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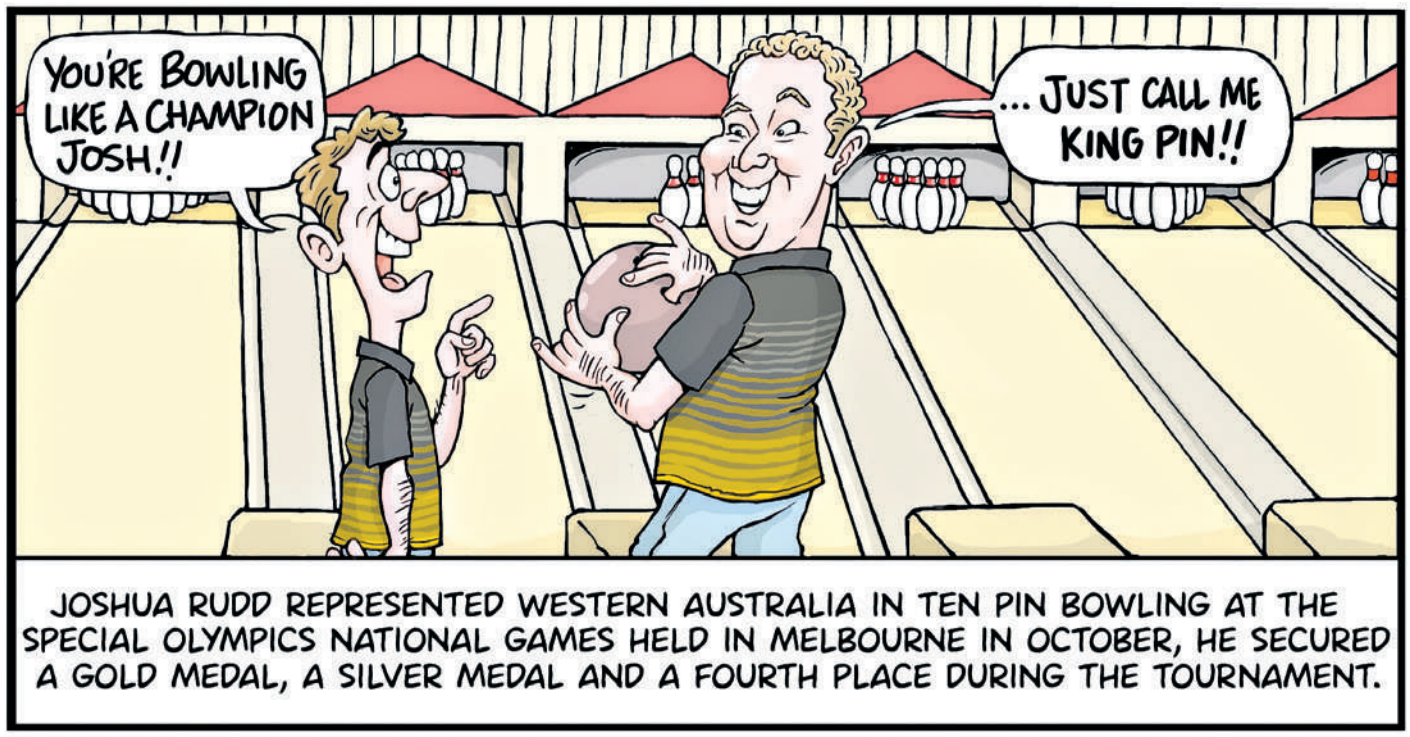
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Thought for the day
"I've seen and met angels wearing the disguise of ordinary people living ordinary lives."
- Tracy Chapman

Kindness seed of hope

Dear *Echo* News,
Last Saturday evening, my husband missed his footing when walking along the footpath on Swan View Road.

He fell down the steep embankment and dislocated his shoulder.

He managed, after 20 minutes, to crawl up the embankment and walk the short distance home to seek my help. My husband is 85 years old and deaf.

We realised that he had lost his cochlear device during the fall.

By this time, it was dark and we needed to find the cochlear device (worth more than $20,000 to replace) before going to emergency at the Midland Hospital.

This was an impossible task for two old people.

Fortunately for us, a group of young people happened to be returning from visiting a cousin up the street and they called out to see if they could help.

They comforted us and searched through the scrub with torches for the cochlear device.

Miraculously, after a good 10 minutes, they found it.

They then stayed with my husband until I could get the car and drive him to emergency at Midland Hospital.

We were overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of these young strangers.

At emergency, once again we received nothing but kindness, first from a fellow patient who helped with the 'sign in' process and then the nurses and doctors who were so caring, efficient and professional.

Though we would have rather avoided the accident altogether, it turned out to be a very positive experience which has now left us full of hope and appreciation.

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the young strangers who so selflessly and kindly helped us find the cochlear device and the staff at emergency in Midland Hospital for their care and expertise in ensuring my husband is on the road to recovery.

It is good to know that the future of Australia is in such good hands.

B Waugh
Swan View

Salvos Christmas Appeal

Dear *Echo* News,
The Salvation Army is calling on the community in Perth to dig deep and support those struggling this Christmas as they launch their annual Christmas Appeal.

With the financial and emotional pressures of the Christmas period pushing many individuals and families to breaking point, the Salvos are aiming to raise $35 million for their Christmas Appeal as they look to meet the need they are seeing across the country.

Christmas is the busiest time of the year for the Salvos, and this year will be no different.

We know that there are people in the Perth community that are really struggling this year, and Christmas will only intensify these struggles. Some will be forced into heartbreaking decisions between their next meal or paying utility bills, not only for themselves but also for their children.

That's why The Salvos exist– to support our community when they need it most.

Whether it is for practical support like food or presents, or if you are feeling lonely or isolated this Christmas, please reach out to The Salvation Army. We are here for you, and we don't want you to do Christmas alone."

There are many ways that you can get involved with The Salvos to support your community this Christmas, including lending a hand through volunteering, donating products such as gifts and food, or offering a financial donation to our Christmas Appeal.

The Salvation Army also host a number of special community celebrations during the festive season.

For more information on how you can support or get involved this Christmas, please contact your nearest Salvation Army centre in the Perth area or visit salvationarmy.org.au

The Salvos can't support people this Christmas without the generosity of our local community, so please dig deep if you can.

Maj Warren Palmer
The Salvation Army

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Out of sight isn't out of danger: Safe storage of lithium-ion batteries

With Commissioner for Consumer Protection Trish Blake

LITHIUM-ion batteries are everywhere in our lives, from e-rideables to cordless vacuums, power tools, laptops, toys, smartphones, electric toothbrushes, and they're all popular choices for Christmas gifts, but are you prepared for the fire risks?

These batteries are a rising safety concern across WA with firefighters responding to more than three lithium-ion battery related incidents a week.

Fires sparked by lithium-ion batteries spread quickly and are difficult to extinguish, so it's crucial to know how to prevent them.

Consumer Protection's Product Safety team are urging people to only use reputable suppliers when buying products containing lithium-ion batteries. This means being cautious when buying these products from overseas websites or second-hand marketplaces.

Consumers should look for a regulatory compliance mark, such as a tick inside a triangle. This means the charger is approved for use in Australia. If you're not sure, visit eess.gov.au to check and never use batteries showing signs of swelling, overheating or damage.

Overcharged lithium-ion batteries have the potential to heat up and ignite so don't leave them unattended and remove the device from the charger once fully charged.

In terms of how to safely store lithium-ion batteries, products containing them left under the Christmas tree may not be the best option. The batteries should be kept out of direct sunlight in a cool, dry space and away from anything flammable.

Batteries for e-rideable devices, such as eScooters, eBikes and eSkateboards, should be charged outside of the home and never left to charge overnight. Installing a smoke or heat alarm where these devices are charged could save your life.

It's important to note that these batteries don't need to be charging to start a fire. In fact, DFES says over a third of lithium-ion battery fires in WA are not charging related.

Never throw lithium-ion batteries in your household waste or recycling bin. If you need to dispose the batteries, take them to the nearest battery drop-off point, which can be found at Recycle Right - recycleright.wa.gov.au.

For more information visit www.productsafety.gov.au

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The Vines residents await court outcome

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Vines residents are awaiting a Supreme Court ruling on their challenge to a planning decision that paved the way for housing on the resort's driving range, after judgement was reserved.

Justice Marcus Solomon reserved judgment on November 24 where about 30 residents attended the six-hour hearing.

According to The Vines Residents and Ratepayers Association (VRRA) vice-chair Dixon Lowe residents were told the association expected to hear the outcome within weeks.

The association is challenging a June 18, 2025 resolution of the Statutory Planning Committee.

On that day the committee required changes to Amendment 9 to The Vines Outline Development Plan 37 and directed that the revised plan go back to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) for consideration.

The WAPC approved the amendment on September 3, 2025.

The VRRA then applied to the Supreme Court of WA for judicial review in December 2025.

It alleges a reasonable apprehension of bias concerning one commissioner who took part in the committee decision.

The court has yet to rule on that allegation.

The association is the applicant in the case, the Western Australian Planning Commission is the respondent and The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd, the company for which the plan was prepared, is the first interested party.

Before the hearing, Mr Lowe said residents had gone to court over how the planning decision was made.

"Our community values The Vines golf course as part of what makes the Swan Valley special, and residents care deeply about its future," he said.

"We believe the community is entitled to expect that planning decisions are made, and seen to be made, impartially.

"We have asked the Court to decide whether that standard was met in this case."

Amendment 9 provides for a new two-storey driving range north of the clubhouse.

The existing range, southwest of the clubhouse, is earmarked for over-55s housing.

The concept shows about 91 lots for single-storey homes, with public open space around the edges and a road linking Burgundy Lane and Verdelho Drive.

The plan also provides for a 14-hole short course and medium-density housing south of the clubhouse.

The concept for that housing site, on Lot 407, shows about 21 terrace homes.

Before bringing the case, the association made written submissions, addressed the Statutory Planning Committee, organised a community petition and wrote to the planning minister and the director general of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage.



The Vines Residents and Ratepayers Association await the outcome to a reserved judgement after attending the November 24 hearing.

The June meeting minutes record that committee members discussed residents' concerns about changes to the course and the proximity of new homes to existing properties. Members noted the course was privately owned and discussed how public open space, setbacks and landscaping could provide separation between the homes.

In a separate review of the City of Swan's handling of the amendment, an independent reviewer identified weaknesses in how the city received and advertised the proposal, made technical documents available during consultation and reported comments from other agencies.

