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IN THIS ISSUE Liz looks at life, love and getting older



Western Australian author Liz Byrski

by Josephine Allison

WHEN much-loved WA author Liz Byrski was a young girl growing up in Britain her mother took her to the Brussels Exhibition, a special event which stayed in her mind. This, and the polio epidemic at the time, are elements in her just-released book, At the End of the Day.

"I think of this event in my childhood quite often," Liz tells Have a Go News from Busselton where she is on holiday. "I think there are a lot of people who don't know about the polio epidemic, especially if

they are younger.
"It interested me and I wanted to put it into a book. I am 77 now and I was about 14 when I went to the Brussels Expo with my mother, my mother's friend and her 13-year-old daughter who had just been released after three years in hospital battling polio."

At the End of the Day focuses on Mim Squires Mathias Vander stranded together on a disrupted flight home to Perth, finding they have much in common. Mim owns a bookshop, Mathias is a writer, and both are at turning points in their lives. Mim's childhood polio is taking a toll on her life, Mathias is contemplating a cross-continent move to be nearer to his daughter.

Readers will relate to the Perth and Fremantle settings and the couple's challenges of being aged in their late 70s and facing secrets from their past.

"I remember my parents being really worried about the polio epidemic, trying to keep me away from other children for

fear I might catch it," Liz says. "I have a very dear friend who suffered badly with it and who I mention at the end of the book and his whole life has been really affected by it."

Liz savs she hopes her new book gives older people the feel for change.

"I have found that as I have got older, I have become much more relaxed about everything. The pressures of work and family are not the same and so it is a great chance to explore new opportunities, that comes to the

fore in the book.

"Reading it, I hope it gives people a sense of change that I have felt as I have got older, a lightness and a sense of there are lots of things to do. We don't have to conform as much as when we were younger and working for other people.

"I think there is a lifting of that pressure. I didn't retire until I was 75 and so there is the chance to embrace other ideas, new friends and hobbies and sit down and read a book without feeling guilty.

"A lot of that is due to how we feel when we get to old age. If we feel negative about it, you are going to have a sad time. If you are open to new things and new friends then you will have a much better old age. We have to accept the fact that we can't do certain things we could do when we were younger, but you can do lots of other things."

London born Liz started working life as a journalist in Britain, moving to Australia in 1981. She worked as a freelance journalist and, from 1988 to 1990 and from 1993 to 1996, was a broadcaster and executive producer at ABC 720 6WF in Perth. From 1996 to 2003 she was an adjunct teaching fellow at Curtin University teaching professional writing, journalism and media ethics.

She is the author of 11 novels starting with Gang of Four (2004) and 14 non-fiction books.

Liz suffered a mild stroke while writing At the End of the Day which, she says, affected her memory dramatically.

"I'm constantly having to ask people what I have said, where I am supposed to be and write everything down: I can't hold things in my memory anymore.

"I found writing the book difficult because most of the ideas had evaporated with the stroke. Eventually I got back into it, the publisher had paid me in advance so I had to continue, which helped me in the long run.

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rom the editor's desk

shocked at the news of the death of much loved ABC radio announcer Russell Woolf. Russell was a warm and friendly person who I had the opportunity to meet on many occasions and he graced our front cover a few years ago. I and the whole team here at Have a Go News extend our sympathies to his family, friends and of course his loyal listeners. At only 56 vears old, it was a life taken way too soon and he will be missed by many.

I would also like to pay tribute to Australian entertainer Bert Newton. We had the pleasure of meeting and interviewing Bert when he joined the cast of Wicked on stage at Crown Theatre and featured him on the front cover back in December 2010. He was a warm and friendly person and we felt honoured to spend some time with him.

lian Government has announced that grandparents who are caring for grandchildren and registered under the Grandcarers Support Scheme in Western Australia will now receive \$1,000 per annum for each child in their care. The increased payments begin this month with the new rate backdated to 1 July 2021. This will ensure top-up payments can be made to any grandcarers who have already received payments at the old rate within the current financial year.

Over the years we have helped many community groups connect with people suitable for their needs and I was thrilled when the Retired Teachers Association Choir let me know that they found a conductor through a callout in our pages. They are now looking for more singers so please see details on ed in joining a choir.

*** The question and answer service we offer for readers in conjunction with Hank Jongen's column from the Department of Human Services is well used by readers. It's always pleasing to see positive outcomes from this facility. Each month in the regular column we provide concise and up to date information about pensions and payments. See page 11 for this month's column.

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I look forward to seeing many of you at events throughout the month. Enjoy this month's read.

> Jennifer Merigan, **Editor**

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Ageing research snippet

Do some cognitive functions improve with age?

SCIENTISTS generally believe that cognitive functions, including attention, executive function, and reasoning skills, decline with age, but a new observational study which appeared in Nature Human Behaviour has challenged this

Cognitive functioning refers to the performance of the mental processes of perception, learning, memory, understanding, awareness, reasoning, judgment, intuition, and language.

"People have widely assumed that attention and executive functions decline with age, despite intriguing hints from some smaller-scale studies that raised questions about these assumptions," says senior study author Michael T Ullman Professor of Neuroscience at Georgetown University, USA.

The researchers studied 702 participants who were aged 58-98. They examined alerting, orienting and executive

The researchers found that only alert-

ing abilities declined. The other two processes — orienting and executive inhibition — improved.

"We use all three processes constantly," First author Dr. João Veríssimo said. "For example, when you are driving a car, alerting is your increased preparedness when you approach an intersection. Orienting occurs when you shift your attention to an unexpected movement, such as a pedestrian. And executive function allows you to inhibit distractions, such as birds or billboards, so you can stay focused on driving.

"These results are amazing and have important consequences for how we should view ageing," says Dr. Ullman. "But the results from our large study indicate that critical elements of these abilities actually improve during ageing, likely because we simply practice these skills throughout our life.

More research is required to understand exactly which activities keep brains working best as we get older.

Have a Go News Quick Quiz

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able coin? Which Aussie airline crashed in the 2000s and has

taken-off again?

What does Scott Morrison do (not the PM)? Mathias Cormann belonged to what renegade WA Lib-

What large creatures feed on baitfish on Ningaloo

What was Michelle Grattan's profession? Who is WA's State Development Minister?

See answers on page 48.

Quote of the month

COURAGE does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "I will try again tomorrow.

Mary Anne Radmacher

Great West Aussies - Did you know?

VALERIE Powell won the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and was in the national pistol shooting teams of 1979-81 and WA teams in 1979-84, 2000-03. She was air pistol State champion in 1983, 91, 95, 97.

Noongar Season

Kambarang - October and November

- season of birth

Word of the month ("ragged" or "wearing ragged clothes").

Adjective

Tatterdemalion

Pronounced ta-tər-di-māl-yən Meaning

RAGGED or disreputable in appearance or being in a decayed state or condition.

The exact origin of tatterdemalion is uncertain, but it's likely to be connected to either the noun tatter ("a torn scrap or shred") or the adjective tattered

Tatterdemalion has been used in print since the 1600s. In its first documented use in 1608, it was used as a noun (as it still can be) to refer to a person in ragged clothing - the type of person we might also call a ragamuffin. Within half the first appearance of tatterdemalion, it came to be used as an adjective to describe anvthing or anyone ragged or disreputable.

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The Queen's former private secretary shares his story of life in the palace



Sir William Heseltine with Richard Offen

by Lee Tate

SCHOOLBOY Bill Heseltine developed a strategy to follow his school's church services.

"I found that if I stayed behind and collected the hymn books, I could avoid going to the gym,' said a smiling Sir William Heseltine, now 91.

The Queen's former

private secretary was speaking to a jam-packed audience in the same church where he collected the hymn books 80 years ago, Claremont's historic Christ Church.

Sir William's extraordinary life has come full

Dubbed by the media as 'the boy from Wy-alkatchem', Sir William

is proudly a Fremantleborn boy who spent three years in Wyalkatchem as a toddler.

"Both sides of my family came out to Australia on the first fleet of convicts - although none was a convict, I hasten to add," he laughed.

"I come from rather a strong strain of teachers. Both my parents were teachers and my father took up a teaching post in Wyalkatchem."

In a rare public talk, Sir William was being interviewed in a fundraiser for the Royal WA Historical Society by its president, Richard Offen.

Sir William's high-ranking public service career began when he became private secretary to Prime Minister, Robert Menzies.

"Menzies seemed to accept that you couldn't come from a place called Wyalkatchem. Until one day on the prime minister's plane when we were

diverted over WA and the pilot announced: 'We have just flown over Wyalkatchem.'

"I said: That's my home-town."

Sir William said Menzies (later Sir Robert) "had such high standards. He would loathe if things were not done for his own personal standards."

This included changing ageing curtains.

"We were a team of just nine staffers, not like the 80 or 90 prime ministerial staff today who must get under the feet of each other," he said.

After five years as Menzies's aide, Sir William was seconded to Australia House in London, becoming a press secretary, then permanent member of the Royal Household at Buckingham Palace as the Queen's private secretary and Keeper of the Queen's Archives

"In the summer holidays, when the roval family went up to Balmoral, I grew a beard. When the Queen saw it, she just said: 'Well, I suppose it's alright up here.'

"So I thought I'd better have it off before we meet in London," he said.

Sir William said he had close contact with the Queen over the 27 years he worked at the palace and got used to seeing her over the breakfast table and in her riding clothes after her early morning horse rides.

He joined royal deer shoots and said that anyone who has an issue with blood sports should consider that deer were in big numbers in the highlands, no longer with natural predators.

"This is the most humane way to cull them," he said.

Sir William was given instruction before his first hunt: "You have

to catch and kill every wounded stag. The other piece of advice was to drink the dram of whisky we were all issued with."

While picnicking with the Queen in Balmoral's extensive grounds, Sir William said a group of Scottish youths wandered in (public access to Scottish royal grounds is protected by law).

"A girl called out to the Queen: 'They tell me you're the Queen. What

are ya doin' here?
"I live here', said the Queen."

In 1975, Sir William was woken by a phone call from Australia. It was David Smith, official secretary to Governor-General, Sir John Kerr.

"David said 'I'm ringing to tell you the Governor-General has dismissed the Prime Minister.'

"What? But I thought at 3am I wasn't going to ring the Queen when she could do absolutely nothing about it.
"My colleague and I knew to get to the Queen

at breakfast before she turned-on the 8 o'clock news."

Sir William said he had great respect and affection for the Queen and her existence is really what matters as head of the parliament, the government, the church and the military.

"Everyone agrees, the Queen has done a responsible job," he said.

Sir William Heseltine, GCB, GCVO, AC, QSO retired in 1990. He received a long and faithful service medal in 1985 for 20 years of service to the royal family.

Before leaving on his walking stick, Sir William told the historical society's huge crowd: "You're the first audience that's ever paid to listen to me. I hope you got your money's worth.'

Thunderous applause.

Don't miss the Christmas edition of *Booked in for a Cuppa*

HISTORY West will present a great selection of Western Australian historical reads at their final Booked in for a Cuppa on Wednesday 8 December.

Master of Ceremonies, Patrick Cornish presents a series of WA authors including Leigh W Simmons (Naturalist on the

Bibbulmun), Alex Forrest (Idle Torque), Cindy Solonec (Debesa) and Sue Clarke covering a selection of children's books.

Tickets are \$10 and the event starts at 10am at Stirling House, 49 Broadway, Nedlands. Call 9386 3841 or email admin@histwest.org.au.

continued from front cover Liz looks at life, love and getting older by Josephine Allison



Liz Byrski and her new book

"I have the idea for another book in my head so I know what the theme is and where it will be set. I'm looking forward to getting into it and starting something new; it makes me make use of my time. I live alone and, apart from responsibilities to my dog Gazza, I am in a straight forward situation."

Liz says she is very much a writer, reads a lot and does yoga.

"I spend a lot of time with friends and alone. I seem to need that. You can be outgoing when you need to but I get sad and depressed if I don't have time alone.'

Liz started to write books involving older people when she was in her

"I looked around for books about older women and couldn't find anything. I found a few but they weren't Australian books.

"I wrote Gang of Four which just went so well, the publisher loved it and so did the readers. So, I thought I would continue with the theme of stories involving older women. It worked really well so I have kept on doing it."

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Booster covid shots may be necessary for some...



Boosters is like giving extra life jackets to people already wearing them...

by Frank Smith

VACCINE induced immunity to most viruses is not for ever.

Data from Public Health England indicates that 20 weeks after the second dose, protection against symptomatic disease falls from about 90 per cent to 70 per cent with Pfizer and from 65 per cent to 50 per cent with the AstraZeneca vaccines. The decline is more pronounced in older people.

As a result the UK Government is inviting all fullyvaccinated residents over 50 to have a third dose. The campaign is especially aimed at aged care home residents, front-line

healthcare and social care workers, people aged over 70 and adults who are clinically vulnerable or immunosuppressed.

Booster shots in the UK are designed to reduce the risk of covid spreading further and of overloading hospitals in the northern hemisphere winter.

In the US booster shots are being offered to everyone over 65, those with underlying health conditions and people in jobs with a high risk of exposure to the virus such as health care workers

The US has already given booster vaccines jabs to two million people with compromised immune

systems. Preliminary results of a trial at the University Hospital Southampton (UK) show the third dose of seven different vaccines was well tolerated and produced a significant boost in immunity. Final results are expected to be published this month.

A trial of giving a booster shot to people over 60 in Israel found a 11-fold decrease in risk of infection and tenfold decrease in the risk of severe illness when given five months after their second dose. This booster achieved approximately 95 per cent efficacy even against the virulent delta strain of covid.

If an annual booster should become necessary the good news is that a University of Bristol (UK) trial of providing covid boosters together with an annual 'flu shot' has been successful. So, we won't all end up looking like pincushions.

Not everyone believes in giving booster shots at this stage.

The director-general of the World Health Organization. Tedros Adha-

nom Ghebrevesus, has called for a moratorium on booster shots until the end of the year, to enable every country to vacci-nate at least 40 per cent

of its population. all residents in wealthy countries are given a third booster dose of vaccine there will be little left over for poorer countries, many of which have still not been able to give a first dose even to their most vulnerable people.

Dr Michael Ryan, executive director of the World Health Organisation's Health Emergencies Programme, was more forthright. He said boosters is like giving extra life jackets to people already wearing them while others drown.

But that does not mean especially vulnerable people should not receive a booster.

The pandemic will not be over until everyone is vaccinated as the virus can survive and evolve new strains in unvaccinated people.

Booster shots are now available to anyone in WA who has had a second Covid shot six months

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Re-think Recycling, but they are yet to set up centres in WA.

