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Celebrations



The Roscic family celebrating 100 years in the Swan Valley. Pictures: Nina Otranto

100 years of Swan Valley grape growing

GUANHAO CHENG

ROSCIC family members gathered among the vines in Henley Brook this month to celebrate a century since their family's Swan Valley story began.

For long-time Swan Valley table grape grower Graeme Roscic, the occasion marked 100 years since his grandfather arrived from Croatia in 1926 and laid the foundations for three generations of grape growing.

About 60 members of the extended family came together at the vineyard, sharing lamb and pork cooked on spits and vegetables prepared in the Croatian tradition.

Mr Roscic said his grandfather was 24 when he arrived in Australia, while his wife followed three years later with their eldest child.

Like many Croatian migrants who settled in the Swan Valley, he found a community where new arrivals helped one another establish themselves.

Mr Roscic said when his grandfather arrived, there were Croatians who were already in the valley so the idea of the Swan Valley was, "some Italians, some Australians, but a lot of Croatians, and the (Croatians) kind of all knew each other."

"They were from similar spots in Croatia."

His grandfather worked various jobs, including on the Kalgoorlie timber line, before buying a vineyard in West Swan.

From there, grapes became part of the family story.

The vineyard produced table grapes, wine grapes and currants while his grandfather also made red wine.

Mr Roscic recalled wine being transported from Guildford railway station to Kalgoorlie, where Croatian and other Yugoslav migrants bought it through an informal network built on trust.

"He obviously had a vision, he had a lot of drive," he said.

"My grandfather was very instrumental in all this."

Mr Roscic said that foundation allowed the next generation to remain on the land.

Mr Roscic's father continued in the table grape industry and became president of the WA Table Grape Growers Association.

Mr Roscic initially took another path, leaving school and working in commercial ceiling installation during the 1970s.

But when the family vineyard became available again, the vines drew him home.

"I thought, well right, I'll come back and I'll do both," he said.

"I (discovered) I could make more money on the grape side of things than what I could on the commercial ceiling side, and so that was my actual lead into it."

Eventually he concentrated entirely on grapes, later leasing other vineyards and establishing a packing operation supplied by eight growers.



Graeme Roscic (far left) preparing a plate.



Mr Roscic addresses the gathering.

He became a direct supplier to Woolworths and was among the growers who adapted when supermarkets began selling table grapes in plastic bags.

While earlier generations of the family produced wine grapes and dried fruit as well, Mr Roscic said his operation shifted exclusively to table grapes about 30 years ago.

But the connection to his grandfather extended beyond making a living.

As a young child, Mr Roscic spent about three years living on his grandparents' veranda.

His grandparents spoke no English and he picked up some Croatian while surrounded by the vines and traditions they had brought with them.

"That instilled in me quite a respect for the actual vines and the lifestyle," he said.

"I don't know whether it's in the DNA or whether I just actually like the idea of it, and the older I got the more I liked it."

He said growing up on a Swan Valley vineyard offered a distinctive childhood, with the Swan River nearby and agricultural life existing alongside metropolitan Perth.

Growers picked grapes in temperatures reaching 40C and pruned vines through winter rain, but for families raised in the industry, the work became part of everyday life.

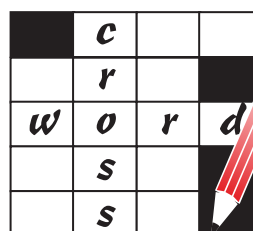
"If you were born to it, you kind of go, 'Well okay, that's what we do,'" Mr Roscic said.

"The grandfather started it, the father continued, I was able to actually start and continue myself."

When asked whether growing grapes made him feel connected to his grandfather and father, Mr Roscic's answer was emphatic.

"Very much so," he said.

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Buffer concerns return to Kalamunda council

GUANHAO CHENG

HIGH Wycombe residents have returned to the City of Kalamunda council chambers as their long-running push for a solution to the Sultana Road West industrial-residential interface continues.

High Wycombe resident Michael Ryan presented to council last week about the planning history of Sultana Road West and renewed calls for a transition between industrial operations and neighbouring residential properties.

Mr Ryan focused his deputation on 122 Sultana Road West and a 2015 State Administrative Tribunal decision concerning development in the area.

He said residents had spent years raising concerns about noise, odour and traffic associated with nearby industrial operations.

"These control mechanisms have never been explained to us in plain English despite objections for noise, odour and traffic over the past 10 years and its serious impact on us," he said.

Mr Ryan also called for landowners in Cell 8 to be notified about its future as a transition zone as planning for the area progresses.

As reported in *Sultana Road West residents buffer concerns remain* (Echo News, January 16, 2026) residents previously raised concerns about a 32m separation zone between residential and industrial areas.

At the December 2025 council meeting, residents asked the city for historical planning records and an explanation of how the interface between residential properties and the industrial area was formed.

City development services director Nathan Ritchie said at the time the city would need to review historical information before answering questions about how the separation was established.

"Because it's a history-based question we'll need to take that on notice and come back to you with

some more detail," he said.

"We'll do our best to unearth the records of what we have."

In January, Mayor Margaret Thomas told *Echo News* the situation resulted from planning transitions over time rather than a single council decision.

The city said land along Sultana Road West was originally planned and zoned for industrial use before state planning priorities changed following plans for the Forrestfield Airport Link and associated residential development.

From 2014, land north of Sultana Road West which had originally been intended for industrial development began transitioning towards higher-density residential development.

Residential zoning then progressed alongside industrial operations which had already received approvals under earlier planning frameworks.

The resulting interface has prompted years of resident concerns about noise, light, odour and traffic, as well as questions about responsibility for managing the separation between the two land uses.

Under the High Wycombe South (Forrestfield North) residential precinct local structure plan amendment one, approved by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) in August 2023, Sultana Road West was designated as the transition point between industrial and future residential land uses.

Earlier this year the city said the WAPC chair had requested collaboration on a new structure plan to address the interface, with the city and state engaging on a longer-term planning solution.

Mr Ryan told council last week residents had only discovered the 2015 SAT decision years after it was handed down and said the planning history remained important to their concerns.

"My intention was to have the whole lot in the public domain," he said.

"It needs to be published."



High Wycombe residents say they discovered the 2015 SAT decision only recently and want all relevant information to be in the public domain. Picture: Department of Justice



Emergency Services Minister Reece Whitby, Swan Hills MLA Michelle Maynard and acting DFES Commissioner Melissa Pexton look at the plans for the new station.

Ground broken on \$8m Bullsbrook fire station

EMERGENCY services in Perth's north-east have received a boost, with ground broken at the site of a new \$8 million volunteer fire station in Bullsbrook.

The fire station, designed by Western Australian company Hart Architects, will be home to Bullsbrook Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services personnel who work tirelessly to protect community members during bush and structure fires, HAZMAT incidents and road crash rescues.

To be built on 5200sqm on Yarrimbah Drive, the new fire station has been designed following extensive research and input from volunteers, with a strong focus on operational efficiency, workplace safety and firefighter wellbeing.

It will boast five appliance bays, spacious administrative areas with a training room and offices, as well as a dedicated storage area for firefighters' personal protective clothing.

The facility will also have the capacity to become an incident control centre during large-scale emergencies. It is expected to be operational from January 2029.

Swan Hills MLA Michelle Maynard said she was

excited to see the major milestone in delivering Bullsbrook's new volunteer fire station.

"This new facility will be a major boost for the Bullsbrook Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service and will help keep the Swan Hills community safe for many years to come."

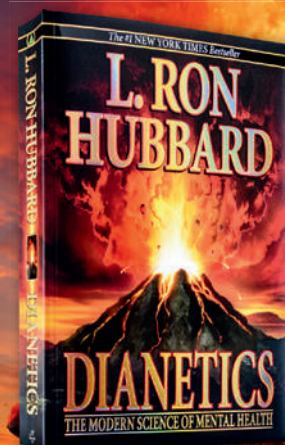
Emergency Services Minister Reece Whitby said the new Bullsbrook fire station was part of a wider \$80.6m package in the 2025-26 State Budget to better protect Western Australians from natural disasters.

"It has been designed with extensive input from local volunteers and features improved training facilities to attract and retain firefighters - helping future-proof our emergency services."

"I look forward to seeing this state-of-the-art facility up and running and the benefits it will deliver to the local community."

The building fulfils a Cook Labor government election commitment to bolster emergency services capabilities in one of Perth's fastest-growing areas with construction on the state-of-the-art facility to start towards the middle of next year, replacing the current building which is more than 30 years old.

