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Swan View Toy Library turns 10



The library has toys suitable for newborns and kids up to eight years old.

CAMILA EGUSQUIZA SANTA CRUZ

SWAN View Toy Library is celebrating 10 years as a volunteer-run organisation dedicated to lending toys, games and puzzles to local families.

The library was initially funded in 1981 by the Shire of Mundaring and has been known under different names throughout the years.

Swan View Toy Library chair Trudi Guagliardo said the library came under community ownership 10 years ago after it faced closure.

"It became a volunteer-run not-for-profit community organisation in July 2016 when a small group of dedicated, long-serving members decided that instead of letting it close down, they would take it over."

Ms Guagliardo said since then library members have worked hard to keep it running and have helped grow the library's catalogue to around 1300 toys.

"Some come from donations, but we've been very blessed and lucky that we've won some grants over the years," she said.

"So, when we win grants, that means that we can purchase new toys, and we're very strict with our toys as they must follow Australian standards and meet all obligations for insurance and safety."

The library recently received around \$10,000 from the state government to spend across two years as part of Midland MLA Steve Catania's election commitment.

Ms Guagliardo said support like this is very valuable to them.

"We had a lot of toys that received a bit too much love and needed to be retired, but the main thing that we do is prevent toys from going to landfill," she said.

"We try to fix them – sometimes we engage with the local Men's Shed for support – or we might try to rehome them if they are still in good condition and are useful for other community groups."

"If they are unsafe, then unfortunately they do have to go to landfill."

The library has around 50 members, who are primarily parents of young children.

"But we also do have grandparents like me," Ms Guagliardo said.

"That's initially how I got involved because I didn't want to fill my house with toys for my grandkids when they came over."

The toy library will be hosting an anniversary party to celebrate its 10 years.

"We're having a party this Saturday, and it's a community event, so it's free," Ms Guagliardo said.

"We will showcase our toys and have some activity stations with a face painter and a balloon artist."

"There will also be raffles and the opportunity to sign up as a member to the library."

As part of the party, the library will also be offering three months of membership for \$1 (plus a refundable \$50 security deposit).

Ms Guagliardo said she hopes the library continues to grow and introduce more families to toy borrowing.

"We love involving our community in our toy library because that's what it's all about," she said.

The library is located at 116 Salisbury Road, Swan View, in Brown Park, and is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9.30am to 11am during school terms.

The anniversary party will take place this Saturday, July 18 from 9.30am to 12.30pm.



Volunteers work in shifts at the library. Pictures: Swan View Toy Library

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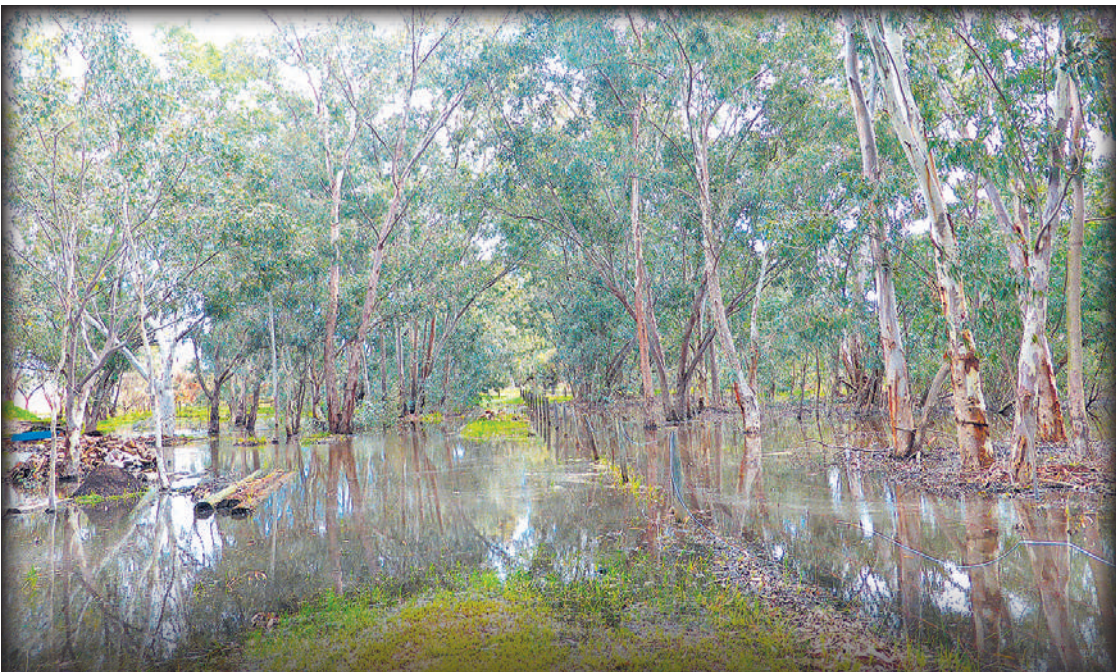
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City of Swan chief executive officer Stephen Cain said the WAPC board would inspect water issues in Swan this month.

Swan residents seeking more flooding answers

GUANHAO CHENG

CITY of Swan residents attended the July ordinary council meeting to question how the city was managing issues related to ground-water and flooding within the area.

Swan Valley Ratepayers and Residents Association president Humphrey Boogaardt asked the city what swift action it was taking to stop environmental damage by improving water plans.

City of Swan operations executive director Matthew MacPherson said the question had to be taken on notice.

Mr Boogaardt asked the city what actions were to be taken to improve their water management plan once they were aware of the shortcomings of the management plans they'd been following.

"At a previous council meeting the (City of Swan) chief executive officer (Stephen Cain) advised that as with each development the city has, it's obliged to follow the locally approved water management plan," he said.

"It sets the criteria for the development and the criteria by which the city enacts those works."

"The City of Swan knows that the water management plan does not work because there are problems it has created, so there are two options."

"Do nothing and leave everything as it is or seek changes in design and approval by bringing the standard up to a level that does not create havoc."

Mr MacPherson said the water management plans that are now in place were assumed to be fit for purpose at the time and new elements introduced in the process such as developments formed complex interacting parts.

"There's a number of interacting parts in regard to water management and the various water management plans," he said.

"A lot of those are related to the development themselves and given that the city is one of the last in the approval chain, a lot of those issues with the water management plans is the information that's fed into it at the very start of the process."

"Our obligation is to make sure whatever was put in at the start of the process is functional towards the end."

"The assumption, critically, is that those previously approved water management plans were fit for purpose at the time."

Mr Boogaardt pushed back against the idea the City of Swan didn't have any indication of the future flooding issues at the time the management plans were first drafted.

"The City of Swan cannot claim that flooding due to urban development is a new problem," he said.

"Due diligence by the city should have uncovered that even in 1984 it was recognised that in Perth groundwater levels were noted to rise rather than fall following urbanisation."

"The city (should) have realised years ago that water management strategies are not fit for



Stephen Cain and WAPC chair Emma Cole.

purpose.

"My question... can the city show the water management plans for Brabham stage three and Brooklands are of a better quality, incorporating environmental constraints and effects on surrounding areas, than the ones that were created at the first development of the north-east corridor?"

Flooding a City of Swan responsibility: DPLH (Echo News, July 3) reported residents experiencing flooding following development happening in the north-east corridor in Swan.

The report explained the lack of requirements for developers to ensure water didn't impact neighbouring properties meant preventing flooding on neighbouring homes wasn't a priority.

Mr MacPherson said best practice often didn't keep pace with the innovation that it needed to keep pace with.

"Particularly with standards and guidelines of the day, without knowing what particular stages of some of these developments and where they came through, it may be the case that there has been incremental change," he said.

"It may be the case that some of the developments are actually based on best practice as it was in the day when the subdivision was proposed and the approvals went through."

"That being said, I think there is consistent recognition amongst the industry and in particular areas around Perth that water management needs to be far more of a critical aspect early on in development."

"I'd say that the City of Swan is no orphan in that particularly with other estates and developments around the outer metro area where water management through those is becoming an increasing focus."

"The standards are probably at the point at which they'll need to catch up nowadays."

Mr Cain said he had spoken with WA planning commission (WAPC) chair Emma Cole about water management on July 3 and the WAPC board would come out to inspect later in the month.

"These are issues that are now being more prevalent in other parts of Perth and Baldivis and East Wanneroo," he said.

"At the board level, the WAPC is far more aware of the issues and the need to undertake more holistic work on some very complex geologies."



The Bassendean Royal Foods facility.

Bassendean food supplier caught up in cyber attack

GUANHAO CHENG

FOOD supplier Royal Foods, who has a facility in Bassendean, has been hit by a cyber-attack as an unauthorised third party accessed their internal IT early in July.

A Royal Foods spokesperson confirmed with *Echo News* that the incident was being investigated and any stakeholders would be notified and provided support and guidance if affected by the leak.

"Royal Foods is investigating a recent incident in which an unauthorised third party accessed elements of our internal IT environment associated with administrative functions," they said.

"As soon as we became aware of this incident, we enacted our incident response plan and began work to ensure the security of our systems and determine what happened."

"We are engaging with external IT and cyber security experts to assist with our response to the incident."

"We would like to assure you that this environment has been isolated, and we are conducting the necessary checks across our broader network to

ensure the security of our systems."

"We have now become aware of some online activity involving the company being named online alongside indications that they have possession of some data relating to Royal Foods."

A ransomware group named The Gentlemen listed Royal Foods in their recent post, claiming ownership of the breach.

The group had also breached Mackay Sugar's cybersecurity in June, shutting down two of its sugar mills.

"We would like to assure our stakeholders that we are investigating this activity as a priority," the Royal Foods spokesperson said.

"If we detect that personal or confidential information was involved in this incident, we will contact impacted parties as required to provide support and guidance."

"We have notified the relevant authorities including the Australian Cyber Security Centre."

"We are also working with experts from across the cyber security industry and have sophisticated monitoring in place to detect any developments."

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Theatre vandalism a concern

Dear Echo News,

I look forward each Friday to picking up a copy of the *Echo* – full of interesting letters, articles of what's happening in our area.

However, I cannot describe my disappointment when coming across the article *KADS Theatre vandalism increasing* (*Echo News*, July 10) about the increase of vandalism that is occurring at the KADS Theatre, and the refusal of the City of Kalamunda to provide or allow some security CCTV.

