban zone and Regional Open Space reserve in the MRS. Rationalisation of Bush Forever Site 302 with the addition of 0.14 ha, and removal of 0.14 ha is also proposed.

The amendment defines the boundary between the Urban zone and the new Regional Open Space reservation for the Swan River foreshore. The proposed Urban zoning will allow for primarily residential subdivision following a local scheme amendment, detailed structure planning and subdivision approval.

The proposed amendment is to be progressed as a minor region scheme amendment under the former section 57 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* as it does not constitute a substantial alteration to the region scheme and is generally consistent with the State and Strategic Planning Framework.

The Amendment Report and plans showing the proposed change can be viewed online at <https://haveyoursay.dph.wa.gov.au>.

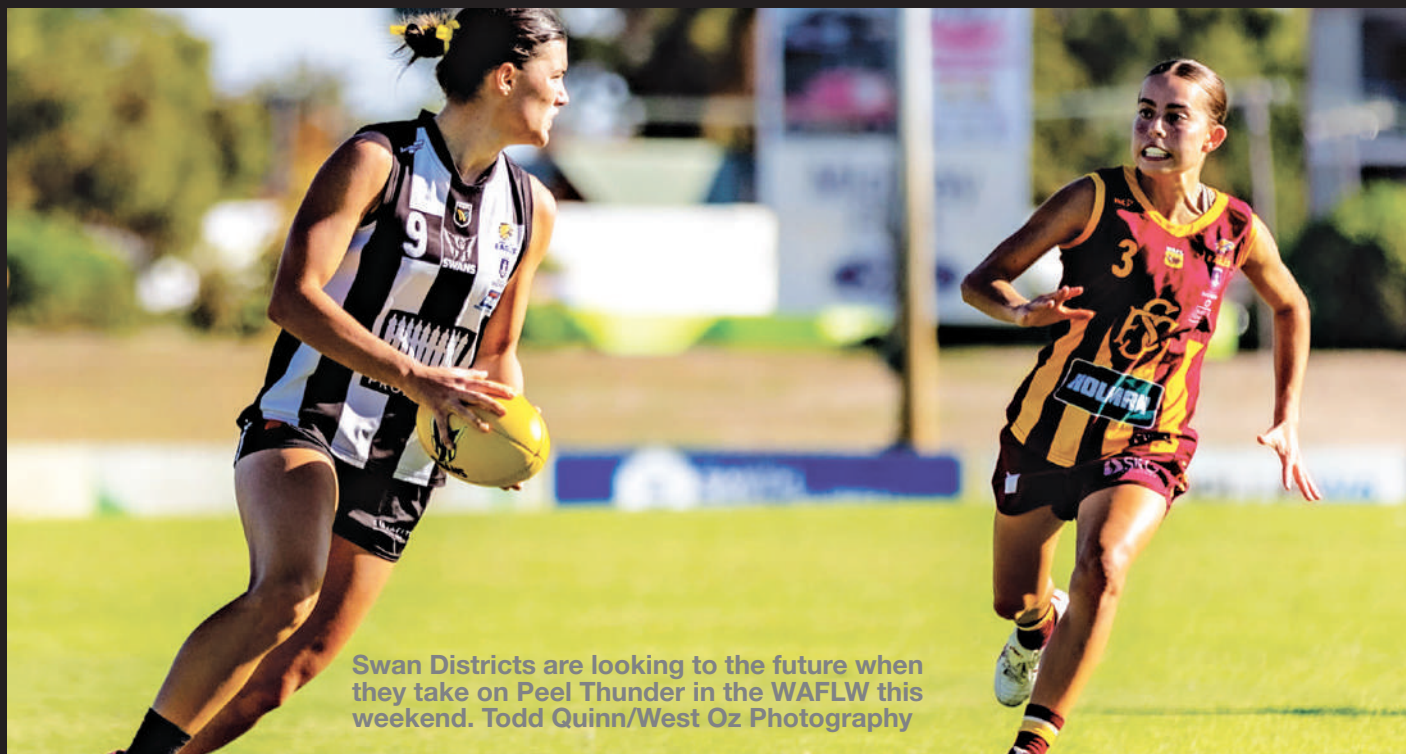
Submissions close **Friday 13 June 2025** and can be lodged online, via email to regionplanningschemes@dph.wa.gov.au, or posted to: **The Secretary, WAPC, Locked Bag 2506, PERTH WA 6001**. Late submissions may not be considered.

