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Helena Valley glamping

Dear Echo News,
I was disappointed to read the conditional approval of the proposed glamping development in Helena Valley New eco-tourism development gets conditional tick to proceed (Echo News, August 7).

As an immediate neighbour, I am not writing as someone opposed to visitors in the Perth Hills. Quite the opposite.

I have lived in Helena Valley for most of my 80 plus years. I understand why people want to experience our beautiful bushland, walking trails and outdoor lifestyle.

My concern is simple: I do not believe a commercial short-stay tourist accommodation business belongs in the middle of an established residential neighbourhood.

I appreciate that the developers may genuinely want to minimise their environmental impact, however, I worry about what happens when guests arrive late at night, vehicles come and go, people gather outside, and weekends and holidays become busy periods.

These are not things that can always be managed by a noise curfew or a management plan.

With Helena Valley Primary School nearby, The Crescent is already heavily congested around drop-off and pick-up times. Adding more vehicles could impact the safety of vulnerable children.

Then there is the bushfire risk.

Permanent residents know the roads and local surroundings. Tourists staying a few nights may not.

In a fast-moving emergency, that differ-

ence could be significant.

I am particularly uneasy about the proposed fire pit at the accommodation.

The local attractions listed as an argument in favour of the location – the Bibbulmun Track, Munda Biddi Trail, etcetera – are at least an 8km drive away.

An environmentally responsible development should consider not only how lightly it sits on the land, but also how it affects the people, wildlife, roads, fire safety and established residential environment around it.

The right type of tourism in the wrong location is still the wrong development.

D McAllan
Helena Valley

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– Unknown

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In response to Extra Mundaring tip passes after waste delay

I guess it's something. But for those people without means to transport their junk to the tip this is useless. Can the council please explore the skip bin option? This has worked very well in Bayswater.

S McGuinness

They are doing the best they can, extra tip passes are appreciated by many. If they can't find anyone to do the collection fair chance, there isn't a company with hundreds of skip

bins just waiting to go. That extra money has to come from somewhere.

D Turner

A lot of people rent and don't get tip passes. They say contact the landlord, but nobody wants to ruffle feathers in this day and age.

T Bradley

In response to Midland rallies against wild horse aerial culling

What are they doing for our wonderful native wildlife that is

being edged towards extinction? Lovely though brumbies are they are feral and contribute to the decimation of local species.

J Sullivan

The love for these brumbies has to be balanced out with care for the environment.

A Subramanya

In response to Water bubblers for Ashfield Reserve

Nothing worse than not having water for dogs at parks.

B Roberts

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With Commissioner for Consumer Protection Trish Blake

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These dates can differ by several months and, in some cases, can even cross calendar years.

For example, a car advertised as a 2023 model may have been manufactured in 2022. While there may be nothing wrong with the vehicle itself, the difference can be important because it could affect how much you are prepared to pay for it and how much it is worth when you come to sell it.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) says many consumers do not understand the difference between these dates, which can lead to confusion about the true age

of a vehicle.

In Western Australia, motor vehicle dealers are required to record the compliance date on the form you see in the windscreen, but they can use the build date, compliance date or model year when advertising a vehicle for sale.

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North Ellenbrook disallowance motions lost in parliament

GUANHAO CHENG
DISALLOWANCE motions related to two North Ellenbrook metropolitan region scheme (MRS) amendments were lost in parliament on Tuesday.

The result comes on the back of months of Swan community campaigning for a rethink on how water management is handled at the state government level.

In *Saffioti eager for action on Swan flooding and new review* (Echo News, July 31), Deputy Premier and West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti said she acknowledged the severity and complexity of flooding issues in Swan.

The matter was brought up during the debate on the motions in parliament this week with members quoting the Deputy Premier's acknowledgement of the flooding impacts.

Greens leader MLC Brad Pettitt moved the disallowance motions and said the state had a one size fits all policy for drainage and water in urban areas.

"It's pretty clear in the Swan Valley those standard drainage solutions are not working," he said.

"The reason for this disallowance is that we are about to repeat those mistakes that have become apparent in the Swan Valley all over again further north in north Ellenbrook.

"This is a moment for this parliament to do its job, to ask that this development be paused whilst a different approach to drainage and water is come up with and looked at seriously.

"It's been a slow-moving catastrophe (and) for a long time, government denied there was a problem because it takes a long time for that water to build up.

"Everyone thought, 'Oh, it's just a wet year, that's why there's waterlogging this year... it's just seasonal'.

"What we're seeing now again and again is that the data is overwhelming."

Mr Pettitt said the flooding issues came down to basic geology and as the western parts of Perth were largely sand compared to

the east.

"As you go towards the coast, unsurprisingly, most of Perth is limestone (and) sand (which) drains extremely well.

"When you put hard surfaces that drain off into increasingly limited amounts of land, it drains pretty quickly into the soil below.

"What has become apparent in more eastern parts of this north-eastern corridor is that this doesn't happen."

Guildford-based Liberal MLC Anthony Spagnolo spoke in support of the residents of Swan and addressing the flooding issues but against the disallowance motion.

"We agree that there is an issue; we disagree on the remedy to fix it," he said.

"I do not support this disallowance because this is not the right tool to solve the problem.

"It is like dropping a nuclear bomb on something that needs a couple of right hooks.

"It is over the top and will actually halt progress.

"I think allowing this land to go ahead and move towards urban development will actually help... there are many steps before we get to development.

"Before these future approvals are put in place, those issues will need to be addressed (and) it is actually that bit of the process that will put focus and attention on addressing it.

"Let me be clear (as) I stand with (Swan residents) in their desire to have these issues fixed, but I also support housing in Western Australia – we need to build more homes."

Labor MLC Jackie Jarvis voted against the disallowance motion and said the priority was to get more houses built.

"I am advised that groundwater challenges in the area of North Ellenbrook differ from the circumstances in the Swan Valley area," she said.

"The main one is that (Mr Pettitt) referred to matters on the Swan River flood plain.

"I am told that North Ellenbrook has a greater separation distance from the Swan River flood plain and that the Swan Valley



Ongoing development in Brabham with body of water exposed. Picture: Guan-hao Cheng

and Dayton areas are on a flood plain adjacent to the river.

"We have property development around the world and in Australia on clay soils – I am told that the North Ellenbrook area has lower clay content in the soils and a higher separation to regional groundwater levels.

"I am also advised that North Ellenbrook has local waterways that control groundwater levels such as gullies and naturally occurring waterways, as opposed to the Swan Valley and Dayton areas where water is transferred to local agricultural drains in the Swan Valley on that flood plain – I am told that the issues are different."

Ms Jarvis said during the preparation of the local structure plans, there was sufficient opportunity and obligation to manage groundwater.

"That will occur in the next stage," she said.

"As part of the local structure plan process, DWER will review and consider a local water management strategy for each of the re-

spective structure plan areas.

"Both the local structure plan and the local water management strategy will be appropriately reviewed and considered by the WA Planning Commission in due course before those subdivision plans proceed."

Ms Jarvis said the loss of the disallowance motion would not authorise subdivision, earthworks or development and wildlife habitat was also accounted for.

"We believe these amendments are crucial for the delivery of 11,000 houses."

Mr Pettitt said refusing the motion under the banner of more housing was a sign the evidence he presented had not been listened to.

"Even if we do rush this forward now... when do we think we will see houses out of this?" he said.

"We heard that there are other mechanisms for making sure that we resolve some of these water and drainage issues.

"There is no other mechanism for Parliament to do that. **Cont. p18.**



The change affected a stretch of Welshpool Road East between Boundary Road and Crystal Brook Road. Picture: Brayden Mould

Welshpool Road East speed change criticism

BRAYDEN MOULD
A NEW 70km/h speed limit along Welshpool Road East has been introduced, reducing speeds and sparking concern from Perth Hills motorists over communication, consultation, and enforcement timing.

