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ECHO Celebrations



Hospital caregivers gathered on the lawn to celebrate the tenth birthday. Hospital CEO, Paul Dyer, St John of God Health Care board chair Kerry Sanderson, MLC Klasey Hirst and City of Swan deputy mayor Charlie Zannino.

Saint John of God Midland Public and Private Hospitals: a decade of service

TEN years ago in November 2015 St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospitals was officially commissioned and the doors opened to the community for the first time.

The hospital replaced the former Swan District Hospital as an expanded hospital offering both public and, for the first time, private beds to meet the community's healthcare needs within an expanded and modern facility.

Over the past decade, the hospital has grown into a hub of clinical excellence, education and research.

From welcoming 18,555 babies, caring for hundreds of thousands of patients, and supporting people in their most vulnerable moments, to training more than 307 medical graduates, 4000 nursing students and 300 midwifery students, their commitment to high-quality, compassionate care has remained at the centre of everything they do.

The hospital's group of dedicated volunteers has been a vital aspect of care delivery over the past decade providing invaluable support to car-

egivers, patients and visitors at the hospital.

Since opening, more than 256 volunteers have donated over 73,500 hours of support to the hospital, with 13 pioneer volunteers having been with the hospital from day one.

On November 27, hospital caregivers gathered to commemorate the hospital's tenth birthday with a gigantic birthday cake and a meal with St John of God Health Care board chair, Kerry Sanderson AC CVO, performing the cake cutting honours.

Hospital chief executive officer Paul Dyer said the milestone birthday was also a celebration of their people.

"From caregivers, clinicians, support teams, volunteers, partners and the wider community - whose expertise, dedication and collaboration have shaped the hospital into the trusted healthcare provider it is today.

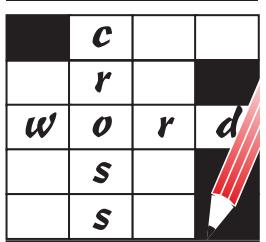
"We're proud of what we've achieved in Midland over the past ten years and look forward to continuing to deliver compassionate, committed and connected care."

Peace memorial marks centenary at Midland railway workshops



The peace statue in the grounds of the Midland railway workshops. Large crowds attended the unveiling ceremony for the peace memorial in 1925. Images courtesy City of Swan local history collection

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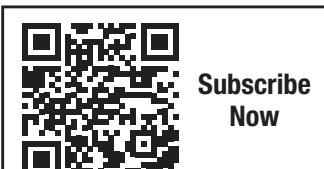
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Save Perth Hills protesting North Stoneville in February. Picture: Save Perth Hills

North Stoneville SAT hearings conclude

GUANHAO CHENG

NORTH Stoneville's public open State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) hearings concluded last week with the third rejection of the plan by the WA planning commission (WAPC) and the Shire of Mundaring and parties awaiting the tribunal's decision expected in 2026.

In a bid for approval, Satterley revealed it would stage construction and release 135 lots, rather than the intended 1001, pending a decision on Eastlink up Toodyay Road.

Eastlink remains the project that Satterley argued would provide better traffic access away from North Stoneville.

Main Roads WA gave evidence Eastlink might not start until 2036 or 2041.

According to Save Perth Hills (SPH), Satterley revealed the 60,000 trees providing shelter and habitat to endangered black cockatoos would need bulldozing to make way for the first stage of 135 lots, regardless if the 1001 lots went ahead in the future.

Earlier in Satterley's appeal hearing, seeking to overturn the WA Planning Commission's 2023 rejection of the plan, modification suggestions were introduced such as an on-site bushfire refuge.

According to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), evacuation advice encouraged leaving a bushfire scene early and sheltering at home should be the last option.

Under cross-examination by lawyers for the WAPC, Satterley was unable to provide details on where the refuge would be built, how many people it might hold, what might happen when it reached capacity, who would manage it, and parking arrangements.

Henley Brook residents oppose school capacity increase



The school is expected to reach the new student capacity of 1510 by 2028. Picture: Brayden Mould

BRAYDEN MOULD

RESIDENTS of Henley Brook are opposing a proposal to significantly increase the capacity of the Australian Islamic College, fearing the 51 per cent student surge will escalate the already perilous traffic congestion plaguing Asturian Drive.

The college, situated at the intersection of Henley Street and Asturian Drive, has submitted a Regulation 17 application to the Development Assessment Panel (DAP) seeking approval to boost its student body from 1000 to 1510 students.

Staff are also proposed to climb from 80 to 105, with the application stating that no further infrastructure is planned to accommodate the substantial increase in students or the resulting influx of vehicles.

Local resident Reto Ammann has spoken out about the community's intense frustration highlighting the dangerous traffic conditions during peak hours.

"What many people are mainly concerned or upset about is the traffic congestion on Asturian Drive," he said.

"The amount of traffic, especially during peak hours when kids are getting picked up and dropped off... all that is clogging up Asturian Drive and is resulting in people attempting dangerous manoeuvres."

Mr Ammann said that the current traffic – already intensified by ongoing construction and new housing developments along the thoroughfare – was creating hazardous conditions.

"Asturian Drive is just getting used as a rat run, a shortcut for drivers... and it'll probably stay that way until something changes," he said.

Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil said the shire's submissions to SAT will be released publicly once legal advice confirmed the appropriate timing.

"Council has resolved to refuse structure plan 34 due to concerns around bushfire evacuation risk, traffic impacts and environmental conservation," she said.

"In 2020, council also resolved to support the rezoning of the land from urban to rural residential."

Kalamunda MLA Adam Hort said he'd heard from residents concerned about animal habitat loss and bushfire risk and evacuation safety must come first.

"People also understand that we need housing, but there is strong support for the Shire of Mundaring's proposal to rezone the land to rural residential, rather than the high-density, small-lot model being proposed," he said.

"Rural residential lots already exist in the area and can accommodate growth without overwhelming the environment or local infrastructure."

"What stood out in the final week of the hearing was the developer's late proposal to limit development until the Eastlink Road is built, and the suggestion that mass clearing would reduce fire risk, which runs contrary to advice from experts in the field."

A Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage spokesperson said they could confirm the tribunal heard the North Stoneville Structure Plan appeal's closing submissions and replies on December 9 and 11, but could not comment further on an active matter.

Echo News put questions to Satterley asking what residents should know ahead of the SAT decision, but no comment was given.

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Thought for the day

"The greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our disposition and not our circumstances." — Martha Washington

Harsh cuts to trees a concern

Dear Echo News,

Last week Devon Street residents returned home to see their verge trees severely and over cut, we are unsure who has undertaken this work or what permissions or communications occurred with the CoS, however it is disheartening treatment of these trees.

From an ecologically perspective, native species are needed for ecosystem function, while introduced ones are not, because they disrupt natural processes, oust native species and may spread disease.

