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Furn rangers into police

By BONNIE CHRISTIAN

Claremont mayor Jock **Barker wants council rangers** to be able to mirror police officers by having the power to arrest suspects.

Mr Barker's suggestion came as Claremont business owners called for more police patrols after a spate of petty crime and antisocial behaviour plagued the town centre.

Store owners report drugaffected teens spitting at them and urinating on their shopfronts, attempted thefts, verbal abuse and in some cases physical assault.

"I've probably never seen Claremont with this many homeless and instances of aggressive behaviour," said Toyworld owner Stephanie Finlay.

She has owned the shop near the Stirling Highway end of Bay View Terrace for more than 20 years.

CLAREMONT CRIME



This pair were captured on Tovworld's CCTV cameras after the owner alleged they tried to shoplift from her store.

She also owns the Toyworld store in Fremantle, where she and her staff have a "direct line" to the rangers.
"The police do drive past

there, and it does help," she said. "I've seen it first-hand.

"That's my push for Claremont, to have a bit more police pres-

Ms Finlay said that in the past four weeks she had dealt with three attempted shoplifting incidents, had one staff member verbally abused in the carpark, cleaned urine off the front steps, been verbally abused in the arcade near her store, had alcohol thrown at her and witnessed a physical assault between another shop owner and three would-be shoplifters.

police force.

Claremont.

forces.

line never eventuated.

Wembley police station serves

Local Government minister

Hannah Beazley's office said

there were no current plans to

enable local governments to

create their own local police

She said Claremont rangers had been helpful but there was only so much they could do.

Mr Barker said it was his view that local government rangers should be upskilled and granted greater enforcement powers.

He said the state government should be doing more to help councils keep their communities safe.

"I'm concerned with the government's lack of understanding of the petty crime situation in our Town," he said.

"We are already faced with

Bronze to Bali Curfers at the rugged Ulu-

their practical skills could be up-**J**watu surf break in Bali graded to that of a police officer, will be safer with the help of which would mean retraining Cottesloe life savers who have rangers right across the state. passed on their skills to a ded-We need some innovative icated Balinese lifeguard. thinking in terms of a local

Proudly showing off his new Claremont Police Station bronze medallion, broadlyclosed in 2015 and a proposed grinning I Kadek Arya Wiarta multimillion-dollar replacement graduated amid cheers from on the north side of the train the local volunteers at Cottesloe beach.

The many visitors who frequent Uluwatu, including big contingents of Australians, will have reason to be grateful when the brand new medallion-holder takes home his fresh skills and spreads them among his fellow lifeguards.

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Mayor fights Mack attack

Bv LLOYD GORMAN

Cambridge mayor Gary Mack has defended his voting record and \$15,000 election campaign after facing a barrage of questions from ratepayers unhappy at his short term in office.

Residents used public question time at last week's council meeting to challenge Mr Mack on his election campaign and track record in his first six months as mayor.

Mr Mack, who was a sitting councillor, won the top council job last October by defeating twoterm incumbent Keri Shannon and several other candidates.

But ratepayers questioned his involvement in scrutiny of the Floreat Forum development proposal and the funding of his election campaign.

Responding to a question he described as "loaded" on his campaign, Mr Mack said he had funded it himself.

'What you are really asking me is did I receive donations for my election campaign?" he said.

"If that's the hidden question I'm happy to answer it directly. "The answer is 'No, I totally self-

funded it out of my own funds'."

He said he booked newspaper ads in advance and shopped around for the best price for his street

He gave an "off the top of my head" estimation for how much he spent in total, putting the figure at between \$14,000 and \$15,000.

Gary Mack "I did not seek donations," he said.

Why? Because if someone donates something to you then there is an expectation that there will be something in return."

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Where angels (ought to) fear to tread

I've been following the issue raised by Kara Shead (Rats and rubbish plague Cottesloe, POST, March 23) and Cottesloe mayor Lorraine Young's response (How Cott battles beach blight, Letters, March 30).



Quick haul ... Kara Shead collected this bag of bits and pieces in an hour combing a small section of Cottesloe beach.

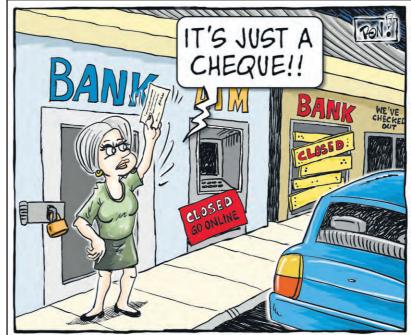
I have been wondering about the vast amounts of plastic at Cottesloe beach for a couple of years now, particularly tiny plastic particles that to my mind are too regular, similar-sized and many to be just washed up.

I think that the matter should be looked into by council, and information given not just relied on without some investigation.

And the mayor saying the council is not aware of any technology that would help is really not good enough.

Bin signs etcetera are good, but I would love to see Cottesloe take a lead on significantly reducing plastic in the environment, particularly as it is such a beautiful and popular beach.

> S. Toohey Rosser Street, Cottesloe



Neds digs in on Norn Bidi project

Congratulations to the City of Nedlands councillors who at the March council meeting supported a motion to continue the Norn Bidi Trail construction project in Allen Park Swanbourne, despite urgings from the children's hospice developer to shelve the project for the next 21/2 years.

This project, on A-class reserve between the hospice site and the WA Bridge Club, is well

advanced.

The trail is due to be completed by the middle of this year, marking the completion of key elements of the Allen Park master plan.

Instead of shelving the project, the council has instructed City staff to communicate collaboratively with the hospice developer and request that they amend an element of their construction access plan so as not to impede the trail project.

This demonstrates that the City of Nedlands is willing to work collegially with developers to achieve great outcomes for everyone.

However, a word of warning: Is it too early to celebrate the completion of the Whadjuk Trail?

Experience to date with the hospice project has indicated that at every stage of the process it has been rubber-stamped by our developer-friendly state

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 $The powers of local \, government$ regarding planning have been reduced and A-class reserve land has been reclassified to C-class and fire warnings ignored.

Currently there is the ongoing farce of the department of planning, land and heritage (DPLH) going through the motions of

Where to now?

Recently I won a crossword competition, and was sent a cheque.

With Bankwest having abandoned Wembley in mid-March I set off to Perth city to deposit it.

Went into the Bankwest building in St Georges Terrace and discovered that branch too had closed.

I was told there were automatic teller machines (ATMs) nearby from which to draw cash, but no facility to deposit a cheque.

I asked at the Commonwealth bank across the road. Branch closed. I was told there was a branch down the road, past His Majesty's Theatre, but no idea just how far past.

The cheque has now been brought back home. This is all too hard for seniors like myself. Help. Help.

Mary Ann Hart Cambridge Street, Wembley

considering submissions on the Metropolitan Planning Scheme amendment necessary for the hospice project to proceed.

DPLH describes it as a "technicality", so of course the amendment will be adopted.

Denzil McCotter Walba Way, Swanbourne

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Jumping the gun at Nedlands

Under the heading Neds gets hired gun (POST, March 23) it was reported that Nedlands mayor Fiona Argyle wanted "to discover what was happening with \$28million received in rates'

Does that mean the auditorgeneral's team found that the City could not account for the expenditure of \$28million in the 2022/23 financial year?

If that is the case I, as a ratepayer of the City of Nedlands, am very disturbed.

I am equally disturbed by the process followed by the council in appointing the "hired gun" to find a solution.

Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, regulation 11A, states clearly that "a local government is to prepare or adopt, and is to implement, a purchasing policy in relation to contracts for other persons to supply goods or

The City of Nedlands has such a purchasing policy, adopted by the council. It states that for contracts valued between \$10.001 and \$50.000 the City is required to seek a minimum of three written quotations from suppliers.

Did the City seek three quotations before the council appointed the "hired gun"? If it did not, in my view, the council has not only ignored the City's own procurement policy, it has also contravened a statutory requirement - in spite of the administration pointing out this in the agenda papers.

What is the message the council is sending out to its staff? What is the message to the public?

If I break a parking law I will get an infringement notice from

the City. Who is to send the council an infringement notice?

Rajah Senathirajah, FCPA Mountjoy Road, Nedlands

· A contrary legal opinion was accepted by a majority of councillors (POST March 30).

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Arrogance of the party machine Planning minister John Carey,

in my view, contemptuously dismissed the reasonable concerns of Cottesloe MP Dr David Honey relating to poor state planning laws that open the door to corrupt practices (Corruption consternation, POST, March 30).

Mr Carey's arrogance is a demonstration of how the party politics of our political system robs the public of democracy.

Mr Carey owes his position to the party machine. He can afford to be arrogant and dismissive of a fellow member of parliament so long as he keeps his party powerbrokers and their benefactors happy.

Dr Honey has been a hardworking advocate for his electorate, often a lone voice in parliament against the inane planning policies of the state government.

Hopefully, we will see more state politicians of his calibre in a future parliament and hopefully more independents who owe their loyalty to their electors rather than the party machine

> Peter Rattigan Grant Street, Cottesloe

Just add water

Cottesloe council is considering the fate of the majestic norfolk island pines now under attack from a pathogen due to a deficiency lack of water.

Has it considered whether they might be saved through use of the council's water truck in summer, or encouraging residents to adopt one of these trees which depend on a surface root bundle more than real pines, and so are nowadays impacted by our water-wise verges?

Kevin Morgan Pearse Street, Cottesloe

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'Bin police' threat looms



Mosman Park inspectors check a resident's bin

By LLOYD GORMAN

Western suburb residents who persist in putting the wrong rubbish in the wrong bins could face fines or a collection ban on their bins.

Fining "bin-sinners" \$5000 for extreme cases is part of a new local waste law passed by Subiaco council.

About 1600 households in Mosman Park and Subiaco were involved in a two-month bin tagging program that ended last week.

Inspectors went house-tohouse, opening bins to check the contents, then attaching tags with a smiley or sad face depending on whether or not rubbish had been placed in the correct bin (Faces mark bin rating, POST, March 16).

The result was that "bin-sinning" in Subiaco was reduced to almost zero by the end of the five-week program.

"The participating households have responded positively to the program," said a staff report for last week's meeting of the Western Metropolitan Regional Council.

But the results for Mosman

Park were not as encouraging.
"The data within Mosman Park
indicates that similar proportion of households bins are contaminated (week 1 vs week 5), but the severity of contamination has decreased," the report said.
"There are specific areas that

will require further education and the Town may consider reviewing the current bin collection service for certain properties with particularly high levels of contamination.'

The main contaminants in both councils' recycling bins were soft plastics, un-rinsed containers and bagged recycling, while in the general bin it was recyclables and food

Some Subiaco residents used non-compostable bags for their food organics and garden organics (FOGO) bins that were misleading branded products,

Like the

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Hassell wants Neds sacked

By JEN REWELL

Former Nedlands deputy mayor Bill Hassell has urged local government minister Hannah Beazley to sack the council in a bid to overcome the issues plaguing the City.

"It looks like a shambles," Mr Hassell said in a letter to the

'There is only one obvious course of action: the local government minister should exercise her powers to dismiss the council.'

Mr Hassell called for an administrator to run Nedlands in the wake of the official audit being rejected last month and councillors quarrelling for several weeks over the next course of action.

An administrator would perform the functions of the elected mayor and councillors.

Work has begun on Nedlands troubled accounts with chartered accountant Craig Ross attending the council on Wednesday, a week after he was locked out of the officers, (Neds gets hired gun, POST, March 23).

Mayor Fiona Argyle was on hand to welcome Mr Ross to the Nedlands council offices at 8.30am after his appointment was confirmed at the previous

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Hospice push is rebuffed

Third time may be the charm for the Norn Bidi Trail in Allen Park, Swanbourne, after councillors last week "reaffirmed" their desire for the path to go ahead.

Hopes are high that work will start within weeks and that the trail will be finished by June.

Nedlands councillors have been trying for several years to build the wheelchair-friendly path which will link Allen Park bushland to the beach.

But plans have so far been stymied by the proximity to the proposed children's hospice, SandCastles Boodja Mia.

The hospice project managers said the Norn Bidi would impact construction of the hospice and asked for it to be delayed until after the hospice was built.

They also asked for part of the A-Class reserve to be used as a ring-road turnaround for heavy trucks, but councillors were against this.

Construction parking and access will take over about half of the WA Bridge Club carpark, and the informal parking area on an unpaved lot on Odern Crescent.

Parts of the carpark will be reclassified from Parks and Recreation reserve to Public Purposes - Special Uses, to facilitate the



ROWING ACROSS TWO OCEANS

Former Royal Marine commando Chris **Cleghorn**, pictured, will give the next talk at the Naval Historical Society-WA Chapter (NHSWA).

Hear firsthand from Chris, the skipper of a four-man rowing boat, how he and his crew rowed 7000km across the Indian Ocean last year - from Geraldton to Mauritius.

Their 8.8m carbon fibre boat, called Brain Wave, was home for the team for 69 days.

For the duration of the trip, they maintained a gruelling two hours on, two hours off, rowing in pairs. Their endurance row was to support Parkinson's Research. Chris also rowed across the Atlantic Ocean with his brother in 2011 after learning that a close relative had Parkinson's.

He has spent most of his career in the Royal Marines in small boat operations globally



He currently works for the company dealing with escape and rescue services for submarines of the Royal Australian Navy.

His talk at 6pm on Monday April 15 will be at the Claremont Lawn Tennis Club, Shenton Road, Claremont.

There is parking at the tennis club and in the public car park on Davies Road.

There is a \$5 administration fee, and a cash bar will be open before and after the talk

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Subiaco cafe turns the corner



The Corner Store customers were confronted by this message on Thursday.

THE — LISTENING

Subiaco coffee lovers will have one fewer place to choose a heart-starter after the sudden closure of Rokeby Road staple The Corner Store.

Prominent for its wall of Nutella jars in the front window, the cafe closed this week after operating on the corner of Heytesbury Road for the past eight years.

Operators Hamish and

Connie used the blackboard on the front wall to thank their loyal customers.

Who's a pesky parrot, then?

One of Claremont's most recognisable characters says he is being discriminated against because he carries a colourful parrot on his shoulder.

Eddie Hackford is a familiar sight around the centre of the town, with his spectacular South American sun conure Sunny delighting children and adults with his antics.

"Are you a pirate?" one wide-eyed boy asked Eddie this month.

But two security guards from Claremont Quarter were less impressed.

Eddie Hackford and Sunny are a mostly welcome sight in Claremont.

