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Life members Aileen Moore, Charlie Nokes, Barbara Heasman, Carol and John Parsons and Mary Ball.

Mundaring Seniors celebrate 55 years of friendship, community and service

MUNDARING Seniors earlier this month celebrated a very special milestone – 55 years of bringing seniors together through friendship, recreation and community connection.

Members, life members, invited guests, community representatives and supporters gathered at The Hub of the Hills on Wednesday, August 19 to mark the significant anniversary.

The celebration was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the organisation's history and recognise the many people who have contributed to its success over the past 55 years.

Established in 1971, Mundaring Seniors Incorporated has continued to provide a welcoming environment where older members of the community can come together, enjoy recreational activities, make new friendships and maintain strong social connections.

Over the past 55 years the association has grown from providing Meals on Wheels, bingo, dances, handicraft, podiatry services, cards, billiards and many other activities to becoming a vibrant community offering indoor carpet bowls, outings, social events and lasting friendships.

The anniversary afternoon reflected the spirit of the organisation, with carpet bowls, afternoon tea and plenty of reminiscing and laughter.

Members and guests shared memories of years gone by and celebrated the friendships that have been formed through the organisation.

A particular focus of the celebration was recognising the contribution of the organisation's life members and long-serving members, whose dedication and voluntary service have helped shape Mundaring Seniors into the organisation it is today.

Barbara Heasman and Charlie Nokes were acknowledged as the association's longest-serving life members, along with the newest life members John and Carole Parsons who had the honor of cutting the 55th anniversary cake.

President Ross Biddle said the anniversary was not only a celebration of the past, but also a recognition of the importance of keeping seniors connected within the community.

"Fifty-five years is a wonderful achievement for a community organisation, but what makes it truly special is the people who have been part of our journey," Mr Biddle said.

"Mundaring Seniors is about friendship, belonging and giving people the opportunity to remain active and connected. The commitment of our members and volunteers over the years is what has kept our organisation strong."

The organisation also took the opportunity to acknowledge the support it has received from local community organisations, businesses, elected representatives and other supporters who have recognised the valuable role seniors play in the community.

The anniversary celebration comes at an important time for Mundaring Seniors as the organisation looks towards the future and continues its efforts to provide accessible activities and opportunities for seniors across the Shire of Mundaring.

One of its current priorities is the fundraising and grant campaign for a new community bus, complete with a wheelchair lift and electric step, so members of all abilities can continue to enjoy outings and activities together.

The replacement bus will help ensure members can continue to participate in excursions, social activities and community events, with improved accessibility and modern safety features.

As Mundaring Seniors looks beyond its 55th year, its commitment remains the same – to provide friendship, connection and opportunities for seniors to remain active and involved in their community.

After 55 years, the friendships continue, the memories continue to grow, and Mundaring Seniors continues to look forward to the years ahead.



Lillian and Ross Biddle, Kay Morris, Mary Bell and Marilyn Bell. Right: The special cake.



Swan planning process review consultant speaking with community representatives

GUANHAO CHENG

COMMUNITY representatives have met with City of Swan planning review consultant Len Kosova from LK Advisory in the next stage of the process.

Mr Kosova is the cofounder and director of LK Advisory with more than three decades of experience and expertise in state urban and regional planning.

LK Advisory are an independent provider of expert WA planning system advice who work with local government, state government and private sector clients.

Mr Kosova is also a DevelopmentWA board member and the DevelopmentWA Midland land redevelopment committee chairperson.

Committee community representative Dixon Lowe said the community was pleased to have been offered an extended meeting with the consultant.

"We were quite pleased to have been able to meet with the consultant and thought he had devoted a good amount of time to hearing out the community representatives," he said.

"Three community groups received an invitation to an individual meeting with Mr Kosova.

"We were told the City of Swan chief executive officer Stephen Cain would also attend the meeting.

"Mr Cain made introductions and left the meeting early and the end of the discussion time was between us and the independent consultant.

"Mr Kosova made very clear the importance of his independence and community members were unconstrained as long as it was within the terms of reference."

Community members met with Mr Kosova on August 11 and 13 with three main cases being brought forward and highlighted for the consultant.

The main three cases put forward by the community for the consultant to review were the developments in The



Community representative Randal Swick is raising the Hazelmere data centre application on Stirling Crescent as an item for the consultant to review. Inset: Independent review consultant Len Kosova.

Vines, the Hazelmere data centre and the Midway Ford's application handling under delegated authority.

While community members expressed satisfaction at their interactions with Mr Kosova, they said uncertainty around the terms of reference for the review lingered.

"The reviewer indicated an evaluation of the city planning system and practices, whereas community have maintained that it's not what planners say they do, it's what they do," Mr Lowe said.

"How well have the City of Swan planners applied the state planning framework in the examples provided by community?"

"At this point, the community groups are still request-

ing the agreed terms of reference, as they are not publicly available, and a comparison with the requirements requested by the city of the consultant is currently not possible."

Echo News asked the City of Swan whether concerns still existed regarding the review's terms of reference and whether the final report was on course to return to council by December.

City of Swan chief executive officer Stephen Cain said the review was going according to what was publicly outlined by the city.

"The planning review is progressing in accordance with the terms of reference adopted by council in May 2026 and as published on the city's website," he said.

Swan ward boundary review moves forward



Three of four proposed options cut the Midland/Guildford ward to two councillors while increasing Whiteman to three.

BRAYDEN MOULD

A POTENTIAL reshuffle of ward boundaries and councillor representation across the City of Swan will soon be put to the community, following a vote at council's August 12 ordinary council meeting.

The draft discussion paper brought to council outlines four structural concepts for public feedback, including a model without ward boundaries, and three five-ward options that variously realign existing borders, reduce total elected seats from 14 to 12, or make minor adjustments to preserve the current boundaries.

Among a number of other changes, three of the four options would reduce the number of councillors for the Midland/Guildford ward from three to two while increasing the Whiteman ward from two to three.

The decision to endorse the draft discussion paper came after council members considered and rejected an alternative procedural motion that sought to delay the process.

Moved by Cr Rashelle Predovnik, the alternative motion requested city staff produce additional options for consideration, including a model preserving the current layout.

Cr Predovnik argued during the debate that there was no legislative mandate requiring the council to rush the process.

"The plus-minus 10 per cent range is a guideline and not an automatic legal trigger that requires immediate changes," she said.

"The Local Government Advisory Board has confirmed there is no legal requirement for us to complete the review before the 2027 election, so we do not need to rush significant structural changes."

Seconding the motion, Cr Ian Johnson voiced strong concern regarding the proposed reduction in councillor representation in the Midland/Guildford Ward.

"I think we need to include an option to retain three Midland and Guildford councillors for the consideration of the community for the reason that the workload in this diverse and unique ward means we don't need one less councillor to increase the workload on the two remaining," he said.

"It is not in the interest of the diverse and vibrant Midland/Guildford ward community to reduce representation."

Speaking against the procedural delay, Cr Aaron Bowman and Cr Haeden Miles highlighted that rapid demographic growth required changes to the number of representatives for wards.

"We are a growth council as has been raised with some of the fastest growing suburbs in the state, and more people means more electors," Cr Miles said.

"Are we considering the quality of our local democracy and the voices of our electors or are we considering too much of our own political skin in this debate?"

With the delay motion failing 6-8, council subsequently voted 10-4 to initiate public consultation on the draft discussion paper, which is expected to run from August 28 to October 12.

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Thought for the day

"Storms make trees take deeper roots."
— Dolly Parton

Answer could be small buses

Dear Echo News,

Many thousands of vehicles sit idly at train stations, shopping centre carparks university grounds and adjacent roads – all driven short distances and then usually abandoned for many hours if not whole days.

It's totally wasteful of so many resources... Call the Productivity Commission!

Meanwhile to vastly reduce the use of cars we need to introduce local, small buses to ferry people to and from the transport hubs of railway stations and bus stations rather than have thousands of wasteful parking facilities at them.

Small buses of 20-25 seats could operate 8am to 6pm, circulating through suburbs, perhaps on the quarter hour at peak periods and half-hour for the remainder, delivering people to transport hubs and to schools, shopping centres and even hospital (visitors).

Private vehicle use for short, local travel could be reduced substantially, at huge savings for all (and the environment) and make local shopping easier and more profitable for local businesses.

It would also facilitate and increase the use of public transport by getting passengers to and from public rail and bus stations.

Smart marketing would help – advertising space on the small, local buses could be sold to retailers at shopping centres and a two-dollar passenger charge for use of the bus (a dollar or free for con-

cession-holders) would collect revenue to offset operating costs, but the real savings would be in long-term reduced fuel usage, parking space provision and even reduced vehicle maintenance and repair costs.

A small, additional charge to ratepayers would help defray costs.

A fleet of buses jointly provided by major adjoining local governments co-operating, would make the scheme even more effective and drivers could be found from within local communities.

Rates may even be reduced, or at least not increased as a result of savings made.

It's at least worth a scoping evaluation with cost/benefit analysis and my guess is that savings achieved would offset costs with the service improving amenity and community lifestyles to benefit individuals, businesses, local government and the environment.

Priceless. Let's do it!

**P Carman
Hovea**

Aged care package shortfalls

Dear Echo News,

As a loving son-in-law who has taken his wife's mother into care at our home (after her discharge from hospital following a heart attack and fall) I am disgusted to learn that despite her being eligible for some minor home-care support aids, such as a walker, under her aged care package, she is currently unable to access any additional care due to administration shortfalls.

She's very elderly (93) and frail and can't

move around without help and/or a walking aid, but would you believe, her application for funding for a walker will take "up to six months to process" and then may take "some additional months" to be paid. The obvious solution would be that we buy it, now, and get refunded the cost, later.

But there's a Catch 22: we can't buy it for her and then be refunded; we'd have to wait for the whole funding admin process to complete and then buy the walker, when the purchase is funded!

Meanwhile, is she supposed to remain in bed or seated? Obviously, we'll have to buy it for her now, but never get refunded.

Whoever makes these nonsensical decisions should have their pay docked (by us, taxpayers) until they're fixed.

