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KALAMUNDA'S KANYANA WILDLIFE AND RESCUE SERVICE HAVE REPORTED AN INCREASED NUMBER OF TURTLE ADMISSIONS FROM FOX ATTACKS, HABITAT DESTRUCTION AND CAR STRIKES, ARE NOW CALLING ON THE PUBLIC TO HELP SAVE ENDANGERED TURTLES.

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Plea for weekly bins

Dear Echo News,

I am calling for the Shire of Mundaring to reintroduce a weekly red rubbish bin service.

Currently the red bin which contains smelly rubbish is only used once a fortnight.

I feel this forces people to put rubbish in the two other bins designed for FOGO and garden waste because their red bin is full by the end of the fortnight.

There are lots of young families with lots of nappies and I

myself use a stoma bag which has to be disposed of every day.

Lots of elderly people also use adult nappies as when we get old we can't hold on to things like we used to — this is all smelly stuff.

Why can't the shire revert back to the red bin being collected every week?

**J Haggarty
Greenmount**

Community hub is a concern

Dear Echo News,

I recently participated in a focus group organ-

ised by the City of Kalamunda to inform their residents of the proposed High Wycombe Community Hub.

This is the project funded by state and federal governments to the tune of \$60 million.

This is the perfect example of a generational investment by the governments of all forms that will at its present costing lead to an impossible impost on local ratepayers for many years to come.

There is no denying that a swimming facility is long overdue in the City of Kalamunda, however this 'McMansion' is costed at \$90m to \$120m and is not

Thought for the day

"If everybody is doing it one way, there's a good chance you can find your niche by going exactly in the opposite direction." — **Sam Walton**

fully funded.

The city is working closely with funding bodies to minimise its exposure.

With even a concept loan of \$10m and the uncoded but enormous impost of ongoing maintenance such a 'Taj Mahal' should not be considered.

Until now all details of concepts, costs and plans have been confidential through city reports although some consultancy over expenditures have already occurred.

This Trojan gift horse is not worth having.

**M Rolfe
Gooseberry Hill**

Highway to rubbish

Dear Echo News,

The stretch of highway from Roe Highway between Kalamunda Road and Great Eastern Highway is littered with car fenders, a smashed car, tradies buckets etc.

Surely Main Roads can do better.

This reflects poorly on our whole area.

**B Lovel
Lesmurdie**

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From the net...

Echo News social media comments

In response to Main Roads and Kaarakin partner to mitigate bird strikes:

JF Woods:

Terrifying that so many (cockatoos) are killed. I live in the south west and drive forest roads from time to time. Often they are sitting in the middle of the road and are slow to move and fly off. Just have to slow down until they are safe.

F Hynes:

This is the important news that our useless WA media needs to present. Instead, every night we get an update on footballers and their knee injuries plus biased presentation of a few local items.

Unbiased, investigative journalism is dead in WA. We desperately need a media outlet that features the important issues that our beleaguered wildlife are suffering. Too many humans spreading into their few remaining habitats, dangerous drivers, unsafe plantings by Main Roads, a government that isn't listening to a public demanding an intelligent, impartial approach to our outdated animal welfare and environmental laws.

K Esslemont

It would be awful to lose the bank-sias as well. A shame. A tall barrier

next to the road might keep them on the right side and not fly into traffic. If they take out these banksias there will be less food for them. I wish they were transplantable.

J Tempest:

Food sources near roads increases risk of fatalities since they swoop down over the road as they leave the bushes.

In response to Mundaring road extension criticism over Nth Stoneville link:

N Pen:

Wait a minute. Wasn't a significant part of the NIMBY opposition for North Stoneville development the lack of sufficient road access? You can't have it both ways! Be more mindful of those that do not have a home. Plenty of room up here in the hills and roads aren't really the problem. It's those not wanting to share their environment.

S Guy:

So the rate payers will be funding \$690,000 towards the key to obtaining the approval, and the shire, who have applied for funding support, and local MP still claim to remain in opposition to the approval? That all makes sense. There are some untruths here, it appears.

ASIO is too visible

Dear Echo News,

ASIO boss, Mike Burgess seems unable to properly do his job effectively — which is, above all else, to be 'invisible', 'unknown' and, most importantly, publicly silent so that his agency can quietly get on with its work.

To hear him speculating about foreign actors who might do Australia harm defeats the purpose of having a security agency.

He needs to be stood aside and/or given a desk job and forbidden from speaking at public and media forums.

Of late, he's become a media tart, far too keen to espouse a political ideology and to foment unrest — perhaps in promotion of his own career prospects — and that serves Australia's security poorly.

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Drainage halt leaves Henley Brook properties flooded



Robyn Anne’s property is stuck in a state of uncertainty until the dispute between the DBCA and the City of Swan is resolved. Photos: Brayden Mould

BRAYDEN MOULD

A HENLEY Brook resident’s property sits underwater with no end in sight, after the City of Swan abruptly halted drain clearing works on a creek running through the property.

The long-running flooding crisis around Dayton and Henley Brook has been affecting residents in the area for a long period of time.

The city’s team had reportedly commenced efforts on Wednesday, November 5 to clear long-blocked drains along Saint Leonards Creek, only for the action to be abruptly halted, leaving local properties still flooded from the trapped water.

The works were a direct response to resident complaints over the rising flood damage, which they attribute to poor drainage maintenance combined with increased water runoff from new developments.

Henley Brook resident Robyn Anne, whose property sits along the creek, said

the flooding has devastated her livelihood.

“Leonard Creek runs through my property... because of the new developments pumping water out, its risen the levels,” she said.

“The drains running along the creek haven’t been cleaned or maintained, so they’re not able to handle the amount of water flow. “It’s been banking up and flooding.”

In the height of winter, four of Ms Anne’s horse paddocks were completely submerged and the flooding has caused extensive damage to her training track which she uses for income.

“I waited until most of winter was over and had the training track repaired, which is quite expensive work,” she said.

“Probably four days later we had a day and a half of rain and it’s just washed the whole thing away again.

“I’ve just paid to have this training track repaired and it’s actually worse than it was before.”

Ms Anne said she contacted the City of

Swan who came out to assist in clearing the drains but said they abruptly halted due to a dispute between the City of Swan and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation, and Attractions (DBCA).

The creek which flows upriver past her property, has begun pooling a small wetland area along her boundary fence, which she said was the cause of her issues.

“They were only allowed to clear the drain on my property, not the one on my boundary fence where it overflows on my track,” she said.

“They had just started, and then they were coming onto my property to clear the other side of the drains when they told me that they had to cease immediately.

“They said it had something to do with revegetation by the DBCA, but the council should be able to clear the drain.

“It’s not only my property that’s been damaged, there’s a large number of others along the creek that have as well.

“It could have all been sorted now, and a

week later we’re still waiting.”

The DBCA owns and manages more than 31 million hectares of land and waters and is the largest provider of nature-based tourism opportunities in Western Australia.

City of Swan chief executive officer Steven Cain has assured the resident that the work will continue as soon as possible.

“The city (has) received another residents request to liaise with the DBCA over drain clearing,” he said.

“The city is continuing with routine drainage works in the area.”

When contacted for comment, a DBCA spokesperson said the jurisdiction problem was something they were unaware of.

“The proposed drainage clearance works by the City of Swan do not require approvals from the DBCA,” they said.

“DBCA’s involvement at Saint Leonards Creek is limited to a small restoration program aimed at improving water quality and habitat, on several private properties in a localised area of the creek.”



Bassendean West Road safety upgrade

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Town of Bassendean are implementing a parking restriction plan to West Road to manage significant growth of traffic volumes putting safety at risk and reducing accessibility.

The new plan includes updates to signage and line marking for better clarity, removal of outdated restrictions, installation of new “no stopping” lines and stencils, and planting trees on selected verges to discourage illegal parking.

Town of Bassendean chief executive officer Cameron Woods said the changes came to mitigate vehicle and pedestrian traffic within the vicinity of the Bassendean Primary School and The Last Crumb Cake Co.

“Concerns around traffic congestion and dangerous parking have been raised by the surrounding community and observed by town staff during its traffic investigations,” he said.

“To address these concerns, the town is implementing some minor changes to the existing parking restrictions within this precinct.

“Measures include updated signage and line marking, new ‘No Stopping’ lines, removal of outdated restrictions and verge tree planting to discourage dangerous parking and increase tree canopy.”

Mr Woods said daily ranger patrols had identified it as a problem road as it was regularly reported to their team.

“The town has also consulted with residents along Harcourt Street, Lovelock Place, and West Road,” he said.

“Feedback focused on safety risks from verge parking, congestion and blocked footpaths, and amenity concerns such as litter.

“Residents supported measures to improve safety and reduce congestion, including tree planting and additional no stopping lines, while some requested stronger enforcement and consideration of resident parking only restrictions, which has not been included at this stage.”

The Town of Bassendean discouraged further parking in the area as the obstruction was a hazard to the driver.

“The (two new) trees being planted on the verge at 47 Harcourt Street are intended to discourage dangerous verge parking, but also to increase tree canopy on a verge that is suited to additional trees,” Mr Woods said.

“Parking in this location obstructs sightlines, blocks footpaths, causes damage to the verge surface and limits access for pedestrians, including wheelchair users.”

For details, residents may contact the town’s works depot on 08 9377 9000.

Ranger services will continue monitoring the area after implementation and enforcement queries may be directed to 08 9377 7480.

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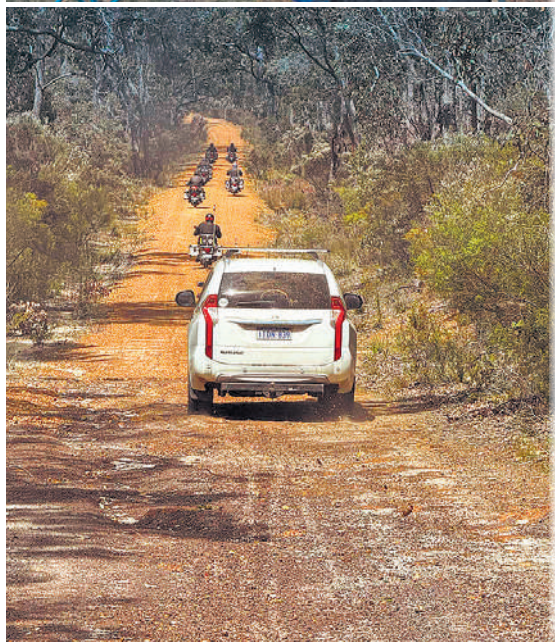
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Left to right: This year's team gather in Albany to celebrate the end of the challenge. Challenge participants on the road to Albany. The team stop for a much-needed break on the way.



