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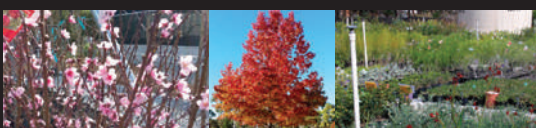
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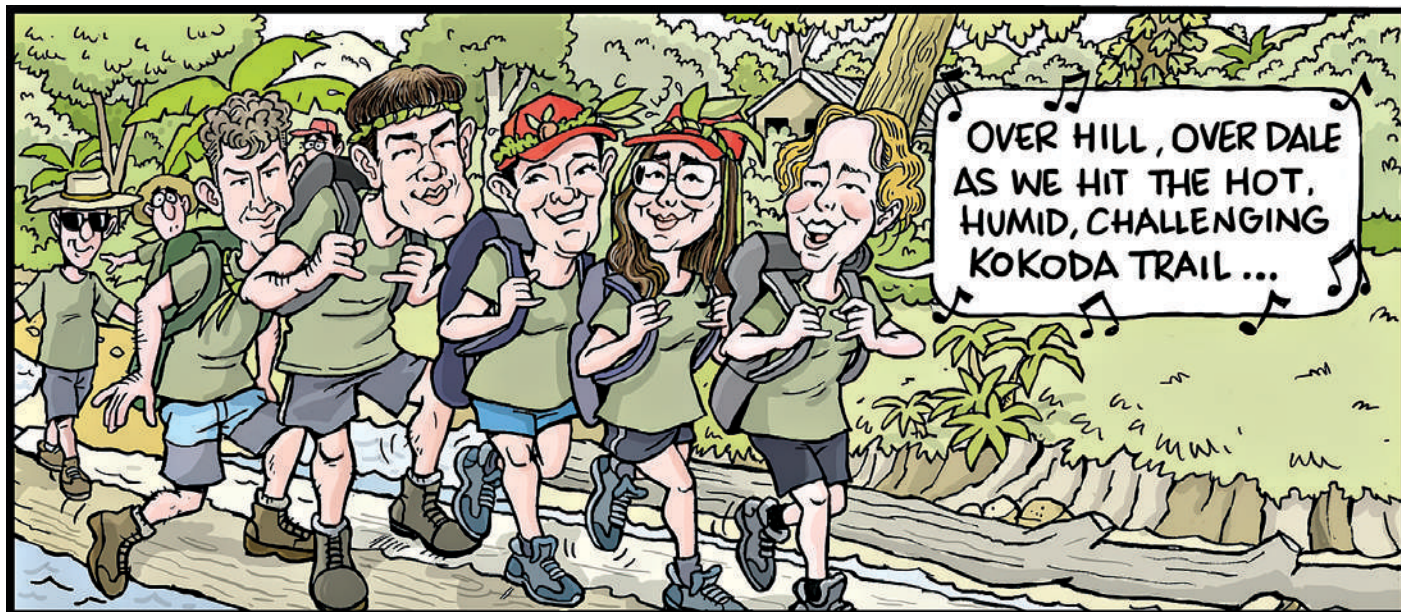
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Anzac Day point is missed

Dear Echo News,

Those who try to conflate Anzac Day with a game of footy and who drape the flag around themselves at every opportunity are missing a very significant point.

We don't care much about our current servicemen and women – certainly not enough to ensure their care is properly funded, nor that their all-too-frequent suicides are reported and treated as service-related and their families properly cared for.

It's all very well to claim "Australia's the greatest country" and "we love our veterans" (a stupid Americanism; they're ex-servicemen and women) while eating your pie and drinking your beer, but what do you do to care for those who are giving up their lives today and tomorrow?

Despite being a Dockers supporter and especially because I know people who the armed forces have chewed up and spat out, I won't go to or watch an AFL game that attempts to make jingoism into an art-form, or that ignores the plight of those still suffering.

Ask anyone you know who served in Iraq or Afghanistan and ask them how well they're treated for their mental health issues or for recurring pain and suffering that isn't easily visible.

And remember how the Vietnam returnees were excluded from Anzac Day by an RSL that refused to recognise their service as "in a theatre of war".

Lest we forget, indeed.

P Carman
 Hovea

Election signage hypocrisy

Dear Echo News,

Regarding Coalition's \$3 million pledge (Echo News, April 25).

The Coalition running mates make such a big deal about their concern for the safety of locals at the intersection of Great Eastern Highway and Scott Street, Greenmount.

Their hypocrisy is astounding.

By displaying dozens of distracting signs right at the very same intersection they are creating a serious safety issue for all users of it. They do this completely contrary to both Main Roads and Shire of Mundaring rules.

As I am really concerned for the safety of all, I have reported this to the relevant authorities, and they have legally removed all of those (over 30) signs.

A day or so later the blue boy from Boya has then gone and put more of his distracting visual pollution straight back up.

It is pretty hard to believe that he cares about anyone other than himself.

Election Sign Ninja
 Swan View

Swan disregards electors

Dear Echo News,

The City of Swan shows complete disregard and seems to want its electors to go away.

Annually the fraught annual elector meeting occurs, so trusting the democratic process electors attend and share ideas, priorities and improvements through motions.

Electors expect these motions will be given due consideration as

Thought for the day

"If you want to make the wrong decision, ask everyone."
 — Unknown

stated by the Act section 5.32 and 5.33 with the council meant to consider all decisions of motions carried at an electors' meeting and provide reason for the decision.

The present aftermath process of handling motions "on block" is disrespectful, wastes electors time and lacks accountability.

At the council meeting April 9 over item 15.1; a motion was put to change the way annual elector motions are handled.

The argument of support for the motion includes transparency, democracy and respect to electorate and better councillor performance in their roles.

View the footage, with councillors' lack of discussion or effort, then listen to Cr Aaron Bowman who in speaking against the idea asks "Why aren't councillors doing their job? Why don't they follow through on motions as put at the AE?"

Still no reply from the councillors?

If after four years, the community has repeatedly requested change, shown cause and stated the approach is not working for them, surely it is difficult to support maintaining the status quo.

But nine councillors just did this: voting not to support item 15.1 as the system is said by the council officer to be working.

The questions is for who is it working – is it to discourage electors participation?

Councillors are required to represent the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents of the district under the local government Act.

This vote is a sure

indicator of another question that should be asked: who do these nine councillors represent, when sitting?

Upon whose interests do they act?

Perhaps its better if we just go away?

L Deering
 WRA president

Sheep ban should remain

Dear Echo News,

As Mark Harvey-Sutton got his letter printed advocating for the ban on live sheep export to be lifted, I am hoping you will print a letter advocating for the ban to remain.

Those wanting this barbaric trade to continue are in a minority with seven out of 10 Australians wanting it to end, this is the main reason Prime Minister Albanese brought in legislation for it to end.

Comparing him to Donald Trump is a very poor analogy.

People are sick of reading about the cruelty involved in live export and animals dying on board the long sea voyage, not to mention the horrific treatment these animals are subjected to on arrival in the Middle East.

The RSPCA and numerous veterinary surgeons, who are not radical activists, are opposed because of the cruelty involved and what these animals are having to endure.

A quote from the RSPCA on this "The stark reality is the live sheep trade puts hundreds of thousands of sheep at unnecessary risk of extreme suffering every year. Our position is based solely on

animal welfare science which clearly shows that no amount of regulation can make the live export of sheep by sea acceptable because it exposes sheep to conditions that exceed their physiological limits".

I would also like to make the point that New Zealand ended live animal export in 2003 and have coped admirably since then.

R Le Serve
 Gooseberry Hill

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Updates on Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council's Red Hill facility are yet to be confirmed, with little information known. Picture: Cindy Cartojano

Mundaring announces exit from EMRC

CINDY CARTOJANO

THE Shire of Mundaring will be withdrawing its membership from the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) with the Town of Bassendean to be the last participating member from July 1.

The EMRC website said its Red Hill Waste Management Facility operated on behalf of four member councils which were the Shire of Mundaring, City of Swan, Town of Bassendean and City of Bayswater.

"The facility uses modern techniques and principles of landfill design and operation, including leachate collection and methane gas capture," according to EMRC.

The shire's announcement suggested both Swan and Bayswater were no longer members of the EMRC.

"With two other member councils also withdrawing, council made its decision based on our future strategic alignment and

potential financial exposure," it said.

Shire chief executive Jason Whiteaker said the decision to withdraw was informed by an assessment of future strategic alignment and potential financial exposure and that sustainable waste management solutions was a priority for the shire.

"In line with the council's 2017 decision and the state government's waste avoidance and resource recovery strategy 2030, the shire is transitioning its residual waste to the East Rockingham Waste to Energy (ERWTE) facility," he said.

Mr Whiteaker said there would be no disruption to shire residents' waste collection services.

"The shire will have the opportunity to review service contracts to best meet future needs," he said.

Echo News asked the City of Swan to confirm if it was still a member of the EMRC and if it had withdrawn, what were the reasons behind the decision.