The best humane and ethical solution for sick and/or injured invasive species is humane euthanasia.

Indeed, this may even curtail the spread of some diseases spread by introduced birds and transmitted to native ones.

Unfortunately, this practice is not enforced throughout the wildlife rehabilitation sector in WA because wildlife carers often have a 'save everything' policy.

However, without sound understanding of ecosystem structure and function, this well-meaning attitude can perpetuate ecological problems, not solve them.

They are Spotted Doves (*Streptopelia chinensis*), a species introduced to Australia from Asia in the 1860's.

South-west WA has no native 'doves', but two native pigeons (which are in the same family as doves), the Common Bronzewing and the Brush Bronzewing.

Why does this matter?

Biodiversity conservation pertains to the

protection of wild, free populations of native animals and their habitats.

Globally, the most significant threats to biodiversity are firstly habitat loss, and then invasive (introduced) species.

Therefore, distinguishing between native and introduced species is a critical first step in ensuring conservation and rehabilitation of wildlife (native species) can be carried out successfully.

It seems it maybe Western Power.

We have never had trees cut like this before in our area.

Normally they cut at the top beneath the lines and the trees fall out to create shaded paths for us to walk ourselves with dogs and kids to school etc.

It would seem this is so opposite the amount of hype by government on saving and supporting the canopy?

Is Woodbridge to end up like Bayswater? Lowest tree canopy in Perth? How and why did the council allow this?

Western Power again identified Stirling Street site as a potential site for buffer and native habitat and on one hand says one thing and does another.

Disappointed in the council and state government - but now in fear we will lose our trees.

Why has this been done? Why the severity? Why at this time? Coming near you if you live in Swan.

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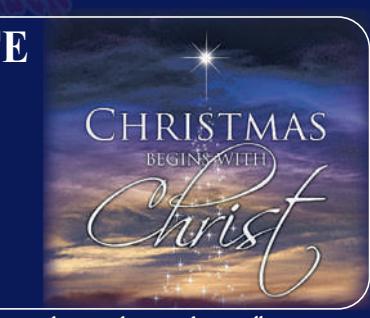
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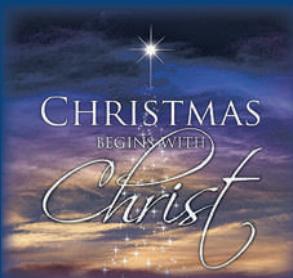
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High Wycombe industrial area concerns continue

MIKE PEETERS

KALAMUNDA mayor Margaret Thomas has responded to concerns raised during the December City of Kalamunda council meeting about the High Wycombe South industrial area.

As reported in *Resident calls for clarity on High Wycombe buffer history* (Echo News, December 5) the city was asked 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.

The Sultana Road West residents' primary concern centred on the lack of a buffer between the industrial and residential zones in the area.

They also said the disruptions caused by council approved businesses next door exceeded the classification of light industry, and that the noises and smells emitted were more aptly categorised as general industry.

Residents were concerned they were left with no separation between the two zones and exposed to loud noises and strong odours due to the inappropriate distance management and zoning.

Residents near the Hatch Court light industrial area had similar concerns but were assured the development in their area would be light and not general industry.

Mayor Thomas said she was aware of the Hatch Court residents' concerns about how roads, buffers, and industrial activity would affect nearby landowners.

"The city also recognises concerns in other locations, however the historical and planning context of the two areas are very different, each with unique challenges," Ms Thomas said.

"To make sure these impacts are managed, community consultation will be a key part of planning for the Hatch Court light industrial area.

"The aim of the draft Local Planning Policy 35 (LPP 35) is to guide development across the whole precinct in a coordinated way.

"This includes managing traffic, protecting environmental buffers, ensuring smooth transitions between residential areas, and reducing bushfire risk.

"The city will keep residents informed and involved as the planning framework is developed and refined."



The Hatch Court light industrial area. The highlighted area is being zoned light industrial.

Ms Thomas said the city was guided by existing frameworks, such as Clause 5.23.1 of LPP No 3 which sets extra rules to manage how industrial and residential areas interact in the Hatch Court light industrial area.

"These rules cover things like traffic management, building setbacks, landscaping and fencing, building design and façade treatments, environmental buffers and bushfire risk management.

"Development applications will also be assessed under LPS No 3 and other laws, including the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.

"This ensures that new projects meet the goals of light industrial zones while protecting the amenity of nearby residential areas."

Ms Thomas said as part of the communications and engagement strategy for Hatch Court residents, stakeholders would be kept informed and involved.

"This will happen through letters, website updates, and Q and A sessions."

To comment visit www.engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/local-planning-policy-35-lpp35-hatch-court-light-industrial-area

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Peter Baille presenting the KCR afternoon traffic jam program.

Kalamunda Community Radio to move to 88.9

Kalamunda Community Radio (KCR) has been at 102.5 since 2003, but is moving after the Australian Commercial Media Association published a new licence area plan for the FM frequency band in the Perth region.

Well established as an important voice for the Perth Hills, KCR is entirely staffed by volunteers, with a roster of almost 30 presenters broadcasting music, interviews, news and other programs 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Live programs between 6am and 9pm every day keep listeners up to date with local happenings, bushfire information, weather and traffic updates and provide support for local businesses and events.

KCR operates from recently refurbished and fitted-out studios in the Gooseberry Hill Community Centre.

Chairman Roger Jennings said the switch to 88.9, scheduled for late December, would bring many advantages to KCR and its listeners.

“Moving from our existing frequency in the middle of the band where our signal is swamped by stations hundreds of times more powerful than ours to one in the lower part of the FM band means that auto-tuning radios such as those in most cars will easily lock on to our signal, something which is not currently the case,” he said.

“It will also improve our reception in difficult areas shielded by the Darling Scarp.

“We will, of course, need to make sure that our dedicated listeners are kept informed that they will have to retune their home and car radios to find their favourite programs.”

Kalamunda Community Radio broadcasts to the hills and foothills of the Perth area, with a licence that covers the cities of Kalamunda, Belmont, Bayswater, the Town of Bassendean and Midland in the City of Swan.

Mr Jennings said a new transmitter site was also being developed in Kalamunda to coincide with the move to 88.9FM.

Helena Valley pipeline upgrade completed

WATER Corporation has completed a \$38.7 million upgrade to a major water pipeline through Helena Valley, improving supply reliability for Perth's eastern suburbs and communities connected to the Goldfields and Agricultural Water Supply Scheme (GAWSS).

Measuring 1.4m in diameter, the new main replaces infrastructure first installed in 1951.

Almost twice the size of the original, the upgrade delivers greater capacity to support growth and long-term demand across the network.