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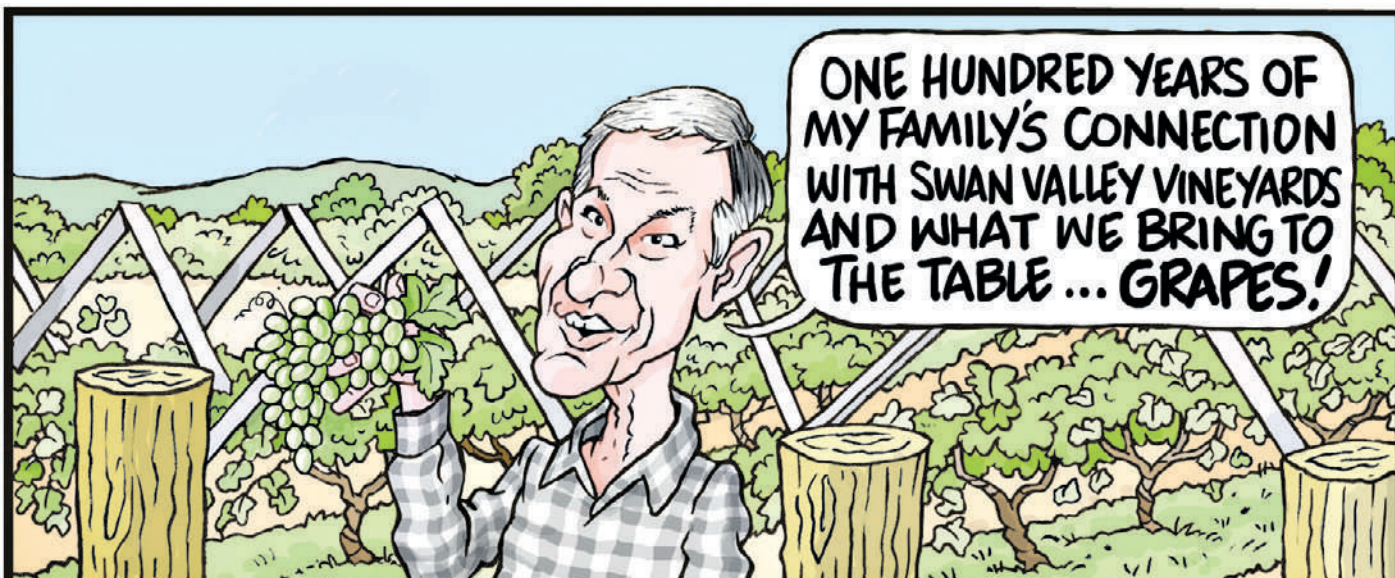
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Thought for the day

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...It's about learning to dance in the rain."
- Vivian Greene

Postcards from students

Dear Echo News,

What a great incentive by Bassendean Town council to get local primary school students and the whole community back to using traditional snail mail!

With this being the 150th anniversary of our state heritage listed red pillar post box the council organised a competition for primary school students to draw and design post cards with a postal or post box theme for the occasion.

The winning entries are available for free with postage stamps at Bassendean Library and people are encouraged to post to family, friends and loved ones at our pillar box on the corner of North Road and Surrey Street, Bassendean.

Well done!
I took the opportunity to send a postcard to Australia Post asking them to rectify their mistake as they recently painted the pillar box gold!

G Coleman
Bassendean

Swan ward boundary changes

Dear Echo News,

An outside observer could be excused for wondering why the ward boundary change options put forward by the City of Swan have become contentious.

On the surface, it would seem simple and straight forward, almost boring - there are statutory requirements in terms of projected residential numbers and representation that require council consideration and action.

I feel this particular issue has become increasingly vexatious with affected residents, as it's indicative of wider, long-term perceptions amongst those same residents.

Many people, myself included, believe, rightly or wrongly, that the older suburbs in the city are neglected in terms of care and amenity, in favour of the newer, rapidly developing areas.

Cr Congerton, during the special meeting held on Monday, September 21, was at pains to point out that as well as duty towards the electors, councillors had a duty to the city.

He appeared to be telling us that the city was bigger than the residents and I feel that is the core issue of discontent.

Councils and indeed state and federal governments these days appear to blatantly and routinely discount / ignore the wishes of residents, the machine has become the goal, rather than the community.

One only has to look at DAPs in practice - set up expressly by the Barnett Liberal government and gleefully accepted by Labor, as the perfect administrative method to overcome the wishes of residents.

Indeed, it's obvious the state government would prefer the abandonment of local councils in favour of an overall administrative body - imagine trying to get such a behemoth organisation to deal with a localised community issue!

Yes, in theory, all councillors represent all residents, in practice,

that is not the case - why would a councillor representing a rural ward, vote to spend funds on a residential ward?

I've been fighting to try and get a relatively easy dog exercise park here in Swan View, only to be routinely shut down by an administration openly unwilling to even look at the prospect and strongly backed by councillors with no affiliation to Swan View.

But drive out to the new suburbs and have a look at what's rightly being built and planned.

Recently, we even had Cr Bowman suggest the Guildford Library was costing money and could be looked at in a budget review. Cr Bowman of course, has nothing to do with Midland/Guildford ward.

Interestingly, Midland/Guildford ward currently has three council representatives, all of whom voted for this ward redistribution to be looked at again (they also previously voted for the dog park) and surprise, surprise, the paper to remove Jane Brook, Midvale, Stratton and Swan View from the Midland/Guildford ward plans to remove one of those representatives!

Now there may be nothing wrong and I'm certainly not suggesting any wrong doing, just mistakes, undue haste and what appears to be a long-established neglect of the older City of Swan suburbs.

One would imagine there is an impartial state government department that residents can ask to review, or oversee contentious changes, those that in the words of a past Prime Minister, "... don't pass the pub test."

I believe the make up of the City of Swan, along with the surrounding councils of Mundaring and Bassendean, are crying out to be re-evaluated.

There's an obvious heritage/history link to

some suburbs. There's a madness to Swan View being divided in half to two different councils and so on.

As to whether bigger councils work better, the City of Swan appears to demonstrate it doesn't.

Do rural and residential wards have the same issues and needs? There are many questions that need looking at.

As residents, we have an unassailable vested interest - we live here, every decision about our community directly affects us.

Our community is more important than the city. The city exists because of us and must exist for us.

G Ross
Swan View

Decision backed by residents

Dear Echo News,

Thank you to the State Administrative Tribunal's Judge Henry Jackson for ensuring that Save Perth Hills became the first WA community group to gain Third Party Intervenor status (and therefore a voice) at Satterley Property Group's appeal last year following rejection of its proposed North Stoneville township in the fire-prone Perth Hills.

And, recently, for reviewing and again rejecting a totally inappropriate proposal that goes against sound planning principles - such as siting WA's much needed housing close to transport and services.

Your decision is backed not only by Hills residents and MPs across political parties, but by the Shire of Mundaring and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

At one of many Save Perth Hills rallies, a former DFES Commissioner has warned: "Populating hazardous regions

to this scale is venturing into uncharted territory and I implore decision-makers to listen to the experts... the risk of bushfire catastrophe must be considered highly likely".

The SAT decision last week found that Satterley's plan failed to address bushfire risk and had "such basic flaws that it could not be 'saved' by the making of modifications".

What amazes Perth Hills residents' is that WA's planning system took so long (more than 35 years and untold tax dollars) to reject a proposal that - as WA's canopy shrinks - would see 60,000 trees felled to accommodate a stranded urban cell in a semi-rural landscape lacking adequate bushfire evacuation roads, water and other services and far from jobs and public transport.

Flawed it certainly was and on so many fronts.

Let's hope this costly saga is now at an end - and that the state government rapidly draws a line under it by moving to rezone this long-contested Stoneville site back to rural (as requested by Mundaring Shire/Save Perth Hills), thus enabling Satterley and the land-owner, the Perth Anglican Diocese, to rethink and to develop it in a safer and more environmentally appropriate way, with the blessing of the community.

And thanks to the Echo for its consistent reporting of community concerns that are too often inadequately covered by our daily paper.

T Wiltshire
Darlington

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Visualisation of the sign in its planned position and a map showing proposed sign location. Source: Metro Map

Digital ad sign proposal at Midland Gate

THE City of Swan has received a development application seeking approval for a third-party digital advertising sign at Midland Gate Shopping Centre.

The 27sqm display-area sign is planned to be mounted on the existing multi-level car park structure along Great Eastern Highway (GEH) at the corner of the Padbury Terrace intersection.

Static digital advertisements are proposed to be displayed with a minimum display time of 10 seconds per advertisement and no flashing, scrolling or animated content.

The luminance of the sign will be managed through automatic light sensors to adhere to relevant luminance and illumination conditions depending on time of day and/or external light levels required.

The application is being assessed as 'use not listed' under local planning scheme 17 as the proposed advertising is not limited to businesses in the shopping

centre.

Under the planning scheme, the application is being advertised for public comment on the proposed use and associated third-party digital advertising signage.

According to the development application, the sign will display third party content however it is anticipated that a large proportion of content displayed will likely relate to the vast number of tenants, products and/or services available at Midland Gate and surrounds.