A Swan spokesperson directed *Echo*

News to the EMRC for comment and said the matter was a confidential decision made by council.

At the Swan April 9 council meeting, arrangements with the ERWTE project were discussed behind closed doors.

Though little information has been provided by Swan, the minutes of the meeting show the council voted 11-4 for a motion which included the following:

"The CEO is authorised to finalise the draft deed of novation of the financier side deed between the security trustee, the EMRC, participants and East Rockingham Resource Recovery Facility Project," the motion said.

"The mayor and CEO are authorised to sign the final deed of novation under common seal."

According to the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA), 330,000 tonnes of residual waste per annum would be processed at the ERWTE facility, which would produce 28.9 megawatts of power.

ARENA said the facility was necessary to address the challenge of delivering sustainable and affordable solutions for both electricity generation and waste management in Australia.

On its website, ARENA said it had contributed \$18 million to the project, while the total project cost was estimated to be about \$510m.

ERWTE has been contacted for comment.

When *Echo News* asked the Town of Bassendean if it planned to continue its membership with the EMRC considering the Shire of Mundaring's decision, a spokesperson said the town was unable to comment.

Echo News asked the EMRC what impact would the shire's withdrawal have on its operations, what would happen if all member councils withdrew their membership and how much councils were being charged for waste management.

The EMRC declined to comment.

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Have your say on Swan Valley planning strategy



Public comment is open on a draft planning strategy for land use and development in the Swan Valley, which is the oldest wine region in WA.

ANITA McINNES
A DRAFT planning strategy outlining the Western Australian Planning Commission’s 15-year vision for land use and development in the Swan Valley is out for public comment.

According to the draft the proposed Swan Valley planning strategy is consistent with the Swan Valley Planning Act 2020 (Act) and the 2018 Swan Valley planning review and includes the following vision:

“The Swan Valley is a unique rural environment within metropolitan Perth with its exceptional visitor appeal derived from its viticulture, world class food and beverage and the open rural landscape extending to the Darling Escarpment,” the document said. “Horticulture, tourism, lifestyle properties, equestrian and hospitality are all important contribu-

tors to what makes the Swan Valley and their development needs to be in sympathy with this rural character.”

The Act, which came into effect on August 1, 2021 sets out the state government’s position in respect to planning for the Swan Valley and has guided the preparation of the planning strategy, with the objects of the Act forming the basis for most of the planning directions and actions.

The draft planning strategy has two parts – part 1 identifies issues and opportunities while part 2 provides the relevant background information and analysis that supports the planning directions and actions outlined in part 1.

Planning issues of relevance to the Swan Valley are presented via four themes – community, urban growth and settlement; economy and employment (including tourism); environment and; infra-

structure. Planning directions and actions in the community, urban growth and settlement section includes the preparation of a planning policy providing further guidance for the protection and enhancement of the unique rural landscape character of the Swan Valley when considering planning proposals.

It also includes reviewing Swan Valley planning scheme 1 (SVPS1) land use permissibility and development provisions in respect to activities and development that have the potential to detract from the rural character of the Swan Valley.

Another inclusion is investigating future land use options for the area east of the railway line, having regard for land capability, water supply and other relevant considerations.

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New Midland youth accommodation

CRISIS support agency Indigo Junction have appointed McCorkell Constructions to deliver 20 dwellings for youth accommodation in Midland.

The 20 single-occupant rooms are being built thanks to \$5.7 million in funding through the state government’s Community Housing New Build Grant program.

Indigo Junction provides accommodation and crisis support for people in the Midland area who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, children and family services, family and women’s domestic violence support and youth and community programs.

On completion, the youth accommodation project will provide crisis and transitional accommodation for young people, predominantly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, aged 15 to 25.

The three-storey complex will comprise 10 bedrooms for crisis accommodation and 24/7 supervision as well as 10 one-bed units on the second and third floors designed for transitional accommodation.

The development allows Indigo Junction to provide accommodation for young people with disabilities, with the final design ensuring there is a high standard of disability access. Cont. page 17.



Indigo Junction and McCorkell Constructions representatives.

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Kalamunda council notes water extraction concerns

GUANHAO CHENG

KALAMUNDA council acknowledged community concern over a proposed groundwater extraction project in Pickering Brook, voting unanimously to note two petitions opposing the development.

The petitions relate to a development application at Lot 12, 30 Repatriation Road, where a large volume of water would be extracted for sale.

Councillor David Modolo, who moved the motion, said although the recommendation was only to note the petitions, it was important to speak given the strong public interest.

“This matter all kicked off on December 16 last year,” he said.

“The city, via its official Facebook page, posted that a bottling company was accessing groundwater from a private property.

“We’ve since found out that there’s actually no bottling company involved here, and the characterisation of the issue by the city is something that I’ve brought into question.

“I must say that to date I haven’t received an explanation that I’m particularly happy with but at this stage also there’s nothing further that I think needs to be said publicly on that side issue.

“Suffice to say that after the post was posted my phone blew up and I suspect it did for other councillors’ phones as well.”

Community members were concerned

it would be a repeat of the Coca Cola water extraction in Karragullen as reported in *Pickering Brook water extraction proposal raises resident concern* (Echo News, January 17).

“And regardless of characterisation importantly here we are dealing with a development application that involves extracting an objectively large volume of water for the purposes of sale,” Cr Modolo said.

“Everyone is absolutely united in their belief that the future of Pickering Brook is in serious doubt as declining rainfall and global supply chains threaten generations of family-run businesses in orcharding and primary industry.”

Cr Modolo said the uncertainty had led families to take different approaches, from branching into hospitality and distilling to farming ventures.

Councillor Geoff Stallard seconded the motion and said poor early communication had contributed to community angst.

“It’s a good lesson for us in the future to make sure something as potentially controversial as this is put out there accurately at the start,” he said.

Cr Stallard said officers were working from limited information at the time but urged caution moving forward.

“What we put out there is something that’s pretty accurate, although the information that the staff received was very inadequate,”



Councillor Geoff Stallard said information from council needs to be accurate from the beginning to reduce community angst.

he said.

“They had no real idea and so they were working from a bit of a blind spot as well.

“I’d rather next time that we have a little

bit more detail before we make a public process of it.”

A final decision on the application is yet to be made by City of Kalamunda council.

MODAP approves Guildford IGA despite council refusal



According to the City of Swan’s responsible authority report, 119 Guildford resident submissions supported the proposal while 90 submissions opposed it during public consultation once submissions from outside Guildford were filtered out. Pictures: Guanhao Cheng

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Guildford IGA development has been approved by MODAP despite opposition from the Swan council earlier in April.

The Metro Outer Development Assessment Panel (MODAP) granted conditional approval for the proposed IGA on April 24, clearing the way for a new shop and modifications to the heritage-listed Barker’s Store on Swan Street.

A motion raised by Swan councillor Jennifer Catalano to refuse the development failed to gain support at the MODAP, enabling the approval to proceed with conditions including heritage considerations and time-limited parking.

The decision follows a 12–3 vote by City of Swan councillors on April 9 to formally oppose the project.

Cr Rod Henderson, who was at the MODAP meeting regarding the item, voted against deputy mayor Ian Johnson’s motion to refuse the approval during the April 9 meeting and didn’t second Cr Catalano’s motion to refuse the approval at the MODAP.

As previously reported in *Guildford IGA proposal under scrutiny* (Echo News, February 21), the development drew community submissions and concerns about the shortfall of 33 car bays, the choice of brick colour, and its potential impact on Meadow Street’s intact heritage character.

Cr Johnson said during the April meeting the development would worsen congestion at the nearby roundabouts and degrade the town’s historic core.

“It is irrefutable that the performance of

the roundabout will become increasingly worse,” he said.

Cr Cate McCullough supported the refusal, warning the design would disrupt the visual relationship between Barker’s Store and the old courthouse.

“When the site had all of its original buildings the entire collection would have been an important precinct,” she said.

“Now the two survivors speak to each other from across the road and they do it well but not when this new addition is

built – it will obscure the eastern part of Barker’s Mill.

“There’s such thing in heritage areas across the world as heritage destruction by stealth.

“The angled projecting portion of the new IGA will block out half the Barker store when viewed from outside the old courthouse.”

Cr Henderson said the proposal was a reasonable commercial use for the site.

“If people can’t find parking, they’ll go

elsewhere,” he said.

“These are commercial impact matters.” MODAP heard the IGA would have six aisles and three checkouts, aiming to accommodate short shopping visits.

State planning officers noted the building had been redesigned to reduce height, respond to heritage and traffic constraints.

The developer indicated a willingness to modify brick colour, and the approval includes conditions on parking limits and compliance with local heritage standards.



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Tania Lawrence on Hasluck community outreach



Hasluck MHR Tania Lawrence says she is eager for the rollout of more Medicare urgent care clinics if Labor is re-elected after seeing the impacts the clinics are having. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

GUANHAO CHENG

HASLUCK MHR Tania Lawrence says cost-of-living pressures, housing affordability and access to health care remain the most pressing concerns among residents, based on what she's heard during conversations with voters.

