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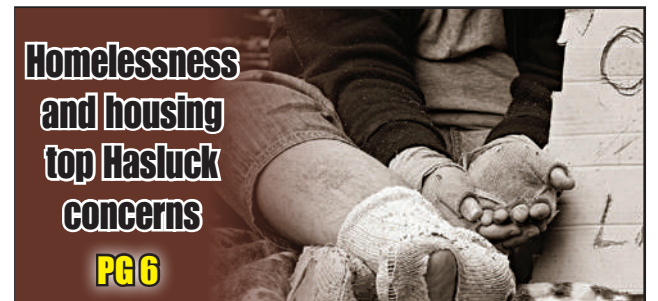
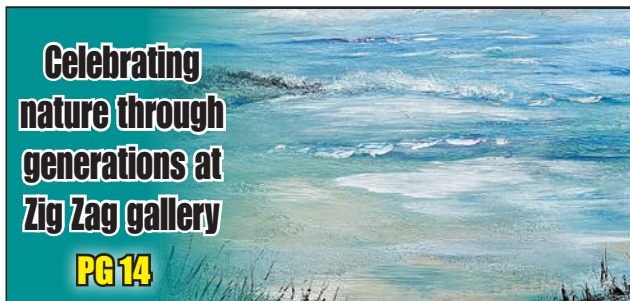
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Housing challenges questioned

Dear Echo News,

There's much ado about something when we see increasing talk about this or that additional housing.

It's scary that much has to be done, and we're in election mode where many a promise can be the precursor of an apology. Housing is an obvious choice to look at in more detail.

There are several considerations that might be given to housing:

Where are we going to put all these new houses – given that much of the available land is subject to fires and/or flooding and, linked to this, the extremely high insurance rates that go with such high risks?

What are we looking at in terms of housing? Brick and tile, timber, concrete slabs, etc.

Before we go into that let's consider what we need for small to much larger housing projects.

First is some knowledge of the customers which might range from first home buyers with limited capital and income to older clients with saving and possibly a 'too large' house which they will sell.

Taking this into account it seems to me that, at least from the point of view of the Darling Scarp/Perth Hills, there are many very low-density housing areas that could be redeveloped into mixed low to high density housing areas.

This has benefits that I can see and these have to be considered by the state and/or federal governments if they are involved or, by forward looking cities and shires.

Much of new land housing developments

Thought for the day

"Never take criticism from someone you wouldn't take advice from." – Unknown

in the wider Perth region is adjacent to busy roads which generate noise and air pollution.

Existing low density housing areas usually have roads, electricity, sometimes water and, occasionally, piped sewage disposal.

They are often well forested locations and future potential for very high property insurance costs – which may encourage people to leave.

Two factors to be considered here. One is that by not developing areas close to highways, the area can be used to establish forests with fire resistant trees.

The second is that this will compensate for removing trees in existing low-density housing in forested areas to make space for low to high density housing.

W Buchanan
Walliston

Athletics ticket fiasco

Dear Echo News,

I tried to attend the athletics at the WA Athletics HPS on Thursday, but when I called the venue for details I was told by the reception that "I don't know if it's open to the public – I'll find out. I'm at the aquatic centre".

And I was then told after waiting a few minutes that it was and that if I want tickets, I need to get on the Ticketmaster website.

I did that, and ordered a concessional ticket, but then found out that despite giving my email address, it was only deliverable to my phone/phone wallet...which of course I don't have (the wallet) being averse to

being scammed.

I was eventually timed out of the Ticketmaster site after two minutes and so gave up.

This is a public venue. I am public (very!) and yet it was almost impossible to get through the process to gain entry.

The receptionist on the phone was very short with me when I asked her what "HPS" stood for. She told me "High Performance Stadium" and I asked, "Well, why didn't you say so?" and she said that if I went to the venue/building I'd see underneath the HPS sign the words "High Performance Stadium".

Naturally, I said "See – those words are necessary, so why not use them?". She hung up.

I'll just have to hope that we get a few seconds of it on the TV. Not happy. Welcome to 1984.

P Carman
Hovea

Bullwinkel climate challenge

Dear Echo News,

The Climate Council has rated Bullwinkel the eighth most vulnerable electorate to climate catastrophe.

We have already seen the devastating effects of bushfires in the hills and 12,500 properties are at severe risk of fires and farming properties of drought.

Conservatives must put the independent WA National Mia Davies who will stand up to the Queensland climate denying LNP above the Liberal candidate.

We cannot let a Dutton, 'I'm not a (climate) scientist' take the lodge.

C Hughes
Greenmount

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With Commissioner for Consumer Protection Trish Blake

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Councillors vote for earlier start on aged care stage

ANITA McINNES

EARLIER this month City of Swan councillors voted for an officer's recommendation on the disposal of lots 503 and 504 Paradise Quays but also added in extra points including that the residential aged care part of the proposal should have an earlier start date included in the sale and development agreement.

This followed community concerns about the clarity of the residential aged care facility's concept, design and operation raised in submissions about the sale of the Ballajura land and after the city administration clarified the residential aged care facility concept would be part of a future development application.

Before they voted unanimously on the motion councillors also added in a point that street trees on Paradise Quays should be retained wherever possible with the developer to provide a robust validation before any permanent loss of trees occurred.

The officer's recommendation included noting the 29 submissions received and the responses provided in response, authorising the chief executive officer to finalise the disposal of Lot 501 (proposed lots 503 and 504) ensuring all conditions of the sale and development agreement were met along with the inclusion in the condition of sale that Lot 505 (portion of Emu Swamp reserve) be ceded to the Crown, upon finalisation of subdivision.

The recommendation also called for the city to host regular meetings between relevant city officers, the Lakes Estate Action Group and the proponent Wattle Fairway to refine

the concept plan to inform a formal development application.

According to the officer's report feedback related to the concept plan had been shared with the proponent with some amendments made before the public comment period closed.

"These amendments were minor adjustments and included removing reference to proposed Lot 505, amending the boundary line from 501 to 503 and 504, and removal of a fire exit-walkway on the northern boundary of Lot 503 and Bermuda Drive.

"Any further necessary amendments will be addressed through the formal development application process, which will be reviewed by the Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP), pending the council's endorsement of the officer recommendation to proceed with the sale."

The officer's report said it was clarified that the residential aged care facility concept would be part of a future development application with the buyer to appoint a provider, with design and operational details shared once an operator was secured.

On Wednesday, April 23 Lakes Estate Action Group (LEAG) spokesman and Ballajura resident Bob Becu said the motion, which approved the establishment of a three-party working group was a good move and one that the group had suggested.

"(This was for) the city itself and some representatives of the Lakes Estate Action Group to be a working group to work with the developer about progressing it to development application stage," he said.



Lakes Estate Action Group spokesman Bob Becu says the community want an aged care facility for Paradise Quays to progress as soon as possible. Pictures: Anita McInnes

Mr Becu said it was positive for the developer and the city to include the community representatives in working on the best outcome.

"It shows that the city has learned a bit from its previous unhappy experience with what was going to be the Southern Cross aged care devel-

opment. He said there were two parts to the latest development proposal – the residential part (individual dwellings) and the residential aged care component.

"The community are keen to see that progressed as early as possi-

ble," he said. He said the city's own aging strategy identified the need for an aged care sort of development.

"Therefore what the community is asking for is completely consistent with the city's own aged care strategy."

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Local group lends helping hands to animal sanctuary



Volunteers Jamie, Matt, Nick, Liz and Destiny (left to right) at the animal sanctuary.

CINDY CARTOJANO

MUNDARING'S Possum Valley Animal Sanctuary (PVAS) was the lucky recipient of a community donation led by landscaping company Perth Garden Rescue (PGR), which saw five volunteers attend the sanctuary to help with storm recovery.

PGR owner and manager Duncan Blandford said a poll was posted on their Facebook page in March and the community was given the opportunity to vote for who they wanted to win.

The poll listed a variety of Perth Hills organisations which Mr Blandford said fit the rescue team's scope of work.

He said the scope was either a large clean up or a low maintenance landscaping job.

In *Perth Hills storm damage* (Echo News, February 21), it was reported a wild storm led to power outages and damaged properties across Mount Helena, Stoneville, Mundaring, Gidgegannup, Chidlow and surrounds.

PVAS president Chris Rafferty said the team at the sanctuary were excited when they heard they won the poll because they were exhausted from cleaning and there was still a lot of work remaining.

"The storm caused a number of

downed fences, destroyed shelters, a water tank, bore fittings, and knocked over or damaged trees throughout the property.

"We were without power for over five days, which meant much of the animals' fresh produce in the cool room needed to be disposed of."

