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Midland protesters gathered as part of wider demonstrations calling for alternative programs to NSW's aerial brumby culling program.

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Thumbs up for Echo News

Dear Echo News,

A big thumbs up to the Echo for its coverage of people, places and issues of importance.

The recent rejection of a data centre near Mandoon Bilya and a school was the work of many committed groups and locals, but frankly without the coverage provided by the Echo we may have struggled to get the reach we needed.

As I look back on my personal scrap book of major events in our district, the Echo masthead is across most of them over the last forty years.

Many of the issues covered did and continue to have very big impacts for the local community, particularly around transport, land use and planning.

Having a local paper and a voice in print is not something many communities in our digital age enjoy. And it's free.

So, thank you to the Echo for your ongoing commitment to reporting local issues and achievements.

And perhaps we can best show our gratitude by supporting the many local traders who advertise in the Echo when we are hunting for a local trade or service.

**Christine Hughes
Guildford
Association Inc**

Uranium and climate change

Dear Echo News,

In recent days the news has told us the climate has changed such that the Danube River has dried up.

France and Spain are burning and even the 'green and pleasant land' of the UK is severely drought stricken.

India is similarly stricken, yet that government wants to build nuclear power plants, which crucially need water for cooling. (It should be noted that this heat goes into the atmosphere, increasing global warming.)

At least one nuclear plant on the Danube has had to cut generation back and others may need to do the same.

The WA Government was elected on a platform of not allowing uranium mining and it is currently being badgered to change this.

I say well done to the Cook government and keep the uranium in the ground.

The need for nuclear power is diminishing while the global temperature is rising.

**KG Blake
Kalamunda**

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Thought for the day

"We must meet the challenge rather than wish it were not before us."

— William J Brennan

From the net...

Echo News social media comments

In response to: **Chidlow apprentice wins top honour for third time**

Fantastic to have such quality in the hills especially after the Loose Box closed. Well done master and apprentice.

P Lane

In response to: **Guildford's auction tree gets late reprieve**

Such great news. Well done everyone who fought for this to happen.

N Clune

In response to: **Swan View resident fined for whitegoods**

Maybe someone nearby has a vacant shed he could use at minimal rent?

J Wilkinson

In response to: **Main Roads still monitoring Great Eastern Highway safety**

The speed limit isn't the problem, and lowering it isn't the solution. Right turns from Scott Street onto Great Eastern Highway need to cease. Installing a dedicated left-turn filter lane onto Great Eastern Highway would improve traffic flow and resolve most of the current problems.

W Phipps

In response to: **Retired volunteer firefighter disputes fire truck relocation**

So, going somewhere it can be maintained and looked after in running order and accessed by many people is a bad thing?

KE Brown

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Asked to make your property offer online? Here's what you need to know

With Commissioner for Consumer Protection Trish Blake

YOU may not know this, but when you buy a home through an offer and acceptance, it's called a 'private treaty sale'.

It's how most people like to buy and sell property in Western Australia, but increasingly, buyers are being asked to submit offers through online platforms rather than by email or face-to-face with the selling agent.

While the technology may be new for making an offer, it's important to remember the rules haven't changed. In a private treaty sale, the seller decides whether to accept an offer, reject it or negotiate.

Licensed real estate and selling agents can also tell buyers there are competing offers and invite them to submit their best offer.

Online platforms simply provide another way of managing that process.

After attending a home open you may be invited to submit your offer online.

Depending on the platform the agent is using, you could be told

whether your offer is higher or lower than others. You might be concerned this seems like an auction that will create a bidding war, but really it is no different to an agent advising you of where your offer sits.

While this process feels more competitive, don't get caught up trying to outbid everyone else and blow your budget. Before making an offer, decide what the property is worth to you, consider your budget carefully and stick to the maximum price you're comfortable paying.

Remember, the highest offer isn't always the one a seller accepts. Settlement dates, finance conditions and other contract terms can also influence a seller's decision.

You might be concerned that not all the offers you're seeing are from genuine buyers and maybe it's a tactic to push the price up.

When you make an offer via these online platforms, you are generally submitting a signed Offer and Acceptance contract, which carries legal obligations if accepted by the seller.

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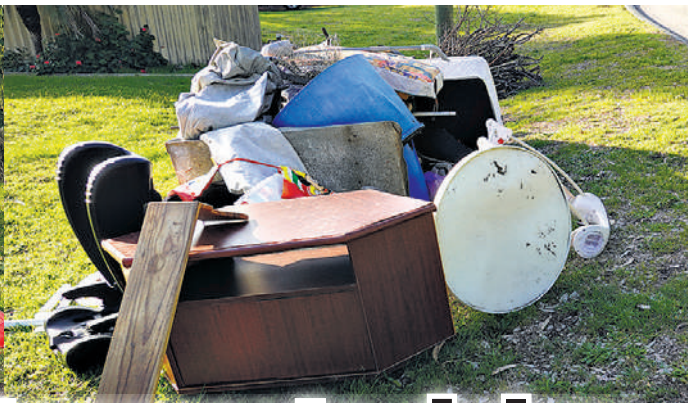
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Vergeside hard-waste awaiting collection in Swan View. Pictures: Guanhao Cheng



Extra Mundaring tip passes after waste delay

GUANHAO CHENG

MUNDARING residents are set to receive three extra recycling-centre passes while the shire searches for a way to deliver its postponed hard-waste collection.

The additional passes will increase each household's annual allocation from three to six at no extra cost.

The measure follows frustration among residents who placed furniture, mattresses, appliances and other waste on their verges for a collection expected to begin from August 5.

Shire of Mundaring chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker said the traditional hard-waste collection had not been cancelled, but the shire could not yet say when or how it would be delivered.

"Our goal remains to deliver a hard waste collection service later in the 2026-27 financial year," he said.

"Right now we're working through the available options and can't yet confirm exactly how or when it will happen."

The shire will provide another public update within a fortnight, even if it has not secured a final solution by then.

Mr Whiteaker said the shire recognised that additional passes would not help every affected resident.

"Extra tip passes won't solve the problem for everyone," he said.

"Some residents have already placed hard waste on their verge, while others simply don't have a trailer, ute or other way of getting items to the community recycling centre."

"We're actively looking at what support can be offered in those situations and will share more information as soon as we can."

Residents have been asked by the shire not to place any more hard waste on their verges while those options are considered.

The shire has not announced what will happen to items already placed outside despite earlier reports that residents could leave the material on their verge if it was safe to do so.

The collection problem arose after the shire went to market for a contractor and received one submission.

Mr Whiteaker said the bidder could not provide the collection within the required timeframe, while the contractor that previously serviced Mundaring was no longer operating locally.

As reported in *Mundaring announces exit from EMRC* (*Echo News*, May 2, 2025), Mundaring withdrew its membership from the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council from July last year.

At the time, Mr Whiteaker said the decision to withdraw was informed by an assessment of future strategic alignment and potential financial exposure and that sus-

tainable waste management solutions was a priority for the shire.

"To be honest, we fully expected to deliver the service this year and continued exploring other options in the hope we could find a solution before needing to update the community," he said.

"Looking back, we recognise many residents would have preferred to hear from us sooner, even if we were still trying to work through the problem."

"That's fair feedback, and we apologise for the frustration and uncertainty this has caused."

The shire's green-waste verge collection is unaffected and is scheduled to begin in Swan View on August 17.

Mr Whiteaker said no rates offset was proposed because the shire was still working towards providing a hard-waste service during 2026-27.

The shire is also reviewing how hard waste could be collected in future, including a possible pre-booked collection service from 2028-29.

"We recognise that residents expect more than an explanation," Mr Whiteaker said.

"They expect a solution, and that's exactly what we're focused on finding."

"Thank you for your patience while we continue working through the issue."

"Our focus remains on finding a solution and keeping the community informed every step of the way."

Swan's CCTV network helps to prevent crime

THE City of Swan has joined forces with WA Police by sharing its extensive CCTV network to help detect and prevent crime as part of its 'Safer in Swan' initiative.

Last year a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the City of Swan and WA Police (WAPOL) formalised sharing of CCTV capabilities, strengthening collaboration and reinforcing a shared commitment to community safety.

Over the last twelve months, WAPOL have used the city's CCTV to assist with a range of local community safety matters, including responses and investigations involving anti-social behaviour, vehicle theft, burglary and incidents involving missing persons and those at risk.

Of the 950 CCTV cameras, approximately 850 are public facing, providing the city with exceptional coverage.

