



Community cooks to help those in need
PG 11



Hong Kong opens door to WA agribusiness
PG 6



Filmmaker questions Trumps film tariffs
PG 5



PG 8

Ricky walks 250km to protect the Jarrah

Kalamunda's Bibbulmun Track northern terminus was a meeting point for walkers on WA Day to join Ricky England on his Big Jarrah Walk towards a rally at Parliament House.

Kalamunda Funeral Company
JUST give us a call. No Fuss, No Frills.



Just Cremations

17 Canning Rd, Kalamunda 1800 65 35 95

TREE AESTHETICS

BACK IN STOCK!!

Place your FIREWOOD ORDER NOW!!

PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Opening Hours

8am-4.30pm Monday-Friday
Lot 10 Talbot Road Hazelmere
(ENTRY OFF MIDLAND ROAD)

Call us now 9250 6599

office@treeaesthetics.com.au www.treeaesthetics.com.au

"You adore it, we store it"



Family owned & operated
We sell boxes and packaging

P: 08 6162 3777

253 Berkshire Road, Forrestfield
info@forrestfieldstorage.com.au
www.forrestfieldselfstorage.com.au

Realmark

I'll ensure you're not undersold in the Swan Valley.

Do you want a fast sale, or a smart sale?

Don't settle for less; we employ a results driven approach to unveil your home's unique charm, ensuring you're sold, not undersold in the Swan Valley.



PEK CARE INTERNATIONAL
OP SHOP MIDLAND
 We Accept Donations

Our New Shop is Open Now!

WE COLLECT AND SELL: Clothing, Accessories, Handbags, Shoes, Books, Toys, Household Items, Kitchenware, Furniture. Collectible and lots more.

WE SUPPORT HUMANITY: Empowering people with disabilities. Providing clean water for those in need.

"One person's trash is another's treasure"

2/245 Great Eastern Hwy Midland
 (Opposite Midland Gate Shopping Centre)

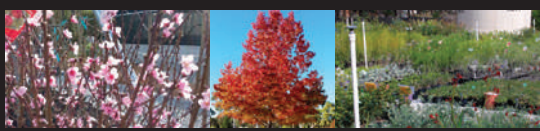
Misty Ridge Plant Farm

16 Brown Road, Wundowie

Specialising in Australian Flowering & Climate Native Plants



WHOLESALE TO THE PUBLIC



HUGE SELECTION OF NATIVE VARIETIES AND SIZES, INCLUDING LARGE RANGE OF CLIMATE NATIVE PROTEAS.

LARGE RANGE OF DECIDUOUS TREES AND FRUIT TREES NOW AVAILABLE.

ALL PLANTS GROWN ON SITE WITH EXPERT ADVICE.

OPEN: MON-FRI - 9:30AM-2:15PM
 SAT, SUN, PUBLIC HOL - 8:30AM-4:30PM



Ph: 08 9572 7145

Mob: 0427 387 686

www.mistyrIDGEplantfarm.com

ECHO Celebrations

Nightingales Pharmacy & News
 Open 7 Days 8am - 9pm

Norden Pharmacy Management Pty Ltd atft Michael Norden Family Trust

Services:

- Medication Review Service
- NDSS (National Diabetes Service Scheme Provider)
- Health Nurse
- Naturopath
- Beauty Therapy
- Free Local Delivery (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, subject to availability)
- Free VIP Reward Program
- Newsagency
- Lotto & Scratch'n'Win
- Stationery & Office Supplies
- Giftware & Jewellery

Francine Middleton at Kalamunda Nightingales. Picture: Cindy Cartojano

Nightingales founder retires after nearly four decades

THIRTY-NINE years since she founded community pharmacy and newsagency Kalamunda Nightingales, Francine Middleton was ready to retire.

Mrs Middleton said she grew up in Kalgoorlie and later moved to Perth for school, where she graduated with a pharmacy degree in 1967 at Curtin University.

A year after she graduated, she married her husband Tony who studied engineering.

"His work was in the country so I went off with him.

"We spent time in the Pilbara and the Kimberley and during that time I managed a pharmacy in Port Hedland.

"Then I had two boys and Tony was posted in Northam in 1974, and we were there for six years.

"I was working in three pharmacies in Northam at that time but because of the children, I really couldn't do more than a few hours a couple of times a week."

Mrs Middleton said they moved back to Perth in 1980 with their four children, three boys and a girl.

"In 1984 I started managing a pharmacy in Rockingham.

"The opportunity came with this newsagency being for sale and I thought a pharmacy newsagency would work because often when people are sick, they need something to read.

"At the time I felt like I needed to be doing something more," she said.

In the 1980s Mrs Middleton said there weren't many pharmacies in the area.

"There were pharmacies in the main street and one near St Brigid's and I think that was about all at that stage.

"(It) felt like we could do more by putting another pharmacy there.

"As the children grew up, they all worked in the pharmacy and although none of them have become pharmacists, unfortunately, I think they all enjoyed their time there.

"A lot of their friends and young people from the Kalamunda area have worked there.

"I really enjoyed getting to know all the people and their parents and being involved.

"It's definitely been very much a community-based pharmacy."

Mrs Middleton said she experienced hardship because she was a woman who wanted to start a business in those days.

"I always felt like I was being condescended to. "When I went to borrow the money to start the pharmacy, I was patted on the back and told, 'why don't you just leave it to the big boys?'."

"I thought, 'we're not going to wait around - we're going to get out there and do it'."

"I have a granddaughter who is 30 and she's got her own apartment and she's done all of that by herself.

"I think back to my time when there was no way



Francine and family on her last day at Nightingales.



Francine and her husband Tony.

that I would have been able to have the support that she has today without having my husband and our assets behind us."

She said she wouldn't have made it through the challenges without the support of her family.

"The kids were always very understanding of my having to work long hours and not necessarily being there for the ball games and the football games as time went on but we managed.

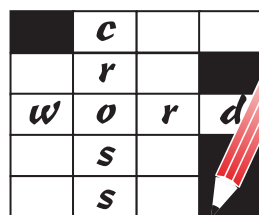
"Now I get to see a lot of my grandchildren playing all those sports."

She said it's important for people who wanted to start a business to believe in themselves.

"Don't let people touch you on the back and say, 'leave it to somebody else'."

"Do what you want to do and make it for yourself."

INSIDE



P14 Crossword



P6 Perth tree canopy data released



P17 Sport



P17 Sport



P18 Ellenbrook social housing boost



FEATURE P10

ECHO News

ADDRESS:

Unit 4/9 The Avenue
 Midland WA 6056

Phone: 9374 6666

GENERAL MANAGER / EDITOR

Peter W Lewis 9374 6605
 peter.lewis@echo-news.com

ADVERTISING

sales@echo-news.com
 Karon McCracken 9374 6610

EDITORIAL

editorial@echo-news.com
 Anita McInnes 9374 6603
 Guanhao Cheng 9374 6602
 Cindy Cartojano 9374 6601

PRODUCTION

production@echo-news.com
 Jeanene Allen 9374 6613
 Liz Rowlands 9374 6613
 Maja Pietranik 9374 6613

ACCOUNTS

accounts@echo-news.com
 Caprice Harries 9374 6604

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday:
 9.00am - 5pm
 Closed Friday

Closed: Weekends & Public Holidays

Kalamunda McDonald's DAP decision deferred

GUANHAO CHENG

AN alternate motion was passed during the May 29 Development Assessment Panel (DAP), deferring the Kalamunda's McDonald's and car wash development application decision for up to 180 days.

The alternate motion was passed after the report recommendation to accept the application lapsed for want of a mover and a seconder.

The decision gave the applicant six months to address the DAP's concerns with the City of Kalamunda.

Most panel members agreed a documented agreement on the scope of the intersection upgrades should be submitted before any decision was made on the application.

"The panel was concerned about the potential for delays to any implementation of intersection upgrades, once the fast-food outlet was already in operation," the document stated.

"Most panel members also agreed the panel would benefit from further input from evidence-based responses to key issues raised by the community, including the hours of operation and parking provision.

"Most panel members also agreed the panel would benefit from further review and commentary from the design review panel on the impact of changes made to the design since the last panel review."

The alternative motion expects the applicant to work with the City of Kalamunda to agree to the scope of modification to the intersection of Canning and Heath Roads.

The City of Kalamunda is also able to prepare additional commentary on appropriate timing for implementation of any modification or upgrade to the intersection as well as the impact of the parking shortfall on the site in consideration of other parking shortfalls that have been approved in the vicinity of the site.



The deferral also allowed the applicant to prepare and submit an amended transport impact assessment to the satisfaction of the City of Kalamunda.

Kalamunda's design review panel and panel chair can also review the amended design and provide final comments on the proposal.

Kalamunda North Ward councillor David Modolo said the deferral was a sensible outcome and though the community held opposing views, it was healthy.

"(The deferral) acknowledges that serious concerns about traffic, amenity and built form haven't yet been adequately addressed," he said.

"The DAP asked tough and considered questions on the day, and the applicant now has a chance to respond with the detail this proposal demands."



The Development Assessment Panel deferred the final decision for the development application for remaining concerns to be addressed by the applicant.

"The planning framework exists to protect the integrity of the Kalamunda town centre – not just for today, but for future generations."

"This debate isn't about fast food, it's about whether we're willing to stand by our own vision for Kalamunda."

"People should know this isn't a popularity contest – it's a planning process."

"The DAP is legally bound to assess developments against planning rules, including our own local policies and design guidelines."

"If a proposal doesn't meet those, it shouldn't be approved just because it's commercially convenient."

HELENA VALLEY

IGA

5% PENSIONER DISCOUNT EVERY Tuesday & Friday!

On sale Wednesday 4th June until Tuesday 10th June 2025

BARISTA MADE

Coffee In Store

FRESHLY INSTORE BAKED BREAD

Bread

BAKED TWICE EVERY DAY!

Ready Made Hot Meals

IN STORE EVERY DAY!

HELENA VALLEY

IGA

SERVING THE locals FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS!

1/2 PRICE

Weet-Bix Multi-Grain+

Weet-Bix Aussie Kids Are Weet-Bix Kids

\$220 ea

SAVE \$2.20

Sanitarium Weet-Bix 575g Selected Varieties

38¢ per 100g

TWIN POLE

Pineapple Raspberry

\$399 ea

SAVE \$4.81

Peters Twin Pole Pineapple Raspberry Ice Blocks 8 Pack

50¢ per stick

NESCAFÉ Blend 43

\$1899 ea

SAVE \$11.01

Nescafé Blend 43 500g

\$3.80 per 100g

Quilton

3 PLY SOFTNESS

\$499 ea

SAVE \$3.06

Quilton White 3 Ply Toilet Rolls 9 Pack

31¢ per 100 sheets

SHOP 1 / 1 TORQUATA BLVD, HELENA VALLEY WA 6056 | PH: (08) 9274 5744

OPEN 7 DAYS : Open Early From 6AM - 9PM

IGA

YOU CAN'T BEAT LOCAL

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram

f

ig

Specials available at Helena Valley IGA from Wednesday 04/06/25 until Tuesday 10/06/25. While stocks last. Pictures used for illustration purposes only. We reserve the right to correct printing errors.

IGAWA18203_040625

Faith Baptist Church ELLENBROOK

"Reaching People for Christ"

Woodlake
Community Centre
Highpoint Blvd

0425 354 159

Sundays 3pm

"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ & thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31

Come along this Sunday to
CHRRH
The only thing missing is "U"

Grace Baptist Church

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9.30am

FAMILY WORSHIP: 10.30am

MIDWEEK PRAYER MEETING: 7.00pm

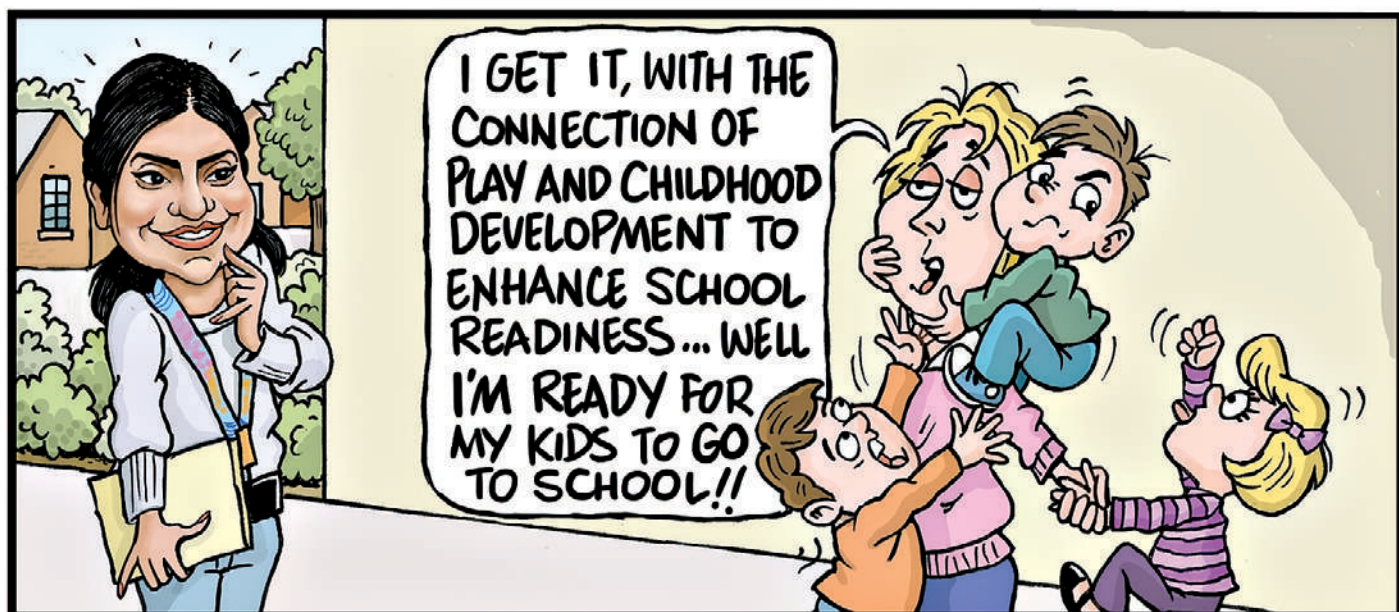
Meeting at: Brown Park Community
Centre - Salisbury Rd, Swan View

Ellenbrook
Service
@3pm

Pastor:
Graham Thomas
Ph: 0425 354 159
gbcmidland.org.au

Woodlake
Community
Centre

"For by grace are ye saved through faith..." Ephesians 2:8



UWA MASTER OF BUSINESS ANALYTICS STUDENT PAVITHRA BALASHANMUGAM COMBINED HER SKILLS AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES TO SUPPORT BETTER EARLY YEARS OUTCOMES WITH THE CITY OF KALAMUNDA.

ECHO

YOUR THOUGHTS

Have your say:
editorial@echo-news.com

'No further comment' is arrogant

Dear Echo News,

"I won't be commenting further" says the Minister for the Environment after granting 45 years more gas production by Woodside on our North West Shelf shows his blatant arrogance is only surpassed by the stupidity

of that statement by the person most responsible for the protection of us all from pollution and degradation of our environment.

Those who think this provides the "necessary certainty for business" are either ignorant or dismissive of the decision's likely impact on us all and of the fact that business makes its profits because it deals with uncertainty.

If there was no uncertainty business would not exist, because entrepreneurial profits would not exist in a certain world.

