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"Don't worry about failure, you only have to be  
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- Drew Houston

### Call to fix Kalamunda pool

Dear Echo News,  
I write regarding the  
article *High Wycombe  
Community Hub re-  
ceives nearly \$40 mil-  
lion in funding* (Echo

News, July 24).

I note that the City  
of Kalamunda has  
committed \$10 million  
to the project.

Is there any possibil-  
ity of a similar amount  
being given so that the  
Kalamunda pool, such  
a valuable asset to the  
local community, can

be given the refurbish-  
ment that it so badly  
needs?

Leaks in the pool  
repaired, hot water in  
the showers and other  
things that locals have  
been crying out for and  
campaigning for, for  
several years.

There has been talk  
of getting rid of the  
pool, and for everyone  
to use the facility in  
High Wycombe.

Not so easy for kids,  
who can walk or cycle  
to our pool, but would

have to catch buses or  
get lifts to High Wy-  
combe.

The City of Kala-  
munda would get huge  
accolades from the lo-  
cals if they do some-  
thing to preserve the  
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I Sanderson  
Kalamunda

### Thanks for honesty

Dear Echo News,  
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the honest person that

returned my wallet  
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B Higgins  
Midland

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#### In response to Lloyd Street Bridge project to progress:

This area was one of my playgrounds as a teen-  
ager.

A very attractive part of the Helena River sur-  
rounded by abattoirs, brickworks, and railway  
heavy engineering.

I thank the traditional owners for trying to  
keep it nice.

P Barrett

Much respect to the Aboriginal people in work-  
ing with others in solving this issue. The traffic  
on the only other access road in that area is a 1  
to 2km queue at the lights to access the Great  
Eastern Highway bypass.

M Willix

#### In response to Gidge family fruit business saved:

Such a good outcome, but was it really worth all  
the stress and heartbreak to get there?

We desperately need the city to take more  
steps to support and encourage local small busi-  
nesses, produce, and services.

R De Vries

Some good news for a change. Thank you.

L Duffield

#### In response to Lights out after Success Hill copper theft:

Also the same issue along Roe Highway PSP  
from Kalamunda Road to Berkshire Road.

Thieves making it unsafe for users (especially  
bike and joggers in the early morning).

Main Roads saying nothing will get done for  
years till they swap out the lighting pits to anti-  
theft types.

B Swerly

#### COMMISSIONER PROTECTION

#### Can a WA retailer refuse your cash? Here's the deal

With Commissioner for Consumer Protec-  
tion Trish Blake

These days it's more common to tap a bank card  
or phone than it is to rummage through your wal-  
let to pay with notes and coins. But as digital  
transactions dominate, many people are wonder-  
ing whether businesses can refuse cash payments.

In January this year, the Federal Government  
introduced a new cash mandate compelling some  
businesses to accept cash payments.

Under the Cash Acceptance Industry Codes, su-  
permarkets and certain petrol stations must accept  
cash for in-person payments between 7am and  
9pm, unless the purchase is for more than \$500.

The cash acceptance rules do not apply to any  
other industries, small businesses with an annual  
turnover of less than \$10 million and fuel retail  
sites that don't regularly sell unleaded petrol.

Some people assume that because cash is legal  
tender, businesses must accept it. However, the  
law is a little more complex.

Outside of the cash acceptance mandate, busi-  
nesses can choose the type of payment methods  
they accept, including refusing cash. Businesses  
are allowed to set these conditions as part of the  
terms of sale, provided customers are clearly in-  
formed before you make a purchase.

For example, if not accepting cash payments,  
a business may display a clearly visible sign  
at the entrance or checkout, or staff may advise  
customers that the business does not accept cash  
payments.

Some consumers prefer to use cash because it  
helps them avoid card surcharges. While busi-  
nesses can charge a surcharge for card payments  
under the Australian Consumer Law, the fee must  
reflect the actual cost of processing the payment,  
such as bank or terminal fees. Businesses must be  
able to justify any surcharge they charge.

It's also worth remembering that accepting cash  
comes with costs for businesses, including staff  
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# Saffioti eager for action on Swan flooding and new review

GUANHAO CHENG

**DEPUTY Premier and West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti has met with University of WA ecohydrologist Sally Thompson and Swan Communities Environmental Alliance (SCEA) members to discuss terms of reference for a new review of urban water management.**

"I'm very keen to again meet with the group to look at what needs to be assessed as part of any future review, including the terms of reference," Ms Saffioti said.

"They're a group that has some significant expertise, and as we continue to develop new suburbs, we have to make sure that our drainage policies are fit for purpose, particularly where we have that intersection of new housing subdivisions and rural residential use.

"This is a particular issue in the valley."

The request for a major review follows reports of widespread flooding near new urban developments along the north-east urban growth corridor (NEUGC).

According to the SCEA, the assessment will consider improving subsoil drainage guidelines, broadening environmental assessments beyond development footprints, and ensuring compliance with regulations governing water management.

The invitation follows a recent briefing to Ms Saffioti by Professor Thompson and SCEA chair Rob Bradbury and vice-chair Jan Zeck where high groundwater affecting the Swan Valley and the NEUGC was discussed.

Professor Thompson outlined the causes of rising local water tables, and Ms Zeck

presented multiple recent examples of high groundwater impacts on local properties, highlighting future development risks if design and implementation continued unchanged.

Ms Zeck said the issue deserved acknowledgement for its severity and its need to be addressed.

"As far as we can see, the only way to address this area is to actually do a review, which will give us good, usable information," she said.

"If we start to make changes without knowing what we're doing, what are the parameters that we're using for that?"

"Before anything happens in North Ellenbrook, the studies need to be done in this area so that we have good, sound information we can base more predictions on.

"In the end, all they can do is use the modelling – the developers can use the modelling that they have to make predictions, and to make those predictions more accurate, you need to feed in more accurate information.

"That's not what's been happening so far (and) we need really good, sound, solid information."

Ms Saffioti said she acknowledged the significance and complexity of the flooding issues impacting the Swan Valley.

"I absolutely acknowledge the significance," she said.

"From my perspective, it's now about getting into action... there are two key things.

"How do we make sure it doesn't happen in the future? That's about looking ahead.

"With the existing issues, what can we do to support local landowners?"

Ms Saffioti said she met with Water Minister Don Punch who also understood the significance of the issue.



**Swan Communities Environmental Alliance vice-chair Jan Zeck at Watervalley Boulevard Park where she says bodies of water have not disappeared per their regular seasonal cycle. Picture: Guanhao Cheng**

ister Don Punch who also understood the significance of the issue.

"We're looking more generally at working with the City of Swan on options for how to support better drainage," she said.

"It is complex because of the significance of the water movements.

"The other point is that this is occurring in other parts of the suburbs too, not only in the Swan Valley.

"So, it's (about) looking at what measures

we can introduce to help support existing landowners, and what policy changes we need to make to ensure it doesn't occur into the future."

Ms Saffioti said she was eager to work with the incoming Water Minister Daniel Pastorelli to continue working with the councils across the metropolitan area to support better drainage in soils similar to the Swan Valley's shallower groundwater systems and clay-rich soils.

## City of Swan budget adopted



**City of Swan's budget for the upcoming year maintains a strong focus on activity hubs such as the Swan Active Ellenbrook being built.**

**THE City of Swan Council has adopted their 2026-27 budget, which aims to accommodate a growing community while continuing to deliver services for residents.**

The budget's \$271 million operating expenditure includes investment in roads, parks maintenance, waste services, library and cultural programs and leisure facilities.

Council also endorsed the city's corporate business plan 2026-27 to 2029-30 which outlines how services and projects will be delivered within available resources.

This year's budget planning process carefully considered the effects of growing inflationary pressures as well as the effects of potential supply chain disruptions.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the budget's focus was on balancing affordability with the provision and maintenance of the services and infrastructure benefiting the community in the long-term.

"This budget sets out our continuing commitment to invest in the community facilities, parks, open spaces and first-class transport infrastructure that make the City of Swan a great place to live, work and play," she said.

"It will help ensure we achieve these goals by keeping our finances strong and sustainable."

As reported in *Swan 4.95% rate hike* (Echo News, June 26), a special council meeting budget debate by council in late June resulted in a 4.95 per cent property rate hike for the 2026-27 financial year to fund the incoming budget.

The resolution 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 city has allocated \$326m to capital works over the next 12 months, enabling the delivery of essential community enhancement, maintenance and infrastructure projects.

Highlights include Swan Active Ellenbrook being allocated \$85m to be completed, while playground upgrades and improvements was allocated \$2.07m.

Public spaces are set to receive a boost with \$1.95m set aside for park and streetscapes renewals.

Road upgrades and maintenance will cost the city an estimated \$35.3m in the upcoming financial year.

Pedestrians and cyclists will also have \$2.7m worth of works to look forward to.

\$1.5m has been allocated for street tree planting to grow the city's urban canopy, with a further \$387,500 and \$150,000 set aside for bushland preservation and foreshore preservation respectively.

Finally, \$2.1m has been allocated for preservation and renewal of heritage buildings and \$388,000 is to be spent on mobile CCTV networks and security equipment.

"The large-scale consultation we carried out earlier in 2026 told us what our community values most – safe streets, vibrant local places, access to quality facilities, and a flourishing, sustainable natural environment," Ms Richardson said.

"We're proud to deliver a budget that will deliver on those priorities while planning to meet the longer-term expectations of a growing population.

"The 2026/27 budget supports the city's future-focused vision for a stronger, more resilient Swan, helping to build a place the community is proud to call home."

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# Swan View resident fined for whitegoods

GUANHAO CHENG

**SWAN View resident and whitegoods technician Siegfried Maier says he has accepted the fines issued against him but is now without a way to provide for himself.**

Mr Maier, known as Siggy, has lived at his Swan View property for about 21 years, repairing and selling appliances from there.

He spoke to *Echo News* about the dispute with the council and said he did not want to create further conflict.

"I just don't want any more problems with the council," he said.

"When I first bought this property, it had a service station operating and a store called Hobbsy's Store.

"The service station was being closed down when I bought the property at the time, and I called up the shire because from my understanding it was appropriate to continue using the shop for retail.

