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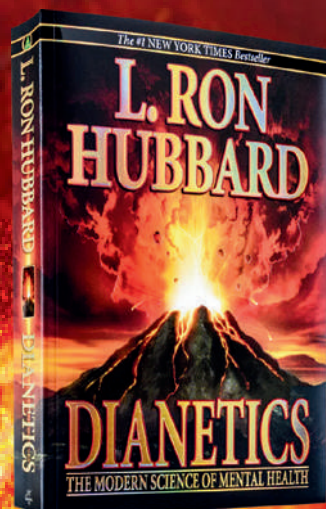
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ECHO Celebrations



Baskerville Hall will host the 50 year celebration of the Swan Valley Community Centre.

Swan Valley Community Centre turns 50

FIVE decades of local history, friendship, and community connection will be celebrated this Saturday when Baskerville Hall hosts a golden jubilee morning tea for the Swan Valley Community Centre.

The community milestone marks an evolution that originally began in 1976 when a group of local women first came together to form the Swan Ladies Friendship Club.

"There's not a lot written in official records from back then, it's mostly word of mouth," Long-time member Charlotte Gosatti said.

"But somebody just recently brought along a little keepsake that those ladies made together back in 1976 when they first started."

As the group grew, it leased Baskerville Hall from the City of Swan, eventually incorporating as the Valley Learning Centre in 1990 and securing a Lotteries Commission grant to extend the hall with a meeting room and crèche.

The committee made the deliberate choice to rename the facility the Swan Valley Community Centre in 2013 to avoid confusion with emerging commercial daycares.

"We decided to change the name in 2013 just because a lot of the learning centres that started coming up around that time were all daycares," Ms Gosatti said.

"That's sort of what we've incorporated in our event over the weekend, that it's a celebration for both the Swan Valley Community Centre and the Valley Learning Centre, just because it's what people from 20 years ago knew us as."

Today the centre remains open, relying on participant attendance fees and local fundraising events like the annual soup lunch to cover its day-to-day running costs.

"We're a self-funded community group. We do get a lot of support from the City of Swan, but as far as operating everything goes, we don't rely on funding to keep us going year to year."

Today the centre hosts a number of programs including pre-kindy, traditional

craft circles, art classes, badminton, textiles, mosaics, and pickleball.

"There is always a lot we do for the community here, but a lot of people don't really know about it because it just goes on quietly in the background," Ms Gosatti said.

"My message to people would be to reach out, look around, and enjoy and support your local community."

This weekend's celebration will bring together local council representatives, past and present tutors, committee figures, and students for a historical reunion.

Guests will also be able to explore the special historical display featuring research compiled by members into the rich heritage of the Baskerville Hall.

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The 50-year celebration will take place this Saturday, June 27, at Baskerville Hall between 10am and 12pm, with all past and present members welcome to email RSVPs to enquiries@swanvalleycommunitycentre.com

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Swan groundwater forum calls for continued vigilance

GUANHAO CHENG

THE groundwater forum at Caversham Memorial Hall last Friday heard claims that groundwater impacts predicted decades ago are now being experienced by residents across parts of Swan's northeast growth corridor.

The forum brought together academics, environmental advocates and affected landowners to discuss flooding, rising groundwater levels and the challenges posed by ongoing urban development.

UWA academic and hydrologist Sally Thompson provided an overview of how groundwater moved through the landscape and why Swan Valley conditions differed from many other parts of Perth.

Dr Thompson said much of the understanding underpinning groundwater management in WA was developed in areas with deep sandy soils, where water could disperse more easily than in the Swan Valley's shallower groundwater systems and clay-rich soils.

Drawing on field measurements and groundwater monitoring data collected over more than a decade, Dr Thompson outlined evidence suggesting groundwater levels had risen significantly in parts of Dayton following urban development.

She said researchers estimated substantial additional volumes of groundwater were moving through affected properties such as Swan Valley residents Harry Gratte and Cheryl Rogers' tree farm.

Importantly, UWA Masters researcher Amirul Asraf Shah Nizamuddin had been observing and studying how groundwater was behaving at Mr Gratte and Ms Rogers' tree farm over spring and winter and confirmed some of the residents' suspicions.

"The slope of the water table (is) that one important factor that governs how (groundwater) is moving and its direction," Dr Thompson said.

"The key takeaway here is that the groundwater is moving to the east.

"So any impacts from this development are moving away from the long-term monitoring network, at least on this side, and they're not being seen by that network, but they are being felt by the property owners.

"Then we said, 'Can we work out how much more water is moving just into this tree farm area because of the development?'"



Swan Valley resident Harry Gratte presenting data he collected over a decade, illustrating the changes in groundwater over time. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

"This is where the fact that Harry has been measuring what's going on in terms of water depths, for the past 10 years becomes really helpful, because it's clear.

"The water table at their property is now about 1m or higher than it was in the past.

"This changing water level is very coincidental with the development."

Dr Thompson described the increase as equivalent to roughly two Olympic-sized swimming pools of water per year flowing through the farm site compared with historical conditions.

Several speakers told attendees they had previously been informed they were the only people experiencing flooding issues before discovering similar problems were occurring elsewhere in the region.

Dayton residents Philipp and Marija Keller said flooding on their property had progressively worsened following nearby subdivision works, contributing to their decision to place the property on the market after 27 years.

"We've now got it on the market and we'll be moving on," Ms Keller said.

"But we're not finished. We're still here to share our story and hopefully get some action happening."

The Kellers were active contributors in the Swan Valley,

running Keller's Farm selling free range and farm fresh eggs from their own chooks and making their own produce.

"For 20 years, we had a proper functioning system," Mr Keller said.

"We had no flooding issues and had never gotten waterlogged. We had cows on our farm, fed them, could drive them into the paddocks and it was not a problem."

Mr Keller said everything changed when subdivision began.

"Pretty much from day one we had issues with water pushing into our land and the level got higher and higher," he said.

"One of the first major tragic things was when we lost around 100 chickens because they drowned.

"We got home and they were just sitting in water."

Mr Keller said the water continued to create issues leading them to take down sheds and the home they had built in the valley.

"We had been told we were the only ones with that problem, no one else has had a problem, then we found out Harry had a problem as well."

Next week, the story will continue as *Echo News* covers the blind-spots in data and the state government's latest official response to the flooding in Swan.

Swan 4.95% rate hike

BRAYDEN MOULD

A HIGHLY charged budget debate has concluded with the City of Swan council voting 9-5 to pass a 4.95 per cent property rate hike for the 2026-27 financial year.

The resolution, carried during a special council meeting on June 22, followed weeks of council deliberations regarding how to balance an increase in city expenditure of 10.37 per cent expected for the 2026-27 financial year.

The original advertised rate increase of 5.5 per cent went to public comment earlier this month as reported in *Swan rate hike goes to public comment* (*Echo News*, June 5) and received more than 1821 submissions from the public.

During floor deliberations, elected members weighed that baseline figure against an alternative motion introduced by Cr Aaron Bowman that detailed a total 0 per cent rate freeze across residential, general, and agricultural properties.

To offset the resulting \$6 million budget shortfall, Cr Bowman outlined operational cutbacks, which included the permanent decommissioning of the Guildford Library alongside axing community programs such as KERBFest and Ellenbrook sporting programs.

Cr Bowman said his motion was designed to show the chamber exactly what a rate freeze would entail, stating that he wanted to ensure council does not hide from ratepayers what it takes to achieve a 0 per cent rate increase.

"It annoys me year after year that some around this table support a 0 per cent rate increase but have never in my time provided a motion that provides the details required on how it could occur," he said.

"For those that have indicated to a 0 per cent increase I must ask you, how did you think this could be achieved.

"Talk is cheap without action."

Following a vote against the 0 per cent increase motion of 13-1, Cr Rod Henderson introduced another alternative motion, of a rate increase of only 4.95 per cent.

"I think Cr Henderson's motion is reasonable, measured, and provides a way forward in a climate that is challenging in all levels of government and a climate that is challenging with cost of living," Cr McCullough said speaking for the motion.



The motion to increase rates to 4.95 per cent passed in a vote of 9-5.

"We heard Cr Bowman's motion that the proposed net reductions of approximately \$6m from operating costs and [the] idea that gave you of the scale of loss of services that would be required to achieve a 0 per cent rate increase."

While the 4.95 per cent model successfully preserved community facilities, it left an immediate shortfall of approximately \$500,000, which is expected to be accommodated by decreasing the budgeted fuel expenses for the city.

Not speaking as a representative of the council, Cr Henderson told *Echo News* that there has been public pushback at the idea of the Guildford Library closing, but it was never a move the council seriously considered.

"A motion was moved to show councillors what would be necessary to achieve such a massive drop in net revenue of \$6m," he said.

"It demonstrated \$288,305 is needed to retain Guildford Library. It was not going to occur, even those that are steadfast on no rate increases ended up voting against it bar one.

"To do so would be a clear path to long term failure across the city, not just the Guildford Library."

Cr Henderson's motion was carried 9-5, establishing the framework before the 2026-27 differential rates return to council later next month for formal adoption.