City of Swan residents have raised concerns about the sign's potential to distract drivers travelling along GEH.

A road safety assessment has been prepared by PTG Consulting to evaluate the proposed sign in accordance with the Main Roads WA (MRWA) policy and application guidelines for digital advertising signs.

The proposed signage is located within 500m of GEH requiring the road safety assessment to address

the relevant MRWA criteria.

The assessment determined the location fell within a level one crash risk category, representing a low-complexity road environment with below-average crash history, where digital signage was generally considered appropriate.

According to MRWA policy, level one intersections and road segments is typically found in low-complexity environments with simple driving conditions and below-average crash rates and are generally suitable for the installation of digital signs.

The proposal plans to build the signage into the car park structure and match its scale and design, so it appears part of the building rather than a standalone addition.

City of Swan landowners and occupiers are invited to upload their feedback to Swan Engage by Friday, October 2 with submissions closing at 5pm.



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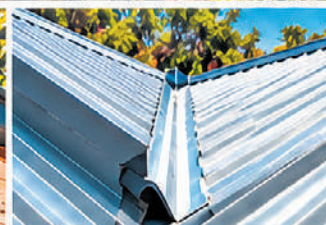
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Swan View Domino's food milestone



Greenmount Community Pantry volunteers receive their weekly donation of 30 fresh pizzas from the Swan View Domino's team. Right co-owners Isaac Jarret and Bianca Lloyd.

BRAYDEN MOULD

A FOOD relief initiative operating in Swan View has distributed nearly 7000 pizzas to community members over the past three years.

The Greenmount Community Pantry, run by charity Feed it Forward and local volunteers, receives a weekly delivery of 30 pizzas from the nearby Swan View Domino's.

Domino's Swan View co-owners Isaac Jarret and Bianca Lloyd established the program to support residents accessing local relief services.

Mr Jarret said the volunteer-led group provides essential support for people doing it tough right across the state.

"They're an organisation throughout WA that actually help people in need across the entire state," he said.

"They're really trying to help people who are doing it tough, especially with the current economic climate, and they also help engage with elderly centres in need."

Mr Jarret, who grew up in Glen Forrest and started as a delivery driver in Kalamunda before buying into the business alongside Ms Lloyd, said the initiative was set up to give back to the region that backed their journey.

"I wanted to figure out a way where I could actually consistently help the community that has put me in the position I am today," he said.

"The volunteers at Feed it Forward give up their time every single week just to be helping others, and for me, that just really inspired me, and I wanted to make sure I could do something to at least match that."

The weekly Tuesday donations are prepared around regular store prep by current and past leadership team members who have helped drive the initiative over the years.

"They've really just gone out of their way, essentially just to do the right thing because they know it's the right thing to do," Mr Jarret said.

"It's one of the sayings we have in store - do the right thing because it's the right thing to do - and they really lived by that."

Both owners have led the ongoing coordination with the pantry team, with the duo recently expanding their donations to cover community groups across the Perth Hills, including Kalamunda.

The Greenmount Community Pantry currently relies on local partnerships and volunteer effort to keep its food relief service running across Swan View, Midland, and the Perth Hills.

Dayton's Stacey off to Transplant Games

DAYTON'S Stacey Johns has headed back to the Transplant Games this week - carrying the memory of her donor with her every step of the way.

The 34-year-old received a kidney and pancreas transplant in 2023 after years of living with type 1 diabetes and undergoing dialysis four times a week.

Her transplant gave her a new lease on life, and she has since thrown herself into sport - winning three gold medals at the 2024 Australian Transplant Games before claiming two more medals at the 2025 World Transplant Games in Germany.

She said every medal she wins is a tribute to the person who gave her the ultimate second chance at life.

The kidney and pancreas transplant recipient travelled to Launceston for the 2026 Australian Transplant Games, held from September 26 to October 3, competing across an extraordinary nine sporting events - including basketball, volleyball, pickleball, shot put, discus, javelin, ball throw, high jump and long jump.

Ms Johns received her kidney and pancreas transplant in 2023 after years of living with type 1 diabetes, epilepsy and high blood pressure. Before her transplant, she was undergoing dialysis four times a week and struggling with exhaustion.

Her transplant marked a dramatic change in her health.

After spending a week in hospital and another four weeks in a hotel near the hospital, she returned home without the diabetes and high blood pressure that had been part of her daily life.

Since her transplant, Ms Johns has embraced her second chance at life and has quickly made her mark on the Transplant Games.

At the 2024 Australian Transplant Games in Canberra, she won three gold medals before competing at the 2025 World Transplant Games in Germany, where she added another gold and a bronze medal to her collection.

For Ms Johns, the games are about far more than competition.

They have given her a community of people who understand the transplant journey and celebrate life together.

"Meeting everyone and being able to feel like you



Transplant recipient Stacey Johns.

have found your people is one of the best parts," Ms Johns said.

Competitors take part in 17 sports, demonstrating what is possible after transplantation while promoting the importance of organ and tissue donation.

Behind every competition, every training session and every medal is the person she says she never stops thinking about - her donor.

"There's not a day that goes by where I don't think about my donor and donor family," Ms Johns said.

Transplant Australia chief executive officer Chris Thomas said Ms Johns' story demonstrates the profound impact of organ donation.

"Stacey is a wonderful example of how a transplant can transform not only someone's health, but their entire outlook on life," he said.

"Every donor has the potential to change multiple lives. One organ donor can save up to seven lives, giving people like Stacey the opportunity to live healthier, more active lives and make plans for their future."

To register as an organ and tissue donor, visit donatelifegov.au and tell your family about your decision.

For more information on the games visit www.austriantransplantgames.com



Funding has been allocated in the fight against the shot-hole borer.

Shot-hole borer recovery funding

PETER W LEWIS

THE state government is helping local governments prepare for polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) tree loss and plant more trees to improve the urban canopy through the WA Tree Recovery Program.

More than \$3.3 million has been offered to 26 local governments in round two of the local government grant program, supporting the planting of more than 10,000 trees.

The cities of Swan and Kalamunda will each receive \$210,000 while the Shire of Mundaring will get \$180,998 and Town of Bassendean \$36,153.

The program invited applications from local governments in the polyphagous shot-hole borer quarantine area to apply for funding to replace trees lost to the pest and, importantly this year, futureproof against potential infestation.

Successful planting projects are primarily in public open space and streetscapes, with some inner-city and industrial area projects also funded.

Last year, round one of the program provided almost \$1m to 20 local governments, supporting them to plant more than 2700 trees.

In a separate funding initiative, residents are also encouraged to take up the latest round of the Treebate program.

Residents, including those that received a Treebate in the first round,

can now submit a Treebate claim for up to five trees for a total of \$150. Previously, only one tree was eligible.

Environment Minister Matthew Swinbourn said the tree recovery program will not only help recover urban canopy but also help insulate against future polyphagous shot-hole borer infestation.

"By funding the planting of thousands of PSHB-resilient trees across Perth and Peel, the Cook Labor government is expanding tree canopy, enhancing local environments, and building healthier, more liveable communities for future generations.

"Tree Recovery grants are supporting local governments to plant native trees across the 2026, 2027, and 2028 planting seasons.

"We have had a fantastic response to this grant program from local governments, and their planting projects will hugely benefit their local communities.

"We are committed to creating neighbourhoods that are greener, healthier, and more liveable."

For more information and details on how to apply for a Treebate go to www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-water-and-environmental-regulation/wa-tree-recovery

Information on polyphagous shot-hole borer, the quarantine area and how it can be managed is available on the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's website at www.dpird.wa.gov.au/psbh

WALGA backs Bassendean underground power

THE Western Australian local government association (WALGA) has unanimously backed the Town of Bassendean's motion to review the state's underground power program.

At the WALGA annual general meeting this month, Town of Bassendean Mayor Kathryn Hamilton presented a motion calling on WALGA to undertake a comprehensive review of the state's underground power program.

The motion was seconded by City of Rockingham Mayor Lorna Buchan and passed without opposition, receiving 205 votes in support.

The motion asked WALGA to review how underground power projects were funded and managed, and to lobby for changes it considered unfair to local governments, including who paid for the projects and who bore the long-term cost of maintaining and replacing the infrastructure.

The motion supported underground power, which is now standard in new developments and increasingly requested by established suburbs according to the Town of Bassendean.

The motion called for a fair and evidence-based review of whether the current funding and delivery arrangements remained appropriate and equitable.

A key concern raised was the financial burden being placed on local governments.

Under many underground power schemes, councils are required to make substantial upfront payments to Western Power during the construction phase, while recovering those costs from affected property owners over an



Bassendean has called on WALGA to review the state's underground power program.

extended period of years.

