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ECHO Celebrations



Wooroloo Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade captain Katina Sweeney says she hopes the anniversary event will bring the community together.

Wooroloo volunteer fire brigade turns 85

THE Wooroloo Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade (WVBFB) is turning 85 years old on November 14 and welcomes the community to join and celebrate the milestone at Wooroloo fire station.

The event is set to run from 7pm to 10pm on November 14 with giant games, lolly bags, a colouring station for children along with food trucks and tunes from The Mucky Duck Bush Band.

According to the Lost Mundaring and Surroundings history museum, WVBFB was established in 1941 as the Shire of Mundaring's first volunteer bushfire brigade.

The brigade has responded to incidents in the hills and throughout the state, including the 1997 Wooroloo fire, the 2011 Roleystone fire, 2014 Parkerville fire and most recently the 2021 Wooroloo bushfires.

Since the 2021 Wooroloo bushfires the brigade has built community engagement through local community events.

These include events specialising in fire preparedness and engaging with primary schools in the area to teach the importance of bushfire and fire safety awareness.

The Christmas Eve Santa Lolly Run is also a long-running tradition of the brigade.

Since its formation, the brigade had extended the original small fire shed into the station it is now, with efforts from community and brigade members to fundraise and build extensions onto the building.

In 2020, Lesley Lynam became the brigade's first ever female brigade captain.

In 2026 Katina Sweeney took over captaincy becoming the second female captain in the brigade's history.

Ms Sweeney said being the second female captain in the brigade's history made her proud.

"Being able to inspire young girls growing up and showing that they can do these things as well, I think is really great," she said.

"Lesley was my previous captain, and she became captain without looking to become captain and she needed to learn the ropes and the rest the hard way.

"With her support, I was able to ease into the role and not have the stress behind it like she did.

"For me, it demonstrated the meaning of being the best leader I can be, helping others move up in their roles as well and being somebody that the community comes to."

WVBFB are the oldest and smallest brigade in the Shire of Mundaring with nine active members and two auxiliary members who undertake behind-the-scenes roles.

Ms Sweeney said the close-knit nature of a smaller brigade meant it felt more like a family.

"It's not just about being out there fighting fires, and we do things like this for the community," she said.

"Being able to connect through our lolly run or Anzac Day services has been really beneficial.

"We do have a community with quite a lot of older people and travelling might be a bit hard for them.





The brigade is welcoming new volunteers.

"We're in our third year now of Anzac services and having a service where they can just walk down to the hall has been really beneficial."

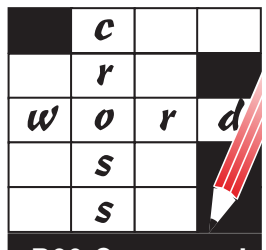
Despite the ravages of the Wooroloo fires, the brigade has been able to find a silver lining in the connections that have strengthened in the community.

"The silver lining is we put ourselves out there and got involved in the community a lot more," Ms Sweeney said.

"We're the smallest brigade in the shire with nine active members and two auxillary members, so we're hoping the event could also be a chance to encourage more people to join up.

"We want the brigade to feel like something the community can take part in, join and feel they belong."

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Data centre rally next week

GUANHAO CHENG

HAZELMERE residents are planning a second rally next week, opposing the CDC proposal for a data centre on Bushmead Road.

The rally is set to be held on November 11 with organisers gathering for a march at 5pm from the City of Swan council offices to the council chambers at Midland Town Hall.

The planned gathering follows the protest reported in *CDC data centre rally in Hazelmere* (*Echo News*, October 23), when residents marched around Bruce Elliott Reserve during a CDC community consultation session at Hazelmere Hall.

At that gathering, Trillion Trees communications coordinator Kate Herren raised concerns about tree loss and the scale of the proposed development.

Residents also questioned CDC representatives about energy and water use, cooling and the need for the facility.

Trillion Trees has outlined its opposition in a public statement, citing potential impacts on remnant vegetation, wildlife habitat, nearby homes and local amenity.

The organisation says more than 400 established trees across the sites and verges would be lost, including 79 marri trees.

On its project website, CDC says the location was selected to minimise impacts on neighbouring communities and support government and essential digital services.

The company says acoustic measures and the placement of noise-generating equipment would limit noise for nearby residents.

It also says its closed-loop cooling system recirculates water, reducing the need to draw on local supplies for cooling, and that the project would create construction and ongoing skilled jobs.

At the earlier consultation event, CDC chief operations officer Glenn Uidam said the company would take community concerns back for further consideration.

Community submissions will be included in the city's report to the development assessment panel.

Swan electors trigger special meeting call

BRAYDEN MOULD

CITY of Swan residents have successfully triggered a special electors meeting following concerns over proposed local representation and ward boundary changes.

The meeting will be held at Midland Town Hall on Monday, November 9 commencing at 6.30pm.

The Guildford Association successfully secured over 400 signatures to challenge the city's ward boundary review draft, which they argue contains errors and potential biases that require further investigation.

This follows council's previous rejection of a September motion to pause public consultation of the ward review until concerns in the discussion paper were addressed, as reported in *Swan rejects bid to pause ward review consultation* (*Echo News*, September 25).

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions from the floor before council debates a motion calling on the city to withdraw the discussion paper, correct all errors, comply with state advisory guidelines, and undertake a comprehensive review.

Registration is required to attend the meeting or submit questions in advance via the City of Swan's website at www.tinyurl.com/48bbp7yc



Milner Road trial ends early



The road closure was ended earlier than scheduled.

GUANHAO CHENG

MILNER Road has reopened to traffic after Kalamunda council voted to end its four-week trial closure early, following objections from High Wycombe residents.

The trial began on October 12, but council resolved to end it early at the October 27 ordinary council meeting.

City crews removed the temporary barriers and associated signs two days later, restoring through access.

As reported in *Milner Road trial closure draws resident concerns* (*Echo News*, October 16), residents raised concerns about consultation, pedestrian safety and emergency access.

During the October council meeting, High Wycombe resident Eileen Hort presented a deputation opposing the closure.

"Safety must not mean moving the risk elsewhere," Ms Hort said.

"If heavy vehicles, turning onto Milner and Maida Vale roads is considered a safety concern, why is it acceptable to redirect those same vehicles through other residential streets?

"Closing Milner Road will not remove heavy vehicles (but) force them onto longer routes… including the busy Sultana Road."

During council discussion about Milner Road's closure, it was confirmed the closure was put in place from October 12 but had been vandalised to allow the road to remain open.

South East ward councillor David Modolo, who moved the motion, said he'd received overwhelming feedback opposing the closure.

"Residents have asked us to restore their access and tonight… council has an opportunity to do so," he said.

North West ward councillor Lisa Cooper said safety and amenity concerns around the intersection of Milner and Maida Vale roads have been a long-standing issue.

"(The issues) have been ongoing ever since… 2019," she said.

Cr Cooper said a resident had written a letter to her about the early morning disturbance and non-compliance with the closure.

"All the road closure signage is still in place and the road is still being used by everyone," she said.

"I acknowledge the frustration felt by some members of the community who may have been impacted by the temporary road closure (though) I was quite shocked that people would deliberately set out to remove the road closure barriers.

"I would ask the city please examine other options… to ensure that Milner and Maida Vale roads are safe for residents living in close vicinity to road users and for the pedestrians."

The motion was passed 7-2.

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Thought for the day

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."

- George Bernard Shaw

Olive Branch extended

Dear *Echo News*,

In answer to the recent 'Olives Trees out of control' letter from R Carson of Bennett Springs.

Allow me to extend an olive branch to you.

The olive is a fruit and a much revered one at that as it has been part of religious ceremonies and culture throughout the different civilisations that have come before us.

I gather in Italy there are six hundred varieties or perhaps even more. In Spain, Turkey, Greece, Morrocco, Australia, United States of America, South America, South Africa, China and Japan olives are also grown.

Yes indeedy, the world loves olives.

I have an olive tree on my verge and as it shades the passerby it reminds people of the country that they have left behind to come and work in Midland on the meatworks, the rail works, the factories and all other occupations that were here in the 1950s onward.

It is a comfort. When I first came to this area I had never grown a tree in my life and certainly not an olive tree.

I drew a plan of how I was going to create my garden and talked about my heritage and my family history of my mother who always planted an olive tree each place that she lived in and applied to the council to grow one.

So. I got my olive tree. The first one was removed, the second was root bound and the third I went and bought and it is now flourishing, fruiting and the other day I noticed a bird's nest in the branches.