Or is it an intentional avoidance of the promised and deserved funding for aged care?

**Concerned resident
Hovea**

What about WA's wild horses?

Dear Echo News,

The WA Horse Council was interested to read the article *Midland rallies against wild horse aerial culling* (Echo News, August 14) article about more than 200 people gathering in Midland to protest the aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park in NSW.

It raises an important question:

Why aren't we having the same conversation about wild horses here in Western Australia?

WA is an enormous state. What happens to horses across our remote regions is largely out of sight and, for most Western Australians, out of mind.

Aerial control of feral horses has occurred in the Kimberley for decades. In one operation in 2013 alone, more than 7000 horses were reportedly shot near the WA-NT border. Thousands more have been removed through subsequent control programs.

And the issue is not confined to the far north.

Wild horses at Lake Muir in WA's southwest are again the subject of calls for culling, despite DBCA recently acknowledging that it does not currently have an estimate of the population.

The WA Horse Council recognises the very real environmental and animal-welfare problems associated with unmanaged horse populations.

Allowing horses to multiply until they suffer from starvation, dehydration or environmental degradation is not an acceptable welfare outcome either.

But lethal control of horses raises serious questions about population data, identification, animal welfare, oversight and accountability.

Australia has already seen just how badly things can go wrong.

In 2020, shooters authorised to control feral animals at Killarney Station in the Northern Territory killed 30 station horses in a paddock close to the homestead.

These were not anonymous horses without human connections. They were working horses, companions and, in some cases, much-loved children's horses.

Jumbuck Pastoral described them at the time as some of its most prized and cherished horses. One, Riot, was a quiet schoolmaster who had been lent to a nine-year-old girl to ride during her school holidays. Station staff de-

scribed losing their 'mates' and members of their family. Almost two years later, they said they were still shattered by what had happened.

The subsequent legal proceedings also demonstrate how difficult accountability can become after the event. Dozens of charges against the two shooters were ultimately dropped, with the court hearing that investigators could not establish who had shot individual horses.

That tragedy should never be forgotten when Australia discusses shooting horses as a population-management tool.

So, while more than 200 Western Australians stood in Midland protesting what is happening to brumbies 3500 kilometres away in Kosciuszko, perhaps it is time we also asked:

How many wild horses are being shot in Western Australia? Where are they being shot? How are population estimates established? What welfare standards and independent oversight apply? What non-lethal alternatives have genuinely been assessed?

And importantly – how does the Western Australian public know?

This should not be a debate between people who care about horses and people who care about the environment. We should be capable of doing both.

Western Australia's wild horses, our environment and the community all deserve transparent, evidence-based and humane management.

WA Horse Council

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Council rejects Lower Chittering bridle trail

CAMILA EGUSQUIZA SANTA CRUZ

SEVERAL Chittering residents walked out of the Chittering council meeting last week after council voted 5-2 to not proceed with the proposed Lower Chittering bridle trail path in its current form.

The debate over a bridle trail follows a 12-month trial of two routes across Maryville Downs and Powderbark Estate, which started in August 2024 and concluded with a community survey brought to council at the end of 2025.

Council voted 4-2 in December 2025 not to make the trial routes permanent, citing privacy and property value concerns raised by adjoining residents.

This decision was not welcomed by residents as the community survey showed that 92 per cent of respondents (236 out of 257) supported the permanency of the trail.

The shire then reviewed the Maryville Downs bridle trail route and created a revised route focused on the Marbling Brook reserve.

The revised route went through a consultation process with only the 32 adjoining landowners.

Out of the 32, four provided submissions in support of the trail and two objected to it.

Following this, the shire's officer in charge recommended council last week to not proceed with the Lower Chittering bridle trail project because of the potential impact on adjoining landowners, and instead, consider incorporating dedicated bridle trails into future rural residential subdivisions.

Chittering resident Natalie Shabilia, who was part of the reference group formed by the shire during the trial, said during the council meeting that the group had acknowledged adjoining landowners' privacy concerns.

"We said let's compromise. If those sections are creating problems, remove them. Leave us with the Marbling Brook section. That trail runs along the back and bottom of properties and there's very little visibility to houses," she said.

"We were willing to give up large sections of the trail to reduce the impact on adjoining landowners. We asked the planning officer to put forward a recommendation to alter the trail accordingly. It was knocked back."

During council discussion, Cr Nicholas Grayer moved an amendment asking the shire to continue looking for alternative trails within its boundaries, saying the difficulties with the current proposal should not stop council from pursuing an alternative.

Deputy president Mary Angus spoke against the substan-

tive motion and the amendment.

"We've now proposed two versions of trail routes and although there have been just a few objections, the majority of feedback has been very positive and there have been no environmental issues witnessed during the trial period," she said.

The bridle trail corridors are located on public access ways (PAWs) previously used only for emergency vehicles.

"The shire has the legal ability to allow the access ways to be used for bridle trails. Although the objecting landowners are correct in stating that the bridle trails were not there when they purchased their land, the PAWs were there as part of the land developers' planning so the purchasers would never have had absolute privacy on that boundary," Cr Angus said.

Cr Kylie Hughes then asked the shire's executive manager of development services Jake Whistler how the PAWs were signposted.

"The pedestrian access ways, that's a term that was used by the surveyors during the historical subdivision with the intent of them being emergency access ways for the public to use in the event of an emergency. And just to clarify, a portion of the secondary route around the Marbling Brook is not PAWs, so there's not a given right that they are immediately open to the public for pedestrian access," he said.

Cr Hughes then said that that was probably the basis of most objections.

"When those people purchased those properties, that was their expectation. (Homeowners) have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on these properties, so potentially, that is why their objections are given different weighting because they literally do live there."

Throughout this the public gallery constantly interrupted and had to be asked to be quiet by President David Dewar.

Cr Angus then put a procedural motion to cease debate and go straight to voting.

The substantive motion, including Cr Grayer's proposed amendments, was passed 5-2 with Cr Grayer, Cr Foulkes-Taylor, Cr Hughes, Cr Dewar and Cr Van Eeden voting in favour, while Cr Angus and Cr Curtis voted against.

Thirty-four members of the public gallery immediately left after the decision was made.

Among them was Chittering resident and riding coach Sabrina Davies.

Ms Davies said she was disappointed with the council decision.

"We've been forced onto the roads to ride and that's a real safety concern because road users don't seem to have any understanding as to how you conduct yourself around a horse



The Shire of Chittering has not had a bridle trail available to the public since December 2025. Picture: Sabrina Davies

when it's on the road," she said.

"The council has said: 'Just ride on the roads, and if you feel it's dangerous, just ride somewhere else.' But we're standing here saying, well, where do you want us to go? We don't have anywhere safe to ride and it's not just us that are at risk but road users as well."

Ms Davies said she also felt resident voices were not being heard.

"What are the alternatives? What is the timeframe? Like it's one thing for the council members to say, oh, don't worry, we'll look into it. But we've been told that they will look into it since December last year, and they have not come to us with a solution. It's just constantly in the future."

"We're asking questions that are not being answered. We'd like to know why they have deemed the trial unsuccessful despite a majority approval?"

Echo News contacted the Shire of Chittering for comment.





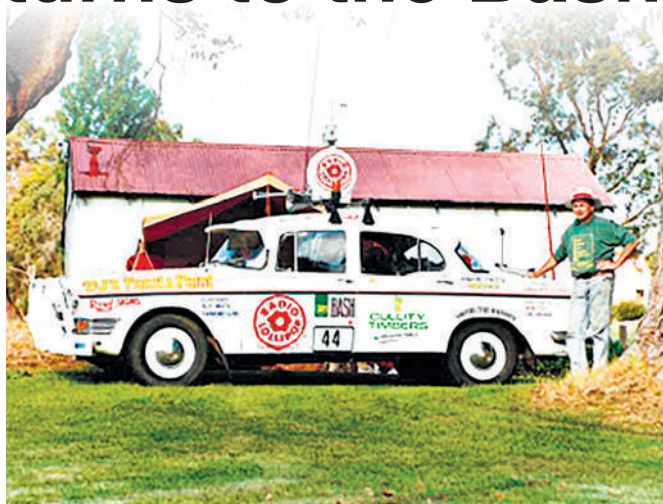
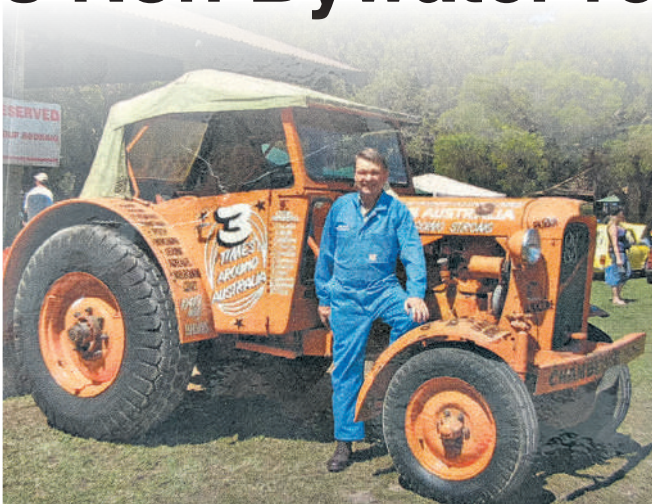
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Mahogany Creek's Ron Bywater returns to the Bash



Ron Bywater, above, and with the Chamberlain 9G tractor and a Humber Super Snipe.

AT 91, Mahogany Creek's Ron Bywater is returning to the Bash – on a historic Chamberlain 9G tractor – 37 years after he took part in the very first Variety WA Bash in 1989.

The 2026 Back Trackin' Bash will reverse the original 1989 route, travelling from Kalgoorlie to Fremantle from Monday, September 14 to Saturday, September 19, while Mr Bywater will return to the road in the same model of Chamberlain 9G tractor he helped introduce to the Bash in 1989.

Mr Bywater worked at Chamberlain Industries as a sales cadet in 1957 and was one of the first four drivers to take part in an Australian rally in the 9G.

