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# Youth homelessness

Sector leaders gathered in Midland for a state youth homelessness forum discussing findings and priorities for ending the issue in WA. **PG 4**

Indigo Junction CEO Sharon Gough with associate professor Catherine Robinson at the state forum. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

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### Thought for the day

“The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.” - H Jackson Brown Jr

### Lilac Hill a sad statement

**Dear Echo News,**  
Welcome to historic Guildford and Lilac Hill where England was playing for three days last week.  
What an embarrass-

ing statement for all the international press to witness and long-suffering ratepayers.  
**Name withheld**  
**Guildford**

### Climate and cost of power

**Dear Echo News**

The Coalition, having nailed its colours to the mast in concentrating on power costs rather than environmental damage, must now face some unenviable choices.

Day by day it becomes more obvious that renewable is the cheapest form of energy, yet non-renewable energy is high up on the menu for them.

To keep “costs” down the Labor party (as previous Coalition governments have done) has given scads of money away, in many cases, to those who don't really need it.

Since 2004 I've been building a sustainable domestic power system and thanks to recycling some old EV batteries, I'm now able to switch out of the grid and rely entirely upon solar panels and batteries, while still having back up from the grid.

I'm paying just over a dollar a day for that privilege - the largest part of my power bill.

Despite this, I'm unable to convince politicians that I, along with others don't need a “helping hand” in the form of unnecessary or unwanted power subsidies.

Please, do the sensible thing and give consumers the choice of “opting out” of receiving this largesse and redirect the money to

where it's needed such as health, homelessness, domestic violence etc.

**KG Blake**  
**Lesmurdie**

### Andrew St Reserve issues

**Dear Echo News,**

Further to the comments regarding the Andrew Street Reserve in the *Echo Newspaper* on October 24.

I contacted the City of Kalamunda in June as soon as I saw that the plots were being divided from the main Andrew Street Reserve.

I had some correspondence with the city but it seems that little can be done to save the WA Christmas tree which is just now coming in to bloom, or the mature gum trees.

Many of the letters in recent editions of the *Echo News* lament the loss of mature trees in our lovely environment, but it seems that the local council has little interest in preserving our trees, there are no tree preservation orders possible.

I find this so very sad.  
**J Pilgrim**  
**Kalamunda**

### More help for our turtles

**Dear Echo News,**

I wish the City of Kalamunda would provide a better environment for the turtles of Forrestfield.

The lake at Hartfield Park is in an awful state, the water level is very low and of poor quality.

There used to be two functioning fountains but they have been broken for months.

Meanwhile all the

sporting ovals are kept very green with excessive watering.

I'd like some of my rates to be spent on environmental issues rather than sport.

**T Turner**  
**Forrestfield**

### Does Swan represent residents?

**Dear Echo News,**

Does the City of Swan and councillors really represent the community?

The recent council endorsement of the officer's recommendation of Hazelmere Special Use Area 16 by 4/11 votes raises concerns of poor advice by their planning department to councillors.

This proposal was prepared by the private sector and not the City of Swan.

The City of Swan interprets “no objection” as “support” in their summary, this should be a separate category as it clearly does not necessarily mean “support”.

With only five supports and 34 objections, most supports were from bodies or people with vested interests, so has the council been properly advised?

Approval was given for felling trees as the planning department had “investigated” and found the trees were “non-native” despite two of the proponent's reports, and others identifying mainly natives.

How does the planning department consider this legal?

The traffic impact assessment is flawed as it offers no egress for heavy vehicles at the northern end of the N-S Spine Road.

We understand that the intention is for Stirling Crescent to be upgraded to RAV7, (triple roadtrains up to 36.5m

long), and with egress via Lloyd Street, this should have been raised by City of Swan staff in their review and DVC should have been made aware of the longer term plans.

It was revealed a major property owner concerned was not party to the proposal.

Planning also recommended the development of Lot 25 in Hazelmere despite it being reserved for future freight rail realignment.

Endorsed by council, is this risky attitude in the ratepayer's interest?

**S Ashby**  
**Woodbridge**

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Due to lack of space, the crossword will not be running in this week's edition.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Please check our website for the crossword and last week's solution.

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1. Michael Ward as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (Appointment by DFES under Section 38A)
2. Steven Lake as Deputy Chief Bush Control Officer

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Bush Fire Control Officer 1 (FCO 1)	Andrew Haselden
Bush Fire Control Officer 2 (FCO 2)	David Windsor
Bush Fire Control Officer 3 (FCO 3)	Michael Hall
Bush Fire Control Officer 4 (FCO 4)	Natalie Smailes
Bush Fire Control Officer 5 (FCO 5)	Peter Wilson
Bush Fire Control Officer 6 (FCO 6)	Mark Jeans
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Bush Fire Control Officer 7 (FCO 7)	Tim Parry
Bush Fire Control Officer 8 (FCO 8)	Grant Howaston
Bush Fire Control Officer 9 (FCO 9)	Declan McCubben
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Bush Fire Control Officer 12 (FCO 12)	Megan Carter
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Bush Fire Control Officer 17 (FCO 17)	Stefan Ansell
Bush Fire Control Officer 18 (FCO 18)	Sarah Stampalia
Bush Fire Control Officer 19 (FCO 19)	Philip Munckton

These appointments remain valid until 1 November 2026 unless revoked by the Chief Executive Officer in writing prior to this date. All previous appointments are hereby revoked.

**Anthony Vuleta**  
Chief Executive Officer



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# Mundaring votes to recommend SP 82 refusal

GUANHAO CHENG

**THE Shire of Mundaring voted to recommend the WA planning commission (WAPC) refuse structure plan 82 (SP82) due to negative effects on amenity, rural character, environment, traffic and bushfire safety.**

The decision went against the officer recommendation for conditional approval.

Last year, *Chidlow SP 82 sparks questions* (*Echo News*, November 22, 2024) reported on the structure plan for an application to develop 53 rural residential lots, which at the time raised concerns about bushfire risks.

The matter returned to council early in November for assessment with the specifics of subdivision to be dealt with by the WAPC at a later stage.

Three residents asked questions with concerns about SP82 during public question time and nine deputations raising concerns about the plan.

Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) administration and operations support officer Mimi Scully asked council if there was scope to remove certain building envelopes and associated access roads on the northern end of the plan, as that section abutted Chidlow's Karakamia Wildlife Sanctuary.

"This will provide a buffer between the nationally recognised sanctuary and the proposed development," she said.

Shire of Mundaring community planning manager Scott Price said the revised plan has a total of 48 lots, which was lower than the initial application and the northern access roads were recommended to be removed.

When Ms Scully raised concerns about domesticated cats around the sanctuary, Mr Price said new residents in the area were subject to shire cat laws.

The shire had recently reviewed their cat



A mob of wallabies, a woylie, and a brush-tailed possum from Karakamia Sanctuary. Pictures: Wayne Lawler/AWC

laws in line with state legislation to include containment provisions to keep cats at home and protect native species as reported in *Mundaring to review cat laws* (*Echo News*, September 26).

Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil said that however the council was still waiting for the state government to provide the updated laws to the shire so that their cat law review is legally meaningful.

When council voted to recommend WAPC refusal, Ms Scully said they were encouraged by the shire's support for the conservation work at Karakamia Sanctuary.

"Our concerns over the development are based on the density of building envelopes, infrastructure, and roads in SP82, and the impacts that they, and the associated land disturbance, will have on the wildlife pro-

ected by AWC within Karakamia Wildlife Sanctuary," she said.

"Karakamia is protected by an exclusion fence, designed to exclude introduced predators such as cats and foxes, but to allow native species such as woylies, brush-tailed possums, western pygmy possums, and brush-tailed phascogales to move from the safety of Karakamia to adjoining areas of natural habitat.

"We are also concerned about the impact of the vegetation disturbance associated with this proposal as it would be highly detrimental to these species, and the 124 different bird species who utilise the natural resources at Karakamia and this region.

"According to the structure plan's flora and fauna assessment, among other things, SP82 is said to contain 'prime breeding habitat for Carnaby's black cockatoos and

forest red-tailed black cockatoos may also breed in the area'.

"We hope that if this development does move forward, that the Shire of Mundaring is able to implement measures to improve the site's ecological footprint.

"For example, placing restrictions on domestic animals for residents such as cat-curfews, would assist in protecting the region's endemic species including South-western snake-necked turtle, brush-tailed phascogales, and echidnas.

"We are pleased by the support shown by several councillors, in ensuring that the due diligence is undertaken before any development approvals are given.

"We trust that the WAPC and Mundaring Shire will consider the concerns raised by our community at the shire meeting, when making decisions about this proposal."

## Fast track housing near train stations

**THE state government will cut red tape to drive housing development in metro train precincts to boost urban infill and unlock more land for housing around transport hubs.**

The government intends to establish the first 10 station precincts to streamline planning decisions and drive higher density near train stations.

Improvement plans and schemes will be established in up to an 800-metre radius around the 10 train stations to facilitate housing development.

The improvement schemes will establish the state as the body that sets the height and zoning density settings within the precincts, and as the responsible decision-maker.

