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Youth parliamentarians Ashton Barton, Liam Cruzana, Merryn Hodgson, Qi Shen Goh and Yusr Kadhem. Picture: Tegan Taudigan

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Five youth parliamentarians from Midland and the Perth Hills have completed the Y WA's 2026 youth parliament program.

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Guildford Grammar School to celebrate 130 years

FOUNDED in the 19th century, Guildford Grammar is celebrating 130 years of history while looking to the future.

A Guildford Grammar spokesperson said the community is very excited about this year's anniversary.

"Our staff and students celebrated through different activities within the school. The kids in both senior and prep school had an assembly and sang happy birthday," the spokesperson said.

"We had cupcakes to mark the school's 130th birthday for the students and staff and also different activities like quizzes about the school."

The spokesperson said the school's achievements throughout the years vary.

"Our school has produced 15 Rhodes Scholars, which is the most of any school in Western Australia, and from 1917 to 1920, we received the scholarship four years in a row," they said.

"Another significant moment for us was when the school went co-ed. Girls were part of the school's earliest students and we did have girls in the kindergarten in 1976, but it wasn't until 2018 that girls commenced in the senior school. Now we're a fully co-educational school from pre-K to Year 12."

The school also has famous alumni, including the first person in history to circumnavigate the world in an amphibious vehicle.

"In 1958, former student Ben Carlin completed his circumnavigation of the world in an amphibious vehicle, which is now displayed on our campus. People come all over the world just to see it," the spokesperson said.

"Another significant contribution to history was that during the Second World War, the chapel on the school grounds became a military hospital, and all of the students were evacuated to Fairbridge. Red crosses were painted on the roof of the chapel, which can still be seen today from the sky."

Guildford Grammar currently has 1365 students and has plans to build a sports and aquatic centre, expand international opportunities and introduce non-traditional subjects for students.

"We're focused on opportunities for our students to experience the world. We've recently become part of the Round Square group, which is a global group of schools that can connect with each other through tours, exchanges and

digital meetings," the spokesperson said.

"We also want to make sure that our pathways are relevant to our students, so we have a broad range of pathways outside of ATAR. Students can do non-traditional subjects like automotive and design technologies and we're also introducing an entrepreneurial subject, which is new for the school and will start next year."

The school will host a major event on August 14 from 7pm, inviting former and current students, staff, parents and others who have contributed to its history.

Tickets are \$96 and can be purchased through the school's website.



Chapel congregation c1970's.



The school is now fully co-educational.



Former student Ben Carlin's amphibious vehicle at Prep School 2000.

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Transparency deputation at Kalamunda council meeting

BRAYDEN MOULD

THE escalating debate over cleared vegetation in Wattle Grove arrived at the City of Kalamunda's council chambers late last month, with a deputation calling for increased transparency on delegated authority made at July's ordinary council meeting.

Wattle Grove residents were left blindsided after trees earmarked for retention were approved for removal by council staff without going before council for decision, as reported in *Call for transparency after Wattle Grove tree removal* (Echo News, July 24).

Addressing elected members and city management during the deputation, Kim Sinclair called on councillors to get rid of the delegated authority process, that allowed tree clearing without public consultation or council vote.

"There is no transparency, no public oversight, no recourse, no rigor, and no accountability," Mr Sinclair said.

"If a developer ends up with a tree retention condition they don't like, they can simply wait and ask staff to amend it during construction."

Presenting a draft motion for consideration at the upcoming August ordinary council meeting, Mr Sinclair urged councillors to alter the city's register of delegations so that any future decisions involving the removal

of trees previously designated for retention would be forced to return to a full council meeting for public debate.

Responding to the deputation, the city's director of development services Nathan Ritchie, rejected the claim that the decision represented a loophole, but was a part of the standard planning procedure under Western Australia's statutory process.

"It's not so much a loophole, but a normal part of the process," he said.

"This planning philosophy is about how much is the right amount of public oversight and transparency in the process while enabling a level of certainty for developers to achieve their objectives on their land."

The administration also noted that oversight thresholds are set predominately by state legislation, and urged residents seeking broader policy shifts advocate directly to the Planning Minister John Carey.

Cr Modolo questioned whether elected members have any legal standing to reclaim authority over the decision made by city staff.

"Was this decision made under a delegated authority to the city?" he said.

"If so, is it capable of being revoked such that council does determine these matters moving forward?"

Cr Modolo's question was taken on notice by city staff and the draft motion made by Mr Sinclair is expected to come before council later this month for consideration.



City officials determined the tree removals were a minor amendment to previous DAP panel approval.

Pickering Brook expansion delay is under the spotlight



Pickering Brook residents are calling on the City of Kalamunda to support the bushfire management plan for the Pickering Brook townsite expansion.

GUANHAO CHENG

THE delayed expansion of the Pickering Brook townsite has been given refreshed attention after a deputation called for council support on the related bushfire management plan.

Pickering Brook resident Sue Marchesano had been a long-time campaigner for action on the townsite expansion.

Pickering Brook townsite expansion deferral (Echo News, November 28, 2025) reported the City of Kalamunda voted to defer the decision on the Pickering Brook scheme amendment.

At the time, Kalamunda Southeast Ward councillor John Giardina said he was worried rushing a decision by the WA planning commission (WAPC) could result in outright rejection of the proposal.

According to *Pickering Brook to expand* (Echo News, November 27, 2020) the first phase of a two-phase report was endorsed by state government.

Mrs Marchesano first began waiting for the town's expansion 36 years ago though the project's future still remained uncertain.

Mrs Marchesano said the bushfire management plans coming before council compelled her to speak to council about the townsite expansion again.

"Six months ago, the WAPC deferred consideration of the Pickering Brook Metropolitan Region Scheme amendment so the City of Kalamunda could update the bushfire management plan and prepare a bushfire risk management plan," she said.

"That's what's happened now and DFES has endorsed the bushfire management plan."

Mrs Marchesano said the community sentiment was the townsite expansion project had taken too long.

"They're still hopeful it will happen, but they're asking why it hasn't happened yet," she said.

"The main thing is that in 2020, then-planning minister Rita Saffioti said all the investigations had been done and it was going to go ahead but then it was held up for another four years.

"The City of Kalamunda has done a really good job coming this far and now they're presenting everything to the WAPC.

"It's just a matter of waiting for the WAPC to consider the bushfire management plan and make a decision on the metropolitan region scheme amendment."

Kalamunda MLA Adam Hort said the Pickering Brook townsite expansion is a vital project to revitalise the area which he strongly supported alongside the community.

"Sensible development that fits the character and community of the Perth Hills is desperately needed, assisting in our efforts to sustain the local sporting clubs, businesses and community facilities, while giving more families the opportunity to live and remain in Pickering Brook," he said.

"Bushfire safety must be taken seriously, and any expansion must be carefully planned.

"However, these issues need to be worked through collaboratively and with urgency, rather than allowing a widely supported project to remain stalled indefinitely.

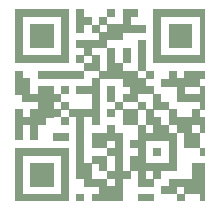
"I will continue supporting the city and the Pickering Brook community and advocating for the state government and the WAPC to provide a clear and timely pathway forward."

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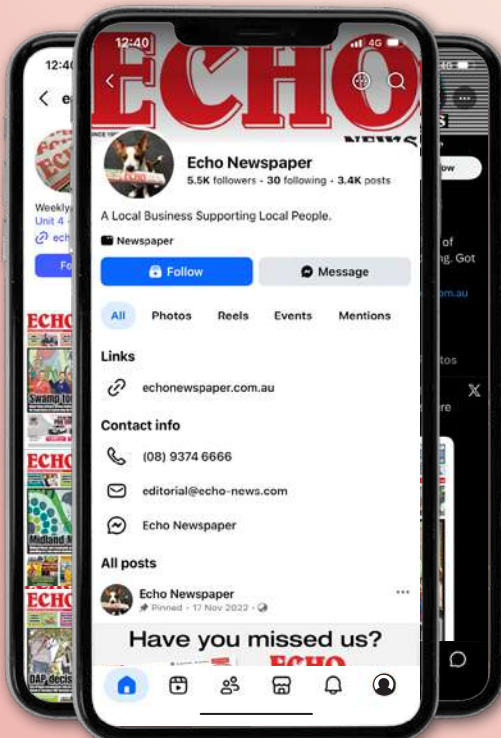
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THE SHIRE OF MUNDARING HAS CONDITIONALLY APPROVED A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR VISITOR ACCOMMODATION IN HELENA VALLEY, WHICH HAS FOUR GLAMPING TENTS WITH A MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY OF EIGHT GUESTS.