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Swan Districts are looking to the future when they take on Peel Thunder in the WAFLW this weekend. Todd Quinn/West Oz Photography

Swan Districts 1-1 after losing to Subiaco

CHRIS PIKE

SWAN Districts were back in action in the WAFLW competition on Saturday and playing the first home game for 2025 but it was Subiaco who ended up claiming the 14-point victory.

The Swans started the 2025 season with a win over East Perth before the round two bye ahead of playing host to Subiaco on Saturday at home in round three.

Swan Districts only managed to kick the one goal for the afternoon with Subiaco securing a 5.7 (37) to 1.7 (13) victory with the black-and-whites now sitting on a 1-1 record to open the season.

The lone goal in the contest for Swan Districts was kicked by Taylah Edwards who also had seven possessions and four tackles for the afternoon.

Reigning fairest and best winner Carys

D'Addario continued to show she is one of the best midfielders in the WAFLW by racking up another 24 possessions to go with five marks and two tackles.

Jaime Henry also finished with 22 touches and six marks while Luka Davis picked up 16 disposals, Indiana West 14, Kayley King 10 and Isabella Edgley 10.

Lauren Quaife also competed hard in the ruck ending up with six possessions and 15 hit outs.

It was a tough start to the game with Swan Districts kicking against the breeze and the Lions having the only four scores of the first quarter and converting them into two goals for a 14-point lead.

Swans were able to respond with the only goal of the second quarter thanks to Taylah Edwards and that cut the lead for the Lions back to seven points at half-time.

Subiaco answered back with the only

two goals of the third quarter to be on top by 20 points at the last change before Swans could only kick three behinds in the last term with the Lions ending up scoring the 24-point victory.

The day's action got underway for Swan Districts in the Rogers Cup at home but it was Subiaco claiming a thrilling 6.0 (36) to 4.9 (33) victory.

Swans did manage just the one goal in the first half but then kicked three goals in the second half and it was ultimately the accuracy of the Lions that was the difference as they won by three points despite Swan Districts having 13 scoring shots to six for the game.

Keira Fawcett kicked two of the four goals for Swans with one each to Khalia Fawcett and Leah Howard while Addison Hall, Sienna Gerardi, Summer Ajduk and Grace Hirst were among the standout performers.

Fever has tough start to 2025

WEST Coast Fever have suffered their second loss of the season to a clinical Queensland Firebirds in Brisbane.

Fever started slowly and didn't recover as the Firebirds controlled the first three quarters and led by 15 goals at three-quarter-time.

The visitors lifted in the final quarter as youngsters Jordan Cransberg and Ruth Aryang of Midland found an extra gear.

The youngest Aryang sister dominated the last quarter with four gains, three intercepts and a deflection.

Fever got to within 10 goals at the start of power five in the last quarter but it was the Firebirds who withheld the charge to record a 13-goal win.

The height of Firebirds star recruit, goal shooter Mary Chollhok, proved hard for Fever to stop as the Ugandan finished with 42 goals from 49 attempts.

While Fever tried to double team Chollhok to force goal attack Emily Moore to shoot from longer range, she was up to the task finishing with 17 goals at 71 per cent.

Chollhok also controlled the air, pulling in a massive eight rebounds for the match as Fever's defence recorded one.

At the other end of the court, Fever will rue turnovers and missed shots as the visitors turned the ball over 20 times.

Olivia Wilkinson led the scoring for Fever finishing with 38 goals with one super-shot. Supported by MJ Kumwenda (7-9), Shanice Beckford (5-7), and Alice Teague-Neeld (one supershot).