The reality is that the real "certainty" you've created is that of future generations' scorn, which may be offset (at least for you and your political colleagues) by more jobs at Woodside for the boys/failed politicians!

P Carman
Hovea

Woodside decision a carbon bomb

Dear Echo News,

What do you do when you toss and turn all night worried about the effect of approving a massive carbon bomb on your grandchildren's future?

The decision by the Environment Minister Watts was essentially a suicide note for our precious Ningaloo, Scott and Montgomery reefs.

IPCC scientists warn that we are on our way to two degrees of global heating by 2040 and 2.5 degrees by 2060 incompatible with the

survival of coral reefs, and yet Scarborough gas extension has been approved to 2070.

Woodside has promised net zero by 2050 on its extraction of gas using dodgy carbon credits and carbon capture and storage but that doesn't account for the 50 years of exports which will still be causing global heating in a 100 years.

Woodside's emissions will add as much as all Australia's current coal power stations and make it impossible to reduce emissions to 80 per cent by 2035. The emissions are equivalent to ten years of emissions from the whole of Australia.

The Western Australian government environment report summary deliberately left out graphs and evidence from UWA scientists that proved extensive damage to the Murujuga rock carvings over 30,000 years old.

The Australia institute has calculated that the government has allowed the export of over \$200 billion of gas that belongs to we the people royalty free. Only current gas fields attract minimal royalties.

And this when insurance costs alone from climate disasters was \$4.3b in 2024 (University of Melbourne.)

The Prime Minister says that this is a matter of opinion after promising climate action during the election. It's not opinion; it's science.

Meg O'Neill has accused young people of being ideological while helping cause the climate crisis by ordering online from

Thought for the day

"Success isn't always about greatness. It's about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success. Greatness will come."

— Dwayne Johnson

Temu. Every single young Australian would have to order 4888 t-shirts each year to match Woodside's current emissions.

If we have any hope of limiting global heating to two degrees we need a massive transition to renewables, electrification of everything and a huge investment in regreening agriculture and protecting our oceans and environment which will create millions of new jobs.

C Hughes
Midland

Bike lane visibility concerns

Dear Echo News,

Five years ago I contacted the City of Swan regarding bike lanes not being visible to drivers in cars.

The lanes are brown and barely show a bike logo to indicate it is a bike lane.

I have recontacted the City of Swan and I have been waiting for a while to get a response.

Years ago there was community consultation from the City of Swan but nothing came of it regarding bike safety and lanes.

There is one outside the town hall that is barely visible none in most of the other streets.

About a month ago I was involved in an accident with a situation of coming off a footpath onto the road and

the e-scooter was on the road.

If there had been a bike path I would not have fallen off, I would have been in front or behind the e-scooter.

I did receive a huge bruise and lots of pain in my leg as I also had to be picked up off the road.

Recently I was near the railway workshops in front of the hospital riding on a bike lane and there was a van parked on the bike lane.

I stopped and advised the driver he said there was nowhere else to park.

I then went off the bike path onto the road and I had an abusive female driver screaming at me to get off the road.

There has been many a time where drivers have beeped and got close behind me and screamed obscenities and to get off the road.

I have been riding for 50 years or so and on most days I indicate and if I have to be on the footpath I am careful of pedestrians and advise that I am behind them.

I am trying to start a petition to get the lanes in the inner city well-marked to indicate that there are visible bike lanes.

A Brown
Guildford

The Echo reserves the right to edit letters for length, legal reasons or clarity. The opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect those of the Echo. All letters must contain the author's full name, address and phone number for verification purposes.

MIDLAND

9274 0429 | 1 Old Great Northern Hwy | OPEN 6 DAYS

WILLETTON

9259 1698 | Unit 2 / 11 Augusta Street | OPEN 6 DAYS

Like us on Facebook



Discover our digital edition online

www.echonepaper.com.au

Swan filmmaker questions Trump's film tariff

CINDY CARTOJANO

SWAN View filmmaker Steven Mihaljevich says he's got questions about who, what and how a 100 per cent tariff on foreign films would work but says there may be an upside to the tax.

Earlier this month US President Donald Trump announced on his social media platform Truth Social that he authorised both the Department of Commerce and the US Trade Representative to start work on a 100 per cent tariff on films coming into the US produced in foreign countries.

"The movie industry in America is dying a very fast death," Mr Trump said in his May 5 post.

"We want movies made in America, again."

Mr Mihaljevich partly agreed with Mr Trump.

"Trump is right about one thing and that is that the film industry is dying a really fast death," Mr Mihaljevich said.

He said filmmakers sought production overseas due to a variety of factors.

"Streaming services, screenwriters strikes, actor strikes, production costs, a lack of funding to compete with a growing number of independent filmmakers, AI and Covid are all factors that have influenced the decline of the movie industry."

He said these factors contributed to the globalisation of the film industry.

"Whilst America is certainly feeling the pinch of the downward spiral of the movie industry, other countries have it worse and rely on America for funding and other critical areas to make a production."

"And Hollywood leans on overseas production studios for financial and viability reasons."

However, Mr Mihaljevich said the film tariff may inspire or motivate the Australian government to do something about the country's national quotas.

"We have been relying on America for far too long."

"Unfortunately, Australia does not consume its own content as much as it should."

"For myself personally and my own films, I have always felt that Australia was the last place to put their hand in."

Mr Mihaljevich said his 2020 film *The Xrossing* didn't get a proper Australian release and was distributed by an American company.

"This is a film that is 100 per cent Australian."

"Its cultural significance, its characters, story and social themes explored are all inherently Australian, and still the film was picked up in overseas festivals before it came to Australia."

"Sometimes it feels like the perception is, if US applaud it, it must be something."

Five years on, he said *The Xrossing* was planned to get an Australian release.

A similar situation happened to Mr Mihaljevich's second feature film *The Violet*.

"The film has been released internationally and had its fair share of American film critics applauding the film for different reasons, and only now is Australia releasing the film."

A Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) spokesperson said both the federal and state governments were waiting for further clarification about the potential impact of tariffs.

The DLGSCI spokesperson said the upcoming \$233.5 million Perth Film Studios (PFS) in Malaga would put WA in a position to attract large scale national and international films, TV and gaming projects.

"Construction of the facility is approximately 60 per cent complete and is expected to be finished in late 2025 with capacity to welcome productions from mid-2026."



Steven Mihaljevich. Picture: Andrew Williams

Creative Industries Minister Simone McGurk was asked if she was concerned about the foreign film tariff, how she thought it might impact the PFS and if any preparations were being made.

Ms McGurk said the state government worked with partners around the world, not just the US.

"We are committed to making films here in WA and supporting the pathways for economic diversification and jobs here in WA," she said.

According to the state government's April 17 statement, the PFS would be operated by Perth-based company Home Fire.

Home Fire declined to comment.

Mr Mihaljevich said he wasn't sure how the PFS would impact the film industry.

"It will definitely help provide resources and ways to aid, bringing directors' complex visions to life and different ways in doing so."

"But will it provide more job opportunities for independent directors?"

"Or will it create an even more

competitive environment for Perth directors who are already doing it tough?"

He said the important thing was to continue the drive to create a film cul-

ture where filmmakers felt supported and encouraged.

"This is going to take a lot more than a film studio unfortunately but it is a step in the right direction."

Mundaring roadwork clarification

IN Traffic delays due to burst pipe (*Echo News*, May 30) we stated "Meanwhile, the shire announced an upgrade of the Helena Valley Road and Scott Street intersection started on Monday, May 26."

The *Echo* did not intend to imply the upgrade at the intersection of Helena Valley Road and Scott Street was a Shire of Mundaring-led project.

The roadwork at the intersection is part of Water Corporation's Hazelmere and Helena Valley water pipeline

upgrade project.

"The shire's communication on May 22 via its official Facebook page was intended solely to inform the community about traffic management arrangements to support these Water Corporation works," Shire of Mundaring chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker said.

"No intersection upgrades have been planned, announced or undertaken by the Shire of Mundaring at this location at this time."

Water Corp confirms Chidlow fixes

GUANHAO CHENG

WATER Corporation says it has identified several Chidlow homes receiving water pressure below minimum service standards and will fund tanks and booster pumps to fix the issue.

In response to questions from *Echo News*, a Water Corporation spokesperson said monitoring equipment had been installed at strategic locations to track pressure fluctuations throughout the day and night.

"Through these investigations, some properties were found to be receiving pressure to the water meter below minimum service standards," they said.

"Recognising this, Water Corporation will fund the installation of a tank and booster pump system to improve pressure to the house for these customers."

Water Corporation is currently contacting affected households to arrange installation and will provide a report this week to the Chidlow Progress Association and residents who reported pressure concerns.

The report will include data collected during the investigations, a summary of proposed options and other supporting information.

In response to questions about the new water main installed in Chidlow, Water Corporation confirmed the pipeline was completed in December 2023.

"This refers to a developer-funded water main delivered in December 2023 which supplies water to a residential development known as The Quarters," the spokesperson said.

"The main connects directly to the Goldfields Pipeline and does not affect wider community water supply."

Water Corporation also addressed ongoing con-



A Water Corporation spokesperson says the Perth Hills Water Crisis group will be receiving a report with data, proposed options and other information this week.

cerns in Wooroloo, where some residents have raised objections to being placed on non-standard water service (NSWS) agreements.

The spokesperson said NSWS agreements were used in areas where it was not possible to supply water in line with minimum service standards and had been standard practice for decades.

"These agreements allow properties access to a water supply they would not otherwise be able to connect to," the spokesperson said.

"An example is properties on the fringe of an existing water supply scheme where it is impractical or unreasonably costly to upgrade the wider scheme for one or a small number of properties."

Water Corporation said 35 properties in north-eastern Wooroloo had received a non-standard water service since 2010.

Notice of Proposal to Make a Local Law

Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2025

The City of Kalamunda resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 27 May 2025 to advertise the proposal to make a Bush Fire Brigades Local law 2025.

Purpose

The purpose of this local law is to provide for the establishment, organisation and maintenance, administration, and funding of bush fire brigades in the City of Kalamunda.

Effect

The effect of this local law is that bush fire brigades will be organised and managed to comply with changes in the law and operational practice.

A copy of the proposed local law may be inspected at the City of Kalamunda Administration at 2 Railway Rd, Kalamunda during normal office hours. Electronic copies of the local law can be downloaded from the City's website at www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au or engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au

Submissions about the proposed local law (marked for the attention of Governance) can be submitted via:

- Email:** enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au
Online: engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/bfb-local-law
Post: 2 Railway Rd, KALAMUNDA, WA 6076
In person: City of Kalamunda Administration Centre, 2 Railway Road, Kalamunda

Comments close 5pm Friday 25 July 2025.

Anthony Vuleta
Chief Executive Officer



Hong Kong opens door to WA agribusiness

CINDY CARTOJANO

REPRESENTATIVES from The House of Honey (THOH), Hippie Kombucha and Sin Gin Distillery were showcased at one of the leading trade exhibitions in Asia, HOFEX Hong Kong at the end of May.

THOH sales and marketing manager Leigh Taylor said the event was well organised with buyers from across the region in attendance who looked for potential products, services and partners.

"We really enjoyed being able to sample our honeys, tell people about WA honeys and get feedback directly from buyers," Mrs Taylor said.

She said New Zealand Manuka honey performed well overseas so there was a real opportunity in WA to build the brand awareness of antimicrobial Jarrah honey.

"We have many beautiful honeys to share with the export market, but we do have some work to do."

She said events like HOFEX were important because it allowed businesses to see firsthand what is happening in their market.

"You can see how people shop, what pack configurations they are shopping for, what the competitors are doing, and where products are positioned, priced and marketed.

"It has been great to continue to build networks with other WA producers, which conversely opened up conversations to collaborate."

For Sin Gin Distillery's key account and export manager Jeneya Savage, the event was a real buzz from start to finish.

"It truly felt like a celebration of the best the industry has to offer," Mrs Savage said.

Similar to Mrs Taylor, Mrs Savage said the event provided the space to build connections.

"It's not just about direct sales.

"It's about creating relationships that can lead to future opportunities and long-term suc-

cess."

She said the team at Sin Gin had worked tirelessly to become an export-ready business.

"After successfully establishing a strong presence in the Australian market, we felt confident that the time was right to take the next step and explore global opportunities."

Agriculture and Food Minister Jackie Jarvis said the state government had worked hard to develop the Hong Kong market and to connect WA agribusinesses with potential buyers.

"Hong Kong imports over 90 per cent of its food, making it a major import market in the Asia Pacific region and a place with great potential for WA export growth," she said.

"Face-to-face trade engagement at events like HOFEX is critical to help convert buyer opportunities into strong supply relationships that build our agri-food and beverage industry, diversify our economy and create jobs."



The House of Honey's Leigh Taylor at HOFEX Hong Kong.

BAITING TO PROTECT NATIVE WILDLIFE

Under the Parks and Wildlife Service's Western Shield program, baiting to control foxes and feral cats occurs on more than three million hectares of conservation lands in Western Australia.

The baits used are toxic to introduced animals but not to native animals which have an evolved tolerance to the active compound (1080). All baited areas are signposted.

Baiting occurs on a regular and ongoing basis to protect endangered native animals including the numbat, western ground parrot and western swamp tortoise.



Attention pet owners: these baits will kill domestic dogs and cats. Baited areas must be considered dangerous for pet dogs and cats at all times.

For more information and maps on areas baited under Western Shield visit dbca.wa.gov.au/westernshield or contact your local Parks and Wildlife Service district office.

Western Shield is generously sponsored by Tronox and IGO.



Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions



Premier's trade trip ignores agriculture says Opposition

SHADOW Agriculture and Food Minister and Central Wheatbelt MLA Lachlan Hunter has criticised Premier Roger Cook's recent overseas trade mission for failing to include meetings with agricultural stakeholders, calling it a missed opportunity to support one of Western Australia's most vital export industries.

Premier Cook returned from his first official mission to Indonesia and Singapore last week, touting carbon capture and storage as the next boom for Western Australia.

Mr Hunter said while the Premier made time for meetings on green energy and decarbonisation, the agriculture sector, a pillar of WA's regional economy and a major contributor to trade with both countries, was completely sidelined.

"As Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Food, I find it staggering that while the Premier is promoting WA as a global trading partner, he failed to include agriculture in any part of his itinerary," Mr Hunter said.

"Agriculture is a \$10 billion industry, and our farmers are leading exporters of wheat, beef, lamb, and live animals to Indonesia and Singapore. These are relationships built on decades of trust, quality and reliability. To ignore the sector entirely sends the wrong message to both our trading partners and our producers at home."

Mr Hunter said the mission was a missed chance to reinforce WA's clean, green agricultural brand and to advocate for the future of key exports currently under threat from domestic and international policy shifts.

"At a time when farmers are already grappling with market uncertainty, biosecurity risks, and a live export ban looming at the federal level, the Premier should be standing shoulder to shoulder with them - not leaving them off the invite list."

"If the Premier is serious about economic diversification, regional development, and food security, then agriculture must be front and centre - not an afterthought."

Perth tree canopy data released

THE latest 2024 tree canopy data for the Perth and Peel regions shows that total tree canopy cover is at 22 per cent.

Data in 2020 showed urban canopy was at 21 per cent.

The updated data provides a clearer, more detailed picture of the extent and type of urban vegetation across all suburbs and local government areas in the Perth and Peel regions.

Urban canopy plays a vital role in making suburbs cooler and more resilient to the increasing health impacts of heatwaves, while also delivering environmental, social and economic benefits, including cleaner air, habitat for wildlife and more attractive neighbourhoods.

