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# ECHO Celebrations

## Cliff Whiteman celebrates his 100th birthday

DESPITE a recent health scare, Midland's Cliff Whiteman celebrated his 100th birthday on December 10.

"It's good to be alive," is one of Mr Whiteman's favourite mottos and he is amazed when people mention his milestone as he has never placed much store on birthdays.

"But if it puts a smile on people's faces, I am happy," he said.

His daughter Alison Whiteman said Mr Whiteman believes age is a label leading to perceptions of what you should and shouldn't be like.

She added that turning 100 was a special occasion and Cliff had spent his whole life - from being born at West Midland Hospital and growing up in Midland Junction - in the same area.

"Cliff would have experienced the first steam locomotives used until 1957 and the first bus transport to Geraldton in 1946," she said.

"He has been watching with interest the development of the new station and bus terminal which he says, is way beyond his imagination.

"He remembers the first terminal which was on a dual-gauge line and opened in October 1968, coinciding with the birth of his second daughter.

"You could also go through the tunnel on the train in Swan View."

Ms Whiteman said Mr Whiteman grew up in Victoria Street in a house long since demolished.

"In those days you didn't need to know the time since the workshop whistle would blow at 4:53pm (washup) and 5pm for knock off time," she said.

"Growing up, Cliff felt Midland was a place of families and small stores. Everyone knew each other and people would go out of their way to help one another.

"There were lots of Italians and Slavs in the area and he has fond memories of the Pitsikas and Machetes to name a few families."

She said Mr Whiteman also remembered the Walthos who were his neighbours and started a cool drink factory in 1933.

Growing up, Mr Whiteman went to St Brigid's Convent School - run by nuns for children aged 5 to 7 years.

At Midland Junction State School Mr Whiteman excelled at woodwork and metalwork before taking a job at Kent's garage on the corner of Morrison Road and Great Northern Highway, Midland after leaving school.

He also spent a lot of time in his early life sailing with his uncle and aunty on their yacht in South Perth.

A keen lacrosse player, his team won the B-grade premiership division in 1949 but always said it was his brothers who were the talented ones.

"Cliff has had the same hair style since he was a young man with his hair always cut by Armando's Hairdressers in The Crescent, Midland until this day," Ms Whiteman said.

"He investigated working at the Midland brickyards for a short spell, remembering his cousin 'young' Lew owned Mussel Pool (now Whiteman Park), before bequeathing his wealth to the people of WA in 1994."

Mr Whiteman married Val (nee Rodda) in 1964 and they celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary last year.

They met at the Embassy Ballroom where he loved dancing.

"Val was a triple certificate nurse working in the country who grew up in Nedlands and went to PLC," Ms Whiteman said.

"On the weekends Cliff would visit and bring his goat to be tethered on the lawns of the manicured greens.

"Val means everything to him and he is in awe of her quilting masterpieces.

"He really appreciates his wife and praises her every day."

Ms Whiteman said one of his favourite mottos was, 'Why be nasty when it is so easy to be kind and nice'.

She said when he was a boy, Centrepont Shopping Centre had not yet been built and the local circus would put their big tent up there.

"Old Lew Whiteman would often pull up in his great big car, parking on the curb and one day Cliff aged eight, couldn't resist taking it for a spin around the block or two, never to be detected," Ms Whiteman said.



Val and Cliff enjoy spending time near the water.



The happy couple on their honeymoon in 1964.

"In those days you didn't need a key you just turned the engine. Recently, his nephew, Bruce said they did the same with Cliff's first car!"

A non-smoker and non-drinker, Cliff served in Darwin during WWII and remembers giving his 'ciggy' and 'beer' rations away.

"He travelled to Darwin on troop trains, going via Adelaide during the war, which meant a 'cattle carriage' on straw/barn mattresses," she said.

She said to try and make himself more comfortable, Mr Whiteman attached his blanket to the rafters to make a makeshift hammock.

"He swung no doubt from side to side but it was much better than the vibrating thump of the railway tracks. He slept but ended up being bruised all the way down one side."

She said he was recognised for his service with a medal on the 75th anniversary of WWII, presented to him by Ken Wyatt (the then Liberal minister) at his home."

Today, Mr Whiteman enjoys listening to current events and talk back radio where he reflects sadly on the state of conflicts still happening today.

A lifelong goat lover, he raised Saanen goats and participated in shows from Kelmscott to Gidgegannup.

"He remembers one occasion when his wife piled the goats into the back of the station wagon and they descended the Gidgegannup hill with three young children in the back, and the goats started climbing over the seat," Ms Whiteman said.

Mr Whiteman has always enjoyed collecting, from old tools, wheels and more recently teapots and clowns.

"After retirement he would help at the Salvation Army's jumble shop and loved their band," Ms Whiteman said.

"Holidays were at Rottne Island where he rode his bike well into his 80s."

She said he was also a keen carpenter and enjoyed having little projects on the go.

"He also enjoys a good chat, laugh and a joke! He has travelled overseas, even winning a trip to Malaysia and Singapore, but still thinks Australia is the best.

"Why would you live anywhere else!" he declared."

Lastly, she said Cliff wanted to thank the incredible staff at St John of God Midland who did such a wonderful job nursing him back to health.

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# Resident calls for clarity on High Wycombe buffer history

GUANHAO CHENG

**HIGH WYCOMBE residents asked the City of Kalamunda for historical planning records and to explain how the interface between residential properties and the stage 1 industrial area was formed.**

During the December council meeting, High Wycombe resident Michael Ryan asked the city to provide answers on the financial losses he claims residents in the suburb have suffered as a consequence of inaction.

City of Kalamunda chief executive Andrew Vuleta said while some matters had been addressed previously, the city will endeavour to make a public statement in response to his questions.

Mr Ryan then asked the city to provide a list of all industries operating within the Forrestfield and High Wycombe industrial development zone and their land-use classifications as set out in local planning scheme 3.

City of Kalamunda development services director Nathan Ritchie said the scale of the request required clarification.

"It could be quite a significant task to provide the whole area, their planning approvals and their classification," he said.

Mr Ryan's primary concern centred on the lack of a buffer between the industrial zone and the residential zones in the area.

He asked the city to explain their methodology as residents felt they were left with no separation between the two zones and were exposed to loud noises and strong odours due to the inappropriate distance management and zoning.

He said residents had never been told "how the width of the road finished up being the buffer," and questioned how heavy-industry operations had "come to sit 30m across the road".

Mr Ritchie said the city would need to review historical material before providing an answer.

"Because it's a history-based question we'll need to take that on notice and come back to you with some more detail," he said.



Residents say the light developments across the street have caused lifestyle disruptions more akin to general industry and it is impacting property values.

"We'll do our best to unearth the records of what we have."

Mr Ryan also asked whether council would write to the Premier supporting landowners' ability to draw down equity while the area remains in transition.

Mr Ritchie said the city would prepare advice for councillors.

"We can put it to the council about whether or not they wish to support your request... and we'll need to take some of that on notice," he said.

The concerns follow earlier questions Mr Ryan raised at the September meeting regarding the impacts of zoning changes dating back to 2014 as reported in *High*

*Wycombe South residents call for state action (Echo News, October 3).*

Mr Ryan felt that he was unable to sell his land to developers as his land was zoned as high density residential, which did not appeal to developers since the city had allowed the development of a steel fabrication plant across from his neighbourhood on Sultana Road West.

At the December meeting, Mr Ryan said residents "anxiously await an answer about the buffer."

The city said it was working with state agencies and will respond formally once its review of historical records was complete.

## Swan Valley rates proposal draws scrutiny

BRAYDEN MOULD

**CITY of Swan's proposed Rates and Revenue Plan 2025-2026 has stirred up significant controversy, with deputations at the December 3 agenda forum highlighting concerns over fairness and transparency over changes in certain properties' rate payments.**

As reported in *Concern about Swan Valley rate proposal (Echo News, September 12)*, approximately 3997 out of 70,000 properties are rated based on the unimproved value (UV) method for land used for rural purposes.

The plan identified 413 properties under UV classification that were predominately residential and no longer fit the rural use criteria, arguing for reclassification as gross rental value (GRV).

The city maintains that the proposed 2025-2026 plan aims at addressing rating inequities where properties with similar characteristics and land use are rated under different methods, leading to significantly different annual rate charges.

Some Swan Valley residents are concerned they could face an average price increase of approximately \$860 if they are required to switch from the UV valuation method to GRV.

Of the 413 properties, approximately 58 per cent are expected to pay more on the GRV method, while 42 per cent will likely pay lower annual rates.

Gidgegannup Progress Association chairperson Sally Block said alternative rating systems should be explored as the current system is clearly failing.

"It is clear the current system isn't working. There needs to be equity so neighbours are not rated in different categories," she said.

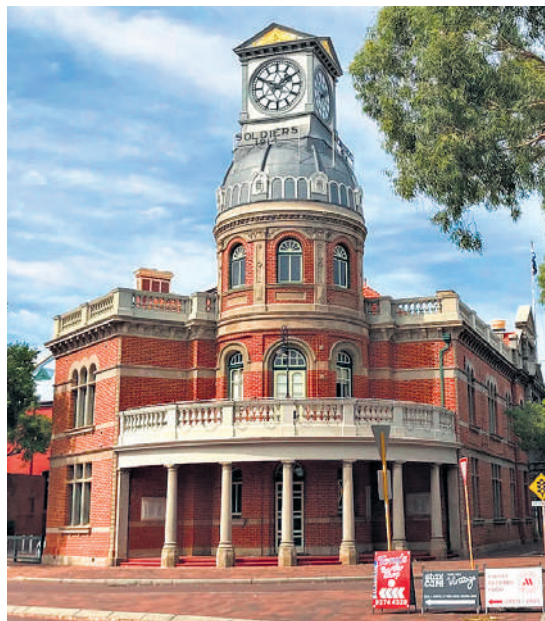
"The solution is quite easy. Revert to rating land on its zoning, then everyone knows where they are."