The lower speed follows a road safety review by the City of Kalamunda, which examined local crash data, traffic volume, and roadside hazards before the change was formally approved and implemented by Main Roads WA.

In a report delivered to council on May 12, the City of Kalamunda confirmed that 111 crashes were recorded on Welshpool Road East between Boundary Road and Crystal Brook Road between 2021 and 2025, with the Lewis Road intersection recording 62.

Kalamunda MLA Adam Hort raised concern regarding the execution of the change, questioning whether lowering the speed limit across such a broad stretch is the best solution for the corridor.

"I've lived near and driven along Welshpool Road East for most of my life... so I understand the genuine safety concerns residents have raised over many years, particularly at the Lewis Road intersection.

"What has frustrated many locals is how abruptly and chaotically the change was introduced, with many regular drivers only finding out once the signs had changed and the new limit being introduced at different times in each direction.

"Deploying an AI-enabled safety camera within

weeks of the change only reinforces why authorities should have prioritised clear communication and education before moving so quickly towards enforcement."

A Main Roads spokesperson said the changes were publicly considered by the City of Kalamunda and endorsed through a council resolution before being submitted for assessment and approval.

"The planned speed limit change was advertised on the Main Roads website prior to implementation. As with all speed zoning changes, the regulatory speed limit signs installed on-site provide the legal commencement of the new speed zone," they said.

"Main Roads also installs temporary 'New Speed Limit Ahead' warning signs where site conditions indicate additional advance notice would assist drivers to recognise the change."

The speed reduction also raised concerns about how the lower limit would affect heavy vehicles travelling up the steep sections of Welshpool Road East, with truck drivers reporting difficulties maintaining a safe speed on the climb.

Main Roads said truck performance on steep grades was one of several factors considered when assessing the operation of the road network.

"The speed limit reduction was implemented to improve road safety outcomes, taking into account the corridor's crash history, roadside environment, and intersection-related crashes," they said.

"Main Roads will continue to monitor the corridor as part of the normal network management activities."

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Ballajura outreach project youth awards nomination

MIKE PEETERS

THE City of Swan's Ballajura youth outreach project is a finalist in next month's WA youth awards.

Nominated for the youth focus sector collaboration award, the Ballajura project focuses on working with young people in schools, parks and community spaces to create pathways to better leadership and participation.

Kids First Australia (KFA) is an integral part of the project and has been embedded in the Ballajura community since 1999.

"Our role has been to provide a safe, welcoming and trusted place for young people who have connected with the outreach team," said KFA general manager youth and family services WA and SA Daniel Pisani.

"Through our Ballajura youth centre young people can drop in, talk with our youth workers, get support with whatever may be happening in their lives and when needed, access more intensive support or be connected with other services," Mr Pisani said.

"We also work closely with the outreach team to develop and deliver tailored programs and workshops based on what young people are telling us they need and want."

Mr Pisani said the youth centre drop-in team was currently made up of two senior youthwork case managers and three youth workers and funded by the City of Swan and an Attorney General criminal property confiscation grant over a two year period.

City of Swan mayor Tanya Richardson said these partnerships helped engage young people who could otherwise miss out on support and ensure they can access the right services at the right time.

"By bringing together young people, community organisations, schools, WA police, local government and youth services we've crafted stronger



Two members of the City of Swan's youth outreach team.

connections and better outcomes for young people," Mrs Richardson said.

Finalists were named across 10 categories with each category winner receiving both their award and a \$1000 prize on the awards night.

The youth awards are on Friday, September 11 at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Perth in partnership with the WA government, Department of Communities and Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (YACWA), with support from Lotterywest.

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Kalamunda Community Radio sponsorship sales manager Kath Kinang and chairperson Roger Jennings at one of KCR's studios. Picture: Guan hao Cheng

KCR seeks next generation of volunteers

GUANHAO CHENG

KALAMUNDA Community Radio (KCR) is calling for a new generation of volunteers to help keep the station on air and serving the community.

KCR chairperson Roger Jennings said the station was run entirely by volunteers, with live presenters on air from about 7am to 10pm and programs covering music, arts, community affairs, veterans' issues and community events.

"We don't have any paid employees," he said.

"All of our presenters are volunteers and we are always needing a few more presenters.

"Anybody who wants to join us, who's got a specific interest, can bring along their music and do a program."

Mr Jennings said the station particularly needed younger volunteers interested in learning the technical side of radio.

"One of the things we really need are some younger technical people who are interested in taking over the role of the computers in the station and keeping the station running technically," he said.

"Our technical volunteers are elderly and will retire in the not-so-distant future.

"There must be people who are interested in electronics and that kind of thing who would be interested in becoming volunteers within the station."

Administrative volunteers and support members were also needed.

Mr Jennings said KCR had held a broadcasting licence for 25 years and continued to provide services that were often absent from commercial radio.

The station held hourly news bulletins during much of the day, promoted community events and not-for-profit organisations and had previously broadcast from events including the Kalamunda Show and Midland Workshops.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the station remained on air as an essential service and provided free announcements for businesses and organisations that remained open.

Mr Jennings said more volunteers would allow KCR to expand its presence at community events.

"We'd like to do more, but we need volunteers," he said.

"It would be very sad if we weren't able to keep going."

Expressions of interest in volunteering at KCR can be made by email to kcradmin@kcr-fm.org.au



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New Helena Valley residential lots recommended despite concerns

CAMILA EGUSQUIZA SANTA CRUZ

THE Shire of Mundaring has voted to recommend approval of a proposed 61-lot residential development on Helena Valley Road, despite concerns about the area's traffic, future development and rural character.

Last week's council meeting voted 7-2 to recommend the approval of the development of lot 253 (330) and lot 254 (335) Helena Valley Road, Helena Valley to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC), subject to a number of conditions.

The shire's conditions include modifying the transport impact assessment (TIA), in accordance with advice from Main Roads WA, to reflect the revised location and access arrangement to Helena Valley Road and demonstrate the provision of auxiliary left- and right-turn treatments.

The conditions also require all residential lots within the Western Power easement area to be removed, with the affected land to be used for public open space.

Cr Luke Ellery moved an alternative motion, seconded by Cr Prapti Mehta, which included several additional amendments.

The amendments include reducing the proposed density from R20 to R10, increasing public open space outside the Western Power easement and engaging the Bibbul Ngarma Aboriginal Association at the subdivision stage.

Cr Ben Heptinstall supported the additions but opposed recommending approval of the development, citing concerns raised by residents.

Earlier in the year, the shire received 24 anonymous community submissions, with 23 opposing the proposal and one



The land at 145 and 335 Helena Valley Road. Picture: Camila Egusquiza Santa Cruz

supporting it.

A prominent concern raised in those submissions was the impact the new housing development could have on traffic.

One submission from a resident who has lived in Helena Valley for 20 years said traffic congestion had increased dramatically in the area.

"A trip to Midland that once took approximately seven minutes can now take up to thirty minutes depending on traffic conditions. This makes it extremely difficult to plan daily activities," the submission said.