In response to questions from *Echo News*, Ms Lawrence said conversations during door-knocking and local visits had reinforced findings from the Hasluck Social

Justice Report by the Salvation Army.

The report noted high unemployment in parts of the electorate such as Midland and Guildford, alongside broader concerns around mental health, homelessness and household stress.

"I think we can all agree that mental health, homelessness and cost of living are important to our community," Ms Lawrence said.

"Reports like this one are vital to improving our understanding of the state of the nation.

"Health issues are interconnected, so consistent and genuine action is needed."

Ms Lawrence said she had seen the positive impact of the 87 bulk-billed Medicare urgent care clinics (UCC) already in place nationwide, including the one already in place in Midland, and supported the commitment to building 50 more if re-elected.

She also said \$1 billion had also been committed to expanding access to free mental health care, and \$443 million for 14 new social and affordable housing developments across the Perth metro area including four in Hasluck: Midland, Woodbridge, Ellenbrook and Bassendean.

"I'm proud to be part of a team that want to help young people and first-home buyers to achieve the dream of home ownership," Ms Lawrence said.

Ms Lawrence said Labor had pledged to guarantee the mortgage insurance with a young person's bank when they saved a 5 per cent deposit.

"This means smaller deposits to get into a home sooner, saving tens of thousands of dollars in lenders mortgage insurance that young people don't need to pay anymore," she said.

Shoppers in Hasluck have also voiced concerns about high grocery prices to which the food and grocery code had been the government response to increase penalties for breaches according to Ms Lawrence.

But she also said residents of Hasluck had also given her insight into what they believe was done well including the Metronet trainline, swimming pool or community centre infrastructure.

"I (also) consistently get great feedback on our bulk-billed Medicare UCC, because everyone has or knows someone who has used our clinics in Midland and Morley," she said.

"They are keen on our commitment to secure an UCC for Ellenbrook and Mundaring as it takes the pressure off local hospitals.

"They're also happy to see the improvements in the availability and affordability of childcare, by the fact public schools are now 100 per cent funded, TAFE is fee-free and Labor has reduced student HECS debt."

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The launch of the Forrestfield neighbourhood chats group held last month was attended by a diverse group of community representatives.

Forrestfield neighbourhood chats launch

FORRESTFIELD police have commended the establishment of the **Hawaiian neighbourhood chats group** bringing together a diverse cross-section of local stakeholders to develop informed solutions to local issues.

The new community group, which met earlier last month, includes representatives from schools, businesses, community organisations, the City of Kalamunda, and Forrestfield Police.

Forrestfield Police OIC Brad Robinson, said the initiative being driven by Hawaiian was an excellent idea.

"It brings everyone together, connecting them, and all striving for the same thing: a safe, secure community.

"Making sure we have the right people connected at the right time is critical. I'm impressed with the effort Hawaiian is making to deepen its commitment to the community," he said.

The chat group's aim is straightforward yet impactful: to gather the right people in the same room to identify key challenges and work collaboratively on sustainable, practical solutions.

"These meetings serve as a valuable platform for inclusive discussion, ensuring every voice in the community is heard and respected," OIC Robinson said.

At the recent Neighbourhood Chats' session, key discussions focused on how Hawaiian could enhance awareness of and access to local services such as community groups and organisations.

Recognising the evolving needs of the neighbourhood, the group also explored ways to foster long-term community engagement by discussing opportunities for residents to actively participate in place-making activities and initiatives.

Additionally, participants highlighted the need to improve accessibility and public transport infrastructure,

For more information about Hawaiian's Neighbourhood Chats, please contact community@hawaiian.com.au

Black cockatoo die-in at parliament house

CINDY CARTOJANO

WITH a new state parliament, Save The Black Cockatoos coordinator Paddy Cullen says he wants to seize the opportunity to bring a fresh perspective on how WA looks at conservation through a rally outside parliament house, held on Wednesday.

“We need to get in early with the new WA government and get them to seriously look at the issue of conservation and climate change, which they have completely ignored,” he said.

Mr Cullen said it was an impromptu rally and was intended to be a symbolic action.

“We’re not looking at large numbers of people but we’re looking at doing something bold that will demonstrate the situation to the politicians in a visual way.”

At the rally, Mr Cullen said campaigners wore black wings and laid out on the steps of Parliament House.

“Each (set of wings) has a different word or phrase on it like endangered or save the black cockatoos.”

Mr Cullen referred to an independent review of Australia’s environmental laws, conducted by Monash Business School professor Graeme Samuel.

In Mr Samuel’s report, he said the commonwealth was failing its core responsibilities for protecting the environment and conserving biodiversity and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act needed reform.

Mr Cullen said the federal government made a promise last year to create nature positive laws (NPL) and to set up an environ-

mental protection authority to protect endangered species and critical habitats.

“Sadly, that was blocked by the WA government,” he said.

At the end of last year, Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA (CCIWA) said it consulted with the state government and emphasised the risks associated with the NPL.

“On November 27, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese reportedly stepped in to scrap the deal, shelving the legislation, in one of the final days of parliament for 2024 and just months out from the federal election,” it said.

CCIWA chief executive Chris Rodwell said the shelving of the NPL was a win for WA but warned the campaign was not over.

Mr Cullen described WA as the big sticking block for when the federal government revisited the laws.

“It’s crucial that this time around, we reset our conservation priorities in favour of saving the environment,” he said.

“This is something that goes across party lines and WA has to fall into line with other states.”

Echo News asked federal Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek about the status of Labor’s 2022 promise to introduce stronger environmental laws and what she thought about the rally but is yet to receive a response.

West Swan resident Jan Zeck attended the rally and said the state government’s lack of environmental action was emphasised.



Campaigners wearing black wings perform a symbolic die-in on steps of parliament house. Picture: Miles Tweedie Photography

She said the rally was intended to pressure authoritative figures to take action but the work of campaigners was still a work in progress.

“For people within the government agencies, it’s about getting them to start doing what they’re supposed to be doing and following the laws that we have, rather than pretending that they don’t exist,” Ms Zeck said.

“(The state) have now succumbed to developer pressure with the excuse that we’re running out of housing,” she said.

“It’s become a monoculture where it’s only developers who get the ear of government.”

Ms Zeck said the results of this year’s Great Cocky Count revealed two previously unidentified night roosts in Henley Brook.

One site was found within the Swan Valley Rural residential area and the other in the property reserved for the Brooklands development.

Ms Zeck said both roost sites were within 500m of the proposed controversial Henley Brook Avenue alignment.

“Community members have repeatedly asked the City of Swan to refer the proposed work to the federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for assessment but so far the city has refused,” she said.

Mr Cullen said prevention was the key to protecting the black cockatoos.

“We’ve got to do much more than this,” he said.

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Swan seeks 4 per cent rate hike

ANITA MCINNES

THE City of Swan is looking at increasing rates by 4 per cent for the 2025-26 financial year following a 7-5 decision by councillors to advertise proposed differential and specified area rates.

Deputy mayor and Midland Guildford ward councillor Ian Johnson put up an unsuccessful alternative motion and said his reason for changing the officer's recommendation was because while the administration's recommendation was for a 4 per cent increase, the ABS monthly CPI indicator had increased just 2.4 per cent in the 12 months to February.

"The cost of living is impacting many City of Swan ratepayers particularly young families with recent mortgages in the newer suburbs and the city should not be adding to the pressure by raising rates above inflation," he said.

"The community and business perception survey 2025

indicates that City of Swan ratepayers do not consider they are getting value for money from their rates so an above inflation rate rise won't be welcome.

"In a survey done in October 2023 the largest single group of ratepayers thought the rate rise should be 0 per cent."

To save the city money he said the Perth Polo Club did not need \$180,000, refurbishing the old BankWest building was not strategically aligned as it was likely the City of Swan local government area would be reconfigured and would not need so much office space in Midland, more roads were not needed for the Midland oval redevelopment master plan as there was no recent sign of private investment in the MORM and Henley Brook Ave was not supported by councillors so it should not be in the budget.

Arguing against Cr Johnson's motion Pearce ward councillor Cate McCullough said the community's needs were growing and it was false economy to

consider a 0 per cent rate rise.

"The long-term impact of a nil-rate adjustment – I believe you saw the slides in some of our budgetary workshops – (has) serious ramifications into the next five, 10, 15 and 20 years – it is scary and these will only exacerbate as we continue," she said.

"This is a growth council and we are looking at accommodating many more people – far more infrastructure is required for the people that are coming into our local government area.

"We need to get value – we've got drainage, roads, paths, buildings, waste – people think they're not getting value well I can tell you there is so much there and people need to understand what we are doing with our rates it is feasible and we need to follow this increase this year."