"This could be as easy as creating a new rating category with a rural living emphasis."

"The criteria for being rated UV is unrealistic in this day and age, very few people can make a livelihood from rural properties."

"Rural land owners do have a great many duties to be carried out as opposed to the urban land owners such as weed control, fire brakes and mitigation of fuel load."

The officers' report recommends council send land use declaration notices to the 413 affected



property owners to open up a dialogue.

Residents, however have voiced sharp opposition, arguing that council should not proceed with the action based on a draft plan that has yet to receive official council approval.

Swan resident Karen Mowat was a prominent voice of opposition, arguing council should delay the notices, until such time as the draft rates and revenue plan receives official endorsement.

"I note with interest that the (officers) recommendation for this item does not request council to endorse or approve the draft rates and revenues plan," she said.

"But point three of the recommendation to take action for 413 (notices) to be sent out is based on information contained in the draft plan."

"Should council be taking any action based on information contained in the draft plan until such time as the policy and plan have both been endorsed?"

"I hope council will amend the recommendation in the agenda... to remove point three until such time as both the rates and revenue policy and plan have been endorsed by council."

The city's timeline notes that valuation changes are unlikely to be implemented until mid-2026.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Draft Local Planning Policy 35

### Hatch Court Light Industrial Area

At its Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 November 2025, the City of Kalamunda resolved to advertise the draft Local Planning Policy 35 – Hatch Court Light Industrial Area for public comment.

LPP35 is intended to guide subdivision and development within the Hatch Court Light Industrial Area.

A copy of the policy is available from the City's Administration Building, libraries or online at [engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au](https://engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au)

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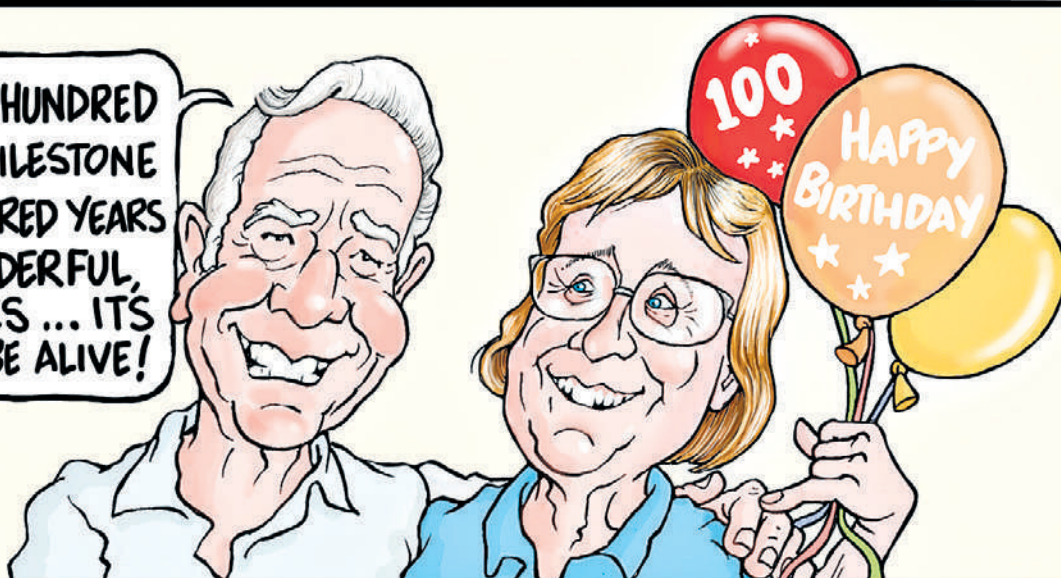
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### Council question marks?

**Dear Echo News,**

Following the November City of Kalamunda ordinary meeting, concerns exist about the behaviour and comments of some councillors.

During a deputation from a resident regarding tree protections

during construction, instances were observed of councillors sighing, whispering comments and shooting sideways looks.

Following this, on a different matter, the mayor herself later questioned and re-raised the legitimacy of a resident's question from public question time - long after the resident had left the meeting.

This felt like a 'lunchroom' comment and something that should not have been publicly aired, especially given the resident had no right of reply.

When individuals spend their own time and effort researching and preparing questions and deputations for council they do so in a voluntary capacity driven by personal frustrations and shortfalls they see.

It is not felt their motives should be publicly questioned.

On another matter, in justifying the sale of two blocks at Andrews Street reserve, the mayor commented that the funds were needed to avoid future rate increases to cover capital works, and also that the sale was justified to address the housing crisis.

This feels flimsy justification at best. Releasing a mere two residential lots is not likely to move the dial on housing availability, and it feels well premature to assert that the proceeds from the sale will protect against future rate increases.

The numbers of attendees and overall atmosphere in the council chamber was one of frustration and tension and it's felt is a direct result of many residents not feeling adequately consulted with or heard by the city.

**H Lill  
Kalamunda**

### Is radiation killing our magpies?

**Dear Echo News,**

I notice a recent article *Unsolved bird paralysis disease escalates in Perth's east metro* (Echo News, Dec 5) in your news regarding the paralysis syndrome effecting magpies and several other species, and now it seems, doves.

To date all the investigation has been done with toxins, pathogens and disease in mind.

Nothing has been found.

If the cause was related to any of those, then it would have been found by now.

This syndrome has been appearing off and on in the eastern states for around twenty years and they have done the same investigation with the same causes in mind. They also, haven't found anything.

The taboo subject here seems to be electromagnetic radiation (EMR).

No one has done any investigation with this in mind as the possible cause. Why not?

There is extensive scientific research and opinion that indicates that insect deaths, including bees, are more than likely linked to EMR.

The general opinion based on research is that EMR is a serious risk to all forms of life, particularly birds and insects. Governments throughout the world, including ours, have been warned of the potential harm that EMR may cause to all animal life, including us.

So far it seems that, it has not been taken seriously.

It may well be that EMR is not responsible for this syndrome,

### Thought for the day

"Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist." - **Pablo Picasso**

but the likelihood is very strong and there is enough research to justify an investigation if only to eliminate it as the cause.

**R Woolley  
Bellevue**

### Not against high rise housing

**Dear Echo News,**

I'm not sure quite how R Wood reached the conclusion that I'm against high rise housing - I'm not, as long as steps are taken not to allow them to look like or become ghettos.

Sometimes, even with the best of intentions, allowing too many too close, creates a rather hapless environment. This sadly appears to be the case around Wallsend Road.

I think apartments close to transport systems are an excellent idea.

There's no reason why apartments couldn't be built over rail lines at Midland, indeed it's what I would have done with Midland - built the carpark next to the station over the lines, then two or three apartments to the east, again, over the line.

I can't work out what is being created next to the station main exit on Yelverton Road - it does look like it may be a drop off/pick up area, which would make sense, as I feel a lot people will opt to be picked up from that exit rather than the one way only exit (west) from the new carpark.

As for design, I like the look of both the new station and the carpark, I just can't see the rea-

son for the vast gap between them.

**G Ross  
Swan View**

### Call to lower speed limit

**Dear Echo News,**

What other explanation for the stubbornness of the Minister for Transport and our hopeless shire who refuse to support lowering the speed limits to 60km/h at Scott Street and Great Eastern Highway.

Yet another major three car accident this week, this time involving a young mother and infant in a car seat; one ambulance, three police cars, a fire truck and tow trucks.

Yes, we need a major realignment but at what cost and how long will it take?

How many accidents? How many deaths or injuries will it take?

The Main Roads website says lowering the speed by 10km halves the risk of serious accident.

Will just one member of the Main Roads come out to Greenmount and drive the highway with us to see the utter stupidity of the current speed limits and where they are imposed?

In the meantime, lower speeds to 60km/h down the hill from before Old York Road and to 70km/h before Bilgoman Road.

**Dr C Hughes  
Greenmount**

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# Kalamunda unanimously supports business case for tree nursery bid



Councillor David Modolo says the city might save money on the tens of thousands of dollars spent acquiring trees from stockists through a city owned nursery.

**CITY of Kalamunda council voted unanimously at their December ordinary meeting to support the preparation of a business case to establish a tree nursery in the city.**

At the December 9 meeting, South East ward councillor David Modolo moved for the council to establish the business case and said the city was currently spending between \$35,000 and \$80,000 each year purchasing trees from external suppliers.

"We can expect that cost to rise as demand grows across the Perth metro area," he said.

"Currently we are competing with other local governments, with government agencies, and with commercial buyers all for the same stock.

"As staff will attest to, the availability of certain species can be hit-and-miss.

"Some of the trees best suited to our local environment simply aren't available

when we need them, or not in the quantities required.

"Furthermore, the gold standard in environmental restoration is to source tree stock from as close to the source as possible."

Cr Modolo said the business case did not commit the city to building a nursery but it was a first step so the city could equip itself with the proper information.

"Is it better, is it more reliable and is it more cost-effective for us to secure the stock we need?" he said.

"These are the questions that the business case will answer.

"A city nursery whether operated by us or in a joint venture or through a partnership might provide that better control over availability.

"It might save us long term, and it might even give us revenue generating opportunities if we choose to have the

ability to sell to other local governments, government agencies and to the private industry."

Cr Modolo said he also saw opportunities for community involvement.

"Getting the school kids involved, getting a senior hub involved to assist with the nursery can help engage and activate the community.

"We can't know whether the benefits outweigh the negatives without proper analysis and this motion simply commissions that analysis."