Mr Rafferty said the safety of the animals was prioritised.

"Our priority was that all animals were safe and that fences were reinstated to prevent them wandering off the property.

"A number of shelters were damaged or destroyed, so temporary repairs and rebuilding has also been a priority."

He said the cleanup day would be a huge help in getting the sanctuary back on its feet, which would allow it to hold fundraising events and tours.

PGR spokesperson Pauline Daly said the team of five cleared and stacked eight tipper trailer loads of debris into burn piles and wood piles.

"Our team found this job extremely rewarding and were happy to work hard for six hours to clean up as much as they could," she said.

She said the team found it humbling to help an organisation which relies heavily on volunteers and donations.

PVAS vice president Mark Hayman thanked the PGR team and said the main pathways, driveways and paddocks have been cleared but there is still some work left to do.

Mr Hayman said they are expecting more frequent and intense storms in the future.

"We are working on removing or pruning precarious and damaged trees. We are also working to raise the level of some shelters to prevent flooding, dig channels and moats, build larger and more secure shelters and driveway contours to better channel our runoff."

PGR's Mr Blandford said this was the first year they've held a community uplift donation.

He said PGR wanted to return the gratitude they felt toward the Perth Hills community.

"The thing we love about being in the hills is the connection we have.

"People love to support local businesses.

"We have certainly felt supported and this was our chance to give back to our hills community."

Meanwhile, the state government recently announced disaster recovery assistance for communities impacted by the February and March storms.

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Bus drivers raise funds for Radio Lollipop

BUS drivers from Perth's Swan Transit, which has a Midvale bus depot, swapped their daily uniform for a more vibrant wardrobe for the annual Radio Lollipop fundraising event.

Collectively, Swan Transit raised \$11,459 to support children in hospital with care, comfort, entertainment and play.

Dozens of team members ditched the high-vis for superhero capes, glittering tutus, clown costumes and fairy wings, drawing smiles from passengers and raising much-needed funds for Radio Lollipop, a volunteer-run charity that delivers joy, creativity and connection to children in hospital through music, games and play.

Swan Transit managing director Brian Thompson said the event continued to bring out the best in the team.

"Radio Lollipop's mission is one we all feel strongly about and that is helping kids feel heard, valued and happy during what is often a scary and challenging time," he said.

"Our people showed up with incredible enthusiasm, creativity and heart.

"Whether they were barbecuing sausages at the depot, hosting morning teas, donning outrageous costumes and accepting passenger contributions, it all helped lift spirits and raise money for such a meaningful cause."

Radio Lollipop's research

shows that one in every four children will be admitted to hospital before the age of 14.

Their programs give children a voice and a choice during their stay, allowing them to request their favourite songs, join in on competitions, or simply connect with a friendly volunteer.

"Sometimes it's the smallest gestures such as a colourful costume, a song request or a cupcake at morning tea, that make the biggest impact," he said.

"That is why we are proud to be involved in this event every year.

"It's fun, it's heartfelt and it matters."

To support Radio Lollipop or find out more, visit www.radiolollipop.org

John Howard visits Kalamunda RSL

GUANHAO CHENG

FORMER Prime Minister John Howard made a doorstep at the Kalamunda RSL on April 16 to support the Liberal effort to win Bullwinkel.

The event was ticketed as afternoon tea with Mr Howard, with catering prepared by the Kalamunda CWA and residents having a chance to mingle briefly with the former leader after speeches and questions concluded.

During his address to the Kalamunda RSL, Mr Howard thanked the residents who attended and said the poppies of the RSL hall reminded him of his own father.

"Now Bullwinkel is the seat named after a most courageous lady and it's appropriate that we gather here at an RSL," he said.

"Oh gee, this is a classic RSL.

"I gaze upon those red poppies of Flanders Fields, and it does remind me of my own late father who served Australia as a volunteer in the Great War, and I look around and see all these other wonderful tributes, and I pay a special tribute to the men and women, members and others in this audience who have put their lives on the line for the safety and security of this country."

The Kalamunda CWA also prepared a tea towel, marking the organisation's 100th anniversary, for Mr Howard to take back home for himself and his wife Janette.

Kalamunda CWA president Kathryn Kinang said although the group was apolitical, they were happy to cater to the visitors and a visiting former prime minister.

"We were asked to cater for 30, then it went to 60, and on Monday it was 100," she said.

"But we're the CWA and we can do anything – us women when we get together."

Stoneville resident Mark Hancock said



Former Prime Minister John Howard addressed the attendants at the afternoon high tea held at Kalamunda RSL. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

he enjoyed Mr Howard's visit and felt the area appreciated his time as the national leader.

"Well, I just thought he was pretty full of wit in that he hasn't lost any of his mental capacity and you can see by the reaction of the people there how greatly they appreciate what he did for us in the past," he said.

Kalamunda resident Allan Larsen said he felt moved by the visit and appreciated Mr Howard's reflections on the state of the nation.

"I found the exercise inspiring, and I'd never ever met John Howard in person, but it was interesting that he took all the trouble to come all the way (to Kalamunda) that he did and the advice that he gave and the comments that he made struck home and resonated with me," he said.

"I've found that we're in a bad state and we should be in a better position than we are.

"We are the lucky country, but we're unlucky at the moment."

Lesmurdie resident Susan Creelman said she appreciated that Mr Howard had a humble origin and hoped the challenges of house ownership can be solved by the incoming government.

"I like the way he showed that he'd come from humble beginnings and how all the things he'd learned from his father about being honest had prepared him, never thinking that he would one day be prime minister," she said.

"I know there's young people finding it hard to buy houses and I just hope that some of the things that happen in the parliament will sort that out."

Disaster recovery for Perth Hills

THE federal and WA governments are activating disaster recovery assistance for communities impacted by severe thunderstorms in the Perth Hills region in February.

The City of Swan and shires of Chittering and Mundaring will receive assistance through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

On February 19, a damaging weather system developed along the west coast before moving across the Perth Hills, producing powerful microbursts in some areas.

In addition to storm debris, damage was caused to local roads and other important public infrastructure across the impacted region.

Disaster recovery assistance will help local governments repair roads and other public assets with Commonwealth and State funding available for the reimbursement of eligible costs.

Federal Minister for Emergency Management Jenny McAllister said the funding activated today would help councils recover and rebuild after the damaging storms.

"This includes repairing damage to the road network and ensuring community safety," she said.

"The Australian and WA governments are working closely to ensure communities get the support they need to recover."

Western Australian Emergency Services Minister Paul Papalia praised the co-ordinated response that helped impacted communities in their immediate recovery efforts.

"The severe and sudden nature of these thunderstorms presented significant challenges and caused concentrated damage," Mr Papalia said.

"I'd like to commend the efforts of emergency services personnel who worked tirelessly to clear hazardous debris, repair critical infrastructure and provide assistance to affected residents.

"I also want to acknowledge the resilience of these communities and work to ensure they receive the support they need to recover."

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Hasluck report highlights residents' top concerns

HOUSING stress, mental health concerns and the cost of healthcare have been identified as the top issues affecting residents in the electorate of Hasluck, according to a new report by the Salvation Army.

The findings are part of the organisation's 2025 social justice stocktake, which surveyed nearly 16,000 people nationwide to understand the biggest challenges facing local communities.

In Hasluck, 83 per cent of participants said housing affordability and homelessness were the most urgent social justice issues in their area.

The most recent modelling cited in the report, produced with 2021 ABS data, showed the electorate has an unmet housing need of 2900 dwellings, with limited supply and rising costs pushing more people into financial strain.

"Not having a safe and secure home makes every part of life more difficult," the report said.

Mental health followed as the next highest concern, with 46.5 per cent of people in Hasluck identifying it as an issue for the community and themselves.

The report said many residents are struggling to access timely mental health care and that conditions were often linked with broader financial and social hardship.

Healthcare access was identified as a key challenge by 35.8 per cent of those surveyed.

Just 44.8 per cent of GP clinics in Hasluck bulk bill, and out-of-pocket costs in the electorate average \$41.39 per appointment, according to Cleanbill data cited in the report.

"The best possible clinical care will be less effective if a person is living in their car or unsafe in their home," it stated.

Other major concerns included financial hardship reported as concerning 55.7 per cent of respondents, alcohol and drug use at 41.5 per cent, and family violence 35.8 per cent.

The report said rising cost of living has been on the minds of Hasluck residents and



Housing affordability and homelessness were voted by 83 per cent of participating residents as being the most urgent social justice issue in Hasluck.

young people are experiencing higher rates of poverty when compared to the rest of the state, according to a 2024 report commissioned by social services provider Uniting-Care Australia.