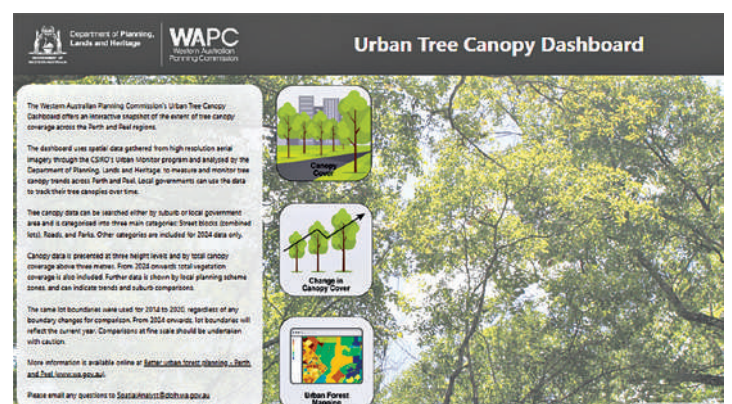
The 2024 dataset also shows variability in canopy cover suburb-by-suburb. This data can help guide planting efforts and help support the continued growth of existing trees.

As part of its ongoing commitment to enhancing tree canopy, the Cook Government will later this year consider a draft Urban Greening Strategy for Perth and Peel being prepared by the Western Australian Planning Commission.

In addition, new initiatives including urban greening grant funding, a native tree planting rebate program called Treebate and a \$7.2 million tree recovery package to address losses caused by the polyphagous shot-hole borer will be rolled out.

Planning and Lands Minister John Carey said urban canopy was critical to building cooler, greener and healthier suburbs across Perth and Peel.

"Having clear, up-to-date and accessible data helps local governments and communities plan



for greener streetscapes and identify areas where planting efforts are most needed.

"Through developing an Urban Greening Strategy and rebates and grant programs, we are backing efforts to grow our urban forest for healthier communities and future generations."

Environment Minister Matthew Swinbourn said protecting and expanding the tree canopy was vital in the face of a changing climate and increasing heatwaves.

"The Cook Government's investment in tree recovery, planting initiatives and future greening strategies demonstrates our commitment to resilient, thriving urban environments."

"Urban forests are essential natural assets for our cities - improving biodiversity, protecting wildlife habitats and supporting the wellbeing of our communities."

"We are committed to working with local governments and the community to increase canopy cover and ensure Perth and Peel remain liveable, vibrant and resilient places for generations to come."



ECHO

NEWS

Always in front!

Read the latest news online at

www.echonewspaper.com.au

Subscribe Now



Your FREE Local Weekly newspaper is also available from local outlets or subscribe NOW to get Echo News emailed direct to your inbox.

sales@echo-news.com | editorial@echo-news.com

Suite 4, 9 The Avenue, Midland | 9374 6666

Pavithra's experience supports City of Kalamunda's Early Years project



City of Kalamunda intern UWA Master of Business Analytics student Pavithra Balashanmugam.

UWA Master of Business Analytics student Pavithra Balashanmugam, combined her skills and volunteer experience to support better Early Years outcomes with the City of Kalamunda, through a recent McCusker Centre for Citizenship internship.

Before moving to Perth for her postgraduate studies, Ms Balashanmugam was working as a data analyst in India, while also volunteering for a government program designed to support children who had fallen behind in numeracy, literacy and social skills due to school closures during the Covid-19 lockdown.

Settling in at UWA, she started looking at opportunities to broaden her experience.

"When I learned about the McCusker Centre internships, it felt like a fortunate opportunity – a chance to combine my technical ex-

pertise in data analytics with meaningful work that could positively impact the community," she said.

Recognising her experience and interests in her application, the centre's team selected her for the Early Years Research intern role with the City of Kalamunda, where she developed a social audit to help create a directory for all available community services for children aged zero to five years.

"This audit is part of a broader project aimed at improving suburbs within the city by addressing the key domains identified in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)," Ms Balashanmugam said.

"The project seeks to ensure that early childhood development progresses appropriately across five domains: physical health and well-being, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive skills (school-based), and communication skills and general knowledge.

"The project also aims to raise parents' awareness of the critical connection between play and childhood development. The directory will serve as a practical resource, helping parents access services that support their child's development in these areas, ultimately promoting overall growth appropriate to the child's age and enhancing school readiness."

City of Kalamunda youth and community development officer Samantha Cranswick said that having Ms Balashanmugam's support for the project had been an incredible help.

"Pavithra brought a new perspective to the program and delivered the city's first ever social audit. Her work will be the basis of a brand-new parents' hub for local families acting as a one stop shop website platform for parents to find the information they need," Ms Cranswick said.

"Pavithra was such a great fit with the team, she was so adaptable jumping in and supporting at key youth services programs including the Youth Week program and the city's first ever Town Booster project, which was featured on ABC news."

The experience gave Ms Balashanmugam a deeper understanding of the local community and social and systemic challenges.

cont page 16



Former Shire of Mundaring councillor and deputy president Trish Cook served for eight years over two terms during her time as a local government member.

Trish Cook resigns from council

GUANHAO CHENG

FORMER Shire of Mundaring deputy president Trish Cook formally resigned from council at the end of May following her election as the representative for Bullwinkel.

The AEC officially declared Ms Cook as the first member of Bullwinkel on May 28 which prompted the resignation of her role as Shire of Mundaring councillor and deputy shire president.

A new deputy shire president will be selected at the June ordinary council meeting to serve through to the local government elections in October.

In a post on her official Facebook account, Ms Cook said she was proud to support the Mundaring community

as a councillor and deputy shire president.

"I'm proud of what we've achieved together - from the Darlington Community Garden to the Mundaring Sports Arena and the Boya Library," she said.

"I'm excited to continue advocating for our region as the member for Bullwinkel in Parliament."

The Shire of Mundaring also notified the community on May 28 of Ms Cook's resignation through their official account and thanked her for her time in council.

"Shire of Mundaring extends its heartfelt thanks to Cr Trish Cook, who has formally resigned from Council following her election as the Member for Bullwinkel," they said.

cont page 16



Clean-up before severe winter weather hits: DFES

THE Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is urging people to tidy up around their properties before severe winter weather hits, with a few hours of home preparation meaning safer neighbourhoods in Western Australia.

State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers responded to 1056 calls for assistance between June and October last year, with the majority for roof and structural damage, fallen trees and water ingress.

Crews spent an average of 3.5 hours at properties, often for damage that could have been prevented. DFES deputy commissioner Craig Waters said too many people were complacent, leaving their homes and families vulnerable and increasing the burden on SES volunteers, who are the state's frontline response to severe storms.

"Now is the perfect time to undertake a few simple measures around the home that could save thousands of dollars in repairs when a storm kicks off," he said.

"Loose roof sheeting, unstable fences and even

outdoor furniture can become dangerous in destructive winds. Taking a couple of hours to storm-proof your home now can protect your family and help reduce the pressure on SES volunteers.

"Cleaning gutters and downpipes of built-up leaf litter, securing trampolines, furniture and bins that can become dangerous airborne missiles in strong winds, and removing overhanging tree branches are simple measures you can take to protect your home and stay safe."

Deputy commissioner Waters also encouraged people to stay informed by downloading the Emergency WA app and setting watch zones for their area.

"Setting watch zones is the quickest and most effective way to receive alerts and warnings about severe weather, with the ability to choose up to 10 locations including home, school and work," he said.

Bureau of Meteorology senior meteorologist Gianni Colangelo said the high-pressure system south

cont page 16



**ST. BRIGID'S
COLLEGE**

**JOIN US ON OUR
MORNING TOUR**

FRIDAY, 13 JUNE

9AM - 11AM



Limited placements in Year 7, 2026 & 2027

Enquire today!

CONTACT US
08 9290 4200

**COLLEGE TOUR BOOKINGS
ARE ESSENTIAL**
trybooking.com/CXSYV

www.sbcl.wa.edu.au

Looking after your individual needs @ Adelphi Living

Adelphi Living has brand new homes opened in Ballajura for NDIS Supported Independent Living and Specialised Disability Accommodation.

Adelphi Living CEO, Howard Emery, advised that these beautiful new homes can each accommodate three (3) Participants, in single oversized bedrooms with private fully accessible bathrooms.

At Adelphi Living we take a "Person Centred Approach" to the supports and services with Participants having choice and control in their daily lives.

For Ballajura, we have chosen fully accessible and high physical support housing designs for these new homes.

Adelphi Living assesses the needs of each Participant and selects the staff that are required for each Participants individual needs.

We have Registered & Enrolled Nurses and all our Support Workers have achieved a minimum of Certificate III in Individual Support, in either Aged, Disability, Community or Mental Health.

Mr Emery further explained that



Adelphi Living is caring for several people who were previously living in aged care facilities, but now because they are under 65 years of age, they are eligible for NDIS funding and accommodation, which offers a more relaxed lifestyle and superior staffing levels.

For further details, please refer to the Adelphi Living website www.adelphiliving.com.au or contact them on (08) 6331 6888.

Looking After Your Special Needs



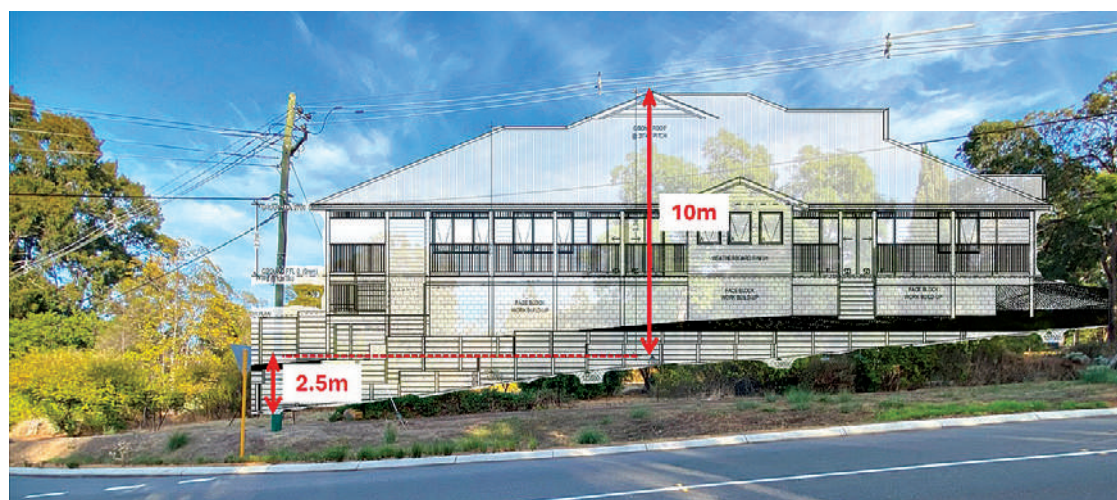
Adelphi is ready to assist Participants, their families and Support Coordinators in navigating the NDIS journey.

Adelphi Living is a highly regarded Supported Independent Living care provider with access to new NDIS approved Specialist Disability Homes in the Ballajura area.

ADELPHI LIVING

Please visit our website
www.adelphiliving.com.au
or call us on
6331 6888 for further assistance

ECHO250425L



The childcare centre's built form was shown to be 10m tall at its highest point from its base in the development's planning illustrations.

Darlington residents are frustrated at DAP outcome

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Darlington Residents and Ratepayers Association says residents have been ignored after the development assessment panel approved a large-scale childcare centre in a residential area despite strong local opposition.

The proposed centre, approved by the Metropolitan Outer Development Assessment Panel (DAP), will cater for 80 children on Darlington Road.

The Shire of Mundaring had previously voted unanimously to reject the development.

Darlington Residents and Ratepayers Association (DRRA) chair Louise Stelfox said the DAP process bypassed local democracy and disregarded community concerns.

"Local democracy is being blocked," she said.

"Everything the community raised was totally disregarded by the DAP."

She said planning changes introduced by the state government meant developments worth over \$2 million were now assessed directly by the DAP, with no requirement for council approval.

"I mean this thing – council opposed it unanimously, but it didn't seem to matter to the DAP panel," she said.

Ms Stelfox said nearby residents would be severely impacted by the development, citing noise, traffic and loss of amenity.

"There's one lady who's more severely impacted than anyone else," she said.

"This great big building is going to overshadow her northern boundary."

"She's not going to have the same amenity she was

afforded when she bought that property."

The owner of the property neighbouring the development, who did not wish to be named, said the proposed childcare centre would cast her garden in shadow, worsen traffic and noise at her home.

"I work from home and now I've got a great big commercial structure next to me so there will be air conditioner noises and because of the height of the property, the wall won't stop the noise," she said.

"My plants will be cast in shadow from the building, which will be about three sea containers high, and if I move and replant them, I hope they don't die."

"I've tried to contact the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and they basically told me I had no rights of recourse."

The resident contacted the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) on April 28 to include her deputation at the DAP hearing for the development and was told panel members would consider it prior to the meeting and then declare at the meeting that they gave due consideration to the submission.

Nine deputies from Darlington attended and opposed the approval of the development during the DAP meeting.

Following the approval of the development, the resident asked the DPLH for advice for the process to have the decision reviewed.

She was advised there were no third-party appeal rights in relation to planning decisions in Western Australia and courts did not remake the decision if reviewed.

"Judicial reviews are more commonly made by third parties," the DPLH said.

cont page 16

Kalamunda meeting place for trekkers

CINDY CARTOJANO

KALAMUNDA's Bibbulmun Track Northern Terminus was a meeting point for walkers on WA Day to join Ricky England on his Big Jarrah Walk (BJW) towards a rally at parliament house.

Mr England said he arrived in Kalamunda with a small group and met up with 25 new hikers, and an additional eight who joined from Victoria Park.

The 30km from the northern terminus to parliament was part of Mr England's 250km walk from Dwellingup to Perth which he did across 10 days.

Mr England said he chose the Kalamunda meeting point because it was the terminus of the track and symbolised a doorstep to the surrounding bushlands.

He said he wanted to do this walk to raise funds for the WA Forest Alliance in an effort to end forest mining by Alcoa and South32.

"The walk was a way to connect with the country that is under threat and to be in it, and to bear witness," he said.

Mr England said he was amazed at the people he encountered throughout the walk and at the parliament house rally.

"When I looked at the crowd, it was just such a diversity of people from all over Perth."

He said the oldest trekker who joined him was 73 years old and the youngest was 18.

"There were all ages represented."

"This is not a group of activists or hippies – these are real Western Australians from all walks of life who really care about this issue."

During the walk Mr England said he was saddened by the sight along the Darling Range crossing.

"You look out across the Darling Range, and you can see the strip mining on one side of the range."

"On the other side is this beautiful section of pristine bush."



Ricky England (right) with hikers at the Bibbulmun Track Northern Terminus.

On the Tuesday after the rally Mr England said he looked at the footage from his journey and was overwhelmed with emotion.

"When I started out, initially I hoped I don't walk on my own."

"I would have been excited if we got 50 or 100 people."

"And by the time we got to parliament we were in the thousands."

Mr England invited Premier Roger Cook, Environment Minister Matthew Swinbourn and EPA chair Darren Walsh to join him on the walk.

Mr Walsh said the EPA regularly engaged with community stakeholders to ensure it was fully informed about environmental impact assessments.

"Only last week the EPA extended the length of the public consultation period for the two Alcoa assessments it currently has before it," Mr Walsh said.

The Premier and the Environment Minister have been contacted for comment.