City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas gave fellow South East ward councillor John Giardina a chance to speak as seconder, who said all that needed to be said was shared with council.

The council then voted to unanimously pass the motion for a business case to be developed for a City of Kalamunda tree nursery.



Stable fly bites livestock, including cattle. Reducing decaying organic matter in and on the soil helps to reduce the number of breeding sites available to stable flies.

## Working together in fight against stable fly

**THE Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) reminds landholders along the Swan Coastal Plain to take action to reduce stable fly this summer.**

Stable fly (*Stomoxys calcitrans*) is a serious pest which bites livestock including cattle, horses and pets, causing pain and stress to the animal.

It is a declared pest for 14 local government areas in Western Australia, requiring primary producers and landholders in these areas to undertake control measures.

Stable fly occurs mainly along the coastal plain, including north and south of Perth, breeding in moist organic material such as manure, compost, grass clippings and vegetable waste.

DPIRD Invasive Species and Environment Biosecurity Director Ron Shepherd said there were steps that primary producers and landholders could take to reduce stable fly breeding, particularly during the warmer months which pose the highest risk.

"Controlling organic waste is critical to reducing the impact of stable fly in our communities – good hygiene and regular clean-ups make a big difference," Mr Shepherd said.

"Stable flies breed in the rotting organic material.

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# Bassendean conservation group gets \$15k rivercare grant



The DBCA's community rivercare funding will extend the habitat of the shy, elusive Buff-banded rail and Splendid fairy wren further across Bindaring Park, giving the population a more secure future. Picture: Friends of Bindaring Wetland

BRAYDEN MOULD

**THE FRIENDS of Bindaring Wetland group (FBW) in Bassendean is mobilising a large-scale habitat restoration effort following the successful allocation of nearly \$15,000 through the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) community rivercare program.**

The funding, part of the recent North Subregion Round 2 grants totalling nearly \$120,000, is strategically empowering volunteer groups to execute vital environmental projects across the Swan Canning catchment.

Environment Minister Matthew Swinbourn highlighted the program's importance to local environmental management.

"Safeguarding our iconic Swan Canning waterways is a key priority of the Cook Labor government," he said.

"(This funding) reinforces our commitment to creating healthier river systems and empowering local communities to be part of the solution."

The Bindaring Park Wetland North Revetation project,

which secured \$14,800 will cover approximately 1.25 acres – a scale exceeding the FBW's typical hand-weeding and maintenance work.

FBW representative Val Humphrey expressed the team's gratitude for the government support.

"Our group focuses on promoting nature... we aim to make sure local species have a good chance to survive and provide what the local fauna needs," she said.

"To get a grant like this means that our work will have a higher impact.

"To have the wetland revegetated with native species... it means it's a much larger project than we would have originally be implementing.

"The grant program has enabled us to source funding, that we would have not been eligible for.

"But the biggest winner will be the fauna residing within the reserve as revegetation with native species will rapidly increase the quantity and quality of their protective habitats."

The funding has been allocated for habitat improvement for birds and other species dependent on the waterway, in-

cluding introducing shrubs that will offer crucial protection for ground-dwelling species.

"We'll be able to introduce all sorts of shrubs so that animals will get all the protection they need from cats, dogs and foxes," she said.

She said that the work the group does has been a great success for preserving endangered species in the area.

"In 2023 we were excited to find quenda's had moved back into the reserve," Ms Humphrey said.

"In 40 years of living here I hadn't seen quenda's once... (the shrubs) will really help them maintain their population."

The project will continue to foster community collaboration, as the group works alongside the Town of Bassendean and volunteer students from LaSalle College who will assist with the extensive conservation planting.

"Those sort of places where nature is allowed to take predominance are incredibly valuable because of the opportunity for nature to thrive," she said.

"(Bindaring Wetland) is a sanctuary for the natural systems, and the bugs, plants and little critters that might live there."

## City of Kalamunda

# CHRISTMAS + NEW YEAR

## Opening Hours

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Administration Centre	8:30am-11:30am	Closed	Closed	8:30am-5:00pm	8:30am-5:00pm	8:30am-12:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8:30am-5:00pm
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Hartfield Park Recreation Centre	6:00am-12:00pm	8:00am-2:00pm	8:00am-12:00pm	6:00am-9:00pm	6:00am-9:00pm	6:00am-12:00pm	Closed	Closed	8:00am-2:00pm	8:00am-12:00pm	6:00am-12:00pm	6:00am-12:00pm	6:00am-12:00pm	Closed	6:00am-12:00pm	8:00am-2:00pm	8:00am-12:00pm	6:00am-9:00pm
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Lesmurdie Library	9:00am-11:30am	9:00am-12:00pm	Closed	9:00am-1:00pm	9:00am-1:00pm	9:00am-12:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00am-1:00pm
Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre	10:00am-11:30am	Closed	Closed	10:00am-2:00pm	10:00am-2:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
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# MAGIC HOLIDAY

FROM THE MAYOR,  
COUNCILLORS, CEO & STAFF

Additional bin collections over the holidays	My collection day should be	All 3-bins will be collected on
For this year, Council has arranged for an extra general waste collection for all properties over Christmas/New Year. Additional recycling collection over Christmas/New Year as in previous years will also continue.	Thursday 25 December 2025	Friday 26 December 2025
	Friday 26 December 2025	Saturday 27 December 2025
	Thursday 1 January 2026	Friday 2 January 2026
	Friday 2 January 2026	Saturday 3 January 2026



# Flooding and tree retention fears over Henley Brook development

BRAYDEN MOULD

SWAN council voted against the WA planning commission (WAPC) approving a Henley Brook development plan application after residents raised drainage and cockatoo habitat destruction concerns.

The Lot 96 Henley Brook estate spans a total of 16.69 hectares, of which 12.91 hectares are designated as urban under the Metropolitan Regional Scheme (MRS), with the remaining 3.78 hectares zoned for public purpose.

Swan Communities Environmental Alliance vice chair Jan Zeck made a deputation on the council floor at the agenda forum on December 3 against the officer's recommendation that council endorse the plan to the WAPC.

"Of the 142 mature trees, only 16 are proposed to be retained," Ms Zeck said.

"The majority are over five metres high and all are in good condition despite the vegetation around them being degraded.

"These are black cockatoo habitats with high foraging value for forest red-tails and carnabys.

"Of the 7.2 hectares of foraging habitat, 6.3 will be destroyed.

"We will be lucky to retain the miserable 0.9 hectares of black cockatoo vegetation salvaged from the native vegetation retention area and avoid excess groundwater and stormwater making flooding problems worse."

The developments in Henley Brook have been a cause of concern for a number of residents as reported in *Henley Brook community outraged at extensive land clearing* (Echo News, October 17).

The urban development area excluding the area of Lot 96 has lost approximately 80 per cent of its tree canopy, which originally



The Lot 96 estate holds a total of 142 mature trees, of which only 16 are expected to be retained through the development.

had approximately 30,000 trees.

An estimated 65 per cent of those trees were black cockatoo habitats, with the new tree canopy figures in the developed area reduced to less than one per cent.

Ms Zeck criticised the structure plan which she said fails to address the increased flooding problems in the area the development will produce.

"Over 99 per cent of the development is located on a palace plane, a seasonally inundated or waterlogged wetland," she said.

"All storm water is intended to be retained on site and directed to the two drainage infrastructures within the public open space.

"Of the 14 bores with data six hit coffee rock around 1.5 metres below the surface. Consultants reference coffee rock by stating that it should be considered as impervious for drainage purposes.

"Groundwater doesn't respect bounda-

ries or roads and when the drainage basins in these two public open spaces fill with water and it has nowhere to go, it will move down gradient towards the current Henley Brook development."

She said she's saddened that the potential problems have failed to be addressed.

"I am extremely disappointed that staff have not alerted council to the potential and highly probable problems that can eventuate, especially as they were well aware of the current problems in the growth corridor," she said.

"Once again, the city ratepayers will be left to manage the chaos."

The Lot 96 local structure plan's public consultation was open between October 18 and November 29, 2024 with the city receiving 11 public submissions.

Five of those submissions were objections, four conditional supports, and two submissions were in support of the plan.



Animal owners urged to plan for their welfare during an emergency.

## Protecting animals during a bushfire

OWNERS of companion animals, horses and livestock have been urged to develop a Plan for Animal Welfare in Emergencies (PAWE) to include in their household bushfire and emergency plans, before summer conditions escalate.

PAWE templates for bushfires, as well as cyclones, floods, storms and heatwaves, are available on the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's (DPIRD's) website.

The refreshed website features valuable preparedness, response and recovery information on animals in emergencies.

DPIRD animal welfare in emergencies coordinator Brett Hopley urged animal and livestock owners to download and complete a PAWE template for their household as soon as possible.

"It is the responsibility of owners and carers to keep animals safe during an emergency and the best protection for you and your animals is to have a practised plan in place," he said.

"The PAWE is a great way to identify triggers for evacuation, evacuation routes, transport, where to go and how to protect animals if they cannot be evacuated and contained.

"The templates also include provisions for an emergency kit, preparing your property and ensuring your pets and livestock have appropriate identification, in case you are separated from your animals during an emergency." **Cont. p21**



## Additional Bin Collections over the holidays

Shire of Mundaring is excited to be trialling an extra general waste collection for residents over the festive period.

From Monday 22 December to Saturday 3 January please place your general waste bin out both weeks.



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# Ruby's reunification program supports young people

MIKE PEETERS

**RUBY'S is an innovative program dedicated to curbing youth homelessness in Perth.**

WA's first youth homelessness diversion program, Ruby's began last year as part of a two and a half-year pilot program delivered by Parkerville children and youth care (PCYC).

