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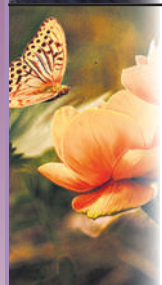
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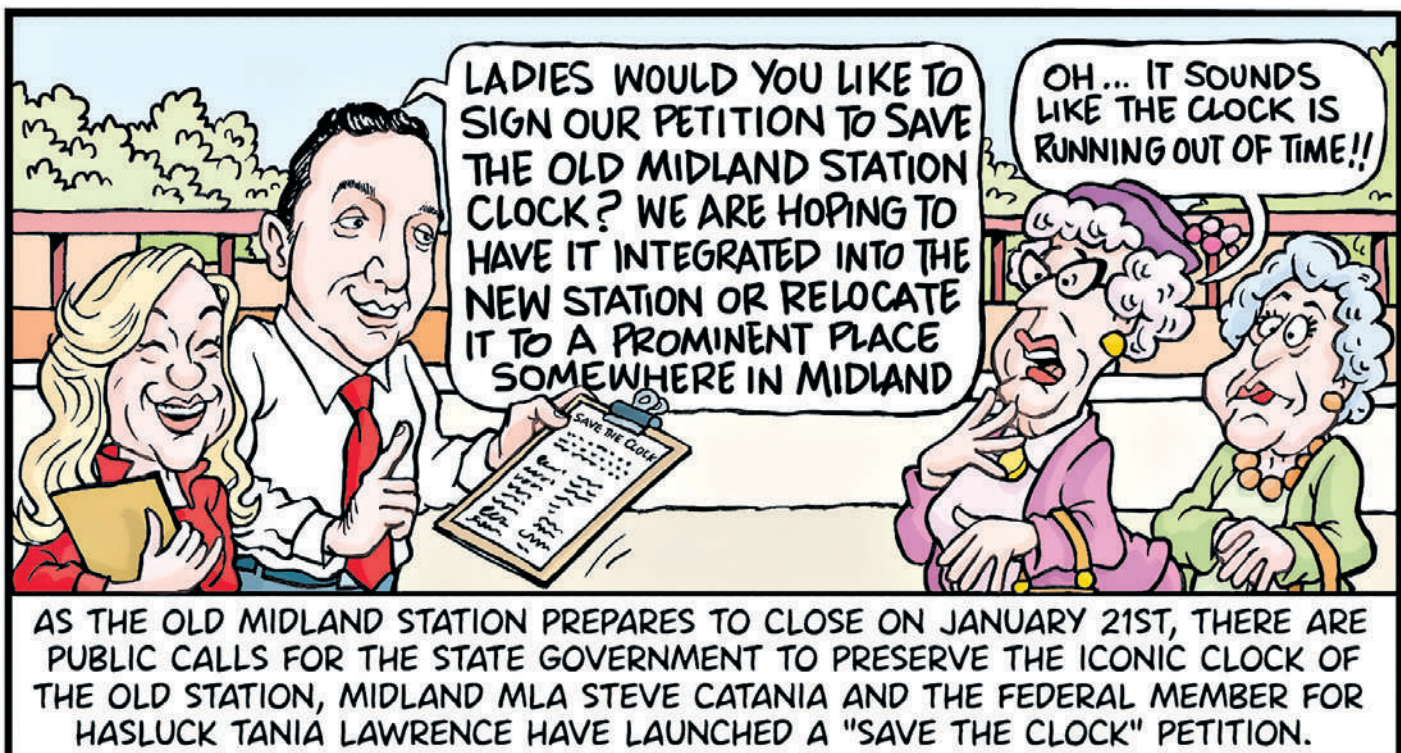
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AS THE OLD MIDLAND STATION PREPARES TO CLOSE ON JANUARY 21ST, THERE ARE PUBLIC CALLS FOR THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO PRESERVE THE ICONIC CLOCK OF THE OLD STATION, MIDLAND MLA STEVE CATANIA AND THE FEDERAL MEMBER FOR HASLUCK TANIA LAWRENCE HAVE LAUNCHED A "SAVE THE CLOCK" PETITION.

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Problem is drivers not speed

Dear Echo News,
Once again we have our Dr/Mr Hughes wanting to lower the speed limit on Greenmount Hill, the problem is the drivers, not the speed, as is pointed out in the UK and Germany, which both have far lower deaths per capita than here in Australia.

We have seen not a single way to improve the driving standards here in WA in the last thirty years, only reductions in the concentration of driver requirements on the road, such as flashing amber warning lights, instead of the system they have been using in Germany for over fifty years, a warning countdown clock.

The situation at Scott

Street is only ever apparent in the rush hours and is usually accompanied by driver stupidity, in the inability to drive safely, under the conditions.

I can't wait for the next suggestion, a person walking in front of every car with a red flag perhaps, instead of having more police patrol cars, better driving standards with more concise and clearer road rules, and to maybe drive on the left!!!

If you cannot drive to the conditions, please hand in your licence.

**N Mclean
Mundaring**

Radiation killing birds?

Dear Echo News,
I notice that there are once again increased numbers of birds dying from the paralysis syndrome as we get in to summer.

I have been doing a little more reading on the subject and have discovered that if radiation travels through heated air, it alters the levels of radiation and the size of the wavelength.

This could explain why it is occurring mainly in summer and Perth is more susceptible because our summers are warmer than most.

It could also explain the decline in bees and other insects as research has shown that certain size wavelengths superheat insects and kill them.

I am sorry if I am being a nuisance, but the loss of this many birds is something that I am deeply concerned about and if it is, as a result of EMR, then it needs to be exposed. If it's not, it needs to be ruled out.

**R Woolley
Bellevue**

Watering trees a must

Dear Echo News,
The heat of summer is upon us, and even though it was a mostly damp winter and spring, near relentless sun combined with incessant wind has seriously dried out our soil.

Sadly, moving about in the Midland area I see many well-established trees dead, or nearly so, lining the roads.

Losing these trees means only more sunlight captured by asphalt and higher/drier temperatures.

Considering these climate effects and other benefits provided by trees, I'd like to remind homeowners to give their verge shrubs and trees a good drink at least twice a month.

For less than the cost of a coffee per month, you get enough water to keep your verge cool and thriving through the summer.

**R Ilchik
Mandoon**

Register for trees defunct

Dear Echo News,
As a baby boomer in their 60s, I find it difficult these days to keep up with modern technology even though I have all the mod-cons like a mobile phone, computer and household appliances.

But spare a thought for those left behind like my good friend Hilary who passed away recently.

Hilary was an only child who never married and lived in her family home in Bassendean for 77 years.

She was quite reclusive after her parents died in the 90's and loved her piece of over-

Thought for the day

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grown suburban paradise with many many large mature trees and lots of native wildlife.

Hilary didn't have modern convenience we all take for granted like a mobile phone, computer, TV or even a washing machine and living alone meant she had nobody to ask for advice on such matters.

As she was such a lover of nature, she had six large mature trees placed on the local councils 'significant tree register' never to be removed.

Unfortunately, the state minister has since made this register defunct and it is now up to the discretion of local council as to whether they stay or not!

The most disappointing and saddest part is that Hilary was not notified by council before her death that her trees are not 100 per cent safe, otherwise she would have put a caveat on them.

It appears to me that local councils' common courtesy and decency is lacking.

**G Coleman
Bassendean**

Frylinck family thankyou

Dear Echo News,
On January 18 it will be two years since our father and husband John Frylinck disappeared while walking along the Railway Reserve from Sculpture Park.

This then seems the ideal time to acknowledge the kindness and support of the community of Mundaring and the hundreds of SES volunteers who rallied to help find him. Many

from far afield.

Despite the intense heat, they worked tirelessly for days but no trace of John has ever been found.

The police continued the search for longer than could have been expected given John's medical conditions, employing helicopters, horses, motorbikes and drones as well as human resources.

In November a coronial enquiry ruled John is deceased.

The family is satisfied authorities not only searched thoroughly for him at the time of his disappearance, but have also explored all avenues to establish he is no longer alive.

**Diana, Jono and Georgina Frylinck
Mundaring**

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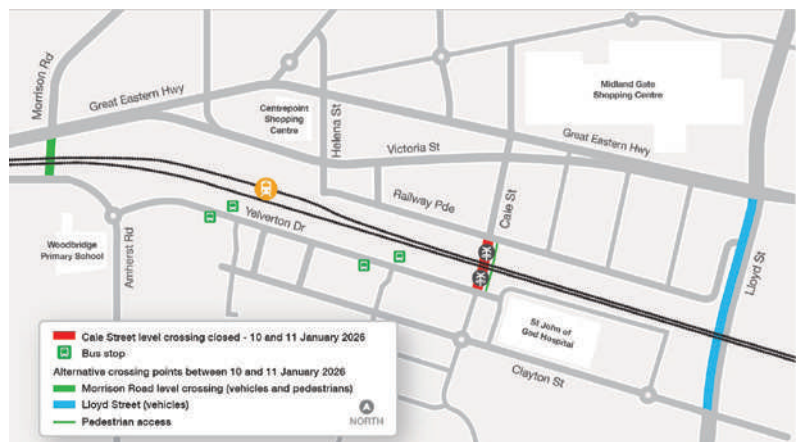
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Bassendean tree canopy policy to strengthen

GUANHAO CHENG

TOWN of Bassendean council has resolved to strengthen its approach to preserving tree canopy by requesting a review and update of relevant policies and strategies.

The review will consider increasing planting ratios and minimum sizes for replacement trees when mature trees are removed, as well as adjusting streetscape contribution fees to reflect the higher cost of achieving equivalent canopy coverage.

These changes aim to offset long-term canopy loss, maintain public amenity, and support council's canopy targets.

The motion, moved by Town of Bassendean Mayor Kathryn Hamilton at the December 16 council meeting, specifically targets trees removed as a result of resident requests, planning approvals, or development applications.

It does not apply to trees that die naturally or need to be removed due to age or disease.

Under the current policy, removing one verge tree requires planting two replacement trees.