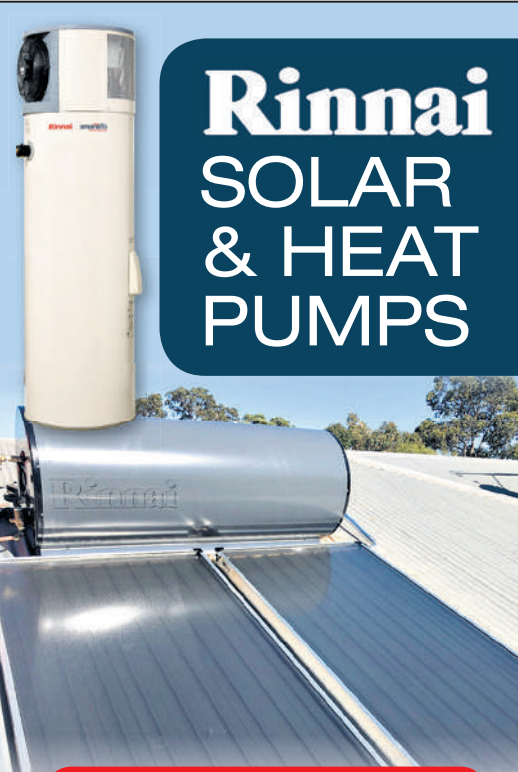
"The existing road infrastructure is already under significant strain. Increasing the population in an area with existing traffic congestion raises significant safety concerns that must be addressed before any further development is considered."

Cr Heptinstall also mentioned feedback he had received from residents on social media through a Facebook post that now has 96 comments.

"We're considering another 61 residential lots, potentially less under this amendment, but residents don't experience traffic impacts one day at a time. They experience the cumulative effect of every development and every change to the surrounding road network," he said.

"Helena Valley Road, Military Road and Midland Road already have traffic issues. Then we have future works associated with Roe Highway and potentially Helena Valley Road. We also have the Lloyd Street Bridge and potentially a commercial development next door. So, when do we actually assess the cumulative impact of all these development and infrastructure changes?"

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Swan District Hospital site focus is needed: Spagnolo

THE state government's decision to finally move ahead with the Lloyd Street Bridge should now be followed by action on another long-neglected Midland site, according to Guildford-based Liberal MLC Anthony Spagnolo.

Following a recent announcement of a redesigned Lloyd Street Bridge after four years of delay, Mr Spagnolo said the government must now turn its attention to the former Swan District Hospital site, which has remained vacant for 11 years.

Mr Spagnolo said while he welcomed progress on the bridge, it should never have taken four years simply to agree on a design.

"Four years to settle on a bridge design is a reminder of how slowly the Cook Labor government moves on important infrastructure in Midland," Mr Spagnolo said.

"Unfortunately, Labor is running the same playbook at the former Swan District Hospital site. The difference is that this delay has now stretched to 11 years, not just four."

Mr Spagnolo said taxpayers have forked out over \$5m to manage the former hospital site since 2015, including approximately \$4.6m on security alone.

"Every year Labor fails to act, taxpayers spend another half a million dollars guarding an unused and deteriorating site."

Swan Chamber of Commerce President and former Liberal candidate for Midland Mike Matich said, "We're spending way too much money securing this derelict building, let's just demolish it, let's just move it on."

Mr Spagnolo said at a time when Midland needs more housing, it makes no sense that land already zoned for development continues to sit vacant while millions of taxpayer dollars are spent securing it.

"After 11 years, Midland deserves more than excuses," he said.



Anthony Spagnolo MLC.

"The community wants to see this land brought back into productive use, including for seniors' and over-55s housing. Instead, all we have seen is delay while taxpayers continue footing the bill."

Opposition spokesperson for Planning and Lands Neil Thomson said the former Swan District Hospital site highlighted Labor Planning Minister John Carey's failure to unlock land and deliver much-needed housing across Western Australia.

"The former Swan District Hospital site is already zoned for redevelopment. Instead of spending millions of taxpayer dollars securing an empty property, the government should be working with the community to deliver housing and other outcomes that people actually need," Mr Thomson said.

New one-stop-shop facility to train up the next generation of truckies



Student Jaimee Warner Skills with Skills and TAFE Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson.

THE state government has delivered a brand-new bespoke truck training facility in Hazelmere to help train up to 170 students a year in heavy vehicle driving operations training.

The new facility is a one-stop-shop for students who can gain multiple licences and industry-required safety competencies, including a heavy rigid licence and forklift licence.

Forty students have already commenced training at the Hazelmere site, which includes heavy rigid trucks and forklift equipment for students to train on, and practical driving areas.

Completing the course will open up careers in truck driving, forklift and warehouse operations, delivery or bus driving and a range of other transport and logistics roles.

The course is free, saving students up to \$356 in fees per enrolment.

The demand for workers

across transport, freight, and logistics industries is high – in 2024, there were 28,000 unfilled truck driver positions nationally, with that figure forecast to grow to 78,000 by 2029.

Developed in close partnership with industry, the Hazelmere site has been endorsed by the Western Australia Transport Industry Association, with the training delivered by North Metropolitan TAFE in partnership with Keen Bros.

Launching in 2021, the government's heavy vehicle driving operations training program has trained more than 1100 students and supported them to gain their heavy rigid, heavy combination, or multi combination licences.

More than 730 participants have moved into employment, while around 28 per cent of participants have been women.

Skills and TAFE Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson said the Cook Labor government was putting WA first, making sure

Western Australians have access to quality training through free and low-fee TAFE.

"Our economy relies on a strong and skilled transport workforce to keep goods moving across our state while supporting key industries."

"This new bespoke one-stop-shop facility is giving students access to free industry-endorsed, job-ready training in a real-world operating environment."

Forrestfield MLA Stephen Price said the government knew how important logistics are to the Western Australian economy.

"We want Western Australians to be able to take up these roles" he said.

"This new facility will provide more training options for local students to gain their heavy vehicle licence and ensure we have well trained operators maintaining safety across our road networks and workplaces."

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RSL WA Veterans' Day service a success

MIKE PEETERS

THE Mundaring RSL sub-branch held a combined Victory in the Pacific (VP) and Vietnam Veterans' Day commemoration service last Saturday at the Mundaring community Men's Shed.

The highlights of the evening were a special one hour musical performance by the 30-piece Parkerville community band – playing music from the era – and a formal Last Post ceremony.

Parkerville community band spokesperson Yvonne Blyth said the event was in memory of the end of WWII and the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

The event was attended by more than 40 people including Midland-based MLC Klasey Hirst, Bullwinkel MP Trish Cook and RSL WA board member Matt Moran.

"Mundaring RSL sub-branch president Eric Smith was the flag bearer on the night and Parkerville community band conductor Peter Hind was the bugler for the official ceremony," Ms Blyth said.

She said the Shire of Mundaring also supported the event financially with a grant to cover the refreshments and entertainment.



Mundaring community Men's Shed president Ross Boughton with Eric Smith and Peter Hind.



Dead jellyfish at Lillac Hill Reserve. Picture: Tracy Steer

Dead jellyfish in Swan River

CAMILA EGUSQUIZA SANTA CRUZ

SLUGGISH and dead moon jellyfish were spotted two weeks ago along a 5km section of the Swan River between Caversham Avenue and Fish Market Reserve in Guildford.

Bassendean resident Tracy Steer said she saw a lot of dead jellyfish in Lilac Hill Reserve when she was walking her dog.

"It was a bit of a shock – what stood out was how many there were and how stagnant the water looked," she said.

"My dog usually has a bit of a splash but not that day. I wondered whether they were being culled or there was something wrong with the river.

"I took some photos to post on Facebook to see if anybody knew what was happening."

A Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) spokesperson said the department is responding to reported sightings.

"DBCA has undertaken water quality surveys in the affected area and is continuing to work with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to determine the cause of the unusual mortality event," they said.

"Since Friday, August 7, the jellyfish have dispersed and there have been no further reports of large numbers of dead jellyfish."

DBCA warned visitors to avoid handling dead jellyfish and swimming where dead jellyfish are concentrated or where visible surface scum or discoloured water is present.