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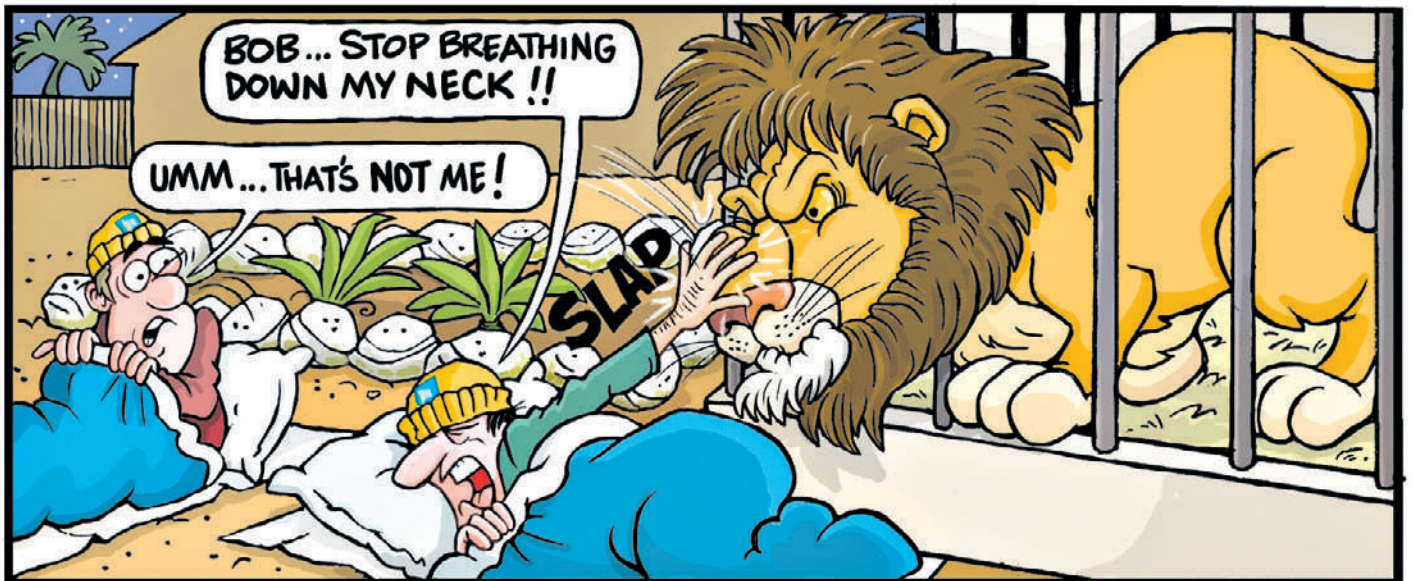
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Thought for the day

"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe."

- Albert Einstein

Kalamunda tree protection

Dear Echo News,
A beyond disappointing result at the City of Kalamunda ordinary council meeting held on Tuesday, June 23.

Five of the eight councillors present voted against their own weak attempt at a tree protection policy.

Their lack of support of this policy at the 11th hour makes the last 16 months "action" on this matter appear to be nothing but a charade.

If they had views on what they would want to see in order to support a tree protection policy – why on earth was this not requested from staff, and actioned over the extensive drafting period?

Some alarming statements from Cr Clark, Mayor Thomas and Cr Modolo imply some perverse belief in landowners' constitutional right to bear chainsaws in any context.

Their views completely fail to acknowledge the amenity value that mature trees provide to a whole community.

They also take no account of recent decisions in the SAT that reiterate the need for local government planning policies to frame decision making on tree removals on private land.

Certain councillors repeated rhetoric that a focus on replanting is the way to achieve our canopy target is so fundamentally flawed.

If we are talking about a need for evidence – where is the modelling, data and cost benefit analysis to support this course of action?

The 2026 DPLH canopy data to be released later this year will be on a like for like basis to the 2024 data currently available.

This data will directly show the impact of the policy vacuum

since February 24 – and responsibility for this loss sits squarely with the councillors who have repeatedly failed to act on this critical issue.

I truly believe the composition in council is not a balanced representation of the views of residents – but we have to accept that those individuals were the ones voted in and look to October 2027.

In the meantime – I am commencing a formal documentation of trees lost across the city, and encouraging residents to send me examples when they note a tree lost in their area.

This isn't about naming and shaming individuals, it is simply the collation of evidence, to demonstrate that despite what Cr Clark and Cr Modolo seem to assert – that the current existing planning system is not sufficient to support any kind of balanced approach to tree retention.

**Hannah Lill
Kalamunda Tree
Canopy Advocates**

History of One Nation

Dear Echo News,
Following the visit as reported in *Pauline Hanson faces Midland business crowd* (*Echo News*, June 19), I entered the following search term into Google, "List of One Nation elected representatives," and top of the list was a Wikipedia article of that name.

Some interesting figures contained therein. Since 2016 that party has had roughly 48 members elected around the country.

Of these, 33 have left the party and/or the Parliament(s).

Statistically it seems that a vote for One Nation is likely to achieve very little.

**KG Blake
Lesmurdie**

Common sense on shadowing

Dear Echo News,
In response to the letter in the June 12 edition about shadowing.

Great to see common sense has prevailed down at the town hall in Bassendean.

The background of the story is about a local couple who got council approval to build a large house complying with R codes and local laws and regulations and also got approval for a comprehensive solar system.

However, now council's administration, staff, management and CEO all recommended the approval of a new two storey development next door which would overshadow the existing house significantly.

All but one councillor voted to not accept the administration's recommendation and the proposed development was rejected.

There was one councillor (Ken John) who put up the ridiculous argument that the development should be approved as it would be a costly impact on the annual budget if it goes to the state administrative tribunal.

Well done councillors who voted against.
**G Coleman
Bassendean**

Salvos Red Shield Appeal

Dear Echo News,

It is important to take advantage of moments throughout the year to reflect. To take stock of the blessings, the successes and the positive moments in your life.

In the past couple of weeks, The Salvation Army have had the chance to reflect on the incredible spirit of gen-

erosity that pervades our Australian culture.

We saw Australia come together and dig deep for our Red Shield Appeal weekend recently. We witnessed radical kindness and support, and for that, we say an enormous thank you.

However, for the Salvos, this time of reflection must pivot into action. Our Red Shield Appeal is still aiming to raise \$41 million by June 30, and we are not there yet.

What this reflection does provide us with, though, is a sense of hope for the future. The hope that we will reach our goal and, more importantly, be able to continue our vital services right across the nation.

In fact, through supporting the Salvos this year, you can literally be the hope that others desperately need.

This is the hope that the Salvos provide to someone every 17 seconds in Australia.

Those coming to us for help are skipping meals daily, using public spaces to shower and eating out of rubbish bins – all because of the cost of living and how tough it is financially for so many people.

While we say thank you to all who have given so far, we ask those who may still be considering supporting the appeal to please do so.

Please be the hope for someone doing it tough.

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**Major Bruce Harmer
The Salvation Army**

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Alcoa withdraws Perth Hills drilling operations

THE End Forest Mining alliance and Bibbul Ngarma Aboriginal Association (BNAA) have welcomed news that exploration drilling in the northern parts of Alcoa's mineral lease in the Perth Hills region has been ruled out for at least the next few years, but have called for these areas to be permanently protected.

In a letter from the company to Kalamunda MLA Adam Hort, the US-based mining giant confirmed that exploration drilling within the Shire of Mundaring and cities of Kalamunda and Armadale has been removed from its 2025-2029 and 2026-2030 Mining and Management Programs (MMP).

It also stated these areas would not be included in the federal government's strategic assessment of Alcoa's operational areas between now and 2045.

"This is a huge win for the Perth Hills community and one that has been hard fought for by local residents, community groups and everyone who stood up to protect our part of the world," Mr Hort said.

"The next step is making sure our part of the Perth Hills is protected for good."

Mr Hort recently wrote a letter to Premier Cook requesting that the Kalamunda electorate be excluded from any and all mining or exploration indefinitely.

While welcoming the decision, the End Forest Mining alliance said it wanted the Cook government to permanently remove the areas from Alcoa's mining lease and include them in a network of protected areas across the Northern Jarrah Forest, arguing the announcement was further evidence the company had lost its social licence.

"West Australian communities have sent a very loud and clear message that the destruction of the world's only jarrah forests will no longer be tolerated; this is a win for people power, and we won't stop advocating for our forests and the threatened species they support," Conservation Council of WA executive director Matt Roberts said.

"Clearly, the people of WA took up this opportunity to share their anger on the continued threat that not just new mines, but exploration poses to the Northern Jarrah Forest and its biodiversity, climate, culture, water, and natural heritage for future generations. That voice continues to grow," WA Forest Alliance director Jess Boyce said.

"Hundreds of hectares of precious forests are being destroyed every year whilst Alcoa is granted exemption after exemption from State and Federal environment laws, despite ongoing breaches and deceptive conduct," The Wilderness Society WA campaigns manager Alyx Douglas said.

"Our state government now needs to respect the views of the WA public and call an end to 60 years of destruction," he said. Community members and local and state representatives began mobilising in July 2025 after BNAA learned that Alcoa planned to expand into the Mundaring Weir catchment.

In response to the news, BNAA executive director Francesca Flynn thanked everyone who "stood strong to protect our community, Country, and most importantly, our drinking water".