A woman that moved here 50 years ago from Calabria taught me to pickle the olives and now I teach the people that live nearby as well as people that pass by as it is easy and simple to create as part of your pantry.

Sometimes I give a passing stranger a jar which I will say brightens up their day.

So, an olive tree can bring together and create a community.

We also need trees for food, shade and a home for birds and other animals and cities need that canopy as there is going to be higher temperatures and less rainfall in some areas.

I am appalled at the idea of olive trees being poisoned and destroyed as all living life deserves respect and a right to live.

A Brown
Guildford

Data centre protests

Dear *Echo News*,

I notice that when protesting against the CDC data centre establishment, it appears that a certain generation seem to participate.

The younger generation, that it will affect most, do not seem to consider the vast damage that will occur and the wildlife to the natural landscape.

On another subject I have lived in Viveash since 2003.

It is a nice area to live but I am finding it a bit constricting now with all the developments going on and I wish they made the streets a little wider.

Also, I believe that the street curbs in Viveash and surrounding Midland roads should be limited to the width.

That would allow for more vehicles to park off road.

Unfortunately, we have in many households in Viveash between three to six vehicles parked in the front of a lot of new homes.

Love development - but time and eras change and so do we have to accommodate change.

R Mungioli
Viveash

Council collective amnesia

Dear *Echo News*,

On October 27, Kalamunda councillors lined up to tell residents there had never been a caravan park planned for the heritage-listed Carmel Schoolhouse which has been used by the scouts since 1992.

"There is no proposal for a caravan park at this site," said Cr David Modolo. "The council has not said it's going to be a caravan park. It's never said that," said Mayor Margaret Thomas.

Cr Josh Clark said: "Misinformation fills the vacuum". Deputy Mayor Kathy Ritchie was "not sure where that's come from."

I can help. It came from them.

On June 23, every councillor present voted to endorse the city's confidential business case for the site.

Its preferred option is titled 'Delivery of a camping and caravan ready site (ground lease)'.

A caravan park is currently prohibited there, so the business case recommends amending the planning scheme to allow, in its own words, "caravan park usage". It seeks, "an experienced operator from the caravan and camping sector".

The officer's report in that night's public agenda refers to camping or caravan use in 12 places.

The business case, since released under FOI, adds at least 11 more.

A concept plan prepared in February shows 15 caravan sites. That same night, deputy mayor Ritchie asked officers how the scouts would fare beside "a caravan park with a shop".

On October 27, councillors had the chance to undo the June decision.

The revocation motion would have shelved the business case, cancelled the expression of interest and offered the scouts a new lease.

It was lost, six votes to three. The Mayor and deputy mayor were among the six.

So, the June decision stands: the market test goes ahead, and the scouts, who have cared for the schoolhouse since 1992, remain on a holdover lease with no new lease on offer.

The business case council endorsed recommends 'ceasing any further lease or licence agreements' for the site and plans for their 'vacating, and site handover'.

The 100 or so residents, scouts and parents who packed the schoolhouse on October 7 did not misunderstand anything. They understood the city's own documents.

Councillors are entitled to change their minds. They are not entitled to rewrite the record.

In November they should correct it, and publish the business case so every ratepayer can read it.

B Dornan
Wattle Grove

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Shire of Northam appoints temporary chief executive

GUANHAO CHENG

THE Shire of Northam council resolved at a special council meeting to appoint Tim Clynch as the shire's temporary chief executive officer.

Mr Clynch brings with him 38 years of local government experience, 23 of which he has spent as chief executive.

He has previously worked in various local governments, spending 20 years with the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and has experience in previous acting director and chief executive roles.

Mr Clynch will begin his new role at the Shire of Northam in December to ensure continuity of service following the departure of current Shire of Northam chief executive officer Debbie Terelinck.

Ms Terelinck has been with the shire since October 2023 and led the organisation through a significant period of change, according to the shire.

As reported in *Northam begins search for new chief executive* (*Echo News*, August 14) Ms Terelinck resigned citing family commitments and a desire to pursue other interests.

"It has been a privilege to be the Shire of Northam's chief executive officer for the past three years, and after spending nearly 45 years working in the local government sector it is time for me to pursue other interests," she said at the time.

Mr Clynch will be the acting chief executive for the period of transition until a new chief executive is appointed and begins their work in the role in 2027.

Shire of Northam President Chris Antonio said he and the council were thrilled to welcome Mr Clynch to the shire.



Shire of Northam temporary chief executive officer Tim Clynch was the chief executive of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes for 20 years.

"With the departure of Ms Terelinck, we acknowledge that we have some very big shoes to fill and so it is imperative that this process is undertaken with a view to ensuring we get the right person for the role," he said.

"Tim's time with the Shire of Northam will ensure that this is possible, and we are very pleased to be working with such experience during this transitional period."

Ms Terelinck is set to leave the organisation on December 11.

Mr Clynch has agreed to stay on board with the shire until early 2027.





WA representatives standing against aerial brumby culling at Federal Parliament.

Perth Hills advocates take brumby fight to Canberra

BRAYDEN MOULD

HORSE advocates from across the Perth Hills travelled to Canberra on October 15 to represent Western Australia at a national rally opposing aerial brumby culling in Kosciuszko National Park.

Residents from across Perth's eastern suburbs joined an assembly of more than 500 protesters outside Parliament House.

The trip follows previous community action where more than 200 demonstrators gathered in the Midland city centre on August 1 to protest lethal horse management programs, as reported in *Midland rallies against wild horse aerial culling* (*Echo News*, August 14).

Wooroloo resident Kim Nilsson said she and other Perth Hills residents made the journey east to convey the widespread public concern to federal decision-makers.

"We stood at the front of Parliament House to speak for those who could not speak for themselves, the Kosciuszko brumbies," she said.

Supporters carrying banners and signs gathered on the steps of the federal building to demand an immediate end to aerial shooting programs.

Demonstrators were calling for authorities to replace lethal culling with non-lethal alternatives, including passive trapping, fertility control vaccines, and expanded rehoming networks.

Addressing the crowd, Ms Nilsson appealed directly to members of parliament to set aside political debate and acknowledge the reality and impact of the current control programs.

"My speech appealed directly to the hearts and consciences of our representatives, asking them to take away the political debates, and let us look honestly at what is being permitted," she said.

"Describing the inhumane culling methods of horses being shot from helicopters up to 15 times to try and kill them and being left to die long, slow agonising deaths."

The rally served as a platform for groups across Australia to share experiences, coordinate strategy, and raise funds for volunteer-run horse sanctuaries.

"We came together to help each other deal with some of the most devastating news and horrific scenes involving our heritage brumbies and to fundraise for the sanctuaries who need our help," Ms Nilsson said.

"It was so important to have representatives from Western Australia come to support the cause and it speaks volumes to the government, letting them know that this issue is Australia wide."

The NSW government has confirmed further aerial and ground shooting of wild brumbies has been paused pending the results of the 2026 wild horse population survey which is expected to be published in early 2027.

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Midland youth housing officially opened







The facility will increase the capacity to house 30 more vulnerable young people under the housing first model. Pictures: Guanhao Cheng

GUANHAO CHENG

THE state's first dedicated 'housing first for youth' (HF4Y) accommodation facility officially opened in Midland on Tuesday, adding 30 new units for young people in need.

The new facility has 10 ground-floor units for young people aged 15 to 25 requiring high-level supervision and support.

There are also 20 units across the second and third floors for young people aged 15 to 25 requiring low-to-moderate level supervision.

According to Indigo Junction, the name Yaakiny (pronounced yaarh-kin), is a Noongar word meaning 'stand tall'.

It was chosen by Indigo Junction's cultural committee to reflect the strength and resilience the space seeks to nurture in young people who live there.

Indigo Junction chief executive officer Sharon Gough said Yaakiny's opening was a significant milestone for the organisation and young people experiencing homelessness in the area.

"The 'housing first for youth' service model is an international evidence-based model that has achieved outstanding outcomes and will be the first of its kind in Western Australia," she said.

HF4Y is based on the principle that young people do not need to demonstrate readiness before accessing housing.

The approach operates from an understanding that stable housing provides a foundation from which young people can address other challenges and work towards their own goals with the support they choose.

Yaakiny aims to provide young people living there 24/7 care and support, alongside programs and activities designed to build tenancy management, independent living and life skills.

The support services also aim to provide education, training and employment opportunities, cultural supports, specialist health services and community and recreation activities.