The pipeline forms a vital link between the Integrated Water Supply Scheme and the GAWSS, which provides drinking water to more than 100,000 homes, farms, mines and businesses from Mundaring to Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

Over the past year works have been undertaken from Talbot Road and Helena Valley Road, and now construction is finished the area is being reinstated.

The upgrade replaces the original 1950s pipework and strengthens the reliability of the system that supplies more than 24,000 hills properties, as well as communities further east along the Goldfields scheme.

Acting general manager Nathan Hardwick said the completed upgrade strengthens the performance of a critical part of the system.

“This project ensures this section of our network can continue to operate reliably and meet demand as communities grow,” he said.

“Replacing ageing pipes with modern, higher-capacity infrastructure helps us maintain consistent and dependable service for customers across the region.”

The project involved manufacturing new pipe sections in Kwinana



The pipeline construction.

using Pilbara iron ore and Cockburn cement.

Each 12m section weighs around eight tonnes and is designed to last more than 120 years.

Mr Hardwick said Water Corporation sincerely appreciated the community's cooperation during the works.

“We recognise these works caused traffic impacts and delays at times, and we're genuinely grateful for the patience shown by residents, local businesses and road users,” he said.

“Their understanding allowed us to complete this essential upgrade safely and efficiently.”

Major construction was completed in October, with final verge remediation now underway.

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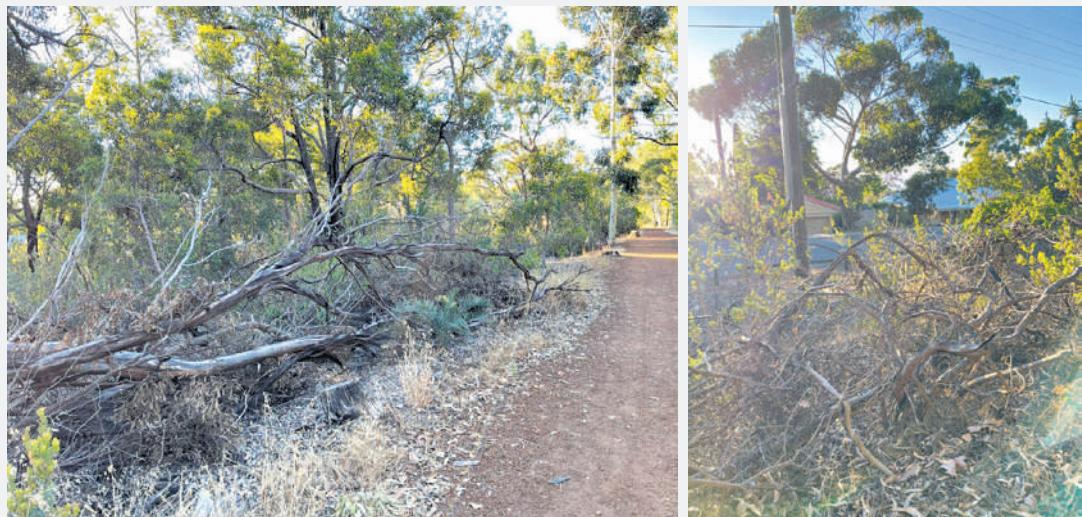
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Dead trail trees spark Kalamunda fire concerns



Pictures residents shared online of the flammable material lying on Gooseberry Hill's Railway heritage trail between Headingly and Gooseberry Hill roads.

THE City of Kalamunda says contractors have been called to remove flammable material along the Railway heritage trail after residents raised concerns about bushfire risk.

Kalamunda residents shared pictures of fallen trees and flammable material along the track on December 8, raising concerns they could pose a bushfire risk and act as fuel.

A trail-walking resident who shared the information anonymously said they contacted the City of Kalamunda a couple of years ago but was told the trees were being left as shelter for lizards, which resident Anthea Fellows confirmed was what she was also advised.

When asked by *Echo News* if the city was aware of resident's concerns about the stretch of trail between Headingly Road and Gooseberry Hill Road, City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas said the city heard the community's concerns.

"The city is aware of community concerns regarding ongoing bushfire risk throughout Kalamunda," she said.

"A contractor is currently being engaged to remove dead flammable material and fallen trees along the heritage trail.

"Overall, fuel levels on the trail are not considered excessive due to its narrow, linear layout and the presence of constructed road crossings, which help limit fire spread.

"The city inspects this area annually to assess

fire risk and identify any required mitigation works.

"Where hazards are identified, city officers arrange appropriate fire reduction measures as part of the annual fire mitigation program."

Approximately 90 per cent of the City of Kalamunda is designated as bushfire-prone, with land managed across multiple tenures, including areas under the responsibility of other authorities.

Ms Thomas said the city worked collaboratively with land managers and actively manages about 350ha of bushland through its fire mitigation and fuel management programs.

"Fire mitigation is undertaken with a careful balance between fuel management and the protection of biodiversity values, particularly within environmentally sensitive corridors," she said.

"The City of Kalamunda encourages residents to report any fire hazards observed on public land so they can be assessed by city officers.

"Regular inspections are conducted, and fire mitigation works are implemented where required, with public safety prioritised alongside environmental and legislative considerations.

"Residents are also reminded to take responsibility for preparing their own properties by maintaining asset protection zones, reducing fuel loads, and having a personal bushfire survival plan in place."

Information for bushfire planning can be found on the City of Kalamunda and DFES websites.



The street on Millhouse Road where residents report the stench is affecting quality of life in the area. Picture: Brayden Mould

The Vines foul smell: Water Corp pinpoints possible source

BRAYDEN MOULD

A SIGNIFICANT step towards resolving the persistent sewage drain odour plaguing residents of The Vines has been made, with Water Corporation identifying the likely source of the stench to be an overflow flap near Millhouse Road and Corona Way.

The breakthrough follows months of intense investigation prompted by numerous resident complaints, initially reported in *Residents' concerns over foul smell* (*Echo News*, November 14).

The ongoing issue previously prompted an apology from Water Corporation and raised considerable community alarm over the quality of life in the area.

Swan Hills MLA Michelle Maynard confirmed the investigative findings and detailed the proactive measures now being taken to alleviate the smell.

"I have continuously followed up with Water Corporation... on what's been happening and what's being done to fix it," she said.

"Water Corporation has carried out several inspections over the past few weeks. After identifying a small issue with an electrical cubicle on site, the conduit was resealed and the odour improved.

"Further visits helped trace the remaining smell to the overflow flap near Millhouse Road.

"I'll keep working closely with Water Corporation to make sure this is resolved for the community.

"If you notice anything further, please report immediately to Water Corp on 13 13 75."

Providing new details on the actions being taken, Ms Maynard added that new pre-emptive steps are being taken to try and identify if smell has improved.

"Water Corporation is now taking proactive steps to sort this out – including upgrading odour filters, trialling a chemical dosing system, improving the overflow flap design and installing new monitoring devices," she said.