"Knowing what Alcoa has done at Serpentine drinking water dam, we knew we had to act quickly or face the same fate," Ms Flynn said. "We spent hundreds of hours sending emails, talking to the community and building awareness, and we were supported by strong leadership from our local councils."

Alcoa is now proposing to build a pipeline to extract up to 3 billion litres per year of drinking water from Serpentine Dam for its mining operations. The proposal is being considered as part of Alcoa's mining management plan, which is currently under assessment by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

"Alcoa refers to this as "non-drinking water", because it has yet to be treated to meet drinking water standards, but this is very disingenuous as in reality, the water in those dams is our drinking water," she said.

"We're all waiting for the Environmental Protection Authority assessment to be finalised, noting that it is the first public review into Alcoa's operations in over 60 years, and one that over 59,000 people contributed to. "Meanwhile, Alcoa is seeking new exemptions to mine in other drinking water catchments, even though the EPA assessment is still ongoing, and despite numerous breaches of its licence conditions and a decade of unlawful clearing. "We strongly believe that any exemption granted before the assessment is complete will undermine Alcoa's accountability and erode public confidence in statutory processes designed to protect our environment and keep us safe."



BNAA have led the calls for the Perth Hills to be removed from mining plans, with particular concern for drinking water catchments.

BNAA chair and Noongar Elder Walter McGuire said, "As Noongar people, it is our role and responsibility to care for the waterways and forests as the First People of this land."

"Since colonisation, we've been denied this role, but now we are bringing back the traditional ways of caring for Country for the benefit of all who live on Noongar Boodja. "It is shocking to realise that companies like Alcoa and others have held open mining rights to our forests and access to our water sources for many years. "For decades, successive WA governments have allowed them to exploit these rights, destroying our land and bypassing our rights to safe drinking water and clean air. Water is life and without it, we are nothing. We call on the government to ban mining in our drinking water catchments – no expansion and immediate retreat from mined areas."

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CEO Sleepout raises \$1.1m

VINNIES WA's 17th Annual CEO Sleepout was a roaring success, with 110 WA business and community leaders sleeping rough at the iconic Perth Zoo.

For the first time in more than a decade, the event has surpassed \$1 million in fundraising, with money raised funding Vinnies' Homelessness Services including Tom Fish House and Passages Youth Engagement Hubs in Perth and Peel.

Held at the iconic location for the first time, the change of scenery helped drive a significant boost in participation compared to last year, with 110 chief executive officers, executives and business owners swapping their warm beds for sleeping bags and makeshift cardboard shelters to raise awareness of homelessness.

As donations continue to trickle in, this year's event is already on track to bring in more than \$1.1m – a fundraising milestone that hasn't been reached since 2013.

While spending a night shivering in the cold provided just a glimpse of the harsh conditions faced by thousands of West Australians without a roof over their heads, Vinnies WA chief executive officer Ann Curran said it served as a poignant reminder that this devastating crisis is not going away.

"The housing crisis and rising costs of living continue to push individuals and families to the brink – and we're seeing that more and more across our services," Ms Curran said.

"On any given day across WA, 5070 adults are homeless, with recent figures also showing that 830 children and young people were homeless across WA.

"This shouldn't be happening in our beautiful state. It is heartbreaking to hear so many everyday West Australians are struggling to make ends meet and don't have a place to call home."

Ms Curran, who participated in her first sleepout as Vinnies WA chief executive officer, was impressed by the strong turnout for this year's event.

"We welcomed 110 business and community leaders from across WA, which represents a significant boost in participation compared to last year," she said.

"At a time when more people are at risk of homelessness than ever before, it is encouraging to see so many business leaders stepping up to make a tangible difference.

"Funds raised through the CEO Sleepout will help ensure Vinnies can continue providing practical support, emergency assistance and pathways out of homelessness for people who need it most."

This year's event also highlighted a growing demand for Vinnies WA's Emergency Relief services as more people struggle to afford basic essentials such as food, clothing and fuel, while other services such as financial counselling helped pull people out of hardship before they fell into a cycle of poverty and homelessness.

Participants heard firsthand from guest speakers including inspiring young woman Kaya who drew from her own harrowing experience of becoming homeless at the age of 13.

Now on the Youth Homelessness Advisory Council, Kaya actively advocates for others and provided an insight into how Passages Youth Engagement



110 WA business and community leaders came together for Vinnies 17th Annual CEO Sleepout. Picture: David Broadway Photography

Hubs provided a place of safety, trust and hope when she found herself with nowhere to go and no one to turn to.

"My lived experience taught me what safety should feel like, what support should look like, and what happens when systems fail to listen to the people they're supposed to help," Kaya told a room full of WA business and community leaders.

"It taught me resilience, empathy, and the courage to walk into rooms full of professionals and say, 'This is what young people really need and here's how you can do better'."

While the event proves to be a powerful platform to raise awareness of hardship, poverty and homelessness in WA, the real impact will be felt long after participants packed up their sleeping bags.

"The CEO Sleepout's impact goes far beyond spending a night sleeping outdoors," Ms Curran said.

"It's about building understanding, inspiring action and helping fund the support services at Vinnies that change lives every day."

"These generous donations will help support vulnerable West Australians experiencing hardship, homelessness and housing insecurity.

"Together, we are helping create hope, stability and brighter futures for those who need it most."

Donations can still be made online at www.ceosleepout.org.au/event/wa

KEY HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS

Children and Young People:

- On any given day, 830 unaccompanied children and young people were homeless across WA – a figure that has surged by 17 per cent from the previous year.
- Across Perth, 69 unaccompanied children and young people compete for around one bed on any given night.
- It is estimated that one in two adults who were homeless first experienced it as a child.

Adults:

- On any given day across WA, 5070 adults were experiencing homelessness.
- Around 75 per cent were homeless before the age of 25.
- The life expectancy for a homeless person is 46 years of age.
- 5900 people were supported by services in WA.

Bicycles for Humanity receives 90 donated bikes

CAMILA EGUSQUIZA SANTA CRUZ

THE Police Department, the City of Vincent, and Wesley College donated 90 bikes to Bicycles for Humanity (B4H) this month.

The donation was sent to the Midvale workshop, where volunteers from Stantec Engineering Consultants Perth refurbished 40 bikes.

B4H director David Tucker said the organisation always reacts positively to bike donations.

"We're continuously looking out for donated bikes in reasonable condition that our volunteers are able to make minor repairs to bring them to safe working order," he said.

"Sometimes they need a new chain or brake pads.

"What we want to do is send them out of here in safe working order, so that when they get to the destination, they can be taken out of the container and are ready to use."

Mr Tucker also said badly damaged or rusted bikes are not repairable and should be sent to a metal waste yard.

Earlier this month, the organisation celebrated its 15th year.

"In these 15 years, we've shipped about 12,000 to 13,000 bikes both to Africa and to inland WA," Mr Tucker said.

"But in the last couple of years, we've actually been shipping at a slightly faster rate.

"We're shipping now three containers a year at



The Police Department helping B4H with the bikes. Picture: Supplied

least, whereas for the first 10 years, it was two containers a year."

Bike donations are very important for the organisation.

"Without them, we haven't got anything to work on and donate," Mr Tucker said.

"But we also need volunteers to work at the workshop and in other roles.

"And, of course, we also look for cash donations to cover the cost of shipping and the containers."

The 40 refurbished bikes will be sent in the next container to a hospital and school in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The rest will be distributed among communities in Africa and the Kimberley region.



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The Liberals have thrown their support to save Macri's Fruit Shed.

Libs join fight to save Macri's

PETER W LEWIS

OPPOSITION leader Basil Zempilas and Guildford-based MLC Anthony Spagnolo have joined the Macri family in calling on the Cook government to fix a planning mess that now threatens the future of Macri's Fruit Shed in Gidgegannup.

After spending almost two years and more than \$30,000 on specialist reports, bushfire management plans and parking studies at the direction of the City of Swan, the family was told days before lodging its final application that the state government had changed the planning rules and removed the approval pathway they had been directed to pursue.

The change, introduced through Planning Scheme Amendment 231, has forced the family back to square one and left them facing significant additional costs.

Mr Spagnolo said the family had done everything asked of them.

"The Macri family followed the rules, followed the advice they were given and spent more than \$30,000 pursuing the pathway they were directed to take," Mr Spagnolo said.

"Then, just days before lodging their application, the Cook government changed the rules and pulled the rug out from under them," he said.

"Two years of work and \$30,000 worth of reports were effectively rendered worthless because the government failed to provide any transition arrangements."

Mr Spagnolo said one of the alternatives now being suggested, rezoning the property, would cost well in excess of \$100,000 and expose the family home to commercial rates.

"That is simply not a realistic option for a small family-run business that has served the local community for years," he said.

"This was a ministerial decision and Minister Carey needs to explain why no transition pathway was put in place for businesses already working through the approvals process."

Mr Zempilas said the case highlighted everything that frustrates small businesses dealing with government.

"What I saw was a family doing everything right and still being punished by the system," he said.

"More than 3700 people have signed a petition supporting Macri's Fruit Shed. The community has spoken clearly and the government should listen."

"This family is not asking for special treatment. They simply want a fair pathway to continue oper-

ating a business that is valued by the local community."