When an incident occurs, WA Police can access the city's CCTV via a secure link that provides live vision to the State Operations Command Centre and authorised officers on desktop and mobile devices.

This enables real-time situational awareness while ensuring all footage is shared securely, safely and lawfully.

Police do not record the shared CCTV vision.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the CCTV network could also have uses beyond detection and crime prevention.

"For example, the city's CCTV could be used to monitor local impacts from severe weather events or help search for people lost or in distress," she said.

"Access to real-time CCTV coverage in these circumstances would also make an important contribution to public safety."

"Any CCTV footage shared is shared securely, safely and lawfully."

Under the agreement, WA Police may use the



Swan security services coordinator Daniel Howe, Midland district acting superintendent Jeff Beros, and City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson.

CCTV to take an image in relation to a law enforcement of community safety; for the purpose of further police investigation, or for the purpose of intelligence-gathering, including internal distribution within WA Police.

Operational use of the system continues to grow.

In the past six months, WA Police accessed live CCTV streams on 3921 occasions.

Between June 1, 2025 and June 1, 2026, the city fulfilled 233 requests for CCTV footage to support policing outcomes.

"Safer in Swan" remains a key city initiative, delivering practical services, strengthening partnerships and supporting programs that prevent crime, prepare for emergencies and promote community wellbeing.

More information about the initiative is available from www.swan.wa.gov.au/services-and-community/safer-in-swan

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Bullsbrook Men's Shed to build 15 owl nests

A \$5000 grant will help volunteers build and install 15 owl nesting boxes across Bullsbrook, Chittering and the Swan Valley.

North Swan Landcare received the funding from Community Bank Bullsbrook-Ellenbrook and Bindoon for its Give a Hoot About Our Local Owls project.

About half the grant will pay for nesting-box materials, with the remainder supporting appearances by live birds at community education events.

Bullsbrook Community Men's Shed volunteers will build five barn owl boxes and 10 smaller boobook boxes.

The barn owl boxes are planned for properties in Bullsbrook and Muchea where the birds were seen.

The boobook boxes will be installed at sites in Caversham, Bullsbrook, Chittering and Upper Swan.

North Swan Landcare member Lois Pearson said the private landholders involved had agreed not to use second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides.

These rodenticides can remain in poisoned rats and mice, placing owls and other animals at risk when they eat affected rodents.

In March, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority suspended registrations for products containing the chemicals for one year after finding their current use posed unacceptable risks to animals not targeted by the poison.

The regulator also began work towards tighter controls on who can buy and use the products.

The nesting-box project follows earlier Give a Hoot activities that began in 2022.

The original campaign brought together North Swan Landcare, local homeschooling families, Youth Action for Wildlife and young Bullsbrook volunteers to raise awareness about the effects of rodenticides on wildlife.

It was followed by the Big Challenge, a joint project between North Swan Landcare and the City of Swan that included community forums in Baskerville, Ellenbrook and Dayton.

The current project combines that education work with the construction and installation of nesting boxes.

About 60 people attended its latest owl event in Chittering on August 10.

Chittering residents Dylan, Levi and Olliver were chil-



Chittering boys Dylan, Levi and Olliver with southern boobook Olive.

dren who met Olive, a southern boobook cared for by the WA Birds of Prey Centre.

"Olive was an orphaned boobook baby that was surrendered to the wildlife rehabilitation team at WA Birds of Prey Centre," Ms Pearson said.

"She was very young when she arrived at the centre but too young to survive unaided by humans.

"Because she was human dependent for survival she has to remain in captivity.

"She was however most suitable in demeanour to become an educational bird, not all animals have a temperament suited to being an education animal, and is now an ambassador for her bird species."



Olive interacting with WA Birds of Prey Centre visitors.



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A proposed new overnight rest stop will cater specifically for self-contained RVs. Picture: Skyworks WA

Chidlow overnight RV rest stop plan

MIKE PEETERS

THE Shire of Mundaring has released plans for a proposed new overnight RV rest stop and wastewater dump point in Chidlow.

The facility will be located behind the Chidlow Hall on Old Northam Road, Chidlow and fully owned and managed by the shire.

Construction is expected to commence in late 2026 with \$100,000 in funding provided by the state government.

Shire president Paige McNeil said the RV overnight stop formed part of the shire's broader commitment to supporting a vibrant and sustainable visitor economy – creating a new tourism asset designed to encourage travellers to stop, stay and explore the region.

The project was identified through the shire's strategic planning as an opportunity to grow visitation and increase economic activity in local communities," Ms McNeil said.

"The concept of an RV rest stop was identified in the shire's economic development strategy and subsequently included in the council plan, which identified Chidlow as a suitable location for the facility.

"Chidlow's new RV stop, right in the heart of the village and offering access to Lake Leschenaultia, by bike, foot or a short drive, marks an exciting next step in enhancing a favourite tourism destination,"

she said.

"This project has been planned for a long time, and we're thrilled to see it come to life."

She said the aim was to encourage more visitors to stop within the shire, spend time in local communities and support local businesses and services.

"The proposed RV overnight stop facility will provide a short-stay option and wastewater dump point for self-contained recreational vehicles travelling through the area."

Community consultation through an Engage Mundaring survey attracted 110 individual responses with 74 per cent supporting the development of RV rest stop facilities, 7 per cent neutral, and 19 per cent opposed.

Following this feedback an alternative location at the former hockey oval behind Chidlow Hall was identified and new concept plans were developed.

"The revised location received strong support from the Chidlow Progress Association and aligns with community feedback received during the project's development," Ms McNeil said.

"Construction will commence following the current procurement process for a contractor to undertake the works."

Public comment on the rest stop is available at: www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/consultations/infrastructure-projects-works-and-upgrades-public-notices/chidlow-rv-rest-stop-project

Warning over discarded Bassendean fishing line



The Town of Bassendean warns discarded fishing line and tackle can cause harm to native animals, pets and people visiting the area. Pictures: Camila Egus-quiza Santa Cruz

THE Town of Bassendean has reported an increase in discarded fishing line, hooks and sinkers being left along the Swan River.

A town spokesperson said discarded fishing line and tackle can cause extensive harm. “These can have devastating effects for wildlife, and cause injury to people and pets trying to enjoy our river reserves,” they said.

Echo News asked the town if they were

planning to take particular steps to address the issue such as additional signage, fishing line disposal bins, clean-up efforts or community education.

Town of Bassendean chief executive officer Cameron Woods said disposal bins are already available to the public.

“The Town of Bassendean participates in the Reel It In – River Guardians Program, which provides bins for disposal of fishing line and tackle in river areas,” he said.

“The town removes any accessible discarded fishing line and tackle and reports any further issues to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).”

People fishing along the river are urged to keep bait covered, avoid throwing fish scraps into the water and never feed wildlife.

They are also encouraged to dispose of rubbish and fishing line safely, roll up unwanted fishing line and cut it into small

lengths before disposal, and never leave fishing line unattended.

The town also asks visitors to pick up rubbish they see, even if it is not theirs, and report any fishing line they cannot safely remove.

If visitors encounter a bird entangled in fishing line or has been injured by a discarded fishing hook, they can call Wildcare Helpline on 9474 9055 or Seabird Rescue on 6102 8464 for assistance.

Rates and budget update for Bassendean and Chittering

MIKE PEETERS

THE Town of Bassendean has posted a 4.9 percent rate increase in its 2026–27 budget with more than \$35 million provided for essential services as well as roads, parks, sporting facilities, community spaces, safety initiatives and natural area restoration.

Key projects include the Jubilee Reserve redevelopment, progression of the Ashfield flats master plan, a new jetty at Point Reserve and road safety improvements through black spot projects, as well as the low cost urban road safety program.

The Shire of Chittering adopted its 2026-27 budget last month with annual rates notices issued last week.

As per its annual budget document, the shire stated it would not raise specified area rates for the year ending June 30, 2027.

The rates would be used to fund local infrastructure, waste services and community maintenance as well as local road networks, drainage, public buildings and parks.

Other services include managing waste facilities (with gate and tipping fees adjusted for 2026),

Funding has also been allocated for emergency management, environment and public health and recreation.

A Shire of York spokesperson said rates have not yet been released and the budget is still to go to council for adoption.





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Largest field in 12 years for Lance East Exotics Tarmac West Rally



There will again be plenty of action at the Lance East Exotics Tarmac West rally in September.