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Thanks to Covid, Perth plays host to international film director and producer





L-R; Hugh Skinner, Danielle McDonald and Ben Lewin - Joanna Lumley and Danielle McDonald

by Allen Newton

IT is likely that Perth audiences will see a new romantic comedy film, Falling For Figaro before one of its stars, Joanna Lumley, gets to see the film.

Director Ben Lewin, currently living in Perth with his wife, producer Judi Levine, says Covid has robbed cast and crew of their normal opportunity to sit down and watch the film together.

"I'm not sure if Joanna has actually seen the film," Ben says.

He and Judi will be sitting down with Perth audiences at the Luna Cinema in Leederville on Monday, 8 November to participate in an audience Q&A as part of the British Film Festival which runs in Perth to 1 December.

Ben's credits include his award-winning feature film The Sessions, a moving true-life story based on the sexual awakening of Berkeley-based poet and journalist Mark O'Brien who spent most of his life in an iron lung.

Falling For Figaro, a romantic comedy set in the fierce world of opera singing competitions, stars Danielle Macdonald (Dumplin', Patti Cake\$, Skin) and Joanna Lumley (Me Before You, The Wolf of Wall Street, Absolutely Fabulous).

Millie (Macdonald) is a brilliant young fund manager, who decides to leave her unfulfilling job and long-term boyfriend behind to chase her lifelong dream of becoming an opera singer in the Scottish Highlands.

She begins intense vocal training lessons with renowned but fearsome singing teacher and former opera diva Meghan Geoffrey-Bishop (Lumley), where she meets Max (Hugh Skinner, Mamma Mia: Here We Go Again), another of Meghan's students who is also training for the upcoming Singer of Renown contest.

Residents of Los Angeles for the last 30 years, Ben and Judi are living in Perth, courtesy of a film, How to Please a Woman starring Sally Phillips, Erik Thomson and Cameron Daddo, being made here and due for release early

next year. Judi arrived in Perth in February and she was joined by Ben in August. He has been writing for a new project the couple are hoping to make next

"It's been terrific for me, I have a history with Perth. My family on both sides came through Perth on their way to Melbourne and I have a grandfather buried in Karrakatta Cemetery and some cousins here," says Judi, who hasn't been to Perth since she was around 10 years

The pair were in Scotland for the making of Falling for Figaro from September 2019, but they've been involved in projects all over the world.

Judi says the couple loved their five months in Scotland, although Ben says it was very cold shooting through the winter, with most of the filming taking place around

Loch Lomond. Falling for Figaro revolves entirely around opera, a subject Ben says he found a little daunting initially, coming to the production as not a great lover of opera.

But by the end of the film, not only he, but the crew, were all humming operatic arias.

"My initial feeling about opera was that it was something when I was a young guy in London in my twenties that I couldn't afford to see. It was this elitist thing like polo or something like that," he says.

"I kind of resented it in a way, but the truth is, the film is not really so much about opera as it is about music.

"I've always had a love affair with music of one sort or another and certainly classical music. I listen to a lot of music when I'm writing anyway and so I just focused on opera and really teased out of it the opera that I liked.

"I realised I didn't like Wagner and for me there was a real crossover between opera and pop music. There's one track in there that's a classical piece, but if you listen to it carefully it's Elvis I Can't Help Falling in Love With You.

"It was fun watching the crew get engaged with the opera, which I hadn't anticipated."

Joanna Lumley is married to opera director Stephen Barlow, so she was well versed in the world of opera through him.

"Working with Joanna is delightful, she's very much a team player, doesn't behave like a diva at all, everyone really adored her and she went with the flow.

"I really enjoyed working with her as a comedian, watching her timing and the subtlety of her reactions, she's a very skilled comedian, but also the emotional moments.

"There's one particular shot where they are singing their duet for her. I decided at one stage in editing that I'd really plan the scene on her, not so much about them singing, but about how she reacted to it.

"It really amazed me how she could sustain the one shot with very little going on, but you could really sense the emotional depth of her reaction."

Ben and Judi are looking forward to the Q&A at Luna and Ben savs he loves being thrown curly auestions.

of Covid Because it's been a while since they've done a Q&A.

"You hope that someone is going to ask you a question out of left field, that is going to be a bit provocative," Ben says.

'The best Q&A we ever did was in San Francisco and this man at the back in this big cinema got up and announced that he was the father of the girl that our son was dating and I thought that was one that I wasn't expect-

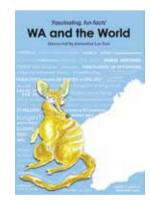
Falling for Figaro screens as part of the British Film Festival (3 November - 1 December). Luna Leederville hosts a Q&A with Ben Lewin and Judi Levine on Monday 8 November, see www. lunapalace.com.au for details.







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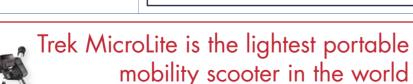
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6PR host Steve 'Millsy' Mills hosted and broadcast from the event, which was attended by a who's who of Perth media, together with 40 lucky listeners. The gathering included a number of former 6PR presenters including Graham Mabury, who holds the record for the longest stint on the station, broadcasting for 33 of its 90 years.

"We are proud to celebrate an incredible 90 years of radio history," said 6PR content manager Emily White. "6PR has long played an integral part in the life of this city and will continue to well into the future.

"We have come a long way since 6PR was founded by the electrical and music warehouse company Nicholson's Limited, who were operating the station from a studio above their music showroom at 86 Barrack Street in the heart of the city.

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A holistic approach is the backbone of this hands-on Indigenous organisation



Mark Anderson

by Lee Tate

MARK Anderson talks of a jig-saw approach when explaining the multipronged mission of FISH, the Foundation for Indiqenous Sustainable Health.

Since 2014, FISH has been extending its reach across Australia and finding financial support in London and New York.

A New York businesswoman recently deposited \$50,000 into a FISH account.

When Mark spoke to her "I couldn't help but cry on the phone and I said 'with everything we are working on, you don't

realise how much this will But there was more.

The benefactor said she could make only one \$50,000 transaction at a time, so another \$50,000 was coming.

Mark said that despite the greatly welcome fiscal fillip, there was never enough funding for the extensive work that is needed.

FISH's work is holistic, covering the needs of the individual, family and the community in bringing positive sustainable change.

Programs involve healing, housing, education, training, employment and financial stability.

"Healthy spirit, heart, mind and body. Healthy families, community and land," he said.

With his deep understanding of Indigenous culture and needs, Mark described on the website as a Wadjela (white fella) has worked widely in WA, including 10 years in the Kimberley and Pilbara and 20 years in the south of the State.

He sits on government and non-government advisory and funding boards and was on the judging panel for the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership Award.

Holding the reins as FISH chief executive officer, Mark says he is surrounded by a strong team with a board, eight employees, 25 contracting people, volunteers and partner organisations.

"Most board members and half our staff are Aboriginal," he said.

"We have the largest retail outlet for Indigenous books in Australia with 230 publications and eight publishing houses." FISH has partnered

with Mt Lawley business, Local & Aesthetic. Their products are sourced from 100 per cent-owned Indigenous businesses. authors and artists and include artwork, books, bush medicines, bush tucker, teas, coffee and beauty, hair and skin products.

There is a large selection of original artworks and prints from Indigenous artists around Australia.

Their website explains: "At FISH we understand that art is one of the foundations of Aboriginal culture in sharing connection to and caring for country, custom, history, lore, maps and beauty.'

FISH, established to address the severe housing crisis in Indigenous communities throughout Australia, has come a long and progressive way in seven years.

"Our work has since expanded to include education, health, justice and cultural initiatives," Mark

FISH acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a living spiritual, cultural, familial and social connection with country.

FISH was seeking to bring healing to the spirit, heart, mind, body and land to help create healthy people and communities.

A prototype project is the creation of a community on 11 hectares at Myalup. Now at its final planning stage and costing \$1 million to date, it will be established over four years from the turning of the first sod and is being watched from around Australia.

The Myalup community will be different people coming together, for healing, to reconnect with culture, to know who we are, where we are now, where we come from and taking responsibility for own lives," Mark said.

Other projects include working with school libraries, childcare centres and child protection organisations as well as teachers, students, schools and universities to widen understanding of Indigenous history and culture.

Schoolkids to year 9 are taught Indigenous understanding and celebrating culture. Children in Years 9-12 are taught Indigenous history.

"We don't want to traumatise the younger children," Mark said.

A typical response had been: "Wow, what an amazing culture. Now I understand our history of where we are.

Mark said people who had been exposed to Aboriginal history and culture, typically wanted to know more.

New Zealand teachers had to have full understanding of Maori culture and language and spend time listening to elders before they could teach. In Australia, Indigenous studies at universities are optional.

FISH also runs art therapy programs in prisons using artwork to connect participants back to country and develop their sense of self-worth.

Artworks are sold with the proceeds supporting people on their release from prison, providing access to transitional support and accommodation, mentoring and employment assistance.

The FISH holistic approach is probably Australia's first, agrees Mark.

Ed's note - I have bought most of my presents Christmas from the shop at Local & Aesthetic in Mount Lawley, they also have some wonderful artworks on display and some fashion pieces.



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Where Opinions Matters - how will the community adapt to electric cars?



A Tesla Model 3 recharging at a charging station



by Lee Tate

ELECTRIC cars are hurtling down the road towards us at breakneck speed. And with implications for us all.

Would you let a teenager, with a newly-minted driver's licence, get behind the wheel of a racing car?

E-cars are as fast as supercars. Even the lower-powered, lower-priced electric cars are speed machines.

Petrol-driven four-cylinder cars costing under \$20,000 already take-off like rockets. But e-cars leave them in their wake. Will driver courses be upgraded and refresher courses be introduced?

A coming Audi e-car will reach 100 km/hr in 3.3 seconds, making it the fastest four-door Audi ever built for Australian roads.

A Tesla model can

achieve times in the very low two-second bracket, on the way to a claimed top speed of 322 km/hr. Rolls-Royce says battery cars are 'as torque' as their powerful 12-cylinder petrol guzzlers and R-R will be going total e-

cars by 2030.

Engineers quickly jumped-on the outcomes of their new ecars which can have two motors, one on each axle or even four, one for each wheel. E-cars generally have only one gear so there's no engine time lost changing gears.

Motoring scribe Stephen Corby says: "The fact that reasonably mainstream electric vehicles are now outperforming traditional supercars from famed houses of Italy has taken a lot of people by surprise.

"The initial goal of electric vehicles was to provide a form of sustainable mobility that could replace the internal combustion engine, not to create some sort of land-based rocket."

Common feedback points out that electric

cars don't make any engine noise and, we won't be able to hear them coming when crossing roads.

E-cars make some rubber-on-road noise but some models are fitted with recorded "zoom, zoom" noises. At the switch of a button, you generate the sound of a throaty gas guzzler.

Surely, peace on our city roads is a sidebenefit of e-cars that we should be grabbing with both hands. Let's hope motorbikes swing over to electricity.

There are 10 million electric cars on the world's roads with countries spending a total \$20 billion to support ecar sales.

In Norway, battery electric cars reached a phenomenal 58 per cent market share. Strong

sales continue in Europe, the US and Britain as more governments provide e-car incentives, lowering e-car taxes and charges.

In Australia, EVs here accounted for only 0.78 per cent of the new car market in 2020, partly due to no government incentives, while they consider massive losses from petrol and diesel taxes. NSW, though, has budgeted \$490 million for incentives.

What will happen to the fuel-driven vehicles? What will become of mechanics (e-car servicing and updates are done online to your car's computer while you sleep) spare parts businesses and petrol stations?

When is the best time to trade petrol-guzzlers before the market is swamped and what's going to happen to all those crushed cars, trucks and buses?

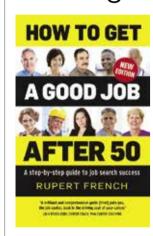
When is the best time to buy an e-car? New models are pouring out from all major car companies. What will happen to car yards as cars are sold for fixed prices online?

An issue in Australia, such a big country, is the availability of car battery charging stations. Currently, there's one charging station for every 7.2 electric vehicles on Aussie roads. But all state and local governments have come on board and WA is charging ahead with charging stations.

Bottom line is: E-cars are 70 per cent cheaper to run than fuel cars.

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A straightforward step by step guide on how to get a good job after 50



How to Get a Good Job After 50 by Rupert French

Reviewed by Pat Paleeya

IN his introduction author Rupert French writes that above everything else confidence is the deciding factor when searching for a job, if you are confident that you will succeed then the likelihood of your success is strong.

He teaches the mature job seeker methodology and strategies to regain confidence and self-assurance that will help sell themselves to prospective employers.

There are stereotypical misconceptions with regard to older workers yet according to a survey by Adecco of 500 hiring managers, 60 per cent would hire a mature worker for their reliability, skills, responsibility and work ethic. Experience also makes mature workers good problem solvers.

Chapters in this step-by-step guide deal with many issues such as networking, preparing for a job interview, addressing the selection criteria, plus three chapters that deal with writing a resumé that will capture the employer's attention and interest from the moment it is presented.

There are specimen resumés included which are extremely helpful.

Chapter six deals with 'The Sizzle that sells the Story'. The sizzle is an achievement or accomplishment statement that convincingly describes your skills and motivation and the more specific this is the more it will convince an employer.

Although this guide has been

written to help older workers obtain work in today's market the advice that is contained therein will certainly be of great help to any person seeking employment, regardless of age. An excellent, straightforward and easy to understand book. You can almost feel Rupert French's hand on your shoulder in a very reassuring way, he's that good.

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Is it trash or is it treasure? Local auctioneer gives his tips on buying and selling



Peter McKenzie

by Serena Kirby

THERE'S a number of reasons why you may need to sell precious artworks, antiques and objects. And if you ask Peter McKenzie, managing director of McKenzies Auctioneers and Valuers, he'll tell you they're known as the seven reasons

for sale

"Nearly every item that comes to us is due to one of seven reasons: deceased estate, debt, divorce, downsizing, decluttering, dementia or disillusion," says Peter. "It can be a sad and difficult process for many people so it's important to be patient and thoughtful when

dealing with someone's treasured possessions."

The process can also lead people into the realms of a trash or treasure hunt, as what you think is worth a mint can sadly be worth a pittance. But, on the flip side, you may just have a highly prized, and highly priced, object sitting right under your nose - or in the back shed.

So, before you cart boxes off to your local second hand shop or load them into a skip, take a closer look at what you have and do a bit of research.

Peter, who's sold more than 20,000 artworks since he started his business 33 years ago and 600 objects alone in one recent auction, says it never ceases to amaze him what things are discovered.