"Though the overall child poverty rate in Western Australia is 16.4 per cent, it is much higher in some areas, for example the area of Maddington, Orange Grove, Martin in Hasluck, where the child poverty rate is 26.6 per cent," the report said.

"Roughly 6040 people living in Hasluck are reliant on JobSeeker or Youth Allowance.

"The rates of both of these payments are demonstrably too low and have the unintended consequence of trapping people in poverty."

The report also said 8.1 per cent of people in Guildford were experiencing unemployment in March 2024.

While the report acknowledged the com-

plexity of the issues raised, it said residents were looking for meaningful change.

"Remove the dole bludger, welfare cheat (accusations) out of the conversations and look at implementing a living wage," the report said.

"This will help more people lead meaningful lives.

"Instead of demonising people, support them and build capacity, not tear them down."



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Questions raised at Guildford lock-up tour



UNDA student Edgar Ani, Midland MLA Steve Catania and SGHS member Rod Brinkworth at the Guildford lock-up.

CINDY CARTOJANO

ARCHAEOLOGY students from the University of Notre Dame visited the Guildford lock-up on Sunday, April 13, and according to one of the students, they were surprised to discover discrepancies with what is known about the building through historical sources.

The Swan Guildford Historical Society (SGHS) said this was the fourth time the site had been used for university research.

As reported in *Advocacy tops Steve Catania's list in Midland run* (Echo News, February 14) Midland MLA Steve Catania is also a member of the SGHS.

The SGHS said Mr Catania showed interest in the tour and visited the site with the students.

Archeology and History senior lecturer Shane Burke said the exercise continued to forge the links between Notre Dame Australia, the City of Swan and the historical society.

The day before the excursion, Dr Burke said the students examined historical data held at the State Library and the State Records Office of WA.

He said the students used what they found in already existing records and compared it to what they observed during their visit to the gaol.

One of the students who attended, Edgar Ani said some maps of the building don't exist, while others didn't have accurate measurements.

"It seems like the building is hiding things that we're yet to discover," Mr Ani said.

He said he enjoyed this aspect of doing archaeology.

"We always find ambiguity, as there's always holes in the story."

In a Facebook post by the SGHS, the society revealed the discrepancies the students discovered.

"The survey over the weekend suggests that the section of building considered as the oldest in the complex did not exist in 1851, in opposition to many secondary sources," the post read.

Another question raised at the tour was about the rectangular lock-up's dimensions which were 20 by 30 links, according to the SGHS.

"With extensions, this was increased to 53 links and the structure's shape altered to an L by the time (Augustus) Gregory surveyed the town," the SGHS said.

"Gregory's sketch shows the length of the extension in a west to east direction was 72 links."

Mr Ani said he grew up in the area and regretted taking it for granted.

"At first I thought, 'it's just good old Guildford'.

"But actually studying it now, it's fascinating."

Although he is still a student, Mr Ani said the excursion sparked his interest and hoped it sparked the interest of others too.

"There's history that we have in Western Australia that hasn't really been looked at," he said.

"I think Guildford's one of those mysteries that I think we should start looking into."

"I would love to do more work on the gaol and the Guildford area in general to discover our more recent history."

Mr Ani said people can learn a lot about the world around them, if they just look.

"Western Australia, and Australia in general, is a place built on stories of migration," he said.

He said Guildford, a place based on the England town, showed that people who migrated wanted to keep a part of home with them.

"Having come from an immigrant family myself, I think that's definitely true," Mr Ani said.

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Greens candidate Abbey Bishop runs for Bullwinkel

CINDY CARTOJANO

GREENS candidate for Bullwinkel Abbey Bishop says she'll be able to claim two feats if she wins: she will be the first member for the seat of Bullwinkel and the youngest woman to be elected to federal parliament.

"I think it would be so inspiring for other young women like me who don't see their voice represented," Ms Bishop said.

"The majority of voters are young women like me and young men who are in my age group."

"I think it's really time that we see that change in who's actually running for parliament."

Ms Bishop said she knows she's up against tough competition but she's excited and hopes to win.

"I don't have as many signs as all the others, or I don't have TV advertising, but you know, I'm putting my all into it."

"I love talking to people about what's going on in their lives."

Throughout her campaign, Ms Bishop said residents were most concerned with cost of living and the live export ban.

Ms Bishop said she supports ending the cruel practice of live export but there hadn't been enough community consultation on the matter.

"I don't think there's been enough promise on the side of what happens after the ban, and I

think that's where the Greens plan differs.

"No one will be left behind."

"We really want to make sure that everyone is taken care of and that everyone has a job to go to after the ban."

Ms Bishop said the Greens would open six free health clinics in every electorate.

"People are skipping going to the doctor or the dentist because it costs too much."

This would be funded by closing tax loopholes, which she said currently allowed big companies to avoid paying tax.

She said the clinics would be staffed with GPs, dentists, nurses and psychologists.

Ms Bishop said she would push to abolish all HECS debt and make TAFE and university education free for future students.

"When a lot of our politicians went to uni for free, it's just not fair."

"So many more people could go to uni if they knew that they weren't going to be saddled with this, on average, \$25,000 debt that could stop them from buying a house."

"People want to go to uni or TAFE and get that higher education but people can't justify accruing all that debt."

Ms Bishop said she has always been passionate about politics.

"I grew up in a house where it was always a discussion that we



Greens candidate talks about cost of living, the live export ban and education.

had and we were always talking about different things that happened in the news."

She described her dad as a die-hard liberal voter in his 20s but today, she said he has door-knocked

on thousands of doors for the Greens.

"It's a lesson that people can change."

"People can be convinced."

By door-knocking and having

conversations with people, Ms Bishop hoped to show people there's an option outside of the major parties.

"An option that really does care about the community."

Banker and former mayor now running for Hasluck

GUANHAO CHENG

LIBERAL candidate for Hasluck David Goode says his background in banking, local government and small business gives him the tools to be a practical and effective federal representative.

The former City of Gosnells mayor, who has served on council since 2013, said his focus was on restoring economic balance and supporting working families, particularly on housing and cost of living.

"I'm a banker by profession," he said.

"Twenty-six years with Bankwest and for the past 21 years, I've been self-employed in finance."

"You've got to make sure you're not wasting the ratepayers' funds and that principle should apply nationally."

On housing affordability, Mr Goode said he believed a multi-pronged approach was essential, and used a baking metaphor to make his point.

"It's like the ingredients to making a delicious cake and there's about five key ingredients," he said.

Mr Goode said there needed to be increased land supply through more infrastructure, reductions to the cost of construction, and easing demand pressure by stopping foreign buyers for a period to bring the market back into equilibrium.

"What we're going to do is stop people from coming into Australia for the first two years from buying a house," he said.

"We'll put the freeze on that and lower the rate of immigration so it's rebalanced."

"I love people from all over Australia, all over the world, it doesn't matter where you come from but you need to have a balance so that even when they get here they can still afford to buy."

"So, you wait until the market is rebalanced, then you can make policy adjustments but you just want to make sure that there's available supply and unfortunately you see the land everywhere without the roads, without the sewage, electricity and water."

He said he supported allowing first home buyers early access to superannuation, unlocking government land, and reviewing regulatory barriers to development.

Mr Goode has also addressed criticism about not currently living within the boundaries of Hasluck, saying his connections to the area run deep and the new boundaries are a



Liberal candidate for Hasluck David Goode says he wants to unlock more land to target the housing crisis.

significant factor.

"Once upon a time, I was in the electorate for over 10 years and the boundaries changed," he said.

"My house keeps shifting electorates without moving – I don't live in the electorate now."

"If I'm lucky enough on May 3 I'll certainly want to move into the electorate."

"What really connects me to the electorate is, I'm a self-employed mortgage broker, I'm an ex-bank manager."

"I've got people who live in the electorate, in Caversham, Ellenbrook, all over, so I'm connecting all the time with those people and I'm here to try and save them some money and reduce their cost of living pressures."

Mr Goode said his strength was his accessibility and honesty.

"If I'm lucky enough to be elected, I will be accessible to the people, answer every email, phone call and meet with people," he said.

"I have no fear as far as (having) a 30-year career in politics."

"I'm 63 years of age – I want to get the job done."

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Independent wants to correct overreach

GUANHAO CHENG

GREAT Australian Party candidate Dawn Kelly says she is running for Hasluck to restore what she sees as the lost rights of everyday Australians.

In an interview with *Echo News*, Ms Kelly said her motivation to stand for federal parliament came from her frustration with the government's Covid-19 response and her belief that the rights of individuals were being taken away by corporate and foreign influence.

"We're currently customers of the corporate government," she said.

"During Covid, people were basically blackmailed and coerced into taking a vaccination to keep their job or to see nana at the nursing home.