'Move on, move on, you and your bird move on," Eddie says he was told while sitting next to the footpath on the edge of the open Claremont Quarter courtyard about pm last Tuesďay.

They did not give him a reason, but Eddie pointed out to them that there was a flock of pigeons foraging on the ground around them, someone had a dog and other people were smoking in the nonsmoking zone.

He suspects a hostilelooking woman who photographed him outside Farmer Jack's inside the centre last week may have made a complaint.

Claremont Quarter owners Hawaiian declined to comment.

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Green shoots for charred garden

Bulldozers moved in this week to begin clearing the charred remains of Kingsley Dixon's 4.9ha garden in Waroona.

The famed City Beach botanist said demolishing the ruined garden beds was hard, but he was already thinking of ways to improve the layout and plant choices.

Several houses and more than 3250ha of bush were destroyed in last month's fires.

The smell of smoke

is still hanging around the valley and infiltrating Kingsley's rural home, which survived the blaze.

Kingsley Dixon lost

most of his Wa-

roona garden in

this week's bush-

'We won't be eating smoked salmon any time soon," he said.

Good karma at Cottesloe beach

Balinese lifeguard I Kadek Arya Wiarta has been visiting Australia to improve his first aid and surf rescue skills.

One of the big surprises has been how many people he recognises.

"I've seen many familiar faces on Cottesloe beach that I've seen on our surf beach at Karma," he said.

'It's been wonderful seeing them in the waves on their home beach.

"It's been fun hearing them say 'Hey, selamat pagi' to me.'

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Righting the wrong name

It's a dread that keeps reporters up at night, but some-

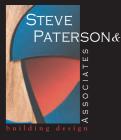
times mistakes happen.
We recently published an incorrect name when reporting on an assault at a liquor store in Subiaco, and mistakenly

named the victim as the person charged.
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Cottesloe beach. RIGHT: The gutted Barchetta premises, empty since May last year.

By BRET CHRISTIAN

Local ratepayers have gone backwards by at least \$100,000 since the closure of **Barchetta cafe on the North** Cottesloe beachfront, two residents said at last week's council meeting.

The cafe has remained empty since May when the King family's lease was not renewed.

The council voted in September to award the lease to Magic Apple Wholefoods. part of the growing Kailis Hospitality Group which runs or is opening six waterfront eateries between Fremantle and Sorrento.

Residents Stephen Mellor and Yvonne Hart stood at the meeting to ask mayor Lorraine Young a series of questions based on an amount shown as a reduction of \$100,000, published in the council's financial statements.

They wanted to know why the Barchetta site was still not operating and how much the closed premises owned by the council was costing ratepayers.

Ms Hart also asked why Magic Apple rent would be less than what the King family paid, given that its new tenants would no longer have to maintain the public toilets under the building.

The previous lessee paid \$11,000 a month rent plus \$27,000 a year council rates.

Cottesloe CEO Matthew Scott revealed last year that Magic Apple would not have to begin paying rent until the owners had fitted out the building (New Barchetta to miss summer? POST, August 26).

The agreement gave them three months to do that from September 1, and a further

three months if they needed it. 'They have taken longer than we had expected, due

to matters out of our control," Ms Young told the council meeting.

She said the new lease has now been executed, with delays in finalising the lease and fitting out the restaurant caused by the WA Planning Commission, which has the final say on the state-owned site.

The WAPC had issued development approval the previous week, with a building licence expected to be issued as soon as possible.

The lease period is for five years with two five-year options.

The base rent will be

\$108,060, plus a provision for 2% of annual turnover of the business, applying to turnover between \$3million and \$4.5 million.

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Wandana banishes DIY balcony rooms

By LLOYD GORMAN

Dozens of balconies will be removed from Subiaco's biggest public housing complex after they were identified as potential fire and safety hazards.

Work started immediately at 42 Wandana units to remove enclosed balconies or those with other structures built into them.

Some of the alterations were made decades ago but the department of communities (DoC) told tenants the "balcony enclosures are non-compliant with current building codes and fire regulations".

After working with architects and fire services consultants the • Please turn to page 18

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Gift of life, from wife to husband

By JEN REWELL

On his 75th birthday, Dalkeith man Norman Lee received the present of a lifetime when his wife Deanie gifted him one of her kidneys.

Now they celebrate every day together, thanks to the transplant that has given Norman back his health.

"She has rejuvenated me and given me another life," Norman said.

Renal physician Dr Aron Chakera, who is director of research at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, said there were often better outcomes with living donors because the timing of the semi-elective operation could be somewhat controlled.

"It takes away a lot of the variables," Dr Chakera said.

Living donors had extensive testing to check their suitability, and must be in good physical and psychological health.

Norman said his kidney issues started "out of the blue" about 11 years ago after he was diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disease.

"I had treatment and I was cured, but the kidney damage was permanent," he said.

After several years, he began peritoneal dialysis in order to survive.

While there were plenty of people willing to offer their kidney to Norman, it was Deanie who stepped up to the challenge.

The couple will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary this year.

They met on a plane to Singapore in the early 1970s.

"I was in a very short skirt and I'm sure that attracted his attention," Deanie said.

"When you talk to a girl, you want trust, honestly, and intelligence," Norman said. "I knew this was someone I could fall in love with."

A few years ago, Deanie discovered that Norman had a special keepsake from the day they met.

"I gave her the plane ticket to write her phone number on, and I still have it, after all this while," he said.

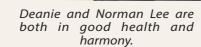
"That's why I gave him my kidney!" Deanie laughed.

Although they have different blood types, advances in medicine mean that this is no barrier to a living kidney transplant.

Deanie said she was tested in every way to make sure she was healthy, both physically and mentally.

"When I went under the knife, I hoped it was going to work, because otherwise it's a perfectly good kidney thrown into the bin," she said.

But it was after the transplant surgery was complete



that Norman's real fight for life began.

His long recovery included six units of blood in ICU, a bout of pneumonia, an almost fatal run-in with COVID, and bacterial infections.

However, now the couple are both fit and well, thanks to the hard-working team at SCGH.

The pair are no strangers to the medical world, with Norman having been a country GP and Deanie working as a nuclear medicine technologist for many years.

The number of living kidney donors is increasing, with 253 donors in 2023.

Dr Chakera said people could register as a donor and join the Australian and New Zealand Paired Kidney Exchange Program.

'Keep the park in Mosman

Mosman Park council believes concerns about its public open space strategy have been overcome after widespread consultation with the public and interested groups.

"It's a high-level guiding document," councillor Andrew Maurice, pictured, said before the full council voted 6-0 to support the policy. "It is an operational document, it is not set in stone."

The Friends of Mosman Park Bushland were concerned the new policy would increase risk to birds and other wildlife through the introduction of more lighting and increased dog presence (Dogs threat to the birds and the bees, POST, March 23).

Mr Maurice said substantial consultation had occurred and the council needed to move on with its policy.

"Perfect is sometimes the enemy of the good," he said.

POST PEOPLE

Deputy mayor Georgie Carey listed the benefits of the strategy and underlined the importance

of public open space, without which "perhaps, we would just be called Mosman".

"This outlines a number of strategies to improve the access and quality of our public open space, including considerations for

sport, play, dog walking safety, natural environment tree canopy, replacing under-utilised turf with native plantings and access to public open space by active transport," she said.

"Within our 4.3sq.km we have 38 public open spaces. In fact, there's no residential property within the town that is further than a 10-minute walk from an area of public open space."

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Champ's winning swing

By JEN REWELL

It is one of golf's greatest questions: "How am I going to get better?"

The answer, according to Andrew Thomas, is a lot of hard work mixed with the right advice and information.

Andrew was at work at the Wembley Golf Course this week, fresh from winning the WA golf industry award as game development coach of the year.

"My coaching ranges from coaching elite players through to all abilities and people who are just starting out," he said.

The best students were those who were willing to learn and accepted that it would take time and practice to get better.

And the worst students? "When they think that you've got a magic wand that you can just go 'Abracadabra, you're now a good golfer'," he said. "Like anything, it doesn't

happen without hard work."

Wembley was named the metropolitan golf facility of the year, and was described as setting the gold standard for public facilities across the country.

More than 26 million balls were hit on the driving range last year, and there were played.



185,000 rounds of golf and Golf rookie Amy Boulazeris gets a few tips from coach Andrew Thomas, 65,000 rounds of mini golf who was lauded for developing the game at Wembley Golf Course. Photo: Paul McGovern

Sinking feeling for **Mos Park power**

providing underground power to the Town's 2500 unconnected residents will cost about \$30million and may not be feasible for another decade.

Western Power has said it will contribute \$10million to the project but the Town and ratepayers would have to find the other \$20million.

Mayor Paul Shaw told last week's council meeting that residents probably would have to pay between \$4000 and \$16,000 to be underground power scheme.

"And they are uncertain costings, presented to us as a plus-orminus 30% cost range," he said.
Information would be sent

to residents before June with details of a proposal to pay for installation rather than wait for Western Power's scheduled underground program between 2032 and 2037.

"We want to go to the community and get some feedback (on

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By JEN REWELL

Irate Nedlands residents claim the removal of lights from a tiny laneway is indicative of the problems they are having with their council.

They say poor communication, lack of infrastructure maintenance and assets falling into neglect were just some of the issues.

Paula Boxall queried Nedlands' decision to remove the lights in Fraseriana Lane after she complained for nearly six months that they were not working.

The lane runs from behind restaurants on Stirling Highway north to Hardy Road

Ms Boxall said the lights had been invaluable for pedestrians and residents for at least 10 years. They went out late last year and have not been repaired.

She said she had not received any response to her many requests to get the lights fixed, except to be informed that her requests had been logged.

But workers turned up at Fraseriana Lane within two weeks of Ms Boxall lodging a complaint on the council website, only to rip out the bollards and fill the holes with concrete.

"If they do that with every piece of infrastructure, we will end up with nothing," she said.

Nearby neighbours said they believed the destructive response to their maintenance requests was "indicative of some sort of systemic issues" with council administration.

"This action has been unexpected and has left me appalled that the council has failed mis-

erably, choosing to wastefully discard a much-needed community asset," Ms Boxall said.

The lane is sealed in parts but remains a dirt path for much of its four-block length.

A development application for a 17-storey building nearby discussed "activating" nearby laneways as "integral thoroughfares'

"It is imperative that the council reinstates safe lighting conditions along Fraseriana Lane for the well-being and security of all who rely on it for access," Ms Boxall said.

A Nedlands spokeswoman said that contractors noted during the development of 21 Hibbertia Lane that underground cabling and lights were at the end of their lives and were no longer compliant with Australian Standards.

The City removed the bollards to protect lane users from incidental crashes, she said.



Left in the dark ... Paula Boxall, centre, her daughter Grace, left, with Michelle and Amber Stuckey in the neglected laneway. Photo: Paul McGovern

COPPERS CALLED

Gazebos go from steal to steel

Forty copper panels stolen from three riverfront gazebos in Mosman Park two years ago will be replaced with steel sheets.

Councillors last month approved more money to repair the rotunda roofs.

The Town could not specify the cost yet but said it was in addition to \$58,000 that has

LEFT: The copper was stolen off this gazebo roof in Mosman Park two years ago.

been covered by an insurance claim.

No repair date has been set but the two-year delay was put down to difficulties in getting contractors and settlement of the insurance claim.

"We're pushing forward with finalising the tender process for a contractor and addressing any challenges so that we can begin repairs as soon as possible," a spokesperson said.

"The replacement panels

will be made of Colorbond, not copper.

"Colorbond is not as valuable as copper sheeting and will hopefully discourage the theft of the roofs again.'

The copper panels were stolen from the roofs of the gazebos in Minim Cove, Garungup Park, and Mt Lyell in late 2022 (Where's a copper when you need one? **POST**, November 19, 2022).

Scrap copper sells for about \$14 a kilo.







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Mayor rejects lane infill motive

By BRET CHRISTIAN

The surrender of Cottesloe's back lanes to the state government was not tied up with the Town's infill polices, mayor Lorraine Young has told rate-

A resident asked why the council was transferring ownership of the lanes to the Crown, a decision that has caused much angst to 90 people who have received letters telling them to move walls, fences and even swimming pools.

These structures intrude onto the council-owned lanes and the council says the boundaries have to be fixed before the lanes can be handed over.

The publicly-owned land must be available to the public, Ms Young told the annual electors'

Some other householders had needed to set back their garage entrances because encroachments of the other sides of the lanes meant they did not have turning space for their cars.

"It certainly hasn't been rep-

resented to council that this is in any way tied up with infill,' she said.

"It's about trying to be fair and equitable to all property owners.'

One Florence Street resident said "the tail wags the dog" - the council had reacted to residents who had complained about encroachments.

"These three or four people have caused grief for over 90 residents, and I don't think that's fair," he said.

A series of other questions from owners whose homes back onto rights-of-way between Grant and Eric streets have teased out more information from the council administration.

The principle [of the strategy] is to transfer the remaining ROWs to the Crown so that no future adverse possession claims can arise," the council said in response to a question asked at a council meeting.

The land will remain for the benefit of the entire community.

This can only be achieved once all encumbrances (encroachments) have been removed Lorraine Young

to the Crown's satisfaction.

But ratepayer Angus Kennedy-Perkins, of Grant Street, said that under the Property Law Act, there were other options open to the council.

These affect encroachments that were not intentional, negligent or where encroaching buildings were not erected by the present owner.

Options include vesting the land (to the adjoining owner), creating an easement or granting

the right to retain possession.

He was supported by Florence
Street resident Kim Leunig, who asked for the council's plans and options for mediation with affected ratepayers.

The administration answer pointed to a resolution at a special council meeting in February that "provides a pathway on how council will manage ROW encroachment" (Cottesloe flips on land grab, POST, March 9).

If the encroaching structure

has been there for more than 12 years, owners can claim the land under adverse possession laws, but they have been quoted \$8000 to \$10,000 for this complex four-year process.

The council has now said that it will contact Landgate to ease this process in individual cases.

It said each application by ratepayers, including calls for help with adverse possession claims, would be considered individually on its merits.

The administration also said that 100 of the encroachments are less that 100mm, and said than the \$60,000 survey of five lanes allowed for rounding errors.

Bridge works b

By LOUISA WALES

Main Roads appears to have started work on the new Swan **River Crossing bridge from** North Fremantle.

That is despite the devel-opment application for the proposed bridge still being under assessment by the department of planning, lands and heritage.

Workers have set up areas for preparatory works either side of the bridge.

A Main Roads spokesperson said the works were covered by a separate development approval granted in late 2022.

