

Show us the money

By BEN DICKINSON

The Nedlands finance manager quit the day after it became apparent the City would fail its annual audit, a crisis council meeting was told this week.

As WA auditor-general Caroline Spencer delivered scathing criticism of the City's financial management and accountability, three councillors walked out of the meeting designed to find a way out of the debacle.

Audit committee chairman Leo McManus led the walkout after threatening to resign if the council did not appoint four new staff to address the financial woes.

But the council rejected that proposal, instead voting to un-



Fiona Argyle Leo McManus Caroline Spencer

dertake an independent investigation of its financial practices.

"You can never put out the fire by using the people that started it," Mayor Fiona Argyle told the meeting.

During a tense meeting, councillor Noel Youngman demanded Ms Argyle resign, saying "Put your sword on the ground and lean forward, all the way".

Ms Argyle claimed staff refused or ignored her requests for financial information.

Councillor Hengameh Amiry

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said staff denied her access to the City financial plan saying it was "protected intellectual property".

Audit committee members McManus, Youngman and Fergus Bennett walked out over the refusal to hire contract staff at a cost of \$424,000 to fix "pervasive" problems with its books.

Instead, councillors voted for a \$50,000 independent investigation of Nedlands' finances.

Auditors painted a scathing picture of the City's finances, cast doubt over the management of ratepayer funds and accused some council officers of failing to cooperate with their

A major failure of financial management

— auditor-general Caroline Spencer

investigation.

Auditors found 25 problems with the City's accounts for the past financial year, 11 of which were deemed "significant".

They also questioned the City's decision to revalue its assets by \$152million, saying the revaluation "contains errors".

Ms Spencer said the auditors' unprecedented finding "represents a major failure of financial management, record keeping and the ability to meet basic financial accountability requirements".

"This is the most serious audit outcome and is only issued after we have exhausted our efforts

to achieve the desired audit objectives," she said.

Finance manager Stuart Billingham quit the day after it became clear Nedlands would fail its annual audit for the first time.

"That was the first time I knew we were going to get a very bad audit report," corporate services director Michael Cole told councillors at Monday's meeting.

"The very next morning I received a resignation on my desk."

Auditor Matthew Beevers told a committee meeting last month that some Nedlands staff

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A bad day at the office ... This man, right, who appeared to be checking the water depth at Lake Claremont became stuck in the dried-out wetlands. Below: Emergency services were called in to haul the man out of the mud using a rescue board and rope.



Firies rescue stick-in-the-mud

By BONNIE CHRISTIAN

A fire crew was called out to Lake Claremont this week after a man got stuck in the mud.

Local Corinne Ivey was on her daily walk around the now dried-out wetlands when she came upon the scene near Stirling Road at 11am on Tuesday.

The Department of Fire and

Emergency Services said they responded to a triple zero call about a man at the lake who was stuck waist-deep in the mud.

They threw out a safety board attached to a rope and hoisted him back to dry land.

No one was injured.

Ms Ivey said it was not clear what the man was doing out on the lake, but he appeared to be stand-

ing near the water depth gauge.

Friends of Lake Claremont spokesman Nick Cook said it was a timely reminder now the wetland had dried out about how dangerous the lakebed could be.

"A great reminder for people to stay out of the wetland, that goes for dogs too," he said.

The Town of Claremont said the man was not a council worker.

Raves rattle Polar Bears

By EMMA BLADEN

Drug and alcohol-fuelled rave parties are making life hell for the Port Beach Polar Bears swimming club.

They have demanded authorities put a stop to the all-night parties at Sandtrax Beach, near their club office.

The Polar Bears have 250 members with an average age of about 70. They meet at 5am most days.

They say hundreds of rave-goers regularly gather at the beach late at night with the gatherings getting bigger and more frequent.

Polar Bears secretary Trevor Pedler said the club members were frustrated by the raves.

"We witness a lot of inebriation and it's got to be drugs," he said.

"They're sky high. We're a little bit sick of it."



Ravers' graffiti on the Port Beach change rooms.

The club had complained to police, Fremantle council and the port authority.

The raves went all night with strobe lights, and loud music often lasting until mid-morning.

Partygoers left behind broken glass and litter – and urine, faeces and used toilet paper on the rocks at the north end of Sandtrax Beach.

Swimmers said the parties were often still going when they

arrived at 5am to open their office at the Fremantle Surf Life Saving Club annexe.

People still under the influence of drugs and alcohol wandered up to the club office in search of a toilet and drinking water.

They also demanded drugs and "acid" and became verbally abusive and aggressive, using profanities when their demands for illicit substances were not met.

And all of this was taking place as young families were arriving at Sandtrax Beach for an early morning swim, the Polar Bears members said.

Partygoers had broken the group's freshwater tap trying to fill large containers, destroyed fencing and trampled on plants at Sandtrax Beach, graffitied the Port Beach change rooms, left broken glass on the sand and

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Don't bank on 'easy' digital

I agree fully with comments made by Matt Eggleston (*Banking hits a new low*, Letters, March 9) regarding the closure of all Bankwest branches and ATMs by the end of the year.

I also have been with R&I and Bankwest for many years and have always relied upon being able to visit a branch and speak to staff directly.

Recently I attended a Bankwest seminar where staff tried to present a unified corporate vision of easy online banking for all.

In answer to questions about the ability to still visit a branch after the closure of Wembley, advice was given that a small number still remain open.

Then, within a week, Bankwest advised their intention to close ALL of their branches.

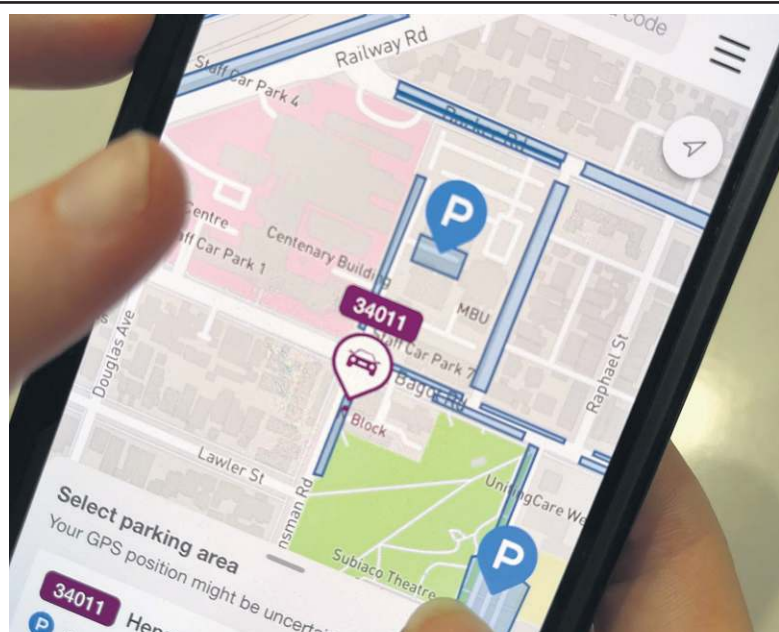
While digital platforms do simplify some matters, they create some very unworkable situations for customers.

Pushing clients to resort to Australia Post offices seems like passing off responsibility for banking transactions.

Digital platforms can be quite problematic, particularly when there is an outage, and don't even get me started about trying to get someone on the phone.

I fear what the future holds, particularly for those who do not have a computer or smart phone.

George Bowden
The Grove, Wembley



The EasyPark app is causing headaches for some Subiaco residents, while others are pleased it has helped unclog their carparking spaces.

Parking cheats have fled

For the first time ever, we have parking spots available for our visitors.

I have always felt many of the people using Subiaco's paper permits were not true visitors, more likely workers who have either borrowed or bought or copied the permits (funny how all the spaces seemed to be freed up on Saturdays and Sundays).

Now they have to go into your house to log into your computer.

I'm 85 years old and am useless on the computer, but my daughter set up the parking

permit, and all my visitors have been able to log themselves in. I think it has weeded out the cheats.

Wendy

Monteath Street, Subiaco

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Fox in charge of the chickens

Plaudits to the disendorsed Liberal member for Cottesloe, Dr David Honey, for continuing to strongly advocate his constituents' vehement opposition to proposed high-rise developments and infill rezoning.

The proposed rezoning, if enacted, would see vast expanses of established family homes ripe for demolition in favour of blocks of flats.

That would not only result in loss of streetscape, green canopy, sense of community and liveability, but also clog streets with more vehicles, pack local schools with more children (and more demountable classrooms) and overload already stretched sporting grounds, green spaces and community facilities.

If elected, would the recently endorsed Liberal candidate for Cottesloe, Sandra Brewer, be likewise committed to advocate against this "madness", to quote Dr Honey?

As reported in the POST (*Honey fears Cott infill 'madness'*,

March 9) Ms Brewer's simplistic proposal to allaying the multitude of concerns raised by the residents of Cottesloe to high-rise development and rezoning is to refurbish railway stations, repair some bridges and fix "Stirling Highway congestion" (how, by infill development?) – really?

I wonder what was in Ms Brewer's mind about who would foot the bills for her ideas. Her former employers, the property developers?

Somehow I think not; it would be the good old ratepayers of Cottesloe and taxpayers of WA.

Talk about potentially putting the fox in charge of the chicken coop.

The staunch Liberal voters of Cottesloe will be in an extremely difficult position come polling day next year. Perhaps there is an independent candidate waiting in the wings?

Shane Volk
Hensman Road, Subiaco

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David Honey

Chaney vs White – chalk and cheese

A sigh of relief and hope passed over the electorate of Curtin when voters read that independent Kate Chaney would be seeking re-election (*I'm running again*, POST, March 9).

This offset the groan of cynicism and despair when the Liberal Party put up its potential Curtin nomination for the next federal election. Tom White is a former adviser to state MP Peter Collier.

Ex-political staffers do not automatically make competent politicians. Usually, they are

merely order-takers and administrators who parrot the party line.

Ominously, after he was endorsed, Mr White "declined to take questions" (*The Sunday Times*, February 25).

The POST informs us (*Clear run for Churchlands*, March 2): "Supporters say (Mr White) successfully ran a dry run for next year's election campaign when he bombarded Curtin's 400 preselection voters with personal calls and election material."

Call me old-fashioned, but I

reckon an independent politician who possesses a vision for her electorate, reflects the values of her community, is policy-driven and has the courage to challenge the moribund two-party system will always triumph over a seasoned political operator whose main attribute is an ability to "crunch the numbers".

Philip Haberland
Second Avenue, Claremont

• Liberal Party rules prohibit candidates from making public comments until they are endorsed by State Council – Editor.

Souled Out

This information is to notify that the **Souled Out** event will be taking place on Sunday 31 March 2024 at Claremont Showground.

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Event noise will take place between 11:30am and 10:30pm on Sunday 31 March, with all amplified noise ceasing after this time. Sound checks will not exceed two hours total duration on Saturday 30 March between 3:00pm and 8:00pm, and between 9:00am and 11:00am on Sunday 31 March.

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Our epic egg bewitched Leonardo

By JANE WISHAW

An ancient giant egg from the island of Madagascar embarked on its own voyage across the Indian Ocean to WA, inspiring a sculpture that has intrigued visitors flocking to Cottesloe beach.

Italian sculptor Leonardo Cumbo came across the egg on his first visit to Perth during last year's Sculpture by the Sea.

He was doing what he always does in a new city – visiting its main museum, where in the last room he visited he saw meteorites and two giant eggs, both found on the WA coast.

The largest of the eggs was discovered by three schoolchildren near Cervantes, 200km north of Perth, at Christmas 1992.

It was sandblasted and sticking out of a dune 300m inland. Carbon dating determined it was 2000 years old.

"I was completely overwhelmed, over-excited to get back to my hotel room in Cottesloe to start to draw many ideas with the egg and the concept of the meteor flying," Professor Cumbo said this week.

"I worked all through the night drawing, I didn't sleep and as the sun was rising, I found the right solution, the final idea of my new work for Sculpture by the Sea Cottesloe 2024.

"At this time, I didn't know



Photo: Jane Wishaw

Giant leap ... Leonardo Cumbo's sculpture was based on the amazing travels of a flightless bird's egg.

the amazing story of the travel of this egg from Madagascar to the West Australian beach near Perth.

"It travelled 7000km floating, flying up the big waves of the ocean without breaking, arriving intact, resting on the beach,

undiscovered for centuries.

"I discovered that the egg belonged to a giant flightless bird, now extinct, called the elephant bird."

The WA Museum said the 31cm-high Cervantes egg came from a bird that "reached gi-

gantic size up to 2.5 metres and weighed nearly half a tonne".

Recent genetic testing has shown that the elephant bird's closest relative is the kiwi, which apparently evolved in opposite size in a totally different direction.



Aepyornis titan

Madagascar's elephant bird was 2.5m and possibly 3m high, and weighed half a tonne.

"I was so inspired by the elephant bird egg preserved in the WA Museum I felt compelled to reproduce an egg of the same shape," Prof. Cumbo said.

"In my sculpture the elephant bird egg is 75cm in height and 50cm width."

The artwork is called *Enfant Prodige* and *First Flight*.

"It is thought the elephant bird became extinct 400 years ago due to impact of man and climate change," he said.

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'Doubled rent' derails warden

By EMMA BLADEN

A rent hike of 100% has cost Mosman Park Primary School its crossing warden, a school parent said.

And now the school community fears for the safety of children, saying they see drivers commonly speeding down the hill towards the Victoria Street crossing.

Mosman Park Primary School Parents and Citizens' committee member Thomas Eberhart Freeman said former school crossing warden Robert McKenzie had lived in Mosman Park all his life.

"Bob, our much loved traffic warden and former Mosman Park Primary School parent, unfortunately moved to the north of Perth after his landlord in Mosman Park doubled the rent," he said.

"For the past couple of weeks both the principal and vice-principal have been manning the Victoria Street cross-



Mosman Park Primary School principal Ian Bersan in action at the crossing.

Photo: Paul McGovern

ing. However, this is less than ideal." They had witnessed "plenty of close calls" and been the target of abusive drivers.

Mr McKenzie had been very popular with local residents, Mr Freeman said.

"Bob was amazing," he said.

"He was a very sociable and likeable personality.

"Everybody felt happy and safe, until at the end of the year Bob announced he was moving away.

"The parents of kids at the school are really hopeful we can get someone in the role ASAP."

He said the school crossing warden role would be well suited to a retiree: "The role is very rewarding and community engaging."

A WA Police spokesman said the recruitment and retention of traffic wardens was a challenge for the children's crossings unit, which manages their recruitment, training and deployment.

"This particular crossing is one that the children's crossings unit has triaged for a warden should one become available," the spokesman said.

Mr McKenzie was contacted for comment but declined to be interviewed.

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**Ben's boots are
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You won't see Ben Dickinson's byline in the POST for the next few months.

Ben and his wife Jess, who were married last November, will spend their honeymoon hiking the Pacific Crest Trail up the west coast of the United States.

The trail through some of America's most spectacular scenery rises to 4000m above sea level and crosses 25 national forests and seven national parks.

The record for the 4270km trek is 46 days, but Ben and Jess expect to take about five months to complete their ordeal, sorry, hike.

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POST reporter Ben Dickinson prepares to head off on his 4270km hiking honeymoon.
Photo: Paul McGovern

POST in a flap

Vexillologists ahoy! You might have noticed a new flag has risen in Shenton Park.

It was unfurled last week and run up the pole at POST headquarters in Onslow Road.

The flag replaces the previous one that was shredded in a storm.

There is virtually no truth to the rumour that POST staff start their working day by saluting the flag and launching into a bold rendition of the company song.

Flying high ... The POST flag aloft in Shenton Park.



Shark Net house for sale

The stylish Floreat house used as the main set for the television mini-series The Shark Net is for sale for the first time.

The Sangster family house, built in Lifford

Road in 1962, was the perfect setting for the coming-of-age tale set in Perth in the 1950s and 60s.

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This Floreat house was used as the main set for the 2003 television production The Shark Net.

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McKechnie weighs into planning law stoush

State anti-corruption chief John McKechnie has warned that new state planning laws have created a misconduct risk, the Australian Financial Review reported last weekend.

He said removing checks and balances designed to promote more development carried risk, but ultimately it was a political decision.

"Clearly it's a misconduct risk," the Corruption and Crime Commissioner told the AFR.

The paper also quoted David Honey, the Liberal member for the state seat of Cottesloe, as saying: "I doubt developers ever dreamed that they would end up with the open slather they have now."

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It provided the feedback: "We ask one small favour: Some things are better recycled or placed in your FOGO bin. Please DO NOT place these items in the general waste bin."

A highlighter was used to point to food scraps and recyclables as examples. Other residents have been greeted with a friendlier smiling face tag with a big "thank-you" written across the top.

They are part of the state government's bin tagging program, which has been running since 2015.

The WMRC told the POST the results are analysed at the end of the program, which is still weeks away.

Olympics here we come Inez smashes record

By BEN DICKINSON

Presbyterian Ladies College swimming sensation Inez Miller has smashed an Olympic gold medallist's record.

The 17-year-old Olympic hopeful swam the 100m freestyle in 56.7 seconds at a carnival held by the Independent Girls Schools Sports Association last week.

She shaved more than a second off the previous IGSSA record of 57.86, set by Brianna Throssell in 2011.

Brianna, now 28, represented Australia at the Rio and Tokyo Olympics. She won a gold medal and two bronze medals at Tokyo in relay events.

Inez's record-setting swim comes seven months after she earned a seven-medal haul, including three golds, at the Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad and Tobago.

Last year, she told the POST she planned to put her "best foot forward" at trials for this year's Paris Olympics.

The trials will be held in Brisbane from June 10 to 15.



Golden girl ... Inez Miller is ecstatic after breaking the 100m freestyle record at the Independent Girls Schools Sports Association carnival last weekend.

Baritone's dodgy performance

An opera singer with a long history of exposing himself in public was ordered to leave a Subiaco cafe this month.



Ronald Macqueen

Police visited Architects and Heroes cafe in Rokeby Road on Sunday March 3 after a caller complained of a man touching himself inappropriately.

Officers issued a move-on order to baritone singer Ronald Stanley Macqueen, who was dining at the cafe.

No charges were laid.

Mr Macqueen, a West Perth resident in his late 60s, was handed a suspended prison sentence in 2021 after he exposed his genitals to a female patron at Subiaco's Cafe Cafe.

At the time, a police prosecutor told the court it was the seventh time Mr Macqueen had committed a similar sexual offence (*Flasher avoids jail*, POST, August 21, 2021).

Mr Macqueen's lawyer, Noel Barber, told the 2021 sentencing hearing that Mr Macqueen understood "he's got to avoid cafes".

"He's instructed me he's disposed of every pair of shorts he has," Dr Barber said at the time.

Claremont fashion flair

A fashion statement has brightened up one of Claremont's busy laneways.

Artists Darren Hutchens and Lawry Halden of Too Much Colour Productions finished the "challenging" project along 54m of Walt Drabble Lane this week.

The Fabric of Time takes inspiration from Claremont's history as a fashion destination, referencing classic patterns and colours of different eras.