"I bought the property with that understanding but I couldn't get any confirmation for that until later on."

Mr Maier said it wasn't until about eight years of residing in the property before concerns were raised with storing goods on the property.

"So, I put in a request to build a shed here to put my appliances in but that was declined because it might be used for retail sales," he said.

"(The Shire of Mundaring) didn't deem this property to be suitable for business at that time and I was turned down – it's been a longstanding issue.

A Shire of Mundaring spokesperson said the shire investigated the property following concerns raised by neighbours and identified the accumulation of a substantial quantity of materials and equipment.

"The scale of the storage and associated activities extended beyond what would ordinarily be considered a residential or domestic use and was not consistent with the planning provisions applying to the site," they said.

"Contrary to some reports, this matter did not specifically involve the issuing of a fine, rather, the landowner was advised that if materials were not removed within the required timeframe, the shire could undertake the works and recover the associated costs through the legislative processes available to local government."

The matter continued for several years.

Mr Maier said he received a fine of about \$8000 before receiving another penalty of about \$25,000.

He said he was still making ongoing payments and had also been told he could receive a bill for the clean-up.

Mr Maier said the appliances had now been cleared from the property after contractors attended.

"They're just doing their job," he said.

He said the appliances had occupied about a third of the yard and had been stored on plastic and solid surfaces.

"During inspections, the shire also identified matters requiring attention under relevant public health legislation and issued directions requiring compliance works to be undertaken as part of its responsibility to protect public health, safety and local amenity," the shire spokesperson said.

Mr Maier disputed claims that the appliances caused a rat problem.

He said he regularly put out rat bait and that evidence of rats had been found in an old chicken coop, rather than among the appliances.

He also believed bandicoots visiting the property may have been mistaken for rats by workers on nearby developments, which he suspected was why a report of rats had been linked to his property.

"It is important to note that while the term 'home business' is often used broadly, planning legislation defines this type of activity quite specifically," the shire spokesperson said.

"In this case, the scale and nature of the storage and operational activities exceeded

what is generally contemplated as a home business under the shire's local planning scheme and was instead considered a 'storage yard' land use.

"The shire encourages residents who are considering operating a business or undertaking activities on residentially zoned land to contact planning services before commencing operations.

"Staff can provide advice on whether a proposal meets planning requirements, whether approvals are required, and whether it satisfies the definition of a home business under the local planning scheme.

"Early engagement can help ensure activities are compliant, minimise impacts on neighbours, and avoid the need for enforcement action in the future."

Mr Maier said he could not understand the opposition to his work as he did not work at night, create excessive noise or cause toxic waste.

However, the enforcement action has left Mr Maier with little ability to continue that work.

Mr Maier said being 67 years old and living with chronic fatigue has prevented him from working reliably for someone else.

Mr Maier said he had taken on another Bellevue property to move the business but had not been well enough to establish it properly.

According to Mr Maier, the property was costing him close to \$1000 a week.

The appliances stored in Swan View were intended to be processed and sold through that business, but Mr Maier said he had now lost the opportunity to do so.

"I've been doing my best to serve this community here for 20 years and they're fully behind me because they know I may be the only place where they can get reliable things and to get their washers repaired," he said.



Siegfried Maier has accepted the enforcement actions from the Shire of Mundaring.

"Some of these parts are extraordinarily expensive, and I would sell them at a very low cost because it makes me happy to serve the community.

"As long as I can pay my bills, I'm happy, and that's the way it's been here all these years."

Mr Maier said he understood the council had to respond to complaints and that he did not want the matter blown out of proportion, but the removal of the appliances has left him needing a practical path forward.

A GoFundMe has been started to help Mr Maier ease financial distress and may be accessed via [tinyurl.com/3aj9ury3](https://tinyurl.com/3aj9ury3)



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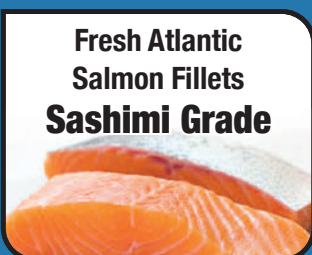
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# Chittering considers extending pool barrier inspections

CAMILA EGUSQUIZA SANTA CRUZ

**THE Shire of Chittering is consulting the community on a proposal to extend swimming pool barrier inspections to all areas of the shire.**

Currently, only swimming pools within gazetted townships in the shire are subject to four-yearly swimming pool barrier inspections.

Properties outside gazetted townships are required to have a compliant swimming pool barrier but are not subject to four-yearly inspections.

The consultation was encouraged by the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety after an Ombudsman WA report found excluded areas of the state to be a potential high drowning risk.

However, some Chittering residents said the potential changes do not reflect the realities of rural life.

Chittering Residents and Ratepayers Association member Mark Campbell said he believed the four-yearly inspection require-

ment was more suited to townsite properties than rural and rural-residential properties.

"It's very important that there is pool or water safety within our shire to protect children and vulnerable people from drowning," he said.

"But my biggest concern, living on rural residential properties, is that we've got dams, streams, creeks and man-made ponds, which are currently not inspected, so why is the shire just focusing on swimming pools when there are other risks?"

"I appreciate what they are trying to do, but they are not looking at the bigger picture. When you're on acreage, it doesn't make sense to only focus on one little section and not worry about the other hazards."

The proposed inspections would be paid for by property owners through an annual fee of \$78, totalling \$312 over the four-year inspection cycle.

Mr Campbell said it is unfair for rural pool owners to pay for four-yearly barrier inspections when other potential water hazards are not subject to the same requirements.

"Down the road, there is someone with a massive man-made dam, which kids could inadvertently slip into and drown, but he won't require barrier inspections," he said.

"The shire should make sure every person has a barrier installed, and then the onus should be on the owner of the property to make sure that it's safe."

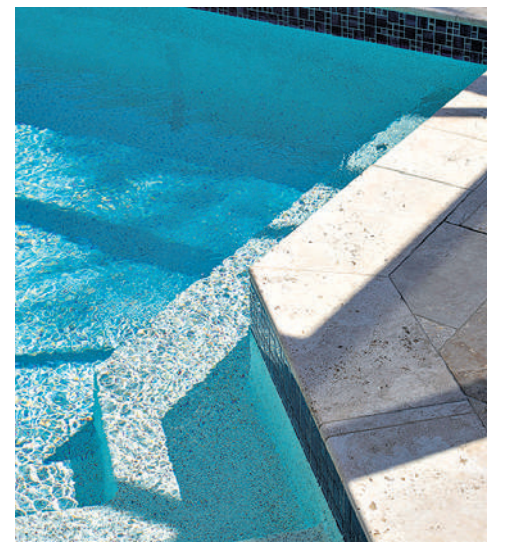
A Shire of Chittering spokesperson said the shire is not introducing something new and is following state legislation.

"We are just determining the appetite of our community to make this applicable to all swimming pools within the shire regardless of whether they are in a township or not," they said.

"This is the consultation process, which will determine if council wants to implement it going forward."

Residents will be able to provide comment on this by filling out an online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5XCX5TF>

The online survey will close on Monday, August 3.



**Residents have until August 3 to provide feedback on proposed changes to four-yearly swimming pool barrier inspections.**

# Lloyd St Bridge welcome but overdue say Liberals



A part of Lloyd Street to be connected by the bridge.

**FEDERAL Senator Slade Brockman and Guildford-based MLC Anthony Spagnolo have welcomed confirmation that agreement has been reached on a new design for the Lloyd Street Bridge.**

However, they say the announcement comes four years after the project stalled and still leaves local families, businesses and commuters without the certainty they deserve.

Mr Spagnolo said the progress was welcome, but long overdue.

"After four years of delays, it is encouraging to finally see movement on this important project. However, a design agreement is only the first step. The community still has no certainty about when construction will begin or whether the funding is fully locked in."

"Midland is a major hub for the eastern suburbs and the hills. Every year this project has been delayed has meant more congestion, more frustration for commuters and unnecessary impacts on local businesses that rely on people

being able to move around the area efficiently."

"The Liberal Opposition has consistently kept pressure on the Cook Labor government to explain why this project had stalled. Now that the design has finally been agreed, the government must get on with delivering it."

Senator Brockman said the announcement also raised questions about the adequacy of both state and commonwealth funding.

"An agreed design is welcome, but it is not the same as a funded construction project."

"Western Australians deserve to know precisely how much commonwealth funding has been committed and, most importantly, when construction will commence."

"The Midland community has waited long enough. The state and federal governments must now commit to a clear construction timetable and guarantee the funding required to deliver this project, so it does not become yet another announcement without delivery."



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# Friends group revive Kadina Brook with funding support



Friends of Kadina Brook members.

**MORE** than 6000 local seedlings were planted along Kadina Brook reviving a small but important tributary at the foot of Gooseberry Hill's Zig Zag scenic drive.

Friends of Kadina Brook co-convenor Liz Pannekoek said winter was a perfect time for planting and weed removal by local volunteers of all ages.

"Kadina Brook is a small but significant creek because it flows into the Mandoon Bilya, or Helena River," she said.

"Due to our efforts, tadpoles have returned to the stream, and plantings from past years are now creating shelter and habitat for native animals."

Recently, more than 20 community volunteers increased the plant coverage along stretches of Kadina Brook reserve and creek line.

Years after cattle were grazed in paddocks that sur-

rounded the waterway, the group conducted a long-term program of planting and ecological renewal to improve the water quality and natural habitat.

A particular feature has been installing several 'leaky weirs', or rock barriers, to slow down the creek flow and form reed-lined pools for habitat.

The Friends of Kadina Brook activities are supported by funds from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and input from the City of Kalamunda.

"They have both assisted us in making big steps to restore ground cover and create new homes for animals and insects," said Friends co-convenor Andy Farrant.

"It's really pleasing to see these results that come from neighbours meeting neighbours in a positive and voluntary outdoor activity."

## Mundaring historian calls for information on mills



Mill at Lion Mill, c.1910s. Picture: James Ball/Lost Mundaring Collection

**THE** stories of White's Mill, Lion Mill and Mount Helena have been woven into the fabric of the Perth Hills for more than 140 years, and now the community is being invited to help preserve that history for future generations.