"A three-month chemical dosing system at the North Avenue pump station is expected to be up and running by the end of December."

A Water Corporation spokesperson said that these temporary solutions are being put in place until a more permanent solution can be developed, informed by data they continue to collect.

"We are currently trialling an interim solution to help reduce the odour levels within the local wastewater network while a permanent solution is developed," they said.

"This involves monitoring for any odour at the Millhouse Road sewer pump station.

"We remain committed to resolving this issue as a priority and thank the community for their patience."



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Men charged in connection with Midland and York arson cases

POLICE taskforce Maverick, established to combat the escalating illicit tobacco trade, has made multiple arrests in connection with several arson and criminal damage incidents targeting businesses across the Swan Valley and Wheatbelt.

Detectives from the serious and organised crime division have charged two men following the fire that severely damaged a tobacco shop on Great Eastern Highway as report in *Arson attack on Midland tobacco shop escalates organised crime fears* (*Echo News*, November 28).

Police allege the suspects arrived in a stolen red Hyundai, deliberately started the blaze, and then left the area.

A 22-year-old Craigie man was arrested on December 8 and charged with eight offences including criminal damage by fire and stealing a motor vehicle.

He is expected to remain in custody until his next court appearance on December 30.

Following a search warrant on December 15, a second man, a 20-year-

old from Dayton, was charged with criminal damage by fire, drug offences, and failing to obey an order.

He appeared before Midland Magistrates Court on Tuesday and is expected to remain in custody until his next court appearance on February 10.

A York business on Avon Terrace was also the target of three separate incidents.

A 20-year-old man from Wilson has been charged in connection with the attacks, which included forced entry causing extensive damage on October 31, a vehicle ramming of the storefront on November 8, and an alleged arson attack on November 26.

He faces four charges, including criminal damage by fire and aggravated burglary, and appeared in Perth Magistrates Court on December 12.

According to police both Midland and York businesses are linked to illicit tobacco products.

Inquiries are ongoing and police urge anyone with information to contact Crimestoppers online at www.crimestopperswa.com.au or by calling 1800 333 000.

Midland March that Matters 2025

HUNDREDS of people gathered at Juniper Gardens for this year's Midland March That Matters, bringing together Elders, young people, state and federal government representatives, service providers, business leaders and members of the wider community in a powerful show of unity and action.

The December 5 event filled the entire Juniper Gardens precinct, with more than 20 stalls offering support services, information and free activities.

A strong focus was placed on enhancing community engagement, inclusivity and accessibility, ensuring the day was welcoming for people of all ages.

Crowd favourites included the WA Police Pipe Band, Swan Rotary's sausage sizzle, and a moving performance by the Moorditj Noongar Community College school choir.

Thanks to small grants and generous donations, 200 free ice creams were distributed, while face painting proved especially popular with children and young families.

Swan Family and Domestic Violence Network chair Angie Perkins said the sense of connection throughout the day was overwhelming.

"I was genuinely blown away by the deep sense of connection and hope throughout the day," she said.

The event opened with a Welcome to Country by Noongar Elder Di Ryder, who welcomed attendees with "kindness, wisdom and honesty," setting a respectful and reflective tone for the day.

Several speakers shared their lived experiences and local solutions, with one of the most powerful moments coming from 12-year-old Madie, who bravely shared her perspective as a child, supported by her pop and her mother Alison Scott.

"What touched me the most was hearing from Madie," Ms Perkins said.

"Her words were raw, honest and authentic, and they will stay with many of us for a long time."

Ms Perkins said the Midland March That Matters was also deeply connected to the history and growth of the Swan Family and Domestic Violence Network.

"This network grew out of the Midland March That Matters events and has brought together City of Swan-based family and domestic violence services



Noongar Elder Di Ryder with Swan Family and Domestic Violence Network chair Angie Perkins at the 2025 Midland March that Matters.

since 2013," she said.

"What began as a small stall is now one of the largest grassroots 16 Days of Activism events in Western Australia.

"We work together to identify and implement advocacy priorities, create warm referral pathways, build partnerships, raise awareness, and deliver education and community events across the City of Swan."

She acknowledged that the success of the march relies heavily on the people behind the scenes.

"The Midland March That Matters is only possible because of a dedicated committee and the many volunteers, partners and community members who give their time, energy and passion to this event."

Ms Perkins said the event reinforced the importance of community-led action in preventing family and domestic violence.

"Every single day, we must move forward with courage, conviction and consistency to end family and domestic violence - a preventable and devastating issue in this country," she said.

"We must place our confidence in dedicated advocates, skilled leaders and those ready to guide our communities toward meaningful, lasting reform."

"Every one of us has the power to help end family and domestic violence, because in our community, there is and never will be an excuse for abuse."

Any readers experiencing domestic or family violence may seek help by contacting 1800 737 732.



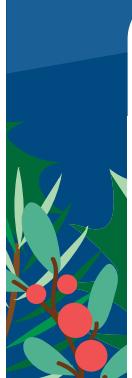
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Brigadoon's Lady in the Lake is set to return

GUANHAO CHENG

BRIGADOON's longtime Lady in the Lake landmark on Campersic Road, used for decades as a rain gauge for the community, is set to return after being absent for almost five years.

After winter rains, the lake would fill and the lady would stand beside a willow growing on an island in the lake with a demure gesture, gazing across the water.

There she stood on a small island in a seasonal lake on a private Brigadoon property for more than two decades, becoming a familiar reference point for residents, and for equestrians and motorists travelling back-roads to the State Equestrian Centre.

Former owner Lauren Hawkins said the water level would rise to her ankles or her knees and that was used by the community to gauge how much rain had fallen in a given season.

"Everyone kind of uses it to see how much rain we've had so far in the year or so far in the season," she said.

Ms Hawkins said the statue's disappearance followed an attempted theft.

"Someone drove onto the dry lakebed in the middle of the night and tried to steal her."

"We found this out when we saw the tyre marks and a wooden plank from where they'd obviously gotten bogged in the thick and muddy silt lakebed."

Ms Hawkins said although the theft was unsuccessful, the statue's base was loosened by the attempt.

"They'd managed to tilt the base, and when the next winter came, she fell into the water," she said.

When the water level dropped the following summer, the family retrieved the statue and discovered further damage.

"When the water went down again next summer, we went to rescue her, and the glue around her head had weakened and her head had fallen off," Ms Hawkins said.



The Lady in the Lake will be making a return after her disappearance in 2021, with new owners of the property determined to put her back in her original spot. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

"She's had a bit of an adventure."

The statue was recovered in April 2021 and stored at the property.

Ms Hawkins said her father later repaired the statue but reinstalling it proved difficult.

"She's some sort of solid concrete or gravel mix," she said.

"She's very hefty."