Department of Transport

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Apply for your Regional Pensioner Travel Card

The Travel Card helps eligible country pensioners with the cost of fuel and taxi travel from participating providers.

To be eligible you must be receiving any of the following – a Centrelink Age Pension, Carer Payment, Disability Support Pension, or a Department of Veterans' Affairs Service Pension, Social Security Age Pension or Income Support Supplement and be living in an eligible regional location.

You can apply for a Regional Pensioner Travel Card at participating Australia Post outlets.



For more information visit www.wa.gov.au/travelcard or call 1300 666 609.



AMAROO RETREAT & SPA PRESENTS



High Tea **IN THE HILLS**

Sunday June 22, 2025 | 2pm

\$65 per person (Package 1)
or **\$95 per person (Package 2)**

High tea includes handcrafted savouries, fluffy scones with jam & cream, delicate sandwiches, delicious house-made pastries and a decadent selection of petite desserts.

\$65pp – PACKAGE 1
Includes all food plus choice of sparkling wine, signature watermelon cocktail, beer, soft drink alongside tea, coffee or hot chocolate.

\$95pp – PACKAGE 2
Includes all food plus unlimited sparkling drinks & hot beverages.

**2 HOUR SEATING
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Inspired by the world's finest high teas, this luxurious afternoon experience blends decadent flavours, sparkling, beer & hot beverage.

Full payment required at booking
1200 Alison St, Mt Helena | 08 6244 4800
www.amarooretreat.com.au

Out & About IN MT HELENA

An Afternoon of Indulgence at Amaroo Retreat & Spa

Indulgent High Tea Sunday, June 22 – 2:00pm | \$65pp.

Step into a world of refined indulgence this June as Amaroo Retreat & Spa hosts a High Tea experience designed to rival the world's most iconic luxury venues. Nestled in the heart of the Perth Hills in Mount Helena, Amaroo offers the perfect setting for a timeless afternoon affair.

Imagine sipping sparkling wine with your bestie, savouring delicate pastries and scones hand made with love, as nature's serenity surrounds you. With sweeping views of native bushland and the soothing stillness only Amaroo can offer, our high tea blends elegance, comfort and culinary craft.

Amaroo's High Tea is a celebration of flavour and finesse. Guests will enjoy handcrafted savouries, fluffy scones with jam and cream, delicate sandwiches, delicious house made pastries and a decadent selection of petite desserts—each bite a tribute to our Executive Chef's artistry and flair.

Two packages are available:

\$65pp includes all food plus your choice of a glass of sparkling wine, a signature watermelon cocktail, beer, or soft drink, alongside tea, coffee or hot chocolate.

For those who wish to truly indulge, the \$95pp package includes all food plus unlimited sparkling wine, beer, soft drink or watermelon cocktails, as well as your choice of warm beverage.

The event begins at 2:00pm with a relaxed



two-hour seating time, ideal for long conversations, laughter and celebration.

Whether you're gathering with friends, honouring a special occasion, or simply treating yourself—Amaroo's High Tea is where elegance meets escape. Bookings are essential, and places are limited.

To reserve your table, call (08) 6244 4800 or visit www.amarooretreat.com.au Follow us on Instagram: @amarooretreat

Cluedunnit Murder fiendishly clever mystery comes to Amaroo

Drink to the 'Roaring Twenties' in this murder mystery dinner experience like no other.

Join crime writer Jonathon Mapletree and a cast of suspicious characters as you solve the mystery and work out whodunnit.

Whilst you enjoy a delicious three course dinner, gather clues from the various suspects as they visit your table, discuss with your fellow diners and then decide...whodunnit!

You are invited to dress in the stylish Art Deco period and fully immerse yourself in the mystery.

Cluedunnit have been involved in providing Murder Mystery Dinner Experiences for 40 years and are one of the longest established murder mystery companies in the world.

Our murder mystery dinners SELL OUT quickly - don't leave it too late to book!

COCKTAIL OF MURDER - The Story So Far...It is 1929, and London is about to witness the latest drinking club 'GATSBYS' opening in Mayfair.

This club will be the first to allow women members, and it is already causing a stir!

This stylish establishment is the brainchild of Elliott Strong and has the financial backing of writers F Scott Fitzgerald, Agatha Christie,

and PG Wodehouse.

The London fashionable set is already clamouring for membership, it is the place to be seen for sure, and the drinks are to die for.

Enjoy a three-course dinner as you question the suspects, decipher the clues and work to crack the case.



COCKTAIL OF MURDER

Step into the glamorous world of 1929 London, where the latest and most exclusive drinking club, **GATSBYS**, is about to make its grand debut in Mayfair.

This groundbreaking establishment is the first to welcome women members, and it's already sparking quite the buzz! **GATSBYS** is set to become the city's most coveted hotspot.

The fashionable elite are already clamouring for membership — this is the place to be seen, and trust us, the cocktails are to die for!

**JOIN US AT AMAROO RETREAT & SPA
ON SATURDAY, JULY 26 AT 5:30 PM FOR A NIGHT OF
SUSPENSE, STYLE, AND MYSTERY AT GATSBYS.**

Dress to impress and embrace the 1920s theme —
themed attire is strongly encouraged.

You'll enjoy a special menu crafted just for the evening and an incredible amount of fun, complete with all the thrills of a classic murder mystery.



This is a *must-attend* event, and with previous shows selling out fast, **book your spot now before it's too late!**

Community cooks to help those in need



Volunteers Terangi Berryman and her daughters.

CINDY CARTOJANO

DURING the long weekend volunteers from the community and churches spent time in their homes to cook about 300 kilos of food in support of Midland Meals (MM).

Feed it Forward volunteer Teena Spark said the cook for a cause program started last year to provide meals for the homeless.

Mrs Spark and her husband started dropping off leftover food to MM from the Feed it Forward pantry three years ago and they became acquainted with Pastor Loren Pratt who cooked at MM.

The program began after Mrs Spark asked Pastor Pratt if her church could cook meals for MM. "Last year the church wanted to do more and organised volunteers to cook meals," Mrs Spark said.

"MM provided the food and the church the volunteers."

She said some volunteers went all out and cooked more than 10 dishes with the ingredients they collected.

"The volunteers took the ingredients home and returned the next day to deliver the cooked dish."

"We ended up with 150 trays, and around 300 kilos worth of cooked food."

Mrs Spark said this was almost double last year's outcome when 85 trays and about 185 kilos of food was cooked.

She said this year's program was different because members of the community were invited to participate.

"Half our volunteers this year were from the community, and they were just awesome."

Despite the limited advertisement about the event, Mrs Spark said she wasn't surprised by the big turnout of volunteers.

"The community really feels for those doing it tough," she said.

"With these horrendous rents and the mortgages and the cost of living just going up and up."

Mrs Spark said more action needed to be taken to address the cost of living crisis.

"I feel the government are not putting the needs of its people first, leaving charitable organisations to pick up the pieces, stepping in where government has failed."

She said the crisis was intergenerational, with old and young people affected.

"I've had one pensioner come through and cry because they got pumpkin."

"They got a slice of pumpkin, and they said, 'oh my gosh, you don't know how long it's been since I've had pumpkin'."

After the program, Mrs Spark said volunteers approached her and said they enjoyed the work and wanted to continue helping.

"We are now in the beginning stages of forming volunteer groups to operate from the MM kitchen."

"I've got about 18 people on the list from the community and two people that are willing to be team leaders to organise it."

"These lovely volunteers will go down, they'll get food from the storeroom, get meats, go home, cook it, and then bring it back and it'll go straight into the freezers of the MM."

Mrs Spark said a name for the group was yet to be decided but she was welcome to suggestions.



Swan View Tunnel. Picture: Cindy Cartojano

Mundaring's heritage trail rated the best

MUNDARING's Railway Reserve Heritage (RRH) Trail was rated number one in the people's choice top 10 trails in WA.

Locals and visitors were welcome to cast their votes throughout autumn and Trails WA confirmed the results at the end of the season.

Trails WA started the people's choice award last year as a way to celebrate the trails that inspired adventure connection and awe.

Trails WA Chair, Suzanne Hillier said the campaign highlighted the growing passion for trails across the state.

"Trails are more than just paths – they connect us to nature, history, and each other," she said.

"We're thrilled to see so many Western Australians share their love for the trails that mean the most to them."

Collie, Albany, Dyandra Woodland, Kimberley and Pemberton were some

of the other sites that made it to the list.

The RRH Trail website states the trail retraced 59km of the old Eastern Railway.

"Passing through reserves you will discover the individual history, story and character of the settlements that sprung up alongside the line," it stated.

"The most western point to start your journey is from Bellevue where you can follow the old Eastern Railway lines either in a north or south direction of Great Eastern Highway."

"The two lines rejoin at Mount Helena forming a unique 41km loop entirely on railway formations before extending 18km east to Wooroloo Reserve."

The trail is suitable for walkers and cyclists, with dogs on a lead welcome and horses can be ridden along the trail, except in national parks.

Sprinkler switch-off starts

THE beginning of June welcomes the start of Water Corporation's winter sprinkler switch-off which aims to save billions of litres of water.

The program which started in 2010 saved about five billion litres of water annually and helped support the water security of 2.5 million people, according to Water Corp.

With severe rainfall deficiencies recorded across the southern parts of WA since 2023, Water Corp said it was more important than ever to reduce winter water use.

"This has driven a 12 per cent increase in household water use across Perth, emphasising the need to conserve water during winter when lawns go dormant and gardens require less moisture," a Water Corp spokesperson said.

Water Corporation demand delivery manager Damien Postma said the winter sprinkler switch-off was integral to preparing for increased water use during summer.

"It's no secret WA is heavily reliant on desalination to meet our water needs, however, this alone is not a silver bullet," Mr Postma said.

"It's important we don't get complacent when it comes to being waterwise because using water efficiently is a fundamental to collective water security – especially given recent climate trends."

Average rainfall across southern WA had fallen 15 to 20 per cent since 1970, leading to an 80 per cent reduction in streamflow into Perth dams.



Water Corp is calling on people to be water conscious by switching off their sprinklers.

According to Water Corp the Mundaring Dam recorded almost 24 gigalitres of stored water last year.

This year the dam is at about 21 gigalitres.

Last year Victoria Dam recorded 4.23 gigalitres of water and about 5 gigalitres this year, based on Water Corp's data.

Penalties would apply to those caught breaching the switch-off, although hand watering was permitted and some exemptions applied.

In addition to scheme and bore water users, the switch-off also applied to many licensed groundwater users.

In areas of WA not subject to the ban, normal watering rosters and the daytime sprinkler ban still applied.

Find out which areas are included by visiting watercorporation.com.au/wintersprinkler-switchoff

SMILE

@ Foothills Denture Clinic



- ✓ New full dentures & partial dentures
- ✓ New implant retained over dentures
- ✓ Denture repairs & relines
- ✓ Sports mouthguards

DENTAL PROSTHETISTS



MALCOLM J
MCARTHUR



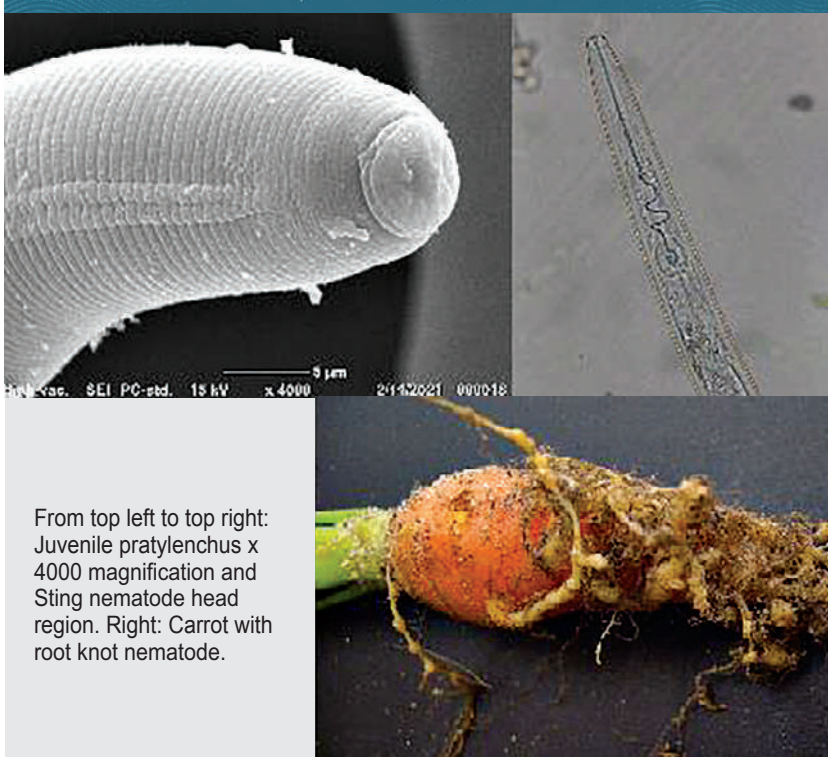
RAYNEE
MCARTHUR

Phone
9250 1733
for an appointment

FOOTHILLS
DENTURE
CLINIC

SHOP 4, 16 THE AVENUE, MIDLAND
www.foothillsdenture.com.au

We also deal with Veterans' Affairs and all health funds through HICAPS |



Compost buddies – nema-todally fabulous

A fabulous, food-fertilizing foundation!

Nematodes are a type of invertebrate roundworm. They are the most abundant animals on earth and are in every ecosystem; from our oceans to lava fields, Antarctica and yes sometimes even inside us and our animals. Soil nematodes are usually microscopic, and most are amongst the 'good guys' that are crucial for the making of healthy soils. There are probably billions of them thriving in your compost bin. One of the amazing roles they perform in the soil is converting organic matter into mineral forms that can be taken up and used by plants. Life would be at a loss without those types of nematodes helping to circulate nutrients in the environment and there are many undescribed species still to be found!

They are what they eat

Scientists like to classify living things and group them together based on similarities. Nematodes are so diverse that we often put them into groups based on what they eat. For soil nematodes we tend to identify them based on these feeding groups: Bacterivores eat bacteria, Fungivores eat Fungi, Predators eat other nematodes and animals, Plant Parasites feed from plants, Plant Associates eat algae, lichen, mosses and roots of plants, and Omnivores have a variety of food sources. Identifying numbers of nematodes by feeding groups in a soil sample is a good way to estimate a soils biological diversity and to indicate the rate of nutrient cycling occurring. Healthy soil has a higher abundance and diversity of free-living nematodes and low numbers of plant parasites.

Some nematodes are pests

Those of us who have cats or dogs (or children!) will be familiar with needing to provide regular worming treatments to stop parasitic nematodes in the gastrointestinal system. Other parasitic nematodes may live in different organs of a variety of animal species or humans and when travelling it is important to avoid them. Parasitic nematodes that attack plants can have huge impacts for growers and we must protect our state to prevent the introduction of exotic pest species. Even turf can be affected. When a patch of 'hallowed ground' was moved from the Melbourne Cricket Ground to the Brisbane Cricket Ground for the 2020 AFL grand final it carried a plant parasitic nematode in the turf and accidentally introduced 'Southern Sting' nematodes to Queensland!

How can you help?

Good garden hygiene practices are important. When buying or moving plants or seeds, check up on quarantine requirements – you may need to remove soil from the roots or have seeds tested. If you are growing vegetables in the garden, purchasing nematode-resistant varieties and avoid planting the same plant family in the same location in consecutive years. And finally, backyard composting is a wonderful way to put our 'good' nematodes to work so that soil can be brought into good health too. They may be microscopic, but nematodes are mighty. They make nutrient cycling possible. Thanks nematodes!