This effectively placed local governments in the role of financier for electricity infrastructure that they did not own or operate, creating financial exposure, borrowing costs and an ongoing administrative burden for councils.

The motion also called for legislative reform to enable Western Power to recover project costs directly from electricity consumers, rather than requiring local governments to borrow and finance the costs on Western Power's behalf.

Western Power already has established systems for billing electricity customers.

The review will consider whether a more direct mechanism for recovering underground power project costs could provide a fairer and more efficient approach.

The Town of Bassendean's advocacy has been informed by its experience during engagement

for the Bassendean North underground power project.

Despite town support for the power project, the town says delays have contributed to the total project cost increasing from about \$13.4 million to \$25.7m.

The Town of Bassendean requested greater flexibility from Western Power around payment timelines to help minimise borrowing costs and reduce the immediate financial burden on residents.

These requests were not supported by Western Power according to the Town of Bassendean.

The Bassendean North underground power project is among the first projects being delivered through the state government's targeted underground power program.

Ms Hamilton said she hoped the handling of that project could establish a good precedent for future projects.

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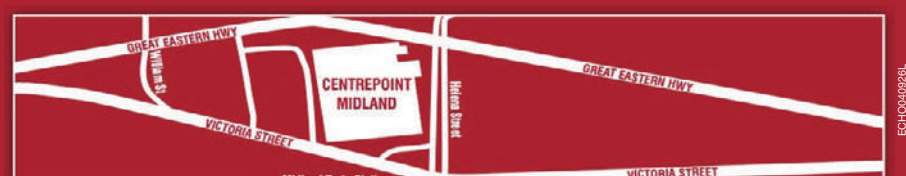
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DPIRD scientists harness new technology to help detection of grain crop diseases

DEPARTMENT of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) research scientists are developing new tools to strengthen the early detection and management of viral diseases in broadacre grain crops.

The research, being highlighted as part of National Biosecurity Week, will support improved crop disease management by farmers and feeds into a broader national initiative enabling the grain industry to manage the threat of high-priority grain pests by improving national diagnostic and surveillance capability.

The National Grains Diagnostic and Surveillance Initiative (NGDSI) is a co-investment between the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC), the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and five state government departments.

DPIRD research officer Chi Cao said viral diseases could cause significant yield losses across cereal, canola and pulse crops.

"Symptoms in the paddock are not always enough to identify the type of infection, so laboratory testing is often required," Dr Cao said.

"The current approach involves the use of multiple procedures to test for multiple viruses, which can be labour intensive.

"We are aiming to simplify the process for determining whether there is a virus in the crop and if so, which one or combination of viruses it is."

DPIRD scientists have developed and validated a new transformative protocol that uses a single test up front to determine the presence or absence of multiple viruses. Subsequent diagnostics on the identified viruses are then performed on a single platform.

"The new protocol uses high-throughput sequencing which can detect both expected or unexpected viruses, which is what makes it so powerful," Dr Cao said.

"As well as telling us what is present, tools like this help us be on the lookout for new and emerging viruses.

"Initial development has been on leaf samples from major Australian crops, including canola, cereals and various pulses (lentil, bean, lupin, and field pea).

"We are using equipment which is now commonly



DPIRD research officer Chi Cao loading samples for testing.

available in diagnostic laboratories, meaning that the methods will be transferable to our project partners and will be of benefit to the broader Australian grains industry.

"The use of high throughput sequencing allows us to obtain far more information and detail about the plant viruses present in our crops than ever before.

"Through this work, we hope to deliver increasingly powerful diagnostic tools which provide comprehensive information about the pathogen status in crops and reduce testing cost and time.

"It also supports early detection of any new or unexpected viruses, giving us the best chance of developing an effective management strategy."

GRDC Manager Biosecurity Amy Koschella said early detection was one of the most effective tools available to protect Australian grain growers from exotic pests and diseases.

"Exotic threat incursions can have significant impacts on farm profitability and market access, with the potential to cost the grains industry millions of dollars each year," Dr Koschella said.

"Detecting a threat early can mean the difference between a rapid, cost-effective response and a much larger challenge for growers and the broader industry."

More information about the National Grains Diagnostic and Surveillance Initiative is available online at <https://grdc.com.au/grdc-investments/investments/investment?code=DAF2403-002FAX>

High Wycombe apple pie wins gold

GUANHAO CHENG

A HIGH Wycombe bakery has again been awarded gold by the Official Great Aussie Pie 2026 Competition for their gourmet apple pie.

Four Seasons Patisserie and Bakery baker Andy Le said this year marked a record number of gold entries from his list of pies.

His record is extensive with a humble first entry in 2011, through to his first win in 2013 for Australia's best apple pie and his latest win this year with his apple pie's quality again reaffirmed.

"We won a record 22 gold medals from 25 entries this year and our gourmet apple pie was crowned best this year," Mr Le said.

"This is the seventh time my apple pie has won the best in Australia."

Mr Le said he enjoyed formulating new recipes and it was the joy of discovery that keeps him dedicated.

"A lot of people ask me, 'Why do you have so many pie recipes?'" he said.

"I tell them that every time I go to a restaurant, I eat their food and then I think in my head, 'Oh, I can make a pie like this,' and then I go home and try it."

For Mr Le, feedback is king and his key to continued improvement.

"I first started learning from my father in 2007 at our family bakery in Byford," he said.

"To tell you the truth, when my parents made their old pies it was very basic and I have had to learn from a lot of people.

"I take seriously the feedback I get from the customers and judges and if they say it's too sweet or too salty, I fix it."

Mr Le said he enjoyed his time baking in High Wycombe however



Baker Andy Le's apple pie was crowned the best at this year's pie competition.

business had been impacted by recent road closures.

"It used to be very busy here," he said.

"We're in an industrial area and now the road's been blocked so they can make an airplane road, it's become a bit quiet.

"It used to be very, very popular.

"Now, I'm looking at potentially also opening up a new bakery in Kewdale."

Mr Le said he wanted his pies to go beyond cultural borders and that he kept an open mind about what belonged in a pie.

"I can hopefully bring all the recipes from all the countries to put in my pies," he said.

"Now I make the Thai pie, Vietnamese pie, and the classic Aussie pie and more so hopefully all people can enjoy it."

The Official Great Aussie Pie Competition was established in 1989 by founders John Ross and Craig Perry with the aim of raising the quality standards of pies throughout Australia.



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Young Bassendean creatives buzzing with ideas



Year 1 students work outdoors on creative constructions as part of their Creative Schools learning experience at Bassendean Primary School.

THERE has been a creative buzz around the Year 1 classroom at Bassendean Primary School where students have been taking their learning beyond the traditional classroom into the world of textiles, sustainability and bees - all with a focus on design and technology.

The students have been working collaboratively with creative practitioner and textile artist Ashleigh Whyte alongside their teacher Elsie Vallelonga as part of not-for-profit arts and cultural group FORM's Creative Schools program.

The program encourages students to develop creative learning habits such as curiosity, imagination, experimentation, persistence, collaboration and reflection to give them new ways to ask questions, explore ideas, solve problems and communicate their understanding.

For the students, the creative journey has been closely connected to humanities and social sciences (HASS) with a focus on the relationships people have with bees, sustainability and the important role they play in the environment and community.

Through hands-on creative experiences, students have

been able to investigate their ideas and represent their learning using textiles, natural materials, drawing, colour and construction.

Working alongside the artist, students experimented with fibres and found materials while learning that art-making can be a process of discovery, providing a tangible way to communicate what they know, wonder about and value.

The project has also encouraged students to think about their responsibilities towards the natural world.

Bees became more than simply a topic of study - they became a way for students to explore interdependence, sustainability and how humans are connected to the environment.

For Mrs Vallelonga, the collaboration demonstrates the power of creative learning to open up new possibilities for young learners.

"There have been so many highlights while participating in the Creative Schools program and working with our creative practitioner Ashleigh Whyte has been fascinating," she said.

"Rather than a top-down approach to education, learning

in our classroom has been directed by the students' interests. We have been able to explore what the students are curious and inspired by and build on their prior experiences, while embedding the project across the curriculum."

Ms Whyte said the most rewarding part of Creative Schools had been seeing what happens when children are given permission to be curious, experiment and help shape where their learning goes.

"We've seen students who can sometimes find it difficult to stay focused become completely absorbed in making and problem-solving, and children taking their learning beyond the classroom by noticing things in their gardens and playground and bringing those discoveries back to school."

"It's shown me how powerful creativity can be as a way of learning, not just as an art activity," she said.

Together, Mrs Vallelonga and Ms Whyte, with paint, a little wood, fibre and plenty of imagination, have created opportunities for the school's Year 1 students to discover that learning can be creative, collaborative and purposeful - and that sometimes, the smallest creatures can inspire some very big ideas.