Mr Spagnolo called on the state government to work with the City of Swan and the Macri family to establish a practical and affordable pathway that allows the business to remain open.

Planning and Lands Minister John Carey said the absurd comments from Mr Spagnolo show once again that the WA Liberals do not understand the planning system.

"I do not make decisions on individual development applications, with the administration of the scheme being the responsibility of the City of Swan, and I understand the city is working cooperatively with the business to offer support."

As reported in *Gidge family fruit business fights for survival* (Echo News, April 17), the family said a two-year planning battle and costly rule changes had left the family business facing closure despite strong community support locally.

Tahlia Macri said the family was currently in the process of a new planning application with the City of Swan.

"While the road has never been without its hurdles, we are hopeful and determined to get this over the line, for our family, and for the Gidgegannup community we are so proud to serve," she said.

"We have been fortunate to receive the outstanding support of Michael Clare from Forge Planners, who has generously given his time and expertise on a pro bono basis to help us navigate this process."

"Michael's knowledge and dedication have been invaluable, and we cannot thank him enough for standing in our corner when it has mattered most. He truly deserves to be recognised for the work he is doing for a small, local business like ours."

"We firmly believe that this community needs a local fruit and vegetable shop just as much as we want to run one."

"The Gidgegannup community deserves access to fresh, locally available produce, and the sooner we can be operating at full capacity, the better it will be for everyone. That is what keeps us going through the challenges, and it is what we are fighting for."

She said in the meantime, the family wanted to remind their wonderful community that they are still currently open and trading.

"We know that many locals have wondered whether we have closed our doors following recent media coverage of our situation, as it stands, our doors are still open. Your support during this time means more to our family than words can express."

Kalamunda Speakers Rostrum celebrates its second birthday

MEMBERS of the Kalamunda Speakers Rostrum Club recently celebrated their second anniversary.

Meeting weekly at the Zig Zag Cultural Centre seminar room, the club helps people build confidence in public speaking, meeting management and presenting ideas clearly.

With support from Rostrum Clubs of WA coaches, members practise in a friendly, encouraging environment where everyone can improve at their own pace.

"I've been involved with Rostrum for the better part of 25 years, and I am still learning how to communicate more clearly and confidently," club president Mathew Lane said.

"Whether you are speaking at work, at a community event, or at a special occasion, the ability to get your message across can open doors. It does not matter how good you are at what you do if you cannot communicate it effectively."

Visitors are welcome to come along and see what happens at a Rostrum meeting.

Kalamunda Speakers meets every Wednesday



Kalamunda Speakers Rostrum Club members Ben Austen, Debbie Wise, Mathew Lane, Mary Rice, and Damien Roberts.

evening at the Zig Zag Cultural Centre seminar room, arriving from 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start with meetings finishing around 7.45pm.

More details are available at rostrumwa.com.au/clubs/kalamunda-speakers-24 or by emailing kalamundac24@rostrumwa.com.au.

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Upper Swan students raise tortoise awareness



Upper Swan students' designs were featured on two murals for the Western Swamp tortoise. Artist Kat Ferguson helped bring the students' vision to life.

GUANHAO CHENG

MORE than 100 students from Upper Swan primary school have been involved in the creation of two murals celebrating the importance of conserving the Western Swamp tortoise in Swan.

Artists Kat Ferguson and Nicola Cowie worked with Year 5 and 6 students to develop the murals, which were unveiled alongside an art exhibition showcasing student work inspired by the species and its environment on Thursday.

The project combined creative arts with humanities and social sciences (HASS), using the western swamp tortoise as a focal point for students to learn about the ecology of the area while developing artistic skills.

Ms Ferguson said the art residency they were part of was structured to give students a broad understanding of both environmental education and creative practice.

"Eight weeks were spent working with the students on their own creative projects and then the final two weeks were dedicated to bringing the mural together," she said.

The finished artwork depicted two perspectives of the tortoise's environment.

One mural showcased the Swan Valley and the Darling Ranges including birds and sky while the second mural took viewers underwater into the tortoise's aquatic habitat.

Ms Ferguson said the final design came about after reviewing hundreds of student artworks created throughout the residency.

"We had more than 400 artworks to work with," she said.

The artists encouraged students to explore habitat themes throughout the project, drawing local flora and fauna and incorporating natural textures collected from the school grounds.

A scavenger hunt early in the residency saw students gather fallen leaves, bark,

twigs and other natural materials which were later used in artworks and printmaking exercises.

One of the techniques students learned was gelli printing, which involved applying paint to a flexible printing plate before using leaves and other found objects to create textured impressions.

The equipment purchased through the project would remain at the school, allowing students and teachers to continue using the materials beyond the residency.

Ms Ferguson said the collaboration between environmental learning and artistic practice was one of the most rewarding aspects of the project.

"Art can help bring that message to the forefront and make people think about why these animals and their habitats matter," she said.

Upper Swan primary school teacher Louise Cepo incorporated western swamp tor-

toise-themed activities into other year levels, with students creating clay works, drawings and stencils connected to the project.

The students were able to take part in the artist in residence programme thanks to a grant of \$19,622 from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries obtained by Mrs Cepo.

Upper Swan students expressed their excitement for learning new art processes from practising artists and their newfound appreciation for how nearby the tortoises lived.

Western Swamp tortoises were thought to be extinct for over a century until one was found near the road in Upper Swan in 1953.

15-year-old Robert Boyd's discovery led to a successful captive breeding program by the Perth Zoo that brought the species back from the brink of extinction.

The Ellenbrook Nature reserve is now one of the main homes to the endangered species.

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Mundaring RSL call for new members

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Mundaring branch of the Retired Services League (RSL) is calling for new members to carry it into a new chapter.

Mundaring RSL President Eric Smith said the branch had a long history in the area of bringing community together in remembrance.

"The history stretched back decades in Mundaring, at least 30 years," he said.

"We started out in Glen Forrest, then Mt Helena and we became the Eastern Hills RSL branch before it became the Mundaring RSL because we operated out of there.

"We started out initially with about 30 members and over the years, attrition and old age slowly diminished us down to about nine members now.

"I've been, for want of a better phrase, carrying the can now for probably 10 years and organised Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and anniversary services.

"We had about 5000 at the first Anzac Day service but that's dwindled down to about 2000 this year."

Mr Smith said new branches in the area meant membership had dropped slightly and they were unsuccessful in getting the word out through official channels which directed people to join the Perth main branch.

The Mundaring branch was left with only the support of the surrounding Mundaring community to rely on.

"Although we now have some more Vietnam veterans come forth and join, the resistance is still there, and I can understand that," Mr Smith said.

"A lot of the soldiers that returned, at the time, caught a lot of flak for serving in Vietnam.

"The Mundaring RSL is accepting of all service members, who are serving now or have served in the past.

"We have some younger members involved but they're also in the middle of studying and we can understand they can't devote all their time to managing the RSL.

"There needs to be more members to keep the branch alive, and it's very much been a source of camaraderie and remembrance over the years.

"Everybody's welcome at the branch as far as I'm concerned.



Mundaring RSL president Eric Smith is calling on members of the community to join and keep the branch going strong.

"The point is remembrance and remembering so hopefully, it never happens again, but unfortunately, it keeps going on and on."

Mundaring RSL members meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at the CWA Centre in Sculpture Park, Jacoby Street, Mundaring.

Mundaring residents who served in the Australian Defence Force or meet the eligibility criteria for RSL WA membership may join the Mundaring RSL.

Interest may be registered by the preferred method of emailing eric218822@gmail.com or alternatively by ringing 0419 925 637.



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What's happening in the Shire

June 2026



From the President

The Mundaring Cultural Hub has reached an exciting milestone, with Council approving its concept design and business case – marking the next stage of detailed design and procurement for the Shire's largest-ever infrastructure project. Fully funded, including a \$15 million Australian Government grant, our Cultural Hub will bring together art galleries, visitor centre, local history museum, café, a contemporary library with flexible community spaces in the heart of town. It represents a defining moment for Mundaring and will play a key role in revitalising our town centre. Construction is expected to begin in early 2027.

I am also delighted to recognise two outstanding members of our community honoured in the 2026 King's Birthday Honours. Former Councillor Colin James has been awarded the Australia Fire Service Medal for more than 40 years of dedicated volunteer service, while Emeritus Professor Mark Bush, former Captain of the Parkerville Volunteer Bushfire Brigade has been appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for his contributions to engineering, education and community service. Our congratulations and thanks go to you both.