"It was quite a tricky site," Mr Hutchens said.

"It's an operational laneway, so there's delivery vans and trucks and cars, pedestrians, and people on scooters.

"It felt quite dangerous. We constantly had to keep an eye on things and move out of the way.

"There's a blind corner there as well and you could see on the wall where cars had hit it. So, it meant we had to be quite adaptable."



Down low ... Artist Darren Hutchens had a few close calls while painting the Walt Drabble Lane mural.

As the piece took shape, many people had stopped to have a chat.

"A lot of people thanked us, which was quite nice," Mr Hutchens said. "Older people, kids as well, all saying positive things."

A Town of Claremont spokes-

man said the response had been "entirely positive" about how the mural brightened up the laneway.

Walt Drabble Lane will form part of the boundary of a new \$65million eight-storey hotel and apartment block planned

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How our state's giant egg landed again

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“So, the history of the egg is an actual history for today” because of climate change and other threats to the survival of many species of life.

An attempt to auction the egg failed when the WA government stepped in and claimed it belonged to the state.

The children handed over the egg in exchange for an ex-gratia payment of \$25,000.

“I hope that this sculpture will remain here, as it is the right place for the sculpture,” Prof. Cumbo said.

“It is a very important part of West Australian history.

“The sculpture I created is composed of a flying egg that abandoned the nest before the bird inside it was born.

“But the egg is blocked from flying away by a net of four lines



This giant egg, smaller than the Cervantes egg, was found at Scott River, near Augusta, in 1930.

Photo: Douglas Elford, WA Museum or strings.

“The tension of the net represents perfectly the tug of war between the children, an investment syndicate and the

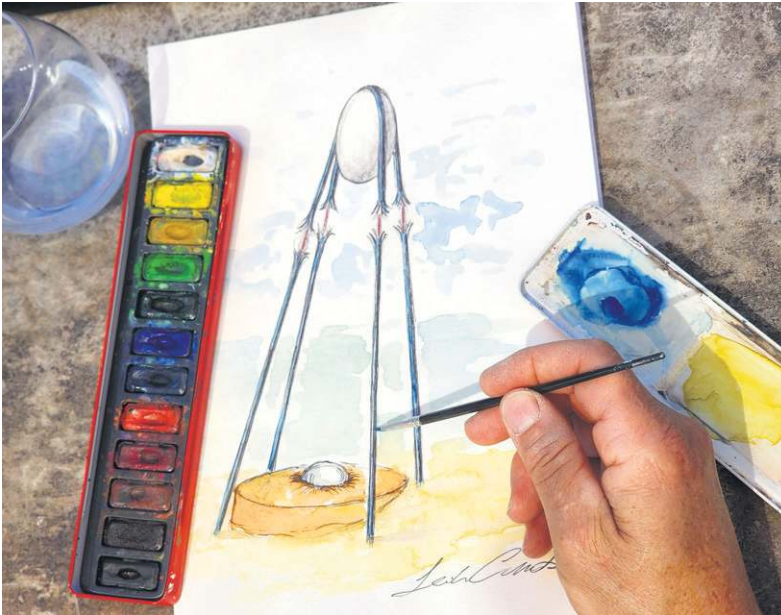
government.”

Prof. Cumbo is a teacher of sculpture in the Academy of Fine Art in Sicily and last year organised a conference at which exhibition founder David Handley and Kirsten Hay were invited to talk with students and academics about Sculpture by the Sea and its history.

“I feel Cottesloe has become an important cultural centre, not only for the local community, but for all the Australian people,” he said.

“David Handley took his dream, a vision and had the strength to move forward and have his dream realised, and the artist’s dreams of Sculpture by the Sea represented in my sculpture.

“I’m already thinking about my new sculpture and have some inspirations for Sculpture by the Sea 2025.”



Up all night ... Leonardo Cumbo drafts his sculpture concept.

Cambridge ‘dithers’ on forum high-rise

By BEN DICKINSON

Frustrated Floreat residents have accused Cambridge council staff of dithering on a plan to stop 20-storey apartment buildings being built around Floreat Forum.

“I’m hearing a lot of excuses,” a Lissadell Street resident told a special council meeting on Thursday morning.

“What I haven’t heard is a plan. I haven’t heard deadlines.”

Forum owner APIL Group last month lodged a precinct

structure plan for the area around the shopping centre.

APIL’s plan shows high-rise apartment towers at the north and south end, and mid-rise buildings on residential blocks to the east.

The plan, which will guide rezonings, will ultimately be judged by the WA Planning Commission.

In December, after APIL’s intention became public, councillors instructed staff to start work on their own competing structure plan.

But residents grilled staff and mayor Gary Mack on Thursday

about a perceived lack of progress.

Orrel Avenue resident Melanie Foley said hundreds of locals had signed a petition objecting to APIL’s plan.

“People are angry and upset that the Town of Cambridge has not developed its own structure plan,” Ms Foley told the meeting.

“We are hearing stories of people who are no longer going to build new homes in Floreat and of people who are regretting purchasing their homes.”

Cambridge has held three “visioning workshops” to gather

residents’ views to inform their plan.

But acting planning director Fraser Henderson said it was “unlikely” Cambridge’s structure plan would be ready before the Planning Commission was due to consider APIL’s plan.

“Council has the opportunity to recommend major amendments [to APIL’s plan],” he told the meeting.

“They will probably have the same weight as our own structure plan – that’s my professional view.”

Mr Mack said Cambridge

should have started work on a structure plan years ago.

“Obviously this wasn’t a priority because it wasn’t done,” he said.

“You’d have to ask previous mayors and CEOs [why].”

Mr Henderson and Mr Mack have consistently argued that Cambridge should now focus its efforts to suggest changes to APIL’s plan.

“I’m focusing on outcomes,” Mr Mack said.

“The outcome we want is for the Planning Commission to

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Sculptor returns after Barnett apology



Sculpture by the Sea founder David Handley and Chinese artist Chen Wenling with his 2024 contribution, *The Top of the Balance*.
Photo: Jane Wishaw

Sculptor Chen Wenling is keeping a close eye on his artwork at Cottesloe this week.

In 2012, Mr Wenling's sculpture *Childhood-Morning* was stolen from the Sculpture by the Sea exhibition.

He returned this year, for the first time since then, to show his work *The Top of the Balance*.

Former premier and Cottesloe MP Colin Barnett remembered the 2012 incident well.

He revealed he had written to Mr Wenling to apologise for the behaviour of the thieves, who stole the \$65,000 statue in the early hours after a long night of drinking.

"I apologised to Chen Wenling that his sculpture had been vandalised and said the state government would commission him to do a replacement sculpture," Mr Barnett said.

"The artist wrote back to me saying how surprised, touched and very appreciative he was to receive my letter and that he would reproduce the sculpture and gift it to the state of WA.

"He didn't accept payment." The thieves had been fishing at Cottesloe groyne before breaking the 1.88m red resin figure of a boy from its black plinth.

The sculpture was broken off at the ankles, leaving behind a "sad little pair of feet", before the pair manhandled it into a ute, the sculpture which one drove home and took into his bedroom.

Police tracked down the culprits the next day, when they found red paint flakes in the

ute and discovered the footless sculpture hidden in the attic.

The two thieves were ordered to each pay \$15,000 to Mr Wenling at \$150 a week and perform 100 hours of community service.

A lawyer for one of the thieves told the District Court that the incident was like the film *The Hangover*.

"My client was so intoxicated, he was horrified as he pieced together the awful jigsaw of the night before," the lawyer said. "It was like a scene from *The Hangover*."

Judge Anette Schoombe was critical of the thieves.

"It is not acceptable to drink to the extent you can't think any more and embark on loutish behaviour that affects others," she said.

The replacement sculpture is now in the Art Gallery of WA collection.

Mr Barnett said the artists created works with many thought-provoking themes.

"It exposes sculpture to such a wide community of all ages, through a whole cross section of our society," he said.



This is *Childhood-Morning* by Chen Wenling, which was broken at the ankles and stolen by drunken louts in 2012.

E-permits ruin Subi social visits

By LLOYD GORMAN

Subiaco residents continue to demand a return to paper-based parking permits despite tweaks to make the maligned new e-permit system easier to use.

Atkinson Road resident Adrian McCann said the old system worked perfectly and the new one was a nightmare to use.

"Subiaco must be the only suburb in Australia where family and friends have to book to visit loved ones in their own homes," he said.

"I have four children and

seven grandchildren who pop in regularly and unannounced to see me for a cuppa and a chat.

"A dear friend visited quite recently and was unaware of the parking ticket debacle.

"His visit was cut short and his anxiety levels went through the roof whilst I sat online trying to navigate the e-parking system, which wouldn't allow me to book him a space because he was already there sitting in front of me with his cup of coffee so the time to book had passed.

"You can only book in advance of someone turning up.

"Needless to say he was afraid he was going to get a parking ticket so left."

Some Subiaco residents are still furious about the e-permits and are demanding a paper option.

Subiaco revealed that scores of complaints about the new system had prompted technology provider EasyPark to make it more user-friendly.

Changes included removing a time-out limit on sessions, improving display clarity, fixing a password reset glitch and improving lags within the system.

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Dead lane to get new life

Claremont Quarter's "dead zones" are being resurrected.

Almost a year ago, the council approved plans to redevelop the square on St Quentin Avenue and laneway through to Gugeri Street (Major revamp at last for Claremont Quarter, POST, April 1).

Now, 16 years after the centre was built, work has started.

"The Laneway redevelopment marks a significant milestone in the evolution of Claremont Quarter and will deliver a vibrant and dynamic space, seamlessly connecting to the broader suburb," said Richard Kilbane, chief operating officer of the centre's owner, Hawaiian.



This Claremont Quarter laneway will be revamped to make it more enticing.

The first stage is to build a secure path to Gugeri Street, and install hoarding.

The Laneway redevelopment is expected to be completed by October.

Work on the Town Square is scheduled to start in the

coming months.

Claremont council last month approved a change of use from restaurant and small bar to tavern to allow a common tenant to occupy two of the spaces that overlook the Town Square.

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This branch snapped off an old river gum at Peter McDonald's Onslow Road, Shenton Park home, luckily not damaging anything in its path. Photo: Paul McGovern

Subi's 'hollow' tree policy

By LLOYD GORMAN

Subiaco council makes all the right noises about having trees in the community, but its words ring hollow when put to the test, a Shenton Park resident said this week.

Peter McDonald and his wife were away recently when their neighbour texted to say a huge branch had snapped off the massive river gum in the front garden of their Onslow Road home.

The couple rushed home to find the fallen bough filling up the entire garden, narrowly missing their house, fence, front wall and a car.

They were less lucky some

years ago when another big bough from the same gum dropped and badly damaged the jarrah roof of their century-old house.

Right next door the council-owned community centre is used by mother and baby groups as well as for pilates sessions for senior citizens.

Towering over the centre are two large limbs from the same gum tree in Mr McDonald's garden.

He considered that if one of them had fallen the centre almost certainly would have been crushed.

"Private landowners with significant tree canopy cover face additional costs compared to land owners without significant tree canopy cover," Mr McDonald said.

"The City's 'Urban Forest Strategy 2018/2022' has a stated aim to 'promote tree planting on private property' but in practice it could be doing a whole lot more than it currently does, to preserve and develop tree canopy on private land.

"The City could offer both in-kind and direct financial assistance to encourage retention of significant tree canopy on private lands."

In-kind support could include access to the city's expertise and resources for advice about tree health and maintenance, the installation of tree root barriers and risk mitigation to help identify limbs in danger of falling.

Lane survey secrecy 'may be unlawful'

By BRET CHRISTIAN

Cottesloe council admin's bid to keep secret a survey of its laneways may be in breach of the law relating to local government, says a local resident.

But the council says a survey conducted to establish building encroachments is unlikely to fall within that section of the Act. It is seeking further legal advice.

Several times at a council meeting last month Cottesloe CEO Matthew Scott refused to release the controversial survey, saying that doing so would breach the council's

privacy policy.

Several residents had asked to see the entire survey to enable it to be checked for accuracy.

"I don't mind if other people know where my back boundary is in relation to the survey," resident Chris Gilmore said (*Our council is harassing us*, POST, February 24).

Another speaker said property boundaries were on the public record. He said small errors by the surveyors were likely each time they turned a corner as they got further and further from the datum point near Daisies cafe on the corner of Marmion and Grant streets.

Affected residents needed to see if their alleged encroachments into the lane were within a margin of survey error, he said.

Another owner of two properties in Grant Street said he wanted the council survey so that if his fences were rebuilt he could not be told once again to move them.

Mr Scott repeated that releasing the survey without permission would breach the council's privacy rules.

Mayor Lorraine Young told the meeting the decision to keep the document private was made by council administra-

tion, not the council.

Section 3.52 of the Local Government Act says: "A local government is to keep plans of the levels and alignments of public thoroughfares that are under its control or management, and make those plans available for public inspection."

After the meeting, a council spokeswoman said: "The administration is seeking legal advice on the implications of releasing the survey to residents and has determined to not release it until those implications are understood."

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Dr. Katrina Stratton MLA Nedlands Community Events

There's been a lot happening in the Seat of Nedlands, and plenty to look forward to. As a former social worker, the community engagement is a part of this role I love most.

Nedlands Youth Forum: Are you aged between 18-25 years? You're invited to the Nedlands Youth Forum at Perth Dinghy Club on the 3rd of April 2024. Come join Katrina Stratton MLA Nedlands and special guest the Hon. Hannah Beazley Minister for Youth for a workshop on what matters to you as young people living in the electorate of Nedlands. The QR code to register is provided, just follow the arrow.

Advanced Care Planning Workshop: Save the Date, I'll be hosting an advanced care planning workshop on the morning of Wednesday 1st May. If you're interested in joining, please email my office at Katrina.Stratton@mp.wa.gov.au

West Leederville Coffee Catchup: Come down to Hylin Cafe, 178 Railway Parade, West Leederville on Friday, 22nd March to talk about the issues that matter to you - or just to say hello! The coffees will be on me.

Easter Competition: Call into my office at 1/160 Hampden Road to make a guess at how many eggs are in the jar and to pick up your colouring in! Great prizes for our winning entries.



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Artwork Reflects Indigenous Reconciliation Support

On 18 February, the Flower District Town Team unveiled an artwork symbolising community support for the Galup project, aimed at restoring Lake Monger's Whadjuk Noongar name, Galup (place of fire). Whadjuk Elders, Aunty Lois May and Aunty Glenda Kickett, stressed the site's cultural significance, especially the need to remember the 1830 lake massacre. Town of Cambridge CEO Gary Tuffin and Deputy Mayor Ben Mayes gratefully received the community artwork, which portrays "the hands of support" from locals.

"This artwork aptly captures the unity of our community in supporting the Galup project," said Deputy Mayor Ben Mayes. "It signifies our collective commitment to honouring Aboriginal heritage and promoting positive change." Created during the 2023 Northwood Street Festival, the artwork will be displayed at the Lake Monger Recreation Club, symbolising the community's dedication to reconciliation and cultural preservation.

The Town has been collaborating with Traditional Owners on plans for the ongoing management, conservation, and community connection to the lake, registered as an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site. Broader community engagement on these plans is anticipated later this year.

Read the full story: www.cambridge.wa.gov.au/Town-Council/News/Latest-News

Leederville Sporting Club: Inclusive Runner-Up Champion



The Leederville Sporting Club was awarded runner-up for the 2023 WA Good Sports Club of the Year and was praised for fostering a healthy, inclusive community. Initiatives such as renovations and family-friendly options have helped the club grow to over 1,300 members.

Their partnership with the Good Sports program, promoting alcohol-free options, underscores their commitment to inclusivity and social engagement.

For more details on this and other news, visit: www.cambridge.wa.gov.au/Town-Council/News/Latest-News

Sunset Music Event Unites Community at McLean Park



What a blast we had at McLean Park for Sunset Music on Sunday, March 10! The Murphy Brothers wowed us with their awesome tunes, as over 500 attendees gathered, injecting Floreat with an extra splash of energy.

The kids had a fantastic time with the engaging free activities, while everyone enjoyed the delicious food from the food trucks, creating an unforgettable experience. It was a fabulous night that brought our local community together.

For more details on this and other news, visit: www.cambridge.wa.gov.au/Town-Council/News/Latest-News

Cambridge Seeks More Information for APIL's Floreat Forum Plan



The Town of Cambridge has requested further information on the APIL Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) for the Floreat Activity Centre before accepting it for assessment and releasing it for public advertising.

Feedback from the visioning workshops will be shared at the Open Session on **Thursday, 21 March 2024 (3pm – 7pm)** and will guide the development of the Town's own PSP and in assessing APIL's PSP.

For more details on the Floreat Activity Centre Plan visit: www.cambridge.wa.gov.au/Floreat-Forum-Activity-Centre-Plan

Upcoming Council Meetings

Agenda Briefing	19 March
Ordinary Council	26 March

All meetings start at 6pm and are held in the Council Chambers, 1 Bold Park Dr. Meetings will be live-streamed via the Town's YouTube channel: www.cambridge.wa.gov.au/agendas

UPCOMING EVENTS

19 Mar
Cambridge Memory Café
2:30pm to 4pm
Wembley Community Centre
Join us for a coffee and meet new friends in a safe environment.

21 Mar
Floreat Forum Vision Open Session
3pm to 7pm
The Boulevard Centre
Presentation of visioning workshop outcomes for Floreat Forum's future.

21 Mar
Native Gardens Workshop
6pm to 8pm
Town of Cambridge Admin Centre
Learn about native plants, soil, and landscape wisdom.

22 Mar
Puccini & Friends Gala Concert
6pm to 9:30pm
Quarry Amphitheatre
A night of Italian operatic greats at the Quarry Amphitheatre.

24 Mar
Adult Wardrobe Refresh
10am to 12:30pm
Town of Cambridge Admin Centre
Recycle your old clothes and uncover a renewed find.

For more details or to register for an event, visit: www.cambridge.wa.gov.au/whatson

Easter Trading Hours: Town of Cambridge & Key Facilities

This Easter, the Town of Cambridge and its key facilities will observe the following adjusted trading hours from Friday, 29 March to Monday, 1 April:

Town Admin Centre & Cambridge Library: Closed Friday through Monday.

Bold Park Aquatic: Closed Friday. Open Saturday 7am-7pm, Sunday 8am-7pm, Monday 8am-6pm.

Wembley Golf Course: Open daily 6am-8pm.

Take Our Survey: Enhance Lake Monger's Recreational Facilities

Your input is invaluable! In 2018, you guided us to enhance the south west area of the reserve as part of the Lake Monger Activity Plan. Now, it's time to participate in our survey to shape the future of the Lake Monger basketball and picnic facilities. Your feedback ensures the amenities meet our community's needs. Share your thoughts by scanning the QR code before the survey closes on **1 April at 5pm**.



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Karrakatta marks trail blazers

By EMMA BLADEN

A Subiaco woman who bought two Spitfire fighter planes for the Battle of Britain is among 22 women whose remarkable life stories are honoured in a new walking trail.