"Where possible, activities are being undertaken to continue to further develop elements of the [Swan River Crossing] project," the spokesperson said.

The works include geotechnical drilling investigations to provide information about riverbed conditions for the piling process.

The existing heritage-listed wooden Fremantle traffic bridge houses a range of services, including telecommunications, gas, and water.

"These need to be removed from the bridge and relocated under the river," the spokes-person said. "Site preparation for these works has started."

Ongoing bridge maintenance works were also required and were expected to start this month

Main Roads could offer no start date for construction of the new bridge.

"The bridge replacement work is subject to the outcome of the development applica-tion," the spokesperson said.

"Subject to development approval, the current target completion date is late 2026."





SNAPSHOT OF BILL ISSUE

SOLUTION

Dark money

We need to fix disclosure requirements and ban lies so voters can make an informed choice about their

representatives.

Lower disclosure threshold to \$1,000

Disclose within 7 days

Fix 'gift' definition to include 'cash for access' dinners, 'business forum' memberships, subscriptions

Require disclosure of fundraising events, investments, memberships, loans

Ban lies in political advertising

Financial influence

We need to reduce financial influence so Governments to make decisions for all, not vested interests.

Ban donations from social harm industries

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Uneven playing field

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These changes have broad support. The government says it supports many of them, but I (and many on the crossbench) are concerned that we will not see any change before the next election.

I will keep driving for reform during this term, because shining a light on vested interests will encourage politicians to make decisions in the interests of community, on so many important issues.

If you would like to engage further on this issue, I hope you can join me at my event:

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How commonsense trumped 'experts' to fill Lake Jualbup





Ten years ago in mid-February, Shenton Park's Lake Jualbup was a mud pan (above, seen from the "beach" just west of the children's playground).

Today, despite a recordbreaking summer without rain, the upgraded lake still retains water at the end of March (above right).

The lengthy arguments from "experts" (read "highly paid consultants") was that no matter what was done, the lake would dry up even in years of "normal" rainfall.

Annual rainfalls 2019 and last year were below 600mm compared with 735mm Perth

The Save Our Jewel Action Group proposed slowing Jualbup's loss of water to the water table by adding clay to the lake bottom, retaining enough to get through summer, a concept pooh-poohed by the experts.

The proposal cost nothing and was based on what farmers in WA have been doing with dams for a very long time. And it worked.

Since restoration was completed in 2018, the lake has retained water until the first autumnal rains, despite some of those years being well below the average annual rainfall.

The result has brought joy to visitors from the community and shows how logic and rationality can beat paid theoretical consulting.

Full details of how this came about is described on the website at SaveOurJewel.au.

Hugh Richardson Hilda Street, Shenton Park

State tightens grip on planning as WAPC shrinks

One recent change to WA's planning system is making permanent the temporary COVID-era system of developers applying for approval directly to the department of planning.

At the same time the membership of the WA Planning Commission (WAPC) has been changed.

By going the direct route, developers avoid direct involvement with local government planners, the community and councils. Instead they deal behind closed doors with the department and a report then goes directly to the WAPC for decision.

In the past the WAPC had up to 14 members (commissioners). They included five or six directors-general of the major relevant state government agencies, plus senior industry and community representatives and the government architect.

The WAPC had real power to consider state-wide planning strategies and issues, but was ill-qualified as a project approval decision-maker.

The new and "improved" WAPC has dropped the directorsgeneral. It has also dropped industry and community members and the government architect.

In fact, it will only have commissioners with a tertiary qualification in the arcane art of "planning".

Apparently, architects need not apply because they lack the qualifications!

So we are going from a WAPC designed and resourced to think Big Picture to a WAPC which is pretty much just another development assessment panel, with all the DAP problems but without the oversight of council and community.

There must be a third party right of appeal by councils and the community for the WAPC route. And there still needs to be a Royal Commission to unpick the apartment-towers approvals mess of the past few years.

Ken Perry Dalkeith Road, Nedlands

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Medlandy News



Dear Residents of the City of Nedlands,

I hope you enjoyed a restful Easter break and were able to spend quality time with loved ones.

As many of you may be aware, the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) recently issued a Disclaimer of Opinion in relation to our Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 30 June 2023.

This development has raised significant concerns, and we as a council have moved to address these matters immediately.

Council supported by the mayor, has decided, to appoint an independent auditor. This will give us a clear and honest snapshot of the business affairs at the City of Nedlands.

Our first job is to get our accounts in order, with an aim of accomplishing a better audit for the 2023/2024 year. I will be working with council, the independent auditor, our internal and external auditors, and the Office of Auditor General, to ensure we progress this matter with full integrity and honest and open transparency.

Yours faithfully

Fiona E.M Argyle

Mayor, City of Nedlands

Council and Committee Meetings

- Special Council Meeting Tuesday 9 April, 6.30pm
- Council Meeting Agenda Forum Tuesday 9 April, 7pm
- Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 23 April, 7pm
- Annual General Meeting of Electors Monday 29 April, 6pm

For more information visit www.nedlands.wa.gov.au/council/council-meeting

Public Holiday

The City of Nedlands will be closed for the Anzac Day Public Holiday on Thursday 25 April 2024. For urgent enquiries please contact Rangers Services by calling (08) 9273 3500.

Capital Works

Lemnos Street - Brockway Road to Bedbrook Place

This project will involve significant improvements to the road surface, kerb, drainage, and more. The benefits of the project include improved road safety, address ageing road infrastructure and minimise maintenance costs. The construction work is scheduled between late April to mid June. The works will be a mix of day and night, to be confirmed closer to the starting date.

For more information about this project and others, visit **www.nedlands.wa.gov.au/capitalprojects.** Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the City's Representative, Peter Seed, at 9273 3500 or provide your feedback online.

In Focus

Natural Area Friends Group

Friends of Hollywood Reserve

Come and help the Friends of Hollywood Reserve on Sunday 14 April undertake activities to conserve the bushland and attend their Annual General Meeting. Meet from 9am-12pm at the main entrance near the junction of Karella Street and Boronia Avenue, Nedlands. If you are interested, please contact Trish on **9386 4476.** Morning tea will be provided at 10.30am in conjunction with the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

Melon Hill Bushland Group

The Melon Hill Bushland Group meet every Tuesday during the week, and on the first Saturday of the month from 9am–11am to undertake activities to conserve the bushland. Please contact Judy on **0428 294 876** if you are interested. Please bring a hat, water bottle and sturdy shoes. Morning tea will be provided.

Friends of Shenton Bushland

The Friends of Shenton Bushland meet every Sunday from 8am–10am to undertake activities in the bushland. If you are interested, please contact Dani on **0420 334 601**.

For more information, visit https://www.nedlands.wa.gov.au/environment

Native Plant Subsidy Scheme

The Western Suburbs Alliance Native Plant Subsidy Scheme is available through the month of May or until stocks last. During May, residents can purchase up to 80 native plants for \$2.50 from APACE Nursery in North Fremantle. Please visit **www.apacewa.org.au** for details and available species. Proof of residence is required.







Your Voice Positive Ageing Survey

A Positive Ageing Survey is now live on Your Voice. We are interested in hearing from our residents on how you think the City can support our 55+ residents. This includes all aspects from activities and events, to information and service providers in the City. We're keen to hear from seniors, elderly, and everyone in between; this includes carers, concerned family members and residents approaching retirement.

The survey will help us understand the priority focus areas for future services and programs that support older people in the City in ageing safely, happily, with dignity and respect.

Scan the **QR code** to access the survey. Alternatively, visit **https://yourvoice.nedlands.wa.gov.au/ positive-ageing**





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Rough reception for Vincent humps

By BONNIE CHRISTIAN

Nedlands residents are in disbelief that an expensive blight in their suburb's history looks set to repeat itself.

The City has notified Vincent Street locals that 14 speed humps will be installed next month between Melvista and Jenkins avenues, using a federal grant.

A meeting of around two dozen residents was convened at Michael Lindroos's house on Wednesday night to discuss the issues and sign a petition to be presented to council.

"Several remembered the debacle over speed humps in Carrington Street and the cost to the rate payers," Mr Lindroos said.

"This shows historical mistakes ready to be repeated." Councillors will hold a special

meeting on Tuesday.

"A notice to residents was issued on the 20th of March citing the proposed work and its purpose of reducing traffic hazards and road trauma," Mr Lindroos said.

"One major factor has been

overlooked: Twenty years ago, speed bumps were installed. A year later they were removed. The reason: No reduction in speed and a huge increase in road noise.

"The present City engineering department did not know this history."

Former Nedlands councillor and deputy mayor Bill Hassell said Nedlands was experiencing "a total loss of corporate memory".

"Surely even the council administration know that the last installation of speed humps (as now apparently decided for Vincent Street) was divisive and drew community protests forcing the council to back down and remove them," he wrote in a letter to the POST.

Speed humps were ground out from Carrington Street in 2011 after three years of community backlash.

Mr Lindroos said it would be cheaper and more sensible to reduce the speed limit on Vincent Street to 40kmh and to upgrade and improve the existing traffic-calming measures at the intersections.



Vincent Street residents gathered on Wednesday night to sign a petition against speed humps in their street.



By JANE WISHAW

Balinese lifeguard I Kadek Arya Wiarta has spent the past week learning new skills so he can train others back home at famous surf break Uluwatu.

"It's been hard and the water is much colder than in Bali, that is for sure." he said.

that is for sure," he said.
"But I now feel stronger and
more in control in emergency
situations.

"It's a great feeling knowing that I'll now be able to perform better lifesaving rescues in the big waves and that I can teach my team."

Arya trained with volunteers from the Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club before passing his bronze medallion test.

Training officer Tom

Montague said more than 30 local candidates took part in the course that covered first aid and spinal rescues.

"When Arya put that bronze medallion around his neck on Sunday, I'm not sure I've ever seen such a broad grin," he said.

"It was great to have our club rally around him.

"We love that he can now take the skills he has learnt here in Cottesloe and share that knowledge with his colleagues in Bali, ultimately leading to better outcomes for swimmers who get into trouble in the water at Uluwatu."

The trip was organised by former Cottesloe resident John Spence, founder of Karma Resorts in Bali, where Arya works. John called his long-time friend and Cottesloe stalwart Jean Burling who has been a professional swim teacher for more than 50 years.

"Bali holds a special place in my heart," she said.

"I've been travelling there for 51 years."

Regular Cottesloe surfer Richard Simpson said Uluwatu had changed a lot over the decades, but the quality surf breaks were still a drawcard.

"In the early days we had do traipse across rice paddies to get to the beach," he said.

"Now there are many restaurants and terrific resorts right up on the cliffs."

But the extra surfers in the water meant that local surf life savers needed more expertise.



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Harper's bizarre – tribute to a great artist

Years ago the POST published a series of fantastic drawings of western suburb houses under the title Peter Harper's POST Sketchbook.

These drawings were so brilliant that I did not have the heart to discard them with the rest of the paper after reading it, and many of them now adorn my wardrobe, an example of decoupage in all its glory.

What was so unique about Peter Harper's drawings was that the trees in the background created the most magnificent scenes. Today many of the houses look even more majestic with the foliage even more beautiful.

As I drive around the district I can still identify some of the charming architectural designs

Peter had an eye like no other for housing and flora beauty and his sketches take pride of place on my wardrobe. There is only one problem. Whereas I used to dress quickly in the mornings, now I take an extra 20 minutes admiring his drawings.

I think a brass plaque should be erected outside the POST newspaper offices, displaying an example of his work in reflection of his skills and to show the genius of POST editor Bret Christian in his recognition of a great WA artist.

Murray Pitsikas Broadway, Crawley



An eye for houses ... Peter Harper's POST Sketchbook images help to make Murray Pitsakis's wardrobe a tribute to western suburb architecture. **Photo: Paul McGovern**

Financial bumps and traffic humps

In times past the City of Nedlands prided itself on being well run and administered, even if some of its decisions were controversial.

I well remember the annual meeting of ratepayers when the only person from the public at the meeting was my wife and that was because we were on our way out after the meeting. There were no issues to excite the public interest.

The refusal of an audit clearance would have been unthinkable.

Now it looks like a shambles: Financial integrity under question; the council unable to agree on a lawful course of action to correct what should never have occurred in the first place; an auditor locked out of the council; meetings with government bureaucrats to help sort out the mess.

And a total loss of corporate memory. Surely even the council administration know that the last installation of speed humps (as now apparently decided for Vincent Street) was divisive in Carrington Street, and drew community protests forcing the council to back down and remove them.

There is a serious probity question over the unilaterally announced decision to install the speed humps. Several councillors contacted by irate ratepayers were not aware of the decision.

There is only one obvious course of action: The local government minister should exercise her powers to dismiss the council and put in an administrator until the issues are resolved in an open and transparent manner.

Then with new elections perhaps we can get some commonsense councillors to carry the burden of actually representing the Nedlands community.

Bill Hassell former City of Nedlands councillor and deputy mayor Loneragan Street, Nedlands w

Safe street needs to be safer still

The Ruislip Safe Active Street launched last month does to a great extent support minimal vehicular traffic, priority for cyclists and walking while providing safe and convenient routes in residential areas.

Unfortunately there is still one unfinished aspect of the project.

That aspect relates to the safety recommendation to restrict direct crossings and right-hand turns from Harborne street into Ruislip street.

Similar changes to improve safety have already been made at the intersection of Cambridge and Station streets as well as Ruislip and Selby streets. Ruislip-Harborne remains a potentially dangerous intersection for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians alike.

It is time for Cambridge council to complete the full safety recommendations for Ruislip street by placing a full island across the intersection at Harborne street.

George Bowden The Grove, Wembley

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WITH MAYOR JOCK BARKER

CLAREMONT NEWS /

Dear residents,

The Town of Claremont has been shortlisted in the Creativity and Culture category at the National Awards for Local Government, celebrating the wonderful annual arts program at the Town. The program provides a diverse mix of opportunities for social and economic development, including community events, the biennial Art Awards, mentoring opportunities, and Claremont's public art trail. You can vote for the Town via the link at claremont.wa.gov.au/community/news

Adopt a Tree program

I'm pleased to announce our new Adopt a Tree program which aims to help restore Claremont's canopy as the Polyphagous shot hole borer continues to affect trees across Perth. This new initiative gives residents the chance to sponsor the planting of a tree with the option of adding a customised plaque to their 'adopted' tree. Adopters can choose the size of tree from a selection of species which are more resilient to the destructive borer. Find out more on our website.