However, the town will explore whether higher ratios, such as three-to-one, might be more appropriate for mature trees with substantial canopy.

Cr Hamilton said if a mature tree is removed, a lot of tree canopy would be lost.

"To have two or three trees to replace that canopy seems reasonable," she said.

Town of Bassendean infrastructure and sustainability director Shane Asmus acknowledged the challenge that some verges lack sufficient space for multiple replacement trees.

Council discussed the possibility of ratepayers paying for replacement trees to be planted in nearby locations if their verge cannot accommodate multiple trees.

"That's a really good scenario I hadn't even thought of," Mr Asmus said.



The Town of Bassendean are looking to strengthen their tree canopy policy by requiring more replantings if a mature tree is removed. Picture: Facebook

"If we can't fit them on the verge, plant them somewhere else and they pay for it. Certainly, could be considered."

The review will also examine the minimum size of replacement trees to ensure they provide meaningful canopy contribution from the outset.

Cr Hamilton said while planting larger trees is riskier there was capacity to aim to plant larger trees.

"It doesn't have to be a tree that's enormous, but it could be a little bit larger," she said.

She said planting multiple large trees is probably a better strategy in the event the resident experiences one out of three survivals.

Current fees and charges for tree replacement

include the cost of the tree, labour and equipment for installation, and maintenance including watering for two years.

Mr Asmus said all these elements would be reviewed.

"We need to go through that in fact with all our fees and charges and just make sure that they've been reviewed and reflect what the actual cost is," he said.

Cr Paul Poliwka asked whether the fee review aimed to increase per-tree costs or simply to account for planting multiple trees.

The mayor said appropriate fee structures were to be determined by the town's investigation.

"What I'm getting at is if there are going to be three trees, for instance, planted in-

stead of one because a ratepayer has asked for that tree to be removed, then obviously the request for what they might have to pay will be higher," she said.

The town currently offers residents mature trees for \$5 through its plants to residents program, which runs each winter and sold out quickly in its first year.

Chief executive officer Cameron Woods said the council's replacement program costs are higher.

"Our fees and charges include watering for two years," he said.

"A crew going out installing it and staking it and an annual inspection.

"Our fees are quite exorbitant when a mum and dad could buy it from the nursery and put it in themselves."

Cr Hayden Long said investigating whether residents could opt to plant trees elsewhere on their private property instead of on verges was worthy of consideration.

"Instead of them getting a tree out the front, they would agree to look after a tree somewhere else on their block," he said.

However, Mr Woods said the town has no compliance powers over private property.

"I think we've all mandated we've agreed as a council that a verge should have a shade tree in it," he said.

"So, we don't want the people's ability to pick and choose whether they have one in the verge."

Mr Asmus said certain trees are rated higher than others in terms of their environmental value, which could influence replacement ratios.

"If it's a tree that's not particularly considered to be important then does that warrant three to replace that for example?" he said.

"There are some factors I'd like to explore and put into the report."

The motion was carried unanimously with revised documents to be presented to council within six months.

High Wycombe residents mobilised over Hatch Court industry concerns

BRAYDEN MOULD

HIGH Wycombe residents have launched a formal action plan hoping to challenge the proposed Hatch Court light industrial precinct, coordinating a series of community information sessions and beginning a petition to submit to the City of Kalamunda.

The movement seeks to address mounting concerns over the lack of separation between the industrial zone and the residential neighbourhood surrounding Hatch Court.

As reported in *High Wycombe industrial area concerns continue* (Echo News, December 19) residents have been concerned about the lack of separation between the industrial zone and the residential neighbourhood, and worried they would be exposed to loud noises, strong odours, and increased traffic congestion.

Hillview Lifestyle Village residents, located across the road from the proposed future industrial precinct, are worried the planned future road through the area will bring an increase in traffic, affecting congestion in and out of the village.

Hillview resident and the primary organiser of the petition Anne McCormack says the proposed plan shows a total disregard for the safety of those living in the area.

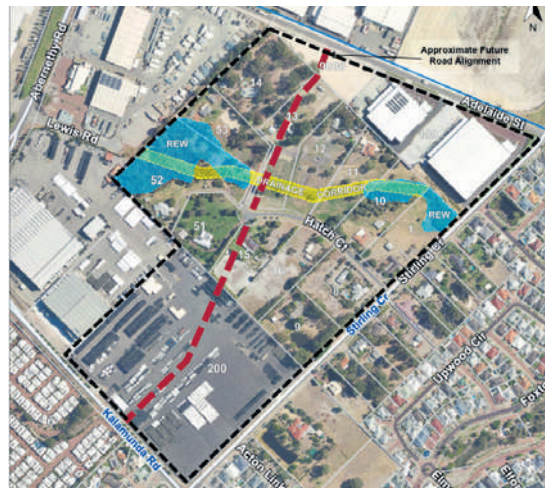
"The current plan which is to build a new road through where Enviro Pipes currently are, and beyond, appears to pay no attention to the Lifestyle Village entrance and the bus stop," she said.

"There is a constant stream of traffic in and out and residents have to cross Kalamunda Road to access the bus stop, increasing the danger of collisions.

"There would be serious degradation of living standards caused by the congestion, inherent noise, exhaust fumes and the risk involved in attempting to negotiate the proposed traffic situation."

Ms McCormack claims the proposed intersection will disrupt traffic coming off the rail bridge at Abernethy Road, which she warns could worsen the existing bottleneck at the Abernethy-Kalamunda junction.

Despite the opposition, the City of Kalamunda has maintained that the draft Local Planning Policy 35 (LPP 35) is designed to coordinate development



The proposed future road through the industrial precinct is currently planned to connect Adelaide Street and Kalamunda Road.

through traffic management and environmental buffers.

The community-led petition seeks to formally challenge the current road layout and demand safer pedestrian access for those relying on public transport.

"Anyone who is affected or lives in High Wycombe is welcome to attend our information sessions this Friday," Ms McCormack said.

"We have been doing letter drops all week to ensure the community is aware so we can get enough signatures for the city to take notice.

"We've invited councillors as well, so we hope our serious concerns about this development are heard.

Residents in the area are invited to attend the current public meeting at Hillview Lifestyle Village this Friday, January 9 at the main facility clubhouse.

Three sessions will be held at 10am, 1pm, and 7pm.

Formal comments on the proposed LPP 35 remain open until 5pm Friday, January 16 via the city's engagement portal at <https://engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/local-planning-policy-35-lpp35-hatch-court-light-industrial-area>

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Petition open to save Midland station clock

AS the final whistle prepares to blow for the old Midland Station on January 21, a passionate community campaign is underway to ensure a storied piece of local history isn't lost to time.

Midland MLA Steve Catania alongside Hasluck MP Tania Lawrence have launched a save the clock petition, calling on the state government to preserve the iconic timepiece that has been part of the station's identity for 57 years.

The clock, standing above the entrance way of the old station, has been recognisable by its bold black face against corrugated white metal, and has been an icon of the original station since its opening in 1968.

The old terminal is scheduled for decommissioning to make way for the new \$417 million Metronet station, set to open on February 22.

While the clock was removed late last month as part of preliminary decommissioning works, the community is demanding its reinstatement, with more than 900 signatures to the petition as of January 8.

Mr Catania emphasised that the

clocks connection to the community cannot be understated.

"The Midland Station clock has been part of our town for decades and is a familiar sight for generations of locals," he said.

"It represents an iconic link to our history at a time when Midland is changing rapidly – many people have told me how much they value this piece of heritage, and I share that view.

"This petition is about making sure the clock is preserved in the new station, so we keep our connection to the past whilst embracing the future."

At the conclusion of the petition Mr Catania is expected to present it to Minister Rita Saffioti, Midland Junction Alliance, and the PTA, for consideration.

The petition seeks a formal commitment to integrate the clock into the new station precinct or relocate it to a prominent public space within Midland.

Locals wishing to support the campaign can find the petition online at www.stevecatania.com.au/community/save-the-midland-station-clock



Parkerville Children and Youth Care board chair Colin Pettit and CEO Kim Brooklyn with Klasey Hirst MLC, and Lotterywest representative Nicole Clark.

Parkerville Grove School gets \$3m grant

PARKERVILLE Children and Youth Care Therapeutic Education Services has received a \$3 million Lotterywest grant to support the development of Parkerville Grove School, a specialised school for young people aged 12 to 18 who have experienced complex trauma and are at risk of disengaging from education.

This funding will play a vital role in delivering a safe, supportive, and tailored learning environment designed to meet the unique needs of students, helping them regain confidence, address barriers to success, develop essential skills, and achieve their educational and life goals.

Parkerville Grove School has recently received its Certificate of Registration from the Education Department, a key milestone confirming it meets all regulatory requirements to provide high-quality education to students who need it most.

Parkerville Children and Youth Care Therapeutic Education Services chief executive officer Kim Brooklyn said the Lotterywest grant was a significant step forward in bringing Parkerville Grove School to life.

"It will directly benefit young people who have faced immense challenges, providing them with a

therapeutic education environment where they can heal, learn, and thrive," she said.

"As we celebrate this achievement, we also recognise the critical work still ahead - particularly in securing the philanthropic support needed to fully realise this vision, including wrap-around student support, therapeutic and allied health services, essential daily needs, and a dedicated bus service."

Klasey Hirst MLC said the significant Lotterywest contribution was a vital investment in the new Parkerville Grove School facility and the essential infrastructure needed to support young people who have experienced complex trauma.

"Every young person deserves an education that meets their needs, and this funding brings Parkerville Grove School closer to delivering a specialised and supportive environment where vulnerable students can thrive."

The school will offer personalised learning programs, wrap-around support services, and therapeutic interventions, ensuring students receive holistic care alongside their education.

The grant will help to lay the foundation for a brighter future for students who have experienced trauma and disruption in their education.



Midland Station clock has been greeting train passengers since the stations opening in 1968.

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Construction begins for Reid Highway interchanges

MAJOR construction is underway on the \$225 million Reid Highway Interchanges Project aimed to improve safety and efficiency in Perth's north-eastern suburbs.