However, the article said that ranger patrols would increase.

How this wonderful venue, entirely run by volunteers, should be left, without any CCTV, for vandals to do what they like is an abomination.

Since we moved into the hills over 40 years ago, going to the various plays at KADS has been such a highlight.

What do others think about perhaps starting a GoFundMe page so

Thought for the day

"A goal without a plan is just a wish."

– Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

the volunteers can go ahead with all the additions, improvements and most importantly, CCTV to protect this heritage listed facility?

Yet another blot on the City of Kalamunda record.

I Sanderson
Kalamunda

Acts of Kalamunda kindness

Dear Echo News,

With so much negativity in the news lately, I was moved to write about how much I truly appreciate the people who make up our local Kalamunda hills community.

Our local footpaths are very undulating and steep.

When I am taking my 80-year-old husband out in his wheelchair, navigating these paths can be quite a challenge.

Yet, time and time again, the kindness of our community shines

through.

Complete strangers – including teenagers – frequently stop to ask if we are okay or if we need any help.

Last year while in our driveway my husband had a fall and pulled me over with him.

Two young men driving past witnessed our fall and immediately stopped to help us up.

They also helped to get us into the house and settled, with one of them even giving me a hug.

This wonderful spirit makes me incredibly proud to live here.

Thank you to everyone who looks out for their neighbours.

Your small acts of kindness make a massive difference.

I Chance
Kalamunda

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Echo News social media comments

In response to KADS Theatre vandalism increasing:

#cityofkalamunda should definitely be supporting Kads and setting up some CCTV. The teens are going to keep congregating there unless there are repercussions for their vandalism.

A Eastman

In response to Facial recognition trial targets Swan

We got nothing to worry about if we haven't broken the law. We were always tracked by Medicare and mobile.

C Lee

They want to be sitting at everyone's table in there house and knowing what's going on... uninvited!

C Williamson

In response to Kalamunda council rejects future forest policy

Travelling down Hale Road through Wattle Grove yesterday had me squinting from lack of trees. I felt sad for the kids who retreat inside their house in summer rather than gather under a tree. Is that the goal?

A Grumball

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If it is an unknown issue with the car you may need to pay for the initial review into what is causing the problem. Make sure you request a cost estimate for this. Once the repairer has checked your car and found the problem, then discuss the options and costs to fix it.

It can be hard for a mechanic to give a fixed quote because of the complexity of some jobs, but where possible get a written quote.

You do not have to pay for repairs you did not ask for or did not authorise.

However, unless other arrangements have been agreed to, a repairer is entitled to be paid in full for the repairs before releasing the vehicle.

To check if a mechanic is licensed, visit the free licence and registration search page. The licence number which should be displayed on the premises or 'van' if using a mobile mechanic.

Success Hill Reserve weed control push

CAMILA EGUSQUIZA SANTA CRUZ

WHILE Friends of Success Hill Reserve, in partnership with the Town of Bassendean, welcomes \$11,382 in funding from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's (DPIRD) community stewardship grants, the group says more resources are needed to manage veldt grass.

Friends of Success Hill Reserve coordinator Jane Bremmer said they applied for 200 hours of weed control, but the grant only awarded 42 hours, placing more emphasis on revegetation.

"Revegetation is as equally as important as weed removal," Ms Bremmer said.

"The most important thing we're trying to achieve at Success Hill Reserve is to increase the canopy as significant mature and cultural trees are dying in the reserve, but the veldt grass is a big consumer of water and energy, so finding the spaces for the trees and propagating them and keeping them alive is undermined by the veldt grass.

"It is also highly flammable and outcompetes native vegetation."

Ms Bremmer said they applied for a lot of hours of weed removal because the friends group, in consultation with the Traditional Owners of the land, are opposed to using chemicals to manage veldt grass because of cultural and efficiency issues.

"The standard method used to treat veldt grass is Fusilade Forte, but we are opposed to this being used because it results in contamination of the environment," she said.

"Veldt grass is like a home for seeds – you can spray it and that will dry it and kill it for a while, but the dead body of that weed becomes a source of germination, so it sits there in the environment dormant.

"The next rains come and all those seeds germinate and then suddenly the dead clump of veldt grass you had turns into a nest of new weeds.

"If you cut it, the same thing happens, so that's why we chose to, where we can, dig it out.

"Our experience where we have hand removed the veldt grass, showed us that reinfestation has dramatically lowered. It is labour intensive but the long-term impacts are worth it."

In response to the funding allocated, a DPIRD spokes-



Friends of Success Hill Reserve was formed in 2009 to combat the use of chemicals at the reserve.

person said the grants program is highly competitive.

"In the 2025 grants round, an independent panel of assessors concluded while the Friends of Success Hill application was valuable, there were insufficient funds for the full project and recommended supporting the revegetation component to deliver higher value natural resource management outcomes," the spokesperson said.

Ms Bremmer said regardless of the funding the Friends of Success Hill group will continue to work hard at the reserve.

"The areas that have been allocated under this grant will continue to be hand-weeded, re-vegetated, and hand-watered throughout summer," she said.

"The town also allocates some of that funding to an environmental consultant that comes and does the weed control, and currently, they're using the Aboriginal Land Care, which is doing a fantastic job with the weeds.

"We're going to keep going and we hope DPIRD and the state government come on board in the future and

actually invest in weed control rather than just revegetation."

Success Hill Reserve is a registered Aboriginal site within the Town of Bassendean and is home to several native fauna species such as black cockatoos and quendas.

"I don't think people in this area realise how special and important Success Hill Reserve is to the Traditional Owners in WA and to the wider community," she said.

"It has a really rich biodiversity along the steep embankment that adjoins the river as it links up to all these other significant ecological sites and it has freshwater streams that run through, which are very sacred to the Traditional Owners."

"This funding grant is really a good sign to our group that the state government is waking up to how precious and important this area is and I've heard that we'll be involved in future funding projects, so we really welcome this."



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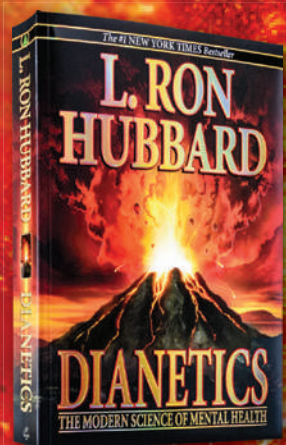
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NAIDOC award highlights contribution to community



John Mogridge (right) with Michael Cross and Tony Culbong. Picture: Guan hao Cheng

MIKE PEETERS

MIDLAND man John Mogridge was named WA community person of the year at the 2026 Perth NAIDOC awards earlier this month.

For more than 20 years, Mr Mogridge has worked closely with the community on many projects to showcase the richness and contributions of Aboriginal people and culture.

Currently in the role of Aboriginal partnerships and development at the City of Swan, Mr Mogridge also participated in and led Moorditj Maaman – an Aboriginal men's group that operated successfully out of Indigo Junction in Midland for many years, *Lullaby legacy for Noongar men*, (*Echo News*, July 25, 2024).

A founding member and chair of Karlup Aboriginal Corporation, Mr Mogridge said he was thrilled with the award which he saw as a real vote of confidence.

"I am very proud of the community development and youthwork over the years as well as the progression of Weep Park in Midland and the start-up of Karlup, among other things," Mr Mogridge said.

"Over the years, I have enjoyed working closely with the community on many projects."

Mr Mogridge was also a winner of a WA Youth Works award 'Pathways to Peace' in 2015.

"Fortunately, I have always been given a broad scope to work with and as a founding member and co-chair of the Karlup Aboriginal Corporation, I have a strong personal and professional connection to the City of Swan area," he said.

As a father of four daughters with eight grandchildren, Mr Mogridge said he really values the opportunities he has had to work together with the community and build a better and brighter future.

Indigo Junction chief executive officer Sharon Gough said Mr Mogridge was inspirational and his work had a huge impact in guiding Indigo Junction



John Mogridge with his award outside the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Perth.

in its cultural ways.

"John has created outstanding outcomes for the community and real momentum for Aboriginal people," Ms Gough said.

"His involvement has been central to changing the way men connect."

City of Swan mayor Tanya Richardson said this was a wonderful achievement for Mr Mogridge.

"His tireless advocacy and cultural leadership make him a deserving recipient of this coveted award."

The annual NAIDOC Perth awards celebrate outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence across WA and are an annual prelude to the national NAIDOC week which ran across Australia from July 5 to 12.

As the winner of the WA community person of the year award John will now go forward to the national NAIDOC awards ceremony in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) on August 15.



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Local cancer survivor's call for fairer access to Midland radiation treatment

PETER W LEWIS

A RECENT meeting between Guildford-based MLC Anthony Spagnolo, Kalamunda MLA Adam Hort and cancer survivor Thomas Fairley has renewed calls for publicly funded radiation oncology services in Midland.

Mr Fairley's experience travelling across Perth for treatment has highlighted the inequity faced by cancer patients across Perth's eastern suburbs, the Perth Hills and the Wheatbelt.

Following a throat cancer diagnosis, Mr Fairley underwent seven weeks of radiation therapy at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, requiring daily travel across the city while managing the physical and emotional effects of cancer treatment.

Mr Fairley said having radiation oncology services in Perth's east would have made an enormous difference during his treatment.

"Having radiation oncology services in Perth's east would have meant I didn't have to travel to Nedlands every day for seven weeks while undergoing treatment," he said.

Mr Spagnolo said Mr Fairley's story highlighted why change was urgently needed.

"People battling cancer should not have to spend weeks travelling across Perth for essential treatment while already coping with the effects of their illness," he said.

"Patients south of Perth can access publicly supported treatment close to home, yet people in Midland and the surrounding region are expected to travel across the city. That postcode lottery is simply unfair."

A Legislative Council petition calling for publicly funded radiation oncology services in Midland has attracted 2466 signatures, demonstrating the strong community support for fairer access to cancer treatment closer to home.

Mr Spagnolo said he had been working closely with his parliamentary colleagues Adam Hort and Central Wheatbelt MLA Lachlan Hunter, who share his commitment to improving access to radiation oncology services for patients in Perth's east and surrounding regional communities.