The review also found the city had delayed sending its report and recommendation to the commission without obtaining the commission's formal written consent. Its findings concerned the city's work on the proposal. The question before Justice Solomon concerns the subsequent committee resolution.

Mr Lowe said residents wanted their experience of the planning process to be understood regardless of the court's eventual decision.

"Win or lose, The Vines planning experiences need to be made known," he said.

Wind in the Willows to get a new lease of life

BRAYDEN MOULD

A GROUP of working parents has secured council backing to take over operations of Bassendean's Wind in the Willows early childhood education service following a special council meeting on November 24.

Town of Bassendean councillors voted to endorse the Bassendean Community Children's Association (BCCA) as the preferred operator to transition the 50-year-old Wilson Street centre into a community-led, not-for-profit model.

This comes after council halted plans to sell the publicly owned Wilson Street site in March amid community backlash and the withdrawal of prospective buyer the Cha Cha Cha Group, as reported in *Childcare site sale scrapped after buyer withdraw*s (*Echo News*, April 3).

At the time, Bassendean Mayor Kathryn Hamilton said the council would reset the process and explore alternative models with stakeholders and service providers to deliver the best outcome for families.

Following the town's subsequent expression of interest process, which ran from September 21 to October 22, the volunteer-run parent group established an incorporated association, registered as a charity, secured provider approval, and submitted a formal business plan to run the centre.

BCCA deputy chair Siobhan Cadogan said the group is determined to preserve the centre's long-standing legacy as it approaches its 50th anniversary next month.

"We do really want Wind in the Willows, which turns 50 next month, to continue to succeed as the amazing service that it has been for our community for so long," Ms Cadogan said.

She said keeping the service community-run ensures it remains deeply connected to the families who rely on it, with all revenue reinvested directly back into the centre rather than diverted to an external operator.

"We're local people who really know our community, and we understand our community, and we will really work together to try and make Wind in the Willows to be a great space for all the families into the future," she said.

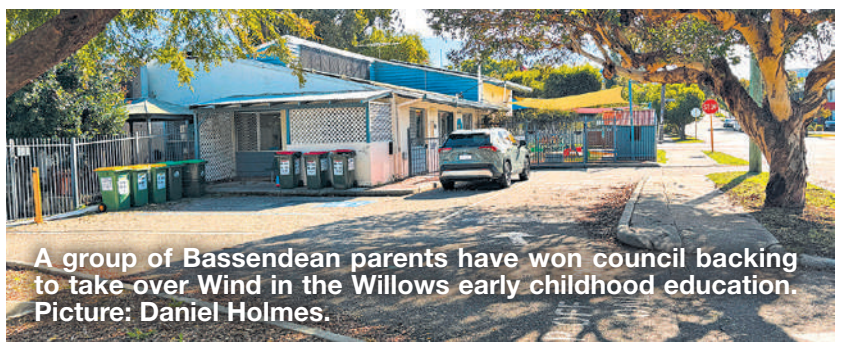
Ms Cadogan said the endorsement by the council on Tuesday night triggers a critical 14-day negotiation period with the council to verify financial modelling and ensure the service will remain viable without financial backing from the town.

"We do now need to take into account the fact that it is not necessarily looking like the council are going to offer us any financial support, and that does have an impact on our offer, so we need to consider what that is going to mean for us going forward," she said.

Ms Cadogan said the group is launching a public GoFundMe campaign to cover initial handover costs, such as paying staff during the transition before the centre becomes self-sustaining.

"This fundraising we are doing is just for the initial period to get off the group, and beyond that, we have financially modelled and know that we are capable of running a sustainable service," she said.

Residents wishing to donate to the BCCA's GoFundme can visit https://gofund.me/c2fd3f268



A group of Bassendean parents have won council backing to take over Wind in the Willows early childhood education. Picture: Daniel Holmes.

Parvovirus alert for dog owners

THE City of Swan is urging dog owners to stay alert after an increase in parvovirus cases was reported among dogs in the metropolitan area.

Precautionary anti-parvovirus measures currently being undertaken by city rangers include an additional focus on infection-control requirements for vehicles and equipment used to transport dogs to and from the city's animal management facility in Malaga.

Cages, ramps, leads and other equipment coming into physical contact with dogs are cleaned and disinfected between collections.

Particular attention is given to transport cages and cage floors, cage doors, latches and handles, vehicle ramps, reusable leads and handling equipment, any areas which may be contaminated with faeces or other organic material; and vehicle surfaces contacted by dogs during transport.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said parvovirus outbreaks tend to occur around this time of year as the weather warms up.

"This year has seen more cases reported than usual. If your dog is unwell, contact your vet promptly. Call the clinic before taking your dog in so they can advise you on what to do and help reduce the risk of spreading the virus to other animals," she said.

"Vaccination is the best protection against parvovirus. If you're unsure whether your dog's vaccinations are up to date, please contact your vet."

Canine parvovirus is a highly contagious disease that can cause serious illness in dogs spreading through contact with an infected dog's faeces and contaminated surfaces or objects.

The virus can remain in the environment, so dogs may be exposed even when an infected dog is no longer nearby.

Puppies and dogs that are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated are most at risk.

Signs of parvovirus can include low energy, loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhoea.

Further information is available at www.kb.rspca.org.au

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Governor Stirling teachers reunite



Former and current Governor Stirling Senior High School teachers (front to back) Henry Lipiec, Frank Cavicchio, Miriam Fawcett, Hazel Filear, Rose Babij, Jennifer Lumia, Kevin Elphick, Susan Zarrop, Kevin Peterson and Jules Zaffino at the reunion. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

GUANHAO CHENG

TEN current and former Governor Stirling Senior High School staff with 331 years of service between them reunited in Midland on November 18 and shared their advice for the next generation of teachers serving the Swan community.

Former teacher Jules Zaffino organised the reunion in Midland.

Mr Zaffino spent five years at Governor Stirling as a student in the 1970s before returning for 35 years as a teacher and administrator alongside some of the teachers who had taught him.

When *Echo News* asked which virtues he would pass on to new teachers, Mr Zaffino said students in the same classroom could have very different needs.

"It's very hard to choose one virtue but patience or empathy and honesty to oneself and students constructively stand out," he said.

For Mr Zaffino, honesty meant being able to tell students and parents when a teacher was still learning too.

Former Governor Stirling student and current teacher Henry Lipiec is now in his 48th year of teaching at the school.

Mr Lipiec said the virtue he would pass on was application, which meant being willing to change how he taught.

"I've been here for 48 years and I've never felt bored because you must reinvent yourself," he said.

"You're teaching the same stuff but you learn different strategies and different methodologies of teaching and you change your approach."

Mr Lipiec said hearing from former students helped him through the harder days in the classroom.

"I've had emails from past students from 30 years ago who are now adults asking about whether I remember them, and I do," he said.

"They express gratitude for being taught by me and I'll take 10 per cent of that because that's great.

"When it gets tough, those moments absolutely help you move forward."

Former Governor Stirling teacher Rose Babij, who spent 37 years at the school, said the virtue she hoped younger teachers would carry into the classroom was belief.

"You have to have the belief that we can change lives and we can change minds of kids," she said.

Ms Babij said the friendships that brought her former colleagues back together for lunch had taken time to build. During the school day there was little chance to get to know teachers in other faculties.

"You're thinking, 'I've got to get my classes doing this,' you're doing lesson preparation and you don't have time to go and socialise with other departments," she said.

"It's only when you have the end of the week where you have a little gathering or you stay behind at school.

"You don't have time for that sort of interaction because you're just on the go all the time."

Ms Babij said teaching generations of Swan students was one way she and her colleagues could give back to their community.

"To us, teaching in Swan and in Govo comes from a sense of duty and citizenship," she said.

"We're all citizens and all citizens have a role to play.

"They have to give back to the society, give back to the community and that's what teaching is."

Mt Helena brigade Santa run returns

THE Mt Helena Voluntary Bush Fire Brigade (MHVBFB) will hold another Santa run on Christmas day this year, asking the community to contribute in spreading the seasonal cheer.

Santa and the MHVBFB will travel from the brigade fire station on Chidlow Street starting at 7.30am and aim to complete visiting participating homes by about 12pm.

Parents and carers aiming to have Santa deliver a present to their children are advised to deliver presents to Mount Helena Vibe during business hours from December 7 to December 21.

Items must be of a size that can be easily stored on the trucks and handled by Santa and the MHVBFB team.

Each child's name and address must be included on a wrapped and clearly labelled present for participating households.



MHVBFB members John, Graham, Karen, Santa Rob, Rudolph, Santa Lloyd, Dave, Henri, Paul. Picture: MHVBFB

Only Mt Helena addresses are eligible for the MHVBFB Christmas day run.

On Christmas day, Santa's arrival alongside the MHVBFB team will be marked by Christmas songs, music and occasional siren bursts.

Participants are advised to keep a look out for MHVBFB fire trucks and meet Santa and his crew at the front gate or at the start of the respective property driveway as team members won't be able to go up driveways with the present.

Electric gates must be open at the time of arrival and for safety reasons with participants and children cautioned to stand clear and give a wide berth to the MHVBFB vehicle.

Santa will be able to walk up to gates and driveways to greet participants.

The Christmas day run has been the Mt Helena brigade's tradition for over 50 years.

More information may be found by contact-

35-year battle ends with Nth Stoneville appeal withdrawn

BRAYDEN MOULD

SATTERLEY Property Group has officially withdrawn its legal appeal over the proposed North Stoneville townsite in the Perth Hills, bringing an end to an extensive 35-year planning battle.

The developer officially filed paperwork on November 18 to formally drop its challenge against the State Administrative Tribunal's (SAT) refusal of Structure Plan 34.

Satterley had previously lodged a notice of appeal in the state's Court of Appeals last month after the tribunal officially rejected the controversial 535-hectare development on September 23, as reported in *Satterley appealing Nth Stoneville decision* (*Echo News*, October 23).

The withdrawal means the 1001-lot townsite, which would have housed roughly 2800 residents will no longer be pursued.

In its earlier ruling, SAT rejected the structure plan outright after finding the proposal failed to comply with state bushfire planning policies and posed an unacceptable risk to human life, as reported in *North Stoneville appeal rejected* (*Echo News*, September 25).

Shire of Mundaring President Paige McNeil welcomed the withdrawal and said council would continue advocating for an appropriate future for the site.

"Council has consistently supported an alternative future for this land through rural residential development that responds to the landscape, bushfire risk and the character of the surrounding community," she said.