"Just recently we sold

a moulded glass inkwell for a world record price of \$34,000. Mind you it was a Lalique inkwell and extremely rare but here it was in our Perth auction. The buyer was from Monaco. Our catalogue goes online so buyers from all over the world are able to bid. Gone are the days when we were selling just to the local market; it's global now and this can lead to higher prices due to a larger buyer base and we've had items sell for as high as \$500,000."

So what's in and what's out in the auction market? Peter says there's been a distinct move away from the dark timber. heavylooking antique furniture that often filled our

"The newer and younger generation of buyers are more interested in quality Scandinavian furniture from the '60s and '70s than Victorian style pieces. They want a lighter, less cluttered home environment so the market for older antique furniture and collectable objects is definitely narrowing. That can be very disappointing for people who've hung onto heirloom furniture thinking they'll make a fortune when it comes to selling it.'

Peter also says that the decorative and elaborate dinner sets of decades ago are also no longer in demand. With changes in dining habits and the advent of the dishwasher there's little or no demand for delicate china dinner sets that include everything from a gravy boat, entree plates to teeny tiny tea cups.

Interestingly some things that are increasing in favour. Vintage surfboards by well-known shapers, or boards previously owned by surfing champions, is one of them. A recent special collection of surfboards was snapped up amidst fierce bidding with one board alone fetching

\$14,000

"Luxury items are also in demand and they're becoming the new collectables. Things like designer handbags, watches and even guitars," Peter says. "The key is to look for items made by revered makers. If something is well made by one of the best makers in that field then it's likely to be collectable. And, that means it's likely to sell for a good price.

Jewellery is also still in demand and again pieces are more valuable if thev're made by significant jewellers and feature quality metals and/or precious stones.

"We have a certified valuer onsite so we're able to tell people fairly quickly what items are worth. Sadly there are a lot of imitation stones, but sometimes we do literally find a diamond in the rough. We've been part of some remarkable stories where people have expected to make just a few thousand dollars and ended up with tens of thousands instead. Basically you don't know if something was a good buy until you sell it."

Peter adds that the best way to start the valuing process is to look for signatures, brand names, imprints and maker's marks. You can then search the internet for similar items and email photographs to a quality auction house, like Peter's, for their opin-

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Where did the time go? It's time to celebrate 30 years of the Perth Blues Club



by Rick Steele

IN 1971 in the Bushranger wine bar, Beaufort Street, opposite the Brisbane Hotel, I asked the bar manager if the guitar hanging on the wall worked or was it purely for display.

In turn he asked me if I could play.

"I know a few chords and a couple of Neil Diamond songs," I replied. Sweet Caroline, Cracklin' Rosie, Solitary Man and John Denver's Country Roads got me an unwritten contract like Mr Bojangles; playing for drinks and tips.

The walk home to the share dwelling near the Theatre became Astor more difficult for the two poms, kiwi and Ozzy flat mates who developed alcoholic tendencies like ducks take to water. Four or five weeks passed until a gentleman, later to be known as scruffy, walked in and offered me \$50 and free drinks to play up the road at the Spanish Onion. Stewart Van Raalte, and moi began a journey

and a friendship that lasted a lifetime.

We also began the first Open Mike night in Perth. The late Christopher May was one of our guests on the Monday night session. The cheap wine, Brandovino, and apple cider made a singing syrup with attitude but hey, this was the seventies.

"Song sung blue, everybody knows one."

Ten years later, after a couple of thousand gigs in hundreds of establishments, here and in NZ. Garage Band night was established – Tuesday nights at the Civic Hotel, Inglewood. Well do I remember three young guys coming in about quarter to midnight with two of them blabbing on about getting their mate on stage.

"It is too late," I explained, "I can't do it."

"You'll regret it", they

said. The kid is now known as Johnny Diesel or just Diesel.

The show ran for five years and was going strong when a bloke rang me and explained he had registered the name, Garage Band Night and I was to desist from using the name forthwith. A river of water and beers under the bridge, and about 1988 Beat the Blues Show became established at the Indy bar and talk began of forming a Blues Club. Talk and more talk until 1991 a committee was formed and the show was on the road at the Charles Hotel. The club became incorporated on 9 December 1992.

A new family of volunteers mobilised and after years of blood sweat and beers our 30-year birthday celebrations will begin Saturday 4 December. Garden Party Blues with a car boot sale and nonstop entertainment is planned for Sunday 5 December.

Our Tuesday is Bluesday night. It will be extra special, and a free gig in the park and river cruise are all planned to self-congratulate the outstanding achievement of running what is known as the premier blues club in Australia.

This milestone could not have been reached without the thousands of hours put in by the volunteers, but also the stability and support of the hotel and management. Chris Angelkov, his family and staff have been pivotal in keeping the show on the

Incidentally, that is rule number one in any rock n roll or blues band.

A young lad went to his to

mother and in a heartfelt soliloquy announced he was having trouble attracting attention from members of the opposite

"I think my budgie is a little small and is lost in my smugglers," he cried.

"Son, next time you go to the beach put a potato in there and you'll be Mr

Popular."
The next day, after a day at the beach, he came home dejected and complaining to mum that her plan didn't work.

"But son, you're supposed to put it down the front!"

Cheers dears.





Cycling has no age limits

THE MSWA Ocean Ride attracts the youth of today and the young at heart like the esteemed Percy Kotkis, 82.

Percy, an avid supporter of MSWA is taking on the 70km Challenge. To date there are over 250 cyclists born before 1961 taking part.

There is a distance for everyone, starting from 10km right up until 140km.

Meet Alan Grover, returning cyclist for this year's MSWA Ocean Ride – Powered by RetraVision.

"I would encourage anyone to participate in the ride. Age is no barrier, I am 73 and believe I have another 20 years of cycling in me.

"I want to be able to ride with family

and friends far into the future and this will establish a beautiful memory bank for them.

"Last year I encouraged several family members to join me on the ride. My two daughters, a granddaughter and my niece and her daughter, as well as another first-timer rider," he said.

We are eagerly looking forward to that special Sunday in November. The joy of being together and sharing the day is very special. Lots of laughter and effort and rejoicing together at the finish line."

Why not get your family and friends together like Alan and join him and Percy on the day? For more information visit MSWAOceanRide.org.au.

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A light bulb moment about doing right and paying it forward



by Jon Lewis

"IF you are going to do it, do it right." A husband said to his wife.

The husband in question was not me and someone I have never met in person. Yet still there was a personal connection. This joining of minds and emotions was facilitated by the wife in the story.

Sometime ago my darling wife Gloria was in desperate need of a stylish wooden lamp stand to match her equally stylish wooden lamp shade. This would then delight a corner of our dining area.

My darling wife had searched high and low, not just prices, locations... along with far and wide. Her fashion light shone bright into all the corners of the 'for sale' world.

At a time of almost giving up there it was. A lamp of a stylish wood

Gloria asked if we could buy it and I merrily agreed as I fancied a drive out. Besides, even the lamp in the photo thought it was a good idea as I could clearly see a light bulb above it.

My trusty GPS took us the long way according to one passenger and arrived to a charming wooded leafy suburb. Where, I don't know. These are questions for my GPS. It was near a park and a beautiful nature reserve. It was indeed a most calming and tranquil environment.

My darling wife could

see the 'lamp' from the car and was pressing every button but the seatbelt release.

The lamp was perfect. I added it even had a light bulb and there connection was the made.

The lady, the wife in this story, had said it was her mother's and she actually wanted to give it to someone who would love it. Certainly that was my darling.

We were both quite surprised that this lady and her husband wanted to give it away as they felt no price was equal to it.

After being taken

back by this beautiful way of being, I pointed out we had light bulbs at home and this was clearly a new one, perhaps they would rather... and then it arrived...

The lady spoke: "My husband said if you are going to give it way, do it right and so we bought a light bulb to go with it.'

We talked for about half an hour or more. I became fascinated in all the ideas and gentle philosophies shared with us. I even made notes.

Clearly for me, the most illuminating was the light bulb. More than that, I feel it could even be a way of life.

I wondered, could this work in more areas. Could 'doing it right' or right as possible be a purifying force in life. Could this way of being, be a better way to be?

I thought more about this. Would doing it right take more time, money or energy?

There is only so much to think about before action is required. So I put it to the test. Do my best in all things for a while and evaluate.

I can now report that although more energy is required it was not more than I had. Plus, I

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discovered the reward of doing a job right was by these actions, amplified. I found myself looking for a 'right' in more things... driving, preparing for work, making my darling wife breakfast and so much more. Plus, doing it right does not mean working harder or longer. It can even mean simpler and more elegant. I love it.

I may not have met the man in mind, however I can grow in knowing I met the mind of the man.

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Have a Go News' Letters to the editor

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Dear Editor,

JUST wished to say how brilliant I found the October issue. Allen Newton's article on Despene Sattler was so uplifting and so relevant to us, such a fantastic ambassa-

And hats off to Lee Tate, reminding us of the wonderful talent and person that is Johnny Young; his excellent report on a great Australian - John Curtin, and his granddaughter's heart-warming insights.

I don't know that I share Lee's enthusiasm for a change of flag, I'm over all the years of change the flag; the anthem; republic or not etc, etc, I'm very proud of our flag,

and our state's history - good and

As always, an excellent entertaining, inspiring and very informative read. Looking forward to Have A Go Day, a standout event!

Sue Curtis

Superannuation and how it affects the age pension



by Hank Jongen, General manager Services Australia

FOR MANY of us, other than the family home, superannuation is the biggest investment we will

make in our lifetime. The purpose of superannuation is compulsory savings. You save money while you're working so that it can be invested and grow to help look after you in retirement. Your employer pays some of your wages into a superannuation fund on your behalf, usually at a lower tax rate than you'd normally pay. The trade-off for accessing super's tax friendly environment is that you have limited access to the funds. You generally have to wait until you meet a release condition of the fund funds, such as turning a certain age and retiring.

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Superannuation isn't counted in the income or assets test for people under age pension age, which is currently 66 years and six months.

For most people, once you reach age pension age, your super becomes assessable as a deemed financial asset whether you've chosen to access it or not.

I'm often asked what happens to your payments if you take a small lump sum from your superannuation. Is it treated as income?

If you're under age pension age, taking a lump sum out of super and putting it in the bank is moving it from an exempt asset to one that we'll assess. It isn't treated as income, but how we assess it will depend on what you do with it. If you've taken \$20,000 out and put it in the bank, then we won't assess the \$20,000 as income, but your bank account has grown by \$20,000 and that may cause a change in your

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That's all for this month. See you next time.

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Listen to the experts to keep ourselves and the environment safe



by Karen Majer

AS you read this, the eyes of the world will be on the the United Nations 26th Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP 26) in Glasgow.

This may be our last chance to set more ambitious targets and scale back the impacts of climate change.

As UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson puts it: 'Securing a brighter future for our children and future generations requires countries to take urgent action at home and abroad to turn the tide on climate change. It is with ambition, courage and collaboration as we approach the crucial COP26 summit in the UK that we can seize this moment together, so we can recover cleaner, rebuild greener and restore our planet."

The widespread international acceptance of the scientific evidence about our changing climate gives us hope that COP will at last lead to meaningful action.

In Australia, we've observed how governments have listened to medical advice to achieve an effective, by world standards, response to the Covid pandemic. State premiers have stood side-by-side with chief medical officers to explain their policy responses.

Those of us who can bear to watch the daily media conferences have become instant experts on viral transmission, mutation and variants.

Respect for professional knowledge and advice hasn't extended to the subject of bush-fires.

DENTURE

Yesterday I was one of 750 people who joined in a ZOOM, watching Kerry O'Brien interview Greg Mullins, AO, AFSM, former NSW Fire Commissioner. Greg Mullins was a familiar spokesman during the catastrophic 2019 bushfires. His 50year experience speaks for itself, including fighting major fires around Sydney and the Blue Mountains for decades and studying bushfires in Europe, Canada and the

In early 2019 he tried to warn the government that a Black Summer was imminent so that adequate preparations could be made, but when he and other fire chiefs from across the country tried to meet with politicians to sound an urgent warning, they were ignored.

His new book, Firestorm – Battling Super-Charged Natural Disasters, combines stories of what it's like to be on the front line of Australia's first giga-fire with the hard truths of humancaused climate change.

Greg Mullins' advice is that safety depends on preparedness. In my opinion, the interview is a must-see for anyone living in a bushfire-prone area, and for those who seek to understand the fraught interface between professional advice and government policy.

Australians are clearly willing and ready to tackle the issues facing us, whether related to health, safety, our environment or economy.

While there has been

some dissent about lockdowns and vaccination, it seems that most Australians are willing to cooperate with the health advice. As I write this, more than 60 per cent of eligible Australians are fully vaccinated. Numbers are much higher in the worst affected states of Victoria and NSW. In Canberra, almost 100 per cent have received the first dose and our capital is on track to be one of

the most vaccinated cities in the world.

Australians are keen to see stronger action on climate change. According to the Lowy Institute Climate Poll 2021, 78 per cent of Australians support setting a netzero emissions target for 2050. Nearly three-quarters say the benefits of taking further action on climate change will outweigh the costs.

Commonwealth Treasurer Josh Frydenberg has backed the case to cut greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050 in a warning that Australia must not be left behind in a mammoth economic shift that will impose sweeping costs on countries that do not act on climate change.

State and local govenments are leading the way, with all States and territories having a goal of net zero emissions by 2050. My local shire, Augusta Margaret River, has adopted an even more ambitious goal of net zero by 2030 and a plan to work with the community to achieve that.

Sometimes it can feel like a scary world these days. I've found that taking matters into my own hands reduces anxiety. Here's my tuppence worth. If you haven't had a Covid jab yet, look at the medical advice and do it to help keep yourself, your family and the community safe. Hopefully, as we move to more freedoms, we will be personally armed with the know-how to stay as safe as possible in the circum-

Check out personal and local activities to reduce carbon emissions, and make your vote count. If you live in a bushfire prone area, make sure your bushfire plan takes the worst-case scenario into account, then you can relax knowing you are prepared and you know exactly what to do should the situation

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Have a Go News editor talks to AIR

MANY older people retirees are avid readers of *Have a Go News* which is celebrating its 30th anniversary

How and why was the newspaper founded? Who is the editor at the helm, Jen Merigan, and what are some of her observations about ageing in a healthy and positive way?

The next meeting of the Association of Independent Retirees (Perth branch) on Friday 19 November, will welcome Jen Mer-

igan as the guest speaker.

The aim of the association is to protect and advance the interests of retirees who wholly or partly fund their own retirement. This branch meets on the third Friday of each month from 10am to noon at the Cambridge Bowling Club, Chandler Avenue West, Floreat.