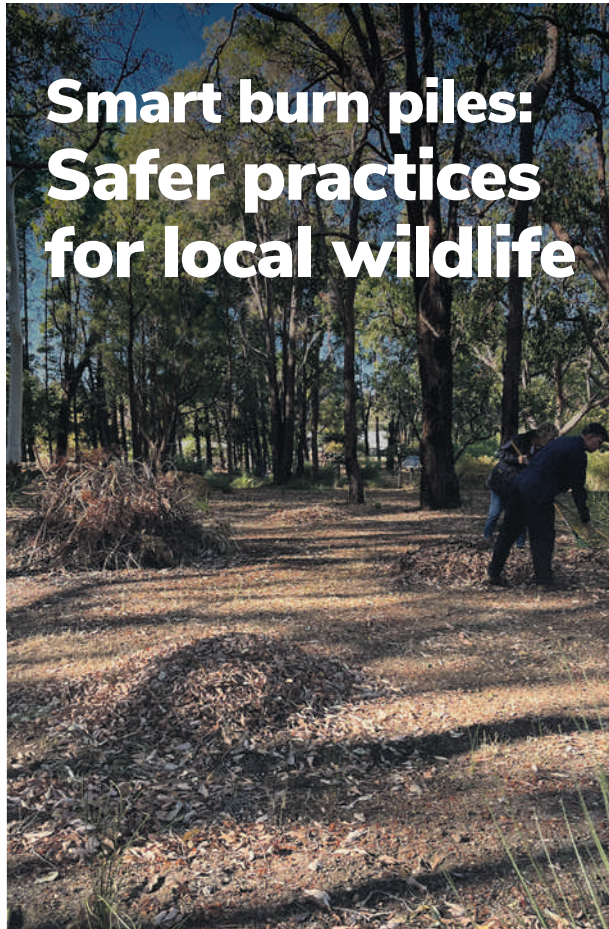
I hope to see many of you at the official opening of the Elsie Austin Pavilion and Changerooms upgrades in Mt Helena on Sunday 5 July at 9am. We look forward to showcasing these new modern facilities that will support local sporting clubs and the broader community for years to come.

Finally, I acknowledge National Reconciliation Week and thank the many Elders, volunteers and organisations who helped foster understanding and connection across our community.

Paige McNeil
Shire President



Smart burn piles: Safer practices for local wildlife



Creating burn piles is a practical way to manage green waste in rural and semi-rural areas of the Perth Hills, but without care they can harm wildlife that shelter in leaf litter and branches.

The safest approach is to build and burn the pile on the same day to prevent animals from moving in. If a pile has been left, gently disturb it with a long tool before lighting to allow wildlife to escape. For larger or older piles, use a staged approach by burning gradually from one edge. Keep piles within the recommended size limit of 1m² and maintain a cleared 3m buffer. Avoid burning on high fire danger days or in winds above 15 km/h, notify neighbours and have water ready.

The unrestricted burning period began on 1 June, but due to a dry summer the deeper ground layers may still be dry and hold heat. Burns can therefore smoulder and escape unexpectedly and rain does not always make it safe. Ensure you fully extinguish the pile and continue checking the area for heat or smoke after the burn.

Slow Food Festival debuting in Mundaring

A new food and wine event is coming to the Perth Hills on 18 October 2026. The Slow Food Festival will showcase local wineries, distilleries, growers and artisan producers, celebrating fresh, locally sourced and sustainable food.

Supported by the Shire, the festival will feature artisan markets, Noongar cultural experiences, bushfood education and hands-on workshops. Visitors can also enjoy live music, art installations, storytelling and a variety of family-friendly activities, making it a vibrant community event for all ages.



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eye on crime



Paediatrician faces 31 more child sexual charges

A COMPREHENSIVE investigation by detectives from the child abuse squad into allegations of sexual abuse by a male paediatrician who worked at St John of God Midland Hospital as a consultant has identified another nine alleged victims.

Chia Liang Saw, 41, who had previously been charged with persistent sexual conduct with a child under 16 and possessing child exploitation material, now faces a total of 31 additional charges, including seven counts of dealing with a child under 13 years old.

He was initially charged on Friday, May 29 after he allegedly sexually assaulted a patient at his place of work.

The accused specialises in behavioural issues affecting children and operates from locations in Midland and Nedlands.

As part of an extensive investigation that commenced in May, detectives have identified a further nine victims who were allegedly sexually assaulted by the accused.

On June 10, Saw faced 31 additional charges which included seven counts of indecent dealing with a child under 13 years old which related to nine alleged victims.

He was further charged with seven counts each of indecent dealings with a child under 13 years

and producing child exploitation material, six counts of indecent dealings with a child over 13 under 16 years, five counts of indecently recording a child under 16 years, four counts of indecently recording a child under 13 years and one count each of sexual penetration of a child of or over 13 and under 16 years and intent to procure a person believed to be under 16 years for sexual activity.

He was not required to enter a plea and was remanded in custody and is scheduled to face court again on June 30.

The investigation remains ongoing. Detectives urge anyone with information about this incident, or any similar incidents, to come forward and contact Crime Stoppers online at www.crimestopperswa.com.au or by calling 1800 333 000.

If you are a victim-survivor of sexual abuse, or have information about someone being abused, please contact police on 131 444 or report the information via the anonymous Safe2Say online reporting platform at wa-police-force-sex-crime.safe2say.com.au/report

All reports are treated seriously and handled with sensitivity and care. Support services are available, and any information provided may assist ongoing investigations.

Midland detectives charge massage therapist

MIDLAND detectives have charged a 38-year-old male massage therapist in the Bassendean area, following their investigation into alleged inappropriate behaviour against female clients.

It will be alleged during a remedial massage session; the accused indecently assaulted a female client.

The 38-year-old man from Yokine has been charged with two counts of unlawful and indecent assault.

He is due to appear before the Midland Mag-

istrates Court on Friday, July 3.

The investigation is ongoing and detectives urge anyone with information relating to this matter, or any similar incidents, to contact Crime Stoppers via www.crimestopperswa.com.au or calling 1800 333 000.

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Manslaughter charges follow Ellenbrook crash

MAJOR crash investigation officers have charged a 34-year-old woman with manslaughter following their investigation into a crash that occurred in Ellenbrook on Tuesday, May 12.

It will be alleged that about 9.15am, a red MG station sedan and a grey Ford Ranger, towing a horse float collided at the intersection of Main Street and The Promenade.

A 36-year-old male passenger of the MG, who was conveyed to Royal Perth Hospital with critical injuries, later died from injuries

he sustained in the crash.

A 34-year-old woman from Ellenbrook has been charged with manslaughter, dangerous driving causing bodily harm in circumstances of aggravation, no authority to drive – suspended (other than fines suspension), and driving with prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood.

She appeared before the Midland Magistrates Court on June 16 and is next due to appear before the Stirling Gardens Magistrates Court on July 29.

Kalamunda fatal crash is under investigation

OFFICERS from the major crash investigation section are investigating a fatal crash that occurred in Kalamunda on Wednesday, June 10.

About 12.40pm, a male pedestrian was struck by a reversing vehicle in the car park of a shopping centre on Railway Road, causing him to fall.

The 79-year-old male pedestrian was conveyed to Royal Perth Hospital for treatment,

where he later died from his injuries.

Major Crash investigators are appealing for any witnesses to report information online at www.crimestopperswa.com.au or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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

Ballajura residential fire under investigation

AT about 4pm on Sunday, June 14 the Department of Fire and Emergency Services advised police of a structural fire at a residence on Alicia Gardens, Ballajura.

Initial reports were that smoke was emanating from the garage of the private residence.

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Perth Hills Red Hatters Welcome New Members

IN the Perth Hills, two vibrant groups of women are proving that growing older doesn't mean slowing down.

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The Highland Highnesses of Kalamunda are celebrating an incredible 22 years of friendship and fun, while their younger sisters, the Daring Red Bloomers of Mundaring, are approaching their third anniversary.

These groups bring together women who believe life should be celebrated at every age.

Recognisable by their signature red hats and purple attire, members enjoy a lively calendar of escapades including themed luncheons, high teas, theatre outings, mystery tours, garden parties, day trips and plenty of laughter.

But beneath the feathers, sequins and sparkle lies something even more important: genuine friendship and support.

Many members say joining the Red Hatters has enriched their lives, boosted their confidence and provided lasting friendships.

Whether sharing a coffee, celebrating a birthday, or helping one another through life's challenges, the groups have become a welcoming community where no one feels alone.

"We've built a family - a red-and-purple family filled with laughter, friendship and support," a



member said.

Both groups are currently welcoming women over 50 as new members.

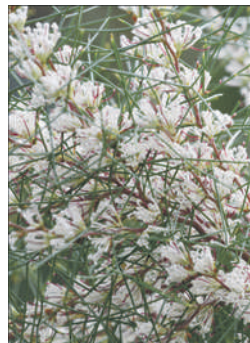
Whether you're working or newly retired, new to the area, widowed, or simply looking to meet new friends and enjoy new experiences, there is a warm welcome waiting for you.

For further information on the Kalamunda Highland Highnesses contact Kerry on 0411 227 814 and for the Mundaring Daring Red Bloomers contact Denise on 0424 969 747.

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ing her strong commitment to quality education and community connection.

Supporting her is Assistant Service Manager, Nakita Gullotto, who brings six years of experience and both Certificate III and Diploma qualifications. Known for her calm and empathetic leadership style, Nakita encourages educators to connect with children at their level, helping them feel safe, respected and ready to learn. As a parent, Nakita understands the trust families place in educators and is dedicated to ensuring every child's wellbeing remains the highest priority.

Together, Courtney and Nakita will lead a team focused on creating a nurturing, inclusive environment where every child feels a strong sense of belonging.

More than a new early learning centre, Nido Henley Brook has been created as a place where relationships with families are at the heart of everything. Families interested in learning more are encouraged to join the waitlist ahead of the official opening. Visit nido.edu.au/henleybrook for more information.