Lost Mundaring and Surroundings Local History Museum curator Owen Briffa is researching and writing a comprehensive history of Mount Helena and its predecessor communities, White's Mill and Lion Mill.

The book will aim to build on his 2023 publication *Over a Century of Education: The Built and Social History of Mount Helena's Schools* documenting the people, places and events that have shaped the district over more than a century.

Mr Briffa said the project was about recording not only the past but also the history being made today.

"The recent opening of the new Elsie Austin Reserve changerooms is a perfect example of how today's events become tomorrow's history," he said.

"It is important that we capture the stories, achievements and memories of our community while they can still be shared."

Community members are encouraged to contribute photographs, documents, memorabilia and personal recollections relating to Mount Helena, Lion Mill and White's Mill.

Material is being sought on local businesses, schools, churches, the timber industry, the railway, the tavern, sporting clubs, community organisations, fire brigades, family histories and significant local events.

"No contribution is too small," Mr Briffa said.

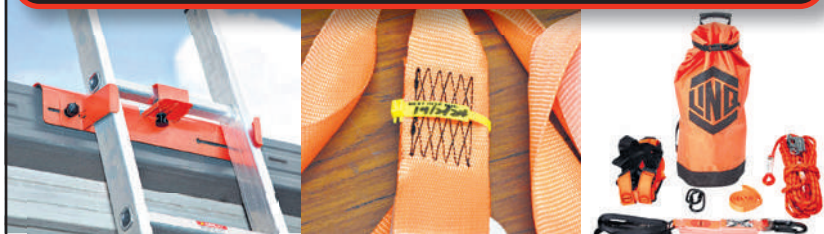
"Every photograph, document and memory helps tell the story of the community and ensures it is preserved for future generations."

All contributors will be acknowledged in the published book unless they prefer to remain anonymous.

Original photographs and documents can be scanned and returned to their owners.

Anyone wishing to contribute can contact Owen Briffa on 0481 169 638 or by email at [lostmundaring@hotmail.com](mailto:lostmundaring@hotmail.com).

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## Notice of Proposed Local Law - Rural and Urban Environment and Nuisance Local Law 2026

*Local Government Act 1995 [s. 3.12(3)]*

*Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 [r. 3A]*

The Council of the City of Kalamunda resolved on 28 July 2026 to give local public notice of the proposed Rural and Urban Environment and Nuisance Local Law 2026.

### Purpose

The purpose of this local law is to manage nuisances arising from the rural, urban and built environment in the district.

### Effect

The effect of this local law is that every person and property owner conducting activity governed by this local law is subject to the local law.

### Have Your Say

A copy of the proposed local law may be inspected at the City of Kalamunda Administration Centre at 2 Railway Road, Kalamunda and City of Kalamunda Libraries, during normal opening hours. Electronic copies of the proposed local law can be viewed on the City's website at [www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au](http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au).

Submissions may be made to the following:

Email: [enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au)

Post: PO Box 42 Kalamunda WA 6926

In person: Drop-off at 2 Railway Road, Kalamunda Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm.

Submissions close 5pm, Friday 18 September 2026.

**Anthony Vuleta**  
Chief Executive Officer



# Carnaby's cockatoos Wheatbelt pesticide exposure

**A NEW Murdoch University study has uncovered alarming levels of pesticide contamination in the food sources of endangered Carnaby's cockatoos in the Wheatbelt – including concentrations well above regulatory limits found in seed spills near grain silos.**

Carnaby's Hindlimb Paralysis Syndrome (CHiPS) has affected black cockatoos in WA since around 2012, causing weakness or paralysis in the legs.

Although pesticides have long been suspected as a contributing factor, little was known about how or where the birds might be exposed in the wild.

Supervised by Dr Jill Shephard and Professor Kris Warren, PhD candidate Zoe Kissane from Murdoch's Harry Butler Institute, set out to determine whether Carnaby's cockatoos were ingesting harmful chemicals in agricultural seed, trialling new methods of identifying pesticide exposure.

Over three breeding seasons, wild Carnaby's cockatoos were fitted with GPS and ARGOS satellite tags across five Wheatbelt breeding sites.

Tagged birds were tracked and followed to identify where and what the birds were eating, and analysis of GPS data identified high-use forage locations.

Seed samples were collected at identified sites and were later tested to determine the presence and concentration of pesticide residues.

Senior Research Fellow Dr Jill Shephard who supervised the study said the new methods, using tracking data to link bird foraging locations to toxic seed, have identified pesticide exposure pathways that were previously unknown, and highlighted the importance of field-based methods rather than relying on laboratory studies to identify environmentally relevant pesticide exposure levels for wildlife.

The study identified 26 different pesticides found at seed spill locations, including insecticides, herbicides and fungicides which Carnaby's cockatoos were being exposed to, often when foraging opportunistically on spilled seed near grain silos.

Ms Kissane said one of the most surprising findings was the complexity of pesticide exposure.

"Around 80 per cent of seed samples contained one or more pesticides, and many samples contained mixtures of multiple pesticides rather than a single compound," she said.

"Additionally, some pesticide concentrations were also well above the acceptable maximum residue levels set by regulatory authorities, in some cases hundreds of times above what is considered acceptable in food and animal feed."

Pesticides such as imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, clothianidin, difenoconazole and metalaxyl were detected, which are known neurotoxins associated with both acute and chronic health effects in wildlife and people.

Ms Kissane said they were particularly concerned to find that birds frequently revisited and foraged at contaminated seed spill sites, highlighting the potential for repeated and chronic exposure over time.

She also said the findings may have provided an important missing piece in understanding CHiPS.

"These results point to specific pesticides that may be contributing to CHiPS, providing us with new insight," she said.

Ms Kissane hoped the research encouraged greater recognition of the need to reassess how pesticides were regulated, monitored, and used in Australia.

"Many pesticides still in use in Australia are already restricted or banned in parts of Europe, the UK, and North



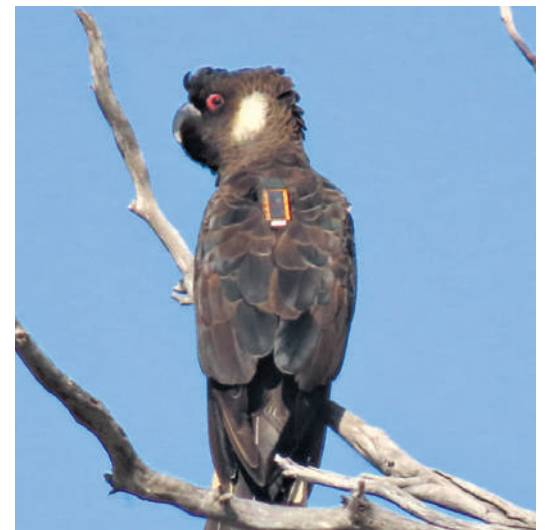
Carnaby's cockatoos foraging on spilt seed near grain silos. Pictures: Murdoch University

America due to concerns about human and wildlife health, and our results suggest these risks may also be relevant in Australian agricultural landscapes," she said.

"From an industry perspective, relatively simple changes, such as improving grain handling practices at silos to minimise seed spills and minimising wildlife access to these spills, could help reduce exposure risks for wildlife.

"At the same time, I hope it encourages constructive conversations about alternative agricultural practices that reduce reliance on pesticides, lower risks to wildlife, and support healthy ecosystems."

The paper, Hazard identification and ecological risk assessment of pesticide exposure in wildlife using GPS telemetry: Case study on endangered Carnaby's Cockatoos, can be found in the Open Access journal at [www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com)



Male Carnaby's cockatoo fitted with GPS tag.



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Artist's impression of the new Brabham Senior High School.

## Construction starts on new Brabham Senior High School

**CONSTRUCTION** on a new secondary school in the fast-growing suburb of Brabham has officially started, thanks to state government funding.

The \$144 million Brabham Senior High School will accommodate 1000 students and be delivered in two stages, with the first ready for day one of school in 2028.

Stage 1 will feature contemporary classrooms, administration and student services, a resource centre and computer science teaching area, as well as hard courts, landscaping, and parking.

Construction will continue for stage 2, delivering additional specialist facilities including an education support centre for up to 45 students, health and physical education facilities, materials technology, science and food technology spaces, and a cafeteria.

The school oval will be a shared-use public open space, creating a valuable community asset that both students and the community can enjoy.

The school is being built by PS Structures Pty Ltd and was designed by Taylor Robinson Chaney Broderick Architects.

Education Minister Sabine Winton said the Cook Labor government was

committed to making sure Western Australian students have access to high-quality learning environments, no matter where they live.

"Every new school represents an investment in our young people, in families, and in the future of our state," she said.

"From general classrooms to specialist education facilities, this new school will provide the spaces that students need to explore their interests and build skills.

"I am pleased to see construction underway and look forward to welcoming the school's first year 7 students in 2028."

West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti said this was an incredibly exciting milestone for families across Brabham and Henley Brook.

"A new local high school close to public transport will make a real difference for students and parents as the community continues to grow," she said.

"It will give more young people the opportunity to learn closer to home and remain connected to their local community.

"It's fantastic to see construction underway, and I look forward to watching the school take shape."

## Free Midland workshops to help tackle family violence and suicide prevention

**FREE** community training sessions will be held in Midland next month to help locals better recognise and respond to the impacts of suicide, family and domestic violence, and mental health challenges.

Delivered by leading suicide prevention organisation Lifeline WA and supported by the WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA), the sessions will equip attendees with practical skills to recognise when someone may be struggling, start conversations and connect people with support.

The DV-aware session comes as family and domestic violence continues to have a significant impact across Perth's east, with WA Police recording 1350 family assault incidents in the Midland Police District between July and December 2024 alone.

Lifeline WA chief executive officer Sarah Fordham said the ongoing impact of family and domestic violence highlighted the importance of initiatives like the DV-aware workshop, which helps community members recognise warning signs, understand the behaviours associated with abuse and know how to respond safely.

"Our DV-aware workshops are about helping community members better understand what family and domestic violence can look like, including behaviours that may not always be recognised, and how to respond safely and appropriately," Ms Fordham said.