Since opening, the program has supported 39 young people and their families across the Perth metropolitan area, focusing on communities where the need for early intervention and diversion from homelessness is greatest.

Ruby's chief executive officer Kim Brooklyn said the program was aimed at young people from 12 to 17 years and their families.

"The goal is to keep families together and prevent young people from entering the homelessness sector," Ms Brooklyn said.

"By strengthening relationships, improving communication, and rebuilding trust and respect within the family unit, Ruby's helps young people and parents develop practical coping strategies and resolve conflict safely.

"With tailored and flexible support, the program aims to restore connections, support reunification where possible, and reduce the long-term risks associated with youth homelessness, including the well-established link between experiencing homelessness as a child and homelessness in adulthood."

Ms Brooklyn said Ruby's was a licensed program owned by Uniting Communities in South Australia, with PCYC being endorsed to deliver the model in Perth's metropolitan area.

"With the support of the Department of Communities, Parkerville was able to renegotiate a service model change to reallocate funding from the Armadale youth accommodation service to deliver a Ruby's pilot in WA," she said.

"The program is part-funded by the Sisters of St John of God and includes an independent evaluation over the first two years to assess outcomes and ensure the model is achieving its intended impact."

She said PCYC delivered Ruby's as a fully integrated service, drawing on the organisation's deep expertise in child, youth and family support, and ensuring the program aligned with their broader commitment to early intervention to help keep young people safe, connected, and at home where it was safe to do so.

Ruby's youth service coordinator Mel Taylor said the most rewarding part of Ruby's was the wrap-around, family-centred support it provided.

"Every family's situation is different and Ruby's allows the team to work flexibly and responsively, tailoring support to each young person and their family's needs," she said.

"Seeing families rebuild trust, improve communication, and strengthen their relationships, and watching young people safely return home or remain at home when previously they may have entered the homelessness sector, makes this work incredibly meaningful.

"The program creates real opportunities for healing, reconnection, and long-term stability, and being part of that journey is the best part for me."

For further information go to [www.parkerville.org.au](http://www.parkerville.org.au)



Community Services and Homelessness Minister Matt Swinbourn with Office of Homelessness acting executive director Gayle Mitchell alongside Parkerville staff and CEO Kim Brooklyn.

## BAITING TO PROTECT NATIVE WILDLIFE

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

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

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



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

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



Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions



Work is progressing on the Ray Owen Reserve upgrades. Picture: City of Kalamunda.

## Playing fields expansion at Ray Owen Reserve

**WORK is underway to deliver a new playing field and upgraded facilities at Ray Owen Reserve in Lesmurdie, supported by a \$5 million investment from the Cook government.**

Funded through the WA recovery plan, the project will deliver a new playing field alongside the existing oval and upgrades to current facilities.

New floodlighting will also be installed to support evening training and competition across both ovals, which will be irrigated with new sustainable water infrastructure.

Accessible changeroom upgrades were completed at the reserve earlier this year to support inclusive sport, paving the way for the playing field expansion to begin as part of the venue masterplan.

A new scoreboard will also be installed for the Mazenod Junior Football Club, supported by a \$50,000 WA Labor election commitment.

The project is being delivered as part of the state government's PlayOn WA: 2030 by 2030 initiative which is guiding investment in sport and recreation infrastructure across the State.

PlayOn WA will deliver 2030 community sport and recreation infrastructure items across WA by the year 2030, helping to deliver a lasting and positive impact across WA communities.

Klasey Hirst MLC said the reserve was already a hub for the Lesmurdie community.

"This exciting expansion will ensure these facilities can accommodate the growing needs of local sporting clubs.

"These upgrades are also about ensuring Ray Owen Reserve is inclusive and accessible for the community so everyone can enjoy the benefits of getting involved in local sport.

"The WA government is proud to be supporting projects like this right across our state that deliver lasting benefits for the community and make a positive difference to people's lives."

Sport and Recreation Minister Rita Saffioti said it was great to see work underway on the Ray Owen Reserve playing field expansion which will create more opportunities for locals to participate in sport and complement the recently completed changeroom upgrades at the site.

"The WA Government is committed to delivering high-quality and accessible sporting facilities across the State to encourage greater participation in local sport.

"This project is part of the PlayOn WA initiative to deliver 2030 community sports infrastructure items across WA by the year 2030, supporting healthier, more connected communities."

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# Stories of sport and community at final 2025 talk

THE Swan Chamber of Commerce finished its final Hour of Power for 2025 with two speakers sharing how their personal stories connected them to the Midland area and drove them to support young people and tell community stories.

The talk featured *Echo News* journalist Guanhao Cheng and Binar Futures founder Adam Desmond.

Mr Desmond has worked with more than 2000 mainly Aboriginal children through the Binar Futures program and was awarded Sports Father of the Year last year.

He told the audience his life changed when he became a father just before turning 18.

"I had this wake-up call," he said.

"I wanted to be the best father that I could be."

A possible cut to his Centrelink payment pushed him into a job at a dry cleaner in Kalamunda.

He had no plans to stay there long, but the work gave him stability, and at 21 he opened his own dry-cleaning shop in Swan View.

He later bought a shop in Midland, and it remains the home of Dezzys Dry Cleaners today.

In 2011 he tore his ACL during a basketball game.

What he first thought was a major setback became an opportunity.

With more spare time, Mr Desmond started taking a group of boys each week to play basketball, many of whom had no transport or support.

"We weren't a great team at first," he said.

"But by season two you could see growth on and off the court."

That team went on to win a national Indigenous championship at the AIS.

Over time, more young people joined, and Binar grew into several teams for boys and girls.

The group has since travelled overseas, run school programs and taken activities to regional communities.

Binar now has its own association in Midland, and this year became the first Aboriginal-led club accepted into the WA Basketball League.

"Basketball is the engagement tool," Mr Desmond said.

"Everything else... comes from that."

He said many of the young people who started with Binar are now coaching and helping others.

Mr Desmond said young leaders in Binar are given responsibility early, with guidance so they can learn from mistakes.

"I have a lot of belief in our young people," he said.

"Often people think if they're young they can't do it, or they'll be a good leader when they're older."

"I don't believe that - I think there are leadership opportunities they can step up and grasp."

"Sometimes we can tokenistically say, 'Oh, they're a whatever leader in our group,' but actually giving them responsibilities and allowing them to fail - that's part of it."

"Everyone in this room has failed so I think giving them opportunity to fail and be there for support so they know that they can is how you build up young leaders."

Mr Cheng also spoke about his connection to Midland and how it shaped the way he reports on the community.

He said although he joined *Echo News* in 2024, his ties to Midland went back to childhood.

His parents ran Sunshine Restaurant on Hooley Road behind Midvale Primary School.

"When I was in Year 6, I used to serve hot chips behind the counter," he said.

He said Midland showed him the tougher side of life but also taught him the value of kindness.

Some customers could not afford meals and were fed on IOU.

A frightening incident where a man yelled



Binar Futures founder Adam Desmond and *Echo News* journalist Guanhao Cheng (center) with Hour of Power facilitators Shane and Leanne Willcox.

racial abuse at his family was resolved when another customer stepped in to protect them.

He shared stories of regulars from the street who taught him empathy, including a teenager with an intellectual disability who became his friend.

He also spoke about moments that stayed with him, such as failing to stand up for a friend during an incident of bullying.

"In journalism, you're faced with versions

of that same moment," he said.

"Do you speak up, even when it's uncomfortable?"

Mr Cheng also encouraged the students attending from Swan Christian College and Governor Stirling to build strong media literacy.

"With AI and misinformation around, it's important to read widely, check facts and think critically," he said.

## Glen Forrest boy rewarded for his nice act of kindness

GUANHAO CHENG

A GLEN Forrest boy has been rewarded for his honesty after finding two wedding rings lost in the Mundaring Woolworths carpark.

El Caballo Heights resident Dessie Schreuders had travelled to Mundaring with her husband on Sunday afternoon to buy items for Share the Dignity's it's in the bag donation drive supporting vulnerable women.

After removing her rings to apply hand cream, she unknowingly dropped them when she stepped out of the car.

When she later realised the rings were missing, the couple rushed back but found nothing.

Ms Schreuders said friends helped post appeals on Facebook, and people in the community offered support and sympathy but the rings remained un-found.

Not long after, Glen Forrest resident Ben Walsh saw the Facebook post and checked his young son Oliver Walsh's small collection of treasures where the six-year-old keeps coins, stones and other objects he finds during their regular outings.

Mr Walsh said the two rings had been run over and were flattened but they matched the picture.

"I thought, 'It can't be,' but I checked, matched them to the picture, and straight away gave her a call," he said.

"You've got to do the right thing."

Mr Walsh said they had visited Mundaring Woolworths that week for their usual shop.

"Oliver got out of the car, looked down and found the rings," he said.

"He absolutely loves finding treasure."

Mrs Schreuders said receiving the call was the most wondrous feeling and met the family after school pick up the next day.

She brought a bag of chocolates for Oliver and a reward card, which Mr Walsh initially tried to refuse.

"Oliver is the most beautiful, polite little boy," she said.

"Meeting them was an absolute joy."

She said their conversation uncovered a string of coincidences beyond the finding of the ring.

They found their families had lived near each



Oliver Walsh began collecting treasures after his dad Ben Walsh first drew a treasure map of their garden for him to hunt at home.

other in the UK and even shared mutual friends in Glen Forrest.

Two rings have now been recovered, including Ms Schreuders' engagement ring set with a diamond from Canada's Ekati mine.

Mrs Schreuders said she was still on the lookout for the third gold ring.