Jointly funded by the Australian and Western Australian governments, the project will deliver two new grade-separated interchanges to replace the existing signalised intersections at Altone Road and Drumpellier Drive/Daviot Road.

The upgrades will improve safety and connectivity for local communities, while enhancing freight efficiency by removing two of the remaining five sets of traffic signals on Reid Highway.

Entry and exit ramps with connecting roundabouts will maintain access to local roads and residential areas.

The project will also improve cyclist and pedestrian access to the Swan Valley with a new uninterrupted principal shared path (PSP) network from West Swan Road to Malaga.

With works taking place within a tight footprint, modifications to Reid Highway and surrounding intersections will be required while construction is underway, with measures to be put in place to keep people moving safely and efficiently.

Midland MLA Steve Catania said he appreciated the community's patience as construction ramps up.

"We'll continue to work with residents to minimise the impact of roadworks on the surrounding area.

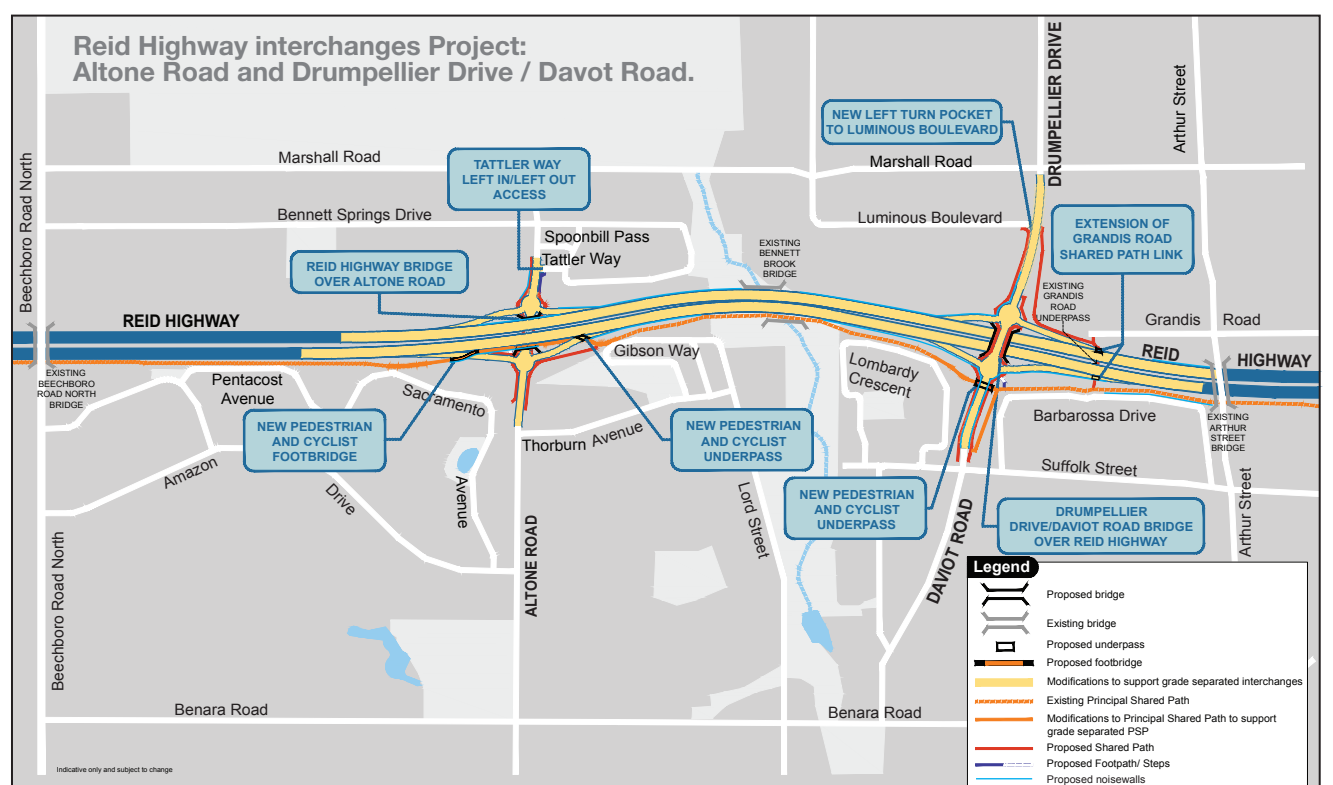
"Removing signalised intersections will mean less interruptions for commuters and freight moving through this fast-growing part of Perth.

"The upgrades will also make it easier to access the beautiful Swan Valley, providing an uninterrupted path network for cyclists and pedestrians from West Swan to Malaga Drive which is set to deliver great benefits for the local tourism economy."

Bassendean MLA Dave Kelly said the upgrades will be a game-changer for the community, helping to ease congestion and significantly improve safety at these busy intersections.

"Grade-separated interchanges will enhance the flow of traffic along this critical freight route and help to reduce travel times for locals.

"Temporary changes to the local road network will be needed to safely complete construction and we'll continue to keep the community informed as it progresses."



Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said Reid Highway was one of Perth's most important east-west links.

"These new interchanges will make a significant difference for residents, businesses, and freight operators moving through our northern-eastern suburbs.

"The transformation of these intersections will deliver smoother, safer journeys while improving access for cyclists and pedestrians in the area.

"This \$225m joint investment is part of the Cook government's commitment to strengthening connectivity across Perth's north and ensuring our transport network keeps pace

with this fast growing region."

Hasluck MP Tania Lawrence said the project was a significant investment in safety and connectivity for communities across Perth's north-east, including many people in Hasluck who rely on Reid Highway every day.

"Removing traffic signals and delivering grade-separated interchanges will reduce congestion, improve travel times and support our local commuters.

"The upgrades for cyclists and pedestrians, including the uninterrupted shared path to the Swan Valley, will also deliver real benefits for local families."

Conservationists critical over tighter rat poison limit move

BRAYDEN MOULD

A LONG-awaited draft decision by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) to restrict the use of lethal rodenticides has been met with frustration by local conservationists, who claim the measures don't go far enough in protecting wildlife.

Following years of advocacy from wildlife groups, the APVMA officially acknowledged on December 16 that current use patterns for second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARS) are creating unacceptable risks to non-target animals including native wildlife.

In response, the authority has proposed tighter requirements – including instructions for rodent disposal, limits on domestic packet sizes, and a temporary suspension on their import and manufacture while regulations are finalised.

For those on the front lines of wildlife rehabilitation in the Perth Hills, however, the proposal is a missed opportunity.

Second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARS) have been linked to a number of inadvertent poisonings of native wildlife in the local area including Mundaring as reported in *Mundaring residents call for rat poison ban* (Echo News, April 18, 2025).

The most common impact on wildlife is secondary poisoning, where predators like owls, hawks, and possums feeding on already-poisoned rodents inadvertently ingest the poison themselves.

Kanyana Wildlife chief executive officer Danny Shelton, said the decision falls short of the retail ban many expected after the three-year review.

"It's really not going to change anything," he said.

"Most people are still going to go to Bunnings and pick up what they believe is going to work the quickest way possible.

"Just having a warning label on a package isn't going to change the outcomes for our wildlife," he said.

The toll of rat bait poisonings is felt daily at conservation centres like Kanyana which treat wildlife affected by second-generation rat bait poisoning every day.

"We have hundreds come through every year," Mr Shelton said.

"We treat with vitamin K as soon as they arrive, but it's very hit and miss, the success rate really depends on how early you get them."



Both first-grade and second-grade coagulant rodenticides are readily available for purchase. Picture: Brayden Mould

Mr Shelton believes that while SGAR's are easy and quick, people should look at alternative ways to stop rat and mice infestations that don't unintentionally harm wildlife.

"The humane traps that catch them without killing them are probably the best thing," he said.

"A lot of it is removing attractants, if there is no food or attractant for rats and mice, then you won't need to put out rat baits."

Mr Shelton urges anyone who comes across wildlife acting strangely and showing signs of poisoning to bring them to their local wildlife hospital or conservation centre for treatment.

"If wildlife allows you to walk up to it, that is generally a sign that something is wrong," he said.

"If you can pick it up, bring it to your closest vet or one of the wildlife rehab centres around the Perth metro."

A consultation period on the proposed decision is open with the APVMA welcoming written submissions which will be considered before the final regulatory decision.

Submissions are open until March 16 and for more information visit their website at <https://www.apvma.gov.au/news-and-publications/public-consultations>

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Nest-boxes help cockatoos a decade after wildfires

ARTIFICIAL tree-hollows placed throughout habitat burned by the Parkerville, Stoneville and Mount Helena wildfires are still producing endangered cockatoo nestlings more than 10 years after they were installed.

In May 2015, a project initiated by Shire of Mundaring using feedback from residents concerned about the impacts of the 2014 wildfire that destroyed 56 human homes to wildlife, saw a range of artificial tree-hollows installed.

These tree hollows, also known as nest-boxes, were designed to replace some old trees bearing natural hollows that were destroyed in parts of Parkerville and Stoneville where the wildfire was particularly destructive.

The ReCycOlogy Project, a small Perth Hills family business based in Mount Helena, was engaged by the shire's post fire disaster team to carry out the installation work.

ReCycOlogy manager and environmental scientist Simon Cherriman said it was a privilege to be part of a project that aimed to help the land heal and create some positive energy at a time when there was lots of sad feelings during the recovery phase.

"The community's desire to help wildlife was so inspiring and many people helped supply materials and labour," he said.

"One person even donated several burned boxes of wood screws from their incinerated shed, which were perfectly usable for assembling the nest-boxes... they're still in place all these years later.

"I knew the boxes would help a range of species but couldn't possibly have predicted the success it would bring to black cockatoo conservation in the years that followed."

Since the first two records of endangered Carnaby's cockatoo chicks successfully fledging from fire-affected areas in late 2015, a dozen more have flown from their artificial nests and taken to the sky.

More recently, healthy Forest Red-tailed black cockatoo nestlings have been fledged.

All these birds came from a handful of nest-boxes in a relatively small area.