Besides the meeting and morning tea they have a guest speaker, and over the year have embraced many interesting topics related to finance, travel, health, community

and special interests of members.

Visitors are welcome. Please bring your own coffee mug, and correct money (\$2 members, \$5 visitors).

As this is the final meeting of the year, The Spunky Spud food truck will arrive at noon for those who wish to enjoy a different sort of festive lunch.

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Have a Go News' Letters to the editor

RE Frank Smith's article on Mangowine Homestead October Have a Go News 2021

THIS homestead was very much on the colonial frontier when it was established in 1876.

Unfortunately, Mr Smith's wording is straight out of the previous century because it only mentioned the local Aboriginal population as people who needed controlling for killing sheep and pilfering settlers' goods.

Such a tone is considered highly inappropriate when writing about the violence that occurred on

I might remind Mr Smith that such crimes committed in England in times past might have warranted transportation to the colonies but on the colonial frontier for Aboriginal people they involved they involved a death sentence for not only the perpetrator but often their entire family and community. No doubt many lives were lost at Mangowine by those people whose land and water sources were forcibly taken from them - the Njaki Njaki people of the Noongar nation.

In 2021, it is more important to include far more context and the honest unpolished truth in accounts of frontier violence.

I have visited Mangowine and the wording on its displays is amateurish, lacking respect and very much outdated. I have written to the National Trust.

Yes, tell the story of the homestead but please include some acknowledgement that such pastoral wealth was based on usurping on lands that belonged to others and that such land was never giving or ceded to the colonial powers.

> **Dr Pauline Bunce** Claremont

Frank Smith writes: The Mangowine story is about the Adams family pioneering during the 19th century. I told it from their perspective. I have seen no evidence that Adams maltreated the local Aborigines. It is not fair to criticise early settlers as if they had the choices and ethics available to us in the 21st Century.

Dear Editor.

WE see much encouragement for vaccinations with many celebs and non-celebs alike rolling their sleeves up and non-medically trained members of the public urging us all to get the jab, but how about a bit of reasoned debate?

Before I reluctantly submit to my Covid inoculation I would like to ask the following questions...

How can we trust the pharmaceutical companies when they have all lost (presumably for

WE live in a disposable society.

When I was young we were lucky to have a black and white television.

Those days they had video stores and

you'd go hire a movie for either \$5 or

\$7 for the night and then have to re-

Nowadays people buy cheap DVDs

and sometimes never even open or

watch any of them. The internet mar-

ket place offers them up for free or for

very little. I just bought a whole basket

of DVDs on sale for just \$20, to me

have a DVD library, or donate to retirement homes. I think that would be a

I'm sure many people would enjoy choosing a DVD to watch on

Wouldn't it be wonderful for Perth to

Dear Editor,

putting harmful products on the market) so many lawsuits in the past?

Why have the Covaccine makers vid not tested their onesize-fits-all products on people with specific health conditions, ie autoimmune diseases etc?

If the virus continues to mutate how can vaccines be created quick enough to keep up with levels of muta-

Where is all the raw data from the trials that produced the "90 to 95 per cent effective" claims?

And finally, there is no long-term safety data, so how do we really know vaccines, that have been available for just a few months are safe?

Yours sincerely,

David Rudman Port Kennedy

Ed: Fair points but the rush to make a vaccine has been necessary to save many especially of older people and those with other medical problems.

There is too much waste and I feel those in their later years would at least appreciate being able to choose a different movie any time of the day to

watch in a group or in their own room,

in private.

Can we start a project, to collect and donate DVDs to retirement homes or to places whom would appreciate them.

I will at least put my hand up. I live in the northern suburbs and would be happy to volunteer to collect them and deliver them, if they are going for free, to those retirement villages wanting

Who is with me? Who wants to help and stop the waste? It would allow people to enjoy them, as long as they do have a DVD player.

Marilyn Krueger

Dear Editor.

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> FLORENCE Mellott of Ferndale is not alone when talking about lack of service these days (October Have a Go News) and may I add some more examples.

> Government employees who, when they know they will not be able to make an appointment, do not bother to contact you about that and so prevent you from doing other stuff that you need to do.

> Coffee shops/cafes who in this time of pandemic do not have a manual sign in sheet for those of us who do not do apps on phones.

> High school students who just barge onto the bus without letting any adult go first.

> This one whilst not actually in the service area, does come under not thinking about others and that is people who park their vehicle over the footpath. This makes it dangerous for pedestrians especially people with prams or in wheelchairs.

So it would be nice to see a return to the good old days of service and consideration of others.

Mrs Margaret Anne Ryan (another Old and Grumpy)

Dear Editor

REGARDING Brian Morris's letter to the editor in Have a Go News last month, no Brian you are not alone in being concerned about government interference in our superannuation.

If somebody could give me a very good reason why it is necessary once more to tamper with our savings, I would be most grateful.

It would seem that it is okay to hand out \$30 billion in Jobkeeper payments to (many foreign owned) companies who profited during the pandemic, and who mostly have an aversion to paying tax in any country let alone Australia, but ardently pursue Centrelink clients for incorrect payments.

Is this the sort of government we need to sort out our super? I think not.

> Jason Leung Via email

Dear Editor,

what was inside.

WAS delighted to

get some mail from

you recently. Excit-

edly opening it to see

It was a pass to go

to the movies and see

Ainbo. Perfect timing

as I was looking after

grandkids during the

ing the first week. Loading three kids

into the car and off we

went, only to have the

youngest one vomit

all over his brother in

the back seat when

we were nearly there

(sigh). So we post-

poned it till the next

We finally got there

with five kids the fol-

lowing week. (paying

for the extra ones of

course). We all en-

joyed it very much

and would like to

thank you for drawing

us out of the barrel so

week.

school holidays. I tried to use it dur-





movie night.

that's crazy.

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Dear Editor,

WE are all aware that there is a serious shortage of rentals here, for all people. But I want to highlight the problems seniors have in finding rentals in Perth and its suburbs.

I cannot afford to purchase and have to rent a property and I have been seriously searching for a home at a reasonable rent for about three months.

I am on the waiting list of about five over 55s villages.

At every turn there are no rentals available for seniors like myself. I am 70

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years old. I am on the waiting lists of Homeswest but a lot of other seniors are ahead of me in the queue.

I have been asked to relinquish my current rental within one to two months. Heavens know where I will go.

Come on government bodies, look after your senior citizens, we are living longer and some of us have been single all our lives, and have no huge amount of superannuation to rely on.

> Linda McKeown Via email



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to speak. Once again, many thanks.

Janine Stacey



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L-R; from left, back: Kevin Spark, Bron Foreman, Lisa Kelly (lead Mandurah), Jeff Haywood. Front, left, Wendy Haywood, Barbara Kind, Jackie Beaton - Group at Mandurah WayFairer Cafe Connect at Falcon elibrary Christine, Erin Taylor (lead Kalamunda), and Helen at Kanvana Wildlife Discovery Centre

by Josephine Allison

OLDER people have much to offer in the community, but are sadly often overlooked, according to Lisa Kelly, of the Mandurah WayFairer Project. Mandurah and Kalamunda WayFairer Projects aim to connect older adults in the 50 plus age group with clubs and organisations looking for volunteers or people wishing to gift their time and talent.

"The Mandurah and Kalamunda Wayfairer Projects have been operating for almost three years under the umbrella Solutions." Inclusion Lisa said. "We are supported by the City of Mandurah and the City of Kalamunda and funded by the Department of Communities. It is a free program for WayFairers and clubs.

Lisa, the lead for Man-

durah and Erin Taylor for Kalamunda, are the driving forces behind the project.

"We realise the demographic being targeted may not be on social media, have a mobile phone or computer so we ask everyone to be the 'eyes on the street' for us," Lisa said. "This means that if they see older adults, who appear isolated or down in spirits, to pass on the Way-Fairer details so we can arrange a coffee catchup, a chat on the phone or encourage them to come to a Café Connect to meet other people.

"The project has impacted hundreds of people over the two sites in Mandurah and Kalamunda. There is so much knowledge to be injected into our community that will be lost if we do not involve older

Lisa says the WayFairer Project ensures older adults in the community feel valued in society from being involved in clubs and organisations needing voluntary roles, or in a social capacity by attending a WayFairer Café Connect to spend time with other Wayfairers and listen to guest speakers talking about organisations in the area seeking volunteers.

"We believe the project is unique to WA but would like to see this rolled out in other states around the country," Lisa said. A pilot project was carried out in the Town of Cambridge in 2018."

Lisa says the projects aim to ensure older people feel that they do not have a 'use by' date.

"There is so much knowledge and talent they can give if given the chance. We encourage our Wayfairers to think about their passions and what makes them happy.

"If anyone takes on a voluntary role, it needs to be something that brings joy and, if connected with a role, the return far outweighs what they have given."

Lisa says there are some people who have never tried volunteering. This could be because they did not have the time or were brought up in a family where volunteering was foreign.

"There have been some great matches that have made a huge difference to a Wayfairer's life socially and as a valued team member. For example, a man named Alan, an electrician by trade with a passion for gardening, was connected with an organisation named Chorus which aims to keep people in their homes.

"Alan now gives his time and talent three days a week with different teams doing gardening. In the process, new skills have been learnt all round.

"The Wayfairer Proj-

ect benefits many older adults in the Mandurah and Kalamunda areas but, hopefully, further afield in the future."

For more information about the Mandurah WayFairier Project contact Lisa Kelly on 0438 889 522 or email lisa.kel ly@inclusionsolutions. org.au. For Kalamunda contact Erin Taylor on 0430 306 166 or email erin.taylor@inclusionso lutions.org.au



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As it Happened: beyond the stories - an about face on WA's state flag



Flag of Western Australia



by Lee Tate

THIS month, in 1875, the design of Western Australia's flag with its black swan was confirmed in despatches by Governor William Robinson. It began a drama that continues today, 146 years later.

Five years previously, in

1870, Governor Frederick Weld had proposed a flag design depicting a black swan on a yellow backdrop, the same image confirmed by his successor, Governor Robinson.

Weld reasoned: "The colony at its commencement was known as the Swan River Settlement and the Black Swan is represented upon its seal, and has always been considered as its special badge, or cognisance."

But it created a heraldry hiccup: On the approved design, the symbolic swan faced the observer's right. An about-face was required.

In heraldry, the observer's left is "the point of honour toward which all emblems should face." It was considered in 1936 by concerned officials at the College of Arms. Then, with the prospect of a 1954 royal tour, the vital question was raised

in State Parliament. So, on 3 November, 1953, our symbolic swan was given an about-face to face to forever gaze to the observer's left, adhering to vexillological convention.

Australia's Western flag, of course, is similar to the flags of the other five States with blue ensigns plus their respective state badges. When all are flown, together with the national flag,

WA's flag is a lowly sixth in order of precedence.

"This is indicative of its position on the Commonwealth Coat of Arms," says an official document.

The black swan, unique in the world, came as a shock to wide-eyed Europeans with their whitefeathered species and was an obvious choice of symbol. In 1697, after Willem de Vlamingh observed black swans, he named their home the Swan River (Zwaanenrivier in Dutch).

The British then used "Swan River Colony" as the name for its settlements at Fremantle and Perth in 1829. The black swan, attacked and eaten by early arrivals, was adopted as an unofficial symbol. It became the State's bird emblem in 1973.

The colours and symbols of our flag are said to carry cultural, political and regional meanings: "The blue ensign is a conspicuous symbol of Great Britain, Australia's mother country," explained an official document.

But, with Australia's weakening ties with British royalty, Europeans' maltreatment of original inhabitants, questions of a future republic and the political correctness . Australia's national and State flags bearing a symbol of Britain, WA's flag may be facing another about-face.

The challenge would be to redesign our flag to be fully-inclusive, representing a proud and prosperous State that has been inhabited for at least 60,000 years, not just since the flag was hoisted beside the Swan River by European settlers.

Note: Australia's national flag was first raised officially by Governor-General Lord Hopetoun at Melbourne's Royal Exhibition buildings on September 3, 1901, watched by the public and Prime Minister, Sir Edmund Barton.

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RETIRED Teachers Association choir is looking for new singers to join their friendly choir. They sing a variety of fairly easy and interesting songs.

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Flowers and friendship



Floral design by Maureen Young

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For more information check the website www. wafloralart.org.au or ring Penelope Brunning 0403 552 811.

Musical memories at Dianella

TO end the year on a happy note, the Dianella branch of the Association of Independent Retirees (AIR) has invited the well-known star of Musical Memories, Ric Waugh, to entertain on Wednesday 1 December.

Ric will sing hits of yesteryear and will include some well-known Christmas songs.

His wife Polly will supply the music and there will be a sing-a-long.

All AIR members and any interested visitors are very welcome to join the group to listen to the entertainment, have some refreshment and to hear about the guest speakers and social gatherings planned for 2022.

All meetings start at 9.30am and are held in recreation room 2, Living Grace, 68 Waverley Place, Dianella.

Cost is \$8 each for visitors and \$5 per AIR member. The cost covers the entertainment, light refreshment and a door raffle.

For further information please contact Joy Rourke on 0419 9444 32 or email joysrourke@iinet.

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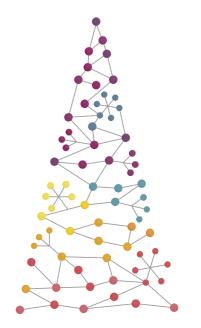


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Discover community radio as it delivers invisible voices around Perth



George Lewis-Hall

by Daryl Binning

RECENT television programs have propelled

relatively unknown people to celebrity status. They become household names because of their

screen popularity and photographs in the print media.

Successful contestants in The Voice and similar shows have to adjust to becoming used to being accosted in the streets for autographs and surrendering their privacy to adoring fans - a price many were prepared to pay.

Another group of media personalities are those, such as presenters at Perth's community radio stations who are less identified in public and rarely face these problems. However, socialising in new small groups also throws up its own peculiar moments.

George Lewis-Hall is a presenter on Perth's seniors-focused volunteer operated and programmed community radio station.

From their studios at Wireless Hill in the Perth suburb of Ardross, Capital Community Radio broadcasts on the frequency of 101.7 on the FM band and on digital radio as well as on the web to many interstate and overseas listeners.

George has a weekly program of his selection of music which is enjoyed by fellow seniors

in homes and retirement villages throughout the State and elsewhere. The station's presenters regularly receive phone calls while on air from listeners in all parts of the globe.