When the first Variety Bash was being held in WA in 1989, he approached the museum where the tractor was housed and asked if he could complete the Bash in it.

That was the beginning of the tractor taking part in the Variety Bash – and the route, back in 1989 was Fremantle to Kalgoorlie which was a resounding success according to Mr Bywater.

After that he completed another eight bashes with Variety WA, each of those in a luxury British car – a Humber Super Snipe.

Mr Bywater then bought a property in Wooroloo, finished up work and had a break from the Bash for a while.

A few years later he teamed up with Peter Hackett, a legendary, long-serving official for the charity, widely known

within the charity motoring community as the indispensable voice of the 'radio base' for the Variety Bash event.

Mr Bywater spent eight years working alongside Mr Hackett providing all the radio services for Bash participants, who must connect with the radio team every hour to ensure they are on track.

In 2018 he borrowed another 9G tractor and once again completed the Variety WA Bash in it.

It was the beginning of a long relationship with the charity and now he is back behind the wheel at 91, joining three members of the Chamberlain 9G Tractor Club of WA that will literally see him backtrack the first ever Bash in 1989.

"In the first Variety Bash event with the tractor, no one knew how fast it would go. I convinced the officials on the first day and said to them, this is just a tractor, can we go a bit earlier. They let us go half an hour earlier and it took them till lunchtime to catch us. They haven't fallen for that trick since," Mr Bywater said.

Over the course of his colourful 91-year life, Mr Bywater has organised many tractor expeditions for this 9G model, including sending 14 tractors to New Zealand, escorting four tractors to America and driving one across America.

"As well as taking part in the Variety Bash, we can tow anyone if they need it, so we are a support crew for the event at the same time, if needed," he said.

"We've donated a lot of money to Variety WA over the years, just by entering the Variety Bash events, and I've also

provided my services in a voluntary capacity, working with Peter over the radio for several years. All the time and donations are worth it for such a worthwhile children's charity."

The historic tractor for this year's event is being loaned to Mr Bywater by owner Dick Garnett before being donated to the John Deere & Chamberlain Tractor Museum in Carnamah.

The 2026 Bash will include 31 participant cars, one tractor and 44 vehicles in total, including support crew and the event's baggage truck. Across the week, 115 people will take part, including 88 registered participants, travelling approximately 2318 km across Western Australia.

Variety WA chief executive officer Chris Chatterton said the Bash continued to hold a special place in the history of Variety WA and in the hearts of the people who return year after year.

"The Bash you're about to live is the Bash the founders imagined, and it only exists because each generation of Bashers has carried it forward," Mr Chatterton said.

"This year's Back Trackin' Bash is a chance to honour where it began, while continuing the work that matters most – raising funds to support children and families across Western Australia."

Funds raised through the Bash help Variety WA provide practical support for children and families across the state, including mobility equipment, communication devices, inclusive programs, scholarships and grants.

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Local Swan riders and horses at the 2025 Pass Wide and Slow ride.

Pass Wide and Slow returns to Swan

THE Pass Wide and Slow (PWAS) ride will take place next week on Sunday, September 6 to educate motorists on how to share the roads with horses and riders.

Six rides will be held across WA in the Swan Valley, Albany, Harvey, Margaret River, Serpentine-Jarrahdale and Mount Barker.

The Swan Valley ride is coordinated by the WA Horse Council from the State Equestrian Centre in Brigadoon and led by the WA mounted police.

WA Horse Council chair Dr Kathy Klein said motorists should slow below 20kmh and pass with a distance of 2m.

"Even the quietest horse can react suddenly to speed, noise or a vehicle passing too close. A few seconds of patience and extra space can prevent a serious incident," she said.

Dr Klein said the campaign had particular relevance to the local Swan community.

"A serious collision in Ellenbrook happened in May, when a vehicle and horse float carrying two

racehorses overturned. Both horses went down in the float and an emergency response was required alongside the seriously injured people involved. The collision tragically later became a fatal road crash investigation," she said.

"The incident also highlighted the challenges faced by emergency responders when large animals are involved in road crashes."

The 2026 PAWS campaign is funded through a road safety commission community initiatives grant and includes the distribution of high-visibility vests and Pass Wide and Slow signage to pony clubs, trail-riding groups, equestrian organisations and communities throughout WA.

For the Swan Valley event, horses, riders and carriage drivers will gather from 10am, with the approximately 6km ride departing at 11am along Cathedral Avenue before returning to the State Equestrian Centre.

The ride is expected to be completed by 1pm and riders are expected to wear helmets, boots and high visibility vests at all times.

Kalamunda community safety boost

GUANHAO CHENG

A COORDINATED response program between Kalamunda Police and the City of Kalamunda aimed at reducing antisocial behaviour is already returning positive results.

Since commencing in July this year, the program has yielded a reduction in anti-social behaviour and theft based on year-on-year comparisons for the same period last year.

The program was established in response to concerns raised by community residents and businesses, with partner agencies coming together to implement a proactive and intelligence-led approach focused on prevention, early intervention and enforcement where required.

Key initiatives to date include school patrols to identify truancy, engagement with businesses regarding retail theft and anti-social behaviour, increased police patrols throughout the town centre and targeted action against repeat offenders.

A highlight for the program was its strengthened engagement with young people, helping connect them with appropriate support through schools, families and community networks, while enforcing accountability where offending has occurred.

KADS Theatre vandalism increasing (Echo News, July 10) reported KADS Theatre president Fi Livings saying in July that vandalism was a problem which ramped up noticeably at the KADS theatre over the previous 18 months.

Ms Livings said since the program started there had definitely been a decrease in vandalism.

"Saying that, we just finished doing a season last week and we did have quite a few nights where there were young lads banging on the theatre door and throwing wet tissue paper at the theatre, which was a bit annoying," she said.

"They've got nothing to do - I think that's the problem... but the veranda hasn't been as bad as it had been."

Forrestfield Police Station Senior Sergeant and officer in charge Brad Robinson said the results demonstrate the value of agencies in the community working towards a common goal.

"This initiative has shown what can be achieved when local partners work together, understand the issues affecting the community and coordinate their efforts," he said.

"Through a combination of prevention, engagement, reassurance patrols and targeted enforcement, we have seen positive outcomes for local



The KADS theatre in Kalamunda had been subject to vandalism prior to the program's start. Picture: Camila Egusquiza Santa Cruz

businesses, residents and visitors.

"The success of the program reflects a shared commitment to maintaining a safe and welcoming town centre while supporting young people to make positive choices."

According to the city, regular high-visibility police patrols will continue throughout the KADS precinct, Central Mall, Kalamunda Central, Haynes Street and Railway Road during peak times to provide reassurance to businesses, residents and visitors.

City of Kalamunda Mayor Margaret Thomas said community collaboration was important and addressing anti-social behaviour is "about more than enforcement alone".

"To create lasting change, we need to connect with young people through the networks that matter most to them, including their families, schools and local community," she said.

"When we work together, we can help young people feel supported, make positive choices and strengthen our community for everyone."

Forrestfield Police are also exploring opportunities to strengthen CCTV coverage and improve real-time communication between police and city rangers to support an even more coordinated response to emerging issues.

For more information visit www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au or phone the City of Kalamunda on 9257 9999 or email enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au.



Midland-based MLC Klasey Hirst cuts the ribbon at the official completion of the project.

Ray Owen Reserve \$5m redevelopment complete

THE Cook Labor Government has completed another major redevelopment project with upgrades to the Ray Owen Reserve now complete, delivering modern sporting facilities to help support sport across the community.

Backed by a \$5 million investment through the WA Recovery Fund, the project has transformed the reserve, complete with an additional playing field, upgrades to the existing oval and new flood-lighting across both playing fields.

The redevelopment includes new sustainable irrigation infrastructure from the Hartfield Park Aquifer, helping maintain high-quality playing surfaces while supporting the long-term operation of the reserve.

The project builds on the accessible changeroom upgrades completed in January 2025, further strengthening Ray Owen Reserve as a modern and inclusive sporting precinct.

Sport and Recreation Minister and West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti said completing the redevelopment of Ray Owen Reserve was another great outcome for the local community and for the many sporting clubs that call this reserve home.

"These upgraded facilities will support everything from junior training and weekend competitions through to community events, ensuring the reserve remains a vibrant local meeting place."

Klasey Hirst MLC said the new and improved Ray Owen Reserve will help to drive participation in sport, providing locals and visitors with access to top-quality facilities.

"These upgrades are great for the community and they help ensure all Western Australians, particularly junior athletes and sporting clubs, can continue to play the sports they love, locally, for years to come."

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Study finds Jarrah dieback hindering quendas

A NEW study from Murdoch University has found that the introduced plant disease *Phytophthora dieback* is indirectly hindering quendas in Western Australia's jarrah forests, by reducing their habitat quality and consequently decreasing their digging activity.

Over a year-long field study, the research team surveyed five heavily dieback-infested bushland reserves in the Shire of Mundaring and compared healthy areas with dieback infested areas.

They measured shrub cover, the abundance of grasstrees, the amount of bare ground, and quenda digging activity by counting their foraging pits.

One of the plants most affected by dieback is the iconic Australian grasstree, which provides shelter and habitat for a range of native animals via their dead leaves which form around the trunk of the plant.

There is mounting evidence that the loss of plant species due to dieback such as the grasstree is leading to negative flow-on effects on fauna.

"Quendas and other related bandicoot species prefer habitat with dense shrubby vegetation like grasstrees, which provides refuge from predators and habitat for nesting," lead author Dr Tom Mansfield said.

"We wanted to understand whether dieback was changing the way quendas use the landscape, such as their foraging activity and their access to habitat and food resources."

The study found that compared with healthy forests, dieback-infested areas had 46 per cent less low shrub cover, 45 per cent fewer habitable grasstrees, and 40 per cent more bare ground.

They also found that quenda digging activity was 33 per cent lower in dieback-infested areas.

"The results supported our theory that dieback creates less favourable habitat for quendas, leading to reduced foraging activity," Dr Mansfield said.

"One more promising finding was that quendas still entered infestations to dig, and they may be using surviving grasstrees and shrubs as habitat. So, they may enter infestations more if habitat is provisioned with restoration or installation of refuges.