"On behalf of council, I will be writing to Minister Carey requesting that the Western Australian Planning Commission recommence its consideration of the shire's application to rezone the land.

"We want to move forward together towards an outcome that is safe, community led and thoughtfully planned, while protecting what makes the Perth Hills such a special place to live, work and call home."

Save Perth Hills chairperson Debra Bishop said the withdrawal created a gracious opportunity for Perth Anglican Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy to meet with residents and discuss safer options for the site.

"Satterley's legal withdrawal created an opportunity for Archbishop Goldsworthy to publicly accept the umpire's decision, which was based firmly on the intention to protect lives on her land, and agree to rezone the property to Rural, just as neighbouring North Parkerville has done," she said.

"Save Perth Hills, alongside Shire of Mundaring both lodged a rezone to rural application with WA's Department of Planning in 2020, that solution has been on the table for six years.

"A rural rezone offers a bushfire-safe and environmentally sensitive solution to this 35-year-long saga."



Both Save Perth Hills and Shire of Mundaring are calling on the state government to rezone the land to rural residential. Picture: Brayden Mould.



Swan Hills MLA Michelle Maynard, deputy Premier Rita Saffioti, Hasluck MP Tania Lawrence, City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson and Swan CEO Stephen Cain.

Gnangara Rd duplication project completed

THE completion of the Gnangara Road duplication project, with the successful delivery of a second carriageway between Henley Brook Avenue and Pinaster Parade, marks the beginning of a new era in connectivity in Perth's north-east.

Linking previously duplicated segments to the east and west on Gnangara Road, the section was one of the few remaining unduplicated sections of this important link.

The duplication will improve traffic capacity, connectivity and safety in response to growth within the urban development corridor.

Delivered in stages to align funding, utility relocation and construction requirements, the project was jointly supported by the federal government, which contributed $8.75 million, and the City of Swan, which contributed $3.5m, with an original funding allocation of $12.25m.

The duplication will deliver a wide range of benefits including improved traffic flow leading to reduced congestion, safer turning for vehicles entering Gnangara Road, more efficient delivery of goods and services and increased safety for pedestrians and cyclists with shared paths for both

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said the city is currently registering significant increases in urban development, requiring a focus on road projects that make life easier for commuters.

"This project has been planned, designed, project managed, and constructed in-house, making us one of the few local governments with the capacity to do so."

Deputy Premier and Member for Swan Hills Rita Saffioti said the upgrade was a great reminder of the need to keep transport infrastructure aligned with population increases and business growth.

Hasluck MP Tania Lawrence said the completion of the project represents a significant development for regular road users and residents in Henley Brook, Aveley and Ellenbrook.

Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King said the completion of the project was a major step towards unlocking the potential of Perth's north-eastern suburbs.



Research helping Perth turtles



Southwestern snake-necked turtles. Pictures: April Sturm

MURDOCH University researchers have found the first evidence that artificially incubated south-western snake-necked turtles can survive in the wild for more than a year after release, offering hope for struggling populations in Perth's urban wetlands.

During annual population surveys at Manning Lake in October 2026, PhD candidate April Sturm and Dr Anthony Santoro from the Centre for Sustainable Aquatic Ecosystems recaptured a juvenile southwestern snake-necked turtle that had been artificially incubated at Murdoch University and released into the wild the previous year.

The turtle weighed a mere 4.77 grams when it was released in July 2025 and had grown to 100 grams by the time it was recaptured.

The finding comes amid growing concerns for Perth's urban turtle populations, where researchers have found a worrying lack of juvenile turtles to replace ageing adults.

"Catching juvenile turtles is rare in Perth wetlands, so every time we catch one at any of the four study sites where I have released hatchlings, I check it against my photos and this one was a match," Ms Sturm said.

Until now, researchers had only been able to track hatchlings for a few weeks after release due to the limitations of existing tracking technology.

The recapture is the first confirmation that an artificially incubated hatchling survived long-term in the wild.

Dr Santoro said climate change and urbanisation were placing increasing pressure on the species through habitat loss, predation, road mortality and drying wetlands.

"The biggest warning sign we have found is that the turtle populations in many urban wetlands around Perth are missing juveniles," he said.

"While we still see adults in these populations, without juveniles to replace them, the populations will eventually disappear. Ideally, we need to act now rather than wait until the populations are gone.

"This species of turtle only occurs in the southwest of Western Australia. If we lose it here, it's gone forever," Dr Santoro said.

"This is encouraging evidence that artificial incubation could help boost juvenile numbers in populations where they are largely missing," she said.

The result also confirmed that photo-identification was a workable tool for tracking juveniles.

"We now have a way to recognise released hatchlings and confirm their survival if we capture them during future surveys," Ms Sturm said.

"This is big news for us because it is really difficult to track hatchling turtles for more than a few weeks after release as they are too small for any of the current long term tracking technology.

Ms Sturm said the recapture was encouraging for turtle conservation.

"While artificial incubation should be a last resort, and used in conjunction with other conservation methods, this finding shows it can play an essential role in helping restore at-risk populations," she said.

"Finding a healthy young turtle we released more than a year ago is a hopeful sign. It shows the conservation tools available to us can work"

Construction going swimmingly well at Swan Active Ellenbrook

SWAN Active Ellenbrook is on track to open at the beginning of 2028.



Construction is progressing well on the Swan Active Ellenbrook centre.

Almost a year after construction began the 50m outdoor, 25m indoor, warm water and learn to swim pool structures have already been completed along with the structural steel installation, façade cladding and roofing for the sports courts.

Structural steel installation has also been completed for the gym and fitness areas and roofing works are underway along with the construction of car parks.

Designed to incorporate a range of state of the art sustainability initiatives, the centre will feature a large solar array and environmentally friendly landscaping in outdoor areas.

Waterslides, pools and spas, a fitness centre, gym, wellness rooms and sports hall, plus outdoor amenities such as BBQs and picnic areas, are all included in the scope of the community-driven project.

A VIP visit to the construction site earlier this month provided an opportunity for a comprehensive briefing on the project's progress and upcoming milestones, with ADCO Constructions highlighting key construction achievements to date.

The federal government has committed $30 million with a further $20m from the state government.

City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson said invaluable government support had been instrumental in bringing the project to life.

"It's an inspirational example of what can be achieved by three interlocking levels of government – federal, state and local – working together for the benefit of the community," she said.

"I'm thrilled to see first-hand the great progress being made towards delivering on our promise to the people of Ellenbrook."

Swan Hills MLA Michelle Maynard said Swan Active Ellenbrook would be a source of multiple benefits for a fast-growing community.

"I'm looking forward with great enthusiasm to seeing this centre open and supporting local groups and community activities in Ellenbrook."

Deputy premier and West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti said she was delighted to see the progress being made on this fantastic community asset.

Hasluck MP Tania Lawrence said the centre represented a new vision for federal support of community infrastructure.

"It's clear that the Albanese Labor government's $30m investment in this project looks set to deliver long-lasting benefits for this fast-growing area."



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Karakamia quenda sightings improve after drought decline



Karakamia Wildlife Sanctuary staff were surprised by a recent fight between two quendas as they were usually solitary creatures.

GUANHAO CHENG

QUENDA sightings at Karakamia Wildlife Sanctuary in Chidlow have increased after the population fell 30 per cent following the recent drought.

Australian Wildlife Conservancy wildlife ecologist Louis O'Neill said staff had been seeing quendas more often while carrying out other work at the sanctuary.

A trapping survey in February would give ecologists a clearer picture of how the population was faring.

"We monitor the population with a standardised live trapping survey which allows us to assess individual health, reproductive rate of the population, and population size," he said.

Meanwhile, staff also filmed the rare occurrence of two of the mostly nocturnal animals fighting in daylight.

Land management officer Blair Skerman filmed two quendas about 9am after checking the sanctuary's boundary fence.

He spotted them biting and kicking each other in the middle of the road as he drove back to the office.

Mr Skerman watched from his vehicle for several minutes before getting out while the pair moved to the roadside and carried on fighting.

Mr O'Neill said the two quendas were probably competing for territory and neither appeared to have the advantage.

"They are quite evenly matched in size and strength which prolonged the altercation because neither was clearly subordinate in the fight so neither backed down," he said.

Mr O'Neill said it was unusual for staff to see two quendas together in the open, particularly at that hour.

"Quenda are predominantly nocturnal, they are not normally active during daylight," he said.

"To see them interacting with each other is very rare because they tend to live in dense vegetation and are typically solitary.

"As far as I am aware, this is the first time this has been seen at Karakamia."

Quendas were reintroduced to Karakamia in 1994 as part of a program to return four locally extinct species to the Perth Hills.

Animals from Karakamia later helped re-establish quendas at Paruna Wildlife Sanctuary.

New accessible hubs in Swan and hills



AI generated impression of the Crosslinks Changing Places facility.

MIDLAND and Mundaring will both benefit from a state boost to Changing Places facilities which provide accessible community spaces for people living with disability.

Changing Places facilities meet the demand for people who cannot use standard or accessible toilets and they include a ceiling hoist, height-adjustable adult-sized change table, and room for two carers to assist.

Crosslinks in Midland is one of the grant recipients, set to deliver a Changing Places facility as part of the Crosslinks Community Hub development in Midland.

The Crosslinks Community Hub is expected to be completed mid-2027 and will open soon after.

According to Crosslinks, community members will be able to use the Changing Places facility without participating in a Crosslinks Community Hub program or activity.

While the hub will not be open for unrestricted public access, community members requiring the Changing Places facility will be able to gain access through the staffed reception area during the hub's operating hours.

This approach is designed to deliver a safe, welcoming, accessible and inclusive environment for all community members.

Community members will not be required to have their own key to access the Changing Places facility.

Changing Places facilities cost over $200,000 to deliver.

Crosslinks has shared the cost with the Department of Communities and put forward $113,000.

Meanwhile, the Shire of Mundaring received $75,000 to support the design and construction of their own Changing Places facility.

A qualified Changing Places assessor has been engaged throughout the project to provide expert review, feedback and accreditation, helping ensure the facility meets the required design, construction and operational standards.

Crosslinks chief executive officer Dawn McAleenan said for people with disability who have high or complex support needs and their carers, something as simple as a day out in Midland often means planning around access to facilities.

"Having a Changing Places facility at our new Crosslinks Community Hub could mean people can stay out for lunch after a morning of shopping, catch up with friends or enjoy a local event without having to return home," she said.

"We want people with disability and their families to spend less time worrying about the accessibility of a day out and more time enjoying it together, knowing their needs can be met safely and with dignity."