The government has selected the first 10 stations to be subject to improvement plans and schemes which include Bassendean, Ballajura and Redcliffe.

The other locations are Carlisle, Claisebrook, Cottesloe, Glendalough, Morley, Mosman Park and Swanborne.

"While Midland station is not presently included the intention is to add further stations in the future," a spokesperson for Planning Minister John Carey said.

Consultation with local governments will ensure that development complements the character of each precinct and delivers greater housing diversity.

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said Metronet was the biggest investment in public transport in the state's history and has unlocked massive opportunities for more housing.

"More housing choice around our train station precincts will be critical to supporting our city as it grows, and implementing these improvement

plans will ensure we expedite the delivery of new developments for the benefit of the community."

Planning and Lands Minister John Carey while some councils have done great work and embraced a reform agenda, many have lacked the ability, the will or both to drive the change we need to get more housing out the door.

"We are stepping in to ensure a consistent and streamlined approach to deliver vibrant, mixed-use precincts within walking distance to stations.

"This initiative is one way we are streamlining and simplifying the planning system to accelerate housing supply."

The Town of Bassendean said the community had embraced higher density development, particularly in the CBD and along the rail corridor, for many years and this was reflected in the town's local planning scheme 11.

"The town is cautiously optimistic that it can continue to work with the Minister and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to expediate higher density residential development in the Town of Bassendean," they said.

"(Bassendean) recently enabled a 73-unit development at 1 Park Lane, opposite the train station, which is scheduled to commence construction in 2026.

"The town has three train stations within its boundary being Ashfield, Bassendean and Success Hill and is keen to discuss how the latest announcement could be a catalyst for development at already identified sites in Bassendean, and support the planning work for higher-density development around Ashfield Station, while preserving the heritage values of each area."



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#### GUANHAO CHENG

**LEADERS in the homelessness sector gathered in Midland to discuss priorities in their pre-budget submission to state government in a push to end youth homelessness.**

The theme of the November 17 forum was ending child and youth homelessness, with a range of speakers providing insights from lived experience, sector data and academic research.

The submission's five priorities included committing to a housing first model, investment in housing variety, strengthening preventative programs, establishing a youth version of the Advance to Zero initiative, and investing in lived experience.

The first priority was a housing first for youth model, which prioritised the philosophy of getting secure housing and support sorted for a client before all else.

This contrasts with current models which are pre-conditional and require applicants for housing to meet sobriety standards and other conditions before being housed.

Youth homelessness advisory council (YHAC) committee members shared at the forum their lived experiences of homelessness and difficulty accessing services without a housing first model.

"It's built on the understanding that housing is a basic human right and that young people cannot address the impacts of homelessness, mental health issues, alcohol and other drugs (AOD), family breakdown without first having a safe place to stay," 18-year-old YHAC committee member Caitlyn said.

"Young people experiencing homelessness should not have to prove that they are deserving of housing and many are already dealing with trauma and instability and system fatigue from being denied referrals over and over again.

"If services demand compliance with criteria, then our most vulnerable young people are the first people to fall through the cracks of the homelessness system.

"Stable housing gives them room to regain control and from the safety of housing, they can work on the consequences of homelessness which are mental health, broken family relationships, education and employment that aligns with their own journey.

"It's self-determination, giving young people agency rather than forcing them into adult centred systems.

"This is especially important in Western Australia where every day between 63 to 77 young people need crisis accommodation but only 1.3 beds are available.

"A youth specific housing first approach recognises that young people need support to reconnect with family and relationships and where safe re-engage with school or training access employment pathways, learn life skills and build a sense of identity beyond being homeless.

"They can do that from the safety of housing without having to worry that that will be taken away from them if they don't meet conditions.

"The government should invest in housing first for youth because it's evidence based, cost effective and it reduces the strain on crisis systems.

"By addressing youth homelessness early and in a way that's appropriate for young people, we reduce future reliance on crisis services and improve educational and employment outcomes and prevent

chronic adult homelessness from emerging."

When asked about the barriers the committee members personally faced while accessing crisis accommodation as a young person, all committee members agreed barriers were there.

YHAC committee member Sully said he resonated with other members Kaya and Brooke's experience of the emotional toll of being rejected after being given a sliver of hope.

"From personal experience, having mental health issues in the homeless sector makes it very difficult," he said.

"A lot of crisis places have barriers and certain criteria you have to meet and unfortunately people coming off the streets into these places probably have severe mental health issues or AOD usage.

"So, (crisis centres) might say, 'Yes, you can come in for a referral,' and like (committee members) Brooke and Kaya were saying, you go in for an assessment and get your hopes up but they reject you because they find you have a mental health or AOD issue or your needs are too complex or whatever.

"It's just that constant rejection which makes you feel like you don't matter, like no one cares and you end up feeling invisible, so you create behaviours to protect yourself which makes it even harder."

University of Tasmania communities and social justice associate professor Catherine Robinson brought interstate perspective and spoke about the invisibility of unaccompanied homeless children in current systems, the problems with the term "youth homelessness" and the urgent need to focus on intervention.

Dr Robinson said the term "youth homelessness" was misleading as the life-stage differences between a 12-year-old and a 20-year-old meant both had very different needs.

Yet, current systems grouping both age-groups under the umbrella term of "youth" meant that children experiencing homelessness at the lower end of the age range weren't receiving adequate support.

"If you're 12, a 20-year-old is like your grandpa," Dr Robinson said.

"In their view, they're a threat, so that younger cohort are avoiding the support service system because even if they know about it, they don't want to go there because it's scary.

"Our historical attachment to the idea of the homeless youth has gotten in the way of us being specific about the developmental needs of homeless children unaccompanied by a parent or guardian."

Dr Robinson encouraged early intervention and for the sector to work with schools to identify at risk children before the cycle of homelessness began.

She pointed to projects such as the Geelong Project which operated through the community of schools and services model to help support families to nip the issue before it reached crisis point.

Although, intervention programs such as the Reconnect government program and services like Ruby's existed, Dr Robinson said there needed to be more sector collaboration with schools without putting pressure on teachers to get involved.

The Child Poverty in Australia 2025 report found an increase of 33,000 children living in poverty in the state over the past three years with the rising cost of housing being the main reason.

More information on sector priorities to end youth homelessness can be found on the full submission document on YACWA's website.



YHAC committee members Caitlyn, Brooke, Sully and Kaya shared their experiences of youth homelessness with YHAC coordinator Tom. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

## State homelessness sector leaders gather in Midland



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# Residents start Brooking Road extension petition

PETER W LEWIS

**PARKERVILLE** and Stoneville residents have launched a petition to the Shire of Mundaring demanding a ratepayers' meeting with the chief executive officer and engineers to explain the design and impacts of the Brooking Road extension.

As reported in *Mundaring road extension criticism over Nth Stoneville link* (Echo News, Nov 7) residents raised concerns following the announcement by Bullwinkel Trish Cook two weeks ago that the federal government would contribute \$1.5 million to the project.

Stoneville Parkerville Progress Association (SPPA) has urged residents to sign the petition before Saturday, November 22 to secure consultation with the shire to raise awareness around the impacts.

Local resident and SPPA member Yvonne Blyth said she had been told the intended road could be significantly elevated, perhaps up to four metres high right behind her house, with dirt embankments directly up against her property fence lines.

"There has been minimal to no community consultation on what is a very significant project cutting alongside many Parkerville

properties, and requiring destruction of established habitat trees," Mrs Blyth said.

"The shire claimed more than 150 letters went out to the community earlier this year, but most residents on Falls Road know nothing of this project. One lady, who's been here 50 years, had no idea the road would be so built up, and another, who's been on Richardson Road opposite Gliddon Road, for 60 years, has not received any communication from the shire."

Mrs Blyth said residents on Owen Road also expressed their disbelief with no communication from the shire.

"The Brooking Road extension runs from Owen/Victoria Road, to Richardson Road West, crossing the Jane Brook, a pristine natural environment with an identified population of critically endangered Western Swamp Tortoise."

She said the Railway Reserve and Brookside Park, and Falls Park, Friends groups, along with the Jane Brook Catchment Group remain unadvised by the shire as to any impending works, including two new bridges for the Brooking Road extension and Falls Road replacement.

Residents met on Sunday afternoon to discuss the matter, with local councillor Ben



Parkerville residents met on the weekend and resolved to start a petition.

Heptinstall also attending.

The residents have launched a petition to present to the next full council meeting on December 9 seeking an information meeting with the shire at Parkerville Pavilion.

The petition asks the Shire of Mundaring chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker to organise a comprehensive public briefing to explain the final design plans, address road embankment heights and drainage works, and the scale of environmental clearing and potential impacts on the Jane Brook catch-

ment, including the endangered Western Swamp tortoise.

A two-week pause on the intended bulldozing of the trees expires next Tuesday.

"The residents have resolved that no work should be done until the community has seen the final plans and designs, and the scale and impacts of the project are clearly presented to local residents."

Petitions can be found at Whites Mill and Grind Café, Stoneville Fresh Supermarket, The Parkerville Tavern and Begonia Pets.