WESTERN Australia's premier tarmac motor-sport event, the four-day endurance Lance East Exotics Tarmac West rally held in Perth and the Perth Hills from September 17-20 is expecting its largest field of competitors in 12 years.

The stages will be held in Whiteman Park, Ellenbrook, Parkerville, Kalamunda, Toodyay, Maryville Downs, Bullsbrook, Malaga and in the heart of Perth's CBD.

Continuing for the third successive year is an event partnership with Lance East Exotics, Perth's premier destination for prestige, performance and collector vehicles.

"As we return as naming rights partner for a third consecutive year, Lance East Exotics is proud to continue backing Tarmac West, an event that brings together world class competition, incredible machinery and a passionate community of motorsport fans," Lance East Exotics dealership sales manager Michael Lanzetta said.

"We look forward to welcoming thousands of fans to another unforgettable celebration of motorsport this September."

Rally drivers will race the clock along about 215 kilometres of closed roads over four days.

Forrest Place hosts a ceremonial start and the rally actions includes spectator favourites in Ellenbrook (Thursday evening, September 17), Malaga (Sunday morning, September 20) and in the City of Perth (Sunday afternoon, September 20), as well as tight technical stages that require deft driving, and long flowing stages where drivers can really find their

rhythm.

Tarmac Events WA Director Ross Tapper said there is strong support for rally competitions in Western Australia.

"Tarmac West has a long history of well-organised, safe events, which instils confidence in competitors, and we're seeing that with increased entries," Mr Tapper said.

"We are thrilled to continue our partnership with Lance East Exotics, their support and those of all our sponsors are highly valued and absolutely crucial for us to be able to run events."

There is a new category open this year, Modified Classics, for cars manufactured up to and including 1989.

Lance East Exotics Tarmac West is open to rally cars, plus there is a category for standard road cars for those who like spirited driving.

Introduced in 2024, Tarmac West's time speed distance, or TSD, category is for standard cars with drivers and co-drivers requiring a helmet and an Australian Auto-Sport Alliance (AASA) General Speed License.

TSD competitors are required to complete each stage as close to possible to the time allowed and penalised for an early finish more so than finishing late.

Lance East Exotics Tarmac West stages will be held in Whiteman Park, Ellenbrook, Parkerville, Kalamunda, Toodyay, Maryville Downs, Bullsbrook, Malaga and in the heart of Perth's CBD.

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Northam begins search for new chief executive

GUANHAO CHENG

SHIRE of Northam chief executive officer Debbie Terelinck has resigned after almost three years in the role.

The shire announced Ms Terelinck's resignation on July 27, saying she had cited family commitments and a desire to pursue other interests.

"It has been a privilege to be the Shire of Northam's chief executive officer for the past three years, and after spending nearly 45 years working in the local government sector it is time for me to pursue other interests," Ms Terelinck said.

"I am proud to be leaving the shire with a new council plan that has been developed with our community and sets a strong strategic direction for the next decade.

"I look forward to watching the shire continue to grow and develop, economically, socially and sustainably, with some exciting projects in the pipeline to be delivered in the next few years."

No final departure date has been set but Ms Terelinck has offered to remain with the shire until just prior to Christmas if needed while the council looks for her replacement.

Recruitment was expected to begin within a month of the announcement.

"Council will be looking for a chief executive officer to continue the great work of the outgoing chief executive officer Debbie Terelinck," Shire of Northam President Chris Antonio said.



Shire of Northam CEO Debbie Terelinck is set to resign after three years as Northam's top executive.

The shire's 2026-27 budget includes \$35,000 for the recruitment process.

Ms Terelinck joined the Shire of Northam in October 2023 after more than 25 years in local government, including senior positions with the cities of Wanneroo and Subiaco.

Her time at Northam included an organisational restructure in 2024, which the shire said was intended to better align its work with community priorities in the council plan.

Mr Antonio said the council had accepted Ms Terelinck's resignation with regret.

"She has led the organisation through a great deal in the past three years, and I am incredibly

thankful for the genuine care and unwavering dedication she has shown to the shire in that time," he said.

"I speak on behalf of all councillors and staff when I express that she will be sorely missed in this position."

Mr Antonio said the council looked forward to working with Ms Terelinck during the transition.

Ms Terelinck was appointed following the departure of former chief executive Jason Whiteaker, who left the shire in 2023 and became the chief executive officer at the Shire of Mundaring shortly after.

When announcing her appointment, the council said her background in community services would provide stability as Northam continued to grow.



Ashfield Reserve, where residents are calling for additional water bubblers to be installed. Picture: Camila Egusquiza Santa Cruz

Water bubblers for Ashfield Reserve

CAMILA EGUSQUIZA SANTA CRUZ

ASHFIELD residents have launched a petition calling for four water bubblers to be installed at Ashfield Reserve.

Petition creator and Ashfield resident Zoe Warwick said she started the petition to provide more public access to water at the reserve.

"They do a statewide soccer program there, and as fantastic an effort as the parents and the coordinators do of cleaning things up, inevitably there are always plastic bottles and lids the following day," Ms Warwick said.

"I know that the Town of Bassendean has a real commitment and desire to have sustainability. They do their best to live within those principles like being plastic free, yet on the weekends at Ashfield Reserve, there's all these plastic bottles that are being used and discarded."

A drinking-water fountain is available near the public toilets on the Colstoun Road side of Ashfield Reserve.

A Town of Bassendean spokesperson said there is also a fountain near Fisher Street, but it is currently out of order.

"While initially it was assumed the repair would be straightforward, unfortunately that is not the case and the town's contract plumber continues to deter-

mine the cause," they said.

"Within the last two weeks, the town has provided a dog bowl connected to the existing tap on the shed that's located approximately midway between Colstoun Road and Fisher Street on the old sealed fire track."

The spokesperson also said the town currently has no plans to install additional fountains.

"The number of drinking-water facilities at the reserve is equal to or greater than at other similar reserves within the town based on reserve size and usage," they said.

"Installation of additional water fountains would require additional connections to the Water Corporation and a significant amount of new infrastructure at considerable cost would be required."

Ms Warwick hopes to present the petition to council once she gains around 300 to 400 signatures.

"I have received more support than I thought. A lot of people have said that it is a good idea and have thanked me for getting the ball rolling," she said.

"There really should be more access to water down here. It gets really hot. I hate to see what our summer is going to be like without accessible water at the reserve."

Supporters can sign the petition at <https://c.org/TrSYwjTfpj>

York's Drop and Roll tyre disposal program funded



Residents will soon be able to have old tyres collected with funding approved for the Drop and Roll Tyre Program.

MIKE PEETERS

THE Shire of York has received \$75,000 to establish the 'Drop and Roll' tyre program to provide residents with a place to dispose of their end-of-life tyres.

Shire of York chief executive officer Alina Behan said the program would allow the shire to collect the tyres for recycling at the York waste transfer station and they would then be made into other materials.

"This is an additional waste stream that was not currently available," she said.

The funding is part of more than \$3.7m in Recycling Modernisation Fund (RMF) grants allocated to 16 WA regional and remote local government recycling infrastructure projects.

The projects are a joint federal and WA government initiative designed to improve waste sorting, recycling and

resource recovery across regional WA and to support plastics, tyre, paper and cardboard recovery.

They will also help support projects to improve the collection, sorting, storage and recycling of materials impacted by Australia's waste export bans, including plastics, paper and cardboard, and whole used tyres.

Projects funded through the program include upgrades to waste transfer stations, recycling infrastructure, waste handling equipment and access improvements to support more efficient and reliable operations.

The RMF has already supported 14 recycling infrastructure projects across Western Australia, increasing the state's recycling capacity by 237,700 tonnes each year and strengthening local resource recovery markets.

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Midland rallies against wild horse aerial culling



Perth residents gathered in Midland to protest the lethal control measures of wild brumbies in NSW.

BRAYDEN MOULD

A NATIONWIDE campaign protesting wild horse culling in Kosciuszko National Park reached Midland, as more than 200 demonstrators gathered in the town centre to demand a halt to the NSW government’s aerial shooting programs.

The demonstration formed part of a coordinated series of protests held across Australia, including Dunsborough, Adelaide, Sydney, and Melbourne.

Local horse owners, community members, and veterans gathered on August 1, the official birthday of horses, to express concern over the use of lethal control measures.

Event organiser Kim Nilsson said the Midland rally was to raise awareness regarding the welfare and preservation of Australian brumbies.

“I organised it so that people could meet face-to-face, and so I could deliver a speech explaining the facts,” she said.