She said it contained seven diamonds symbolising the seven years she said "no" before agreeing to marry her husband, which remained missing and may have been caught in a car's tyre.

Despite the loss, both families said the experience affirmed the goodness in the community.

"It made her day, and honestly, it made ours too," Mr Walsh said.

Anyone with information on the remaining ring may contact Mrs Schreuders on 0425 276 779.

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The recovery closure for boat-based recreational demersal fishing in the West Coast Zone (Kalbarri to Augusta) will be extended until Spring 2027.

Commercial demersal fishing in this zone will end permanently, and charter fishing will not be permitted between Lancelin and Mandurah.

Recreational and commercial fishing for demersals will remain open in all other regions with additional management measures introduced.

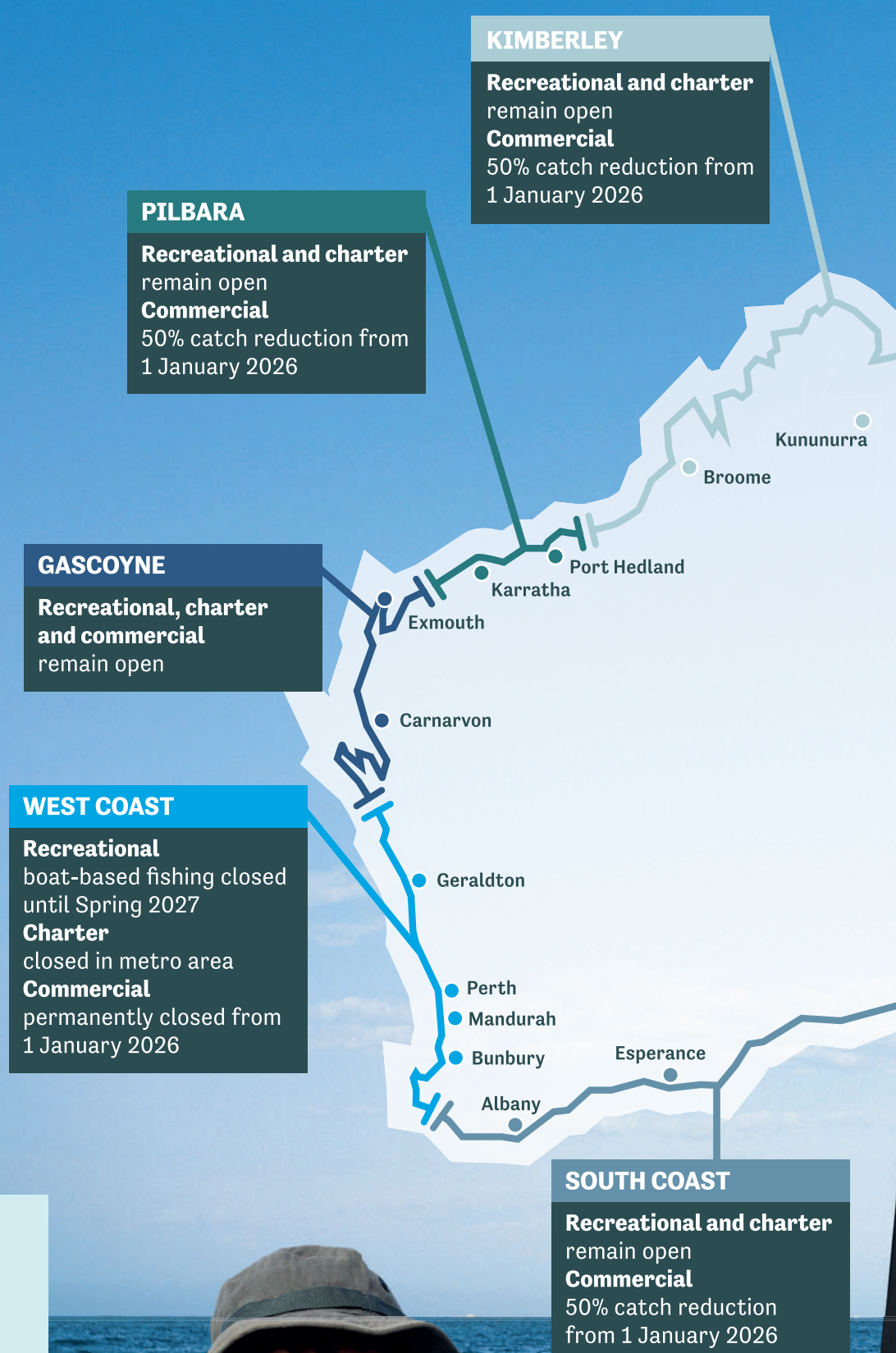
## WHAT DO THE REFORMS MEAN?

After the recovery period, the West Coast Zone will become an **exclusive** recreational fishing zone, meaning more fish in the water and a stronger future for WA's recreational fishing community.

## CAN I STILL GO FISHING?

Yes. Recreational fishing for other fish species like Mahi Mahi, Mackerel, Yellowtail Kingfish and Tuna is still permitted.

**Everyone needs to play their part for WA's future generations of fishers.**



These fish are at **risk**

WA Dhufish



Pink Snapper



Red Emperor



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### Welcome to Evangel Church Christmas Services

6 Padbury Terrace, Midland.  
Phone 0422 994 439.

**Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> – 10 am**  
**Christmas Day – 9.30 am**

*17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved. John. 3: 17*

### Christmas Masses Gingin / Chittering

**Christmas Vigil Masses**  
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7pm Divine Mercy Shrine, 34 Santa Gertrudis Drive,  
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**Christmas Day**  
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9.30am Divine Mercy Shrine,  
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*Christmas Services*

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Christmas Eve 7pm - Kalamunda

Christmas Day  
8am - St Martin's  
10am - Kalamunda

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# Church Notices

## 2025



### Sacred Heart Church

Coolgardie St, Mundaring & Wilcox St, Chidlow

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**24th December – 6pm, Mundaring**  
*Christmas Eve Vigil Mass*  
*(Sacred Heart School Grounds)*

**25th December – 9.30am, Mundaring**  
*Christmas Day Mass*

**25th December – 7.30am, Chidlow**  
*Christmas Day Mass*  
**All welcome**



The Angel's announcement to the shepherds was preceded with the words "good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people".

What made this news so great? What were the "good tidings of great joy"? It was the announcement of God's greatest gift, the promised Messiah – the One who would give His life "a ransom for many".


This Baby Boy would live a sinless life and die for sinful man. This Baby Boy would love all men but be hated by those He came to save.

As sinners we need a Saviour, a way to get to God. Jesus is that way! Our works cannot get us to heaven. Jesus is The Way, The Truth & The Life and without Him there is no hope for eternity. Not only was He born but He also died for us and paid the penalty for our sins – Death. The Bible tells us if we believe in and receive Jesus Christ we will have Everlasting Life (John 3:16; 1:12)

Would you like to receive God's greatest gift this Christmas? All we must do is Repent (admit we are sinners), Believe that Jesus died to pay our sin debt and Receive Him as your Lord and Saviour.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

Grace Baptist Church Midland 0425 354 159



### CHRISTMAS BEGINS WITH Christ



### Kalamunda-Lesmurdie Anglicans

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## Christmas Services

**Sunday before Christmas**  
6pm Family Carol Service at St Barnabas (21 Dec)

**Christmas Eve**  
5pm Children and Families Service at St Barnabas  
9pm Christmas Eve Mass at St Swithun's  
11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Barnabas

**Christmas Day**  
7.30am Christmas Mass at St Swithun's  
9.30am Christmas Mass at St Barnabas

St Barnabas Church  
40 Railway Road,  
Kalamunda

St Swithun's Church  
195 Lesmurdie Road,  
Lesmurdie



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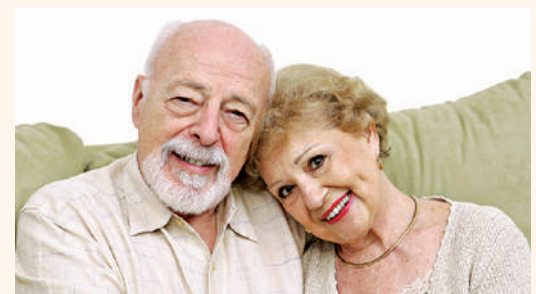
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## Seniors Information Resource now available

**Searchable website and hard copy resource makes finding information easier.**

The second edition of the popular Seniors Information Resource and the new searchable Seniors Information Resource website have been launched as part of recent Seniors Week 2025 celebrations.

Designed to help seniors plan well, age well and be informed, the resource features comprehensive information about services and concessions available state-wide.

The updated Seniors Information Resource booklet includes many new additions, and a new website that will help seniors navigate the wide range of services and concessions available to them.

The resources provide information on a range of topics including housing, health and well-being, aged care services, elder abuse,

technology and communication, transport, community groups, concessions and rebates, and end-of-life planning.

They will ensure Western Australian seniors have ready access to information they need to obtain services and concessions.

This initiative is part of the State Seniors Strategy 2023-2033, which continues to support older Western Australians to live well, stay independent, and age with confidence.

Find out more about both the website and the hard-copy resource at the Department of Communities' Seniors Information Resources webpage.