Early this year George and his wife Maureen moved from their home in Winthrop to the nearby Royal Australian Air Force Association retirement village at the Air Force Memorial Estate at Bull Creek. After settling into their apartment in the new Cirrus building they began to socialise with the other new residents. That is when odd

things began happening. Often after being in-

troduced to new people some would say, "It's strange, but I have the feeling I have met you somewhere before". Little did they realise it was the voice with its Yorkshire accent they recognised but not the face.

When the connection with the seniors' station was suggested, all became clear and many new friends were made with those who previously had only known George as a voice. It soon became evident there were many of the station's members and

listeners on the estate.

George and Maureen soon became great friends with manv. all sharing a common love - the music played on their favourite radio station. It was obvious other RAAFA and similar retirement communities also appreciated the efforts of fellow seniors and the varied musical selections of the invisible presenters playing popular tunes. This reminded them of the great times they had during the golden years

Happily, George is no longer invisible.

Delays in UK pension applications may cause issues for expats in Australia



by Mike Goodall

THE time taken by the Department of Works and Pensions to process UK State Pension applications has now blown out to 22 weeks. However. they will still only accept applications four months in advance of your Pension Date. They pay four weeks in arrears for those who are on four weekly payments. So if your application lands on their desk four months before you reach State Pension Áge (SPA) it will be nine weeks before you receive your first payment.

A reminder for those UK State Pensioners who are

getting ready to jump on a flight to the UK as the borders reopen. You are entitled to claim your UK State Pension increases for the time that you are in the UK provided that you are there on a day that is your State Pension pay date. To find your pension day check the letter you received when you first claimed your State pension.

If you reached after April 2016 your day of the week is determined by the last two digits of your National Insurance Number i.e. 0-19 Monday, 20-39, Tuesday etc.

Even if you are in the UK for two days and your pension date is one of those days they will pay your increase for the whole week.

However, there are now strict rules that you must adhere to. The best option is to call the International Pension Centre (IPC) between four weeks before and four weeks after you are due to arrive in the UK. They require your National Insurance Number, your full name, date of arrival and departure (they will check immigration records) and an address where they can write to you in the UK. If you are not staying at a UK address, tell them and they will write to you at your home.

Now that the UK is returning to more normal working conditions, they will be issuing more 'Life Certificates'. You must respond or your pension will be stopped. It is therefore imperative that the IPC has your correct current name and address because if your letter doesn't reach you your UK State pension will stop.

Am I UK State Pension Age?

UK Expats and Australians born between 6 October 1954 and 5 April 1960, who have worked for a minimum of 10 years in the UK, will be eligible to claim their UK State Pensions from their

66th birthday.

of radio.

The age at which those born after 6 April 1960 can claim a pension will increase by one month for every additional month of birth until 6 March 1961 when it will become their 67th birthday.

Anyone who would like to discuss any aspects of their UK State Pensions. is welcome to contact Mike Goodall on 08 6364 0859, 0403 909 865 or via e-mail mikecgoodall@ btconnect.com.

Seniors Week - late events

SENIORS Week runs from 7 - 14 November and we have had a few events which didn't reach us in time for our Liftout last month.

The Town of Bassendean will celebrate their amazing seniors from 8 – 12 November with free activities. Most will take place at the Bassendean Seniors and Community Hall at 50 Old Perth Road in Bassend-

On Monday they run a craft group in the morning, a seniors' walking group and art workshop. Tuesday is games day. Wednesday there will be a workshop for seniors, Thursday will be a rice paper roll workshop and Friday will be carpet bowls and the Bassendean Melody Club.

For more information contact sdesilva@bassend ean.wa.gov.au or call 9377 2191.

The Armadale Visitor Centre is running pole walking sessions during Seniors Week with a one hour session of this complete body work utilising Nordic poles. A gold coin donation is all it takes to hire the poles and enjoy a session on either Monday 8, Tuesday 9, Thursday 11 or Saturday 13. Sessions take place at 40 Juli Street, Armadale - call 9394 5414 for details.

Council on the Ageing will be holding a Let's Talk Scams session at the Riverview Room, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Monday 8 November from 10am to 12noon. Registrations call 9472 0104.

Umbrella Multicultural Association will hold a Multicultural Seniors Festival on Tuesday 9 November from 10am to 2pm at the Stirling Adriatic Centre, 78 Jones Street Stirling. It's free and will be a fun day of entertainment along with information, health checks and free tea and coffee.

Old cyclist to speak at Perth northern suburbs branch meeting

THE guest speaker at the next meeting of the Perth northern suburbs branch of the Association of Independent Retirees (AIR) will be Alan Naber. Alan is well known in WA as the "Old Cyclist". We are looking forward to an entertaining presentation. Bring your cycle clips and join in the

The meeting will be held on Thursday 18 No-

vember held at 9.30am. Please note that there will be no meeting in December and the next meeting will be on 20 January 2022.

Under the current WA Covid -19 rules we are restricted to the number we are able to have in the meeting room. Therefore, if you wish to attend as a guest, please reserve a interest with Mike Goodall. All meetings are held at

the Penistone Park Community Sporting Facility, 27, Penistone Street, Greenwood, WA 6024 on the third Thursday each month commencing at 9.30am.

All AIR members and any interested guests are most welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Cost \$4 per person including raffle, tea or cof-

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Have a Go Day, a LiveLighter Event **Burswood Park**,

Wednesday 10 November 9am to 3pm

AGE is no barrier at Have a Go Day, a LiveLighter Event the activity and information day for over 50s. There will be a wide variety of activities to have a go at with plenty of entertainment. Remember to keep hydrated by utilising the hospitality tents which provide free tea, coffee and bottled water.

All Covid-19 safety requirements will be adhered to including advice on social distancing, hand sanitisation and extra space to enable people to enjoy the event in the grounds of Burswood Park.

Seniors Recreation Council of WA gratefully acknowledges the invaluable support of a major grant from Lotterywest towards Have a Go Day 2021, a LiveLighter Event in Burswood Park.

We also express a huge thankyou to all our valued sponsors who provide the means with which to make Have a Go Day, a LiveLighter Event possible: Burswood Park Board, Lotterywest, Crown Perth, Have a Go News, Dept of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries, Dept. of Communities, LiveLighter Healthway, Channel 7, Channel Seven's Home in WA, 882AM 6PR, Ingenia Gardens, Studio TwentySix Photography, Telstra, Phoenix Insurance Brokers, Curtin Radio 100.1fm, Kings Tours & Travel, Classic Hire and Scarboro Toyota. Further information is available by calling 9492 9772.

SRCWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SRCWA annual general meeting was held on 29 September. SRCWA executive officer Dawn Yates acknowledged all the volunteers for their dedication to the organisation, along with the Wooroloo Trustees who help out at numerous events and welcomed representatives from the SRCWA branches. A minute silence was observed for long-term dedicated board member and past state president Hugh Rogers and Greater Geraldton branch president Christine Mullendar who both passed away earlier in the year, they will be sadly missed.

The following SRCWA board of management members were re-elected unopposed; state president Phil Paddon; state vice president Graham Bennett, treasurer Colin Steer and branch president's representative Jan

The SRCWA Annual Report 2020/21 and audited financial reports were presented.

Guest speaker was Emeritus Professor Jo Barker whose presentation on choices as we age was well received. Thank you to all those who attended and for your continuing support.



LiveLighter Aged Care Games Peel Region

THE SRCWA LiveLighter Aged Care Games in Peel were held in early October at the Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre. SRCWA Peel branch president Jan McGlinn OAM and her dedicated volunteers were supported by Alcoa volunteers and SRCWA staff and volunteers. Nine teams competed in a range of activities specifically for seniors in care. The entertainment for the games was Voices in Harmony who had the crowd singing along to a variety of songs

Best presented team on the day was Aegis Greenfields Greenfield's Circus, in third place was Greenfield's Circus Team 1, second place was Wearne Warriors - Amana Living and first place by a small margin was Quambie Park 1. Our oldest competitor on the day was 101 $\frac{1}{2}$ years young, May Elvard, from Bedingfeld Park. SRCWA thanks and acknowledges the hard work by the all the volunteers who helped to make this a most enjoyable event for the participants.

The SRCWA Peel branch LiveLighter Aged Care Games supported by LiveLighter Healthway, Government of WA, Alcoa and the Shire of Murray. Remember LiveLighter by eating a rainbow of fruits and vegetables

SRCWA and Telstra's Seniors Tech Workshop

HELD in September at the Loftus Recreation Centre and attended by 130 people. Participants enjoyed presentations from; Telstra Health - Community Health Solutions, Telstra IOT (Internet of Things), with Cruzr the Humanoid Robot, Telstra Plus Retail Presentation, SRCWA Digital security solutions at home, WA Seniors Card Safety and Security Rebate Scheme and DPIRD Pantry Blitz 2022. Presentations were also made from ANZ Bank, Camera Electronic/Wanderlust Perth, Guardian Safety Pendants, Sofihub, Consumer Protection WA, WA Scamnet, WA Seniors Card and Have a Go News. Thanks to The Good Grocer Leederville IGA who provided catering. Thank you to our long-standing supporter Have a Go News. The door prize donated by Camera Electronics and Wanderlust by Camera Electronic which was won by Peter Francis.

"Be Connected" Seniors Tech Expo **Get online Week**

SRCWA as part of the Be Connected network held a Technology Expo on 22 October. The theme this year was "get on line get connected" 76 people attended who enjoyed presentations from various exhibitors. Through the Good Things Foundation SRCWA was fortunate to secure a Be Connected Grant, which enabled SRCWA to run the event. Our thanks go to the organisations and government departments who supported it, and helped introduce and encourage people to the wonders of being online. A big thank you to the SRCWA staff and volunteers who worked hard to facilitate this event

For info on any of the above events please contact the SRCWA office on 9492 9772.

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Doug believes in favourite days... every day



Doug on the river

by Karen Finlayson

"WHAT day is it?" asked Pooh. "It's today," squeaked piglet. "My favourite day," said Pooh. Familiar words for readers of A.A. Milne - perfect words to describe Doug. Every day's a great day, always has been Doug's mantra. He enjoys every one of them. He has travelled extensively and enjoyed visiting many remarkable locations, but Perth is still his favourite place.

From a young age he was drawn to water - living by Herdsman Lake with an auto-wreckers down the road, he and his mates looked for car roof tops that could be cut to

size to pole around the water. This pastime led to skills he would use 50 years later with the Over 55 Canoe Club (O55CC). Sporting activities were a major part of his school life with footy being his longterm favourite. His sisters took him to ballet lessons, but their father stepped in and refused to give him the two shillings entrance fee. Regular swimming training at 6am was never a hardship, helping him to become the cross-country running champion he was at Churchlands Senior High School. In 1962 Doug was part of the initial intake for what has become the largest school in the state.

Living the life of a rocker

in his youth, he spent some wild years hanging out in Scarborough. The beach front became jam-packed with trendy teenagers hooking up for a surf, eating hamburgers at Peter's-By-the-Sea, or watching the active outdoor dancing.

Leaving home at nineteen he worked in Melbourne and Brisbane but fell in love with New Zealand. After a third visit to work and hitchhike around the two islands, he returned to Perth to settle down, obtain his Master Builders' Registration and start his own business.

Later in life, as a singleparent he was back to studying again, making lunches, ironing and learning how to cook! When he discovered a meal he and his sons enjoyed he would cook it for three months. with cook books becoming the go-to gift from his sons for birthdays, Father's Day and Christmas.

Enjoying fatherhood included taking his two sons to footy training and watching their games. As a carpenter, Doug was well able to build his eldest son a set of stilts, when in his mid-teens he became interested in juggling and circus stunts. Thirty-five years later his son's successful Bizircus, is still based in Fremantle. With highly skilled circus acts including acrobatic stunts and hilarious character comedy, they have regularly toured Asia, Europe and the Americas.

Doug is very proud that both sons completed university degrees. Recently he was invited by his younger son to attend a work award's ceremony in Barcelona. After a fantastic awards-night where his son was a recipient, they spent 10 days mixing with the locals in the great cosmopolitan city of Spain.

Doug loves to travel and can't stay away from water. After travelling the coast of Croatia, he accepted an invitation from his Perth neighbours, who were holidaying in their beautiful home town of 365 churches, Lake Ohrid, Macedonia. He felt like a local when he was invited to a wedding and loved every minute of his weeklong stay.

Ten years ago, Doug joined the Over 55 Canoe Club to learn the skills of a kayaker. A valuable lesson learnt was wearing the correct gear for various locations. He was glad of his helmet at Bell's Rapids when he was thrown from his kayak onto rocks with his head taking a whack and his ears being gashed.

In recent years white water rafting in Bali and Phuket have been fun, but his greatest experience was in Kenai, Alaska during a two-month trip around North America. The thrill and buzz of racing down the river in the wild, freezing-cold water in an inflatable boat with six others, all dressed in dry suits, couldn't be beaten.

Doug finds delight in each new day, which according to Budda brings about good health and happiness - it's called living in the moment.

If you are interested in paddling with the Over 55 . Canoe Člub contact: club president Chris Cocker on 0410 479 024 or club secretary Dale Winn on 0420 733 024. For more information please view the website at www.over 55canoeclub.org.au



25th anniversary concert for choral society



CHURCHLANDS Choral Society's 25th Anniversary Concert, including well-loved music and a violin soloist, will be held on Sunday 5th December at 2pm at the Floreat Uniting Church, Berkeley Crescent, Floreat.

Tickets are \$25 with children under 12 free and will be available through Trybooking from mid-November and at the door. Afternoon tea will be served after the concert. Christmas hamper and Voyces Christmas concert raffle tickets will be available in the foyer.