Experienced support workers will help young people access a range of therapeutic and specialist services, including counselling, legal assistance, alcohol and other drug support, financial assistance and longer-term housing.

As reported in *Youth crisis transitional housing boost* (*Echo News*, February 7, 2025) the new building's journey started in 2023 when Indigo Junction secured $5.67m under the state government's social housing economic recovery package.

The purpose of the injection was to construct a new youth crisis and transitional accommodation service.

In 2024, Indigo Junction received $5m to fully refurbish the existing six-bed youth house which now connects to the new landmark building, as reported in *Indigo Junction receives $5m grant for two major projects* (*Echo News*, April 25, 2024).

At the time, Indigo Junction was calling for a further $4m of funding to begin construction of the Yaakiny building.



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Hovea, Stoneville and Parkerville residents form a new association

PETER W LEWIS

RESIDENTS of Hovea, Stoneville and Parkerville will combine their efforts with the recent forming of the Hovea-Stoneville-Parkerville Residents and Ratepayers Association (HSPPR).

The incorporation last month of the new association sees the amalgamation of the Hovea Residents and Ratepayers Association (HRRA) and the Stoneville and Parkerville Progress Association (SPPA).

HSPPR chair Jo Sheil said it was recognised last year that the SPPA and HRRA, organisations with similar objectives and membership, could strengthen the support of the community by joining together to support members and gain strength in numbers.

"This perpetuates the support of the community by a residents and ratepayers association in the Stoneville area and surrounds continuously for more than 100 years," she said.

"The HSPRR will combine the strong personalised community touch of the HRRA and the advocacy that has characterised the SPPA over recent years."

Recent community issues have included the fight against the development of North Stoneville, support of community members who have been affected by multiple bushfires, the establishment of the Stoneville Community Garden and the installation of local community facilities.

"We are very excited to be moving forward with a strengthened executive and larger membership base," Mrs Sheil said.

She said the objectives of the new association are to represent and advocate for the interests of residents and ratepayers of Hovea, Stoneville, and Parkerville, encourage community engagement, provide a forum for local discussion, and advocate for the community on matters affecting the area.



Members of the new steering committee secretary Jenny Mikucki, treasurer Ray Hoareau, committee members Greg Jones and Katie Kemp, chair Jo Sheil and vice chair Anil Subramanya.

The group also aims to protect and enhance the environment, heritage and amenity of the area, support projects that improve local services, safety, connectedness, and quality of life and liaise with local, state and federal government bodies and other relevant authorities and community groups.

The Stoneville Community Garden will continue to operate as a project of the HSPRR and will celebrate its fifth birthday this year.

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Woman charged over Forrestfield arson

STRIKE Force Vulcan officers and Forrestfield Police have charged a 41-year-old woman following an arson incident in Forrestfield on Thursday, October 29.

It will be alleged, between 1.30pm and 1.40pm, the accused attended a firebreak along Holmes Road and Whistlepipe Court, and used a mobile heat source to set alight multiple fires along the firebreak.

The following day the 41-year-old from Kalamunda was arrested and charged with four counts of wilfully lighting or causing to be lit a fire likely to injure or damage.

The blaze triggered an urgent evacuation of Kalamunda residents.

She appeared before Perth Magistrates Court on Saturday, October 31 where she was remanded in custody until her next appearance on January 28 at Armadale Magistrates Court.

Timely information received from members of the public plays a vital role in identifying arsonists. Strike Force Vulcan officers urge anyone with any information in relation to bushfires to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via www.crimestoppers.com.au

Firefighting aircraft deployed early to protect grain growers

A FLEET of specialised aircraft has been activated early to help protect growers and Western Australia's multibillion-dollar grain harvest as the fire risk increases.

A strike team of two fixed-wing waterbombers and an air attack supervisor are now based in Narrogin, ready to respond to fast-moving crop fires in the Wheatbelt.

The waterbombers can reach speeds up to 350kmh, drop up to 3150L of water, foam, or retardant and require just minutes to refuel and reload.

During the 2025/26 season, the grain harvest aerial fleet attended 34 incidents and flew nearly 142 hours with crews assisting at major fires in Warradarge, Geraldton, Mindarabin, and West River.

The fleet is part of the state government's commitment to bolstering emergency preparedness and response across remote and regional communities.

It is managed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) with support from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Darren Klemm said during the 2025/26 season, DFES responded to some particularly dangerous harvest fires which reached emergency warning level, threatening lives and property.



A fixed-wing waterbomber in action.

"Crop fires are commonly sparked by machinery or lightning and can spread extremely quickly, so it is vital we provide a rapid and effective firefighting response.

"These aircraft can be on the scene of a fire quickly and will be repositioned across key grain-growing regions throughout the harvest period based on the most up-to-date risk assessments."

As the weather heats up, rural property owners are urged to create an emergency plan that includes their family and employees using the Emergency WA app or website and stay up to date with the latest warnings and alerts.

Visit the site via www.emergency.wa.gov.au

Declared bird pest is found in Maida Vale

RESIDENTS in the eastern suburbs and Perth foothills are asked to be on the lookout for any unusual birds with a distinctive call following a recent report of California quail in Maida Vale.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) received the report from a member of the public about the declared pest species which sparked the surveillance operation.

DPIRD regional biosecurity coordinator Tim Stevens said of the seven birds initially observed and reported, only two were captured.

"We are now asking the community to be more vigilant as the quail will possibly be present in greater numbers after their breeding season and the chicks leave the nest and become more obvious," Mr Stevens said.

"California quail are prohibited declared pests in Western Australia due to their potential to quickly establish populations in the wild.

"The quails eat seeds and foliage and when in high numbers can damage grape and grain crops and threaten native quail by competing for food and nesting sites."

Mr Stevens said the last incursion of the bird in WA was in 2016, when the quail was detected on several properties in the Gidgegannup area by vigilant landholders, who quickly reported the finding to DPIRD.



California quail is a declared pest.

"The department carried out surveillance and subsequently trapped and removed many California quail from various locations within Gidgegannup. By June 2017 a total of 31 quail had been removed."

Mr Stevens said California quail have a very different appearance to WA native quail.

"This pest species is usually found in groups and prefers to remain on the ground and only fly when necessary," he said.

"They are a stout, mostly grey bird which are about 27cm in height with a distinctive black teardrop-shaped crest and brownish white speckled belly and wings, with males having a chestnut crown and black throat both edged with white."

Sightings can be reported at the MyPestGuide Reporter app at www.dpird.wa.gov.au/online-tools/mypestguide/mypestguide-reporter/

Have you seen a frog around lately?





Rare WA frogs include the Turtle Frog and the Western Toadlet. Pictures: Australian Museum and Greg Harold

YOUR backyard could hold the key to protecting Australia's threatened frogs, with the Australian Museum calling on people to help scientists uncover the species living in their neighbourhoods during FrogID Week from November 6 to 15.

Now in its ninth year, FrogID is one of Australia's biggest citizen science programs, encouraging Australians to record the frogs they hear around them to help scientists better understand and protect threatened species.

This year, new research from the Australian Museum has revealed just how important private land is for frog conservation in WA.

Of almost 500,000 FrogID recordings analysed, 86 per cent came from private land, with 20 threatened frog species recorded on privately owned properties.

Five WA frogs are on the most wanted list, including Copland's Rock Frog, Western Toadlet, Tanami Toadlet, Turtle Frog and Desert Spadefoot.

With one in five Australian frog species threatened with extinction, scientists are encouraging Australians to record calls using the free FrogID app to help identify where threatened species are surviving.

Australian Museum Lead Scientist for FrogID and Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Biology curator Dr Jodi Rowley said recordings from the community are helping fill important gaps in scientists' knowledge of Australia's frogs.

"You don't need to travel into the wilderness to contribute to scientific discovery. There could be frogs calling in your own backyard, and we'd love to hear them," Dr Rowley said.

Australian Museum chief executive officer Kim McKay, said FrogID Week gives every Australian an opportunity to contribute to important scientific research.

"FrogID is one of the most accessible ways Australians can become citizen scientists. All you need is a smartphone and a few minutes to listen to the frogs around you.

"Every recording contributes to our understanding of Australia's biodiversity, and the more people who participate, the more we can discover about the incredible species that share our environment," Ms McKay said.

People can take part by downloading the free FrogID app available from www.frogid.net.au and recording frog calls wherever they hear them.