Hour of Power looks to the future

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Swan Chamber of Commerce's November Hour of Power connected local jobseekers with Midland employers and invited businesses and their staff to help shape the City of Swan's next Midland local area plan.

The final Hour of Power of the year was held on Remembrance Day and the room paused at 11am for a minute of silence.

Hour of Power co-host Leanne Willcox opened the chamber's final gathering of the year by thanking the people who had helped it grow.

"Seven years ago it was just four of us (at the Swan Chamber) and now I look around the room, we've certainly morphed into an incredible chamber," she said.

"As I look around the room I see many speakers here who were part of our Hour of Power over the last few years and I just want to say thank you very much.

"I believe all of us have a voice and we've been able to create this space to come and share, bringing our kids, filling the room with laughter with everything going on."

Swan Chamber of Commerce president Mike Matich asked anyone looking for work to put their hand up.

He then asked employers with work available to raise their hands so the jobseekers could see who to speak with after the presentations.



The November Hour of Power gathered past speakers for a morning of networking and discussion about Midland's local area plan. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

Swan Chamber of Commerce chief executive Tom Smilovitis said even those without a vacancy could help by finding out what work someone was looking for and introducing them to others.

"The bigger the net, the stronger the net, the more (people) we catch and the more opportunities we catch," he said.

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Ellenbrook author wins international award

ELLENBROOK author Christopher Whittaker has received international recognition after his debut historical novel, Heidenröslein: The Little Rose on the Heath, won silver at the Fall 2026 BookFest Awards and is also a finalist in the 2026 Eyelands International Book Awards.

Published in August, and reported in *Ellenbrook author explores impacts of war* (*Echo News*, Sept 18) the novel follows the unlikely friendship between a young German aristocratic officer and a working-class Jewish soldier during the First World War.

Exploring themes of friendship, loyalty and humanity, the story examines the lives of ordinary people caught in extraordinary circumstances.

For Mr Whittaker, 65, who recently retired from the disability sector to pursue writing full-time, the award represents an exciting beginning to a new chapter in his life.

"History records the generals, the politicians the battles and the victories, but behind every event are the 'ordinary people' whose lives were changed forever. Those are the stories I want to tell," he said.



Ellenbrook author Christopher Whittaker.

His second novel, Abomey: Daughters of War, published in September, explores the remarkable history of the Agojie, the female warriors of the West African Kingdom of Dahomey, and their resistance to French colonial expansion.

Mr Whittaker is already working on two further historical novels: Angels Sing Thee to Thy Rest, set during the French Foreign Legion's nineteenth-century campaign in Tonkin, North Vietnam and Cathar - God Knows His Own, a historical mystery exploring early 13th century religious persecution, hidden secrets and the legacy of the medieval Cathars.

"I don't write about perfect heroes or absolute villains," he said.

"People are complicated. They make mistakes, show courage, love, betray and sometimes find humanity in the most unlikely places.

"To have my first novel recognised internationally so soon after publication is enormously encouraging. It proves that you're never too old to begin something new."

Both published novels are available in paperback and eBook formats at www.tinyurl/3tybc44t



Swan and Gooseberry Hill sports supporters win cars

GUANHAO CHENG

SWAN United volunteer Neil Aloi and Gooseberry Hill netball dad Dale Drazevich collected new cars in Midland on November 23 after winning community raffles that also brought prize money back to their clubs.

Swan United raised $8334 through football raffle ticket sales and received a further $3500 in prizes.

Mr Drazevich's win in the netball raffle earned $4000 for his nominated club, West Coast Men's Netball Club.

Hyundai Australia regional general manager Jeff Beros said the football and netball winners would usually receive their prizes at separate presentations.

"Traditionally, we hold a separate event for (the prize giving ceremony) but this year both winners fell within the Midland Hyundai catchment," he said.

Mr Beros said the raffle was designed around the local clubs and families who supported the two sports across the state.

"If you look at grassroots right through to the professional, and if you look at players, coaches, committee members, and all the mums and dads that get behind both sports, you're touching half a million people," he said.

"When local clubs thrive, the entire community will thrive.

"That's why we designed the Hyundai community raffle the way we did and put grassroot clubs first."



Swan United football club president Ben Kelly with car winner Neil Aloi and Hyundai Australia regional general manager Jeff Beros. Picture: Guanhao Cheng

Swan United president Ben Kelly was in Singapore when he received a call telling him a ticket in his name had won a Hyundai Santa Fe Hybrid worth $64,532. His first thought was that he had won the car himself.

"I never won anything in my life," he said.

Mr Kelly then remembered he had also bought tickets for Mr Aloi, who had struggled with the QR code. He checked the tickets and, after returning home, visited the long-time club volunteer to give him the news.

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Bassendean Oval consultation planned



Proposed master plan for the Bassendean Oval redevelopment.

THE Town of Bassendean council has endorsed the draft design for the Bassendean Oval precinct redevelopment for community consultation in early 2027.

Residents, sporting groups and other community members will be able to comment on the proposed layout before the town submits a business case to the state government seeking funding for the redevelopment.

A $500,000 state government grant funded the design work, which has reached the 60 per cent schematic design stage.

The draft layout brings together proposed upgrades to Swan Districts Football Club facilities, new community infrastructure, commercial spaces and improved recreation areas. It also provides for the conservation of heritage features and mature trees.

The design proposes stronger links between Bassendean Oval, Old Perth Road and the town centre.

Bassendean MLA Dave Kelly said the project would improve facilities for both the community and Swan Districts Football Club.

"We look forward to receiving community feedback," he said.

Feedback will help the town refine the design and prepare its case for state funding.

Bassendean Mayor Kathryn Hamilton said the redevelopment had to serve the football club and other groups that use the precinct.

"We are committed to working in partnership with Swan Districts Football Club to deliver a precinct that better meets the needs of the club, local sporting organisations and the wider community," she said.

The town said the redevelopment had the potential to transform the heart of Bassendean while preserving the site's heritage.

The project is part of PlayOn WA, a state government initiative to deliver community infrastructure across WA by 2030.



Greens WA with more than 100 supporters outside the steps of parliament.

Greens introduce Bill to ban forest mining

LAST week the Greens (WA) introduced a new Bill to Parliament to ban forest mining, and demanded an end to new fossil fuel projects as a committee dominated by the major parties released a report doubling down on gas.

The Greens welcomed more than 100 supporters into the public gallery for the introduction of a watershed bill to ban native forest mining, a debate on the need for WA to act on the climate crisis and notice of a motion to disallow Alcoa's exemption order.

During the debate, the Council deputy-President evicted all the public in the gallery after they expressed outrage at the Opposition and One Nation's support for new fossil fuels.

Approximately half of WA's remaining native forests are covered in an active or pending mining license, with forests right across the southwest pegged out by mining companies.

The bill amends the Mining Act 1978 to ban mining in native forests so that native forest land cannot be the subject of a mining tenement, and that clearing of native forest vegetation for mining purposes, is banned.

The reform is subject to a five-year transition period for operations that are substantially commenced and operating in accordance with an approved programme of works.

From the date of commencement, no new tenements can be granted, existing applications will be cancelled, and there can be no clearing of high conservation value forests.

During the climate debate, the Greens laid out the urgent need for WA to ban new fossil fuels, ban forest mining, fund climate change adaptation and emergency preparedness programs, set a scientifically informed and legislated emissions reduction target and impose a moratorium on all new large-scale data centres.

New data collected by the Greens shows that at least 15 new fossil fuel projects or developments have been approved by WA Labor since they came into power in 2017, with seven more awaiting final assessment.

Northam appoints new CEO

THE Shire of Northam has appointed a former Shire of Kojonup chief executive officer Grant Thompson as the new chief executive officer.

As reported in *Shire of Northam appoints temporary chief executive* (*Echo News*, November 6) former Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes chief executive Tim Clynch was appointed temporary chief executive officer.

Mr Clynch will lead the shire in the two months between outgoing Shire of Northam chief executive Debbie Terelinck's departure and Mr Thompson's arrival.

Shire of Northam President Chris Antonio said Mr Thompson's agribusiness experience would be particularly relevant to Northam.

"We are very happy to welcome Grant to the Shire of Northam team and are excited about the wealth of knowledge he will bring to the role of CEO," he said.

"Grant's previous experience, particularly his extensive knowledge of the agribusiness sector will stand him in good stead to tackle the issues that are unique to areas like the Shire of Northam as both a growing regional centre and an agriculture hub for the Wheatbelt.



The newly appointed substantive Shire of Northam chief executive Grant Thompson was the former top executive at the Shire of Kojonup. Picture: Shire of Kojonup

"We are confident that with the interim assistance from Tim Clynch and the placement of Grant Thompson as substantive CEO in February 2027, the Shire of Northam has a strong future ahead."

Mr Thompson has held executive roles in local government and the private sector, with experience in financial management, infrastructure and community engagement.

Ms Terelinck will finish with the shire on December 11.

Mr Clynch will become acting chief executive the following day and stay on for a handover when Mr Thompson starts in February.





122-year-old Wooroloo Hall given new lease on life

ONE of Wooroloo's much-loved community spaces has been given a new lease on life, with the 122-year-old Wooroloo Hall reopening following a major refurbishment.

Community members gathered late last month to celebrate the reopening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and the return of the hall's monthly community dinners.

The refurbishment included a new roof, floor, bathrooms and kitchen, helping ensure the historic hall can continue serving the Wooroloo community for years to come.

For more than a century, Wooroloo Hall has been much more than a building. It has been a place where the community gathers, friendships are formed and lasting memories are made.

That community spirit was particularly evident while the refurbishment was underway, with the Wooroloo Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade generously opening its doors to provide a temporary home for community activities.

Working together, the brigade, Wooroloo Cuppa, Chats and Crafts Group (WCCC) and Wooroloo mobile library ensured important local activities could continue while the hall was unavailable.

Shire President Paige McNeil said hearing community members share their memories of the hall at the reopening highlighted just how important it had been to generations of Wooroloo families.

"It was a privilege to be part of the ribbon-cutting and reopening of Wooroloo Hall, and I was touched by the stories and memories shared by community members," she said.

"Many people spoke fondly of their childhood memories in the hall, attending community events and celebrations that helped shape their connection to Wooroloo.

"It was wonderful to hear just how important this hall has been in the lives of local families across generations.

"These upgrades will help preserve that legacy and ensure Wooroloo Hall remains a welcoming place for community activities, bringing people together and creating new memories for many years to come."