"It doesn't matter what your beliefs are with Covid or not, I know a lot of Australians were forced into taking the jabs.

"They were forced into taking it, and they did not want to take it and it was an absolute abuse of power by the corporate government."

Ms Kelly said she was not running to begin a political career and that her campaign is centred around community advocacy and transparency.

"I haven't chosen a career path that has been business or corporate, because money was not my motivation, it was my family and my community," she said.

"The cost of living is going through the roof and it's not getting any better.

"We've got to do something about this and I'm not a career politician and I'm not polished in any way and I need support from my community."

Ms Kelly is also a vocal supporter of Rod Culleton, a former One Nation senator who is now the leader of the Great Australian Party.

Mr Culleton was disqualified from the Senate in 2017 over a bankruptcy finding and questions over his eligibility under Section 44 of the Constitution. The AEC has released a 2025 statement about Mr Culleton which said his name would appear on the WA Senate ballot paper, listed as "Cullerton".

"Mr Culleton's nomination declared that he was not an undischarged bankrupt or insolvent," it said.

"The AEC cannot reject a nomination even if it contains a false declaration as to the eligibility of that person to stand for election.

"Any person who is an undischarged bankrupt or



Great Australian Party leader Rod Culleton and candidate Dawn Kelly at the Bassendean RSL.

insolvent, shall be incapable of being chosen or of sitting as a senator or a member of the House of Representatives.

"Following Mr Culleton's nomination as a candidate under the same circumstances at the 2022 federal election, the AEC referred the matter to the Australian Federal Police.

"A prosecution relating to this matter is ongoing."

Despite this, Ms Kelly said she believed Mr Culleton was unfairly targeted.

"I'm very excited to tell you that Rod's actually been helping people, farmers, be reunited with their land, to come home to their farms, because their farms have been taken unlawfully from them," she said.

Ms Kelly said she hopes to make good use of the remaining time ahead of the election to door-knock and connect to the community face-to-face.

"There will be some door knocking, but we also want people to reach out to us as well," she said.

"We've (got the) Anzac weekend so it doesn't leave a lot of time, so we have to be as effective as we can with our time management."



Nationals candidate for Bullwinkel Mia Davies and Shire of Northam President Chris Antonio with residents at the Clackline CPA.

Pledge to support Clackline trail upgrade

CLACKLINE'S rail heritage trail is one step closer to a long-awaited upgrade following a \$200,000 joint Bullwinkel election commitment from Nationals candidate Mia Davies and Liberal candidate Matt Moran.

Announced at an event in Clackline on April 10, the funding promise targets a deteriorating 10km section of the Railway Heritage Trail – an item long listed in the Shire of Northam's Priorities for the Future.

The trail segment forms part of the historic Eastern Railway line and was first flagged by the Clackline Progress Association, then elevated for inclusion in the tracks and trails masterplan through support from the Shire of Northam.

It links to the existing Clackline Trail, which celebrates the town's rail legacy – including the iconic red railway carriage now repurposed as the local post office.

Shire of Northam President Chris Antonio said the funding would boost ongoing efforts to revitalise Clackline's heritage precinct.

"In recent years, the Shire of Northam and the

Clackline Progress Association have invested significant time and funds into developing Clackline's rail heritage assets, which will be enhanced by the upgrades intended for the Railway Heritage line," he said.

The project aligns with one of the key actions in the shire's council plan to improve tracks and trails across the region.

The \$200,000 commitment, if delivered following the federal election, would contribute to essential trail repairs and improve safety and accessibility for visitors and locals alike.

Clackline was once a vital rail junction linking Northam and Toodyay.

According to the Shire of Northam's plan for the future July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2032 document, outcome 7.3.2 was to partner with a railway station heritage group to develop a formal railway station precinct plan.

The shire had budgeted \$150,000 for the 7.3.2 outcome in 2025/26 according to the future plan document and \$200,000 for the following year after that.

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Labor pledges new \$5m Mundaring child care centre



Member for Cowan Minister Anne Aly, Labor candidate for Bullwinkel Trish Cook, local mother's Ash, Sarah and Tessa and their children.

A RE-ELECTED Albanese Labor government will invest up to \$5 million towards building a new child care service in Mundaring.

New services will be located on school sites wherever possible – making drop off easier for families and giving children a start at their local school.

Services will be operated by high-quality, not-for-profit providers to give children the best start possible.

“Only Labor has a plan to build a universal early childhood education system that is simple, affordable and accessible for every family and where every child is guaranteed access to at least three days of high-quality early childhood education and care,” Ms Cook said.

“That’s why the Albanese Labor Government has replaced the Coalition’s unfair activity test with a three day guarantee, where families will be eligible to access at least three days a week of subsidised child care from January 2026.

“We’ve also funded a 15 per cent pay rise for early childhood educators – helping grow the workforce so more children can access early education. We’ll also keep fees low for families by capping fee increases as part of our wage increase.”

She said a re-elected Albanese Labor government will work with the Mundaring community to identify an appropriate location for the new service.

“Investing in child care is an investment in Australia’s future – ensuring our little Australians have the best possible start in life.

“As a nurse and midwife, I know the early years are so important for a child’s development.

“This announcement is all about giving our kids the best start in life and getting them ready for school.

“Only the Albanese Labor government will help every Australian family to access to child care if they need it.”

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.

Nats pledge \$5m for Brown Park

THE Nationals candidate for Bullwinkel Mia Davies has pledged \$5 million toward much needed upgrades to facilities at Brown Park in Swan View.

Ms Davies said the well-used recreation precinct had outdated facilities that were no longer meeting the demands of local sporting or community groups.

“The Shire of Mundaring came to me with plans for upgrades to enable greater community use of facilities and cater for growing numbers in local sporting clubs,” Ms Davies said.

“There are both junior and senior competitions and all are at capacity in terms of space and numbers.

“It’s also home to Binar Futures, an Aboriginal sporting organisation that encourages Aboriginal youth to build positive futures for themselves, their families, communities, and culture through sport.”

Ms Davies said the funding would assist the shire to deliver stage two of the Brown Park Recreation

Precinct Plan, which included a new pavilion, works to the oval and landscaping at the site.

“Brown Park is an important community facility to more than 8,000 Swan View residents, and a catchment area of double that amount,” she said.

“It’s an important meeting place, supporting sporting and community groups to build connections and cohesion in the area.

“Encouraging participation in sport and recreation is obviously great for our health, but also incredibly important when communities are tackling crime and antisocial behaviour.”

Ms Davies said the power of sport was proven and the aim was always to engage as many children as possible to build confidence, work toward goals and stay on track.

“New facilities at Brown Park will support volunteers and clubs to continue to build their membership, expand their programs and encourage everyone who wants to get involved to contribute,” she said.

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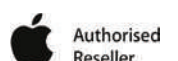
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Coalition pledge \$2m Mundaring Sporting Club upgrades

AN elected Coalition government has promised to deliver \$1.96 million to upgrade the Mundaring Sporting Club.

Liberal candidate for Bullwinkel Matt Moran said the commitment would ensure everyone has access to local high-quality sporting facilities.

"The Mundaring Sporting Club is a hub of local activity, but it is time for an upgrade," Mr Moran said.

This funding will deliver essential upgrades, including new female change rooms and facilities, so everyone can get involved with grassroots sport in the Perth Hills.

"I've heard from many local athletes and sports clubs that the ageing facilities at the Mundaring Sporting Club are holding them back, particularly women's and girl's teams, which are growing rapidly," Mr Moran said.

"This funding is a direct response to the concerns raised by our community. I'm proud to be able to deliver this real and positive change for the Perth Hills."

Bullwinkel Nationals candidate Mia Davies said members of the club had done a wonderful job in maintaining and expanding their facility throughout the years, but the bathrooms and facilities needed an upgrade to make them acces-

sible and modern for every member.

"The club is a hub for bowls, golf and disc golf, as well as being an important meeting place for locals, but the bathroom facilities do not cater for those in wheelchair or with a disability meaning there are members that are unable to access them when participating in sport or activities," Ms Davies said.

She said the club recently hosted the 2024 World Team Disc Golf Championship bringing hundreds of people into the community and using the facility.

"Catering for members and growing numbers of visitors is critical for the future of the club."



Liberal candidate for Hasluck David Goode says he is proud to stand with businesses and the council to advocate for better mobile coverage in the Swan Valley.

Liberals pledge improved mobile phone coverage

IF elected on May 3 a Dutton Liberal government says it will invest \$3.1 million to improve mobile coverage for residents, businesses and visitors in the Swan Valley.

The investment would deliver a new business fibre zone through the NBN, which the Liberal party said would improve connectivity for the 330 businesses and more than 1200 homes in the Swan Valley.