‘Little pistons’ go a long way for charity

MIKE PEETERS

NOW in its third year, the Barrie’s Mundal 1000 has once again proved that even the humblest of machines - a trusty Honda ‘Postie’ motorcycle - can drive change.

Finishing with resounding success, the challenge has already raised \$77,380 this year for the Kids Cancer Support Group (KCSG), a grassroots charity supporting families experiencing cancer.

According to event co-founder Daniel Manester, this year’s event was extra special and deeply moving, as participants honoured the memory of Barry Manester, one of the original support team members, who died earlier in the year.

“The convoy made its way from Mundaring Weir to Albany and back, traversing 1076 kilometres of bush tracks and back country roads, all aboard their trusty postie bikes,” Mr Manester said.

“From October 26 the riders braved bush trails and backroads before rolling into Albany on October 31.”

The achievement is the result of efforts from event co-founders Daniel Manester and Cobey Brader, along with the Mundal team who rally behind the cause year after year.

The Mundal 1000 has quickly become a fixture in Western Australia’s charity calendar, combining mateship, a love of the outdoors, and the iconic red postie bike for a cause that touches the hearts of many.

Over the past three years, the challenge has donated an impressive total of \$150,000 to help support children and families affected by cancer.

“Participants braved tough terrain, unpredictable weather and long hours in the saddle, but spirits remained high as the group powered through scenic bushland, winding rural roads, and small towns,” Mr Manester said.

“The camaraderie among riders was palpable, with everyone united by the shared goal of making a difference in the lives of kids facing cancer.”

“Their mantra, ‘little pistons going a long way for charity’, captured the heart of the journey and the determination of everyone involved.”

He said this year’s \$77,380 would go directly to the Kids Cancer Support Group and the funds raised will help cover travel expenses, accommodation, and vital support services.

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Residents often complain about a lack of consultation on community projects but low participation numbers during consultation periods show a disconnect.

Councils tackle challenge of community engagement

GUANHAO CHENG

MOST local governments say consultation remains strong despite public concerns about being left out of decision-making.

Across Perth’s eastern suburbs, councils acknowledge varying levels of engagement but insist participation is steady, with more residents interacting online than attending traditional town halls.

The City of Kalamunda reported that in 2024-25 its Engage Kalamunda platform hosted 11 major consultations, attracting 24,308 visitors, 2566 active contributors and 29,025 total visits.

Stand-out projects included the McDonald’s and car wash proposal on Canning Road, which drew 6928 visitors and more than 1200 submissions, and a bushfire preparedness survey that jumped from single-digit participation in 2023-24 to 211 responses.

“Participation success is achieved through a combination of digital, print and direct marketing; community pop-ups and workshops; and incentives such as local prize draws,” a city spokesperson said.

City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas said the community’s interest was steady and growing.

“It’s about building confidence in how decisions are made,” she said.

“We’ve modernised our approach by combining traditional workshops with digital tools, social media outreach and incentives.”

The City of Swan said it runs hundreds of con-

sultations each year, generating thousands of responses.

City of Swan chief executive officer Stephen Cain said the city’s 14-week consultation for its Strategic Community Plan engaged 3415 people from a population of about 110,000.

He noted some feedback such as for the Tourism Plan 2025-30 came through peak bodies representing many members collectively.

“Consultations are designed to reflect the wishes of our residential and business communities towards a vibrant, sustainable and inclusive future,” Mr Cain said.

The Shire of Northam said participation levels remained “lower than anticipated” despite new strategies.

A streetscape design survey for the Northam CBD attracted 63 responses, while an All Abilities Playspace project drew 72.

“There have been no noticeable trends, though contentious issues such as extractive industries tend to generate greater interest,” a shire spokesperson said.

They said that consultation fatigue was a growing concern, with the shire now using videos, social media, e-newsletters and engagement plans to boost participation.

Councils in the eastern corridor acknowledged participation could improve but said the nature of engagement was evolving rather than declining and shifting from meeting halls to mobile screens and community pop-ups.

Biosecurity Blitz 2025 ends soon

THE annual Biosecurity Blitz will close next week so time is running out for the community to report unusual pests and diseases in the paddock, waterways or the backyard to help protect Western Australia's primary industries and environment.

This year marks ten years since the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's (DPIRD's) Biosecurity Blitz was launched and the release of the department's valuable MyPestGuide Reporter app, the surveillance tool used for community-based reporting.

Biosecurity Blitz will run until November 16 and includes reporting aquatic pests for the first time.

DPIRD Plant Biosecurity Technical Area Manager Nichole Hammond said citizen science reporting was a vital part of the state's biosecurity defences.

"The information collected through the Biosecurity Blitz is crucial to WA's surveillance program as it can help detect new pests and diseases, as well as provide evidence of their absence – protecting the state and supporting our ability to maintain and expand market access," she said.

Ms Hammond said since launching Biosecurity Blitz and a suite of MyPestGuide digital tools in 2015, more than 9500 reports have been made by farmers, agronomists and the community using the MyPestGuide Reporter app, as a part of the annual event.

"Some of the more interesting reports over the past 10 years include new spider species, the slater or woodlouse hunting spider and native trap door spider, as well as a leaf footed bug," she said.

"I encourage all Western Australians to become citizen scientists and join this year's Biosecurity Blitz.

"The more eyes we have out there the better – early detection is the key to being able to contain and eradicate unwanted pests and diseases before they can establish.

"It only takes a few minutes to make a report using the MyPestGuide Reporter app, which can be downloaded for free from Google Play and Apple App Store."

For more information and to sign up for this year's Biosecurity Blitz visit DPIRD's website www.dpird.wa.gov.au/biosecurityblitz.



DPIRD's annual Biosecurity Blitz finishes next week marking 10 years since it and the MyPestGuide Reporter app was launched. Sign up to the 2025 Biosecurity Blitz via the DPIRD website.

Northam RSL Black Dog Ride community grant



NORTHAM RSL sub-branch has received a \$1500 Black Dog Ride Australia community grant to help cover travel and accommodation for a mental health retreat.

The grants help fund programs that make a cost effective, demonstrable and sustainable difference to mental health and suicide prevention for local communities across Australia.

The Northam RSL sub-branch and Women's Royal Australian Army Corps Association sent 11 participants over five days and four nights to the retreat

Ex-Women's Royal Australian Army Corps Association members Sandy Lockyer, Di Sutton, Ruth Raspa, Vaune Hall, Pam Hinkley and Delma Lim.

where they visited the Busselton RSL sub-branch and surrounding tourist attractions including Margaret River, along with enjoying wellbeing activities.

"It's becoming increasingly popular each year as a way for auxiliary members to re-establish old friendships and establish new ones, creating a sense of belonging by helping them to relate to and share their personal issues in their day to day living with the group," a spokesperson said.

RSL sub-branches help support veterans and their families to thrive in their local community through social connection and commemorative events; however mental health issues and suicide are common among veterans.

Founded in 2009, Black Dog Ride has

raised almost \$4 million through community events and rides including the annual one dayer and long ride home, to give back to the community through its grants and support hundreds of other non-profit organisations on mental health including Outward Bound Australia, Royal Flying Doctor, Shed Association and local schools.

Black Dog Ride encourages local causes and groups to raise awareness on depression and suicide prevention by applying for a Black Dog Australia community grant to fund a mental health program for the benefit of their local community.

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Kanyana are calling on residents to look out for native turtles and help them survive hatching season. Pictures: Kanyana Wildlife and Ian Barlow

Southwest long neck turtle admissions increasing

GUANHAO CHENG

KALAMUNDA conservation and wildlife rescue service Kanyana reported a surge in South-Western long-necked turtle (SWLT) admissions and asked for community vigilance to protect the shelled creatures.

Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre has recorded 19 injured or displaced turtles this year which is an increase of 111 per cent from the nine recorded last year.

The species has begun its nesting migration across Perth's eastern corridor and Kanyana management committee member Cait Brandstater said most turtles

arrived with car-strike injuries or shell fractures, which cause pain equivalent to broken bones in mammals.

"SWLT are particularly vulnerable when they leave the water to lay eggs," she said.

"They face threats from predators such as foxes and dogs, habitat loss, and poor drainage design that can trap them in concrete culverts."

Ms Brandstater said Kanyana lacked specialist aquatic facilities to fully rehabilitate turtles and worked with other centres to transfer patients for longer-term care.

She urged residents to drive slowly near wetlands, keep pets restrained, and help

nesting females cross roads safely.

"We rely on the public and if you find an injured turtle, place it on a damp towel in a bucket and take it to a wildlife hospital," she said.

"People can also join wetland clean-ups or report fox sightings to local councils."

Wildlife photographer and citizen scientist Ian Barlow, also known as "the crazy bushman", has tracked turtles across 46 wetlands since 2018 and said many populations remain undocumented including the Perth Hills.

He said the City of Kalamunda was a "black hole" for turtle data because much of its wetland system was on private property, making surveys difficult.

"Without proper surveys it's hard to know where they're surviving," he said.

"When people spot a turtle, that whisper of information helps build the map."

Mr Barlow said funding cuts to the Saving Our Snake-Necked Turtle program had increased the workload for volunteers maintaining tracking projects.

He encouraged residents to log sightings through the free TurtleSAT app and his community group Turtle Champions of Perth and Surrounds.

"Turtles don't get the same love as cute animals, but when you see one look up at you, it seems to smile," he said.

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Kalamunda hospice offering respite for carers and patients

KALAMUNDA day hospice offers respite and care to patients with life-limiting illness, with a 12-week social and therapeutic program to help address symptom control and support patients' physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

The hospice is based on a model of therapeutic care combined with social support and is open to patients who are being cared for at home but could benefit from additional support, as they manage a life-limiting illness.

Nestled in the leafy grounds of Kalamunda Hospital, the centre is staffed by a multidisciplinary team of nurses, allied health professionals and volunteers.

Participants include local residents Dee and Rob Dunne, who are full of praise for the program.

"The day group provides a brilliant community service that is greatly appreciated," Mr Dunne said.

"The day group also gives carers a welcome break to pursue other personal activities, and the staff are skilled at providing enjoyable activities that not only engage the participants but also help them with a lot of laughter and banter as well.

"The day's success sees smiles on all participants, carers and staff."

Mr Dunne said when the day ended and it was time to say goodbye and go home, both participants and carers always looked forward to the next visit.

Day hospice clinical nurse Simone Carameli described the carers as the 'superheroes of society,' saving the Australian economy billions of dollars a year.