The reopening also celebrated the hall's history while looking ahead to its next chapter.

Around 2.5 metres of floorboards saved during the refurbishment were presented to the WCCC, giving the group an opportunity to creatively repurpose a small piece of the hall's history.

The group will also lead the development of a community mural for an outdoor area at the rear of the hall, working with the shire and broader Wooroloo community to bring new life and character to the space.

The reopening was attended by around 20 members of the local brigade, craft group and library, along with shire staff with connections to Wooroloo.

While the refurbishment has renewed an important local building, the project has also highlighted something that has long been at the heart of Wooroloo: the willingness of people to share, support one another and keep their community connected.



Shire President Paige McNeil with WCCC coordinator Stephen Fox and members.

Nurses and midwives recognised at the Bullwinkel Nursing Awards



Bullwinkel MP Trish Cook with overall winner Stacy McGreal and ECU professor Karen Strickland.

DEDICATED nurses and midwives who either work or live in the electorate of Bullwinkel were celebrated at the Boya Community Centre earlier this month for the inaugural Bullwinkel Nursing Awards.

The 23 finalists across five categories were joined by family, friends, colleagues and guests at the awards event hosted by Bullwinkel MP Dr Trish Cook.

"As a nurse and midwife, and now federal MP, I was honoured to host the inaugural Bullwinkel Nursing Awards recognising the exceptional care, compassion and commitment to health demonstrated by nurses and midwives in the electorate, across a range of categories," Dr Cook said.

"The work of nurses and midwives is hugely important to the wellbeing of our community. These awards aim to shine a light on the exceptional and humble individuals who go above and beyond to care for their patients across the Bullwinkel electorate."

She is a former nurse and midwife, who worked in remote communities including mines, construction sites and offshore oil rigs going on to become a nurse-educator working at Northam and Kalgoorlie TAFEs, and then later at Edith Cowan University.

The overall winner of the 2026 Bullwinkel Nursing Awards was Stacy McGreal.

"Stacy is a true trailblazer in the nursing profession. She has improved the quality of life for countless cancer patients and reshaped the future of oncology nursing in the community," Dr Cook said.

"Fifteen years ago, she made the courageous decision to leave a secure, permanent role in the public sector to become the very first nurse to join Chemo@Home.

"By taking this risk, she became the foundational pillar of an entirely new and innovative model of care that enabled cancer patients to receive vital treatments in the comfort and safety of their own homes. Her pioneering work has dismantled traditional healthcare barriers, shifting the focus to patient-centered, accessible, and compassionate care."

Category Award Winners:

Bullwinkel Excellence in Enrolled Nursing Care – Gillian Harrison (Carmel) is a dementia champion who came late to a career in nursing after working in banking, aged care and disability care and has been at Armadale Health Service for her entire nursing career.

Bullwinkel Excellence in Registered Nursing Care – Stacy McGreal (Kelmscott) was awarded the Excellence in Registered Nursing Care Award and the overall winner of the 2026 Bullwinkel Nursing Awards.

Bullwinkel Excellence in Residential/Aged Care Nursing – Yolande Smith (Roleystone) has worked within the nursing and aged care industry for more than 45 years. Having just turned 70 years old herself, she is still working harder than ever and showing extraordinary dedication and commitment within her workplace.

Bullwinkel Excellence in Community Care Nursing – Sue James (Darlington) was recognised for the significant role she plays in supporting students and staff at Thornlie Senior High School. As a public high school nurse, she is often the first point of contact for students and staff during some of their most challenging moments.

Bullwinkel Excellence in Midwifery Care – Shannon Scari (Mt Richon) has been a midwife for 17 years, delivering thousands of babies – she once delivered 10 across two nightshifts.

Commendations went to Benjamin Mills (Caversham), Kim Adey (Armadale), Hope Oldham (Kalamunda) and Melissa Sandler (Parkerville).

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Don’t forget animals in bushfire plans

WOODY the horse and Patch the dog will become familiar faces across social media platforms this summer, reminding residents to include their companion animals, horses and livestock in household bushfire and emergency plans.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) digital campaign encourages animal owners to develop a ‘plan for animal welfare in emergencies’ (PAWE) to respond to natural hazards, including bushfires, cyclones, floods, storms and heatwaves.

The ‘Pause for your PAWE’ animation across Facebook, Instagram and YouTube features Woody and Patch discussing the importance of owners planning ahead to help keep everyone safe.

DPIRD state animal welfare in emergencies coordinator Brett Hopley said it was important to take action and prepare now for WA’s natural hazard season.

“Natural hazards can unfold unexpectedly and quickly so it is essential to develop and update a PAWE and make sure everyone in your household knows what to do,” he said.

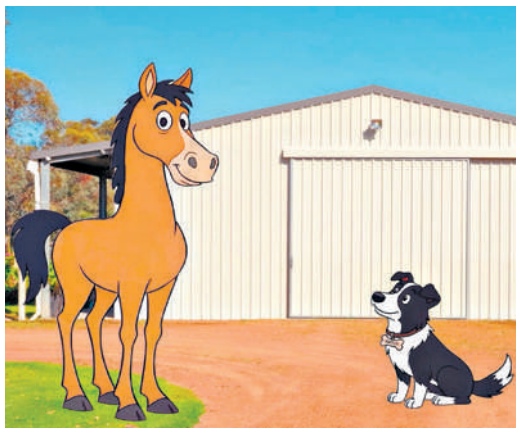
“The easy-to-use PAWE templates are a valuable tool to think ahead and document when you would evacuate, where you would go, how you would transport your animals and what supplies you would need.

“Writing down a plan and including it in the household survival plan, enables animal owners to make better decisions to protect the safety of residents and their animals.

“This is also the time to get essential items together and put them in an accessible place, including food, water, medications, leads, crates, identification information and transport equipment.”

DPIRD’s website also includes a range of factsheets with valuable preparedness advice, as well as specific companion animal PAWEs for cyclones, floods, storms and an animal plan readiness checklist.

Mr Hopley said in the event of a natural hazard emergency, it was critical not to leave it too late to implement emergency plans and risk the safety of animals and their owners.



Woody the horse and Patch the dog feature in a new campaign to encourage animal owners to prepare for the summer hazard season.

“Animals can become stressed and behave differently in the event of a bushfire, storm or other emergencies and delaying evacuation can increase the risk to both animals and their owners so it’s important to take action sooner rather than later,” he said.

“Talk with family, friends or others who may be able to help care for or relocate your animals if needed.

“For horse and large animal owners who need to evacuate and leave their animals behind, we suggest owners open necessary internal gates but do not release their horses externally as they could pose a hazard to emergency services and evacuating community members.”

Stay up to date during an emergency using the Emergency WA website or app, the DFES Facebook page, and listening to ABC Local Radio.

The ‘Pause for your PAWE’ animation, PAWE templates and further information are available on the DPIRD website dpird.wa.gov.au via the ‘Animal welfare during bushfires’ tab on the homepage.

Take stock of water supplies ahead of the bushfire season

PEOPLE living in bushfire-prone areas are being reminded not to depend on scheme water if they plan to stay and defend their property during a bushfire.

Damage to water infrastructure, power outages and increased demand on the network can all affect water supply during an emergency, with Water Corporation urging residents to prepare their properties now for the bushfire season.

Water Corporation operations general manager Chris Young warned water pressure may also drop significantly, and local storage tanks can be depleted quickly, including in areas not immediately adjacent to a fire.

“A bushfire can damage infrastructure and interrupt power supply so customers should not rely on scheme water being available in such situations,” Mr Young said.

“Leaving early remains the safest option, but for those who choose to stay and defend their property, they need to be prepared and not rely on scheme water.

“People should have an independent water source, such as water tanks with at least 20,000 litres capacity, and a back-up power supply capable of operating during an outage.”

Standpipes should also not be relied upon for water for fighting bushfires, and instead left to support emergency services.

The seasonal outlook also notes above-average daytime and overnight temperatures are likely across much of southern Australia during the season.

Mr Young said the conditions reinforce the importance of preparing properties early and having a bushfire plan in place before the fire season intensifies.



People should have an independent water source like water tanks.

“Taking practical steps before bushfire season begins can make a significant difference to your safety and resilience in an emergency,” he said.

“Our year-round bushfire preparedness program helped reduce risks to critical water infrastructure, including by maintaining clear access to key sites, reducing vegetation around assets, and ensuring generators and water carting services are ready for deployment.

“However, during an active bushfire it may not be safe for crews to access affected areas or carry out repairs until conditions improve.”

Residents should prepare their bushfire plan now, follow Department of Fire and Emergency Services advice and monitor Emergency WA for the latest warning and alerts.



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Fri November 27

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

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Ben Graham
6pm-9pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

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

Sat November 28

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

Hemingway & Co
Acoustic Saturday
From 7pm, Free
7095 Great Eastern Hwy, Mundaring

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Solo Music Festival
12pm-9pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Sun November 29

Settlers House York
Rozzi & Gabi
12pm-3pm, Free
125 Avon Terrace York

Chidlow Tavern
Adele & John
From 12.30-3.30pm, Free
4 Thomas St, Chidlow

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Jazz Elements
4pm-7pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Tues December 1

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

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Smooth Groove
6pm-8.30pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Hemingway & Co
Jazz Tuesday
From 7pm, Free
7095 Great Eastern Hwy, Mundaring

Wed December 2

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

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

Thu December 3

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

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Kalamunda art studio opens to the public

KALAMUNDA artist Sally Edmonds is inviting the public to visit her working studio from December 7 to 13 to get a behind-the-scenes look at her daily creative practice.

Rather than staging a traditional exhibition, Ms Edmonds is opening her doors while she actively paints to show what her workspace looks like up close in real life.

Visitors are welcome to drop by, say hello, and view works in progress on the easel.

"I find that every year at about this time, I have people looking to get something very special for a loved one and I thought I might as well open my doors and give them an opportunity as I would be in my studio anyway," she said.

"Then it occurred to me that people might be interested to see what my working life really looks like when it's not tidied up."

An on-site gallery will also be open, featuring original artworks, prints, cards, and jigsaws available for purchase.

To view daily opening hours for the studio at 20 Roach Road, Kalamunda, visit www.tinyurl.com/ybhucdj3



Sally Edmonds in her Kalamunda studio ahead of the December open week.

Sawyers Valley Primary Christmas celebration

SAWYERS Valley Primary School will open its gates to the wider community for Christmas Under the Gum Trees on Friday, December 4 for a Christmas market and evening of carols set among the trees, with the school's historic old schoolhouse as its backdrop.