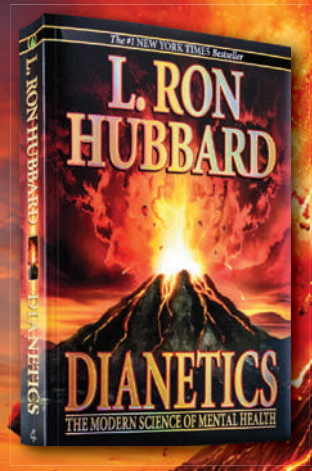
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Alcoa conditions not enough conservation groups claim

CONSERVATION groups say new state government conditions on Alcoa don't go far enough to protect the Northern Jarrah Forest.

The groups remain steadfast that no amount of conditions can offset the danger of Alcoa's operations to critical habitat, drinking water and the climate.

"Alcoa has been granted yet another free pass to continue its destruction in the Northern Jarrah Forest," Conservation Council of WA executive director Matt Roberts said.

"It's time the WA government stops the favouritism and holds Alcoa to the same rules it holds every other company, by stopping Alcoa from operating while it is under assessment from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)," he said.

"Given the evidence around the fact that Alcoa has time and time again failed to comply with exemption orders under its previous mining management program, it leaves us with no confidence whatsoever that it will meet these new conditions.

"What we need from the government is a plan to get out of forest mining.

"What we don't need is a new plan that allows the ongoing destruction of the Northern Jarrah Forest, albeit with stricter conditions – the outcome remains the same.

"No amount of buffer zones, expert advice, surveys, tree tagging or reviews will prevent the devastation we've seen over the past 60 years, with not one hectare of mined forest returned to its original state.



Serpentine Dam near Alcoa's mining operations. Picture: Donna Chapman

"The government needs to start listening to the voices behind the 59,000 public submissions which were lodged with the EPA during the public consultation period over the company's current and future mining plans."

WA Forest Alliance director Jess Boyce said without the tireless work of many Western Australians, these conditions would not have been strengthened at all.

"We have long called for these restrictions as the absolute minimum, but no amount of conditions can offset Alcoa's clearing," she said.

"Make no mistake, any exemption order granted is a free pass for Alcoa to continue its destruction of the world's only jarrah forest. It's clear that what Western Australians really want is Alcoa out and an end to forest mining."

Wilderness Society WA campaigns manager Alyx Douglas said the law was clear: "You can't mine an area while the EPA is still assessing it. Yet for three years the WA government has kept writing Alcoa exemptions, and now it's lining up four more years of mining in the very areas the EPA hasn't finished assessing.

"The West Australian government expects us to applaud stricter conditions while leaving loopholes big enough to drive a bulldozer through. Protections that don't apply where Alcoa is already mining or don't meet the statewide standard are hardly protections at all.

"A 'temporary' exemption that keeps getting renewed isn't temporary anymore. The WA government can't keep kicking the can down the road. It needs to stop Alcoa trashing our forests and plan an end to native forest mining."

Northam solar farm extension sought

PETER W LEWIS

SHIRE of Northam has received an application through the Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP) for an extension to the existing solar farm located at lot 6 Northam-York Road, Muluckine.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted to the Shire of Northam in writing on or before Monday, November 9.

The subject site is located 3.7km east of the Northam Town Centre and is only accessible via Northam-York Road.

The Mortlock River transects the site which is bounded by cleared largely agricultural land to the north and east, with lots to the west zoned 'Light and Service Industry'.

The proposed development seeks to create an extension to the existing solar power farm on lot 6, along with the incidental addition of a supporting battery energy storage system (BESS).

The proposed development will be implemented in two phases during construction, with phase 1 being the construction of a BESS, while phase 2 will be the construction of an additional BESS along with additional solar panels to the pre-existing solar power farm.

The BESS being constructed during phase 1 will have an energy capacity output of 4MW/32MWH while phase 2 will have an additional 4MW/32MWH output, with the additional solar panels generating an additional 10MW of power.

As part of the solar power farm extension, there will be two 45,000L water tanks installed to assist with bushfire risk prevention as required by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), with an additional 65,000L water tank to be built to provide capacity to serve the BESS system and the kiosk area



Proposed solar farm extension.

The construction of the solar power farm extension and BESS will take place concurrently over 20 weeks.

Details of the proposal are available at the shire office at 395 Fitzgerald Street, Northam or can be downloaded from www.northam.wa.gov.au/consultations/community/joint-development-assessment-panel-application-extension-to-the-existing-solar-farm-located-at-lot-6-northam-york-road-muluckine



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Colour Me Wonder at MJAC

COLOUR Me Wonder brings the joy of childhood discovery to the walls of Midland Junction Arts Centre (MJAC) this summer.

On show from November 21, this joyful, celebratory exhibition features artists who work in playful and colourful ways to build worlds, tell stories, and inspire the imagination.

Artists include: Anne Bennett, Sally Bower, Rebecca Cool, Moira Court, Peter Dailey, Ruth de Vos, Amanda Harris, Kyle Hughes-Odgers, Norma MacDonald, Tim Maley, Tee Ken Ng, Sarah Toohey, Renée Treml, Susie Vickery, and Mandy White.

For the final exhibition of the year at MJAC, homage is paid to *heARTlines*, a children's literature and illustration festival, founded by writer Louise Schofield, which ran biennially at Mundaring Arts Centre between 2005 and 2017.



Sarah Toohey, *Night Garden*, 2015, pencil on paper. Image courtesy of the artist.

For 12 years with the support of multiple partners this month-long festival celebrated the art of children's book creation through workshops, talks and demonstrations complemented by an exhibition of original illustrations from recently published WA children's literature.

Nine years on, Colour Me Wonder takes inspiration from *heARTlines* with imagination and wonder at its core, celebrating different artforms as mediums for creative expression and storytelling.

While some of the highlighted artists are illustrators or have published books, others are accomplished sculptors, painters, textile artists, scientists or curators who have had major international commissions and exhibitions.

All of the artists create whimsical, joyful works exploring play, imagination and colour. The resulting exhibition curation is creatively interactive, fun, and accessible.

With works hung at eye level for early readers, the galleries are designed as a space for children to inhabit, retreat to, read a book, escape within, and let their imagination run wild.

Filled with original artworks which focus on the flora and fauna found in WA, or narratives filled with characters and stories, this collection of works inspire the imagination of both children and adults alike and offer the opportunity to be first time collectors of art, and active arts participants.

Coinciding with the exhibition, on Sunday, November 29 MJAC presents a Community Festival, activating the historic building and grounds with an all ages open day featuring a range of free family friendly activities, workshops and events.

Displayed alongside the exhibition in the MJAC Hallway, discover over one-thousand vibrant artworks by local primary school students as they explore this years' Environmental Art Project theme 'Forest Forage', and share their ideas to create healthy, local ecosystems.

Attendees can also visit the store to browse wares by local artists and makers and take the opportunity to buy books and artworks for young, budding collectors, or gifts for the upcoming festive season.

Colour Me Wonder is a delight for the whole family to share and is open free to the public from Saturday, November 21 to Sunday, February 14, 2027.

For more information, please visit the MJAC website at www.midlandjunctionartscentre.com.au

Swan community lanterns festival



The event will showcase Vietnamese culture through dance, food, clothing and lanterns.

THE first of its kind Swan Lantern Festival will be held in Ballajura next week celebrating cultural heritage, friendship, diversity and belonging.

Organised by the Western Australia Vietnamese Women's Association (WAVNWA), the event is set to run from 4pm to 8.30pm on Saturday, November 14 at the Ballajura Community College Oval.

The festival will feature colourful lanterns, performances and food vendors and aims to recreate the atmosphere of the popular lantern festival held in the streets of Vietnam's Hoi An and foster the spirit of community in Swan.

Historically, the festival was held by the riverside with the lanterns acting as symbols of hope, warmth, connection and belonging.

A WAVNWA spokesperson said the upcoming event aims to convey the same warmth, atmosphere and magic of Hoi An's popular festival.

"Hoi An is one of the oldest cities in Vietnam and the festival gathers people from different backgrounds and traditions through the beautiful craft of lantern making," they said.

"Inspired by the beauty of our own Swan River, it is where a new story begins."

The spokesperson said Ballajura held significance for the Perth Vietnamese community because it is one of the first areas where a significant Vietnamese community flourished.

"Many people of Vietnamese heritage work, study and live in Ballajura and so it is the perfect place to organise the lantern festival," they said.

"But it is an event welcoming everyone.

"We are very fortunate to live in Australia which is such a multicultural country and we have learned and lived beside many people from different cultural backgrounds.