"I'm pleased Liberal and National MPs have come together to advocate for better cancer services in Midland, but it is disappointing that local Labor members have failed to join this campaign."

Liberal Senator Slade Brockman also weighed in and said federal Labor's silence on this issue meant they also had questions to answer.

"Member for Hasluck, Tania Lawrence needs to explain why she has been silent on this campaign led by Liberal and National members to improve access to cancer treatment in her electorate," she said.

"Private radiation oncology providers in other parts of Perth receive government support to treat public patients, but that support is not available to residents in Hasluck, and I would have thought the local MP Tania Lawrence would have been proactive in supporting the campaign to address this issue."

Senator Brockman reiterated the need for this ser-



Anthony Spagnolo MLC, cancer survivor Thomas Fairley and Kalamunda MLA Adam Hort.

vice to be available locally.

"The infrastructure already exists in Midland. Patients have spoken, clinicians have spoken. It is time for state and federal Labor MPs to step up," she said.

Hasluck MP Tania Lawrence said for years she and Bullwinkel MP Trish Cook had worked behind the scenes alongside local residents, clinicians and healthcare providers to advocate for better health services in Midland and the eastern suburbs.

"Our community deserves the same access to quality healthcare as other parts of Perth," she said.

"While there is strong support for access to local, publicly funded radiation cancer care, any solution must comply with Section 19(2) of the Health Insurance Act 1973, which places limits on arrangements of services that receive both Medicare and state funding.

"My focus remains on expanding access to local healthcare, including Medicare-funded services like the Midland Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, while working constructively with all levels of government to deliver better health outcomes for our community," she said.

Member for Kalamunda Adam Hort also weighed in.

"Thomas Fairley's story is like so many others around the eastern suburbs, we need these services in Midland."

Midland MLA Steve Catania said he knew everyone in the community understands the impact of a cancer diagnosis, be it their own or a loved one's.

"That's why the Cook Labor government is committed to ensuring that we all receive the care we need, when we need it.

"In Perth's east there is access to a range of different state-funded cancer care including chemotherapy, some immunotherapy, and other support services at St John of God Midland.

"I'd love to see everyone in the Midland community able to access even more care closer to home and will always be a strong advocate for our community.

"I'm working closely with my state parliamentary colleagues to explore how we can further improve cancer care in the community."

Bassendean RYDE service ends

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Town of Bassendean ended its branch of the Regional Youth Driver Education (RYDE) program after helping learners complete supervised driving hours.

For the past decade, the RYDE program has helped young people take an important step towards independence, confidence and opportunity.

Bassendean launched their RYDE program in 2016 and over time the program grew into a valued youth initiative built on the generosity of volunteer mentors who gave their time, patience and encouragement to sit alongside young learner drivers.

As reported in *Bassendean's callout for RYDE driver mentors* (Echo News, May 16, 2025) young people learning from the program would have completed the learning to drive phase of the process with a professional driving instructor.

The program supplements the formal learning with a supervisor that is willing to spend hours to help learning drivers gain experience and hone skills.

The town said they sincerely thanked every volunteer, partner, school, service provider and participant who contributed over the life of the program.

"Their efforts have made a meaningful difference to young people, helping participants build skills, confidence and in many cases enough log-book hours to confidently sit their driver's license assessment," they said.

While the program was valued by the town, in recent years, participants transitioned to other service



The Town of Bassendean will no longer provide the RYDE program.

providers, leading to the town ending the delivery of RYDE Bassendean on June 30.

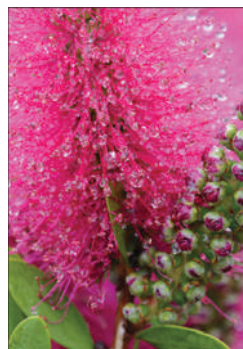
The decision reflected a clear change in how the service was being used, with participation in Bassendean RYDE being extremely low.

The Town of Bassendean said the decision came from an intention to reduce technology and operational costs, and the recognition of other youth driver support programs now available.

"As other providers have taken on a greater role in delivering these services, it is no longer viable for the town to continue delivery of RYDE," they said.

Programs such as the Wanderer Program were being used to assist young people from Bassendean, Ashfield and Eden Hill to gain their driver's licences.

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Chloe lights up Kings Park Lightscape



Chloe Gray-Morgan (10) recording her poem 'Bloom'.



The Conservation Cubes featuring Chloe's 'Bloom'.

GOOSEBERRY Hill's 10-year-old Chloe Gray-Morgan was one of four children selected to have their poem featured among internationally renowned artists at Perth's Lightscape at Kings Park and Botanic Garden.

Chloe's poem 'Bloom' is part of the Conservation Cubes installation, involving glowing poetry cubes accompanied by an immersive soundscape, allowing visitors to hear the children's words as they move through the experience.

Chloe's work featured alongside internationally renowned artists such as French Collective Pitaya and the Netherlands' Studio Toer, following a series of Easter school holiday workshops encouraging children to reflect on nature, creativity and their connection to the iconic park.

Chloe said she was excited and proud to see her work brought to life at Lightscape.

"It was amazing to see my words as part of something so beautiful.

"I love nature and wanted my poem to show how beautiful it is when everything grows and changes with the seasons," Chloe said.

"My poem is about flowers blooming and how nature can make people feel happy and calm."

The project forms part of Kings Park Education's 50th anniversary celebrations, marking five decades of connecting young people with nature through storytelling and environmental learning.

Kings Park education nature experiences coordinator Emma Britten-Jones, who selected the winning entries, said the initiative aimed to give children a meaningful

platform to express how they see and experience the natural environment.

"This is about giving children a voice and a platform to share how they see and feel about the world," Ms Britten-Jones said.

"To witness their words come to life through light is incredibly powerful.

"We hope visitors leave feeling more connected, not only to the experience, but to the importance of caring for our environment."

The Conservation Cubes project adds a unique community element to this year's Lightscape, giving young Western Australians the opportunity to share their perspectives with thousands of visitors.

Lightscape will be running until July 26 at Kings Park and Botanic Garden with tickets on sale through Ticketek.

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Labor minister blocks local MP from Greenmount road briefing

DEPUTY Premier Rita Saffioti has refused a request from Guildford-based MLC Anthony Spagnolo for a briefing with Main Roads WA on the notorious Scott Street and Great Eastern Highway intersection in Greenmount, telling him it is "not customary" for non-government members to have such access.

The refusal comes just weeks after Mr Spagnolo tabled an e-petition in state Parliament carrying 453 signatures, calling on the government to urgently assess safety at the intersection and commit to a permanent fix.

Mr Spagnolo has also lodged a formal submission with the parliamentary committee examining the petition, detailing a grim safety record.

The intersection was named one of Perth's 16 highest risk unsignalised sites back in 2016.

RAC's latest Risky Roads survey ranks it the sixth most dangerous in the state, and between 2020 and 2024 it recorded 43 crashes, including two that sent people to hospital.

"I asked for a briefing so I could get straight answers for the people who use this intersection every single day," Mr Spagnolo said.

"Instead, I got a letter telling me it's not customary for someone like me to talk to Main Roads. Meanwhile the Minister's office confirms the Labor member for Midland gets regular contact with the very same agency.

"Road safety shouldn't depend on which side of politics you sit on. Families in Greenmount, Swan View, Bellevue, Darlington, Helena Valley and right across the Perth Hills don't care about that.

"They care about getting home safely.

"Four hundred and fifty-three people signed this petition because they're sick of watching near misses and crashes at this intersection. They deserve action, not a door slammed in their local member's face."

Mr Spagnolo said the Cook government had a clear choice: keep stonewalling or get on with

Anthony Spagnolo MLC.

the upgrades Main Roads itself has acknowledged are needed.

"Main Roads have floated removing the right turn out of Scott Street and extended the speed zone. That's a band-aid. It doesn't fix the sight lines, it doesn't fix the grade, and it doesn't stop the next crash.

"I'll keep pushing this through Parliament and through the committee process, with or without Minister Saffioti's cooperation. The Shire of Mundaring has been asking for action for years. It's time Labor listened."

Chittering mining corridor environmental concerns

CAMILA EGUSQUIZA SANTA CRUZ

ENVIRONMENTAL concerns over Chalice Mining's proposed infrastructure corridor continue to grow, with Chittering residents and conservation groups questioning its potential impact on wildlife and protected vegetation.

In *Infrastructure corridor concern in Chittering* (Echo News, July 3), Chalice stated that they were engaging directly with landholders whose properties are directly affected by the corridor, as well as with neighbouring landholders who have raised questions or concerns.

However, some residents such as Sonia Cooke disagree with this statement.

"Unfortunately, that has not been our experience. Residents on our street have been advised that we are not considered 'affected landholders' because the proposed corridor does not physically cross our titles, despite it being immediately adjacent to our homes and properties," she said.

"As a result, we have not been included in discussions about alternative alignments, even though the proposal would have significant impacts on our homes, wildlife, farming operations and rural lifestyle."

Ms Cooke said she was particularly concerned about the corridor's potential impact on wildlife, as she has engaged in wildlife rehabilitation for 14 years.

"There's a lot of bird life here, as well as kangaroos, possums and echidnas, and flora such as orchids," she said.

"It's a haven for wildlife when there's been so much land clearing around the area, especially for Carnaby black-cockatoos."

In *Echo News'* previous article, Chalice said: "Where on ground surveys identified environmental constraints – including known habitat for threatened species – or where landholder feedback showed a route was unworkable, routes were cut."

But as reported, residents such as Sarah Mchiggins have said they were notified that parts of their property that are under a protected preservation area, covered by a restrictive covenant and environmental management plan would be impacted by the infrastructure corridor.

The Gonneville Project along with the proposed corridor are currently being assessed by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), which will look into potential disturbance and impact on plants and vegetation types, as well as animals including habitat and biodiversity.

Chalice said in its EPA documentation that it is "committed to rigorous standards and governance frameworks to ensure responsible environmental practices are followed".

"The preferred corridor is subject to ongoing refinement as part of the environmental assessment and landholder engagement process," a Chalice



The proposed infrastructure corridor would run through parts of Chittering. Picture: Sonia Cooke

spokesperson said.