"It is great to see the carers acknowledged and recognised for the work they do," Ms Carameli said.

"We all know caring comes from the heart. It can be challenging, emotionally and financially, but we're here to support carers who give their love to others."

Many participants have spoken about how much the service means to them, including James Wood who is his mother's carer and lives with her full-time.

"I took early retirement in July to care for my widowed mum, Eileen, known here as Woody, who has advanced dementia. She comes here and it gives me a break. I am with her 24/7 and it can be mentally challenging," Mr Wood said.



James Wood and his mum Eileen, known as 'Woody'.

"I don't think I could be a carer if I didn't have some time out. Mum is a very social person. When she's here, she can mingle with new people and engage in activities she enjoys," he explained.

At a nearby table, Isobel Chance sits next to her husband Chester, who has dementia and other health issues.

"Chester comes to the day hospice for five hours at a time. Because he's in a wheelchair, it can be difficult for me to get out of the house," Isobel pointed out.

"When he's here, I go for lunch with friends or enjoy a bit of retail therapy. It's important to have time for myself. We are so lucky to be able to use this free service."

About three million Australians provide unpaid emotional and practical care to people with disabilities and illness. At some point, every Australian will either care for or be on the receiving end of care.

Staff at Kalamunda Hospital run the day hospice on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm, providing crucial respite for carers to support their physical, emotional and social needs.

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Windan-Guildford locality plan open

BRAYDEN MOULD

COMMUNITY consultation is open for the Windan-Guildford locality plan, a planning initiative spearheaded by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) in partnership with five local governments.

The plan hopes to establish a long-term vision for the iconic section of the Swan River foreshore stretching between Windan Bridge and Guildford.

The area covers the jurisdiction of the cities of Bayswater, Belmont, Swan, and Vincent, as well as the Town of Bassendean.

The locality plan will serve as a guide for future decision making including environmental protection, recreation opportunities, culture and heritage recognition, and climate adaptation strategies.

The DBCA hope the locality plan will inform future decisions surrounding the balance of conservation with recreation opportunities, plan for climate change impacts, protect Perth's biodiversity corridor, work with natural river processes, and guide collaborative decision-making with land managers.

Bibbul Ngarma Aboriginal Association executive director Francesca Flynn hopes local councils, as well as the DBCA, take into account residents perspectives in the future of the Swan River.

"(The priority is) the rivers ecosystem restored and protected and that its cultural heritage is preserved and celebrated," she said.

"The river (should be) reinstated as a centre of community connection and a valued place to spend time with family and friends appreciating the beauty of country."

Ms Flynn believes the voices of Noongar people alongside the community should be heard when discussing the Swan River's future.

"Noongar people have been excluded from managing country and as a consequence, river health has steadily declined. Any plan for the river's future must involve Noongar culture," she said.

A DBCA spokesperson said the Windan-Guildford stretch is managed by multiple organisations, each with their own set of priorities and approaches.

"The locality plan will provide a coordinated framework to guide consistent decision-making about this connected river system."

"Recent climate events have highlighted the need for planning that works with natural river processes, rather than against them."

"The plan will help prepare for increasing frequency of flood events, changing rainfall patterns, and rising temperatures, while maintaining the community and environmental values that make this area special."

Community drop in sessions are being hosted by the DBCA on November 14 at Banks Reserve, Mount Lawley, and on November 15 at Garvey Park, Belmont.

Community consultations will close November 28, visit the DBCA website to have your say.

Residents' concerns over foul smell

BRAYDEN MOULD

RESIDENTS of The Vines are raising alarm bells over a persistent and "disgusting" sewage drain odour that impacted local quality of life last week.

Despite an initial investigation from Water Corporation on Thursday, residents have emphatically stated the sewage odour, impacting areas near Millhouse Road and Chateau Place, persists.

Swan Hills MLA Michelle Maynard assured residents in the area the smell was actively being investigated.

"My office has been contacted by several residents in The Vines and surrounds about a terrible odour," she said.

"Our office has been liaising with Water Corporation who investigated."

"I wasn't provided an explanation from Water Corp... we are asking the community to report the smell so it is found and fixed."

"Report to 13 13 75 with location details... the more people who report, the better."

Residents describe the continuing odour as a strong, immediate sewage drain smell.

Under a post discussing the smell on Facebook, Ellenbrook resident Karisse Purdy wrote that the smell makes you struggle to breathe even driving past.

"(The smell) is absolutely disgusting... even driving by I make sure my aircon is circulating within the car and you can still smell it," she said.

As reported in *Water Corp project supports housing development in the eastern suburbs* (Echo News, September 5, 2024) Water Corporation has been extensively upgrading the waste water piping from Henley Brook up to The Vines.

The \$73 million upgrade has devel-



oped a 14.2km wastewater pipeline between Ellenbrook and Wangara, as well as major upgrades to pumping stations in the area.

The upgrades were designed to safely convey wastewater for treatment and supporting housing developments in the City of Swan's northern urban corridor.

A Water Corporation spokesperson acknowledged the odour and have assured residents they will fix the problem as soon as possible.

"We are aware of the temporary odour issue on the corner of Millhouse Road and would like to sincerely apologise to the community," they said.

"Our thorough investigation confirmed that the pump station is structurally intact but some odour is being vented periodically under certain network conditions."

"As a priority, we are taking proactive measures within the local sewer network to resolve the issue."

"This includes starting work to upgrade existing odour filters and installing monitoring devices to continuously measure odour levels at the pump station"

"We encourage any issues to be reported to our 24/7 fault line on 13 13 75, so we can investigate, and we thank the community for their patience."

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Herne Hill winery features in China fine wine showcase

GUANHAO CHENG

HERNE Hill's Jarrah Ridge Winery is among 30 producers across the state showcasing their premium wines in Shanghai this week as part of the WA Fine Wine Shanghai Showcase.

The bespoke trade event features more than 200 wines from across the State's five major regions of Margaret River, the Great Southern, Swan Valley, Geographe and Pemberton and is supported by Wines of Western Australia and the state government.

The showcase aims to strengthen trade links and drive demand for the state's premium wines among importers, distributors and hospitality representatives attending from across China.

For Jarrah Ridge, based in the heart of the Swan Valley, the event marks another step

in a long history of connecting with China's wine market.

The winery previously represented Western Australia at the 21st Intertwine grand challenge in Guangzhou in 2018, where it achieved multiple awards including a double gold medal for its Zin Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2014, a gold medal for the Reserve Merlot 2016, and a best value medal for the Riesling 2012.

WA wine exports to China have risen 65 per cent in value and 39 per cent in volume over the year to September 2025, reflecting a growing appetite for premium and white wine varieties.

More wine export investment needed (Echo News, April 25, 2024) reported the state government announced \$500,000 for the Western Australian wine industry in 2024 to help re-establish trade with the Chi-

nese market, following the April removal of wine import tariffs.

At the time it came as a relief to Swan Valley winemakers who were eager to export to China again and were looking to reestablish their foothold in the market after their absence.

Regional Development Minister Stephen Dawson said events such as the Shanghai showcase were key to supporting the industry's export recovery.

"WA is home to exceptional producers, and initiatives like the WA Fine Wine Shanghai Showcase help unlock new trade opportunities and drive economic growth," he said.

The state government also supported a WA display at the recent China International Import Expo (CIIE), which featured 24 businesses across several food and drink sectors.



Jarrah Ridge Winery victorious at the Intertwine grand challenge 2018 in Guangzhou.

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Research focus at DPIRD Dale Frost Field Day



DPIRD research scientist Dr Brenton Leske (left) discussed the latest frost research advances at the recent Dale Field Day.

THE latest advances in frost research were revealed at the recent Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's (DPIRD's) annual Dale Research Field Day.

About 40 visitors to the Dale Research Station, near Beverley, heard how DPIRD works on a range of fronts to help grain growers reduce the impact of frost events, backed by co-funding from the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC).

Frost events can cost Australian grain growers hundreds of millions of dollars per annum in lost production and quality, in addition to a significant emotional toll.

While so far this year there have not been widespread frost events across the State, there were reports of isolated occurrences in the Avon Valley, Great Southern and Lakes district.

Research scientist Brenton Leske profiled research to validate anecdotal evidence that the structure and composition of a plant can influence its sensitivity to frost damage during flowering.

"Observations and research findings from past research have pointed to greater frost protection from physical features, such as heads, the lack of awns and some vascular anatomical features," Dr Leske said.

"The results from this project will establish whether it is possible to manipulate such traits to help wheat breeders produce new varieties that will improve crop yields in frost-prone cropping environments."

Another joint DPIRD-GRDC project builds on previous research that used controlled environment screening to show differences in frost sensitivity could be due to differences in plant tissue composition and how they respond to freezing injury.

"This research seeks to validate this finding under field conditions using a breeding population and a diversity panel of wheat lines," Dr

Leske said.

"The project aims to identify molecular markers for frost tolerance across a greater range of wheat lines.

"We will assess whether new profiling methodologies can be developed into a reliable selection tool for wheat breeders and pre-breeders to aid the development of new, more resilient wheat lines."

The Dale site is one of three sites nationally, with the others at Mintaro, South Australia, and Wagga Wagga in New South Wales.

DPIRD research scientist Amanuel Bekuma told the gathering research to improve chickpea frost chilling is also progressing, which has identified up to 20 lines that consistently showed more than 80 per cent pod viability under chilling period.

Increasing the cold tolerance of chickpea could lead to improved productivity nationally and the expansion of chickpea cultivation in southern regions of Australia.

DPIRD research scientist Meredith Guthrie provided an overview of frost forecasting, frost maps and climate outlooks to help growers navigate the remainder of the season.

"Frost can still occur in October, with Wandering having on average five nights below 2C," she said.

"Unlike rainfall, frost is difficult to forecast, however, growers are generally aware of where frost occurs on their farm and online tools are available to guide when best to inspect paddocks for damage.

"Growers can use DPIRD's Extreme Weather Events tool, which indicates where frost events have occurred in WA, while the Bureau of Meteorology's MetEye tool forecasts frost up to a week ahead."

For more frost tools and support, identification guides, risk and frosted crop options visit the DPIRD website dpiird.wa.gov.au and search for 'frost'.

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Bruno Geracitano has served his community as a security guard for over 19 years and was honoured with The "Bruno Geracitano" Entrance at Midland Gate Shopping Centre.

Midland Gate honours long-serving security guard

BRAYDEN MOULD

MIDLAND Gate Shopping Centre has paid a lasting tribute to one of its most respected and familiar figures, security guard Bruno Geracitano, by naming one of the centre's entrances after him.