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Thought for the day

"Though nobody can go back and make a new beginning... Anyone can start over and make a new ending."

— Chico Xavier

Helena Street rat run concerns

Dear Echo News,

The City of Swan's attempt at controlling rat-runners on Helena Street in Guildford is likely to go down as one of the quickest fails in the annals of transportation.

City of Swan is trying to reduce excessive traffic on the neighbourhood street due to people avoiding Great Eastern Highway through Guildford (I counted 21 cars in less than five minutes the other arvo).

The street is being narrowed in a zig-zag fashion, alternating every 50m, with a concrete kerb to a width that barely allows two cars to pass - this is supposed to be a traffic calming structure!

Do the designers (can't call them engineers!) know that there are two schools on this street?

Do they know that many children from South Guildford use this as their means to ride their bikes to school?

Has anyone thought about how zig-zagging drivers in a rush (why else would they take this route?) will respond to these "minor" obstacles in their path?

Funny, but the adjacent LGA, Kalamunda, has done a remarkably good job with devices on Zig-Zag Road; why doesn't Swan copy their success rather than insisting on creating a bigger problem?

There are already reports of monster trucks ignoring the kerb; how long will it be before they are ignoring the children?

Dr R Ilchik
South Guildford

Decision needed for hospital

Dear Echo News,

Now that the multi-million-dollar Helena Bridge debate has concluded, hopefully the responsible parties can move their focus to the topic of the old Swan Districts Hospital and make a decision of its future.

I, like many that I speak with, would like to see some kind of medical facility or aged care.

B Bates
Millendon

Mandate to protect our trees

Dear Echo News,

A development in Kalamunda is proceeding in earnest, with significant earthworks to come, on the site where a Marri tree, with an estimated age of over 400 years stands.

The arborist report (that references AS4970-2009) accompanying the development application asserts that with the planned

preparation and measures, they have a high degree of confidence that the overall health of the tree can be improved.

But demonstrated evidence of how this conclusion has been reached is lacking.

Residents have been watching on in horror as works commenced and the fencing, designed to protect the roots of the tree from damage, appeared to be positioned just 1m from one side of the trunk.

A developer should not be able to rely on the retention of trees in order to demonstrate the environmental credentials of a project - whilst simultaneously planning for development works that pose a significant risk to long term viability.

The city and state planning authority should be mandating the application of the updated Australian standard (AS4970-2025) for all developments - to maximise the chance of successful tree retentions.

With Perth having the lowest canopy of any capital city - surely we should be ensuring absolute best practice when it comes to protecting trees on development sites - especially with regards to trees of this vintage and value.

Hannah Lill
Kalamunda Tree Canopy Advocates



Significant trees need to be protected.

Homeless are not a statistic

Dear Echo News,

Homelessness Week (August 3-9) reminds us homelessness is not just a statistic.

Behind every number is a person, a family and a story.

Every day, Mission Australia works alongside people navigating the uncertainty of not having a safe place to call home.

We see the strength and resilience of families, young people and older Australians facing incredibly difficult circumstances, but we also see the life-changing difference a safe home and the right support can make.

A home is more than a roof over someone's head.

It provides safety, stability and the foundation people need to work, study, care for their families and build a better future. Yet for too many Australians, that foundation is slipping further out of reach.

The 2021 Census recorded more than 122,000 people experiencing homelessness, and with rising rents, housing shortages and cost-of-living pressures,

we know that number is likely to be even higher today.

The good news is homelessness is preventable.

At Mission Australia, 98 per cent of people supported through our tenancy services remained in their homes or avoided homelessness altogether. We know early intervention works.

But we cannot end homelessness without tackling its root causes.

Australia urgently needs more social and affordable housing, stronger investment in homelessness prevention through a \$500 million Homelessness Prevention Transformation Fund, and income support that reflects the real cost of living.

Homelessness is not inevitable; we know what works.

This Homelessness Week, governments, communities and all Australians must turn that knowledge into action so everyone has the safety and dignity of a place to call home.

Sue Budalich
Mission Australia

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Main Roads still monitoring GEH safety

GUANHAO CHENG

MAIN Roads WA (MRWA) is continuing to monitor the traffic safety on Great Eastern Highway following a reduction in the speed limit near the Scott Street intersection and says there are no plans yet for further reductions.

An MRWA spokesperson said after reviewing the speed environment along Great Eastern Highway near the Scott Street intersection, MRWA determined that 70kmh was the appropriate speed limit for that section of the highway.

"As a result, the existing 70kmh speed zone was extended approximately 3km east of Scott Street," they said.

"For westbound traffic, the transition from 80kmh to 70kmh now occurs at Lionel Street.

"Main Roads committed to reviewing the effectiveness of the changes 12 months after implementation and this formal review has commenced, and is expected to be completed by September 2026."

The spokesperson said traffic speeds and other relevant safety and operational information would be assessed to determine whether the changes were working as intended.

Greenmount resident and former head of East Metropolitan

Health Service Colin Hughes said anecdotally there had been an improvement with the rate of accidents.

"We are down to one a month on the corner, but it is still very dangerous and I would hope a more permanent solution could be urgently applied," he said.

"One of the worst things is the turn off lane into Greenmount Rise – buses pull off but there is no turn off lane and that causes many accidents from rear enders.

"There's been an improvement since the lowering of speed which clearly demonstrates it would improve even more if the section from Old York Road to Scott Street intersection could be dropped to 60kmh as requested by residents."

The MRWA spokesperson said the department was not currently considering a further reduction in the speed limit to 60 km/h between Old York Road and Scott Street.

"Main Roads works closely with the Shire of Mundaring," they said.

"(We provide) technical advice and assistance on a range of traffic management and road safety matters where required, including speed zoning assessments, road safety reviews, traffic management advice, reviews of signs and line markings, and proposals aimed at improving safety for all road users."



Residents say the reduction in the speed limit at the Scott Street and Great Eastern Highway intersection has improved safety outcomes.

Swan cat owner fined and 110 cats removed



A total of 78 cats and four kittens were removed from the property.

AN individual has been convicted and fined following an investigation that resulted in the removal of 110 cats from a Beechboro property and surrounding neighbourhood.

The investigation commenced in August 2025 after reports of large numbers of cats roaming from a residential property.

As part of the investigation, City of Swan community safety rangers undertook an extensive trapping operation at neighbouring properties before executing a warrant at the Beechboro property in November 2025 with assistance from Cat Haven and the RSPCA.

A total of 78 cats and four kittens were removed from the property, while a further 28 cats were trapped and impounded from nearby properties, bringing the total number removed to 110.

None of the cats seized during the operation were registered, microchipped or sterilised.

As a result, the property's occupant was charged with 31 offences under the Cat Act 2011 (WA), including keeping excess cats, failing to register cats, failing to microchip cats and failing to sterilise cats.

The matter was heard in Midland Magistrates Court last month, where the offender pleaded guilty to all charges.

In sentencing, the court noted that no person could realistically care for such a large number of cats while giving an appropriate standard of care.

While the court accepted the offender did not intend for the situation to develop to such an extreme level, it emphasised the need for both specific and general deterrence.

The offender was fined \$1500 and ordered to pay the city's costs of \$1162.30.

"This outcome sends a clear message that the city will take action against irresponsible cat ownership and animal hoarding," a spokesperson said.

Roaming and feral cats continue to pose a significant threat to Australian wildlife.

Research indicates that a roaming pet cat kills an average of 186 animals each year, including approximately 110 native animals. In effect, a single roaming pet cat kills more than two native animals every week.