## Brooking Road extension paused pending a full briefing

BRAYDEN MOULD

**THE Shire of Mundaring** has voted for a complete cessation of works for the Brooking Road extension and Falls Road Bridge replacement until a full briefing can be investigated.

The motion, which was put forward to the council at their ordinary council meeting on November 11, was carried in a vote of eight to one, with the briefing scheduled to be delivered to council within the next two weeks.

As a result of the vote, the council have requested an immediate pause on all activities associated with the extension and bridge re-

placement, which will remain in effect until the detailed report is reviewed.

The comprehensive briefing will detail the proposed road elevation and its impact on residential amenity, potential flooding and runoff impacts, hydrological and ecological consequences, the extent of tree clearing and canopy loss, and the outcomes of community engagement.

The motion to cease was first moved by Cr Mehta who wished for further clarity on the proposed extension and its impact on local residents.

"What I am asking for is a... short pause so that we as a council have information in front

of us," she said on the council floor.

"So that when we do proceed, we do so with confidence and the community beside us."

"To do that, we the council need to clearly understand what is planned, what it means for nearby residents, and what they environmental implications are before we commence the project."

"These concerns go at the heart of community confidence in the project, when residents are unsure or feel they have incomplete information, it undermines trust in the process."

Only one councillor spoke against the motion, as Cr Cicchini highlighted the previous

extensive reporting done on the proposed extension.

"We have had two briefings (already)... in September and May... on this extension," she said.

"The (issues) that... are raised in the briefing are actually quite clear in the clearing permit which was given on October 18 2021... a lot of those things are actually addressed."

"We have such a bottleneck on Byfield (Road) and Roland (Road)... this extension is something that is needed."

The full briefing is expected to be reviewed at the next ordinary council meeting on December 9.

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# New shot-hole borer quarantine areas

A NEW specialist team will help the Western Australian community to manage trees impacted by polyphagous shot-hole borer, as new quarantine areas come into effect.

A new quarantine area notice came into effect on Friday, November 14 for the entire Perth metropolitan area to minimise the spread of the borer

The new capacity building and training team will support landholders, industry and local governments, as the national biosecurity response transitions to long term management of the borer.

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) deputy director general biosecurity and emergency management Mia Carbon said the specialist team included four units, each dedicated to either local government, industry, community and general information.

“They will deliver an integrated pest management program, along with training, technical workshops and community education to help prepare for long-term management,” Dr Carbon said.

“The team will also work with arborists, nurseries and the horticulture industry to ensure they have the latest tools and knowledge to manage the borer.”

It comes as the national management group met this week to finalise the transition to management (T2M) plan, after determining earlier this year that shot-hole borer was no longer technically feasible to eradicate.

It was agreed that the transition to management response would be cost shared by the commonwealth, states and territories.

Under the T2M, a new quarantine area notice came into effect on Friday, November 14 for the entire Perth metropolitan area to minimise the spread of the borer.

The quarantine area will have an inner ‘management zone’, which covers the main area of borer infestation, and an outer ‘containment zone’, where there are very low levels of infestation.

Landholders in the ‘management zone’ will not be required to remove trees affected by the borer.

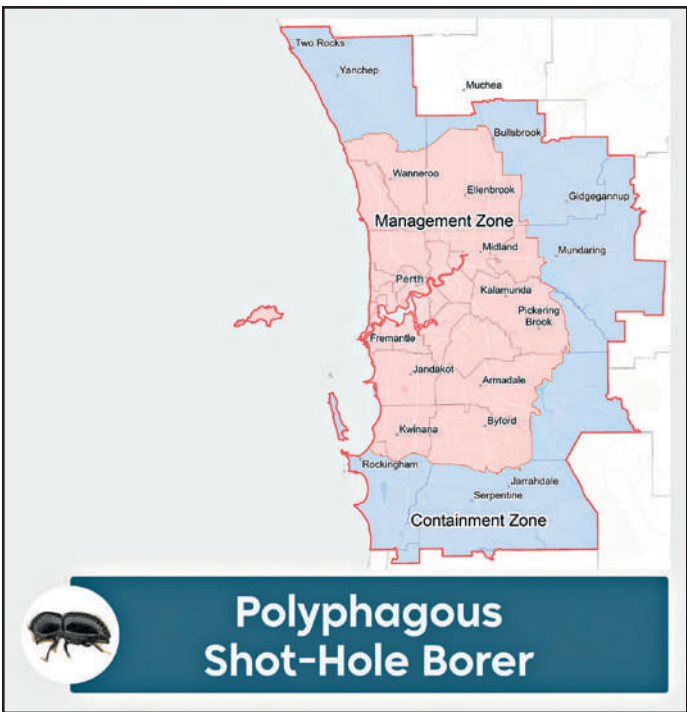
It will be their responsibility to manage their own trees and decide on management options – as with other existing plant pests or diseases – supported by DPIRD’s advice and training program.

The national response will no longer undertake tree removal or pruning in the ‘management zone’.

In the ‘containment zone’, DPIRD will identify and prioritise the pruning and removal of infested trees.

Maps, including an interactive map on the DPIRD website, will be made available for landholders to understand which zone they are in and what that means for management of their trees.

DPIRD is working directly with owners of infested trees that were designated for pruning or removal during the eradication phase of the response.



A map of the new shot-hole borer quarantine area showing the containment and management zones. An interactive map is available on the DPIRD website.

In these cases, landowners will have the option for DPIRD to prune or remove the tree at no cost or to retain and manage the tree themselves.

Dr Carbon said in addition to the national cost-shared funding, the state government has provided \$2.5 million to support local government efforts to manage infested trees in the inner metropolitan management zone.

Movement restrictions on firewood, green waste and untreated plant material still apply – these controls are fundamental to helping protect WA’s horticultural and regional areas.

“Early detection and management of high-risk infestations, particularly in the containment zone, remain critical to managing the spread and impact of shot-hole borer,” Dr Carbon said.

“Effective biosecurity needs everyone to work together and continue to report suspect detections through the MyPestGuide Reporter app.

“Landowners can also access information, training and guidance through the app, on DPIRD’s website or via the PSHB information line on 9368 3080.

“By working together, we will have the best chance of limiting the spread of the borer.”

## Green waste restrictions in effect across metro area

BRAYDEN MOULD

WITH the establishment of new quarantine zones in the Perth metropolitan area, further restrictions on the transport of plant materials has been put into effect.

The inner management zone of the quarantine area covers areas of Ellenbrook, Midland, and Kalamunda, while the outer containment zone covers areas of Mundaring and Gidgegannup.

Movement restrictions between the new areas for firewood, green waste, and untreated plant material have been applied.

These restrictions encompass host plant material such as unseasoned wood, green waste and mulch that is larger than 2.5cm in diameter, and live plants with woody stems greater than 2cm in diameter.

A DPIRD spokesperson said that preventing the spread of shot hole borer is a responsibility of everyone in the community.

“Untreated or unseasoned firewood, green waste, mulch, live plants and plant materials must not be moved from the management zone to the containment zone and/or from the containment zone to outside the quarantine area,” they said.

“Machinery, equipment and vehicles used to process or handle wood, including mulching and chipping, must be thoroughly cleaned of all wood and plant material, before being moved.

“Everyone has an important role to play in preventing the spread of shot hole borer and minimising its impact. Adhering to movement restrictions and reporting suspect infestations are key to helping prevent the spread of the pest to the rest of the state.

“Anyone in the containment zone or outside the quarantine area who suspects a tree may be infested should report it via DPIRD’s MyPestGuide Reporter app or to the Pest and Disease Information Service at padis@dpiird.wa.gov.au or call 08 9368 3080.

“Landholders can determine what zone they are located in by consulting an interactive map on the DPIRD website.”

For access to the interactive quarantine map visit [www.dpiird.wa.gov.au](http://www.dpiird.wa.gov.au)



## Kalamunda Readers Festival

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### Notice of Meeting - Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee

In accordance with section 5.25(1)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 12 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, notice is given that a meeting of the City of Kalamunda Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee will be held in the Council Chambers at the City of Kalamunda Administration Centre located at 2 Railway Road Kalamunda, on:

**Tuesday 2 December 2025 commencing at 5:00pm**

The Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meeting is open to the public unless otherwise specified in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*.

**Anthony Vuleta**  
Chief Executive Officer



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Uploop participants at the Malaga recycling centre. Picture: DG Media

## Upcycling creates jobs and meaning for disadvantaged

MIKE PEETERS

LOOP Upcycling in Malaga is WA’s first corporate upcycling social and repurposing enterprise, transforming discarded uniforms and materials from companies like Fortescue Mining, Virgin Airlines and Transperth into new products.

Some of the newly created items include laptop sleeves, tote bags, and even teddy bears made from FIFO uniforms, which Fortescue gives to families.

Other items are bought back by the companies as staff gifts or merchandise, creating a circular economy model that reduces landfill and creates meaningful employment for people from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

Loop Upcycling chief executive officer Franco Randazzo said they had already empowered more than 100 individuals from refugee, migrant, domestic violence and justice-impacted backgrounds to help rebuild confidence, skills and financial independence through meaningful work.