The proposed differential rates have to be advertised for a minimum of 21 days for public comment prior to consideration for adoption.

eye on crime

Man charged over serious Midland incident

MIDLAND detectives have charged a 32-year-old man as a result of their investigation into a serious incident that occurred in Midland on Wednesday, March 26.

About 8.05pm, the victim – a 41-year-old man – was in the carpark of a shopping centre located on Great Eastern Highway in Midland when the accused allegedly exited a vehicle armed with a machete.

It will be alleged the 32-year-old man struck the victim several times with the weapon.

The victim sustained serious injuries and was conveyed by ambulance to Royal Perth Hospital.

The 32-year-old man from Midvale has been

charged with intent to cause grievous bodily harm or prevent arrest, wounded or caused grievous bodily harm, stealing a motor vehicle and no authority to drive.

His bail was refused, and he appeared before the Midland Magistrates Court on Friday, March 28 where he was remanded in custody until May 2.

Detectives urge anyone who saw the incident, or who has dash-cam footage of the area taken between 7:30pm and 8:30pm, to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via www.crimestopperswa.com.au

Police want anyone with information regarding the above incidents to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or you can make a report online at www.crimestopperswa.com.au



Ellenbrook man indecent assault arrest

POLICE have charged a 23-year-old Ellenbrook man as a result of an investigation into an indecent assault that occurred in East Victoria Park on Friday, March 21.

Police will allege that the man approached a woman in her 20s, unknown to him, inside a local shopping centre, and indecently assaulted her.

A public appeal for information was released by Crime Stoppers and the man was identified after several calls were received, and with assistance from the shopping centre security team.

He was located by police at a public reserve in East Victoria Park on Tuesday, April 1.

Inquiries identified the man was wanted for questioning for a number of outstanding serious matters, including an incident on March 20

where he allegedly sprayed aerosol into the face of a staff member at a service station in Northbridge.

The man was arrested and taken into custody after a brief stand-off with police following reports he was seen earlier in possession of a knife.

The Ellenbrook man has been charged with unlawful and indecent assault, unlawful wounding, being armed in a way that may cause fear, stealing, disorderly behaviour in a public place and trespass.

His bail was refused, and he was remanded in custody and appeared in Perth Magistrates Court on April 11 where he was remanded to reappear at the Perth Magistrates Court on May 14 to enter a plea on the charges.

Aveley stealing and assault arrests

DETECTIVES from the rapid apprehension squad have charged two males in relation to two incidents that occurred at a liquor store on Gngara Road in Aveley in March.

It will be alleged that about 10.15pm on Wednesday, March 19, the two males attempted to force entry to the liquor store by kicking and damaging the glass doors.

They failed to gain entry to the store and left the scene.

It will be further alleged they then approached a vehicle parked on the driveway of a nearby residence where they stole a set of black and white fluffy dice from the vehicle, before leaving the area.

About 8.30pm Thursday, March 20, it will be alleged the same two males returned to the same liquor store in Aveley, wearing balaclavas and gloves.

They entered the store and allegedly stole a carton of alcohol, and when confronted by two staff members, left the store.

It will be further alleged the two males returned a short time later, where they punched and kicked the two staff members – a 25-year-old man and a 54-year-old man.

The 25-year-old staff member was struck with a glass canister, causing a laceration to his head which later required medical attention.

The accused then allegedly damaged merchandise in the store before leaving with stolen alcohol.

A 20-year-old man from Ellenbrook has been charged with attempted aggravated burglary with intent, stealing, aggravated armed robbery and wilfully destroy evidence.

He appeared before the Perth Magistrates Court on Saturday, April 19 where he was granted bail with conditions and a \$10,000 personal undertaking and \$10,000 surety.

He is listed to attend Midland Magistrates Court on May 16 for legal advice.

A 17-year-old male has been charged with attempted aggravated burglary with intent, stealing and aggravated armed robbery.

Paralympics prospect trains at SpeedDome



Tandem cycling athlete Tegan Reder says extra awareness around the legality of refusing guide dogs is needed.

MIDLAND's SpeedDome is where young Cloverdale athlete Tegan Reder has chosen to train as part of her goal to compete in tandem cycling one of the biggest sporting stages. The 21-year-old psychology student trains six days a week at the SpeedDome, preparing to compete in the 2026 Commonwealth Games and Paralympics.

Earlier this year, she took home gold in all three of her cycling events at the 2025 Oceania Games. Blind since birth, Ms Reder became WA's youngest guide dog handler in 2021 when she was 16. She said her dog Loui had been instrumental in helping her live independently, balancing

her study, social life and athletic career. "Having a guide dog has allowed me to explore an independence I never thought I'd have," she said. "With Loui by my side, I can confidently grab a coffee, go to the gym, or meet friends for lunch — the normal things every 20-something-year-old does." Ms Reder said a lack of public understanding about guide dog accessibility rights remained a constant challenge. "When rideshare drivers refuse to transport Loui, it's not just an inconvenience, it's hurtful and discriminatory," she said. "It strips away my sense of safety and independence." Under WA law, guide dogs and dogs in training have full access rights to shops, cafes, public transport, taxis, rideshare vehicles and other public venues. Refusing access is an offence. Ms Reder said International Guide Dog Day, which fell on April 30, was an opportunity to remind the community that supporting guide dog handlers goes beyond kindness, it is a legal obligation. "Because of him, I can focus on chasing my dreams, not just getting through the day," she said. Guide Dogs WA chief executive Anna Presser said greater public awareness was needed to end discrimination against people with low or no vision. "Our hope is that with more education and awareness, we can put an end to refusals and the distress they cause," she said.



Perth staff Emma Stewart, base group members Eliot Barton, Belle Roberts, Joseph Allen, Cooper Wheat and staff David Benallack.

Young trekkers tackle Kokoda

BETWEEN March 26 and April 4, three youngsters flew to Papua New Guinea (PNG) to take on the Kokoda Trek, one of the world's most recognised historical trails. Eliot Barton from Kalamunda, Joseph Allen from Swan View and James Parker from Aveley were part of the group of 19 young people who journeyed along the 96km track. After being selected in August last year, the kids went through mental and physical programs, known as Kokoda Courage, along with safety guidelines and a look into the culture of the PNG. "Around eight challenging months of physical and mental preparation helped the group to successfully trek through the dense jungles, hiking distances ranging from 12 to 19km per day over steep and arduous terrain, through a diverse and beautiful rainforest," a Y WA spokesperson said. Throughout the journey, the they hiked through mountain ranges,

crossed rivers and encountered a variety of traditional cultures of the people who lived along the track. Presentations were held at significant battle sites to explore topics such as sacrifice, courage, mateship, endurance and leadership. Fifteen-year-old Eliot said she was surprised to see what she was capable of. "I was a lot more capable than I thought I was, which is really cool," Eliot said. "I think the training actually paid off. "The fact that I surprised myself like that makes me think I've underestimated myself in other areas as well." Through this accomplishment, Eliot said she felt motivated to put in the same effort with other aspects of her life. "If I was able to do something like Kokoda, I can probably take my skills further," she said. "I think I'm getting more confident about it.

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Mayor's MESSAGE

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Easter break. I was honoured to attend the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, hosted by the Kalamunda RSL. It's always heartwarming to see people of

all ages come together to reflect and remember those who have served.

As we head into the cooler months of autumn, May is shaping up to be a busy and exciting time across the City.

We're thrilled to be launching our first-ever Artist in Residency Program, supporting local artists and strengthening community connections through creativity. Round 1 will soon open for applications at the Historic Lesser Hall and Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre – keep an eye out for more details!

Also in the arts space, applications are now open for the Zig Zag Gallery's 2026 Exhibition Program. Artists across all contemporary practices are encouraged to apply – visit engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au for more information.

Kalamunda Compassionate Communities will host the beautiful Legacy Lantern Ceremony at Stirk Park on 10 May 2025. Last year's event was a moving tribute, with the lake lighting up in memory of loved ones. Registration is essential and to ensure everyone can participate, we kindly ask that each immediate family reserves only one lantern.

We're also calling on City volunteers and community connectors to join the enhanced Compassionate Connectors Program, offering opportunities to upskill and better support those in need. Find out more at trybooking.com/CZZSF

Finally, I encourage you to get out and explore the City this May. From art exhibitions at the Zig Zag Gallery, a pop-up play event for Family Week, Future Ready Youth Expo to library workshops and talks – there's something for everyone.

I look forward to seeing you out and about in our wonderful community!

Mayor Margaret Thomas JP

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

MAY

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6:30pm, Tuesday 27 May

Administration Centre, Council Chambers

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It's back! This year the City's annual Commemorative Planting Ceremony will celebrate babies born between May 2024 and April 2025 to parents living in the City.



Families are invited to register to take part in the community planting day on Friday, 18 July 2025 at a local park/reserve where a plaque displaying all babies names will be installed.

Plants are allocated on a first come, first served basis, and if all plants from one species are allocated you may receive your second choice.