Ms Hawkins said the enigmatic lady was a feature of the Campersic property when her grandparents first bought the property back in 2004.

New owners Tini Mincher and her family said they were surprised to learn how much the lady meant to the community.

"It feels really special that we've got a property that the whole community has embraced," Ms Mincher said.

Ms Mincher said restoring the lady felt like a responsibility after the strong community response.

"We feel like putting the lady back in her rightful place is our gift to a community that so far has really embraced us very warmly," she said.

The statue's head has since been reattached, but further work is required before she can be returned to the lake.

"There's some discolouration to her face that we're looking to fix," Ms Mincher said.

"We have no idea how we're going to right the plinth."

"It's quite heavy and it's quite set in place (in the lake)."

Ms Mincher said she had already attempted to move the base from a kayak, without

success.

"When I tried to push it, it wouldn't budge," she said.

Her partner and friends now plan to dive the lake to inspect the plinth and determine how it is anchored and how it interacts with the lake has a body of water.

Restoration is expected to take place early next year, once water levels drop enough to allow access to the island.

"We want to do it in such a way to make sure that she can stay in place for another 50 years," Ms Mincher said.

The family is inviting anyone with knowledge of the statue's installation or access to suitable equipment to get in touch to assist with the restoration via hello@daintree-es-tate.au



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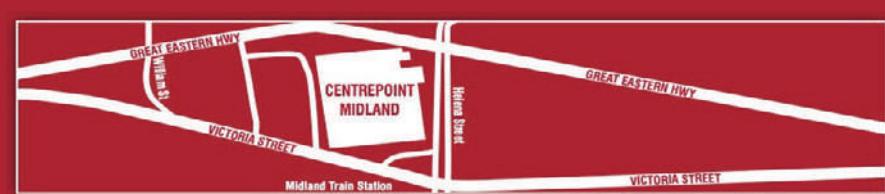
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Toy Run spreads Christmas cheer to needy families

MIKE PEETERS

DESPITE hot conditions and a violent afternoon thunder-storm, more than 200 motorcycles took part in the annual Harley-Heaven Christmas toy run last Sunday.

The riders all had one aim – to help spread Christmas cheer to families in need by donating toys and gift packs for various women's shelters and youth shelters across Perth.

The toy run left from the Harley Davidson dealership Harley-Heaven in Midvale at 11am before finishing up at the Indi Bar in Scarborough where riders congregated for a beer and a yarn.

Toy run organiser Michael Crafter said he was impressed not only with the turnout considering the adverse conditions, but also the number of toys and gifts donated.

"We had a big poster up at Midland Gate and that attracted many public donations. We also raised about \$20,000 from various donors and businesses which has really helped the cause," he said.

Mr Crafter has spent much of the week delivering toys and gifts to needy children and families, as well as organising donations to Parkerville Children and Youth Care (PCYC) and Midland's Indigo Junction, among others.

To donate go to www.gofundme.com/f/the-toy-run-2025

New emergency planning tool

A NEW world-first emergency planning tool has been added to the Emergency WA app and website to help residents and visitors prepare for emergencies this summer.

It means Western Australians will now be able to create a single plan for bushfires, cyclones, floods and storms, providing a one-stop shop on how to stay safe in an emergency.

By linking a plan to a watch zone in the Emergency WA app, users will receive instant notifications with prompts to activate their plan, saving precious time and reducing the potential for indecision during fast-moving hazards.

The Emergency WA model continues to set the standard for public information during emergencies, supported by Western Australian technology provider Genvis.

WA communities are encouraged to create an emergency plan and link it to a watch zone in the app ahead of the bushfire and cyclone season.

The new capability replaces My Bushfire Plan, with the website remaining online until the end of March 2026.

Since November 1 there have been 423 bushfires between the Mid West, Gascoyne and Great Southern, with 189 in the Perth metro area.

Emergency Services Minister Paul Papalia said the world-leading technology has the power to save lives and protect communities across Western Australia.

"Households need to have a plan to stay safe and I urge communities to create their emergency plan in the Emergency WA app so they know how to stay safe during a bushfire, cyclone, flood and storm," he said.

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This year has been shaped by the collective efforts of our community groups, volunteers and staff, all working together to deliver positive, community-focused outcomes.

Council recently adopted the 2024–25 Annual Report, which reflects those shared achievements and the progress made across the Shire.

Building on this momentum, Council has also endorsed concept plans for changeroom upgrades at Boya and Glen Forrest Ovals. These upgrades will support increased participation in sport by providing modern, accessible facilities for all.

There is also a fun opportunity to get involved at Bilgoman Aquatic Centre, with the Diving Lady naming competition now open. I encourage everyone to take part and help choose a name that reflects the spirit of our community.

As summer continues, please remember to prepare your property for bushfire season and stay informed by registering for emergency SMS alerts and downloading the Emergency WA app.

On behalf of Council, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe, restful break. We look forward to 2026 as we continue delivering for our community.

Paige McNeil
Shire President



Shire Shutdown Dates and Times

Shire of Mundaring will operate reduced hours over the festive season to allow staff time with family and friends.

The Shire Administration and Operations centres will close from late afternoon on Wednesday 24 December and reopen on Monday 5 January 2026. Libraries at Boya and Mundaring follow similar closures, with return chutes closed and loans automatically extended. Community recycling centres at Coppin Road and Mathieson Road will be closed on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 December

and on Thursday 1 January. Lake Leschenaultia stays open throughout the period, with some service changes. If urgent help is needed during the shutdown, residents can contact the Shire after-hours line.



Bilgoman diving lady contest

The Bilgoman Aquatic Centre's Diving Lady has been a symbol of summer in the Perth Hills for over 40 years and now the community has the opportunity to officially name her.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Walliston Christmas fruit picking festival



S&R ORCHARD in Walliston is inviting visitors to take part in the festivities with a free animal farm, tractor rides, Christmas photo opportunities and plenty of shaded picnic spots under the fruit trees this December.

Running until December 23, visitors may wander through the orchard, pick fresh nectarines, and take home a 2kg picking bag included with adult admission.

The orchard has been decorated with plenty of props to make this Christmas unforgettable with a car that's been covered with snow and strewn with gifts and mini Christmas trees.

Visitors will have the chance to take a photo among the staged areas of the orchard with Christmas props in place to enhance the feeling of the season.

A big Christmas tree with teddy bears on the side or the giant gingerbread man and the festooned phone booth all make for viable locations to snap a picture to celebrate the December cheer.

Santa will also be making daily visits

to ensure children have a chance to meet the gift-giver and take a photo among the lines of nectarine trees and bauble-filled Christmas tree.

Snow will fall all around during the event to help emphasise the winter wonderland aesthetic.

No booking is required to attend.