"Creating informed and compassionate communities is an important part of ensuring people experiencing violence know they are not alone and can be connected with the right support."

The free Midland sessions will also include an Introduction to Lifeline and 13YARN, as well as Talking about suicide training for community, which has been developed with input from Aboriginal subject matter experts, including consultation with Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service and Shannon McNear from McNear Aboriginal Psychological Services.

The culturally informed workshop aims to create a more welcoming and appropriate space for First Nations participants to build confidence in having conversations about suicide prevention and support.

Ms Fordham said building community confidence to have conversations about mental health and suicide prevention was an important part of creating stronger support networks.

"We know that many people who are struggling will first turn to someone they trust, whether that is a friend, family member, colleague or someone in their



Lifeline WA chief executive officer Sarah Fordham.

community," Ms Fordham said.

"These sessions are about helping people feel more confident starting conversations, recognising when someone may need support and knowing where they can connect people with further help.

"By building awareness and reducing stigma, we can create communities where people feel more comfortable reaching out and seeking support earlier."

### DV-aware training

Tuesday, August 4 from 10am – 12pm at the Midland Junction Arts Centre function room.

### Hello, this is Lifeline and 13YARN

Tuesday, August 4 from 12.30pm – 1.30pm and 2pm – 3pm, and Wednesday, August 19 from 12pm – 1pm and 2pm – 3pm at the Midland Junction Arts Centre function room.

### Talking about suicide training for community

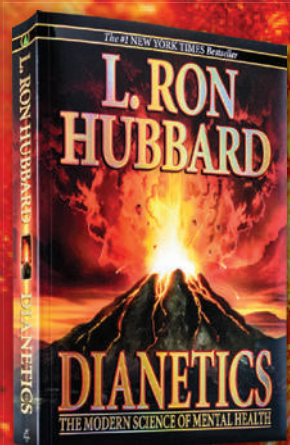
Wednesday, August 19 from 9.30am – 11.30am at the Midland Junction Arts Centre auditorium.

The workshops are free to attend and catering is provided thanks to the continued support of WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA), with registrations essential as places are limited.

To register, visit: <https://lifelinewa.org.au/support-us/events/midland-wapha-2026/>

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## Can I improve my mental health?



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## Vibrant station precincts closer as plan approved

**THE** state government has taken another important step towards delivering more homes in well-connected locations, with approval of the station precincts improvement plan including Bassendean and Ballajura.

The plan applies to eight of the first 10 stations, with Ballajura and Redcliffe precincts already progressing under separate improvement plans and schemes.

The intent is for each station precinct to have a core area for higher density and a frame area to provide a transition with gentle and medium density.

The initiative will help bring more homes to areas around metropolitan train stations, creating greater housing choice.

Under the plan, precinct boundaries have been refined to reflect local planning considerations and feedback from local governments, while maintaining a focus on walkable catchments around each train station.

"By focusing growth in areas already supported by Metronet and existing public transport infrastructure, the Cook Labor government is enabling a more compact, connected, and liveable city," a spokesperson said.

The 10 station precincts that were announced late last year for initial inclusion are Bassendean, Ballajura, Redcliffe, Glendalough, Morley, Carlisle, Mosman Park, Claisebrook, Cottesloe and Swanbourne.

More detailed development controls, including zoning and building heights, will be included in a station precincts improvement scheme, which is set to be released for public comment later this year.

Consultation with the community, local government, and industry will help inform the improvement scheme before it is finalised in mid-2027.

Planning and Lands Minister John Carey said the station precincts initiative will deliver more housing in well-connected locations while making better use of existing infrastructure and the government's historic investment in Metronet.

"The Cook Labor government has reached a key milestone in the planning for the first 10 station precincts with approval of the improvement plan that outlines the boundary of each precinct.

"Each precinct is expected to have designated core and frame areas, with the core providing opportuni-



Property Council of WA executive director Nicola Brischetto with Planning Minister John Carey and Transport Minister Rita Saffioti.

ties for higher density development and the frame allowing for a transitional area of medium density.

"This builds on significant work by our government to cut red tape in the planning system, from single homes and granny flats right through to apartment developments.

"Together with our reforms to the R-Codes, the station precincts will drive greater housing supply and well-located density."

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said the government was focused on driving new housing supply and delivering more medium and high-density housing around key station precincts as a critical part of those efforts.

"These improvement plans will help set the guidelines for development around these 10 station precincts around our city, which is a really exciting step for the future growth of Perth.

"Our Metronet program was all about better connecting our state, and the next phase is delivering well-located homes that connect to our public transport network."

More information on the Precincts WA improvement plan can be found at the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage's website.



Chidlow Post House is seeking community support to expand the Australia Post services it offers.

## Chidlow's push for more postal services

CAMILA EGUSQUIZA SANTA CRUZ

**CHIDLOW Post House has launched a community support register in a bid to bring more Australia Post services to Chidlow.**

Currently, residents are unable to renew or apply for a passport, complete working with children checks, have passport and driver's licence photos taken, or verify their identity locally.

The closest post office that provides these services is in Mundaring, but it is only open during weekdays.

Chidlow Post House owner Tamara Stook said residents around the area need these services.

"Every day somebody comes in or rings up asking if we can do their passport or driver's license photos or working with children's checks," she said.

"We tell them we can give them the forms but that they will have to go somewhere else to process them."

The support register attracted around 250 signatures in its first three days.

"We've had a huge response – we've had people coming in especially just to sign it," Ms Stook said.

Ms Stook said the addition of these services would help many residents.

"We do have an older population and they don't always drive and public transport services aren't great up this way," she said.

"If you work nine to five then your only option on a Saturday is Midland because Mundaring doesn't open Saturday mornings, whereas we do."

"That also extends east as well, as Northam's post office doesn't open on a Saturday, so if you live near Northam you'd have to go all the way to Midland on a Saturday, so having us in the middle would help a lot of people."

She hopes the register will lead to action.

"We're waiting until we've gathered a few more signatures before submitting a formal request to find out what we need to do to offer those services," Ms Stook said.

"Hopefully, seeing that we have the support of the community will help with the application to bring those services to Chidlow."

## Environmental vandalism at Yalyal Brook

CAMILA EGUSQUIZA SANTA CRUZ

**THE Shire of Chittering is investigating an incident of environmental vandalism at perennial freshwater stream Yalyal Brook.**

The reported damage includes the destruction of Carter's freshwater mussels, illegal littering and dumping of rubbish, and trees being stripped of their bark.

Carter's freshwater mussels are listed as vulnerable under state and federal legislation.

A report by the Chittering Landcare Centre, presented to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, said that "Yalyal Brook is ideal habitat for Carter's mussels, with large, healthy animals persisting in good numbers."

Harming or removing the mussels could result in penalties under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

Yalyal Brook is also home to the native water rat or Rakali, which is under the state's priority fauna list and considered a species at risk in need of monitoring.

Native water rats depend on summer water flows, woody debris and intact riverine habitat to thrive.

Chittering Landcare Centre executive officer Rosanna Hindmarsh said that as development expands throughout the north east corridor there seems to be increasing damage to the natural environment.

"Lighting of fires, destruction of the vegetation along the banks increasing movement of sediment, stripping bark from the trees and removing aquatic animals from the waterway is disappointing to see," Ms Hindmarsh said.

"Yalyal Brook is important as it is one of the very few freshwater perennial brooks between Muchea and Gingin that flow directly into the Ellen Brook. These waterways and the riparian vegetation along the banks associated with them provide a home for unique aquatic fauna and other animals."

"Not only is it habitat for koonacs, gilgies and marron but also the rare Carter's freshwater mussel found in south-west Australia and nowhere else in the world. They are an important part of freshwater ecosystems as filter feeders that maintain the water-



Damage to riparian vegetation along the banks of Yalyal Brook. Picture: Chittering Landcare Centre

quality in the brook."

Ms Hindmarsh believes more awareness is needed in the community.

"Providing information to the public is an important step in the protection of these freshwater brooks and survival of this rare fauna. The old saying of take only photos and leave no rubbish behind still applies in our natural areas," she said.

A Shire of Chittering spokesperson said that they are currently investigating the incident.

"Our natural environment belongs to the whole community and acts of vandalism like this have lasting impacts on local wildlife and ecosystems," they said.

"Together, we can help protect our unique environment for future generations."

Anyone with information about the incident is encouraged to contact the shire at [chatter@chittering.wa.gov.au](mailto:chatter@chittering.wa.gov.au)



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## Draft Local Planning Policy 1.0 Development Assessment

At the July 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM), Council resolved to advertise the draft Local Planning Policy 1.0 - Development Assessment (Draft LPP 1.0). The Draft LPP 1.0 provides a planning instrument to clarify the City of Kalamunda's approach to development assessment and alignment with the City's values.

The City is now seeking written submissions on the draft LPP 1.0.

Submissions will be considered prior to making modifications and consideration of the LPP 1.0 for final adoption.

To view and provide feedback on Local Planning Policy 1.0 (LPP 1.0) please visit:

[engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au](https://engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au)

Alternatively, materials can be viewed at the:

City of Kalamunda Administration Centre, 2 Railway Road, Kalamunda, or at any of the City's libraries.

**Comments close 5pm, Friday 21 August 2026**

Written submissions can also be made and addressed to:

City of Kalamunda, PO Box 42, Kalamunda WA 6926

or by email to: [enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au)

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Chief Executive Officer



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# Parkerville Grove School welcomes first students



Parkerville CYC staff, supporters, board members and students at the official opening. Right: The new Parkerville Grove School.



**MORE** than 100 years after children first attended kindergarten at a Parkerville Children and Youth Care cottage in the Perth Hills, students have returned to the historic campus with the opening this week of the new Parkerville Grove School.

Parkerville Grove School is a specialist secondary school delivering a healing-first therapeutic education model for young people aged 12 to 18 whose trauma has made mainstream education impossible.

The school is intentionally designed to build healing and safety first, creating foundations young people need to re-engage with learning in a sustainable way.