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance secretary Melissa Adams said environmental impacts should be at the forefront of decisions.

"It seems to us like the preferred corridor is the shortest and straightest route possible and not one that is necessarily seeking to prioritise the environment as it runs through a tree preservation area and blocks that have covenants on them, which makes you wonder how protected these areas really are," she said.

"There are quite a few recorded Carnaby black cockatoo hollows, which are an endangered species.

"The Chittering and Julimar areas are significant breeding places for them, so it is a major concern when those areas are impacted.

"Whether it's mining or road developments, it's always concerning to see that protecting endangered species falls to the bottom of the list and the priority is usually placed on the side of mining or other big companies."

Ms Adams said some people in the area are just finding out about the project and the proposed corridor.

"Chalice has been surveying the community a lot recently, which has provided a lot of important feedback, and the Chittering community are out there not only voicing their concerns, but also actively going out and informing people who live along the proposed corridor," she said.

"Chalice needs to be upfront about the potential threats the corridor might create."

The EPA is assessing the adequacy of Chalice's environmental review document before it is released for public comment.

People can sign up to the EPA mailing list to be informed about the Public Environmental Review status.

Kalamunda drops tree nursery plan

BRAYDEN MOULD

THE City of Kalamunda's investigation into establishing an internal municipal tree nursery has concluded with council electing in a unanimous vote to drop the project due to a lack of financial viability.

In December 2025, city council unanimously backed the investigation of a business case for a city-owned nursery to offset the \$35,000 to \$80,000 spent annually on external suppliers, as previously reported in *Kalamunda unanimously supports business case for tree nursery bid* (Echo News, December 12, 2025).

The subsequent study developed by the city and presented to council at their June 23 ordinary council meeting found developing a tree nursery by the city could potentially cost \$825,000, plus an extra \$654,000 each year to run.

According to the study completed by city staff, the high annual running costs could not be financially justified based on Kalamunda's current planting rate of 300 trees a year.

"The city's urban forest strategy has a target of 30 per cent canopy cover by 2042," the study said.

"It is estimated that the city would need to plant 2000 trees per annum in the public realm to achieve this target alongside endeavours in private land.

"Currently the city's resources are disproportionate to this target.

"An internal and city operated production nursery is unlikely to be financially viable at the city's current planting volumes."



The city council voted unanimously to rule out a city-operated tree nursery.

Moved by Cr David Modolo and seconded by Cr Josh Clark, the motion instead gave city staff the green light to liaise with the City of Gosnells regarding their own upcoming city-owned tree nursery project.

The Gosnells facility is expected to produce a surplus of 6500 trees and 100,000 seedlings annually for external sale, providing the city with an avenue to acquire bulk stock.

"We should redirect effort and funding toward a proactive, measurable, and properly resourced planting program, planting on verges and city managed reserves, support and incentives for residents who plant, and the very opportunities set out in the tree nursery study tonight," Cr Clark said.

"I would rather see resources the city would otherwise spend on applications and disputes invested in getting trees into the ground where they can grow and move the canopy upwards."

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Toodyay potholes to be repaired

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Shire of Toodyay has acknowledged concerns raised by residents about the condition of roads and the increasing number of potholes across the shire.

To help address the most serious potholes, the shire's infrastructure and asset services team has organised a jet paver to commence works from around July 20.

The jet paver is expected to remain in the shire for approximately one month, allowing crews to carry out repairs at priority locations.

At the same time, the infrastructure and asset services team will undertake a comprehensive assessment of potholes across the shire's road network.

The shire said it was fully aware of the current road conditions and will progressively improve the road network over the next 12 months, in line with available resources.

"Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to report potholes and share their concerns," a shire spokesperson said.

"Community feedback plays an important role in helping the Shire identify priority areas and plan maintenance works."

"The shire appreciates the community's patience and understanding while these important works are carried out."

Community members may report faults and dangerous potholes on roads through the online request works form at tinyurl.com/2rv2j96w or by emailing records@toodyay.wa.gov.au with the details.

Main Roads have also been releasing updates on roadworks in Toodyay with the construction activity for the Toodyay Road upgrade project con-



A jet paver will begin working on fixing potholes in Toodyay from July 20.

tinuing.

The updates confirmed two sections of the Toodyay Road Upgrade, at Jingaling Brook and from Clackline-Toodyay Road were completed.

The remaining upgrades from Dryandra Road to Goomalling Toodyay Road in the Wheatbelt would include road widening, various intersection improvements and four passing lanes.

The works formed part of the \$80 million project to upgrade Toodyay Road to improve safety and efficiency and is anticipated to be completed in late 2027.

The shire said the Wheatbelt section of Toodyay Road had an unacceptable safety record.

In the decade between 2011 and 2021 there were 81 crashes, and 30 of these crashes resulted in death or serious injury.

According to the Shire of Toodyay's demographics data, its shire included 355km of sealed roads and 309km of unsealed roads adding up to a 664km road network to be managed.



Shire of Toodyay President Michael McKeown (inset) says the shire is working to open the bridge to pedestrians soon.

Community petitions council on Slaughterhouse Bridge closure

GUANHAO CHENG

TOODYAY community members have petitioned the Shire of Toodyay council to take immediate action to reopen the Slaughterhouse Bridge for residents and emergency vehicles.

The petition contained 150 signatures and was received by council at their July ordinary council meeting.

Residents were advised on November 13 last year that the bridge was to be closed temporarily but said they have received no update and had seen no action to repair the bridge since then.

Toodyay resident Michael Bell acted as the principal petitioner and said the continuing closure of the bridge impacted residents by adding extra travel time for emergency vehicles and made it impossible for people who used mobility vehicles to safely get to town.

Shire of Toodyay President Michael McKeown said Main Roads WA was progressing the preliminary design for a replacement bridge.

"In 1934, Slaughterhouse Bridge was destroyed during heavy rain that caused serious flooding in Toodyay and the bridge was replaced with the timber bridge that is now in place," he said.

"In the 90 years that the bridge has been in use, gradual deterioration of the wooden structure resulted in its recent closure by Main Roads WA."

"The closure was gradual with decreasing load limits being put in place by Main Roads over the last few years."

"The shire, including both administration and council, has been listening to the community concerns about the closure of Slaughterhouse Bridge

and also I note that it is not the shire that has closed the bridge but Main Roads WA."

Mr McKeown said ABC previously reported on the concerns about the lack of access for emergency services being limited to West Toodyay because of the closure of the bridge but alternative routes have been in use because they exceeded the bridge weight limit.

"Emergency services vehicles had already lost access to Slaughterhouse Bridge as it was weight limited to 3.5 tonnes," he said.

"So, emergency services... have been accessing West Toodyay via either Picnic Hill Road, off Toodyay-Bindi Bindi Road or Toodyay West Road off Julimar Road."

"Traveling at the speed limit to access West Toodyay via these routes can take just a few minutes longer than by using Slaughterhouse Bridge."

Echo News has reached out to Main Roads to confirm claims made by Mr McKeown.

Mr McKeown said during the council meeting that the shire was continuing to work with Main Roads on funding opportunities and that Main Roads approved reopening the bridge for pedestrians.

"The Shire of Toodyay has been working with Main Roads regarding the design and possible funding sources for a new bridge," he said.

"Once the design reaches a point the costings can be confirmed, the shire will be able to prepare an application for special project funding for a new bridge."

"The shire now awaits government approval."

Works were underway to install barriers and reopen the bridge by the end of July for pedestrian access.

Wooroloo Hall undergoes major upgrade

WOOROLOO Hall is set for a new chapter, with major renovation works now underway to revitalise one of the community's most cherished gathering places.

Over the coming months, the historic hall will receive significant upgrades including a new roof, flooring, kitchen, toilets and improved insulation, ensuring the facility continues to serve residents and community groups for many years to come.

The upgrades represent one of the most substantial improvements to the hall in recent decades.

While the renovations are taking place, the hall's regular users have been finding creative ways to stay connected.

One group particularly looking forward to the upgraded space is the Wooroloo Craft, Chat & Cuppa (WCCC), a community initiative that brings residents together for weekly craft sessions and monthly shared dinners.

The group was established in the wake of the 2021 bushfires and has become an important source of friendship, creativity and connection for residents.

According to WCCC organiser Stephen Fox, the temporary disruption will be well worth it.

"As a community member, I'm delighted that the hall is getting a major overhaul," Mr Fox said.

"I'm delighted that we now understand the scale of the improvements, including a new floor, insulation, roof, kitchen and toilets. A slightly better kitchen will be an enormous benefit for our community dinners and gatherings."

In a heartwarming example of neighbours helping neighbours, the nearby Wooroloo Bush Fire Brigade has opened its doors to accommodate the group's weekly gatherings during the renovation period.

The shire has also provided a sea container on-site to safely store the group's extensive collection of craft supplies and materials.

Wooroloo Bush Fire Brigade first lieutenant Lesley Lynam said supporting the community group was



Members of the Wooroloo Craft, Chat & Cuppa group and the Wooroloo Brigade packing the hall in preparation for the upgrade.

an easy decision.

"That's what we do. It's not just about firefighting, it's about the community," she said.

"When you can do anything that helps the community in any way, you do it. The brigade is part of the community and the community is part of the brigade, so we're just one piece of the puzzle that makes it all work."

The arrangement means WCCC members can continue meeting locally, maintaining the social connections that have become so important to many residents while work progresses on the hall.

The group is already planning a special thank you gift for brigade members once the project is complete.

For Mr Fox, the project is about more than upgraded facilities.

"It's time for an upgrade, and we're very excited for the community," he said.

"We've had weddings, funerals, celebrations and community activities here over the years. The hall is a real hub for Wooroloo, and we're looking forward to seeing it continue that role for future generations."

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Northam's new CCTV cameras aim to increase safety of public

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Shire of Northam has successfully secured \$40,600 in state funding to install two new closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras.

The \$40,600 grant will be split equally to fund two automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras at Mitchell Avenue and Northam-Toodyay Road.

ANPR technology allows law enforcement to detect, track, and deter illicit or disruptive vehicular activity in real-time.

"This grant outcome demonstrates that community feedback is a powerful tool," a Shire of Northam spokesperson said.