S&R Orchard is hosting a Christmas fruit-picking event with plenty of free photo opportunities and activities to enjoy this season. Pictures: Facebook

Robert Juniper award for the arts

LIFELONG Shire of Mundaring resident Elianie Watson has been awarded the \$10,000 Robert Juniper award for the arts scholarship, supporting the creation of her second EP.

Known for her voice, the Mt Helena folk-pop musician has already released 11 original tracks, including her debut EP *call my own*, and has performed at HyperFest and Day in the Forrest, and headline shows and supports for local and international artists such as Thelma Plum and Drax Project.

She was also the Runner Up for the 2025 WAM (West Australian Music) Song of the Year.

The scholarship will fund studio recording, creative collaborations, visual materials and a live launch for her second EP, with singles set for release in April and July 2026, followed by the full EP in September.

With hopes set high, Ms Watson plans to submit the finished work to

BigSound, one of Australia's largest music festivals, in a bid to secure a performance slot in 2027.

"This project is an important step toward building a sustainable music career," she said.

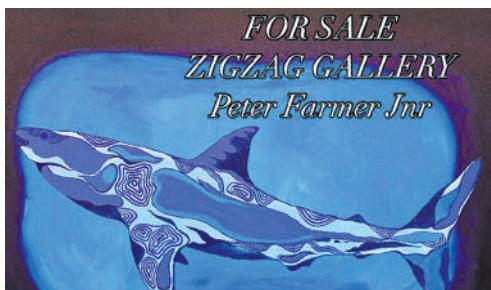
"I'm excited to deepen my creativity and contribute to the vibrant arts community here in the Perth Hills."

At a recent Soiree held at Juniper Galleries to celebrate her award, Ms Watson extended her gratitude to mentors and collaborators who have shaped her journey, some of whom are previous award recipients including Annika Moses winning in 2016, Jett Biendurry known professionally as Kayps in 2023, and her former priest Chris Bedding in 2013.

Elianis continues to refine her craft under the mentorship of Annika Moses, and her upcoming EP promises to further establish her as one of the WA's most exciting emerging voices.



Musician Elianie Watson accepting her Robert Juniper award from patron Trish Juniper.



Noongar artists Peter Farmer Sr and son Peter Farmer Jr will be showcasing family totems in Kalamunda. Pictures: Peter Farmer/Facebook

Father and son duo exhibit Noongar totem art in Kalamunda

KALAMUNDA'S Zig Zag gallery is featuring an intergenerational exhibition until January 4, bringing together celebrated Noongar artist Peter Farmer Sr and his son Peter Farmer Jr's new works on canvas.

At its heart are the artists' deeply personal connections to their ancestral totems which is the blue wren, known in Noongar language as Chirriger, and the great white shark, known as the Kwlala.

These are presented alongside the element totem for fire, known as Kaarl.

Totems are guides connecting people to culture, language, and lineage.

Through their art, the Farmers are inviting audiences to reflect on the strength of Noongar identity and its evolving place within contemporary art today.

Mr Farmer Jr said the totem is a family's animal. "It represents your family and represents yourself," he said. "It's something that (we're) encouraged to not just look after but to learn from."

"You gain a lot of strength from understanding the great white a bit more."

"It's just about learning about the world through your totem and it also encourages you to have a bit more connection to your country, your land and the world."

"With Noongar culture, your totem is recognising where your own strength lies."

"You know, the fierceness of the great white isn't that it's menacing or terrifying, rather, I look at its strength."

"That fierceness of the great white is about as much as me looking at myself."

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• **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 or visit gidgegannupmensshed.org.au