Report your observations

MyPestGuide® Reporter via app or online mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au

Pest and Disease Information Service
 (08) 9368 3080 | padis@dpiird.wa.gov.au



Entries open for Lance East Exotics Tarmac West

ENTRIES have opened for the four-day Lance East Exotics Tarmac West rally that will be held in Perth and surrounds from September 18 to 21.

The Tarmac West stages will be held in Whiteman Park, Ellenbrook, Parkerville, Kalamunda, Toodyay, Maryville Downs, Bullsbrook, Malaga and in the heart of Perth's CBD.

Rally drivers will race the clock along about 250 kilometres of closed roads that will include long flowing stages where drivers can really open up their machines and find their rhythm, and tight technical stages that require deft driving.

Lance East Exotics associate director Chris Reindler said he is proud to continue supporting Tarmac Events, one of the most accessible and community-driven forms of motorsport in Australia.

"In addition to the seasoned pros, these events give everyday enthusiasts the chance to experience motorsport at ground level, often providing their first real up-close interaction with the sport," Mr Reindler said.

"They become a focal point of excitement and preparation throughout the year, turning spectators into active participants.

"Enthusiasts dedicate countless hours building, preparing, and dreaming about their cars – creating goals to strive toward, experiences to share, and achievements to celebrate alongside like-minded individuals.

"We're thrilled to be part of something that brings so much energy, connection, and anticipation to our community every year."

Lance East Exotics Tarmac West is open to rally cars and has a category for standard road cars for those who like spirited driving.

Introduced in 2024, Tarmac West's Time Speed Distance (TSD) category is for standard cars with drivers and co-drivers requiring a helmet and an Australian Auto-Sport Alliance (AASA) general speed license.

TSD competitors are required to complete each stage as close as possible to the time allowed and penalised for an early finish more so than finishing late.

Tarmac Events WA director Ross Tapper said there is strong support for rally competitions in Western Australia.

"We've just seen international competitors travel to WA for a gravel rally event Forest Rally, and we are seeing good interest for Tarmac West's rally on sealed roads," Mr Tapper said.

"We are thrilled to continue our partnership with Lance East Exotics, their support and those of all our sponsors are crucial for us to be able to run events."

Going from strength to strength, Tarmac West is delighted to announce a two-year partnership extension with Lance East Exotics, a luxury car dealer in Perth.

To be kept up to date with Tarmac West events, please visit www.tarmacevents.com.au



eye on crime

Arson squad Midvale fire investigation

SPECIALIST officers from the WA Police Force arson squad are seeking the public's assistance for information as they continue to investigate a suspicious fire that occurred in Midvale on Thursday, May 15.

The fire started about 12.45am in bushland along the western bicycle path of Roe Highway.

The fire spread quickly due to strong easterly winds, spreading through further bushland to a traffic management company located on Beaconsfield Avenue.

The fire caused an estimated \$1 million damage to machinery and equipment at this local business. Arson Squad officers have released some dash-cam vision of where the fire started

in an effort to seek further information from the public.

Officers are still asking for any dash-cam or mobile phone vision taken in the vicinity of the fire between 12.30am and 1.30am on Thursday, May 15.

Vision can be uploaded directly to investigators via the link: <https://wapf.au.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/midvalefire>

If you have any information relating to this fire, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online via www.crimestopperswa.com.au.

Rewards of up to \$25,000 are available for information that leads to the identification and conviction of an arsonist.

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



Connect with us



Sign up to our FREE monthly e-news by scanning the QR code.

kalamunda.wa.gov.au/newsletters

Stay connected through socials.

@cityofkalamunda



Kalamunda View

News from your City | June 2025



Mayor's MESSAGE

It has been an exciting month of colour, creativity and connection here in the City of Kalamunda!

One of my highlights was watching the Forrestfield town centre come alive during our

4-Hour Makeover last month. With support from David Engwicht and Forrestfield Centro, City staff transformed a quiet car park into a vibrant gathering space—complete with native flower murals, playful art, and cosy community nooks. This project is a perfect example of how a dash of creativity and a big dose of community spirit can bring a space to life.

We're also making strong progress on some of our key infrastructure projects. Work is well underway on the Norm Sadler Pavilion upgrade—a major step in realising the Maida Vale Reserve Master Plan. And in Forrestfield, the new Foothills Men's Shed is taking shape, with an official opening planned for later this month.

If you're a young artist—or know someone who is—don't miss the chance to enter this year's Young Artist Awards. The 2025 theme, "Myths," invites our creative young minds to explore stories and culture in exciting new ways.

As we settle into the Noongar season of Makaru, the cold and wet weather reminds us to stay safe. Please remember, if you're planning a burn, follow all safety guidelines and be fire-aware during the permitted period.

Lastly, we're proposing differential rates for the 2025/26 financial year. I encourage you to visit the City's website to learn more and to have your say.

Thank you for being such a passionate, engaged community

Mayor Margaret Thomas JP



FROM SPACE TO PLACE: 4-HOUR TOWN MAKEOVER

What can you do in just four hours? A lot, actually – check out the transformation we achieved at the Edinburgh Road shops in Forrestfield during our 4-Hour Makeover. The transformation is the result of the Town Booster staff training, led by Creative Communities International, with David Engwicht.



Find out more at kalamunda.wa.gov.au or watch the transformation on Youtube youtube.com/@CityofKalamunda

Public Agenda Briefing Forum

6:30pm, Tuesday 10 June

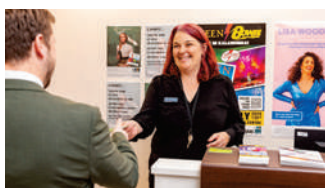
Ordinary Council Meeting

6:30pm, Tuesday 24 June

Administration Centre, Council Chambers

Visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au to view the Agenda

KPAC BOX OFFICE HOURS SEASONAL HOURS - TRIAL



Earlier this week, Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre (KPAC) introduced a seasonal trial of reduced Box Office opening hours.

This adjustment responds to changing community needs and aligns with trends seen at other performing arts venues, where demand for face-to-face Box Office services typically decreases during this time of year.

Trial Box Office hours for walk-in and phone sales:

Tuesday to Friday | 10am–2pm

Plus 30 minutes prior to all performances

Patrons can continue to book tickets online 24/7 via the KPAC website – offering a flexible and convenient option at any time. Visit kalamundapac.com.au

We appreciate your support as we trial these changes and work to better meet the needs of our community.

RATES: OBJECTS & REASONS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEVY DIFFERENTIAL RATES



The City of Kalamunda is giving notice of its intention to levy differential rates for the 2025/2026 financial year.

This is in accordance with Sections 6.33 & 6.36 of the

Local Government Act 1995 and the Council's intention to continue levying differential rates for the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

A statement of the Objects and Reasons for the proposed rates and minimum payments is available for inspection on the City of Kalamunda website, and at the Administration Centre (Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 5:00pm). **Comments close Friday 20 June 2025.**

Find out more at engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au

OPEN RESIDENCY: JAE CRIDDLE

SUNDAY 15 JUNE - TUESDAY 8 JULY



Jae Criddle, a sculptor and printmaker based in Kalamunda, will use her residency to push the boundaries of her ceramic practice.

Her project, titled 'Follies', draws on architectural oddities, geological textures, and a playful exploration of function and form.

Don't miss out and book mark these dates to see Jae transform her studio into a site of playful inquiry, material experimentation, and sculptural storytelling.



Workshop 1 | Saturday 21 June

Open Studio | Sunday 6 July

Workshop 2 | Saturday 12 July

Find out more and register to attend at kalamunda.wa.gov.au

Have Your Say

Being part of the community means having your say.

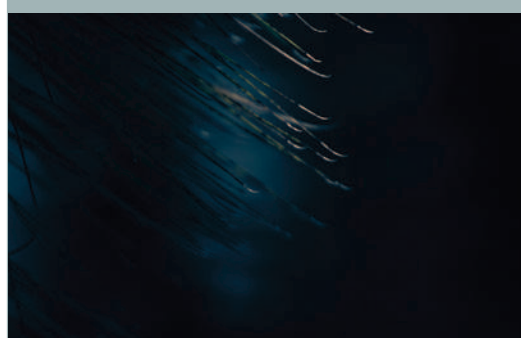
Join the conversation and contribute to matters happening in your City.

engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au



PENUMBRA

EXHIBITION DATES | 7 - 29 JUNE



This series explores the hidden beauty of the botanical world, inspired by the penumbra—the delicate border between light and shadow.

Each photograph balances contrasts - softness and sharpness, clarity and ambiguity, encouraging a deeper appreciation of nature's details.



Find out more kalamunda.wa.gov.au/gallery

Myths

YOUNG ARTIST AWARDS | 2025

Entries are open!



Find out more kalamunda.wa.gov.au

Entries close Monday 4 August 2025.



Contact Us

9257 9999 | enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au

2 Railway Road, Kalamunda

PO Box 42 Kalamunda WA 6926



Your local Gig Guide

Thurs Jun 5

Hemingway & Co
Blues Thursday.
From 6.30pm. Free.
6/7095 Great Eastern
Highway Mundaring

Fri Jun 6

Settlers House York
Nick Childs.
From 5.30pm. Free.
Avon Terrace York

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

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Nathan Gaunt.
6pm-9pm. Free.
4260 Great Eastern
Hwy Mahogany Creek

Parkerville Tavern
Jump the Gun Duo.
From 6pm. Free.
6 Owen Road
Parkerville

Bassendean Hotel
DJ Roller.
8pm-Late. Free.
25 Old Perth Road
Bassendean

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

Sat Jun 7

Parkerville Tavern
Cush.
From 6pm. Free.
6 Owen Road
Parkerville

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

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Brett Hardwick.
6pm-9pm. Free.
4260 Great Eastern
Highway Mundaring

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

Bassendean Hotel
Hi-NRG.
8pm-Late. Free.
25 Old Perth Road
Bassendean

Lyric's Bar
Laneway Bar
Darryl & the Devil.
From 7pm. Free.
22 Lyric Lane
Maylands

Sun Jun 8

Settlers House York
The Jukes of York.
From 12pm. Free.
Avon Terrace York

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Bill Chidgzev.
4pm-7pm. Free.
4260 Great Eastern
Hwy Mahogany Creek

Bassendean Hotel
Gemma Luxton Duo.
From 2pm. Free.
25 Old Perth Road
Bassendean

Woodbridge Hotel
Anton McLoughlin.
From 3pm. Free.
50 East St Guildford

Noble Falls Tavern
Sunday Music
From 1pm-4pm. Free.
2672 Toodyay Road
Gidgegannup

Childlow Tavern
Live music.
12.30pm-3.30pm. Free.
4 Thomas St Chidlow

Lyric's Bar
Laneway Bar
Gianni Petta/Ridge
Moss Duo.
From 5pm. Free.
22 Lyric Lane
Maylands

Tues Jun 10

Hemingway & Co
Jazz Tuesday.
From 6pm. Free.
6/7095 Great Eastern
Highway Mundaring

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Smooth Groove.
6pm-8.30pm. Free.
4260 Great Eastern
Hwy Mahogany Creek

Woodbridge Hotel
Ravenswing.
From 6.30pm. Free.
50 East St Guildford

Wed Jun 11

Childlow Tavern
Muso Jam Night.
7.3pm till late. Free.
4 Thomas St Chidlow

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Fenton and Friends
Acoustic open mike
night. 6pm-9pm. Free.
4260 Great Eastern
Hwy Mahogany Creek



OPTION 1

Large Display Banner

Linking directly to your website or ticketing outlet. \$100 p/w

OPTION 2

Half Display Banner

Linking directly to your website or ticketing outlet. \$50 p/w

OPTION 3

Free Text Listing

Promote your
event



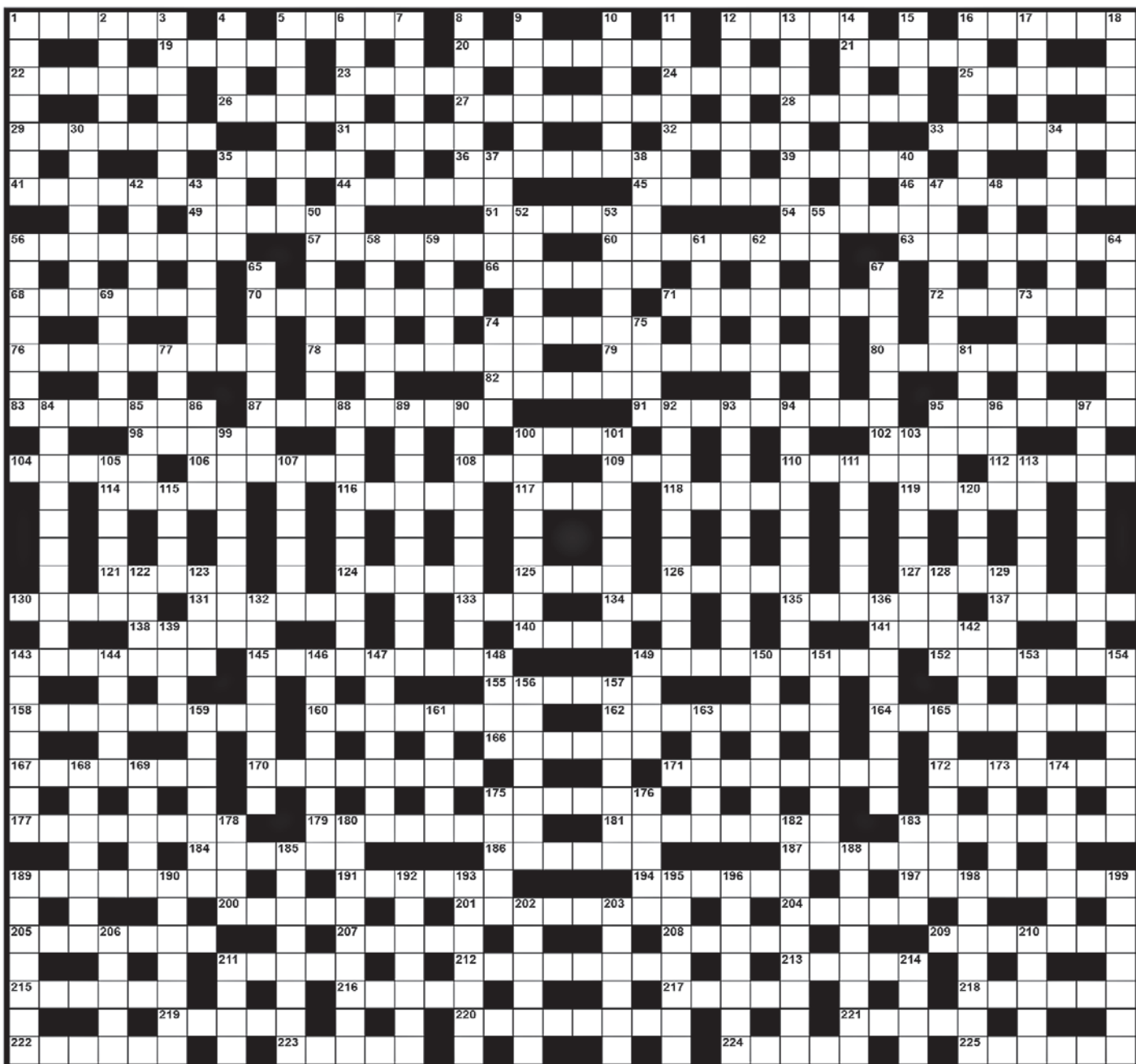
SCAN ME
ENTERTAINMENT
& GIG GUIDE

Contact Peter for more information
on 9374 6605 or peter.lewis@echo-news.com
www.echonewspaper.com.au