Beyond that site and outside the immediate scope of the post-wildfire recovery project, more than 60 artificial tree hollows have been installed, mostly on private land, throughout the shire in the last decade.

Most boxes have been installed by ReCycOlogy but a number have also been made by volunteer landowners in their own time.

Collectively, they have made a significant contribution to



Perth Hills community members assisting with banding an endangered Carnaby's cockatoo nestling.



cockatoo conservation in the shire, with at least half producing cockatoo nestlings each year.

Shire of Mundaring environment and sustainability manager Mike Pengelly said that all three of southwest WA's endemic black cockatoo species rely heavily on habitat within the shire, and two of those bred regularly in the area.

"Each year a group of volunteer shire residents assists with monitoring nest-boxes, mostly on private land," he said.

"Those with cockatoos are checked and Simon fits uniquely numbered leg-bands to nestlings as part of a research project being led by retired Western Australian Museum curator and adjunct ornithologist Ron Johnstone.

"It provides community members with a unique opportunity to see the birds and feel engaged as part of a positive conservation story."

Dr Cherriman said black cockatoos can't survive, let alone have a family without food and water and a lot of work to do

to maintain fragments of native vegetation, especially mature gum trees and stands of Banksia and Hakea shrubs.

"This includes factoring in how fire, planned and otherwise, impacts the flowering cycle of understorey shrubs," he said.

"Without seeds, cockatoo nestlings starve, and adults have to fly further afield to find food.

"I'm so inspired by this community though.

"There are so many people willing to manage their properties to be cockatoo friendly.

"Hearing the sounds of these birds on a daily basis is a sign of a healthy forest."

Dr Cherriman said success in the next 10 years would be achieved by retaining critical native vegetation that acts as food for the breeding cockatoos.

"This means more people working to protect what they have on their land through weed control, not killing food plants with fire during breeding season and revegetating cleared areas," he said.



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Previously rejected Bassendean home business is now approved



Bassendean resident Cecilia Bova says she is very grateful for the approval.

GUANHAO CHENG

BASSENDEAN council have granted approval for a home salon business they rejected in July after reconsideration.

Cecilia's House of Hair was given permission to operate following changes made by the owner to meet planning requirements.

Home salon refused by Bassendean council (Echo News, August 1, 2024) reported the original application was refused as it didn't meet the definition of a home business.

Bassendean resident Cecilia Bova, who runs Cecilia's House of Hair, successfully appealed the council's refusal to the state administrative tribunal following their decision.

The tribunal allowed the business operations to continue while the appeal was underway and invited the town to reconsider the application.

She submitted a revised home business management plan to the council addressing concerns raised by neighbours about her business ahead of the December 16 ordinary meeting.

Following the approval, the business may operate for a 12-month trial period on Monday to Saturday

from 8am to 5pm, excluding public holidays, with a maximum of two clients at a time and no more than 10 clients per day.

No additional staff are permitted, and customers must park in front of the property to avoid impacting neighbours.

The business operated from a van and its sliding door were required to face away from neighbouring properties to minimise noise.

A minimum of 14 minutes was also to be scheduled between appointments to minimise impacts.

After the trial, the Bassendean council will review compliance with conditions designed to protect neighbourhood amenity.

Ms Bova said although the initial rejection put her in a very difficult situation, she was very grateful for the most recent outcome.

"I have a mixture of clients, men, female, young and old and I just wanted the option to be able to work from home," she said.

"I just want to be able to make it affordable when I am doing haircuts for the elderly and, you know, that's all.

"I'm just very grateful that I've got the approval."



The city plans to use the investment in bushfire reduction by funding fire breaks and hazard reduction burns.

Kalamunda fire mitigation boosted by state grant

BRAYDEN MOULD

CITY of Kalamunda has secured a vital financial injection to strengthen bushfire defenses, following the announcement of more than \$4 million in state funding to local governments across WA.

Mayor Margaret Thomas confirmed the city had been selected as a recipient of the Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF), receiving \$73,743 to be used over the next three years.

"The City of Kalamunda welcomes the announcement by Emergency Services Minister Paul Papalia, confirming that the city has been selected as one of the local government recipients of funding," she said.

"This funding will enable the city to take important bushfire risk reduction works, including using a forestry mulcher on road verges to reduce the presence of woody weeds, and completing two hazard reduction burns in identified high-risk areas.

"These initiatives form part of the city's ongoing commitment to improving community safety and resilience by proactively managing bushfire hazards across our region."

The funding follows serious bushfires affect-

ing Kalamunda residents, including the recent New Year's Day fire that left thousands without power and threatened homes.

The investment in Kalamunda is part of a broader \$4.24m package targeting high-risk areas between the Perth Hills and Great Southern.

The wider program has seen a total of 632 mitigation treatments conducted across six local government areas, including the shires of Collie, Dardanup, Denmark, Esperance, and Jerramungup.

Minister Papalia highlighted the growing need for mitigation as a cornerstone of the state's bushfire response.

"We see thousands of bushfires each season and with 93 per cent of the state being bushfire prone, it is vital we work with our local governments to undertake the preventative work to help protect their communities," he said.

"Bushfire mitigation such as managing fuel loads and building firebreaks is an essential tool, which not only helps reduce the severity of bushfires but also assists firefighters to bring fires under control before lives and homes are at risk."

Since the MAF was introduced in 2017, the state government has awarded more than \$69m in grants to nearly 9500 mitigation projects.

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Wooroloo Brook community volunteers during the replanting project. Completed revegetation site shown below.

Unique Wooroloo fire collaboration between community and nature

FOUR years after the Wooroloo bushfire, tiny native grass seedlings are emerging across the burnt landscape, signalling an unexpected and powerful turning point in the region's recovery, powered by a unique collaboration between nature and people.

The Wooroloo post-fire environmental recovery project, delivered by Perth NRM through its state community stewardship program in partnership with the City of Swan, is bringing together an alliance not typically seen in fire recovery.

First Nations land management practitioners, local catchment groups, government agencies, environmental organisations, landholders and volunteers, are all working side by side to deliver practical, on-ground recovery of revegetation, erosion control, and weed management - all designed to restore biodiversity, stabilise the soil, and improve waterway health.

"You don't restore a landscape like this with one organisation," Wooroloo Brook post-fire recovery project officer Karyn Hobdyn said.

"What we're seeing now - especially the natural return of native grasses - is the outcome of nature revegetating with trust, relationships and genuine collaboration. Everyone - from local government to community volunteers - has played a role in helping the land heal.

"I knew families who'd lost homes in the fire. I and so many others wanted to help people reconnect with their land and rebuild what was lost.

"This unique collaboration of nature and people in this post-fire recovery project is about rethinking how we live with our environment - learning from fire, building resilience, and creating a future where people and nature thrive together," she said.

More than 1800 native seedlings have been planted across the catchment, but the natural regrowth is proving just as important. Native grasses improve biodiversity, stabilise soil and reduce flammable fuel loads, offering ecological benefits that introduced species cannot.

"Seeing native grasses reappear on their own is significant. It tells us the landscape is ready to heal - and that the community-led restoration efforts are working," she said.

A key element of the recovery has been the integration of Whadjuk Noongar knowledge through Aboriginal Land Care ngala boodja, Perth's only wholly Whadjuk Noongar-owned environmental management business.



Since late 2025, their team has removed up to 15 invasive weed species across the 10ha restoration site, clearing space for native species to return and significantly reducing the risk of severe future fires.

"We're helping Country recover while also helping the people who lived through the fire," managing director Matthew Kickett said.

"That's what makes this work meaningful."

Local residents have also become central to the restoration effort.

The Susannah Wooroloo Brook Catchment Group has mobilised volunteers through community planting days, property-based workshops and hands-on field activities. Their involvement has not only accelerated ecological recovery but helped rebuild community confidence after the fire.

"We've cared for these sites for a long time, so getting involved in the post-fire recovery felt natural to us. Many of the areas Perth NRM is working on are places where our members were already doing revegetation, so joining forces just made sense," Susannah Brook Catchment Group chairman Dwayne Scook said.

Workshops on erosion control, land rehydration and Firewise property design have further equipped landholders with practical skills to manage their landscape safely and sustainably in a changing climate.

As the project moves into 2026, efforts will focus on expanding native grass populations, improving soil health and strengthening long-term fire resilience across the catchment.

For those involved, the small patches of returning native grasses represent more than just plant growth - they mark the beginning of a renewed, resilient landscape built through partnership, cultural knowledge and community determination.

New grain harvest record

WA's grain growers have reached a historic milestone, with the 2025-26 harvest now officially the largest crop ever received by CBH Group, surpassing 22.9 million tonnes and setting a new state record.

Opposition spokesperson for Agriculture and Food and Central Wheatbelt MLA Lachlan Hunter said the achievement was a powerful reflection of the skill, resilience and productivity of WA grain growers and the strength of the cooperative system that supports them.

"This is an extraordinary result and a tremendous credit to grain growers across Western Australia," Mr Hunter said.

"Surpassing 22.9m tonnes makes this the largest crop ever received by CBH and confirms the global competitiveness of our grains

industry."

Mr Hunter acknowledged the critical role played by CBH Group in receiving, storing and moving the record crop through the system.

"CBH has demonstrated the importance of grower-owned infrastructure, with storage capacity, logistics and shipping programs operating at scale to keep grain moving to customers through all four ports," he said.

"Even with a record crop already in the system, there is still more grain to come, and CBH has shown it is ready and able to handle it."

Mr Hunter said the record harvest highlighted the importance of maintaining strong policy settings for agriculture and regional Western Australia.



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Perth Hills teacher and daughter attacked on train

GUANHAO CHENG

A PERTH Hills teacher says she and her 13-year-old daughter were traumatised after a group of juveniles assaulted them on a train, with no bystander intervention despite witnesses onboard.

Carla, a full-time Perth Hills teacher who has requested anonymity, was taking her daughter to a year 12 valedictory ceremony when the incident occurred around 5pm on November 20 during a busy afternoon service from Bassendean to Perth station.