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Former PM visits Maida Vale

FORMER Prime Minister Tony Abbott was the guest speaker last week for a community morning tea and a question and answer session at the Hill View Golf Club in Maida Vale.

Welcomed by Guildford-based MLC Anthony Spagnolo Mr Abbott told those gathered that Australia needed change and that the Coalition had the strong leadership, strong team and strong plan needed to restore Australians' standard of living and protect their way of life.

The visit formed part of the former Prime Minister's listening tour of Australia in his new role as federal Liberal Party president, with his Maida Vale stop providing an opportunity to hear directly from people across Perth's eastern suburbs and hills.

Maida Vale sits within the marginal federal electorate of Bullwinkel, held by Labor's Trish Cook on a margin of 0.51 per cent.

Kalamunda MLA Adam Hort and WA Senator Michaelia Cash also attended the morning tea.

Locals from the Perth foothills had the opportunity to put their questions directly to Mr Abbott, with discussion ranging from the pressures facing Australian families today to the longer-term challenges facing the country.

The former Prime Minister also reflected on the values that have shaped Australia and the importance of preserving the opportunities that have allowed generations of Australians to build a better future for themselves and their families.

Mr Spagnolo said it was fantastic to welcome Mr Abbott to Maida Vale and ensure communities in Perth's eastern suburbs were represented as part of his national listening tour.

"Mr Abbott has made an enormous contribution to public life in Australia, so it was fantastic to have him here in Maida Vale and hear his views on the future of our country," Mr Spagnolo said.

"The purpose of the former Prime Minister's



Former Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Anthony Spagnolo MLC at Maida Vale.

listening tour is to hear directly from Australians, and it was important that people from our part of Perth had that opportunity.

"People from across Perth's eastern suburbs were able to put their questions directly to Mr Abbott and speak openly about the pressures they are seeing in their families, businesses and communities."

"There was a lot of interest in hearing Mr Abbott's perspective on the challenges facing Australia and where we go from here."

As Liberal Party president, Mr Abbott also spoke about the values that have served Australia well and the importance of ensuring the next generation has the same opportunities that Australians have traditionally enjoyed.



Muresk circa 1934 - donated by family of Charles Richard Dixon.

Share your story as Muresk Institute celebrates 100 years

FOR 100 years, the Muresk Institute has been part of Western Australia's agricultural story.

Established as Muresk Agricultural College in 1926, it welcomed its first students in September and has since evolved to meet the changing education, training and workforce needs of the state's agricultural industry.

Over the past century, Muresk has helped shape generations of farmers, agricultural professionals, technicians, researchers and community leaders.

From traditional farming practices and animal husbandry to today's precision agriculture technologies, its history reflects the transformation of agriculture in Western Australia.

As Muresk celebrates its centenary in 2026, former and current students, staff and community members are invited to share their stories, memories and experiences.

Whether it's a family connection spanning generations, a lifelong friendship formed on campus, a career that started at Muresk, a favourite student tradition or a moment that changed your life, every story is part of Muresk's history.

Today, Muresk continues its legacy as a leading agricultural training hub, bringing together industry, training providers and learners through practical, industry-focused training and workforce development opportunities.

Recent state government investment, including the \$10.3 million Agriculture Machinery Training Centre opened in 2023, has strengthened Muresk's role in supporting the future workforce needs of Western Australia's agricultural sector.

As the institute marks this significant milestone, the focus is not only on celebrating 100 years of agricultural training, but also on recognising the people and

communities who have helped shape Muresk's legacy.

Muresk Institute General Manager John Murphy said Muresk had been an integral part of Western Australia's agricultural story for a century, supporting the development of skilled people across the sector.

"For many people, Muresk is a training institution where lifelong friendships were formed, careers began and connections to agriculture grew stronger.

"We're looking forward to hearing those stories and celebrating the people who have made Muresk such a special part of Western Australia's agricultural community over the past 100 years."

Community members are encouraged to share their stories and help preserve an important part of Western Australia's agricultural history via the Muresk Stories and Experiences online form at <https://qrco.de/bgylYV> or the Muresk Institute website: <https://muresk.wa.gov.au/>



WALGA hopes the state government will take control of the freight rail network to reduce the pressure on roads during the annual grain harvest.

WALGA welcomes govt freight rail buy back Bill

THE WA Local Government Association (WALGA) has welcomed the state government's introduction of legislation to facilitate the buy back of the state's freight rail network.

They said the move was a significant step towards strengthening regional transport infrastructure, supporting communities and improving road safety outcomes across WA.

WALGA has long advocated for movement of freight by rail wherever possible, acknowledging that road freight imposes significant direct road maintenance costs on local governments and has negative impacts on communities, particularly on road safety.

WALGA President Mark Irwin said returning the freight rail network to state government control would create opportunities for greater targeted investment in regional transport infrastructure and better outcomes for communities across Western Australia.

"This move aligns with WALGA's longstanding

position that freight rail networks should be maintained and enhanced to support economic growth while reducing pressure on regional road infrastructure," Mr Irwin said.

"Local governments know full-well the costs associated with increased heavy vehicle movements on local roads and more effective use of rail can help reduce those impacts while supporting safer and more sustainable freight outcomes.

"Keeping and increasing freight on rail reduces heavy vehicle traffic on local roads, improves road safety and helps ease the significant maintenance burden faced by local governments.

"WALGA looks forward to working with the state government and industry stakeholders to ensure the freight rail network continues to support regional communities, economic development and a safer, more resilient transport system for WA."

When contacted by the *Echo News* a Shire of York spokesperson said the shire had declined to comment.

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Mayor's MESSAGE

Spring has arrived in the Perth Hills, bringing longer days, warmer weather and plenty of opportunities to connect with our community.

One of the most important opportunities this month is the 2026 MARKYT® Community Scorecard. Conducted independently by Catalyse every two years, the survey helps us understand how our community feels about the City, our services and our future priorities. Your feedback helps shape our planning and ensures we're focusing on what matters most to residents. If you're invited to participate, I encourage you to have your say when the survey opens on 12 October 2026. For more information visit engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au.

We're also encouraging residents to take advantage of our Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day to be held at Walliston Transfer Station on 20 October 2026. This free event provides a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of items that cannot go into household bins, helping protect our environment and community.

I am also excited for our annual Seniors Art Exhibition Odysseys at the Zig Zag Gallery which celebrates the creativity and talent of local artists born before 1971. Families can also enjoy a range of school holiday activities through our libraries, History Village and Recreation Centre.

Finally, a reminder that the Restricted Burning Period begins on 1 October 2026. Please be aware of the changes in burning conditions and take care as we move into the warmer months.

Enjoy the sunshine and I look forward to seeing you out and about in the beautiful City of Kalamunda.

Mayor Margaret Thomas JP

Have Your Say

Join the conversation and contribute to matters happening in your City.

Scan the QR code for more or visit engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au



HAVE YOUR SAY IN OUR 2026 MARKYT® COMMUNITY SCORECARD



Have your say in our 2026 MARKYT® Community Scorecard

What do you love about living in the City of Kalamunda? What could we do better? What matters most to you as we plan for the future?

Our 2026 MARKYT® Community Scorecard is your opportunity to tell us. Delivered independently by Catalyse, the MARKYT® Community Scorecard is a pulse check we undertake every two years to understand how our community feels about the City, our services and our priorities.

Your feedback helps us understand what we're doing well, where we can improve and what our community wants us to focus on into the future.

The 2026 MARKYT® Community Scorecard opens Monday 12 October and closes Friday 30 October 2026.

Have your say online at engage.kalamunda.wa.gov.au.

Prefer paper? Hard copies will also be available from the City's Administration Centre and local libraries. Your feedback matters. Help shape the future of Kalamunda.

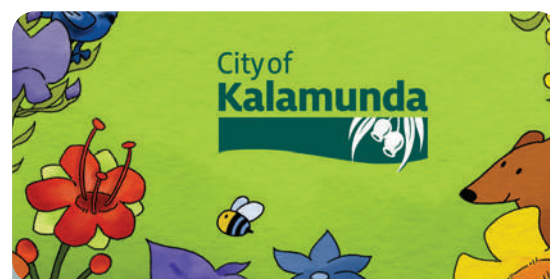


COMMUNITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Community Citizen of the Year Awards 2027 nominations are still open. Do you know a local volunteer, leader, or group making a difference?

Nominate them today at

www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate.



PERTH HILLS SPRING FESTIVAL

Celebrate spring in the Perth Hills this October with an exciting program of live music, boutique wine experiences, wildflower walks, arts trails, family activities, photography exhibitions and outdoor adventures.

From the Bickley Valley to Kalamunda, there's something for everyone. Explore the full festival program and start planning your spring escape!



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day

Tuesday, 20 October 2026 10am-6pm

@ Walliston Transfer Station



From 1 October - 30 November

Restricted Burning Period

The City has transitioned into the Restricted Burning Period, requiring permits for all burning activities.