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20 Zig Zag Gallery 26 Exhibition Callout

The Zig Zag Gallery is currently open to expressions of interest for our 2026 gallery program!

We invite artists, curators, and creatives working in across a broad spectrum of contemporary art practices, including but not limited to painting, printmaking, illustration, textiles, photography, performance, installation, and new media.

We are seeking proposals that engage with contemporary art discourse and respond to the gallery context within the City of Kalamunda community.

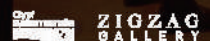
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Sunset Street Eats comes to Midland Megaplex

A FEAST for the senses is coming to Midland Megaplex this May, with the launch of Sunset Street Eats, a vibrant community event series combining delicious food, market stalls, and free kids' entertainment across three Thursday evenings.

Held on May 8, May 15, and May 22 from 5pm, Sunset Street Eats will transform Midland Megaplex into a buzzing hub of flavour and family fun, offering locals an opportunity to come together, enjoy affordable eats, and make lasting memories.

The event will feature a rotating lineup of Perth's favourite food trucks, a selection of market stalls showcasing local wares, and an exciting array of free activities for children, including face painting, balloon twisting, giant games, and more.

Marketing Manager Jake Tana said Sunset Street Eats is all about creating opportunities for connection.

"We wanted to create a relaxed, welcoming event where the whole community can come

together. It's not just about great food – it's about laughter, live entertainment, and seeing families make memories. Sunset Street Eats reflects our vision for Midland Megaplex to be more than a shopping destination – it's a gathering place," Mr Tana said.

Property Manager Triona O'Shaughnessy added that providing free entertainment for children was a deliberate choice to ensure the event was accessible to everyone.

"We know how much families appreciate activities that are fun, affordable, and engaging. All of our kids' entertainment is completely free because we want to give back to the community that supports us. Sunset Street Eats is about creating a sense of belonging and shared experiences right here in Midland," she said.

Entry is free, entertainment is free, and with a wide variety of affordable dinner options, Sunset Street Eats promises to deliver something for everyone – from foodies to families and everyone in between.



Autumn bounty at iconic Bickley Harvest Festival

THE signature cool mornings and picturesque hills and valleys of the Perth Hills in Autumn set the scene for Bickley Valley producers to celebrate their annual harvest season.

This weekend on May 3 and 4, the 26th annual Bickley Harvest Festival will unite more than 20 venues that highlight the region's best food, wine, cider, spirits, produce and culture with activities continuing throughout the month.

This festival is not just an event; it's an experiential showcase of the finest local wine, spirits, food, and produce set amongst rolling green hills, vines and orchards of the humbly enchanting Bickley Valley.

The festival celebrates local craftsmanship at its finest offering weekend adventurers, gastronomy enthusiasts, wine connoisseurs and industry professionals the chance to sample the newest and finest offerings of the valley.

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Fri May 2

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The Heights.
From 8pm. Free
50 East St Guildford

Parkerville Tavern
Ben Graham.
6pm-9pm. Free.
6 Owen Road
Parkerville

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

Sat May 3

Woodbridge Hotel
Touche'.
From 8pm. Free.
50 East St Guildford

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Ben Bulla.
From 6pm-9pm. Free.
4260 Great Eastern
Hwy Mahogany Creek

Hemingway & Co
Acoustic Saturday.
From 6.30pm. Free.
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Bassendean Hotel
The Sinnermatics.
8pm-Late. Free.
25 Old Perth Road
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Parkerville Tavern
Shane Turner.
From 6pm. Free.
6 Owen Road

Lyric's Bar
Laneway Bar
Darry & the Devil
From 7pm. Free.
22 Lyric Lane
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Sun May 4

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Jon Evans.
3pm-6pm. Free.
4260 Great Eastern
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Parkerville Tavern
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6 Owen Road
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Woodbridge Hotel
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From 3pm. Free.
50 East St Guildford

Lyric's Bar
Laneway Bar
Dave Lawrence Duo.
From 5pm. Free.
22 Lyric Lane
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Childlow Tavern
Live music.
12.30pm – 3.30pm.
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4 Thomas St Chidlow

Tues May 6

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Jazz Tuesday.
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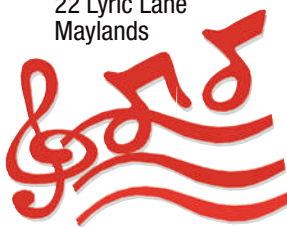
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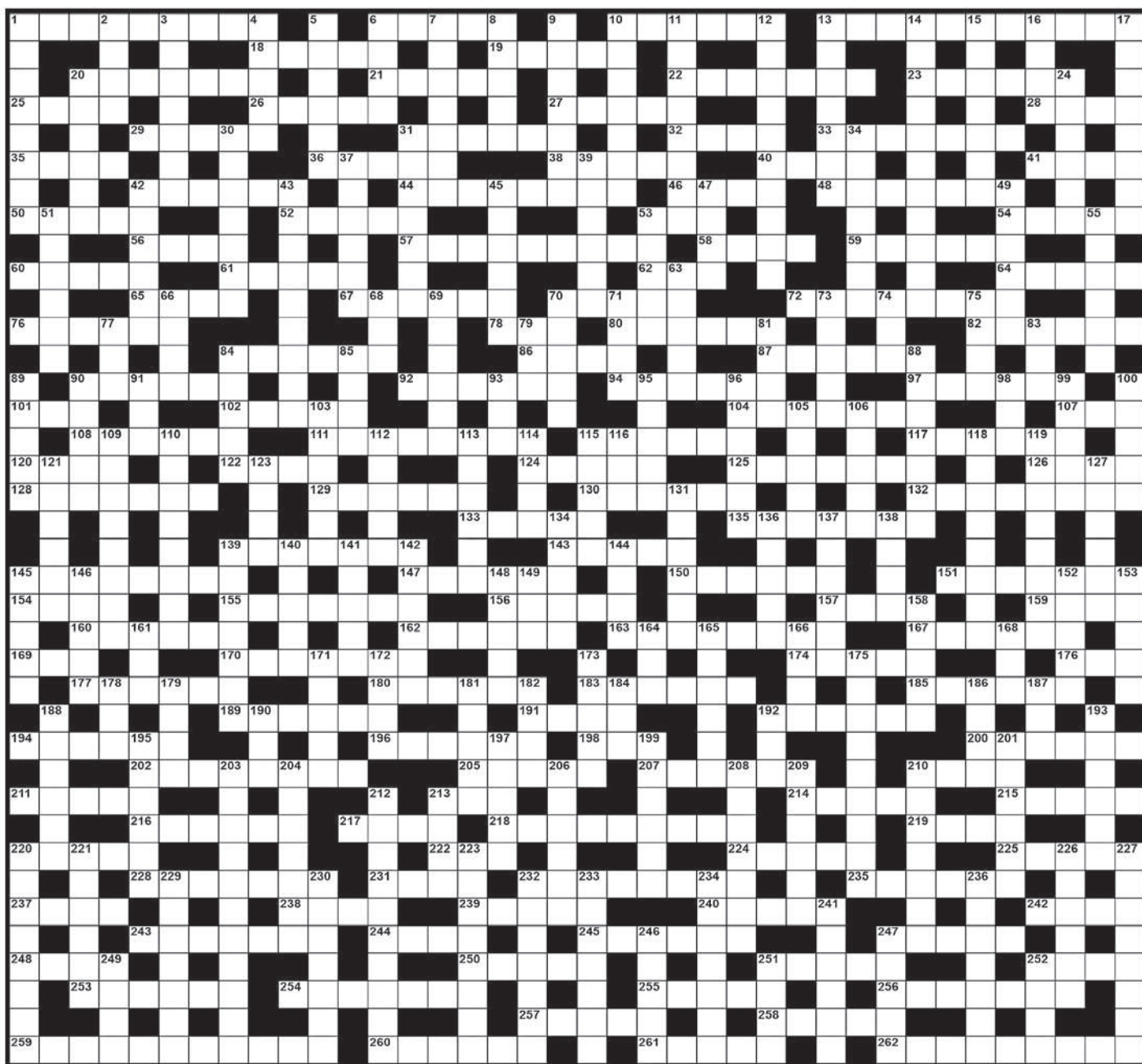
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Mind Boggler Crossword 1215



ACROSS

1 Steep cliff
6 Fundamental
10 Grab hastily
13 Radiant
18 Old beach resort
19 Girl's name; Musical
20 Full of cares
21 Of squared measurement
22 Contradictory statement
23 Ancient mariners' disease
25 Front of boat
26 Ground
27 Common practice
28 Deserve
29 Prepare dough
31 Of a child to a parent
32 Gentle throw
33 Aids
35 Cries bitterly
36 Rugby pack
38 Famous fountain
40 Rainproof cover (coll)
41 One from Thailand
42 Food additives
44 Came to know
46 Former Russian emperor
48 Disagreement
50 Suspicious (coll)
52 Workers' association
53 Prefix - new
54 Illegal burning
56 Surrealist artist, Salvador ...
57 Agree to
58 Neck brace
59 Forced to move
60 Female fox
61 Famous composer
62 America (init)
64 Enthusiasm
65 Comfort
67 Ancient Roman ruler
70 Close-up lens
72 Of bones only
76 Tip of the tailbone
78 Compass point
80 A heist
82 Room to move
84 A root vegetable
86 European volcano
87 Oily fruit
90 Teacher (Jap)
92 Car guard part
94 Look over
97 A circle of light
101 Journalist, ... Buttrose
102 Border
104 Burst inwards
107 Regret
108 Tree fruit
111 Made protuberant
115 Usage
117 Big march
120 Restrain
122 Weaving machine
124 Single
125 Sage