From 4pm to 7pm, visitors can wander through more than 30 stalls featuring local makers and small businesses from all over Perth, browse handmade gifts, enjoy food and refreshments from delicious food trucks, and support the school's Year 5 and 6 students as they bring their own sustainable Christmas gift ideas to market.

There will be entertainment to enjoy including games, face painting, local musicians, and a Christmas event wouldn't be complete without a visit from Santa!

As the afternoon settles into evening, the focus will turn to music, local performers and Christmas carols, with students and the community coming together beneath the gum trees.

Contributions from the event will help the school raise funds towards redeveloping its outdoor classroom, creating more opportunities for students to learn, play and explore in the natural surroundings that make the school so special.



Sawyers Valley Primary School students get ready for Christmas under the gum trees.

MJAC community festival is back



A cyanotype print from Blue Armadillo Design is an example of the form of art guests are invited to make on the day. Picture: MJAC

THE Midland Junction Arts Centre (MJAC) is holding an open day, inviting the community to enjoy a day of free, fun and interactive arts activities for all ages on Sunday, November 29.

The event will run from 11am to 3pm.

Local artists welcome visitors to MJAC's studios and creative spaces to explore new exhibitions and the Environmental Art Project with live music and the opportunity to meet like-minded creatives.

An opening Welcome ceremony will be performed by Noongar community leader John Mogridge as the Colour Me Wonder and Environmental Art Project exhibitions are opened.

The Children's Imaginarium will give children the chance to fashion a forest forager mask, paint wildflowers or create colourful craft from 11am to 3pm.

Artists Ric Burkitt, Stacy Gardoll, Steven Aylian, Esther Hort, Odile Bell, Kath Stanwix and Nicole Leuchter are set to attend and meet guests.

Digital and traditional art may be explored on the day bringing musicians, visual, craft and digital artists together at MJAC.

More information on the community event may be found via midlandjunctionartscentre.com.au/community-festival

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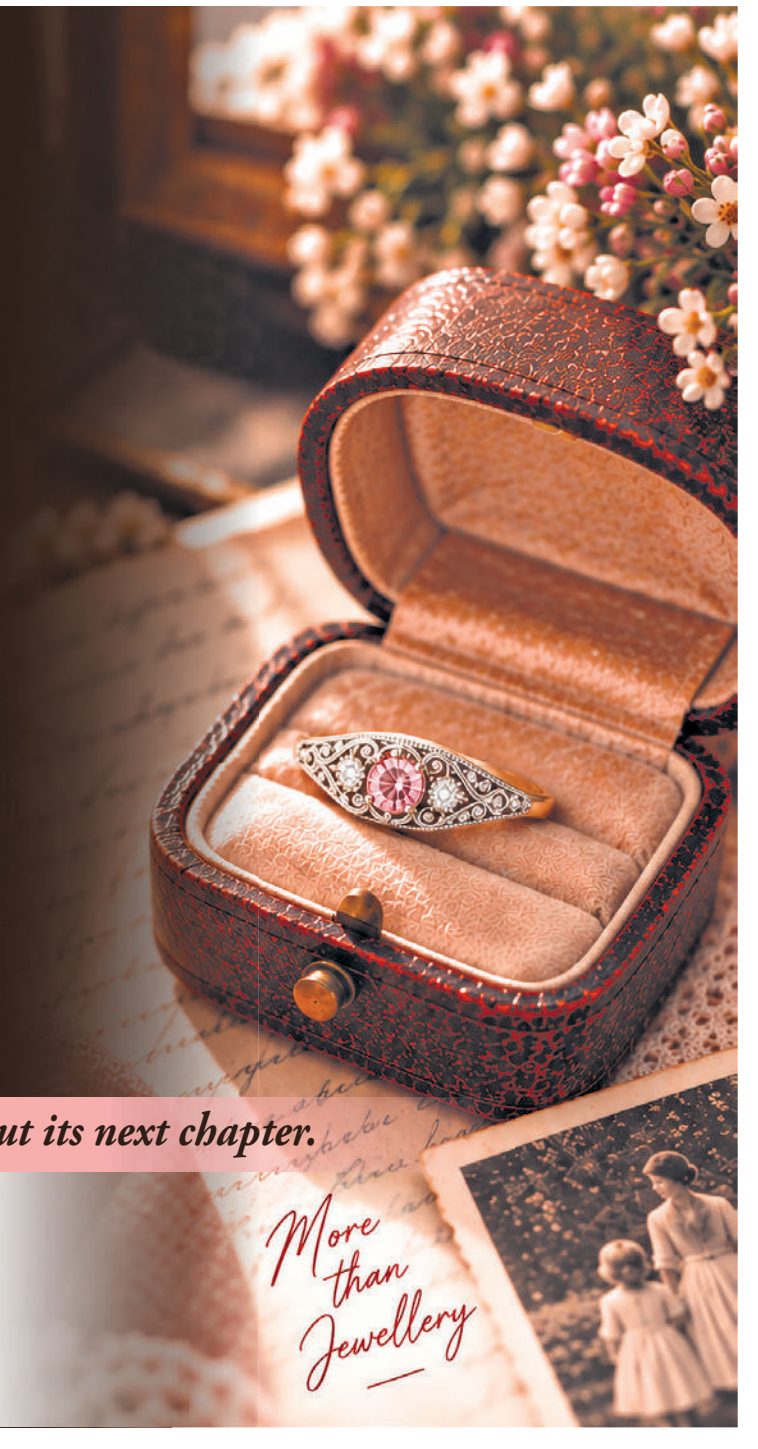
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On the trail

What's happening in the Shire **November 2026**

From the President

There's plenty happening across our Shire, and it's exciting to see important community projects taking shape. We recently shared a first look at the new Local History Museum and Visitor Centre planned as part of the Mundaring Cultural Hub. Developed with the Mundaring and Hills Historical Society, these spaces will celebrate and preserve the stories of the Perth Hills for residents and visitors.

We were also pleased to share the final community-led design for the new Fraser Park Playground in Greenmount. Thanks to everyone who contributed ideas and helped shape a playground that reflects community needs. Council also acted on requests for more playground shade, with shade sails to be retrofitted at Pioneer Park in Mount Helena, Norris Park in Stoneville, Brown Park in Swan View and Grundy Park in Helena Valley. The program will continue to include smaller playgrounds in future years.

Council continues to advocate strongly on issues our community cares deeply about, including permanent protection of the Mundaring Weir catchment from mining and exploration and rezoning the land at North Stoneville.

Looking ahead, Future Mundaring is creating opportunities for residents to share what they value and their aspirations for the future. Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent workshops, roundtables or online survey. Your input is helping inform how our Shire grows and evolves. The conversation continues, and I encourage our community to get involved and have their say. I continue to be impressed by the enthusiasm, ideas and engagement as we work together to shape the future of the Perth Hills.



Paige McNeil
Shire President





Supporting our youth on a national stage

From athletics tracks to motocross circuits, young people from the Shire of Mundaring are making their mark on the national stage, and the Shire is helping them get there.

The Shire has supported 66 young people with Youth Travel Grants in 2026, helping ease the cost of travelling to competitions and giving local youth the opportunity to pursue their ambitions beyond the Perth Hills.

Among this year's recipients is Autumn Good, who represented WA at the Australian Athletics Championships in Sydney. Competing in the 90m and 200m hurdles, Autumn finished fifth in the 90m final before racing to bronze in the 200m hurdles with a new personal best.

Local motocross rider Jayce Stocker has also enjoyed an outstanding year, finishing second in the national Fox Racing MX85 Cup in Queensland. His performances earned him selection for Team Australia at the FIM Junior Motocross World Championship in the Czech Republic, where he placed an impressive 11th overall in the 85cc class.

Congratulations to all our Youth Travel Grant recipients. We're proud to support the next generation of local talent as they achieve great things and represent Mundaring with pride.

Scan QR to apply for a grant today!

Put your Christmas event on the community calendar

Planning a Christmas concert, carols night, festive market, community celebration or end-of-year event?

The Shire is encouraging local community groups to list their upcoming Christmas events on the Shire of Mundaring events calendar and help spread the word to residents across the Hills.

The online calendar is a great way to promote local activities and makes it easier for residents to discover what's happening in their neighbourhood and get involved in the festive season.



03 December

Celebrating Every Story screening

6pm • Kookaburra Cinema

Celebrate International Day of People with Disability with Hard as Puck, a free documentary screening and Q&A.

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04 December

Outdoor Movie Night: Elf

5pm • Helena Valley Primary School

Enjoy a Christmas screening of Elf, with free CircusWA activities, face painting and reptile encounters.