The ordeal began when the group of juveniles tried to get the pair’s attention while they were on their phones.

Carla texted her daughter, who was sitting right next to her, warning her not to look at them.

“One of the boys went up close, stood over her and started spraying her,” Carla said.

“It was an unknown substance and I thought they were going to set her on fire.

“I told him to stay away from my daughter.

“I had to make some noise and get loud to get attention from the other passengers.”

Carla said despite the escalating situation on the crowded train, no other passengers came forward to help.

“The most disappointing part for me was that there was no help from any other person sitting on the train,” she said.

“You feel so isolated.

“I felt so alone in that crowded space.”

Carla was forced to call Transperth from the train requesting assistance, as there were no guards on board.

While waiting for guards to arrive at the next stop, she was approached a second time and sprayed as well.

“I was stuck on this train fearing for my daughter and myself,” she said.

When guards finally boarded and approached witnesses about what had occurred, bystanders remained silent.

“It really was disappointing seeing their attitudes,” Carla said.

“Not their problem.

“Not a shared responsibility.

“Victims are left to manage the situation alone.”

After the incident, Carla followed proper procedures, filing a police report and providing a detailed statement.

However, she says the outcome left her deeply disappointed.

Police investigated and visited the three juveniles involved, aged between 13 and 16 and Carla said the offend-

Perth Hills teacher Carla says the incident has left lasting trauma and tangible change needs to occur to protect transport users.



ers only received a caution.

“The reason why they do that is because they’re minors and if they don’t have a criminal record already against them, it won’t go through to the courts so no consequence,” she said.

Carla said police told her the Transperth camera footage was insufficient for prosecution, being too grainy and pixelated to identify the offenders clearly, despite audio from her emergency call also being available.

“What are the cameras there for if we can’t get any audio and the video is insufficient for evidence?” she said.

“How are we supposed to be protected on trains if there is no camera footage?

“That’s what the police require.”

The incident has had lasting impacts on Carla’s family.

She no longer allows her children to catch the train, and both she and her daughter continue to deal with trauma from the experience.

“My daughter is so confused as to why they can get away with this behaviour,” Carla said.

“It really negatively impacted my mental health, having that anxiety about public transport.”

Carla believes antisocial behaviour on trains has become

normalised, with many people she has spoken to reporting similar experiences.

“Everyone catches the train at some stage,” she said.

“They’ve all seen it or experienced it.

“This keeps happening.

“When it happens to your daughter, you’re very angry.”

She is calling for tangible change, including a review of safety procedures and clearer pathways that balance rehabilitation with accountability for young offenders.

“There needs to be a review of safety procedures,” Carla said.

“And it feels like that won’t happen until something tragic happens.

“The community needs to be made aware that we need a voice.

“As a citizen I went through every correct avenue but was let down.”

In response to questions from *Echo News*, WA Police said they take reports of antisocial behaviour seriously and are committed to maintaining community safety.

Police encouraged anyone with information about crimes or suspicious activity to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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Powering health care in Midland

WESTERN Power has completed power infrastructure works at the new St John of God Midland Private Hospital site, paving the way for the building commissioning stage of the new hospital to begin.

The 129-bed hospital – due for completion in August 2026 – will be the first stand-alone private hospital in Perth's eastern corridor and home to the region's first interventional cardiology service as well as a critical care unit, eight operating theatres and day surgery.

Asset operations executive manager Zane Christmas said Western Power teams installed 2km of high voltage cable and switch gear to power the site and enable building commissioning to begin in January as planned.

"Supporting the delivery of health services is one of Western Power's top priorities," he said.

"Our teams worked closely with the St John of God team to design and install power infrastructure around critical infrastructure such as sewer mains, water pipes and the rail reserve so that the build-out of the new hospital could begin."

"This energisation has been a great result, and we will be back on site again before the hospital opens to connect and energise an additional underground power cable to ensure a reliable supply to hospital."

Hospital redevelopment director Sarah Tegeler said the completion of the key milestone paved the way for building commissioning works to commence, as they move towards opening the new hospital.

"I want to thank Western Power for their collaboration in making this possible and supporting our progress towards delivering these important health services for the region," she said.

Each year, Western Power manages approximately 6200 applications for connection to the grid – ranging from residential housing and small businesses to essential services such as hospitals and schools and large industry.

The new St John of God Midland Private Hospital is 300 metres from the existing Midland health campus, which will transition to a fully public 367-bed hospital when the new private hospital opens.



Western Power works at the St John of God Midland Private Hospital site.



Lien, a mother-of-two, was one of the thousands of people waiting for treatment in Laos.

Swan and Kalamunda helping to restore sight

THE Fred Hollows Foundation is thanking the Swan and Kalamunda communities for stepping up in 2025 to help restore sight, as international aid budgets shrink and the world's most vulnerable face growing risks.

In the past year, more than 810 people from Swan, including 61 new donors, have supported the foundation, donating more than \$277,000 while more than 730 people from Kalamunda, including 62 new donors, donated more than \$280,000 helping the treatment of hundreds of thousands of people living with avoidable blindness.

In recent months, many foreign governments have cut their aid budgets, placing many of the world's most vulnerable people at risk.

Despite this, people from Western Australia have shown incredible generosity, donating \$3.5 million in the past 12 months.

Founding director Gabi Hollows said she was buoyed by the generosity shown by the Swan and Kalamunda communities and grateful they had chosen to support the foundation's work.

"Fred used to say that the major problem with the world is the disparity between nations – but that it could be changed," Mrs Hollows said.

"Nine out of 10 cases of blindness and vision impairment are preventable or treatable. Together,

we can do something about it and Australians are proving that even in challenging times, community spirit can change lives."

"Thank you, Swan and Kalamunda for allowing us to keep Fred's vision of ending avoidable blindness alive."

In 2025, the foundation performed 8.1 million eye screenings, 560 eye surgeries and treatments and treated 16.5 million people for trachoma – the world's leading infectious cause of blindness.

One of the patients who received life-changing surgery last year was Lien, a mother-of-two, who was one of the thousands of people waiting for treatment in Laos.

For three years, Lien lived with the frustration and heartbreak of blindness. The 38-year-old from Oudomxay province, in northwest Laos, was unable to work or even recognise the faces of those she loves.

Thanks to the generosity of many caring supporters, Lien was able to attend an outreach eye camp run by The Fred Hollows Foundation, where she underwent cataract surgery on both eyes.

When the bandages were removed, she could see her children's faces for the first time in years.

For more information about The Fred Hollows Foundation or to help restore sight, visit www.hollows.org or call 1800 352 352.

Midland kids hub holiday support

SCHOOL holidays can be a time of adventure, rest, connection, and new experiences, but for some children, changes in routine, social pressures, or big emotions can make this period challenging.

The Midland Medicare Mental Health Kids Hub works to help families in the City of Swan navigate these moments with confidence.

Open throughout the school holidays (closed on public holidays), the kids hub provides a free, welcoming space where children and parents can feel supported, understood, and empowered.

Walk-ins are welcome, with no referral or appointment needed.

Families visiting the kids hub can access a wide range of support, and children and their parents can speak with care navigators who provide a listening ear and connection to a range of services, participate in workshops designed to build practical skills for managing emotions and behaviour, and connect with peer support from other parents.

The kids hub also offers therapeutic and educational tools, outreach services for support at home or another preferred location, and a safe on-site creche for children to play and learn while parents engage with the team (bookings required).

Whether children are feeling anxious, struggling with friendships, or managing big emotions, the hub provides guidance, reassurance, and practical strategies.

Parents experiencing emotional challenges can access tailored advice and a listening ear.

Workshops including yoga and mindfulness, help children build calm, confidence, and self-awareness in a fun, supportive environment, giving families

tools they can use throughout the holiday season.

"School holidays offer wonderful opportunities for families to relax, connect, and explore new experiences, but they can also bring uncertainty and pressure," Parkerville Children and Youth Care chief executive officer Kim Brooklyn said.

"The kids hub is a place for families to take a breath, access support, and find practical strategies that help children feel safe, understood, and confident."

The Midland Medicare Mental Health Kids Hub will remain open throughout the school holidays and families can find up-to-date walk-in hours and service information at www.midlandmmhkidshub.com.au



Midland Kids Hub will offer support for families over the school holidays.

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Kalamunda bushfire arrest by Strike Force Vulcan

KALAMUNDA Strike Force Vulcan officers have charged a 19-year-old man in relation to a bushfire that occurred in Kalamunda on Thursday, January 1.

It will be alleged about 12.20am, the man threw a fire-cracker into dry grass in bushland located on Temby Avenue, which started a bushfire that quickly gained in intensity.

The bushfire escalated rapidly, requiring the attendance of multiple DFES firefighting crews and police resources, including the deployment of a Helitak aerial firefighting appli-

ance to assist in extinguishment.

More than two thousand homes in the area lost power and homes and lives were threatened.

The fire has consumed more than 25ha of native bushland and continued burning for a number of days..

The 19-year-old Kalamunda man Luke Joseph Grguric has been charged with one count of breach of duty and appeared before the Perth Magistrates Court on January 1 where he was granted bail to reappear on January 29.

Beechboro illicit tobacco organised crime charges

SERIOUS and organised crime division detectives have charged a 39-year-old male after an incident in Beechboro on Thursday, December 25.

It will be alleged about 4.40am, the accused, driving a vehicle stolen during a burglary in Darch on December 24, deliberately drove the vehicle into the front glass doors and wall of a cafe in Beechboro causing extensive damage to the building.

An unmarked police vehicle patrolling the area witnessed the incident and attempted to stop the vehicle resulting in a pursuit which ended in Kelly Place, Noranda where the accused was taken into custody.

The 39-year-old man Joshua Ross McDonald from Bluff Point appeared before the Perth Magistrates Court on December 26, charged with criminal damage or destruction of property, stealing a motor vehicle, reckless driving to escape pursuit by police and driver of a vehicle failed to comply with

a direction to stop (circumstance of aggravation).