126 Pain
128 A person's self
129 Middle East country
130 Type of gland
132 Hold back
133 In the air
135 Clasp lovingly
139 Nickname (coll)
143 Abraham's son (Bib)
145 One under patronage (fem)
147 Beginning
150 Bury
151 An art style
154 An Antarctic river
155 Newcomer to country
156 Select group
157 An arm bone
159 Dispossess
160 Drinking vessel
162 Small paths
163 Nose openings
167 Complete
169 Man's name (Bib)
170 Warlike
174 Book of maps
176 Handy truck
177 Hot salad ingredient
180 Holding device
183 Mute
185 A prophet
189 Outriders
191 A reproductive egg
192 Gain back losses
194 Small breed of fowl
196 Dress parts
198 Copy
200 On a large scale
202 Sleeping pad
205 Reside
207 Picture theatre
210 A whirlpool
211 Hand part
213 A cricket extra
214 Peels
215 A uniform part
216 Ogled
217 Travel document
218 Type of vegetable
219 Coinage
220 Attend to fire
222 Large cooking bowl
224 Particles
225 Academy Award
228 Bacon pieces
231 Ship's shell
232 Casual
235 Damage to a joint
237 A skin irritation
238 Be fitting for
239 Inside
240 Attest to
242 Cut
243 Food provider
244 Dangle
245 Huge river
247 Savoury meatjelly
248 Courage
250 Sacking
251 Speak off-the-cuff (2,3)
252 A bucket

253 Silk measure
254 Non-religious
255 Precious stones
256 Patent
257 Lubricated
258 Prefix: Among
259 Camouflage
260 One of two
261 A deadly disease
262 Drove close behind

DOWN

1 Offer of marriage
2 A black bird
3 A root vegetable
4 Completed
5 Melons
6 German composer
7 Supreme
8 Prickly bushes
9 Crude remarks
10 Put to rest
11 Desire for food
12 Fainting from heat
13 Spotted feline
14 Innately impulsive
15 Line on map
16 Inlet
17 Side projection on big gun
20 Be unsteady
24 Pleasure watercraft
30 Place for records
31 Large fireplace
34 A rod for weaving
37 Reviewer
39 Waters off Egypt (3,3)
42 Australian city
43 Give up
45 Glass-slat window
47 Leguminous plant
49 Hang loosely
51 A reporter
53 A type of surgeon
55 Bushranger etc
63 Of the sun
66 Pivotal point
68 A tree
69 Warning sounds
70 Paris subway
71 A fellow
73 Tiny crustaceans
74 A PNG town
75 Wing-like
77 A billiard stick
79 Observe
81 Artistic composition
83 A long period
84 Competitor
85 Slender support
88 Regal wand
89 Club entertainment
90 Heavy one-edged sword
91 Religious sister
93 Female deer
95 German city
96 Not complex
98 Eggs
99 Malay palm
100 A number
103 A star sign

105 Measure depth
106 Final Greek letter
109 A liqueur
110 Sensitive
112 Ballet rail
113 A type of sausage
114 Part of a wall
115 Egyptian Christians
116 Place of education (abb)
118 Ringing
119 Old English prison
121 Spread out a sail or flag
123 Greek liqueur
127 A break in continuity
131 Amount left over
134 Conclusion (Lat)
136 Native New Zealander
137 Healthy
138 Part of face
139 Elvis' Mississippi estate
140 Royal title in Ethiopia
141 A colour
142 Putrefied
144 Prayer ending
145 A stone for walks
146 Of eyes
148 A lizard
149 Breed
152 A line of people
153 An anaesthetic
158 Writer of fables
161 Muhammad ... ,
Cassius Clay
164 Lubricant
165 Body tissue
166 A shoestring
168 Incorporated (abb)
171 Promotes
172 Young girl

173 Common
175 Lack of tension
178 A cabin
179 Peruvian city
181 Enduring
182 A flower
184 A devil
186 Became older
187 A garland
188 A distinguishing mark
190 A mongrel dog
192 A strong spirit
193 Green oxidation
195 Slow walker
197 Twist
199 Patisserie pastry
201 A large reptile
203 An inspiring leader
204 Sign as permitted
206 Like a wolf
208 Greek letter
209 Of frozen lands
210 Accompanies
212 Coastal warning light
213 Cry loudly
220 A skin disease
221 A beautiful flower
223 A dominant ruler
226 Tent material
227 Threw back
229 Types of wattles
230 Specialised physician
232 A tooth
233 Easily broken
234 Alligator pear
236 First
241 Sparta's serfs
246 A dwelling place
247 Call off
249 A timber tree
251 A continent
252 A mountain lion

Crossword Solution 1214 from 25 April, 2025

DISCHARGE A M MELANCHOLY P C SCHOONERS
O C U E MONTANA N O EPITOME A A L U
GROOM M B T R RECIPROCAL R N R G SEEKS
P R I V I L E G E T T M K L A F I E D O L I N G P
AHEAD N Z NOISY BANISH QUNCE N L STYLE
D T DOZEN N R O O O W H TRADE E N
DETESTS L ASIS BARRACKS TACT D STERIOD
L I E B E R E T A S U H A I R E D M U E
ENTHRONE A R FAITACCOMPLI N A ELICITED
A HANGOVER L S E I S T A N G U L I E R
CONSUME T L R B L O N D E S D B E T H E R E A L
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I M R A S S N O R E A E Z D O T E S I R R E S T O
L I M E R I C K S W F N I G H T S H A D E A T R A N S I E N T
L V B E E B A S I L R O O E O K N O T S E T A I E T
T M O U S S E Y U B A L U S T R A D E T I F E V E R S A
O K E P E R S I M M O N D E O R P H A N A G E A R G
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A U A L T E N A T E N E I O V E R D O S E C R
M A V E R I C K S T A R C H I T E C T U R E O S E L D O R A D O
U E I E G E S T C A A R A N D E A T R A N S I E N T
S I L I C O N A A E R O O V E R T U R E L E A F R D I S O B R
I N E N R O L L E G O I T C S A F L A R E O R
C H A F F W G I N U R E C L I N C H C O R G I U N H U M U S
I T E L E S C O P E N Y I H Y L N E G O T I A T E
A S T R O M Y N I S W E E T H E A R T I H U T E T R A
N A O E L A C T O S E G E H A B I T A T R C E Y
S T R I D E N C E N R E G E N E R A T E E Y S H E P H E R D S



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Mayor's message

Kaya everyone,

From Monday, May 19 to Sunday, May 25, 2025, we will recognise National Volunteer Week and celebrate the immense value volunteers contribute to our community.

I extend my gratitude to our selfless community members who strive to enhance our services and improve the quality of life for all residents.

Our teams are always looking for volunteers to help with community care, bush fire brigades, at our libraries, recycling centres, Swan Volunteer Resource Centre or exciting events.

If you are looking for a new opportunity, I encourage you to get involved.

A thank you also goes to community members who contributed to the review of our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Your feedback will help us draft a new plan that will strengthen relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Aboriginal people.

Once drafted, the plan will go to Reconciliation Australia for feedback before we finalise it and submit it to Council for endorsement.



Tanya Richardson
Mayor, City of Swan



Arts and Culture Plan

Consultation is currently underway for the City's first Arts and Culture Plan. This plan will outline our vision for culture and creativity, and participation over the next 10 years. Get involved and take the community survey. Your feedback helps develop the plan significantly. For more information, visit:

swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/arts-and-culture-plan



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Join us for Branching Out in Ballajura, a series of five workshops running from May 3 to 27. These workshops highlight the importance of our urban forest in providing cooling, shade, and supporting biodiversity. You'll learn how you can contribute to a greener, more sustainable community.