ECHO NEWS



Mind Boggler Crossword 1220



ACROSS

1 Talk with enemy (6)
5 Broken (coll) (5)
12 Spanish snacks (5)
16 List for discussion (6)
19 An oily fruit (5)
20 Car part (8)
21 Single (5)
22 Disorderly (6)
23 Type of clog (5)
24 Arab chieftain (5)
25 To keep balls in motion (6)
26 Fables (5)
27 Inability to sleep (8)
28 Planet's path (5)
29 An art style (7)
31 Articles (5)
32 A tribal symbol (5)
33 European country (7)
35 Hot vapour (5)
36 Come nearer (8)
39 Performed (5)
41 Specially chosen (8)
44 A large lizard (6)
45 Behind a ship (6)
46 An outlaw (8)
49 Invited ones (6)
51 Make blacker (6)
54 Spain and Portugal (6)
56 Country (8)
57 Beginners (8)
60 Automobile (5,3)
63 Does well (8)
66 Get away (6)
68 US city (7)
70 Killing of a king (8)
71 Send off (8)
72 Return bout (7)
74 Game arbiter (6)
76 Wild daffodil (9)
78 Flood over (8)
79 Distance measurer (8)
80 The rest (9)
82 King who abdicated (6)
83 Official seals (7)
87 Undeveloped films (9)
91 Year-old beasts (9)
95 Pleas for blessings (7)
98 Make fun of (5)
100 A symbol (4)
102 Female horses (5)
104 Of birds (5)
106 A type of gem (6)
108 Small hotel (3)
109 Flightless bird (3)
110 Sea trip (6)
112 Fragrant essence (5)
114 Tag (5)
116 Overwhelms (5)
117 Potato (coll) (4)
118 Indigenous people (NZ) (5)

119 Graceful young woman (5)
121 Shoulder movement (5)
124 Aquatic mammal (5)
125 Money drawer (4)
126 Proof of innocence (5)
127 Former Russian rulers (5)
130 Gigantic ray (5)
131 Not often (6)
133 Timber tool (3)
134 Allow (3)
135 Country robber (6)
137 Book of maps (5)
138 A belief (5)
140 Possum's nest (4)
141 Fruit of the oak (5)
143 Chided (7)
145 Type of canoe (9)
149 Outlook for the future (9)
152 Speak very quietly (7)
155 More strange (6)
158 Small aeroplane (9)
160 Letter of introduction (8)
162 Small parrot (8)
164 Type of vegetable (9)
166 Peaceful (6)
167 Mozart's middle name (7)
170 Ability to read (8)
171 Ended (8)
172 A herb (7)
175 Phantom (6)
177 Made a replica of (8)
179 Watchmen (8)
181 A metallic element (8)
183 Excited (8)
184 Forestry worker (6)
186 Act against (6)
187 Take no notice (6)
189 Manipulating agent (8)
191 Picture maker (6)
194 Looked after (6)
197 Fruit groves (8)
200 Ground (5)
201 Frenzy (8)
204 Vacant (5)
205 Savage (7)
207 Muse of lyric love poetry (5)
208 More unusual (5)
209 Makes a mess (7)
211 A board game (5)
212 Wandering musician (8)
213 Girls' toys (5)
215 Providing with weapons (6)
216 Hand part (5)
217 US state (5)
218 Imaginary demons (6)

(6)
219 Boredom (5)
220 Disturb (8)
221 Many times (5)
222 One courting (6)
223 Variety of quartz (5)
224 Part of a wood joint (5)
225 Make certain (6)
DOWN
1 Biblical tale (7)
2 Game of chance (5)
3 Milk product (7)
4 A movie (4)
5 Small falcons (8)
6 Lack of hope (9)
7 A striking scene (7)
8 Skilled worker (7)
9 Totals (4,2)
10 A verse (6)
11 Puffs of air (7)
12 Operating room (7)
13 Love of fires (9)
14 Lie in sun (8)
15 Hit a fly (4)
16 Stop temporarily (7)
17 Disease in cereals (5)
18 Normal (7)
30 Dependent (7)
34 A chemical test (7)
35 Type of missile (4)
37 Army church officer (5)
38 Small watercraft (5)
40 Leak in drops (4)
42 Stringed instrument (5)
43 Lights up (7)
47 Part of an ear (7)
48 Type of salts (5)
50 Mixing together (8)
52 Took as truth (7)
53 Supreme ruler (7)
55 Religious brothers (8)
56 News (7)
58 A factual story (7)
59 Concluded (5)
61 A drug (5)
62 Wealth (7)
64 Orbs (7)
65 Gaol inmate (8)
67 Influential qualities (8)
69 Castor bean poison (5)
73 Irritate (5)
74 Farm trucks (4)
75 A whirlpool (4)
77 Building position (4)
81 Ground size (4)
84 Add energy to (10)
85 Italian volcano (4)
86 Wise person (4)
88 Student of the stars (10)
89 Nurturing an egg (10)

90 Disembowel (10)
92 Numbering device (10)
93 Restores friendly relations (10)
94 Unbeatable (10)
95 Hunted animal (4)
96 Extremely quickly (init) (4)
97 Set going again (10)
99 Saved from a wreck (8)
100 Affronted (8)
101 Bushranger (3,5)
103 Sceptical of god (8)
105 Nearly (6)
107 Bit playfully (6)
111 A toady (coll) (3-3)
113 Need for water (6)
115 Rough metal edge (4)
120 Very large (4)
122 Illegally access a computer system (4)
123 Secondhand (4)
128 Hide away (4)
129 A rajah's wife (4)
132 Legal means of escape (8)
136 Cowardly ones (8)
139 Quantity of paper (4)
142 A flightless bird (4)
143 Religious rites (7)
144 Overturn (5)
146 Choke (8)
147 Huge blaze (7)
148 Harvest (4)
149 Poke rudely (4)
150 Forecast (7)
151 Nabbing (8)

153 Sausages (coll) (5)
154 Dwelt (7)
156 A plane curve (7)
157 Brings out (7)
159 Edible molluscs (7)
161 Right-hand page (5)
163 Cake covering (5)
165 Stealer of game (7)
168 Of water (7)
169 Cast out (5)
173 From Co. Cork (5)
174 Make bigger (7)
175 Lost animal (5)
176 Combined singing voices (5)
178 A palm fruit (4)
180 Group of musicians (9)
182 Duck feathers (9)
183 Ancient city (4)
185 A fragrant shrub (8)
188 Former French emperor (8)
189 Legal requests (7)
190 More junior (7)
192 Check size of (7)
193 Oblique-angled figure (7)
195 Previous to (7)
196 Asleep (7)
198 Cookery (Fr) (7)
199 Vatican chapel (7)
202 Most sensible (6)
203 Uncommon thing (6)
206 Utter fool (5)
210 Small nails (5)
211 Stalky plant (4)
214 Poses for an artist (4)

Crossword Solution 1219 from 30 May, 2025

MASONRY C SONIC ABET SOFAS N LANOLIN
UE U OCHRE O OWNS RASH R TREVIU A E
S R RUG O RESIN OPERAS A IOLI P SAC G O
SWEET H LV T TOME TIED G P T TLOWAL
ON UKULELE A E ANYONE OM ELUSIVE R T
LUGER R R RELAXED NEWBORN N USING
IE ESTUARY G T SUNSET S U DREGGED N E
NT I R A IS N X STY E X T N
IBISES ACROBATS STILTS UPHEAVAL TOPHAT
AU MANE S A Z A R A A A A A A A A A A A
ORBS UNICORN IMMINENT RURALYNN NOTB
R PORTS N R CANOE MOIST L T SEDAN A
CAFE H EDIBLE CADAVERS ASYLUM A AERO
M CHORE E E FNS W P P R BRONG C
DUET O DERIVE FESTIVAL PAYEES L L LATE
N SOMBRERO E G D R V W R A FESTLE U
D S P UNRULY NOVA A REVEUE U
LIFE SAVER N A I DRINGO E CHARLATAN
EUE E E DECADEENCE R D W S T T L U U
G R R T S A O I K K DISPERSED A O I B D
OBLIVIOUS B NOODLE F R R T TIMEPIECE
E E INOFF L LOOT MERINO O O H
N ADAGIOU E T S S G M R G PARNSIPS A
TERN A NOTATE SUINREL GLASPS E O PUN
FACUTE N A I DRINGO E CHARLATAN
PINT O KELPIE TAPESTRY FORGER R RUES
C HYDRA S O SHELL REEVE I T KOALA L
NILE E SCEPTIC ALARMIST DESPISE R DAIS
A M JET L E O T T V I O O T TED I E
ALPACA REFINERY BEDSIT PROUDEST ENCORE
U O A A TINT A 3 APE U N
I BUOYANT D D FUTILE E E POVERTY C B
TONNE A D HOUDINI MALARIA O A ANIMA
R C MARTINI R S SCARAB U A SMITTEN L S
ADIEU S P M A MICA VETS T T G T KIENS
LA SUM O BINDI ANCHOR HATKU T LET A I
IN E EASEL C SOLO ISLE CO RINSEIN T E
ABANDON E EVERIS NERD DENSE G DIGGERS

ECHO Trades & Services

9374 6666
classifieds@echo-news.com
BOOK ONLINE: www.echonepaper.com.au

Air Conditioning & Refrigeration

ACR
Lic. No. AU05609
Local Company
Local Prices
Reliable & Efficient
Pensioner Discounts
For all your airconditioning & refrigeration service & installation
9454 9945

BOWDEN AIR
AU065824 Air conditioning
Installations | Service | Maintenance | Residential | Commercial
Competitive prices | Top quality work guaranteed | No obligation free quotes
Rick Bowden **0428 054 888** rick@bowdenair.com.au

Bobcats

BOBCAT - TRUCK EXCAVATOR ROCKBREAKER
• Bobcat works, Earthworks & Truck Hire
• Driveways - Removals / Prep / Construct
• Excavation / Trenches / Drainage / Soakwells
• Shed & Tank Pads / Rockbreaking & more ...
Reliable Service **DAVE 0417 096 614**
DW Cartage & Earthworks

MIDLAND BOBCAT HIRE
BOBCATS, 8 & 12 TON TIPPERS, MINI EXCAVATORS
Free no obligation quotes and advice
Russell & Lynn Edwards
Owner/Operator
Russell: 0417 957 597
russlynn4@bigpond.com

Brickpaving

LIMESTONE BRICKLAYING BRICKPAVING
Retaining & Feature Walls
Garden Beds etc
Over 25 year experience
Ross Lucassen 9295 2837

Carpentry

CARPENTER/CABINET MAKER
Sash Window Repairs / Renovations,
Kitchens, Laundries, Robes & Vanities made
and fitted. Doors, Frames & Architraves.
Skirting & Shelving. 40 years experience.
NO JOB TOO SMALL. Call Terry
0401 743 027 / 9295 0797
telcocarpentry@bigpond.com

Carpentry • Joinery • Cabinetmaking and Home Maintenance Services
• Doors • Decks • Skirting • Sash Windows
• Robes • Kitchen Installations
• Flatpicks • Pergolas • Furniture Repairs
Pensioners Discount Fully Qualified
Free Quote Call Mal **0400 250 761**

MORGAN CARPENTRY & MAINTENANCE SERVICES
ALL ASPECTS OF CARPENTRY & MAINTENANCE WORK
• 15yrs commercial & residential experience • Insured
• Fully qualified, professional & reliable • No call out fee
• Full police clearance • Pensioners discount
Call Kevin **0450 538 596**
www.morgancarpentry.com.au e:kdd.morgan@hotmail.com

Ceilings

CA INSTALLATIONS
• Ceilings & Walls • All Facets of Ceiling Work
• Domestic & Commercial • Office Partitioning
All Reno Work Local and Loyal
0409 953 369

CEILINGS & WALL RESTORATION
ALL SMALL JOBS
ALL REPAIRS & NEW ADDITIONS
23 YEARS EXPERIENCE
9295 2041 OR 0402 270 688

ECHO NEWS
Privately owned & proudly independent
Discover our digital edition online
www.echonepaper.com.au

Concrete

TIGER CONCRETE
FREE QUOTES • NO MESS NO FUSS
Quality work, all types of concreting
Bobcat and Truck
Mike 0407 989 927

B.C. CONCRETE DESIGN
Cracked Pea Gravel/Exposed Aggregate
Crossovers • Shed Floors • Drives
House Extensions • Patios
Bobcat & Truck
Call Anytime **0457 611 348**

SUNJICH'S CONCRETE
• Bobcat - Truck and Compaction
• From Prep to Completion
FREE Quotes All Areas
Call Zeljko
0417 902 301

Earthmoving

EARTHWORKS, DRAINAGE and PLANT HIRE
Excavators, Tippers, Skidsteer, Loader, Grader, Roller
• Excavations, Earthmoving, Rock Breaking
• Driveways & Asphalt
• Culverts & Drains
• Sand Pads, Aggregate Supply
Call: Aedan **0474 840 418**
info@groundforcecivil.com.au www.groundforcecivil.com.au

Electrical

Andrews Electrical Systems Pty Ltd
Established 25 years • High Quality Guaranteed
Residential • Commercial • Industrial
• Electrical Installations
• Electrical Maintenance
• Air Conditioning
• Telephone and TV
• CCTV and Data
Call Andrew **0420 956 432**
Email: andrewsesperth@gmail.com

Mrs Fixit!
Female Electrical Contractor
Free Quotes & No Call Out Fees
TV / ANTENNAS • LIGHTS • POWER POINTS
SAFETY SWITCHES / RCD'S • SMOKE DETECTORS
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE • HOT WATER SYSTEMS
Seniors / Pensioners / HCC Discounts
MARDI GLADWELL 0430 035 345

"Let's keep local people in work"
ECHO NEWS
www.echonepaper.com.au

Flooring

Saints Timber Floor Sanding
Level to Fine Sanding and
Polishing of All Timber Floors
For an obligation free quote
call Terry **0417 916 351**

Gardening

FULL-BLOWN Garden Maintenance
ABN: 77 592 171 029
• Rubbish Removal
• Mulching
• Lawn Mowing
• Planting
• Weeding
• Pruning
• Hedging
• Yard clean ups
• Ride on mowing
• Spraying
• Bush fire ready clean ups
Damien 0431 011 369

Gutter Cleaning

Bohtail Gardens Gutter Cleaning
Gutter Vac Services
• Fully insured, registered business
• Fully self contained vac truck
• All waste removed from your property
• Obligation free quotes, Senior discounts
Phone Phil **0429 179 577**

Handyman

EVOLVE BUILDING & MAINTENANCE
• Renovations
• Property Maintenance
• Handyman
0432 139 879
Fully Insured ABN #14173780409 garys081@gmail.com

• Fencing • Gutter Cleaning • Shelving
• Furniture Repairs • Painting • Tiling • Paving
• Carpentry • Property Maintenance
• High Pressure Cleaning
Almost anything - just ask!
Pensioners Discount Free Quote
Mal **0400 250 761**

Limestone

Michael's Stonework
Limestone & Coffee Rock
Small Retaining Walls, Steps,
Pillars, Stone Pitching, Garden Beds
For a FREE quote & reliable service call:
0427 190 273

Painting

Scott Howard Painting Service
Reg. No. 4234
21 years experience
Touch-ups • Repairs • Residential & Commercial
• Free Quotes • Reliable Service
• Quality Workmanship
0409 299 452
38 Cupello Drive, Swan View

PP Maintenance
ABN: 86 642 331 437
PAUL 0477 660 703
paul.percudani@outlook.com
• Painting (Interior & Exterior) • Demolition
• General Repairs • Pressure Cleaning
• Restoration Home or Office (pre sale or lease)

Pest Control

Mal's Pest & Weed Services
Free Quotes
• Servicing the Hills and surround for 30 years
• Specialising in termite treatments & inspections
Call Sean **0417 905 708**

Plastering

EASTERN HILLS PLASTERING
ABN 69 373 874 693
All Aspects of Plastering - Concrete Skim
Coating - Acrylic Texture Finish - Renovations
30 YEARS EXPERIENCE FREE QUOTES
TONY **0406 675 211**
easternhillsplastering@outlook.com

Plumbing

enterprise PLUMBING & GAS
1300 001 954
admin@enterpriseplumbing.com.au

The Tap Doctor
FOR ALL PLUMBING & GAS
• Taps • Toilets • Hot Water Systems • Blocked Drains
• Burst Pipes • Leak Detection
Call Today **1300 655 827**
Our Service Will Amaze You
PL6703 www.thetapdoctor.com GF10208

Space for Sale

Plumbing

Hi I'm Local In Your Area Hot Water Expert
✓ Senior Discounts
✓ Upfront Pricing
✓ Fast Plumber
✓ Drains, Taps, Toilets
\$0 Call Out*
Plumbing Emergencies 24/7 6244 3226
*conditions apply PL9956

LOCAL PLUMBER
PL9956
Same Day Service
Blocked Drain, Taps, Toilets
Burst Pipes, Hot Water
Same Day Emergencies 24hrs
9468 2581
NO CALL OUT* + SENIOR DISCOUNT
Your Best Local Plumber!