"I think for us, this is our chance to share our food, dance, fashion and help connect people.

"Historically lanterns have united people from Vietnam, Malaysia, China, Korea and so as every lantern carries a light, each light tells a story.

"Everyone that joins in is another light in our beautiful community."

The spokesperson said the association appreciated the support from the wider community and the City of Swan.

"We especially want to say thank you to the association and also our sponsor THT Vitality for all the support and to all the silver sponsors too," they said.

More information about the festival may be found via wavnwa.org.au/event/swan-lantern-festival-2026

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Your local Gig Guide

Fri November 6

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

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

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

Sat November 7

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

Woodbridge Hotel
Jamm'n
From 8pm, Free
50 East St, Guildford

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

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

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Jonny P
6pm-9pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Sun November 8

Settlers House York
Nick Childs
12pm-3pm, Free
125 Avon Terrace York

Chidlow Tavern
Sol Limbo
From 12.30-3.30pm, Free
4 Thomas St, Chidlow

Mahogany Inn & Distillery
Nathan Gaunt
4pm-7pm, Free
4260 Great Eastern Hwy
Mahogany Creek

Sun November 8 cont.

7th Avenue Bar & Restaurant
Alessandro
12pm-3pm, Free
74 Helena Street
Midland

Tues November 10

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 November 11

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 November 12

Hemingway & Co
Blues Thursday
From 7pm, Free
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Mahogany Inn & Distillery
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Remembrance Day 2026

Some sacrifices can never truly be repaid, and some stories must never be forgotten.

This Remembrance Day, we reflect on the Australians who left their homes, families and loved ones to serve our country, many never returning. We remember the extraordinary courage of those who stood beside their mates in the face of unimaginable hardship, and those who gave their lives so future generations could enjoy the freedoms we have today.

We also spare a thought for the families who waited, worried and endured the uncertainty of having loved ones far from home. Their sacrifice, too, is part of our nation's story.

Across Perth and throughout Western Australia, local memorials and RSL communities keep these memories alive. Their commitment ensures that the names, faces and stories behind the sacrifice are never reduced to simply a moment in history.

We stand with our communities in honouring all who have served, those who continue to serve, and those who never made it home.

Today, we remember them with gratitude, humility and pride.

Lest we forget.

Hon Klasey Hirst MLC
Steve Catania MLA Member for Midland
Hon Dr Parwinder Kaur MLC
Michelle Maynard MLA Member for Swan Hills
Hon Samantha Rowe MLC
Stephen Price MLA Member for Forrestfield



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On 11 November,
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Honouring the ultimate sacrifice

Remembrance Day is an opportunity for our community to come together to honour the courage, service and sacrifice of the Australians who have served our nation in times of conflict, peacekeeping and humanitarian operations.

As the Federal Member for Hasluck, I am proud to recognise the veterans, serving Australian Defence Force personnel and their families who have given so much to our country. Their contribution extends well beyond the uniform, shaping our communities through a lasting commitment to duty, mateship and service.

Having served in the Australian Army Reserve with 109 Signals Unit, I have a personal appreciation for the values of military service and the importance of supporting those who wear our nation's uniform. While my own experience was limited, it strengthened my respect for the commitment and sacrifices made by service personnel and their families.

Across Hasluck, our local RSLs, veterans' organisations, volunteers and community groups play an important role in keeping the spirit of remembrance alive. Their dedication ensures that the stories, experiences and sacrifices of generations of Australians are never forgotten.

This Remembrance Day, we pause to reflect, honour those who never returned home and acknowledge all who have served.

Lest we forget.

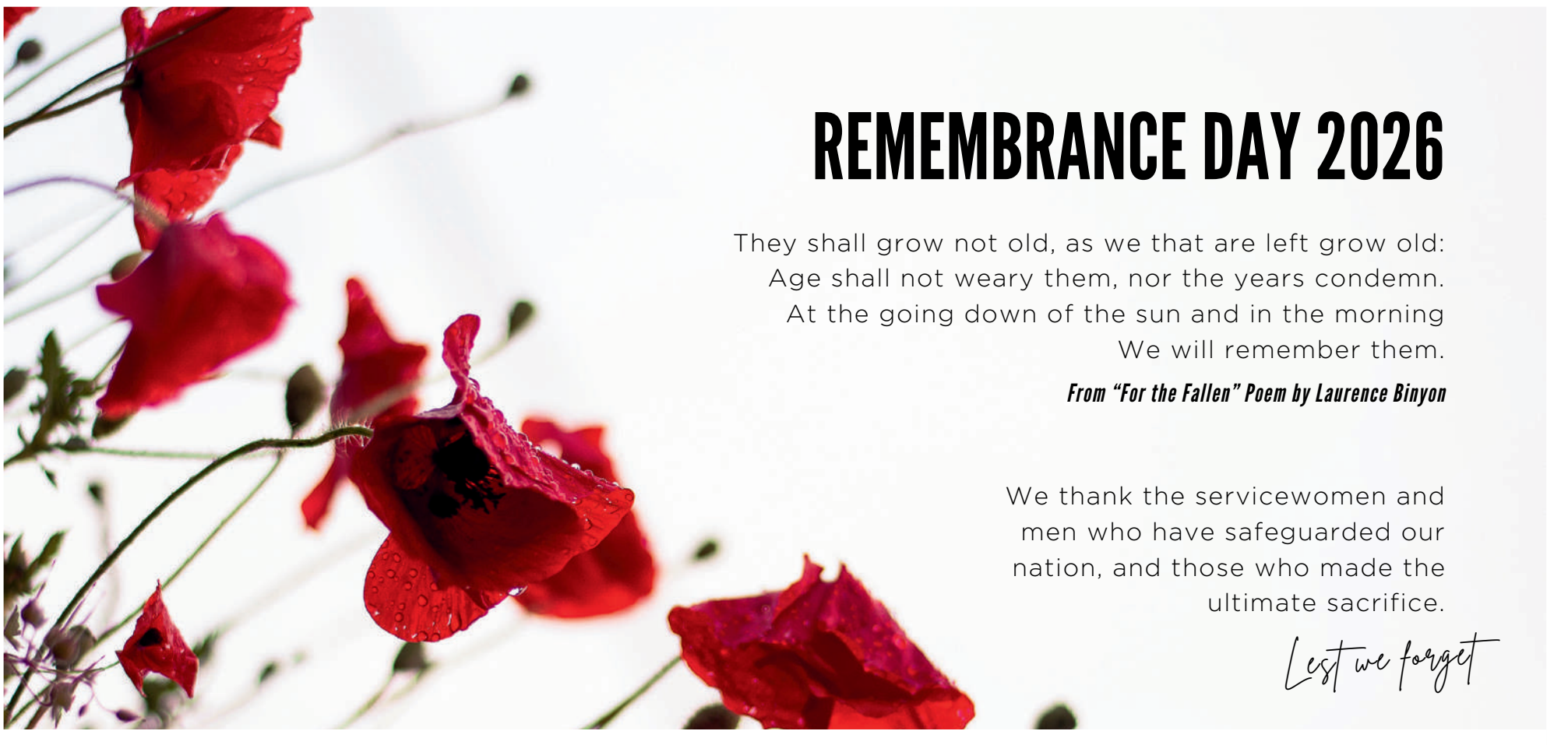
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From "For the Fallen" Poem by Laurence Binyon

We thank the servicewomen and men who have safeguarded our nation, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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News from your City | November 2026



Mayor's MESSAGE

As the cooler spring weather gives way to warmer days, November brings plenty of reasons to get out and about across our community.

This month, we're shining a spotlight on our senior residents and celebrating the invaluable contribution they make to the City of Kalamunda. From 8 to 15 November, Seniors Week offers a fantastic program of activities, workshops and social events designed to connect, inspire and entertain. Whether you're keen to try something new, catch up with friends or simply enjoy a day out, there is something for everyone.

Art lovers won't want to miss Odysseys 2026 at the Zig Zag Gallery. This inspiring exhibition showcases the creativity, talent and life experiences of local senior artists, offering unique perspectives through a diverse range of artistic media.

In other news, we're introducing a new and more flexible way to pay your rates. Through our upcoming Payble® payment system, you'll soon be able to pay by card or bank transfer, set up convenient reminders and choose payment schedules that suit your household budget. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks.