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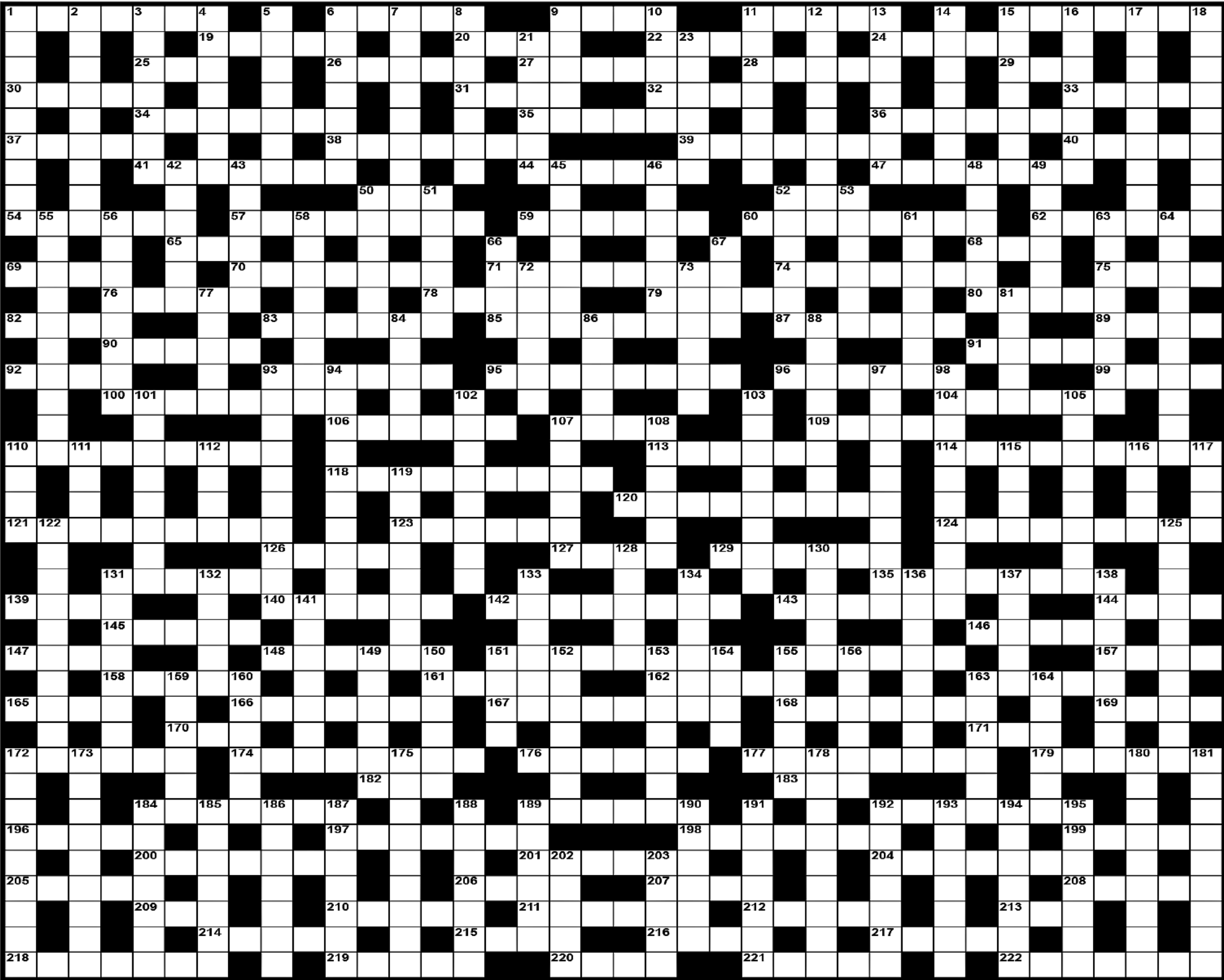
New Years Day Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026



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Mind Boggler Crossword

1248



- ACROSS

1 Nightclub

6 Odours

9 Temporary dwelling

11 Worries

15 Insects

19 Wanderer

20 Forearm bone

22 Flutter

24 Banish

25 Foot digit

26 Unemployed person

27 Amatory

28 Docket

29 Title of a knight

30 Cafeteria

31 Scarce

32 Prison room

33 Vigilant

34 Allure

35 Fabric with a thick soft pile

36 Shipping hazard

37 Melody

38 Instruct

39 Towards the interior

40 Drive away

41 Very small fish

44 Atmospheric

47 Contrived

50 Bunk

52 Beast of burden

54 Irsomeness

57 Hermits

59 College

60 Arms magazines

62 Bombs

65 Reverential fear

68 Cabin

69 Grain-storing building

70 Of a lower price

71 Hindering

74 Small guitar-like instrument

75 Separate article

76 Open to view

78 Bird of prey

79 Wise persons

80 Hindu women's garments

82 Blemish

83 More unrefined

85 Weirdness

87 Join up

89 Chooses

90 Astonish greatly

91 Walked up and down

92 Gyrate

93 Majestic

95 Confuse

96 Upright

99 Ages

100 Appalling

104 Loathes

106 Sewing implement

107 Examines

109 Hell

110 A written testimonial

113 Public fight

114 Thousands of units of power

118 Reloads

120 Magnificent tomb

121 Subject

123 Category

124 Planned

126 Think

127 Bird of peace

129 Loose garment

131 Moneylender

135 Wrestling grips

139 Extensive

140 Councils

142 Bullfighters

143 The mouth (coll)

144 Chops

145 Protuberances

146 Personnel

147 NZ flightless bird

148 Officers in a monastic order

151 Applauds

155 Oldest

157 Dudes

158 Bitter hostilities

161 Brown pigment

162 Nude

163 Curl the lip

165 Short skirt

166 Correcting

167 Able to be let

168 Sweets

169 US State

170 Part of a circle

171 Pioneer aviator, Charles ...

172 Accord

174 Swindlers

176 An outing

177 Drove backwards

179 Part of the foot

182 Picas

183 Turf

184 Lively intelligences

189 Free from moisture (3,3)

192 Objects of ridicule

196 Clamorous

197 A covering

198 View closely

199 Entrance

200 A suburb within a city

201 Refreshing

204 Part of a ship's sail

205 Grumbles

206 Horses (coll)

207 Wallaroo

208 Grass cutter

209 Be in debt

210 Tusk-like

211 He asked for more

212 Shorebird

213 Supplement

214 Actor's parts

215 Lion's neck hair

216 Ham and beef shop (abb)

217 Grooves

218 Australian folk group

219 Multitudes

220 Extremities

221 A WWI battleground

222 Pendant ornaments

DOWN

1 Sauce

2 Polished by friction

3 Withdraw

4 Dealt with

5 In general

6 Small cake of batter

7 Small particles

8 Dreamlike

9 A town on the Manning River

10 Two times

11 Chaps

12 Disconcert

13 Egocentric

14 Complaint

15 Solicit

16 Angry

17 An Arnhem Land river

18 Without nationality

21 Sinews

23 Relating to vinegar

42 Prisoner

43 Control

45 NRL player

46 Venerate

48 Bludgeons

49 Annual Christian festival

50 Collided with

51 More expensive

52 Excite into action

53 Consequence

55 Free from restraint

56 Unlearnt

58 In good spirits

61 Absence of particular micro-organisms

63 Incidents

64 A commissioned officer

66 Border

67 Ova

72 XI

73 Speech sounds

77 Shaving instrument

81 Covered with water

84 Follow in order

86 Silly

88 A beginner

93 Renouncers

94 Age group

97 Gifts

98 Disciplinarian

101 Wages

102 Calendars

103 A non-commissioned officer

105 Recompensed

107 Watched TV

108 Ferocious

110 South African monetary unit

111 Swing about loosely

112 A long river

115 Whip

116 Lofty

117 Spoken

119 Ephemeris

122 Display

125 A project undertaken

128 Alcoholic drink

130 Resound vibrantly

131 Makes ghastly

132 Swift

133 Community service club member

134 First

136 Units of magnetic field strength

137 Many times

138 Crocuses

141 Distance measured in yards

149 Narcotic

150 Sweeteners

151 Qualified

152 More demented

153 In short (2,5)

154 Swerve

155 Whirling currents

156 Rushed

159 A distant planet

160 Form of football

163 Atelier

164 Weasel

172 Of one mind

173 Able to be set on fire

175 Prohibitions

178 Visual perversion

180 Dishes, etc

181 Hagglers

184 Something unpleasant to look at

185 Orchard workers

186 Not fitted

187 A Germanic language

188 Names derived from other persons

189 Mythical monster

190 A number

191 A diffusion of fluids through membranes

192 Synthetic rubber base

193 Rowlock

194 Most solemn

195 Stews

202 Small island

203 Requires

Crossword Solution 1247 from 5 December, 2025

L M N P R S T V W B C D E A G H  
I T ELITE E O PAUSES R H OCCUR U A  
V A L U E T N N U T M E G O G I L E L H M A R K S  
T H E R E D I S C O R D E N A I A D S G F E L L O W S U N P I N  
E R A E B T X T H E N  
C L A I M P I A N I S T D B O R I N G D S T E N C I L R E E F S  
L V E N U S O E A S E S N G C I G A R K N O B E L E  
H O S E D T H R E A T S E A D J U S T E R B A T M E N T S A R S  
H H T R I T Y P E D A F T E R U D U M  
Q U O T A D E A L E E D E S I G N E E B I N G O R O U G E  
R T I D E S E D I M P A D E S K S A N O N S  
A N T H E M E V B B E A T I N G S N I L A S S E R T  
O O M M I N C E U S A U D A F T N O O S E F E E O  
A N T I Q U E S R U N D I L I G E N T R E D S L I P P A G E  
C S N D G E R R A A  
G E N T L E S T S L A T E T O E S N I N T H S C H O L A R S  
K O R E A N E A B A D D E R E D G A L L E R I E S  
C O N T R A L T O E A R T H U S A D D I G E R E D G A L L E R I E S  
S E K A G O R C H I D N A I L D R A  
E O L E O H S A I N T S L I E A  
C A N C E L L E D M E S O D E R M N E P I L O T S A L T P E T R E  
S A S S E S S E R C R B E R V I L S O  
O V E R A L L S R E S T S F L E A S U E D E A R T W O R K S  
A R T A R K R A M P L E F T J A  
O U T B U R S T O A F F A C I L I T Y T R K T A I L O R E D  
L B K E R I N A I G E T Z E T A N I C H E B A N P  
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I A D E N C H E S T O N A S T E R P A L E E  
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P T A R R Y A R E B E L L K P A Y E E H T S N O T T  
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Clive Ryder's solo exhibition at MJAC

Midland Junction Arts Centre (MJAC) invites visitors to discover the works of local artist Clive Ryder as he presents his first solo exhibition of large-scale acrylic landscape paintings.