"When our community highlights a priority area in our surveys, it provides the exact empirical data we need to build iron-clad business cases for external state funding.

"We promised transparency and action, and these cameras are a direct result of that commitment."

The project is backed by the state government and was delivered through its highly competitive CCTV election commitment grant program, aimed at addressing community safety.

Northam residents highlighted it as a top priority in the recent MARKYT community scorecard.

The scorecard was a shire survey which collected data on resident opinions to find which services the community wanted a focus on.

In the 2025 scorecard review, the community rated the shire's performance in safety and crime prevention at 38 out of 100.

The results collected contained explicit, widespread calls from residents to expand local surveillance networks and improve crime deterrence.

Data collected by the shire revealed safety and crime prevention was rated as a very high community priority with low current satisfaction.

The shire hoped the state grant would help lift safety and crime prevention ratings by improving Northam's safety infrastructure where the community demanded it most.

The state grant program attracted overwhelming



Two automatic number plate recognition cameras will be installed in Northam after a state grant was secured.

interest, with more than 300 applications submitted from 70 local government authorities across the state.

All submissions underwent a rigorous assessment by the WA Police state operations command centre and the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety.

According to the Shire of Northam, their application was selected based on a detailed analysis of local crime and antisocial behaviour trends, technical prioritisation, and strategic opportunities for network development.

The security upgrades formed part of an ongoing operational focus on safety with shire teams continuing to map out additional community-requested initiatives, including localised street lighting audits and youth engagement strategies.

Meanwhile Shire of Toodyay President Michael McKeown said their shire was also in the process of rolling out the installation of CCTV security cameras throughout the town and installation should be complete by the end of July.

eye on crime



Warning over increase in motorcycle thefts

WA Police are urging the community to take extra precautions and remain vigilant when selling items online, following an increase in motorcycle burglaries and thefts from residential properties across the metropolitan area in 2026.

Police have identified that offenders are increasingly using online marketplaces and social media platforms to target sellers, particularly those advertising motorcycles and high value items.

In some cases, offenders are using convincing fake profiles to obtain the address of the seller and later attending to steal motorcycles from the residences garage, shed or yard.

In response to this type of crime, police have undertaken targeted operations, proactive patrols and community engagement activities across the metropolitan area.

Between January 1 and June 21, officers have recovered 55 motorcycles reported stolen and arrested 36 people for their alleged involvement in motorcycle thefts and associated burglaries.

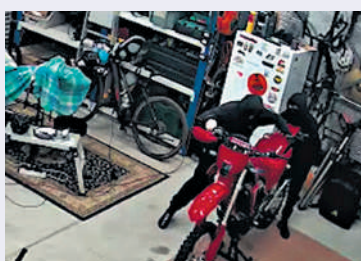
Several incidents have occurred across the metropolitan area.

Midland Police are investigating an incident in Darlington on Saturday, May 30.

Unknown offender(s) gained entry to a shed at a residence on Miranda Road.

Once inside, the offenders removed a red Honda motorcycle from its stand and wheeled it from the premises.

Anyone who witnesses suspicious behaviour, has information relating to motorcycle thefts or burglaries, or is aware of premises where off road motorcycles regularly enter and leave under suspicious circumstances – potentially involved in the storage, movement, or sale of stolen motorcycles – is encouraged to report the in-



formation to Crime Stoppers.

Reports can be made anonymously via www.crimestopperswa.com.au or by calling 1800 333 000.

WA Police remind the community that while online selling is convenient, small changes to behaviour can significantly reduce the risk of becoming a victim, below are

some safety measures the community can adopt.

- Be mindful when taking photos for listings, avoiding identifiable landmarks or features that may reveal your location.
- Avoid cleaning or displaying high value items, such as motorcycles, in visible areas where they may attract attention.
- Secure valuable items with quality locks and, where possible, attach them to an immovable object.
- Ensure garages and storage areas are properly secured.
- Consider using tracking devices on high value items.
- Remain vigilant when transporting items and be aware of vehicles or persons that may be following you.
- Arrange to meet buyers in a public place, rather than at your residence.
- Do not hand over goods until payment has been confirmed in full.
- Trust your instincts and leave immediately if a situation does not feel right.

Motorcycles, bicycles, e-scooters and e-bikes can be registered free of charge at www.bike-linc.com.au helping police reunite owners with stolen property.

For further burglary prevention advice, members of the public can be directed to this link: <https://www.wa.gov.au/media/48439/download?inline>

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Upcoming Events

- **Kalamunda Youth Swing Band** gives young musicians the opportunity to rehearse and play in a band. Rehearsals are Monday afternoon during school term. For more information call musical director Leah on 0432 973 395.
 - **The Ellenbrook Friendship Group** meets each Wednesday at the Community Centre, 27 Maffina Parade, Ellenbrook from 1pm to 4pm. All welcome to make new friends or just have a chat. Enjoy indoor bowls, afternoon tea and the occasional outing. For more information call Sheila on 0402 973 307.
 - **The Swan Woodturners Association of WA** meets every Tuesday at 1pm for a 1.30pm start at the Caversham Memorial Hall, 7847 West Swan Road, Caversham for men and women of all ages interested in learning the art of woodturning. Woodturning demonstrations are undertaken each week with demonstrations also displayed on large TV screens. Competitions are held for those members eager to improve their skill level. For more visit woodturners-swa.org.au and then go to Swan Woodturners Group or contact the convenor on 0476 178 002.
 - **The Gidgegannup Men's Shed** at Ian Stannard Pavilion, Gidgegannup Showgrounds, 2171 Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup is a community-based men's shed providing opportunities for men and women to work on projects of their own, join in shed activities and tasks, or just share time, recreation and fellowship with other members. For more information email president@gidgegannupmensshed.org.au or visit gidgegannupmensshed.org.au
 - **Midland Friendly Garden Club** meets at 9.30am on alternate Thursdays at Bruce Douglas Pavillion, Brown Park, Salisbury Road, Swan View. The next meeting will take place on July 23. Our guest speaker will be Nick Taylor, Community Engagement Officer from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) who will conduct a Queensland Fruit Fly (QFly) information session. For more information call Jenny on 0424 553 002 or Barbara on 0482 935 686.
 - **Mundaring & Hills Historical Society** will be hosting an AGM and Sundowner event on Saturday, August 15 at the Mundaring Lesser Hall commencing at 3pm. The event will also host presentations showing the activities and projects of the MHHS since last year's AGM. For more information call the office manager, Jeff, on 9295 0540.
- 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.**

Woofers of the week



Sarah is a five-month-old doberman cross german shepherd. She is good with kids and likes cats. Sarah has had some training, but is still playful and a bit mischievous, and is very loving. Sarah has been microchipped, vaccinated, and is due to be sterilised next month. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.

Read between the lines

By Pastor Ian Kirk
Goodness of God



Colleen and I had the joy and privilege to visit a ninety-nine-year-old lady in her nursing home; Mary. We have known her for years. She used to be a regular attendee at our church. She turns one hundred in December – it seems she has the drive to make it!

What was so lovely is that we visited her with an elderly gentleman Bob. He's ninety-seven years old! He is an attendee at our church – still! What a time we had, in the company of two beautiful people, with a combined age of one hundred and ninety-six.

As we conversed, there was a word that came up regularly – "goodness". If you know Mary and Bob's lives, they have had some major challenges in life. They have lost their spouses, they have had family issues, and they have had seasons where it has not been "good". Yet, they regularly mentioned the word "goodness", because they have been sustained by the goodness of God.

In the psalms, David recorded many of the challenging times he faced, and how the Lord helped him. One of my favourite verses is Psalm 27:13 "I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

The greatest expression of God's goodness is Jesus. He was sent into our world to save us from our sins and to bring us home to glory – if we would put our faith in Him.



Players will wear rainbow shoelaces and socks during the Pride Round matches.



Ashfield Sports Club's annual Pride Round

CAMILA EGUSQUIZA SANTA CRUZ

ASHFIELD Sports Club will host its second annual Pride Round this weekend, bringing together soccer, community and a celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community.

The event will include several matches throughout the day, along with a range of family-friendly activities.

Ashfield Sports Club president Phil Kelly said the idea for the event came from the players themselves.

"We've got a number of LGBTQIA+ players in our women's setup and they approached me last year wanting to do a Pride recognition round," he said.

"It was something we had been working

towards for a while, so we were happy to get it rolling."

Mr Kelly said last year's inaugural Pride Round exceeded the club's expectations.

"Last year we had quite a significant crowd turn up for the metro women's game. There was about 150 to 200 people there, which was amazing," he said.

"It was a great success, so now it's a permanent fixture in our calendar, which we are looking to expand as much as possible."

The club is expecting this year's event to be just as popular.

"We've got games at 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm, so that's all of our metro men's and women's teams that are playing

throughout the day," Mr Kelly said.

"And because we've got the four games throughout the day, we're expecting a significant number of people to come through."

Ashfield Sports Club will be playing against Kalamunda City FC, Southern Spirit, East Perth FC and Morley Windmills SC.

Off the field, there will also be a bake sale, raffles and a temporary tattoo station.

Pride Players of the Match will be awarded after each game, with final awards and celebrations in the clubrooms after the last match.

Ashfield Sports Club Pride Round will take place on Sunday, July 19 at Ashfield Arena from 11am to 5pm.

Annual Mundaring photo comp open

ENTRIES are now open for Time, Framed – the annual photography competition and exhibition presented in partnership by Mundaring Arts Centre, Mundaring Camera Club and the Shire of Mundaring.

This photography project was first presented in 2020 as an opportunity for the community to connect, explore and record the natural environment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each year the new theme presents a diverse range of exceptional entries from local photographers, engages new participation in WA photography clubs and attracts thousands of visitors to the exhibition at the Boya Community Centre.

Drawing on still life concepts, this year's photography prize – Time, Framed, invites amateur photographers to submit works that explore the passing of time through ideas of mortality, abundance, fragility and decay.

Rooted in the traditions of 16th and 17th century paintings, still life photography uses light and composition to transform everyday objects into expressive, often narrative-driven scenes.

Frequently stylised and carefully composed, these images move beyond the mundanity of their subjects to suggest atmosphere, emotion and meaning.

This year's theme invites photogra-

phers to engage with the genre as both homage and reinvention, thus adding to the canon of classical and contemporary interpretations of still life.