Under the Act, residents are reminded that no more than two cats may be kept on a property without approval, cats must be microchipped, registered and sterilised, owners must take reasonable steps to prevent their cats from entering private property and without the consent of the owner or occupier.

The city encourages all cat owners to ensure they are meeting their obligations and taking steps to keep their pets safe, healthy and contained.

Residents experiencing issues with cats entering their property can access the community safety team's free cat trapping program.

Rangers will deliver a cat trap on request, with any captured cat collected and impounded at the city's animal management facility.



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Brekky for Better donation call targets hills



Uniting WA co-CEO Jen Park praised the generosity of WA residents despite rising living costs. Picture: Uniting WA

NON-PROFIT organisation Uniting WA is calling on residents in the Perth Hills and surroundings to support a donation drive providing breakfast to people experiencing homelessness.

The Brekky for Better donation drive will run from August 3 to 28, collecting breakfast foods in the Swan and Perth Hills area.

Throughout August, donations may be made at the offices of participating Uniting WA partners.

Kalamunda MLA Adam Hort, Swan Hills MLA Michelle Maynard and Bassendean MLA Dave Kelly are all taking part in the donation collection effort.

Uniting WA co-chief executive officer Jen Park said while the campaign focused on breakfast foods, the impact extended well beyond a morning meal.

“At Uniting WA Tranby Engagement Hub, a shared breakfast creates opportunities for conversation, connection and trust, often becoming the first step towards practical support, housing referrals and other services helping people move forward,” she said.

“I think many people are aware of people sleeping rough or experiencing homelessness, but it’s a really complex

issue.

“There are many factors contributing to this growing cohort (and) the cost-of-living crisis is one.

“The shortage of housing, particularly social housing, is another (and) average rents across the state, particularly in Perth, are beyond the reach of many people.”

According to Uniting WA, the need for homelessness support has never been greater.

Open 365 days a year, Uniting WA’s Tranby Hub is a lifeline for people experiencing homelessness across Perth.

Uniting WA records reveal people turned to the hub nearly 95,000 times for support in the previous year.

During that time, the Uniting WA team provided more than 235,000 instances of assistance including meals, showers and practical support.

In the same period, the team completed more than 3500 accommodation and housing referrals.

Mr Hort’s office is at Shop 9, 39 Railway Road for donations in Kalamunda, Ms Maynard’s office is Shop 5, 38 Main Street for donations in Ellenbrook and Mr Kelly’s offices may be found at 1/95 Old Perth Road, Bassendean.



Lost Mundaring museum curator Owen Briffa in the Ford Blitz fire truck during the GFVBFB’s 70th anniversary celebrations in 2020. Picture: Lost Mundaring and Surroundings Local History Museum

Retired volunteer firefighter disputes fire truck relocation

MIKE PEETERS

DESPITE strong local protest, the Shire of Mundaring recently authorised the transfer of an antique Ford Blitz bush fire brigade truck from the shire compound to the Tractor Museum of WA in Whiteman Park.

Honorary Glen Forrest volunteer bush fire brigade (GFVBFB) life member Eric Smith has been lobbying the shire, local bush fire brigades and the Glen Forrest Residents and Ratepayers Association for the truck (known as Old Faithful) to be displayed at Morgan John Morgan reserve, directly adjacent to GFVBFB headquarters.

Mr Smith said the Ford Blitz was a WWII army truck that many farmers and fire brigades bought as a cheap war surplus vehicle.

“I used the truck regularly at the bush fire brigade for 16 years until the early 1990s along with my late colleague Don Spencer,” Mr Smith said.

“More recently it was stored undercover at the Mundaring shire.”

Mr Smith who is also Mundaring RSL WA sub-branch president, said that since the late 1940s many of these vehicles had been fitted with a water tank, pump and hoses and used as a mainstay for fighting fires.

“As the truck is a four-wheel-drive it has the capability to go almost anywhere,” he said.

Mr Smith said he had attended shire meetings and written to local community groups requesting their support for the retention and display of Old Faithful for visitors and the community.

“In my view the community has lost an important part of its history and the shire is not

listening to individuals or the community,” he said.

“I think it is important for the people of Glen Forrest and surrounds to be able to see some of the workings and history of the former fire unit.

“There is also a \$1000 donation waiting to assist in starting the process of a facility to house the unit in MJM reserve.

“This would be similar to an identical unit that is on display in Bullsbrook.”

In response, the Shire of Mundaring confirmed that Old Faithful had been transferred to the Tractor Museum of WA at Whiteman Park.

“The matter was discussed through the bush fire advisory committee process and it was determined that local brigades had no operational use for the vehicle,” Mundaring built and natural environment director Shane Purdy said.

“The decision to transfer the vehicle to the museum was made with a view to (preserve) an important piece of local firefighting history in an environment where it could be properly cared for and appreciated by the public.

“We understand the vehicle has since been started and is now on display where it can be viewed by the many visitors who attend the museum each year.

“We acknowledge the strong connection many former brigade members and community members have with Old Faithful and appreciate the interest in its future.

“While there may be differing views about where the vehicle should be located, the current arrangement ensures its long-term preservation and ongoing public access.”



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Guildford’s auction tree gets late reprieve

MIKE PEETERS

THE old auction tree – a majestic flooded gum on the corner of Helena and Stephen Streets in Guildford – has been saved from destruction.

Last year, a development application (DA) was lodged with the City of Swan for a single house and the removal of the tree at Lot 15 Helena Street.

Since then, the Guildford Association has led the charge to save the landmark, which is approximately 20m tall and 6m wide and has great historical and cultural significance.

Early last week and after significant community opposition the applicant withdrew their application to cut down the tree, considered to be the oldest and largest remaining native tree in Guildford.

Guildford Association president Christine Hughes said she was relieved but not complacent at the news.

“We have a Heritage Council meeting coming up with the aim of getting the tree heritage listed,” Mrs Hughes said.

“Contrary to the City of Swan’s assertions the tree is already listed with the National Trust of WA as a significant tree worthy of protection.

“But for a tree of this rarity and significance I believe heritage listing is essential.”

Mrs Hughes said the tree was believed to have been a traditional Noongar gathering tree and was of great significance to First Nations’ peoples.



The auction tree has been saved after extensive community opposition. Picture: Guildford Association

“It also has tremendous environmental heritage value and is of great amenity and value to both present and future communities.”

She said flooded gums provided essential habitats for many bird species including black cockatoos.

Mundaring adopts 26/27 annual budget



Shire of Mundaring's annual budget aims to help local families connect, thrive and enjoy life in the Perth Hills.

PETER W LEWIS

VOLUNTEER Bushfire Brigade station upgrades at Darlington, Parkerville, Wooroloo, Glen Forrest and Mount Helena were the big winners in the Shire of Mundaring's 2026/27 annual budget with \$3 million allocated.

An additional \$497,000 was also allocated for fire access road improvements.

Other big ticket items under a \$39m capital works program include change rooms and pavilions at Boya (\$2.1m) and Glen Forrest (\$2.1m), the Sculpture Park amphitheatre (\$1.8m) and the fenced dog park at Brown Park oval (\$430,000).

Road works saw allocations to the Brooking Road extension (\$2.5m), Roland Road resurfacing (\$1m), Stoneville Road resurfacing (\$645,000) and Richardson Road footpath works (\$171,000).

Waste management came in at \$9.6m, recreation area maintenance (\$5.1m), maintenance of 121 community buildings (\$3.1m), maintenance of the two aquatic centres (\$1.2m), library services (\$2m) and youth services and Aboriginal engagement (\$381,000).

"Developed to deliver community priorities reflected in the council plan, the 2026/27 budget balances responsible financial management with the delivery of the services, facilities and infrastructure valued by the community," a spokesperson said.

"It also responds to rising costs across local government, including materials, contracts and service delivery."

Shire President Paige McNeil said council was proud to present a financially responsible budget that delivers on our community's priorities while investing in the future.

"This budget delivers important improvements

across the shire, including modern, accessible changerooms at Boya, Glen Forrest and the Mundaring Sporting Club, ensuring our sporting facilities continue to meet the needs of a growing and active community," Ms McNeil said.