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Mickey 17: <https://shorturl.at/Qn1h1>

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- Vodafone and Optus are proposing to upgrade an existing mobile phone base station at 131 Sacramento Avenue BEECHBORO WA 6063.
- The proposed upgrade will consist of:
 - Existing Telstra Remote Radio Units (RRUs), panel antennas and ancillary equipment to be relocated and turret replaced.
 - A triangular headframe on the existing monopole.
 - Six (x6) Vodafone panel antennas (each measuring not more than 2.8m in length), including 4G/5G, on the new headframe.
 - Six (x6) Optus panel antennas (each measuring not more than 2.8m in length), including 4G/5G, on the new headframe.
 - Twelve (x12) Vodafone Remote Radio Units (RRUs) on the new headframe.
 - Six (x6) Optus Remote Radio Units (RRUs) on the new headframe.
 - An equipment shelter on a concrete slab.
 - Ancillary equipment including feeders, external cable ladder, cabling, combiners and other associated equipment.
- In accordance with Section 7 of the Industry Code C564:2025 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment, we invite you to make comments about the proposal.
- Please direct comments to Scott Sibly, Senior Town Planner for Service Stream Limited, 0455 214 172, tpg.submissions@servicestream.com.au and PO Box 14570 Melbourne VIC 8001 by Thursday 15th May 2025.

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Have your say on Swan Valley planning strategy

From page 4.

Population wise the draft strategy said the Swan Valley's population grew by 5.9 per cent from 5147 people to 5451 people between the 2016 Census and 2021 Census.

"This is lower than Western Australia's growth rate of 7.5 per cent between the two censuses.

"The Swan Valley area is characterised by a larger share of residents in the older age groups relative to the state.

"Around one in five residents in the Swan Valley was aged 65 years and over at the time of the 2016 Census.

"This figure rose to just under one in four residents for the 2021 Census."

Mostly rural the Swan Valley is the oldest wine region in Western Australia.

"The rural setting also attracts visitors to hospitality and tourism venues, and makes the area popular for rural living, hobby farming and equestrian activities.

"The Act and SVPS1 prioritise the retention of productive agriculture, and retaining the area's natural landscape and rural character, while restricting incompatible land use and development.

"The Act seeks to retain horticulture, viticulture, hobby farming and equestrian activities as the principal land uses in the Swan Valley.

"SVPS1 controls the planning of rural land primarily by applying the priority agriculture, Swan Valley rural and rural residential zones to the majority of the Swan Valley."

Public comment, which opened on Wednesday, April 23, closes on Tuesday, July 22.

Visit <https://haveyoursay.dplh.wa.gov.au/svplanningstrategy>

New Midland youth accommodation

From page 4.

The project is expected to reach completion at the end of 2026.

Midland MLA Steve Catania said Indigo Junction did really important work in the community, and funding will ensure that critical work helps more people in our community.

"Our government has invested significantly to deliver projects just like this, and I'll continue to advocate for and support more assistance for people in need throughout the Midland area."

Housing and Works Minister John Carey said the government had invested or allocated more than \$5 billion in housing and homelessness measures to assist the most vulnerable people in the community, including young people and those living with disability.

"The Community Housing New Build Grants program is a critical part of our social housing investment program and is providing financial support the community housing sector needs to deliver for our state's most vulnerable people.

"Housing remains one of our government's top priorities, and we will continue to invest in new initiatives that support vulnerable people in our community and make homes more affordable."

Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk



An Important Discovery

Just before our youngest daughter and her family headed to Esperance during the school holidays, they checked their caravan's tyre pressures. As they were doing this, the cap on one of the tyre valves slipped out of their hands and landed behind one of the wheels. They found it, after crawling underneath the caravan.

It was great they found the cap, but they also found out something else – something very important for the safety of their trip. The wires to the electric brakes were disconnected. I was called to fix it, as they were heading off the next day.

When I came, I found three of the four wheels had broken wires to the electric brakes. So, with a soldering iron in hand, I reconnected the broken wires and checked that all the brakes worked on each wheel. We are so glad this was discovered. It is very dangerous to tow a moderate sized caravan without electric brakes – not to mention it being illegal.

It's also very important to discover something before we head off from this life. We need to be connected to God through believing in Jesus, God's Son. Our connection with God is broken because of our wrong doings. But Jesus died on a cross for our sins so that we could be forgiven, and rose from the dead and is able to give us eternal life – if we trust in Him and connect with Him, by calling on Him to save us.

Upcoming Events

• **Mahogany Creek Art and Craft Group** meets weekly on Wednesdays 9.30am to 12.30pm during school terms at the Mahogany Creek Hall on Jacoby Street. Everyone brings along their art or craft to work on in a friendly social group with tea and coffee provided. For more information, call Mary 0431 201 814 or Jan 6279 4031.

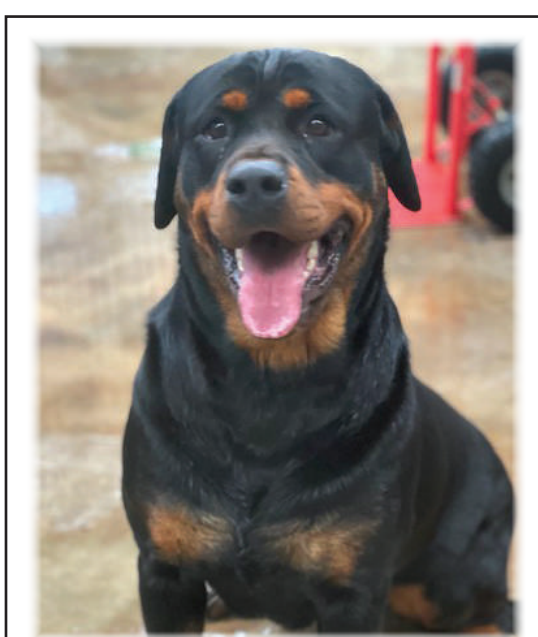
• **Mundaring Probus Club's** speaker on Monday, May 12 is from WA Arthritis and Osteoporosis and busts myths that arthritis is "just an old person's disease". The term arthritis covers many conditions and age groups and different treatments exist. The

meeting starts at 10am at the Glen Forrest Bowling Club (please arrive at 9.45am). For more information call 0412 427 533.

• **The Kalamunda Ladies Probus Club** meets on the second Thursday of each month at St Barnabas Church Hall, Railway Road, Kalamunda (entry off Spring Road) at 9am for a 9.30am start. The club has morning tea and a guest speaker at each meeting and a monthly bus outing to different interesting places. Socially they meet for coffee monthly and lunch also monthly at different venues in the area. Probus is a social club for retirees who enjoy life. For more information call vice president Trish on 0468 309 823 or secretary Juliette on 9293 4438.

• **The class of 1964 Kalamunda Primary School** reunion for those students and friends will meet for a fun afternoon and to remember past friends of 61 years ago at the Kalamunda Hotel on Thursday, May 8 from 1pm to 5pm. Go along and see your old classmates, to have a chat and meet up and have a great afternoon. If you have old school photos take them along too. Call Debbie Stirk (Grimshaw) on 0410 421 454 or email dstirk@optusnet.com.au

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Kalamunda boys come home with medals

CINDY CARTOJANO

TWO Kalamunda boys brought home bronze medals after competing at the national U15 Boys cricket championships in Adelaide.

In *Kalamunda boys fly east wearing black and gold* (Echo News, April 4), Chayse Moir from Lesmurdie and Wynand Basson from Kalamunda said they felt a mixture of nerves and excitement leading up to the competition.

Now back at home, Chayse and Wynand said they've both learned a lot through the experience and are keen to get back onto the field with their new skills.

Wynand said he usually played wicket keeper but at the championships, his coaches played him on the field.

"I had some fantastic saves, took a few excellent catches and even tried my hand at the silly fielding position, which I thoroughly enjoyed," Wynand said.

"As a wicket keeper, you're locked in every single second of every ball, while being in the field allowed for a slightly more laid-back but still intense focus.

"Right now, I'm trying to be the biggest sponge I can be, soaking up every bit of advice to improve my game."

Chayse said the Adelaide championships motivated him to step away from footy and golf to focus primarily on cricket.

"I'm determined to come back stronger, more prepared and ready to take my game

to the next level for the upcoming cricket season.

"This experience has helped me grow both as a player and as a person, and it's given me the motivation to chase bigger goals in the sport."

Both Chayse and Wynand said teamwork was a highlight of the competition.

"It's a great feeling knowing that we, as a team, brought the bronze medal back to WA," Wynand said.

"Throughout the competition, we performed as a unit.

"Every game brought highs and a few lows, but the team stuck together, and we executed our game plan to the best of our abilities.

"The trip taught me that I can do what's asked of me and that true teamwork gets you further than any individual performance ever could."

Wynand said he created new friendships throughout the trip, not just within his team but across all the teams at the tournament.

"These connections are truly special and a massive part of why I love this game."

Chayse said the win against Victoria was a standout moment, testament to the team's overall performance.

"We only made 114 and bowled Victoria out for 50," Chayse said.

"We also came extremely close to beating both New South Wales and Queensland – two of the strongest teams in the



Chayse Moir (first row, second to the left) and Wynand Basson (first row, far right). Picture: Sports in Focus

competition who played off for gold.

"Those matches were intense and competitive, and although we just fell short, they showed how close we were to winning the tournament."

Chayse said winning the bronze medal was very special to him because it was his second bronze from a national competition.