The Karrakatta Cemetery trail leads walkers to each woman's grave. It is the third trail at the cemetery.

Many of the women made a substantial contribution to life in the western suburbs – and beyond.

Sith Annie Chesters, who lived at 58 Heytesbury Road, contributed to the war effort in 1940 by buying two Spitfires for 8500 pounds.

She also bought a training plane for Australian pilots for 1750 pounds.

The trail also takes in the grave of Edith Cowan, who was the first woman to be elected to an Australian parliament.

She was also instrumental in setting up King Edward Memorial Hospital in Subiaco in 1916, the state's first public maternity hospital.

Wildflower artist Annie Dorrington, whose name adorns a Mt Claremont park, was a winning entrant in the international competition to design the Australian flag.

Australian Labor Party activist Roseann Fuhrmann was the first woman elected to Subiaco council, a post she held from 1945 to 1963.

Ada Bromham, a women's temperance activist, founded a drapery store in Claremont in 1908 which was so successful it funded her activism and political interests.

The grave of social welfare and women's rights activist Bessie Mabel Rischbieth is also included on the trail.

Her 1903 home, Unalla, still stands at 5 View Street, Peppermint Grove.

Mrs Rischbieth is credited with fighting for the rights of women, Aborigines, children, public health and the environment.

She also served as a justice of the peace and is credited with having prevented a swimming pool being built in Kings Park and stopping further reclamation of the Swan River.

The trail was officially opened on Wednesday.



Geoffrey Drake-Brockman and Juliana Areias visit the grave of his great-great grandmother Roberta Jull. Photo: Paul McGovern

Hospice works to stymie footpath

By BEN DICKINSON
and JEN REWELL

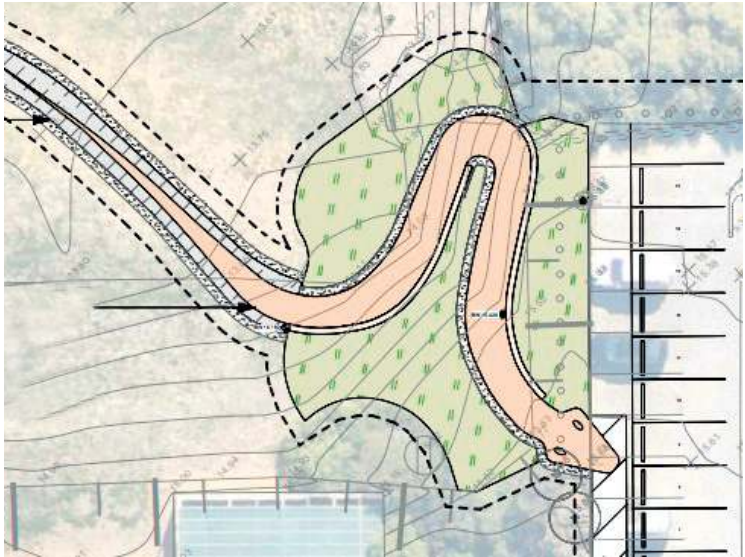
Nedlands council's plan to stamp its footprint into the Swanbourne sand dunes could be foiled by work on the neighbouring children's hospice.

The council wants to build a serpentine footpath, to be known as the Norn Bidi, over a grassy area between the hospice site and the WA Bridge Club.

The \$140,000 footpath would cross land that the Perth Childrens Hospital Foundation wants.

Foundation for a community garden chair Ian Campbell accused the council in 2022 of dreaming up the Norn Bidi project to lock up the land, calling the path "a dog in the manger" (*Campbell stamps on walk trail plan*, POST, October 29, 2022).

Construction of the Norn Bidi was due to start within months, but the hospice project team has asked to use the land as an access point for trucks during the hospice's



The proposed Norn Bidi footpath is in conflict with the Swanbourne children's hospice.

two-year construction.

Nedlands staff have advised councillors to agree to the request and delay the Norn Bidi, warning of "reputational impacts" if the council impeded the hospice's construction.

They warned the state government could simply seize the land if the council did not

agree, as it did when it excised the 5000sq.m hospice site from Allen Park.

Swanbourne resident Tracy McLaren said at a meeting that it was "alarming" that the hospice team wanted to use the A-Class Reserve for construction traffic.

"The public will blame the councillors and the City for the massive congestion that will be created if the developer's wish list is granted," she said.

"Immediate construction of the Norn Bidi is vital to ensure protection of Allen Park land for the original purposes of parks and recreation."

Mayor Fiona Argyle pushed last month to buy a \$65,000 aluminium sculpture that would be installed next to the Norn Bidi trail.

The sculpture, *Mantle*, by Fremantle artist Tim Macfarlane-Reid, was shown

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Late report delays solar savings

Nedlands councillors have asked their acting CEO to look at putting solar power on council buildings in a bid to save money.

But the potential savings are unknown because the council has been waiting for 18 months for staff to prepare a report on utility costs.

Councillors asked for information in August 2022 about which City tenants were responsible for high utility costs.

Staff had been asked to report how much tenants like sporting clubs and playgroups paid for power, water and gas.

They were requested to identify the top 10 utility users by dollar value and location.

Staff were also asked to come up with solutions to provide solar power, eliminate gas usage and reduce water bills.

Staff said they hoped to be able to update councillors in May.

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Platitudes bypass planning concerns

It seems that Cottesloe Liberal candidate Sandra Brewer's campaign managers have decided to address the somewhat contentious issue of her former employment as WA director of the Property Council of Australia.

Ms Brewer states that "the community would be more welcoming of low and medium density developments that people generally are more attracted to live in" (*Brewer downplays Cott high-rise*, POST, March 9). What does that mean?

She follows up with the insight that "the best urban development is done in a very considered manner". Not exactly insightful.

Unfortunately these platitudes fail to address fundamental concerns of residents, namely what is the role of local government in planning, and who decides what constitutes the best urban development?

At present it seems it is the unelected members of development assessment panels, on which the government has the numbers. The DAPs decide the applications by developers after planning reports by local councils. Invariably, they greatly increase the size of the development compared to the planning rules.

In the meantime, Ms Brewer assures us that the redevelopment of Cottesloe station and



Pressing the flesh ... Cottesloe candidate Sandra Brewer, centre, and Liberal leader Libby Mettam meet locals at Cottesloe's John Street cafe. **Photo: Paul McGovern**

the Eric Street bridge needs to occur before more density can be considered.

This is of little comfort because neither project is likely to take long to implement once a decision to proceed is made, after which the local council will be flooded with applications and the DAPs will be working overtime allowing applications from developers.

I hope that much greater clarification comes from Ms Brewer well before the election on the views on the role of local council in planning approvals.

Don Frayne
Walter Street, Claremont

Cult survivor's father thanks Ben

I am the father of "Alex", who was referenced in your recent reports exposing the Shincheonji cult's activities in Perth (*'Slaves' quit cult*, POST, February 24).

I came to meet reporter Ben Dickinson after the first article he wrote on the issue.

It was only then that we became aware of our son's involvement in the cult and through Ben connecting us with other parents we found support and were able to work towards getting him out.

He has since left the cult, our family has been reunited and a young man has resumed "normal" life.

Ben has proved himself a consummate professional since

the first phone call we made to him and has facilitated parents working together to support each other and try to make sense of their struggles.

Although much of his focus must have been on the "news" behind the story, he has been incredibly sensitive to our position and remained understanding and genuinely interested in how we were coping.

He worked with "Alex" through a number of versions of the story, remaining supportive and not pushy at all, until our son was comfortable with how he was being portrayed.

I hope the POST gives Ben the recognition he has earned.

A grateful parent
(name and address supplied)

Cremation is the way to save space

Anne McCrudden's letter (*Grave turnover at Karrakatta*, March 9), concerning Karrakatta Cemetery accepting new burials when it appears that space has run out, begs the question as to what the solution is.

With city populations growing exponentially it is unlikely that any new inner-city cemeteries for burial are likely to open any time soon, or ever, given the current shortage of land which as we know is also impacting on housing availability generally.

Cities all around the world share this dilemma and so people are choosing cremations over burial.

In fact, since 1930 when fewer than 5% chose cremations in Australia it has increased dra-



Dying breed ... Individual headstones over gravesites increasingly are giving way to memorial plaques on cemetery walls of remembrance.

matically to more than 75% today.

In Japan, where land is at a premium, more than 99% choose cremations over burial.

The world is changing quickly in so many ways (whether one likes it or not) and people need

to adapt, get used to it and stop living in the past.

I would be surprised if Karrakatta Cemetery is still around by the end of this century.

Bruce Strang
Tighe Street, Jolimont

WMRC's Word on Waste

Free drop-off area closed Monday 18 March

Please be advised that the free recycling drop-off area at the West Metro Recycling Centre will be closed on Monday 18 March 2024.

This is to allow for line-marking to be undertaken in this area – part of our ongoing efforts to make the Recycling Centre easier to navigate for our member council residents and visitors.

We apologise for any inconvenience, and ask that you kindly plan your visit for a different day.

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Kids' art impresses visiting sculptor



Sculpture by the School ... City Beach Primary School students Benjamin Lindqvist, Year 3, left, Ethan Klimer, Year 6, Olivia Pervan, Year 5 and Lili Lau, Year 5, display their creations. **Photo: Paul McGovern**

A silver crab with its claws in the air, spaceships, the Milky Way, butterflies, a flying unicorn and a hot air balloon – everything has a place with the theme of **Reach for the Sky**.

Students at City Beach Primary School proudly showed off their creations and installations this week to international artist Gleb Dusavitskiy, as he visited the school to encourage young artists.

Gleb said he was thrilled with the kids' imaginations.

"The designs come spilling out of them," he said. "They come up with incredible ideas and some very deep concepts."

As well as exhibiting in **Sculpture by the Sea**, Gleb

was also lead installer for the installation site crew, and has been one of the main artists in this year's education program.

He also met the pre-primary class, who were full of questions about how he had bent the metal of his sculpture **I Believe I Can Fly**, and how he had shipped the massive artwork to Perth from Europe.

The class showed him their bright art installation, which takes pride of place in the school's foyer.

Pre-primary teacher Anna Earnshaw said art was a wonderful way for children to be happy and proud of what they could achieve.

"They can blossom and bloom and be proud of themselves," Ms Earnshaw said.

Subiaco floats ideas for new HQ

By LLOYD GORMAN

Subiaco's new council offices should be "an inspiring building" that can operate for the next 50 to 100 years.

This forms part of the architectural design brief for the redevelopment of the former admin centre at 241 Rankin Gardens – damaged by fire in September 2022.

The design should also have council chambers able to hold about 60 people, capable of being used for civic and community events and with "direct connectivity" with neighbouring

rooms and spaces, including Rankin Gardens.

As well as an office for the mayor and the CEO the building should be able to hold 150 employees, parking for "at least" 50 car bays, a museum exhibition space and other features and amenities, including public toilets.

City staff say Subiaco's residential population is expected to grow from 18,000 today to 30,000 by 2050.

They recommend the CEO start a request for tender process to find a qualified architect to draw up a concept plan for the new council HQ and a preliminary master plan for the civic precinct around it.

Councillors will discuss the plans at the full meeting this month.

The staff report contains three ways the site could be developed, including a "courtyard scheme" with buildings up to two storeys and an undercroft with a footprint of 2050sq.m.

A "mid-rise" option would see buildings up to four storeys, with an undercroft and footprint of 760sq.m, and a "campus scheme" would have one to three storeys and a 1475sq.m undercroft.

At last month's council meeting, in response to questions from resident Jackie Greenshields, mayor David McMullen said the council was not selling off blocks of land to fund an over-the-top new council and admin centre (*No Subi palace HQ*, POST, February 24).

Choked streets blame game

Frustrated neighbours of the University of Western Australia and QEII Medical Centre are being left in the dark as the state government and Perth City Council blame each other for delays around planning for the congested sites.

Some streets have been earmarked as a potential area for expansion of QEII while other locals have found their residential streets becoming increasingly clogged up.

David Lim, from Park Road, Crawley, fronted Perth City Council this month to question why a proposed precinct plan for UWA's 65ha Crawley campus and QEII's 29ha was moving at a glacial pace.

He said it had been three years since the community was con-

sulted about the precinct plan.

General manager planning and economic development Dale Page said the precinct plan was "quite a substantial undertaking."

She said the department was preparing an economic development strategy that was beyond the City's control.

When contacted for comment, the planning department denied it was responsible for any delay.

"The department has been supporting the City of Perth since 2019," a DoP spokesperson said. "However, the City only engaged consultants to prepare the draft structure plan in late 2023."

A spokesperson for Nedlands council said the community would be consulted, but could not say when that would be.

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Donation reform must drive competition – Chaney

By BONNIE CHRISTIAN

Kate Chaney says electoral reform must maintain competition in politics as the federal government is tipped to cap the donation limit to parties and candidates.

It appears that Labor is set to move soon on its promised electoral reform.

The new legislation, which is unlikely to be passed before the next election, could curtail donations such as \$2.5million the two Atlassian founders gave to Climate 200 and the \$117 million

Clive Palmer gave to the United Australia Party. The Curtin MP was one of six new Climate 200-backed independents elected at the last election. The political fundraiser gave her \$450,000.

Ms Chaney publishes the donations she receives in real-time on her website.

Currently, donations need only be published annually and usually many months after an election.



Kate Chaney

It is also possible Labor will limit the amount of money allowed to be spent in each electorate.

“Voters deserve to know who is funding their candidates and be protected from outright lies in political advertising,” Ms Chaney said this week.

“They also deserve a competitive choice of candidates.

“No one thinks it’s good for democracy when one individual can spend \$100 million to influ-

ence the outcome of an election. “But if taxpayers fund election campaigns instead, through an increase in public funding, it entrenches the status quo.

“We need competition in business, and we also need competition in politics.

“When I see the proposed legislation ... I will also be looking at whether the major parties have colluded to structure any caps in a way intended to arrest the decline of their own vote, by making it hard for new challengers to get their message out there.

“Running a campaign from a standing start is expensive and parties have huge economies of scale as well as the many benefits of incumbency.

“Any cap system will need to treat different funding structures fairly and in a way that maintains political competition – whether candidates receive donations from companies, unions, crowdfunding intermediaries, or individual citizens.”

Ms Chaney has advocated for the overhaul of the donations system and to end “cash for access”.



ABOVE: The houses recently approved on the block subdivided after objections from the local council.

LEFT: Demolition is under way of the original house that occupied the 759sq.m block.

Small blocks creep into Peppermint Grove

By BRET CHRISTIAN

By far the smallest two blocks in Peppermint Grove have been created by the state government – and at least one neighbour is distraught, recent council meetings have been told.

Peppermint Grove is known as a garden suburb and for its high amenity and heritage homes on large blocks.

It was settled originally with five-acre (2ha) farmlets that were later subdivided into half-acre (2000sq.m) homesites, many of which have been retained.

Until recently the smallest housing block in Peppermint

Grove was 468sq.m.

Now two blocks of 374 and 385sq.m have been approved by the WA Planning Commission, over-riding objections from the local council.

When the owner of 24 Johnson Street, on the corner of Solomon Street, applied to cut the R20-zoned block into two, the shire council objected.

Joel Gajic, Peppermint Grove’s development services officer, wrote to the WA Planning Commission saying the minimum allowable size was 422.5sq.m.

He said the proposal was outside the average site area set down in the R-codes, “and no written justification to vary

this development control has been provided”.

The aims of the council’s planning scheme included preserving the shire’s amenity and protecting the quality and characteristics of its streetscapes.

He said the proposal would not contribute to the garden-suburb character of Peppermint Grove, and he asked the WAPC to justify how the subdivision complied with the local design principles.

The design of two houses on the subdivided blocks was approved at the last council meeting, council staff saying the plans partially satisfied the design principles.



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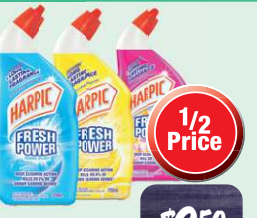
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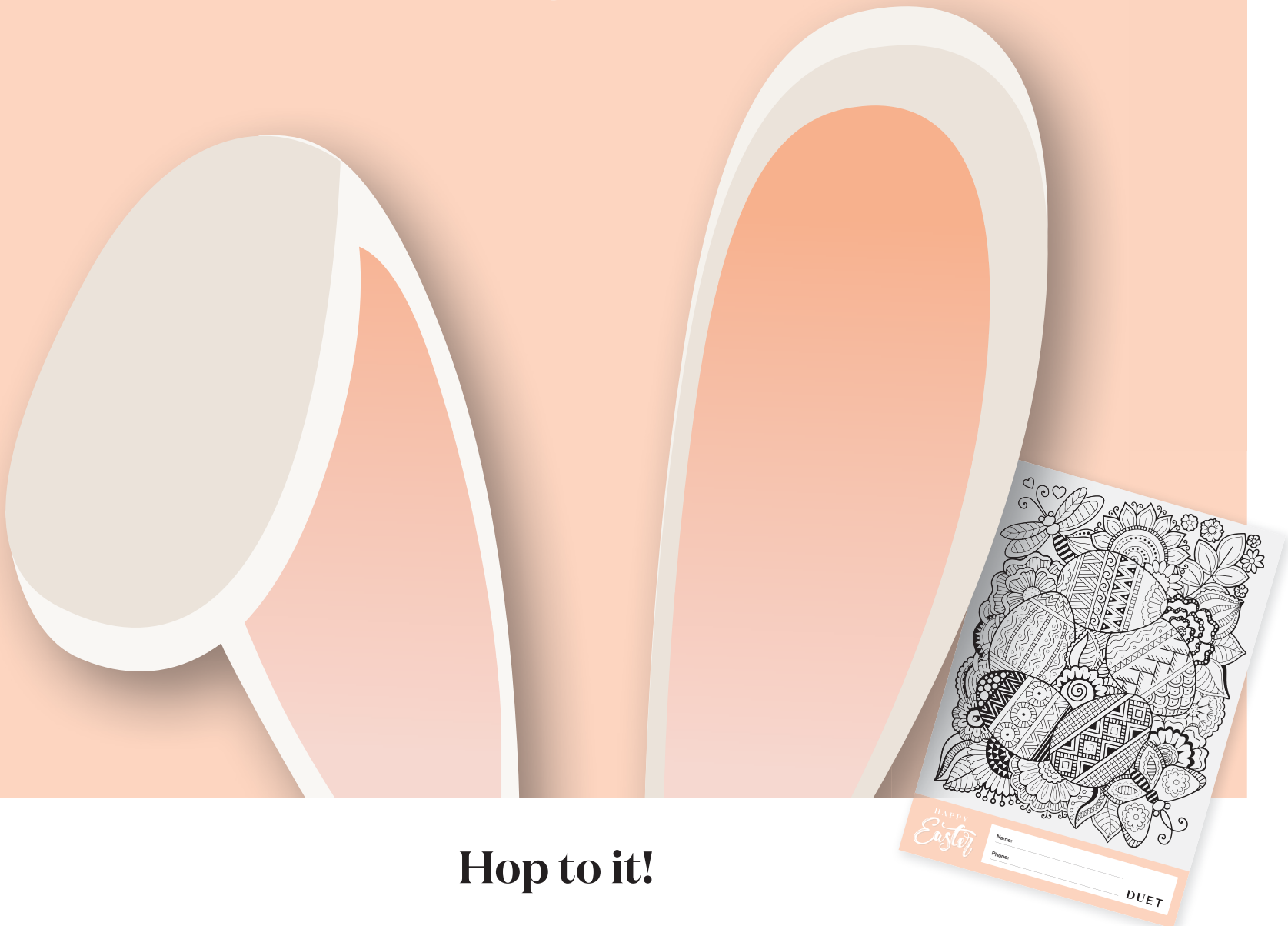
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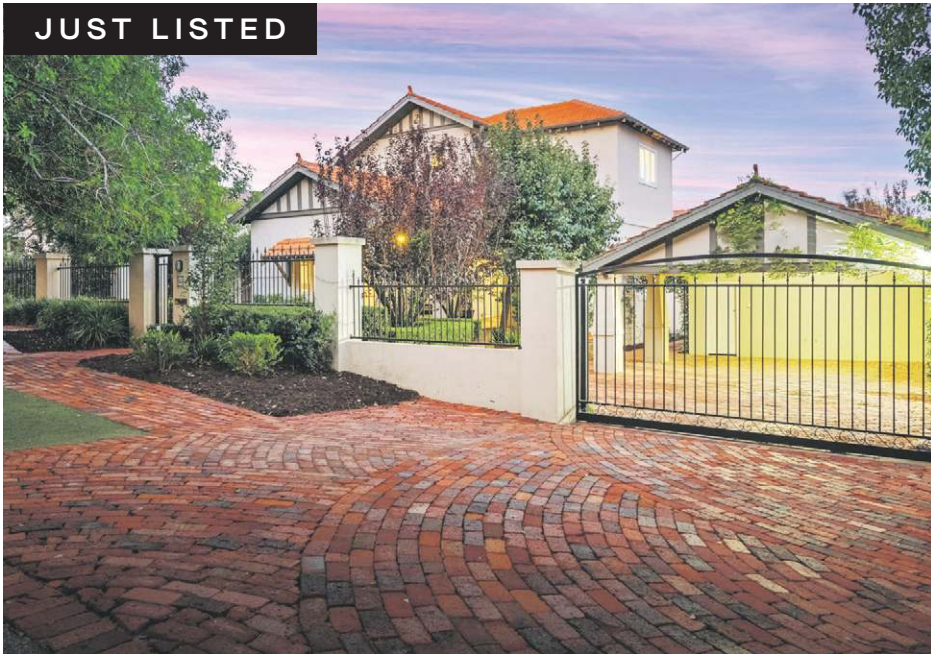