As a local to Bellevue for 36 years, Clive 'George' Ryder raised seven children and nine foster children with his wife Anne, also born in Midland.

Ryder is a Noongar Yued Ballardong descendant of the Stolen Generation through his father Cliff Ryder, a renowned artist in his own right.

A self-taught painter with a practice spanning more than 17 years, Ryder began painting to offer respite and overcome the boredom from work in mining and farming across Western Australia from Marble Bar to Port Headland, Telfer to Newman.

Selecting a minimal palette of five colours with a simple studio setup impromptu in whatever donga he found himself in, he would "move the bed and tape the canvas to the wall", painting for several hours each night.

His "no waste" mentality sees him painting prolifically so as not to waste the paint before it dries, sometimes working on up to four or five paintings at a time.

In 2019, the Berndt Museum of Anthropology at Lawrence Wilson Gallery of UWA presented the work of his father Cliff Ryder in the group exhibition Carrolup Revisited: A Journey through the South West of Western Australia.

The exhibition highlighted the importance of artistic expression for Children



Clive Ryder with one of his works in Studio 1: Picture: MAC Inc.

at Carrolup Native Settlement, as well as other artists from the South West, not only as records of Noongar customs and life, but as significant contributions to Aboriginal art.

Painting from memory and intuition, Ryder continues the legacy of his father's artistic expression, capturing the quintessential hues and forms of Western Australia and finding a connection to Country through colour and creative practice.

His work, along with his fathers, is an important acknowledgement of the Noongar community and a reminder of

their artistic and cultural heritage.

"I believe that the artistic skills in our family are hereditary. They come from my dear beloved dad, Cliff Ryder. I think our children and grandchildren are very lucky to have been gifted with this artistic talent and with the spiritual and cultural connections they possess."

— Charon Ryder

Clive Ryder's work will be on display in Studio 1 at Midland Junction Arts Centre until December 21.

For more information visit: [www.midlandjunctionartscentre.com.au](http://www.midlandjunctionartscentre.com.au)



Local artists Mary Ann Dawson and Ric Burkitt in front of the Shire of Mundaring Christmas tree.

## Mundaring Christmas tree project brings centre alive

The Mundaring town centre once again comes alive with festive joy as the annual Christmas tree takes its place in the Shire of Mundaring gardens.

Following a 36-year tradition, Mundaring Arts Centre engaged celebrated local painter, Ric Burkitt to work with more than 100 students from Chidlow Primary School.

The students were invited to express their creativity and cheer to decorate nearly 400 recycled canvas leaves for the tree.

With assistance from local artist, Mary Ann Dawson, Burkitt led students from all grades, pre-primary to year 6, in sessions where they depicted and decorated an array of quintessential hills fauna with bright colours and patterns.

Adorned with the quenda, snake, frog, duck, cow and the humble cat, the Mundaring Christmas tree highlights the familiar creatures we often encounter throughout the shire.

"This year's theme is a simple reminder that our shire is alive with wildlife and beloved family pets - and that there's plenty we can do to help them cope with the hot summer that arrives over the Christmas period," Mr Burkitt said.

"We can offer shade, leave out fresh water, clean and refill bird baths, and bring our pets indoors during the hottest part of the day.

"Small, thoughtful actions like these can make a big difference.

"Our community is home to countless animals — so let's take care of them all this Christmas and help every creature thrive through the season."

Heralding the start of Birak, the Noongar season of the young, the five-metre-tall tree stands afront the Shire of Mundaring administration building on Great Eastern Highway, a beacon of joy and unity on the doorstep of the town centre.

This project, supported by the Shire of Mundaring, the Mundaring Arts Centre and local primary schools, showcases the creative spirit of children as they brighten the Mundaring town centre for all to enjoy and celebrate.

The Christmas tree was officially unveiled on Wednesday, December 3 and was attended by shire councillors, the artists, Chidlow Primary School deputy principal and students.

## ENTERTAINMENT & GIG GUIDE

### Your local Gig Guide

#### Fri December 12

**Settlers House York**  
Lez Karski.  
From 6pm. Free.  
125 Avon Terrace  
York

#### Mahogany Inn & Distillery

Table for Two.  
6pm-9pm. Free.  
4260 Great Eastern Hwy  
Mahogany Creek

#### Parkerville Tavern

Ben Graham.  
From 6pm. Free.  
6 Owen Road  
Parkerville

#### Woodbridge Hotel

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

#### 7th Ave Bar & Bistro

Dr. Bogus  
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74 Helena Street  
Midland

#### Sat December 13

**Settlers House York**  
The Jukes of York.  
From 6pm. Free.  
125 Avon Terrace  
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#### Parkerville Tavern

Leslie Hinton  
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6 Owen Road  
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#### Lyric's Bar

Chris Cornell  
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**Woodbridge Hotel**  
Jamm'n.  
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#### Sun December 14

#### Woodbridge Hotel

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#### 7th Ave Bar & Bistro

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From 12-3pm. Free.  
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#### Childlow Tavern

Live Music.  
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Chidlow

#### Lyric's Bar

Benedict Moleta.  
From 5pm. Free.  
22 Lyric Lane  
Maylands

#### Mahogany Inn & Distillery

Bill Chidgzev and  
The Longshot Trio.  
4pm-7pm. Free.  
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#### Tues December 16

#### Hemingway & Co

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#### Woodbridge Hotel

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## Read between the lines

by Pastor  
Ian Kirk



## The WA Christmas Tree

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The tree only grows in our part of the world; and it's one of the largest hemi-parasitic trees in the world; that is, it is a tree that obtains most of its water and nutrients from nearby plants and trees by tapping into their root systems.

The fact that it is a parasitic tree may make you think twice about how nice this tree really is. It literally takes the life out of other trees and plants for itself.

But when I think of modern human behaviour, isn't that what a lot seem to be doing these days? They take from other people, they use other people, in order to get ahead, or to get an advantage, and then to parade themselves in glory.

How different though, is the God who made us. He doesn't take - He gives. At Christmas we remember His indescribable gift - the gift of Jesus. He gave Jesus to save us and to give us eternal life.

One of the most famous verses in the Bible, John 3:16, declares "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

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### SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 16 December 2025, commencing at 5.30 pm in the Council Chamber at the Shire Administration Building, 7000 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- accept the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2025
- set the date for the general meeting of electors, commonly referred to as the annual Electors'

Please note, this meeting will be audio recorded and livestreamed.

**Jason Whiteaker**  
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The City of Swan has received a proposal for the above land. Any interested persons are invited to view the documentation at the City of Swan Administration Centre, 2 Midland Square, MIDLAND between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday or on the City's website:

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Should you wish to comment on this proposal you may do so via the Online Feedback Form available on the City's website on or before 03 January 2026.

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## Do you have something to Celebrate?

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# Protecting animals during a bushfire

From p7

In the event of a natural hazard emergency, it is critical not to leave it too late to implement emergency plans and risk the safety of animals and their owners.

If animals cannot be evacuated, it is important to identify a safe place for them to shelter, along with sufficient food and water for a prolonged period.

"Animals may become stressed and behave differently during a fire or emergency so it's important to evacuate early to a safe place," Mr Hopley said.

"Have conversations now with family and friends and check with local governments on who could assist or host animals – particularly large animals, like horses.

"We suggest horse owners who need to evacuate and leave their horses behind to open all internal gates but do not release their horses externally, which could pose a traffic hazard."

In the event of a significant emergency, DPIRD may decide to activate the State Support Plan - Animal Welfare in Emergencies to help coordinate a State-level emergency response for all animals.

Stay up to date during an emergency using the Emergency WA website or app, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Facebook page, and listening to ABC Local Radio.

PAWE templates are available on the DPIRD website [dpird.wa.gov.au](http://dpird.wa.gov.au) via the 'Animal welfare during bushfires' tab on the homepage.

# Working together in fight against stable fly

From p5

By reducing decaying organic matter in and on the soil, you are reducing the number of breeding sites available to stable flies.

"Regularly remove organic waste like vegetable waste, grass clippings, manure, waste feed and old hay at least once a week.

"Feed animals on hard-stands or in troughs to keep food off the soil. If feeding on the ground, lay feed in long thin lines to prevent trampling and contamination.

"After harvest, clean up waste vegetation within two days. Either bury it deeply or, if it's left on the soil, turn off irrigation, mulch it into small pieces to let it dry out."

Stable fly is a declared pest for the cities of Armadale, Cockburn, Joondalup, Kwinana, Rockingham, Swan and Wanneroo, the shires of Capel, Chittering, Gingin, Harvey, Kalamunda, Serpentine-Jarrahdale and part of the Shire of Murray.

"Primary industries and landholders in these areas must manage waste appropriately on their properties using information available from DPIRD and the Stable Fly Management Plan," Mr Shepherd said.

"DPIRD is working with horticultural industries, landholders, local governments and affected communities to reduce stable fly breeding to support long-term management of the issue."

Landholders and community members in these areas are encouraged to report stable fly to their local government authority.