"In partnership with the federal government, we are also upgrading our volunteer bush fire brigade stations, supporting the dedication of our volunteers and strengthening community safety and emergency preparedness.

"Protecting our unique environment also remains a priority. This year's budget expands our successful Seedlings for Landcare program, providing Firewise plants for urban areas and supporting residents to create safer, more resilient and sustainable landscapes.

"We are equally committed to supporting the people who make our community thrive through expanded youth services, community events and seniors programs that foster connection, wellbeing and belonging. These initiatives help build a stronger, more inclusive and connected community."

The budget includes a 3.9 per cent average rate increase, aligned with increases in the Consumer Price Index and wage costs, while supporting the continued delivery of services, facilities and infrastructure across the shire.

Overall rate revenue has increased to help fund the services, facilities and infrastructure the community relies on.

Individual rates notices may change by different amounts because property valuations have recently been updated, affecting how rates are distributed across properties.

Residents can find more detailed information on the shire's rates webpages.

New eco-tourism development gets conditional tick to proceed

MIKE PEETERS

THE Shire of Mundaring has conditionally approved a development application for tourist and visitor accommodation in Helena Valley comprising four 'glamping' tents with a maximum occupancy of eight guests.

Situated at 3-5 The Crescent, the proposed development includes shared visitor amenities, a communal deck area, toilet facilities, ancillary storage, seven onsite parking bays and an onsite effluent disposal system.

Mundaring chief executive officer Jason Whiteaker said conditions of approval included compliance with an operational management plan, relevant bushfire requirements and the retention of significant vegetation on the site.

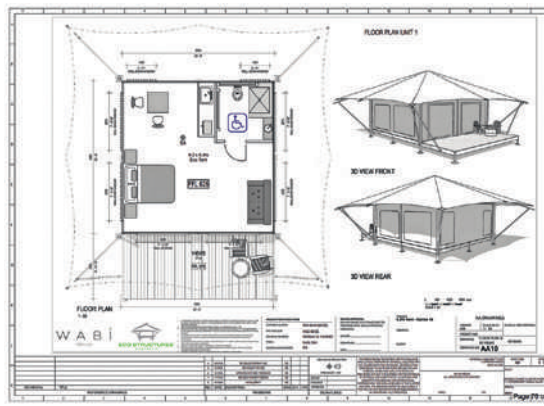
"These conditions address a number of matters raised through the community consultation process," Mr Whiteaker said.

He said the applicant continued to work with the shire to obtain any further approvals required for the proposed effluent disposal system, and would be required to operate in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.

Project manager for the eco-tourism development Gonzalo Sepulveda said the project was intentionally designed with a relatively light construction footprint using prefabricated accommodation structures and minimal site disturbance.

"The development uses a 'touch the ground lightly' philosophy retaining all significant habitat trees, minimising site disturbance and blending into the existing landscape rather than dominating it," Mr Sepulveda said.

"Over the past year we've worked closely with planning consultants, environmental specialists, bushfire consultants, engineers and tourism professionals to ensure the project meets a high standard of environmental performance, guest experience



Artist impression of the proposed tourist development at Helena Valley.

and operational management."

He said he believed the project was an excellent fit for the area because it celebrates exactly what makes the Perth Hills special; its bushland, wild-life, walking trails and outdoor lifestyle.

"Our vision is to create a premium boutique eco-retreat offering visitors an authentic Perth Hills experience within 30 minutes of the Perth CBD and 15 minutes from the airport," Mr Sepulveda said.

"Rather than competing with traditional caravan parks or large hotels we aim to support the growing adventure, recreation and cultural tourism market already established in the hills.

"Our goal has never been to build a holiday park but rather a small, carefully managed eco-retreat that complements the character of the Perth Hills."

He said the region boasted many attractions including the Bibbulmun track, Munda Biddi trail, John Forrest national park, the Kalamunda mountain bike trail network and the Railway heritage trail, making it ideal for such a development.

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Mt Helena community run for student resilience



All funds raised by the Mounties Miler event would go toward the mental resilience cultivating ROAR program for students.

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Mounties Miler will bring runners, schools and community groups together in Mount Helena to raise funds for student resilience programs through ROAR Inc.

Organised by Mount Helena Primary School in partnership with ROAR Inc, the inaugural event will see participants complete a 5km loop every hour on the hour for 32 consecutive hours across October 3 and 4.

While some runners will attempt the full 160km challenge, others can participate by completing a single lap or joining a relay team.

Mount Helena Primary School principal and event organiser Claire Slater said the event was an opportunity to strengthen and bring together the local community.

"It's about the bigger picture and about the way that I can support and connect the community together to help our little people, essentially," Ms Slater said.

"I have run marathons myself and I think this is a great

way to help not only challenge ourselves but also raise funds for a great program that builds mental toughness in kids.

"As a teacher, as an educator, we know one of the biggest things for our students is supporting them with developing their resilience and their ability to cope with all sorts of challenges in life, and I think sport and endurance is one of those ways.

"I wanted this to be a really big community event."

Ms Slater said she hoped the fundraiser would generate enough money to bring ROAR's resilience program back to the school while encouraging people to be part of something bigger than themselves.

"It's about connecting with others and connecting to the bigger picture of, if we can raise this money for these little people, this is going to help them to have better mindsets and better mental health as they go through life," she said.

"The point is being able to encourage other people to feel that and to know that when they're doing this, it's not just about a physical challenge."



Ms Slater said she had already seen the program encourage students to keep working towards goals rather than giving up when faced with setbacks.

"I think it was just that sense of knowing that it's okay not to be able to do it as well, and there's other ways you can get to it," she said.

"You might not always get it first time, but if you keep going and you keep persisting, then you're going to get there."

"We had a student that wasn't able to complete their fitness challenge during their first attempt, but they came back again and were able to find success because they persisted."

"Don't let your mind stop you from doing amazing things."

The Mounties Miler will start from the Mount Helena parkrun course on Saturday, October 3, with registrations open to individuals, teams and community groups.

More information may be found by contacting Mt Helena Primary School on 9573 0000 or ROAR Inc on 0493 881 367.

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The effect of this local law is to establish the requirements with which any persons, using or on, thoroughfares or local government property, or wanting to trade on local government property within the district, must comply.

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: www.swan.wa.gov.au/LocalLaws.

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Podcast to share Perth Hills voices

SHIRE of Mundaring is launching The Hills Talk, a new monthly podcast sharing the people, places and stories that shape life in the Perth Hills on Monday, August 10.

The podcast will celebrate the residents, volunteers, community leaders, creatives, environmental advocates and business owners making a positive impact across the region.

The Hills Talk will feature candid conversations with people whose passion, dedication and community spirit help define the unique character of the Perth Hills.

Listeners will hear personal journeys and local stories in guests' own words.

Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil said the podcast was another way for the shire to foster connection and celebrate the people at the heart of the community.

"The Perth Hills is full of remarkable people whose contributions often happen quietly behind the scenes. The Hills Talk will bring those stories into the spotlight and give residents a chance to hear directly from the people helping to make our communities stronger, safer, and more connected," Ms McNeil said.

Throughout the series, listeners will hear from a diverse range of guests, including conservation champions, community volunteers, local artists, young leaders, sporting and well-being advocates, historians, entrepreneurs and emergency services volunteers.

Ms McNeil said the podcast reflected the shire's commitment to community connection, local identity and wellbeing.

"As a Shire, we invest in the places and opportunities that bring people together, but it is the people themselves who truly bring our community to life," she said.

"Amongst the guests we have a volunteer firefighter who has served for 45 years, a wildlife



Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil promotes the new podcast.

warrior who has created thousands of habitats to protect native species, a humanitarian who has directly improved the lives of over 14,000 people in Africa, and a coach who has boosted the self-esteem of hundreds of Hills kids. These are stories worth sharing and celebrating.

"Behind every community project, volunteer group, local event, sporting club and small business are people who care deeply about where they live. This podcast celebrates those people and creates another way for our community to connect."

New episodes of The Hills Talk will be released monthly and will be available through the shire's website and on Spotify at <https://open.spotify.com/show/033H7CpUDNk1VaUxdSICxm>

Mundaring bushfire mitigation funding



A hazard reduction burn at Mardo Reserve.