“As a social enterprise, Loop has an environmental benefit, as well as a social benefit,” Mr Randazzo said.

“We’re proving that waste can be a resource and that circularity can drive real social change.

“To date, we’ve supported more than 85 businesses across industries - from mining and construction to government and professional services - including partners like Fortescue, Woodside, HBF, Metronet and 7-Eleven.”

He added that the enterprise had diverted more than 4450kg of textiles from landfill, transforming redundant uniforms and materials into something of value again.

“We’re proving that waste can be a resource and that circularity can drive real social change.

“We are also hoping to change the traditional mindset about upcycling to help both government and other organisations realise that it is not always more expensive to upcycle, and the benefits for both the participants and organisations can be both real and tangible.”



## RSL WA Ellenbrook sub branch seeks new home

MIKE PEETERS

**ELLENBROOK RSL sub-branch president Stephen O'Neil recently met with Swan Hills MLA Michelle Maynard, the City of Swan and other interested parties to discuss the possibility of a permanent home for the sub branch.**

Mr O'Neil said the issue had been going on for years, with the current sub branch venue at Charlottes Vineyard Community Centre in Ellenbrook being both temporary and inadequate.

"My vision is to acquire a venue where the accommodation could be shared with the Ellenbrook Scout Group, who have also never had a permanent venue to conduct training or for equipment storage and business," he said.

"Another group we would welcome to share with is the 500 ACU Ellenbrook cadets."

He said the new venue would give all of the groups somewhere to belong.

"My wish is that the Ellenbrook sub branch could be assigned a portion of land near the Ellenbrook District Open Space (EDOS).

"This would also enable the storage of items required for the annual ANZAC Dawn Service and the Gunfire Breakfast held after the service."

He said he hoped the City of Swan could provide a

peppercorn lease for the groups using the facility to conduct their community business.

"The City of Swan could also lease a portion of the facility when the assigned community groups do not require it," Mr O'Neil said.

He said the new facility would need to allow items of equipment, honours awards and memorabilia to be securely housed in areas that prevented unnecessary access to those items.

"We have a vision to establish a venue which will provide our sub branch and the community in general with a place where both the veteran and general community can offer their thoughts, provide donations, and interact with veterans from all types of situations.

"This would allow our sub branch to have a better identity in the community and assist other organisations, cadets and scouts to establish a place they can also call home."

Swan Hills MLA Michelle Maynard said RSLs were an important part of the Western Australian community, uniting generations through respect, service, and mateship.

"Since being elected eight months ago, I have met numerous times with the RSL sub branch, alongside federal and local governments, to help Ellenbrook RSL find a solution." **Cont. page 19.**



Phil Warren, a Vietnam conscript, stands with Stephen O'Neil and Ellenbrook RSL PR Manager James Eusebio in one of the two rooms the RSL has been allocated at the Charlottes Vineyard Community Centre. Picture: Gera Kazakov



Artist impression of the new Midland Station.

## New Midland station on track to open in February

**THE final Metronet rail infrastructure project, the soon to be completed Midland train station will open on Sunday, February 22 with a community event.**

Before the new station opens, there will be a 31-day partial shutdown of the Midland line between Bassendean and Midland from Thursday, January 22 to allow critical works to take place, including the demolition of the current station.

Train replacement services will operate between Bassendean and Midland during the partial shutdown, before the line reopens to a brand new, state-of-the-art station in Midland.

Additional infrastructure will allow for bus replacement services to operate from Bassendean station during the rail shutdown, as the current interchange does not have enough bus stands or supporting infrastructure to manage that demand.

"The temporary infrastructure is necessary to ensure reliable, efficient, and safe services for passengers," a spokesperson said.

The Morrison Road level crossing will also be closed during the shutdown, with traffic management in place to help road users travel within the area.

The new station has been relocated to the east of the current station location and features a contemporary design with a pedestrian overpass connecting the north and south sides of the rail corridor, a kiosk, passenger toilets, two bike shelters, and a new bus interchange.

There will be a partial opening of the new bus interchange from next month.

The new bus interchange will feature 12 bus stands, toilets, and customer service facilities, as well as community-designed artwork across the canopy panels, undertaken by local artists connected with Indigo Junction. **Cont. page 19.**

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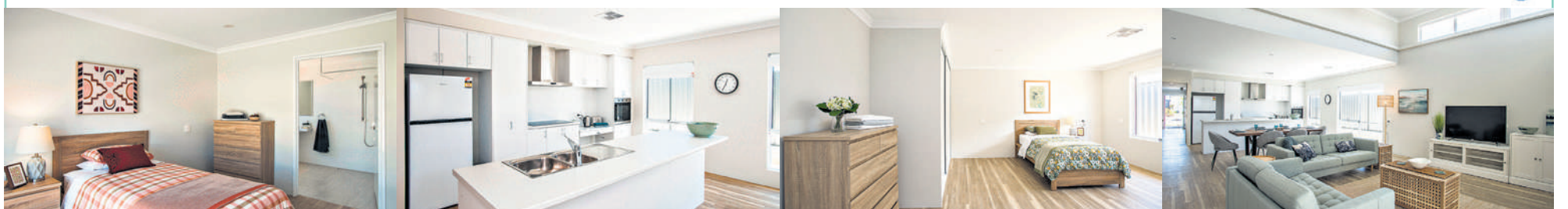
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# Don't risk your life by relying on scheme water during bushfires



**WATER Corporation is reminding residents in bushfire-prone areas around Perth not to rely on scheme water if staying to defend their property during a bushfire.**

Bushfires can damage water infrastructure and cause power outages, which means scheme water may stop without warning. High demand during emergencies can also reduce water pressure and quickly empty local tanks, even in areas far from the fire front.

Perth Field Services head Mark Crabtree said leaving early is always the safest option, but those who choose to stay need to be fully prepared.

"Our water network is designed to provide drinking water to the community, not to fight bushfires," Mr Crabtree said.

"Defending a property requires more planning and equipment than many people realise, including an independent water supply of at least

20,000 litres and a generator with enough fuel to operate a pump."

The Bureau of Meteorology's climate outlook for summer 2025-26 forecasts hotter than normal conditions across Perth with a high chance of extreme heat and likely dry conditions, increasing the chance of bushfires.

Water Corporation undertakes a number of activities throughout the year to reduce risk to critical infrastructure during a bushfire.

This includes clearing land and access tracks within and around pump stations, storage areas and catchments, and having generators and emergency water carters on standby.

However, during a bushfire, it may not be safe for crews to access or repair damaged assets.

For more information on how bushfires affect water supply, visit: [watercorporation.com.au](http://watercorporation.com.au) and search 'bushfire'.

## Spagnolo accuses Minister of denying opposition Midland Fire Station access



**BRAYDEN MOULD**

**WITH the Perth Hills facing an elevated fire risk this season, a dispute over access to the Midland Fire Station has escalated to the floor of parliament.**

Anthony Spagnolo MLC publicly accused the Emergency Services Minister Paul Papalia of deliberately obstructing parliamentary safety inspections.

In a speech delivered in the Legislative Council last week, Mr Spagnolo detailed a drawn-out, month-long saga of correspondence and scheduling conflicts, claiming a simple visit to meet Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) personnel had been made unnecessarily difficult.

"Bushfires do not respect electorate boundaries and nor should bureaucratic gatekeeping," he said on the floor of the Legislative Council.

"This issue should not be political, it should be about safety and transparency.

"Labor ministers should not treat bushfire safety like some kind of political football.

"The Perth Hills face a dangerous summer and residents deserve assurance that their representatives are working together with DFES to ensure their safety."

The request to visit the Midland station – a critical hub for the Perth Hills – was first submitted on September 11 by the offices of Mr Spagnolo, opposition spokesperson Rob Horstman MLC, and Kalamunda MLA Adam Hort.

Mr Spagnolo stressed that physical station visits are crucial as they allow elected members to assess on-the-ground readiness, speak directly with frontline personnel about equipment and training needs, and bring firsthand insights back to Parliament.

"Preparing for the upcoming bushfire season is important," he said.

"As is the need for members of Parliament to have fair access to fire stations and frontline workers.

"Visits... are essential... they enable elected members to meet frontline personnel, to understand resource and training needs, and to bring firsthand insights back to Parliament on behalf of the people we represent."

Mr Spagnolo documented seven follow-up attempts to the Minister's office between September 25 and November 5, offering multiple dates for the three parliamentarians to visit the station.

He claims, however, the only date approved was November 5, a date which was only communicated to his office by the Minister for Emergency Services the afternoon of November 4.

"Given that we were given less than 12 hours' notice, we were obviously not available to visit the station the next day," Mr Spagnolo said.

Opposition spokesperson for Emergency Services, Rob Horstman was outraged at the implied lack of respect in the last-minute notice.

"To give us only twelve hours' notice after two months of requests is not only impractical, it is disrespectful to the seriousness of the issue," he said.

"I live more than 450 kilometres from Perth, and was fully prepared to make the drive to meet with DFES personnel at Midland Fire Station.

"What I find astonishing is that while I was willing to travel this far to ensure our communities are prepared for bushfire season, the Minister, who lives in Perth, could not provide a reasonable or timely approval."