"We found inconclusive evidence that food resources such as truffle-like fungi were fewer, but the cover of graminoids and herbs which may form bulbs and tubers for quendas to eat were not impacted.

"Together, this suggests that quendas are spending less

time in dieback-degraded areas because they may be more exposed to predators, rather than because there's less food available."

Dr Mansfield said the quenda's reduced digging activity was concerning.

"Quendas are ecosystem engineers, with their diggings providing a range of ecosystem benefits," he said.

"Every time they dig for food, they turn over soil, help water soak into the ground, bury seeds, and spread beneficial fungi that support healthy forests.

"They are one of the few remaining digging mammals still performing these functions in south-west WA, so if dieback continues to remove the shrubs and grasstrees that provide refuge for quendas, there may be cascading effects throughout the ecosystem as these natural processes are diminished."

Dr Mansfield said the findings provide practical guidance for future dieback management and habitat restoration efforts.

"Our findings suggest that restoring shelter habitat – particularly dense understorey vegetation and grasstrees – could help make dieback-affected forests more suitable for quendas again," he said.

"Local and small-scale initiatives like revegetation groups and fauna-friendly gardens can go a long way to counter the habitat impacts that dieback has on quendas.

"Protecting surviving grasstrees, preventing further disease spread, identifying dieback-resistant plants for restoration, and exploring the use of artificial refuges within dieback-degraded areas should be priorities if we want to maintain healthy quenda populations and the ecosystem benefits they provide."

Dr Mansfield expressed his appreciation to the Shire of Mundaring environmental team for their support and proactive drive to manage and understand the impact of dieback across their reserves.

The paper, *Exotic Plant Pathogen Reduces Habitat and Foraging Activities of a Digging Mammal*, was published in the journal *Austral Ecology*.



The conditions of two sites in the Shire of Mundaring used in the study. Pictures: Murdoch University



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Mundaring's inaugural Dying to Know Expo



President Paige McNeil on a Harley Davidson with the Caskets and Chrome team.

COMMUNITY members came together earlier this month for Shire of Mundaring's inaugural Dying to Know Expo, exploring end-of-life planning, grief and final wishes in a safe, welcoming and positive setting.

The expo encouraged local people to talk openly about a topic that can often feel difficult, while connecting them with practical information, support services and people who could help.

Held as part of the national Dying to Know campaign, the local event helped people feel more comfortable starting meaningful conversations about death, dying and grief, and showed the value of community connection when planning for the future.

Throughout the day, presenters and exhibitors shared stories, practical advice and services in a way that supported open, respectful and positive conversations.

This year's theme, 'Nobody Knows', encouraged attendees to think about the wishes, values and conversations they may want to share with the people closest to them.

Attendees took part in speaker sessions and explored an exhibition area featuring end-of-life ser-

vice providers, live music, vintage and Harley Davidson hearses, and a local artist painting a cardboard casket.

Shire President Paige McNeil said it was wonderful to see community members engaging positively with a topic many people can find difficult to talk about.

"By bringing people together in a warm and respectful environment, the expo helped make end-of-life conversations feel more approachable and showed people where they can find information, support and services," Ms McNeil said.

Presenters and exhibitors generously donated their time to support the community with warmth, understanding and practical guidance.

Master of Ceremonies Julie Carlton shared her passion for normalising conversations around death and dying, encouraging people to make informed choices about end-of-life planning.

The shire thanks everyone who attended, presented and exhibited, and acknowledges the community members who helped make the first Dying to Know Expo a thoughtful, respectful and meaningful local event.

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On the trail

What's happening in the Shire

August 2026

From the President

There is plenty happening in our Shire over the coming months, with lots of opportunities to connect with your community and enjoy everything that makes living in the Perth Hills so special.

More than one hundred families gathered at Parkerville Oval for a fantastic community celebration to 'Turn On' the new lights. This project reflects our ongoing commitment to improve local facilities, helping to build a stronger sense of community through sport. A big thank you to the Parkerville Junior Football Club for their advocacy and support to bring this project to life. This is just Stage 1 with a further upgrade coming soon!

The 2026 Mundaring Hills Open Studios brochure is live, showcasing the incredible talent and creativity we have across the Shire. You're invited to step inside 85 studios, meet local artists and gain a deeper appreciation of the creative process. Be sure to save the dates, 17 - 25 October and start planning your Open Studios experience.

Local food, wine and spirits will also take centre stage at the Slow Food Festival on 18 October in the beautiful setting of Sculpture Park, Mundaring. The festival is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our growers and producers while learning more about fresh, local and sustainable food.

I hope to see you at one of these events all proudly supported by the Shire of Mundaring.

Paige McNeil
Shire President



September marks Biodiversity Month and provides an opportunity to celebrate the extraordinary flora, fauna and ecosystems that make the Shire of Mundaring such a unique and special place.

The Shire supports biodiversity through a range of practical initiatives that empower residents to care for the local environment. Through the Land for Wildlife Program, landholders can access free workshops, site visits and expert advice to help protect and restore natural areas and waterways on their properties. The popular Seedlings for Landcare Program also provides over 20,000 free native seedlings each year for planting on rural-zoned private properties, school grounds and bushland reserves across the Shire of Mundaring, helping to improve habitat connectivity and support local wildlife.

To learn more about these and other biodiversity initiatives, visit the Shire's website. While

you're there, you can also register your interest for the 2027 Seedlings for Landcare Program and be part of creating a more sustainable environment for future generations.

To mark Biodiversity Month, you can also tune in to a special edition of The Hills Talk podcast featuring renowned local ecologist Simon Cherriman. Simon explores the importance of protecting our natural ecosystems and how we can combat the biggest threats to our biodiversity in the hills.

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New FOGO rules create a stink

MIKE PEETERS

CHANGES to FOGO guidelines following the release of the state government's new waste strategy last month is causing a stink in the Perth Hills.

In July this year the Shire of Mundaring updated its (Food Organics, Garden Organics) FOGO guidelines to ban a number of previously accepted items from the green-lid FOGO bins following the new government guidelines.

The new rules come with a trade-off, with the collection of red-lidded general waste bins reduced from weekly to fortnightly, leading to claims of overflowing bins and reduced waste capacity.

Mundaring Residents and Ratepayers Progress Association president Tom Johns said he was sympathetic to young families in the hills who may be struggling with the new smaller bin sizes.

"Our situation in the hills is somewhat different to some other places due to larger blocks and other considerations," Mr Johns said.

Shire president Paige McNeil acknowledged community concerns around bin capacity and household needs.

"Residents with higher volumes of general waste have the option of upgrading to a larger 240-litre general waste bin or purchasing an additional bin service," Ms McNeil said.

"A compassionate waste service is also available for residents with medical waste requirements, and an extra collection has been organised during the Christmas period when households typically generate more waste."

Ms McNeil said accepted FOGO materials were now restricted to food organics, garden organics and certi-

fied compostable caddy liners only.

"The updates to the FOGO accepted list makes sorting waste simpler for households, consistent across local governments and helps produce high-quality compost," she said.

As reported in *Mundaring residents raise general waste concerns* (Echo News, March 13) many residents claimed illegal dumping was happening due to the reduced size of the general waste bins along with their fortnightly collection.

Kalamunda MLA Adam Hort said people across the Perth Hills were rightly asking why a one-size-fits-all waste model should apply to large rural properties that often managed their waste very differently.

"I support better recycling but the state government should give councils the flexibility to deliver it in a way that works for their communities.

"Concerns from locals about smaller red bins, fortnightly collections and summer hygiene are legitimate and the shire should be given the freedom to find a practical local solution, something the state government seems disinterested in."

A Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) spokesperson said local governments were responsible for delivering household waste services, including decisions about bin sizes and collection arrangements for their communities.

"As part of these programs, participating local governments adopted service configurations designed to maximise recovery of food and garden organics and reduce waste sent to landfill, while retaining responsibility for the delivery of waste services to their residents," the spokesperson said.

Northam votes to unlock Wundowie access gates

GUANHAO CHENG

GATES on a Wundowie pedestrian and emergency accessway will be left unlocked following a Shire of Northam council decision.

Councillors voted 4-2 on July 29 to retain the gates on the accessway between Brown Road and Olive Road but remove the locks.

The decision follows a 12-month trial during which gates at both ends of the route were locked.

The accessway was retained by council in 2017 and upgraded so it could be used by two-wheel-drive vehicles during emergencies.

Unlocked gates were installed to discourage unwanted vehicle access while keeping the route available as an emergency exit.

Council changed that decision in May 2025, voting 6-3 to install gates and boulders and lock the gates for a 12-month trial.

Shire officers recommended returning the gates to an unlocked state because state bushfire planning guidelines say permanent public emergency accessways should not be locked.

The council report said the route provided a second evacuation option for the public and access for emergency services during a bushfire.

It rated the risk of locked gates compromising access or escape during an emergency as moderate.

Shire of Northam deputy president Attila Mencshelyi opposed unlocking the gates, arguing the route was primarily a pedestrian accessway.

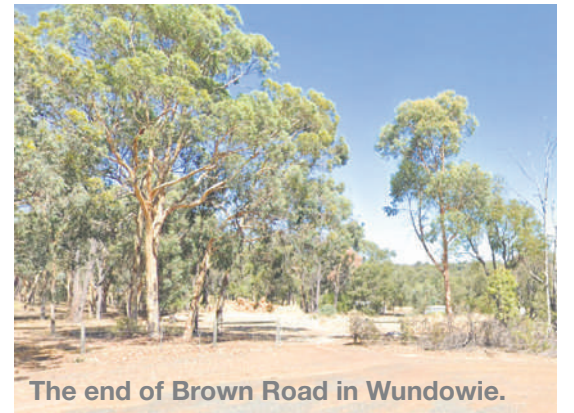
"Pedestrian accessways are for everyday walking or cycling, not motorbikes," he said.

"We have had peace on the 240m pedestrian accessway for 14 months now.

"By unlocking the gates, there will be a resurgence of motorbikes and vehicles belting through the pedestrian accessway."