Despite only being 25 minutes from the Perth CBD, business owners, locals, and visitors are plagued by poor phone and internet.

Federal Liberal Communications spokeswoman Melissa McIntosh said the announcement would address connectivity issues for residents in the Swan Valley who had been calling for better mobile coverage.

"Digital connectivity is now an

essential part of how we work, learn, stay safe and remain in contact with family and friends," she said.

"The Liberals will continue to invest in telecommunications infrastructure as part of our plan to strengthen local communities and to get Australia back on track."

"Unfortunately, the Albanese Labor Government has no interest in improving telecommunications in regional, rural and remote Australia demonstrated by their sparse funding commitments and botched closure of the 3G network."

Liberal candidate for Hasluck David Goode said he was proud to stand with local businesses and the council to advocate for the investment in the Swan Valley.

"It will make a real difference for a community that has fought tirelessly for better telecommunications," he said.

Coalition's Mundaring Arena and Stirk Park CCTV pledge welcomed

AN elected Coalition government will provide \$500,000 to install CCTV and security lighting at Stirk Park in Kalamunda and a further \$66,000 for Mundaring Arena and the outdoor hard courts.

Liberal candidate for Bullwinkel, Matt Moran, said this funding would help ensure people feel safe when they go to play sport at Stirk Park or the Mundaring Arena.

"This funding is a direct response to the concerns raised by the community regarding recent vandalism incidents at Stirk Park and improved lighting will make this park safer for families, young people and wider community, especially at night," Mr Moran said.

City of Kalamunda Mayor, Cr Margaret Thomas, welcomed the announcement.

"Our youth keep asking us for more lighting so that they can skate for longer and use the netball courts for longer. People walking back to their homes at night feel unsafe without lighting," she said.

Mr Moran said he had also heard firsthand from Mundaring residents that safety is a priority.

"We're responding with practical measures to help make public spaces safer for everyone," he said.

"This funding will support the installation of CCTV to cover the Mundaring Arena and recreation hard courts so we can stamp out anti-social behaviour and crime."

Coalition to reinstate live sheep export



A FUTURE Coalition government will reinstate the live sheep export trade and ensure the live cattle export trade is protected.

Leader of The Nationals David Littleproud said bringing back the live sheep export trade and restoring confidence to Western Australian farmers will be his first priority if elected.

"The very first Bill I will introduce if I become Agriculture Minister is to reinstate the live sheep export trade," Mr Littleproud said.

"On top of that, the very first trip I will make as Agriculture Minister will be to travel to the Middle East, to build those important relationships and ensure the live sheep export trade in Australia remains."

Mr Littleproud warned if Labor forms government with the Greens, Western Australia's live export industry is over.

"The people of Perth are now the only ones who can save the 3000 livelihoods of their fellow Western Australians, by putting Labor and the

Greens last.

"Labor sold the Western Australia industry out last election so they could secure Animal Justice Party preferences and they are doing the same again this election."

"Labor is prepared to put politics ahead of Western Australian jobs."

"A Labor/Greens Government will destroy the live sheep export trade, while also putting shipping and exports with live cattle at risk. A number of ships going to the Middle East carry both sheep and cattle, something the Labor/Greens alliance doesn't understand."

"Labor's transition package for farmers won't see the light of day until the next financial year and well after the federal election. We know our farmers want to keep their industry, not lose it with an insulting and delayed transition package."

"Labor is bowing down to animal activists, even though Australia has the world's best animal welfare standards. It is senseless to remove ourselves

from the market, because the Middle East will simply find other markets which don't have our high animal welfare standards."

The Nationals' WA Senate candidate, Paul Brown, a veteran of the live export industry for more than 35 years, has seen first-hand the devastating consequences that this decision is having on the Western Australian farming community.

"We are watching generations of skill and innovation in every sector of the WA merino industry being torched, all because Anthony Albanese needed to do a dirty little preference deal with a minor east-coast political party to secure his own future, and now won't admit he is wrong," Mr Brown said.

"Every single agricultural industry body across Australia has joined with sheep producers, shearers, truckies and regional communities in WA to tell Mr Albanese that his ideology will only bring economic pain for the farmers here."

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The Nationals have pledged an annual funding stream for remote and regional Australia.

Nationals commit to Regional Future Fund

NATIONALS Bullwinkel candidate Mia Davies welcomes the announcement of a ground-breaking Regional Australia Future Fund, to deliver a guaranteed annual funding stream in perpetuity for regional, rural and remote Australia.

She said this, along with the \$1 billion local road and community infrastructure fund (LRCI), was fair recognition of the contribution regional Australians made in growing the national economy and the unique challenges faced now and into the future.

"The Nationals in government will guarantee a portion of income received from resource projects across Australia will be put to the establishment of Regional Australia Future Fund to grow this fund to \$20b," she said.

"Much like Royalties for Regions, this fund will provide certainty for communities who are planning to deliver projects and infrastructure that there will be support available to get things moving."

The electorate of Bullwinkel will receive a total of \$12.75 million across the eligible local government areas of Toodyay (\$872,452), Northam (\$1,184,742), York (\$949,016), Beverley (\$745,038), Canning (\$883,037), Gosnells (\$1,097,399), Kalamunda (\$1,663,260), Swan (\$1,721,380) and Mundaring (\$1,553,410).

"The LRCI will provide road and infrastructure funding to local governments to target their priority projects," Ms Davies said.

"We are supporting those councils that need it the most – those on the outer fringes of our cities and in the regions – to fix their local roads and address safety issues that can cost lives."

Ms Davies said the fund was popular with local councils because it allowed them to invest funds quickly and with a minimum of red tape.

"This program will help alleviate the burden on ratepayers and keep cost pressures down," she said.

"After being starved of funds by the current Labor Government, the Regional Future Fund and LRCI will create opportunities for local government and communities across the electorate of Bullwinkel to thrive, not just survive."

Labor promises more trees for Swan



HASLUCK MHR Tania Lawrence says a re-elected Albanese Labor Government will plant more trees across the City of Swan.

Ms Lawrence said the \$190,000 election commitment would support the city's urban forest plan, which aimed to increase tree canopy cover across the local government area.

She said urban forests improved air quality, reduced stormwater flows, made it cooler on hot days and increased livability for the local community.

Some suburbs in the City of Swan, like Aveley, have less

than 5 per cent canopy coverage, while others like Guildford have more than 20 per cent," she said.

"Consistent with past practice, election commitments will be delivered in line with Commonwealth grants rules and principles."

Ms Lawrence said trees made suburbs healthier and more liveable by providing fresher air, shade from the hot sun and homes for native birds.

"A re-elected Albanese Labor Government will plant more trees across our community with \$190,000 to support the urban forest plan."

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From 8pm. Free.
50 East St Guildford

Sat April 26

Settlers House York
The Jukes of York.
From 12pm-3pm. Free.
Karaoke.
6pm-11pm. Free.
Avon Terrace York

Woodbridge Hotel
Jamm'n.
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Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Brett Hardwick.
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Hemingway & Co
Acoustic Saturday.
From 6.30pm. Free.
6/7095 Great Eastern
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Bassendean Hotel
Dr Bogus.
8pm-Late. Free.
25 Old Perth Road
Bassendean

Parkerville Tavern
TJ O'Donovan.
From 6pm. Free.
6 Owen Road
Parkerville

Sat April 26 cont.

Lyric's Bar
Laneway Bar
Luci & Lachlan.
From 7pm. Free.
22 Lyric Lane
Maylands

Sun April 27

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Kevin Curran.
3pm-6pm. Free.
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Settlers House York
The Back Verandah
Band. From 12noon-
3pm. Free.
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6 Owen Road
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Free. 4 Thomas Street
Childlow

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From 5pm. Free.
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Woodbridge Hotel
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From 3pm. Free.
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Tues April 29

Hemingway & Co
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Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Smooth Grove.
6pm-8.30pm. Free.
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Wed April 30

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Into the Blue by Vic Bullo.

Celebrating nature through generations

CINDY CARTOJANO

KALAMUNDA's Zig Zag Gallery will be exhibiting the works of family duo Sarah Eve and her uncle Vic Bullo early next month, in a unique collaboration that reflects their shared love for nature and artistic expression.

Ms Eve said the title of the exhibition, *Real/Imagined*, came from the contrast between her and Mr Bullo's approach to painting.

"I paint real landscapes, places I've visited, mostly around Western Australia," she said.

"Even though the locations I paint are real, I use abstract elements, bold colours and layered textures to bring them to life.

"While they're grounded in reality, they often appear quite interpretive."

She said Mr Bullo painted entirely from his imagination.