Luminous Street Festival

Claremont Town Centre will again transform into a glowing wonderland as Luminous Street Festival (formerly Neon Night Trail) comes to Bay View Terrace on April 12 and 13. A variety of light-based installations, interactive art, entertainment, and performances will fill the main street and other pockets of the Town Centre. Bay View Terrace will be closed to cars which will help provide a street festival atmosphere at the northern end. I'm looking forward to seeing people of all ages enjoying the event.

Name the Centre

Our new community centre is not far from opening, but it still needs a name! Enter the competition to name the community centre for your chance to win a brand-new Apple iPad. Details on our website.

Next Council Meeting

A Special Council meeting will be held on Monday 22 April. Please visit our website for more details.

Mayor Jock Barker











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ally afloat in safety boat

The memory of a veteran member of the Claremont Yacht Club will sail on after members named a new safety boat in his honour.

The new 5m boat was named after the late Wally Giles in the traditional way last month – by smashing a bottle of champagne on its hull.

Wally was a longstanding CYC member who died in 2020. He had joined in the 1970s

and served in roles that included rear commodore of dinghies.

CYC rear commodore of dinghies Don Page, of Subiaco, said the ceremony was attended by Wally's widow and daughter.

'It went very, very well and they were really chuffed about the event," he said.

A commemorative plaque on the boat was also revealed. The safety boat will be

crewed by club members during races which run in all seasons.

They wasted no time in putting it to work.

It was called up for duty for Commodore's Cup races straight after the naming ceremony, which was presided over by CYC commodore Darren Chatfield.

"In heavy weather our sailing dinghies are prone to

capsize," Don said.
"We have a safety boat on hand to provide assistance to a capsized sailor in righting his boat or in the event he is injured he'll be dragged onto the safety boat and taken ashore for treatment.



Claremont Yacht Club safety boat Wally Giles is ready for action.

The safety boat was also used to lay the marks for river race courses.

"It's used to go out and change the marks if there's a change in wind direction during the race," he said.

It has a centre console, a 60hp motor and can hold four aboard.

Don said the old safety boat was small and uncomfortable for the crew in bad weather.

"The volunteers in that boat would get saturated in strong winds," he said.

The club's sailing dinghy fleet had grown over the years and was now the largest Laser fleet on the Swan River.

"We're still growing and new members are joining us often," he said.

'The works are not related to concrete concerns or structural defects, and finalisation of works will bring them in line with curonie in for a year

Nick Lonie

Nick Lonie is Mosman Park's newest councillor.

He secured 841 votes to beat the only other candidate, Prem Mahendranathan, by 13.

An extraordinary election was held last month after councillor Josh Allsop resigned because his family was moving overseas.

Councillors voted last December to agree to the \$42,000 cost of the election (Mosman Park resigned to the cost of quitting, POST, November 25).

The figure would have been

had nominated. Mr Lonie will hold the

Enclosed balconies at Wandana

are to be removed.

From page 5

DoC said in a letter to resi-

dents: "Due to the safety and

compliance risks, the balcony enclosures need to be removed

The department confirmed to the POST it was carrying out

repair works on a number of

non-compliant balconies at the

through a broader refurbishment

program and represents no safety

risk for impacted residents," a

"The work was identified

as a matter of priority.

250-unit site.

spokesperson said.

School. Mayor Paul Shaw rec-

"Welcome to the real game, councillor Lonie," Mr Shaw said.

less if only one person

position for one year. He moved to Perth from

Scotland in 2008 and has been the P&C president at Mosman Park Primary

ognised Mr Lonie when he attended his first full council meeting last week.

Mr Lonie responded by saying: "It's great to use the microphone for the first time."



rent building code regulations. "Residents are able to continue safely using their balcony spaces while the works are completed."

Affected residents are being offered "\$3000 credit" as compensation.

Duratec Ltd was paid nearly \$94,000 last month to do the work.

The firm is already on site as part of a two-year \$4million 'concrete remedial and hydraulic works contract"

DoC wrote to Wandana's approximately 300 residents last month to clarify what they could do in their units.

'A tenant may apply to the housing authority to request permission to make non-structural and structural improvements or additions to their public housing rental property," it said. "Reasons for application may

include medical, e.g. bathroom modifications to meet mobility

Tenants were told improvements or additions had to be done by qualified trades people and licenced contractors.

The changes must be removed when the tenants move out.

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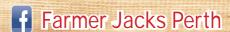
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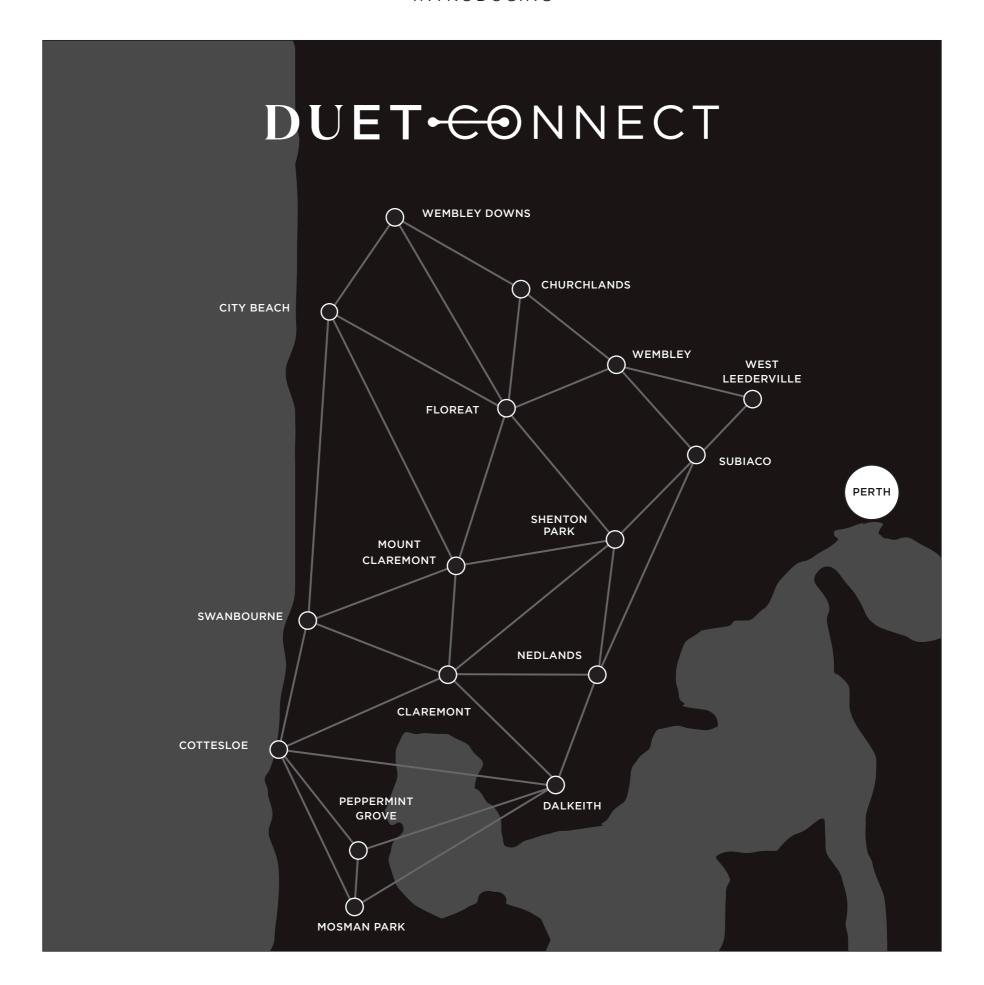


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Grocery ruckus

A man who caused a ruckus at The Good **Grocer in Shenton Park** at 1.20am on March 23 was taken to hospital by police.

Senior Sergeant Craig Wanstall, of Wembley police, said officers were called after a man punched another customer, threw fruit at her, and damaged multiple items including two eftpos machines.

A police sergeant was cut on his face and arm during a scuffle.

The man was handcuffed and taken to Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, where he was released into the care of hospital staff.

Grass fire doused

West Perth residents used a hose to keep a grass fire from spreading in Wellington Street on the evening of Sunday, March 17.

Firefighters put out the blaze, which burned a tree and grass next to the footpath near **Outram Street.**

Three girls aged 10, 11 and 14 have been cautioned, with the eldest being referred to the Juvenile Justice Team.

Correction

In our March 23 report on an alleged assault at Vintage Cellars in Subiaco, the victim's name was inadvertently transposed for the person charged, for which we sincerely apologise.



Cycle of crime

A red fat-tyre bicycle that had been locked inside a bike shelter was stolen from Karrakatta train station on March 12.

The bike's owner locked the bike and helmet in the shelter at 8.05am but it was gone when he returned around

Police would like to speak to two people who may be able to help with the investigation.

The man is described as brown skinned, slim build, between 35 to 45 years of age with shoulder length black hair, a beard and moustache. He was wearing a black 'PHX' singlet, black trousers, a black cap, white sandshoes and sunglasses.

The woman is described as brown skinned, medium build, between 30 to 40 years of age with dark brown hair tied up into a bun. She was wear-



Police want to speak with these two people.

ing a black and white striped shirt, black pants, sunglasses and was carrying a cream-coloured shoulder bag.

Anyone with informa-tion is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 and quote Reference Number 11413.

edly masturbated near **Rosalie Primary School** in Shenton Park.

arrest

A passerby who had reported the man to the police earlier in the week allegedly spotted him again at 8am on Friday.

Masturbation

A tip-off from the public led to the arrest

of a man who alleg-

He was parked in the same spot and allegedly masturbating again.

A 34-year-old Churchlands resident was charged with obscene acts in public.

He is due to appear in Perth Magistrates Court on April 19.

Snagged at a stake-out

A man who allegedly stole a substantial amount of meat from two separate grocery stores in Claremont has been arrested by police.

Police responded to calls from the public and apprehended the man allegedly still in possession of the meat.

The 44-year-old Mosman Park man was released on bail. He is due to appear in Perth Magistrates Court on May 2.

Floating currency

An undisclosed amount of unidentified foreign currency was stolen from a Nedlands home north of Stirling Highway on Tuesday.

Police said two homes in close proximity were broken into after thieves forced entry during the

Acting Senior Sergeant Craig Taylor, from Wembley police, warned home owners to be vigilant and report suspicious activity.



Sinking feeling for power

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whether) there is a desire to push ahead with an accelerated program or would residents prefer that we waited until the 2032 to 2037 time-frame," he said.

Mr Shaw said underground power had been installed throughout much of Mosman Park in the mid-2000s with the maximum cost to ratepayers capped at **\$2250**.

And underground power had been included as part of new developments at Minim Cove and Buckland Hill.

"We note there has been considerable increase in costs well beyond what would be a CPI increase for those particular undergrounding costs," he said.

"It is going to be an interesting conversation to have with the community."

He said the range of individual costs were

driven by factors such as whether the power would go to a multi-unit dwelling, whether the resident was a pensioner, the location of a green power dome and proximity to high voltage power lines.

Mounts Bay motorcycle crash

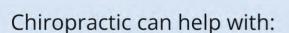
The 61-year-old rider of a black 2004 Ducati motorcycle was seriously injured on Mounts Bay Road, Perth at 9.50am on March 12.

The Ducati collided with a white 2008 Subaru Liberty sedan driven by a 78-vear-old man.

The male rider was seriously injured and taken to hospital by ambulance.

Police are asking for anyone who saw either vehicle travelling in the area prior to the crash to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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'Bin police' threat looms



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About 63,000 WA kids -

enough to fill Perth (Optus) Stadium – are living with a rare

disease, along with an estimated

Perth Children's Hospital

marked Rare Disease Day on

February 29 with a colourful

mural of wings made of hand-

prints - collected last year for

the same occasion – symbolising

hope and resilience in the face

A spokesperson said: "Sharing the message 'Let your rare

shine', the mural is a poignant

reminder of the strength found

the courage of those living

with rare diseases and invites

all to stand in support of these children and their families."

The installation highlights

in rare disease communities.

of adversity.

300million people worldwide.

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or dog waste bags from local parks.

Some Mosman Park residents used non-compostable bags in their FOGO but also threw in recyclables and general waste.

Meanwhile, Subiaco approved a slightly revised version of its draft 2023 Waste Local Law at last week's council meeting.

Under a veil of secrecy, state parliament sent it back to the council last year because of a miniscule mistake in the first draft (*Waste a "privilege" threat to Subi*, POST, July 8 2023).

The new law gives the City the

power to fine residents \$5000 and "a further penalty not exceeding \$500 each day" for significant breaches

Councillor Rosemarie de Vries asked the administration at a public meeting last month to give the community assurances they would not "jump directly" to prosecuting people who breached the law.

The City said fining people was "really a last resort".

"We try and do education in the first instance," staff said.

"It would only be repeat offenders and the like who we would make use of those fines"



Mayor fights Mack attack

From page 1

Mr Mack was also quizzed closely on the APIL development proposal at Floreat Forum.

Floreat resident Melanie Foley criticised the decision to hold a special electors meeting on April 17 after it was initially scheduled for before the school holidays.

And she said she was concerned that the mayor voted against other councillors calling for the council to develop its own Precinct Structure Plan for the site.

"One of your election promises was to be totally focused on the community," Ms Foley said.
"It doesn't feel like you are

"It doesn't feel like you are totally focused on the community when you appear to avoid the issue, delay action and vote against what the community

wants

"As our elected representative are you truly representing us the community, or are you representing someone else?"

Mr Mack described the remarks as an "adverse reflection" but said he was happy to address them.

"I simply deny and reject those assertions ... outright," he said. He denied he was avoiding,

delaying or voting in that way.
"We've voted to proceed with
a [Floreat] structure plan and as
I have mentioned in previous
council meetings there is a big

risk in doing that," he said.
"The risk is it won't be ready
by the time that the WA Planning
Commission will consider APIL's
proposal.

"I'm advocating ... that we

seek to file a modification of APIL's plan because that way we know for certain ... that will be considered by the WAPC."

Mr Mack said he had voted for the option he thought would be most successful for the community and had the least risk.

He said other councillors had the right to vote as they saw best but at the end of the day decisions would be made collectively.

"I'm not representing anyone else," he said. "I've taken a different point of view to some of the others and that's really important.

"We don't want a group-think bias, we want different options to come up and basically consider those options and choose the best way."

Hassell wants Neds sacked

• From page 3

night's council meeting.

"This is an opportunity," Ms Argyle said.

"It will finally give the public and council, an insight into the inner workings of the city."

The move came too late to appease some Nedlands residents fed up with how essential council jobs, including infrastructure and maintenance, were being handled.