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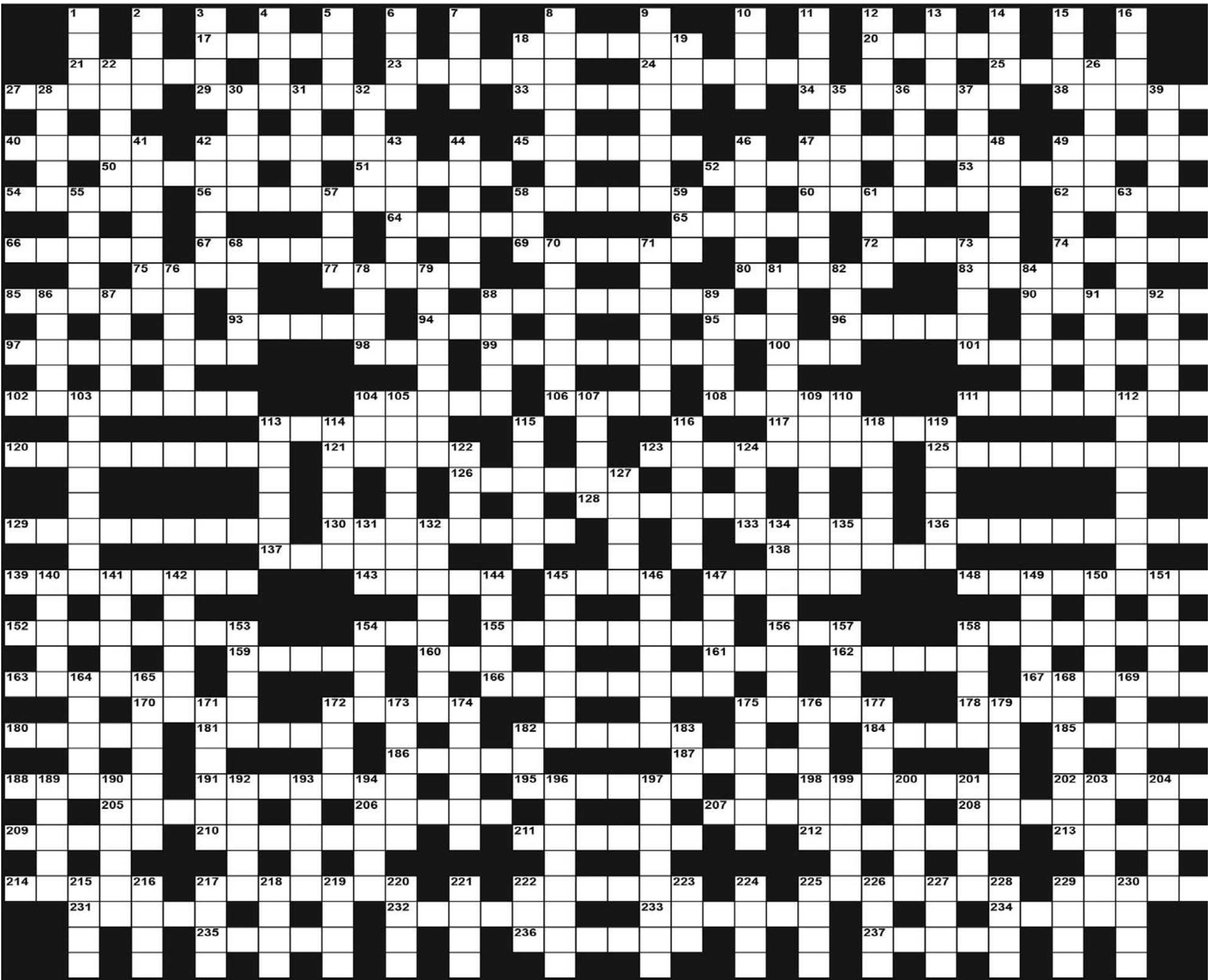
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Mind Boggler Crossword

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ACROSS

- 17 Tree fruit
- 18 Fuel
- 20 Australian monolith
- 21 Rage
- 23 Eased off
- 24 Overcome
- 25 Two-legged one
- 27 Tribal symbol
- 29 Chosen for office
- 33 Outdoor party
- 34 Retainers
- 38 Slant
- 40 Greek philosopher
- 42 Elongate
- 45 Gum
- 47 Dallies
- 49 Make use of
- 50 Give quality to
- 51 Weird
- 52 Amount owed
- 53 Living
- 54 Love
- 56 Crisp
- 58 Show mercy
- 60 Able to bend
- 62 Go into
- 64 A flower
- 65 Not moving
- 66 Large animal (abb)
- 67 Set in place
- 69 Show clearly
- 72 A hobo
- 74 Grab firmly
- 75 Utilised
- 77 Walk awkwardly
- 80 Names
- 83 Small land
- 85 Satisfy
- 88 A watchman
- 90 Newspaper man
- 93 Not necessary
- 94 Bad behaviour
- 95 Large bird

- 96 Amount of shellfire
- 97 Heathen ideals
- 98 Small mark
- 99 Flood over
- 100 Fortune
- 101 Spread from centre
- 102 Beneath the ocean
- 104 Part of media
- 106 Ardour
- 108 Building positions
- 111 Agrees to
- 113 Infants
- 117 Call forth
- 120 Confession taker
- 121 Rental
- 123 Dark oily liquid
- 125 Wooing
- 126 Pride
- 128 Alone
- 129 Those owed money
- 130 Gentleness
- 133 Perpendicular
- 136 Of the night
- 137 One throwing coin
- 138 Turn inward
- 139 Dress outfits
- 143 Skilful
- 145 Fancies
- 147 Roofing material
- 148 Governing house
- 152 Turned away
- 154 Treated pork
- 155 Dampness
- 156 Large vase
- 158 Break friendship
- 159 Firearm
- 160 Little devil
- 161 Donkey
- 162 More capable
- 163 Courage
- 166 Better
- 167 Olden servant
- 170 Size

- 172 Chants
- 175 Fire remains
- 178 Chief cook
- 180 Greek island
- 181 Get up
- 182 Snakes
- 184 Having wings
- 185 Gone wild
- 186 Type of reptile
- 187 Float in air
- 188 Black magic
- 191 Tread on
- 195 In fashion
- 198 Local speech
- 202 Hilltop
- 205 Fracas
- 206 Narrow street
- 207 Type of tree
- 208 Way travelled
- 209 Angered
- 210 Jackets
- 211 Occurrences
- 212 A drink of alcohol
- 213 Type of meat
- 214 Gives temporarily
- 217 Wanted badly
- 222 Put in brine
- 225 Chair a meeting
- 229 Hobbles along
- 231 Common use
- 232 Uncover
- 233 Break promise
- 234 Without company
- 235 Buffalo-like animal
- 236 Cause numbness
- 237 Winds

DOWN

- 1 Powder
- 2 Loss of hope
- 3 Rounded structure
- 4 Take a meal
- 5 Clever
- 6 Not living
- 7 Shabby

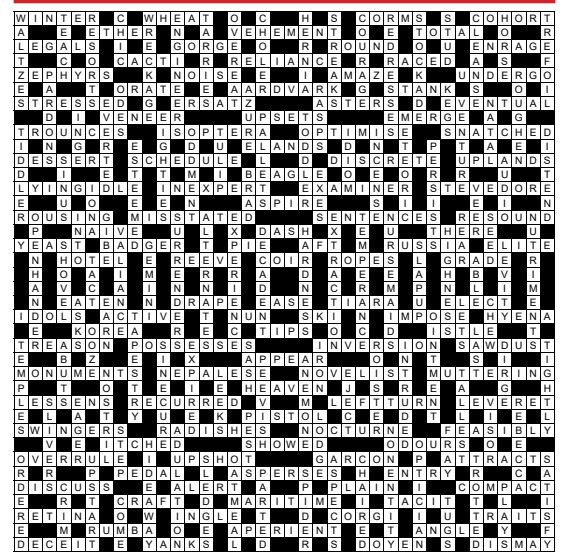
- 8 Make sacred
- 9 Large area
- 10 Time
- 11 Lacking light
- 12 Titled person
- 13 Sand-hill
- 14 Adds to soundtrack
- 15 Goes down
- 16 Extinct bird
- 18 Energy
- 19 Type of resin
- 22 One trying out
- 26 Cricket team
- 28 Lubricated
- 30 Afterwards
- 31 Unfair player
- 32 Do very well
- 35 First class
- 36 Parts of books
- 37 Of the country
- 39 Best
- 41 Troublesome
- 42 Not straightforward
- 43 Took notice
- 44 Cut in two
- 46 Choose
- 47 Group of pups
- 48 Slumbers
- 49 Gained vengeance
- 55 Give opinion
- 57 Parts of feet
- 58 A cereal
- 59 Bind up
- 61 Traps
- 63 A pamphlet
- 68 Discredit
- 70 An enterprise
- 71 Hold inside
- 73 Not important
- 76 Set of episodes
- 78 Frozen
- 79 Lacking energy
- 81 Copies
- 82 Has to