Cr Mencshelyi said emergency vehicles carried equipment that could be used to cut through locks if access was required.

He said there had been no complaints during the trial to his knowledge and urged councillors to keep the gates locked.



The end of Brown Road in Wundowie.

Councillor Julie Williams supported the officer's recommendation.

She said shire staff had clarified that the land was created as a pedestrian accessway but had since been upgraded for emergency vehicle access.

"It is a pedestrian accessway and an emergency accessway," she said.

Cr Williams said she questioned whether earlier concerns about motorcycles using the route had been supported by evidence.

"All the people that have spoken to me from those surrounding streets have said that horse riders, pedestrians and school kids on bikes are the people that actually used it, not motorbikes," she said.

"We've had no evidence at all since that time."

Cr Williams said councillors had a responsibility to represent the community at large and not one landowner or a small group of landowners.

The shire's report said no formal consultation with nearby landowners had been undertaken when the locks were installed following the previous council resolution from 2025.

It also said there had been no feedback showing whether the locked gates had successfully prevented access by unwanted vehicles or created problems for emergency services.

The gates and boulders will remain in place, with only the locks removed.



New St John of God Midland Private Hospital is now open

ST JOHN of God Health Care has officially opened the new St John of God Midland Private Hospital, ahead of welcoming its first patients this week.

The purpose-built, standalone 123-bed hospital, located in the historic Midland Railway Workshops precinct, will expand access to private health care for people living across Perth's eastern suburbs, the Perth Hills and the Wheatbelt.

St John of God Health Care Group chief executive officer Bryan Pyne said the new hospital will bring important specialist services closer to home and will double local private hospital bed capacity.

"For the first time, private patients in the Midland area will have access locally to interventional cardiology, alongside expanded surgical, critical care and inpatient services, reducing the need for many people to travel further from home for the care they need," Mr Pyne said.

St John of God Midland Private Hospital chief executive officer Vanessa Unwin said the official opening of the new hospital was an important milestone for the community.

"This is much more than a new building. It is a hospital designed to make private health care more accessible, personal and connected for people across Midland and the wider region," Ms Unwin said.

Patient experience is central to the hospital's design and features contemporary clinical facilities, expanded inpatient and surgical capacity, and welcoming spaces for patients, families and caregivers.

It includes eight operating theatres, a cardiac catheter laboratory and critical care unit, a day surgery unit and private inpatient rooms with on-demand dining through a hotel-style room service menu.

"Our caregivers, clinicians, project teams and partners have worked with great care to create a hospital where patients and families will feel welcomed and supported," she said.

The opening of the new private hospital will enable a seamless transfer of private services from the existing co-located St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospitals.

As part of the transition, 60 beds currently used for private patients and three operating theatres will become available for public services, expanding the capacity of St John of God Midland Public Hospital to 367 public beds.

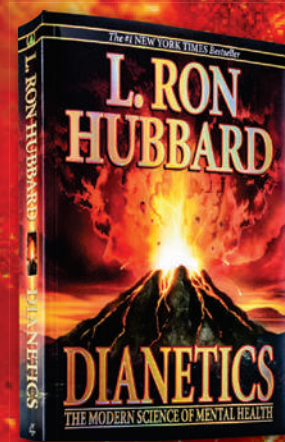
Midland MLA Steve Catania said this is another important step forward for access to health care in Midland, building on the return of 60 beds to public hands through this transition.

"This new private hospital is a beautiful facility, and I'd like to congratulate St John of God Health Care on Thursdays opening.

"With the workshops precinct transforming around the new station, this hospital will become another key anchor for jobs and investment, supporting the next chapter of our community's growth."

For more information about the new St John of God Midland Private Hospital visit www.sjog.org.au/newmidlandprivate

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As students progress into Pre Primary and the Middle Years, academic foundations are strengthened through structured programs, specialist learning and co curricular opportunities. In the Middle Years from Year 3 to 6, the curriculum offers specialised teaching in the areas of Music, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Science, Design & Technology and Sport. Supported within a connected K-12 community, students grow in confidence, resilience and independence, preparing them for a smooth transition into Secondary School and success beyond the classroom.

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Graeme Fisher
5.30pm, Free
125 Avon Terrace, York

Lyric's Bar
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Parkerville Tavern
Cush
From 5.30pm, Free
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Woodbridge Hotel
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From 8pm, Free
50 East St, Guildford

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Sat August 29

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Nick Childs
12pm-3pm
Jukes of York
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Parties Kids Remember
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6 Owen Road
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ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Guildford set to become a shanty town

GUILDFORD will become a shanty town on Sunday, August 30 as two of WA's best-known maritime singing groups face off in the final event of the 2026 Guildford Songfest.

The Lost Quays and the She Shants will bring the festival to a rousing close with a workshop and good-natured 'shanty-off' giving audience members the chance to learn the songs once used by sailors in the golden era of sail.

The showdown caps two days of singing across Guildford on August 29 and 30, with more than 40 choirs and 500 singers taking part in the ninth annual Songfest.

Both maritime groups will also conduct workshops on Saturday, introducing festival-goers to the rhythms, stories and call-and-response structure of sea shanties.

Fremantle-based male group The Lost Quays is a familiar presence on WA's thriving folk and shanty circuit, while the nine-member, all-female She Shants formed 10 years ago as an impromptu response to the largely male tradition.

She Shants member Monica Lacey said the group first came together to perform at a shanty battle involving The Lost Quays and the Albany Shantymen at Fairbridge Festival.

"A lot of traditional shanties are quite awfully misogynistic, so we thought we might as well have a response ready for that," she said.

Their first song, Twiddles, reversed the familiar idea of sailors having "a girl in every port", imagining instead the women on shore having "a man on every ship".

That playful reversal set the course for



Members of the She Shants, from left, Libby Eustance, Peta Gray, Meredith Lane, Jane McIntyre, Lynn Reid, back, Carina Marshall (front, crouched), Felicity Hughes, Monica Lacey and Marion Pearson.

a repertoire that gives women a more active voice in maritime stories traditionally dominated by sailors and the sea.

"We aim to be entertaining. We don't aim to be offensive," Ms Lacey said.

"We can certainly be provocative and a bit subversive. That is part of our style."

Alongside its humour, the group performs moving songs of longing, loss and life by the sea, with drums, whistle, clarinet, autoharp and ukulele adding colour

to its vocal arrangements.

The weekend's closing encounter with The Lost Quays promises harmonies, humour and perhaps a little friendly rivalry as the ninth Guildford Songfest reaches its finale.

Guildford Songfest not only showcases choirs, it is an opportunity to explore the historic buildings in Guildford.

For further information go to www.guildfordsongfest.com

Storytelling bringing Swan communities together

A FIVE-PART storytelling series celebrating connection, culture and place is underway across the City of Swan, with four events still to come.

Presented by Tales of Togetherness, the program began at Old Young's Distillery in Henley Brook on August 15 with tales inspired by fire.

Upcoming gatherings will explore air at Dayton Hub on September 13, space at Midland Junction Arts Centre on October 25, earth at the Old Courthouse in Midland on November 15 and water at Aveley Park on December 6.

Tales of Togetherness spokesperson Sally Riddell said oral storytelling has brought people together for thousands of years, passing on knowledge, preserving memories and helping communities understand the human experience.

"Stories reveal the light and dark of human experience," she said.

"They play with the logical and mysterious, the past, the present and the future."

Each event features three professional or emerging storytellers sharing traditional tales collected from cultures around the world.

The performers are introduced, their stories are then shared with a short question-and-answer session following each story.

Ms Riddell said while traditional tales were often shared with children the program was intended for adults and described the stories as rich, feisty, deep and exploratory.

"We chose the five elements because we wanted five events at five different venues and we wanted something that could be connected with this gorgeous place in which we live," she said.

"We are on old and sacred earth, beside a river that has been the life force of this fertile region, the air is clear and the sky is enormous."

"This is a place that has spaciousness within the landscape and beyond (and) fire is a force of both regeneration and of destruction."

The series follows a similar Tales of Togetherness program held in South Perth the previous year.

Its success encouraged Swan storytellers Ms Riddell, Saskia Scott and Gillian Clarke to develop a program for the area.

The City of Swan provided grant funding with Midland Junction Arts Centre and Old Young's Distillery also supporting the project.

"We hope this event, these tellings, will inspire others to tell their own tales, to learn to become storytellers themselves, and



The events aim to inspire more community storytelling. to explore the world of traditional stories and storytelling," Ms Riddell said.

All remaining events run from 4pm to 7pm with more information available on the Tales of Togetherness Facebook page.



A History of Father's Day

Father's Day is a yearly celebration inaugurated in the early twentieth century to complement Mother's Day in celebrating fatherhood and male parenting, and to honour and commemorate fathers and forefathers.

Father's Day is celebrated on a variety of dates worldwide and typically involves gift-giving and special dinners to fathers and family-orientated activities.

Father's Day is a day of commemoration and celebration for Dad. It is a day to not only hon-

our your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in your life - whether as stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, or big brothers.

A woman by the name of Sonora Smart thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mothers Day sermon in 1909. Having been raised by her father, Henry Jackson Smart, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless and loving man.

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Please note: This option must be pre-ordered prior to your arrival to ensure availability.



Father's Day Fire & Feast Lunch
Sunday, 6 September 2026, from 12:30pm
A celebration of fathers, food and fire. Meet our chefs, watch open-flame cooking in action and experience a feast inspired by ancient cooking traditions. Forget the traditional white-tablecloth lunch. This is immersive, interactive and unforgettable.

Your Fire & Feast experience includes:

- Slow-cooked and hanging meats prepared over open flames.
- Fire-roasted seasonal vegetables and accompaniments.
- Dessert cooked over glowing coals.

Fire & Feast is designed as a shared dining experience, with meats and accompaniments presented on generous platters for two guests to enjoy together.