Some Hollywood ward residents discussed a vote of no confidence in Nedlands while Mr Hassell was critical of a council he said was once proud of its reputation for reliable administration.

Mr Ross will work at Nedlands for three months, at a cost of \$42,000, to investigate why the council received a failed opinion from the auditor-general.

"I am extremely confident Mr Ross will be able to get to the bottom of the issue," Ms Argyle said.

The appointment of an external consultant has caused a rift between councillors.

One faction argued that an independent expert was the only way to get an objective opinion, while other councillors agreed with the administration that the matter could be handled "inhouse" or by using accountants pre-approved by the WA Local Government Association.

Ms Argyle said more staff would be hired if required.

"I will continue to deal with this issue in an open and transparent manner," she said.

"The matter will be solved, and it is not complex."

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Kings Park senior plant breeder, Digby Growns and Kings Park management hand a cheque to Christopher Johns, CEO, SAS Resources Fund. Photo: Paul McGovern INSET: Waxflower "Local Hero"

Flower brings blooming good support for SAS

Sales of a new waxflower bred by Kings Park and Botanic Garden (KPBG) have so far raised almost \$18,000 for the SAS Resources Fund (SASRF), supporting former and current **Special Air Services members** and their families.

Kings Park and Botanic Garden joined with commercialisation partner Helix Australia to launch the hardy, pink-coloured waxflower "Local Hero" late last year.

One dollar from every plant sold goes directly to SASRF, with \$17,820 raised so far.

The Local Hero waxflower initiative will run for a further two to three years with the aim of building the fundraising to more than \$30,000 a year.

SASRF chief executive officer Chris Johns said fundraising initiatives such as this were vitally important in enabling SASRF to continue its support of SAS veterans and their families.

"We are starting to see the results of prolonged SAS involvement in Afghanistan, with requests for assistance rapidly growing," he said.

"More than 45 families and almost 100 individual beneficiaries are being actively supported through the fund."

The waxflower was grown primarily by Benara Nursery, and sold at Bunnings.

It is a spring flower, so will be back in shops in a few months.

Men at war in the western suburbs

The Western Australian Self ment and the eventual peace **Funded Retirees Association** (WASFR) will have retired journalist and author Ron Banks as guest speaker at their

April meeting.

Ron will discuss his latest book, Dad's Army, which deals with the young men who volunteered to join the defence forces during World War II.

He will recount the events that shaped their lives and how government approached wartime complexities such Ron Banks examas supplying troops, ined why young keeping the economy men like his dad going, providing op- wanted to go to war. portunities for women,

exemption from war service, conscientious exemption, intern-

Ron's father was one of those young men, which triggered his curiosity about their motivation

and experience.

The meeting will be at 10am on Friday April 12, at Cambridge Bowling Club, Floreat Sporting Precinct, Chandler Avenue.

Ron's presentation will begin at 11am after the main meeting and morning tea. Visitors are always welcome, there is no charge for admission and ample free parking is available onsite.

For more information phone Ron de Gruchy on 9447 1313 or Margaret Harris



History of bat and rail

There will be two talks at from Bombay to Thane in 1853 the U3A Western Suburbs Branch meeting this Monday, April 8, at the Grove Library in Peppermint Grove.

At 1pm Terry Harvey will describe the history of the incredible Indian railway system. The first passenger train ran and started the complex and well-used railway era in India.

After afternoon tea at 2.30pm, Bill Reynolds will describe the history of the Western **Australian Cricket Association** (WACA). The cost is \$3 and everyone is welcome.



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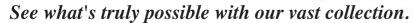












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Claremont's town centre will light up next weekend for the Luminous Street

Let there be light

Claremont Town Centre will be transformed into a glowing wonderland when the Luminous Street Festival (formerly Neon Night Trail) hits Bay View Terrace for two nights next weekend.

From 5.30 to 8.30pm on Friday April 12 and Saturday April 13, a range of light-based installations, interactive art, entertainment, and performances will fill Bay View Terrace and other pockets of the Claremont town centre.

Local eateries and venues will be open late on both nights, with some offering festival specials and extending their outdoor areas into Bay View Terrace. Bay View Terrace will be closed to cars for the event, creating a safe and inviting pedestrian space for both nights.

There will be kid-friendly entertainment alongside installations from renowned local artists.

Attendees will receive a map to guide them through the festival.

Claremont mayor Jock Barker said: "Luminous Street Festival brings the town centre alive as the sun goes down and shines a spotlight on the fantastic businesses there, as well as local artists and entertainers."

For further information visit claremont.wa.gov.au/community/community/events.

Salvage efforts for WA biodiversity

The southwest of Western Australia, from Shark Bay to Esperance, is internationally recognised as one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.

While recognised for their exceptional biological diversity, these hotspots are also notorious for suffering large reductions in natural habitats.

This Tuesday, April 9, at The Palms Community Centre in Subiaco, the Perth branch of the Wildflower Society of WA (WSWA) is hosting a talk with Dr Eddy Wajon.

He will speak about the Gondwana Link and Chingarrup Sanctuary, and highlight the amazing flora and fauna diversity that is found there.

More than 70% of WA's southwest hotspot has been cleared, with many agricultural areas having less than 10% of their original bushland remaining.

Targeted revegetation is needed to restore and maintain the region's biological diversity,

One ambitious revegetation program is the Gondwana Link, which



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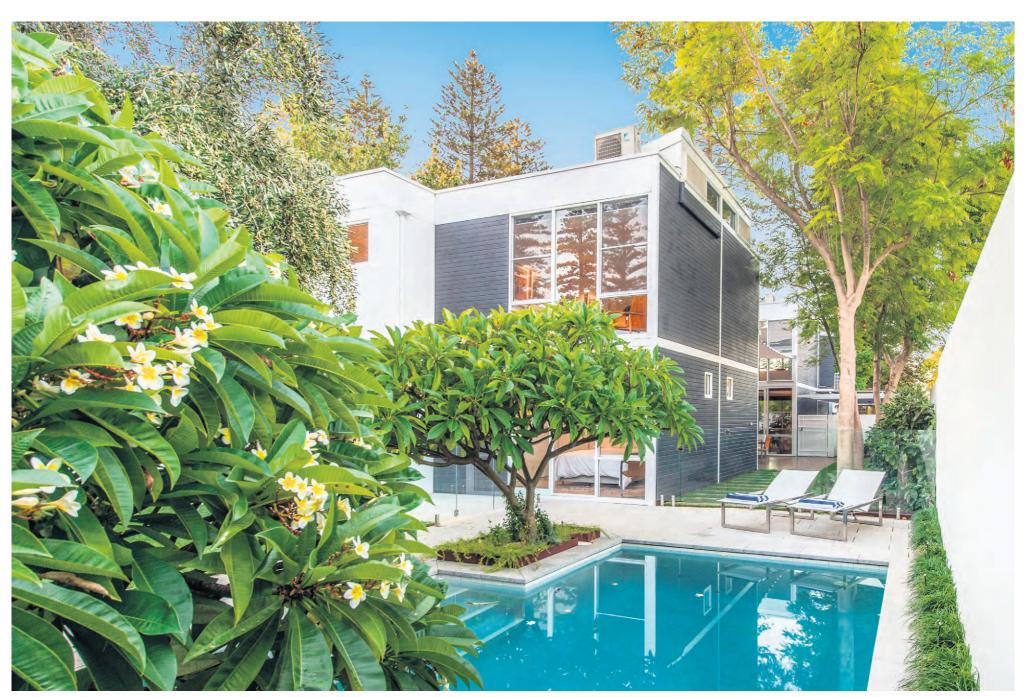
Dr Eddy Wajon at Chingarrup Sanctuary.

aims to link 1000km of vegetation across the southwest corner, from the southwest capes through to Cape Arid in the east.

A range of government and conservation bodies are involved, as well as private individuals.

Eddy and Donna Wajon are two of those individuals, with such a passion to be part of the project that they bought two remnant bush blocks, the largest of which is Chingarrup Sanctuary, near Boxwood Hill, east of the Stirling Range.

Doors open at The Palms in Subiaco at 7.45 for an 8pm start on Tuesday. An entry donation of \$3 will include a ticket to door prizes. Everyone is welcome.









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<u>COMMUNITY news</u>

Explore the new (and historic) north of Perth

Perth's rapidly expanding northern corridor has opened new ways to Yanchep National Park.

The Royal WA Historical Society, based in Nedlands, has curated a very different tour up to Yanchep.

Susan Hall, a member of History West's tours and event committee, has organised a tour to experience history in the making including a visit to Ocean Reef Marina and a train trip to Butler to discover new suburban areas such as Alkimos

There will be a two-course lunch at Yanchep Lavender Farm, then an opportunity to explore historic Yanchep National Park.

The day trip is on Saturday April 20, leaving Stirling House at 9am and returning by 4pm.

The cost is \$80 for RWAHS members or \$85 for non-members and includes morning tea and a two-course lunch. Notify of any food allergies when booking.

The coach is folding-wheelchair and walkingframe friendly. A WA Seniors Card gives free travel on the train.

To book, call History West on 9386 3841 or email admin@histwest.org.au.



Heritage-listed Yanchep Inn sits in the middle of the national park.

UWA's Callaway Auditorium hosts a Brahms Soiree next Sunday, featuring pianist Anna Sleptsova.



Composer Johannes Brahms was drawn out of retirement by the beautiful sounds of the clarinet.

He was captivated by the playing of Richard Muuhlfeld, principal clarinettist of the Meiningen court orchestra, and inspired to write several outstanding works for the clarinet.

His two clarinet sonatas, Opus 120, were completed in July 1894 and premiered the following January.

Before their public performance, Brahms and Muuhlfeld played the two sonatas privately for the famous pianist Clara Schumann.

A Perth recital on Saturday, April 13 by two of Perth's leading musicians, clarinettist Ashley William Smith and pianist Anna Sleptsova, recreates that original performance of great music among friends.

Ashley is Chair of Woodwinds and **Contemporary Performance** at the UWA Conservatorium of Music.

clarinet's beauty

He is a graduate of UWA and Yale University, and a Fellow of the Australian National Academy of Music.

Anna arrived in Australia in 1995 from Ukraine, where she was a senior lecturer at Kiev State Conservatorium.

In 1997 she moved to Perth, teaching first at UWA and then from 2007 to 2021 at the WA Academy of Performing Arts, where she was head of piano studies.

This is a rare opportunity to hear Brahms at his best, performed by two of Perth's most highly acclaimed musicians.

The concert is on Saturday, April 13 at 7.30pm, in the Callaway Music Auditorium at UWA.

Pre-concert refreshments will be served from 7pm.

Tickets cost \$25 including program and refreshments. Full-time students may enter by gold coin donation.

Book through www.trybooking.com or purchase tickets at the door.

Cambridge Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE Special Electors Meeting

The Town of Cambridge hereby gives public notice of a Special Electors Meeting.

The Town has received a request from 344 verified electors to discuss the Floreat Activity

Date: Wednesday 17 April 2024

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Council Chambers, Town of Cambridge, 1 Bold Park Drive, Floreat WA 6014

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting is for Electors to consider:

- That Council direct the CEO to appoint an independent and suitably qualified Planner to prepare a Precinct Structure Plan ("PSP") for the Floreat Activity Centre on behalf of the Town of Cambridge.
- That Council by absolute majority approves the allocation of sufficient unbudgeted funds (estimated to be \$100,000) to pay the appointed Planner.
- The Council instructs the CEO to direct the Local Planning Strategy 2021 ("LPS") as the guiding framework to develop the PSP. Outcomes from the February/March 2024 'Visioning Workshops' may be used to the extent that they do not conflict with the LPS.
- That Council instructs the CEO to present the draft PSP for Council's consideration at the 28 May 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting

Public question should be submitted in writing prior to the meeting by close of business Tuesday 16 April 2024. For more information, please contact the Town on (08) 9347 6000.

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Healthy eating at the Lake

Everyone knows crash and fad diets don't work, so for those looking for long-term benefits from a good diet, Dr Catherine Bondonno will give a presentation at the Lake Monger Recreation Club this Monday.

Dr Bondonno is a senior research fellow in the Nutrition & Health Innovation Research Institute (NHIRI) at Edith Cowan University and co-lead of the discovery and excellence theme and chair of the professional development committee for NHIRI.

Her research program is focused on identifying dietary strategies to achieve and maintain cardiovascular and cognitive health.

It has concentrated on the benefits of dietary nitrate (from vegetables) and flavonoids (from fruit), and she has developed a substantial body of evidence that these improve vascular health through effects on nitric oxide. The research has included clinical trials, nutritional epidemiology and development of food bioactive composition datasets.

Dr Bondonno is a registered nutritionist, is currently chair of the Perth regional group of the Nutrition Society of Australia, and committee member of the Australian Academy of Science, National Committee of Nutrition.

The information she will share could have a lasting impact on health and wellbeing

The meeting is on Monday, April 8 at



Catherine Bondonno gives well-researched advice on long-term dietary strategies.

the Lake Monger Recreation Club, 144 Gregory Street, Wembley. The cost is \$10 (cash) for morning tea and a ticket for door prizes, beginning at 10am. The talk begins at 11am.

Register to attend with Kerry Eivers at kerryeivers@yahoo.com.au or call 9440 6815.

Building bridges at **Swanbourne**

The WA Bridge Club in Swanbourne is holding a gala open day this Wednesday, April

WA's largest bridge club, with more than 850 members, has planned the event to introduce people to the game, learn the basics or sharpen skills, meet other people to expand social circles, reconnect with other players or meet new ones.

It is also a chance for those who have played at WABC in the past but have not been to the club in for a while, to rediscover the enjoyment of club bridge.

The free champagne high tea event will welcome new, casual, experienced or previous members from 3 to 5pm at the WABC clubrooms, 7 Odern Crescent, Swanbourne.

Book a place by emailing bridge@wabridgeclub.com. au or just turn up on the day. Let members know if you are a beginner, because experienced players will be seated in a separate section.

For enquiries call Martin Doran on 0466 638 055.

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Impact100 WA kicks off

Collaborative-giving group Impact100 WA's annual "kickstart sundowner" marked the start of their fundraising year. It was held at the FORM Gallery and cafe in Claremont last month.

The event drew more than 100 guests who were inspired by presentations from recent Impact100 grant recipients 12 Buckets, a one-on-one school student mentoring program, and Fair Game, a charity which provides after school health and fitness programs to children in Broome and Kununurra using recycled sports equipment - both of which received \$100,000 grants to pursue their work.