*Echo News* contacted Minister Paul Papalia's office who declined to comment.



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## Western Power prepared for summer season

**EXTREME** heat and severe weather are not confined to the summer months and so while summer is just around the corner, Western Power has been working year-round to ensure the network is prepared for the impact these conditions can have on electricity supply.

Every year the corporation undertakes a \$1 billion comprehensive package of maintenance programs and bushfire mitigation works to prepare the network for extreme weather events.

"Prolonged high temperatures, summer storms and bushfires can have a significant impact on the network, which is why we do everything we can to prepare, delivering key upgrades and mitigation works which increase the resilience of our network," a spokesperson said.

These works include comprehensive maintenance of poles and wires, as well as bushfire mitigation programs such as network inspections and timely condition remediation, adjustments to switching patterns to manage demand, and vegetation management near power lines.

"Reliability continues to be a key focus for our business, especially considering the complex and increasing challenges of climate change impacts and extreme weather events," they said.

Western Power executive Gair Landsborough said demand on the network during summer was continually increasing.

"Over the last two summers we've experienced the top 10 highest demand days in the history of the network, and while 100 per cent reliability can never be guaranteed, we do everything we can to maintain reliability of 99.92 per cent even with the



increasing demand.

"We know outages over summer can be inconvenient and uncomfortable, and our targeted year-round works programs are aimed at minimising the chance of outages occurring. We work to ensure we have additional resources where required and mobile specialist staff along with emergency response generators where possible.

"We're constantly enhancing our capacity to respond to emergency events, adopting a cloud-based emergency management solution, bringing us in line with DFES and WA Police, increasing our inter-agency cooperation with organisations like DFES, and working closely with the Bureau of Meteorology to obtain detailed weather briefings to prepare for unique extreme weather conditions that impact our network," Mr Landsborough said.



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## Perth hills business funds food relief

BRAYDEN MOULD

**A HILLS-based small business, Plenty Gifting has begun addressing the challenge of food insecurity through their profit-for-purpose business model.**

Founded in 2020, by Lesmurdie local Anushka van der Veen, the organisation delivers home-made, chef-prepared meals across the Perth metro area, with 100 per cent of the profits going to local food relief programs.

Ms van der Veen established Plenty Gifting with the aim of flipping the commercial model, redirecting business revenue towards community good.

"We harness the power of our meal gifting service to help fund local emergency food relief programs in WA," she said.

"Instead of creating our own... we realised that the world doesn't need more food relief programs. Existing food relief programs need more support."

The business offers its meals as a practical and meaningful alternative to flowers and hampers. Ms van der Veen notes that food provides essential

support during challenging times.

"A lot of our recipients are going through quite challenging seasons in life. We do a lot of deliveries to parents of newborns... and to families who have someone experiencing a really significant health challenge," she said.

"Having the night off, having to not worry about cooking dinner for the family is a huge relief."

With Social Enterprise Day on November 20, Ms van der Veen sees Plenty Gifting as the first step in a wider shift toward social investment.

"I think there's definitely ways, even for existing businesses, to partner with social enterprises," Ms van der Veen said.

"They don't have to be social enterprises themselves, but they can always support existing social enterprises in the same way."

Ms van der Veen says that everyone has the ability to invest in businesses that do good.

"I would encourage readers to think about how they invest in the economy."

"Find small businesses, small organisations that are doing good things to help build a community they can be a part of," she said.



Plenty Gifting founder Anushka van der Veen out delivering meals.

## Media award for former *Echo* cadet



**FORMER *Echo News* cadet journalist Andrew Williams has taken the Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance's (MEAA) Eaves-Prior-Day Prize award for new journalist or cadet at the recent awards ceremony.**

Mr Williams who started his journalism career as a cadet at the *Echo* last year is now based with the ABC in Esperance.

He was recognised for several stories including his reporting on the revelation authorities were aware electronic monitoring of alleged violent offenders outside Perth was not possible.

Another former cadet journalist with the *Echo* Gera Kazakov has been based in Alice Springs for the last two years working for the NT News.

Former *Echo News* cadet journalist Andrew Williams receiving his award.



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The Kookaburra Collective Inc. are a group of seven hills residents that wished to see the outdoor cinema live on for the community.

## Kookaburra Cinema saved by a community non-profit

**KOOKABURRA Cinema is under new ownership as the Kookaburra Collaborative Inc. take charge of operations following long-time operator Peter Foyster's farewell to the iconic venue.**

On October 21, hills residents Lyndsay Clement and Janette Huston were able to secure the support and funding to keep the outdoor cinema operating in the community.

Then the first meeting of the seven hills community members who would take ownership of the cinema, including Ms Clement and Huston, took place on October 26.

"It has been a non-stop whirlwind to get incorporated and documents sorted before the planned opening night of Friday, November 21," Kooka-

burra Collaborative Inc. member Lori Myles said. "That's only one month since those first phone calls were made."

The Kookaburra Collaborative Inc. said their vision for the cinema was to have it thrive as a community-led, not-for-profit cinema run by and for the hills community.

"As the cinema is a not-for-profit, we will be looking for volunteers to help on the nights and during the week," they said.

"If you have skills you would like to share, please contact us."

"We would love to hear from you."

Interested residents may contact the new owners for volunteering opportunities via [admin@kookaburracinema.com.au](mailto:admin@kookaburracinema.com.au)



# Hello Swan View



## Welcome to the Nido Early School Swan View Leadership Team

We're proud to be part of the Swan View community and to continue creating a place where curiosity, connection, and care come to life. At Nido Early School Swan View, we believe Every Day Matters, because every day shapes the person your child will become. That's why we invest in every child, every day, with safe, inspiring environments and experiences that turn learning into a lifelong journey.

### Executive Service Manager - Casey Dawson

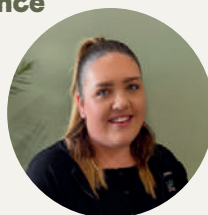
With 26 years of experience in early childhood education and over 5 years with Nido, Casey leads our Swan View team with empathy, insight, and a deep commitment to child safety and wellbeing. A Diploma-qualified educator, Casey has worked across many roles in the sector, bringing a wealth of knowledge and care to her leadership. Casey believes belonging and trust are the foundation for all learning.



"I'm passionate about creating environments where children feel safe, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential. Building meaningful relationships with families, children, and my team is at the heart of what I do."

### Family Advocate - Kym Patience

With 12 years of experience and more than 5 years with Nido, Kym brings compassion and strong community spirit to her role. Diploma-qualified and experienced across multiple positions, Kym understands the early years from every angle. "I love building strong, trusting relationships with families. As both an educator and a parent whose children have grown up within Nido, I know what families hope to feel when they walk through our doors, which is kindness, connection, and support."



### Curriculum Leader - Casey Holland

With 9 years in early childhood education and over 5 years with Nido also, Casey brings a deep passion for child-led learning to her role. Diploma-qualified and experienced across a variety of roles, she now guides her team in creating engaging programs inspired by the Nido Curriculum and the Reggio Emilia philosophy. "I've always loved being part of those early, formative years. Together with my team, we're building a community where children are confident, curious, and connected, I'm excited to strengthen our ties with the wider Swan View community."



### Our Service Philosophy

At Nido Swan View, child-led learning happens every day. Our teachers follow each child's wonder, listening, guiding and encouraging them to explore their interests. Our unique curriculum is developed with families and guided by the Reggio Emilia approach. Every day, we support children to grow as curious, capable learners. Our light-filled classrooms and natural outdoor spaces invite exploration, creativity, and connection. From infants forming strong bonds and discovering their world through sensory play, to pre-schoolers investigating nature, sustainability, and community through collaborative learning, every experience is tailored to each child's interests and developmental needs. Connection is at the heart of everything we do. We work closely with families to ensure smooth transitions and a true sense of belonging. Children are engaged in decisions that affect them, fostering confidence, inclusion, and respect.

### Step inside Nido Swan View

Meet the team and experience Nido first-hand at our next Twilight Tour on 26 November at 6:30pm. Nido Early School is located at the Swan View Shopping Centre, 40 Marlboro Road, Swan View. Or visit [nido.edu.au/swanview](http://nido.edu.au/swanview) to schedule a private tour. We can't wait to welcome you.

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## 2025 Outstanding Enterprise Award winners

**Excellence in Tourism & Events:** Rollerrama, **Excellence in Hospitality:** Lawnbrook Estate, **Outstanding Independent Retailer:** The People's Produce, **Excellence Online:** The People's Produce, **Outstanding Not-for-Profit:** The Aliyah Mae Foundation, **Outstanding Personal Services:** MeWish Brow + Beauty, **Outstanding Professional Services:** Kalamunda Veterinary Hospital, **Outstanding Trade Specialist:** Pryceless Plumbing, **Outstanding Allied Healthcare Services joint winners:** Mead Physio and LifeLift, **Outstanding Community Activation:** Perth Observatory & Perth Sky Sculpture Park, **Outstanding Local Product:** Karri Studio, **People's Choice Award:** Rollerrama, **Excellence in Environmental Sustainability:** A Style A Head, **Business Person of the Year:** Anies Clarenc of The People's Produce, **Business Station Emerging Enterprise of the Year:** Bickley Tree Stay, **Chairperson's Enterprise of the Year:** Community Bank Forrestfield.