THE Shire of Mundaring has secured almost \$890,000 in state government funding to deliver an extensive program of bushfire mitigation works across the Perth Hills.

The funding allocation is the largest awarded to any local government in the state through this round of the program.

Through the 2026/27 bushfire mitigation activity fund round 1, the shire has been awarded the funding to undertake 44 bushfire mitigation treatments across 18 locations.

The funding forms part of more than \$5.1 million being distributed to 41 local governments across WA to reduce bushfire risk on state-owned land through activities such as fuel reduction, firebreak maintenance and other mitigation works.

Shire President Paige McNeil said the funding would deliver important risk reduction works in one of Western Australia's most bushfire-prone regions.

"The Shire of Mundaring is one of the most bushfire-prone local government areas in Western Australia, so investment in proactive mitigation is critical to protecting our community," Ms McNeil said.

"This funding will allow us to undertake a significant program of works designed to reduce fuel loads, improve access for firefighting crews and help protect residents, homes, businesses and im-

portant community infrastructure."

She thanked the state government and Emergency Services Minister David Michael for supporting bushfire mitigation efforts across the Perth Hills.

The funding builds on previous bushfire mitigation activity fund programs that have supported fuel reduction and access improvement projects across the district.

Ms McNeil said the shire would continue to work closely with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, local volunteer bushfire brigades and other stakeholders to deliver effective bushfire risk management outcomes.

"Delivering 44 mitigation treatments across 18 locations will be a significant undertaking, and I thank our emergency management team, volunteer brigades and partners who will help make this important work possible."

"Bushfire preparedness is a shared responsibility, and mitigation remains one of the most effective ways to reduce the impact of future fires. This funding will help ensure we can continue taking practical action to safeguard our community and environment."

For more information on planned works visit www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/fire-safety-rangers/bush-fires-and-fire-management or visit the shire's interactive road report at www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/roadreport/

Mundaring youth art and wellbeing program

TEENS in the hills have been tuning in with Soul Shine Creatives' To the Beat program - a free eight-week youth art and wellbeing program funded by the Shire of Mundaring.

Running throughout the year with strong engagement, the program invites young people aged 11-17 to explore mindfulness through yoga, creative practice and reflection.

Rather than focusing on artistic outcomes, the sessions create opportunities to practise qualities such as patience, self-trust, acceptance and resilience, skills that support wellbeing both inside and outside the creative space.

Students consistently describe the program as "their time" - a space away from school pressure where they can slow down, reset, and feel more connected to themselves.

At its core, To the Beat is about helping young people find their own rhythm and build trust in themselves. Through mindful creative experiences, participants are encouraged to slow down, pay attention, and discover that growth isn't found in creating the "perfect" artwork, but in the qualities they practise along the way.

Each session explores a principle of mindfulness, inviting students to experience qualities such as non-judgement, patience, letting go and acceptance through yoga, creative exploration and reflection. Rather than simply learning about these ideas, participants are given opportunities to practise them.

"This program gives young people a space to slow down, tune in, and explore who they are," Soul Shine Creatives co-founder Claire said.

"Through mindfulness, art, and movement, they learn to pay attention to their thoughts, feelings, and experiences in a way that's playful, creative, and free from pressure. We often see young people discover that they already have wisdom, creativity, and strengths within them, sometimes they just need the space to notice it."

Co-founder Cale Hosking said the impact is often visible in the room.

"You can see it when young people stop looking for the 'right answer' and start trusting their own experience."

"Our role isn't to teach young people what to think. It's to create a safe space where they can pay attention, explore, make mistakes, reflect and dis-



Hills teens at the Soul Shine Creatives' To the Beat program.

cover things for themselves.

"We often say the artwork isn't the goal, the creative process becomes a place to practise qualities like patience, self-trust and acceptance. Those are skills that extend well beyond the art room."

The program also connects young people with local artists, strengthening community ties and inviting them to see different creative pathways.

Recently, students worked with Ric Burkitt, an award-winning abstract artist from Stoneville. Over two sessions, he guided them through experimental acrylic painting, exploring layering, intuition, and expressive mark-making to create their own abstract landscape artworks.

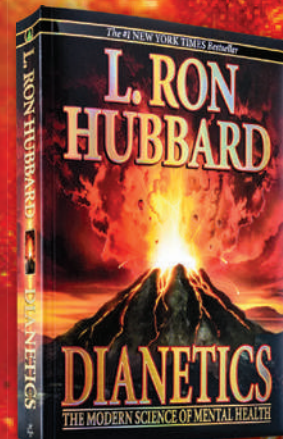
"Art gives us a chance to explore without needing all the answers. When we let go of perfection and become curious about the process, we often discover not only new ideas, but new things about ourselves," Mr Burkitt said.

By the end of the program, participants leave with more than a collection of artworks.

They leave with practical wellbeing strategies, greater confidence in their own creative voice, and lived experience of slowing down, paying attention and approaching challenges with greater curiosity and self-trust.

As conversations around youth wellbeing continue to grow, Soul Shine Creatives is inviting schools and education providers to explore how creative, mindfulness-based programs can complement existing wellbeing initiatives and create meaningful opportunities for young people to practise the skills that support lifelong wellbeing.

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Youth Parliament empowers young people

MIKE PEETERS

FIVE youth parliamentarians from Midland and the Perth Hills have completed the Y WA's 2026 youth parliament program culminating in a week of debate and law-making inside Parliament House.

They were among 59 young people from across WA representing each of the state's 59 electorates to take part in this year's program.

The participants recently gathered for youth parliament sitting week where they presented and debated youth-led legislation in the legislative assembly chamber, experiencing firsthand the processes that shape WA's laws and policies.

The week marked the culmination of four months of leadership development, policy research and civic engagement.

Throughout the program, participants undertook extensive training in public speaking, parliamentary procedure and leadership while working collaboratively to develop legislation on issues affecting young people and communities across the state.

Ashton Barton, who represented Kalamunda on the community and disability services committee, said he was excited to be involved as he realised there were so many barriers for young people with disabilities and he wanted to help change that.

"I hope to be better at advocating for people with disabilities and enact change in the government and with communities," Mr Barton said.

Liam Cruzana, who represented Forrestfield on the jobs, trade and commerce committee, said he was particularly interested in Treasury and foreign relations.

"I believe young people such as myself should have a larger platform to voice our concerns, particularly for those who may not have the opportunity to do so.

"I am also passionate about politics and hope to use this opportunity to learn more about the process in making legislation."

Merryn Hodgson from Brigadoon who represented Swan Hills on the community and disability services committee, said the Y WA youth parliament was a truly amazing place to learn more about the community.



Youth parliamentarians from across the state will have their ideas presented the WA Governor, Perth Lord Mayor and the Department of Communities for their consideration. Picture: Tegan Taudigan

"I have an interest in the police and justice area of government, specifically on improving the files within the system," Ms Hodgson said.

"I also have an interest in making our world more accessible for people with disabilities."

Yusr Kadhem from Ballajura who represented West Swan on the housing and urban development committee, said she was particularly interested in justice and youth affairs.

"I am deeply passionate about advocacy and ensuring that young people - particularly as a young Muslim woman - feel seen, heard and represented," Ms Kadhem said.

"Growing up in a multicultural community I have seen how important it is for diverse voices to be included in conversations that shape our society and this program provides a platform to do exactly that."

Qi Shen Goh from Midvale who represented Midland on the jobs, trade and commerce committee, said he

was particularly interested in these areas because they directly influenced the opportunities available to young people.

"Through the jobs, trade and commerce committee, I contributed to the state battery industry development bill, with a focus on workforce development, training and international workforce provisions," Mr Goh said.

During sitting week participants took on the roles of government and opposition members, ministers, speaker and premier, debating legislation across a range of state government portfolios and advocating for issues they believe will create positive change for Western Australians.

Following the program, all bills debated by the youth parliament are formally presented to government and opposition members, the Governor of Western Australia, the Lord Mayor of Perth and the Department of Communities for their consideration.