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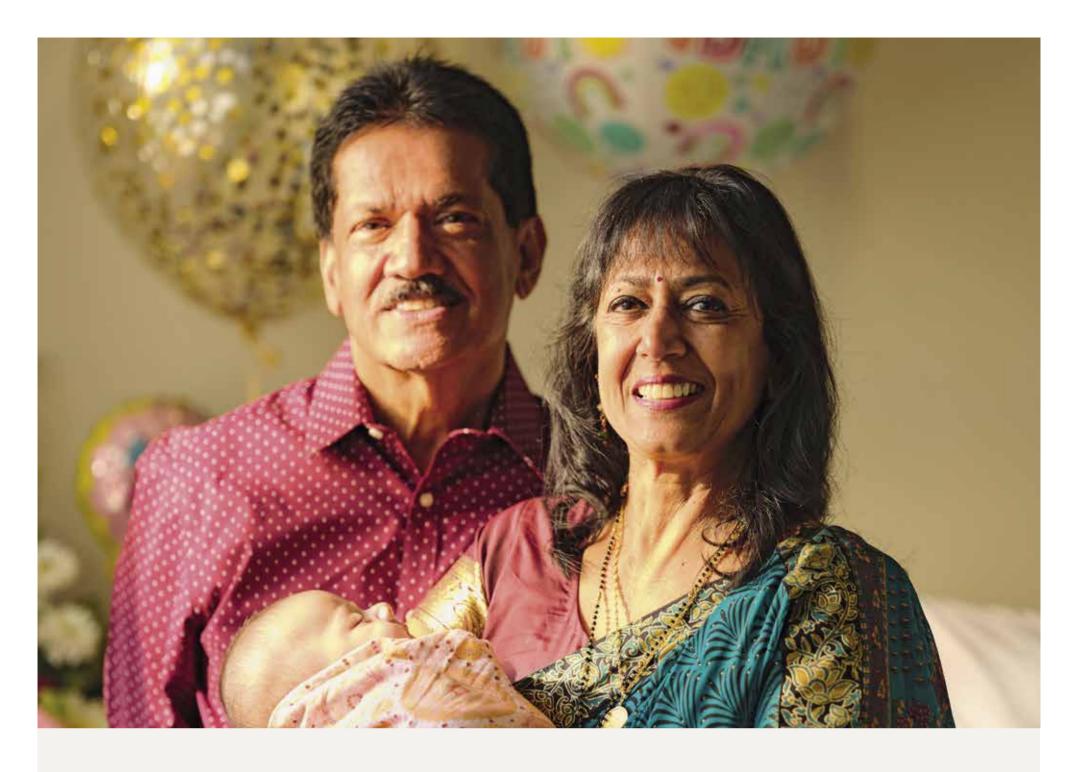


Seeking volunteers...

SENIORS Recreation Council Rockingham branch is seeking volunteers to help out with a variety of events.

The branch organises a mini Have a Go Day every year, along with concerts and other events promoting recreation for seniors in the area.

If you would like to help them out and be a part of this important organisation please contact Carole Overington on 0412 715 173 or email: caroleo verington@iinet.net.au.



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PROLL UP FOR WA

A lifetime in the fashion industry created Kay's love for Kashmir shawls



Kay Trethowan

by Serena Kirby

KAY Trethowan certainly

knows a thing or two about the world of high fashion. More than 40 years ago, when Kay

was starting out in her fashion career, she worked for London couturiers, David and Elizabeth Emanuel. Those names may not mean much to most people, but if we add the words. 'Lady Diana's wedding dress', you're likely to realise just how famous this couple were.

"I worked as the Emanuels' assistant in the late '70s at their exclusive couture salon in Mayfair," Kays says. "This was just before they were commissioned to create Diana's famous wedding dress. It was always their ambition to dress Charlie's bride, even before Diana was on the scene.

The likes of the Duchess of Kent and Bianca Jagger were regular clients of the Emanuel's and Kay was often dropping off dresses at Kensington Palace. She also assisted with dressing the world's top models for photo shoots for Vogue and Harper's Bazaar.

"It was incredibly demanding and high pressure work. After a while I got itchy feet and took off travelling, eventually ending up in Australia. Fashion was still my first love so I started to work with Laura Ashley, Benetton and Country Road in WA. Eventually I opened my own boutiques, named Pukka, in Perth.

Having now retired to regional life in Albany, Kay is still a collector, wearer and purveyor of exquisite shawls from the Valley of Kashmir. She says she fell in love with these seductively-soft shawls on her very first trip to the region several decades ago

"When I saw these shawls being made, I was totally in awe and just had to have one. Now I have several and each is totally unique.'

The origins of Kashmir Valley shawls date back to antiquity, but it was only in the late 18th Century when they came to the attention of European aristocracy after Napoleon gave one to his much-loved Josephine. They have since become a favourite among the rich and famous and are often displayed at museums.

Shawls from the Kashmir Valley are still created using traditional methods; no machines, no factories and using embroidery designs that have been handed down from one generation to the next. The gossamer-fine thread, known as pashm, is spun from the wool of Himalayan goats and is known as some of the finest in the world. Even though the spinning of the wool is on small wooden spinning wheels done by women in their homes, it's actually the men who do the embroidering.

"These shawls can weigh as little as 200g and it can take months for the delicate needlework to be completed," Kay says. "A design may be replicated but genuine shawls are never identical.

With mass production now the norm in the clothing industry many shawls - often called pashminas - are sometimes confused with, and even misrepresented as, Kashmir shawls.

"It can only be called a pashmina if it actually contains pashm wool, so always check. Also be aware that an authentic Kashmir shawl will never have a label or tag sewn on to it. And, look for initials or a shape that's been stitched on to the end of the shawl, as very often the artist will leave their mark just like an artist signs a painting."

The fact that authentic shawls have been touched by very few people since leaving the hands of their creator is something Kay believes is important to a shawl's provenance. Hence, the shawls she now imports come direct from the Kashmir Valley artisan's themselves. She does not sell to retailers, only private buyers, as a way of avoiding extra handling.

"When someone buys a genuine Valley of Kashmir shawl, they are buying a piece of wearable art," Kay says. "It will last a lifetime. It's an heirloom of tomorrow and every time you wear it you add to the shawl's history - to its story."

If you're interested in finding out more about Kav's shawls, contact Kashmir trethowan.kay@gmail.com.

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Why cleaning up Wittenoom and surrounding areas is important







Left to right; The Colonial Mill at Wittenoom - former Greens MP Robin Chapple has asbestosis - in 1991 exploration crews working out of Colonial Mine

by Allen Newton

FORMER Greens MP Robin Chapple has asbestosis. The 74-year-old, who retired prior to this year's State election, says his health is reasonable and his condition hasn't evolved into the far more deadly lung disease mesothelioma.

The former Greens spokesperson for energy and climate change, mines and petroleum, has had a keen interest in the Pilbara. He worked in the mining industry and serving on the Port Hedland council before going into politics to represent the Mining and Pastoral Region for the Greens.

He is urging the State Government to clean up asbestos-ridden Wittenoom in the Pilbara.

He came to Australia from the UK in 1974 and as a relatively young man he wound up spending a couple of months in 1976 working in asbestos dust at the Wittenoom asbestos mine for Hancock Prospecting, maintaining

their vehicles at the Wittenoom workshops.

"In hindsight the conditions were pretty atrocious because in those the workshop days walls didn't quite go to the ground. They had an airspace underneath them to keep you cool, but the problem was all the asbestos tailings surrounding us used to blow in there overnight and during the day. So prior to working every day we had to sweep out the workshop.

In those days work clobber in the hot and dusty conditions was thongs and shorts.

"Being quite young and gung ho, we didn't comprehend the risks and there was nothing to advise us that asbestos was an issue."

His views have changed dramatically since then.

"I then went to work in Port Hedland for BHP and got myself on the council there. I became fairly politically active within the Labour Party and as a union convenor started thinking about occupational health and safety and became much more attuned to the problems."

Just before the 2021 State election, Robin was diagnosed with asbestosis. He had been having routine scans, knowing he was an ex-Wittenoom worker. Being unsure what the future held with the disease, prompted him to retire.

Robin believes issues with making the asbestos mines safe can and should be resolved.

"While the State Government is saying quite clearly it can't afford it, with a \$4 billion surplus this year and most likely a \$5 billion surplus next year, they have the money, they could do it."

Robin believes the most effective solution will be to pump the tailings back into the shafts they came from as a

An original estimate of the cost to clean up was around \$2.4 million which

blew out to \$24 million and Robin estimates the cost would now be around \$600 million.

But a clean-up, if the government decides to go ahead, is still some time away and in the meantime, Robin says people are still foolishly going into Wittenoom.

"I was up there at a place called Driller's Ridge, which overlooks the Wittenoom Gorge and Joffrey Creek and No Name Gorge where the asbestos is. While we were up there, there were campers down by the tailings piles.

"There are big signs everywhere and they've cut up the road, but a four-wheel-drive can get in there. A few years ago there were some Facebook posts where people were encouraging others to go into Wittenoom and explore inside the mines as a tourism venture.

"I have pictures of kids inside the mines.

"And while people say Wittenoom is terrible it's 11 kilometres from the contaminated area, Karijini Lodge is only five, so while we harp on about Wittenoom the town, the tailings are 11km down the road, but a 5km walk will take you up to the Karijini Lodge.

"You can'try and dissuade people from going there, but this is the largest, most dangerous contaminated site in the Asia-Pacific region.

"This area exists, people will go there and you have to look after it.

"And you also have to remember the Banjima people, who have native title over the area. They don't have native title over the Karijini National Park because that was excluded, so they lost that bit of land.

"Now the area is designated a contaminated site so you can't go to all of Wittenoom area.

"When you get native title you would expect whoever was responsible for contaminating the area – contaminating your land – should clean it up. The Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia (ADSA) has launched a community education campaign to discourage visitors to the closed mining town of Wittencom.

It is hosting an online petition for a permanent memorial to be erected in Karijini National Park with the names of the thousands of Wittenoom workers, residents, traditional owners and their family members who lost their lives to asbestos related disease.

To sign ADSA's petition for permanent memorials in Perth and the Pilbara visit www.change.org/WittenoomMemorial.



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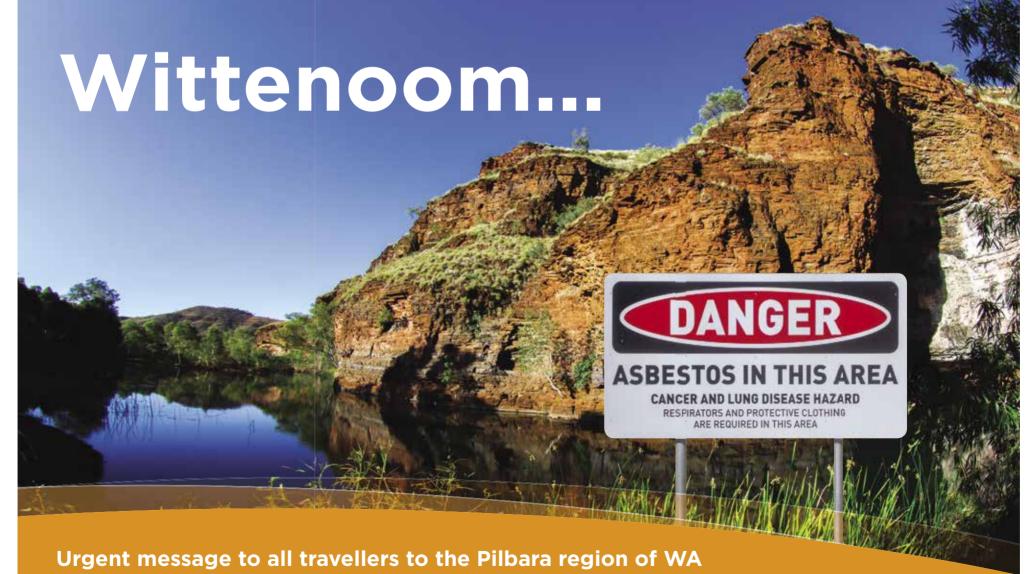
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Do not visit Wittenoom, not even to take a photo, it is NOT SAFE.

The town and surrounding areas are heavily contaminated with blue asbestos fibres from CSR's mining and milling operations. Scientists have established that there is no safe level of asbestos exposure. Sadly the death toll from Wittenoom won't stop until visitors stop.

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A dream drive may never come to fruition but here's a Golf and a ute to think about



Left to right; Mazda BT-50 - Golf GTI



by Tony McManus, Host, Saturday Night Show, 6PR Perth

IT'S now looking very unlikely I will ever own a Rolls Royce; a declaration of which I'm not pleased. The idea of RR proprietorship has consumed me since childhood, after first experiencing a Silver Ghost in the flesh. To this day, I spend too much time searching the World Wide Web looking and learning more about Rolls Royce. The latest models are extraordinary, the Phantom a masterpiece. The latest Ghost considered merely entry level to Rolls Royce ownership.

My Rolls Royce dream is now on life support, particularly after recently driving a 1970's Shadow. A tired old thing, it left me underwhelmed, disappointed and dripping

in despair.

So after flirting with spending nearly \$30,000 on an ageing Rolls Royce, jumping back into my Volkswagen Golf GTI test car; life made infinitely more logic.

The Golf name has been around for many decades; I suspect nearly as long as Corolla. Both have sold in their billions. And deservedly so. They suit purpose; to carry passengers in a safe and reliable manner.

And in the case of Golf with lashings of sportiness

The Golf GTI is a fun car, a hot hatch with immense desirability, even though German competitors have made massive inroads with slightly superior versions. It's not perfect; wheel spin during our wet October became annoying, but many other elements more than compensat-

The GTI can be driven with both enthusiasm and kindness; it curiously drips with understatement. There is so much happening under the lid, it preserves high

driver interest. At around \$54,000, the whole package represents value and a pure joyful driving experience.

So enter the Mazda BT-50.

The Western Australian fascination with a ute completely escapes me. Apart from Colin the Carpenter and Fred the Farmer, no one needs one. The idea of driving a workhorse as a daily drive holds no appeal. But I know I'm alone on this. The market over the past 10 years confirms it so. Inside the Mazda BT-50, there is enough going on. The accessories in the test car were plentiful. A 9.0 inch screen, surprisingly good speakers, smart leather-trimmed seats and leather steering wheel provided some appeal. 18-inch wheels, LED daytime lights and a rural backend all combine to satisfy those who

Spending a week or so with the latest Mazda BT-50 was an experience I won't easily forget.

love a workhorse.

Designers of latter day utes seem to insist they

be noisy, clatter and not be particularly comfortable. They have achieved it all. These things range in price from \$30, to nearly \$70 grand; and sell like Auntie Helen's hotcakes.

But last weekend in Bunnings carpark, I've never felt so alive.

Love to hear your thoughts on anything motoring. Please tell me of a specific car, about which you would like to know more. Drop me a line at my email address - tonymac@6pr.com.au

Friendship Force Club celebrates its 20th anniversary in Perth

FRIENDSHIP Force Club of Perth recently celebrated its 20th Anniversary when 70 members gathered together for a gala dinner to look back on what the club has achieved since its inception.

Friendship Force Perth is just one of 360 clubs world-wide which are part of Friend-

ship Force International, a non- profit, non-religious, non-sectarian organisation formed 45 years ago by Wayne Smith and endorsed by US President Jimmy Carter.

The club provides opportunities to explore new countries and cultures from the inside by bringing people together at the personal level. Through its signature program of home hospitality, local hosts welcome international visitors into their culture, sharing with them meals, conversation, and the best sights and experiences of their region.