Recent official estimates claim between 6476 and 16,411

wild horses roam Kosciuszko National Park.

Under its controversial management plan, the NSW government is working towards a target of fewer than 3000 brumbies across the park by mid-2027.

Ms Nilsson disputes the official figures, claiming the rapid population jump is biologically impossible.

“A mare can only give birth to one foal a year, so it is physically impossible for the population to double or triple in that timeframe,” she said.

The rally protested against current management practices, as they argued that non-lethal options are being overlooked by NSW government authorities.

“There are other humane ways to manage the numbers,” Ms Nilsson said.

“You just can’t shoot a horse humanely from a helicopter, no matter how good you are.

“There are sanctuaries and people willing to take these horses and rehome them, and fertility control works and is a humane option.

“But the government would rather spend nearly a mil-

lion dollars shooting them from helicopters.”

Attendees made passionate pleas to the community, waving signs at passing traffic along Great Eastern Highway.

“There were men and women coming up to me crying because of what’s been going on,” Ms Nilsson said.

“It’s not just horsey people – it’s everybody, because everyone who has a connection with Australia and knows its history is affected.”

Ms Nilsson said she hopes the strong local turnout in Midland will help build nationwide momentum against the aerial shooting operations and protect a crucial part of the nation’s heritage.

“These horses are direct descendants of our original Waler stockhorses, the ones our earlier pioneers used to build this nation,” she said.

“All we can do is just hope our voices are heard, and the government makes sense of it.

“Otherwise, we will lose our heritage, and our identity forever.”



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Mundaring welcomes 50 new Australian citizens



New citizen Kim Hoesle and her family.

SHIRE of Mundaring recently welcomed 50 new Australian citizens from 15 countries during a citizenship ceremony held at Mundaring Arena.

The ceremony celebrated people from across the world choosing to call Australia, and the Perth Hills, home.

Countries represented included the United Kingdom, New Zealand, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, France, Germany, the United States, Italy, Kenya, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Chile, Ireland and Russia.

The event brought together family, friends, dignitaries and council members to recognise this important milestone for the new citizens.

Shire President Paige McNeil presided over the ceremony and welcomed the new citizens on behalf of the community.

“It was wonderful to welcome 50 new Australian citizens to our community in the hills,” Ms McNeil said.

“The Shire of Mundaring is enriched by the diverse cultures, stories and experiences of the people who call our community home.

“We welcome our newest citizens and look forward to seeing them involved in community life and contribute to the future of our shire.”

The ceremony included an Acknowledgement of Country performed by Di Ryder OAM, recognising



Shire President Paige McNeil with new citizen Jacqueline Harris and her family.

the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land.

Klasey Hirst attended the ceremony and delivered the minister’s message on behalf of the Australian government.

Other dignitaries in attendance included Anthony Spagnolo MLC and Midland MLA Steve Catania.

Council members attending the ceremony included Cr Ben Heptinstall, Cr Prapti Mehta and Cr Matt Woods.

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Perth Film Studios opens up to the public



The Perth Film Studios will open its doors for public tours on September 11 and 12. Picture: Guan hao Cheng

A RARE behind-the-scenes look inside Western Australia's emerging screen industry will soon be offered to the public when the brand-new Perth Film Studio opens its doors to public viewing on September 11 and 12.

The two-day open event at the recently built Malaga facility aims to introduce students, families, and community members to the state's expanding film and television production capabilities.

The facility is currently hosting its first major project, *Two Birds*, a drama series produced for streaming service Stan and British network ITV.

The event on Friday, September 11 will focus primarily on secondary students, offering educational insights into career pathways across various technical and creative trades within screen production.

Industry professionals will provide information on entry-level

roles and technical fields, including set construction, sound engineering, line producing, and digital animation.

On Saturday, September 12 the second part of the event will open more broadly to the public, featuring live production demonstrations, informational panels, and family entertainment.

Within the studio complex, a dedicated behind-the-scenes zone will allow attendees to ob-

serve each stage of the working shoot through the live production of a music video.

Minister for Creative Industries Simone McGurk said the rare look inside Perth's screen industry will open up Western Australia's creative future.

"Perth Film Studios represents a major investment by the Cook Labor government helping grow our economy, create jobs, and put WA on the map as a global screen production destination,"

she said.

"We want Western Australians to feel proud of the creativity happening in their own backyard and to enjoy a fun, hands-on day that brings our world-class screen industry to life.

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Liberal MLC Anthony Spagnolo, Swan Chamber president Mike Match, Commercial Hotel owner Kevin Bartholomew and Small Business Opposition spokesperson Steve Martin MLC.

Shadow Small Business Minister visits Midland to hear from small businesses

GUILDFORD-based Liberal MLC Anthony Spagnolo has welcomed Opposition spokesperson for Small Business Steve Martin MLC to Midland, giving him the opportunity to hear firsthand about the challenges and opportunities facing small businesses.

Mr Spagnolo and Mr Martin visited the Commercial Bar and Kitchen, where they met with owner Kevin Bartholomew and Swan Chamber of Commerce President Mike Match to discuss the experience of running a small business in Midland and the opportunities for the local economy.

Mr Spagnolo said it was great to have Mr Martin visit Midland and hear directly from people with firsthand knowledge of the local commercial environment.

"Midland has a strong local economy and enormous potential, so it was fantastic to have Steve here and for him to hear firsthand about the opportunities and challenges facing small business in Midland," Mr Spagnolo said.

"We had a really productive discussion with Kevin and Mike about what local operators are experiencing and what we can do to help them succeed.

"I'm a strong believer in Midland and I want to see more people investing here, more enterprises opening their doors and our existing businesses having the confidence to grow."

Commercial Bar and Kitchen owner Kevin

Bartholomew said increasing costs and additional requirements were putting the pressure on.

"We're concerned with the constant extra, extra, extra on small businesses," Mr Bartholomew said.

"We've got the highest payroll tax in the country here in WA. We announce a surplus every year, and we don't understand why some of that can't go towards taking the pressure off small businesses.

"Instead, we're seeing new measures introduced by the government that continue to put more and more pressure on operators that are already doing it tough.

"It just seems like small business isn't even part of the conversation anymore."

Mr Martin said it was important to hear directly from people on the ground.

"This State Labor government doesn't get small business; they don't care about small business and there was nothing in the recent budget for small business."

Swan Chamber of Commerce president Mike Match said Midland was a great place to invest and had significant potential for further growth.

"We have passionate local operators, a growing community and a town centre with a lot to offer.

"It was great to have the (Opposition spokesperson) for Small Business here in Midland and taking the time to listen to the experiences of people on the ground."

Northam and Toodyay adopt budgets

GUANHAO CHENG

BOTH the Shire of Northam and Shire of Toodyay have adopted their budgets for 2026-27 with a focus on roadworks and infrastructure spending.

Shire of Northam councillors unanimously adopted a \$12.64 million capital program at their July 29 meeting. The program includes \$4.37m for roads, \$757,041 for drainage and \$303,479 for bridges.

The shire expects to collect \$13.82m in rates, representing about 58 per cent of its operating revenue.

Residential waste charges will increase by about 10 per cent, with the general waste charge rising from \$216 to \$238 and recycling from \$111 to \$122.

The combined charge will rise by \$33 to \$360.

The budget also includes \$2.1m in new borrowing, comprising \$1.1m for an upgrade of the shire’s administration centre and \$1m for a wastewater reuse project.

More than \$1.56m from the previous year’s surplus will be transferred into reserves.

This includes \$500,000 for roads and drainage, \$421,423 for shire buildings and \$300,000 towards an all-abilities playground.

A further \$122,865 will be reserved for office equipment and the shire website, \$116,013 for plant and \$101,454 for its refuse site.

The budget also contains \$35,000 for the recruitment of a new chief executive following the resignation of chief executive Debbie Terelinck.

Commercial rates will continue to fund a \$127,000 contribution to the Northam Chamber of Commerce.

Only one public submission was received after the shire advertised its proposed differential and minimum rates.

Shire of Toodyay councillors adopted their budget on August 6.

The budget provides for \$12.34m in operating revenue and \$15.76m in operating expenditure, as well as an \$8.81m capital program.

Its largest capital allocation is \$3.77m for road construction.

Other projects include \$2.15m for Batty Pass land development, \$596,700 for key-worker accommodation and \$160,000 for standpipe upgrades and refurbishments.