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Chidlow apprentice wins top honour for third time

GUANHAO CHENG

CHIDLOW'S Standard Gauge restaurant apprentice Alexis Mifsud has won the top honour as the state's overall apprentice of the year for the third time in a row.

The Australian Culinary Federation (ACF) holds the WA Apprentice of the Year competition annually to test the culinary standard of the state's next generation of hospitality professionals.

The Standard Gauge apprentice secured the 2026 title, adding to overall state honours she won in both 2024 and 2025.

This year's result also saw Ms Mifsud named WA Final Year Apprentice of the Year, completing a clean sweep of the competition throughout her apprenticeship.

Ms Mifsud said as a Perth Hills resident, she was honoured to have trained under Michelin-starred Standard Gauge chef Alan Wise and she treasured the opportunity.

"Doing my chef apprenticeship at The Standard Gauge in Chidlow, learning under Alan Wise, a Michelin star chef, is an amazing opportunity for me considering I have lived in the Perth Hills for as long as I can remember," she said.

"Finding an amazing opportunity so close to home and achieving what I have so far in my career is not something I ever thought would happen as the Perth Hills are so isolated."

Mr Wise said he saw Ms Mifsud grow alongside the Chidlow restaurant since its beginning and despite the risk of opening in the hills, the results have been great.

"Heading into the restaurant's third year next month (and) Lexi has been with me almost since day one," he said.

"It was a risk to open up here (but) I took Lex on and she's been well up to it, becoming the first apprentice in WA to win best overall chef every year of her apprenticeship."

Despite handing back the prestigious John De Freitas Memorial trophy, on the day, Ms Mifsud reclaimed it on the same day with her achievement.



Apprentice and award winner Alexis Mifsud with mentor and Michelin starred chef Alan Wise.

Ms Mifsud is bound for Melbourne in September and then Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in March for her final apprenticeship cooking events.

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At Snap Midland, we believe every print project deserves personal attention. Whether we’re helping a local start-up launch its brand, supporting schools and community groups, or partnering with established businesses, we take the time to understand our customers’ needs and provide tailored solutions with care, expertise, and reliability.

This recognition belongs to our entire team, whose passion, professionalism, and dedication are at the heart of everything we do. Their willingness to go the extra mile every day is what creates the exceptional experience our customers have come to expect.

We are also incredibly grateful to our loyal customers and the wider community for the trust they place in us. Your continued support, referrals, and feedback inspire us to keep improving and striving for excellence.

Thank you to the Swan Chamber of Commerce for this wonderful recognition, and to Zac and the team at Johnson Property Group for sponsoring the Customer Service Excellence Award. We are proud to be part of such a supportive local business community.



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AMAROO Retreat & Spa is proud to be named as the winner of the Hospitality Award and a finalist in the Tourism Excellence category in the prestigious Swan Chamber of Commerce and City of Swan 2026 Business Awards.

The win and finalist nomination reflect an incredible year of growth, with Amaroo evolving beyond luxury accommodation into a destination centred on wellness, exceptional dining and meaningful experiences.

Recent initiatives include the launch of free community Women’s Wellness Experiences, partnerships supporting local producers and tourism, and ongoing investment in sustainable and Indigenous-led tourism.

Amaroo is honoured to showcase the Perth Hills while creating employment opportunities, supporting local organisations and welcoming visitors from across Australia and overseas.

“We’re incredibly grateful to our dedicated team, loyal guests and local community who have supported our journey,” owner Kirstin Westerman said.

“Being recognised alongside so many outstanding local businesses is a privilege,” she said.

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Motor Museum of Western Australia
named winner in Tourism Excellence



The Motor Museum of Western Australia has been named the winner of the Tourism Excellence category at the 2026 Swan Chamber of Commerce – City of Swan Business Awards.

This recognition celebrates the Museum’s ongoing commitment to delivering a memorable visitor experience, sharing motoring heritage, and contributing to the cultural and tourism appeal of the City of Swan and greater Perth region.

Museum Manager, Danny Ganon, accepted the award on behalf of the Museum. In addressing the attendees, Danny reflected on the Museum’s more than 30-year presence in Whiteman Park, its role in delivering tourism experiences and sharing Western Australia’s motoring history since 1994, and the dedication of the Museum’s 85-plus volunteers, whose daily contribution helps create welcoming and engaging experiences for visitors year-round.

This is the first award in the Museum’s 30-year history.

The Motor Museum of Western Australia thanks the Swan Chamber of Commerce, the City of Swan, award sponsor - the Mundaring Chamber of Commerce, and congratulates all 2026 finalists and winners.



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Remi Aesthetics named for the
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BULLSBROOK-BASED Remi Aesthetics has won the 2026 City of Swan and Swan Chamber of Commerce Award for Health and Wellbeing Services, and is a finalist in the 2026 Australian New Zealand Beauty Industry Awards for Best Clinic in WA (four rooms and under).

Founded by former University Lectures to cosmetic nurse and perimenopausal skin specialist Saskia, the clinic is built on a simple belief: real care goes deeper than the skin.

For many clients, ageing and shifting hormones touch far more than appearance, they touch confidence and identity.

“This isn’t just about cosmetics,” Saskia said. “It’s about helping women feel like themselves again and not dismissed. Someone in that chair is often carrying a loss of confidence, not just a skin concern. Our job is to look deeper and help bring that glow, and that confidence, back.”

The clinic takes a holistic approach, treating the person rather than a single symptom, in the hope others recognise their own story and know help is available.

Remi Aesthetics is also giving back, donating \$5 from every skin treatment this financial year toward Breast Cancer Research, with a fundraising event planned for October. Remi Aesthetics is located in Bullsbrook.



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From 7pm, Free
22 Lyric Lane
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Woodbridge Hotel
Deadly Woodbines
From 8pm, Free
50 East St, Guildford

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Table for Two
6pm-9pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Sat August 8

Woodbridge Hotel
Touche
From 8pm, Free
50 East St, Guildford

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Sun August 9

Settlers House York
Rozzi & Gabi
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125 Avon Terrace, York

Parkerville Tavern
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From 3pm, Free
6 Owen Road
Parkerville

Woodbridge Hotel
Ryan Matthew
From 3pm, Free
50 East St, Guildford

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Kerry B Ryan
12.30-3.30pm, Free
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Sun August 9 cont.

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
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Tues August 11

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Hill Trad and Irish
Singing Songs
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Parkerville Tavern
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Wed August 12

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ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Leave the Light On comes to MJAC



The audio-visual installation will reflect on themes of home and homelessness.

MULTI-award-winning performance outfit Whiskey & Boots will open a new immersive exhibition, Leave the Light On: Stories about Home later this month at Midland Junction Arts Centre.

Created in collaboration with artist Daniel Grant, narrative therapist Sudha Coutinho, and local organisation Indigo Junction, the audio-visual installation reflects on community relationships to home and homelessness.

The project interweaves recorded audio accounts from Midland residents with original musical compositions and Grant's projected drawing animations.

As part of the installation, audiences are invited to write anonymous Dear Home letters to their own home that will become part of the space.

The exhibition will run from August 23 to November 1 and can be visited at 276 Great Eastern Highway, Midland.

Viewing hours are Tuesday to Friday 10am to 5pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 3pm with full program details available at www.midlandjunctionartscentre.com.au

An official opening event will take place on Saturday, August 22, from 1pm to 2.30pm, with free registration required prior to attending.

Textile exhibition explores heritage, resilience and ancestral homelands



Artworks featured in Ravel will explore personal identity, memory, and heritage through textile and fibre mediums.

FABRIC, fibre, and personal history will be highlighted at another MJAC exhibition this month as seven leading contemporary artists gather for Ravel, a major new exhibition exploring how textiles capture the threads of human identity.

Running from August 23 to November 1 in the West Gallery, the exhibition brings together works by Jacky Cheng, Eva Fernández, Maggie Hensel-Brown, Wendy Lugg, Zali Morgan, Lisa Mori, and Jan Mullen.

The showcase originated from the centre being selected as the host venue for the Australian Lace Guild's national conference this September, prompting the artistic team to curate a show that presents fibre arts from a fresh perspective.