He was remanded to appear in the Midland Magistrate's Court on January 30.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with any information or footage in relation to this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers online via www.crimestopperswa.com.au or by calling 1800 333 000.

All reports can be made anonymously. CCTV, dash-cam or mobile phone footage can be sent directly to investigators via this link: <https://wapf.au.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/baldivisarson>

The incident is being investigated by Taskforce Maverick, which was established by the Western Australia Police Force on November 24 in response to multiple criminal damage by fire incidents at premises linked to the illicit tobacco trade in Western Australia.

Boya and Koongamia bushfire investigations

SPECIALIST Strike Force Vulcan officers are investigating a bushfire that was reported in Boya on Friday, January 2.

Emergency services were advised about 4.50pm of a large fire in bushland located at Boya Quarry Reserve.

Department of Fire and Emergency Services attended and extinguished the fire before any property was damaged.

The cause of the fire is being investigated, and Strike Force Vulcan officers' urge anyone with any information relating to this fire to contact Crime Stoppers online at www.crimestopperswa.com.au or by phone on 1800 333 000.

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In addition, officers are investigating a second nearby bushfire reported about 2.20am on Saturday, January 3, in Koon-gamia.

Anyone with CCTV, mobile phone or dash-cam vision of any suspicious persons, or activity in the area of this asked to upload the vision direct investigators via the link <https://wapf.au.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/vulcan>

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

Information sought after St Ronans fatality

OFFICERS from the major crash investigation section are investigating a fatal crash which occurred in St Ronans, near York on Sunday, January 4.

About 10.25am, a black Honda Accord sedan was travelling in an easterly direction on Great Southern Highway when the vehicle left the road and struck a tree.

The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, a 39-year-old man, sustained life-threatening injuries and died at the scene.

Major crash investigators are conducting an examination of the scene and are appealing for any witnesses to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report the information online at www.crimestopperswa.com.au

Dash-cam or mobile phone vision relating to this crash can be uploaded directly to investigators via this link: <https://wapf.au.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/saintronanscrash>

Maida Vale serious crash investigation

OFFICERS from the major crash investigation section are seeking the public's assistance for information following a serious crash that occurred in Maida Vale on Thursday, December 25.

About 7.40pm, a blue Kia Stonic station sedan and a white Toyota Rav4 collided at the roundabout of Watsonia Road and Ridge Hill Road.

The 67-year-old male driver of the Toyota and a 64-year-old female passenger, as well as the 24-year old female driver of the Kia, all sustained critical injuries in the crash and were

conveyed by ambulance to Royal Perth Hospital for medical treatment.

Major Crash investigators are urging anyone who saw the crash, or the Toyota Rav4 or the Kia Stonic station sedan travelling in the area prior to the crash, to contact Crime Stoppers online at www.crimestopperswa.com.au or call 1800 333 000.

Anyone with dash-cam or mobile phone vision relating to this crash, can upload the vision directly to investigators via this link: <https://wapf.au.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/seriouscrashmaida>

Midland serious crash investigation

ROAD policing group north are investigating a serious crash that occurred in Midland on Saturday, January 3.

About 12.45pm, a blue Toyota Yaris sedan was travelling southbound on Lloyd Street, when it crossed the intersection of Clayton Street and collided with a traffic control light.

Emergency services attended the scene.

The 81-year-old female driver and sole occupant of the Toyota Yaris was conveyed to St John of God Midland Hospital for medical treatment.

Anyone with information or footage relating to this incident is urged to contact Crime Stop-

pers online via www.crimestopperswa.com.au or by calling 1800 333 000.

Dash-cam or mobile phone vision relating to this crash can be uploaded directly to investigators via this link: <https://wapf.au.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/seriouscrashmidland>

If you or anyone you know has been affected by a road crash, contact Road Trauma Support WA on 1300 004 814.

The WA Police Force continues to urge all motorists to take care on the road. Drive safely and keep in mind the wellbeing of yourself and others.



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Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 5.5 of the Local Government Act 1995, notice is given that the **Annual Electors' Meeting** will be held at:

Ellenbrook Community Centre – 11 Cashman Avenue, Ellenbrook

On Monday, February 2, 2026

Commencing at 6pm and concluding at the latest 9pm

The business of the meeting will be:

1. Receiving of the Annual Report 2024/25
2. General Business

To access the Annual Report and for further information on registering to attend and participate in the meeting, please visit the City's website.

Please note that this meeting will be live streamed and video recorded. The recording will be made available on the City's website after the meeting.

Stephen Cain

Chief Executive Officer

January 7, 2026

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A highlight of the club's bowls calendar is the community bowls competition, which brings together locals for a bit of friendly rivalry and a good laugh.

This event is all about having fun, meeting new friends, and embracing the spirit of commu-



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Community Bowls for 2026

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Competition runs for 4 nights:
Friday 30th January
Friday 6th February
Friday 13th February
Friday 20th February 2026

Registration: 6.00pm Wednesday 21st January 2026

Teams: Teams of 3 players (with a rotating 4th player)

Costs: \$40.00 per team (discount available for families with children between 10 and 16)
\$10.00 each player per night (green fees, meal and prizes)
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Time: 6.00pm – arrival and practice
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7.00pm – commence play

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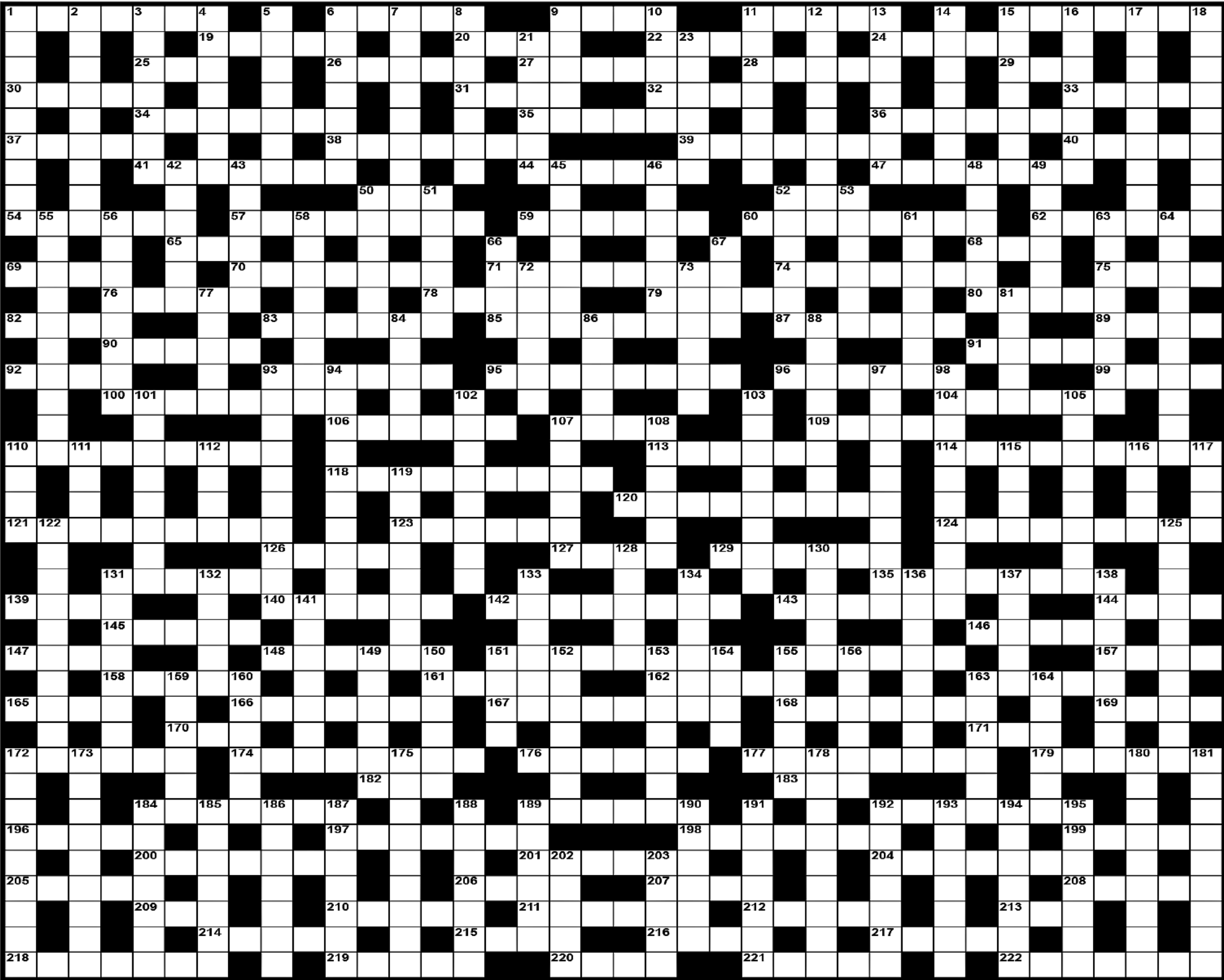
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- ACROSS