The shire has also allocated \$110,000 for an accessible public toilet at Newcastle Park, \$108,753 for two replacement water tanks at the Julimar fire station and \$30,000 for a replacement niche wall at Toodyay cemetery.

Toodyay’s total rates revenue will increase by 5 per cent to \$8.66m, half a percentage point below the increase advertised for public comment.

The minimum payment across the shire’s rating categories will rise from \$1495 to \$1570.

The annual domestic rubbish and recycling charge has been set at \$382, while the minimum waste transfer levy will be \$111.

Councillors amended the rates instalment dates during the meeting after officers discovered the dates published in the agenda were three days short of statutory requirements.

Payments will be due on September 30, December 1, February 1 and April 1.

Cr Rosemary Madacsi said she did not believe the budget adequately addressed the community’s interests.

“There are some expenditure items that I’m concerned about and a lack of addressing of certain items that need to be addressed,” she said.

Cr Madacsi declined during the meeting to identify the items.

Shire of Toodyay President Michael McKeown said councillors had held robust budget discussions and had responded to unexpected financial pressures, including costs associated with Newcastle Bridge.

“I think this budget is certainly the best that we can put together at this time,” he said.



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Sawyers Valley & Mount Helena	16 November 2026
Chidlow, Wooroloo, Beechina, Bailup, Gorrie & The Lakes	30 November 2026



Bassendean cat championship returns



Cats will be judged across four groups, with a supreme winner crowned in each ring.

CAMILA EGUSQUIZA SANTA CRUZ

THE Maine Coon Cat Club WA is hosting an all-breeds cat championship in Bassendean on Sunday, August 16 at Cyril Jackson Recreation Centre to celebrate pedigree and household cats.

Club and show secretary Jan Sterry said the championship has expanded to four rings this year, after only previously having three.

“Rings are based on the number of judges,” she said.

“We have three interstate judges coming from New South Wales, Tasmania and South Australia, and one WA judge.

“There are four groups in each ring – group one are long-haired cats, which includes Maine Coons, group two are Siamese and Orientals, group three are short-haired cats, and group four are household cats.”

A finalist from each group will be decided and then one out of the four will be named supreme of their ring.

Ms Sterry said cats are judged to

a standard determined by physical traits such as where the ears sit, posture, coat texture, patterns and body type.

“We also have a class for our household pets,” she said.

“They’ll be judged on how well they’re presented, their personality and how they are as an all-round cat at home, as opposed to our pedigree cats, who are judged to a particular standard.”

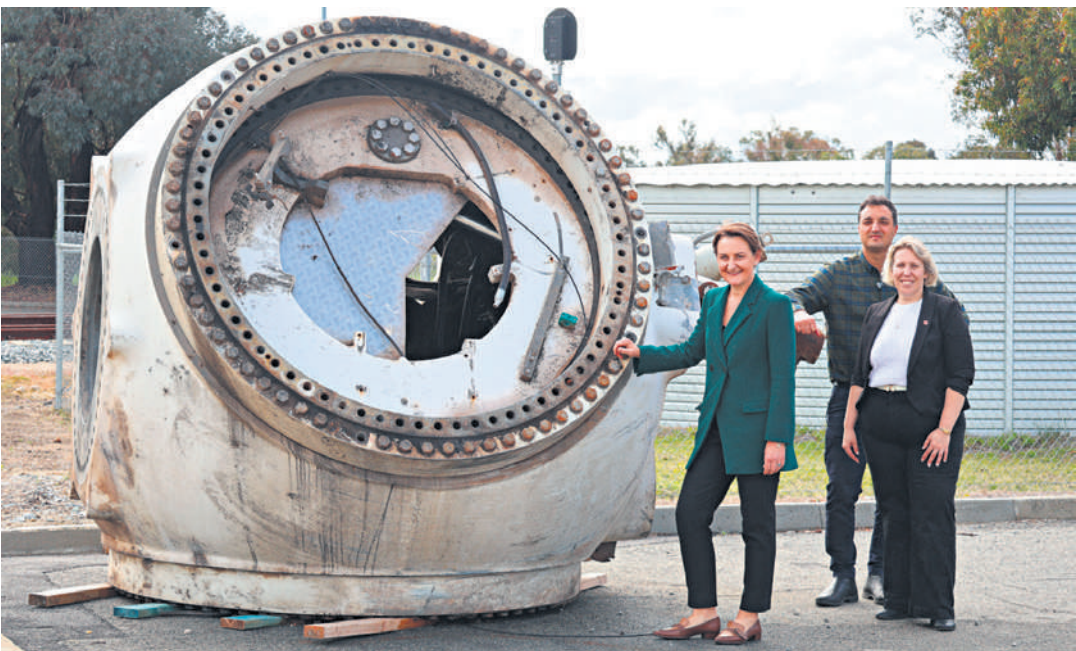
Other free side classes included with entry include longest whiskers, judges’ fancy, best purrsonality and best groomed.

Prizes include litter, biscuits, crates, harnesses, dental supplements and more.

Ms Sterry hopes people coming to the event can appreciate the effort put into preserving cat breeds and share with others their love for cats.

“We also hope to educate the public in responsible cat ownership and celebrate all cats,” she said.

Visitors are welcome from 9.30am to 3pm, with free entry.



Skills and TAFE Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson, Midland MLA Steve Catania and Klasey Hirst MLC.

Clean energy skill hub for Midland TAFE

THE federal and state governments have funded \$32 million for a new state-of-the-art Clean Energy Skills Hub for Western Australia to be based in Midland.

A central hub will be established at North Metropolitan TAFE’s Midland campus and will network with up to four interconnected specialist ‘spokes’ based in WA’s regions.

An initiative of the Clean Energy Skills National Centre of Excellence (CESNCE), the hub will facilitate training across clean energy sectors including solar and wind, battery energy storage systems and related technologies.

TAFE’s Midland campus will use digitally integrated technologies to connect with the specialist regional locations, enabling the TAFE network to deliver practical clean energy skills training throughout the state.

The initiative will support regional TAFE colleges to deliver training aligned to local industry demand, helping support regional communities to build their local workforces and Aboriginal people to access industry-relevant clean energy skills training closer to home.

Refurbishments at the Midland campus are set to commence later this year, with increased training delivery in electrical and instrumentation qualifications from 2027.

The CESNCE is a \$70.5m joint initiative between the federal and state governments under the National Skills Agreement.

Hasluck MP Tania Lawrence said the Clean Energy Skills Hub represented yet more opportunity in Hasluck and beyond for anyone looking to access the skills and training for secure, well-paid jobs in the growing clean energy sector.

“Midland TAFE is already a leader in specialised training, including wind turbine and working at heights courses. Our \$32m investment will build on that strong foundation, helping train the workforce needed to support WA’s transition to clean energy and create jobs for the future.”

Midland MLA Steve Catania said a brand-new



Midland MLA Steve Catania, Skills and TAFE Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson and Klasey Hirst MLC.

clean energy hub located at Midland TAFE will create more local training opportunities for students and apprentices closer to home.

“We know how important free and low fee TAFE is for the Midland community, and I’m pleased we are working to create more opportunities in growing industries.

“Importantly, this investment will help local people gain the skills they need to access secure, well-paid jobs and careers in Western Australia’s clean energy future.”

Skills and TAFE Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson said workforce projections show we will need 22,000 workers in the clean energy sector by 2035.

“We want Western Australian workers to seize these opportunities,” she said.

“That’s why we are investing in the Clean Energy Skills Hub, which will create and expand training opportunities across key clean energy areas such as solar and wind.”

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Wheatbelt regional road safety funding

THE Shires of York and Toodyay have successfully secured \$4.86m and \$7.53m respectively as part of the second tranche of local government road project funding under the WA state government’s expanded Regional Road Safety Program (RRSP).

The York funding will deliver safety improvements along 33km of the York-Tammin Road while the Toodyay funding will be invested in upgrades to the Toodyay-Bindi Bindi Road (\$3,560,272) and Julimar Road (\$3,974,722).

The funding will be used to install sealed road shoulders and audible edge and centre line treatments, measures designed to reduce the risk of run-off-road and head-on crashes.

The regional road safety program aims to improve safety across Western Australia’s regional road network, benefiting local communities, emergency services, visitors and freight operators.

Shire of York chief executive officer Alina Behan welcomed the funding announcement saying the project would significantly improve safety for local residents, freight operators and visitors travelling between York and surrounding Wheatbelt communities.