"His landscapes aren't tied to a physical place, but they feel deeply familiar and sometimes dreamlike," Ms Eve said.

"His approach to painting is intuitive and responsive to the canvas, shaped by an inner sense of landscape that he's developed over years of travel and reflection."

Ms Eve hoped the contrast between the two approaches would invite people to ask: what is real, and what is imagined?

During the pandemic, Mr Bullo said he finally had the time and mental space to explore painting more seriously.

He said the idea of painting lingered in the back of his mind, and he often told his wife he would give it a go one day.



Breaker Bay by Vic Bullo. Sarah Eve and her uncle Vic Bullo.



"Then about five years ago, during a sale at a local store, she gave me the nudge I needed," he said.

"She encouraged me to buy some supplies, an easel, paints and a few canvases."

Mr Bullo said it took him three weeks to put paint to canvas.

"Curiosity got the better of me and I decided to just go for it," he said.

"That small success gave me the confidence to keep experimenting and I haven't stopped since.

"I love the experimentation, the freedom to transform a canvas into something completely unexpected.

"Living in the Perth Hills, I'm constantly inspired by the natural world."

Ms Eve said seeing her uncle throw himself into his painting journey inspired her to do the same.

"As any art teacher knows, you give away a lot of your creative energy in the classroom," she said.

"Something shifted in my process and my mindset, and for the first time, those vivid, dream-like landscapes I'd carried in my imagination began appearing on the canvas."

Ms Eve said working on this exhibition with her uncle has created a meaningful bond between them.

"We've always connected over art, whether it was visiting galleries together or discussing our latest projects," she said.

"But now being able to exhibit side by side is something I'll always cherish."

Ms Eve said this project had become a family effort, with cousins and aunts who also contributed in different ways.

"This show is a celebration of that creative bond, and a moment in time we'll all remember," Ms Eve said.

Opening night is scheduled on Friday, May 9, from 6pm to 8.30pm, and the exhibition is open until Monday, June 2.

Craftsman's woodwork at Lesmurdie exhibition

WITH a love of craftsmanship inherited from his father and grandfather, Mark Basden of Bullsbrook has always enjoyed working with his hands.

After creating bespoke frames for his wedding photos using wood offcuts Mr Basden discovered his passion for working with reclaimed timber.

Also Mr Basden's FIFO role involves long hours driving trucks around the Pilbara and he finds woodworking allows him to relax and use his hands creatively to produce objects that are both beautiful and useful.

He loves the natural beauty of jarrah which, being a dense timber, makes it ideal for the type of useful hardware items he likes to craft.

As jarrah has been a commonly used hardwood in Western Australia for many decades, Mr Basden can access some beautiful recycled timbers for his work.

Now, completely self-taught, he works almost exclusively with reclaimed jarrah, giving new life to materials that might otherwise go to waste.

Specialising in handcrafted boards and bespoke pieces, he takes pride

in allowing the natural beauty of the wood to shine, ensuring that every piece is as beautiful as it is functional.

Since making his wedding photo frames, he has made several items of furniture for his own home and some bespoke pieces for family members.

He now has the opportunity to display his work publicly as a guest artist at the Lesmurdie Arts and Crafts Group's annual exhibition, which is being held in the Kalamunda Agricultural Hall, 48 Canning Road, from 10am to 4pm daily on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4.

Lesmurdie Arts and Crafts has been an established art group in Kalamunda since 1968.

The registered not-for-profit organisation holds annual exhibitions and one of its aims is to encourage young and emerging artists so each year they invite several guest artists to join them.

The group said they were delighted for Mr Basden to have the first public exhibition of his woodwork with them in May.

"Members have been impressed by the quality and functionality of his work and his enthusiasm for his craft," they said.



Mark Basden of Bullsbrook will have his woodwork on display at the Lesmurdie Arts and Crafts Group's annual exhibition in early May.

ADVERTISING FEATURE



Optimise your life through meditation

FORRESTFIELD Community Centre will play host over two days from Friday, May 2 to Saturday, May 3 for free seminars where attendees can learn how to optimise their lives.

Sponsored by the Forrestfield Seventh Day Adventist Church the sessions will run from 7pm-9pm on the Friday and 10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-5pm on the Saturday, with a vegetarian buffet lunch from 12.30-1.30pm.

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Celebrating Toodyay's Moondyne Festival

TOODYAY will celebrate its 41st Moondyne Festival and will step back in time to celebrate the life and times of the iconic Moondyne Joe.

The festival will bring the infamous Avon Valley bushranger Moondyne Joe and his escapades to life including their re-enactments along with 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 opening ceremony is at 10am and locals and guests are encouraged to dress in 19th century costumes for a colourful procession down the main Street.

Check out the 10th Light Horse display, Barn Baby's Animal Farm, Western Australian Reptile Park, vintage motor vehicles and bikes or take a ride on the wriggly worm.

Local Toodyay artists will be playing as well as the Pioneers Bush Band and Paul Davies Entertainment. Avon-Fun line Dance Club will be joining us as well and Zig Zag Community Arts.

Listen to Bush Poets, Australia's early settler's folk music that will include Irish, Scottish, Italian and English music performed by various entertainers. Enjoy once again the

very popular Royal Australian Navy Band, the Police Pipe Band and Toodyay Community Singers.

The festival travels through the main town site to the beautiful Duidgee Park resting on the banks of the Avon River.

Events include log chopping, blacksmithing, bush poetry, stilt walkers, horse and cart rides, reptile display, historical tools restoration, and of course the ever-popular Swaggie Camp, kids amusement rides, and a visit to Moondyne Joe's cell at the old Newcastle Gaol Museum.

The mini train ride at Duidgee Park is always a highlight of the day.

This event is packed full of family fun and kids' entertainment. Children will be delighted with stilt walkers, carnival, face painting, balloon twisting, petting zoo and old fashion games like hopscotch, sack race, egg and spoon, skipping, quoits and much more.

Make sure you don't miss this brilliant event suitable for all ages. Gold Coin donation on entry would be greatly appreciated.

For more information and to view the events programme visit www.moodynefestival.com.au or Face Book <https://www.facebook.com/Moodynefestival> or email moodynecommittee@gmail.com

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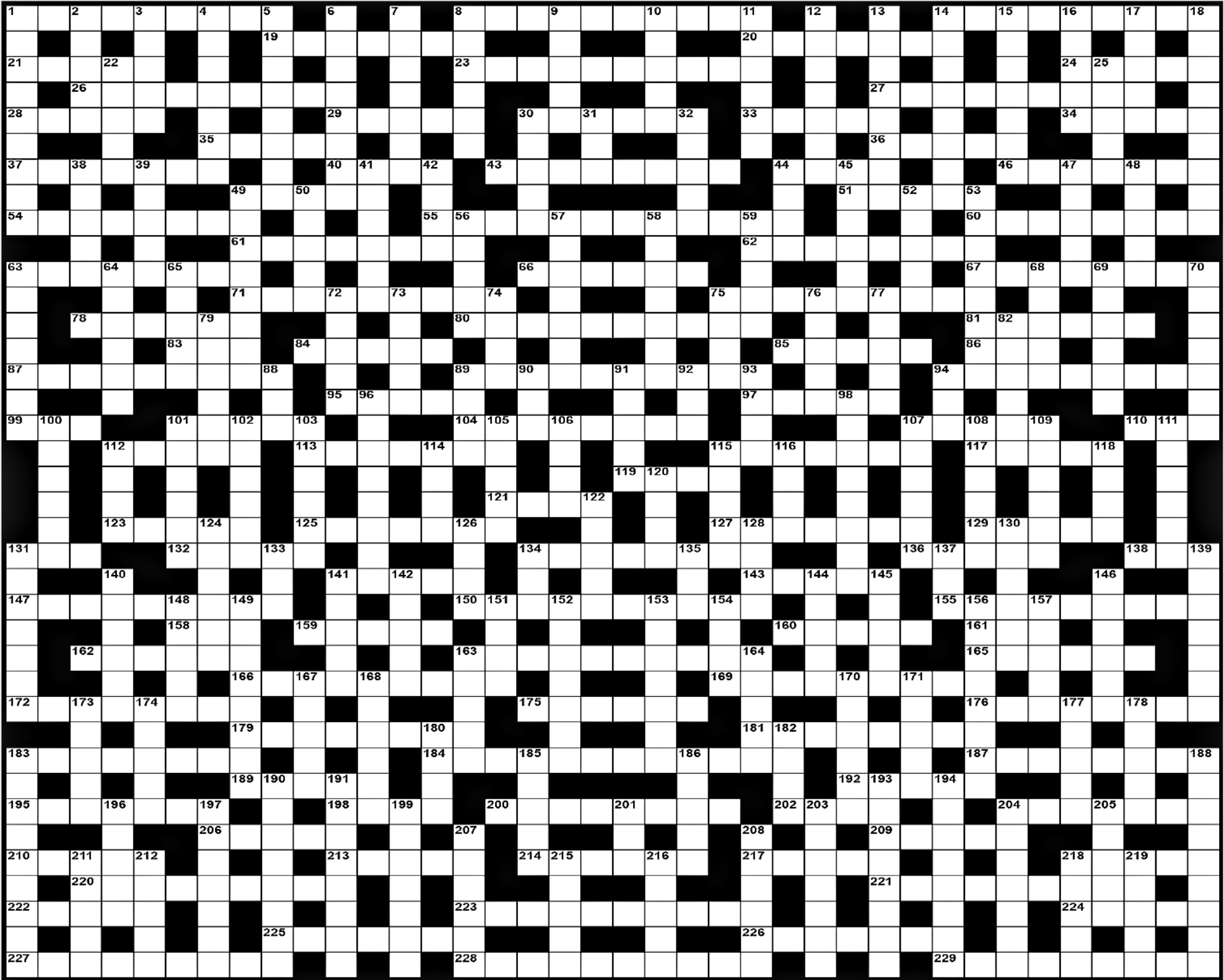
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Mind Boggler Crossword