The first of its kind in Western Australia, Parkerville Grove School will initially cater to Years 7 to 10 before expanding to Years 11 and 12 in 2027-2028.

Parkerville Children and Youth Care chief executive officer Kim Brooklyn said the opening of the new school was a special milestone for students, their parents and carers, foundation staff, the organisation's many supporters and for everyone at Parkerville.

"For the first time, young people in Perth who have experienced trauma have a school that is specifically designed to help them heal and re-engage with education," Ms Brooklyn said.

"Many young people who experience trauma struggle to feel safe in mainstream schools, and it's often their trauma, not their ability, that's holding them back. Our model intentionally integrates healing and education within everyday school life. It's all about making young people feel safe and supported so they can begin to reconnect with learning.

"In many ways, the opening of Parkerville Grove School marks a return to our roots of supporting children and young people and helping them to develop their skills and capabilities.

"Today is also the culmination of four years of planning, advocacy, heritage approvals and construction and we think this is going to be one of the most purposeful and beautiful schools in Western Australia."

Foundation principal Alice Alibrandi said she was both

excited and deeply motivated by the opportunity to help children and young people thrive in such an innovative school environment.

"There isn't anything else like it in WA, so we're absolutely breaking new ground. We're building a specialist healing education model that gives young people who have experienced trauma a genuine opportunity to flourish. It's a school where healing comes first and education follows."

Key features of the new school included small class sizes with no more than 15 students, high staff-to-student ratios, trauma-trained teachers, a calm and predictable environment and a whole-of-school healing team.

"Our foundation team brings together specialist experience in supporting young people to feel safe, supported and ready to learn," Ms Alibrandi said.

"From teachers and youth workers who lead healing and learning each day, to therapeutic support workers and allied health professionals, everyone works as one integrated team to support safety, care and connection."

The school also provides students with breakfast and lunch each school day, essential learning and wellbeing supplies, a dedicated bus service to support access to school, and includes heritage cottages that have been transformed into warm, therapeutic learning centres.

The original school was one of Western Australia's first kindergartens and was part of the Parkerville Children's Home or Waifs' Home, one of the first orphanages in Perth.

Places are limited and enrolment is carefully considered to ensure the right therapeutic fit for each young person.

For more information about eligibility and the enrolment process, please visit the Parkerville Grove School website at [www.parkervillegroveschool.wa.edu.au](http://www.parkervillegroveschool.wa.edu.au)

## Bullsbrook prison plan slammed

**FEDERAL** Liberal Durack MP Melissa Price, whose electorate includes Bullsbrook, has thrown her full weight behind a growing community campaign against the Cook Labor government's proposed prison at the former 500 bed Bullsbrook quarantine facility, declaring Bullsbrook should not be left to pay for Labor's failure to plan the state's prison system.

Ms Price's intervention marks the first time a Federal MP has weighed in on the proposal. It is a decision made all the more significant given the site sits on Commonwealth land, and comes as pressure builds on the State government following a community petition driven by Ben Heptinstall, who runs the IGA supermarket in neighbouring Ellenbrook.

Mr Heptinstall, principal petitioner and a well-known Ellenbrook business owner, launched the petition to give the Bullsbrook community a genuine voice before any decision is made, saying the proposal has implications for the wider area, not just Bullsbrook itself.

"This proposal has caused real concern throughout Bullsbrook because people feel they have been left in the dark," Mr Heptinstall said.

"The first many residents heard about this was through media reports. That is not how a decision of this scale should be made.

"Whether people support or oppose the proposal, everyone should agree that Bullsbrook deserves proper consultation before any decision is made. I'd encourage anyone who shares these concerns to sign the petition and help send a clear message that our community expects transparency."

Ms Price said the proposal reflected almost a decade of poor planning by the Cook Labor government, and took aim at both the Prime Minister and the local State Labor member.

"Roger Cook and Michelle Maynard's failure to properly plan for Western Australia's prison system should not become Bullsbrook's problem," Ms Price said.

"After almost a decade in office, the Cook Labor government is still scrambling for short-term fixes instead of delivering a long-term solution. Local communities should not be expected to pay the price for Labor's failure.

"The people of Bullsbrook weren't consulted before planning commenced. Instead, they found out through the media. That is simply not good enough.

"Where is the State Labor member Michelle Maynard? This is one of the biggest issues facing Bullsbrook, and her community deserves to know whether she stands with them or with her party.



Federal MP Melissa Price has thrown her weight behind Bullsbrook.

"Ms Maynard has a choice to make. She can stand up for her electorate and demand answers from Roger Cook, or she can stay silent and let her own government dump a prison on Bullsbrook without consultation. Right now, her silence is speaking for her, and it's telling Bullsbrook exactly where she stands.

"This is Commonwealth land. Anthony Albanese should be asking Roger Cook hard questions on behalf of the people of Bullsbrook. He should not be staying silent while a State Labor government dumps a prison on a community that was never consulted."

Guildford-based MLC Anthony Spagnolo, who first questioned the proposal during Budget Estimates and has sponsored the petition in State Parliament, said the proposal deserved a proper response from the State government.

"I raised this proposal directly with the government at Budget Estimates because Bullsbrook residents deserve better than decisions made behind closed doors," he said.

"This petition now has the backing of a Federal member and it deserves a proper response from the state government."

"Labor at every level of government owes Bullsbrook answers: on transparency, on consultation, and on why a community is being asked to carry the burden of a decade of poor planning by the Cook government.

"I will keep working with Melissa Price, Ben Heptinstall and anyone in this community who wants a real say in what happens next."

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# eye on crime



## Threat of privately manufactured firearms

WA Police have seized more than 200 privately manufactured firearms (PMFs) since January 2025, as officers respond to their increasing prevalence across the state.

Through multiple investigations, and ongoing collaboration with partner law enforcement agencies, WA Police have identified an increase in the presence and use of PMFs – particularly among serious and organised crime networks.

In 2025, officers seized 466 illicit firearms. Of those, 184 were PMFs, representing almost 40 per cent of all illicit firearms seized.

Between January and April 2026, a further 52 PMFs were seized, consistent with the increase in illicit firearm manufacturing identified in 2025.

As a result, the serious and organised crime division have established a specialist illicit firearm team within the drug and firearm squad.

The team provides a centralised capability focused on intelligence collection, coordinated investigations and the disruption of illicit firearm activity, including PMFs.

On April 9, a 41-year-old man was sentenced to nine and a half years' imprisonment for multiple offences, including his involvement in the manufacture of firearms and firearm parts.

On May 29, detectives from the drug and firearm squad executed a search warrant at a residence in Wellard.

During a search of the property officers seized several 3D-printed firearms, a 3D-printer containing printed knuckle dusters and a control system containing plans and files for manufacturing firearm related items.

Police also located a range of other items, including shotguns, gel blasters and ammunition, as well as various quantities of illicit drugs and drug paraphernalia.

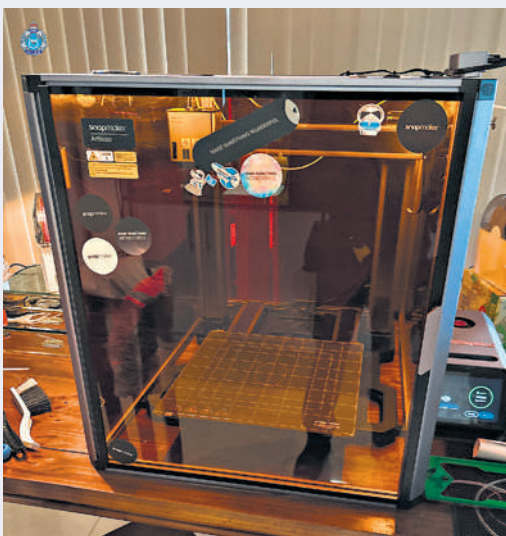
About 9.30am on May 31, detectives from the drug and firearm squad executed a search warrant at a residence in Ballajura.

During the search, officers allegedly located a trafficable quantity of methylamphetamine, ammunition and more than \$22,000 in cash.

While the search warrant was being conducted, a vehicle attended the address.

Detectives subsequently apprehended the driver and searched the vehicle, where they allegedly located and seized a semi-automatic 3D-printed firearm.

A 54-year-old man and a 31-year-old man were charged with a range of serious drug and firearm offences.



A 3D printer seized in Wellard.

Later that day, at about 10.10pm, Perth police responded to a separate (unrelated) incident, where reports indicated a woman was being held hostage at gunpoint, at an apartment complex in Perth.

It will be alleged a 31-year-old man attended the apartment, which was occupied by two people, and committed a series of offences, including assault, threats and robbery, while in possession of a firearm and methylamphetamine.

The man was apprehended at the scene and charged with 12 serious offences. He is next due to appear before the court at a later date.

The seized firearm was subsequently identified as a PMF.

WA Police are aware of the increasing prevalence of PMFs and remain committed to identifying, disrupting and prosecuting those involved in their manufacture, possession and use, with community safety remaining the priority.

WA Police officers are also increasing their focus on PMFs through education and training to strengthen frontline awareness and investigative capability.

In July 2026, officers participated in workshops with national law enforcement partners to enhance their ability to identify PMFs and support investigative and disruption strategies.

The WA Police Force will continue to work closely with national and international partners to monitor emerging trends and target individuals involved in offences relating to PMFs.

## Man charged over serious Midland crash

**MAJOR crash investigation officers have charged a 53-year-old male in relation to a serious crash that occurred in Midland on Saturday, July 4.**

About 4.40pm, it will be alleged the male was riding a bicycle on the footpath of Morrison Road when he collided with a 64-year-old female walking across Mathoura Street.

It will be further alleged the male failed to stop and render assistance to the 64-year-old female, who was unresponsive, and sustained serious injuries as a result of the collision.

She was conveyed by ambulance to St John of God Midland Hospital, before being transferred to Royal Perth Hospital for further medical treatment.

On Thursday, July 9, officers attended a residential address on Nanine Place in Rivervale, where the male was arrested.

The 53-year-old from Midvale has since been charged with one count each of culpable driving (other than a motor vehicle) causing death or grievous bodily harm, driver failed to stop and ensure assistance received after incident occasioning grievous bodily harm, driver fail to report an incident occasioning death or grievous bodily harm, breach of bail undertaking and possess a prohibited drug (methylamphetamine).