Finally, as we head into bushfire season, I'd also like to remind residents that the Fire Hazard Reduction Notice requirements were due to be completed by 1 November and maintained through to 31 March. Taking action now helps protect our families, homes and community. The Restricted Burning Period remains in effect until 30 November 2026. For more information visit the City website.

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

Have Your Say

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

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

Public Agenda Briefing Forum
6:30pm, Tuesday 10 November
Ordinary Council Meeting
6:30pm, Tuesday 24 November
Administration Centre, Council Chambers
Visit kalamunda.wa.gov.au to view the Agenda

SENIORS WEEK 2026

8 - 15 NOVEMBER



Join us from 8-15 November for a fantastic week of activities, connection and fun across the City of Kalamunda. From gentle fitness classes and creative workshops to community lunches, bingo, games and social gatherings, there's something for everyone.

Whether you're looking to stay active, learn something new or meet like-minded people, Seniors Week is the perfect opportunity to get involved and celebrate the valuable contributions of our senior community.



ODYSSEYS 2026

SENIORS ART EXHIBITION

Discover the incredible talent of local artists at Odysseys 2026, an exhibition celebrating creativity, life experience and artistic excellence.

Showcasing works by senior artists from the City of Kalamunda, this inspiring exhibition offers unique perspectives on our changing world through a diverse range of media.

Dates: 4 October to 15 November 2026
Location: Zig Zag Gallery, Kalamunda



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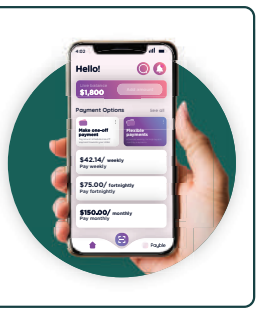
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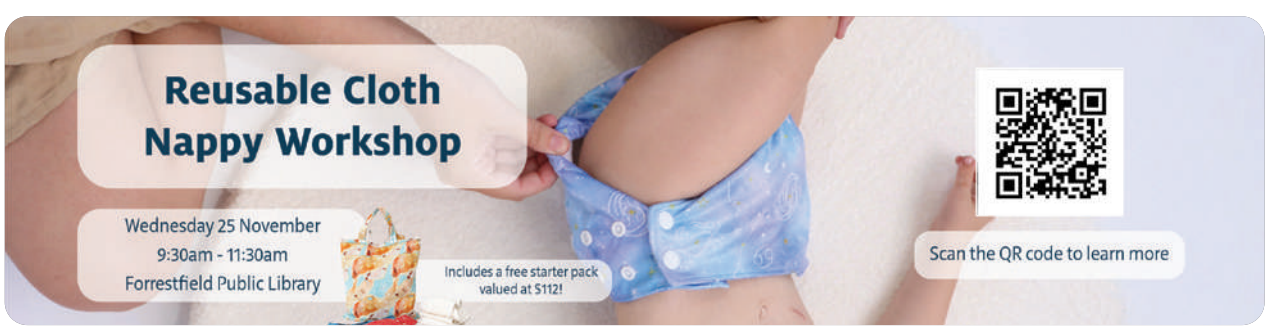
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Give Future You A Thumbs Up!

A more prepared future you will thank you for the small steps you take today.

As Summer approaches it's a great reminder to ready your household, prepare your property and check your support networks.

The Shire of Mundaring's Community Readiness and Resilience Plan encourages residents to take the practical steps that suit their personal circumstances. Prepared households, informed communities and connected neighbourhoods are better placed to respond to emergencies and recover more effectively afterwards.

Remember, preparedness doesn't have to happen all at once. The actions you take over coming weeks can make life easier for future you when it matters most. You could:

- Ensure your property complies with the Firebreak & Fuel Load Notice.
- Download or update the Emergency WA app.
- Check your emergency kit.
- Discuss your emergency plan with family.
- Catch up with neighbours to talk about how you might support each other during an emergency.

Each of these simple actions is an investment in a safer, more prepared future for you, your household and your community.

Visit the Shire of Mundaring's website to explore the updated Emergency Management pages, including local information, preparedness resources and practical tools to help you get started.

If you're interested in a tailored household, community group or street chat, give the Emergency Management team a call on 9290 6696.



Lithium-ion battery safety

Lithium-ion batteries are a major cause of fires across Western Australia, with firefighters responding to more than three battery-related incidents each week.

Lithium-ion batteries have become increasingly prevalent in our everyday lives. They are found in a wide range of household and recreational products including e-scooters, e-bikes, power banks, mobile phones, tablets, laptops, headphones, power tools, electric toothbrushes, cordless vacuums, cameras and even children's toys.

Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Commissioner Darren Klemm said while lithium-ion battery technology had its benefits, there were also risks Western Australians needed to be aware of to stay safer.

"DFES is encouraging the public to take some simple precautions when buying, storing and using products containing lithium-ion batteries," he said.

Lithium-ion battery safety checklist:

- Only purchase and use devices and equipment from reputable manufacturers and suppliers. Choosing quality products, rather than damaged or end-of-life second-hand items, is critical to reducing the risk of battery-related fires.
- Regularly check batteries (active batteries and not-in-use batteries in storage) for signs of physical damage or overheating.
- Avoid leaving batteries on charge for extended periods or unattended, particularly near flammable materials.
- Dispose of batteries correctly through appropriate recycling or disposal facilities.
- In the event of an incident, stay well clear and call 000 immediately. Lithium-ion battery fires can be explosive and include thermal runaway.

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At Tree Aesthetics, we help Perth and Hills homeowners reduce tree hazards and improve property safety through professional tree care and maintenance. Overgrown branches, deadwood and unmanaged vegetation can increase bushfire risk and threaten homes, sheds and other structures.

Our experienced team provides deadwood removal, canopy lifting, selective pruning, overhanging branch reduction, hazardous tree assessments and safe tree removal when required.

Proactive tree maintenance can help reduce fuel loads, improve access around your property and create safer clearance between trees and buildings. It also promotes healthier, stronger trees throughout the year.

Whether you have a residential block, acreage or bushland property, Tree Aesthetics can tailor a maintenance plan to suit your needs.

Don't leave it until the heat arrives.



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Keeping you and your family safe

WA Safety Products (WASP) Midland is a totally West Australian family-owned business providing a one stop safety equipment supply and distribution service to customers in Midland and surrounding areas.

With our unusual rainfalls throughout this year the increased fuel load on the ground requires us to be more vigilant than ever for Fire Risk.

Please keep boundaries clear and clean out those gutters to help minimise potential fuel load sources to support a fire.

A range of Fire Extinguishers are available instore as to is Protective Clothing.

Snakes are also on the move so you need to be wary when bush walking or working around the house or yard.

Additionally, we have the knowledge, and resources to research for those other requirements to make your workplace safe.

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The business specialises in manual work where machinery cannot easily reach, including slashing longstanding grasses, weeds and brush, installing firebreaks on sloping blocks, and maintaining difficult access areas.

Services also include removing dry leaf litter, twigs and other flammable material, pruning overhanging trees and branches, and clearing roofs, gutters and sheds. Controlled burning services are subject to Local Government Restrictions.

Every property presents different challenges. Addressing accumulated vegetation and neglected areas early gives owners time to plan the work their property needs before summer arrives.

From a small residential block to a larger bushland property, Access Bushfire Mitigation offers a practical approach to property preparation, with attention to the areas that are often hardest to manage.

To discuss your property, contact Access Bushfire Mitigation on 0427 986 435 or visit www.accessbushfire mitigation.com.au.

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Bushfire Season: ARE YOU READY?

1 November 2026 - 31 March 2027

City of Kalamunda residents are reminded to maintain their properties in bushfire ready condition by following the annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice.

All conditions of the Notice must be applied by 1 November and maintained up to and including 31 March.