“This investment will make a real difference to road safety outcomes on the York-Tammin Road,

delivering practical improvements that help protect all road users and support safer regional travel,” Ms Behan said.

She said planning for the project would now commence, with works to deliver a safer, upgraded road network for the York community and the wheatbelt region commencing in the next 12 months.

Other councils to benefit from the RRSP program include the shires of Northam, Wongan Hills and Waroona.

While outside the Wheatbelt the City of Swan received two grants totalling more than \$700,000.

The grants are part of nearly \$34m allocated to local government including delivering life-saving safety upgrades on regional roads.

Covering 24 new projects and more than 430km of the local road network, works will predominantly be delivered by the local governments themselves.

The RRSP was established in 2020 to address run-off and head-on road crashes – one of the leading causes of serious injuries and fatalities on regional roads.

Since the RRSP was launched, around \$1b has been invested to upgrade 10,000km of the regional road network.

WA Forest Alliance senior campaigner Jason Fowler presenting at the Mundaring Hub of the Hills.



Mundaring group hosts briefing on bushfire risk

THE Mundaring Residents and Ratepayers Progress Association (MRRPA) recently hosted WA Forest Alliance (WAFA) senior campaigner Jason Fowler for a community briefing on bushfire risk management.

The session was held at the Hub of the Hills, Mundaring on Thursday, August 6 and was attended by community members, joined by Cr David Grills, Cr Prapti Mehta and the Shire of Mundaring bushfire risk management officer.

The event was also attended by representatives from local volunteer bushfire brigades and the Bibbul Ngarma Aboriginal Association.

Mr Fowler spoke about modern fire management science, including WAFA's concerns about the role of large-scale prescribed burns by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) as a primary bushfire mitigation strategy.

He said the state should consider stronger emphasis on early detection and rapid suppression, alongside First Nations-led cultural burning and targeted, low-intensity burns designed to protect built areas and sensitive habitat.

The briefing highlighted emerging technology

approaches being trialled or discussed across Australia including here in WA's Southwest, from early-detection systems such as AI smoke detection cameras and gas monitors to tools like thermal imaging drones to support faster remote assessment and response.

MRRPA president Tom Johns said it was concerning to hear current practice prioritised KPIs over risk reduction.

Groups like WAFA question the practices, aiming to find a more balanced approach to bushfire mitigation and management that safeguards communities as well as protecting unique and threatened ecosystems in Mundaring.

MRRPA vice president and former Shire of Mundaring councillor Neridah Zlatnik said volunteer bushfire brigades in the area actively engage in best-practice bushfire mitigation and response.

They use cool, carefully controlled burns and take great care to protect habitat trees and nesting hollows according to Ms Zlatnik.

Mr Fowler said it was time to burn less, on a small and sensitive scale and time to burn better using combined knowledge and rapidly evolving technology.

New Bullwinkel nursing awards are now open for nominations

THE vital work of nurses and midwives from the Perth Hills to the Wheatbelt is to be recognised with the launch of a new nursing award.

The Bullwinkel Nursing Awards will be sponsored by registered nurse and Bullwinkel MP Trish Cook.

"I know that the work of nurses, midwives and health professionals is hugely important to the wellbeing of our community and often goes unrecognised. These awards aim to shine a light on the exceptional and humble individuals who go above and beyond to care for their patients across the Bullwinkel electorate," Ms Cook said.

The Bullwinkel Nursing Awards will recognise the extraordinary care, compassion and commitment to health demonstrated by nurse and midwives in the electorate.

The electorate of Bullwinkel is named after WWII heroine, Lt Col Vivian Bullwinkel, a nurse who demonstrated extraordinary acts of compassion, care and heroism as the sole survivor of the Bangka Island Massacre and a prisoner of war.

Ms Cook is a registered nurse, who worked in remote area nursing and occupational health before moving into research, where her PhD focuses on patient experiences of home-based immunotherapy treatments.

"The Bullwinkel Nursing Awards are a wonderful opportunity for patients, colleagues and community members to nominate exceptionally caring



Bullwinkel MP Trish Cook.

individuals working across a range of specialities and settings in our constituency," she said.

Nominations are invited in the following excellence categories: Enrolled nursing care, registered nursing care, residential/aged care nursing, Aboriginal health nursing, community care nursing and midwifery care.

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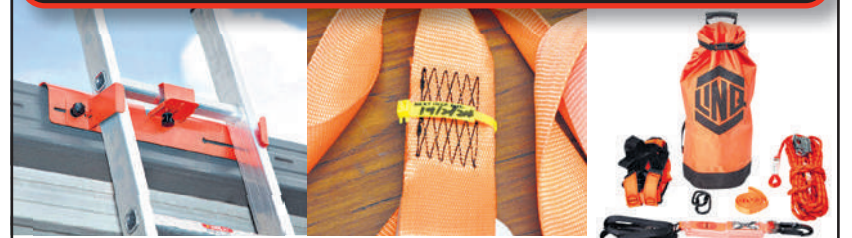
compassion and professionalism shown by registered nurses, enrolled nurses and midwives living and/or working across the Bullwinkel electorate.

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Maylands

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Cillian Geaney
From 8pm, Free
50 East St, Guildford

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Fenton Wilde
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Mahogany Creek

Sat August 15

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ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Capture and Create with digital media

A NEW digital CoLab Studio will open at Midland Junction Arts Centre in September thanks to a Lotterywest grant.

The CoLab Studio at Midland Junction Arts Centre (MJAC) will be a one-stop digital hub for creatives.

Artists, photographers, filmmakers, animators and media students will have a space to collaborate and give life to innovative ideas.

With a range of recording equipment, computers and editing software available, the CoLab Studio provides the tools to explore digital technology and invites creative connections, providing the ideal backdrop for an exciting new evolution of public programs and workshops in Perth's eastern region.

To launch the CoLab Studio, MJAC invites creatives interested in digital technology as an artistic medium to submit an EOI for the inaugural digital workshop program.

This program, Capture and Create with Digital Media, will be facilitated by renowned creative director, artist and musician Steven Alyian and delivered in three modules from September to November.

The series of eight workshops spans photography, videography and video editing and applicants can select to under-



Steven Alyian. Picture: AJ Coultier

take the full course or individual modules.

The cost of the program is supported by grant funding to make it affordable for emerging and young creatives.

EOIs should be submitted via the MJAC website www.midlandjunctionartscentre.com.au closing on August 30.

Successful applicants will be notified by September 9 and will be required to



A digital CoLab Studio will open at MJAC.

pay the subsidised fee prior to course commencement.

For more information, please visit www.midlandjunctionartscentre.com.au/colab-studio or contact MJAC Inc project officer Jasmine Jones at jjones@munda-ringartscentre.com.au or 08 9250 8062.



The event has activities for the whole family. Pictures: Taste of Chittering

Taste of Chittering returns

TASTE of Chittering returns for another year at Woolah Rise in Bindoon on Sunday, August 30.

The festival is in its 14th year and is set to celebrate local flavours, community spirit and country hospitality.

Last year's event attracted 6500 attendees, with organisers expecting another strong turn-out this year.

Attendees can expect to experience a wide range of stalls featuring local produce, hand-made goods, artisan products, food and beverage offerings, as well as live entertainment, cooking demonstrations, tastings and hands-on workshops.

A Taste Passport will also be available on the day.

Visitors are encouraged to collect the event program when they arrive and follow the passport to explore participating stalls throughout the event, where they can collect stamps along the way.

Once the passport is completed, participants can then enter a draw to win prizes.

Taste of Chittering recommends that visitors bring cash as mobile reception can be unreliable in the area and EFTPOS facilities may not always be available.

The festival will take place from 10am to 3pm and tickets are \$5 for adults and free for children under 18.

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Bridge is played at our clubhouse in Ledger Road, Gooseberry Hill, 5 days of the week. We are a friendly club with players at all levels of bridge. We usually offer beginner lessons twice a year, the next one will start on Friday 11th September and conclude Friday 30th October, with an Open Day happening on Friday 4th September, from 12.00 – 2.00pm. We have occasional lectures from visiting experts and run a variety of competitions catering to all levels of bridge.

Monday evening supervised sessions are open



to anyone wanting to practice their bridge skills. A partner is not necessary. It is a very popular evening where new players can gain experience in a very friendly atmosphere!

Please refer to our website for more information regarding days and times or phone Jenny on 0407 085 229 for information and to register.