"Personally, it was really special to win my second national bronze medal, having previously medalled at the U12 national championships in Darwin back in 2023.

"Representing the state at two different national levels and coming away with medals each time has been an amazing experience, and it motivates me to keep pushing for higher honours in the future."



The Hawks and Bulldogs in action in the HFA Anzac round.

Hawks keep Bulldogs at bay

BRIAN PALLISTER

IN the Hills Football Association Anzac round on the weekend Pickering Brook were up against Gidgegannup.

The Hawks jumped out of the blocks with three quick goals and despite a late push by the Bulldogs in the final quarter, Pickering Brook held on to win 10.9 (69) to 10.2 (62).

Michael Brescassin was up and about in his forward line marking strongly and converting. Jamie Soklich read the ball better from the contested ruck duels between Declan White and Jackson Shilling.

Each time the Bulldogs went forward they were cut off across their half forward line.

The Hawks had opened up a 28-point lead at the first break and appeared to be in total control.

Justin Pitt pushed Tim Tanner up onto the ball for the start of the second, Alan Rigg went forward while Beau Nairn was moved back in an attempt to repel some of the Hawks

forward entries.

Gidgegannup started to work their way into the contest as they chipped away at the deficit.

The Hawks continued to attack the goals although accuracy was letting them down, whereas the Bulldogs were converting at almost 100 per cent.

The Hawks started to regain the momentum – Mitchell Johnson and Mitchell Shilling were dominant in their backline driving the ball forward to where Adam Brescassin and Mark Caccetta delivered the ball into the forward line.

Shane Long and Dellan Butterworth both converted shots on goal.

With the margin opening up beyond three goals again it was up to whether the Bulldogs could stay in the game.

Jarrad Young and Liam Marriott stepped up to the plate swinging the momentum back in Gidgegannup's favor.

At the final siren they were still coming and fell short by seven straight behinds.

Swan Districts beat Falcons

CHRIS PIKE

SWAN Districts continued their impressive start to the 2025 WAFLW season and earned a measure of revenge on West Perth with Saturday's five-point win at home.

The two teams met to commemorate Anzac Day in the first clash between them since last year's first semi-final where West Perth ended the season of Swan Districts.

Swans had that revenge on their mind on Saturday afternoon and it was two goals to nil in the third quarter that set them up for the eventual 6.6 (42) to 5.7 (37) victory.

The win improves Swan Districts to a 3-1 record for the season after the opening five rounds to sit in third position as the competition takes a break this weekend for the state game against South Australia.

Taylah Edwards ended up kicking two goals for Swan Districts from three kicks with Kayley King, Ava Stewart, Sienna Gerardi and Emily McGuire kicking one apiece.

Carys D'Addario continued her exciting form in the midfield for Swans with another 25 possessions and seven tackles with King also finishing with 23 disposals, Jaime Henry 22, Isabella Edgley 18, Courtney Zappara 14, Sienna Gerardi 14, Luka Davis 14 and Emma Humphries 14.

The Swans started strongly with the game's first goal thanks to Taylah Edwards.

King then kicked another for the home team just before quarter-time to see them go into the break leading by that six-point margin and then McGuire stretched it to 12 points with the first goal of the second term.

Gerardi added another soon after but then the Falcons answered back with the last three goals of the half and the scores were level by half-time.

Swan Districts kicked the only two goals of the third quarter thanks to Edwards and Stewart before then holding on despite a goalless final term to secure the five-point victory.

Then on Sunday morning, it was a Rogers Cup game to savour for Swan Districts as they beat the undefeated premiers of the past two years, West Perth, 5.6 (36) to 4.4 (28) at Bas-sendean oval.



Swan Districts WAFLW team head into a bye this weekend, after beating West Perth by five points. Picture: Blake Parry/The Sports Photo

Not only had the Falcons won the past two Rogers Cup premierships, but they went through the past two seasons undefeated and had won their first three matches of 2025 as well.

West Perth came into Sunday's clash not having lost since a defeat to Peel Thunder all the way back on April 9, 2022, but Swan Districts changed that all around on Sunday morning as part of round 5 of the 2025 season.

West Perth were leading by six points at half-time to appear on track to keep their winning form going and were still leading by four points at three quarter-time.

Swans then delivered a big last quarter with three goals to one to score the eight-point win and hand West Perth a first Rogers Cup defeat in over three years.

Sienna Pollard ended up kicking two goals for Swan Districts with one each from Keira Fawcett, Summer Ajduk and Madison Fisher.

I Remember When...

Do you remember when our prime minister disappeared? Having been born in 1960, I was thinking back on some of the things which stuck in my mind growing up in the sixties. Apart from being the only kid in my street who had a television I remember firstly listening on the radio to the disappearance of our prime minister Harold Holt in 1967 he was never found but thought to have drowned. Then to seeing the images of the both Kennedy assassinations which took a couple of days before they reached our tv screens to see the images of what had happened. Then the amazing day the first man walked on the moon, I was sitting there with hundreds of kids at school watching this black and white tv in the school hall. Sunday nights were Disneyland and the Mickey Mouse Club other regular shows for kids were Humphrey B Bear, Play School, Magic Circle Club - do you remember who the clown was in the magic Circle Club? Mr Squiggle was another favourite all these great shows many of the great Australian productions for kids. Night time TV King was Graham Kennedy with his show IMT with Burt Newton as his sidekick and the detective show Homicide was huge favourite of my mum. Do you remember the American series of Combat, Gomer Pyle, Petticoat Junction and Beverley Hillbillies? to name a few. These were some of the influences in our lives in the sixties. Compared to today's internet we were quite boring but there were enormous talents that emerged in those times including The Beatles even the kids of today know who they are.



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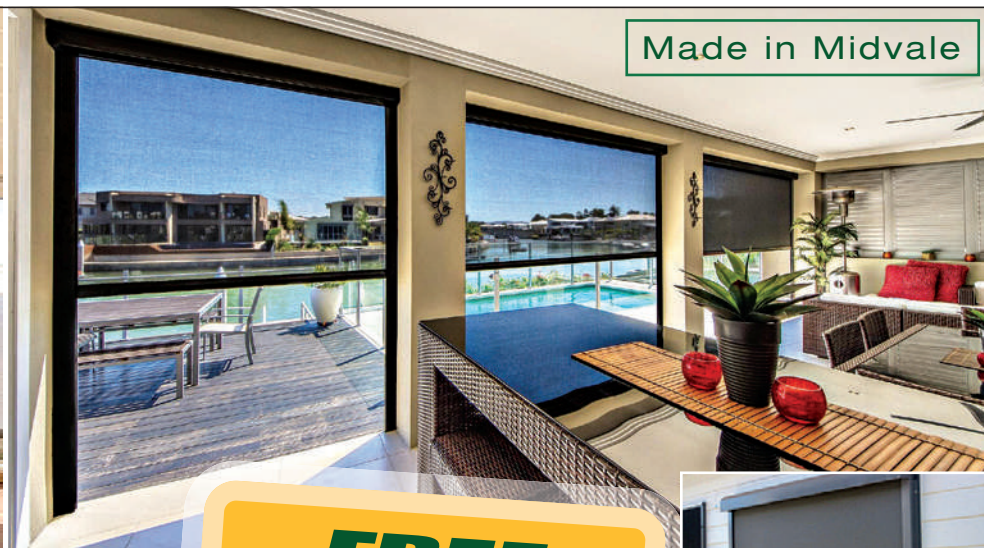
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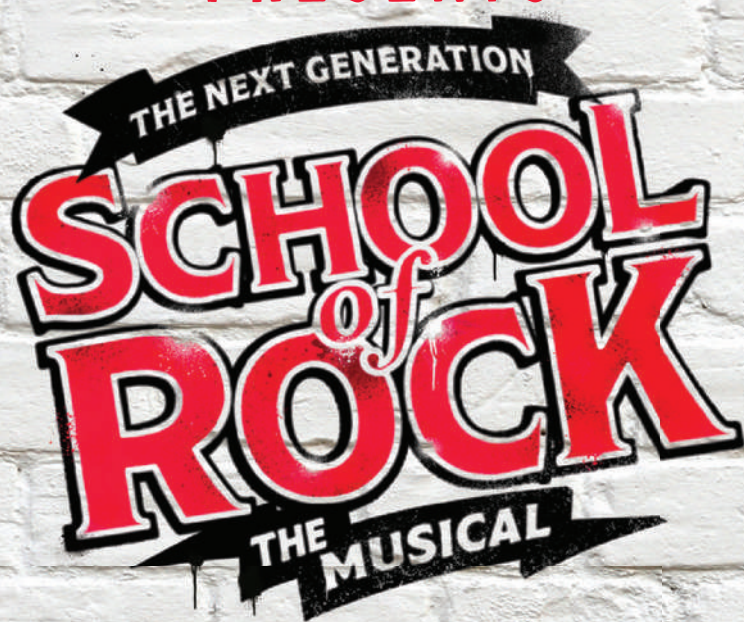
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