Photographers are encouraged to create deliberate and expressive compositions that move beyond documentation to more stylised images.

Works may be poetic, surreal, symbolic or minimalist, and should reveal a thoughtful engagement with mood, narrative and the fleeting nature of existence.

Entrants are invited to submit up to four photographs for selection.

Entry is open to members of Mundaring Arts Centre, WA photography groups and residents of the Shire of Mundaring or City of Swan.

The exhibition will be displayed at the Boya Community Centre, and selected works will be in the running to win generous prizes, with thanks to the Shire of Mundaring.

Entries for Time, Framed must be completed via the Mundaring Arts Centre website before midnight Tuesday, September 1.

The exhibition of selected work will be on display from Saturday, September 26 to Sunday, March 21, 2027.

For further information, visit www.mundaringartscentre.com.au or email



Eva Fernandez, Still Life with Potatoes, 2016.

cultural program coordinator Georgina Taylor at gtaylor@mundaringartscentre.com.au

Chittering shire admin excellence recognised

THE Shire of Chittering has once again been recognised for their report writing excellence with a gold award at the Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA).

It is the second time in the past two years for the shire with the achievement being particularly significant for Chittering as it is one of only four local governments in the state to achieve gold status alongside the cities of Stirling, Wanneroo, and Joondalup.

Chittering was also the only shire in the state and one of three shires in the nation to receive a gold award this year.

It is the smallest shire in Australia to receive this recognition, serving a community of around 7000 residents.

The other two shires that were gold award recipients, served populations of about 62,000 and 192,000 people respectively.

The ARA gold award recognised excellence in annual reporting, including transparency, accountability, governance, financial stewardship, and clear communication with the community.

Shire of Chittering governance and corporate performance manager Zelda Jansen is responsible for coordinating and compiling the annual report and said the honour demonstrated transparency and was a mark of pride for a relatively smaller shire.

"We use it as our go-to document for staff as well because there are so many performance results in there," she said.

"We report on performance, but also where we are going in the next five years.

"The key to developing a good report is your processes and what you have in place.

"Most importantly, you must bring everyone on-board.

"That needs to happen for it to be cross-functional and you need to focus on services, not people and the organisation.

"It's a massive honour for us."

The newest honour came off the back of being mentioned by the Auditor General in parliament for being in the top 20 of best practice entities for band three and four local governments for their audit report.



Shire of Chittering governance and corporate performance manager Zelda Jansen shares her keys to a great report.

ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Seven stages of grieving comes to KPAC

A PIECE of Australian theatre history is hitting the road as Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company remounts its acclaimed production of 'The 7 Stages of Grieving' in Kalamunda ahead of its sweeping regional tour across Western Australia.

Co-written by Wesley Enoch and Deborah Mailman, the 1995 play utilises a single narrator to trace seven distinct phases of Aboriginal history: Dreaming, Invasion, Genocide, Protection, Assimilation, Self-Determination, and Reconciliation.

Last year's season in Subiaco marked a major milestone as the first time the classic text has been produced and presented by an Aboriginal theatre company in WA.

Now Kalamunda residents can experience the production firsthand when it arrives at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre on Saturday, August 8.

Performed by Shontane Farmer, a Noongar and Yamatji woman born and raised in Perth, and directed by Bobbi Henry, the performance relies entirely on the strength of its lone storyteller to weave together cultural knowledge, personal memories, and lived experiences.

Through a moving collection of vignettes, the narrative balance's heavy historical themes like police brutality and the loss of Country with an undercurrent of humour, joy, strength, and kinship.

The production offers an engaging, moving, and empowering recognition



Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company brings *The 7 Stages of Grieving* to Kalamunda. Picture: Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre.

of survival that invites audiences into a shared space of truth-telling and healing.

The hour-long performance of 'The 7 Stages of Grieving' takes place at 48 Canning Road, Kalamunda, with the performance commencing at 7.30pm.

Tickets are currently available and can be purchased online at www.kalamundapac.com.au/events/yirra-yaakin-2

Due to the adult themes depicted, the performance is recommended for ages 15 and over.

Controversial play The Beast will shock and surprise



Dinner scene at table, Katie Nowland, Darcy Hay, Susan Meikle, Paul Cook, Clare Alason and Russell Fellows.

STILL as relevant today as when it premiered on stage in Melbourne in 2013 the Garrick Theatre's latest production of *The Beast* opens in Guildford on July 30.

Long recognised as hard-hitting, cutting edge Aussie theatre, Lynne Devish Toogood's new production of Eddie Perfect's play unashamedly blends slapstick, farce and tragedy to create a truly chaotic and bloodthirsty atmosphere.

According to Swan View actor Greg Ross who plays both the boat skipper and Farmer Brown in *The Beast*, the script is 'wild, mad and off the planet with biting farce, embarrassing satire and outrageous humour'.

"It also comes with a guarantee of offending almost everyone in the audience

at some point," Mr Ross said.

"The characters are so vicious, pre-tentious and flawed and Eddie Perfect's surreal script exposes them in such raw detail that you collapse in laughter as their own dialogue skewers them.

"You are going to recognise people make no mistake."

Set in Perth, the play begins with three men hiring a fishing boat and getting caught in a cyclone where one of them drowns.

The rest of the play follows the fortunes of the two survivors who along with their spouses and another couple, retire to the countryside for a 'treechange'.

"While at times being hysterically funny, the viciousness of the characters really comes out when they try to kill an 'ethically sourced' calf for a dinner

party in the country after the previously booked butcher doesn't turn up," Mr Ross said.

"Such is the pace of the show that the audience barely gets time to draw breath as the play exposes the very worst of human nature."

Audience members should also be prepared for plenty of fake blood as animals are 'slaughtered' onstage.

Mr Ross said the play was quite a departure for the Garrick Theatre and he hoped it would become a high point in WA theatre productions for the year.

The Beast runs from July 30 to August 15 at the Garrick Theatre, 16 Meadow Street, Guildford.

For more information call 9255 3336 or to book go to www.taztix.com.au/garricktheatre

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Your local Gig Guide

Fri July 17

Settlers House York
Graeme Fisher
From 5.30pm, Free
125 Avon Terrace, York

Lyric's Bar

Howie & Dave
From 7pm, Free
22 Lyric Lane
Maylands

Woodbridge Hotel

Blue City Wailers
From 8pm, Free
50 East St, Guildford

Parkerville Tavern

Ben Graham
From 5.30pm
Parties Kids
Remember
From 6pm, Free
6 Owen Road
Parkerville

Mahogany Inn & Distillery

Jon Evans
6pm-9pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Chidlow Tavern

Hootenanny
From 5pm, Free
4 Thomas St Chidlow

Sun July 19

Parkerville Tavern
Intangible
From 3pm, Free
6 Owen Road
Parkerville

Woodbridge Hotel

Kane Cahill
From 3pm, Free
50 East St, Guildford

Chidlow Tavern

Ramshackle
12.30-3.30pm, Free
4 Thomas St Chidlow

Mahogany Inn & Distillery

Bill Chidz Duo
4pm-7pm, Free
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Tues July 21

Mahogany Inn & Distillery

Smooth Groove
6pm-8.30pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
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Woodbridge Hotel

Ravenswing
From 6pm, Free
50 East St, Guildford

Sat July 18

Settlers House York
Nathan Ward
12pm-3pm, Free
125 Avon Terrace, York

Lyric's Bar

Darryl & the Devil
From 7pm, Free
22 Lyric Lane
Maylands

Woodbridge Hotel

Touché
From 8pm, Free
50 East St, Guildford

Parkerville Tavern

Craig Hewitt Music
From 5.30pm, Free
6 Owen Road
Parkerville

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Wed July 22

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Throughout the series, guests will hear from women's health clinicians, physiotherapists and allied health professionals on topics including perimenopause, menopause, healthy ageing, movement, skin health, wellness and preventative healthcare. Each session is designed to deliver practical, evidence-based information that women can apply to everyday life.

The first event will be held on Monday 20 July at 12.30pm and features an interactive skincare experience with the iconic French skincare brand PAYOT. Guests will enjoy hands-on demonstrations using professional skincare products while learning simple techniques to improve the health and appearance of their skin.

As part of this complimentary experience, guests will also receive a glass of sparkling wine and a gourmet grazing platter, making it the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and enjoy an afternoon dedicated entirely to self-care.

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Caring for Our Community

IT was a momentous fortnight in Parliament, passing major budget reforms that deliver real cost-of-living relief, including fairer tax cuts, support for first homebuyers, and permanent Medicare Urgent Care Clinics.

In Canberra, I co-hosted the Parliamentary Friends of Nursing, dedicating my speech to the legacy of Sister Vivian Bullwinkel. I also gave parliamentary shout-outs to local legends Colin James and the Forrestfield United Football Club, and paid tribute to Barry Howard after his brave battle with MND. (Watch them on YouTube at Trish Cook MP).

Back home, it was a privilege to join the City of Gosnells for NAI-DOC Week and attend Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre's flock release. I named a fully recovered female Carnaby "Vivian" in honour of Sister Bullwinkel.

While doorknocking across Swan View, Forrestfield, and Bellevue, locals consistently raised the importance of affordable healthcare. As a former local nurse, I know how vital this is. Since opening in February 2026, the Mundaring Urgent Care Clinic has already cared for 3,881 patients. Furthermore, our support for bulk billing has lifted Bullwinkel's bulk billing rate to 74.7 per cent, saving families money.

Here to help if you need assistance navigating federal services - like Medicare, Centrelink, NDIS, ATO, Aged Care, passports, visas, or Veterans' Affairs - please reach out to my office.



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Because the most beautiful pieces aren't always new. Sometimes, they're simply waiting to be rediscovered.



Have Your Say on Preventative Health Strategy

COMMUNITY members are invited to have their say in the development of the WA Preventative Health Strategy to help shape the future of health and wellbeing in Western Australia.

The state government last week launched an online consultation survey for two weeks, open until July 24, to canvass the Western Australian communities' views on the priorities that will make a difference and drive better health outcomes.

Preventative health aims to promote health, prevent disease, injury and early death, and support health and wellbeing across all stages of life.