## Kalamunda awards celebrate excellence

THE winners have been announced for the Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce 2025 Outstanding Enterprise Awards, recognising the exceptional achievements of local businesses and individuals who exemplify innovation, leadership, and community spirit.

This year's awards saw a record number of participants, highlighting the continued growth and evolution of the region's vibrant business community.

Of the 16 category winners, an impressive 15 were first-time recipients, demonstrating the depth of emerging excellence across Kalamunda and surrounds.

The Chamber also acknowledge the invaluable support of their sponsors, particularly major sponsor, CD Dodd, for making the event possible.

Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce Chairperson

Jon Elbery said small business was the engine room of the state's economy.

"Behind every successful enterprise lies a story of courage, commitment and creativity. The awards not only recognise business success, they celebrate the visionaries who have chosen the more challenging path of creating opportunity and building enterprises that enrich our community and underpin Kalamunda's economic prosperity," Mr Elbery said.

"What was clear from this year's award submissions is that profit alone is not the primary motivator. Our local business owners are driven by purpose, passion and a sense of contribution."

Kalamunda Chamber CEO Tania Both said she was proud to see record participation in this year's awards and to see the diversity of the community truly reflected in the winners.

## Perth Observatory is shining brightly

THE Perth Observatory Volunteer Group has been honoured with the 2025 Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce Community Activation Award, recognising excellence in community activation through events, programs and initiatives that build relationships within the community.

In the state forest at Bickley, the Observatory welcomes up to 20,000 visitors each year, offering a rich blend of astronomy, heritage, and hands-on science experiences.

Since 2015, more than 180 dedicated volunteers, supported by DBCA, have helped transform the site into a vibrant hub of learning, culture, and tourism.

From Night Sky Tours and astrophotography workshops to school programs, children's activities, offsite community events, and partnerships like Astrofest and the Bickley Harvest Festival, the Observatory continues to engage audiences of all ages. Volunteers deliver world-class experiences with warmth, passion, and knowledge, ensuring visitors leave inspired by the universe.




This award recognises the Observatory's extensive outreach, its commitment to preserving Western Australia's scientific heritage, and its work to expand STEM into STEAM through the development of a Sculpture Park, while also fostering sustainable tourism.

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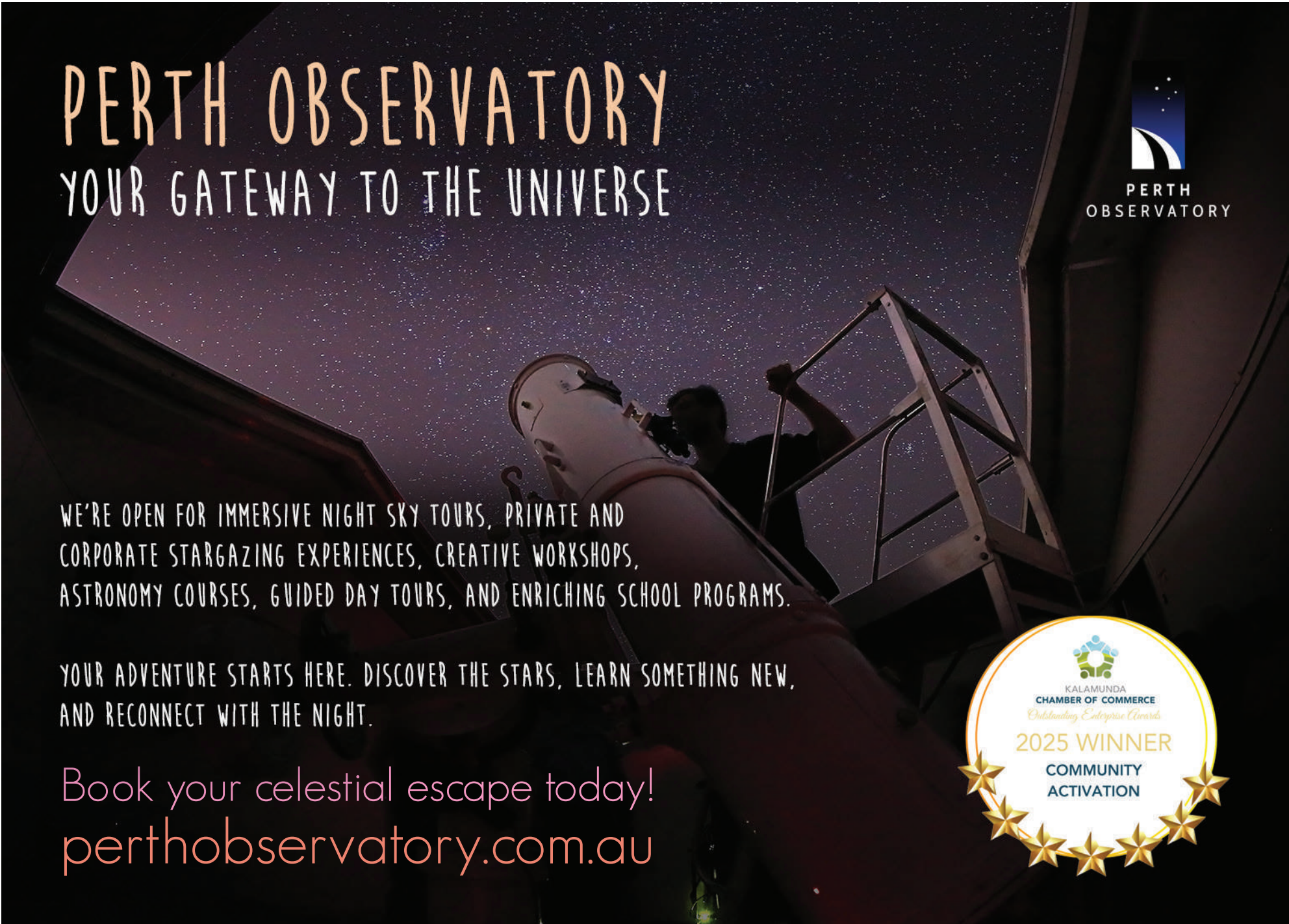


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detail, and our ongoing passion for creating meaningful experiences in nature.

In addition, we have been approved from a Tourism Western Australia (Tourism WA) for the Unique Tourist Accommodation Proposals (UTAP) program, which includes funding for bushfire assessment and flora and fauna studies. This exciting support will help

us progress toward building eco-friendly accommodations, allowing more visitors to enjoy the tranquility and natural beauty of Bickley in an environmentally conscious way.

Whether you're seeking a romantic getaway, a nature-filled break, or a cosy stay close to award-winning wineries, Bickley Tree Stay welcomes you.

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Our moto, "everyone deserves a vet they can trust", resonates strongly in a time when corporate owner-



ship of vet clinics is reshaping much of the veterinary landscape.




As we celebrate this achievement, we also extend our congratulations to the other Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce award winners. Their successes highlight the high standards of all of our local businesses. All of us driven by hard work, passion, and a genuine commitment to the Hills community.



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Leaving her accounting career behind, Mehwish pursued her Diploma in Beauty Therapy, followed by certifications in advanced facials, microneedling, lymphatic and reflexology massage facials, lash lifts, lash extensions, and Inkless Scar Revision

(ISR) – where she is now fully certified.

This year, her dedication was recognised when she won the Outstanding Personal Service Award, a true reflection of the care and expertise she brings to every client.

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### The Peoples Produce wins three awards

**We are incredibly proud to share that The Peoples Produce has been honoured with three awards at the 2025 Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Enterprise Awards, Excellence Online, Outstanding Independent Retailer, and Business Person of the Year, awarded to our very own Anies.**

For us, this recognition is deeply personal. “We started the Peoples Produce as farmers wanting a better way to feed our community, wanting to sell direct to the public and bypass the conventional system,” says co-founder Kieran Daly.

From our markets to our home deliveries, from curated produce boxes to the community support we give quietly behind the scenes, everything we do is built on people, not profit. Our belief has always been simple, good food should be accessible to all, clean, local and grown with love.

As Anies always says “No one should ever have to worry about how to feed their families, our success as

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## National disc golf championships bring best to Mundaring



The Australian Disc Golf Championships come to Mundaring this weekend. Pictures: Chris Himing and Peter Adams-Shawn

**MUNDARING** is set to take centre stage in the Australian disc golf calendar this week, with the Prodigy Australian Disc Golf Championships 2025 (ADGC25) taking place at Mundaring Sporting Club from Thursday, November 20 until Sunday, November 23.

The nation's premier disc golf event will bring players, supporters, and families to the Perth Hills for a week of elite competition, community activity, and local celebration.

This year's championships are jointly delivered by Sunset Coast Disc Golf Club, Perth Disc Golf Club, and Mundaring Sporting Club Disc Golf (MSCDG) – three clubs working together to showcase the very best of the sport in WA.

Their collaboration builds on years of steady growth for disc golf in the region and reflects a shared commitment to providing world-class events for players of all levels.