For more details, please visit the City of Kalamunda's website:

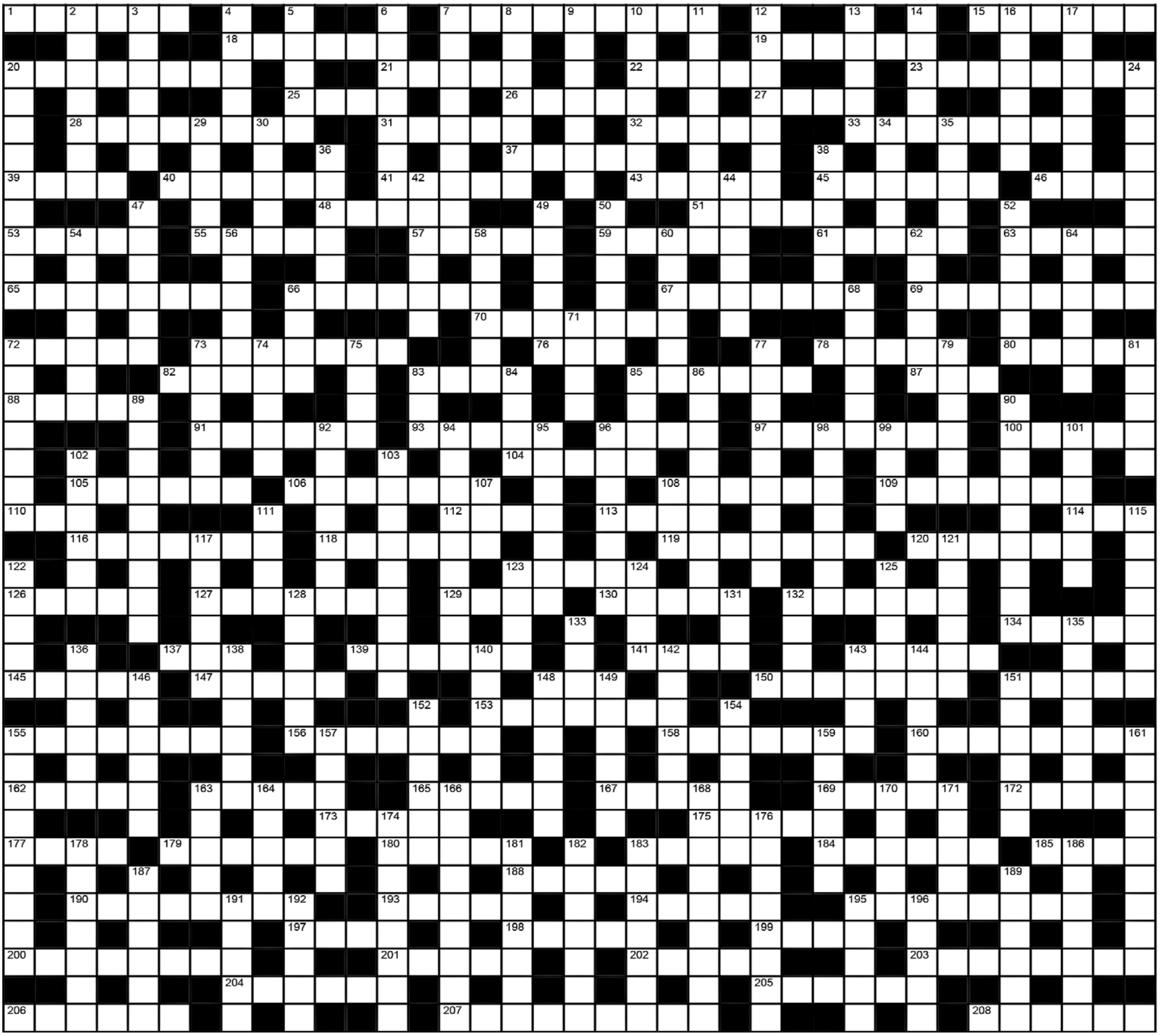
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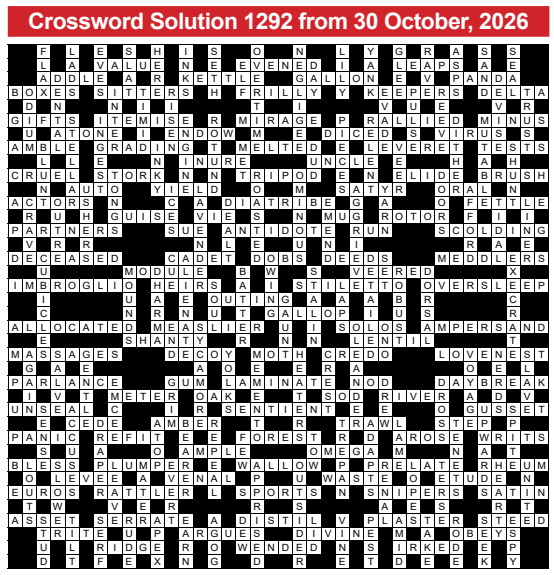
ACROSS

1 Narrow-minded people
7 Very committed
15 Spasms
18 Young surfer
19 A mess
20 Seeing visions
21 Relaxes
22 Release bonds
23 Disagreed with
25 Foray
26 Teacher
27 Sin
28 Foot pedals
31 Speak forcefully
32 Fool
33 Lacking energy
37 Takes away feeling
39 Hearing organs
40 Read over
41 Tended
43 Lines
45 Exact satisfaction
46 List of foods
48 Pulls jerkily
51 Memos
53 Ointment
55 Riding horse
57 Parties
59 Leaves
61 Musical instrument
63 Tense
65 Lowering of position
66 Large building
67 Go before
69 In a dither
70 Grazing land
72 Drilled
73 Crept around
76 Rocky hill
78 A basket
80 Cede
82 Tribal symbol
83 Failures (coll)
85 Newspaper man
87 Hard to see
88 Played around
91 Fastened down
93 US State
96 Requests
97 Types of nuts
100 Synthetic material
104 Rasp
105 Spin around
106 More important
108 Put on
109 Wild storm
110 Snowman's runner
112 Small islands
113 Send out
114 A moose
116 Types of fur
118 In vogue
119 Dog leads
120 Anger
123 Hang down
126 Turning machine
127 Unexpected event
129 Large plant
130 Unimportant
132 Portuguese currency
134 A sweetener
137 Sticky substance
139 Former Russian dictator
141 Stretch across
143 Rescues
145 Lifting device
147 Feel
148 Intention
150 Celebrated with
151 Ocean creature
153 Seamen
155 Inside portion
156 Navigational aid
158 Suffering
160 Discussion groups
162 Char
163 Rascal
165 Piece of woodland
167 Hairdressing place
169 Visits
172 Main food
173 Ancient Peruvians
175 Type of pea plant
177 Learning
179 Disgust
180 Caper
183 Takes notice
184 Make necessary
185 Naughty child
188 Old US battlefield
190 Lamenting
193 Public transport
194 Riddle
195 Deeply respectful
197 Against
198 Give part of wages
199 Not working
200 Saddest
201 Semi transparent dress fabric
202 Touches on
203 Endangers
204 Papal ambassador
205 Line on map
206 Made beer
207 Dress outfits
208 Stagnation of body fluids' flow

DOWN

2 Larger
3 Meddle with
4 Heavenly being
5 Boxes
6 Belief in something
7 A speech
8 Stretch out
9 Usual habits
10 Holiday traveller
11 Loss
12 Speediest
13 Stop suddenly
14 Supporting posts
16 A jacket
17 French painter/sculptor
20 Lessened
24 Sickened
29 Eating habits
30 Keep away from
34 Not moving
35 Large wild cat
36 Gathered cattle
38 Went by
42 A romance
44 List of duties
47 Checked animals
49 Help
50 Roundabout route
52 Priggish
54 A jawless fish
56 One renting
58 Leaked slowly
60 Come closer
62 Curved
64 Spurts out
66 A test
68 Make more wealthy
71 Drink spirits
72 Annoys
73 Type of verse
74 Weird
75 Supplemented
77 Large gathering place
79 Graceful
81 Took fluids in
83 Water storage area
84 Chanted
85 Otherwise
86 Emphatic
89 A disease of dogs
90 Business affairs
92 Haphazard
94 As a tale
95 Act of erasing
96 Try
98 Wooden meat pins
99 Takes food
101 Formerly hidden
102 With least water
103 Types of windows
107 A beam
108 Sicken
111 Employer
115 Type of falcon
117 A cloud
121 Made sure of
122 Clothing material
123 College head
124 Work units
125 Wall painting
128 Entertains
131 A long period
132 Border
133 Be unsuccessful
135 Rubbish
136 Chewed on
138 Form of measurement
140 Part of foot
142 Of mail
143 Travel on water
144 A ship
146 What we aim at
148 Passages
149 Boggy patch
151 Scales
152 Lively dance
154 Gaped
155 Protects
157 Die
159 Moved slowly
161 Sleep inducers
163 Eating aid
164 Protective garment
166 Boycott
168 Goes too far
170 Liquid measure
171 Enmity
174 Prisoners
176 Royalist Russians
178 Regret
181 Gallops slowly
182 Fit of temper
183 Optimistic
186 Sells in shops
187 Useless
189 Not long ago
191 A fibre
192 Working groups
195 Gathers in
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by Pastor Ian Kirk

A Lighthouse

Last weekend we were at Point Moore in Geraldton. Point Moore has a quaint red and white coloured lighthouse. It's also a place that I have fond memories of from family holidays when I was a teenager.