The strategy represents an opportunity to take a long-term view of the health and wellbeing of the state and shifting the focus from treating illness after it occurs to preventing poor health before it starts.

The community consultation follows a series of targeted roundtable discussions with senior leaders and health experts from across government, non-government, community and research institutes hosted by the Preventative Health Minister earlier this year.

The survey is being conducted by the Depart-

ment of Health, on behalf of the Preventative Health Minister, in collaboration with the Mental Health Commission and Healthway.

Alongside public consultation, the state government has also announced the establishment of the Preventative Health Strategy technical advisory group.

The group brings together leading experts from across public health, clinical care, Aboriginal health services, research, health promotion and community sectors.

Their expertise will help ensure the strategy is grounded in the best-available evidence, while remaining practical, achievable and focused on delivering meaningful outcomes for Western Australians.

The strategy will be a key resource to guide government and non-government preventative health services to deliver a healthier future for WA.

To access the survey visit: <https://consultation.health.wa.gov.au/pahd-office-of-the-chief-health-officer/preventative-health-strategy-consumer-consultation>

Community members who need assistance to access the survey can email: PreventativeHealthStrategy@health.wa.gov.au

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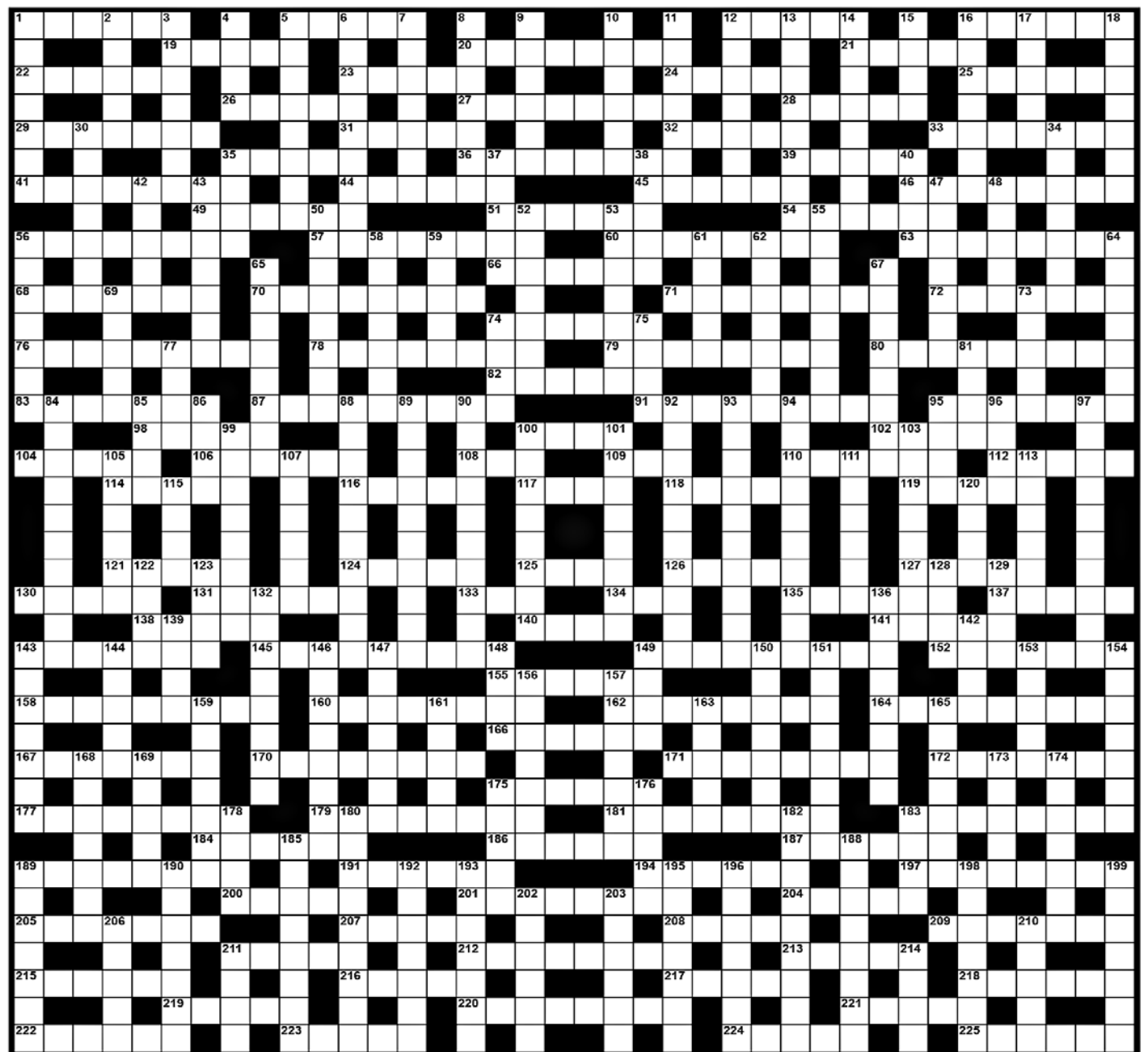
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Mind Boggler Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Small church
- 5 Unspoken
- 12 Footwear
- 16 Found an answer
- 19 Of sheep
- 20 Forever
- 21 Lift
- 22 Slander
- 23 Comes closer
- 24 A flower
- 25 Church officers
- 26 Fools
- 27 Defeat
- 28 Part of alphabet
- 29 Attempted again
- 31 Perfect
- 32 Commerce
- 33 Placate
- 35 Shapes
- 36 Bravery
- 39 Second showing
- 41 Fast runner
- 44 Hanging ornament
- 45 Horrible
- 46 First to arrive
- 49 Type of ochre
- 51 Covered with pitch
- 54 Whirlpools
- 56 Healthful
- 57 Distance register
- 60 Outlaw
- 63 Repeated act (3,5)
- 66 Brings up
- 68 One past best
- 70 Awkward
- 71 The beach
- 72 In place of
- 74 Make spirits
- 76 Has no faith in
- 78 US storms
- 79 Drinkers
- 80 Personal dislikes
- 82 Makes amends
- 83 Takes off
- 87 Adding on
- 91 Suffered in heat
- 95 Not getting older
- 98 Stash away
- 100 Section
- 102 Part of a coat
- 104 Make pattern in wood
- 106 Irritate
- 108 By way of
- 109 Putrefy
- 110 Brimless caps
- 112 Chairs etc
- 114 Totalled

- 116 Female relative
- 117 Hurting
- 118 Relax (coll)
- 119 A principle
- 121 Digging implement
- 124 Legal defence
- 125 Flightless bird
- 126 Lively dance
- 127 Caper around
- 130 Fluctuate
- 131 Put money into
- 133 Command to horse
- 134 A spring
- 135 Topics
- 137 Movie award
- 138 Mountain pass
- 140 Drinks
- 141 Local language
- 143 Type of action
- 145 Slopes
- 149 Elongated
- 152 Judge
- 155 Writing tool
- 158 Act in place of
- 160 Fine fabric
- 162 Most cheeky
- 164 Abating
- 166 A colour
- 167 A deed
- 170 Having good skill
- 171 From the north
- 172 Beginner
- 175 Time in action
- 177 Hurt a joint
- 179 Without equal
- 181 Spot on fabric
- 183 Turns awry
- 184 Kill illegally
- 186 Slumbering
- 187 A fabric
- 189 Kind behaviour
- 191 Act cravenly
- 194 Type of medicine
- 197 Become smaller
- 200 Time in music
- 201 Reddish colouring substance (5,3)
- 204 US battlefield
- 205 Talks idly
- 207 At no time
- 208 Gather up
- 209 Toughest
- 211 Musical instrument
- 212 Money put aside
- 213 Not useful
- 215 Of lines
- 216 Large elk
- 217 Talk
- 218 Read idly

- 219 Offal
- 220 Prison term
- 221 Battle when surrounded
- 222 Sudden outbursts
- 223 Wharves
- 224 Follow naturally
- 225 Be sorry for

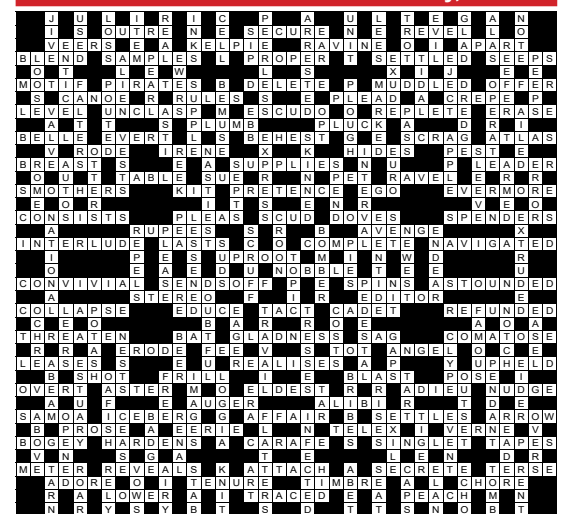
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- 1 Picture takers
- 2 Before others
- 3 Of most distance
- 4 Look after
- 5 Treated metal
- 6 Was formed of
- 7 Dealers
- 8 Determination
- 9 Seed food
- 10 Home for larvae
- 11 Took out of type
- 12 A singer
- 13 Talked
- 14 Rained lightly
- 15 A factory
- 16 More precipitous
- 17 Shelf
- 18 Disagreement
- 30 Excites
- 34 Normal
- 35 Become tattered
- 37 Change
- 38 Secret messages
- 40 Want
- 42 A compound
- 43 Messages
- 47 Foolish
- 48 Untruthful ones
- 50 Fielding position
- 52 Arab expert
- 53 A hermit
- 55 Vermin remover
- 56 Plotted
- 58 Personal thoughts
- 59 Brilliance
- 61 Large jugs
- 62 An insult
- 64 Unclothed bathers
- 65 Protection from sun
- 67 Stand astride
- 69 Swim
- 73 Sing with effect
- 74 Pull along
- 75 Defeat
- 77 Towards
- 81 Storm
- 84 Not good enough
- 85 Farm building
- 86 Sensible