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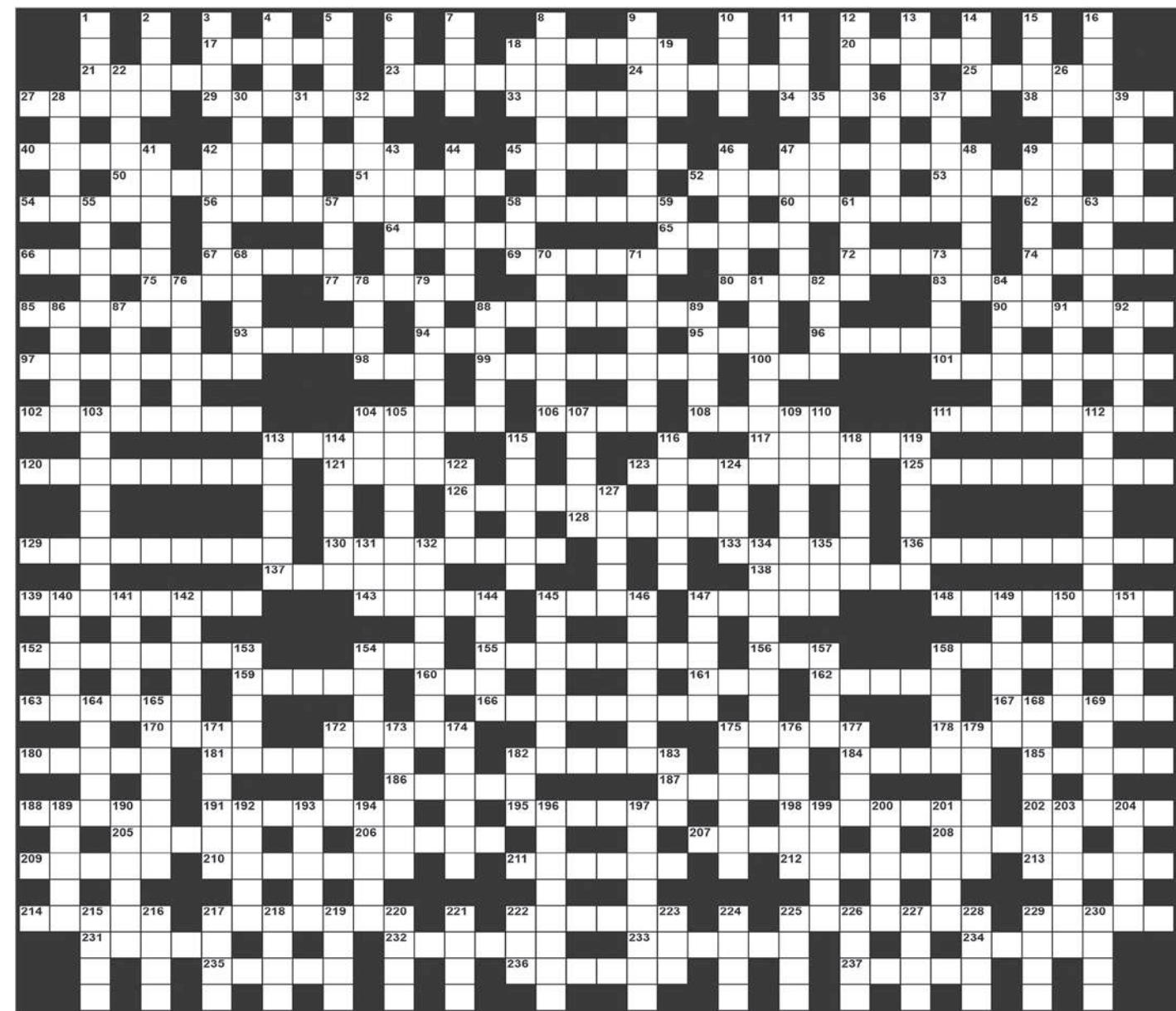
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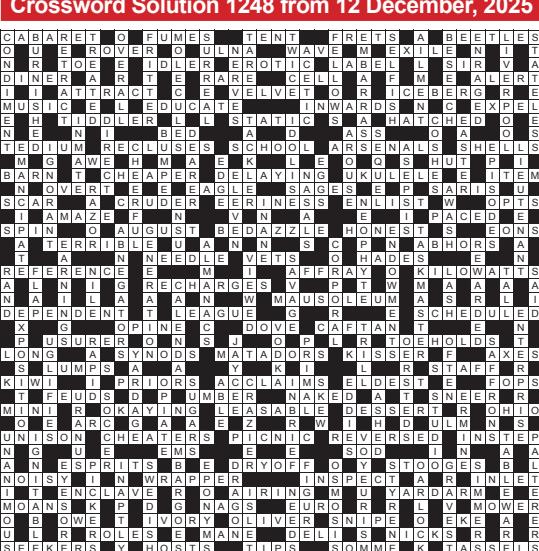
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ACROSS	130	Migrator	109	Vexing	177	The yellow of an egg
17 Think	133	Pasture livestock for money	1	Sixth month	110	Observe
18 Sailor	136	Stripling	2	Flying toy	112	Mimics
20 Cognisant	137	Preacher	3	Deprivation	113	Repair
21 Brief records	138	Hymn	4	Excavation	114	Censures
23 Bondservants	139	Gifts	5	Bird structure	115	Locomotives
24 Masses of nacre	143	Breaks suddenly	6	Sit for a photograph	116	Pushcart
25 Impertinence	145	Offers	7	Genuine	118	Apparition
27 In that place	147	Horse-drawn carriage	8	Meetings	119	A derived name
29 Phantom	148	Made protuberant	9	Main offshoots	122	Former Russian emperor
33 Aim	152	Means	10	Part of speech	124	Conception
34 Vacation	154	A dandy	11	Desire	127	Endure
38 Food masticators	155	Transgressions†	12	Dance	131	Mountains (abb)
40 Factory	156	Bath	13	An amusing person (coll)	132	Wrestler
42 Able to be heard	158	Customs	14	Reject	134	Jokers
45 Obtain the temporary use of	159	Therefore	15	Stockade	135	Pig's pen
47 Hardened	160	Fall behind	16	Exultation	140	Group of skits
49 Dodge	161	Golf mound	17	Ocean	141	Move in waves
50 Estimate	162	Master of ceremonies	18	Born	142	Annoy
51 Follow in order	163	Disclose	19	Citrus fruit	144	Hits hard in cricket
52 Gemstone unit of weight	166	Regular work	20	Soft antler covering	145	A puzzle
53 Glimmer	167	payments	21	Tillers	146	Distinct portion
54 A suffix meaning "star"	170	Acquire	22	Linger	147	Squanders
56 Chooses	172	Hire	23	Illegality	149	Chess piece
58 Help	175	Unlawfully high rate of interest	24	Rent again	150	Rapid
60 Colonist	178	Examine by trial†	25	Speak	151	Boredom
62 Scatter	180	Sleeveless garment	26	Narrow passage	153	Closes
64 Tittles	181	Grinding tooth	27	Entertain	154	Payments
65 Towards the rear	182	In motion	28	Commonplace	157	Second in a series
66 Obsession	184	Grandmother (coll)	29	Items of headdress	158	Swordplay
67 Delight in	185	Many times	30	State as true	164	Manservant
69 Occur	186	Seraglio	31	National flag	165	Captures
72 Watch over	187	Copper coin	32	Spreading substance	168	Conducted oneself
74 Blackboard support	188	Point in time	33	Marketplace	169	Pinafore
75 Snares	191	Dislikes	34	Coffin	171	More ingenuous
77 Cafeteria	192	Large carrion-eating bird	35	Scraps	172	A Pakistan language
80 Council fees	193	Sideways	36	Replies	173	Shoe parts
83 Heroin taker	194	Stelar	37	Ballroom dance	174	Over there
85 Boastful person	195	Astonish greatly	38	Chilly	175	Dwelling places
88 Put oil on	196	Female bird	39	Powdery residue	176	Huge desert
90 Stellar	197	Organ of hearing	40	Brown		
93	198	Scene of action	41	Clothes (coll)		
94	199	Seventh day of the week	42	Vertical part of a stair		
95	200	Colouring matter	43	Try		
96	201	Policy of public frankness	44	Alligator pear		
97	202	Timid	45	Measure of unavailable energy		
98	203	Confirms	46	More impolite		
99	204	Liberates	47	Practice		
100	205	A multitude	48	compositions		
101	206	Submit	49	Chilled		
102	207	Checks	50	Levels of command		
104	208	A hanger-on	51	Dirigibles		
106	209	Invisible	52	Jealousy		
108	210	Magpie lark	53	Annual Christian festival		
111	211	Iceblock	54	Solemn		
113	212	Minimum	55	Have effect		
117	213	Stair-rail support	56	Corner		
120	214	Grovelling	57	Discourage		
121	215	Heaps	58	Squabbles		
123	216	Famish	59	Proficient		
126	217	Crude	60	Feminine		
128	218		61	Scotland river		
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by Pastor

Ian Kirk

The Storm

Last Sunday afternoon Perth was hit by quite a storm. We had heavy rain, strong winds, and lightning bolts with loud cracks of thunder. It was also the evening of our carols.

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One year, before we had an auditorium, we decided two days beforehand, to move our outdoor event into the Cyril Jackson gymnasium. We were so glad we did, for during carols, Perth was hit by a severe storm with 100km/h winds and driving rain. Inside the gymnasium we were protected.

Storms really impact us. Not only do we experience weather storms, but we can experience the "storms" of life - challenges and crises, trials and troubles. In any kind of storm, we need protection.

At Christmas, I am mindful of the birth of Jesus, and how He came to protect us from a coming "storm". Because of our sins, we are all in trouble with God. But Jesus left heaven and came into our world to save us from the consequences of our sins. The angel made this clear to Joseph when he said "You shall call His name Jesus for He will save us from our sins".

How good it is to trust in Jesus; not just to be saved from sin, but to also have His protection and care in this life.