Local Plumber Same Day Service Hot Water Expert
• Upfront Prices
• Pensioners Save
• Drains, Taps, Toilets
• Burst Pipes, Gas
Emergency Plumbing 24hrs
6118 6368
PL9956 *conditions apply

Reticulation

Reticulation 0433 366 655

Roofing

AMC ROOFING
Specialising in All Tiled Roofing
New Roofs
Maintenance & Repairs
Free Quotes - Aaron Carter
Mob: **0417 930 817**

YOUR LOCAL ROOF SPECIALIST
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & REPAIRS
• METAL ROOFING | NEW AND REPLACEMENT
• GUTTERS & DOWNPIPES | NEW AND REPLACEMENT
• ROOF COATING AND RESTORATIONS
• MAINTENANCE
• LEAKS AND ROOF REPORTS
CONTACT PETE FOR A FREE QUOTE
9274 7663
sales@prowestroofing.com.au prowestroofing.com.au

AR Specialist Roofing
Solutions for all your roofing needs including
• roof restoration • gutters
• leaks • downpipes • sheeting
• custom flashings • roof cleaning
• PATIO BUILDING
Call Andrew
0410 669 184
arspecialistroofing@gmail.com

Roofing

ROOF TILE REPAIRS
For all your Roof Tile Repairs
Contact David for a free quote on
0413 240 203 or 9255 4003
Specialising in: Leak Repairs • Gutter Clean
• Tiling • Re-riding • Re-pointing

Tree Services

Helping people manage trees for over 30 years
CPD TREES
ARBORISTS
Michael Byrne Dip. Arboriculture
0411 750 342
www.cpdtrees.com.au
arborist@cpdtrees.com.au

HILLS TREE SOLUTIONS
For all your Tree Lopping and Stumpgrinding Needs
• Locally owned & operated • Call 24/7
• Fully Insured • Cheapest Prices Guaranteed
• Horizon Power Accredited • Servicing All Areas
CALL 9295 6511 OR 0414 438 610

TLC Tree Services has merged with
Payne's Tree Services
FREE QUOTES AND ADVICE
• MULCHING • LAND CLEARING
• STUMP GRINDING
• TREE LOPPING
Call Clint on **0455 132 014**
paynestreeservices.com.au

ECHO NEWS
Privately owned & proudly independent

Indemnity and Warranty

ECHO NEWSPAPER CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE
When an individual or other legal entity ("the Customer") requests Echo Newspaper ("Echo") to place an advertisement in this Newspaper, they agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions:
1. Echo, at its sole discretion, may decline to publish any advertisement requested by a Customer. If Echo decides not to publish a particular advertisement, there is no obligation on Echo to disclose the reasons for its decision, and Echo will not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned to the Customer as a result of the decision.
2. Echo will not be liable for any loss or damage caused to a Customer as a result of delay or as a result of Echo failing to place a requested advertisement or publishing an advertisement containing an error or omission.
3. Echo may, at its sole discretion, decide to refund a Customer a portion of the cost of the advertisement if it forms the view that the error was not attributable to the Customer and the Customer notifies Echo of the error or omission before 5.00pm on the day the advertisement first appears in the Newspaper.
4. Complaints concerning the accuracy of any invoice must be notified to Echo within 30 days from the end of the month in which the advertisement was published, after which time the Customer forfeits any rights it may have had to challenge the invoices.
5. The Customer warrants that publication of the requested advertisement/s will not contravene any laws, whether statutory, equitable or otherwise, and agrees to wholly indemnify Echo (and its employees and agents) against all expenses, loss and damage arising directly or indirectly from the publication of the advertisement/s.

ECHO Classifieds

9374 6666
classifieds@echo-news.com.au
BOOK ONLINE: www.echonepaper.com.au

Counselling

Hills Family Counselling
Kalamunda. Treatment options available for families & individuals. Book an appt with Katherine NOW - 0419 931 561.

Custom Video & DVD Solutions

Video Conversions to -
USB & DVD 0478 935 855.

Drainage

SEPTIC TANKS PUMPED.
Blocked drains.
Septic tanks repaired.
Leach drains renewed and repaired.
Storm water drains.
I also repair & renew taps.
Same day.
Pensioner discount.
Call Trevor 0419 773 111.

Electrician

LITL Electrical
All types of electrical work & air conditioning.
Jeff Overton
0483 858 603.
EC14844



Firewood

Firewood for sale. Dry Jarrah / Marri firewood pre delivery - Ph: 0429 988 079.

Gardening

Whippersnipping, ride-on mowing, paddocks and residential; no scrubland. Ph. 0478 194 662.

ECHO NEWS
"Lets keep local people in work"

Employment



Senior Service Desk Support Officer x2

Northam Campus

Level/Salary: L3, \$86,439-\$92,795 pa PSCSAA

The Senior Service Desk Support Officer provides guidance to the Service Desk Support Officer team, who support clients in the use of computer hardware and software, unified communication, and networked peripheral devices across all College sites. While this role does not have direct supervisory responsibilities, it is a key position in coordinating team efforts, promptly and efficiently responding to and resolving service requests in a timely and customer-focused manner.

Central Regional TAFE is committed to improving employment opportunities and outcomes to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As a measure to achieve equality Section 51 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (WA) will apply to this position. Therefore, preference will be given to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

To Access Detailed Information: Go to jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No CRG049.25S. Applicants are required to apply online.

For Specific Inquiries: Brendan Wight, Coordinator Service Desk Support on (08) 9622 6747 or email Brendan.Wight@crtafe.wa.edu.au

Closing Date: Thursday 12 June 2025 at 4.00pm (WST).

Gardening

Bilby's Garden Services
Weed, Prune, Mow & Slash. Free Quotes 0416 855 335.

HILLTOP Mowing & Yard
Maintenance Glen Forrest & Surrounding Areas PH: 0400 365 887.

30+ years exp. Rose pruning, general gardening maintenance, small jobs preferred. 0419 947 402.

Ian Mac's whipper snipping, chain sawing and weeding. Small tree lopping jobs 0426 211 137.

Gutter Cleaning

Gutter cleaning & solar panel cleaning. Jason 0421 455 546.

Gutters vacuum cleaned. Free quotes, call Brendan 0428 028 293. Prompt service.

Lawn Mowing

Tony's Lawnmowing, Handyman & Firewood. Cheap rates. Midland & Surrounding Areas. 0431 831 948.

Music

Small-format women's music group needs friendly guitarist/vocalist. Various styles. Karina 0423 980 241.

Painting

Painting, Gardening, Pressure Cleaning. 0477 660 703. Local.

Plastering

PLASTERER for patch ups, float and set and sand finish. Ext and renovations. Tile regrouting. 0478 194 662.

Plumbing

MASTERS PLUMBINGAS
All Plumbing & Gas work, Blockages, Hot water units, Leaks, Renovations, Burst pipes. 24/7 Emergency Service. NO CALL OUT FEE David: 0416 644 191. PL-9554 GF-011284

Regrouting

Bathroom Regrouting. Call Andrew 0413 158 763.

Solar Services

Solar Panel Cleaning with Anti Mould & Solar Wax Treatment. 0421 455 546.

Window Cleaning

Tatania's Window Cleaning. Tracks. Frames & Fly screens. 0467 282 127.

Clean-up before severe winter weather hits: DFES

from page 7

of the State, which had contributed to the delay of early-season cold fronts in May, had been weakening recently, marking the onset of the winter season.

"These fronts have the chance to bring severe weather and act as a timely reminder of the types of hazards we see every year; damaging to destructive winds, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, damaging surf conditions and abnormally high tides.

"Remember to check the bureau's website and BOM weather app to stay up to date with the latest forecasts and warnings as these fronts draw near."

Stay up to date with the latest storm warnings by visiting the Emergency WA website, calling 13 DFES, fol-

lowing DFES on social media and listening to local radio broadcasts.

Contact SES on 132 500 if your home is badly damaged by a storm and you cannot make it safe on your own.

Be aware that calls for assistance are prioritised to assist those most in need first and non-urgent requests should be directed to your insurance provider. Always call triple zero (000) for life-threatening emergencies.

More advice on how to prepare your home for severe weather can be found at www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/storm

Watch the video tutorial on setting watch zones on the Emergency WA app via YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0lqlrsoFw

Pavithra's experience supports City of Kalamunda's Early Years project

from page 7

"While helping organise Youth Week events, I learned that some children attended solely for food and drinks. Witnessing realities like this highlighted for me the profound connection between socio-economic factors, education, and future employment opportunities, underscoring the importance of community support in addressing these challenges," she said.

"I would absolutely recommend a McCusker Centre internship to other students. You can gain experience

in a professional setting while also finding satisfaction in knowing that your work can positively impact the community.

"Regardless of the field you are placed in, the internship offers broad exposure to real-world projects and challenges. As an international student, I found it particularly beneficial for gaining insights into the Australian work culture, which has been an important part of my personal and professional growth."

Trish Cook resigns from council

from page 7

"Councillor Cook served the community with dedication across two terms, from 2013 to 2017 and again from 2021 to 2025.

"She served as deputy shire president from 2023 until her resignation earlier today.

"We warmly congratulate (Ms Cook) on her election and look forward to the benefits her advocacy will bring including \$3.9 million upgrades to local bushfire brigades and \$1.2m for battery backups at tel-

communications towers.

"We also look forward to a continued relationship with Trish as she represents the broader region of Bullwinkel."

Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil said Ms Cook was a passionate and hardworking representative who always put her community first.

"On behalf of council, I thank her for her years of service and wish her every success in federal parliament," she said.

Darlington residents are frustrated at DAP outcome

from page 8

"A judicial review could be made by way of an application to the Supreme Court of Western Australia and is primarily concerned with how the original decision was made, as to whether it was consistent with administrative law principles of valid decision-making.

"The range of remedies in a judicial review is more limited, where the court does not remake the decision but is merely asked to consider whether the original decision was lawful."

Darlington Primary School principal Andrew Newhouse said Amherst Avenue was a busy cul-de-sac.

"The afternoon is worse than the morning, with the whole street full of banked up vehicles waiting for their pick up," he said.

Ms Stelfox raised concerns about

bushfire safety, claiming adjacent homes had been built to high bushfire attack level (BAL) standards and the childcare facility needed to meet those standards.

The association is now calling on the shire to urgently review its local planning scheme and for the state government to support changes proposed by the WA Local Government Association (WALGA), including raising the DAP threshold from \$2 million to \$5m and increasing local representation on panels.

"We'd like them to review the local planning scheme in partnership with the ratepayer groups," Ms Stelfox said.

"What's going to be interesting is whether the government accepts WALGA's advocacy.

"I sorely hope they do."

Keeping it real, keeping it local



We are so local you can just pop in to see us.

We would love to see you and to hear what you have to say. Your local newspaper **ECHO News** is produced in-house with our local sales team, journalists and designers working just for you.

ECHO NEWS
Privately owned & proudly independent

9374 6666

Suite 4, 9 The Avenue Midland 6056

www.echonepaper.com.au

Discover our digital edition online
www.echonepaper.com.au





Adam Chitty, Alby Page and Brendon Simpson at the WA Cricket award ceremony.

Swan Valley Cricket wins community award

AT the annual national community cricket awarding ceremony the Swan Valley Cricket Club (SVCC) was recognised for its leadership and support in building community-based initiatives.

WA Cricket said the ceremony recognised the work club volunteers did both on and off the field.

SVCC president Alby Page said it was incredible to win the community partnership award considering they were up against so many great clubs and initiatives.

"Like many sporting teams in the area, we have a wonder-

ful committee of volunteers that work tirelessly all year round," Mr Page said.

"To see their hard work rewarded is one of my favourite moments as president."

WA Cricket community cricket general manager Jo Davies said community cricket wouldn't be the way it was without the volunteers who did work behind the scenes.

"We can't thank our volunteers enough for all they do in community cricket," she said.

Mr Page recognised there was stigma around mental health, especially amongst men.

He said the club's think men-

tal health round which was held at the end of last year, the blue tree project and the work that followed from these campaigns contributed to the club being recognised for its community effort.

"Whilst the round was successful, I believe it was the work afterwards by Sandra and the others that resulted in us winning the award.

"Being able to offer a safe place for our players and members or supporters to reach out and ask for help is really important."

He said he was pleased to know there were other clubs working hard in this space.



West Coast Fever defender Sunday Aryang. Picture: West Coast Fever

Fever win in front of record crowd

DURING the WA Day long weekend West Coast Fever played against the Queensland Firebirds in front of a season record 11,427 fans at RAC Arena and won their sixth win in a row by 17 goals.

Sunday Aryang intercepted and rebounded against the Firebirds and helped to move the ball to the opposite side of the court.

The match took off with a neck and neck start with both teams going goal-for-goal in the opening minutes.

Fever were able to break away and create a lead thanks to the mid-court magic of Alice Teague-Neeld with 11 feeds and Jordan Cransberg with 10.

Despite pressure from Firebird Isabelle Shearer, Fowler-Nembhard scored 20 goals for the first quarter.

The second quarter was all about defence, with Kadie-Ann Dehaney leaping for three rebounds under the post.

Sunday Aryang managed a strong intercept, whilst a missed super shot from Firebird Mary Chollhok was the perfect opportunity for Aryang to steal a rebound and move the ball into the waiting hands of Fowler-Nembhard.

Shanice Beckford scored the first super shot for the match with a minute in the quarter to solidify Fever's 11-goal lead at half time.

Fran Williams' impact on the court was immense in the third quarter.

Her pressure under goals combined with her ability to break free for ball earning her three deflections and an intercept.