Visitors should also keep pets away from affected areas and wash exposed skin, equipment and watercraft after leaving the water.

Local councils have also been asked to report any other significant jellyfish accumulations, odour, access or amenity issues, or impacts on fish, birds or other fauna.

If visitors see dead or sluggish marine life, they can report it to FishWatch at 1800 815 507.



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Citizen science to assist shot hole borer detection

CAMILA EGUSQUIZA SANTA CRUZ

A NEW study by researchers at Murdoch University has found that citizen science is crucial for the effective surveillance, detection, and monitoring of invasive pests.

The study, titled ‘Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer, a Global Threat to Forest Plantations, Green Infrastructure, and Biodiversity: Status, Challenges, and Solutions,’ argued that Western Australian officials were too slow to engage the public in polyphagous shot hole borer (PSHB) detection and that more efforts are needed to educate the public.

Invasive Species Council citizen science coordinator Jess Ward-Jones said the study brought to light to an important issue.

“One of the potential reasons that the infestation has become quite bad is that even though the beetle was detected in 2021, it took about three years for authorities to ask communities to engage with surveillance,” she said.

The Invasive Species Council, in partnership with Invertebrates Australia and Australian Geographic, has a project called Bug Hunt to encourage the community to get involved.

“What we’re asking people to do is record photos of bugs when you’re out and about or in your backyard and then upload them into a free app called iNaturalist,” Ms Ward-Jones said.

“It just takes seconds for an artificial intelligence algorithm to recognise what that bug is and then bug experts will come along to verify that record. It goes off to Atlas of Living Australia, which is a database managed by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, the National Science Agency.”

As reported in *LGAs on state budget funds and borer control* (Echo News, June 12), City of Swan and Town of Bassendean are quarantine areas for the PSHB, which means moving untreated wood, green waste or host plants outside these zones is strictly restricted.

PSHB is also a present risk across the City of Kalamunda but has not been detected inside the



The PSHB is a 2mm long beetle native to South-east Asia. Inset: Jess Ward-Jones



Shire of Mundaring, York, Northam and Chittering – although the Shire of Mundaring sits within the quarantine zone.

Ms Ward-Jones said residents should know the signs of PSHB infestations.

“It can affect any tree, and symptoms include canopy dieback. Also down on the bark, PSHB bore into the wooden part of the tree and bring a little fungus with them. That fungus then eats the tree – symptoms of that include tiny little holes and then something called frass, which is like a very fine wood dust coming out of the tree, discoloration of the bark, and sometimes sugar or gum can come out of those little dots,” she said.

Ms Ward-Jones hopes to bring the public to the forefront of the battle against invasive species.

“Early intervention or early detection of invasive species is absolutely integral for reducing the impact and potentially completely eradicating invasive species. So what we hope is that we can get a million more eyes on the ground using this bug hunt to stop PSHB establishing in any new places,” she said.

People can report PSHB sightings through the MyPestGuide® Reporter app, call the Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) at (08) 9368 3080, or email padis@dpird.wa.gov.au



Club member Ray McManus explains some of the tools on show. (Right) Some of the historic tools on display.

Lost Trades show draws Midland crowd

MORE than 3000 visitors packed into the historic Pattern Shop at the Midland Railway Workshops over the weekend for the Hand Tool Preservation Society of WA’s (HTPSWA) Lost Trades Tool Show.

The free two-day event featured over 15 live demonstrations of traditional skills alongside 34 specialised heritage displays.

Hand Tool Preservation Society of WA President, Kim Mitchell said he was surprised but grateful at the strong public turnout.

“It was non-stop for two days,” he said.

“The displays really showcased trades that have disappeared or are on the fringe of being lost.”

The showcase was backed by affiliate community groups, including the Machinery Preservation Club and the Midland Country Women’s Association.

Saturday evening saw Midland MLA Steve Catania present a key to the HTPSWA acknowledging the lease of the Pattern Shop from Devel-

opment WA.

The event was also attended by City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson who welcomed the club to Midland, and expressed her support for more public interaction in the Old Railway Precinct.

Midland Ward councillor Rashelle Predovnik said it was wonderful to see society volunteers welcoming visitors, sharing knowledge, and bringing local history back to life.

“People freely shared their stories and memories, and it created a wonderful sense of connection and community,” she said.

“Together with groups like the Machinery Preservation Club and the Midland and Districts Historical Society, the railway workshops are becoming a wonderful hub for community groups.

The Old Railway Precinct will host its next event on September 13 from 9am to 1pm for the Machine Preservation Club’s Annual Open Day, where the Pattern Shop will again open to the public.



Spring 2026

Green Waste Verge Collection

Check your collection week and place up to 2m³ of eligible green waste, including tree and shrub prunings, on your verge for collection. Please do not put out hard waste. **Visit the Shire of Mundaring website for more information.**

Suburb	Collection start date
Swan View & Midvale	17 August 2026
Bellevue, Boya and Helena Valley	24 August 2026
Greenmount & Hovea	5 October 2026
Darlington & Glen Forrest	12 October 2026
Mundaring & Mahogany Creek	26 October 2026
Parkerville & Stoneville	2 November 2026
Sawyers Valley & Mount Helena	16 November 2026
Chidlow, Wooroloo, Beechina, Bailup, Gorrie & The Lakes	30 November 2026



Swan Valley wine awards 2026



Upper Reach winery owners Derek and Laura Pearse. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Swan Valley Wine Show 2026 brought together the area's winemaking community at Mandoon Estate to celebrate excellence across a range of categories.

The show ran from August 11 to 14 this year and marked the 38th show hosted by Swan Valley Winemakers Association.

According to the association, it is one of the longest continually operating wine shows in Australia.

This year's awards received over 292 wine submissions which a panel of judges had to narrow down to less than 20 ultimate winners.

A total of 211 medals were awarded across gold, silver and bronze which meant 72 per cent of wines received a medal for their high standard.

Mandoon Estate's wines made an impression this year, taking home six trophies for best non-greater Perth zone wine, best single dry varietal or dry red blend, best grenache, best shiraz, most successful producer and best regional wine of show.

Talijancich Wines also took home several trophies, winning the City of Swan trophy for five or more entries gaining the highest average score in addition to being recognised for best Swan Valley old vine wine, best fortified wine of show and best WA fortified wine.

The number of entries this year surpassed last year's record-breaking submission of 272 wines as reported in *Record entries in 2025 Swan Valley wine show* (Echo News, September 5, 2025).

Upper Reach Winery took home the Spirit of the Swan 2026 award for shaping the modern Swan Valley and emphasising high standards of contemporary winery operation and hospitality.

The association said the Spirit of the Swan award is presented every second year to a nominee that has demonstrated an outstanding achievement and contributed to the promotion of Swan Valley wine, winemaking, viticulture, tourism, sales or marketing.

"Derek and Laura have (contributed more than) 30 years to promoting the Swan Valley as a wine region and have created one of the Swan Valley's leading boutique wineries," they said.

"By combining wine, food and accommodation they have created a modern, integrated business and have added to the reputation of the Swan Valley as a wine region and a visitor destination.

"The timing of their contribution has come over a period of change in the reputation and dynamics of the valley and they have been influential in the development of the modern Swan Valley we now know – represented by high standards of contemporary winemaking and hospitality."

Upper Reach owner Laura Pearse said during her acceptance speech that the win came as a surprise but a good one.

"I'm a bit surprised but it's so lovely," she said. "Thank you all very much, we're completely honoured and surprised and maybe you can do better next time."

The room erupted in laughter and applauded Mrs Pearse's challenge.

Wine writer and show judge Erin Larkin presented the winner for the state's best fortified wine and said the Swan Valley's fortified wines were worth cherishing.