1 Garbage can

6 Stoops suddenly

9 Manager (coll)

11 Hollows in the earth

15 Drawing

19 Evergreen tree

20 Unemployed

22 A curse

24 Two times

25 Ship's record

26 Breathes quick and hard

27 Growing old

28 ... Dingo

29 Heavy weight

30 Stately

31 Professional gown

32 Strong wind

33 Forearm bones

34 Imposing building

35 Join up

36 North Australian sea

37 Large stones

38 Sheep clipper

39 Voter

40 Pouse (3,2)

41 Wrestles

44 Involuntary muscular contractions

47 Hates

50 Large

52 Owns

54 Grass-like plants

57 Style of bowling

59 Feats

60 Well-known in history

62 Turn informer (coll)

65 And so on

68 Belonging to him

69 Just

70 Make active

71 Trampled underfoot

74 Mislead

75 Billions of instructions per second

76 Niggardly person

78 Roof worker

79 Obtuse

80 At what place

82 Be sunk in listless apathy

83 Wards off

85 Professional teeth workers

87 A NZ baby rabbit

89 WWII alliance

90 A link

91 English racecourse

92 Immense

93 Dreadful

95 Suave

96 Sail to and fro

99 Ages

100 Freedom from danger

104 Where Stockholm lies

106 Popular beverage

107 Skilful

109 Garret

110 Benefit

113 A private concern

114 Three below par

118 Practical

120 Stewed chicken

121 A worker

123 Writing implement

124 Followed close behind

126 Complain in a feeble way

127 Cutting tools

129 Imperfection

131 Small hound

135 Supplied with wealth

139 Tablet

140 Spring back

142 Repository of official records

143 Tolerates

144 Mature

145 Sun-dried brick

146 Small rodent

147 Biblical garden

148 Greenflies

151 Accessory plugs

155 Starts the engine

157 Painful

158 Russian monetary unit

161 Young eel

162 Force back

163 Chairs

165 Region

166 A negro

167 Kiss

168 Applaud

169 Performs

170 Pale

171 Ms ... Buttrose

172 ... Mandela

174 Board game

177 Shrewdest

179 Mixes smoothly

182 Wrath

183 Before (archaic)

184 Greek epic poem

189 Disunion

192 Ashamed

196 Small particle of bread

197 Mutton-fish

198 Pendant tapering masses of ice

199 The heavens

200 Upper house member

201 Culture bias

204 Retards

205 A doctor (coll)

206 Caudal appendage

207 Tailless amphibian

208 Bunches

209 First woman

210 Likeness

211 Makes amends

212 A failure

213 Long, broad sash

214 Sprightly

215 Irritate

216 A single step

217 Permit

218 Australian folk group

219 Council fees

220 Carpets

221 Impaired through disuse

222 Sewing implements

DOWN

1 Unsafe

2 Withdrawn

3 Most forward

4 Small mugs

5 Purify

6 Make dull

7 Snack bar

8 Female siblings

9 Commenced

10 Ballads

11 Gladdened

12 Private feuds

13 Purveyor

14 Remote

15 Roundabouts

16 Yearly books

17 Put back

18 Kangaroo

21 Beers

23 Marbles

42 Capsizes

43 Cup holder

45 Decorative design

46 Modes of procedure

48 Shun

49 Paper handkerchief

50 More courageous

51 Bestows

52 Concealed

53 Adheres

55 Improved

56 Clothes

58 Provides

61 Canberra NRL team

63 Not defeated

64 Devices

66 Vended

67 Marshes

72 Changed direction

73 Individual part

77 Develop

81 Rash speed

84 Robber

86 That group

88 Sets aside for a specific use

93 One who watches TV

94 Determines

97 Concerned

98 Moving staircases

101 Renounce

102 Novice

103 Pointless acts

105 Complicate

107 Bore a hole

108 The Bull

110 In addition

111 In lieu of

112 Kyrgyzstan

115 Island province of Indonesia

116 Expel

117 Outhouse

119 Called for aid

122 It reads the same backwards as forwards

125 Gave off moisture

128 Between the ribs and the hips

130 Something in a dying fire

131 Bed coverings

132 Clark ..., actor

133 Companies of lions

134 Bring to light

136 Ornament of precious stones

137 Strangle

138 Horse training

141 Sovereign

149 Imaginary demons

150 Characteristic of old age

151 Stratford-on- ...

152 Old-fashioned

153 Divine revelations

154 Discharge violently

155 Part of a sentence

156 Accumulate

159 Hocked

160 US State

163 Metalworkers

164 Capable of being tiled

172 New arrivals

173 Pay a debt

175 First meal

178 Lattices

180 Evening

181 Female prophets

184 Indecent

185 Americans

186 Fulfil expectations

187 Talking

188 Loiters

189 Instalment

190 Wattle

191 A small fish

192 A bowl for smokers

193 Tempers

194 Boisterous US square dance

195 Intend

202 Change

203 Walks
- Crossword Solution 1249 from 19 December, 2025
-

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Summer Mozart Festival back again in Darlington

CLASSICAL music lovers have double the reason to celebrate this month as the WA Mozarteum kicks off its Summer Mozart Festival, marking both the 270th anniversary of the composer's birth and the ensemble's own 20th year of performing in Western Australia.

This year's milestone festival promises an intimate look at the man behind the music, exploring the lesser-known repertoire from Mozart's teenage years in Salzburg through early symphonies, serenades, and divertimentos.

To bring the history to life, the musical performances will be interspersed with readings from the Mozart family's personal correspondence and historical sources.

The highlight of the festival is a special Mozart's Birthday Soirée held on the composer's exact birthday, Tuesday January 27 at 7pm.

Set in St Cuthbert's Anglican Church in Darlington, the evening features the Cambini Quintet performing a delightful selection of woodwind chamber music and every ticket includes refreshments and a slice of birthday cake.

The festival will also hold four Sunday afternoon concerts at 3pm at UWA's Callaway Auditorium, featuring distinguished Perth musicians and principal players from the West Australian Symphony Orchestra.

The first concert, titled From Salzburg to Paris will be performed on Sunday, January 11.

The second concert, Inside the Salzburg Laboratory will play on Sunday, January 18.



Cambini Quintet will be performing an array of woodwind chamber music at the Birthday Soirée in Darlington.

Concert three, The Maturing Maestro will be performed on Sunday, January 25.

The final concert, From Paris to Salzburg will be played on Sunday, February 1.

Featured artists include renowned harpist Yi-Yun Loei and Artistic Director Dr. Emily Gunson, who has previously performed for the Mozart Gesellschaft Kurpfalz in Germany.

For more information on pricing and to book tickets for any of the five performances, visit their website at www.flutissimo.com

Summer Gala Soiree at Woodbridge House



Tenor Vin Trikeriotis, above, and baritone Devon Lake, right, will again be performing at Woodbridge House.

WOODBIDGE House is again the venue for the Summer Gala Soiree on Sunday, January 25 from 5pm to 7pm.

The event continues to benefit our talented and hard working WAAPA students through the Friends of the Academy Committee through grants for showreels and secondments.

The outstanding line up of Western Australian talent includes musical director and accompanist Adrian Soares (multi award-winning UWA Graduate) who has held this position in two of the previous five concerts.

Popular baritone Devon Lake who performs with WA Opera and is also a Melba scholarship recipient is also returning from the past two soirees.

Also returning from last year's soiree is Tenor Vin Trikeriotis who too performs with WA Opera and prior to his tenor days was a heavy metal rock star, travelling the world for 10 years with Tempest Rising.

A new addition to the line-up is a young artist with WA Opera Lovers, Baritone Sam Claxton.

There will be three Sopranos this year, with Eimear Foley, who has two degrees, Classical Voice and Masters in Music Theatre from the University of New York (all performers are WAAPA Alumni), plus Eimear is also a qualified medical doctor.

Claire Condipodero performs with WA Opera and has also performed in Christmas in the Domain (Sydney) for the past

two years. Finally, Amy Fortnum who has two bachelor degrees (Classical Voice and Music Theatre), not only performs, but writes, produces, directs her own productions and has performed in Edinburgh Fringe Festivals.

The repertoire will be light classical along with popular music theatre, finishing off with a bracket of Australian favourites.

Emphasising the Australiana theme, the Freeze Frame Opera truck will again be used as a stage.

The concert is family friendly picnic style with BYO blankets, chairs (preferably low) food and drink, with shade for all. Damian from Café Cava will be on site with his van for the purchase of hot or cold drinks.

The setting for movies and TV shows, the National Trust's Woodbridge House is nestled between the Swan River, Guildford Grammar and Governor Stirling Senior High School, where there is ample free parking.

Please access the website www.summergalasoirree.com for the link to bookings (tickets \$55 Full; \$50 Concession and \$25 Students) plus link to the Australian Cultural Fund website where tax deductible donations can be made to offset the funding costs of the concert which will enable all ticket sales to benefit WAAPA students.

For more information, contact Di Collins on 0432 538 075 or email info@summergalasoirree.com

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Your local Gig Guide

Fri January 9

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Intangible
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4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Parkerville Tavern
Paul Johnson
From 6pm. Free.
6 Owen Road
Parkerville

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

Lyric's Bar
Loafers & Lipstick
From 7.30pm. Free.
22 Lyric Lane
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Sat January 10

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

7th Ave Bar & Bistro
Karaoke Night
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Hemingway & Co
Alma Zygier
From 7-9pm. Free.
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Highway Mundaring

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Brett Hardwick
6-9pm. Free.
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Mahogany Creek

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

Sun January 11

Woodbridge Hotel
Briann Finn
From 3pm. Free.
50 East St Guildford
Sunday Jan 11 cont.

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

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Lötti's Potion
5-8pm. Free.
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
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Parkerville Tavern
Leslie Hinton
Entertainment
From 4pm. Free.
6 Owen Road
Parkerville

Tues January 13

Hemingway & Co
Jazz Tuesday
From 6pm. Free.
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Highway, Mundaring

Woodbridge Hotel
Ravenswing
From 6pm. Free.
50 East St Guildford

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

Wed January 14

Childlow Tavern
Muso Jam Night with
Brett Hardwick
7.30pm till late. Free.
4 Thomas Street
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Mahogany Inn & Distillery
House Grooves
Presented by
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While on holidays recently in Albany, we did a few 'touristy' things. One lovely sunny day, we went to see Albany's rugged coastline.

I have seen what is called 'the Gap' many times; and it did not fail to disappoint. With a nice swell, big waves crashed into the vertical granite wall, making a spectacular sound and a huge spray. I could have watched it for hours. Around the corner was 'Natural Bridge', and this also was not disappointing – it is so grand.

I also went to the Blowholes – and this was not that impressive. On my way back, a young man asked me if it was worth seeing. I responded with 'I don't know'. But the person behind me assured him that the long walk to the Blowholes was a waste of time. That's because the Blowholes are so high above the water line that there is no water-spout, but just a rush of wind – and only every now and then. It's not even well signposted – people often walk right past it. In actual fact, it's quite disappointing.