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Smoke bandit in Subiaco

A man stole \$1500 worth of cigarettes from Coles supermarket in Subiaco on Monday night. Senior Sergeant Craig Wanstall, of Wembley police, said the man reached over a counter and opened a drawer before taking six cartons of cigarettes at 7.49pm.

The man is described as having tanned skin and a goatee. He was wearing a grey hoodie, shorts, and white shoes. Anyone with information should contact Wembley police on 9214 7100 and quote IR number 110324 2003 89074.

Fraudsters rack up cab rides

Bank cards were stolen from an unlocked ute in Floreat earlier this month. The Holden Colorado was parked outside a house in Orrel Avenue on the night of March 2. A card taken from the ute was used to pay for two

taxi fares and a purchase at an Ascot petrol station. The unknown thieves tried five times to use a card to make an online purchase from Apple, but the transactions were declined. Police are investigating.

Cruising in a pram in Subi



A woman allegedly concealed Vodka Cruiser cans in a pram before walking out of a Subiaco bottle shop last month. Police would like to speak to three women who were at the Station Street BWS around 1.30pm on Thursday, February 8. Senior Sergeant Craig Wanstall, of Wembley police, said the women entered the store at a busy time. While staff were distracted, one of them allegedly concealed the cans, worth a combined \$60, in a pram before walking out without paying. Anyone with information should contact Wembley police on 9214 7100.

Police want to speak to these women.



Charges were laid over this incident in Claremont.

Hammer thy neighbour

A 68-year-old Claremont woman will face court after she allegedly bashed her neighbour's front door with a hammer. Davies Road resident Margaux Summirh Kaire was arrested at her apartment on Saturday, March 9, after she was allegedly caught on CCTV striking her neighbour's front door four times with a claw hammer. Senior Sergeant Craig Wanstall, of Wembley

police, said Ms Summirh Kaire was wearing the same clothing captured in CCTV footage when officers arrived at the scene. The neighbour, a 25-year-old man, told police the attack was unprovoked. Ms Summirh Kaire was charged with being armed in a way that may cause fear. She is due to appear in Perth Magistrates Court on March 28.

Night out turns hairy

A nightclub assailant pulled hair extensions from a woman's head during an altercation in Claremont this month. The 23-year-old victim was partying at the newly reopened The Avenue nightclub, formerly Club Bayview, just after 1am on March 4. Senior Sergeant Craig Wanstall, of Wembley police, said another woman

yelled at the victim before smacking her iPhone out of her hand. "The suspect grabbed the victim's hair and pulled on it while kicking her repeatedly...[and] pulling out a large amount of her hair extensions" Sen. Sgt Wanstall said. Security staff escorted the assailant out of the nightclub. Police are investigating.

Car gone in mail drop

A thief stole an unlocked SUV from a Shenton Park shopping centre last weekend. The owner of the white Nissan X-Trail told police she left the keys in the ignition and the car unlocked while she posted a letter around 5.25pm on

Sunday, March 10. When she returned around five minutes later, the car was gone. It had not been recovered by Tuesday. If you see a white X-Trail with the registration ILOVLOUIE, call police on 131 444.



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Registration is essential because food and refreshments will be provided.

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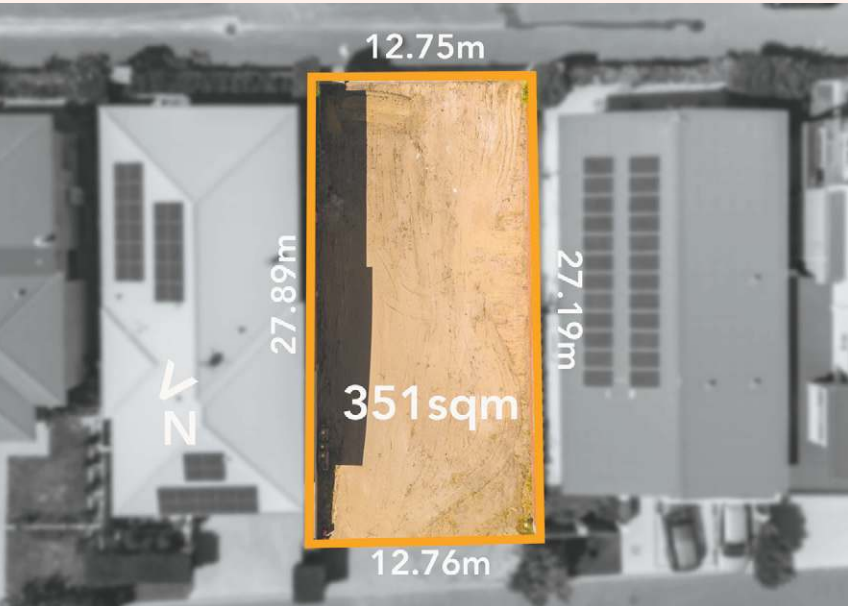


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■ WA Opera Young Artist Jessica Blunt will be the soprano soloist in Messiah. RIGHT: Aquinas Schola Cantorum joins UWA Choral Society.



Handel's Messiah reprises Dublin premiere

In the 1730s, public interest in Italian opera was declining, so composer George Frideric Handel turned to English oratorios.

After some success with these in England, in 1741 he wrote the music to Messiah in just 24 days, scoring the oratorio for a small orchestra and choir.

It premiered in Dublin in March 1742 for Easter

at the invitation of the Duke of Devonshire, then serving as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

These days Messiah is most often performed with a large orchestra and choir at Christmas, but this Easter the UWA Choral Society will give a performance inspired by its Dublin premiere.

Kristin Bowtell will conduct the 100-voice choir and boys'

choir Aquinas Schola Cantorum, accompanied by the historical instrument performers from Australian Baroque led by Helen Kruger.

Soloists include two Young Artists with WA Opera, soprano Jessica Blunt and tenor Kohsei Gilkes, with bass Jake Bigwood and WAO's principal artist, mezzo soprano Brigitte Heuser.

Conductor Kris Bowtell

said this performance offered the chance to rediscover the brilliance and emotional depth of Handel's timeless masterpiece.

"This is the perfect start to Easter," he said.

The Dublin Messiah will perform at Perth Concert Hall next Friday, March 22, at 7.30 pm. Book through perthconcerthall.com.au/ events.

Come together

The annual Perth Easter Gathering is happening once again on Easter Sunday. It is an opportunity for Christians to come together for public prayer, worship, music and communion in celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

This year the meeting will be in Yagan Square Amphitheatre on Easter Sunday, March 31, at 2.30pm.



28-31 March 2024

Maundy Thursday

7pm: Mass followed by watch at altar of repose
With the Winthrop Singers from UWA

Good Friday

9.30am: Stations of the Cross

2pm: The Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified
The Chapel Choir

7pm: The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross
(String quartet by Joseph Haydn, 1786)

Easter Day

5.30am: Vigil, lighting the new fire, breakfast

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to the terror and amazement of resurrection

Festive cake

Impress family and friends this Easter with this pretty white chocolate layered cake, covered in mini pastel eggs.

Ingredients

250g butter, chopped
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1½ cups caster sugar
1 cup milk
2 eggs
3 tsp finely grated orange or lemon zest

1½ cups plain flour
½ cup self-raising flour

Topping

360g white chocolate, chopped
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What to do

Preheat the oven to 150C (130C fan-forced).

Grease a 20cm cake pan and line with baking paper.

Place the butter, chocolate, sugar and milk in a saucepan and stir over medium-low heat until the butter and chocolate have melted and the sugar has dissolved. Transfer mixture to a large bowl and set aside for five minutes to cool slightly.

Use a balloon whisk to whisk the eggs and zest into the chocolate mixture. Sift the flours over the mixture and use the whisk to gently fold through. Pour mixture into the prepared pan and bake for 1 hour 45 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cover loosely with a sheet of foil for the last 30

minutes of baking.

Cool the cake in the pan for 30 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely.

Topping

For the cake topping, combine the chocolate and cream in a heatproof bowl and place over a saucepan of simmering water (don't let the base of the bowl touch the water). Heat, stirring occasionally, for three to five minutes or until the chocolate is almost melted. Remove from the heat and set aside for five minutes or until the chocolate has completely melted. Stir to combine.

Place chocolate mixture in the fridge for an hour to an hour-and-a-half, stirring occasionally, or until the mixture is cold and has the consistency of custard. Use electric beaters to beat until mixture resembles softly

whipped cream (don't over-beat, because it may curdle).

Use a serrated knife to cut the cake in half horizontally. Place the base on a serving plate. Spread with one-third

of a cup of the topping mixture. Replace top and spread all over with the rest of the topping.

Arrange mini eggs all over the cake. Serve immediately, or refrigerate.

Desperate appeal for food

Foodbank WA is calling for more donations to help households get through Easter.

The support agency reported that the day before Good Friday last year was its busiest day of the year, with more than 1040 households accessing services in one day.

Foodbank provided more than nine million meals to people in need last year and the number is growing this year as more people face a cost-of-living crisis.

Many have resorted to Foodbank for the first time this year, and the agency believes this Easter will be even busier than last year.

To help people get through Easter, make a donation to foodbank.org.au/WA/easter-appeal.

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Vivaldi resounds in concert hall

Based in Venice in the early 1700s, composer Antonio Vivaldi was commissioned to write several sacred music pieces for the Pieta convent and orphanage, known for its excellent all-female choir.

He wrote several versions of Gloria inspired by Gloria in Excelsis Deo, but only one survives today, known simply as Vivaldi's

Gloria because of its popularity.

Vivaldi's sacred music was not well known until Alfredo Casella hosted Vivaldi Week in 1939. Since then, Vivaldi's Gloria has been used in a number of films including the 1996 Scott Hicks film *Shine*, about pianist David Helfgott, and the 2011 film *The Hunter*.

It is still a beloved choral piece, and St



■ Joseph Nolan conducts St George's Cathedral Consort choir and WA Symphony Orchestra.

George's Cathedral Consort will bring it to sparkling life for Easter with a program that features Thomas Weelkes' poignant *When David Heard*, and the grandeur of Handel's *Dixit Dominus*.

Presented as part of St George's Perth Concert Series, Gloria brings

together the renowned Consort choir with WA Symphony Orchestra led by conductor Joseph Nolan.

Gloria celebrates Easter at Perth Concert Hall on Wednesday March 27 at 7.30pm.

■ Book through www.waso.com.au.

The origins of Easter buns and eggs

Easter is deeply connected with food traditions. And it is big business.

No sooner is Christmas over than hot cross buns start appearing on supermarket shelves.

But what is the significance of the hot cross bun? The cross on top symbolises the Crucifixion, and the spices are believed to symbolise those used to embalm Jesus after the Crucifixion.

The first literary reference to them is around 1733 with the nursery rhyme "One a penny, two a penny, hot cross buns". But in the 1500s Queen Elizabeth I banned them except

at Easter, Christmas and funerals when they were thought to have magical healing powers.

Eggs at Easter symbolises rebirth, fertility, and the brightness of spring. Pre-dating Christianity, eggs were part of the pagan celebrations for the northern hemisphere's spring equinox. It is the reason Easter falls on a different date each year, set for the Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Chocolate eggs began appearing in the 1800s and by 1875 Mr Cadbury was already cornering the market on Easter eggs.



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Lake Jualbup is kids' favourite

By LOUISA WALES

Rosalie Primary students are graduating wearing a special connection with their district's Aboriginal history.

Year 6 students and artist Ree Couzens have come together to create leavers' T-shirts that reflect that connection to Shenton Park – via Lake Jualbup.

Nhanda-Wadjarri woman Ree, from Carnarvon, invited students to each list a significant local place, local animal and local plant.

The students pinpointed what mattered most to them in their neighbourhood – with Lake Jualbup, its oblong turtles, kookaburras and kangaroo-paws proving the most popular.

"It was really great to see what they find special about Shenton Park," Ree said.

"They're a very inquisitive bunch, so interested in their environment."

She created oil on canvas artworks depicting the kids' chosen motifs.

chosen motifs.

Rosalie associate principal Christopher Nener said the children's anticipation for the shirts' arrival this month had been keen, with frequent queries of "Are they here yet?"

"A number of students took them straight out of their packaging and were wearing them on the walk home," he said.

Year 6 student Jasmin Prawerti said: "The shirt looks amazing, with lots of culture."

"It feels meaningful to the Year 6 students because we chose the places, plants and animals that are important to us."

"I have good memories of walking around Lake Jualbup with my parents and spotting the turtles."

Fellow Year 6 student Josie White said: "Lake Jualbup is so important to me because I have good memories of parties and picnics with friends growing up."



Lake Jualbup and its oblong turtles feature on Rosalie Primary School's Year 6 leavers' shirts. Students collaborated with artist Ree Couzens to create the shirt design, incorporating significant places, plants and animals from Shenton Park. Photo: Paul McGovern

Call to lift QEII Medical Centre parking cap

A cap on carparking numbers at QEII should be lifted to open the way for more cars and development on the site, a project group set up to deal with parking woes will tell the state government.

The call comes as plans for a second \$30million multistorey carpark at the congested 29ha medical precinct remain in limbo.

A development application

for a nine-storey building, with 1900 parking bays and ground floor shops, was lodged with the City of Perth Development Assessment Panel on March 21, 2022, exactly two years ago next week.

The project has not been presented to a DAP meeting.

The POST asked the QEII Trust – which runs the busy hospital complex – if the longstanding cap of 5350 bays imposed by

the WA Planning Commission or the 26-year contract handed to a private parking firm by the Barnett government were factors in the delay.

"The department of health is coordinating a project group that will help to inform planning for future parking and access to the campus," the trust said.

"The project group will also review the parking cap model,

taking into account expanded services on the campus since the last review and future planned development."

The department was asked to provide more details about the group.

Meanwhile, Perth and Nedlands councils and the state government are developing a precinct plan for the UWA and QEII areas to help guide planning and traffic issues over the

next 10 to 20 years.

The transport department last year gave Perth firm Uloth & Associates a \$100,000 contract to June 1 to identify solutions (Can "fresh eyes" see way through QEII parking/traffic woes?, POST, November 25).

A lack of parking and congestion problems were cited by the health minister as reasons why the state's new maternity hospital could not be built at QEII.

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Underpinning this drive is that there is a lot of wealth in Perth, in fact eighteen billionaires on the Financial Review Rich List in 2023 hail from Western Australia, representing \$110 billion out of the combined \$562 billion of wealth tracked – 25%.

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Strikingly – only 2 and bit months into 2024 – there are currently 21 properties in Cottesloe and Swanbourne advertised for sale over \$5m.

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2017	4	1	1	-	-	6
2016	3	2	-	-	-	5
2015	4	2	-	-	-	6
2014	-	1	-	-	-	1
2013	4	2	-	-	-	6
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St Hilda's year level pennant winners Georgie Curnow (Year 8), Tamzyn Laverack (Year 11), Hannah Taskunas (Year 9), Liberty Sheldrick (Year 12, swim team captain), Louise Barton (Year 12, swim team vice-captain), Delta Cross (Year 10) and Mackenzie Miller (Year 7).

St Hilda's swim-meet domination

For the second year in a row, St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls' swim team has achieved an incredible clean sweep of the pool at the Independent Girls' Schools Sports Association (IGSSA) swimming carnival, clinching every year-level pennant and the overall Boans Champion trophy.

This year, St Hilda's also won every freestyle year group relay. The 2024 IGSSA Swimming Carnival was held at HBF Stadium on March 8.

It serves as a platform for young athletes to showcase their talents and passion for swimming while fostering camaraderie and friendship among the eight participating girls schools.

St Hilda's principal Fiona Johnston said the school's back-to-back domination in the pool was a tribute to the effort and dedication of staff, coaches and athletes.

"Their commitment to excellence, coupled with their indomitable spirit, has propelled

St Hilda's to new heights in the realm of swimming, one that the whole school community can be proud of," she said.

St Hilda's has a strong performance history in the IGSSA swimming carnival, having now won 17 Boans trophies since 1965.

Their closest rivals, Penrhos, have had 10 wins, MLC and PLC eight each, St Mary's seven, Iona five and Perth College four.

At this year's carnival, Iona earned second place and St Mary's third.

Dolphin lands in Freo

Reports of a dolphin stranded at Leighton Beach Reserve need not raise alarm – the climbable cetacean is a key feature of North Fremantle's newest playground.