"To put Australian fortified wine into context, there's like five or six great fortified wine regions



Wines on show. Pictures: Guanhao Cheng

globally, and they're tiny," she said.

"You know how much people drink fortified wines? It's not that much.

"But these wines are so precious and so wonderful and what you guys are doing here is truly world class."

Ms Larkin said the Swan Valley were custodians of a special resource and heritage which would be a shame to lose.

"You have a wonderful history, a wonderful resource of old vines," she said.

"It's a privilege to taste them, and I'm hoping none of you stop making them because the day that you do that is a day that we lose something very beautiful."

Garbin Estate Wines winemaker Peter Garbin called for continued efforts in making good Verdelho in the valley as he accepted his award for best Verdelho in the greater Perth zone.

"It's no (secret) that I love verdelho," he said. "I love making verdelho, I love drinking verdelho, but don't get the wrong idea.

"I respect (it) and I just think it's such an exciting variety and I encourage all winemakers here to keep going with verdelho."

The full list of winners may be found on the Swan Valley Wine website.



**When heading away,
burn firewood where you buy it.**

Polyphagous shot-hole borer is a small (sesame seed-sized) beetle native to Southeast Asia that attacks a range of plants.

The beetle has been detected in the Perth metropolitan area, and a quarantine area has been implemented to help protect WA's trees, food and agriculture industries.

Don't move wood to outside the Perth metro area, and don't burn wood with signs of borer infestation.

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Lyric's Bar
Cactus Hack
From 7pm, Free
22 Lyric Lane
Maylands

Parkerville Tavern
John Talati
From 5.30pm, Free
6 Owen Road
Parkerville

Woodbridge Hotel
Deadly Woodbines
From 8pm, Free
50 East St, Guildford

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
TJ O'Donovan
6pm-9pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Sat August 22

Settlers House York
Kyle Hearn
12pm-3pm
Jukes of York
From 5.30pm, Free
125 Avon Terrace, York

Parkerville Tavern
Shane Turner
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Woodbridge Hotel
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Sun August 23

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Rozzi & Gabi
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Sun August 23 cont.

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Colours of the Country – Landscapes of Australia

BIRLI Gallery will host Colours of the Country: Landscapes of Australia, a new solo exhibition by acclaimed landscape artist Mo Anderson, opening on Saturday, September 5 and continuing through to September 26.

This captivating collection celebrates the extraordinary diversity of the Australian landscape, inviting viewers to experience the immense beauty, colour and atmosphere that make this country unlike anywhere else in the world.

Through expressive brushwork and a refined understanding of light, Mo's paintings capture the vastness of Australia's natural environment while conveying the emotional connection that landscapes can inspire.

Originally from Scotland, Mo Anderson's artistic journey has been shaped by landscapes across continents.

Classically trained while living in Portugal, she has exhibited both internationally and nationally, including exhibitions with Zig Zag Gallery and Ellenbrook Arts.

She is also a respected member of the renowned Baskerville Art Group, continuing to build a reputation for paintings that evoke both memory and place.

For Mo, this exhibition represents a lifetime of artistic exploration.

"This collection is a journey from my earliest memories of making art through to where I am today. One of my first memories is sitting on a rock in Scotland, sketching the mountains in the distance," she said.

"Years later I found myself climbing those same mountains,

experiencing the landscape from an entirely different perspective."

She said when she arrived in Australia, she was completely overwhelmed by the colours, textures and scale of the country.

"Every state feels different. The landscape changes constantly, yet every place has its own extraordinary beauty. Through this collection I wanted to capture that feeling of space, vastness, colour and wonder, and share it with others."

Curated by Birli Gallery, Colours of the Country brings together works inspired by some of Australia's most remarkable environments, celebrating both the diversity of the landscape and the enduring emotional connection people have with Country.

Gallery Curator Brooke Anne believes the exhibition reflects both technical excellence and genuine emotional authenticity.

"Mo's work reminds us to slow down and truly observe the landscape around us. There is an honesty within her paintings that captures not only what Australia looks like, but how it feels. This exhibition is both a celebration of place and an invitation for viewers to reconnect with the remarkable beauty that surrounds us," she said.

The exhibition officially opens at Birli Gallery, unit 8/52 Helena Street, Midland on Saturday, September 5 at 2.30pm, with guests invited to meet the artist and enjoy an afternoon celebrating art, conversation and community.

All works will be available for acquisition throughout the exhibition.

Vika & Linda come to Kalamunda Performing Arts



ARIA Hall of Fame inductees Vika & Linda will be showcasing songs from their most personal album Where Do You Come From? along with other hits from their career spanning over 40 years at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre on Friday, September 11.

The duo are two of Australia's most beloved and enduring voices, from singing together in church as children to chart-topping albums and international stages, the Melbourne sisters have forged a career spanning nearly four decades.

With eight studio albums, multiple ARIA nominations, a #1 album (Akilotoa), and an OAM for services to the performing arts, they are admired by fans and peers alike – "the most loved vocal duo of their generation."

Blending soul, gospel, rock and country with their rich Tongan heritage, Vika

Vika & Linda will take centre stage at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre.

& Linda continue to evolve, creating music that is deeply personal, proudly Australian and timeless in spirit.

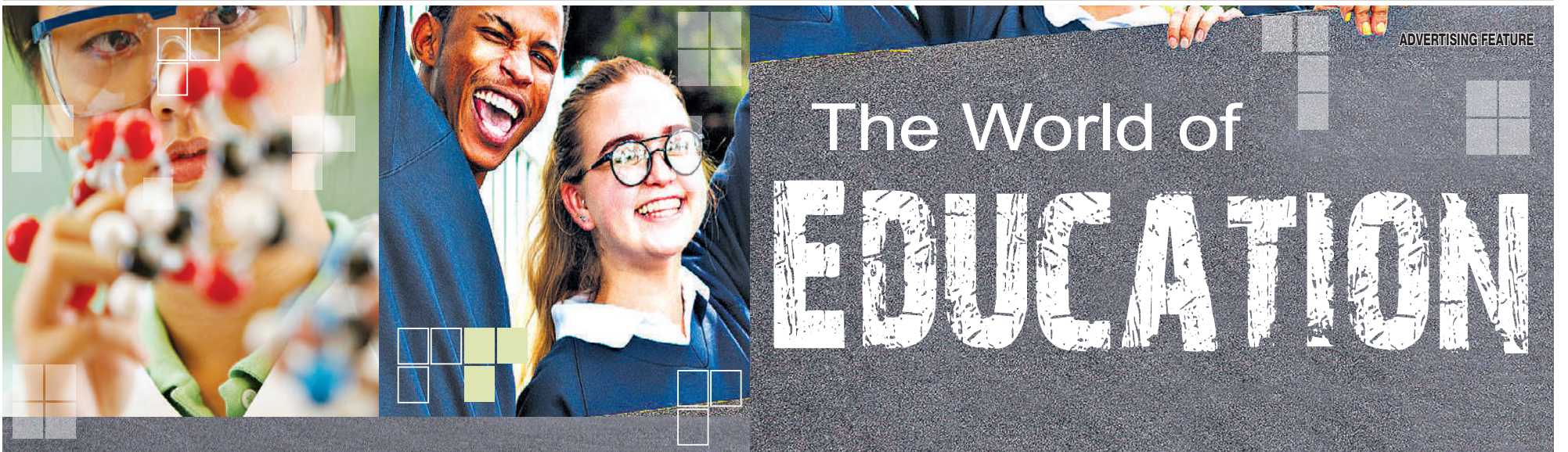
Known for their formidable harmonies and intoxicating stage presence, the duo have had an enduring career on and offstage, collaborating with the likes of Paul Kelly, The Black Sorrows, and Kasey Chambers.