The newly named Bruno Geracitano entrance is located along Great Eastern Highway near JB Hi-Fi and celebrates a man who for more than 19 years has been a constant presence at the shopping centre.

The ceremony, held last Friday was attended by over 30 people, including members of the public, Midland Gate staff, and representatives from the security company Mr Geracitano works for.

Midland Gate representative Ashley Maher said the unveiling of the new entrance was to honour a man who has embodied the community spirit.

"It's really tied to Bruno and what he's done here for us at Midland Gate over the last 19 years," Mr Maher said.

"We wanted to do something that's not only putting

a plaque up, but it's got a bit of weight behind it... we really wanted to honour the legacy that he has left here in Midland."

The dedication recognises Mr Geracitano as one of the most respected and familiar figures in the centre.

For almost two decades, he has greeted thousands of visitors and established a reputation for kindness and genuine care.

"He's got a nice, calm, well-natured temperament where he can go up to anybody, regardless of the situation, and speak to them as a human," Mr Maher said.

"He treats everybody with the utmost respect... I think that's probably one of Bruno's greatest strengths."

For Mr Geracitano, the recognition was a profound shock but he is grateful for it.

"I was honoured," he said.

"I still can't believe it that I got honoured.

"The recognition from all these years here to get an entry named after me.

"Every time I walk through the entry, I always look up and I still can't believe it. It's so surreal."

Mr Geracitano says the most rewarding part of his long tenure is the connection he has made with the public.

"(What is) most rewarding is meeting people from my 19-plus years here," he said.

"Meeting a lot of people... from young as in school age, who now they're grown-up adults with kids that come up and say 'Oh, you're still here, I remember you'.

"Most of the community know me, and a lot of people show respect."

He says that the biggest change in his 19 years helping the community is seeing the centre and the community evolve over time.

"The growth shocks me, when I first started the shopping centre was half the size, and the area is growing too," he said.

"I grew up around the Midland area, and even we used to hang around these shops back in the day.

"It's been such a big change, but a good change."

The centre encourages visitors to use the new entrance and greet Bruno during their next visit.

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Transplant recipient runs in marathon in donor's honour



Transplant recipient Adam Hayman ran the Melbourne Marathon in honour of his kidney donor.

WHEN Kewdale boilermaker Adam Hayman crossed the finish line of the Melbourne Marathon, it was more than just a race - it was a heartfelt tribute to the person who had given him a second chance at life.

Mr Hayman received a life-saving kidney transplant from a donor in Melbourne, and just over a year later, he flew to Melbourne to honour his donor's incredible gift by completing the marathon in their memory.

"Life before my transplant was really hard. I worked full-time as a boilermaker and still went to hospital for dialysis three nights a week. I left home at 5am and didn't get home until after 9pm - I was exhausted. I had no energy left for my kids or my partner, which was heartbreaking," he said.

Everything changed after his transplant.

"I woke up feeling sore, but I also felt better than I had in years. Straight away, I started thinking about all the possibilities that were now open to me - and I knew I wanted to run a marathon. When I learned my donor was from Melbourne, I knew that's where I had to run," Mr Hayman said.

He began his recovery slowly, starting with short walks around the block before progressing to running longer distances, and in July, he completed the Bibra Lake Half Marathon - a stepping stone to his ultimate goal, the Melbourne Marathon.

Running the marathon was deeply emotional for him.

"I wanted to honour my donor and their family for their beautiful, selfless gift. They made that decision at a time of unimaginable grief, and because of them, I had been given a second chance at life."

Mr Hayman hoped his story would inspire others to consider registering as organ and tissue donors.

"To those waiting for a transplant - never lose hope," he said.

"And to those thinking about becoming donors, please know your decision changes lives. You keep families together and give people like me the chance to live, to love, and to give back."

Transplant Australia chief executive officer Chris Thomas said every year, thousands of Australians are saved and transformed by organ and tissue donation.

"Just one person saying 'yes' to donation can save up to seven lives. Adam's story is a powerful reminder of how life-changing this gift can be."

To register as an organ and tissue donor, visit www.donatelife.gov.au and tell your family about your decision.

New facilities at Heritage College Perth now open



Heritage College Perth chair Mason Linden, principal Andrew Symington with Member for Bullwinkel Trish Cook.

MEMBER for Bullwinkel Trish Cook recently opened the administration building at Forrestfield's Heritage College Perth which she said will improve student educational outcomes.

Ms Cook said work on the new facilities was delivered with support of federal government funding of \$534,000 through the capital grants program.

"A lot of work has gone into this project which has delivered a new administration block and an extension of the secondary block to create an online learning facility," Ms Cook said.

"These new facilities will provide school staff, teachers and students at Heritage College Perth with better, more modern spaces in which to work, teach and learn.

"The Australian Government is committed to providing all schools with appropriate funding so that all students, including those in Heritage College Perth, Forrestfield get the best possible education."

Ms Cook said the new facilities would benefit the students currently at the college, as well as the many students to follow in the future years.

"The teachers, staff and students at Heritage College Perth have built a strong and positive school community and these new facilities will further enhance our local educational opportunities," Ms Cook said.

"Our government strongly believes in providing the best possible resources so that local students can realise their potential and develop the skills they need to go on to further study or join the workforce."

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The Kids Hub is now called the Midland Medicare Mental Health Kids Hub.

Midland Kids Hub name change

The Kids Hub, located in the City of Swan, has a new name – it's now called the Midland Medicare Mental Health Kids Hub.

The name change marks an exciting new chapter for the service, reflecting its inclusion in the national network of Medicare Mental Health Centres. While the name and branding have been refreshed, families can rest assured that the same trusted team, quality supports, and welcoming environment remain unchanged.

The Midland Medicare Mental Health Kids Hub provides a safe, supportive, and free service for children aged 0 to 12 years who live in the City of Swan, along with their families, carers and kin. The Kids Hub offers mental health and wellbeing supports designed to promote emotional wellbeing and healthy development.

Delivered in partnership with Koya Aboriginal Corporation, Lifespan Psychology Centre, MIF-WA, and Pregnancy to Parenthood, the Kids Hub can be accessed without a referral, diagnosis or appointment.

It represents a holistic and inclusive approach to children's mental health, ensuring that no child is left behind, regardless of their circumstances.

Families can access a wide range of health professionals, offering services that support the men-

tal health and wellbeing of infants and children.

"The Midland Medicare Mental Health Kids Hub is all about making it easier for families to get the right help, at the right time, in a space that feels safe and welcoming," Parkerville Children and Youth Care chief executive officer Kim Brooklyn said.

"We know that early support can make a world of difference for a child's wellbeing and development, and we're proud to continue walking alongside local families as part of this community-led approach to mental health."

The Midland Medicare Mental Health Kids Hub is located at the Stan and Jean Perron Child, Youth and Family Centre, 1 Watertank Way, Midland.

Families in the City of Swan who are unable to visit the Midland Medicare Mental Health Kids Hub are encouraged to contact Care Navigators on 0405 349 227 or kidshub@parkerville.org.au.

They can discuss options that best suit your child and family's circumstances and provide advice or a referral to a service that meets their needs.

For more information about the Midland Medicare Mental Health Kids Hub, visit www.midlandmmhkidshub.com.au

Bibbulmun feature film End to End on track



The Bibbulmun Track will feature in End to End. Picture: Court McAllister

THE epic 1000km Bibbulmun Track is taking centre stage as production kicks off on West Coast Visions feature film End to End.

Written by Bassendream duo Tim Barretto and Melanie Filler, End to End follows a middle aged couple who embark on a long-held promise to hike the Bibbulmun Track – in a desperate bid to determine the fate of their struggling marriage.

Through the emotional and cathartic 50-day journey, the couple grapples with their entrenched ways, reliving moments they thought they had left behind. Caroline Brazier (Mystery Road: Origin, The Twelve, Rake) plays Isla and Nic Cassim (Mr Inbetween, The Surfer, Total Control) takes the role of Sam.

Filming across the state from Mundaring to Albany, the production will traverse several regional locations along the track during the month-long shooting schedule.

Barretto is director and producer and Filler is producer. David Noakes, who spent his formative filmmaking years in WA where he produced award-winning films including How the West Was Lost, Taking A Look, and Bigger than Texas, is

executive producer.

End to End is the 2024 recipient of Screenwest's highly coveted West Coast Visions, an initiative designed to uncover, inspire and develop Western Australian filmmakers with distinctive visions for a debut feature film for theatrical release.

Screenwest and Lotterywest have provided production funding for first-time feature film directors in Western Australia, with Screen Australia support.

"I am excited to be filming End to End on location with our wonderful cast and crew who have been embracing the unpredictability and power of the Western Australian bush," Mr Barretto said.

"It is fascinating to see our two highly captivating leads bring these compelling characters to life. We hope audiences will connect, care, laugh, and cry as they journey alongside this functioning yet-dysfunctional relationship.

"Our story has the unique challenge of being set over 1000km of incredible landscapes, and our smaller footprint calls for a balance between consideration, discovery and creativity. Our approach encourages collaboration and generosity among the



Melanie Filler and Tim Barretto. Picture: Hope St Productions

team which is a real calling card of Western Australian crew," writer and producer Melanie Filler said

End to End is a Hope St Production film. Principal production funding from Screen Australia, developed and produced with assistance from Screenwest and Lotterywest and financed with the assistance of Mind the Gap, in association with SeeView Pictures with Australian and New Zealand distribution by Bonsai Films.

Kookaburra Cinema to reopen



Former owner Peter Foyster says he is glad the Kookaburra cinema will live on and belong to the community.

GUANHAO CHENG

AFTER months of uncertainty, the iconic Kookaburra Cinema in Mundaring is set to reopen on November 21 under new community ownership, marking a fresh chapter for the beloved outdoor venue.

Former operator Peter Foyster had run the cinema for a decade and confirmed the property was sold to community-based not-for-profit group the Kookaburra collaborative inc. that planned to keep the venue for the community.

"The new operators are planning to run it as a community-based cinema, which is exactly what I was hoping for," he said. "It really belongs to the community now."

He said the handover had been "a bit stressful," with plenty of logistics to finalise, from updating film bookings to teaching the new team how to prepare screenings.

"I thought once it was sold I could relax, but I'm busier than ever making sure the transition goes smoothly," he said.

Mr Foyster said the response from patrons had been overwhelmingly positive.

"Wherever I go, people are saying how great it is that the Kookaburra's reopening," he said. "It's been a very warm reaction."

Though ready to pass on the reins, Mr Foyster said it felt strange to let go of the venue he had operated for so long.