- 84 Very heavy
- 86 Get to know
- 87 Astound
- 88 Cuts shorter
- 89 Vegetables
- 91 Childish
- 92 Open to view
- 103 Inhabitants
- 104 Cooked delicacy
- 105 Argued sensibly
- 107 Tilts
- 109 Well-spoken
- 110 Take a seat
- 112 A pest
- 113 Part of chest
- 114 Empty shells
- 115 Send away
- 116 Strong shoe
- 118 Middle
- 119 Constant absentee
- 122 Level
- 124 Mineral aggregates
- 127 Cede
- 131 Old Mount
- 132 Thinking vaguely
- 134 Gaps
- 135 Evening before
- 140 Of sheep
- 141 Look after
- 142 Essential part
- 144 Packs down
- 145 Turned over
- 146 Cheekier
- 147 Remove wool
- 149 Natural-born
- 150 Amounts of paper
- 151 Greek letter
- 153 Morbid
- 154 Brave person
- 157 Body of church
- 158 Build
- 164 Brief in speech
- 165 Chortled
- 168 Troubles
- 169 Drinking spell

- 171 Christian festival
- 172 Ooze
- 173 Long books
- 174 Group of seven
- 175 Give counsel
- 176 Huge crowds
- 177 Olden tale
- 179 Intimidate
- 182 Paintings etc
- 183 Coy
- 189 Salty water
- 190 Alters
- 192 Put rope in ring
- 193 Non-uniform dress
- 194 Big
- 196 Uncovered
- 197 Small wading bird
- 199 Inside part
- 200 Top rooms

- 201 Dogma
- 203 Keep
- 204 Acute
- 215 Unclothed
- 216 Identical
- 217 Amount owed
- 218 Waistband
- 219 Fruit skin
- 220 Sketch
- 221 Finished
- 222 Unhappy
- 223 Lair
- 224 A ray
- 225 Throw
- 226 Flows back
- 227 Press clothes
- 228 Simple
- 229 Casual run
- 230 Thaw

Crossword Solution 1273 from 19 June, 2026



ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Young artists feature in HyperVision at MJAC

TAKE a journey to discover the works of young Western Australian artists in HyperVision 2026 on display at Midland Junction Arts Centre from Saturday, July 11 to Sunday, August 9.

HyperVision is an annual youth art competition and exhibition which forms part of the Hyper Series, a youth-led program supporting young people to create, curate and celebrate arts and culture in their community.

The City of Swan's Hyper Series initiative also includes Hyper Festival and the Hyper Miniseries, a large-scale music festival and series of in-school music performances, providing young people with an opportunity to develop new skills and meet other likeminded people as they work together on community arts and cultural events.

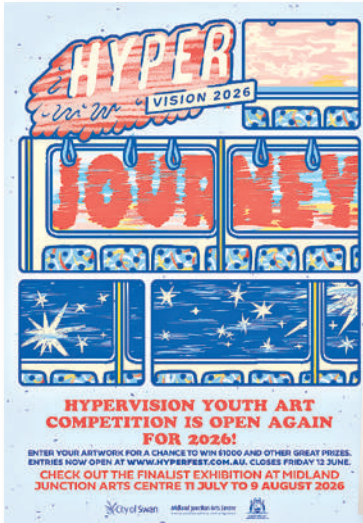
Each year the Hyper team opens applications to young artists between the ages of 12 and 25, to share their creativity and interpretation of the theme. In 2026, artists were encouraged to present their unique interpretations of the theme 'journey' across categories including photography, sculpture, traditional media, fashion/jewellery, short film and experimental media.

Whether referring to a metaphorical or physical journey, this year's theme provides an opportunity for young artists to present their creative skills and explore expressive interpretations of their own journeys as artists and young people of the world.

HyperVision is a wonderful opportunity for young people to share their work with a wide audience in a professional arts setting. Whilst the competitive aspect of the exhibition allows for artists to be acknowledged for their work through a juried prize.

Previous HyperVision participant, 2021 overall winner Yasamin Khadembashi, has since completed professional residencies and exhibited in numerous group and solo exhibitions, showing how opportunities such as these offer a great platform and build confidence for those hoping to pursue a career in the arts.

Mundaring Arts Centre artistic program manager Jess Knight said MAC was delighted to once again partner with the HyperVi-

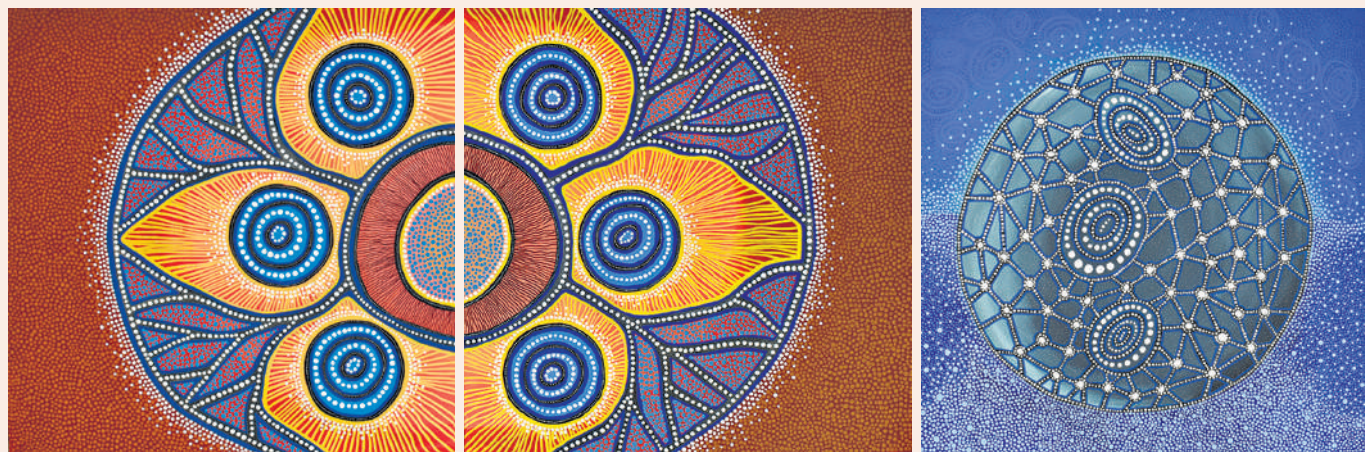


HyperVision 2026: Journey poster. Picture: City of Swan HyperVision 2025 Reflect, Overall Winner: Jin Choi, Breaking Point: Please never let me leave this place, 2025, lino cut on paper. Picture: Josh Wells

sion team to showcase young artists works to a professional standard they might otherwise not have the opportunity for outside of school, university or independently.

"By supporting young people to express themselves through annual opportunities such as HyperVision, young artists are celebrated for their contribution to our cultural dialogue, and we continue to cultivate the next generation of creative minds and makers," she said.

HyperVision 2026: Journey is at the Midland Junction Arts Centre, located at 276 Great Eastern Highway, Midland. Opening hours are Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 3pm, and closed Monday and public holidays.



Works by Nicole Dickerson, My Son, Our Connection (detail), 2026, acrylic on canvas. Our Time Under the Night Sky (detail), 2026, acrylic on canvas. Pictures: Yamaji Arts.

Exploration of family, cultural inheritance and memory

YAMAJIY/Ngarluma woman Nicole Dickerson continues her exploration of family, cultural inheritance and memory in her solo exhibition My Time, My Connection, presented in the East Gallery at Midland Junction Arts Centre (MJAC).

The artist has family connections to the Pilbara, and to the Amangu, Nagujja, and Wilunyu people in Geraldton, WA, where she lives with her husband and son.

Having achieved a Certificate II in Aboriginal Visual Arts and Arts Administration from TAFE (2000 & 2001), she worked with the Deadly Sista Girlz program in a local high school.

Recently Dickerson has concentrated on her arts and design practice full time, whilst caring for her son with autism.

She has participated in 14 group exhibitions, and received numerous commissions for murals, nine public artworks, signage and logo designs for businesses, educational groups and local government, including the entry statements of the Central Regional TAFE in Geraldton.

In 2023, she won the Morawa Aboriginal Art Award and for more than a decade, Dickerson has also partnered with a manufacturing company to create a unique range of products under the name Nikki Dee Designs.

My Time, My Connection follows on from her first solo exhibition in 2024, Memories – My Connection, presented at Yamaji Art in Geraldton, in which she explored the places and stories shared with her through childhood.

With this new body of work, Dickerson takes the next steps forward in a generational story, passing down to her son places and cultural experiences known through her family and art.

"I learnt so much from my parents and I am now teaching my son our connection to Country. Now I have become a sharer of memories, with my own son," she said.

"We visit the same places I walked at his age – he is jumping off the same rocks I jumped from as a kid, and he is walking on the same reef I walked, creating his own memories of culture and shared Country."

Through painting, sculptural installation and video works, Dickerson refers to the country and coastline of WA's Mid-west – Yamaji Country – sharing places which hold personal memories and cultural significance whilst also considering her son's own relationship to family, the land and water.

Painted scallop shells, representative of her family and their connection to the ocean, form an installation which moves

as people pass by, and paintings reveal time shared under the stars unchanging, but which hold myths, memories and generations of stories.

Aside from the works themselves, the process also carries familial connections and many of Dickerson's works are created around her kitchen table, inherited from her mother, and often with her son close by.