He appeared before the Midland Magistrates Court on Thursday, July 9 where he was remanded through to August 21 following his second appearance in court on Friday, July 10.

## Guildford train versus truck charges

**ROAD Policing Group North officers have charged a 33-year-old man following a traffic crash in Guildford on Wednesday, May 20.**

About 3.55pm, it will be alleged that the 33-year-old drove his truck, which was towing a dog trailer, into an activated railway crossing on Meadow Street.

An incoming passenger train allegedly collided with the dog trailer, separating it from the truck, causing work equipment to be ejected.

It will be further alleged that debris from the crash damaged three stationary vehicles, causing significant damage.

Further damage was allegedly caused to the rail infrastructure and train.

Three individuals sustained minor injuries and were conveyed to hospital.

A 33-year-old man from Ballajura has been charged with three counts of dangerous driving occasioning bodily harm and one charge each of acts or omissions causing bodily harm or danger and driving with a prescribed illicit drug in oral fluid or blood.

He appeared in Midland Magistrates Court on July 17 where he was scheduled to reappear in Midland Magistrates Court on September 11 for legal advice.



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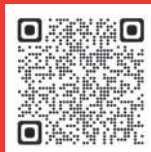
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## Relax at Amaroo because hibernation is nearly over

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Our indulgent High Tea returns on 8th August, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November and 5th December for \$79. Expect delicate treats, cocktails and, endless tea and absolutely no judgement if you start with dessert.

Enjoy watching the flames work their magic and enjoy a feast inspired by ancient cooking traditions – Fire & Feast on 15th August is not to be missed. At \$98 per person, enjoy premium meats, smoky flavours and an evening built around great food, good company and crackling fires.



Announcing our Special events:

- **Father's Day Fire & Feast Lunch**, 6th September at \$98 per person.
- **Halloween Fire & Feast**, 31st October at \$98 per person.
- **Melbourne Cup Tuesday** 3rd November, \$125 p/p includes bubbles on arrival, all food or \$165 p/p which also includes unlimited beer and wine for two hours.
- **Pool Party** Saturday 28th November! See website for more details. Book now and enjoy all that is on offer at Amaroo Retreat & Spa, Mount Helena, (08) 6244 4800, amaroo retreat.com.au



## The Perth Hills are still under threat, even after Alcoa's exploration "withdrawal"

Alcoa has announced its withdrawal from exploring in areas surrounding Mundaring Weir, but the End Forest Mining campaign says that in reality nothing is currently stopping the area from being back on the plan as early as next year.

129,246 ha of forests remain in Alcoa's current exploration plans, and its proposed mine expansion would see a further 7,000 ha of forests cleared.

The US company has been mining bauxite on the Darling Range for 65 years and has already cleared around 30,000 ha of jarrah forests. Cracks are starting to show, with public pressure piling on; recently it was fined \$55 million for illegal clearing spanning more than 15 years, AdStandards found it was lying about rehabilitation in advertising, and 59,000 people made

submissions to assessments of its current and proposed mining.

Campaigner Jess Boyce says "We need the WA government to make good on their promise of protection, and deliver a network of secure protected areas across the Northern Jarrah Forests by excising areas from Alcoa's massive lease, so the Perth hills are safeguarded long-term."

"Mining interests have long blocked protection, but what we all want is for this precious forest to be truly protected, not exploited for profit. It's time for the WA Government to reject Alcoa's expansions, and phase out its current mining with a just transition for workers and communities, making sure no one is left in the lurch. Alcoa can't be allowed to get away with this destruction any longer."

## Events not to be missed at Amaroo Retreat & Spa



Aug 22 | Sep 19 | Oct 24  
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### Art & Lunch Experience

Unleash your inner artist!  
Craft your very own masterpiece then settle in for a delicious two-course lunch.

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Art session kicks off at 10:30am and flows through to 11:45am

Aug 8 | Sep 12 | Oct 10  
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August 15

### Fire & Feast

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### Special Events

#### FATHER'S DAY — FIRE FEAST LUNCH —

A celebration  
of Fathers,  
food & fire

Sunday September 6.  
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#### FIRE & FEAST HALLOWEEN

Saturday October 31.  
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#### Melbourne Cup

Tuesday November 3.  
\$125 p/p | \$165 p/p

#### POOL PARTY

Saturday November 28.  
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What we all want is for this precious forest to be truly protected, not exploited for profit by mining. We want the jarrah forest to be here for the future.



Learn more



Take action

- Alcoa: Proposed bauxite mining areas
- Alcoa: Approved bauxite mining envelopes
- Alcoa: Planned exploration areas
- Alcoa: Exploration areas removed from MMP
- Alcoa: Potential future mining areas
- South32: Approved bauxite mining envelopes
- Bauxite refineries
- Alcoa and South32 mining lease boundaries
- National parks, state forest and timber reserves
- Reservoir protection zones

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# On the trail

What's happening in the Shire

July 2026



## From the President

As we begin a new financial year, it's important to reflect on what we have achieved together as a community.

Over the past 12 months, we have delivered many exciting projects informed by and in partnership with our community, including Brown Park upgrades, Glen Forrest Jump Track, oval lighting and changeroom improvements and planning for the Mundaring Cultural Hub.

Alongside these infrastructure projects, we have continued our day-to-day work caring for and enhancing our natural environment, balancing bushfire mitigation requirements with ongoing Firewise education and support for our community.

We have improved the way we engage and communicate with our community, ensuring more opportunities for meaningful participation in shaping the future of our Shire.

Thank you to the many community leaders, volunteers, Council Members and Shire staff who have contributed their time, ideas and energy over the past year. Together, we have delivered significant improvements to community facilities and services that will benefit current and future generations.

I look forward to working with you as we embark on another exciting year of projects and initiatives that will continue to strengthen and enhance the Shire of Mundaring.

**Paige McNeil**  
Shire President



## A year of progress across the Hills



Over the past 12 months, we have delivered many exciting projects informed by and in partnership with our community, including:

- A new pump track in Glen Forrest, co-designed by our local community
- Upgraded changerooms and storage at the Elise Austin Pavilion in Mt Helena
- New oval lighting at Brown Park and Parkerville Oval
- Upgrades to the Wooroloo Hall
- A new footpath along Helena Valley Drive
- Improved reticulation systems and oval upgrades at Darlington and Sawyers Valley
- Car park upgrades at Craig St Mundaring, Brown Park and Harry Risborough Oval
- A new public toilet at Norris Park in Stoneville
- New cricket nets at Brown Park and Parkerville Oval
- Enhanced signage along the Heritage Trail
- Tourism Campaign and more community events.

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**09** August

### Dying to Know Expo

10am to 3pm • Boya Community Centre

Connect with experts and services, and gain confidence having meaningful conversations about death, dying and grief.



Scan QR code or visit [mundaring.wa.gov.au/dying-to-know-expo](http://mundaring.wa.gov.au/dying-to-know-expo)

**11** September

### All Abilities Expo

10am • Mundaring Arena

People with disability, families, carers and professionals can connect with providers, explore supports and try inclusive sports with Sport4All.



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**19** September

### Unwasting Workshop

10am • Shire of Mundaring

Discover practical ways to reduce food waste, save money and make the most of your food at this hands-on workshop.



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# ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

## Revive Guildford markets raise funds for St Matthew's Church



Deanna Rokich, Ward Hellewell, Rev Katrina Holgate and Steph Radis outside St Matthew's Church in Guildford.

**PRE-loved treasures could help restore a national treasure in the heart of Guildford.**

All profits from Revival Guildford, a new monthly event buying and selling pre-loved items, commencing on Saturday August 15 will go to the St Matthew's Anglican Church National Trust restoration fund.

The historic church has been standing in Stirling Square Guildford serving the community for more than 150 years, but those years have taken a toll and restoration work is urgently required.

Rev Katrina Holgate said the church received significant cracking in the 1968 Meckering earthquake and while some repairs were undertaken at the time, the cracking has increased and worsened throughout the church and hall.

As well as tackling cracks, other

priorities include repainting the hall – used by Guildford Family Playgroup and other community groups – and levelling the parking area to improve site drainage and direct water away from foundations.

Swan resident Steph Radis was saddened to see and hear about the state of the building and has got together with locals Deanna Rokich and Ward Hellewell to help the church fundraise.

"I thought a novel way of fundraising on a monthly basis would be to host an event where sellers could pay \$20 each for a stall in the hall, with the money going to the church," she said.

"The stalls will alternate monthly between clothing and bric-a-brac for sale from vendors much like myself who want to think wisely about what they really need to keep.

"Everyone wins or benefits here, from

the vendors who make extra cash by selling preloved items taking up space, to buyers who bag a bargain and importantly, the church for its much-needed restoration.

"It's a great community vibe."

Rev Holgate said she was thrilled by the support and hoped it would help enable the church to continue to serve the community for years to come.

The first Revival Guildford event is centred on clothing, shoes and accessories.

It is on at the hall in Stirling Square Guildford on Saturday August 15 from 8.30am to 12.30pm. Entry is via gold coin donation. Free parking is available at nearby Guildford Train Station.

To donate to the restoration fund please go to [www.ntwa.com.au/give-to-ntwa/st-matthews-garrison-church-guildford/](http://www.ntwa.com.au/give-to-ntwa/st-matthews-garrison-church-guildford/)



Historic and modern pictures of the Guildford Post Office.

## Digging into Guildford's story

**GUILDFORD'S much loved 1897 Post Office is ready to reveal a new layer of its story – and the community is invited to help uncover it.**

Hosted by Bilgoman Property, with support from the Swan Guildford Historical Society and the University of Notre Dame Australia, the excavation will run from Saturday, August 8 to Monday, August 10.

Participants can be part of living history and work alongside archaeologists, students, society volunteers, and heritage supporters in small two-hour sessions exploring Guildford's past.

Led by Swan Guildford Historical Society vice president and Notre Dame archaeology senior lecturer Shane Burke, the excavation will investigate the site of the former Convict Depot Hospital and historic well at the rear of the post office.