"It's bittersweet. I'll miss the regulars, but it's good to know it's in safe hands. The new group is really excited, and it's great for the community that Kookaburra will keep going."



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Transverse ladybird beetle larva (left), adult (centre) and 28-spotted ladybird adult (courtesy of MyPestGuide® Reporter)

Lady... bug, bird, beetle?

A name rooted in folklore

Ladybugs or ladybirds, as we often call them, are some of the most easily recognised and beloved insects around. With their tiny size, bright colours, and distinctive spotted patterns, they're hard to miss. But have you ever wondered about their name? They're not birds, nor are they true bugs. In fact, they are small beetles belonging to the Coccinellidae family. Interestingly, the "lady" in their name has a historical origin rather than a gendered one.

The term ladybird dates back to medieval Europe, when farmers prayed to the Virgin Mary – often referred to as "our Lady" – for protection from crop-damaging pests. According to folklore, shortly after these prayers, small red beetles appeared and began feeding on the harmful insects, saving the harvest. As a result, these helpful beetles became known as "our Lady's birds". Their red colouring was said to represent Mary's cloak, and their black spots symbolised her seven sorrows. Whether fact or folklore, the name has endured for centuries.

Beetle biology

Australia is home to at least 350 species of ladybird beetles and all species undergo complete metamorphosis: egg → larva → pupa → adult. The larval stage looks more crocodilian than beetle-like and is far less recognisable than its adult form. This is particularly important, as it's when they consume the most prey, or, in pest species, the most plant material.

In Western Australia, the most encountered species is the native transverse ladybird (*Coccinella transversalis*). They range in colour from pale yellow to orange to deep red with the black markings. These are highly effective predators of aphids, scale insects, and other soft-bodied pests, making them valuable allies in gardens and on farms. Another common species is the 28-spotted ladybird (*Epilachna vigintioctopunctata*), native to southeastern Asia, but naturalised in Australia, this is a plant-eating species considered a pest, especially on crops like potatoes and tomatoes. Both adults and larvae feed on leaves, causing significant damage.

Spotting them

Ladybirds are most active during the warmer months of spring and summer, so it's a great time to spot these colourful beetles and their cool looking larvae. You might spot a pest or a predator – it's worth checking whether it's there to save your plants or devour them!



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FRRR launches free online community tool

IT's now easier than ever for local community groups in rural and regional areas to access data to strengthen their funding applications or even inform their service delivery, thanks to a free online tool launched by the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR).

The FRRR community data tool provides easy access to reliable data that community groups can use to demonstrate the real need in their community that is driving their work, and to help funders see the impact that their support can make.

The tool, which was commissioned by FRRR, built by Seer Data and funded by the federal government, draws on a range of trusted public data sources to provide reliable data that will be automatically updated, in one place.

FRRR's head of granting Jill Karena said that every remote, rural and regional community in Australia has a story of resilience, challenges and hope, but not everyone can back up their story with accurate data.

"We commissioned the FRRR community data tool, to make it super simple for groups to pull up key data about their community, just by entering their location in the online tool," Ms Karena said.

"It will tell them things about their community, like the population, gender split, remoteness



classification, their SEIFA rating, etc – all drawing on reliable, publicly-available data.

"If groups want to dive deeper, there are links to some excellent resources that we also use to inform our grant programs, such as information about health and wellbeing, the workforce, income levels and economic growth. There are even more insights that they can access through our partnership with Seer Data & Analytics.

"Being able to access this data and wealth of information, free of charge, will help community groups more effectively advocate for themselves and for their com-

munity's needs.

Early users have said that accessible, reliable local data was the foundation of genuine community resilience.

"The FRRR Community Data Tool is the first step for community groups to prove the need for effective, place-based solutions," one user said.

Community groups are encouraged to log into the tool and to share feedback after using it, so that it can be continually improved.

You can access the FRRR Community Data Tool here: <https://frrr.org.au/grantseeker-resources/#community-data-tool>



WA Stolen Generations Redress Scheme open

"Recognition matters — but the journey to justice continues," according to Knowmore Legal Service strategy and First Nations engagement executive director Gary Oliver.

He said members of the Stolen Generations across Western Australia have remembered the day they were forcibly taken from their families as children, as applications officially open for compensation through the Western Australian Stolen Generations Redress Scheme.

The scheme acknowledges the deep and enduring harm caused by the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families under past government policies.

It is estimated that between 3000 and 3500 Aboriginal people who were forcibly taken from their families as children under government policy are still alive in Western Australia today.

Many were sent away to missions, institutions or to live with strangers, separated from family, culture and Country - experiences that continue to cause deep intergenerational trauma.

From this week, eligible applicants who were removed as children before July 1, 1972 can apply for a one-off payment of \$85,000 and may also choose to receive a personal acknowledgement from a representative of the WA Government.

Families may also apply on behalf of loved ones who have passed away on or after May 27, 2025, the date the scheme was announced.

Mr Oliver welcomed the opening of the scheme as a vital step in recognising truth and

harm, while noting the need for ongoing support for survivors navigating redress.

Aunty Glendra Stubbs, Elder in Residence at Knowmore Legal Service, paid tribute to the strength of survivors and their families who have fought for justice and recognition over decades.

"Our people have carried the weight of these stories in silence for too long," she said.

"This scheme is an important acknowledgment of the pain and trauma that thousands of Aboriginal people in Western Australia have carried throughout their lives - but it must also remind governments and services that healing takes time, truth-telling, and genuine cultural respect."

The scheme is coordinated by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and offers a one-off payment of \$85,000, and the opportunity for a personal acknowledgement from a WA Government representative.

Premier Roger Cook said the Stolen Generations era is a sorrowful and shameful part of history, and the impacts continue to be felt across families and communities.

"No amount of money can ever make up for the experiences of Stolen Generations survivors and their families, or the ongoing effects on people's lives.

"This scheme is about acknowledging the injustices and offering a path forward - towards healing, truth-telling, and reconciliation.

To find out more, including how to apply, call 08 6552 5050 or visit wa.gov.au/stolen-generations-redress-scheme



Concept drawing of the new Elsie Austin Oval change rooms.

Elsie Austin Oval upgrade

WORK is underway on a \$1.5 million upgrade at Mount Helena's Elsie Austin Oval to deliver inclusive change rooms for local clubs and the wider community.

The upgrades have been made possible through a \$935,000 investment from the state government, including \$410,000 through the community sporting and recreation facilities fund, and are being delivered as part of the PlayOn WA: 2030 by 2030 initiative.

PlayOn WA is ensuring sport and recreation facilities across WA keep pace with growing communities, support active lifestyles, and provide inclusive spaces for Western Australians of all ages and abilities to connect and move.

The upgrades have been designed in consultation with local clubs and volunteers, with the project set to deliver accessible and inclusive change rooms, upgraded amenities, modern storage, an expanded

kiosk, and a new spectator shelter.

This will support growing community demand for facilities to accommodate juniors, women, girls, Starkick All Abilities players, and senior teams.

Sport and Recreation Minister Rita Saffioti said it was great to see the project get underway.

"This will ensure the Mount Helena community has access to modern and inclusive sport and recreation facilities," she said.

"Upgrading the change rooms at Elsie Austin Oval to make them more accessible will enable more people to get involved in grassroots sport and connect with their community."

"The WA Government is committed to ensuring our community facilities meet the needs of players, families, and volunteers to encourage greater participation in a diverse range of sport and recreation activities."

Rural Aid expands mental health support



More mental health resources will be available for WA farmers as part of the community wellbeing program.

RURAL Aid will boost its mental health support services in Western Australia, with funding secured for three new counsellors to be based across six regions.

The funding is part of the federal government's community wellbeing program, a \$1.5 million initiative under the \$140m sheep industry transition assistance package.

The program, administrated by the Western Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, aims to foster community wellbeing and resilience in regions impacted by the planned phase-out of live sheep exports by sea.

These new counselling roles will significantly expand Rural Aid's presence in WA and are in addition to the organisation's existing WA-based counsellor.

"This funding allows us to deliver more tailored, on-the-ground support to farming fam-

ilies in WA," Rural Aid chief executive officer John Warlters said.

"Rural Aid counsellors are part of the communities they serve. They don't just provide traditional counselling support – they meet farmers at the farm gate, at the local sale yards, field days and community events. They are visible, approachable and embedded in the rural way of life."

Rural Aid counsellors provide free, confidential mental health support, and are trained to assist with a wide range of challenges from anxiety and depression to grief, relationship breakdowns and the stress of managing a farm business.

They are also proactive in the community by collaborating with local stakeholders and being present at key industry and social events. This grassroots approach ensures support is accessible, familiar and relevant, and covers the entire suite of Rural Aid

services and support available to farmers and rural communities.

"Farmers are often reluctant to ask for help. That's why it's so important that our counsellors are visible in the regions, they build trust by being part of everyday rural life," Mr Warlters said.

This funding is a critical investment in the future of rural Western Australia, ensuring communities can access the emotional support they need through times of uncertainty and change.

Rural Aid is currently recruiting for the new counsellor roles in WA and qualified mental health professionals with a passion for rural communities are encouraged to apply by emailing hr@ruralaid.org.au

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- Choose a variety of different plants in different layers. Think: tree canopy, large shrubs, understory, ground covers and strappy leaf plants.
- Look for plants that provide different food sources: Seeds from gum trees and hakeas,

nectar from grevilleas and bottlebrushes, insect attracting with baeckea and darwinia, and berries from austromyrtus and lilly pillies.

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Hidden Harm

A Conversation on Elder Safety: The Violence We Don't See

Thursday, 27 November 9:30-12:30pm

Bridgeley Community Centre
Register to attend via Eventbrite
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March against Domestic Violence with Share & Care

Members of the community in Northam and the Wheatbelt are invited to join Share & Care for their second annual March Against Family and Domestic Violence as part of 16 Days in WA (25 November – 10 December).

To be held in Northam on Tuesday, 25 November, people can join the march by gathering at Share & Care – 88 Wellington Street in Northam – ready for a 10:00am start. The silent march will complete a circuit of the picturesque bridges that span the Avon River and finish in the gardens at Share & Care.

“During 16 Days in WA our hope is to reach everyone in our community with information because we all have a responsibility to stop family and domestic violence,” said Vanessa, Share & Care Wheatbelt Program Manager for Family and Domestic Violence Services.