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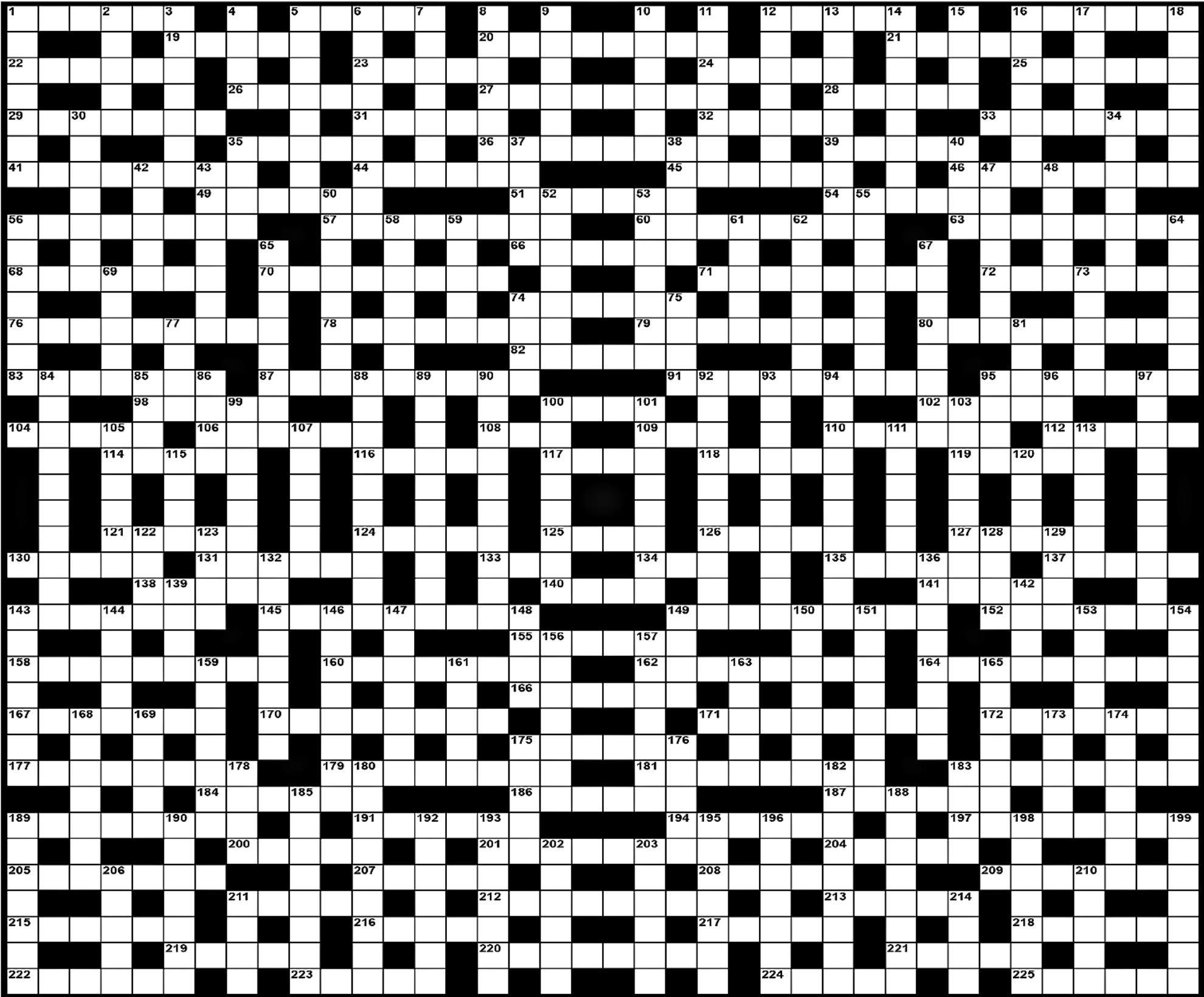


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Mind Boggler Crossword

1281



ACROSS

- 1 Pursued

5 Skinflint

12 Skin openings

16 Attends to

19 A cosmetic

20 An occurrence of little significance (3-5)

21 Nip

22 Carry case

23 Hammering block

24 Attempted

25 Acquire

26 Reel of cotton

27 Uncivil

28 Cattle farm

29 Clears by payment

31 Insects

32 A compound

33 Thin cords

35 Asian country

36 Added together

39 Window parts

41 Scatter

44 Give new trial

45 Takes one's position

46 Normal amounts

49 Put into

51 Cattle rope

54 Store green fodder

56 Sweet-smelling

57 Agreed to

60 Rubbish

63 Soldiers

66 Parties noisily

68 Foot pedal

70 Being leased out

71 Invoices

72 Has to have

74 National song

76 Come between

78 Insure again
- 79 Planes etc

80 Good speech

82 Decrees

83 Taking time

87 Increases population

91 Shifts over

95 Soldiers' lodging

98 Slope

100 Slender

102 Make happy

104 Semi-precious stone

106 Touched with lips

108 Lard etc

109 Finish

110 Perform

112 Vegetable dish

114 A tree

116 Rub out

117 A foray

118 Graven images

119 Encounters

121 Big

124 Outrageous

125 A mountain lion

126 Lead for a dog

127 Wide-awake

130 Tender

131 A jacket

133 Take to court

134 Eastern principle

135 Do too much

137 Jellied dish

138 A representative

140 Wander

141 Protection

143 Having nodes

145 Cynical people (4,5)

149 Separated

152 Young tree

155 Take into custody

158 Cut to pieces

160 Survival aid

162 Musical writer

- 164 Sword holders

166 Make dimmer

167 Insulting

170 Sadden

171 Wild rush

172 Weird

175 Scenes

177 Ninepins

179 Car trials (4,4)

181 Take a vow again

183 Speaks about

184 Some gems

186 More unusual

187 Keenness

189 A flower

191 Fall over

194 Controlling devices

197 Bounced back

200 Striped animal

201 Made plans for

204 Heavy vehicle

205 Lack of moisture

207 Brimless cap

208 One giving freely

209 Non-agreement

211 In the district

212 Of cells

213 Type of fit

215 Small

216 From Eire

217 Celebrate well

218 Carrying

219 Large book

220 Voters

221 Wash lightly

222 Riding seat

223 Character

224 Relaxes

225 Quick run
- DOWN

1 Went over

2 Backbone

- 3 Visionary

4 Nuisances

5 Get to know

6 Strong supporters

7 Call on again

8 Enters into some cause

9 To speak sharply (4,2)

10 Excusable

11 Is present at

12 An arrow sign

13 Makes up for wrong

14 Sparklers

15 Small measure (imp)

16 Laugh merrily

17 Combined singing voices

18 Nasal cavities

30 Bad illness

34 Lumps of metal

35 Small coin

37 Different one

38 Monetary units

40 Sodium chloride

42 Went wrong

43 Truthful

47 Giddiness

48 House tops

50 Bit of a shower

52 Decked

53 Plead for

55 Drink for forgetting

56 Suitable

58 Old timepiece

59 Wants

61 Strong-willed

62 Heavenly drinks

64 Methods

65 Tries

67 Evaluated

69 In front

73 Perfect

- 74 Land measures

75 Light cloud

77 Small glass container

81 Leave

84 Untidy child

85 Employs

86 Inland water

88 Hades

89 Polar continent

90 Bubble up

92 Very foolish

93 Mediator

94 Originally displayed (5,5)

95 Unclothed

96 In case of

97 Changeover

99 Almost a score

100 Stablehand

101 Think

103 A soft drink

105 Enmesh

107 Back of neck

111 Our natural world

113 Valuable items

115 A jetty

120 Border

122 One from Arabia

123 Older hair colour

128 Diaries

129 Grate

132 Light and airy

136 Root vegetables

139 Unhappy

142 Metrical foot

143 Takes for gain

144 Very bad cars (coll)

146 Lower in position

147 Body holders

148 Beach material

149 English school

150 Took as truth

- 151 Plant grower

153 A vine

154 New oil wells (coll)

156 Get to know

157 Staff of office

159 Beer makers

161 Sweetheart

163 Part of a flower

165 Stern

168 Light truck

169 Bury

173 Proportion

174 Pasta ingredients

175 Act with scorn

176 Be of use

178 African canal

180 Settle

182 Stomach complaint

183 Dimness

185 A fool

188 Nonbelievers

189 Oars

190 Very crude

192 Political groups

193 Fastened door

195 Place of residence

196 Take a risk

198 Invents

199 Pleasure

202 Turned over

203 Liquid measure (imp)

206 Took account of

210 Speak

211 Exist

214 Wrongdoings

Crossword Solution 1280 from 7 August, 2026

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF LAND

Notice of proposed lease of land section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995

Property: Suite 5, Stafford Court, 8 Stafford Street, Midland WA 6056

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Submissions in writing and addressed to the undersigned may be lodged on or before, **Monday August 31, 2026**

Stephen Cain
Chief Executive Officer
City of Swan
PO Box 196, Midland, 6936



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A free service for non-profit organisations

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Upcoming Events

- **Kalamunda Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Falls Farm, 41 Cagney Way Lesmurdie from 10am-1pm. For more information call Roy 9295 2522 or Ray 0427 095 892.
- **Mundaring CWA** meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10am at the CWA Centre (Sculpture Park), Jacoby Street, Mundaring. There is a general meeting and cuppa with craft and so-

cial to follow until 3pm. New members and visitors welcome. For more information call Marg on 0417 956 628.