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19 December

Silent Night Party Bright

5pm • Mundaring Recreation Ground

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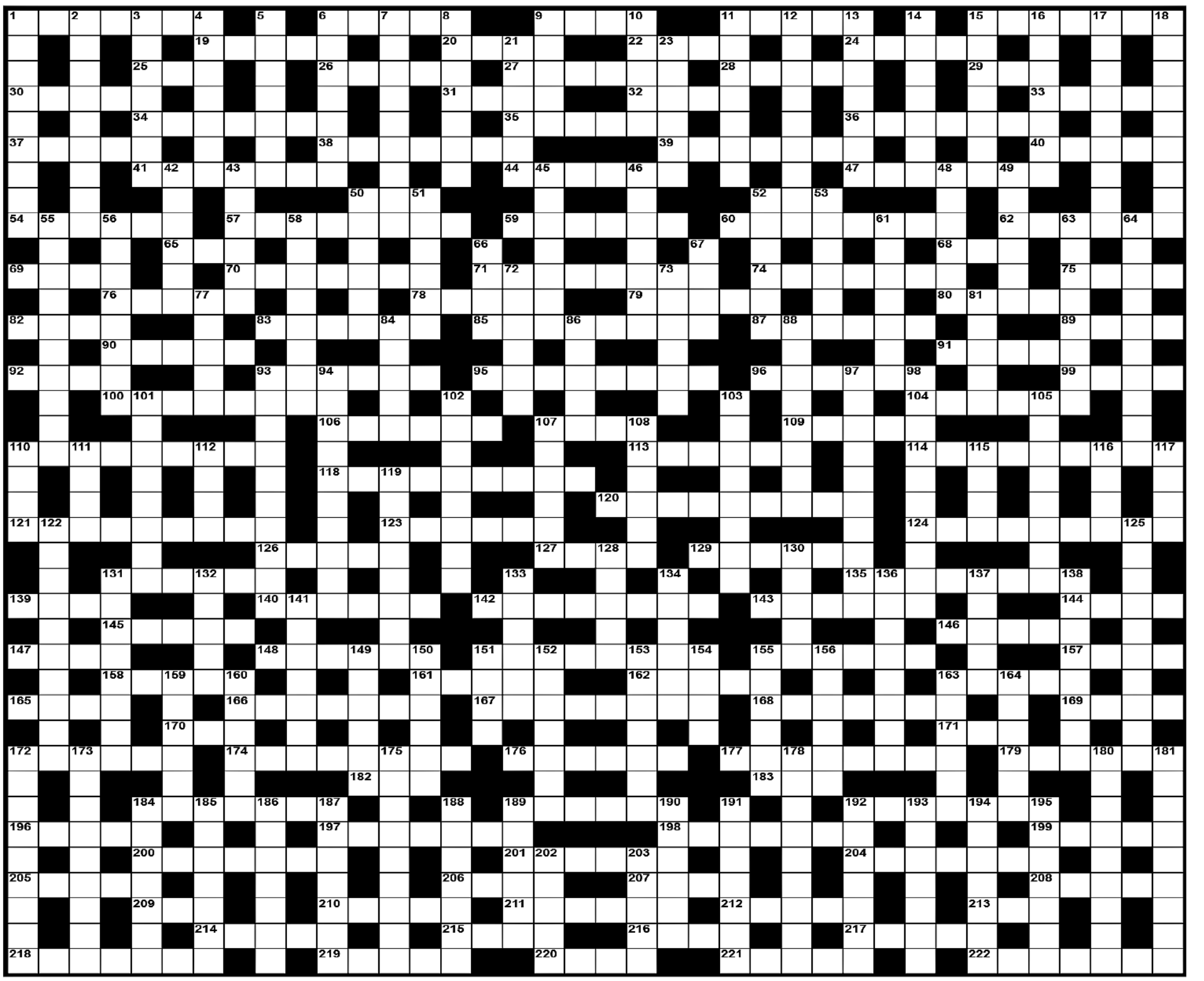
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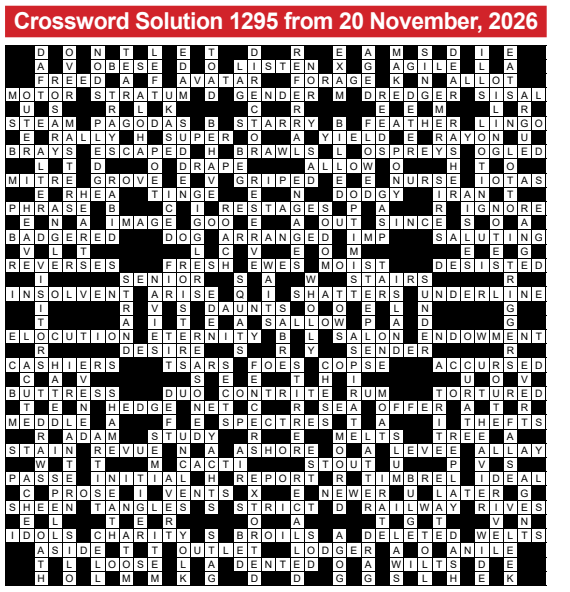
ACROSS

1 Feeds young animals
6 Skin openings
9 Male pig
11 Touches on
15 Capered
19 Arab leader
20 Detest
22 Among
24 In poorer state
25 Sharp tool
26 Master of ceremonies
27 Type of palm
28 Speak indistinctly
29 Eradicate
30 Metal climbers' pin
31 Meadows
32 Signal
33 Chances
34 Have only in mind
35 Was irritated
36 Sign of respect
37 A constellation
38 Tidiest
39 One of refined tastes
40 Thick
41 Gave welcome
44 Russian dictator
47 Jackets
50 Church seat
52 Soak flax etc
54 Breaks
57 Took inside
59 Wine bottle
60 Make as one
62 Suffering loss
65 Friend (coll)
68 Flow back
69 Type of boat
70 Dallies
71 A trellis
74 Newly rich person
75 Shape
76 Flighty
78 Gladden
79 Small watercourse
80 Sudden flow
82 Morose
83 Cruel
85 Having teeth as a saw
87 Most senior
89 Foray
90 Finished
91 Too old
92 Name unknown (abb)
93 Tree-lined street
95 Weaken
96 Leaps
99 Sinful
100 Destructive insects
104 Overturns
106 A church hour
107 Dressed
109 The heavens
110 Moving stairway
113 Assail by words
114 Recalls
118 Was astonished
120 Italian food
121 Not hurt by
123 Form of ridicule
124 Give credit for
126 A fool
127 Trick
129 Throat
131 Be affixed to
135 Frozen ice masses
139 Top
140 People of good social standing
142 Give authority to
143 Costs
144 Type of fruit
145 Sharp
146 Chop small
147 Walk with pain
148 Salad ingredient
151 Very good
155 Gather up
157 Small bites
158 Measure of heat
161 A small egg
162 A heath plant
163 Palatable
165 Against
166 Applause
167 False teeth
168 Gather again
169 Religious leader
170 Touch lightly
171 Sick
172 A junction
174 Goes ahead
176 Hold back
177 Unfaithful friend
179 An envoy
182 Knight's address
183 Move the head
184 Scottish plant
189 Groups of grain stalks
192 Plains turkey
196 Browned in fat
197 Normal
198 Prickly plant
199 Foreign
200 Many
201 Of case in grammar
204 Treasonable person
205 Takes it easy
206 Pack tightly
207 Fills with dread
208 Snares
209 Conditions
210 Ireland
211 Twitch in skin
212 Send out
213 Fish eggs
214 Send away
215 Looks over
216 First garden
217 Wash out
218 More severe
219 Impressions
220 Bribes
221 Sudden winds
222 Ruin

DOWN

1 Of some orchestral music
2 Metal holder
3 Tilting
4 Save from wreckage
5 Practical person
6 Play a part
7 Made again
8 Haven
9 Animal
10 Elevate
11 Of lymphatic glands
12 Without safety measures
13 Suffer in heat
14 Chair meeting
15 Scent
16 Speech
17 Premises for country's agent
18 A rebel
21 Characteristics
23 Young lady
42 Grated
43 In sinful way
45 Animal catcher
46 Put on another
48 Ships of navy
49 Thief
50 Most chaste
51 Small carnivore
52 Chasten
53 Became taut
55 Stately manner
56 Scrap
58 Plan
61 Got together
63 Mediators
64 Plant food
66 Small balls
67 Brought to life
72 Beer glasses
73 Builds
77 Vision
81 Release bonds
84 Speak rudely to
86 Countrified
88 Untie the thing (6,2)
93 Luring
94 Assessment
97 Against all religion
98 Substitutes
101 Did better than
102 Took for granted
103 A lot to eat
105 Lowering in position
107 Masticated
108 Indent in cheek
110 Large jug
111 Small beds
112 Wind instrument
115 Debatable
116 Linen colour
117 Certain
119 Repairer
122 Undergo
125 Happy to win
128 Heathen
130 Chrysalis
131 Changing to suit
132 Outside part
133 Place of worship
134 Dress
136 Religious rite
137 Famous musical
138 Outlaying
141 Put higher
149 Selected top groups
150 Over there
151 Soap froth
152 Merciful
153 A lifting device
154 Flat plate
155 Outdoor area
156 Esteem
159 Meal course
160 Small child
163 Inner courage
164 Sickly colour
172 Huge
173 Abhorrent
175 Instruction
178 Sea reptiles
180 Starter
181 Seriously
184 Coarse material
185 One helping
186 Non-believer
187 Gained strength
188 Is equal to
189 Quiet
190 Cooked in heat
191 Lost
192 Improves
193 Killing
194 Changed
195 Fish-eating birds
202 Off course
203 Small valleys

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Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment 1453 (Standard) – North Bullsbrook Urban Precinct

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) is seeking public comment on a proposal to amend the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) for land in the City of Swan.

The purpose of the amendment is to rezone approximately 80.26 ha in Bullsbrook from the Rural zone to the Urban Deferred zone in the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS).

The proposed amendment will facilitate future residential development and a primary school and public open space.

The proposed amendment is to be progressed as a standard region scheme amendment as it is not regionally significant and does not reflect a significant change to the strategic planning for the Metropolitan region. The proposal also aligns with the Perth and Peel@3.5million / North-East Sub-Regional Planning Framework which identifies the site as Urban Expansion.

The Amendment Report and plans showing the proposed change can be viewed online at https://haveyoursay.dplh.wa.gov.au/

Submissions close **Tuesday 12 January 2027** and can be lodged online at Have Your Say, WA!, via email to regionplanningschemes@dplh.wa.gov.au, or posted to:

The Secretary
Western Australian Planning Commission
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Late submissions may not be considered.

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Hour of Power looks to the future

From p8.

City of Swan strategic planning manager Ian Humphrey presented on the city's local area plan during the November Hour of Power and said the city used local area plans to account for differences in what mattered to people across Swan.

"What we've done is divide the city up into 12 areas," he said.

"The reason for that is the priorities of someone living in Gidgegannup probably isn't the same as a business owner in Malaga's priorities.

"So each local area is unique and does have its own plan and we try to review those every five years or so."

Mr Humphrey said Midland was the current focus of the review. The city sought feedback through visits to schools, businesses and community events.

He asked Midland employers and their staff to share their priorities, given how many people came into the area each day for work.

"Within this area alone, there's about 16,000 jobs," he said.

"The people that you employ and yourselves are an important voice in this area shaping it over the future… we want to hear what you think."

Residents can have their say on the Midland local area plan until November 29 via tinyurl.com/2592bpcr

Swan and Gooseberry Hill sports supporters win cars

From p8.

"Neil, you've won a car," he said.

"It couldn't have gone to anyone more deserving."

Mr Kelly said Mr Aloi had been part of Swan United since 1984 and players could still count on him and his wife for a meal after training.

"(He and his wife) cook pasta on Thursday night for all our teams and contribute a lot of time, which is a big thing in community sport," he said.

Mr Drazevich, who won a Hyundai Tucson Elite Hybrid, said his son had played netball since he was about 12 and his wife had volunteered behind the scenes for years. Through netball, the Gooseberry Hill family had formed friendships well beyond the hills.

"It's great forming friendships throughout the whole (netball) sector," he said.

"A whole lot of other people come in not only from the hills community, but from everywhere else."

Mr Drazevich said he had planned to buy 100 tickets before deciding to buy another 50.