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ACROSS			86	Support on the golf course	175	Water down	10	Used in fishing	88	Female sheep	151	Country	188	Remains too long	
1	Send away from military	87	Suddenly falling snow mass	176	Trustworthy	179	Estrange	11	Colour of cowardice	89	Conceited	152	Famous escapist, Harry ...	190	Large fountain spout
8	Extreme sadness	89	French city	181	Too much medicine	183	Non-conformist	12	Small voracious fish	90	Chest bone	153	Upholder of a heresy	191	Ability to feel
14	Large glasses	94	Callous	184	Building style	187	Legendary treasure place (2,6)	13	Diced paper	91	Inhabitants of Cork	154	Extinct bird	193	Natural liking
19	American state	95	Inscribed stone pillar	188	Non-conformist	184	Building style	14	Romantic song	92	Sheltered side	156	Arbitrators	194	Air currents
20	Condensed account	97	Earnest appeal	187	Legendary treasure place (2,6)	187	Legendary treasure place (2,6)	15	Wrangles	93	Detailed description (abb)	157	Of the navy	196	Imply
21	Newly-married man	99	Fairy being	189	Bring from body	17	Funeral lament	16	Fertile spot in a desert	94	Jump on one leg	163	Shady garden recess	197	Reporters
23	Mutual	101	Temperate	192	Bring from body	17	Funeral lament	17	Funeral lament	96	Act of pulling	164	Mistake	199	Uniting again
24	Looks for	104	Idiot	192	Type of coins	18	Hung by attachment	18	Hung by attachment	98	Contrivance	167	Elevate	201	Metal
26	Special advantage	107	Lively frolic	195	A non-metallic element	22	Talk pompously	22	Talk pompously	100	Association	168	Set on fire	203	Part of ear
27	Young bird	110	Forbid	198	Of the air	25	Go in	25	Go in	101	A sea channel	170	Lights in the sky	204	False teeth
28	In front	112	Private instructor	200	Orchestral composition	30	Brag	30	Brag	102	Asian island	171	Fruit of the oak	205	Travel path
29	Clamorous	113	Edible mollusc	202	Plant part	31	And not	31	And not	103	Abseil	173	Presiding officer's hammer	207	Spring spouting hot water
30	Condemn to exile	115	One doubting an accepted truth	204	Remove clothing	32	Nonsense (coll)	32	Nonsense (coll)	105	Sacred city	174	Containing gold	208	Mowing implement
33	Snow leopard	117	Set on display	206	Register	38	Giant	38	Giant	106	Supplemented	177	Admired stereotypes	211	Damask rose oil
34	Distinctive form	119	Frozen shower	209	Burst of flame	39	A Service Station (coll)	39	A Service Station (coll)	107	Untidy person (coll)	178	Word of cheer	212	Deluge
35	Twelve	121	Cypher	210	Grain husks	41	Saunter	41	Saunter	108	Unruly crowd	180	Filled tortilla shell	215	Loyal vassal
36	Barter	123	Pay secretly	213	Harden in usage	42	Metal box	42	Metal box	109	Journeying	182	Calf's meat	216	Shout approval
37	Abhors	125	African country	214	Boxing hold	44	The thing here	44	The thing here	111	Talisman	183	Players	218	Cover for opening in ship's deck
40	In present condition (2,2)	127	Large breed of dog	217	Queen's favourite dog	45	Country	45	Country	112	Burial place	185	Devastation	219	A measuring instrument
43	Soldiers' housing	129	Narrow ways	218	Organic soil material	47	A compere	47	A compere	114	Cricket term	186	Flashlight		
44	Delicate use of words	131	Domestic fowl	220	Viewing aid	48	Grossly unconventional	48	Grossly unconventional	115	Poor areas				
46	Type of hormone	132	Experiment	221	Discuss terms	49	Huge animal (Bib)	49	Huge animal (Bib)	116	Large deer				
49	Peakless cap	134	Flowers of narcissus group	222	Word element: star	50	Talks wildly	50	Talks wildly	118	Sweet potatoes				
51	Put on show	136	Group of ships	223	Lover	52	Jewish scholar	52	Jewish scholar	120	Prefix - against				
54	Invest with sovereign authority	138	And so forth (abb)	224	A tropical fish	53	Representative	53	Representative	122	Heron				
55	Already done (Fr) (4,8)	141	Sleep noisily	225	Milk ingredient	56	Shaft	56	Shaft	124	Supports				
60	Evoked	143	Shows excessive love	226	Normal abode	57	Refers	57	Refers	126	Not odd				
61	Recovery from alcohol	147	Witty verses	227	Harsh sound	58	Church services list	58	Church services list	128	An assistant				
62	Turkish city	150	Deadly plant	228	Reconstitute	59	Catalogues	59	Catalogues	130	Charge with gas				
63	A clear soup	155	Changing with time	229	Sheep attendants	63	Small bouquet	63	Small bouquet	131	A crest				
66	Fair-haired	158	Insect			64	Hide from view	64	Hide from view	133	Donkey				
67	Fairy-like	159	Herb			65	Worker in stone	65	Worker in stone	134	Find fault constantly				
71	Ornamental Xmas plant	160	Nautical mph			66	Hang fluttering	66	Hang fluttering	135	Mineral spring resort				
75	Repeating	162	Frothy chilled dessert			69	Steal cattle	69	Steal cattle	137	Ignited				
78	Bad failure	163	Kind of railing			70	Communication with	70	Communication with	139	Small bungalow				
80	Remote, uncultivated land	165	Sicknesses			72	Is abundant	72	Is abundant	140	Call off				
81	Counsel	166	Type of fruit			73	Eagle's nest	73	Eagle's nest	141	Moves side to side				
83	Not at home	169	Place of parentless ones			74	Ireland (Gaelic)	74	Ireland (Gaelic)	142	Juice of the poppy				
84	English King, ... VIII	172	Brilliant shows			75	Small island	75	Small island	144	Fraction				
85	Fasten to					76	Weapon	76	Weapon	145	Glossy fabric				
						77	Chinese secret society	77	Chinese secret society	146	Mountains with jagged peaks				
						79	Type of clock	79	Type of clock	148	Norwegian playwright, Henrik ...				
						82	Trader	82	Trader	149	A memento				

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Purpose: Construction of an access road into Shady Hills Estate in Bullsbrook, as resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

Stephen Cain
Chief Executive Officer



SPECIAL AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special Audit and Risk Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 April 2025, commencing at 4.00pm in the Committee Room at the Shire Administration Building, 7000 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the Strategic Risk Register, so that these risks can be included in and inform the Corporate Business Plan 2025/26 to 2028/29.

Jason Whiteaker
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Draft Swan Valley Planning Strategy

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) is seeking public comment on the draft Swan Valley Planning Strategy. The purpose of the draft strategy is to set out the long-term planning directions for the Swan Valley.

The draft Swan Valley Planning Strategy can be viewed online at

haveyoursay.dphl.wa.gov.au/svplanningstrategy or in person at the offices of the WAPC, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth or City of Swan office, 2 Midland Square, Midland.

Submissions close **Tuesday 22 July 2025** and can be lodged online or by email to swanvalley@dphl.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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Glen Fest funds go to Trillion Trees



Hazelmere-based Trillion Trees are the recipients of the funds raised at the Glen Fest.

THIS year the funds raised by the Glen Fest musical festival went to the Trillion Trees organisation in Woodbridge.