The playground, located near the Orange Box Cafe, was opened last week and immediately became a drawcard for kids.

Created by Landscape Australia Construction and Scape-ism, the playground features the main 2.7m-long dolphin, riding on the crest of a climbing-frame wave.

Community input given to the City of Fremantle project team was used to decide the look and feel and type of play equipment.

The response was in favour of something "natural"-looking, marine-themed, with sliding

and climbing features, which is reflected in the finished product.

Fremantle mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge praised the design process.

"As part of the public consultation we asked children to draw their ideas for a new playground," she said.

"We had some quite creative ones, including mermaid world and a seashell shop, but mostly people wanted to see some sort of connection to the ocean."

The playground was built over six weeks this summer and will have shade sails and trees added to it in coming weeks.

The climbable dolphin doubles as a cubby shelter.

There's also a water slide and smaller rideable dolphins tailored for younger children's enjoyment.



A new dolphin-themed playground has landed in Leighton Beach Reserve - instantly becoming a drawcard for families in the North Fremantle area.

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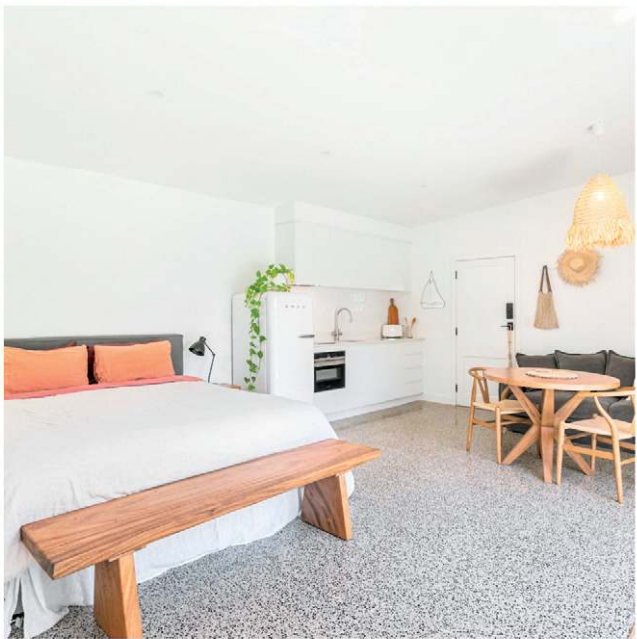


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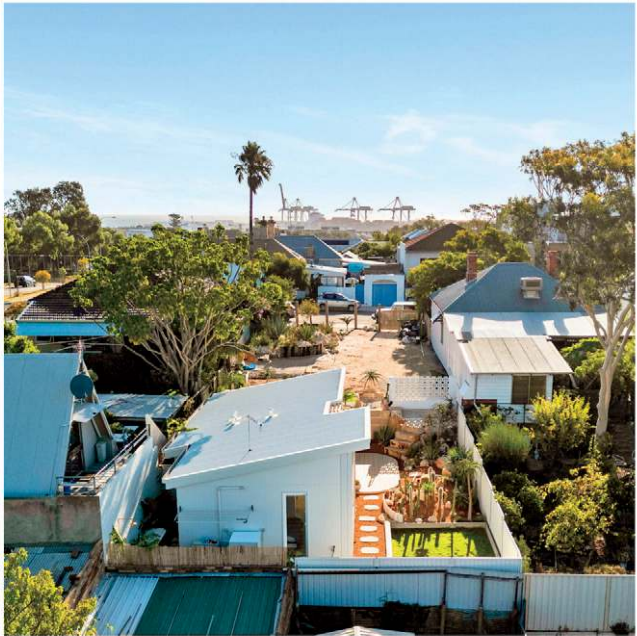
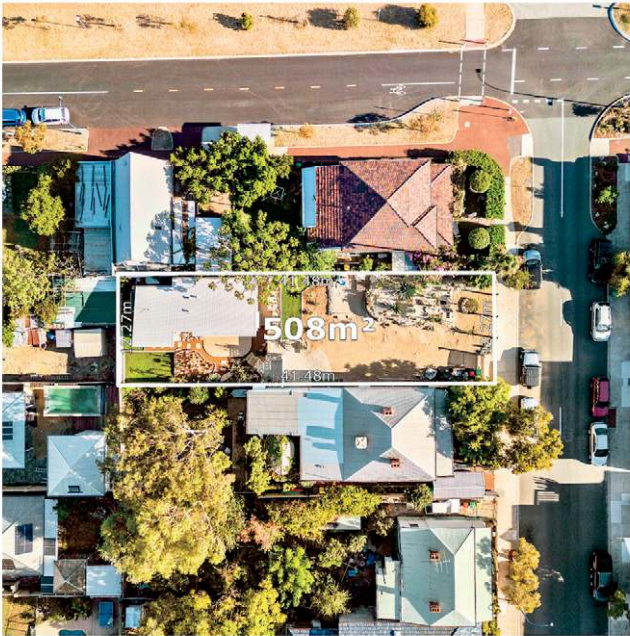


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PLC and CWA share a century of TLC

Six Old Collegians from Presbyterian Ladies College are featured in a book celebrating 100 years of WA's Country Women's Association, reflecting the strong country and community links PLC and the CWA share.

To mark its 100-year anniversary, the CWA has published *Women of Spirit – A Centenary of CWA Stories*, which profiles 100 members who made an extraordinary contribution to their community.

PLC principal Cate Begbie said the Old Collegians profiled in the CWA collection exemplified PLC's spirit of community service.

"Their dedication and advocacy for rural issues has been instrumental in creating opportunities and fostering a sense of pride and community

engagement for women across WA," she said.

The six Old Collegians highlighted in the book are the late Alice Adamson (Whitaker 1951), Wendy Folvig (Finch 1938), and Eileen Maughan (Roper 1930), and Claremont resident Lesley Langley (Wells 1952), Subiaco resident Margaret Hector (Symington 1961) and Sara Stewart (Adamson 1979) who lives in Inglewood.

Current CWA chief executive officer Trish Langdon, herself a PLC Old Collegian, said the book had been four years in the making and represented a significant social history of women in regional WA.

"Many of these women arrived in country towns as new brides with absolutely no network, so the weekly CWA meetings were a lifeline to community



Country Women's Association members with PLC staff and students, from left Winks Shephard, PLC principal Cate Begbie, Jelaynah Matasia, Sara Stewart, Lesley Langley, Poppy Thompson, Margaret Hector and Klara Radman.

and a starting point for their achievements," she said.

"Our members are involved in a wide range of projects from volunteering and disaster relief to making blankets for women in refuges and fundraising to offer scholarships to rural

nurses, medical and dental students."

Old Collegian Margaret Hector said that when her family was young, they moved to a part of WA so isolated it didn't have a telephone, power, or a school bus.

"Many of us had little children so we initially started our CWA branch as a place to meet where the kids could play," she said.

"What started as a lifeline ended up being an organisation that brought huge benefits to our region."



Prawn Bay in North Fremantle is set for a major makeover to combat erosion and changing hydrology, with community input welcome until March 31.

North Freo's Prawn Bay up for discussion

An invested crowd of more than 60 people attended the City of Fremantle's engagement morning last weekend at North Fremantle's Prawn Bay.

The council is exploring concepts for Prawn Bay to accommodate changing hydrological conditions, while balancing community needs of the popular walking and recreation area.

Fremantle is seeking community input on its Prawn Bay restoration project, with public

submissions closing on March 31.

City Landscape Architects, along with the department of biodiversity, conservation and attractions (DBCA) riverbank program, have been working together to co-fund and share responsibility in addressing erosion and inundation issues in Prawn Bay while respecting the natural hydrology.

The site, in Mooro territory of the Whadjuk Noongar people, was a natural bay until 1960

when harbour dredging filled in the bay with excess material.

The low-lying park of turf and trees was eventually deemed inoperable due to inundation and quality issues.

The current Prawn Bay tidal wetland was constructed in 2004 after significant community feedback through the 1990s.

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Members of the MLC community standing together at the IWD networking breakfast.

Speak up, be brave –
MLC graduate says

“If you can’t see it, you can’t be it” was the axiom that inspired Methodist Ladies’ College’s International Women’s Day celebrations on the school’s Claremont campus last week, as a stellar panel of former MLC students gathered to share their insight and experience with current students.

The day began with a networking breakfast followed by a panel discussion to explore the 2024 IWD theme, Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress.

The panel comprised five past MLC students who are leaders in their respective fields: Evangeline Athanasiou, Emma Garlett, Dr Katharine Giles, Nicolle Jenkins and Kate Kirwin. 2024 WA Young Australian of the Year Kate Kirwin said she wanted to inspire the future generation of change-makers.

“International Women’s Day is an opportunity to celebrate and reflect, but it’s also about how we push forward. How do we translate that momentum into change?” Ms Kirwin said.

“We need to speak up, be brave and take the opportunities pre-

sented. Action is more important than words.”

MLC principal Rebecca Clarke said the college community was blessed with role models, both male and female, who were showing young people how to influence for impact.

“International Women’s Day enables us to acknowledge all who have played a role in advancing the opportunities for women as we pursue gender parity around the world,” Ms Clarke said.

“I feel a great sense of responsibility leading MLC, aspiring that each girl always feels she can achieve anything regardless of her gender.”

MLC deputy head prefect Annabella Davies said the event left her feeling motivated and ready to use her leadership position to accelerate change and influence for impact.

“I really enjoyed the event because it created a sense of community where women can support each other,” Annabella said.

“It was fantastic to hear from inspiring women who have achieved great things and overcome gender barriers.”

Bach, Handel and
Mahler in concert

Violinist sisters Rebecca Glorie and Andrea Mendham will play Bach’s double concerto for two violins with the Fremantle Chamber Orchestra (FCO) on March 23 and 24.

The concert program also includes Handel’s Concerto Grosso 12, and the first and third movements of Mahler’s Symphony 4.

The March 23 concert will be at 3pm in the Paul Latham Auditorium at Churchlands Senior High School. The concert on March 24 will be in the Basilica of St Patrick, 47 Adelaide Street, Fremantle, at 2.30pm.

John Keene conducts the FCO in both performances.

Book through TryBooking, search “Fremantle Chamber Orchestra”, phone or text Natalie on 0438 933 250, or pay at the door.

Doors open one hour before the concerts.

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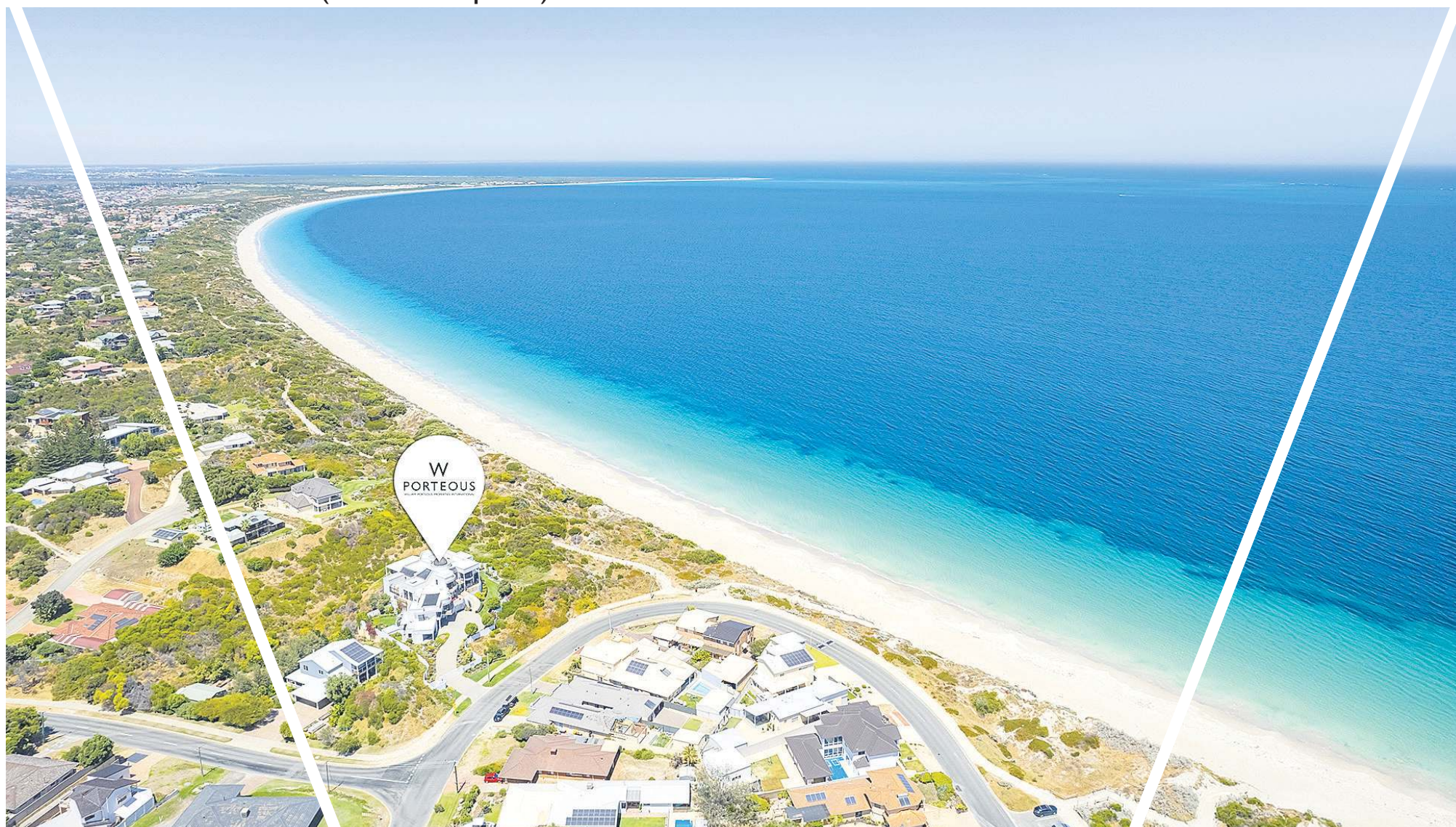
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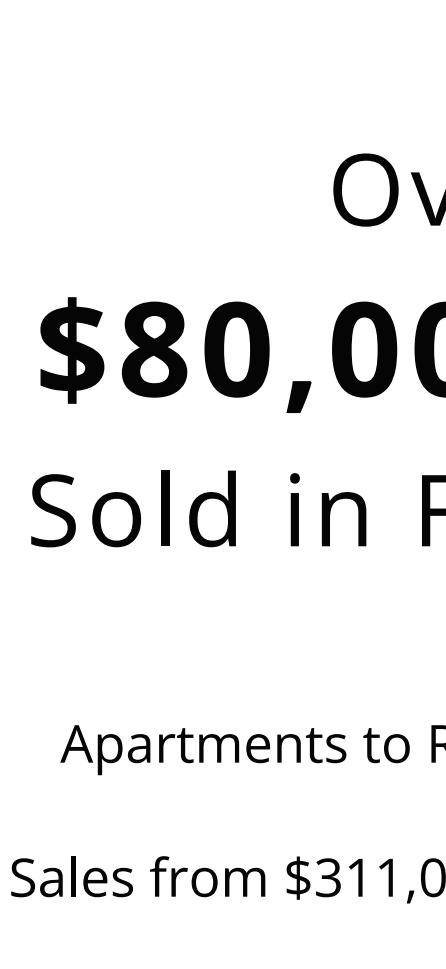
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Kings Park to Bold Park 'nature link'

The Friends of Bold Park Bushland and Friends of Perry Lakes will host their next Bold Ideas talk at which Dr Jane Chambers, director of NatureLink Perth, will discuss plans for a Kings Park to Bold Park nature link.

Nature links are nature-friendly pathways identified and developed within the existing urban environment.

By connecting two or more protected natural areas they provide a path of least risk to species crossing the urban landscape.

Linking protected habitats increases the area available to support biodiversity while also increasing urban tree canopy, improving the aesthetic appeal of suburban streets and creating a sense of place that can improve people's physical and mental health through a greater connection to nature.

Dr Chambers will talk about the path identified from Kings Park through the western suburbs and Perry Lakes Reserve to Bold Park.

She will also outline some of the special aspects of this program and the latest research that the team at NatureLink Perth, based at Murdoch University, are undertaking.

The talk will start at 7pm on Monday March 25 at the WA Ecology Centre, near the northern end of Perry Lakes

Drive in Bold Park.

A \$2 donation will help support the work of the two Friends groups.

Tea, coffee and a light supper will be provided afterwards.

Contact info@friendsofboldpark.com.au for more information.

A continuous "nature link" from Kings Park to Bold Park would provide cover for species such as shingleback skinks, inset.

Photo: Paul McGovern



The gospel of giving according to Ruth



Ruth Reid, with husband Governor Gordon Reid. Ruth's life will be celebrated with a service at Nedlands Uniting Church on March 21.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Ruth Reid will be held on Thursday, March 21, at Nedlands Uniting Church.

Ruth, who died in January aged 102, was a prolific patron and philanthropist in her own right, and the wife of Professor Gordon Reid, governor of WA from 1984 to 1989.

"When my father was appointed governor in 1984 few realised what a team WA was getting," their daughter and Nedlands resident Sue Graham-Taylor said. "Dad with his deep knowledge of the political process and Mum with her exuberance and ability to light up a room."

"Both loved people and were

not fond of unnecessary formality."

Sue said the death of her father in 1989 propelled Ruth into three decades of further service to the community.

"Mum dealt with her loss by continuing her community involvement and becoming patron of even more organisations," she said.

"Her more than 30-year commitment to so many in the community makes her six years in Government House seem just an apprenticeship. I am so proud of her."

Ruth was a patron of the Student Volunteer Program, the Society of Women Writers WA, Inc., Southcare, the Handweavers, Spinners and Dyers

Guild of WA, WA Genealogical Society /Family History WA, EdConnect, WA Quilters Association, Save the Children and a supporter of the Friends of the Battye Library.

She was a much-loved member of the Nedlands Uniting Church Seniors open house Tuesday group.

The thanksgiving will take the form of a short church service at 10am, with morning tea provided after.

All who knew Ruth are welcome.

For more information, contact Marian on 0412 662 138.

Nedlands Uniting Church is at the corner of Princess Road and Bruce Street.



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MetSO sets sail for cape horn

Immerse yourself in the evocative **Horn Concerto** by **Ruth Gipps**, a composer whose work has been a hidden gem of the classical world.

Gipps's concerto will feature in the next concert on the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra (MetSO) calendar, on Sunday March 24 from 3 to 5pm.

Soloist and WASO Principal Third Horn **Robert Gladstones** will breathe life into this rarely-performed composition, as well as the ever-popular **William Tell Overture** by **Rossini**.

Also on the program is **Brahms' Symphony No. 2**, a dramatic masterpiece of romanticism filled with lush melodies that captures all of light and darkness.

Distinguished conductor **Bruce Herriman** will return to the podium.

All concerts in MetSO's 2024 series are held in the **Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall**, **Churchlands Senior High School**.

This family friendly concert has good disability access.