The ‘Hidden Harm’ event is a conversation on elder safety – the violence we don't see. It will be held on 27 November at Bridgeley Community Centre in Northam. Those interested in attending can register via Eventbrite



Share & Care team members planting crosses in the Share & Care gardens to commemorate lives tragically lost to family and domestic violence

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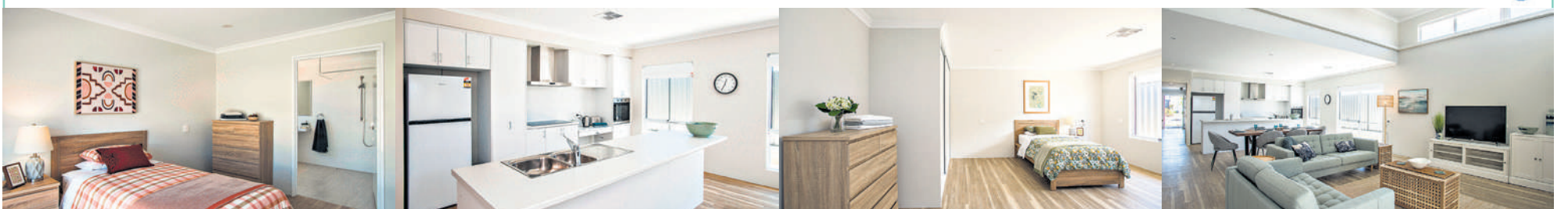
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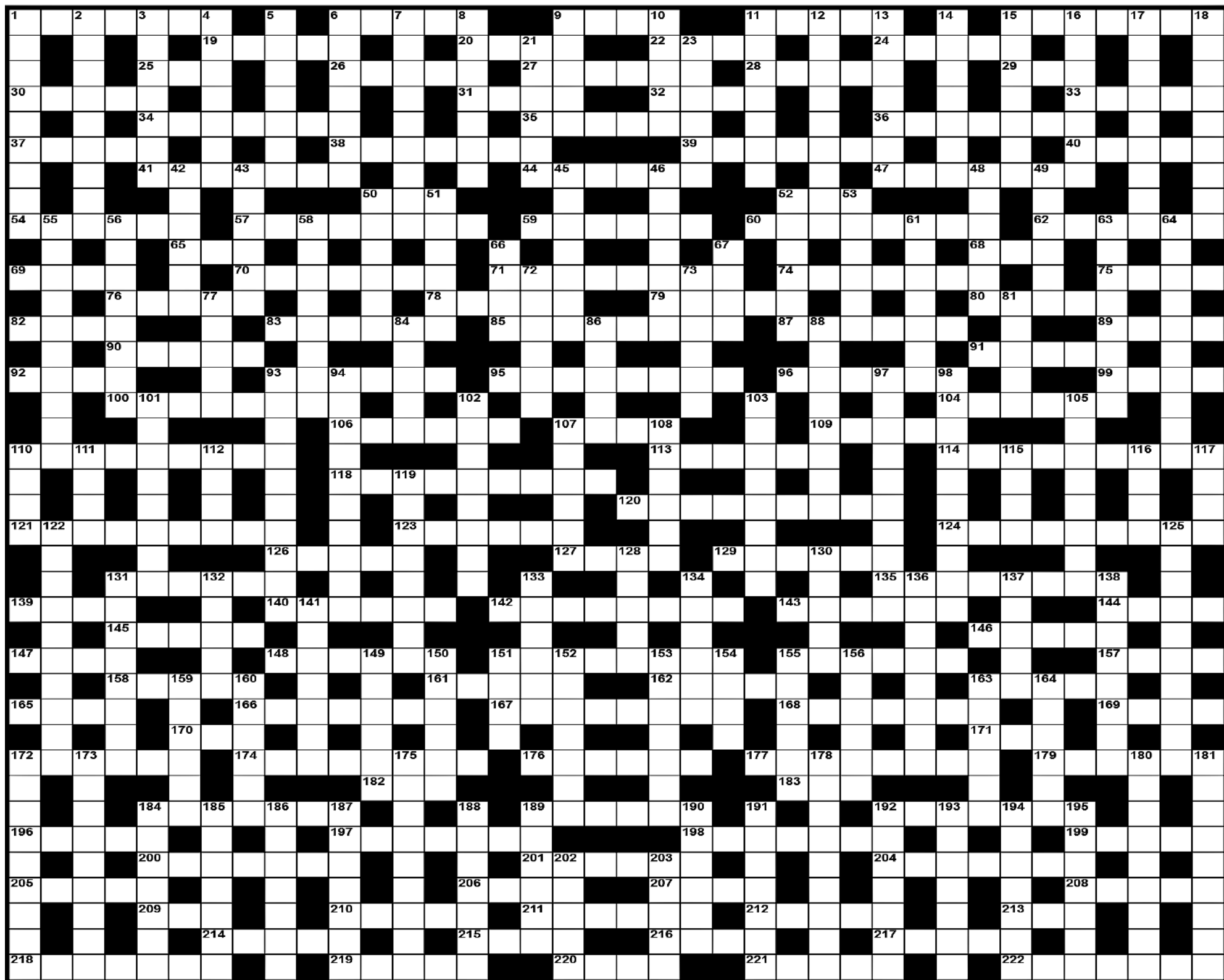
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25	Hail!
26	Horse-riding display
27	Refer to
28	Dragger
29	Knack
30	Irreligious person
31	Brewing grain
32	Strong wind
33	Perfect
34	Built
35	Climbing device
36	Stealing (coll)
37	Housetops
38	Display lively interest
39	Feared greatly
40	Disarrange
41	Wrestles
44	Locomotives
47	Absence of sound
50	Bunk
52	Part of a circle
54	Boarder
57	Hesitated
59	Accumulate
60	Fifth letters of the Greek alphabet
62	Hangmen's halters
65	First woman
68	As well as
69	Group of families
70	Restricted
71	Became visible
74	Silliness

75 Flowing gown
76 Small canyon
78 Banish
79 Mountain nymph
80 Grass-like plant
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87 Roughly built hut
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93 Burial stones
95 Illnesses
96 Throngs
99 Level
100 Taught
104 Turns upside down
106 Pit in
107 Crackle
109 Comes into view
110 Have a party
113 Urge to greater efforts
114 Killing of one's father
118 Expending
120 Inflamed
121 Get going early
123 Carry to excess
124 Laziness
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127 Latvian capital
129 Lessen
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135 Apostate
139 Part of a wicket
140 Open ...
142 In the sky
143 Beginners
144 Radiograph
145 Assistants
146 Stop!
147 Swallow eagerly
148 Assimilate mentally

151 Earlier psychiatrist
155 Glided over ice
157 Disturbance of the
peace
158 Potato
161 Hell (coll)
162 Sound
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165 Distant
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167 Element of the
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168 ... Van Gogh
169 Handle roughly
170 Regret
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51 Numb
52 Plant lice
53 Locust
55 Remove
56 The dying of tissue
58 Beat severely
61 Left out
63 Female monsters
64 Enraged
66 Post
67 March 15th
72 Serene
73 Types of fungus
77 Pale reddish purple
81 Ooze out
84 Valued gems
86 A being
88 Jumpers
93 Light folding beds
94 Newspaper leaders
97 Transgressors
98 Vague notions
101 Suave
102 Waves
103 Vacillated
105 Shrunk
107 Of higher rank
108 Morbid fear
110 Pointed end
111 Canter leisurely
112 Soon (arch)
115 Tailless amphibian
116 ... the Terrible
117 Scottish Gaelic
119 Pairs
122 A tatterdemalion
125 Lists
128 Increased in size
130 An open boat made
of a wooden frame
131 Nonsense
132 In that place
133 Passageways
134 Accord
136 And so forth
137 President's mallet

138 Highest degrees
141 Esculent foods
149 Detects
150 Dissertations
151 First man
152 A connecting part
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163 Capital of Greece
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The Swan View Uniting Church members flanked by Community Services Minister Matthew Swinbourn and Midland MLA Steve Catania before inspecting the community garden.

Swan View Uniting Church Community Garden visit

Swan View Uniting Church recently welcomed Community Services Minister Matthew Swinbourn MLC and Midland MLA Steve Catania as they toured the church's flourishing community garden, which has been given a new lease of life through their partnership with GFS Perth.

During the visit, Minister Swinbourn announced the availability of \$10,000 Community Garden grants through the Department of Communities to support all aspects of community gardening, including infrastructure, tools, education and community participation.

The announcement was met with enthusiasm from volunteers and supporters working to strengthen local food resilience and neighbourhood connection.

Members of the founding garden team, Neil Butcher and Alison Wilson, shared how the garden began and the strong community relationships that have helped it grow.

GFS Perth chief executive officer Alison Gilchrist spoke about the organisation's role in supporting the Swan View garden through its "Permaculture Partnerships" initiative.

GFS Perth's "Permaculture Partnerships" model connects under-used land with volunteers, educators, and community programming to regenerate soil, grow food and

cultivate social connection.

The Swan View Uniting Church site is the first example of this approach, and GFS Perth hopes to expand these partnerships across the Midland and Swan areas.

To scale the initiative, GFS Perth is seeking volunteers, site partners, financial supporters and donors, grant funding and practical support such as tools, compost, seedlings, and expertise.

The partnership has already enabled new community programs at the Swan View Uniting Church, including Little Buds - an intergenerational playgroup held every Thursday and Wednesday - and Women, a monthly community gathering for local women.

These activities are helping re-activate the site as a community hub, with encouraging signs that congregational engagement is increasing again.

The garden is now a welcoming place for people of all ages to learn, connect, share skills and enjoy the benefits of growing food together.

The visitors toured the beds, and spoke with volunteers hearing about future plans to extend the model across the region.

For more information or to get involved, contact GFS Perth by emailing alison@gfperth.com.au

Sheep etags pass 10 million

WA's Tag Incentive Payment (TIP) for electronic identification (eID) tags to support sheep and goat producers transition to the new national livestock traceability system has been expanded and extended for a fourth year.

A 60-cent discount per eID tag will apply to 2026 orange year-of-birth eID tags, as well as pink and yellow eID tags required for older sheep and goats leaving a property once the mandatory system becomes fully operational on July 1, 2026.

The improved Australia-wide eID system for sheep and goats will support a rapid response in the event of an emergency animal disease or food safety incident, while underpinning valuable trade relationships and export markets.

Since the TIP scheme commenced in April 2023, more than 10 million eID tags have been sold under the scheme, administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

DPIRD animal product integrity and traceability manager Michael Britton congratulated producers on embracing the new system.

"We applaud the early adopters of eID, who have helped saleyard and abattoir operators to test the new eID technology, before the system becomes fully operational," Mr Britton said.

"This will aid a smooth transition to the new system, while enhancing traceability, which is important to reduce the impact of an emergency animal disease incident."