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Ordinary Council Meetings

Tuesday 27 January 2026	Tuesday 14 July 2026
Tuesday 10 February 2026	Tuesday 11 August 2026
Tuesday 10 March 2026	Tuesday 8 September 2026
Tuesday 14 April 2026	Tuesday 13 October 2026
Tuesday 12 May 2026	Tuesday 10 November 2026
Tuesday 9 June 2026	Tuesday 8 December 2026

All meetings will be held at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber at the Shire Administration Office, 7000 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring WA 6073.

Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meetings

Tuesday 24 February 2026	Tuesday 25 August 2026
Tuesday 28 April 2026	Tuesday 1 December 2026
Tuesday 23 June 2026	

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Governance Committee Meeting

Monday 16 February 2026	Monday 17 August 2026
Monday 20 April 2026	Monday 7 December 2026
Monday 15 June 2026	

All meetings will be held at 5.30 pm in the Committee Room at the Shire Administration Office, 7000 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring WA 6073.

Grants Selection Committee Meetings

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Structure Plan 83 (SP83) has been lodged for the Shire's assessment.

Public comment is invited on SP83, the proposal includes the facilitation of between 320 and 350 dwellings, a Local Centre, and new roads and connections to existing road networks.

Detailed information/plans are available to view in the following locations:

- Online, via Engage Mundaring via the Public Consultation section on the Shire's website: www.mundaring.wa.gov.au
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Hills Raiders at state basketball championships

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The Hills Raiders Basketball Association (HRBA) based at Mundaring Arena, has been part of the fabric of the Mundaring community for over 50 years.

Representing the region with pride, the Raiders recorded impressive results at the Bendat basketball centre in Floreat, with seven U11 and U15 teams testing their skills against the best talent in the state on December 13 and 14.

The club fielded a total of 26 teams at the WABL state championships this year, including championship men and women teams.

The U15 girls division 4 Green team provided one of the weekend's primary highlights, securing third place in pool C after a dominant 44-21 victory over the East Perth Eagles in round three.

In the same age group, the U15 girls division 4 White team finished sixth in pool A,

narrowly missing out on a win against the Karratha Cyclones in round five.

In division 2, the U15 girls delivered a highly competitive performance to finish fourth in pool A, highlighted by a spirited round five against Binar Maali.

The club's youngest representatives in the U11 categories further bolstered the weekend's tally, competing across four different divisions.

The U11 division 5 team led the charge for their age group with a strong fourth-place finish in pool B, which included a tough 13-5 win against the Cockburn Cougars in round six.

The division 3 and division 4 sides both secured sixth place in their respective pool B brackets.

The division 3 squad fought hard but missed out on a win in round five against Lakeside Lightning, while the division 4 team faced a similar fate against the Busselton Blazers, also in the fifth round.

Rounding out the results for the tournament, the U11 girls division 2 team finished ninth overall after a hard fought round six clash against the Willetton Tigers.



Over 25 teams were sent by HBRA to the WABL state championships.
Picture: Sports Imagery

Grand Finals for Midland Guildford teams



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AS the male sides began two-day matches and had some games abandoned this weekend, some of the female sides for Midland Guildford Cricket Club played T20 finals matches.

In their semi-final against Subiaco Floreat, the female A grade bowled first and their opponents made 6-132 from their 20 overs.

Georgie Manek took 3-25 from four overs and was the leading wicket taker in the innings. Unfortunately, the side could only manage 67 all out from 15.4 overs in the run chase as they lost by 65 runs.

The female B grade were also playing in a semi-final, and their match was against South Perth. Daena Master and Zoe Tickner both finished with figures of 3-21 from four overs as the team bowled first and their opposition made 7-134 from their 20 overs.

In the second innings, the side reached just 35 all out and were beaten by 99 runs.

After losing the toss and bowling first against Perth, the female U17 team restricted their opponents to 7-100 from their 20 overs.

In the run chase, Kaitlyn Magistro top scored with 39 runs from 39 balls as the team won by six wickets with just one ball remaining.

They will now face Subiaco Floreat in the grand final on Saturday.

The female U14 batted first against Subiaco Floreat and posted 6-106 from their 20 overs.

They successfully defended the score by bowling out their opponents for a total of 77 all out.

Seven different bowlers took wickets for the team as they secured a 29-run victory.

The female U17 team will play in the Grand Final on Saturday as well as the Premier T20 side in the Grand Final on Sunday.

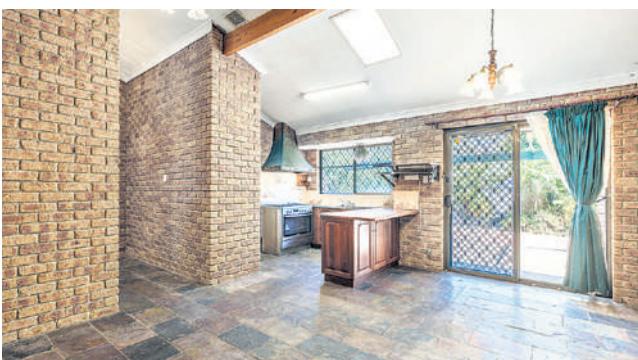


Midland Guildford Cricket Club saw the female U17 and Premier T20 teams advance into Grand Finals games for the upcoming weekend.

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THIS Bellevue house set on a 694sqm block has three bedrooms, one bathroom, a carport and a unique cottage feel with exposed brick room walls.

Framed by trees and shrubbery, the walkway invites visitors up the steps and through the front door into a home with high ceilings and laminated beams in the living and dining areas.

The lounge room includes a wood heater and large windows allow natural light to filter through.

Slate floors sprawl the living and dining area, and a modern cooker is installed in the kitchen with a copper exhaust hood.

A small island bench adds practicality, while windows and glazed doors provide a view overlooking the rear yard and alfresco area.

The flow of the home is typical of the early to late 80s homes with a lounge and dining area and kitchen family

meals area.

There are some interesting ceiling roses throughout the house with floor tiles in bedroom areas.

Each room has a built-in robe and the main bedroom has a semi-ensuite.

There's good access on the side of the house allowing room for homebuyers to build a shed.

The laundry is positioned near the kitchen with direct outdoor access, and the outside space has multiple paved areas that provide space for entertaining.

This includes an open alfresco area and a paved courtyard supported by brick pillars, with early works in place for a future patio or pergola.

Just around the corner from the house is Riverside Park which provides a large, green, open space for residents to enjoy leisure activities and stay active.

The Helena River runs through the park, providing homebuyers the chance to live beside a culturally significant landmark in the Swan area.

Midland's main shopping precinct is less than 5km away and Clayton View Primary School is less than 1km away, connecting potential buyers to shopping and primary education.

While the property would benefit from updating, its ceiling height, construction and proportions offer a strong foundation, making it an entry-level opportunity in the current market for buyers looking to add value over time.

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