Tickets cost from \$12 to \$27 (online) and can be booked at metso.perth.org/tickets, or by searching "metso tickets".



WASO Principal Third Horn **Robert Gladstones** will perform with MetSO in the **Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall**, **Churchlands** on **March 24**.

Get strung along at Subi's new music fest

There will be a day of free pop-up concerts in Subiaco on **Saturday March 23** with a string quartet supporting local musicians, following a trail through Subiaco.

Each local artist will be accompanied by **The Tender Strings** quartet, playing arrangements of their songs by WA composers.

The **Strings in Subi** trail starts at the **Subi Farmers Market** at 10am with award-winning country artist **Natasha Shanks** from **The Little Lord Street Band**.

At midday the newly-refurbished **Postal Walk** will come alive with the three-part harmonies of folk artists **Simone** and **Girlfunkle**.

At 2.30pm, **Strings in Subi** will bring the indie sounds of **Joe Caddy** of **Figurehead** and **Tanaya Harper** to **Golden West Brewing Co** on **Hay Street**.

The finale for the trail of shows will be at the **Subi Night Market** in **Market Square Park**, featuring 40 international cuisines and



ARIA Award-winning blues artist **Abbe May** will perform at **Strings in Subi** on **March 23**.

thrift fashions stalls.

From 5.30pm, the **Tender Strings** will accompany **Ghost Care's Beau Torrance**, **Seychelles afrobeat** extraordinaire **Grace Barbe**, and WA's ARIA award-winning blues artist **Abbe May**.

For more go to tenderisthenight.com.au or seesubiaco.com.au.

Churchlands Choral Society

Churchlands Choral Society is holding an open rehearsal on **Monday March 25** at 7pm.

See how the choir works, with musical director **Rachel Martella** and accompanist **Alex Wheeler**.

After a fun warm-up, the choir will learn a few pieces and then perform them. The

pieces will feature in the choir's **June concert**. Supper will follow the one-hour open rehearsal at **Floreat Uniting Church Hall**, 50 **Berkeley Crescent**. There is wheelchair access through the church foyer. Admission is \$5.

Further information: churchlandschoralsociety@gmail.com.

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April is a wonderful time to visit the South West, and with Easter falling at the beginning of the school holidays, it's guaranteed to make a truly memorable holiday exploring our beautiful region.

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Jackadder's last hurrah after two decades of song



End of an era ... Jackadder's Music Club founder Carmel Charlton, at the club's Wembley Downs venue ahead of the folk music club's final concert. Photo: Paul McGovern

A chapter in Perth's folk music scene will end on Sunday March 24 when Jackadder's Music Club presents its final concert.

After 20 years of presenting both established and up-and-coming artists, co-founder Carmel Charlton – who has run the club with her husband, Eric Hancock – said running the club had been a great privilege, but two decades of keeping the show on the road had taken a toll.

"That PA system seems to get heavier each month," she said.

"We have met many talented musicians - local, interstate and overseas artists."

Eric said Jackadder's had kept access to folk music affordable.

"Jackadder's has been a financially viable self-funding event while keeping entry fees low to encourage bigger audiences," he said.

"The average attendance

over 20 years has been more than 40 people each concert, adding up to a combined crowd of more than 8100 people."

Performers who have played at Jackadder's ranged in age from 5 to 97.

To go out on a high, Jackadder's has a great line-up on March 24 including Duality (John and Joe Ralph) who play banjo, mandolin and guitar and have a great following around town.

Also performing will be the Rambling Bilbies, Warralakin, Jake and Johnny from Wembley Downs, who are only 11 years old and compose their own songs, JimJam, and the Western Songbirds Carmel and Lynda.

Jackadder's final concert will be at Wembley Downs Scout Hall, 7 Dover Crescent, from 2.30 to 5pm. Adults are \$12, children get in free.

For more email carmel@carmelcharlton.com.



John and Joe Ralph play as Duality, one of the musical acts featured in the final Jackadder's concert.

Rotary hears from a hearing expert

Jordan Bishop, audiologist with the Ear Science Institute Australia, will be guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Cambridge's breakfast meeting on Wednesday, March 20.

Jordan has been with Lion's Hearing Clinics since 2015 and has completed her Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and Master of Clinical Audiology at UWA.

She will explain how hearing is related to different aspects of health.

Highlighting research from the Ear Science Institute of Australia, she will identify risk factors and the impact of untreated hearing loss.

To register interest in attending, contact Eileen Nathan on 0411 523 055 or email ean139@hotmail.com by midday on Monday. The meeting on Wednesday is at 7.15am for a 7.30am start concluding about 8.30.

The cost is \$20 (cash or credit card at the door) and a light breakfast is included.

The club meets at Cambridge Bowling Club, 39 Chandler Avenue (West), Floreat.

Open sesame on uni life in Crawley

Prospective students and their families can explore what campus life has to offer at the University of Western Australia's open day this Sunday, March 17.

From 10am to 3pm UWA's Crawley campus will host a range of interactive activities in areas such as the university's state-of-the-art trading and analysis centre, and a chemistry demonstration in the School of Molecular Sciences.

There will be mock trials, a virtual



dentistry simulation, and an opportunity to listen to the universe via a space-time simulator.

Attendees will be able to access information sessions, campus tours and speak with UWA academics,

graduates and current students as they get a taste of UWA's inviting environment and cutting-edge facilities.

Prospective students can get information about a range of entry pathways, including experience-based entry, support for students and scholarships that are available.

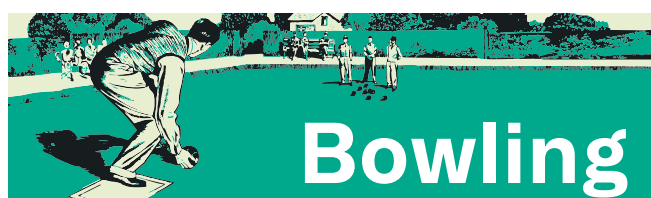
There will be live music, food trucks, chill-out zones and, for the first time, games of spike ball and wheelchair football.

To register and plan your day, search "UWA Open Day 2024".

Hollywood Subiaco Bowling Club Singles



Hollywood Subiaco Bowling Club conducted their annual singles competition over the past two weekends with the final completed on Sunday March 10. Kim Jefferis, left, beat Rob Campbell 25-20 in the final. In the earlier Plate Final, Mark Wilde had a convincing 25-11 win over Phil Hobbs.



Bowling

Dalkeith Nedlands

In the last game of the season, for Ladies Tuesday Pennants, the 1st Division team could manage only one point in their away game against Scarborough, but have retained the division.

Third Division earned five points in defeating Yanchep and have retained that division.

In their Saturday penultimate round, Dalkeith1 are in first place having gained only one point from Quinns Rock. Dalkeith 2, in 6th place, managed three of the four points on offer with Doug Cross, Sally Day, Lesley Cross and Helen Clohessy having a seven-shot win.

In Men's Mid-week Pennants 1st Division took one point, 2nd Division five and 4th Division 2.5. Ron Stapleton, John O'Meehan, Pat Clohessy and David Hyde, in 2nd Division, had a big win by 15 shots.

The Pennant table shows 1st Division 7th, 2nd Division 5th and 4th Division 8th at the end of the 17th round.

Saturday produced far better results with 1st Division getting seven points, 3rd Division eight as a result of Cambridge forfeiting, and 5th Division five. Doug Cross, Gof Bowles, Pat Clohessy and Ken Brooke had the best winning margin of 16 shots.

The Men's Championship Singles were played on the weekend. In the semi-final Andrew Foster defeated Michael Zusman 21/20, David Fitzgerald defeated Jesse Brown 21/16, and in the final Andrew defeated David 21/7.

Hollywood Subiaco

Hollywood travelled to Wanneroo on Thursday last week.

Vern Jones, Milton Byass, George Sterpini and Rob Campbell lost their last end for the draw 21-21. Brian Marsland, Haydn Lowe, Mike Hatch and Kim Jefferis crashed 12-38, and Peter Hiatt, Jim West, Peter Imms and Glen Morey lost 14-24.

On Saturday the club hosted Joondalup, and Peter Hiatt, Milton Byass, George Sterpini and Rob Campbell cruised home 26-15. Tony Byrne (using a cheating stick after a knee operation), Hadyn Lowe, Campbell York and David Byrne won 21-14. David Lindsay, Milton

Byass, Peter Imms and Glen Morey cruised home 30-16, and Chris Hughes, Vern Jones, Kim Jefferis and John Hamilton scored six on the 20th end for the win 22-20.

Meanwhile, 5 Purple travelled to Osborne Park, where Phil Hobbs, David Allport, Janette Middleton and John Horsfall lost 11-18, Jack Warra, Billy Gerlach, John Hall and Wally Graham won 20-16, and Peter Evans, Jim West, Mark Wilde and Beck Byrne lost their last end 17-18.

Mosman Park

The ladies finished all their pennant matches last week with only the premier team progressing to the finals, after gaining two points against North Beach. 1 White lost to Sorrento but managed to maintain their position on the ladder. 2 Lime gained four points at Wanneroo.

The premier team – 1 Red – will play finals at Manning Bowling Club on Monday against Manning, North Beach and Osborne Park. The teams winning the prelim games play off on Wednesday at Cambridge Bowling Club.

The midweek men all gained points from their matches. Division 1 gained four points against Doubleview, Division 4 gained five from Fremantle and Division 5 gained six at Melville.

On Saturday Division 1 gained seven points from Gosnells, but Division 3 had a hard time away at Safety Bay.

The ladies Saturday teams had mixed results, with Division 1 Red and Division 2 each gaining one point, but Division 1 Blue gained three points at Manning.

Wednesday Scroungers had a good roll-up with some new bowlers. The winner was Bob Willcox, and the runners up were Jason Kop, Tim Rolfe and Mari Noffsinger.

Subiaco Pétanque

Come along to Subiaco Petanque Club this Saturday and Sunday, March 16 and 17, to watch the best players from Australia and New Zealand battle for the Trans-Tasman Trophy.

The weather was perfect last Saturday, March 9, when another round of the President's Cup was played. Winners were Guy Soubeyran, Lorna Beamish, Vick Khadaroo, Peter Middleton, Suren Appadoo and Marek Glinski.

There is also social play every Wednesday, and visitors are welcome on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Consult the club's website petanque-subiaco.com or Facebook pages for details.



PUBLIC NOTICE

General Meeting of Electors

In accordance with Section 5.29 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, notice is hereby given that the 2023 General Meeting of Electors is to be held at **6pm, Monday, 29 April 2024** at the City of Nedlands in the Council Chamber for the purpose of receiving the Annual and Financial Reports 2022/23 and General Business.

The Agenda and copies of the report will be available upon request from Friday, 15 March 2024 from the City's Administration office (71 Stirling Hwy, Nedlands), City Libraries and via www.nedlands.wa.gov.au. Copies of the Annual and Financial Reports will also be available at the meeting.

Any questions you wish to ask at the meeting are to be submitted in writing to the Acting Chief Executive Officer by **12 noon on Wednesday, 24 April 2024**.

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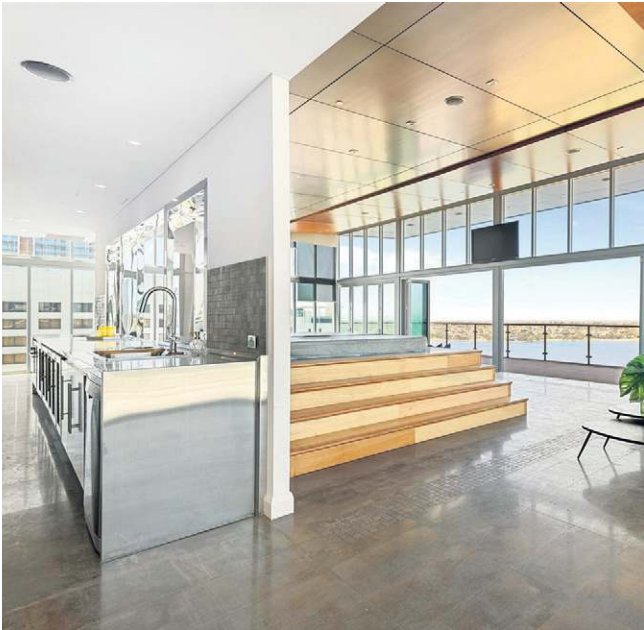
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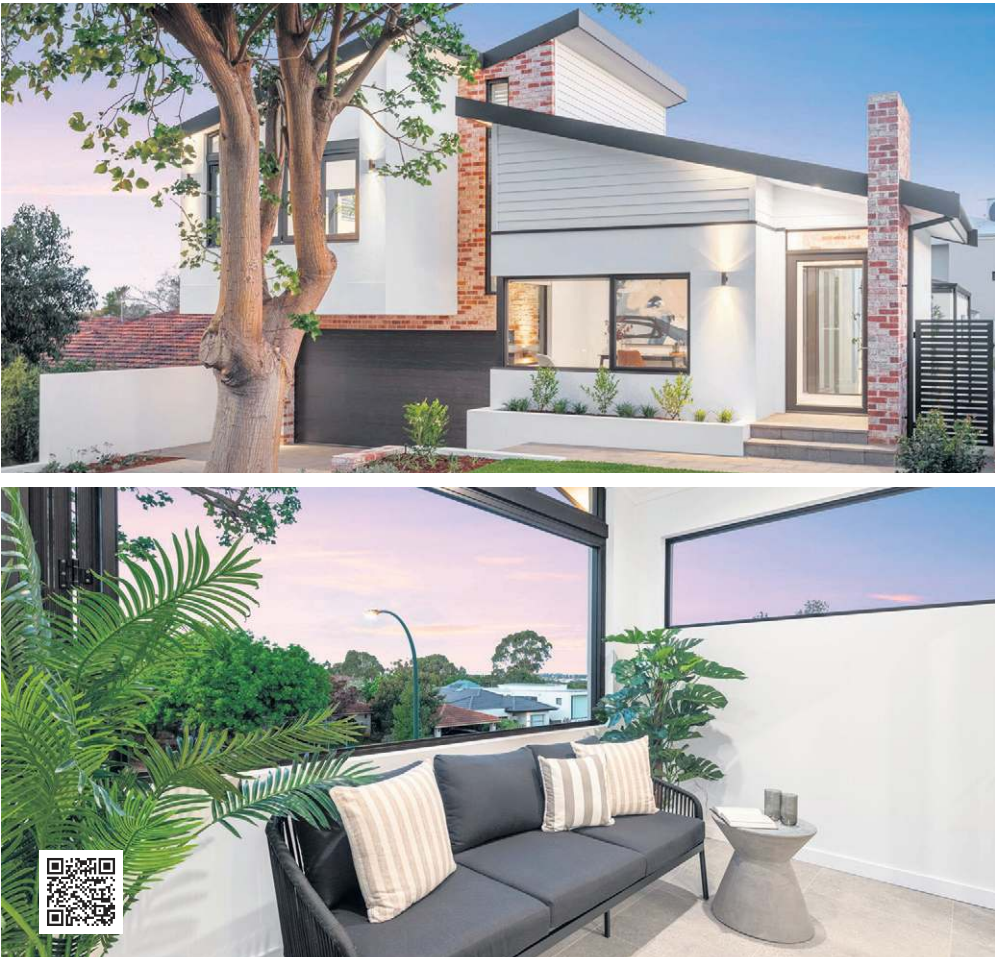
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Lessons in life-changing

Radical (M)
★★★★★
REVIEW: PIER LEACH

This year's Perth Festival film program closes its season with a crowd-pleaser belonging to that triumph-over-adversity sub-genre that spawns some of cinema's easiest favourites – the inspiring-teacher movie.

From 1967's *To Sir With Love*, through *Dead Poet's Society* (1989), *School of Rock* (1998) and France's Palme d'Or-winning *The Class* (2008), there are dozens that have become classics.

Radical joins their ranks, a Spanish-language movie that, contrary to its title, takes a very conventional narrative approach. But it tells a deeply humanistic



■ In the face of poverty, violence and drug cartels, a teacher Sergio Juarez Correa (Eugenio Derbez) encourages his students to change their future.

story about upending the status quo in an impoverished small-town school to produce some remarkable results.

The film, from Mexican writer-director Christopher Zalla, is based on a 2013 *Wired* article by Joshua Davis (who produces) about a teacher, Sergio Juarez Correa (Eugenio Derbez), in the Mexican

border town of Matamoros.

In the face of rife drug cartel violence, poverty, a bleak lack of resources, and a lacklustre system geared to irrelevant standardised tests, Sergio tries an unorthodox approach to engaging his young class.

The school's defeated principal Chucho (Daniel Haddad) is initially alarmed at Sergio's insistence that his students lead their own learning, but soon gets on board as the class figures out how to measure volume, density,

and how ships float, with various engaging experiments – at times at his own comedic expense.

Zalla harnesses the naturalistic charm of a non-professional cast of children from the area, including the fun-loving Nico (Danilo Guardiola), already at risk of being sucked into a life of drug-running, Lupe (Mia Fernanda Solis), an inquisitive child held back by having to mother her younger siblings, and the gifted Paloma (Jennifer Trejo), whose father sifts rubbish mountains for a meagre living and who turns out to be a bona fide mathematical genius.

It is an equal-parts tragic and heartening true story; perfect Somerville fare.

■ **Radical is screening at Somerville, UWA, from this Monday, March 18, to next Sunday, March 24, and Easter Saturday, March 30.**



WAAPA third-year performance-making students perform *Big Love*, written by American playwright Charles Mee based on the Greek tragedy *The Suppliants* by Aeschylus. Set in the 1980s at the height of glam-rock, WAAPA's production weaves live music into an unflinching look at justice, revenge, and the enduring power of love. *Big Love* runs from March 21 to 27 in the Enright Studio.

Contemporary dance company Co3 is supporting and celebrating emerging choreographers as part of its In House season. Inspired by an ancient Chinese tale and celebrating queer culture, *Whitesnake3000* is a collaboration between

what's happening

dance theatre maker Zendra Giraudo, director and sound designer Joe Paradise Lui, theatre maker Briannah Davis, poet Andrew Sutherland and movement artist Emma Fishwick performing at **State Theatre Centre's** rehearsal room from March 20 to 24.

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The **WA Youth Jazz Orchestra (WAYJO)** perform at **Hyde Park** for a Sunday afternoon of big band jazz on Sunday March 24 from 3pm. The free, family-friendly event features all three WAYJO big bands.

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Yirra Yaakin Theatre is hosting a free family picnic in the **Theatre Gardens** of the Subiaco Arts Centre on Thursday, March 21, from 5.30 to 8pm. Take your own picnic but sample kangaroo stew, damper and ice-cream. There will be live entertainment, face-painting, and artistic director Maitland Schnaars will launch the 2024 season.

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A Merika, we often get letters from people who are unhappy in their marriage. The letters

usually begin with reasons the writer is unhappy with their spouse, and then about someone new in their life.

There are always two questions in these letters, and they are separate from each other. The first is, should I stay in this marriage? This has nothing to do with the second question, which is, should I become involved with this new person?