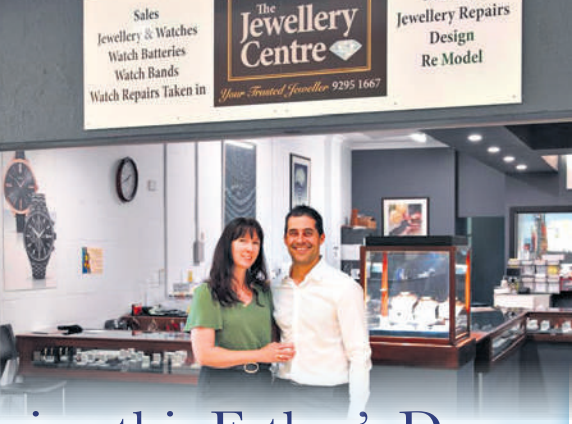
Throughout the afternoon, guests are encouraged to chat with our chefs, watch the cooking unfold and immerse themselves in a true fire-to-table dining experience.

COST - \$98 per person

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Enhance your experience with one of our premium cuts, served in addition to the shared feast.

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- New York Strip Bone-In (500g) - \$60

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Give a gift with meaning this Father's Day

Father's Day doesn't have to be about grand gestures or mass-produced gifts. Sometimes, the most meaningful expressions of love are the ones already waiting quietly at home.

At The Jewellery Centre in Mundaring, Father's Day is about stories - the ones carried in heirloom watches, cufflinks, or pieces that once meant something, but no longer fit life today. With experienced jewellers working on site every day, these forgotten treasures are carefully transformed into custom designs made for now.

Creating something special for Dad can be a deeply personal way to show how important he is. An old piece of jewellery or a family watch can become a new symbol of significance. A family piece can be reshaped into something modern, wearable, and full of meaning - without losing its history.

This Father's Day, more people are choosing thoughtful craftsmanship over off-the-shelf gifts. They're choosing to sit down with a local jeweller, talk through memories, and create something that simply can't be replicated.

Proudly part of the Mundaring community, The Jewellery Centre believes jewellery should reflect the life you've built together - not just the moment it was bought.

Father's Day at Commerical Bar + Kitchen

Father's Day is a chance to recognise the dads, grandfathers and father figures who play such an important role in our families and communities.

For many of us, some of our strongest memories of Dad are not the big occasions, but the ordinary things. The advice we didn't appreciate at the time. The terrible jokes. Being taught how to fix something, kick a footy, light the barbecue or simply get on with the job.

As we get older, we often come to appreciate just how much our fathers did for us, and how much of what they taught us has stayed with us.

Father's Day is also about spending time together, and there are few better Australian traditions than taking Dad to the local pub for a good meal and a cold beer.

We'll be celebrating Father's Day at the Commercial Bar + Kitchen, with every Dad receiving a free pint of his choice on arrival.

We're expecting a busy day, so book your table early, bring Dad down for lunch or dinner, and let him choose his favourite pint. The first one is on us.

Happy Father's Day, Dad!





ADVERTISING FEATURE

Father's Day sausage sizzle at Zanthorrea

Join us for a Father's Day sausage sizzle, and help us raise funds for the charity 12 Buckets. 12 Buckets help local children flourish regardless of background or circumstance.

They are helping kids through In-School and Community Mentoring programs, and working to break the multi generational disadvantage many young people face in our society.

We have joined the 12 Buckets fundraising with 4 of our team signing up for the Central Park Plunge, abseiling down 33 floors of the central park building in November!

Help our Team Zanthorrea plungers reach their fundraising goal of \$5000 by joining us for a sausage sizzle this Father's Day.

Father's Day raffle drawn 2pm Sunday 6th September.

Beautiful mini bouquets of Australian flowers are also for sale, made by the team from their own gardens. All proceeds to raise funds for 12 Buckets.



Visit our fundraising page to see how we are travelling and follow our journey:

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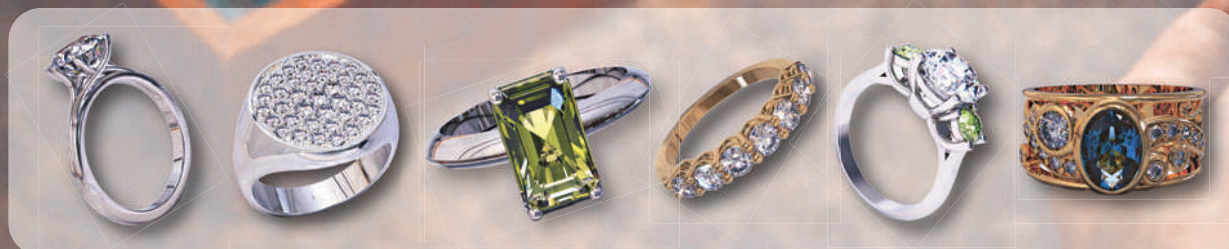


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Firebreaks and Fuel Load Notice

Bush Fires Act 1954 - Section 33

Notice to all owners and occupiers of land situated within the Shire of Mundaring

Pursuant to section 33(1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954, the Shire of Mundaring (the Shire) gives notice that the owners and/or occupiers of the land district are required to undertake the following works on land owned or occupied by them. This must be done by 1 November each year and maintained until 31 March the year following.

Definitions within this Notice

Authorised Officer - means an employee of the Shire appointed as a Bush Fire Control Officer, pursuant to the powers conferred in section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

Trafficable - means to be able to travel from one point to another in an emergency services vehicle on a clear surface, unhindered, without any obstruction that may endanger such vehicles. It must not terminate, lead to a dead end, nor have any pinch points without provision for egress to a safe place, or a cleared turn-around area of not less than an 18-metre diameter.

Vertical Clearance - means a continuous, uninterrupted vertical line at a right angle to the horizontal baseline of the firebreak, to a minimum height of 4 metres from the ground.

Firebreak - means a strip or area of ground, with a minimum width of 3 metres but no wider than 4 metres, and a vertical clearance of 4 metres, immediately inside all external boundaries of any lot and constructed to a trafficable surface, that is kept and maintained clear of all flammable and combustible material. This includes the pruning and removal of any living or dead trees, scrub, or any other material encroaching onto it or into the vertical clearance of the firebreak area. Firebreaks may be constructed by one or more of the following methods: ploughing, cultivating, scarifying, raking, burning, chemical spraying, blowing, or other methods as approved by an Authorised Officer.

Flammable Material - means any substance that will catch fire easily without contact with flames or with a low ignition point, such as but not limited to, petrol or liquefied petroleum gas.

Combustible Material - means any fine fuels, plant, tree, grass, substance, object, thing, or material that may or is likely to catch fire and burn or any other thing deemed by an Authorised Officer to be capable of combustion.

Fuel Depot / Fuel Storage Area - means an area of land, a building, or a structure where fuel, i.e. (petrol, diesel, kerosene, liquid gas, or any other fossil fuel) is kept in any container or vessel.

Fuel Loads

Fine Fuel Loads - means the leaf litter on the ground, including leaves, twigs (up to 6mm in diameter), and bark. A fine fuel load depth of 5mm from the top of the layer to the mineral earth beneath indicates approximately 2 tonnes per hectare. A fine fuel load depth of 15mm from the top of the layer to the mineral earth beneath indicates approximately 8 tonnes per hectare.

Coarse Fuel Loads - means twigs, branches (6mm or larger in diameter), logs, etc.

Maintaining Fuel Loads - relates to managing fuel loads described in this Notice. Reducing fuel load levels does not necessarily require the removal of existing natural vegetation. A combination of methods can be utilised, including planned burning, raking, weed removal, pruning, and/or removing dead plant material.

Managed Vegetation - includes vegetation that is pruned away from buildings, under pruned to minimise contact with ground fuels, and that is kept free of dead suspended matter such as twigs, leaves, and bark.

Habitable Buildings - means any building or other dwelling suitable for human residency, occupation, or use within an already existing Asset Protection Zone. This includes attached or adjacent structures such as garages, carports, verandas, or similar roofed structures that are attached to, or within 6 metres, of the dwelling or primary building.

Asset Protection Zone (APZ) - is an area of very low fuel levels surrounding a habitable building extending to a minimum of 20 metres out from any external walls of the building, attached structures, or adjacent structures within 6 metres of that building. On sloping ground, it shall increase at 1 metre for every degree in slope on the sides of the habitable building that are exposed to downslope natural vegetation.

1. The Land owner (or occupier) is required to do the following

1.1 - All land with an area of up to 5,000sqm, with a building on it must

- Maintain all grass on the land to a height no greater than 5cm.
- Maintain fuel loads in natural bush areas at less than 8 tonnes per hectare across the land.
- Maintain an APZ in line with the requirements of section 1.6 of this Notice.

1.2 - All land with an area of 5,000sqm up to 50,000sqm (5 Hectares) with a building on it must

- Maintain all grass on the land to a height no greater than 5cm.
- Install a firebreak around all structures outside of the APZ and immediately inside all external boundaries of the land.
- Maintain an APZ in line with the requirements of section 1.6 of this Notice.
- Maintain fuel loads outside an APZ in natural bush areas at less than 8 tonnes per hectare across the land.

1.3 - All land with an area of 50,000sqm or greater, with a building on it must

- Maintain all grass to a height no greater than 5cm for a distance of 10m from any firebreak.
- All other grasses within the area must be managed by slashing or effective grazing by live-stock or as directed by an Authorised Officer.
- Install a firebreak around all structures outside of the APZ and immediately inside all external boundaries of the land.
- Maintain fuel loads in natural bush areas at less than 8 tonnes per hectare across the land.
- Maintain an APZ in line with the requirements of section 1.6 of this Notice.

1.4 - All vacant land with an area of less than 2,000sqm

- Ensure all grass is maintained on the land to a height no greater than 5cm and that fuel loads in natural bush areas are maintained to less than 8 tonnes per hectare across the land.

1.5 - All vacant land with an area greater than 2,000sqm must

- Install a firebreak immediately inside all external boundaries of the land.
- All land with an area of less than 50,000sqm (5 Hectares), all grass must be maintained on the land to a height no greater than 5cm.
- All land with an area of 50,000sqm (5 Hectares) or greater, the grass must be maintained on the land to a height no greater than 5cm for a distance of 10 metres from any firebreak, and all other grasses managed by slashing or effective grazing by live-stock or as directed by an Authorised Officer.
- Maintain fuel loads in natural bush areas to less than 8 tonnes per hectare across the land.