What lies beneath may reveal the everyday traces of people who lived, worked, recovered, laboured, and passed through the site.

"We know the historical record of the site's general use, but history does not describe all functions or small details about

people's lives. The community excavation will discover artefacts that will give a richer understanding of the area's use," Dr Burke said.

"By undertaking this dig, with the Swan Guildford Historical Society and University of Notre Dame Australia, and inviting the local community to participate, we feel we are demonstrating our commitment to honour and preserve the heritage of Guildford and to reactivate the Post Office to serve the Guildford community in a meaningful way," Bilgoman Property's Chris McLoughlin said.

Small public sessions are available across three days on Saturday, August 8 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm, Sunday, August 9 from 9.30am to 11.30am and 12.30pm to 2.30pm and Monday, August 10 from 9.30am to 11.30am.

If you don't wish to participate in the excavation but are interested in learning about archaeology and what is involved in an excavation, you are welcome to come along to view the works.

Register early as places are limited at [www.events.humanitix.com/community-dig-historic-guildford-post-office-1897](http://www.events.humanitix.com/community-dig-historic-guildford-post-office-1897)

## ENTERTAINMENT & GIG GUIDE

### Your local Gig Guide

#### Fri July 31

**Settlers House York**  
Nick Childs  
From 5.30pm, Free  
125 Avon Terrace, York

**Lyric's Bar**  
Steve Hensby Duo  
From 7pm, Free  
22 Lyric Lane  
Maylands

**Woodbridge Hotel**  
Goodstock  
From 8pm, Free  
50 East St, Guildford

**Mahogany Inn & Distillery**  
Ben Graham  
6pm-9pm, Free  
4260 Great Eastern Hwy  
Mahogany Creek

#### Sat August 1

**Woodbridge Hotel**  
High Fidelity  
From 8pm, Free  
50 East St, Guildford

**Parkerville Tavern**  
Jammin with Charlie  
From 5.30pm, Free  
6 Owen Road  
Parkerville

**Mahogany Inn & Distillery**  
Matt Sofoulis  
6pm-9pm, Free  
4260 Great Eastern Hwy  
Mahogany Creek

#### Sun August 2

**Settlers House York**  
Jukes of York  
12pm-3pm, Free  
125 Avon Terrace, York

**Parkerville Tavern**  
Coastal Drift  
From 3pm, Free  
6 Owen Road  
Parkerville



#### Sun August 2 cont.

**Woodbridge Hotel**  
Cillian Geaney  
From 8pm, Free  
50 East St, Guildford

**Chidlow Tavern**  
Sunday Jam Session  
12.30-3.30pm, Free  
4 Thomas St Chidlow

**Mahogany Inn & Distillery**  
Velvet Muse  
4pm-7pm, Free  
4260 Great Eastern Hwy  
Mahogany Creek

#### Tues August 4

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

**Woodbridge Hotel**  
Hill Trad and Irish  
Singing Songs  
From 6pm, Free  
50 East St, Guildford

#### Wed August 5

**Chidlow Tavern**  
Wednesday Night  
Jam Session  
From 7.30pm, Free  
4 Thomas St Chidlow

**Mahogany Inn & Distillery**  
Acoustic Open Mic  
Night Presented by  
Fenton and Friends  
6pm-9pm, Free  
4260 Great Eastern Hwy  
Mahogany Creek

#### Thu August 6

**Mahogany Inn & Distillery**  
Neil Adams  
5.30pm-8.30pm, Free  
4260 Great Eastern Hwy  
Mahogany Creek

**Woodbridge Hotel**  
The Healys  
From 6pm, Free  
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**ECHO NEWS**

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.

• **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 membership on 0413 358 085.

• **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 anytime 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 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.

• **Midland Friendly Garden Club** meets at 9.30am on alternate Thursdays at Bruce Douglas Pavilion, Brown Park, Salisbury Road, Swan View. The next meeting will take place on the August 6. Our guest speaker will be Natalie Vallance from Muchea Tree Farm who will be talking about the range of native trees, proteas, shrubs, and ground covers that they specialise in. For more information call Jenny 0424 553 002 or Barbara 0482 935 686.

• **Year 12 graduates** who attended Govenor Senior High School in 1961 are invited to a lunch reunion being held at Rose and Crown Hotel, 105 Swan Street, Guildford on Thursday, September 17. For more information and to RSVP email Gillian at todgi@bigpond.com by September 10.

**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



Benji is an almost one-year-old beagle cross. He still needs some training and dog obedience will do good for him. Benji learns very quickly and goes well with other dogs. He is sterilised, vaccinated, and microchipped. Costs apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.

Read between the lines

By Pastor Ian Kirk

Know the Rules!

Last weekend we went to a very nice restaurant with friends. The meals were amazing – but the prices were unbelievable. I saw a steak listed for \$417, as it was from a specially bred cow. Well, we sure didn't order that! We had a much more reasonably priced meal - coral trout with seasoned vegetables.

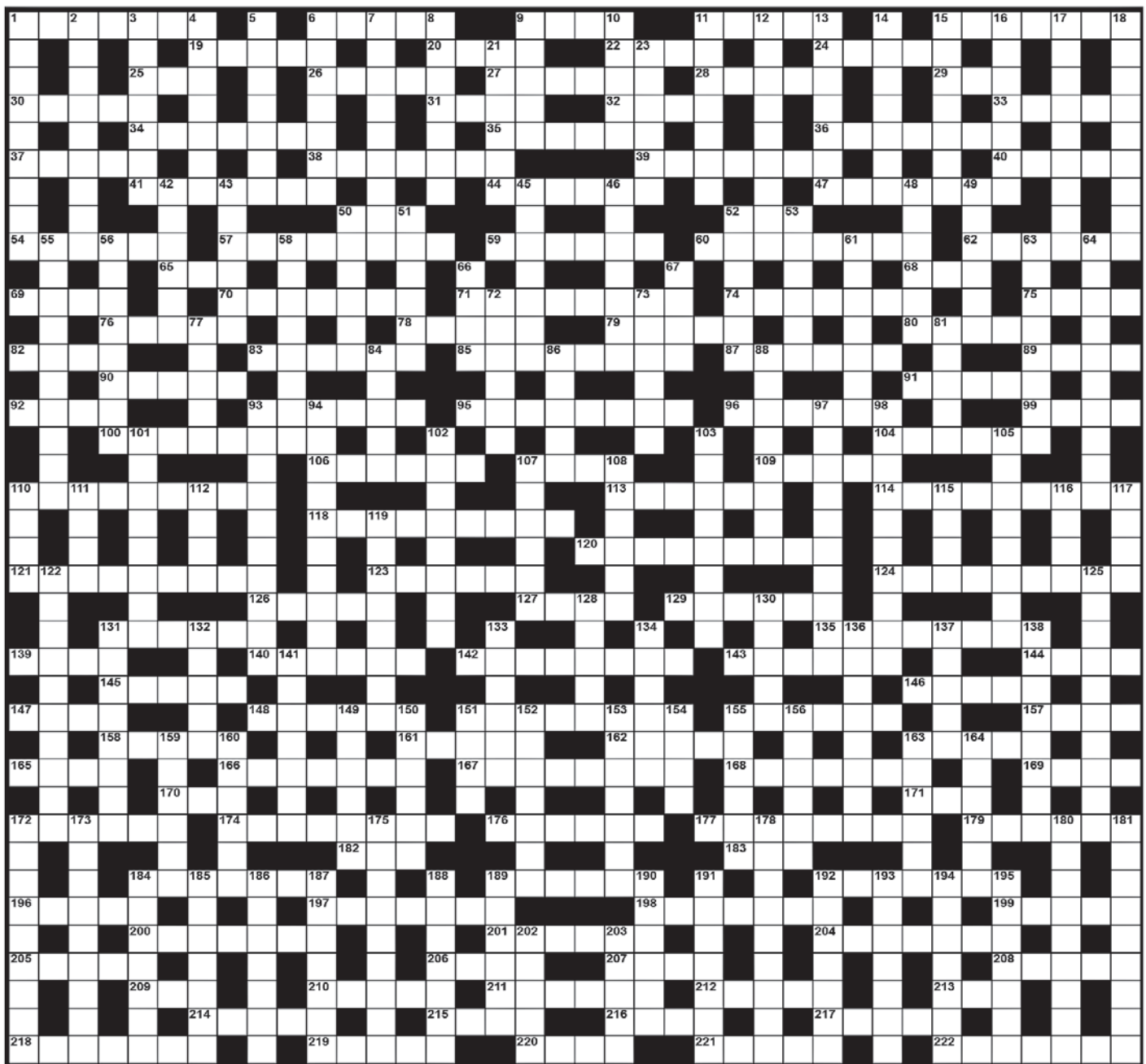
Eating coral trout brought back memories of a fishing trip at Shark Bay. With a mate, I went boat fishing and caught plenty of fish. We also caught lots of undersized coral trout – so we threw them back. When we got to shore, someone asked us how we went. We showed him our catch and shared how we had thrown back lots of coral trout. He asked us why we did. We said, according to the rules, they were undersized. When he asked us how big they were, he informed us that they were full-size, and the best tasting fish you could eat. We were gutted! If only we knew the rules.

Knowing the rules is important, in all areas of life; and especially in regard to going to heaven. Most people assume that the rule to go to heaven is by being good, keeping the 10 Commandments, being religious.

But God has declared that none of us are good enough. We have all sinned. The rule to enter heaven is this: believing in God's Son Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for us. Those who believe, will not be turned back.