Past recipients of funds raised at Glen Fest have been Variety Children's Charity and Possum Valley Animal Sanctuary.

The musical festival attracted a good crowd who enjoyed the food, the atmosphere and the great bands which performed on the day.

The festival received support from the Shire of Mundaring.

Trillion Trees Australia was founded as part of a world-wide movement, led by the world's first 'global environmentalist' Richard St Barbe Baker, that started in 1922 as Men of the Trees.

The group has a focus on restoring disappearing and threatened ecosystems using its tree planting projects to combat salinity and soil erosion, restore biodiversity and provide habitat for native wildlife.

In 2019, the Men of the Trees became Trillion Trees Australia with the new name championed by their late president Thom Scott, who inspired people to show up, join in and make change happen.

They recognise Barrie Oldfield as the founder of Men of the Trees, now Trillion Trees Australian in Western Australia and acknowledge a gift of land from the Fyfe family, which enabled the group to establish and grow their homebase in Hazelmere.

Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk



Making a Difference

Anzac Day is a time to recount stories of those who went to war to secure our freedom. Those stories should not just be memories. They ought to inspire us to live lives that count.

One such story involves my wife's grandpop, Walter Poulter. When he enlisted to serve his country, he was assigned to the 3rd Field Ambulance corp. They were the first aiders at the Gallipoli landing.

We can only imagine what confronted Walter on the 25th April 1915 at the Anzac Cove landing. On bended knees he attended to the fallen, with bullets whizzing by and shells exploding around him. He risked his life to attend to the wounded and to be with those who were dying; to make sure no soldier died alone. He did all he could to make a difference - to help save lives.

The Anzacs were selfless in their service. Just a week ago we celebrated Easter and considered another selfless act of service. The Lord Jesus Christ served us by sacrificing Himself for us on the cross. In Mark 10: 45 Jesus said "I came not to be served, but to serve, and to give My life as a ransom for many".

He bore the punishment of our sins on the cross so that we could be forgiven, and He rose from the dead to grant us eternal life. He did all He could to make a difference. What a difference that is when we believe in Him.

Upcoming Events

- **Kalamunda Youth Swing Band** gives young musicians the opportunity to rehearse and play in a band. Rehearsals are Monday afternoon during school term. For more information call musical director Leah on 0432 973 395.
- **The Kalamunda Ladies Probus Club** meets at 10am on the second Thursday of each month at the Kalamunda RSL Club, 35 Canning Road, Kalamunda (two doors

from Dome) at 9.30am for a 10am start time. The club has a guest speaker at each meeting and a monthly bus outing to different interesting places. Socially they meet for coffee monthly and lunch also monthly at different venues in the area. For more information call their secretary Trish on 0468 309 823 or membership officer Juliette on 9293 4438.

- **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.

- **Midland Men's Shed Social Tuesday** is every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Baptist Church Hall, Bellevue. Call Kevin on 0417 961 971. For workshop inquiries call 0411 833 055.

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The presentation night saw the induction of a life member and awards given out for athletic achievements made by club members, and in good humour, for athletic hiccups as well.

Muchea senior cricket club presentation night

MUCHEA Senior Cricket Club held a presentation night on April 5 celebrating the completion of their 2024-25 season and recognising the achievements of club members.

The Muchea Tiger Snakes won three flags the past season, adding nine new members on their baggy blue board for achieving 100 runs or seven wickets.

During the night, Lachlan Chilman was inducted as the third life member of the club and presented with an illustration of himself at the wicket and up to bat.

Mr Chilman said he had not envisioned his involvement when he first began but was proud of what the club had and was glad he stepped forward.

"As my playing capabilities close and the next wave of players come forward, please remember that community clubs only exist from members volunteering their time and applying their vision," he

said.

"So when the time is right for you, please step forward."

"It may be only helping with basic tasks around the club, but any help takes the pressure off people like Luke, Brian and Taylah, captains and others."

During the presentation night, several awards were announced for the C, H and K grade teams.

The champion players were Manpreet Singh of K grade, Sameera Madushan of H grade and Lachlan Chilman of C grade, who was also the club champion.

The team spirit award winners in their respective grades were Shani Dechtiar, Yashini Waduge and Jarrad Norris.

Winners who took home the fielding awards were Matthew Richards, Tristan Buckley, Jag Singh and Janusz Slawek.

Bowling average awards went to Matthew Richards, Sameera Madushan

and Kulwinder Dhanoa.

Bowling aggregates were won by Daniel Dechtiar, Gary Kaushal, Sameera Madushan and Manpreet Singh.

Batting averages and aggregates were won by Lachlan Chilman and Jag Singh, with the average and aggregate going to Corey Carter and Janusz Slawek of K grade respectively.

Member Dylan Winterburn took home the most improved award, Logan Udy won the youth award and Taylah Grimshaw was awarded clubman of the year.

The club also introduced some fun and humour during the presentation night with most wides awarded to Daniel Dechtiar, most no balls to Dylan Winterburn and most expensive over to Jason Evans.

The duck awards was given to Joel McMullen and Sameera Madushan.

Swan Districts beat Peel

CHRIS PIKE

THE only three goals of the third quarter was enough for Swan Districts to set up the eventual seven-point Easter Saturday road victory over Peel Thunder in the WAFLW.

The match was a seesaw affair the whole way with the conditions in Mandurah playing a big factor.

In the end, Swan Districts did kick three goals to just one behind in the third quarter and that set up the eventual 5.7 (37) to 4.6 (30) victory to improve to a 2-1 record after the opening three matches of the 2025 season.

Kayley King kicked two goals in the win for Swans to go with 15 possessions and four tackles with a goal each to Taylah Edwards, Courtney Zappara and Emily McGuire.

Isabella Edgley also had a big afternoon finishing with 31 possessions and five tackles with Carys D'Addario gathering 30 disposals, Jaime Henry 18 (11 tackles), Luka Davis 14, Jemma Sly 13, Megan Carron 13, Emma Humphries 13 and Lauren Quaife 12 to go with 31 hit outs and four tackles.

Peel was kicking with the breeze in the first quarter when the game got underway on Saturday morning and as a result the Thunder had the only four scoring shots of the term and kicked two goals to be leading by 14 points at quarter-time.

Swans then had the wind behind them in the second term and took full advantage at least by creating chances on goal starting with six consecutive behinds.

Eventually Kayley King broke through for a goal at the 17-minute but by half-time Swans were still trailing the Thunder by five points.

Swans managed the first goal of the second half courtesy of Edwards to put them in front and then Zappara added another to push the lead out to seven points.

King then kicked her second of the game just before three quarter-time which gave the black-and-whites the 13-point lead by the last change.

Swan Districts kicked one goal in the final quarter thanks to Emily McGuire which was enough to secure the eventual seven-point victory in Mandurah on Saturday.

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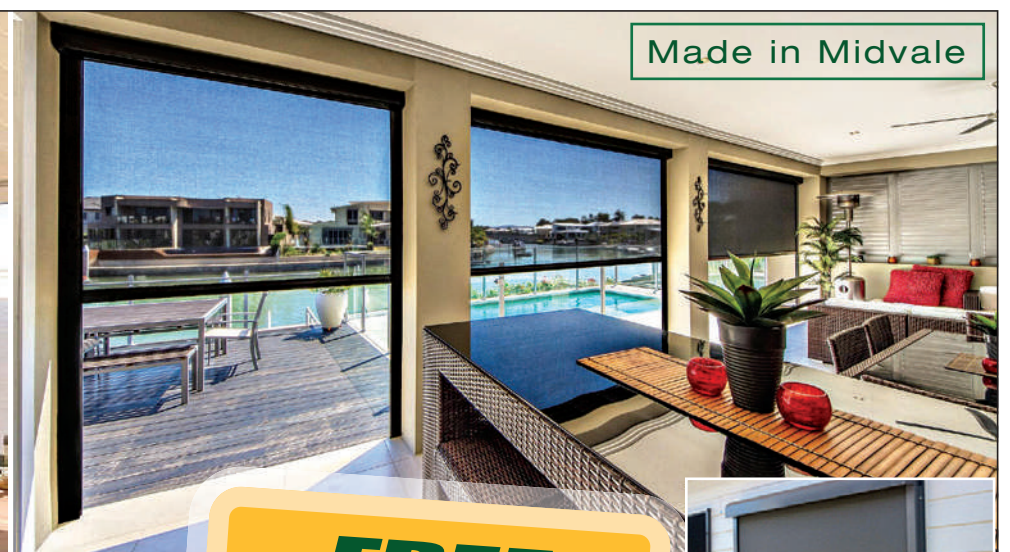
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