As of January 1, 2025, all new sheep and goats were required to be eID tagged before leaving their birth property or within six months of birth.

From July 1, 2026 all sheep and goats must be eID tagged before leaving any property, regardless of age, and all movements must be scanned and re-



WA's Tag Incentive Payment to provide discounted eID tags to sheep and goat producers has been extended to 2026.

corded on the National Livestock Identification System database.

WA saleyards and abattoirs commenced scanning eID tags on July 1.

The department continues to help industry to adapt to the new eID requirements, including two dedicated outreach and engagement officers visiting saleyards, abattoirs, export depots and feedlots to support the transition process.

DPIRD has also established a sheep and goat eID hotline to answer regulatory, compliance or technical questions for producers during the transitional period.

The new TIP scheme will commence on January 1, 2026 and conclude on December 31, 2026.

For more information about the tag incentive payment and the implementation of sheep and goat eID in Western Australia visit www.dpiird.wa.gov.au/businesses/biosecurity/animal-biosecurity/livestock-ownership-identification-movement/electronic-identification-sheep-goats/

For producer queries call the DPIRD Sheep and goat eID Hotline between 9am - 4.30pm weekdays on 1300 926 547.



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Reminder to work safely during harvest

WORKSAFE has issued a reminder to have good risk management procedures in place on farms, particularly during the current harvest.

So far this financial year, eight Western Australian workers have lost their lives in work-related incidents, three of these in the agriculture sector.

Two workers lost their lives last week on farms in the Wheatbelt and Great Southern, and earlier in the financial year a worker lost his life at an agricultural farming site in Jarrahdale.

WorkSafe Commissioner Sally North said everyone in charge of a business should perform a thorough risk assessment of their workplace.

"Agriculture remains one of the highest-risk industries in the state, and farmers are reminded to assess the risks in their workplace and ensure that safe work procedures are in place to minimise those risks," Ms North said.

"Harvest is a particularly busy time, and the risks can be magnified by the long working hours involved.

"WorkSafe is actively working with the sector to provide advice, guidance and education on

workplace safety, as was recommended by the independent inquiry into safety in the agriculture industry in 2023.

"However, every farm operator has a critical role to play by ensuring that risks are managed effectively."



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Hills playwright to host final WA book launch



LONGTIME Hills playwright and author Suzanne Ingelbrecht is set to host one final book launch this weekend before packing her bags and bidding farewell to Western Australia.

Dr Ingelbrecht, who has been a writer of plays, books, essays and more, for over 40 years, will celebrate the release of 'Tumblagooda: The story of a strange found

thing' on Saturday, November 15 at the KSP Writers' Centre, Greenmount.

The following Sunday, November 23 she will be one of 14 guest presenters at the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (WA) Young Readers Day Out at the State Library.

Dr Ingelbrecht, who lived in Darlington for 18 years, has been writing, entertaining and sharing her stories with others since she was nine years old.

"It's something meaningful that I can do," she

said.

'Tumblagooda: the story of a strange found thing' is the final instalment of the Tumblagooda Trilogy published by Dragonfly Publishing.

Set in a fictionalised Kalbarri in 1979, middle-grade readers will rejoin George and her best friend Mac as they again search for the mysterious creature they call Tumblagooda.

Their adventures lead to an old crayfishing camp on the Abrolhos Islands and encounters with a clever Arctic tern and shady treasure hunters, where the kids' courage and cleverness are tested at every turn.

"It's about respecting the earth: that's what the Tumblagooda series is about," Dr Ingelbrecht said.

"Respecting the earth and our ancient land and giving kids the sense of what it's like to be curious and adventurous."

Dr Ingelbrecht, who volunteers at the Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Rescue Centre in Martin, will also soon take flight herself.

She plans to hit the road and head east in her van, a white custom-made Toyota HiAce Commuter van affectionately known as "Van Go".

The free book launch on Saturday, November 15 at the KSP Writers' Centre will also include snacks and light refreshments.

The book is now available in paperback from select Australian retailers and online booksellers for \$17.99 or can be purchased at www.dragonflypublishing.com.au



Perth Hills playwright and author Suzanne Ingelbrecht.

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The Really Really Free Market on once again

MIKE PEETERS

HOSTED by Transition Town Guildford, the Really Really Free Market encourages people to bring along their everyday items to give away and help extend their life.

Organisers say the event is not a 'dumping ground' but a place to swap and share unwanted items with your community, and to find a new home for the things people no longer need.

"You can come to the market for free, and if anyone tells you that you need to pay money to participate, they are a scammer!" said a Transition Town spokesperson.

"You don't have to bring items to the market to take items and everyone is welcome to participate."

Organisers stressed everything not taken by somebody else should be removed by the owner at the end, with no bartering or exchange of goods or money.

Trestle tables will be provided to display items and organisers encouraged people to bring along whatever they wanted, ranging from books and toys to clothes.

If you are giving away an item that needs to be repaired, please label it "Needs repairs".

Entirely run by volunteers, the Really Really Free Market will be held outside the Mechanic's Institute at 20 Meadow Street, Guildford from 9am to 10am on Sunday, November 23.

For more information go to: tinyurl.com/2zjxetf9



The Really Really Free Market is a great place to get rid of unwanted items. Picture: Emily Wilson

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Perth Sky Sculpture Team Johannes Pannekoek, Chair of Perth Observatory Dr Shayne Silcox and Sandra Tinari in front of sculpture by Anton Forde, 'Matariki'.

Perth Sky Sculpture Park for Bickley Valley

BICKLEY Valley's new Perth Sky Sculpture Park aims to be a world-class destination for contemporary sculpture and nature-based tourism.

The community-driven initiative will permanently showcase fine art sculptures and installations throughout the historic Perth Observatory's heritage-listed international style buildings, domes, and surrounding bushland trails.

Set to open officially in Spring 2026, the project will debut with a major biennial awards exhibition, positioning Perth Sky as a national platform for contemporary sculpture and cultural tourism.

"This sculpture park and its biennial exhibition will be unlike anything else in Australia, a dialogue between contemporary art, nature, and astronomy," Perth Sculpture Park chair and head curator Johannes Pannekoek said.

"It will offer long-term opportunities to artists. Works exhibited in the biennial awards will remain on display for two years, creating a living, evolving landscape of contemporary sculpture beneath the spectacular skies of Western Australia."

Developed by a dedicated collective of City of Kalamunda artists, arts leaders, and tourism professionals within the Perth Observatory volunteer group, and supported by the City of Kalamunda, the initiative aims to establish a significant new cultural landmark celebrating creativity, heritage, and community engagement.

"We're excited to help transform this much-loved heritage site into a year-round cultural destination that sparks curiosity, celebrates local creativity, and draws visitors to our beautiful region," City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas said.

"Perth Sky Sculpture Park invites people to imagine art among the stars and the trees — and promises lasting benefits for our community, our artists, and our local economy."

The park's creative director Sandra Tinari said the project responds to a long-standing desire to bring contemporary art experiences closer to outer metropolitan communities.

"As Perth Hills residents, it's been important for us to make contemporary art more accessible — right here in our



Sam Hopkins, 'Beyond the Surface'.

own backyard," Ms Tinari said.

"Perth Sky Sculpture Park will bring wonder and inspiration to local families, while inviting WA, national, and international visitors to join us in celebrating creativity under open skies."

To mark the announcement, a preview exhibition is now on display at the Perth Observatory, featuring works by Western Australian artists Sam Hopkins, Johannes Pannekoek, Denise Pepper, and Steve Tepper, alongside international artist Anton Forde.

The project will be officially launched on Saturday, November 15 marking the start of a global call for artist submissions.

This international outreach invites sculptors from around the world to participate in the inaugural Biennial Awards Exhibition, which will open in Spring 2026 and feature Australia's largest prize pool for contemporary sculpture.

Follow the journey and support the creation of this exciting new arts destination via Facebook and Instagram: @perthskysculpture



Sculpture by Steve Tepper. Inset: Sculpture by Johannes Pannekoek, 'Elegy in Motion' is now at the Perth Observatory as part of the taster exhibition.

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Fri November 14

Settlers House York

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From 6pm. Free.
125 Avon Terrace
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7th Ave Bar & Bistro

Decoy.
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74 Helena Street
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Parkerville Tavern

Rhay Rom & Chantel.
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6 Owen Road
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Lyric's Bar

Laneway Bar

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Sun November 16

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Back Veranda Band.
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125 Avon Terrace York

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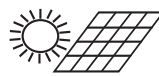
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It is hereby notified for public information, in accordance with section 87 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, that the Minister for Planning approved the abovementioned amendment to the Shire of Mundaring Local Planning Scheme No.4 on 4 November 2025, for the purpose of:

- Recoding portion of Lot 9100 Thornwick Crescent, Chidlow, from R2.5 to R5;
- Rezoning Lot 99 Betty Street, Chidlow, from Residential to Local Planning Scheme Reserve 'Recreation'; and
- Amending the Scheme Maps accordingly.

If you have any queries please contact the Shire's Planning Services on 9290 6740 or via shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au

Jason Whiteaker
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



MINISTER'S DECISION - AMENDMENT NO.21 TO LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO.4

It is hereby notified for public information, in accordance with section 87 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, that the Minister for Planning approved the abovementioned amendment to the Shire of Mundaring Local Planning Scheme No.4 on 4 November 2025, for the purpose of:

- Rezoning a portion of Lot 6 and Lot 9001 Midland Road, Helena Valley, from Rural Residential zone to Development zone with the notation 'DA1'.
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Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Falls Farm, 41 Cagney Way Lesmurdie from 10am-1pm. For more information call Roy 9295 2522 or Ray 0427 095 892.

• Mundaring CWA

meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10am at the CWA Centre (Sculpture Park), Jacoby Street, Mundaring. There is a general meeting and cuppa with craft and social to follow until 3pm. New members and visitors welcome. For more information call Marg on 0417 956 628.