1.6 - Asset Protection Zone Specification

- Maintain all grass on the land to a height no greater than 5cm.
- Fuel loads maintained at 2 tonnes per hectare or lower.
- Clear separation between adjoining or nearby tree crowns.
- Small group/s of trees within close proximity to one another may be treated as one crown provided the combined crowns do not exceed the area of a large or mature crown size for that species.
- No trees/shrubs over 2 metres high are to be within 2 metres of a habitable building.
- Trees and shrubs must be under-pruned to a minimum height of 2 metres from the ground.
- Shrubs over 2 metres high must not be planted in groups close to habitable buildings, ensuring there is a gap of at least three times the height (at maturity) of the shrub away from habitable buildings.
- Ensure no part of a tree overhangs any buildings.
- Gutters are free of fine fuels and other flammable/combustible materials.
- Roofs and walls of all buildings within an APZ on the land are free of fine fuels and other flammable/combustible material. Including wood piles against building walls and flammable/combustible materials against

- that building or stored under pole-framed houses.
- Ensure paths and non-flammable features immediately adjacent to habitable buildings are installed.

Wood piles and flammable materials are stored at a safe distance from habitable buildings. I. Wood piles and flammable materials are stored at a safe distance from habitable buildings.

1.7 - Fuel Depot /Storage Area, Haystacks/Stockpiled Flammable Material

- Remove all flammable/combustible material within 10 metres of where it is stored.
- Install a firebreak immediately adjacent to any haystacks or stockpiled flammable material.

1.8 - Application to vary the above Requirements/ Arrangements

An application to vary any of the above requirements can be made to the Shire to implement measures in the case of topographic or environmental obstructions. This will be assessed by an Authorised Officer and will be granted for a time period as decided by the Authorised Officer assessing your application. If approved you must still comply with the other sections of this notice. If not approved, your property is still required to comply with this notice. Bushfire Management Plans, Bushfire Management Statements, or Fuel Load Management Plans, approved by the Shire to reduce and mitigate fire hazards within a particular subdivision, lot, or other area of land anywhere in the district, are also included.

1.9 - Additional Works

- All driveways must be clear of flammable material and accessible to allow for the safe access and egress of emergency services vehicles, as deemed by the Authorised Officer.
- In addition to the requirements of this Notice, you may be required to carry out further works that are considered necessary by an Authorised Officer and, specified by way of a separate written notice forwarded to the address of the owner/s, as shown on the Shire rates record for the relevant land.

The Shire advises that its officers, servants, workmen, contractors, vehicles, machinery, and appliances (as the officers deem fit) may carry out the requisitions of this notice that are not complied with by the date specified above. Any costs and expenses incurred may be recovered from you as the owner and/or occupier of the land. The penalty for failing or neglecting to comply with this Notice is a fine not exceeding \$5000, and a person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the costs of performing the work directed by this Notice if it is not carried out by the owner and/or occupier by the date required by this Notice.

Supplementary requirements to this notice Section 24F and 24G (Restricted Burning Period) Burning of Garden Refuse

- A 1 sqm pile of garden refuse may be burnt at any one time, between 6 pm and 11 pm without a permit and must be fully extinguished by midnight. Fully extinguished means no heat, smoke, steam, or white ash being present where the fire was situated.
- Have an adequate water supply that can reach the pile and beyond in the event of escape.
- No more than one pile of garden refuse is to be burnt at any one time.
- If the Fire Danger Rating for Swan Inland North is HIGH and above, or if winds exceed 15kmph/h NO burning is allowed.
- One able-bodied adult must be in attendance at all times
- All other burning before this time requires a Permit to Burn

If the requirements of this Notice are carried out by burning, such burning must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

By order of the Council.


Jason Whiteaker
 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Notice is hereby given that the following persons are appointed as Bush Fire Control Officers for the District of the Shire of Mundaring in accordance with Part IV, Division 1, Section 38(1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954:

Shire of Mundaring			
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (as per s38A of the Bush Fires Act 1954)	Jamie O'Neill	Captain, Stoneville Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	Greg Rankine
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Gary Rowles	Captain, Wooroloo Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	Katina Sweeny
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Thomas Belger	Bush Fire Control Officer	Lennard Sabin
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Ian Zlatnik	Bush Fire Control Officer	Robert Caccetta
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Nigel Morgan	Bush Fire Control Officer	Delphine Wilson
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Craig Cuthbert	Bush Fire Control Officer	Charmaine Clarke
Captain, Chidlow Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	Andy Brock	Bush Fire Control Officer	Joanne Dutton
Captain, Darling Range Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	Robin Preston	Bush Fire Control Officer	Trevor Hill
Captain, Darlington Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	Christopher Kendrick	Bush Fire Control Officer	Allan Entwistle
Captain, Glen Forrest Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	Glen Stenton	Bush Fire Control Officer	Michael Lenne
Captain, Mount Helena Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	Phillip Pampling	Bush Fire Control Officer	Matthew Johns
Captain, Parkerville Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	Noel English	Bush Fire Control Officer	Karen Dore
Captain, Sawyers Valley Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	Adrian Woodley	Bush Fire Control Officer	Rodney Reed

and that all previous appointments as Bush Fire Control Officers be cancelled.

Notice is hereby given that the following persons are appointed as Bush Fire Control Officers for the District of the Shire of Mundaring in accordance with Part IV, Division 1, Section 38(1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954 for the purposes of Permit Issuing only as per Part III Division 3, Section 18 of the Bush Fires Acting 1954:

Chidlow Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Catriona McCarthy
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Dee Roberts
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Daniel Griffin
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	George Watkins
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Fred Jones
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Thomas Rea
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Craig O'Hehir
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Jennifer O'Hehir

Darlington Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Jenny Caldwell
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Tim Barker
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Ben Boyce
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Sandy Cable
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	John Struckman
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Randall Elkins
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Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Ricky Harvey
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Colin James

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Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Dirk Griffiths
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Sam Strahan
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Mark Jeans
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Ayden Stenton
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Graeme Bissett
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Frank Sonntag
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Sara Hartshorn-Feist

Mount Helena Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Jared Goddard
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Graham Stephens
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Andrew Duncan
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Aaron Threadgold
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Lloyd Redstone
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Michael Cuthbert

Parkerville Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Mark Bush
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Magnus Ohman
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Murray Drover
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Graham Hardy

Sawyers Valley Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	John Lorantas
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	David White
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Keith Woodley

Stoneville Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	
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Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Greg Jones
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Lynette Sampson
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Ross Cook

Wooroloo Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade	
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Lesley Lynam
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Gerrard Bale

Mundaring Volunteer Fire and Rescue	
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Jarad Champ
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Kelvin Portland
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Harrison Footer
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Leone Leahy
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Justin Pinkard
Bush Fire Control Officer: Permit Issuing Only	Luke McCall

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The effect of this local law is to ensure sufficient provision of regulation, control and management of waste services.

You can view a copy of the proposed local law at the City's Administration Centre, 2 Midland Square, Midland, at any of the City's libraries or on the City's website:
swan.wa.gov.au/LocalLaws.

The Waste Local Law 2026, as published in the Government Gazette, will come into effect 14 days after the publication.

For more information, please contact the City on (08) 9267 9267 or email swan@swan.wa.gov.au.

Stephen Cain
Chief Executive Officer
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EOI 03/2026

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Cameron Woods
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Read between the lines

By Pastor Ian Kirk

The Joy

Recently Colleen and I celebrated our son-in-law's 40th birthday in Darwin. While there we explored the top end. One place we went to was Berry Springs. It has a waterfall and a stream that flows into a main pool and then a lower pool. It's a favourite swimming hole for Darwinites - if it's clear of crocs.

In the lower pool is a 3-metre high rock on the edge of a deep section of the pool. I thought this would be a great place to do a "bombie". I swam over, climbed up, and made a big splash. That one splash resulted in a stream of parents and their kids swimming over and doing what I just did. What joy we had jumping into the pool and making big "bombie" splashes together.

We often associate joy with fun things. We can also experience joy when things are challenging - like the joy of a baby being born after childbirth pains.

One of my best pictures of that kind of joy is Jesus. In Hebrews 12:2 we read "for the joy set before Him He endured the cross". Jesus endured the agony of the cross with joy, for He knew that He would rise again and be with God, and that He would also provide a way for us to be saved from the consequences of our sins.

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- **CWA Kalamunda** meets on the second Friday of each month at 10am on Central Road, Kalamunda behind Aldi, look for the blue tree. Go along to join in the fun and meet new friends.
- **Mundaring Garden Club** meets every second Tuesday of the month at Mundaring Church of Christ, 1470 Stoneville Road, Mundaring. The annual program includes

guest speakers who present on a variety of topics, workshops and outings to nurseries and gardens. Presentations are followed by morning tea in the club café. For more information call membership on 0413 358 085.

• **The Mundaring Country Women's Association** meets every second Wednesday at 1pm at the CWA Centre (Sculpture Park) in Jacoby Street, Mundaring for a craft and social afternoon. Take your craft ideas to share on your favourite craft or hobby. Visitors are always welcome anytime to have a cuppa and a chat. For more information call Marg on 0417 956 628.

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• **Midland Friendly Garden Club** meets at 9.30am on alternate Thursdays at Bruce

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• **The Kalamunda Combined Probus Club** will meet on Wednesday, September 9 at 10am. Our temporary meeting venue will be held at St Swithuns Church Hall, 195 Lesmurdie Road, Lesmurdie. Our speaker will be Bob Kucera who had had various titles throughout his career from senior police officer to the front bench as a minister/ politician. For more information call Don at 0439 970 038.

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Cr. David Modollo, Mayor Margaret Thomas, Klasey Hirst MLC, Cr Joshua Clark, back middle vice president Henry Beus and president Kent Millington.



A night of celebration at the Kalamunda Cricket Club

THE Kalamunda Cricket Club (KCC) hosted an event on Monday, August 17 to celebrate its recent awards and community support at Koster Oval.