More information is available from the DPIRD website [www.dpird.wa.gov.au/stablefly](http://www.dpird.wa.gov.au/stablefly)

# ECHO Notice Board

## Upcoming Events

• **Kalamunda Prostate Cancer Support 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.

• **Midland Men's Shed Social** Tuesday is every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am

in the Baptist Church Hall, Bellevue. Call Kevin on 0417 961 971. For workshop inquiries call 0411 833 055.

• **Save the Children Hills branch** will hold a Christmas stall in the Mundaring Shopping Mall outside Woolworths between 9.00am to 3.30pm on Friday, December 19. The stall will include our popular books, hand knits, rugs, plants

and small gifts. Mint stamps for postage or collecting will also be available. No EFTPOS available for our stall but an ATM and bank are nearby.

**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

Steven is a 10-year-old maltese cross. He was originally living with an elderly lady but due to health reasons he has to be rehomed. Steven is good with cats but nervous around small kids and will need regular grooming. He is sterilised, vaccinated, and microchipped. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.

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## Forreestfield swim club awarded swimming club of the year

BRAYDEN MOULD

**GUILDFORD** and Kalamunda Districts Swimming Club (GK) has been recognised as the leading swimming club in the country, securing the title of swimming club of the year 2025 at the Swimming Australia awards.

The national award, which acknowledges a club's commitment to high standards, community involvement, and nurturing swimmers from beginners through to competitive athletes, was handed off at an award ceremony on November 15.

Having operated at Darling Ranges Sports College for more than 60 years since 1963, GK has been a constant presence in the local community, even winning the same swimming club of the year award back in 2023.

Swimming WA general manager Kirsty Read said she was a shiny example of what happens when a club puts people first.

"Their culture, inclusion and genuine community spirit has created an environment where every swimmer regardless of

age, background or ability can thrive," she said.

"Swimming WA is incredibly proud of the leadership they continue to show."

The club hosts a range of programs to help promote water safety, skill development, and lifelong participation in swimming including a learn to swim program which helps swimmers learn from aged four and above.

The club also hosts competitive swimming programs and fitness squads for exercise.

GK committee member Lauren Kettle said she was proud of the group for their success in securing the coveted title.

"Being part of GK has been incredible for my child – the confidence, friendships and growth we've seen are remarkable," she said.

"It's fantastic to see the wider community recognise just how special this club is.

"We're extremely grateful for our strong committee and our volunteers.

"With coach Craig's leadership, the club is set to become even stronger."

## Strong weekend for Midland Guildford Cricket Club teams

JOSHUA MCKENZIE

**THERE** were a number of games completed for Midland Guildford Cricket Club last weekend with some positive results for a number of sides.

The male 1st grade fell short against Perth after only posting 180 all out from 59.2 overs. Max Bittner top scored with an unbeaten 57 runs from 89 balls, before Keaton Critchell took 5-53 from 23.2 overs as their opponents made 266 in the run chase.

It was a four-wicket victory for the male 2nd grade against the same opposition with Ben Skinner, with 3-36 from 18 overs, and Jack Giancono, with 3-51 from 21 overs, helping to restrict Perth to 150 all out.

The side chased down the target with four wickets to spare with the final session of play still remaining.

A thrilling game from the male 3rd grade saw them chase down a target of 288 for victory after dismissing Perth for 287 all out on day one.

Hunter Wills, with 94 from 156, and Mohit Malviya, with 62 from 153, were key contributors to the chase as they managed to secure victory by one wicket with just one ball remaining.

The male 4th grade also had a close contest against the same opposition as they won their match in the final session by chasing down the target of 193.

Matthew Hampson took 5-32 from 18.4 overs to help restrict Perth to 192 all out before a collective batting effort led by Cooper Neill, with 38 not out from 62, got the side past the total with two wickets remaining.

In the female A grade T20 match, they won comfortably against Rockingham Mandurah.

The side restricted their opponents to 8-90 with Ruby York being the leading wicket-taker with 4-11 from four overs.

They chased down the target without losing a wicket as openers Chloe Piparo, with 50 not out from 42, and York, with 40 not out from 35, shared an unbeaten partnership of 91 runs.

The female U17 played a double-header of T20 matches with games against Wanneroo



**A good weekend for the male and female sides.**

and Perth.

They were beaten in a super over by Wanneroo, before winning by six wickets against Perth.

It was a round of good results for several teams and there are some exciting fixtures coming up with T20 finals matches for all of the female sides and the Premier T20 side.

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The front veranda is partially enclosed and supported by brick pillars that show its architectural character.

Inside, the home has many of its historic elements with high ceilings and ornate plasterwork that have decorative cornices

contributing to the heritage feel.

Key features include its original timber, stove and leadlight windows, with jarrah floorboards and a brick fireplace.

It has a central bathroom with a window that provides natural light and a newly engineered deck that overlooks Greenmount Forest.

Connected to the deck is the open-plan kitchen, allowing catering for guests in the entertaining areas to be kept straightforward

The floor plan allows new homebuyers the flexibility to use the home in its three-bedroom configuration or repurpose the third room into a light-filled study.

Art deco touches throughout the property infuse character into the home and the large yard offers landscapers a big canvas to make the home their own.

The property sits on land once influenced by the Hoffman steam pressed brick company, later acquired by the Coulthard Brothers who were important contributors to the local brick industry.

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# I Remember When...

Do you remember when you got your last report card for the year and in my time back in the seventies it was a written report in handwriting by your teacher for each of your subjects in High School and for Primary was a book that had all your years in. Like most young guys I liked a bit of laughter and fun in class which is not ideal for the poor teachers. In year ten one of my teachers got the ultimate payback. This is what she wrote "Oh that voice if he studied as well as he talked, he could do quite well" now how do you recon my parents reacted? Today, at the end of school there are lot more ceremonies than my days are Guildford Primary and Governor Stirling. At Govo I think they were happy just to get us out of the school, especially in year ten as a lot guys use to finish and start their apprenticeships next year, usually at the Railways in Midland. These guys were usually the naughty ones. Now there are graduation ceremonies and lots of events we had very little not saying it was better then, simply different mind you every year the year twelves always partied. Most of the leavers did Tentland at Rotto, which is about as overseas as we got. There are always about two weeks of parties then it would all fade away. Sadly, for many of us we rarely or ever seen each other since and for some that was great as they did not like school but thrived at uni. Only the smarties went to uni the rest of us started the search for jobs most started apprenticeships as fifteen-year-olds. Most popular courses for guys at Uni in our time were accountants and the girls were teachers and nurses the high tech stuff wasn't around had not even been thought of.



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### SWAN VIEW FROM \$595,000



#### SUPER CONVENIENT IN SUNNY SWAN VIEW

16/65 Amherst Road

- Established, tidy, delightful garden
- Small, easy-care lawn, Fully reticulated
- Electric roller door to carport/garage
- Patio + Garden shed
- Renovated kitchen and bathroom
- Air-conditioned + Ceiling fans

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### MIDVALE FROM \$679,000



#### MOVE-IN READY WITH ROOM TO GROW!

88 Beaconsfield Avenue

- Four bedrooms, One bathroom, 683 sqm
- Front lounge room, Refreshed kitchen, meals area and Enclosed rear sunroom
- Covered patio - perfect for BBQs
- Single garage, Side access to backyard, Lots of room for kids & pets
- Large front and rear yards

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### MADDINGTON FROM \$1,100,000 NO GST



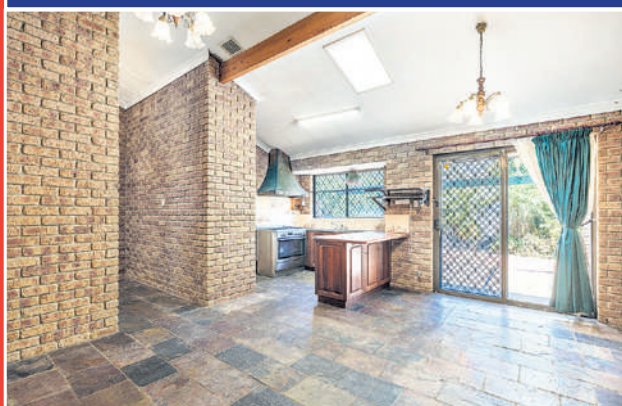
#### LEASED INVESTMENT

2 / 3 Binley Place

- 260sqm strata lot currently leased til 25/03/2028. It operates as an Indian restaurant.
- Two lots in the strata complex, tenant leases both.
- The property is located just 50 meters from Maddington Central - Shopping Centre.
- On site parking plus street parking.
- For Lease details including current rent, lease term, rent reviews etc please contact agent

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### BELLEVUE FROM \$659,000



#### HOME OF ENORMOUS POTENTIAL!

30 Lifford Way

- Three bedrooms
- One Semi-ensuite bathroom
- Built in Wardrobes
- 697 sqm with Large patio
- Slate tiled flooring
- High ceilings

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### MIDLAND FROM \$690,000



#### DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

65 Great Northern Highway

- The property is rectangular approx 10.06m x 50.30m.
- Zoned R60/80.
- 3 x 166sqm lots or
- 4 x 125sqm lots
- Zoned Residential/ Business (33)

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### STONEVILLE EOI



#### ACTIVE SHOPPING CENTRE

5345 Richardson Road

- Tenant Mix & Configuration Total built area: ~578 sqm
- Adjoining a high-traffic liquor store, the centre comprises six fully leased tenancies:
- Shop 1 & 2 - Coffee Shop 83sqm (internal only)
- Shop 3 Wellness Consultant 41sqm
- Shop 4 Pilates Studio 45sqm
- Shop 5 Skin Care Clinic 79sqm
- Shop 6 Supermarket, Fruit & Veg, Post Office 330sqm

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