Find out more about the Restricted Burning Period on our website.

Public Agenda Briefing Forum
6:30pm, Tuesday 13 October
Ordinary Council Meeting
6:30pm, Tuesday 27 October
Administration Centre, Council Chambers
Visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au to view the Agenda

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ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Unravelling personal stories at Zig Zag Gallery

A thought-provoking exhibition exploring how everyday fabrics hold human history and emotion is making its debut at the Zig Zag Gallery in Kalamunda.

Titled Memory and Cloth, the showcase brings together collaborative works by artists Joy Denise Scott and Anne Farren to examine memory as a fragile, layered, and deeply personal phenomenon through the tactile mediums of stitch, cloth, and making.

Rather than viewing garments purely as functional items, the duo treats woven structures as physical repositories for person narratives, nostalgia, and lived experiences that quietly shape individual identity.

Each featured piece in the gallery uses delicate textures, intricate patterns, and specialised construction methods to give physical form to unspoken personal histories and quiet reflections.

An official opening event was held on Saturday, September 26 and gave visitors an early preview of the collection alongside both artists prior to the exhibition's



Anne Faran Imprints (2001), fused silk, machine embroidered lace. Picture: Robert Frith, ACORN Photography.

opening.

Throughout the showcase, visitors can also participate in interactive public programming running alongside the display, including open stitching

sessions and artist talks designed to offer a deeper look into contemporary textile techniques.

The exhibition is running from September 27 to October 18 and can be visited

at Zig Zag Cultural Centre at 50 Railway Road, Kalamunda.

The gallery is open from 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday, and from 10am to 4pm on weekends.

Annual Swan Anglican Parish spring fête

THE grounds of the historic All Saints Church in Henley Brook will host the annual Anglican Parish of Swan Spring Fête on Saturday, October 10.

Over recent years, the fête has become an integral part of the Swan Valley's spring school holiday activities, attracting hundreds of visitors, and this year's event sees an expansion in stalls and activities.

An innovation this year is a Kids Zone, where children can be dropped off and entertained while parents browse the various stalls or enjoy Devonshire teas, a BBQ hot beef roll with gravy or a sausage roll.

The 'zone' will be supervised by a female Anglican priest.

Home-made cakes (big and small), jams, marmalades, preserves and craft items will be on sale in The Cloisters, along with the morning and afternoon teas.

The outside church grounds will have white elephant, clothing and plant stalls, with a historical display in the church and surrounds supervised by well-known local historian Matthew Pavlinovich, who will also make presentations in the church at 10am and 1pm.

The colourful Sudanese singers from Malaga Anglican Church will return to provide entertainment and there will also be a number of independent artisan stalls.

Entry is free and visitors will be offered a welcome brochure when they arrive providing a brief history of the church and parish and what the fête has to offer this year.

All Saints Church, in Henry Street, Henley Brook, is the oldest in WA still in active use, having welcomed parishioners and visitors since 1840.

It is also the site where Captain James Stirling (later governor) landed with his party of discovery up the Swan River 200 years ago next March.

The fête will open at 9am and close at 3pm.

There will be ample parking, supervised by marshals, in an adjoining paddock, and this year there will also be a drop-off zone at the entrance to the church grounds for people with mobility problems.



There will be plenty to see and do at the annual spring fête.

ENTERTAINMENT & GIG GUIDE

Your local Gig Guide

Fri October 2

Settlers House York
Graeme Fisher
5.30pm, Free
125 Avon Terrace, York

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

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 October 3

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

Lyric's Bar
Matt Cahill Combo
From 7pm, Free
22 Lyric Lane
Maylands

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Nathan Gaunt
6pm-9pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Sun October 4

Settlers House York
Back Verandah Band
12pm-3pm, Free
125 Avon Terrace, York

Chidlow Tavern
Monthly Jam Session
From 12.30-3.30pm, Free
4 Thomas St, Chidlow

Sun October 4 cont.

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Longshots Trio
4pm-7pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy

Tues October 6

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

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Smooth Groove
6pm-8pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Wed October 7

Chidlow Tavern
Wednesday Night
Jam Session
From 7pm, Free
4 Thomas St, Chidlow

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Fenton and Friends
6pm-9pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Thu October 8

Hemingway & Co
Blues Thursday
From 7pm, Free
7095 Great Eastern Hwy, Mundaring

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

Swan Districts Senior Citizens
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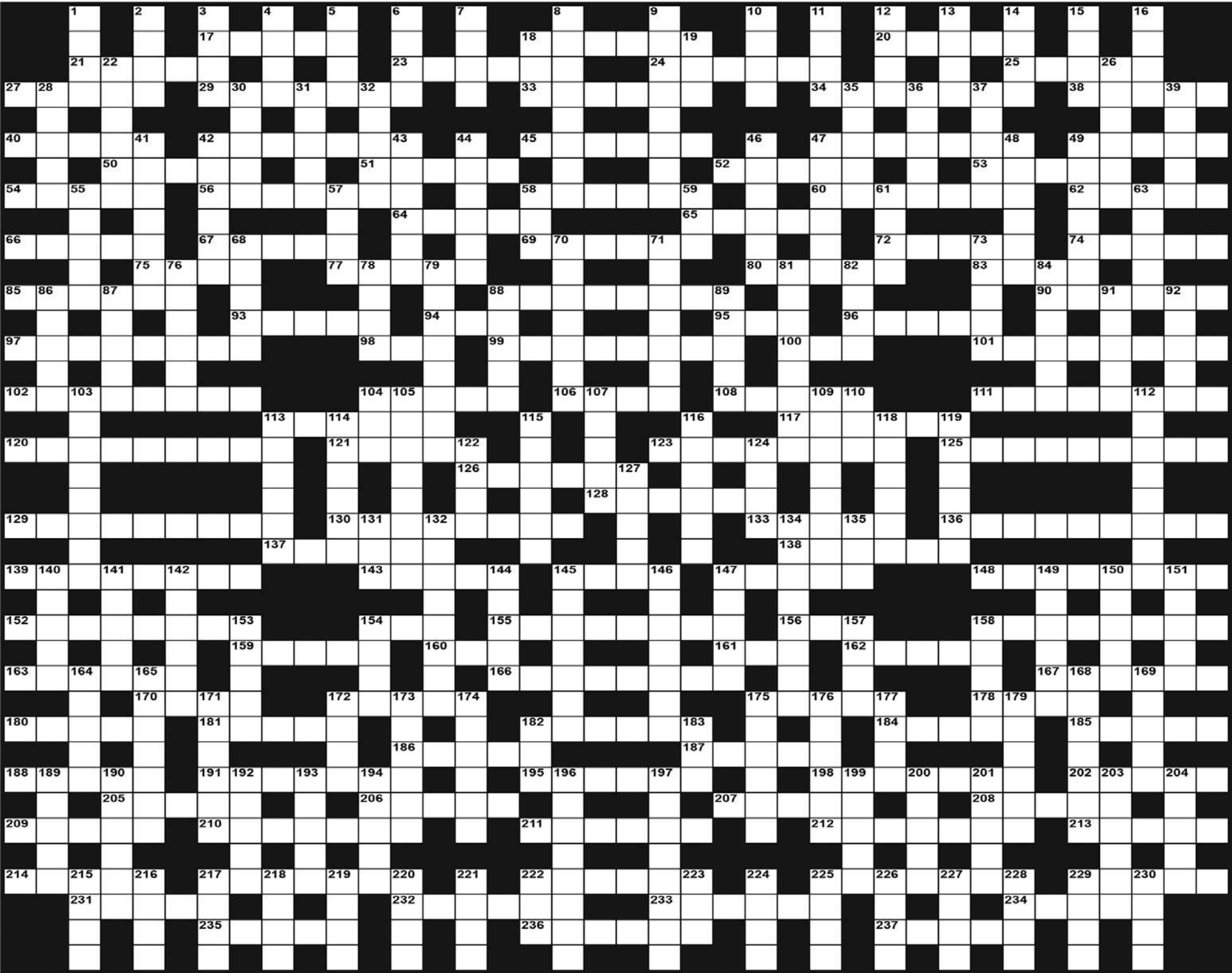
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Mind Boggler Crossword