Using mediums spanning needle lace, beading, weaving, printmaking, indigo dyeing, tapestry, photography, and tinsel, the featured artists weave together stories of diaspora, ancestral homelands, resilience, and transformation.

For more information about the exhibition, visit the MJAC website.

MJAC exhibition explores societal consumerism

JOINING the MJAC exhibition line-up, prize-winning Western Australian textile artist Margery Goodall will present her new solo exhibition What Price Comfort?, later this month at Midland Junction Arts Centre.

Displayed in the East Gallery, the exhibition challenges ideas about packaging and consumerism by repurposing discarded household waste into intricately patterned woven forms.

Goodall elevates these curated waste materials into elevated artworks, offering commentary on societal consumption habits with a quirky and acerbic sense of humour.

The collection includes pieces developed during her May residency at the venue alongside the WA Quilters Association's Stitched and Bound exhibition.

Complementing her exhibition Goodall will deliver an artist talk and a number of drop-in workshops for people of all ages to engage in a communal artwork involving recycled materials, which will be added to and displayed as part of the exhibition.

For more information and to book, visit the MJAC website.



Goodall will draw attention to consumption in our society, crafting patterned comfort blankets out of discarded household waste.



The Lost Trades of Yester Year

The Hand Tool Preservation Society of WA presents "Lost Trades of Yester Year". More displays, demonstrations and interactive activities. Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th August. 9.00 am till 4.00 pm daily in the Pattern Shop, Old Midland Railway Precinct, Blacksmith Lane Midland. Free admission!

There will be over 40 different Lost Trades Tools on display and more than 12 Trade Tools being demonstrated. Take a stroll through time and see how it was done by hand all those years ago!

The Machinery Preservation Society will open the Power House and Boiler Room for viewing. CWA will provide light refreshments in the Boiler Room.

The Hand Tool Preservation Society of WA meets the first Thursday of each month (except January) at 7.30pm in the Boiler Room. As a Club we discuss



and plan upcoming events, share member's tool acquisitions, discuss tool history and applications. Visitors and New Members Welcome.

Celebrating 60 years at Bellevue RSL

A long Tan Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 15 from 10am at the Bellevue RSL Cenotaph followed by a sausage sizzle with the bar open for the purchase of drinks.

The service is in honour of the Battle of Long Tan (18 August - 21 August 1966) took place in a rubber plantation near Long Tan, South Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

The action was fought between Viet Cong (VC) and People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) units and elements of the 1st Australian Task Force (1 ATF). Facing a larger force, D Com-

pany called in artillery support. Heavy fighting ensued as the VC attempted to encircle and destroy the Australians, who were resupplied several hours later by two UH-1B Iroquois from No. 9 Squadron RAAF.

With the help of strong artillery fire, D Company held off a regimental assault before a relief force of M113 armoured personnel carriers and infantry from Nui Dat reinforced them that night.

Australian forces then pulled back to evacuate their casualties and formed a defensive position; when they swept through the area next day, the VC had withdrawn and the operation ended on 21 August.



Stay on top of your game at the Kalamunda District Bridge Club

Kalamunda District Bridge Club is your local place to learn or play bridge in a relaxed Hills environment and new members are always welcome!

So come down, keep your brain sharp and make new friends, beware though it can be addictive.

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

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



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



OPEN DAY – Come and check us out!

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Beginners Lessons



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Mayor's MESSAGE

While the short days and cold nights might have some of us feeling the mid-winter blues, here at the City there is plenty happening to keep us feeling sunny and optimistic.

Scott Reserve and Ray Owen Oval are two projects that are giving us cause to celebrate. The \$6 million Scott Reserve project will deliver a contemporary sport pavilion, a new greenkeepers storage facility and upgrades to existing changerooms, while over at Ray Owen Oval, we recently marked the completion of the expanded oval, new turf, upgraded floodlights and improvements to the shared pavilion.

The City is proud to be partnering with the Western Australian Government through the PlayOn WA program, the Community Sporting and Recreation Fund, the WA Football Commission, Cricket Australia and our local sporting organisations to deliver these significant investments in community infrastructure.

Meanwhile, our bushfire preparedness team are busy reminding us that now is the time to prepare for the coming bushfire season. If you don't know where to start, our friendly team has a wealth of knowledge, resources and advice you can call on. Hop online and book a free property walk-through for some practical tips and advice, and while you're there, why not complete the bushfire preparedness survey and go into the draw to win some great prizes?

The City also has a varied calendar of events this month, from helping high school students prepare for the world of work, tax and super to a workshop at Kalamunda Library with children's book illustrator Karen Blair to celebrate Children's Book Week 2026. Learn more about this month's events at kalamunda.wa.gov.au.

As we celebrate the many people and organisations who make our community such a special place to live, work and connect, I'd also encourage you to consider nominating someone for the 2027 Community Citizen of the Year Awards. These awards recognise individuals, groups and events that make a significant contribution to community life, inspire positive change and help strengthen community spirit. Nominations open 1 September and close on 31 October 2026, so if you know a deserving local volunteer, young leader, senior community champion or community group, take the opportunity to recognise their efforts.

Finally, check out this month's exhibition at the Zig Zag Gallery. Disabled artist beyond baker explores themes of identity through a video performance using the beach as a stage. Challenging, thought-provoking and engaging, this is an exhibition not to be missed.

So, let's forget the winter blues this month and join me in getting out and about in our beautiful community.

Mayor Margaret Thomas JP

PREPARE FOR BUSHFIRE SEASON COMPLETE THE SURVEY

Are you bushfire ready?

Complete our short survey for your chance to win some amazing prizes*:

The competition is open for the duration of the survey, from 9am Monday 27 July 2026 to 5pm Saturday 31 October 2026.

*Terms and conditions apply. Visit the website for more details.



It may be hard to imagine those hot windy summer days when we're in the middle of winter – but now is the time to be thinking about getting your property prepared for bushfire season.



Check the Fire Hazard Reduction Notice you received with your rates, and make sure your property is compliant by 1 November 2026.

Not sure what you need to do? The City of Kalamunda offers free pre-season property walk-throughs to all City of Kalamunda residents to help them identify what they can do to help keep their home and family safe this bushfire season.

Hop online at engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au for more information – and while you're there, complete our online bushfire preparedness survey and go into the draw to win a STIHL battery pruner or grass clipper.

The survey closes on 31 October 2026.

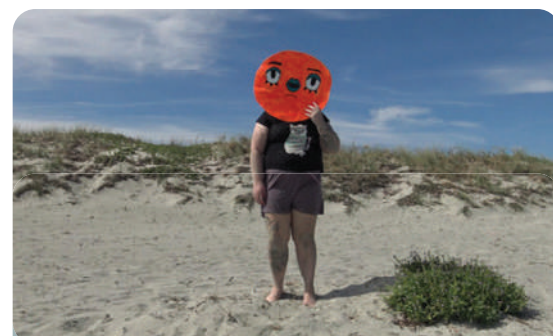


This month we have something for those just starting out on their learning journey, as well as something for those moving on from formal education.

For the younger ones (6 to 12 years), Kalamunda Library is celebrating Children's Book Week with a character drawing workshop with WA illustrator Karen Blair, inspired by the cheeky dogs from her book *The Midnight Chew* written by Sally Morgan.

For teenagers thinking about life after school, the City is running a free 'Tax Essentials for High School Students' workshop. Aimed at high schoolers either going for their first part-time job or getting ready to join the workforce permanently, the session covers tax, super and employment obligations. All participants get a free Tax Essentials booklet to take home.

More information can be found at kalamunda.wa.gov.au



EXHIBITION - SEA CURE

Sea Cure by artist being baker is a video performance showcasing the relentless pursuit of wellness from the point of view of a chronically ill person. Using the beach as a stage, the artist took inspiration from actions associated with historic medical advice for ailments of unknown origins.

- Exhibition Dates: Saturday 1 August - Sunday 23 August 2026. (Monday - Friday: 9am - 4pm, Weekends & Public Holidays: 10am - 4pm)
- Location: Zig Zag Gallery, 50 Railway Road, Kalamunda



Have Your Say

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Public Agenda Briefing Forum

6:30pm, Tuesday 11 August

Ordinary Council Meeting

6:30pm, Tuesday 25 August

Administration Centre, Council Chambers

Visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au to view the Agenda

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF AN ASSET AT WONGIN PARK, HENLEY BROOK

Notice of request for the proposed disposal of the basketball half-court at Wongin Park, Henley Brook is hereby given in accordance with section 3.58 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

It has been identified that the basketball half-court has caused ongoing noise concerns, impacting residents who live nearby.