"The winning ticket was the 115th one," he said.

Forrestfield United led football clubs across WA in ticket sales, raising $28,581 and earning a $2000 bonus.

Read between the lines

By Pastor Ian Kirk

A Living Dead Tree



Have you ever seen a dead tree painted blue, especially in our countryside? It's part of the Blue Tree Project; a mental health and suicide prevention awareness initiative. The blue colour stands out in the landscape. The aim is to spark conversations about mental health, to reduce the stigma associated with it, and to remind people to check in on each other and to encourage people to seek support.

The origins of painting a dead tree blue come from Western Australia. It is believed that it first happened when Jayden Whyte and his friend Tjarda Tiedeken painted a dead tree blue on Jayden's family farm in Mukinbudin, in 2014. After Jayden sadly died by suicide in 2018, the story was shared at his funeral and his family launched the formal project in 2019.

Since then, thousands of dead trees have been painted blue. But recently, while travelling between Dongara and Geraldton, I saw something amazing. A blue painted dead tree had come alive. I was so surprised by this, that I stopped the car and took a photo.

This tree, that had come alive, was such a powerful picture for me in relation to what Jesus came into our world to do. As we remember at Christmas, He came to give us spiritually dead people fullness of life and eternal life, through faith in Him. As Jesus declared in John 10:10 *"I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it abundantly"*.

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Upcoming Events

• **Kalamunda Youth Swing Band** gives young musicians the opportunity to rehearse and play in a band. Rehearsals are Monday afternoon during school term. For more information call musical director Leah on 0432 973 395.

• **The Ellenbrook Friendship Group** meets each Wednesday at the Community Centre, 27 Maffina Parade, Ellenbrook from 1pm to 4pm. All welcome to make new friends or just have a chat. Enjoy indoor bowls, afternoon tea and the occasional outing. For more information call Sheila on 0402 973 307.

• **The Swan Woodturners Association of WA** meets every Tuesday at 1pm for a 1.30pm start at the Caversham Memorial Hall, 7847 West Swan Road, Caversham for men and women of all ages interested in learning the art of woodturning. Woodturning demonstrations are undertaken each week with demonstrations also displayed on large TV screens. Competitions are held for those members eager to improve their skill level. For more visit woodturner swa.org.au and then go to Swan Woodturners Group or contact the convenor on 0476 178 002.

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

• **Save the Children Hills branch** will hold a Christmas fund raising stall at Mundaring Shopping Mall outside Woolworths on Friday, December 11, from 9am to 3.30pm. The stall will include popular second hand books, hand knits, crochet rugs and plants-a-plenty. No EFTPOS avaliable but there will be an ATM machine nearby.

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.

Woofer of the week



Coco is a seven-month-old dachshund cross cocker spaniel. She is looking for a home without a landlord who can evict her. Coco is very sweet and is sterilised, vaccinated, microchipped. Costs Apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.

ECHO Sports

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All abilities tennis serves up success



The Midland Lawn Tennis Club ran a successful six-week all-abilities tennis program.

ON Sunday, November 22 Midland Lawn Tennis Club ran their final celebration session of the all-abilities tennis program.

Twelve participants ranging from ages 5 to 50 completed the six-week beginners' course.

A participant, who wished to remain anonymous, said "I definitely want to join the club now and play more tennis."

A Best Lives support worker said two weeks prior to the sessions, a coach asked them to join on the court.

"I had never held a racket before," they said.

"(Since the course), I bought me and my family new shoes and rackets and now we play every weekend."

Inclusion Solutions consultant Harriet Mayer said the results were a perfect example of how community-led sports benefitted players and friends, family and carers in the community.

"Midland Lawn Tennis Club, their volunteers and their coaches are an excellent example of what it means to include everyone," she said.

"We are so excited to share that we will be running a summer holiday program leading into a regular weekly session at the club."

The Midland Lawn Tennis Club is now looking to run two different programs with one aimed at welcoming kids with intellectual disabilities and the other for adults.

Delivered by Midland Tennis Club and Inclusion Solutions through the Included in Sport project, the free six-week program launched on October 18.

Unlike many all-abilities sporting programs that focus primarily on physical disabilities, Included in Sport was specifically designed to champion inclusion for people with intellectual disability, autism and other often-overlooked hidden disabilities.

Midland Lawn Tennis Club president Lester Poultney said the enthusiasm shown by participants was inspiring.

"It was outstanding to see the players grab the sport by the scruff of its neck," he said.

"I'm proud to have amazing coaches and a full committee of experienced and supportive people to launch the program."

The Included in Sport project is funded by the state government and aims to create more opportunities for people with disability to participate in mainstream community sport.



Ellenbrook ten-pin bowler Joshua Rudd representing WA at the Special Olympics National Games in Melbourne.

Ellenbrook bowler claims national gold

BRAYDEN MOULD

REPRESENTING WA, Ellenbrook resident Joshua Rudd has carried the pride of his community all the way to the national podium at the Special Olympics National Games in Melbourne on October 23.

The 2026 event also marked a major milestone for the organisation, held under the theme "Celebrating 50 Years of Inclusion: The Next 50 Starts Here" to honour five decades of creating sporting opportunities in Australia.

Rudd secured a gold medal, a silver medal and a fourth-place finish during the tournament, competing against top athletes from every state and territory across the country.

Mr Rudd said he trained at least twice a week for two years leading up to the national competition alongside his coaches Moria and Brian.

"Since growing up with a disability, I never really won much first places and probably even second places very often," he said.

"It was something that I probably looked back on and thought it's about time I won something."

Mr Rudd said overcoming nerves and keeping his shots out of the gutters on the national stage were his biggest challenges during the tournament.

"It's not just the bowling technique itself, it's also trying to get down where you want it to go without going into the gutters," he said.

His interstate trip was funded through community fundraising – including selling boxes of chocolates with his father Wayne and host family member Mandy – alongside backing from sponsor Jazzy Malik.

"If it wasn't for him, we wouldn't have made it," Mr Rudd said.

Mr Rudd also encouraged people of all ages with intellectual disabilities to get involved with Special Olympics WA, he said the sport is a great way to make friends and build confidence.

"Anyone is free to join, whether they're young kids, or 50, 60, 70-year-olds, just about anyone can do it," he said.

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Ellenbrook property sales uplift in November

ELLENBROOK has been counted among the top property selling suburbs in mid-November according to data from the Real Estate Institute of WA (REIWA).

Ellenbrook saw 13 property sales in the week ending November 15, only outperformed by Scarborough which saw 15 sales.

Mandurah reported 10, Perth 9, Baldivis and Dianella tied for 8, Halls Head 7 and Leeming reported 6.

House sales were down 2.6 per cent in the week ending November 15 compared to the previous week with a total of 594 transactions being reported to REIWA.

This figure was part of a 4.7 per cent decrease in total sales with a 7.5 per cent downturn in unit sales and a 19.5 per cent decrease in land sales contributing to the wider effect.

Perth's highest reported sale price during the November 15 week was $2.06 million in Scarborough.

Perth's lowest reported sale price during the same week was $460,000 in Maylands.

These reports come during 9786 properties being listed for sale in Perth, which was 2.8 per cent higher than the previous week.

According to REIWA, the figure indicated a 13.4 per cent increase in properties listed for sale from the previous month and a 223.4 per cent increase compared to the previous year.

In Perth's rental market, REIWA members reported 2453 properties for rent during the week ending November 15 which was a 9.2 per cent increase from the previous week.

Suburbs north of the Swan River were not part of the top 10 performing suburbs for rentals while 546 properties were reportedly being leased during the mid-November week.

Rentals are experiencing a decline with the 546 properties leased indicating a 20.3 per cent decrease in market activity compared to a year ago.



Ellenbrook sold 13 properties in mid-November, only topped by Scarborough in sale figures during the same week.

I Remember When...



Milton Rendell – CEO
Real Estate Plus Group

Do you remember where Real Estate Plus started its journey back in September 1999?

Our very first office was located at the Sayer Street entrance to Midland Gate Shopping Centre, where we spent our first couple of years establishing ourselves in the local real estate market.

In November 2001, we purchased one of Midland's long-serving agencies, Sarich Real Estate. George Sarich had operated in the area for some thirty years and was a well-respected local real estate identity. His office was located in The Crescent, and it was there that Real Estate Plus made its home for the next twenty years

In 2020, another opportunity came our way when we were appointed to manage the then newly constructed Catalyst Apartments building, a property we remain involved with today.

Now, some twenty-seven years after we first opened our doors, another chapter in our journey is about to begin.

Our new home will be in what I have been calling the Red Centre of Midland, at 42 Helena Street, on the corner of Helena Street and The Crescent.

Many locals will remember the building as the Ferrari Building, but before that it was home to Westpac Bank. And here's where the story becomes a little more personal. Back in 1986, I actually worked in that very building during my banking career. Who would have thought that forty years later I would be returning, this time with my own real estate business? So, in many ways, I have come full circle. Not in my career, but certainly in my location!

You may have noticed the building undergoing something of a transformation over recent weeks, with its exterior now sporting our corporate colour of bright red. It's certainly difficult to miss!

Behind the scenes, we have been busy redesigning and refreshing a building that was well overdue for a little attention. It has been an interesting exercise, bringing some new life and character into a familiar Midland landmark.

During December, we will be relocating our team to our new premises, and we would love to welcome locals, past clients and friends to come in and have a look.

We have a few surprises planned, including some interesting displays that I think people will enjoy. But I won't spoil those surprises just yet!

For me, this move is about more than simply changing offices. It's about giving Real Estate Plus and our team a fresh start, while continuing our long association with Midland and the surrounding community.

After all, we have been part of the local landscape for twenty-seven years, and I have no intention of disappearing just yet!

We look forward to welcoming you to the new Red Centre of Midland.

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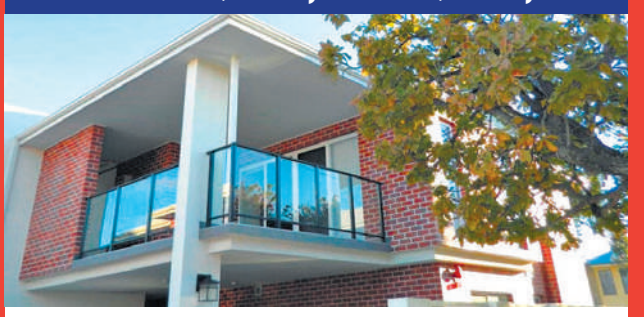


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