Zoe Cransberg came on in the centre bib and with quick thinking took an intercept off the hands of Firebird Imogen Allisson.

Olivia Wilkinson kept the Green Army happy, taking two quick goals as she entered the game as well as two super shots later in the term.

Wilkinson continued to be an important presence with two goals including a super shot, 12 goal assists and 12 feeds for the final quarter.

Dehaney took three deflections whilst Fever built a lead as high as 20 goals during the quarter.

The final minutes were electric thanks to an incredibly loud Green Army who felt the fever as the squad soared to another win.

Fever now faces two consecutive games on the road, taking on the NSW Swifts in Round 9 and the Melbourne Mavericks in Round 10.



Hills Raiders player Tyson Kelly.

Perth Hills & Cockburn basketball showdown

THE Hills Raiders men and women's teams will be facing the Cockburn Cougars this Saturday during the final instalment of the showdown series in a back-to-back championship basketball double-header.

Hills Raiders men and women's teams will be playing against the Cockburn team with Raiders women tip off at 6pm, followed by the men's championship team at 8pm.

Hills Raiders officer Shaun Bunting said while the Raiders and Cockburn Cougars don't share a formal league rivalry, there's a fire between the clubs built on repeated clashes across age groups, rep teams, and championship matchups.

"Because Hills Raiders don't yet have an NBL1 team, many visiting clubs have come to Mundaring expecting an easy result," he said.

"But this season is different – we've got our strongest championship squads yet, and when you factor in the support of our entire basketball community from WABL juniors, domestic clubs, local businesses and the shire, Mundaring Arena has become one of the hardest places to play in WA.

"Our players know their players – there are real one-on-one matchups that are hotly contested, with mutual respect and a hunger to prove something every time they step on court."

Mr Bunting said the men and women's teams were both feeling excited for the match-up and believe in their ability to win.

"For the players, it's more than just a final home game – it's a chance to make a statement about who we are and what we're building out here," he said.

"Our teams are proud of the fight they've shown throughout the series and they're hungry to finish strong in front of a home crowd that's been unbelievable all season."

The first game of the showdown resulted in a loss for both the men and women's teams against the Joondalup Wolves.

However, the Raiders men's team were able to secure a comeback win on the following weekend against the Perth Wildcats Academy players ahead of the final game.

"Throughout the regular season, both the men and women have been tested under pressure – late-game scrambles, defensive battles, momentum swings – and they've come out tougher each time," Mr Bunting said.

"That resilience is something they'll be taking into Saturday night.

"They know every bucket, every possession, every loose ball will matter (and) they've learned not just how to stay in games, but how to turn the tide."

Do you, your club or sports team have a sports story to share?

ECHO
 Privately owned & proudly independent



Contact the editorial sports team on 9374 6666 or email editorial@echo-news.com

For all your advertising requirements contact the sales team on 9374 6666 or email sales@echo-news.com

ECHO Local Real Estate

**Residential
Commercial
Rural & Country**

Ellenbrook social housing boost



Swan Hills MLA Michelle Maynard says the housing designs were practical for providing homes to people in need.

ELLENBROOK is set to receive 14 two-bedroom homes for social housing with construction commencing in July and the rooms available to applicants on the state-wide housing wait list by late 2026.

The homes will be constructed in maisonette style, a French term that means little house, which describes a type of dwelling that is larger than an apartment but smaller than a free-standing house.

Each building will practically have two levels which will house their own two-bedroom home, with their own separate entrances.

The new development comes as part of the state government's \$5.1 billion investment in housing and homelessness measures.

Swan Hills MLA Michelle Maynard said the arrival of the homes were a welcome change for the Ellenbrook community.

"This is an exciting development for Ellenbrook, bringing much-needed social housing to our community," she said.

"The innovative maisonette design provides practical and efficient homes for those in need, ensuring we continue to support vulnerable residents while responding to the challenges in the housing sector.

According to REIWA's June 2025 median price data, the price to buy a house in Ellenbrook was \$685,000 and \$705 per week to rent with a median of \$550 per week for a two-bedroom house.

REIWA also indicated that Ellenbrook was a fast-growing suburb, and outpaced Perth's median growth rate in the one, five, and 10-year observation windows.

Perth's 62.6 per cent growth rate of median house price lags behind Ellenbrook's growth rate of 95.2 per cent over a five-year window, which illustrated the growing difficulty of affordable housing.

Housing and Works Minister John Carey said the government was doing all it could to boost the available housing stock, including the exploration of different housing designs and methods of constructing them.

"Our government is doing everything to deliver more social housing across the state, including adopting innovative design and alternative construction methods," he said.

"We're not stopping our ambitious program to deliver more than 5000 new social homes through our record \$5.1b investment."

This new social housing development comes on the back of two Autism WA homes which began construction in January 2025 as part of the same \$5.1b investment in social housing.

The purpose-designed dwellings can each accommodate three adults with autism and a 24/7 carer and will meet the improved liveability design guidelines, as reported in *Two Autism WA homes being built in Ellenbrook* (Echo News, May 30)



REIWA president Suzanne Brown says population growth was still strong which fuelled the demand for housing. Picture: Cindy Cartojano

Swan View among highest growth suburbs in May

SWAN View has been named by REIWA as being one of the top growing suburbs in May, recording growth of 1.4 per cent or more.

According to REIWA's most up to date data, the median price for buying a house in Swan View was \$670,000 while rent costs \$645 per week.

Jane Brook was also named as one of the fastest selling suburbs for houses in May, selling properties in about seven days alongside Joondalup, Alkimos and Golden Bay.

The fastest median leasing time of nine days were occupied by Brabham and Doubleview, with Thornlie trailing at 10 days, Alkimos at 11, and Hamilton Hill, Wembley, Balcatta, Balga, West Leederville and Westminster at 12 days.

Perth's median house sale price increased to \$780,000 while Perth's median unit sale price rose to \$535,000 in May.

Perth's median house and unit rent prices were unchanged.

REIWA president Suzanne Brown said the conditions underpinning price growth remained.

"Population growth, while declining slightly, is still strong, which fu-

els demand for housing," Ms Brown said.

"As expected, we saw new listings increase throughout May, following the holiday-related slump at the end of April.

"Sales activity also increased towards the end of the month, which has seen active listings settle slightly below the April level.

Perth's median dwelling rent increased 0.7 per cent to \$675 per week in May which is 3.8 per cent higher than the same time last year.

The median weekly rent for houses and units remained stable at \$680 and \$650 respectively but both were higher than a year ago.

"We continue to see periods of stability in the rental market, interspersed with relatively small movements in median prices," Ms Brown said.

"The median unit rent has been unchanged since December 2024. And the median weekly house rent price has been \$680 for four of the past five months.

"This reflects the changed conditions in the rental market, including an increase in supply and increase in the vacancy rate."

Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk



Lost and Found!

While in Japan recently, Colleen and I travelled northward to Hakodate on the island of Hokkaido to see the cherry blossoms – and we were not disappointed. They were spectacular! We then travelled further north to Sapporo.

When we arrived at Sapporo early evening via train, I couldn't believe how big the train station was. There were multiple tracks and subway lines beneath it, and multi-storey shopping centres. After taking some time trying to find the right exit, I decided to leave Colleen in the station while I located the hotel.

After a while I found the hotel. Then, I went back to get Colleen. I easily found the train station, but I couldn't find Colleen.

I retraced all my steps, and even though I have good spatial awareness, I just couldn't find her. Finally, after a long 45 minutes, with crowds of people about, I found her - sitting where I had left her. Why couldn't I find her? She was on a different level to the ones that I had been looking for her on.

As I think of that incident, I'm grateful God never loses us. He knows all about us and where we are all the time; which is expressed so beautifully in Psalm 139. And when we are lost spiritually, our God seeks us. God's Son Jesus said in Luke 19:10 "I have come to seek and save the lost". I'm glad He found me, and saved me when I trusted in Him.

ECHO Notice Board

A free service for non-profit organisations

9374 6666

editorial@echo-news.com

Upcoming Events

- **Midland Friendly Garden Club** meets at 9.30am on alternate Thursdays at Brown Park, Swan View Youth Centre, Salisbury Road, Swan View. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, June 12. The guest speaker will be Suzanne Marsh, volunteer and Growing Friend with Plant Development at King's Park Botanical Garden who will be talking about Mallees, small eucalypts for suburban gardens. Visitors and new members are always welcomed. Enquiries Jenny 0424 553 002 or Barbara 0482 935 686.
- **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.

• **CWA Kalamunda** meets on the second Friday of each month at 10am on Central Road, Kalamunda behind Aldi, look for the blue tree. Go along to join in the fun and meet new friends.

• **Mundaring Garden Club** meets every second Tuesday of the month at Mundaring Church of Christ. The program includes guest speakers who present on a variety of topics, workshops and outings to nurseries and gardens. Presentations are followed by morning tea in the club café. For more information

call 0413 358 085.

• **Kalamunda Ladies Probud Club** meet monthly on the second Thursday of each month at St. Barnabas Church Hall Railway Road Kalamunda (entry off Spring Road) at 9am for 9.30am start. There will be morning tea and a guest speaker at each meeting and a monthly bus outing to different interesting places. The club meets for coffee monthly and lunch monthly at different venues in the area. Probud is a social club for retirees who enjoy life. Contact Trish on 0468 309 823 or Juliette on 9293 4438.

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



Woofers of the week

Hansel is about two years-old and is a shar pei cross. She is sweet and loving and gets along with other dogs and cats. Hansel is sterilised, vaccinated and micro-chipped. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.

THE AGENCY



DISTINCTIVE & CLASSY WITH GORGEOUS VIEWS

- Impeccably presented stunning home
- 4 bedrooms 2 bathrooms and (3 wc's)
- All bedrooms are all king size proportion
- Open plan kitchen dining & family upstairs
- Master bedroom suite & powder also upstairs
- Designed to take in the gorgeous valley views
- Upstairs alfresco entertaining also with city glimpses
- Downstairs 3 bedrooms, bathroom and lounge room
- Massive private patio entertaining area & alfresco
- 3 car garage with access to rear of property
- Located in sought after Highland Estate area



Patrick Harper
0413 440 107
patrickh@theagency.com.au

12 Drovers Way,
Jane Brook

🛏 4 🛎 2 🚗 3 📏 589m²

For Sale
From \$1.25mil

Inspection Times
Contact the agent to arrange an appointment.

SCAN TO VIEW



1300 AGENCY
theagency.com.au

THE AGENCY



THE CREME DE LA CREME OF THE HILLS

- 4 bedroom 4 bathroom exquisite residence
- A “one-off” owner designed and owner built
- Situated on an elevated 2.8 acres or (1.26 ha)
- Stunning city, airport coastal and valley views
- Approx 450 m2 of internal living & 645 m2 UMR
- Double glazed commercial framed windows throughout
- Australian Blackbutt timber floors through living areas
- Heated below ground pool and separately heated spa
- 16m x 8m shed - 3 phase power with 4m x 6m a/c office
- 10 kw solar panel system - Fronius inverter & Tigo optimisers
- Mains water and gas connected with 42,000 Lt water tanks



Patrick Harper
0413 440 107
patrickh@theagency.com.au

22 Tathra Place,
Jane Brook

🏠 4 🚗 4 🚘 8 📏 1.13ha

For Sale
Mid \$3 mill range

Inspection Times
Contact the agent to arrange an appointment.

SCAN TO VIEW



1300 AGENCY
theagency.com.au

THE AGENCY



2.5 ACRE RURAL HAVEN

- Flexible open plan kitchen, dining & family
- Large upstairs mezzanine living/sitting room
- Striking bespoke country style kitchen
- Easy care oak timber flooring throughout
- Kids' wing with own activity or living room
- Below ground pool with open fenced area
- Massive 15m x 15m (225 sqm) 3 phased powered shed
- 6.6 Kw solar panel system with inverter
- Your very own winter creek & bore water supply
- Beautiful gardens, large veggie patch plus more
- Close to walking and ride trails, (including horse)



Patrick Harper
0413 440 107
patrickh@theagency.com.au

120 John Farrant Drive,
Gooseberry Hill

🛏 4 🚿 2 🚗 13 📏 1.01ha

For Sale

Low to Mid \$2mils

Inspection Times

Contact the agent to arrange an appointment.

SCAN TO VIEW



1300 AGENCY
theagency.com.au

THE AGENCY



DUAL ACCOMMODATION – HOMESTEAD AND COTTAGE

- 4 bedroom 2 bathroom home plus office
- Formal and informal living and dining areas
- Large master bedroom with parents retreat
- Eye catching high raked cathedral ceilings
- Spacious rustic Jarrah timber feature kitchen
- Large outdoor patio/al-fresco entertaining area
- Rear level grass lawn area & fenced heated spa
- Huge remote double garage with internal access
- 10m x 6m powered shed located rear of property
- Large sealed circular driveway/lots of extra parking
- Situated on a large 6243 sqm natural bush setting

445 Strettle Road,
Glen Forrest

🛏 6 🚿 3 🚗 4 📏 6243m²

For Sale
From \$1.78mill

Inspection Times
Contact the agent to arrange an appointment.

SCAN TO VIEW



Patrick Harper
0413 440 107
patrickh@theagency.com.au

1300 AGENCY
theagency.com.au

THE AGENCY



MONET'S MASTERPIECE

- Impeccably presented 3 bedroom 1 bathroom home
- Fully renovated to a high quality standard throughout
- Sweet 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom cottage or studio
- Gorgeous rustic timber cabin with Metters stove
- Exquisite European & English landscaped gardens
- Expansive verdant manicured lush level lawn areas
- Bugle Tree creek flows through middle of property
- An array of relaxing sitting nooks, meandering pathways
- Large powered shed and chook house at rear of property
- 3 phase power to the property and fully fenced
- Located within 3 minutes of Mundaring town centre



Patrick Harper
0413 440 107
patrickh@theagency.com.au

1190 Walker Street,
Mundaring

🛏 4 🚗 2 🚗 6 📏 2.02ha

For Sale
Offers from \$2mill

Inspection Times
Contact the agent to arrange an appointment.

SCAN TO VIEW



1300 AGENCY
theagency.com.au



Made in Midvale

35% OFF outdoor blinds

FREE
MOTOR UPGRADE
ON INTERLOCK BLINDS

Aussie Outdoor Midland is a locally owned and operated business, led by Mike Whittington, specialising in custom-designed outdoor blinds. We use only marine-grade materials, ensuring durability and long-lasting quality. With a focus on detail, we guarantee your new blinds will enhance your outdoor space for years to come.

- Create a comfortable outdoor area:**
- Cool in summer, warm in winter • 50-knot wind rating
 - Australian powder-coated aluminium • Wide range of colours
 - Custom made locally
- Aussie Outdoor manufacture & install:**
- Alfresco classic blinds • Interlock blinds • Motorised blinds
 - Therma window blinds • Printed blinds



**Delivering quality blinds
for over 15 years**

Call or text Mike for a **FREE** quote on custom
designed and installed outdoor blinds.

9274 0555 or 0401 549 220

Email midland@aussieoutdoor.com.au



**Unit 1, 6 Elmsfield Road,
MIDVALE**

(Come and see our indoor
and outdoor displays).

www.aussieoutdoor.com.au



Entertain All Year Round With Stylish Outdoor Blinds

Local Legacy, Modern Edge.

30 years of legacy.
4 generations of local.
Refreshed to come home.

CPG.

CHOICE PROPERTY GROUP

2,13 Mead Street, Kalamunda | 9293 2333