Both organisations were lauded for their significant positive impact on the WA community, underscoring Impact100 WA's mission to support lesser-known charities.

As a collaborative giving group, Impact100 WA pools donations of \$1000 from at least 100 donors to fund transformational projects in the local community.

Sophie Chamberlain, a founding committee member and Mosman Park resident, attended the event and said:



A sundowner at Form Gallery in Claremont launched another year of vital fund-raising for lesser-known charities.

"It was wonderful to see so many engaged donors, keen to know the impact of their \$1000 and how they can contribute again this year."

For more information, visit www.impact100WA.org.au.

For more on 12 Buckets, visit www.12buckets.org.

www.12buckets.org.
For more on Fair Game, visit
www.fairgame.org.au.

Chat on a path to net zero

The Friends of Lake Claremont begin their Night Chats series for this year with local federal MP Kate Chaney talking about her recently launched initiative to create a pathway to net zero emissions.

The Pathway to Net Zero report is the result of almost a year's work with more than 50 volunteers from Ms Chaney's Curtin electorate, who came together to do something positive and hopeful to respond to climate change, connecting local action

to national priorities.

Ms Chaney said she wanted to "use Curtin to show what a net zero society can look like and identify what it will take to get us there".

Night Chats with Kate Chaney will be on Tuesday April 16 at the Claremont Lawn Tennis Club.

Refreshments will be available from 5.30pm with Ms Chaney talking from 6 to 7pm. No bookings are required but a gold coin donation will be appreciated.

Hear all about ear science

Audiologist Jordan Bishop from Ear Science Institute Australia will give a talk about hearing for National Seniors on Thursday, April 11.

Ear Science is a Perth-based research facility that incorporates the Lions Hearing Clinic.

Mr Bishop will deliver an overview of the facility's research and will then talk about hearing issues, how and why they occur and how they affect the elderly.

Marion Laws, a committee members of National Seniors, said: "Hearing loss is treatable and early treatment can offset continuing deterioration and vastly improve the quality of life of the sufferer.

"In Perth we are extremely fortunate to have facilities such as Ear Science that provides such a wonderful service to the community."

On the same morning, Greg Hebble from Wheelchair for Kids will deliver a 15-minute talk on the work the charity does in manufacturing wheelchairs for disabled children around the world including many Third World counties.

The monthly meeting at Mt Claremont Community Centre will start at 10am.

For further enquiries contact Joseph Lieberfreund at joseph@airbell.com.au.



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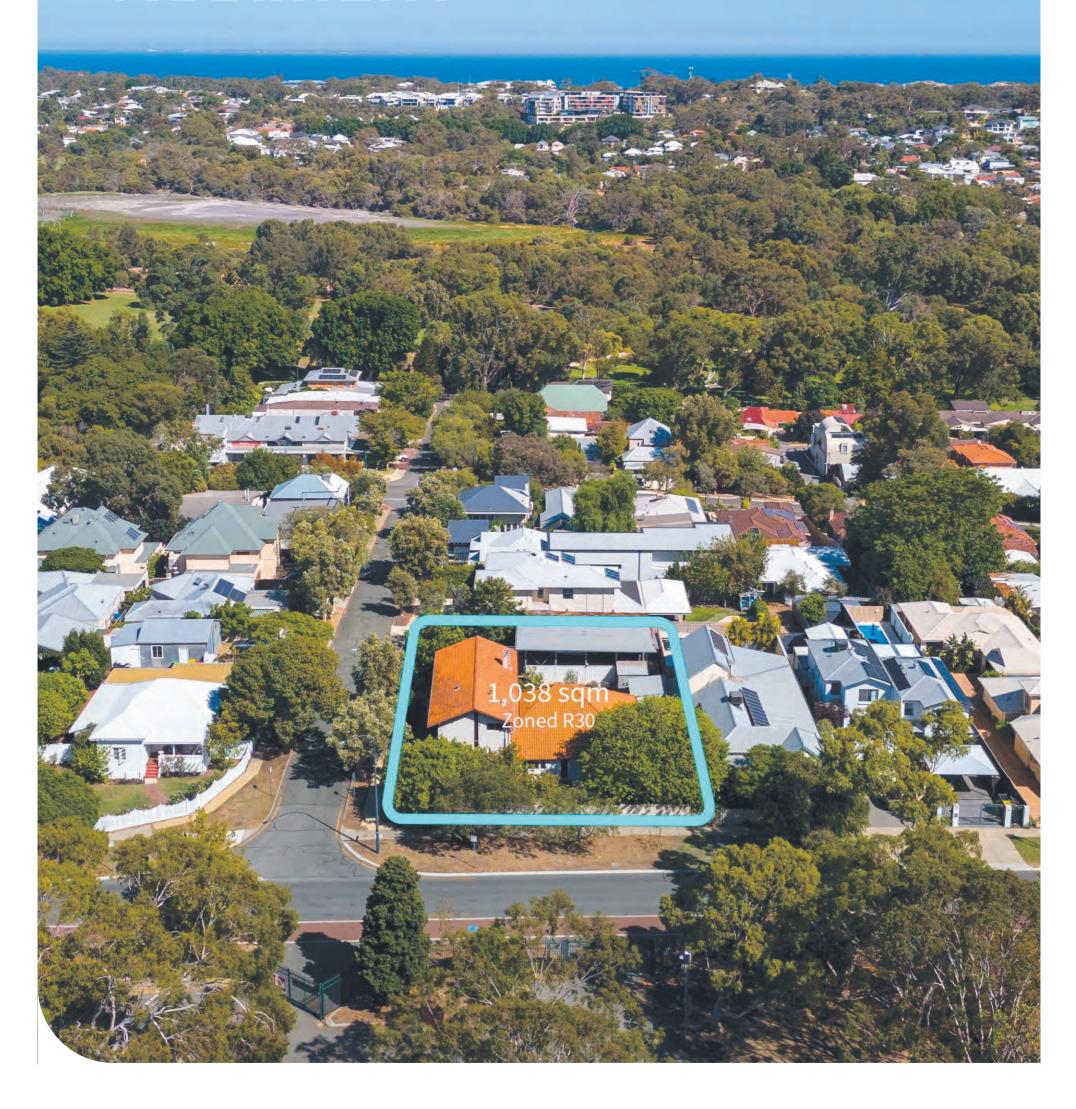


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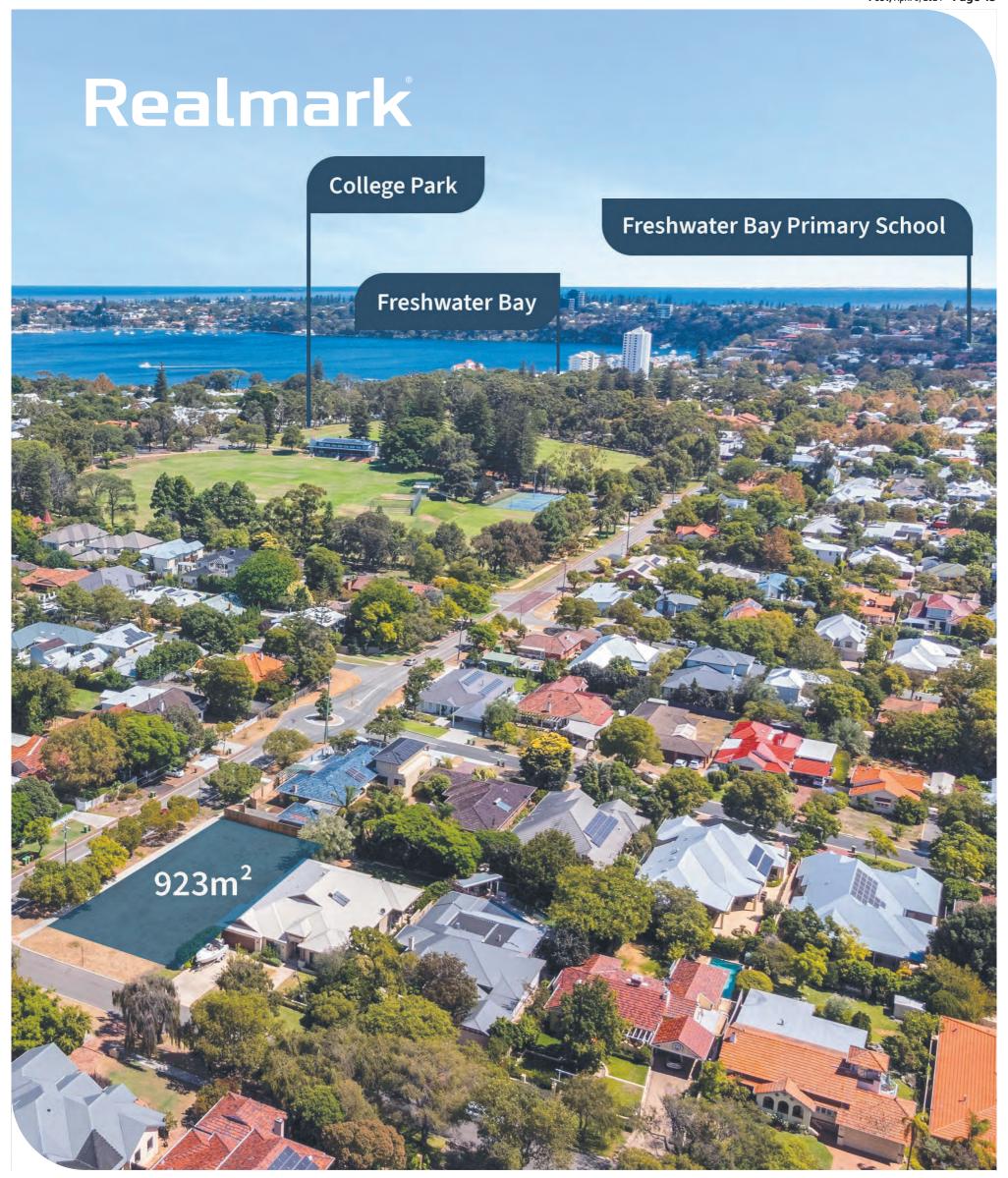
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POST ad boosts interest in croquet

Cambridge Croquet Liz Speer. Club had expected a quiet month in March but an advertisement in the POST changed that.

The club is keen to attract new members to croquet and, following the advert, 24 people attended an afternoon introduction to the sport.

Social play was high throughout the month. The first Saturday of the month competition saw David Hayles and Frank Coleman win from Barry Harvie and Chell Lodge.

The Cambridge Gift, held in the middle of March, was won by Roger Jakeway and Maureen Spencer with second place going to Paddy Ross and

Visitors are always welcome to drop in and see how the game of croquet is played. Sunday mornings and Tuesday late afternoons are good times because there are generally two coaches available.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, evening play begins at 5.30pm, and Thursday play starts at 9am.

Former state player Pam Kerruish runs Saturday afternoon sessions from

Easter Saturday, March 30, concluded an excellent month of croquet! Glen Foley brought hot cross buns to celebrate, and everyone enjoyed the social occasion.



Cambridge Croquet Club members ended a busy month with hot cross buns on Easter Saturday.

Get recycling with Good Sammy

Good Sammy Industries (GSI) is partnering with the Nedlands Uniting Church to have a "recycling roundup" next Saturday, April 13, from 9am until noon.

There will be a Good Sammy's truck at the church for people to drop off their donations of quality clean clothing, shoes, books, toys, electrical goods and household items.

Donated goods must be in working order, no rips, tears, cracks, chips or stains.

No mattresses, lounges in bad condition or large electrical appliances will be accepted.

Donations will help GSI continue their work employing those with disabilities and increase their ability to contribute to the sustainability of our planet through eco-friendly and sustainable recycling initiatives.

Coffee/tea and refreshments will be provided. Contact the church office with any queries on 9386

Probus probes US politics Floreat Ladies Probus will hold its next meeting

on Monday, April 8.

Heather Rogers will talk about the electoral system in the US as that country faces another challenging election

Men as well as women are welcome at Cambridge Bowling Club at 10.30am for tea before the 11am talk. Women interested in joining the group should attend by 10am.

For more details contact Mary Ann Hart 0407 450 462.

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The Year 11 boys 50m freestyle relay team of Danilo Zoric, left, Liam Noid, Charles Hunt, Luke O'Sullivan and Atlan Devin set a record time of 1.41.90.

Eight straight to the Shenton Storm

Shenton College put in a huge team effort to beat a strongly competitive field at the A-grade SSWA swimming championships at HBF Stadium on March 26.

Competing against Carine and Churchlands, Shenton made it eight consecutive A-grade championships.

"What makes the Shenton swim team so successful is their dedication and willingness to put the

team before themselves," swimming coach Sam Miles said.

"This includes the reserves who are called on at the last minute to swim above their age group and do so without hesitation.

"It was this commitment that enabled them to win an eighth straight title.

"They put the team first and the whole Shenton community can now celebrate and enjoy the success. "Shenton College would like

The following students were age champions or runners-up at the event.

swim team."

Year 12 girls champion – Jemma Apps Year 8 girls champion – Zara Callo Year 12 boys runner-up - Blair Kruger Year 10 girls runner-up - Kayla Browne Year 7 girls runner-up - Olivia Callaghan

Year 7 boys runner-up - Jay Wilkinson

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knowledge the effort and com-

mitment of the entire Shenton

Cambridge

Cambridge Knights have had six of their eight sides playing in finals, three in promotion finals, the other three playing off for a flag.

Saturday March 23 was a very big day, starting with Second Division Gold playing a semi-final against Willetton at Mt Lawley. After the first end they were down by 10 shots and struggled to get back into the game, eventually going down in three of the four rinks. Willetton then dispatched Mt Lawley in the grand final.

In the Premier League boys at Doubleview. Cambridge knocked out Manning in the elimination final, then played the South Perth 'Millers" and two thirds of the way through were clear by about 20 shots. But the Millers fought back strongly to be one shot in front going into the very last end of the game. Cambridge's front end of Grant "Grunter" Allen and Andrew "Muncher" Garlick set up a nice head for the **Knights**, but Paul Davies for the Millers played a perfect trail shot to get the jack to safety and to a situation that the Knights could not turn in their favour. The Millers then lost to Doubleview in the grand final on Sunday.

On Thursday last week



Cambridge played the last game of the season at Bassendean, the grand final of the Thursday afternoon men's competition. There were some very big scores on all three rinks but Bassendean prevailed on the day and won the

flag.
Cambridge is a boutique club that punches way above its weight and next year is looking very good indeed. After all, it does have a great side with three state players in it.