As we start a new year, something that is not disappointing is believing in Jesus Christ. We just celebrated His birth a few weeks ago. He came from heaven to save us from our sins, to bring us into relationship with God, and to help us in this life. He is faithful and true. Those who trust in Him will never be disappointed – for every day of every year.

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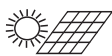


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PUBLIC NOTICE AND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed Residential Development - Structure Plan 81 (EPBC Act Ref: 2023 / 09758)

This Public Notice is published pursuant to Section 95A(3) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth). Maximum Sky Pty Ltd (Maximum Sky) is proposing to clear up to 3.14 hectares of native vegetation to enable construction of a residential sub-division development on Lot 82 (No 1300) Coppin Road and Lot 91 (No 6245) Great Eastern Highway, in the Shire of Mundaring, approximately 25 kilometres north-east of Perth Central Business District (the Proposed Action). The Proposed Action includes connecting roads and will accommodate new homes to be built on the resultant lots.

The Proposed Action has been determined to be a controlled action under the EPBC Act and will be assessed through Preliminary Documentation. The controlling provision under Part 3 of the EPBC Act is listed threatened species and communities (Section 18 and 18A). The EPBC-listed species and communities (protected matters) that may be impacted by the Proposed Action include:

- Star Sun-Orchid (*Thelymitra stellata*) (Endangered);
- Carnaby's Black Cockatoo (*Zanda latirostris*) (Endangered);
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- Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii naso*) (Vulnerable); and
- Chuditch (*Dasyurus geoffroii*) (Vulnerable).

The Preliminary Documentation for the Proposed Action can be viewed electronically at www.coppinroad.com.au. A physical copy of the documents is now available for viewing without charge at the following locations:

- City of Perth Library - 573 Hay St, Perth WA 6000
- Mundaring Library - 1 Nichol St, Mundaring WA 6073

The purpose of this notice is to invite comments regarding the Proposed Action Preliminary Documentation from members of the public.


Any such comment must be provided by close of business 9 February 2026 to:
Brian Hunt
bhunt@coppinroad.com.au; or
255 Beaufort St, Perth WA 6000

Persons with any special needs (i.e., for whom English is a second language or have a vision impairment) may contact Brian Hunt via the details above for assistance in accessing the documentation.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF LAND
Notice of proposed lease of land section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995
Property: Suite 8, 8 - 12 Stafford Street, Midland Western Australia 6056
Lessee: The Trustee for RAMMS Investment Trust T/As Clear Ears Perth
Annual rental amount: \$5,403.22 per annum (pa) + variable outgoings and GST
Valuation: \$5,403.22 per annum (pa) + variable outgoings and GST
Purpose: Commercial office
Term: One (1) Year + One (1) Year
Submissions in writing and addressed to the undersigned may be lodged on or before, **Monday January 26th, 2026.**
Stephen Cain
Chief Executive Officer
City of Swan
PO Box 196, Midland, 6936

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF LAND
Notice of proposed lease of land section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995
Property: Kitchen 5, Stafford Court, 8 - 12 Stafford Street, Midland Western Australia 6056
Lessee: Midland Meals Inc
Annual rental amount: \$13,650 per annum (pa) + variable outgoings and GST
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Upcoming Events

• **Midland CWA** meets at the Midland Railway Yards Blacksmith Lane (West) Midland on the third Wednesday of each month at 10am. CWA flags are displayed on Yelverton Drive, Midland on meeting days. CWA offers a diverse range of interests and each branch works to meet local community needs. Call Cathy on 0460 777 557 or email cwa.midland@outlook.com

• **Mahogany Creek Art and Craft Group** meets weekly on Wednesdays 9.30am to 12.30pm during school terms at the Mahogany Creek Hall on Jacoby Street. Everyone brings along their art or craft to work on in a friendly social group with tea and coffee provided. For more information call Mary on 0431 201 814 or Jan on 6279 4031.
• **The Rosehill Ladies Golf Club** meets each Tuesday at 8am at Hillview Public Golf Club, Kalamunda Road, Maida Vale. The season runs from March to November.

For more information call Roz on 0419 915 623 or Julia on 0419 954 106.
• **The Kalamunda Lapidary Club** at 3 Recreation Road, Kalamunda is a club dedicated to collecting, polishing and creating jewellery from natural gem stones and Australian minerals and crystals which they collect in the field. They have an open day on the first Saturday of each month where possible with examples for sale. You can check their Facebook page for current events. For more information call Richard

on 0422 181 200.
• **The Really Really Free Market** will be held at the Mechanics Hall, 20 Meadow Street in Guildford on Sunday, January 18 from 9am to 10am. Bring your unwanted items to give away, and take what you need or want. You do not need to bring an item to participate, everyone is welcome to take what they want. For more information visit Transition Town Guildford's Facebook page.
• **Mundaring Community Men's Shed** at 1 Morrilla Road will start its 2026 Speakers' Circle

program at 10:30am on Tuesday, January 13 with a short talk on the command and control organisation behind the front-line firefighters and the role of incident control vehicles. This will be followed by a walkthrough of the Mundaring IVC. Everyone is welcome. For more information on this or other shed activities contact Ross on 0433 211 949.
• **Kalamunda Community Radio** has now moved to 88.9FM. All our listeners are asked to retune their home and car radios to our new frequency.

Anybody listening to our old frequency will receive a message to retune to 88.9FM. The station is now known as KCR88.9fm. This change is for technical reasons and is being made at the request of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). For additional information call 9293 0548, email kcradmin@kcr-fm.org.au, or visit our website kcr-fm.org.au
• **Noranda Church of Christ** is holding an Open Gates community event on Saturday, January 31 from

10am to 12pm, at 200 Crimea Street, Noranda. The event will include games, fun, art, food and connect mindful activities. General admission is a gold coin for adults, child admission \$3.50 (includes ice cream), sausage sizzle \$2. See Eventbrite for tickets.
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Midland Guildford's final December rounds

JOSHUA MCKENZIE

IT was the final round of fixtures before the Christmas break for Midland Guildford Cricket Club during a week-end that saw the club win a premiership.

The female U17 played a T20 Grand Final at the WACA Ground against Subiaco Floreat on the December 13 week-end.

Kaitlyn Magistro, Harseerat Chahal and Chase Storer all took two wickets in the first innings after the side chose to bowl first.

They restricted their opposition to 9-81 from 20 overs in a strong bowling display.

In the run chase, Alyssa Tremlett top scored with 39 runs from 30 balls in a player of the match performance.

The team chased down the target in just 11 overs and had eight wickets remaining as they secured a premiership victory.

The senior male sides completed two-day matches against University this weekend with a number of noteworthy individual performances.

In the male 1st grade match, Keaton Critchell scored 67 from 154 in the batting innings and Nathan Barnwell took 6-132 in the bowling innings as the side lost their match.

It was a drawn match for the male 2nd grade, as Hayden Kain, 100 from 162, and Clayton Thomas, 72 from 106, were the top scorers in the total of 8-318.

Jacob Heslop took 4-116 as the opposition made 9-316 and the match ended in a draw.

The batting innings for the male 3rd grade was led by Mohit Malviya, 55 from 98, as they posted 222 all out.

In the second innings, the opposition chased the total down and passed the target score with four wickets in hand.

After winning the toss and batting first, Lucas Walker was the standout batter for the male 4th grade as he scored 152 not out from 245.

He was supported by Matt Hampson, 79 not out from 90, as the side posted 5-306 from their 80 overs.

They were only able to get seven wickets in the bowling innings, and the match was drawn with their opposition not reaching the target score.

The male U17 side played against Centurions in a two-day fixture and posted 6-234 in their batting innings after winning the toss and batting first.



Midland Guildford Cricket Club will resume their season on January 10 after the holiday break.

Alan Antony was the top scorer as he reached 79 from 113.

The bowling innings featured an outstanding performance from Sam Hayward with 6-19 from seven overs.

He was the main contributor in dismissing their opponents for 84 all out in a dominant 150 run victory.

The male U15 were beaten in their two-day match against Centurions.

They were unable to defend the total of 196 all out which was led by Lachie Flux scoring 76 from 113.

Their opponents chased down the target score with three wickets remaining.

It has been a good start to the season for a number of Midland Guildford Cricket Club teams, and they will be looking to continue their momentum after the Christmas break starting January 10.

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I Remember When...

Do you remember when as a kid getting over Christmas and taking down the old Christmas tree ours used to be a limb off our pine tree so by the New Year it was dry and ugly, and the pines started to drop all over the floor. The tree always looked good at the beginning but boy after sitting in the lounge room for a month it got tacky. Dad would whine as he tried to get out of the house dropping pine needles everywhere on the way and the sap that stuck to his hands added fuel to the anger. So, we would try recycling the decorations best we could and pack them away. These days I put up lights in through our front garden, most are solar powered, and the one tradition is about this time of year I get in trouble by my wife Wendy as she always takes them down and asks why I get these things so high and tangled everywhere. In the coming week as part of my New Year tradition I'm going to have a fish in the Swan River in Guildford (Fresh market Reserve) I'll give my old mate Peter a call and off we go as we have since we were kids and see what we can catch. Pete's kick my butt the last couple of years my turn to be the superior fishman this year. Every year as kids we fished in various spots along the river near Bakers Bridge and down off the jetties when they were there down at we called the Rec which is known as Kings Meadow. That was part of school holiday routine as well as having a swim to keep cool on a hot summer's day. Life was easy fishing and swimming what a life and sadly no sunburn cream so today I have some spots that need checking. Happy New Year Everyone!!



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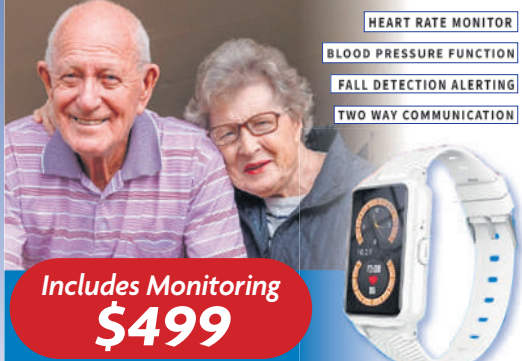
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