The Shire of Mundaring has come on board as a key sponsor, recognising both the community value and the growing tourism draw of major disc golf events.

"Their support helps strengthen Mundaring's reputation as a regional sporting destination and ensures the championships remain accessible and inviting to the wider hills community," a spokesperson said.

A number of local businesses have also thrown their support behind the championships, including Eagle Eye Coatings, Stones Promotions, and Ragtop Design.

Local favourite food and beverage service providers are also getting behind the event with Café Mojo, Artisan Bakery, Redtails Coffee Shack, A Patch of Country, Hills Fresh and Mahogany Inn backing the event.

Mundaring has already proven it can deliver on the world stage and last year MSCDG proudly hosted the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) World Team Disc Golf Championships, welcoming nearly 300 international competitors, staff, and officials to the region.

The event brought global attention to the hills and cemented Mundaring as a premier destination for disc-golf events of all sizes.

The upcoming ADGC25 builds on that momentum, with upgrades to the Mundaring Sporting Club course and new layouts designed specifically for the championships, and players can expect a challenging, scenic, and thoroughly Western Australian disc-golf experience.

While the championships will feature Australia's top athletes vying for national titles, the event is equally a celebration of community spirit.

Spectators are encouraged to come along, walk the course, enjoy the atmosphere, and support the players. Local food and coffee will be sold on-site, and the club's volunteers – many of whom helped deliver last year's world event – will be ready to showcase Mundaring's warm hospitality.

## Bush fire brigade's Christmas run on again



Elf Dave Debono prepares with Santa.

**THE Mount Helena Voluntary Bush Fire Brigade will once again escort Santa and his helpful elves around Mount Helena on Christmas Day, delivering presents to children in the area.**

As they have done for more than 50 years, Santa and his elves will start their journey from the fire station in Chidlow Street around 7.30am, with the aim of visiting all participating homes by around 12pm.

Organisers are asking participating parents to please deliver their presents to Mount Helena Vibe during business hours from Monday, December 8 until Monday, December 22.

On the day people are asked to listen out for Christmas songs, music and occasional siren bursts and watch out for the fire trucks.

You can meet Santa and the crew at your front gate or at the start of

your property driveway, as he won't be able to go up driveways.

Elf Robin said as they have a long way to travel and a lot of people to visit, they can't wait too long if children are not at the gate or at the start of the property driveway to receive their presents.

"For safety reasons, please ensure that you and your children stand back from the vehicles as Santa is happy to walk to your gate or driveway."

As the fire trucks have limited space for storage, items should be of a size that can be easily handled by Santa and team.

Organisers are asking for presents to be clearly wrapped and labelled with each child's name and address and where possible, for parents to write the street number instead of the lot number.

For more information contact Elf Robin on 0457 202 523.

## Guildford community Christmas tree 10th anniversary

**THE countdown is on for the 10th anniversary of the lighting of the Guildford Community Christmas tree in Stirling Square.**

All are welcome to pack a picnic and come along at 6pm on Sunday, November 30 for free family activities ahead of the lighting of the tree at sunset.

The Advent celebration will include carol singing, crafts, the Christmas story and a visit from a little donkey.

This much-loved community event, an initiative of St Matthews

Church, has grown since its beginnings back in 2015.

This year also marks the 10th anniversary of Rev Katrina Holgate at St Matthews.

Last year the community rallied behind a fundraising campaign towards new lights for the tree.

The lighting of the tree is supported this year by Midland MLA Steve Catania and the City of Swan.

People are asked to avoid parking on Stirling Square and free parking is available at the Guildford train station car park.



The event will again include a visit from a little donkey.

## ENTERTAINMENT & GIG GUIDE

### Your local Gig Guide

#### Fri November 21

**Settlers House York**  
John Sloper  
From 5.30pm Free.  
125 Avon Terrace  
York

#### 7th Ave Bar & Bistro

Rocket Baby  
From 8pm. Free.  
74 Helena Street  
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#### Parkerville Tavern

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

#### Lyric's Bar

**Laneway Bar**  
Darryl and the Devil  
From 7pm. Free.  
22 Lyric Lane  
Maylands

#### Sat November 22

#### Settlers House York

Vivian G  
From 12pm.  
Nathan Ward  
From 6pm. Free.  
125 Avon Terrace  
York

#### Parkerville Tavern

Table for Two  
From 5pm. Free.  
6 Owen Road  
Parkerville

#### Woodbridge Hotel

Touche  
From 8pm. Free.  
50 East St Guildford

#### Hemingway & Co

Acoustic Saturday  
From 7pm-9pm. Free.  
6/7095 Great Eastern  
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#### Lyric's Bar

**Laneway Bar**  
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#### Sun November 23

#### Woodbridge Hotel

Sassy Chicks  
From 3pm. Free.  
50 East St Guildford

#### 7th Ave Bar & Bistro

Denise De Marchi  
From 12-3pm. Free.  
74 Helena Street  
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#### Childlow Tavern

Live Music.  
12.30-3.30pm. Free.  
4 Thomas Street  
Childlow

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**Laneway Bar**  
Gianna Petta/Ridge  
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From 5pm. Free.  
22 Lyric Lane  
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#### Nobel Falls Tavern

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#### Tues November 25

#### Hemingway & Co

Jazz Tuesday.  
From 6pm. Free.  
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#### Wed November 26

#### Childlow Tavern

Muso Jam Night with  
Brett Hardwick.  
7.30pm till late. Free.  
4 Thomas St Childlow

#### Thur November 27

#### Hemingway & Co

Blues Thursday.  
From 6.30pm  
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#### 7th Ave Bar & Bistro

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**ECHO** NEWS



# On the trail

What's happening in the Shire

November 2025



## From the President

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Citizenship Awards, shining a spotlight on the service, leadership and compassion that bind our community together. At the heart of these awards is volunteering, the countless hours given to sport, art, music, community events, caring for our environment, fighting bushfires and creating spaces where people belong. Volunteers are the champions of the Shire of Mundaring, turning generosity into action and connection into community.

Now is the time to celebrate them. Scan the QR code and nominate before 1 December to make sure our local heroes receive the recognition they so richly deserve.



Bushfire season is here, and ongoing preparation is key to protecting our homes and community. Every action we take, clearing gutters, trimming overhanging branches, and ensuring our volunteer bushfire brigades have clear access in their new larger trucks, helps safeguard our homes and supports the safety of the wider community. Please practice your bushfire plans with family and neighbours, pack a Go Bag with essentials, sign up for SMS alerts and download the Emergency WA app.

Together we can stay safe and enjoy the many events this summer that celebrate our community spirit in the Shire of Mundaring.

**Paige McNeil**  
Shire President



## Christmas Summertime Cinema

Christmas Summertime Cinema will return to Boya Oval on Friday 5 December for a relaxed, family friendly evening outdoors.

The main feature will be The Grinch (animated), with a selection of short festive films shown beforehand to set the mood. The event will run from 5pm to 9pm, with screenings beginning from 6pm.

Food vans will be on site and there will be children's activities throughout the evening. The Grinch will also visit to share some Christmas

cheer with families. This free event is drug, alcohol and pet free. Bring a rug, chairs and warm clothes to stay comfortable as the sun goes down.



**20 to 23** November

### Australian Disc Golf Championships

Mundaring Sporting Club

The Australian Disc Golf Championships are right here in Mundaring! Watch top players compete on our local course and enjoy a weekend of high-level sport in a bush setting. Free for all spectators.



Scan QR code or visit [adgc.com.au](http://adgc.com.au) for more information

**21** November

### 2025 MARKYT Community Scorecard

Online Survey

Don't forget that this Friday 21 November is your last chance to tell us what you value about living in the Perth Hills and what could be improved. It only takes ten minutes!



Scan QR code or visit [catalyse.com.au/studies](http://catalyse.com.au/studies) to complete survey

**06** December

### Day in the Forrest 2025

1pm to 10pm • Glen Forrest Train Park

Day in the Forrest is a free community festival run by local volunteers, now in its tenth year. Held at Glen Forrest Train Park, the event features live music, food trucks and a licensed bar.



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## Read between the lines

by Pastor Ian Kirk

### Sweet Nectar

Our 300-year-old grass tree in our front garden has flowered for another season. It's put up a high green stalk and it has just burst into flower. The stalk is now full of small cream-coloured flowers offering sweet nectar to anything flying by.



The nectar draws bees and birds to it, and at night, I even see moths feeding off it. Every now and then I see a pair of beautiful rainbow lorikeets feeding on the sweet nectar. They hang off the stalk sideways and even upside down. They don't mind how they hang on the stalk – as long as they can 'drink in' the sweet nectar.

What is our 'sweet nectar' that we crave; and we don't mind whether we are sideways or upside down – as long as we get it? For some it may be the high from illicit drugs, or the win from gambling, or the pursuit of sexual satisfaction. For others it may be fame and fortune, recognition and reward, power and control.