Dalkeith Nedlands

With all Pennant bowls completed, mixed social bowls got underway at the club with 30 players doing battle on Thursday and 26 competing on Saturday.

Ian Day and his team of Chris Scovell and Leigh Richardson, were the best on Thursday with a margin of 10 shots.

In second place, with a margin of four shots, were Lindsay Richardson and his team of Martin Adams and Tom James.

Other winners were George Klug with Rob **Heyes and Bruce Fiegert** + 4, followed by John McCormack with Gof **Bowles and Tony Payne** + 2. Bringing up the rear was Rick Camins, Bob

Rose and Sally Day + 1.

Under clear and sunny skies on Saturday, Darren Redeckis and his team, Bev Copley and Jeff Irwin, performed best with a margin of 14 shots. Second place went to Bob Rose, Leigh Richardson and Tom James + 11. Third place went to Gof Bowles, David Steinberg and Martin Adams + 8. In a very tight game the team of David Fitzgerald, Peter Prout, Alan Rowe and Tony Payne won with the narrowest margin + 1.

Four teams of pairs travelled to Scarborough **Bowling Club on Saturday** with Ian and Sally Day the most successful by finishing third overall

An open invitation is extended to all POST readers to join in fun afternoons on Thursdays and Saturdays and take part in an enjoyable competition.

Names in by 12.15 pm by calling 9386 3131. Play starts at 1pm and finishes at 4pm.

Mosman Park

The exciting event last week was the match between Mosman Park Division 4 and Mt Pleasant. A win for Mosman Park, which means they will be promoted to 3rd Division

next season.

Lisa Featherby won the WA 100 Up from a former Mossie member, Teresa Hastings. A good win for Lisa.

The men's 1 Blue team gained promotion to the Premier division next season. Well done.

Wednesday Scroungers drew only a small group of bowlers (perhaps because of Easter). The winner was June Worthington, and the runners-up were Noeline Chesson and Trish Beuvre.

Mahjong is played on Thursday mornings at 9am. All welcome.

Subiaco Pétanque

Perfect autumn weather attracted a happy group of keen social petanque players on Easter Saturday, March 30.

This Saturday, April 6. the club will hold another round of the popular President's

The popular Twilight Triples tournament that was postponed because of oppressive heat in February has been rescheduled at Subiaco for Saturday April 27.

There is also social play every Wednesday. Visitors are welcome on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Check the club's website www. petanque-subiaco.com or Facebook page for more details.

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From the provocative to the personal: Isabel Wilkerson (Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor) with her husband Brett (Jon Bernthal).

Racism, a caste of thousands

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REVIEW: PIER LEACH

There's an unavoidable conundrum at the heart of Ava DuVernay's ambitious film: how to adapt a complex work of intellectual non-fiction into a compelling narrative feature.

DuVernay (Selma), who wrote as well as directs, takes the unusual approach of charting the story of how Isabel Wilkerson wrote her 2020 bestseller Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents – dramatising the ideas of her thesis but concurrently making it the Pulitzer Prizewinning New York Times journalist's own personal journey.

While it cannot avoid feeling at times didactic and cluttered, DuVernay makes it a compelling story, a drama that she

deliberately pitches at a wide movie-going audience.

Though she is speaking to relevant, emotionally charged socio-political ideas, she cleverly grounds them in likeable characters simply living their lives.

K y to her success is the commanding Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor (K ng Richard) as Wilkerson, a journalist on a break after writing her first book, whose editor (Blair Underwood) tries to entice her to write about the 2012 Florida killing of Trayvon Martin - sending her the real 911 audio of the entitled, cold-blooded killer as he stalked the 17ye arold.

The recording – which is played while re-enacting the events - sparks Wilkerson's suspicion that racism alone cannot explain this vast inequality, which occurs in societies

around the world.

She believes it to be a question of constructed social hierarchies, or caste.

The rest of the film tracks her research attempting to connect centuries of injustices, much of which is dramatised while splicing the absorbing thesis with Wilkerson's own personal upheaval - namely the sudden deaths of her loving husband Brett (Jon Bernthal) and mother (Emily Yancy).

It's hard to believe the dense narrative, which shifts between Nazi Germany, Mississippi in the 1940s, and contemporary India, was filmed on location across three countries in just 37 days.

It's moving, thoughtprovoking and, despite its flaws, commendable for hitching complicated academic ideas onto a warm, accessible wagon.

Bell delivers darker dream

Bell Shakespeare artistic director Peter Evans promises a whirlwind journey through a dark midsummer night.

His latest touring production of A Midsummer Night's Dream uses the same Teresa Negroponte-designed set from the company's 26 h anniversary season in 2014.

In a storm-ripped shed, this is a darker version of the midsummer madness, and a highly physical production with eight actors playing multiple

Acclaimed British-Australian Richard Pyros is a punky Oberon with Imogen Sage as Titania. Maori actor Matu Ngaropo, who recently played George Washington in the musical Hamilton, is Bottom and Ella Prince is Puck. The four young



■ It is a dark and dramatic midsummer night in Bell Shakespeare's touring production of The Dream. Photo: Brett Boardman

lovers are Ahunim Abebe (Hermia), Isabel Burton (Helena), Mike Howlett (Demetrius) and Laurence Young (Lysander).

Of his tightly edited version Evans said: "This truly is a play everyone can enjoy, and whether you are revisiting an old

friend or are brand-new to Shakespeare, it is one to treasure."

■ Bell Shakepeare's touring production of A Midsummer Night's Dream comes to State Theatre Centre from April 17 to 20.

Back to Barladong for York Festival

The centrepiece of next weekend's York Festival and Regional Writers Weekend is a one-woman performance about Janet Millett, based on her 1872 memoir An Australian Parsonage.

Written and performed by actor (and TimeOut editor) Sarah McNeill, Janet Millett: Barladong Life brings to life the new colonial settlement of the

Fresh from England and accompanying her husband Edward Millett as the new vicar of York's Trinity Church, Janet embraced this strange new country using the indigenous name Barladong instead of the colonial name York.

Using Janet's own words, Sarah is accompanied by the evocative sounds of

the cello played by Anna Sarcich. Together they perform in York's Trinity Church next Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14, at 2.30 and 5pm.

Throughout the weekend there will be music, art, craft and great conversations.

■ For program details and tickets go to yorkfestival.com.au.

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to be close to someone again. We dated a year after my fiance's death, and married six months later. That was 10 months ago.

I was very sad after losing my fiance and letting go of the dreams I had for our life together. I believe this is why jumped so q ickly.

I love my husband, but I can't be married to him. He's not a bad person - we simply do not connect or have any common interests. I cannot live with this incompatibility day in and day out.

The painful part is leaving. I am dreading that. Five months after we married, I decided to move out and put down a deposit on an apartment. He was sad and crying,

so I stayed. But I feel that if I stay

with someone I have so little in common with, I am cheating myself out of what marriage can be.

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Brooke, you have explained so clearly what happened. You had all these plans in your head, another man came along, and you applied these plans to him.

You have to sit down with your husband and explain to him what you explained to us. Admit your mistake, then act.

Delaying, and letting him argue, will only prolong the pain. His refusal to accept what you say won't change the facts.

Coddling another often only makes things worse, even though the original mistake was your own.

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Students bare their heart and minds

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"My family was finally able to understand my perspective and my feelings towards the situation. I think it gave us a lot of closure," said former MLC art student Niamh Fraser of her personal and provocative artwork, titled Saturday Morning Ataxophobia.

Her graduating sculptural work is showing in Pulse, the annual exhibition of work by last year's Year 12 visual art students. Ataxophobia is an extreme fear of mess and disorder and her artwork represents the mess of a kitchen and the rot and decay of food.

Niamh said it was "the direct result of my parents' separation, physically representing my family's mental state, which in turn worsened mine".

Now majoring in fine arts at Curtin University, she said the mess her family was left in was represented by the mess



■ Disconnect 2023 (pencil on paper) by Coco Boshard (John XXIII College).



■ Saturday morning Ataxophobia 2023 (Papier-mache, polyfilla, synthetic polymer paint, wax, oil, crockery) by Niamh Fraser (Methodist Ladies' College).

left behind in the kitchen, "illustrating the end of my once comfortable and organised life".

This deeply personal artwork is just one example of the 60 works chosen for Pulse that allow us to see into the hearts and minds of young people, to see their response to the world around them and how they interpret it.

Coco Boshard, a graduate from John XXIII, used Grant

> Wood's American Gothic (1930) as her inspiration to comment on the world's dependency on technology. "American Gothic was created during the Great Depression, when people struggled to adapt to a different life," she said.

In her work, titled Disconnect, Coco parodies the struggle and disconnection with reality by replacing the pitchfork with an electrical plug and

the woman with a robot.

"Technology has taken a toll on mental and physical relationships," she said. "We have a terrible social disconnect in our lives."

Coco is about to embark on a European trip to discover great works of art in Europe before studying architecture.

Almost 300 student works were submitted for this year's exhibition, with 60 chosen from 36 schools across WA. Themes represented in their work covered issues such as connections to culture, body and social pressures, misogyny, consumerism and the environment.

■ Pulse opens this weekend at Art Gallery of WA (AGWA) with Pulsefest celebrating youth creativity across fashion, music, writing, performance and dance. It is show until October 6.



Exploring family, culture and identity: In the trees, she will live eternally 2023 (oil and white ochre on board) by Millani Booth (Perth Modern School).

Doing a number for a dying friend organised security to pre-

No Postcode, the title track of jazz composer and band-leader Mace Francis's latest album, has a very personal story behind its composition.

Mace's close friend, sound engineer Victor O'Connor, knew he was dying of cancer and commissioned Mace to write a piece for his "farewell" party.

Mace said: "Victor sent me an eclectic mix of bombastic music styles, so I knew this wasn't going to be a sombre, slow work.

"He organised a great farewell party with all the food he loved, and had the Mace Francis Orchestra play his piece. He had even vent anyone getting up and making a speech!'

It is called No Postcode because of its extended time signature.

Mace said: "The number looked like a postcode, so I searched for it but it came up as 'no postcode'. It seemed quite appropriate because Victor had sold his house to pay for treatment and had no postcode at the end."

No Postcode is Mace's 4th studio album with the Mace Francis Orchestra (MFO). Mace, artistic director of the Perth International Jazz Festival and WA Youth Jazz Orchestra, said the album

had been written over the past six years and combined contemporary and big band jazz, funk, rock, noise guitar, ambient sounds and dark country influences.

■ MFO will launch the album next Saturday, April 13, at The Ellington Jazz Club.

■ Mace Francis pays tribute to a friend with his new album No Postcodes.



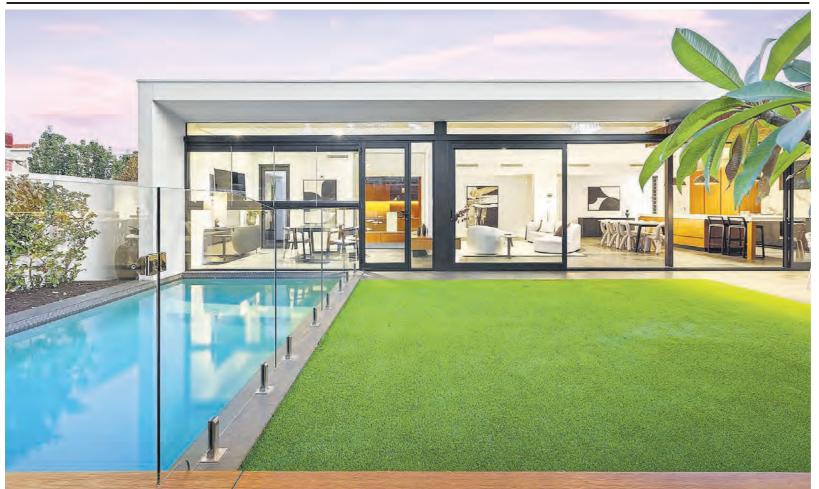




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The "before" photo of the back garden, below right, shows how much it has changed since the owners renovated their 668sq.m property on one

Heritage with an eye to the future

106 Redfern Street SUBIACO Offers by April 22 William Porteous Properties

lmost a century after Heatherbell was built, the 1925 character home still retains its charm but is ready for the next century thanks to a comprehensive renovation that spreads over two levels.

The original owners, Margaret Aikman and her crane-driver husband James, named it after their home town in North Lanarkshire, Scotland.

The pocket of Subiaco called Redfern Estate was subdivided in 1893 by NSW developers Intercolonial Investment Land and Building Company.

But there wasn't a lot of initial interest in the land, despite it being advertised in the local press as "Good building lots, near the railway line".

The Aikmans bought one and a half blocks in 1924, and a year later they moved into the home that stayed in their family for about four decades.

The house, on a 668sq.m site, is one of 35 character properties in Subiaco council's Sadlier and Redfern streets heritage area.



Parking is problematic in Subi but this house has an undercroft garage with parking for three cars.

The council describes the area as having "an aesthetically pleasing streetscape with a strong identifiable character, featuring an avenue of mature street trees, which frame views of the largely inter-war residences."

caught the eye of an experienced renovator who engaged Melville company Urbane Projects to update it with a contemporary addition.

The owner said the twoyear renovation was done with a great deal of care to maintain the authenticity of the front section of the home and to maximise the use of the site by building an undercroft garage.

The "before" photo of the kitchen shows how much it has changed.

What was a white, galley kitchen tucked off to the side is now a stylish mix of marble-look and timber cabinets in an open-plan living area.

Previously, the northfacing back garden was a big expanse of lawn; In 2013, Heatherbell now it has a heated pool and an alfresco area with a teppanyaki barbecue.

> On the long list of improvements are heated floors, solar panels, gardens by Tim Davies Landscaping and a separate gym area with TV in the garage.

Things you will love

North-facing living, pool Undercroft garage

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3 Move-in ready



Back garden before

A northern aspect ensures the main living is light and



Indoors merge seamlessly with outdoors.



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5/7 Brigid Road

The last time this one-bedroom unit changed hands was in 2003 when it was sold off-the-plan for \$215,000.

AGENT: Paige Garvey, Blackburne.



\$1.61 million

MOSMAN PARK

13 Read Avenue

A great location adjoining Stringfellow Park attracted the buyers, who took part in an online auction.

AGENT: Trent Vivian, Vivian's



\$4.55million

COTTESLOE

66 John Street

Architect Tim Wright designed this two-storey house, which was advertised for \$4.98 million.