- 88 Finally happened
- 89 Can be eaten
- 90 Always wrong (5,5)
- 92 Sorcery
- 93 Lawful
- 94 Symbolic
- 95 Church recess
- 96 Otherwise
- 97 Make a time (3,3,4)
- 99 Well-perfumed
- 100 Grasslands
- 101 Enter uninvited
- 103 Was present
- 105 Carry case
- 107 River cleaning craft
- 111 Light sound
- 113 Musical works
- 115 Leading singer
- 120 Naming word
- 122 Intercede for
- 123 Passed away
- 128 A continent
- 129 Search through
- 132 Become inert
- 136 Hitting the centre
- 139 Snooker balls
- 142 Mineral aggregates
- 143 Type of waterbirds
- 144 A month
- 146 Large grass-eating animal
- 147 Have an effect
- 148 Nimble
- 149 Cabbage salad
- 150 Attended to
- 151 Before now

- 153 Inside part
- 154 Looks over
- 156 Lacking sight organs
- 157 Some chemical element
- 159 Respects
- 161 Become bigger
- 163 A timepiece
- 165 Vatican chapel
- 168 Colourful birds
- 169 A vegetable
- 173 Following
- 174 Row of houses
- 175 Religious song
- 176 Highly drugged
- 178 Type of storm
- 180 Of study of workers
- 182 Colourful times
- 183 Extinct bird
- 185 Crazy
- 188 Cross over
- 189 Eyewear
- 190 Top class men
- 192 Plain to see
- 193 Sincere
- 195 Infectious disease
- 196 A learner
- 198 Climb clumsily
- 199 Plead for
- 202 Kitchen dishes
- 203 A motor
- 206 A weapon
- 210 Sag
- 211 Part of milk shed
- 214 Pour down

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The HFA representative team played well with dominant finishes on the second day of the country football carnival.

BRIAN PALLISTER

OVER Friday and Saturday the Hills Football Association (HFA) representative team competed in the Nutrien AG country football carnival.

On Friday, the HFA team played against the Mortlock Football League (FL) team and North Pilbara FL.

HFA weren't able to come away with the win on the first day, with Mortlock defeating the hills team 7.11 (53) to 5.1 (31), and North Pilbara winning 7.9 (51) to 6.1 (37).

By the end of first half, Mortlock held a 17-point lead, and at the end of the game, Mortlock won by 22 points.

Against North Pilbara, HFA held the lead during half time, having scored 24 points to North Pilbara's 16.

North Pilbara then rallied in the second half to a 14-point lead win over HFA by the end of the match.

On Saturday's first game, HFA scored their first victory with a 12.5 (65) win over North Midlands FL's 2.3 (15).

Half time saw HFA ahead with 32 points against North Midlands' 13 points and they then continued to build momentum until a victorious finish.

In the second game, HFA defeated Central Wheatbelt FL 7.3 (45) to 3.3 (21).

Central Wheatbelt played competitively with the two teams at an even 8 points apiece by the 20-minute mark of the first half before a goal in the final minutes gave Wheatbelt a 14-point lead.

Hills rallied early with a goal about two minutes into the second half and ran away with the game as their momentum proved too much for their opponents to overcome.

The final was played between the Mortlock FL and North Pilbara FL with the North Pilbara team winning the division final.

The HFA team was well represented by all clubs in the association.

Five of the six club captains were among the squad and were commended for playing with distinction and leading by example after being chosen to represent their respective clubs.

Best players over the carnival were Midland Tigers players Denver Roberts and Niklas Geracitano, Pickering Brook Hawks player Adam McKinlay, Chidlow Cougars player Steven Schorer, co-captains Chidlow Cougar Jake Forman and Mt Helena Lion Charlie Read, Mundaring Roos Oli Aitken and Dylan O'Loughlen, Gidgegannup Bulldog Liam Marriott and Chidlow Cougar Matt Mallaby.



Dharma Cruskall-Taylor (left) with Faith Cruskall-Taylor and Tallulah Cruskall-Taylor.

Tallulah's 100th game marks historic milestone for Hills Rangers

EARLIER this month the Hills Rangers women's football team played ladder leader Whitfords.

Placed ninth on the ladder, the team were looking for another win with Tallulah Cruskall-Taylor playing her 100th game.

A massive achievement in the club's history, Tallulah is the first female to play 100 games with the Rangers after coming through the ranks.

Tallulah started out in the juniors in the inaugural Year 5 and 6 team in 2019 and continued through youth until Year 10.

At 16 when the club was unable to field a youth side she joined the women's team despite her mum saying, "Why footy? Netball is better."

Tallulah replied, "Cause dad played footy and I'm gonna give it a go!"

Tallulah's mum Faith is very proud of Tallulah's achievement.

"Girl's footy is hard with new players, team and coaches each year," Faith said.

"The facilities, playing schedule and volunteer help are challenging.

"Good players head to development and don't come back due to playing rules, some quit and numbers drop off."

"Tallulah stayed even through the hard times. She still loves footy, played on and played up in the women's team from (age) 16."

"She is blessed that her sick dad got to see her run through the 100 games banner a week before he passed away."

"She's a ripper ruck who loves the fitness, team spirit and all that footy offers."

Tallulah was also the Rangers' first goal scorer in the first quarter of the game.

Unfortunately, the Rangers couldn't quite manage the win – missing a kick after the siren to try and get a draw.

The women went down 3.4 (22) to Whitfords 4.4 (28) but all credit to the Rangers who took it right up to the ladder leaders and the margin was never more than six points throughout the game.

A great battle for the NAIDOC round in the Perth Football League (PFL).

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Stratton the fastest house selling suburb: REIWA

STRATTON and Viveash have been named top suburbs by the Real Estate Institute of WA (REIWA) for house selling speed and median house price growth respectively.

Perth's property market saw significant growth again in 2025-26, with annual median sale prices for houses and units at record highs at the end of the financial year, according to REIWA.

Viveash recorded the most price growth for houses, with its median house sale price increasing 45.5 per cent to \$855,000 over the financial year.

Bellevue and Middle Swan didn't trail too far behind with their median house sale price increasing 36.5 and 31.2 per cent to \$771,000 and \$800,000 over the financial year.

Stratton was the fastest selling suburb for houses, with properties selling in a median of six days.

Bassendean and Lockridge also made the top 10, selling houses in a median of seven days.

REIWA president Suzanne Brown said the established homes market was characterised by lower-than-average new listings and ongoing strong demand for most of the financial year, which saw both house and unit markets record very strong price growth.

"The median house sale price increased 16.3 per cent over the financial year to \$930,000,

while the median unit sale price recorded 21.8 per cent growth to reach a high of \$670,000," she said.

"This was due to low listing levels in the first three quarters of the financial year and ongoing strong demand.

"However, we saw a shift in the market in the June 2026 quarter. The number of new listings coming to market increased, exceeding the five-year average for new listings.

"Demand also eased as a result of three consecutive interest rate increases, the rising cost of living, ongoing uncertainty surrounding the conflict in the Middle East, and the federal government's changes to taxation policy.

"This has eased the upward pressure on property prices, and we expect to see the rate of price growth slow significantly over 2026-27."

According to REIWA, after dropping to record lows in late 2025 and early 2026, the time to sell a property increased in the June 2026 quarter, reflecting the increase in new listings and softening of demand.

"We saw the time to sell a property drop to just over a week for a number of months in 2025-26," Ms Brown said.

"By the end of the financial year, the median days on market was 18 days for both houses and units."



Stratton properties sold in less than a week on the market according to data from REIWA. Picture: Brayden Mould



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SCORE LOW PRICES!

25% OFF RRP[^]



Codral Day + Night
24 Tablets

Always read the label and follow the directions for use.

\$12⁹⁹

Save \$4.51
OFF RRP[^]

30% OFF RRP[^]



Bisolvon Chesty Kids 6+ Strawberry
Flavour Liquid 200mL

Always read the label and follow the directions for use.

\$11⁹⁹

Save \$6
OFF RRP[^]
Helps clear
chest congestion

20% OFF RRP[^]



Chemists' Own Sore Throat Spray
Forte 30mL

Always read the label and follow the directions for use.

\$12⁹⁹

Save \$3.70
OFF RRP[^]
For the
temporary relief
of painful
conditions of
the oral cavity

30% OFF RRP[^]



Demazin 12 Hour Nasal Decongestant
Spray Value Pack 2 x 20mL

Always read the label and follow the directions for use.

\$12⁵⁹

Save \$5.40
OFF RRP[^]

UP TO 30% OFF RRP[^]



Vicks VapoSteam Inhalant Double
Strength 100mL

\$9⁹⁹

Save \$4.96
OFF RRP[^]

BONE HEALTH



Guardian Vitamin D3 1000IU
60 Capsules

Always read the label and follow the directions for use.

\$4⁹⁹

60 CAPSULES
Supports
healthy immune
system function

IMMUNE HEALTH



Guardian Vitamin C + Bioflavonoids
60 Tablets

Always read the label and follow the directions for use.

\$6⁹⁹

Save \$7
Supports immune
system health

50% OFF



Guardian Vitamin B + Stress Relief
100 Tablets

Always read the label and follow the directions for use.

\$9⁹⁹

Save \$10
Supports nervous
system health

50% OFF RRP[^]



Olay Super SPF 50 Fluid Moisturiser
50mL

Always read the label and follow the directions for use. Sunscreen is only one component of sun protection. Avoid prolonged sun exposure. Re-apply frequently.

\$34⁹⁹

Save \$35
OFF RRP[^]

UP TO 30% OFF RRP[^]



DermaVeen Soap Free Wash and
Moisturising Lotion Range

FROM
\$19⁶⁹

EACH

50% OFF RRP[^]



L'Oréal Age Perfect Collagen
Cleanser 150mL

\$8⁹⁹

Save \$9
OFF RRP[^]

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L'Oréal Paris Revitalift Day Cream
50mL

\$19⁹⁹

Save \$20
OFF RRP[^]

\$29⁹⁹

100ML



Sarah Jessica Parker Born Lovely
EDP 100mL

\$34⁹⁹

30ML



Ariana Grande R.E.M. EDP
30mL

\$39⁹⁹

100ML



Cristiano Ronaldo CR7 EDT
100mL

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or more on promotional items*



*Offer valid 9-29 July 2026. Spend \$39.99 or more in one transaction. Participating stores only.
Limit 1 per customer. Offer available while stocks last.

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