1288



ACROSS

- 17 To be heard

18 Whipped

20 Fit out

21 A shaft

23 Area

24 Type of chair

25 Relaxed

27 Put at rest

29 Public gamble

33 A confused amount

34 Make out

38 One being paid

40 Pile of hay

42 Encountering

45 Gave back

47 Rail line support

49 Plant oil

50 Patronage

51 Holy one

52 Type of soup

53 Poetry

54 Knocks down

56 Obliterated

58 Accent

60 Changed for use

62 Large plants

64 Orb

65 Lowly dwelling

66 A watercourse

67 Insect growth

69 Faithful

72 Manoeuvre a boat

74 List of contents

75 Managed with trouble

77 Money for betting

80 Threads

83 In amongst

85 Our

88 Put up with

90 Pay expenses

93 Moral

94 Little devil

95 A sphere

96 Papal decree
- 97 Hides away

98 Female bird

99 Make possible

100 Charged bit

101 Being alone

102 With much respect

104 A cereal crop

106 Flightless birds

108 Top of a hill

111 Uninhabited

113 A viral disease

117 A jacket

120 Separate in classes

121 Semi-precious stone

123 An open sports car

125 Without

126 Illegal killing

128 Fight back

129 Positioning

130 Find a name for

133 Hard covering

136 In layers

137 Reason

138 Comes up

139 Wildly distracted

143 Musical beginning

145 Fool

147 Break out

148 Move from position

152 Music for orchestra

154 Dog

155 Small fish

156 A lout

158 Large jugs

159 A climbing pea plant

160 Suitable

161 Conceit

162 Raised bank

163 Put in reserve

166 Last-born

167 Spun around

170 Noticed

172 Car accident

175 Remains of fire
- 178 Comfortable

180 Torn apart

181 Place of meeting

182 Parliamentarian

184 Monastic home

185 Send from home

186 Join in

187 What is inserted

188 Coconut product

191 Sewing implements

195 Copied

198 Most ruddy

202 Local slang

205 Carrying weapons

206 Measuring device

207 Enmesh

208 Halt

209 Unconventional person

210 Number to divide others

211 Remains of trees

212 More giddy

213 Hurts

214 Live coal

217 Scattered around

222 Comrade

225 Sells while travelling

229 Scornful grin

231 A fool

232 Not in sight

233 Cleaning cloth

234 Seashore

235 Insect life stage

236 Married

237 Horsemen's event
- 8 Dwelling place

9 Non-believers

10 Annoys

11 Unpopular type

12 Beer containers

13 Think about

14 Undo

15 Grate

16 Whirlpool

18 Arched part

19 And not

22 Scoundrel

26 Christian festival

28 Nimble

30 Too fat

31 Give one-tenth

32 Wash out

35 Loafed round

36 Crawl along

37 Old magistrate

39 Dodge

41 Small falcon

42 Centre

43 A tool

44 Prying a lot

46 Take measurements

47 Catcher of sea mammals

48 Buy back

49 With leg each side

55 Adored

57 Hard timber

58 Ready to go

59 Coy

61 Seabirds

63 Churchman

68 Woodwork tools

70 One fleeing country

71 Small towers

73 Sports

76 Kitchen container

78 Small

measurement

79 Most lean

81 Dispute settlers
- 82 Word form

84 Pastoral poems

86 Pass between hills

87 Sad song

88 Outlaid

89 Architectural style

91 Deadly

92 Check of ledgers

103 Become inactive

104 False headcovering

105 Weightiest

107 Skinflint

109 Those paying in full

110 Golf mound

112 Brought to life

113 Tell about

114 Scandinavian sea

115 Nape of neck

116 Aped

118 Gathered pleats

119 Greatly enjoys

122 Send out

124 Small marks

127 Stand against

131 Owing

132 Non-belligerents

134 Whalers' weapons

135 Illuminated

140 Perch

141 Better behaved

142 Outburst

144 Vacant

145 Remove lice

146 Circus equipment

147 Bathroom component

149 Indian instruments

150 Type of clay pigment

151 A shrub

153 Of sheep

154 Burn

157 Outlet for smoke

158 Older coins

164 A ship deck

165 River mouth
- 168 Hair on eyelid

169 Being untruthful

171 Levelled out

172 Prison room

173 One speaking crudely

174 Greeted

175 Beg for

176 Abhorrence

177 Gravel

179 Edible mollusc

182 Came together

183 Eradicate

189 Strong dislike

190 Slapped

192 An order

193 Force on

194 Speak strongly

196 Went back

197 Stretched out

199 Top level

200 Slept lightly

201 Panorama

203 Kingdoms

204 Type of abalone

215 An account

216 A break

217 Agitate

218 Wander

219 Sheep's covering

220 Soak in water

221 Requests

222 Not many

223 Failure

224 Amaze

225 Supporting post

226 Unlit

227 Covers

228 Flat-bottomed boat

229 Saline solution

230 One thing

Crossword Solution 1287 from 25 September, 2026

As the crossword was not included in last weeks edition the crossword and solution can be found on the *Echo's* website at:

<https://echone newspaper.com.au/category/crossword>

or by scanning this QR code:

Out & About



Lovely Low Locals at Zanthorrea Nursery

It is not always the big showy plants that catch your eye in the national park. Sometimes it's the smaller under-storey plants that are out to impress!

Our favourite strappy-leaved plants are:

- The Fringed Lily (*Thysanotus multiflorus*) is a beautiful little plant that is an absolute magnet for wildflower photographers, with their large cluster of delicately feathered purple flowers.
- The Blue Lily (*Agrostocrinum hirsutum*), is often overlooked when not in

flower, and is not so well known in garden centres. In spring they show off some amazing 6 petalled blue lily flowers above their elegant strappy foliage.

- The Morning Iris (*Orthrosanthus laxus*), grows from Shark Bay down to the south west of WA. A wonderful addition to the garden and looking fantastic right now in the local bush. A useful plant to add a splash of blue to rockeries or cottage gardens.

We hope everyone is enjoying getting out and about this spring, and find some lovely local plants for the home garden.

Come hungry! Slow Food Festival Mundaring is coming to the Perth Hills

Get ready for a delicious day out in the Hills!

The inaugural Slow Food Festival Mundaring is bringing together local food and beverage producers, wine and spirits, live music, workshops and plenty of good food to Mundaring Sculpture Park on Sunday 18 October 2026.

From local wines and spirits to honey, beef, artisan food and delicious street food, around 25 stallholders will showcase the people, produce and flavours that make WA's food community so special.

Visitors can taste, discover, meet local producers and enjoy gardening and sustainability workshops, live music and a relaxed spring day in the beautiful Perth Hills.

Organised by Slow Food Swan Valley and Eastern Regions, the festival celebrates the Slow Food philosophy of Good, Clean and Fair – food that is good to eat, produced with care, and supports the people and places behind it. And the best part – Entry is FREE!

Slow Food Festival Mundaring 2026
Sunday 18 October 2026
11am – 5pm
Mundaring Sculpture Park
Free tickets: Humanitix –
Slow Food Festival Mundaring

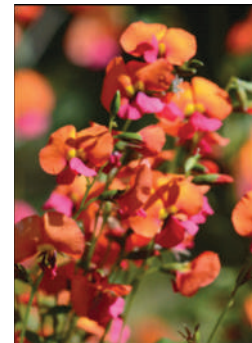
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WALGA backs Bassendean underground power reform

From p7.

"This is not simply an issue for Bassendean. It is about fairness, responsibility and establishing an equitable program for future projects," she said.

"Underground power delivers real benefits to our communities, and we support the continuation of these programs. What we are seeking is a practical and equitable approach to how they are funded and delivered.

"We are asking for the system to be reviewed so that the financial and administrative responsibilities of underground power projects sit appropriately with the organisations delivering and owning the infrastructure.

"There is also an important question about who should be responsible

for the future renewal of these assets. That is something that needs to be properly examined as part of this review."

As part of the motion, WALGA will undertake the review, seek feedback from local governments across the State and prepare recommendations for advocacy to the state government on potential legislative, policy and funding reforms.

Ms Hamilton said the town looked forward to contributing to the process and working with WALGA, the state government, Western Power and local governments across the state to support a sustainable and equitable approach to the delivery of underground power.

Read between the lines

By Pastor Ian Kirk

A Dying Tree



We are blessed to have two big mango trees in our backyard. They are quite special - years ago, my dad grew them from seeds. Each season we get a bumper crop and have the joy to give mangoes to family and friends, as well as to enjoy them ourselves.

The other week, one of them didn't look well. It's leaves were wilting. We watered it. We searched online to see what the problem might be and bought some nutrients. But no amount of water or nutrients halted the sad reality that the tree was dying.

As I think of that tree, it's a picture that our life is like that. We live and bear fruit, but we are dying and one day we will wilt and pass

away. As it's put metaphorically in Isaiah 40:6-7 "All flesh is like grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers and the flower fades."

But God has done something amazing for us so that we can live beyond the grave - we can live forever. Jesus said in John 5:24 "The one who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

This promise is for those who believe in Jesus - who believe that He's God's Son, who died for our sins and rose again, and who has the power to give us life beyond the grave.