ECHO Mind Boggler Crossword 1279



ACROSS

- 1 A defensive wall
- 6 Large shovel
- 9 Rainy cloud
- 11 Dress material
- 15 Makes up losses
- 19 Cattle station
- 20 Eject
- 22 A spring
- 24 Miss vowels
- 25 Australian animal (abb)
- 26 External
- 27 Greeted
- 28 Top room
- 29 Vegetable
- 30 A fish
- 31 Rip
- 32 A catalogue
- 33 Goes sideways
- 34 Give information
- 35 Ending
- 36 Biggest
- 37 A waterway
- 38 Foliage
- 39 Raise
- 40 Praise
- 41 Elves
- 44 Single thread
- 47 Find out
- 50 A group
- 52 Wooden pin
- 54 Soaked
- 57 Backed a motion
- 59 Iced up
- 60 Of the stars
- 62 Cringes
- 65 Pigeon call
- 68 Sheltered side
- 69 Pack away
- 70 Dallies
- 71 Prickly plants
- 74 Exterior
- 75 Part of face
- 76 Search into
- 78 Fit out
- 79 An official order
- 80 Given medicine
- 82 Become heated
- 83 Right of entry
- 85 Cowardly ones
- 87 Cooked
- 89 God of love
- 90 A fibre
- 91 Direct
- 92 Grain residue
- 93 Scoundrel
- 95 Gathered stock
- 96 Wanders aimlessly

- 99 Simple
- 100 Pass tests
- 104 Be better than
- 106 A miner
- 107 A prophet
- 109 Local talk
- 110 Causing full usage
- 113 Take into church
- 114 Let illegally
- 118 Engines etc
- 120 Country airman (4,5)
- 121 One who measures out
- 123 Astonished
- 124 Piece of work
- 126 The devil
- 127 Religious group
- 129 Space on edge
- 131 Get away
- 135 Hermits
- 139 Thin covering
- 140 Bad temper
- 142 Bush huts
- 143 Private remarks
- 144 Asian country
- 145 Stress in verse
- 146 Shine brightly
- 147 Slight flavour
- 148 Part of a meal
- 151 Hold back
- 155 Series of prayers
- 157 Single item
- 158 Tricks
- 161 Looped rope
- 162 Dig into
- 163 Coral island
- 165 A Hindu god
- 166 Locks
- 167 Quiet in manner
- 168 Floorcoverings
- 169 A relative
- 170 Pass away
- 171 Move on ice
- 172 Certainly
- 174 Kept aside
- 176 Held in place
- 177 Full
- 179 Oyster covers
- 182 A State (abb)
- 183 Born
- 184 Despised
- 189 Slander
- 192 Very short time
- 196 Celebrate loudly
- 197 Line on map
- 198 Hold inside
- 199 Heavenly messenger
- 200 Causes uproar

- 201 Make wealthier
- 204 Cause worry
- 205 Pretend
- 206 Assistant
- 207 Seep
- 208 Big
- 209 Take to court
- 210 Discredit
- 211 In abundance
- 212 Royal headgear
- 213 Part of foot
- 214 Screw
- 215 Always
- 216 Mine slope
- 217 A tint
- 218 Wrestles
- 219 Spanish man
- 220 Loam
- 221 Farm buildings
- 222 Doped

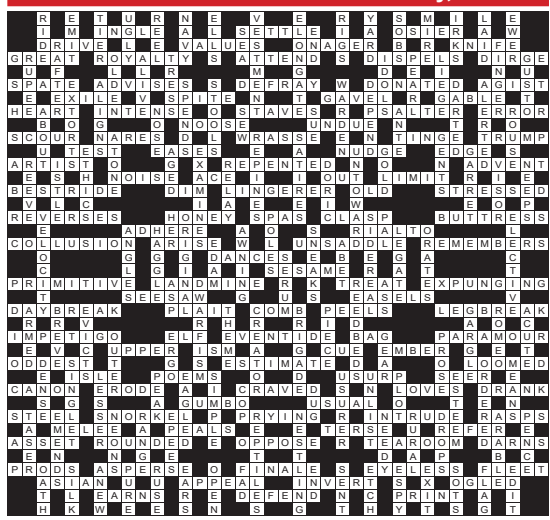
DOWN

- 1 Small pieces
- 2 Told about
- 3 Entrances
- 4 Type of soldier
- 5 Put upon
- 6 Garden tools
- 7 Defeated in game
- 8 Show clearly
- 9 Gaze fixedly
- 10 Reside
- 11 Rattling noise
- 12 Kept going longer
- 13 Jeered during speech
- 14 Turns aside
- 15 Full
- 16 Chide
- 17 Try to do
- 18 Stupid
- 21 Portions
- 23 Ready for print
- 42 Writing implement
- 43 Part of shoe
- 45 Root vegetables
- 46 A heckler
- 48 Visited
- 49 Short interval
- 50 Eject breath loudly
- 51 Becomes taut
- 52 Spins around
- 53 Not rough
- 55 Sent to another firm
- 56 Moving very slowly
- 58 Idle talk
- 61 Obvious
- 63 Roved around
- 64 Answering well

- 66 A fastener
- 67 Egyptian goddess
- 72 An interruption
- 73 Whirlpools
- 77 Well-founded
- 81 Of the eye
- 84 Crude speech
- 86 Pay one-tenth
- 88 Having an end
- 93 Gallopers
- 94 Made of dregs
- 97 Scared
- 98 Signalling aids
- 101 Gets better
- 102 Give with respect
- 103 Come in sight again
- 105 Stretch
- 107 Tatters
- 108 Healthy
- 110 Copied
- 111 Female deer
- 112 Confections
- 115 Area
- 116 Food store (coll)
- 117 Daybreak
- 119 Passes for travel
- 122 Request to attend
- 125 Sometimes
- 128 Provide food and service
- 130 Hearty enjoyment
- 131 Leave one's country
- 132 Foul speech
- 133 Dairy product
- 134 Large number
- 136 Forgiveness

- 137 Small bay
- 138 Assume to be
- 141 Mode of action
- 149 Holiday place
- 150 Follows on
- 151 Conman's scheme
- 152 Arranged date (3,4)
- 153 Eternal
- 154 Shelled fruit
- 155 Have an opinion
- 156 A streak
- 159 Surprisingly soon
- 160 Sound system
- 163 State strongly
- 164 A prayer
- 172 Having faults
- 173 Foolish dreams
- 175 Assessment
- 178 A loudspeaker
- 180 Dallying
- 181 Given a haven
- 184 Kitchen vessel
- 185 Small portrait cases
- 186 Part of healthy food
- 187 Tyrants
- 188 Type of cooker
- 189 A dragnet
- 190 Resounded
- 191 Small arthropods
- 192 Type spaces
- 193 Hang down
- 194 Touched on
- 195 A scene
- 202 Comes closer
- 203 Reef creature

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Mundaring Roos 16.10 (106) defeated Midland Tigers who scored 8.9 (57).

And Mt Helena Lions were triumphant with 19.11 (125) against Pickering Brook Hawks' 9.10 (64).

Leading HFA, full forwards Chidlow Cougar Adam McKinlay and Mt Helena Lion Jess Cartwright had fruitful games with 11 and six goals respectively.

Adam has recently passed the 600-goal mark for Chidlow at an average of just over six goals per game, a great achievement considering that he has spent the past five years as a FIFO worker.

Adam's best haul was 151 goals in the 2013 home and away season.

His 600 goals also leave him as the HFA's highest individual goal scorer.

Several carnival representatives featured amongst their clubs' best players this weekend, including Midland's Denver Roberts who was not only recently chosen in the Nutrien AG country carnival all-stars team, chosen across all divisions, but was also awarded the fairest and best player in his division.

## Swan United has good win in Mirrabooka

**SWAN United FC remains fourth on the ladder after a comprehensive 6-1 win against Jaguar FC at the Herb Graham Recreation Centre in Mirrabooka.**

Swan United coach Lee Taylor said it was a professional performance where they moved the ball well at times and created numerous good opportunities.

"We got into some good areas to create a lot of problems and I was pleased to see the goals being shared around the team," he said.

"Unfortunately for a second week in a row we have lost another player to a bad injury, so there is a lot for us to consider for next week's game against league leaders Wanneroo."

The visitors were on the front foot early and opened the scoring on seven minutes when good work from John Monterosso on the right saw him pull the ball back to Liam Merigan who made no mistake.

Swan United doubled their lead 10 minutes later when Merigan's corner was headed home by Chris Marshall.

Jaguar pulled one back six minutes before the break when Marshall's attempted clearance went into his own net.



Swan United players huddle before overcoming Jaguar FC.

But Swan regained their two-goal advantage before half time with Monterosso sending in Cameron Anderson who rounded Michale Dudek and rolled the ball home.

It was 4-1 on the hour mark when Tom White's corner was headed back across goal by Marshall and Anderson was on hand to score.

Swan found a fifth 19 minutes from time when Anderson's cross from the right was met by a diving header from Monterosso.

They completed the scoring in the final minute when Josh Appleby was quickest to react after a deflected shot finished neatly in the bottom corner.



Nate in action.

## Morangup youngster off to motocross nationals

**NATE Forwood, an 11-year-old motocross rider from Morangup in the Perth Hills, is about to take on his fifth Australian Junior Motocross National Championship event in September.**

As he prepares to compete against the best riders in the country he is also looking to partner with local businesses for sponsorship opportunities to help cover travel, equipment, and race expenses.

The event will take place at Goulburn Valley Motocross Club in Victoria in late September where he will be competing in two classes: the 65cc (10-12) and 85cc (9-12).

His national results speak for themselves – a steady climb built on consistency and dominance.

He secured third place in 2023 in Darwin, stepped up to 1st in 2024 in Bunbury, and reaffirmed his position at the top with another victory in 2025 in Adelaide.

Adding to that momentum, his recent form has been just as impressive, claiming 1st in the 65cc class and 3rd in the 85cc class at the Sunshine State Series championships in Queensland.

His family has focused on training and racing opportunities in Queensland in recent years, allowing him to gain experience on a wider range of technical motocross tracks and consistently deep rider fields – exposure that is not as readily available within Western Australia.

Yet even with that, he remains committed to racing at WA events to maintain lo-

cal competition and continue building his presence across both states, as well as supporting the state's racing community. He is a dedicated young local athlete balancing home schooling, intense training, and high-speed competition believing in himself and where this can take him in the future.

In exchange for their support, Nate is offering local businesses premium marketing space, including prominent logo placement on his race jersey and full business details displayed directly on the race bike. Businesses will also be promoted on his Instagram page forwood\_615.

Any businesses interested in sponsoring Nate can contact his mother Tamara on 0414 497 671 or email tamforwood@gmail.com

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