- **Midland Men's Shed** Social Tuesday is every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Baptist Church Hall, Bellevue. Our workshop at 34 Swan Avenue Midvale is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8am to 11am. Call Andy on 0419 921 805.
- **Midland Lawn Tennis Club** meets for social tennis 9am every Wednesday and Saturday at 21 Patterson Drive, Middle Swan. All ages and standards of play welcome, and they

have senior and junior teams that compete in Tennis West penants. For more information email playtennis@midlandtennis.com.au.

- **Kalamunda Lapidary Club** will be holding their annual exhibiton on Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13, from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Koster Oval, Recreation Road, Kalamunda. Come and admire or buy beautiful gemstones, or find out about our workshops for cutting and polishing precious stones. Adults are a \$2 admission and children under 14 years is free.

- **Midland Friendly Garden Club** meets at 9.30am on alternate Thursdays at Bruce Douglas Pavilion, Salisbury Road, Swan View. The next meeting will take place on August 20 with a special raffle. For more information call Jenny on 0424 553 002 or Barbara on 0482 935 686.
- **Mundaring RSL** is holding a combined Victory in the Pacific and Vietnam Veteran's Day commemoration service on Saturday, August 15 from 6.30am to 8.30pm at the Mundaring Community Men's Shed at 1 Morilla Road, Mundaring. It will feature a special one hour musi-

cal performance by the Parkerville Community Band with music from the era and a formal Last Post ceremony. For more information call Eric on 0419 925 637.

- **DiabetesWA** is holding a free Living Well with Diabetes session on Thursday, August 13 from 6pm to 8pm for people living with type two diabetes. To book visit www.tinyurl.com/4nv547jc

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



Elvis is a five-year-old labrador cross kelpie. His owner has moved overseas so he was left with a family member who already has two large dogs and is unable to cope with three. Elvis is easy going and will fit in anywhere he goes. He is sterilised, microchipped, and vaccinated. Costs Apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.

Lions withstand Tigers' comeback



Mt Helena held strong against Midland's second-half surge in the round 16 game.

BRIAN PALLISTER

IDEAL weather conditions greeted Mt Helena and Midland for their round 16 encounter with Mt Helena 19.9 (123) winning against Midland 16.6 (102) in the end.

The Lions were quick to goal after Mt Helena's Bo Read delivered an accurate ruck tap to a teammate, allowing the ball to be moved forward to Mt Helena's Jess Cartwright.

The Tigers were well served in the centre by Midland's Denver Roberts and Shannon Coyne, who ran hard to get involved in the contests.

Midland's Oshai Rogomaicake and Matthew Fletcher were assigned the task of manning up on the Lions' two most effective forwards, Mt Helena's Ryan Watters and Jess Cartwright.

Mt Helena's Michael Hine slotted into the forward pocket for his retirement game.

The Lions had opened a 19-point lead by the first siren.

Midland's Renee Anderson popped up for an early second-quarter goal as the Tigers pushed hard to reduce the deficit.

Mt Helena's Ryan Schwagereit was starting to gain confidence after a lengthy time out with injury.

Lion Blade Elzer enjoyed the dry conditions and combined with Daniel Bulla as they ran the ball down the outer wing towards goal.

Mt Helena's Michael Hine was awarded a kick in his forward pocket, but the distance

from goal appeared to be his biggest hurdle.

With some clever footwork, he evaded the player on the mark and moved close enough to convert the kick.

Mt Helena had increased its lead to 30 points by half-time.

Midland needed to improve if it was going to get back into the game.

A move in the ruck paid dividends as the Tigers were able to get the ball out of the centre through Midland's Niklas Geracitano.

He delivered the ball to Midland's Denver Roberts, who sidestepped a couple of opponents and ran on to kick a goal.

This was quickly followed by some equally smooth ball movement, allowing Midland's Toban Higgins to convert another.

Within minutes, Midland's Denver Roberts had kicked another goal and the Tigers were on a roll and back within two straight kicks.

A late goal to Mt Helena Lion Jess Cartwright pushed the margin back to 30 points at the final change.

The last quarter was set up for a big finish.

It turned into a your-turn, my-turn affair as the teams went goal-for-goal, kicking five each.

Mt Helena's Dakota Pollard had a standout finish with three goals for the quarter, while teammate Jess Cartwright kicked his seventh for the game.

Midland's Denver Roberts closed out the game with his fifth goal in what was probably a best-on-ground performance.



Swan United and Swan Italian Club committee member Neil Aloï and long-time Swan United club member Len Dundo with Giorgio Chiellini.

Juventus football legend comes to the Swan Valley

JUVENTUS and Italian football legend Giorgio Chiellini visited both Swan United FC and the Swan Italian Club while in Perth as part of the Serie A club's high-profile participation in the Calcio Italiano event.

Calcio Italiano involved four of the most successful and widely supported clubs in world football - AC Milan, Inter Milan, Juventus and Palermo - who came to Perth for one week in August for friendly matches at Optus Stadium.

It was also a special opportunity for the Swan United FC juniors, families and members of both the football club and the Swan Italian Club to get up close with Giorgio Chiellini - one of the greats of world football.

Chiellini spent time taking photos, signing autographs and meeting Swan United's junior players and members, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

The club welcomed Chiellini alongside Swan United president Ben Kelly, Swan Italian Club president Jason Russo, Swan United's Cos Coniglio and Midland MLA Steve Catania.

"For our Italian and Juventus

community, having a man who captained both Juventus and the Azzurri standing amongst our juniors and members was something very special," Swan United president Ben Kelly said.

"A champion known around the world for his leadership, toughness, loyalty and passion - qualities that represent everything we love about football.

"From captaining Juventus and Italy to spending an afternoon with our community in the Swan Valley, Chiellini's career speaks for itself with 561 appearances for Juventus across 17 seasons, 9 consecutive Serie A titles, five Coppa Italia titles, five Italian super cups and 117 appearances for Italy.

"He also captained Italy to victory at UEFA Euro 2020 at Wembley."

In Perth, Juventus played Inter Milan on August 8 at Optus Stadium in a 'derby-d'Italia', losing 2-1 in a thriller.

On August 11 they played Palermo in a 'Turin-Sicily showdown' at HBF Park, winning 2-0.

As part of the team's visit, Swan United coaches also received backstage passes to a Juventus' open training session.

ECHO Local Real Estate

**Residential
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Midland home with development potential

POSITIONED nearby central Midland, this four-bedroom property offers an established home on a 698sqm corner block.

This R40/60-zoned property has been surveyed and may have the potential for a second lot or an additional dwelling, subject to council and relevant authority approvals.

With two street frontages, a future second lot may be able to have separate street access.

This could allow a buyer to build an investment property, provide accommodation for extended family or pursue other development plans.

The existing home includes four bedrooms, one bathroom, a separate lounge and an open kitchen and dining area.

Outside, a large patio and pergola provide space for entertaining.

The backyard can be accessed through the single carport and from the side of the property, providing flexibility for vehicles, trailers or future works.

Buyers may also choose to retain the property as a family home and make use of the block's outdoor space.

The property is close to Midland's shops, services, transport links and community facilities.

With an existing four-bedroom home, dual street frontage and possible development options, the property may appeal to families, investors and developers.

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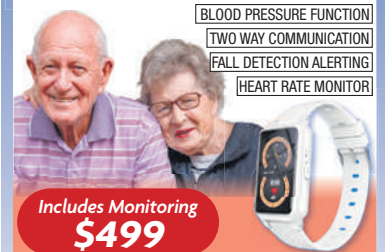
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