After a lifetime of lending their voices to the stories of others, the sisters are stepping forward to tell their own story in full.

While they've written at different points across their career, Where Do You Come From? is their first album of predominantly original material since Princess Tabu (1996), a return to songwriting rekindled through the process of writing their 2022 memoir No Bull.

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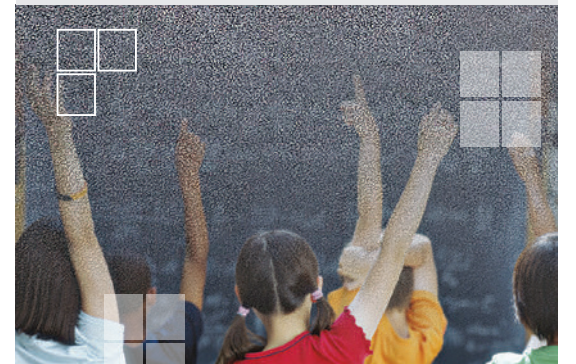
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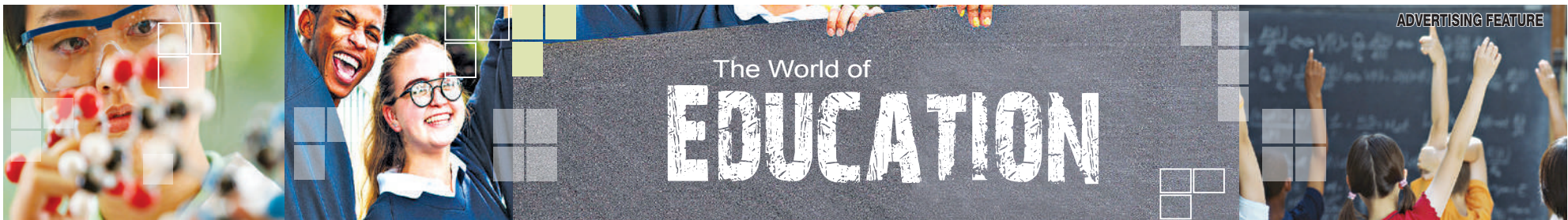
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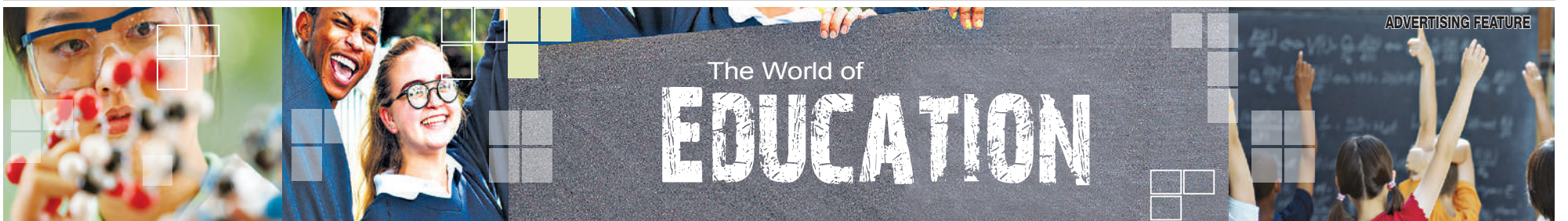
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Education support centres provide opportunities for children to interact with their peers and participate in shared whole-of-school activities and programs.

There are primary, secondary and Kindergarten to Year 12 education support centres located in metropolitan and regional areas.

There are education support schools and education support centres located in the metropolitan area.

For the full list go to www.education.wa.edu.au/endorsed-programs-for-students-with-disability



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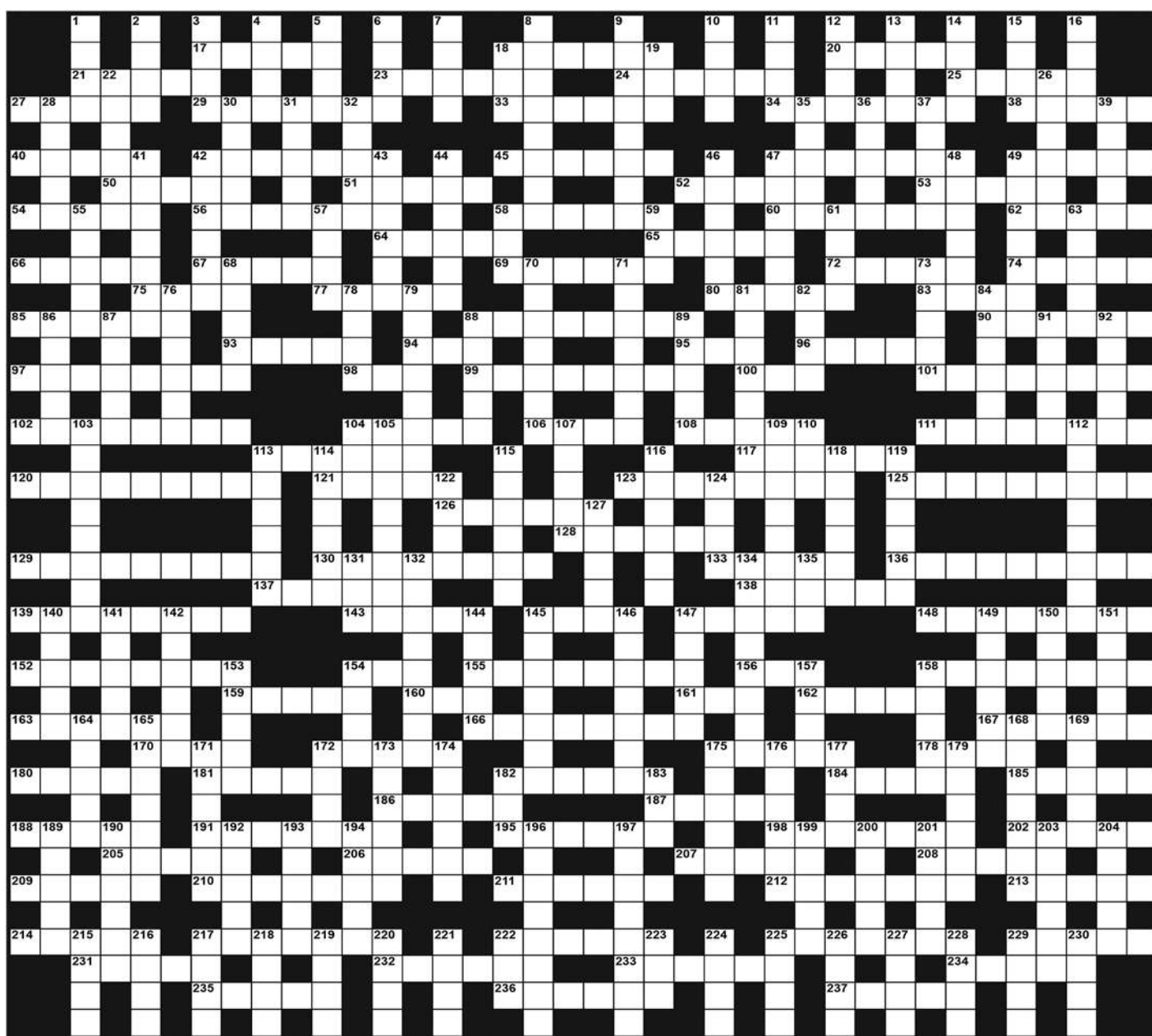
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- 17 Article
18 Tedious scholar
20 Essential food
21 Ill-gotten gains
23 Argue over price
24 Heart valves
25 Large bird
27 Lovely lady
29 Trays
33 Truly
34 Surgical stitches
38 Musical instruments
40 Adored
42 Biggest
45 Wooded land
47 Gives counsel
49 Horrify
50 Send money
51 European currency
52 A hillside
53 Line of hills
54 The ones mentioned
56 Picks out
58 Be able to pay
60 Preachers
62 Looks over print
64 Metal fastener
65 Papal order
66 Very fat
67 Minor gentry
69 Caught sight of
72 Biting insect
74 Fairy-like
75 Chanted
77 Fashion move
80 Lawyers (coll)
83 Snakes
85 Works very hard
88 Horse attendant
90 Written schoolworks
93 At no time
94 Tree fluid
95 A hotel
96 Work out
97 Ball from a bowler
98 Make lace
99 Argued logically
100 Possess
101 Pioneers
102 Copied actions
104 Move trains around
106 Does better than
108 Wanders
111 Something more
113 Recover pawns
117 Followed closely
120 Bossy manner
121 Flooded
123 Wisdom
125 Causing dismay
126 Gold braiding