Earlier this year, the club received the WA Cricket community partnership of the year award and the Cricket Australia community cricket partnership of the year for the club's work with Blind Sports WA.

A Kalamunda Cricket Club spokesperson said the achievements wouldn't have been possible without the community's support.

"The night was to thank all of the people who have helped us on the journey including members of the City of Kalamunda, local councillors, local MPs, our club sponsors and the other groups we share the facility with like Kalamunda Lesmurdie Little Athletics, The Kalamunda Lapidary Club, Kalamunda Districts Junior Football Club and the Kalamunda Senior High School," they said.

The club was first established in 1904 and throughout the years it has cemented its place in the community.

"Following a record-breaking 2025/26 season, we proudly boast more than 460 registered players and participants, making us one of the largest and fastest-growing community cricket clubs in the state,"

the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson also said the club has placed a big emphasis on inclusion and accessibility, providing programs for everyone from children taking their first steps into cricket, to junior development, women's social cricket, senior turf, astro turf competition and masters cricket.

The club has also been endorsed by Autism WA and has ongoing partnerships to promote mental health and wellbeing.

"With the club's energy being invested into the value of being a positive contributor in the community, playing cricket has actually become a by-product of what we do... Jokingly we share a saying that 'we are a community club with a cricket problem'," the spokesperson said.

Despite its growth, the club has recently faced some challenges with overcapacity due to its limited facilities, needing more funding and lighting issues.

"Hopefully, what we have achieved, sparks some interest in improving the facility for all, so that we can continue to grow and continue to do what we do in and with the community. The connection with people, the creation of a place where so many of us belong, far outweighs the runs or wickets or the goals kicked on a weekend," the spokesperson said.

Pickering Brook Hawks soar to victory



Despite the Tigers' fierce efforts, Pickering Brook's Hawks were the stronger in the round 18 clash.

BRIAN PALLISTER

PICKERING Brook's Jackson Shilling made a welcome return into the Hawks line up.

His early ruck work was dominant although it was the Tigers' smaller on ballers that were taking advantage.

Midland's Denver Roberts was reading the ruck taps better than anyone else.

After collecting the ball he either delivered it forward to advantage or weaved his way through traffic to kick a goal himself.

As one team seemed to be getting on top the other bounced back.

The Hawks held a one-point advantage at the first break.

The second quarter played out as another very even affair.

Midland Tiger Toban Higgins found plenty of space on a wing linking up with teammate Nicholas Murace in the forward line.

Tigers player Denver Roberts continued to display elusive footwork, sometimes backtracking to find space to go forward.

Pickering Brook's Mitchell Johnston and teammate Brendyn Mcleish stood up as the Hawks' main forward targets.

The Hawks hit the ground running to start the second half.

Hawk Jackson Shilling was moved forward in an attempt to use his height to advantage.

This move had an almost immediate impact as teammate Ben Bowness also started to collect several possessions around the midfield.

He passed the ball off to Pickering

Brook's Deklan Butterworth who delivered it high into the forward line to fellow Hawk Jackson Shilling's waiting hands.

Midland player Nathan Troy Randall took advantage of limited opportunities, converting his kick at goal after receiving a pass from fellow Tiger Niklas Geracitano.

By the end of the quarter the Hawks had opened up a 27-point lead.

Midland showed that they were starting to tire as they were having difficulty making inroads into the deficit.

Tigers player Denver Roberts had run himself into the ground after his non-stop efforts during the first three quarters.

Fellow Tiger Renee Anderson managed to collect an early midfield possession delivering the ball forward to teammate Dylan White who managed to collect it and kick a goal.

From there the Hawks settled back into their momentum.

Pickering Brook's Brendyn Mcleish closed out the game with his fifth goal.

Fellow Hawks Mitchell Shilling and Joshua Vellinga repelled most of Midland's forward entries, keeping the Tigers down to another two goals during the rest of the game.

In the end Pickering Brook came away with the win after a very entertaining game.

Both teams showed great sportsmanship in giving each other a round of applause as they left the ground.

Next Sunday will see the start of the Hills Football Association final series at Mundaring Oval with the first game beginning at 12pm.

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Bassendean beauty by the Swan

IT'S not hard to understand why Bassendean has become a hotspot for Perth Hills property owners wanting to downsize or those surrounding the city wanting more space, while it's also increasingly becoming the "city home away from home" for so many broader farming families.

The country community "feel" under big gums beside the river away from the city hustle and bustle, yet just 9km from the centre and quickly accessible from hills and rural areas via major highways, and that's just part of the attraction.

Importantly, it's proving a very wise investment too, continuing to be one of Perth's leading growth areas as the market recognises a lifestyle opportunity that can offer as much as other premium river zones for a more affordable price tag, and minus the density and traffic.

An upcoming new listing in one of Bassendean's premium pockets just strides from the suburb's exclusive river access area, and which is surrounded by natural bushland, delivers these lifestyle choices in abundance.

Set on a quintessential quiet cul-de-sac that is fast becoming Bassendean's "Little Hamptons", the architecturally designed, secluded home and courtyard gardens are a masterclass in effective utilisation of the landscape, maximising every inch of the residence and property for home luxuries, amazing indoor/outdoor entertaining, vehicles and storage, and to securely lock and leave knowing everything is maintained.

Oozing traditional Hamptons with a modern touch through its pendant-lit entry hallway, the home features a large master bedroom with walk-in robe and ensuite, three double bedrooms with large robes, a bathroom and additional separate ensuite that also serves as a powder room to the living and entertainment zones.

There are living areas over two levels; dining, kitchen and adjoining scullery; hidden office nook easily supporting the paperless era; and a large laundry.

The home is climate-controlled by fully-ducted reverse cycle air conditioning with individual room control, plus a cozy, vented gas log fireplace.

For vehicles and "all the toys", there is a monster garage with ceiling and mezzanine storage, also ladder-accessed from the first level, a separate storeroom with more ceiling storage, in-roof and under-house storage on a concrete pad the kids earlier renovated into a fairy light "secret sisters club", plus amazing under-staircase areas used for a small wine store, buffet and, yes, more storage.

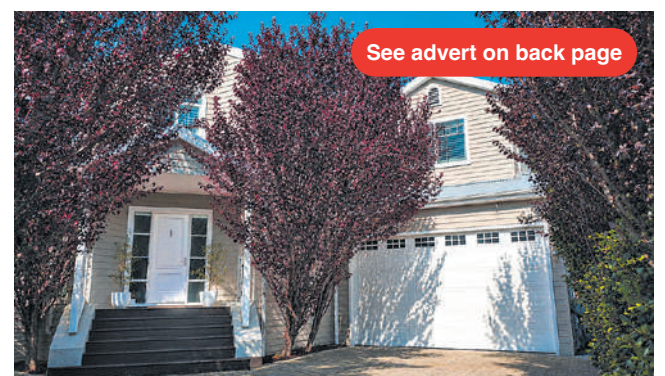
Outside, a double-gated area could house another small vehicle, though it currently features a hidden courtyard as part of an easy-care garden designed by WA Botanic Garden director and recent OAM recipient, Sue McDougall, Perth's well-known garden guru, horticulturist, landscape architect and international garden tour host.

Green viburnum hedges and crimson ornamental plum trees frame the Hamptons home, with courtyards lined with orange jessamine, Indian hawthorn, lophomyrtus and magnolia trees, leading along a stone pathway to a rear, weather-protected, tranquil green oasis of crepe myrtles, fenceline mulberries, gibbon basket water feature and a towering Gleditsia Shademaster tree that will have jumping willy wagtails whistling at your windows whilst screening neighbouring properties from view.

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I Remember When...

Do you remember when the baker came to your house and delivered the bread? Like the milkman and the butcher, they were part of everyday life, and I guess most families knew what day and roughly what time they would arrive.

Bread has a special place in my family's history. My grandfather, Stanley Milton Rendell, operated S. M. Rendell & Sons from 104 Swan Street in Guildford, opposite the Rose and Crown Hotel. The bakery started around 1920 and continued until the early 1960s.

I recently came across an old newspaper photograph from 1937 showing a fleet of Morris bread-delivery vans supplied to the bakery. It would be interesting to know how many people still remember seeing those vans travelling around Guildford and the surrounding areas.

My dad, Harry Milton Rendell, was the head baker for many years. Being a baker was certainly not a nine-to-five job. The work started long before most people were awake so the bread could be baked, loaded into the vans and delivered fresh that morning.

As you may have noticed, Milton was the middle name of both my grandfather and my dad, and it became my first name. So the name Milton

has now travelled through three generations of our family.

The family must have been pretty good at making bread because I still have several awards at home that the bakery won at the Royal Show. I also found a newspaper article from 1951 saying that S. M. Rendell & Sons had baked the winning entry in a bakers' bread competition. It is nice to discover that a little part of our family history was recorded in the newspaper all those years ago.

My grandfather Stanley was also a local councillor, so his involvement in Guildford extended beyond the bakery. Our family has also had a long association with the Swan Bowling Club. That connection has continued through several generations and, today, I am very proud to be president of the club.

The bakery closed around 1962 or 1963, when I was only very young, and the property was sold in 1964. I still have some of the old photographs, handwritten account books and Royal Show awards, which help bring the story to life.

Maybe some readers remember Rendell's bakery, the delivery vans or even eating the bread. If you do, I would love to hear from you and add your memories to mine.



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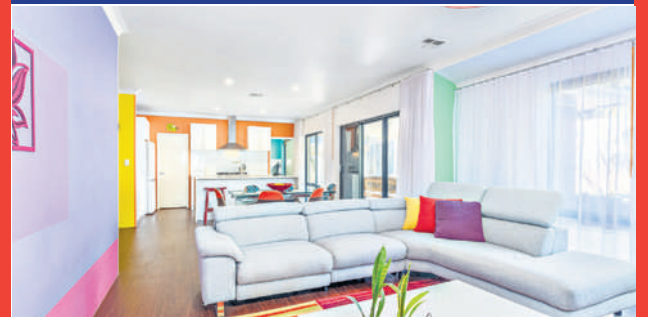
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