Teague-Neeld was moved into goal attack for a brief period in the second quarter as coach Dan Ryan shuffled the bibs to try and find a solution to the Fever's connection around circle edge.

Fever now have a week off before they travel to Melbourne to face the Vixens on Sunday, April 27.

West Coast Fever lost their opening game of the 2025 season by 18 goals to the NSW Swifts.

Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk



Hope and Joy

In our society, there's a significant number of people experiencing anxiety. This was the case during Covid, but why is it still prevalent, even among young people?

Anxiety is 'life-zapping'. It makes the soul sick and it causes despair and hopelessness. Is there anything that can reduce anxiety? I believe there is a solution – and it is grounded in the true story of Easter.

God's Son, Jesus, died on a cross. He willingly laid down His life so that we can be forgiven - when we believe in Him. His sacrifice was because of His love for us. Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20 'He loved me and gave Himself for me'. When we realise how much Jesus loves us, and when we experience His forgiveness, it fills us with hope and joy – and anxiety and despair reduce.

Christ also rose from the dead. Through Jesus we can have fullness of life, now and forever. In Him, fear in death is removed. What hope and joy this brings us. Peter wrote in 1 Peter 1:3 'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.'

This Easter, may you know this living hope and profound joy that comes from Christ's sacrificial death and awesome resurrection. May you comprehend and know how much Jesus loves you and what He did for you.

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Upcoming Events

- **The Rosehill Ladies Golf Club** meets each Tuesday at 8am at Hillview Public Golf Club, Kalamunda Road, Maida Vale. The season runs from March to November. Call Roz on 0419 915 623 or Julia on 0419 954 106.
- **Kalamunda Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Falls Farm, 41 Cagney Way Lesmurdie from 10am-1pm. For more information call Roy 9295 2522 or Ray 0427 095 892.
- **The Mundaring Country Women's Association** meets every second Wednesday at 1pm at the CWA Centre (Sculpture Park) in Jacoby Street, Mundaring for a craft and social afternoon. Take your craft ideas to share on your favourite craft or hobby. Visitors are always welcome anytime to have a cuppa

and a chat. For more information call Marg on 0417 956 628.

• **The Hills Branch of Save the Children** will hold their Mother's Day stall in the Mundaring Shopping Mall outside Woolworths between 9am to 3.30pm on Friday, May 2. The stall will include their popular second-hand books, hand knits, rugs, small gifts, and plants. No EFTPOS is available at the stall but there is an ATM machine nearby.

• **Mundaring Friendly Music Club's** first session will be held on Wednesday, May 14 from 10am to 2pm at Mundaring Community Men's Shed, 1 Morilla Road, Mundaring. Sing, learn, play and have fun (bring a snack for lunch). To RSVP call Karina on 0423 980 241.

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Woofers of the week

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Walking through the open floor will lead you to two French doors which opens up to a veranda that wraps around the home.

This makes it perfect for year-round entertainment with friends and family.

The house is fitted with plenty of storage, with a convenient

under stair cupboard and walk-in linen closet.

This three-bedroom two-bathroom home also includes a separate one bedroom one bathroom cottage which can be turned into a guest home.

The cottage is spacious and has all the necessities such as a bathroom and kitchen, and just like the main property, it also includes a slow combustion heater and air conditioner.

The main bedroom is located upstairs and features high ceilings as well as a spacious bathroom equipped with a deep, free-standing bathtub.

The room opens up to a balcony with natural timber decking via two French doors which is perfect for sky gazers and there's plenty of space to decorate with outdoor furniture.

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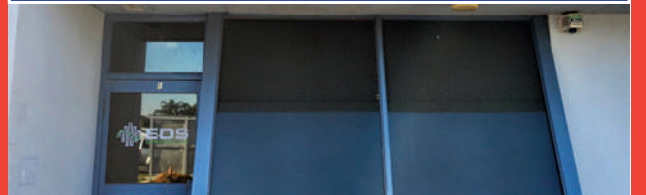


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