• Parkland Villas

Market Day will be hosted on Saturday, November 22 at 25 The Parkway, Ellenbrook, from 9.30am-12.30pm. There will be Christmas cakes, homemade biscuits, bee farm honey, pot plants, original paintings and more on for sale. For more information call Valerie at 0428 393 319 or email grebeland007@gmail.com

• Kalamunda Ladies

Probus Club is holding their last meeting for 2025 in November. There will be a luncheon in January at the Kalamunda Hotel for members to catch up after Christmas. Monthly meetings will resume on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at St Barnabas

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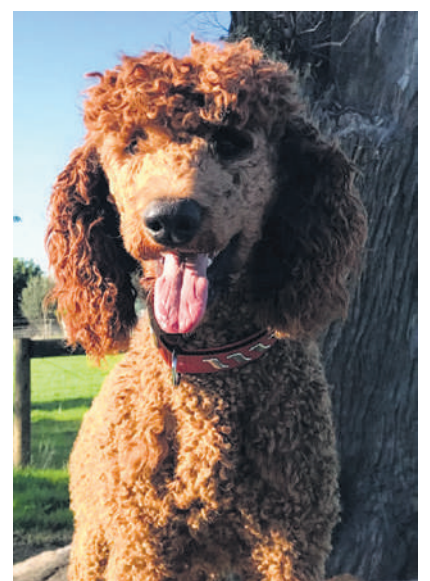
• Lesmurdie Arts and

Crafts Christmas Sale of Work will be held on Sunday, November 30 from 10am to 3pm at Falls Farm, Cagney Way Lesmurdie. Members will be exhibiting a variety of work including woodwork, fused glass, photography, stained glass, painting, textiles and more. Free admission and there will be a gourmet basket raffle.

• Talkie Tea Time

will be held on Saturday, November 22 at Midland Ascension Hall from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Speaker Megan Schwarz from the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) will talk about their work around the world, standing up for love, hope, and justice, and give us an update on their partners mission work around the world. To RSVP, call 0414 386 398 or email francescairwin@inet.net.au

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The WA boys touch football team won bronze at the 2025 competition.

School students represent community in School Sport Australia Games

BRAYDEN MOULD

MORE than 1500 students and team officials gathered in Ballarat, Victoria, for the School Sport Australia Games (SSAG) 2025 which ran from Saturday, October 25 to Saturday, November 1.

This unique, multisport event celebrated achievements and competition in 15 venues across the city, in sports including cricket, soccer, golf, netball, swimming, tennis, and touch football.

Swan Valley Anglican Community School student Cooper Chilman represented the WA cricket team, which won the final against South Australia with a score of 2/104 to 6/102, and coming 3rd overall on the ladder.

In touch football, the WA boys' team, including Malakai Clinch from La Salle College and Dehkal Whitfield from Swan View Senior High School, alongside the WA girls' team, including Mackenzie Williams from Guildford Grammar and Rita Wilson from La Salle College, both secured bronze medals.

The soccer competition was also held, with the WA girls' team, represented by Kara Hall from Aveley Primary School, Niamh Moynihan from Eden Hill Primary School, and Kianna Robati from Malvern Springs Primary School, narrowly missing the finals in a 1-2 loss to Queensland.

Aveley Secondary College student Michael Salumu from

the WA boys' soccer team also missed out in round four, losing 2-3 to Queensland.

In netball, Bianca Hunter from Eastern Hills Senior High School and Aaliyah Winter from Swan Christian College represented the Under 12 WA team, which finished 5th overall after losing their final game to Queensland 15-17.

The under 12 boys' team, with Asher Silva from St Michael's School, finished 6th after losing a tight final game to South Australia, 20-21.

Finally, in swimming, Max Borland from Guildford Grammar School placed 9th in the 200m freestyle relay, and Ellie Skinner from Mundaring Christian College achieved 18th in the 100m breaststroke.

A representative of School Sports Western Australia, the association behind the WA teams who participated, said they were proud of all the competitors regardless of winning or losing.

"Each team showcased some awesome teamwork, skills and passion to earn themselves amazing achievements" they said.

"It has been a trying, challenging, and rewarding experience all in one.

"Listening, learning, growing, laughing... it's all part of the interstate team experience.

"We hope that all of WA's touring athletes had a fantastic time at this year's SSAG."

MGCC female side and T20 wins

JOSHUA MCKENZE

IT was a round filled with stunning individual performances for Midland Guildford Cricket Club.

The male 1st grade side played away at Bayswater Morley last weekend in their 50 over match.

A strong opening partnership between Jordan Road, with 38 runs from 42 balls, and Mitchell Pope, with 60 from 98, set the platform for the team to post 230 all out in the first innings.

Nathan Barnwell led the attack with his first five wicket haul for the club as he claimed figures of 5-53 from ten overs.

They would dismiss their opponents for a total of 210 all out to secure a 20-run victory in a good all-round team performance.

In the male 2nd grade match, the team fell short by just three runs against Bayswater Morley despite the efforts of Matt Harben, with 5-47 from 10 overs, and Lennon Brookes, 54 not out from 70 balls.

It was a difficult weekend for the male 3rd grade and male 4th grade teams as they both suffered defeats against the same opposition.

The female A grade team dominated their match against Rockingham Mandurah as they won by nine wickets after chasing down the target of 67 runs for victory.

It was a similarly comprehensive display by the female B grade side against the same opponents, after they posted 6-217 with Lily-May Lyndon top scoring with 131 not out from 140.

The bowlers then dismissed the opposition for just 78 runs



to complete a 139-run victory.

The Premier T20 team secured their position in the finals after a victory over Gosnells by three wickets.

Brayden Brehaut took 3-15 from three overs in the bowling innings to help restrict the opposition to 8-150.

The run chase was led by Calan Hill, with 42 from 33, and Austin Thomas, with 33 from 18, as the side eclipsed the target with one ball remaining.

It is set to be another round full of exciting matches and opportunities for teams to solidify their standings this season.

Sales fall but prices rising in the eastern suburbs



HOUSE prices in several eastern suburbs rose again in October as Perth's property market demand continued to outpace supply, according to the latest data from the Real Estate Institute of Western Australia (REIWA).

Swan View recorded a 1.4 per cent increase in its median house price to \$700,000, while Beechboro was among the fastest-selling suburbs, with homes taking a median of five days to sell.

In High Wycombe, median weekly rents climbed 5.1 per cent to \$720.

In Midland, unit rents increased by 4 per cent to a median of \$590 per week.

Across Greater Perth, the median house sale price rose to \$820,000 in October, up 1.2 per cent from September and 12.3 per cent higher than a year ago.

REIWA President Suzanne Brown said demand was outstripping supply, pushing prices higher.

"We have continuing population growth, we have new home buyers entering the market due to the 5 per cent deposit under the home guarantee scheme, and we simply do not have the housing stock to meet the demand," she said.

"Many homes that are coming to market are selling very quickly and have multiple offers on the table."

There were 2793 properties listed for sale at the end of October which is 1.8 per cent higher than September but 44.5 per cent lower than the same time last year.

Ms Brown said many owners were reluctant to sell because of difficulties finding a new home, while new builds were not keeping pace with demand.

"We were expecting to see a bigger uptick in the number of homes coming to market in what would normally be considered the busy Spring selling period," she said.

"We are two months into Spring, and while there are some hopeful signs, we are yet to see a significant increase in the number of homes listed."

Units also saw strong growth, with the median price increasing 2 per cent to \$571,000 and sales occurring within eight days on average which is one of the fastest rates on record.

In the rental market, the median weekly dwelling rent rose nearly 3 per cent to \$700, up 7.7 per cent on last year.

REIWA said rents were likely to remain high over summer as demand stayed strong and available listings remained low.

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I Remember When...



Do you remember when Remembrance Day came along at school?

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, over the PA you would hear the trumpet play The Last Post and we would all stay silent and reflect on those who defended our country overseas and those who lost their lives doing so.

Recently my daughter sat me down and said she had done some research on my Pop. The internet is full of great stories and she had traced him right back to his enlistment and his challenges. In the First World War he was shot and wounded in the leg, ankle and shoulder. He would later lose his leg through complications.

I remember my Pop when I was a kid, with him and his wooden leg. He passed when I was seven, so all I knew was that he lost his leg in the war and that was it. When my daughter started to show me his enlistment papers, it started to open a new story of what life was like for the family of a soldier.

My Pop enlisted on the 2nd of November 1915. He was twenty-six and eleven months old. According to his enlistment documents he was 5' 6 1/2" and weighed 118 lbs, and he was a father of two. He served in two battalions. His first introduction to the war was in Egypt in the 16th Battalion and then later in France with the

48th Battalion (half of whom had served in Gallipoli from the 16th Battalion), where he was wounded in the final days of the Battle of Pozières on 13th August 1916. In that battle the Aussie troops in the 48th Battalion suffered 598 casualties.

My grandmother didn't hear of his injuries until receiving a telegram on 13th September 1916 in which the telegram said:

"REGRET REPORTED HUSBAND PRIVATE MICHAEL HEFFERNAN WOUNDED WILL PROMPTLY ADVISE ANYTHING RECEIVED."

After further enquiries, she received a second telegram on the 20th September detailing that he had been admitted to hospital on the 15th August suffering a gunshot wound feet shoulder mild. So the stress levels for families must have been horrible. Later they were advised the 16th August, and throughout various reports it has said left side and others right side.

They were finally advised he was coming home on the 7th March 1917 on the hospital ship KAROOA, arriving in Fremantle on the 1st April. In the meantime, our family was living on a pension between thirty and twenty shillings a fortnight.

Michael was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal, and he was declared medically unfit to serve in April 1917.

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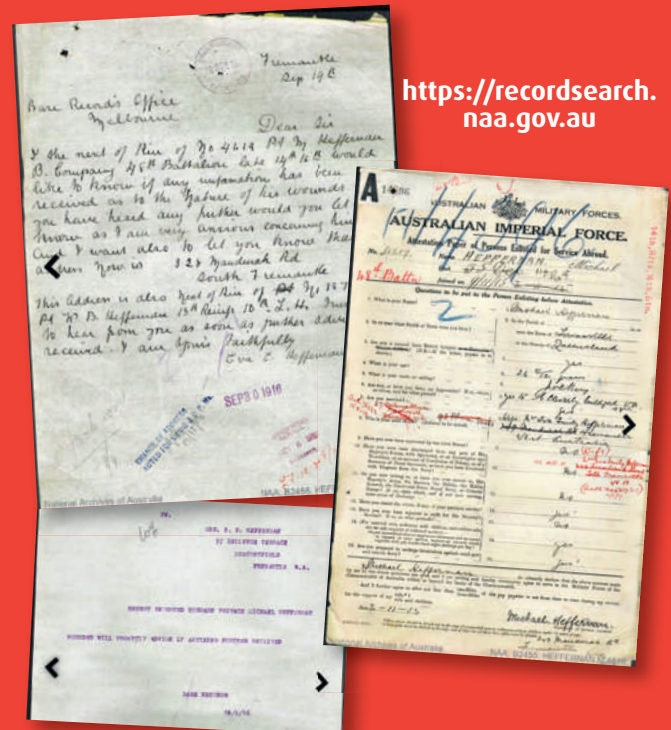


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