When we are unhappy, almost anyone else seems desirable.

Are you unhappy

enough with the lack of genuine love in your marriage that you would end it? That is the first question, and has nothing to do with your pen-pal. He has answered the second question for you. He said no. That is reality.

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Best foot forward with Cheryl



■ Cheryl Botha with Papa in Italy.

When an Italian shoemaker called “Papa” Antonino told Cheryl Botha, “You come, you work, we teach you,” she thought he might be joking. But she decided to risk it and take him up on the offer.

Cheryl, from Mt Claremont, had quit her corporate job in Perth and gone to Milan to study fashion and luxury goods. But while she was there, she fell in love with a small, traditional sandal shop, making colourful sandals with Swarovski crystals.

“I just kept going back in to buy more sandals,” Cheryl said. “And then Antonino made me this offer. I came back to Perth, wondering why he would suggest it, and then realised there was nothing here for me, so I went straight back to Italy.

“I had no expectations when I walked back into that shop, but they welcomed me with open arms. I sat next to Papa for



■ Cheryl with her Ankalia sandal designs.

two months and he taught me to make sandals.”

Now, through her business Ankalia, Cheryl designs the sandals she first fell in love with, and uses the traditional techniques she learnt to create a range of colourful leather sandals

studded with crystals.

“There’s also a beautiful connection to the traditions and timeless quality and every piece is made with love and care,” said Cheryl, who will be showing her sandals at Upmarket next Sunday.

She hand-sketches all the designs for her limited-edition sandals, from the leather soles that she has custom-made in Italy, to the meticulously handcrafted Swarovski crystal details.

She said: “An Ankalia sandal is an investment in high-quality minimalist pieces with timeless appeal. Handcrafted is better for the environment, too.”

Perth Upmarket will have more than 180 local designers embracing quality, ethically sourced and durable designs.

■ It s on Sunday March 24, from 10am to 4pm at Winthrop Hall, UWA.

Puccini comes to the Quarry

SARAH McNEILL

Tenor Paul O’Neill has sung Puccini in the small, intimate garden of St George’s College, in the vast Sidney Myer music bowl in Melbourne for thousands, and now back to Perth’s Quarry Amphitheatre.

“Although each performance is technically the same, the energy is so different and that’s the fun of it,” he said.

Such was the electric energy in Melbourne

where he performed with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra for Puccini in the Park, that he held on to notes that made the huge crowd roar.

“I certainly gave the conductor a surprise,” Paul grinned, “but that crowd and that atmosphere demanded it – and I didn’t need much encouragement!”

Often compared to Pavarotti – “It could be worse,” Paul quipped – and regarded as one of Australia’s greatest tenors, he is very happy to return

home to Perth and perform with boutique companies such as Freeze Frame Opera.

“What Harriet Marshall has done with Freeze Frame is so important – to give singers the opportunity for high quality performances in boutique settings,” he said.

He joins soprano Harriet, mezzo Caitlin Cassidy and baritone Brett Peart for Freeze Frame’s gala concert, Puccini and Friends.

Puccini’s music is emotionally direct and achingly

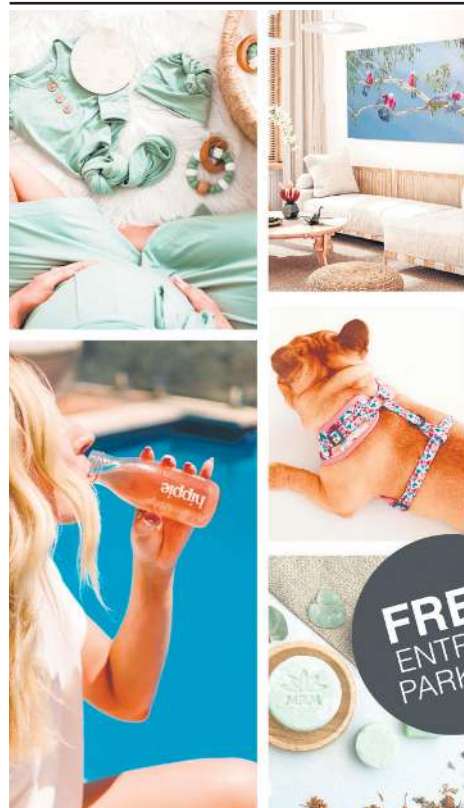
beautiful, but, Paul said: “Unlike other composers, he wrote for the voice to be a part of the orchestra.

“It may sound easy, but his work is incredibly difficult to sing. It requires a huge amount of breath control, vocal energy and ‘heft’ to be another instrument in the orchestra.”

Freeze Frame Opera’s Puccini and Friends performs at Quarry Amphitheatre on Thursday and Friday, March 21 and 22. Book through trybooking.



■ Paul O’Neill



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A skillion roof, Toodyay stone and white breezeblocks are features of the Sangster family home, which they built in 1962.

Connection to film history

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Lionel Sangster got the surprise of his life in 2003 when an ABC TV production crew knocked on the front door of his Floreat home.

The team of six had been scouring the western suburbs looking for the perfect house to film *The Shark Net*, a three-part miniseries based on Robert Drewe's book about growing up in the 1950s and 60s.

Drewe's idyllic childhood in the western suburbs was juxtaposed against the fear and paranoia that later arose when serial killer Eric Edgar Cooke began his murderous spree.

Lionel asked his two daughters, Kerry and Jan, what they thought about



Timber battens and ceiling beams delineate different spaces in the open-plan living area that has windows on both sides.

their house being used for the film, and they said: "Why not?"

With a cast of 123, a crew of 60, a budget of \$5million and more than 1000 extras, *The Shark Net* was reportedly the biggest TV drama

production filmed entirely in WA.

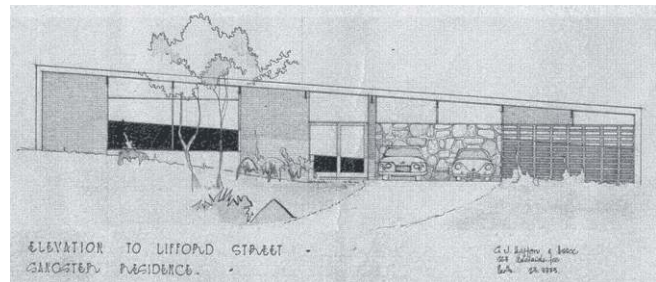
"It created quite a buzz around the neighbourhood," Jan said.

"Many local residents will remember the film crew and caravans taking up temporary residence on

Kilkenny Park over several weeks.

"We watched scenes being filmed inside and outside the house as well as met some of the actors, such as William McInnes."

It's easy to see why the production team chose



Graham Hatton's original sketch of the 1962 home.

the Sangster family home, which is on a 1212sq.m corner block overlooking Donegal Park.

The 1962 house, designed by Graham Hatton and built by William Dunn, is a magnificent example of authentic mid-century design with clean lines, organic shapes and harmonious spaces.

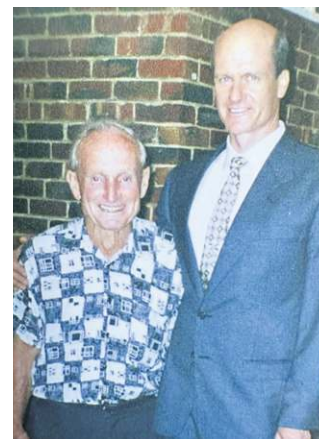
Walking through the house is like stepping back to a time when houses were built with understated flair – and to last.

Examples range from solid jarrah architraves and recessed sliding doors to Toodyay stone features on walls and on the circular barbecue pit in the terraced back garden.

The main living area, which overlooks Donegal Park, was cleverly designed with timber battens and concertina doors to delineate separate spaces.

Lionel, who ran a Mitsubishi car dealership, and his wife Phillys loved to entertain so the bar was a focal point when friends came over for drinks and devils-on-horseback hors d'oeuvres.

A white wall with a projecting relief pattern in the brickwork provides



Lionel Sangster loved meeting actor William McInnes during the filming of *The Shark Net*.

a dramatic backdrop to the upholstered bar with original liquor dispensers.

The sisters said it had been a privilege to grow up in the home, that will change hands for the first time in more than 60 years.

"We were very fortunate to have been brought up here and it provided endless pleasure to our family and friends," Jan said.

"For that we can be most grateful."



The projecting relief pattern on the brickwork behind the bar shows the attention to detail in this home, which has been used for filming and newspaper ads.



The kitchen and casual dining area is light and bright, thanks to floor-to-ceiling windows that look out to a concrete pool with a diving board.

Things you will love

- 1 Mid-century design
- 2 Opposite Donegal Park
- 3 1212sq.m corner site

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Before



After

■ **Humphrey Homes** designed the award-winning extension to this Claremont Home.

Major reboot wins Claremont award

Demolish or renovate? It's a dilemma many people face when buying a character home in need of TLC. A **Claremont** couple decided on the latter – and it has paid off because their 1930s house took out the top prize in the Civic Design Awards. The **Town of Claremont's** awards honour exceptional projects that conserve, maintain and adapt heritage places. Cottesloe firm **Humphrey Homes** restored and renovated the house at **13 Langsford Street** to accommodate a family of five. An earlier unsympathetic extension was removed and replaced by a new two-storey extension that made full use of the site's northern aspect, with

stackable floor-to-ceiling glass doors running the length of the north-facing living/dining area. **Humphrey Homes** owner and director **Dean Humphrey** said: "The extension is about inspiration, not imitation." Other winners were St Aidan's Uniting Church, Claremont Museum, Christ Church Grammar School and Claremont Hotel.

Bidding scramble at Jolimont

"It was ridiculous; over the top," agent **Helen Hemery** said after 23 people registered to bid at last weekend's auction of a **Jolimont** house. "I couldn't believe it..." Bidding opened at \$900,000 but only six people ended up bidding for **55 Peel Street**. "The price got beyond the others," Ms Hemery said. Two bidders went back and forth until the modest 3x1 was knocked down to a final bid of **\$1.5million**. "It was an amazing auction," she said. The seller, Glenys Charlton, was in the crowd of about 80 people. The Charltons bought the house in the



■ A crowd of about 80 turned up for the auction of **55 Peel Street, Jolimont**, which went under the hammer for **\$1.5million**.



■ **Red Dog** vet **Rick Fenny** is selling his piece of paradise near Albany. All the art, furniture and sculptures are included in the sale of the property, with price expectations above \$20million.

1960s, while the builders were still putting the finishing touches on the 464sq.m property a few doors from Mabel Talbot Park. "Glenys was delighted that her home went to a young family who are going to renovate and live in it," Ms Hemery said. In other results: **CITY BEACH** • There was just one bid for **18 Yaringa Way**, which was passed in for \$3million. **Vivien Yap** and **Emma Milner** are the agents for the Italianate mansion with murals painted by **Graeme Miles Richards**. The three-level house is on an 869sq.m site near West Coast Highway. **NEDLANDS** • **14A Kanimbla Road** went under the hammer for **\$965,000**. Ms Yap said there were three bidders for the 4x1 on a 220sq.m site with no strata fees.

When you've done it, flaunt it

It's a big sale and a big house, so what kind of advertising sign would be required? Humungous. When agent **Peter Burns** sold **7 Minim Close, Mosman Park**, for **\$7.65million** he decided to get the biggest "sold" sign he could – but no-one in WA could make it. "It's about 5m long and I had it made in Sydney," Mr Burns said. "We needed a cherry picker to install it." You can't miss the red "sold" sign on the billboard near Red Rooster

on Stirling Highway, **Peppermint Grove**. The Mosman Park house, designed by architect **Joe Chindarsi**, is on a 1004sq.m site with a panoramic view across a pool terrace to Minim Cove Park and the river. The sellers have swapped their river view for an ocean view in **North Fremantle**.

Ultimate retreat on south coast

Lady Gaga and other celebrities have stayed at **Maitraya**, a secluded retreat on a windswept coastline about 25km east of **Albany**. Money mogul **Paul Terry** and his wife **Joan** built **Maitraya**, which means place

of kindness, and it was later sold to **Rick Fenny** whose eponymous firm operates several veterinary and tourism businesses. The property at **1320 Nanarup Road, Nanarup**, is like a small village with an **airstrip**, tennis court, indoor heated pool, spa, sauna, lake and three separate houses. It's on the market as expressions of interest, with a price guide of early to mid **\$20millions**. Included in the sale is an art collection, sculptures and antique furniture. **Maitraya** is one of 39 properties in Mr Fenny's name, Landgate records show. It is listed with **John Garland**, of Garland International, and **Nick Wallace**, of Bellcourt Property Group.



■ The sweeping river view and architectural design attracted the buyers of **7 Minim Close, Mosman Park**.

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From Russia, with love

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When two engineers put their meticulous minds together to design a family home, there was not a single detail they missed. The owners had long set their sights on a vacant block of land on Challenger Parade and were living and working in Russia when they heard it had come up for sale. “There might have been a few raised eyebrows when someone from Russia bought it,” the owner grinned, “but my husband grew up in south City Beach and this was where we wanted to return home to.” After travelling the world for 15 years, they knew it was time to come home. They bought the block in 2014, and from Russia began designing the ultimate “forever” home with Mark Aronson of Maarch Architects, which they moved into five years later. Sitting on 893sq.m, the three-level home is designed to capture views

from almost every angle, while the owners were mindful of creating outdoor spaces protected from the sea breeze. The main bedroom on the ground floor has a resort feel, with large bi-fold doors and a balcony opening up to the beach beyond. This functional floor also features office space and gym. But it is upstairs on the first floor that features the “million-dollar view”. The practical kitchen and living/dining area is set forward on the block so neighbours are not within the field of vision and there is a magnificent uninterrupted 180-degree view over bush and dunes out across the water to Rotttnest. The balcony, with remote-controlled louvres, wraps around so that a barbecue and outdoor dining area are protected from the wind, leading to a resort-style pool at the back. With passive-solar at the forefront of the owners’ minds, there are floor-to-ceiling sliding doors everywhere, high breeze panels and a “breeze-way”



Set to the very front of the 893sq.m block, the balconies have uninterrupted views across to the bushland and ocean.



The owners, both engineers, were living in Russia when they built their beachfront home, which was designed by Mark Aronson of Maarch Architects. The guest suite features sliding doors hidden in the wall cavity that can be pulled across to close off the bedroom, ensuite and sitting room. With a lift, pop-up power points, an immense amount of storage and so many



Plenty of sliding doors allow for good cross-ventilation and protection on windy days.

Things you will love

- 1 Uninterrupted views
- 2 Passive design
- 3 Separate parents’ and children’s retreats.

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‘Seaside minimalist’ in top location

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The late Laurie Fuhrmann was ahead of his time when he designed this 2003 home on a 325sq.m site around the corner from the beach and a stone’s throw from the Ocean Beach Hotel. All three bathrooms on the first floor have ensuites, which is commonplace now but would have been unusual back then. A boardwalk to the front door, curves inside and out and a stone feature wall give it a kick-off-your-shoes, beachy vibe. The owner described it as “seaside minimalist”. “The house was ideal for me because my children were living at home at the time,” she said.



A white, high-pitched ceiling adds space and light to the main living area.

“But I knew they would move out one day so it could adapt to my needs.” Since buying it in 2011, she has opened up the living area on the top floor to create a better view of the street and the ocean. “There is nothing like seeing the sun set over Rotttnest Island,” she said. “You can’t beat the

location, a quick coffee at Little Sup cafe is a nice way to start the day and I enjoy walking through Grant Marine Park which is at the end of the street.” The house, with a lift, would suit those looking for a bolthole near the beach or downsizers wanting an alternative to apartments. Parking is problematic

in Cottesloe but this property comes with a two-car garage plus parking for two more vehicles at the rear.

Things you will love

- 1 325sq.m green-tiled block
- 2 Self-contained wing
- 3 Parking for four cars

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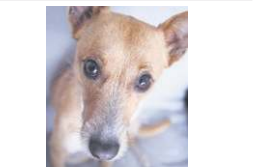
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Subi's 'hollow' tree policy

• From page 9

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The City could also financially support residents with significant trees on their property by offering a reduction in rates and waive or reduce fees for renovations or extensions that protect existing trees.

Homeowners could be re-imbursed for the higher costs

involved, such as higher home insurance premiums or water bills.

The City could also make contributions toward the cost of plumbing repairs needed because of damage caused by tree roots or fallen limbs.

In response to questions, the City said trees on private property were the responsibility of the landowner – including any associated liability – and did not come under the City's management plan.

For trees in public places, the administration carried out annual audits and preventative maintenance.

Survey secrecy 'may be unlawful'

• From page 9

The spokeswoman said also that minimal encroachments will be re-considered, probably at the March meeting.

“Council continues to seek a fair and equitable resolution to the matter, particularly where the encroachments are very small and the residents have acted in good faith,” the statement said.

On previous occasions the council has said all encroachments, no matter how small, needed to be addressed in order to transfer the lanes to the Crown.

Some orders to move walls and fences involves as little as 10mm, although the council has now said it will defer any action on encroachments of less than 100mm (*Cottesloe flips on land grab*, POST, March 9).

Hospice works to footpath

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at last year's Sculpture by the Sea. It is a 4.5m-long, undulating, aluminium ribbon, described as “an exploration of unseen forces beneath the earth's surface”.

Councillors voted 7-1 to investigate whether it would be better to buy the sculpture or lease it for \$500 a month.

“It is very important that the City of Nedlands, the ninth most affluent local government in Australia, builds an art collection,” Ms Argyle told the meeting.

Coastal ward councillor Leo McManus was the only vote against the idea, calling it too expensive.

Councillors will decide what to do about the Norn Bidi project at their March 26 meeting.

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had been “unable or unwilling” to help auditors (*Audit shock for Nedlands*, POST, March 2).
“When we weren’t getting the cooperation that we really needed we raised those ... in the first instance through to the finance manager,” he said.

“Over time when we weren’t getting the progress that we needed ... we escalated those calls through to [Mr Cole].”

Mr Youngman said the audit result was “one of the worst things that this council has ever faced” as he called on his former mayoral opponent to resign.

Mr Cole and acting CEO Tony Free both pledged to urgently fix the City’s financial problems with the help of their proposed taskforce, but it was not enough for Ms Argyle.

“We need a fresh pair of forensic eyes,” she said.

She said many of her questions about the city’s finances in her three years as mayor had been “ignored” by staff.

That claim was echoed by Ms Amiry, a former economist who holds an MBA.

“Every time I have tried to understand our finances, I have been blocked,” Ms Amiry told the meeting.

“The solution is not to go and employ another four people ... to do work that ratepayers have already paid for.”

“There are root causes that need to be analysed and investigated.”

Mr McManus, Mr Youngman



Hengameh Amiry

and Mr Bennett walked out of the meeting after five councillors voted to reject Mr Cole’s proposal.

“What I’ve just heard I cannot believe,” Mr McManus said before the vote.

“The auditor-general has already told us what the fault is.

“If we do not pass this motion I will resign from the audit and risk committee.”

Many problems identified in the audit stemmed from the council’s new multimillion-dollar records-keeping system, OneCouncil, which auditors found was not properly understood by staff.