AGENT: Chris Shellabears Shellabears



\$5.25million

PEPPERMINT GROVE

2 Bungalow Court

This 433sq.m property with a lap pool is in a prime spot, with Peppermint Grove Tennis Club at the end of the street and the river nearby.

AGENT: Jody Fewster, Ray White Cottesloe Mosman Park.



Changing HANDS

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The sale of 28 Challenger Parade, City Beach, for \$11.12million has broken the record for the suburb.

POST-haste to a record price

Reading a house review in the POST turned out to be expensive for a local couple. They decided to look at the beachfront home in south City Beach and ended up buying it for \$11.12million, setting a record for the suburb. The five-bedroom and five-bathroom house at 28 Challenger Parade was built by two engineers who were working in Russia when they commissioned Maarch Architects to design it (From Russia, with love, POST, March 16). Agent Scott Swingler, of Shore Property, said buyers were prepared to pay a premium for move-in ready houses. "People are aware of building delays and increasing costs; it could take five or six years to

complete a project like this," he said The 893sq.m property, advertised in the \$10million to \$12million range, went under offer last month and is yet to settle. The most expensive house to settle in City Beach was 17 Truro Place, which went for \$9.75million in 2022. Another significant sale in the suburb is 62 Chipping Road which is believed to be under contract for \$11million, but Mr Swingler declined to comment. That Giorgi-built house, on an 878sq.m site overlooking West Coast Highway, has five bedrooms, six bathrooms, a pool, sauna, spa and two pizza ovens.

Houses lead gains in Perth

Media outlets bombard us with clickbait like "Perth property prices could increase by a whopping 20 to 30%", so how do you know what's fact or fiction? When in doubt, look at the data. Researchers from CoreLogic analysed 90,000 dwelling resales from around the country in the December quarter. In Perth, "over 97% of house resales made a nominal gain in the quarter, compared to just 78% of unit resales," the Pain and Gain Report found. The December quarter was Perth's most profitable period since



End of an era ... Perry and Jill Coleman have sold Empire Retreat and Spa, on a 54.32ha site between Dunsborough and Yallingup.

July 2015. In other findings, between December and the end of February, Perth dwelling values rose 3.5%, including a 3.7% uplift in the unit segment. And guess which was the country's most profitable city? Adelaide, for the fifth consecutive quarter, with more than 98% of resales making a nominal gain.

Oown-South retreat fetches \$10.2m

Empire Retreat and Spa is where folk from the western suburbs love to luxuriate – and it has just sold for \$10.2million after 140 days on the market, RP Data shows. The sellers, Perry and Jill Coleman, turned their old farmhouse into an award-winning retreat with 11 rooms, a day spa, restaurant, manager's quarters, vineyard, olive grove and a large dam. In the marketing blurb, **Jon Hayes** of Acton | Belle said: "Properties like

this come on the market very rarely, which makes this a remarkable opportunity for investors or the astute businessperson looking for a seachange home and commercial opportunity." The buyer's name has not yet been registered on public records. The property at 1958 Caves **Road** is on a 54.32ha site between Dunsborough and Yallingup.

Strong interest in fixer-upper

Dead lawn, threadbare carpet and a broken fence have not deterred interest in a Mosman Park duplex half that was set for auction on Thursday, April 4. The 2x1 on the corner of Wellington Street and Buckland Avenue had been due to be auctioned on April 20 but agent Stephen Lundy brought it forward after getting an offer that was "acceptable." The other half at No.23A shows what a difference

a renovation can make. It went for \$758,5000 in 2021, property records show. In other auction news, a 1977 house opposite Swanbourne train station was snapped up on Good Friday, the night before its first home open. The buyers paid \$1.3million for 91 Claremont Crescent, which was due to be auctioned on April 20. The duplex half is on a 425sq.m front strata block. Agent Greg Rossen, of Rossen Real Estate, said the buyers were keen to buy the 3x1 before they headed overseas. He said it was a good price considering a similar property around the corner at 4A Saladin Street was under offer for \$1.18million.



This Swanbourne duplex, advertised from \$950,000, was sold before its auction for \$1.3million.



💶 It will need some hard yakka but that's not discouraging buyers who have shown interest in this renovator's delight in Mosman Park.

Much more than meets the eye

13 Frinton Avenue
4 CITY BEACH Offers by April 22 3 DUET Property Group

" eautiful but not os-Dtentatious" is how the owners describe this hidden gem in the sought-after area of south City Beach.

The 2007 home is in a small street opposite a park and City Beach Tennis Club where locals often gather on Friday nights for a drink.

The location around the corner from the beach was a big drawcard when the owners bought the house in 2013.

It had been built to a high standard by Spadaccini Homes so



■ Behind the limestone wall is a contemporary home that spreads over different levels at the back of the 706s.qm site.

nothing needed to be done, which suited the busy familv of five.

The modest front with a limestone wall belies small but there is so much



Bi-fold doors and clerestory windows ensure the northfacing living area is flooded with light.

porary home that spreads over different levels at the back of the 706sq.m site.

what's inside - a contem- lovely space here," one of the owners said. The main living area

"From the front it looks

at the front of the home looks out to a north-facing courtyard where the family spends most of their time.

The kitchen – with the one feature that the owners said they would miss hugely, a waist-height dishwasher - and a living area with a soaring timber cathedral ceiling are light thanks to clerestory windows and bi-fold doors.

The back of the house is



lights and carved stone wall art give the alfresco area a beachy, resort feel.

an ideal teen retreat with two spacious bedrooms, each with its own ensuite, and a small lounge area.

Underneath the house is a big basement garage that opens to the back garden where there is more parking.

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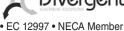


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Sour taste over Magic Apple delay

• From page 5 Ms Young said that the tenders were assessed by an independent panel with

expert outside advice.

The rent took into

account the cost of capital improvements In answer to other questions, Ms Young said short term pop-up solutions for the cafe

requirements". North Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club's boatshed roof space, the controversial "dead zone" concrete rooftop next door, which the Kings wanted to use to expand their cafe, is not

It is the subject of a separate lease from "another party", Ms

the tender.

Young said. Magic Apple will operate for a minimum of five days a week but

The Kailis Hospit-

ality Group is also close

to opening Gibney's, a

Marine Parade on the ground floor of the new Waterfront Cottesloe.

Kailis already operates successful restaurants including Shorehouse at Swanbourne, the Kailis Fish Market Cafe at Fremantle harbour, Canteen at Trigg Beach and Island high-end restaurant on Market, also at Trigg.

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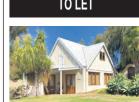
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Murky policy leaves football in the dark

he AFL's illicit drug policy could hardly be any murkier.

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The official AFL line is that it is designed to make player welfare a priority.

Elite footballers, no matter how highly-skilled, paid or professional, are still vulnerable to the same societal pressures that beset run-of-the-mill humans, the league argues.

So it is of primary importance to look after the small drugusing fraction of the 0.00001% of society that actually makes it to the big league.

Support the player, ignore the behaviour appears to be the theme

Yet plenty of reasonable observers might suspect the AFL's focus is actually brand protection through a cover-up of criminal activity.

After all, obtaining, distributing and using illicit substances are still prohibited and it would never do to have people know, not just speculate, that the stars who drive massive corporate dollars might be artificially stimulated.

Funnily enough, no AFL or club official has ever gone public to argue that criminal activity in the league should be rooted out and punished. Too close to home, perhaps?

Independent MP Andrew Wilkie dropped a bomb in federal parliament last week when he read allegations provided by former Melbourne doctor Zeeshan Arain about the AFL drug regime.

The Arain document revealed under parliamentary privilege claimed club doctors were advising players to feign injury so they could avoid matches in which they might test positive and therefore cop a suspension and inevitable public scrutiny and humiliation.

Arain, whose Melbourne tenure ended badly and with an unfair dismissal settlement, also claimed two-thirds of Melbourne players in his time were either regular or occasional drug-users.

That appears a high number but hardly impossible

Recently-appointed AFL CEO Andrew Dillon then got on the front foot to defend the "clinical intervention" model as being in the best interests of players and football.

"If there's a chance they might have an (illicit) substance in their system, we don't want them training, and we don't want them taking part in matches," he said.

In Dillon's eyes, it appears to be acceptable to mislead and obfuscate to evade an officiallysanctioned drug testing process designed to give credibility to the league he runs.

This is the same Dillon who, in 2019, said Collingwood player Jaiden Stephenson's "actions have compromised the integrity of the game" and that "if you break the regulations you will be penalised".

Stephenson's crime was to lay three bets totalling \$36 to back

If you break the regulations you will be penalised

himself to perform well and his team to win AFL matches, a transgression that earned him a 10-game ban and \$20,000 fine.

Yes, that was an integrity breach that deserved punishment but there is more than whiff of hypocrisy over Dillon's choice of acceptable and unacceptable behaviour with a legal, but unauthorised, bet considered far worse than illegal, but sanctioned, drug-taking.

Wilkie's revelations have also led to the bizarre circumstances in which Sydney player Sam Wicks, who missed the weekend's match against Richmond for team harmony because there was tension between him and a team-mate over a former girlfriend, now drags suspicion as a shadow.

Was the Wicks absence legitimate, though baffling, or did he have something else to hide?

Under the AFL's confidentiality protocols, it is anyone's guess. The other query over this mat-



Clinical intervention ... Andrew Dillon

tive feed, scrutiny of this - and other-matters has mostly been allowed to fade from sight.

I've had my own experience in confronting a brick wall when reporting on a legitimate and controversial AFL issue.

In 2016, while working for another news organisation, I won the Gilmour-Christian Prize as WA's best sport journalist for a front-page story that revealed West Coast players had been importing supplements riddled with banned substances.

The danger for the players was obvious.

Not only were they using products that could do significant harm to their health but they were at risk of returning a positive test that could have led to a long suspension.

At least three Eagles were identified as importing the potentially career-ending supplements, with high performance manager Glenn Stewart revealing that the prohibitive cost of laboratory tests meant not every supplement could be analysed.

"Three players brought me supplements that I had tested at a lab at Curtin University, Stewart revealed in the story.

"They had come from the US and the lab found they contained banned substances.

The story ran under the headline "Eagles dodge drugs bullet" and was subsequently judged as the most significant sport story in WA during that Olympic year.

But that was as far as it went. Apart from a nondescript mention from a press conference that day, there was no other coverage of the matter.

No television news, no radio story and certainly nothing more from my organisation.

Despite the story generating immediate responses from people with precise knowledge of that and related matters, and my obvious follow-up questions to West Coast and the AFL -How many players have been importing the illegal supplements? Have others used the substances? Are you aware of Eagles playing matches with illegal substances in their systems? Was the club or league aware or involved in the importation? Were banned supplements a factor in West Coast reaching the 2015 grand final? Will sanctions be applied to the players and/ or officials involved? Are other clubs doing the same thing? - it appeared that the story had run

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Former Melbourne doctor Zeeshan Arain

provided explosive claims to Independent

MP Andrew Wilkie, right.

its course and did not need to be pursued any further.

Support

the player,

ignore the

behaviour 7

After one day. After running on the front page. About a massive potential controversy involving one of the most prominent organisations in the state.

It was probably the most intriguing Page 1 story of my experience to emerge without warning and disappear without trace.

I'm sure there are other people in the media with their own experiences that suggest their colleagues or outlets are not as vigorous in their news gathering as they might have you believe.

Maybe cover-ups are just an everyday part of football and the AFL is no different to any other interested party.



The award winning front page in 2016.

senior members of the football media have not been aware of it, particularly given that so many recent and current players are involved in commentating and reporting on the game.

Whether it is self-censorship or company policy to not bite the hand that provides such lucra-

Willcox on the edge

WA's valiant goofy footer Jacob Willcox's championship tour career is on a knife's edge as he heads home for the Margaret River Pro starting

on Thursday.

After working his butt off for 10 years to qualify for the championship tour, Willcox's time in the top echelon may be short and he could face relegation to the challenger

series after only five events. Following his defeat at Bells, in a closely-fought heat with Japan's Kanoa Igarashi in the round of 32, Willcox was in the commentary booth where he remained positive and said that, despite the loss, it was the best he had felt this year, and was making smart decisions

and competing well.
"This year I've made some pretty bad decisions and it let me down," he said. "It's a little frustrating but here I am at Bells, it's a beautiful

recognise how hard this really is, competing against

was going to be hard, it's definitely challenging, but that's kind of why you do it, it makes you a better competitor and

better at what you do.

"I feel like in the first couple of events I made mistakes and they were so crucial, one mistake and that's the heat done."

He can't afford any mistakes at Margaret given he is ranked 25th, three shy of staying on

WA compatriot Jack Robinson is safe from the cut in fifth spot. He returns to his home break after a two-year absence, which is a bonus for local fans of his incredible surfing.

Now, an update to last week's story about Perth's wave park saga (No cockies but wave park is green for go, Surfing, **March 30).**

Aventuur said environment minister Reece Whitby had dismissed the appeals against the clearing permit for the site and work on the park would soon get under way.

"The minister's decision brings to a close two years of rigorous environmental follows decisions by both the federal department of environment and the WA **Environmental Protection** Authority that all significant environmental impacts occasioned through the development of the Perth surf park are able to be sufficiently offset though revegetation and other activities," a spokesperson

"It's exciting times ahead as it means Aventuur can now look to get on and build Perth Surf Park which will become a significant local recreation and entertainment destination and attraction for international and interstate visitors."

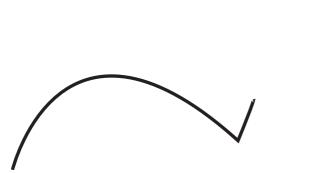




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Easter and all those yummy Easter eggs clearly gave you lots of inspiration this week. The two simple circles turned into some wonderful ideas.

I love Isla's seal jumping through a hoop, Harris's Cinderella slipper with the clock about to strike midnight, Jude's big-eyed penguin, Nina's lion at sunset and Noah's Easter bunny in a submarine!

It was particularly hard this week to pick two main winners, but in the end Yolanda Wan and Jack Cotterell won the day.

Yolanda, 7, from Subiaco, did a great picture of Rosie the archer standing at her bulls-eye target with her trophy. It is a crisp, clear drawing with strong lines,

Jack, 7, from Dalkeith, did a delightful drawing of twin birds in a tree. It looks like such a happy place to live, surrounded by sunshine, birds and butterflies and their little nest looks homev.

I hope you're all having a wonderful holiday.

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Q. Why is a forest always full?

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Q. What happened to the criminal contortionist? A. He turned himself in

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Q. What lives under the

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