- 128 Was jealous of
129 Starter
130 Correcting
133 Group of eight
136 Act of luring away
137 Glum
138 Turn back in
139 Keenly
143 On the move
145 In large amounts
147 Finish up
148 Carrier
152 Educated
154 A pair
155 Bad flavour
156 Short sleep (coll)
158 Hanging ornaments
159 Lively dance
160 A cereal
161 Old cloth measure
162 Propose to give
163 Feel sorrow
166 Put on wooden pin
167 Amass
170 Loved one
172 Short in talking
175 Pastoral poem
178 Plant part
180 A vegetable
181 Unaccompanied
182 Fit to employ
184 A sea creature
185 Once more
186 Thin treacle
187 Very angry
188 Moral quality of life
191 Land connection
195 Hit hard
198 Tried to do
202 Agave fibre
205 Lease grassland
206 Unimportant
207 Good ability
208 Intended
209 Salty water
210 Toughest
211 Split
212 Attacks badly
213 Window canopy
214 Lose blood
217 Thoroughfares
222 Land molluscs
225 Relies
229 Cast out
231 Impel
232 Is unable
233 Change into ions
234 Shelter
235 Measure the depth
236 Cleared as profit
237 Bohemian dance

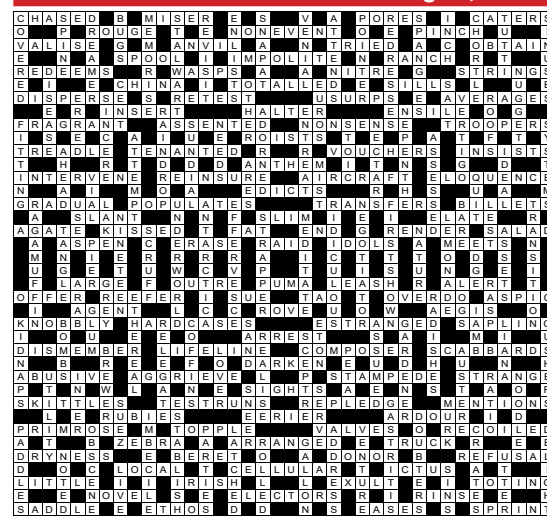
DOWN

- 1 Shout out
2 One time
3 Farm vehicles
4 Clock face
5 Leer
6 Catches
7 Type of pie
8 Fabled animal
9 One seeking answers
10 Behind time
11 Touch with lips
12 Touch on
13 Look rudely
14 Poems
15 Close (arch)
16 Large jug
18 For each one
19 Plaything
22 Sores
26 Drank as a cat
28 Historic period
30 A stone
31 Hard to see
32 Place a second time
35 Beneath
36 Kidney fluid
37 Use strength
39 Flower etc
41 Most dense
42 Take notice
43 Wrestle
44 Abhorrent
46 Folds in garments
47 Ask humbly
48 Waist bands
49 Eternal
55 Greek letter
57 Group of players
58 Great respect
59 A failure (coll)
61 Doctrines
63 Lower down
68 Great pain
70 An attendant
71 Pays out
73 Yawns
76 Facial part
78 Dishonest deal (coll)
79 Patent medicines
81 Bring in new method
82 Sharp
84 Of digestion
86 Catarrh
87 Hard stone
88 Small fish
89 A jockey
91 An ointment
92 Stories
103 Burst inwards
104 Stitch
105 Lacking a leader

- 107 A seed
109 Rights to govern
110 Quoted correctly
112 Willingness
113 Change shape
114 Spruce in dress
115 A dirge
116 Sea travel
118 Papal messenger
119 Most arid
122 Hang on to
124 Extinct bird
127 To that time
131 Former ostrich
132 Co-ordinated groups
134 Made popping sound
135 The day before
140 Happen again
141 Summon
142 Rang a bell
144 Goes on a horse
145 Street entertainers
146 Type of falcon
147 Mode of conduct
149 Being underage
150 Make into law
151 Extravagant
153 Humorous
154 Take a chance
157 Swimming place
158 Written works
164 Colder
165 Age in wines
168 Stunning
169 Centre
171 Like a lout
172 Time in office
173 Reddish-brown

- 174 Printing mistakes
175 Make an appeal
176 Swiss singing styles
177 A defeat
179 Deals with
182 High periods
183 Large deer
189 Of hearing
190 Style
192 Begin
193 Planted border
194 Overturn
196 Having good skills
197 Casual in behaviour
199 a ... to fashion
200 Ease off
201 Make better
203 Lack food
204 A flower
215 Dutch cheese
216 Soil
217 Tribal group
218 Defeat
219 Flows out
220 Type of boat
221 Speed unit
222 Male relative
223 Wet lump of earth
224 Fur-bearing mammal
225 Unable to hear
226 Small seeds
227 Not of use
228 Waterbird
229 Sinful
230 Small distance (imp)

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"In fact, what we will see is none of these things being addressed because the evidence is that they do not get addressed."

"The very fact that we are where we are in the Swan Valley shows that these issues have not been previously addressed."

Mr Pettitt said the information Ms Jarvis received about different soil types conflicted with previous information.

"Part of the government's advice was that the soils are different despite its own report saying that they are not different - I ask the minister to show us the government's evidence," he said.

"The links the minister gave me do not show the difference... they show that the soils are largely the same and, therefore, the problems are largely the same."

Swan Community Environmental Alliance vice-chair Jan Zeck said the outcome was disappointing.

"The outcome was very disappointing and there's still a need for a review," she said.

"These are problems that need an answer, and we need to look at what has happened in south (of the proposed North Ellenbrook amendment areas), why it has happened and how we can apply what we learn."

The disallowance motions were lost 9-27.

Helena Valley land development recommended despite concerns

From p5.

The neighbouring properties at 145 and 230 Helena Valley Road are currently on the market, with the listing advertising a range of development possibilities such as residential, retail, childcare, education and community facilities.

During the council meeting, Cr Mehta asked whether the TIA accounted for growth over the next five years.

Shire of Mundaring manager community planning Scott Price answered that from the modelling perspective, there is a general assumption in terms of forecasts and figures.

"The other thing to note is that there is some discussion around the upgrading of the Lloyd Street bridge, so from Main Roads' point of view they've acknowledged that this is a bit of a problematic intersection, and as such, I'd imagine they'd be looking at the appropriate ways to alleviate the traffic concerns there," he said.

The TIA does not account for traffic impact caused by potential development next to lots 253 and 254. It estimates that it would generate 49 vehicle trips during the morning and evening peak hours when fully developed.

In response to community submissions, the applicant said: "Traffic has

been assessed by Stantec (transport consultant agency), with forecast peak hour traffic generation of approximately 49 vehicle trips. This remains below the WAPC threshold for requiring broader intersection modelling. Existing congestion, road safety concerns and maintenance issues identified by the submitter are recognised, but they are broader local and regional matters and are not materially generated by this proposal."