The current construction value of the asset is \$112,980 (excluding GST).

A plan showing the location of the basketball half-court can be inspected online at www.swan.wa.gov.au/public-notices, at the City's Administration Centre on Morrison Road, Midland, or at any of the City's libraries, during office hours.

For full project details, please visit www.swanengage.com/henleybrookrecreation.

Formal submissions may be lodged in writing via email to assetmanagement@swan.wa.gov.au, or addressed to the undersigned, City of Swan, PO Box 196, Midland, WA 6936, by close of business on Friday, August 21, 2026.

To be formally considered under Section 3.58 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, submissions must reference the subject: Proposed disposal of the basketball half-court at Wongin Park, Henley Brook. Submissions must also include your full name, address, email address or phone number, organisation details (if relevant), and your reason for supporting or opposing the proposal.

Privacy and Public Record

Submissions form part of the public consultation process and will be included in Council Meeting Agendas and Minutes published on the City of Swan website. Your name, suburb and feedback will be publicly available; however, your street number, email address and phone number will be redacted to protect your privacy. Anonymous submissions cannot be accepted, as submissions without a name and address cannot legally be presented to Council for consideration.

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



Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF LAND

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

Property: Suite 32 Stafford Court, 8 Stafford Street, Midland WA 6056

Lessee: Yavtaj Fashion and Sports Pty Ltd

Annual rental amount: \$31,441 per annum (pa) + GST

Valuation: \$15,128 per annum (pa) + variable outgoings + GST

Purpose: Retail Sales

Term: One (1) Year + Two (2) Years

Submissions in writing and addressed to the undersigned may be lodged on or before, **Monday August 24, 2026**

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



Grants Selection Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the above meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 August 2026 at 5pm for the purpose of assessing applications for the Shire's Community-wide Event Grant.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at Shire of Mundaring, 7000 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring.



PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR A PORTION OF LAND TO BE DEDICATED AS ROAD IN LOT 8000 ON PLAN 68143 CITRUS AVENUE, DAYTON

Notice is hereby given of the City of Swan's intent to request the Minister for Lands to dedicate Lot 8000 on Deposited Plan 68143 as road, under section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*.

A plan showing the location of the portion of land can be inspected online at <https://swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au>, at the City's Administration Centre, Morrison Road, Midland; or at any of the City's libraries, during office hours.

Prior to Council considering this matter, submissions from the public are sought. Anyone wishing to object to, support or otherwise comment on this proposal may do so by lodging a submission online via <https://swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au> or addressed and mailed to the undersigned, City of Swan, PO Box 196, Midland, 6936, on or before Monday, September 7.

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- **Mahogany Creek Art and Craft Group** meets weekly on Wednesdays 9.30am to 12.30pm during school terms at the Mahogany Creek Hall on Jacoby Street. Everyone brings along their art or craft to work on in a friendly social group with tea and coffee provided. For more information call Mary on 0431 201 814 or Jan on 6279 4031.

- **The Rosehill Ladies Golf Club** meets each Tuesday at 8am at Hillview Public Golf Club, Kalamunda Road, Maida Vale. The season runs from March to November. For more information call Roz on 0419 915 623 or Julia on 0419 954 106.
 - **The Kalamunda Lapidary Club** at 3 Recreation Road, Kalamunda is a club dedicated to collecting, polishing and creating jewellery from natural gem stones and Australian minerals and crystals which they collect in the field. They have an open day on the first Saturday of each month where possible with examples for sale. You can check their Facebook page for current events. For more information call Richard on 0422 181 200.
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Lions against Bulldogs in HFA round 15



Gidgegannup Bulldogs put up a good fight and nearly caught up after the gap in points looked too large during half-time, but Mt Helena maintained their lead for the win.

BRIAN PALLISTER

IN round 15 of the Hills Football Association (HFA) games, Mt Helena were the victors against Gidgegannup.

This was almost a rehearsal with both clubs likely to play off against each other in the upcoming finals series.

With both teams missing players due to injury it had the potential of being an even affair and the game certainly closed out that way.

With the final score Mt Helena 14.7 (91) defeating Gidgegannup 12.14 (86), the Lions won by five points.

Mt Helena Lion Bo Read has assumed the number one ruck duties in the absence of teammate Hamish Duncan.

His duel against Bulldogs player Declan White didn't disappoint with Read getting the better of his opponent in the ground contests.

The Lions were winning more than their fair share of the one-on-one contests which began to show on the scoreboard.

Lions Matthew Elwood and Jess Cartwright were on the receiving end of some clever kicks by teammate Keegan Woods, with both converting their kicks at goal.

Fellow Mt Helena player Brendan Agnew continued his hard runs out of his backline, while opposing Gidgegannup Bulldog Beau Nairn started off strong with some timely intercept marks down back.

At the first break the Lions had opened an 11-point lead.

Mt Helena dominated most of the second quarter kicking five goals to Gidgegannup's nil.

Lion Ryan Watters teamed with Blade Elzer to both kick goals.

Fellow Lion Julian Maturo was making up for his quiet day on the scoreboard with some clever passes to teammates in better scoring positions.

The Lions were ahead with a 41-point lead when the half time siren sounded.

The Bulldogs needed to dig deep if they were going to get themselves back into the contest.

Bulldog Liam Marriott started to get his hands on the ball, getting it forward to where teammate Cameron Hore offered up as a target as he started to find form after an extended injury break.

The tables had started to turn as the Bulldogs outscored the Lions by 20 points for the quarter.

The deficit could have been less if a couple of their shots at goal had been more accurate.

The scene was set for a big finish if the Bulldogs could maintain their momentum.

The Mt Helena backs found themselves under constant pressure as the ball spent lengthy periods in Gidgegannup's forward line.

Lions Ryley Maturo and Zac Read worked tirelessly trying to halt the continued Bulldogs advances.

Lion Charlie Read dropped back to help support his backmen.

Bulldog Cameron Hore hit a purple patch to kick four last quarter goals bringing his game tally to six.

At the other end Lion Jess Cartwright closed out his game by also kicking his sixth goal.



Phil Beaman from Ellenbrook Senior Football Club.

Phil is a legend at Ellenbrook footy club

PHIL Beaman from Ellenbrook Senior Football Club has been crowned one of Australia's local BBQ legends as part of the nationwide Bunnings Legend of the Tongs search, which recognises the volunteers who keep Aussie rules footy clubs running.

The recognition celebrates his unwavering dedication to his club and the vital role he plays in creating a positive impact each week in their community.

For more than 20 years, Mr Beaman has been a driving force behind the Ellenbrook club, progressing from player and coach to assistant coach and welfare officer.

Alongside helping with BBQs and supporting the committee, he is passionate about mentoring young players and creating a family-first environment where mental health and wellbeing are just as important as football.

Through charity initiatives, mental health events and an inclusive club culture, Ellenbrook has become a place where everyone belongs.

Despite the challenges faced by many community clubs, Mr Beaman believes it's the dedication of

volunteers that continues to create opportunities for young people to build confidence, friendships and a lifelong connection to the game.

Mr Beaman is also now in the running to score a trip for two to attend the Toyota AFL Grand Final, and be crowned the overall Legend of the Golden Tongs, winning \$25,000 in Bunnings products and materials for their club.

Bunnings Ellenbrook manager Skye Morris said the initiative is about celebrating the people who make local footy possible.

"From firing up the BBQ to supporting players on and off the field, volunteers like Phil are the heart and soul of community sport," she said.

"Whether it's mentoring young players, promoting mental health or helping build a stronger community through football, Phil's commitment extends far beyond game day. His passion for supporting others makes a lasting impact.

"It's incredibly rewarding to be able to give back to clubs like Ellenbrook Senior FC with equipment that helps make a real difference for their volunteers," she said.

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