The 'sweet nectars' that are commonly craved by most people do not bring us lasting peace and joy and contentment. But there is a 'sweet nectar' that does. In Psalm 19:10 we read that the Bible is 'sweeter than honey'. That's because the Bible reveals the true God to us and how we can know Him and be blessed by Him through faith in Jesus. Knowing God through Jesus is 'sweet nectar'.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF LAND

Notice of proposed lease of land section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995

**Property:** Suite 30a, Stafford Court, 8 - 12 Stafford Street, Midland Western Australia 6056

**Lessee:** Autumn Therapy Pty Ltd

**Annual rental amount:** \$8,125 per annum (pa) + variable outgoings and GST


**Valuation:** \$8,125 per annum (pa) + variable outgoings and GST

**Purpose:** Commercial Office

**Term:** One (1) Year


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**Annual rental amount:** \$5,300 per annum (pa) + variable outgoings and GST


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**Purpose:** Private medical consulting space

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Raffle Results

**Bakers Hill RSL** Sub-branch Rememberance Day Raffle results Permit no LS223876525 1st prize ticket no 880 2nd prize ticket no 275 3rd prize ticket no 66 Thanks to all that supported us.



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**To Access Detailed Information:** Go to jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No.CRL088.25S. Applicants are required to apply online.

**For Specific Inquiries:** Please contact Ros Hegarty, Portfolio Manager Trades & Agriculture on (08) 9622 6778 or email Ros.Hegarty@crtafe.wa.edu.au

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Kalamunda Youth Swing Band** gives young musicians the opportunity to rehearse and play in a band. Rehearsals are Monday afternoon during school term. For more information call musical director Leah on 0432 973 395.
- **The Ellenbrook Friendship Group** meets each Wednesday at the Community Centre, 27 Maffina Parade,

Ellenbrook from 1pm to 4pm. All welcome to make new friends or just have a chat. Enjoy indoor bowls, afternoon tea and the occasional outing. For more information call Sheila on 0402 973 307.

- **The Swan Woodturners Association of WA** meets every Tuesday at 1pm for a 1.30pm start at the Caversham Memorial Hall, 7847 West Swan Road, Caversham for men and women of all ages interested in learning the art of

woodturning. Woodturning demonstrations are undertaken each week with demonstrations also displayed on large TV screens. Competitions are held for those members eager to improve their skill level. For more visit [woodturnerswa.org.au](http://woodturnerswa.org.au) and then go to Swan Woodturners Group or contact the convenor on 0476 178 002.

- **The Gidgegannup Men's Shed** at Ian Stannard Pavilion, Gidgegannup Showgrounds, 2171 Toodyay

Road, Gidgegannup is a community-based men's shed providing opportunities for men and women to work on projects of their own, join in shed activities and tasks, or just share time, recreation and fellowship with other members. For more information email [president@gidgegannupmensshed.org.au](mailto:president@gidgegannupmensshed.org.au) or visit [gidgegannupmensshed.org.au](http://gidgegannupmensshed.org.au)

- **Swan Valley Ratepayers and Residents Association** will hold its Annual General

Meeting on Friday November 28 at 6.45pm at the Swan Athletic Club, McDonald Street, Herne Hill. Guests include your local City of Swan councillors who can take questions from the floor. Everyone is welcome.

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



Woofers of the week

Ben is a three-year-old boxer who is a bit of a clown and enjoys fun and games. He is good with other dogs but has not been around cats and needs a secure fenced yard. Ben is sterilised, vaccinated, and micro-chipped. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.



## Midland Guildford secures T20 grand final spot



The male 3rd grade team won against Melville and the Premier T20 side won against Willetton and Scarborough teams.

### JOSHUA MCKENZIE

**IT was a weekend full of action with three wins and two losses for the Midland Guildford Cricket Club teams in round seven.**

In the 50-over matches for the senior male sides, they played against Melville.

The male 1st grade lost the toss and bowled first at home, restricting their opponents to 9-213 from 50 overs in a team effort led by Brayden Brehaut taking 4-47 from 10 overs.

The run chase was dominated by Keaton Critchell who smashed an unbeaten 113 runs from 95 balls to guide the team to victory by seven wickets with 13.2 overs to spare.

It was a narrow defeat for the male 2nd grade as they fell short by 11 runs in their pursuit of 6-223 set by their opposition.

Kelly Jones top scored with 51 from 78, but the side could only manage 9-212 from their 50 overs.

After a strong opening partnership of 77 between Mitchell Pivac with 48 from 55 and Hunter Wills with 30 from 41, the male 3rd grade team were 6-103 before Will Shackles played a crucial innings of 54 from 62 to help the side reach 195 all out.

A collective bowling effort saw the side bowl out their



opponents for 141 in a strong display to win by 54 runs.

The male 4th grade side lost by 66 runs after being set a target of 198 for victory and being bowled out for a total of 131.

It was a fantastic weekend for the Premier T20 side who defeated Scarborough in the quarter-final and Willetton in the semi-final on the way to securing a spot in the grand final.

In the quarter-final match, Nathan Barnwell took 4-18 from four overs to help restrict their opponents to 8-118.

Austin Thomas scored 63 not out from 56 to lead the side to victory in a comprehensive six wicket victory.

The semi-final match saw their opponents post 6-177, with Barnwell leading the wicket-takers again with 3-31 from four overs.

A powerful batting display was opened by Barnwell with 35 from 15 and Calan Hill with 48 from 35, while being supported Austin Thomas with 32 from 13.

Hudson Knight with 40 not out from 24 and Mitchell Pope with 20 not out from 12 guided the team past the target in just 17.1 overs with five wickets remaining.

There is an exciting schedule of matches to come for Midland Guildford Cricket Club in the upcoming weeks before the Christmas break.

## RSL WA Ellenbrook sub branch seeks new home

From page 7.

Ms Maynard added the State Government had already committed \$230,000 to the Ellenbrook RSL for the construction of a permanent memorial for commemorative services, and she would continue to advocate for the local RSL.

City of Swan Chief Executive Officer Stephen Cain said for many years, the RSL had made major contributions to the Ellenbrook community.

"The City of Swan is pleased to be providing support to improve access to the RSL's current location."

## New Midland station on track to open in February

From page 7.

Since January this year, a new multistorey car park has provided local commuters with a secure and modern building with more than 800 bays including 20 ACROD bays.

The new car park features CCTV, lifts, duress alarms, and the provision for future electric car charging stations.

There will be ongoing finishing works for the New Midland Station Project after the station opens, which will include landscaping and the completion of the shared path.

Midland MLA Steve Catania said the new station will be a game changer for Midland - and now the community have an opening date.

"This is a really exciting announcement and something we've all been eagerly anticipating."

"I look forward to joining our community for a celebration to mark the opening, and I encourage everyone to pencil it in their diaries."

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said the Metronet program had transformed the city, driven incredible job opportunities for Western Australians, and underpinned a robust infrastructure program for the state.

"The new Midland Station is the final piece of the Metronet puzzle and will act as a centrepiece for a revitalised Midland."

"I know the announcement is one the local community has been waiting for, and they will be eager to celebrate early next year."

Federal Member for Hasluck Tania Lawrence said Midland is the junction to the hills and beyond and it is fitting that this station is now beautifully designed, safe and welcoming.

"I'm proud to see the federal and state Labor governments working together to deliver infrastructure that makes a real difference in people's lives, and I look forward to celebrating this achievement with the community next year."

## Local REAL ESTATE

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## Modern low maintenance comfort in Koongamia



**THIS 655sqm property offers low maintenance living in a quiet pocket of Koongamia, with practical renovations and a layout designed for everyday convenience.**

The three-bedroom, one-bathroom home is set behind a solid front wall with a secure pedestrian gate and an automated rolling gate that leads to the front patio and enclosed backyard.

Limestone steps guide visitors to the front porch, which overlooks a neat, low-maintenance garden and provides a shaded space for outdoor seating.

Inside, the open-plan living area has a light and neutral colour scheme.

The kitchen features a wooden benchtop, metallic accents and white tiles, maintaining the home's modern décor.

The kitchen connects directly to a tidy laundry, which leads through to the outdoor entertaining area.



The bedrooms have a distinct feel to each with one having pink walls and curtains, while another bedroom has walls that feature a green neat wooden plank aesthetic.

The third bedroom is different again with white walls excluding the far wall that has a dark grey-blue pattern that pairs pleasantly with the grey curtains.

At the rear of the property a shaded alfresco area includes a built-in barbecue, bar fridge and preparation bench, providing a practical space for gatherings.

The backyard also includes a powered and locked shed with shelving and a clean concrete floor, allowing for options as a workshop, gym, studio or storage space.

Outdoor areas have been maintained for ease of care, with established plantings and paved areas that reduce upkeep while still offering outdoor use space.

The home is near Clayton Road's major homeware retailers



and within close reach of key services including St John of God Midland Hospital, St Andrew's Urgent Care, SKG and Perth Radiological clinics.

Other nearby amenities include Bunnings, Midland Gate shopping centre, gyms and a growing selection of cafés and pubs in the wider Midland area.

The combination of recent renovations, security features and functional home design makes this property a low-maintenance option for buyers wanting an updated home within easy access of major services and community facilities.

**Address: 6 Clanthus Way, Koongamia**  
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