With the onset of COVID, travel between clubs has been put on hold, but the Friendship

Force Club of Perth has remained active by keeping up with social activities. It will be raring to go as soon as travel restrictions are lifted.

New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact the Friendship Force of Perth membership@friendship forceperth.net



Match your wine to your food or food to your wine and enjoy these delicious drops...



by Frank Smith

MATCHING wine and food is an arcane art, but there are some ground rules.



Serve dry, light-bodied wines, like Riesling and Vermentino with light dishes and full-bodied. high alcohol wines like Shiraz with foods with lots of animal fat and protein, dairy or rich sauces.

Serve a dry Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, or Pino Grigio with dressed salads, goat's cheese and tomato-based dishes and accompany desserts with wines that are as sweet or sweeter than the food.

If in doubt sparkling wines go with almost everything.

But these rules are made to be broken and personal preference is paramount. Here are a few interesting wines to go with food.

Sangiovese Taltarni Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 from the Pyrenees region of Victoria is a blend of 64 per cent Sangiovese and 36 per cent Cabernet Sauvignon. It is crimson red in colour and medium bodied. The wine has aromas of cherry with mixed spices and a touch of earthiness. The palate features cassis, cherries and blueberries, with unobtrusive oak. The wine has great length, with a velvety finish. Serve with hearty red

meat dishes. RRP \$26. Patina Reserve Chardonnay 2017 has aromas of apricot, white stone fruit and crisp apple balanced by a little creaminess. Toasty notes are accented by hints of

inside a perfect pastry

parcel. This came with a

seasonal salad of mixed

greens, onion and grape

tomatoes tossed in a

very tasty dressing, the

peach, melon and honey complemented by nutty oak aromas. The palate displays ripe fruit up front mixed with nuttiness derived from the oak. This wine is fresh, smooth and well balanced with excellent length. Goes with a range of foods from steak to soft cheese. RRP \$60.

Carillion Origins old graft Semillon Hunter Valley 2021 Situated on the limestone soils of the historic Hunter Valley, Carillion's Tallavera Grove vineyard is noted for quality Semillon fruit. It displays aromas of white flowers, lemon zest and other citrus aromas with a palate of mouth-wa-

We will be visiting

many more times. The

wait staff were friend-

ly and efficient which

should be a feather in

their cap as the café was

chock-a-block with chat-

ting, cheerful, chompers

all enjoying the vibe sur-

rounding them, the river,

the trees, and this fabu-

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station but there may be

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tering natural acidity and balanced minerality. The finish is crisp and dry. This wine goes well with oysters and shellfish. **RRP \$30.**

Angullong 'Fossil Hill' Sangiovese 2019. Sangiovese is one of Italy's most popular varieties. The Angullong 'Fossil Hill' Sangiovese is a medium bodied wine with aromas of violets, blueberries and dried herbs. The palate features flavours of blueberry, sour cherry and spice complemented by savoury herbs and soft tannins. This is an ideal wine to accompany Italian food. RRP \$28.

Castle Rock Estate 'Skywalk' Riesling 2021 Skywalk is named after the lookout which is fixed to the side of Castle Rock itself, providing great views of the surrounding area. The wine is pale straw with green hues. It has aromas of orange blossom and lavender, with hints of musk and passionfruit adding to the complexity and interest. The palate is rich and balanced in a full and flavoursome Riesling style, displaying floral characters and an element of citrus and minerals with a long crisp finish. Accompany seafood and even spicy dishes. RRP \$21.

Knife and fork talk with the Dining Divas



A couple of Lo Quay River Café's delicious and extensive lunch menu; grilled haloumi salad, and spinach, cheese and vegetable pie

by Judith Cohen and Pat Paleeya

THIS month we went to a restaurant in Wilson that was recommended by a friend.

There is definitely nothing low key about the Lo Quay River Café sitting alongside the Canning A picturesque spot with market umbrellas and shady trees totally ideal for dining under, unless you prefer dining inside.

There is an extensive lunch menu, \$25 and under. Difficult to choose from but we managed.

We chose spinach, cheese and vegetable filo pie (\$18.50) and grilled haloumi salad (\$24.50).

The pie was delectable, the filo was crispy top and bottom and the filling was manna from heaven. The cheese spinach and vegetables were soft moist and morish, an ideal combination of flavours wrapped up

meal was a delight, and there was plenty of it. The grilled haloumi salad was substantial and brimming with small

chunky pieces of pumpbeetroot. sweet potato, avocado, baby spinach, cranberries and the best candied pepitas ever eaten by this diva. All of these ingredients blended well and created a most delicious dish.

Five forks - excellent food and service

Four forks - overall good food and service

Two forks - food and service needs improvement One fork – would not recommend

Knife and fork talk ratings

Three forks - reasonably good food and service

but could make some improvements

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other choices.

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Vince's delicious stuffed pork fillet - perfect for romantics or singles





by Vince Garreffa

THIS recipe is easy. It is also perfect for two, so the romantic among you can cook this as foreplay to disrobing and trying a couple of new pages in the karma-sutra. You may also want to keep the yellow pages open on chiropractors just in case. Ingredients for two 1 pork fillet (about 300g)

2 sliced mushrooms (medium tomato size) 2 slices of bacon no rind (one left long and the other diced small) 1 tablespoon chopped garlic

1 tablespoon chopped Italian parsley ½ cup fresh breadcrumbs (from a threeday old loaf, no crust) freshly cracked black pepper white wine

olive oil

Split the pork fillet two thirds deep (not all the way through) with a knife. Now stuff the gap with a mixture of sliced mushroom, half the diced bacon, half the garlic, half of the parsley and all of the breadcrumbs.

Alternatively fry the mushroom and bacon

in olive oil until soft, add the garlic and parsley for a minute, stir well then add 50ml white wine and cook for a minute, add breadcrumbs and mix off the heat, cool then stuff into the pork fillet. Once the pork fillet is filled, cover the split and the stuffing with the slice of bacon and tie neatly to stop the stuffing falling out

Season the visible pork fillet with salt and pepper (not the bacon). Now fry in a little olive oil at high heat for three to four minutes until the bacon and the pork are nicely coloured.

Add the other half of diced bacon to the pan around the pork and allow it to colour for two minutes while turning the pork. Do not burn it. Now splash 200ml white

wine over pork, lower the heat to a simmer, add the other half of garlic and parsley and pan steam for five minutes with the

Do not allow the pan to dry; add more wine if required. When the time is up, leave to rest with the lid on for five more minutes then slice, plate and

If the romance is a worry to you, lock the door and eat it all yourself. You will still respect yourself in the morning, I promise.

Vince is the ambassador of Mondos Butchers located at 824 Beaufort Street, Inglewood. They are open Tuesday to Friday 9am – 5.30pm Saturday 9am to 2pm. Phone 9371 6350 or visit www. mondo.net.au

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It's time to enjoy food like we are living under the Mediterranean sun

by Noelene Swain

MEDITERRANEAN food is lusty, full-bodied and straight from the heart; perhaps a touch like the inhabitants themselves of this sun-drenched corner of the world.

It almost seems a bit trite to try and define what the food, and indeed the people, of the Mediterranean are actually made up of. This deep blue abyss skirts the shores

of Morocco, Turkey and Egypt as well as the more commonly associated lower regions of Italy and France, and in a way sort of defies conventional labelling. Mediterranean food is grilled fish with harissa and black olives from Tunisia; it's a lush bowl of Spanish squid ink paella; it's Syria's muhammara, a capsicum and walnut dip laced with piquant pomegranate molas-

The key qualities that weave their magic have less to do with country borders and more to do with long, hot summers, mild winters and an abundance of superb produce. Spanking fresh seafood, fragrant lemons and blood oranges, vine-ripened tomatoes, gorgeous avocados, purple garlic, glossy chillies and first pressed extra virgin olive oils all are typical ingredients to be slung into your basket on market day.

The essence of life doesn't seem to change too much, despite the very different cultures of the countries that hem this binding expanse of water. You sip your coffee in the sunny square, you have a chat, a bit of a gossip. Life around the big, blue Mediterranean; it can't be beat. Try a little of it in your corner of the world.

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Roast Mediterranean vegetables

Preparation: 10 mins; cooking: 30 mins; serves: 2

150g button mushrooms, trimmed

½ red capsicum, chopped 1/2 yellow capsicum, chopped 1/2 eggplant, cut into 2cm pieces 200g butternut pumpkin, cut into 2cm pieces 1 large garlic clove, thinly sliced 1 tablespoon olive oil 1/2 tablespoon chopped flat leaf parsley 60g Persian marinated feta, drained, crumbled PREHEAT oven 250°C. Position shelf toward top of the

Combine all the vegetables and garlic in a large roasting pan. Drizzle with oil and season with salt and pepper. Toss to coat. Roast, turning the vegetables every 10 minutes, for 30 minutes or until golden. Sprinkle with parsley and feta, toss to combine. Serve warm or at room temperature with barbecue lamb, chicken or chops

Tip: Persian marinated feta is milder, softer and creamier than other styles of feta.



Lamb and mushroom kofta

Preparation: 10 mins; cooking: 20 mins; serves: 4



1 tablespoon olive oil 300g cup mushrooms, finely chopped 34 cup flat leaf parsley leaves 1 small red onion, chopped 2 garlic cloves, chopped 1 teaspoon ground coriander 1 teaspoon ground cumin 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon 400g lamb mince

Warm pita bread, yoghurt and tabouli, to serve

HEAT a large non-stick frying pan over high heat until hot. Add oil and mushrooms and cook, stirring often, for five minutes or until mushrooms are tender. Remove from heat. Set aside for 10 minutes. Drain excess liquid. Combine parsley, onion, garlic and spices in a food processor. Process until finely chopped. Add the mushrooms and mince, use the pulse button to process until well combined. Season with salt and pepper. Use wet hands to mould heaped tablespoons of mixture around eight metal skewers, squeezing the mixture tightly. Place on a tray. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes if time permits. Preheat barbecue plate on medium-high. Spray the skewers with oil, turning to coat all sides.

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What's fresh in fruit and vegetables for November

Olive oil cooking spray



Blueberries: Luscious local blueberries are plentiful in the stores at present. Blueberries are beautiful when served as part of a cheese platter or as a dessert with fresh cream or ice cream. Select plump fruit with good colour and a blue-grey, waxy bloom. Incorporate in pancakes. muffins, pies and pud-

dings or as a topping for bought desserts or cakes. Midknight Valencia oranges: A great way to give your day a glowing start is with a glass of freshly squeezed orange juice. All citrus fruits give a more generous yield of juice if they are at room temperature when squeezed - rolling them firmly with the palm of vour hand also helps. Valencia oranges are ideal if you like your juice chilled, as the juice keeps well in the fridge, ready for that morning burst of energy and Vitamin C.

Hass avocados: A bountiful crop is predict-ed for local Hass avocados this year, with people Australia-wide being able to purchase these high-quality WA grown fruits. Use finely diced avocado to create a base for a rustic, fuss-free salsa; be inspired by Latin flavours and add chilli. lime and coriander, or hit the Mediterranean and go with tomato, fresh oregano and sea salt. Both pair marvellously with a range of grilled meats and seafood. Avocado is also an immensely nutritious first food for babies and easy to spoon straight out of the skin: no preparation necessary.

Sweet corn: The corn arriving now from the Northwest is of excellent quality and best cooked and eaten as soon as you can after buying, as fresh corn is most definitely the juiciest. If keeping for more than a day, parboil the corn for a minute (this will help slow down the conversion of sugars) before refrigerating or freezing. Nutrients in vegetables are frequently best in their raw state; in this case, cooked sweet corn has significant antioxidant activity, which can substantially reduce the chance of heart disease and cancer.

Cauliflower: Beautiful and well-priced cauliflowers from the Southwest have tight snowy white heads that are an excellent source of vitamin C, particularly when served raw. Try them broken into tiny florets as a substitute for cabbage in your favourite coleslaw recipe, or steam or grill and dress with a mixture of good extra virgin olive oil, mustard and fresh herbs. Roast with a drizzle of olive oil and a sprinkle of cumin for a nutty roasted treat.

Button mushrooms: Creamy little white button mushrooms are perfect morsels to add to any salad as the days and evenings warm. Marinate in a little herby lemon oil for a delicious addition to a grazing or nibbles board.

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Clockwise from left; Iced coffee and loose leaf tea served in tea cup from a teapot - bao bun with pork belly - Peking duck cigars' with cucumber vinaigrette - rice vermicelli omelette bee hoon delicious little cake - Bloody Mary Chapels on Whatley is a beauti-

ful Eurasian themed tea shop and cafe - enjoy loose leaf tea poured from classic glass teapots











by Tahlia Merigan

THIS month I decided to check out the café strip in Maylands along Eighth Avenue and Whatley Crescent for our review.

There are eight or nine cafes in the area - all offering a variety of brunch options.

Mum (editor Jen) and I seemed to be drawn to Chapels on Whatley, getting swept into the beautifully decorated Eurasian themed tea decorated

shop and café. If drinking tea is one of your life's great pleasures, then check out the well-stocked tea shop at the front of the store with loads of lovely teas, beautiful china cups, pots and other knickknacks.

Chapels had a very welcoming atmosphere. After a quick browse through the shop we settled in the courtyard for brunch.

The café offers Eurasian cuisine on their all-day menu, which also has a few brunch classics including a big Ozzi breakfast and Eggs Ben-

There was a very friendly vibe to the place and we spoke to several patrons, including a couple of ladies opposite us who were regulars. They were enjoying their favourite Chinese tea which was served in a clear pot with a tea light candle underneath.

For brunch we decided to share and chose the signature dish of rice vermicelli omelette bee hoon which is an Asian stir fry of vermicelli noodles, shitake mushrooms, Chinese cabbage, chilli, onion and garlic stuffed into an omelette and garnished with sweet chilli, Java sambal, crispy shallots and coriander (\$22.95). We also ordered a bao bun with pork belly (\$12.95) and Peking duck cigars with cucumber vinaigrette (\$12.95).

I understand why the Bee Hoon is the signature dish, it really is delicious, full of crunchy vegetables

in the perfectly formed omelette. The sambal was tasty and spicy and adds a good kick if you like that extra zip. A family who were sitting near us were toying with their decisions; the grandmother spotted the omelette and decided to change her order after we recommended it.

The bao bun was bigger than expected and full of salad and hoisin sauce with a perfectly cooked piece of crunchy pork belly. The Peking duck cigars' cucumber vinaigrette was the star of that show and we scooped up every morsel of that sauce with the crisp rolls.

We also ordered an iced coffee (\$6.95) and a delicious little cake (\$3.95) from the cabinet.