The table serves as a site of everyday rituals – of sharing and collective connection through time, and as a family heirloom which has seen, and continues to see, generations of stories.

"My art is my story. When I cannot find the words to express myself, these works will be a reflection of my time, now showing my son a glimpse of my childhood, through places, seasons and memories, to make new memories," she said.

My Time, My Connection will be open and free to the public at MJAC located at 276 Great Eastern Highway, Midland from Sunday, July 12 to Sunday, August 9, Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 3pm, and closed Monday and public holidays.

For more information, please visit the MJAC website at <https://www.midlandjunctionartscentre.com.au/>

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Your local Gig Guide

Fri June 26

Settlers House York
Nathan Ward
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125 Avon Terrace, York

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Goodstock
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50 East St, Guildford

Parkerville Tavern
Leslie Hinton
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6 Owen Road
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Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Ben Graham
6pm-9pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Sat June 27

Woodbridge Hotel
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Parkerville Tavern
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Mahogany Creek

Sun June 28

Settlers House York
Lez Karski
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125 Avon Terrace, York

Parkerville Tavern
Leslie Hinton
Entertainment
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6 Owen Road
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Sun June 28 Cont.

Woodbridge Hotel
Deadly Woodbines
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Nathan Gaunt
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Mahogany Creek

Tues June 30

Parkerville Tavern
Next Generation
Karaoke
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Mahogany Creek

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ECHO Notice Board

Upcoming Events

- The Kalamunda Ladies Probus Club** meets on the second Thursday of each month at St Barnabas Church Hall, Railway Road, Kalamunda (entry off Spring Road) at 9am for 9.30am start. They have morning tea and a guest speaker at each meeting and a monthly bus outing to different interesting places. Socially they meet for coffee monthly and lunch also monthly at different venues in the area. Probus is a social club for retirees who enjoy life. For more information call Trish on 0468 309 823 or Juliette on 9293 4438.
- Kalamunda Combined Probus Club** will meet on Wednesday, July 8 at 10am at their temporary meeting venue at St Swithun's Church Hall, 195 Lesmurdie Road, Lesmurdie. The speaker for July will be Don Briggs who will give a very

- interesting and informative talk on the 'Pioneers of the Early Western Australian Timber Industry'. This is a subject, very close to our hearts here in the City of Kalamunda. All members and friends are all very welcome, including walk-ins. All enquires to Don Faulks on 0439 970 038.
- CWA Kalamunda** meets on the second Friday of each month at 10am on Central Road, Kalamunda behind Aldi, look for the blue tree. Go along to join in the fun and meet new friends.
- Mundaring Garden Club** meets every second Tuesday of the month at Mundaring Church of Christ, 1470 Stoneville Road, Mundaring. The annual program includes guest speakers who present on a variety of topics, workshops and outings to nurseries and gardens. Presentations are followed by morning tea in the club café. For more information call member-ship on 0413 358 085.

- The Mundaring Country Women's Association** meets every second Wednesday at 1pm at the CWA Centre (Sculpture Park) in Jacoby Street, Mundaring for a craft and social afternoon. Take your craft ideas to share on your favourite craft or hobby. Visitors are always welcome any-time to have a cuppa and a chat. For more information call Marg on 0417 956 628.
 - Midland Ascension Craft Group** meets in the Parish Hall at 17 Spring Park Road, Midland every Tuesday of school term from 1pm to 3pm. All most welcome to join for a chat, cuppa, any craft and sometimes a guest speaker. For more information call 0433 265 683.
- Noticeboard is for non-profits and community groups advertising free/low cost events/programs. Entries must be emailed to editorial@echo-news.com two weeks before the event.**

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Cougars swipe victory from Tigers

BRIAN PALLISTER

CHIDLOW Cougars built momentum until they achieved a strong finish at the end of round 10 against the Midland Tigers.

The Tigers were first to score a goal after Denver Roberts managed to break through centre traffic to get the ball forward for fellow Tiger Toban Higgins to collect the loose ball and convert.

From there, the Cougars started to take control as Tim Huntley rebounded from deep in his backline while Cougars vice-captain Luke Elliott dominated in the air.

Cougars captain Jake Forman got the Cougars' goal scoring underway.

Fellow Cougar Joshua Johnson showed early nerves in the ruck contests but once he settled down, he controlled most of the contests pinpointing teammates like Matt Mallaby.

Mallaby then ran the ball out of the middle, delivering it into the waiting arms of teammate Nathan Sutton who kicked accurately for goal.

Chidlow had scored an accurate seven goals one behind for the quarter to take a 24-point lead into the first break.

Injuries began to impact both teams afterwards as Cougar Tom Self was gone for the game with a calf injury after a solid start in the backline.

Mallaby was moved back onto the ball offering the Cougars even more drive as he managed to kick the ball forward for newcomer Deekyn

Finnamore to mark and goal. Higgins combined with fellow Tiger Jason Gericitano to offer Midland some needed spark.

The Cougars had managed to extend their lead to 33 points to start the third quarter which ended up being a dominant one for the Cougars who added six goals to one.

Cougar Max Daniels started to pick up more possessions around the contests and pinpointed Reece Forbes out on the wing.

He chipped forward then ran on to collect a handball finishing off with a goal after running the length of the ground.

Captain Forman showed his endurance by covering most of his forward line and adding another goal to his eventual tally of seven for the game.

The Tigers showed character in the last quarter as they stayed with Chidlow on the scoreboard, kicking four goals each.

Francis Dorizzi, Renee Anderson and Roberts were solid contributors all game for the Tigers.

While for the Cougars, it was Nathan Sutton with six goals, Max Daniels for his nonstop run and Jake Forman for his all-round performance, including his seven goals.

Round 10 was Think Mental Health round, which was a round dedicated to raising suicide awareness.

Captain Forman was awarded the Think Mental Health game ball after being voted as Best on Ground.



Cougars captain Jake Forman was awarded for his performance for which was voted as Best on Ground.



Award winners from Round 9.

Hills Rangers FC continues to grow

JADE BLYTH

HILLS Rangers Football Club in Mundaring was established in 2014 following the merger of the Eastern Hills Hawks and Darlington-Parkerville Warriors.

Since then, it has grown into a community club fielding junior girls, youth boys and girls and senior women's teams, with participation and player development remaining central to its focus.

Club vice president Graham Murray said the club's success came down to strong community involvement, with volunteers, coaches, parents and supporters playing a key role each season.

"That volunteer base is really what keeps the club going," Mr Murray said.

"Every week people give their time to make sure players can get on the ground and enjoy their football."

This community support has helped build a culture centred on keeping players involved in the game, from juniors through to senior football, particularly as women's football continues to grow across the region.

The female football program has become a key part of the club's recent development, providing additional opportunities for girls and women to remain involved in the game locally and progress through their football journey.

The growth of the women's program was recognised at last year's Perth Football League awards night when Hills Rangers' co-captain Kayla Augustyneck was named Fairest and Best in the Budget Car and Truck Rental C3 women's competition.

Women's coach Craig Duff said this recognition highlighted both individual performance and the strengthening of the women's program within the club.

Looking ahead, the club's focus remains on maintaining strong youth participation.

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I Remember When...



Do you remember when, in November 1990, our then-Treasurer Paul Keating said, "The recession we had to have"?

Wow, what a time in our economy. For me, as a real estate agent, it was an absolute nightmare. At the time, as you can appreciate, there was huge pressure. The government cash rate was 17.5% in November 1990, and everyone was feeling it.

Home prices dropped, unemployment was at 10.8%, and I think in Western Australia it may have got close to 13%. Property prices were on the up prior to that, and of course they came down, largely due to people's personal circumstances, affordability of loan repayments and business woes.

We had a period of easy borrowing prior to that, and then up went the rates. It was not uncommon to see interest rates for loans for cars and other things over 20%.

As an agent, I was doing eight home openings every weekend and was lucky to see two to three people in total through all the opens. Times were tough. I saw people selling their homes and still having a personal loan for the balance of their home loan payout, as the sale did not cover their mortgage payout.

It lasted for around a year, but a lot of damage can happen within a year.

Funny, I hear so often how lucky my generation was. I'm not sure we were lucky when a lot of our friends didn't have jobs and, as agents, we listened to the troubles of people who couldn't afford their home loan repayments because of the interest rate, or because their businesses were struggling.

People had to borrow to pay for their borrowings. It was a vicious circle. I am not sure any of us shared the view of our then-Treasurer at the time.

The late eighties and early nineties were a boom-bust time, something hopefully we never see repeated.

We are seeing an adjustment to today's market. There is no doubt things will, and have begun to, slow. The recent speed of the market was unsustainable, and certainly we need time to let everyone catch up, which now may take some time.

Whilst we see world challenges and local issues happening as well, over time things settle and even out, provided we do not go down the lines of extreme change.

Covid has impacted us in many ways, including accelerating real estate along the way. We will reflect in the future on this period we have just had, and history will tell us how good or bad it was.



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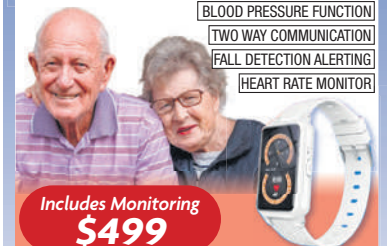
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