“That led to an inability to be able to explain to us a large number of balances right across the financial statements,” Mr Beevers told the February meeting.

Key asset valuations were missing, no register of fixed assets was maintained and financial records lacked important details and supervisor oversight, they found.

Nedlands is the first metropolitan council to receive a disclaimer of opinion from the office of the auditor-general since the agency took over council auditing in 2017.

“It wasn’t a near miss,” Mr Beevers told councillors.

“In my view there’s months of work.”

Subi e-permits ruin visits

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Consecutive 24-hour visitor parking sessions could now be booked in place of the previous block bookings that had to be separated by a gap of one minute.

A favourites list for regular visitors has also been added to the online system.

EasyPark executive general manager Craig Logan said improving the system was a priority for the operator.

“EasyPark recognises the transition to the new system has not been as smooth as was expected and is working with the City to address the challenges and upgrades,” he said.

The changes follow a backlash by the community after the electronic permits replaced paper ones last November.

Subiaco encouraged community members with issues to contact the city’s compliance

team for assistance.

A Shenton Park woman said she would be asking for a paper visitor permit after reading last week’s report (*Paper permits make quiet return*, POST, March 9).

She struggled to use the online system and had to wait for her son to visit from Brisbane to help her register online.

“I wrote to the council last year when the scheme was introduced and got a polite reply which basically said, ‘Too bad. That’s what is what it is going to be,’” she said.

“Thanks to your article I am now going to contact the council and ask for paper parking permits.”

Subiaco said it had some anecdotal feedback of positive changes, including from one resident who was “more easily able to find parking outside his house”.

Floreat Forum high-rise

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have our views before they consider APIL’s structure plan.”
Councillor Jane Cutler, who called the special meeting, pushed back.

She and five other councillors voted to instruct CEO Gary Tuffin to “include specific reference to the Town’s Precinct Structure Plan in future communications about Floreat Forum”.

“Many people in the Floreat community and beyond are confused, concerned, and frustrated,” she said. “From a community perspective there’s been no visibility on progress.”

Ms Cutler also needed Mr Mack about West Leederville, where apartment towers as

tall as 18 storeys have been mooted by the WAPC.

Cambridge’s plan had called for a practical limit of 15.

Minutes of a closed-door commission meeting in February show that Mr Mack spoke in favour of the commission’s changes.

Mr Mack said Cambridge had sent the commission a letter asking for the minutes to be changed.

“Some of my comments were taken out of context,” he said.

Ms Cutler was sceptical. “[The Department of Planning] have extensive experience in taking minutes,” she said.

“They’ve probably got minutes down and sorted.”

Raves rattle Polar Bears

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bike path and blocked paths with their cars.

The state government recently spent \$3.25million replenishing and improving the beach because it was badly eroded.

The swimmers said they regularly picked up rubbish at the beach when they arrived, and had found syringes.

Mr Pedler said the group believed partygoers found out about the raves on social media.

“There are a lot of people in rough campers and vans with interstate number plates on a lot of them,” he said.

A mobile trailer with lights and a security camera was used as a toilet.

“There were guys standing on it urinating from it at 7am,” he said.

“That’s the time when families are coming down.”

The swimmers said three rave-goers locked themselves into the disabled toilet at Port Beach to take drugs the morning after the event.

Police were called and broke down the door after being alerted by a Fremantle ranger.

Polar Bears member Geoff Webster said the occupants “were high. They’d been inside there ingesting substances.”

A WA Police spokeswoman said police has received reports of “gatherings” at Port Beach and would continue to work with the City of Fremantle to reduce antisocial behaviour in the area.

“From a policing perspective our priority remains with law enforcement and the City of Fremantle will manage all other aspects,” she said.



Polar Bear members from left ... Suzette Felton, Trevor Pedler, Rod Tilt, Susan Grace, Cath Martindale, Alison Tilt, and Andrew Martindale outside their club rooms.

Mr Pedler said the disrespect for other beachgoers was disgraceful.

“The mess they leave on the beach requires the general public and Polar Bears to clean up to ensure the beach is safe for public use,” he said.

“The human waste is beyond the capabilities of the volunteers and gets worse as the hot sun takes over the day.

“Graffiti on much of the change rooms, broken plumbing in the change rooms, considerable damage to the emergency defibrillator and broken windows in the surf

club annexe.
“The restoration and community plantings at Sandtrax have also been trashed and fencing destroyed.”

The mobile trailer with CCTV installed at Port Beach had had little effect, he said.

“Last weekend males were seen standing on the trailer in broad daylight urinating in full view of the public which included families with small children,” he wrote.

“Community activities are great but vandalism, drugs and alcohol infused parties are not. Action is needed now.”

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Claremont fashion flair

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for the north end of Bay View Terrace.
The Town spokesman said the lane was shared between pedestrians and vehicles and people should be cautious when using it.
“When assessing the viability of the mural at this location, it was noted that the corner is occasionally damaged by vehicles due to the narrow laneway,” he said.
“Unfortunately, this narrowness prevents any buffer or protection on the road, and anything attached to the wall would impact the artwork.
“The artists designed and painted the mural with potential damage at that location in mind, so that it can be easily touched up in the future if necessary.”

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Malaysia to do it for king and empire



Ato Boldon wins the 100m sprint at the 1998 Commonwealth Games, just 0.04sec slower than the world record.

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The Commonwealth Games are dead.

Or they will be unless that renowned sporting juggernaut Malaysia is willing to host the 23rd edition of the international athletics carnival.

The games have lasted almost a century but are battling to survive into a second.

The 2026 games were due to start in two years' time this Sunday, at four Victorian regional centres.

That was until then premier Dan Andrews and his consiglieri decided that cancelling the loss-making tournament for a \$350million break fee was a better deal than paying \$7billion to meet its escalating infrastructure requirements.

It was a sporting parallel to the premier's previous decision to spend \$1billion to cancel a Melbourne link road rather than pay more than 10 times that to build it.

Yet what will be lost if the

Commonwealth Games.

That event created sufficient interest to develop the Empire Village precinct in City Beach, used initially as athlete accommodation and later as housing stock for the growing city.

Purpose-built Perry Lakes Stadium was the centrepiece of those games and, for decades later, a home for sports such as athletics, rugby, basketball and soccer.

Sadly, and just like Subiaco Oval, the historic context of Perry Lakes has been lost in the crowded redevelopment of the site, with the prominent scoreboard hidden away within the new estate and little else retained.

Gold Coast and Perth made noises about replacing Victoria as 2026 host but got no government support, London pondered it briefly and Birmingham, which had won the initial rights, was moved forward to 2022 after Durban withdrew over its own financial issues.

Given that no Australian or British city or region will support a late bid – mournful Gold Coast mayor Tom Tate underlined the lack of government interest when he said “Our games vision doesn't align with the vision of the state or federal governments” – it might be left to Malaysia to maintain a flicker within the British empire's dying flame.

The Commonwealth Games Federation has offered Malaysia the chance to host the games, with a \$190million cheque added to sweeten the deal, after being impressed by the country's effort in 1998.

That flamboyant event should have been called the friendly games because of the attitude of the entire nation as the (British) world's focus turned to Kuala Lumpur for two weeks that September.

My main interest on that trip was the cricket, in which Australia eventually took the silver medal behind South Africa after a non-ODI status international series saw Brad Young claim an unrecognised hat-trick, Steve Waugh score a magnificent but unrecognised back-to-the-wall 90 not out and the Aussie players make a significant impact at the late-night Blue Roo bar.

There were several other highlights, including being mesmerised in the company of commentator George Grljusich as he launched an unforgettable soliloquy of colourful but unpublishable invective on the declining state of the ABC, watching from near the finish line as Trinidadian Ato Boldon attempted to break the 100m world record (he failed by 0.04sec but set a new games time of 9.88 that still stands) and an all-night session with Russian-born Australian gymnast Andrei Kravtsov that failed to prevent him winning the fourth of his gold medals the next day.

Australia are one of only four nations to have won gold at every Commonwealth Games and lead the medal table with 1001 golds – including all seven contested in hockey since the first at KL.

But in an age when monuments are being pulled down if their colonial past fails to meet modern expectations, a niche sporting event with a century of history but a questionable future is the most vulnerable of things.

If only Prince Phil were around to see Malaysia emerge as the potential saviour of the Commonwealth Games.

Big day out for Bosistos

The Bosisto family of Cottesloe had a great day last Sunday.

Mark Bosisto was one of the former Scotch College cricketers who celebrated the 50th anniversary of the school's First XI completing a Darlot Cup clean sweep in 1973-74 (*Half a century of Scotch memories*, Sporting POST, March 9).

His son Will, the former WA batsman with two Sheffield Shield centuries and a tough 98 to his credit, added to his credentials with a record-breaking



Mark Bosisto

effort for University on the same day.

As the A grade team he captained qualified for the WACA preliminary final, Bosisto's sixth century of the premier cricket season equalled the record set by Wally Langdon in 1950-51 and Jono Wells this summer.

And his 115 took his season's tally to 1034 grade runs, a University record and a key to his team's success.

Bosisto was Australia's under-19 captain in 2012 when national selector Greg Chappell forecast a long and brilliant international career for the promising youngster.

That prediction hasn't come to pass, with 28 first-class matches in a decade suggesting Bosisto has experienced a frustrating rather than fulfilling career.

Yet the potential that Chappell spotted all those years ago is now being converted into performance.

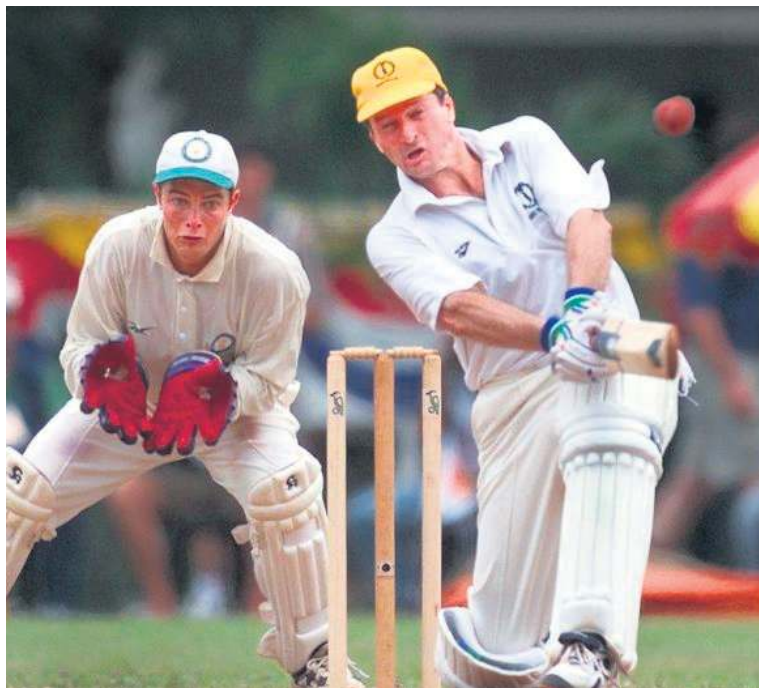
At 30, Bosisto is at the peak of his powers as a cricketer after harnessing his batting craft, game awareness and life skills in a mature and potent mix.

He is honed and ready if he gets the chance to extend his first-class career.

That might not happen but, if it does, it will give the Bosistos another reason to celebrate and remind all athletes that success often takes time.



Will Bosisto has set a new University record of 1034 runs in a season.



Steve Waugh hits out during his fighting 90 not out in the final against South Africa. Mark Boucher is the wicketkeeper.



Queen Elizabeth closes the games. Her hat was a last-minute replacement and had to be worn backwards.

games fail to survive into their second century?

They are an anachronism in a world that has mostly abandoned the apron strings of the British empire.

The event is made up of former British colonies that come together every four years to recall the empire's glorious past and bow to the monarch or whichever member of that peculiar family is controversy-free that week and allocated the task of slumming with the natives in some exotic location.

Yes, the games are remembered fondly in Perth, which hosted the 1962 edition known then as the British Empire and

She Schells sea swells on the green board

WA bodyboarders cut loose in the hollow tubes at Gas Bay during the state title last weekend.

Dual Australian champion Ebony Schell, from Mindarie, maintained her domination by winning her fifth consecutive state title following a trip to Morocco for her first international competition.

“I'm looking forward to chasing my third Australian title and competing in more international events in 2024,” she said.

Cottesloe dual state champion Stirling Stilwell came fourth in the under-18 junior boys.

High-energy emotion and fever-pitched excitement were on display during the final of the Australian Boardriders Battle at Burleigh Heads on the Gold Coast last Sunday.

Burleigh Board Riders set the local crowd alight with their maiden victory when they dominated the final to win the \$20,000 prize.

The battle is a celebration

of club surfing and pride that personifies grass roots amateur sport at its best.

A total of 42 clubs battled the Burleigh Head sweep, the paddle out through the rocks and calf-cramping runs up the beach in a heart-pounding surf-off that at times resembled an iron man competition.

Scarborough, Trigg, Yallingup and Margaret River put on a fine display for WA against the cream of Australian clubs, with Margaret River making the semi-finals and almost getting through to the final.

Margaret River's Willow Hardy, 17, continues her ascent to the top of the surfing world after tearing up the waves at the Central Coast Pro qualifying series 3000.

Hardy came second in her first qualifying series final which saw her leap six places to seventh on the Australia/Oceania rankings and closer to challenger series qualification.

SURFING

WITH CAMERON BEDFORD-BROWN

Mindarie's Ebony Schell on her way to her fifth consecutive state bodyboarding title at Gas Bay last weekend. Photo: Surfing WA/Majeks

Gascoyne surfer Coral Durant was also in good form to make the quarter-finals and eighth spot on the QS rankings.

Meanwhile, a shout-out to Cottesloe Board Riders club president and spiritual leader Tele Ventouras who is recovering from the automobile version of going over the falls after col-

liding with a car while riding his bike to work recently.

Tele said he was “bloody lucky” to come away with some scrapes and bruises but no broken bones after hitting the bonnet, spinning 180 degrees in the air, sliding along the road and hitting his head on the kerb before coming to a stop.



POSTkids



Last week's doodle



LOL JOKES

Q. Why was the musician arrested?

A. He was always getting into treble!

Q. Why did the boy eat his homework?

A. Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake!

Q. Why couldn't the witch fly long distances?

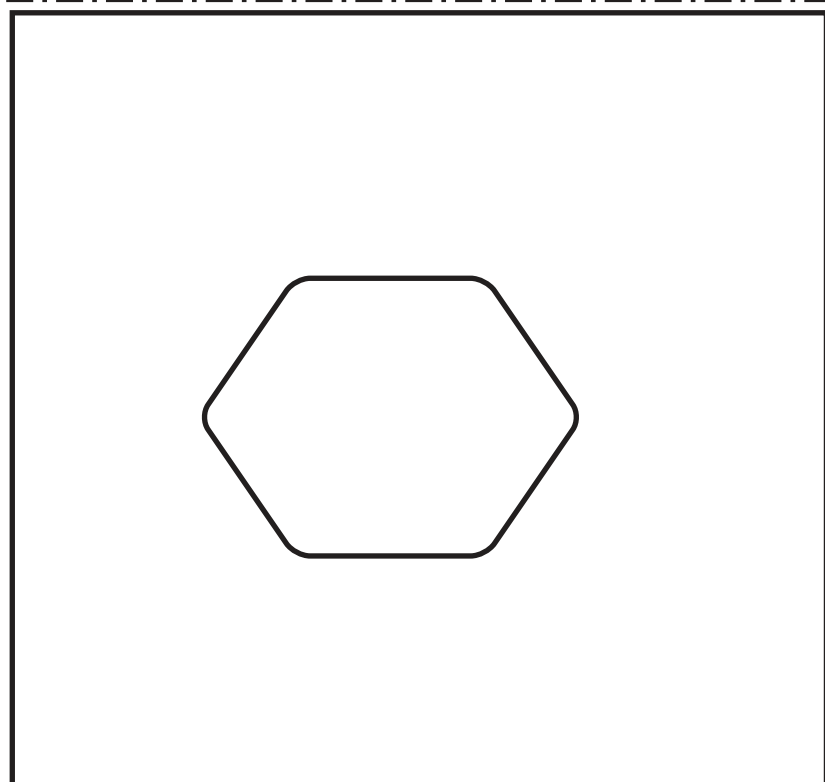
A. She got broomsick!

Q. What part of a car sleeps the most?

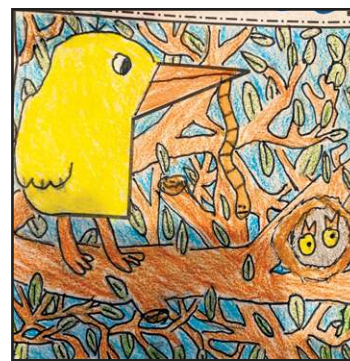
A. The wheels – they're always tired!

Q. Why did the scarecrow win an award?

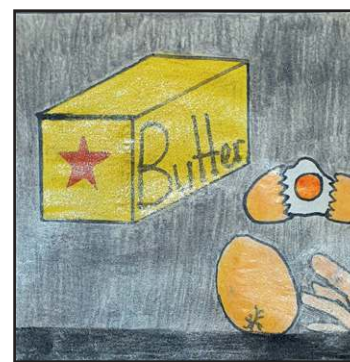
A. He was outstanding in his field!



Mabel Surrey (11)



Natasha Allen (10)



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There were a few quirky birds this week, like Harris's long-beaked blue bird and Althea's exotic colourful one. But the favourite was a colourful drawing of a big yellow bird feeding her chicks, and the babies are carefully concealed in among

the branches. It's a win for Mabel Surrey, 11, from Claremont, who has won a few ice-creams previously.

Our other main winner is Natasha Allen, 10, from Claremont, whose drawing of a pat of butter and some eggs is a clever, original and accomplished idea.

There were lots of other creative ideas including Stella who used the doodle upside down for the bottom of a pool, Meya's funny guide dog meeting a blind dog, Elena's monster attack, and Isla's cute meerkat.

sarah

Hopscotch

Old games can be fun and hopscotch can be played just about anywhere.

What to do

* Use chalk to draw a hopscotch pattern outside or use masking tape on a floor inside. Create a diagram, try the pattern pictured right with eight sections and number them.

* Each player has a marker such as a stone, beanbag, bottle top, shell or button.

* The first player stands behind the starting line to toss their marker in square 1, being careful not to let it land on the lines.

* Hop over the square with the marker in it to square 2 and then continue hopping to square 8, turn around, and hop back again. Pause in square 2 to pick up the marker, hop in square 1, and out.

* Then continue by tossing the marker into square 2 until you get out.

* All hopping is done on one foot unless two squares are side-by-side, when two feet can be placed down with one in each square. A player must always hop over any square with a marker in it.

You are OUT if your marker fails to land in the proper square, if you step on a line, if you put down a second hand or foot when picking up, if you go into a square with a

marker in it or if you put two feet down in a single box.

When you are out, you leave your marker in the square and the next player begins.



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