Cr Ellery acknowledged the objections but encouraged councillors to vote to recommend approval.

"To simply vote this down will be seen as a protest vote by the WAPC and it will not support the Helena Valley community," he said.

"For the issues of later developments, that isn't on the cards right now. I have to make my judgement on the same page that the ultimate decider (WAPC) will make. Therefore, this is the best opportunity to address the issues at the current phase of the structure plan with an opportunity to address future issues in the subdivision phase."

Council voted 7-2 to support the amended recommendation, which will now go to the WAPC for consideration.

Read between the lines

By Pastor Ian Kirk

The Roses are Pruned

This is the time of the year, if you have roses, to prune them. I'm glad to say that my roses are done. Despite a few scratches and punctures from thorns, I finished this annual task.

There's a bit of an art to pruning roses. I am thankful that my dad taught me well. He's no longer with us, and I reminisce on how lovely it was for father and son to prune the roses together.

But why do we prune roses? While in their dormant state during winter, we seek to get rid of old leaves which often become susceptible to black-spot. We also want to cut back the branches to strong healthy ones, just above a vibrant node,

so that in spring, there

may be vigorous growth and plenty of blooms.

As I pruned my roses, it crossed my mind that we need a good prune too. There are sinful habits and bad behaviours that we should cut-out of our lives, so that we might blossom.

It's not easy to do this "pruning" on your own. As a follower of Jesus, I am grateful that God helps me with pruning out the rot and bad stuff, as well as forgives me for my sinful choices and actions, if I have trusted in Jesus. In John 15, Jesus said "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser... every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, so that it may bear more fruit."



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- **Kalamunda Youth Swing Band** gives young musicians the opportunity to rehearse and play in a band. Rehearsals are Monday afternoon during school term. For more information call musical director Leah on 0432 973 395.
- **The Ellenbrook Friendship Group** meets each Wednesday at the Community Centre, 27 Maffina Parade, Ellenbrook from 1pm to 4pm. All welcome to make new friends or just have a chat.

Enjoy indoor bowls, afternoon tea and the occasional outing. For more information call Sheila on 0402 973 307.

- **The Swan Woodturners Association** of WA meets every Tuesday at 1pm for a 1.30pm start at the Caversham Memorial Hall, 7847 West Swan Road, Caversham for men and women of all ages interested in learning the art of woodturning. Woodturning demonstrations are undertaken each week with demonstrations also displayed on large TV screens. Competitions are held for those members eager to improve their skill level. For

more visit woodturnerswa.org.au and then go to Swan Woodturners Group or contact the convenor on 0476 178 002.

- **The Gidgegannup Men's Shed** at Ian Stannard Pavilion, Gidgegannup Showgrounds, 2171 Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup is a community-based men's shed providing opportunities for men and women to work on projects of their own, join in shed activities and tasks, or just share time, recreation and fellowship with other members. For more information email president@gidgegannupmensshed.org.au or

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- **Midland Lawn Tennis Club's** usual social tennis program on 9am Wednesday, and 1pm Saturday will be played at Maida Vale Tennis Courts, 35 Acacia Road, Maida Vale, until mid-October due to grass court renovations. For more information email playtennis@midlandtennis.com.au

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Cougars maintain finals momentum

BRIAN PALLISTER

CHIDLOW had already cemented the 2026 minor premiership before their round 17 game against Pickering Brook.

The Hawks were aiming to follow up on their round 16 win against Gidgegannup.

The Cougars were having nothing of it even with several of their players away due to FIFO work commitment.

The Hawks needed someone to stand up in the ruck due to the absence of Pickering Brook's Jackson Shilling.

He would be up against Chidlow's Joshua Johnson and Jake Sharp who have both shown progressive improvement as the season has gone on.

Both teams were quick to score a behind each.

Cougars were the first to kick a goal after some slick coast to coast ball movement.

A penetrating kick out from a behind found Chidlow's Reece Forbes on the wing.

He in turn moved the ball forward to a waiting Cougars player Kaden Bonsack who had no trouble in converting his kick at goal.

That was the first of the Cougars' seven goals for the quarter.

Chidlow moved the ball from the centre ball ups with relative ease.

Chidlow's Matt Mallaby worked in tandem with Lukaz Dymek pushing the ball forward.

Teammate Jake Forman found space to collect the ball and kick another goal.

Mallaby showed his desire for hard running which resulted in him scoring another Cougars goal.

If not for a late goal to Pickering Brook's Mitchell Johnston they would have headed into the first break goal-less.

As it was, they faced a deficit of 38 points.



The Pickering Brook Hawks had to dig deep to fight back against the Chidlow Cougars' offense in the final quarter.

The Hawks showed a lot more endeavour after the break outscoring Chidlow by 12 points in the second.

Pickering Brook's Deklan Butterworth, John Lagare and Jared MacKay became more involved, offering more opportunities for their forwards, while also contributing on the scoreboard themselves.

Chidlow resumed control after the half time break, off the back of a bit of a shellacking from one of their senior players pointing out that they could never afford a similar lapse in the upcoming finals.

Cougars Cody Pomfret and Jack Langridge became more involved allowing teammate Reece Forbes to drift forward to kick a goal in his 250th game.

Chidlow's Tahj Milne, Tim Huntley and Blake Offer filled the main defensive positions in the absence of Luke Elliott and Steven Schorer.

Pickering Brook players Ryan Lindley and Joshua Vellinga found themselves under constant pressure as the Cougars kept advancing on their forward line.

Cougars Bonsack, Mallaby and Forman each added a goal.

Pickering Brook were looking down the barrel of a heavy loss if they couldn't find some drive in the last quarter with the Cougars holding a 51-point lead.

Pickering Brook's Ben Bowness drew on all of his experience in an attempt to lift his team.

Several of his teammates lifted with him.

Hawks players Brendyn McLeish, Jacob Ouwendyk along with Tristan Lilleyman, who had recovered after a heavy bump earlier in the game, became more involved to move the ball forward to teammate Mitchell Johnston allowing him to kick his third goal for the game.

Although being outscored by three points for the last quarter, Pickering Brook dug deep enough to not capitulate.

In the end, it was the Cougars' victory with a final score of 17.15 (117) against the Hawks' 9.9 (63).



Swan United beat Kingsley Westside in a thriller. Picture: Cat Bryant Photography

Swan United beats Kingsley Westside in a one goal win

SWAN United remain fourth on the Belt-Up Amateur Premier Division table after a come-from-behind 4-3 win against Kingsley Westside at the Swan Italian Club in Francis Street, Middle Swan.

"Good to get the win especially when things aren't going your way and our performance was not where we wanted it to be," Swan striker John Monterosso said.

"I thought we did enough and we'll take the three points and look ahead to some tough games coming up."

The hosts found the opener early when Monterosso flicked the ball on to Cameron Anderson who crossed to the back post and Tom White finished.

But Kingsley levelled on 14 minutes with Jacob Di Bartolomeo on target.

Swan regained the lead on the half hour after Anderson's shot was deflected into the path of White who finished low past Tom Bull.

But it was Kingsley who took control with goals either side of the break.

First Luke Salmon converted from the spot then Cameron Bishop gave them the lead early in the second half.

The hosts needed a lift and it was Monterosso who provided it on the hour mark after getting on the end of a Jedd Romeril through ball to finish with aplomb.

Lee Taylor's side won it shortly after when Ben Greaves' shot was parried by Bull and Josh Appleby was quickest to react to fire home the rebound.

The Swans are back in action next week when they welcome Maccabi to the Swan Italian Club.

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