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Upcoming Events

- **The Kalamunda Ladies Probus Club** meets on the second Thursday of each month at Jack Healey Centre, Mead Street, Kalamunda at 9am for 9.30am start. They have morning tea and a guest speaker at each meeting and regular bus outings to different interesting places. Socially they meet for coffee monthly and lunch also monthly at different venues in the area. Probus is a social club for retirees who enjoy life. For more information call Trish on 0468 309 823.
- **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.

- **Midland Ascension Craft Group** meets in the parish hall, 17 Spring Park Road, Midland every Tuesday of school term from 1pm to 3pm. All most welcome to join for a chat, cuppa, any craft and sometimes a guest speaker. For more information call 0433 265 683.

- **Hovea Residents & Ratepayers** last general meeting will be held in the Parkerville Oval Pavillion, Seaborne St, Parkerville, on Wednesday October 7 commencing at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome as we have amalgamated with Stoneville Parkerville Progress Association (SPPA). Our new association is Hovea-Stoneville-Parkerville Residents & Ratepayers Incorporated (HSPRR).

Wine and cheese to follow the meeting. For more information contact Max by email at annapurna2@bigpond.com

- **The Kalamunda Combined Probus Club** will meet on Wednesday, October 14 at 10am. at St Swithuns Church Hall, 195 Lesmurdie Road, Lesmurdie. As this is Probus's 50th anniversary, we are celebrating with a special speaker for this occasion, Professor Kingsley Dixon from the University of Western Australia. He is an internationally recognised botanist and has devoted his time to science, and transforming Australian native plant conservation. For more information contact Don on 0439 970 038.

- **Perth Doll & Toy Collectors Group** will have trading tables at the Antique, Vintage

& Collectables Fair on Sunday, October 11 9.00-3.30, Cannington Showgrounds, Agricultural Pavilion, Corner of Station Street and Albany Highway, Cannington. Entry \$4. Contact Robyn on 0435 327 462.

Noticeboard is for non-profits and community groups advertising free/low cost events/programs. Entries must be emailed to editorial@echo-news.com two weeks before the event.

Woofers of the week



Pepper is a four-month-old poodle cross. Her owner unfortunately is allergic to Pepper and has tried to control it but can't and needs to find her a new home. Pepper is a medium sized dog and is vaccinated, microchipped, and sterilised. Costs Apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.

Wins and losses in Swan United grand finals games



Swan United ended the season with a victorious U14 girls team with tough matches fought by the junior boys teams.

SWAN United's junior program has finished the season with the U14 girls crowned grand final champions following a 2-1 victory over UWA.

The match capped a significant weekend for the club, which had three junior teams reach grand finals, with the U16 boys narrowly losing 2-1 to Northern City and the U18 boys going down to Wembley on penalties.

The U16 team showed plenty of fight after falling 2-0 behind, pulling a goal back and then pushing hard for an equaliser in the final 10 minutes.

Despite the late pressure, Northern City held on for a narrow 2-1 win.

The U18 team took the lead against Wembley and continued to push for a second, before conceding an equaliser with around 25 minutes remaining.

With the sides unable to be separated, the grand final was eventually decided by penalties.

U18 boys coach Matt Coles said the result was difficult to take, but he was proud of the way his side approached the game.

"We took the lead and kept pushing for a second because we wanted to win the game, not just protect what we had," he said.



The Swan United U16 boys won silver at the end of the season.

"Wembley got themselves back into it with about 25 minutes to go and from there it became a real battle.

"To lose a grand final on penalties is tough, but I couldn't have asked much more from the boys.

"They gave everything they had and should be proud of the season they've put together."

Swan United club president Ben Kelly said the results only told part of the story.

"Teams win and lose grand finals,

that's football," he said.

"But we are extremely proud of all our teams and how far they have come this year.

"The way they have represented Swan United, our families and our wider community is something that is difficult to put into words.

"As we stand here at the end of our season, I do so as an incredibly proud president, a proud member of Swan United and a proud member of our community."



Kalahockey annual Year 5 carnival

LAST Wednesday 170 Year 5 students from primary schools across the Perth Hills descended on Hartfield Park for the annual hockey carnival hosted by Kalamunda Districts Hockey Club.

Held at the end of the winter season, the carnival is a wonderful opportunity for club volunteers to introduce hockey to a new generation of potential players.

This year 36 volunteers gave their time in this worthwhile endeavour.

Students from Lesmurdie PS, Falls Road PS, Maida Vale PS, Walliston PS, Gooseberry Hill PS and Kalamunda PS, spent the day learning about everything hockey and playing a modified seven-a-side competition.

Hockey WA community and growth lead Jess Edwards and her brother Matt joined goalkeeper for the 2026 Perth Thundersticks Hockey One team and participants in a fun day of games and good sportsmanship.

Now in its ninth year, the carnival remains a popular event on the calendar for schools belonging to the Stirk Schools Sports Association.

"We appreciate the ongoing support of local schools in the promotion of hockey in the City of Kalamunda," Kalahockey junior development officer Richard Guthrie said.

"We look forward to our 10th year in 2027, which will coincide with our club's 60th anniversary."

The event was also attended by Bullwinkel MP Trish Cook, Forrestfield MLA Stephen Price and Phil Twiss MLC.

More than 170 students competed in the annual carnival.

Local Real Estate

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Contemporary Midland apartment living

MOSEY down to Junction Parade to discover contemporary apartment living in the heart of Midland with four available apartments to buy.

The available apartments are built with one, two and three-bedroom options and bring together contemporary design, spacious private spaces and shared amenities.

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Step inside to find contemporary interiors designed to capture the modern apartment's sleek appeal with wood flooring and practical, light-filled layouts.

The spaces have been designed with accessibility in mind with extra-wide corridors and doorways supporting comfortable movement and easy everyday living.

Residents' rooftop terrace provides a space to relax or entertain with barbecue facilities available and a sweeping outlook of the district.

Oversized balconies extend the living space outdoors, with integrated storage and shutters to select residences.

Unit 55 includes three bedrooms and an ensuite attached to the main bedroom.

All units have an open-plan dining and kitchen area that makes dinnertimes a breeze as meals are prepared in a shared space.

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Air conditioning in the units also provides year-round comfort.

The open-plan living flows effortlessly outside to a huge balcony, creating an extension of the living space and the perfect spot for morning coffees, long lunches or an evening wine.

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What to know

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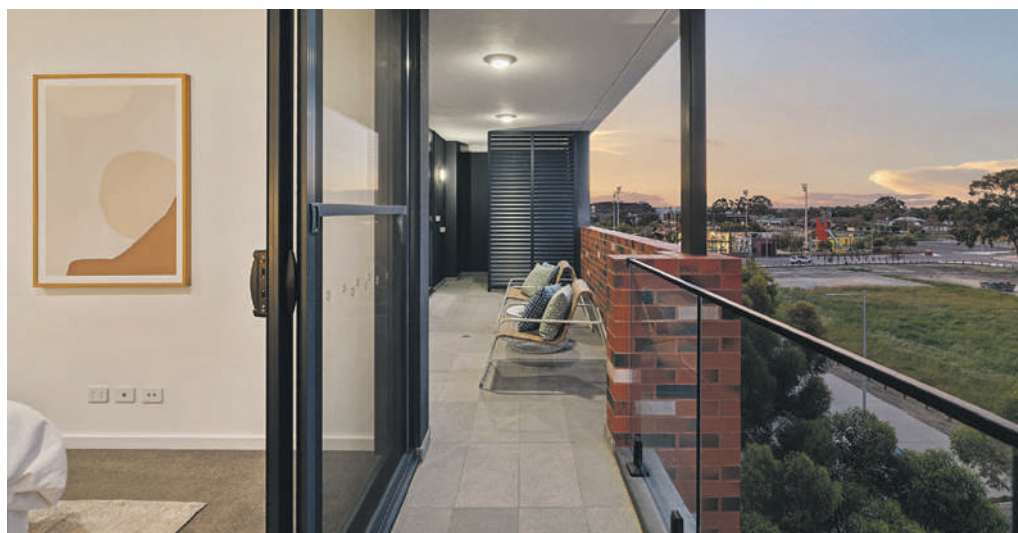
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What to love

Freshly painted and beautifully presented, this two-bedroom apartment offers open-plan living, a stone-bench kitchen and air conditioning. Entertain on the oversized balcony with views across town, close to shopping, transport and everyday amenities.

What to know

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Apartment 23

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What to love

Generous proportions, two bathrooms and a huge private balcony make this immaculate apartment an inviting home base. Enjoy open-plan living, a contemporary stone-bench kitchen, abundant cabinetry, separate storage and air conditioning, with the Swan Valley a short drive away.

What to know

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Apartment 55

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What to love

Spread out in this generous three-bedroom apartment, with a main suite featuring a walk-in robe and ensuite, a separate laundry and ducted air conditioning. Spacious open-plan living flows to an enormous entertaining balcony with views towards the hills.

What to know

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Who to *talk* to.

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