One of my memories was of my brother and I spending time exploring the reef off Separation point, just south of Point Moore – especially when the tide was out.

I also remember a day when we met a man carrying a bucket on the reef. He told us strongly that we shouldn't be walking on the reef in bare feet – as we were. Then he promptly showed us what was in his bucket – a whole lot of blue-ringed octopus.

The blue-ringed octopus carries enough venom to kill twenty-six adult humans within minutes, making it one of the most lethal marine animals in the world. What a warning from the man. I was so glad my brother and I hadn't been stung by one of these deadly creatures.

The man was a blessing warning us of danger. The nearby lighthouse is also a blessing warning ships of the danger of nearby reefs and helping them come into the Geraldton port safely.

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Sat 14th Nov (9am-1pm) St Barnabas **SPRING FETE** (Cnr Spring & Railway Rds, Kalamunda). Christmas stall, cakes, plants, books, jigsaws, kids activities, food & entertainment. Proceeds to charity.

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1. Telstra are proposing to upgrade the existing mobile phone base station on the lattice tower off Ash Rd, Chidlow WA 6556 (Lot 44 Plan P27728).
2. In summary, this upgrade will comprise of: Removal of four (4) panel antennas, Installation of three (3) panel antennas not more than 2.8m in length, installation of three (3) panel antennas not more that 1.1m in length and associated ancillary equipment
3. We invite you to provide your feedback or request further information by contacting us at: Caitlin Spencer, 07 3033 3741, caitlin.spencer@ventia.com Level 1, 10 Browning Street, West End QLD 4101. We will accept submissions until **5pm on 20 November 2026.**
4. For more information, please visit www.rfnsa.com.au/6556002

Public Notices

Grants Selection Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the above meeting will be held at 5pm on Tuesday 10 November 2026 for the purpose of assessing applications for the Shire's Community-wide Event Grant.

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

Shire of MUNDARING

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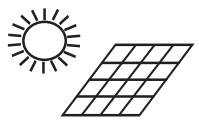
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All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

New Hovea, Stoneville and Parkerville group formed

From p6.

The previous Stoneville Progress Association has a huge local history being founded just over 100 years ago in August 1926.

By December 1927, they had advocated for and gained a local post office with PO boxes and regular mail deliveries, telephone services, the stopping of trains for passengers and the promise of a future rail siding, better roads including a new road bridge to Mt Helena/Mundaring crossing Jane Brook and improvements at the Mundaring School.

The group also secured the donation of land for a new hall site and tennis courts by WG Adams, a donation of a new bowling green and roller by WJ Kensitt, and the use of a meeting room in the local residence of EP Tamblyn at Tamblyn House.

In February 1950, after a major bushfire and with the help of the Mundaring Roads Board (now the Shire of Mundaring) SPA established the beginnings of a local volunteer bushfire brigade run by local residents until a volunteer bush fire brigade was formally established.

In 1995, SPA commenced campaigning against the North Stoneville and North Parkerville developments based upon environmental and extreme bushfire risk grounds.

In 2008, SPA became the Stoneville & Parkerville Progress Association Inc (SPPA) to also represent the local Parkerville residents while another separate community group was also formed to become Save Perth Hills Inc. (SPH).

Since 1996, many serious local issues have been supported by SPPA including opposition to inappropriate developments, providing full support for appropriate development and also providing much needed advocacy and support services to the many local residents impacted by the 2008 Parkerville/Stoneville Bushfire, the 2014 Parkerville/Stoneville/Mt Helena

Bushfire and the more recent 2023 Parkerville Bushfire.

The Hovea Residents and Ratepayers Association was formed in the late 80s following a council decision to allow the 2ha blocks on the plateau area of Hovea to be subdivided into 1ha blocks, which caused a number of householders to gather to discuss the decision.

The outcome was the formation of the HRRA to enable residents to become more aware of council's role in the community.

The HSPPR meet every couple of months usually at the Parkerville Pavillion.

For further information on the new organisation or to get involved email villes.progress.assoc@gmail.com

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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.

• **Swan Guildford Historical Society** will be holding a meeting at St Matthew's Hall, Stirling Square, Guildford, on Monday, November 9 at 7pm. This months meeting will host a presentation on Women on Trial: Criminal Trials in Colonial Western Australia by Caroline Ingram. Caroline has researched and utilised data from across the colony to provide a fascinating insight into the challenges faced by the women of that era. For more information contact Clement on 0407 997 911.

• **Midland Friendly Garden Club** meets at 9.30am on alternate Thursdays at Bruce Douglas Pavilion, Brown Park, Salisbury Road, Swan View. The next meeting will take place on November 12. Our guest speaker will be Ron Goldsmith from Swan Valley Chillies who will be demonstrating many varieties of both edible and ornamental chilli plants. For more information contact Jenny on 0424 553 002 or Barbara on 0482 935 686.

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



Chase is a five-year-old kelpie-staffy cross. His owners are moving overseas and are unable to take care of him. Chase has attended training classes and is very well behaved but doesn't like cats. He is sterilised, vaccinated, and microchipped. Costs Apply. Contact Bakers Hill Dog Sanctuary on 9574 1438.

ECHO Sports

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Left: The WA team competed in the 2026 National Games which coincided with the Special Olympics' 50th anniversary. Right: Tom Morgan.

Vines golfer brings home silver

THE Vines golfer Tom Morgan has returned from Melbourne with a silver medal after representing the state at the 2026 Special Olympics Australia National Games.

Morgan finished second in Level 5, division 1 at Sandy Golf Links in Cheltenham, completing 18 holes on each of the tournament's three days.

His father John Morgan said the result was a testament to the quality of golf displayed at the event by the six-member WA golf team.

"The weather was perfect for golf and the course was in fabulous condition," he said.

"All competitors enjoyed the three-day tournament."

Morgan's silver was one of three medals won by WA golfers, alongside a gold for Zack Byala and a bronze for Ryan Belzunce.

The team's remaining three golfers earned ribbons which Mr Morgan said was an excellent result.

For Morgan, the medal follows a return to a sport that has been part of his life since childhood.

As reported in *Vines golfer to compete in Special Olympics* (*Echo News*, October 16), Morgan resumed playing about three years ago after a period away from the game.

His family said his interest in golf began when he was eight.

He attended Guildford Primary School before spending five years in Como Senior High School's golf academy.

As a teenager, he joined Hartfield Country Club, where his achievements included finishing runner-up in a major senior event and winning the Chester Vern Trophy.

His return to regular golf brought him into contact with MTI Golf Academy instructor Mark Tibbles, who recognised his ability on the driving range and invited him to join a course for people with disabilities.

Before the games, Mr Tibbles told *Echo News* the step from Morgan's regular nine-hole rounds to three consecutive days of competitive 18-hole golf would be a challenge.

The silver medal came after Morgan completed that longer tournament format in Melbourne.

Mr Tibbles also highlighted the social benefits of returning to golf, including the opportunity to interact with others and experience being part of a team.

Those opportunities formed part of a national event bringing together athletes with intellectual disability and/or autism for competition across a range of sports.

The 2026 National Games ran in Melbourne from October 19 to 23, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics in Australia.

Organisers said more than 900 athletes from every Australian state and territory, along with four athletes from New Zealand, were taking part.

In the golf competition, players were grouped into divisions according to their ability and handicap, John said.

Morgan competed alongside teammate Lily Broadbridge in Level 5, division 1.

Broadbridge finished equal fourth and received a ribbon after also playing 18 holes each day.

The other four WA golfers contested Level 4 divisions, playing nine holes on each competition day.

Byala won gold in division 3, while Belzunce secured bronze in division 6.

Jack Neuman placed fourth in division 2 and Greg Carstens finished fifth in division 4, both earning ribbons.

The results gave the state team a gold, silver and bronze medal spread across three divisions, alongside its three ribbon-winning performances.

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The sink is adjacent to the stovetop with a wooden shelf installed directly beside the cooking area providing easy access to seasonings and kitchen essentials for whipping up a meal.

A hanging rack is installed directly into the kitchen ceiling allowing for a unique way to store pots, pans and colanders for easy access.

The bedrooms are carpeted with an ensuite, ceiling fan and a walk-in wardrobe in the main bedroom.

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