There's nothing better than enjoying a cup of loose leaf tea in a gorgeous quaint china teacup poured from a pretty pot (\$5.50) and I savoured this treat. I also liked the

fact that the teapot is refilled as required and is included in the price. I could have sat there all day sipping the delicious tea in the beautiful cup, people watching.

As we were leaving a group of six ladies were enjoying a sumptuous high tea (\$49.95 per person) all beautifully laid out on exquisite china. Again we stopped for a chat and they were full of compliments for the experience.

The staff were very friendly and so were the patrons, which all added to the pleasant and eclectic atmosphere which is Chapels on Whatley. Well worth a visit. Bookings a must for high teas.

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Overweight people can still be fit people - it's more about exercise than weight loss...



Increase your physical activity for better health

by Frank Smith

WHEN trying to get fit and reduce your risk of premature death it is more important to increase physical activity than to lose weight, according to a review article publishing recently in the journal iScience.

The authors, Glenn Gaesser of Arizona State University and Siddhartha S. Angadi of the University of Virginia, USA, say that employing a weight-neutral approach to the treatment of obesity-related health conditions also reduces the health risks associated

with yo-yo dieting.

"We would like people to know that fat can be fit, and that fit and healthy bodies come in all shapes and sizes," says Professor Gaesser.

He says weight loss should not be actively discouraged - obesity is not entirely benign.

In Australia 5.8 million adults are obese. Men (33 per cent) are more likely to be obese than women (30 per cent). Obesity is more common in older people; more than 40 per cent of adults aged 65 to 74 are obese according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

As in Australia, in the US a lot of health profes-

sional and media attention is paid to people's excess weight.

"We realise that in a weight-obsessed culture, it may be challenging for programs that are not focused on weight loss to gain traction," said Professor Gaesser. "We're not necessarily against weight loss; we just think that it shouldn't be the primary criterion for judging the success of a lifestyle intervention program."

Obesity is associated with a number of other health conditions, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, and osteoarthritis. But yo-yo dieting where people diet to lose

weight and then quickly regain it - is associated with health problems such as muscle loss, fatty liver disease, and diabetes.

Professor Gaesser says if people focus on fitness rather than weight loss, they can get the health benefits of exercise without the risks of yo-yo dieting.

In diabetes prevention programs in the US and Finland, twice as many participants achieved the physical activity recommendation than were able to achieve the weight loss goal.

During a 16-year follow-up of adults with coronary heart disease, those who did a little ex-

ercise had 19 per cent lower all-cause mortality risk and those who did more exercise had 36 per cent lower all-cause mortality risk, compared to those who remained sedentary.

Weight loss, by contrast, was associated with a 30 per cent increased mortality risk, unlike weight gain that made no difference to death rate.

"The benefits of exercise are dose dependent, with the biggest benefits coming from just moving out of the couch-potato zone to doing at least some moderate-intensity activity," Gaesser says. "It's also important to emphasise that physical

activity can be accumulated throughout the day. For example, multiple short walks during the day (even as short as two to 10 minutes each) are just as good for your health as one long walk."

Australian Department of Health guidelines for older adults aged 65 or older is at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity on most days. For those who have limited ability to exercise some activity, however light, is better than none at all.

The authors found that increasing fitness and physical activity consistently reduced health risks more than intentional weight loss.

It's important to feel comfortable with a support worker



WHEN thinking about applying for a Home Care Package there is often the reservation how comfortable am I going to feel having a stranger coming into my home to assist me - how is this going to work for me?

Well, with a little planning that stranger could become someone you look forward to seeing.

A support person needs to be someone you can trust, someone you can feel comfortable with and someone you look forward to welcoming into your home. So, when choosing your Home Care Provider, one of the important questions to ask is whether you can be actively involved in selecting who this will be. Most Home Care Providers should be happy for you to do this.

General manager of CPE Group Home Care Provider Annie Carvell said people do have concerns about inviting someone into their home to assist, so CPE Group believe it's important to have the client involved in who this will

Mrs Carvell said that although they select all their support workers for their ability to show understanding and respect as well as for their experience and qualifications, each client has their own preferences and should be able to choose who will be coming to their home.

Ms Carvell said that by listening to their clients and working together, they build a team of three or four support workers that are right for each client, so they can still feel comfortable with whoever is visiting should one of the team be unwell or on holiday.

By choosing a Home Care Provider who will support people in this, with just a little planning they may find they are looking forward to welcoming a support person into their home.

If people would like to know more, please call Annie on 1300 665 082.



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THIS month in our pages Lee Tate makes a visit to Donnybrook and Bunbury and Allen Newton finds some great day tours out of Katanning. Gail Williams heads to the Goldfields in a campervan and Derryn Thorpe is planning a tour to Tasmania next year to visit some of the stunning gardens in the apple isle. If you haven't planned your Christmas

trip yet, many of our tour operators still have some places available over the festive season.

Green from Barry Tourist Radio Western has asked me to remind readers who are travelling to the South West to tune into the local community radio stations available in Harvey, Donnybrook, Bunbury, Augusta and Balingup. You can access details at the link below. Along with the station guide, it also includes a listing of WA country number plates so you can learn a bit of WA geography on your travels. www.touristra dio.com.au/pages/sta tion_guide.pdf.

ing with the virus we can expect change. If you are looking at heading overseas in 2022 you need to be aware of the extra requirements and costs. Qantas requires all passengers to be fully vaccinated and many other airlines will expect the same. As countries begin to open up for fully vaccinated travellers. not only will you have to show your vaccination certificate, but also a negative Covid test (possibly more than one on entry and return) many destinations will require visitors to hold travel insurance which covers them for Covid.

As far as travel insurance goes some com-

panies will not insure for Covid. Some credit cards for example offer travel insurance but may not cover for Covid so it is important to check. I know that CoverMore will allow claims for medical treatment if you catch Covid when away, but not if you've been on a cruise ship and if vou catch Covid from a close contact they will not cover isolation costs. As we venture into this new territory it will be important to do your homework if planning to travel abroad. As we learnt at the beginning of the pandemic, working with a travel agent will offer the best solutions as they will have all the checklists and information necessary to ensure travel is as seamless as possible.

Bonza Airlines is a new start up low-cost airline offering flights to regional areas not serviced by the usual carriers. Backed by a large private investment firm based in North America with assets under management of more than \$US6 billion and aviation as a cornerstone, they seem to tick all the boxes for stability. They also have successfully launched a low-cost carrier based in Canada. Bonza is currently waiting for its Civil Aviation Safety Authority approvals and the launch should be in the first quarter of 2022. It's believed they will undertake some direct flights from Perth to destinations such as Byron Bay. It should provide some diversity and encourage more people to visit regional Australia and hopefully offer more options for Western Australian travellers.

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Happy trails

Jennifer Merigan Travel Editor

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The beautiful rolling hills of Ferguson Valley gnomes know bounds





Left to right; Where's Chloe amid gnomes? - Lush valley farming @ Chris Tate

by Lee Tate

A COLLECTION of garden gnomes brought the magnificent Ferguson Valley into national focus.

Just a couple of driving hours from Perth, the rolling hills had remained out of sight and mind of the travelling holiday hordes motoring every year to the South-West.

We West Australians didn't pass on to our visiting friends and relatives any knowledge of this magic corner of the State. We barely knew about it ourselves.

Besides, being in the car with the kids for a couple of hours and heading to the south coast, how popular are we going to be with them diverting into a longer, country drive?

A single garden gnome started an evolution. Placed on a country road roundabout, the cheeky little chap spread like a rabid virus into a village of gnomes in all shapes, siz-

es, colours and postures.

In at least one national list of the best places in Australia to visit, is Gnomesville. Silly as it may sound to the sceptic, we recommend to the uninitiated to follow the word of music guru Molly Meldrum and "do yourself a favour" and call in on the great gang of gnomes.

There is no development nearby but the gnomes are enough to keep you, kids and grand-kids amused easily for an hour or two, especially if cannily-timed to be in the vicinity with your own picnic lunch and camp chairs.

The place has been mooted for a coffee outlet or café but might be a financial risk out of season. A coffee van would never run out of summer customers. (With gnome cookies and lolly bags?).

Gnome-importing people have been so inventive, vastly boosting Gnomesville. For first-timers, especially with children,

there's a great temptation to become send-timers, to find a nook or cranny to add their own little gnome – with mandatory photos, of course.

The greater Ferguson Valley is nature's gem, destined to become one of our greatest getaways, with or without the gaggle of gnomes.

It's not easy giving newcomers directions to Gnomesville or some other secrets in the Valley. Best to start at Dardanup where Ferguson Valley Visitor Centre will put you on the right track.

It's 24kms from Dardanup to Gnomesville. Grab a touring and attractions map and head through those lush and rolling places with peaceful, pleasant panoramas and nature's unfolding surprises.

The romanticism of the beautiful surroundings is proving to be a popular drawcard for wedding and event organisers. Adventures await cyclists, foodies, wine and beer lovers, artists, motorbikes and vintage cars.

Thankfully, the peaceful Valley hasn't been over-

run with noisy vehicles or massive mobs. In the depths of winter, at its greenest, Ferguson Valley is blissfully a Sunday driver's dream.

Mountain bike and outback horse trails offer spectacular rides and in historic Dardanup townsite there's a human's watering hole aka pub. Wineries, breweries and taverns are flourishing in the Valley.

A cruise around the country roads, with varied country accommodation, will bring you to eateries with a kiosk at Wellington Dam and outlets for local products from truffles to cheeses.

Art galleries, handywork studios, glassware, sculptures and heritage activities all add to the Valley flavour but it is not so built-up as to detract from the great appeal of the place – a sensational sanctuary.

The Coalfields Highway – between the South Western Highway and Collie – is a clue to the region's coal-mining past, instrumental to the State's growing economy and employment.

Wellington Dam has been popular for generations, surrounded by Wellington National Park and attractions including Honeymoon Pool, Quarry Amphitheatre and Wellington Mill.

Adventure-seekers can join up to the Bibbulmun Track.

The fertile Ferguson Valley stands apart from industry and develop-

ment. This peaceful pocket of calming countryside, understated for so long as a tourist attraction, now has added character, reshaped by an army of tiny, silent sentinels.

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A journey into the Goldfields' mesmerising Gormley statues of Lake Ballard





Gail Williams visits CY O'Connor's pipeline - One of Sir Antony Gormley's 51 sculptures in Lake Ballard

by Gail Williams

WE sat, with a handful of strangers, and gazed in silent, tearful awe at the sun going down on 51 Gormley sculptures dotted around Lake Ballard - a dry salt lake millions of years old and light years away from suburbia.

spindly metal The statuettes were haunting, they were eerie and they were every bit as mesmerising as we knew they would be. They were there. Then they weren't there. They shimmered in the mirage. Some looked twice the size as they were reflected on the water. But

it wasn't water. Occasionally one moved. Oh, and then we realised that was just one of the intrigued people wandering amongst them trying to make sense of it all. Were they communicating with us? Were they communicating each other?

As we watched in silent contemplation, thoughts turned to the Menzies residents who modelled for Sir Antony Gormley, the so-called eccentric British artist who was commissioned in 2003 to create the installation Inside Australia for the 50th anniversary of the Perth International Arts Festival.

Where now, is the skinny, athletic teenage boy? What happened to the child of the pregnant woman? Surely the old man is not still alive? How had their lives panned out since 2003 when they played their part in putting the historic isolated mining town of Menzies - 135km north of Kalgoorlie - on the map as the gateway to Lake Ballard with its silence, peace, white sand

and dreamlike beauty. We couldn't help but wonder, too, at those who made a similar journev to this, the largest outdoor gallery on earth, and described the experience as underwhelm-

It is the exact opposite - overwhelming - on so many levels. But the journey to get to that awesome space is best done slowly. As with many of life's special moments it is getting there that makes the impact of the final reveal even more profound. Forget flying into Kalgoorlie and hiring a car to dash off to Lake **Ballard**

Winding your way through a slowly-changing landscape of wildflowers, canola, rolling hills, wheat fields, granite woodlands, historic railway dams and wild west gold mining towns in a six day journey in a rattling motor home is the way to go.

It not only offers a chance to appreciate the vastness of our country but ensures a healthy respect and appreciation for those who eked out an existence on this land for thousands of years and empathy for the later ones who pushed wheelbarrows along the same route in search of gold.

Our constant companion for most of the way along with the rattle, jingle jangle and bumpety bump of kitchen utensils, crockery and bottles (Chardonnay, of course) was the Big Boy.

That's CY O'Connor's pipeline - the legacy and constant reminder of his incredible engineering feat to supply water to the goldfields. It was there every time we looked out the window, occasionally disappearing and then surfacing reassuringly again.

We needed that reassurance as we learnt to live in a two-person Javco motor home with each day posing a new problem to sort out. So many questions. How

does the wastewater tank hose work? Why is the wastewater tank still showing full on the electronic panel when it has been emptied? How could the gas bottle have run out so quickly? How do you even clean your teeth in that tiny washbasin? Who invented the foot-operated lever that releases the table to turn into a bed? And why would they position it so far under the table you can't reach it with your foot? Oops, there goes the back again.

What sort of sadistic mind would design a motor home where you bang your head every time you try to enter the passenger seat from the cabin?

How do people larger than us - only a tiny bit larger, mind you - manoeuvre themselves round a two sleeper? And don't even begin to ponder the thought of them in the shower.

But, over six days we warmed to our pocketsized space, finally getting just the right technique to convert the bed into the table and vice versa, learning to push and pull the table to one side so the other person could squeeze in and working out how to wash the dishes while the other person sat at the table and dried.

See what I mean about the journey?

By the time we reached Menzies, standing like a ghost town monument to its gold mining past we were intriqued, as to Gormley's choice of location - a stark environment miles from nowhere.

We had seen his famous works at Crosby Beach in Merseyside, where 100 cast-iron figures, modelled on his own naked body, face towards the sea. We'd also seen his work in Cambridge, where he studied archaeology, anthropology and the history of art at Trinity College.

The answer comes from one of Menzies 108 residents who remain undeniably proud of the hamlet's colourful past and tends its remaining buildings including the general store, the visitor centre and a café on the tidy main strip.

Gormley apparently visited the region in the early 2000s, and was captivated, saying: "You come to the edge ... and it's absolutely magic. A feeling of being at the edge of endlessness. It's like being on the lip of the edge of the world."

"I am trying to ... unite a notion of the interior of this continent with the notion of an interior of the population."

From Menzies it's a 54km trip - 16km of it unsealed - along the Sandstone-Menzies Road to a free camparound looking over the dry lake bed. There is no drinking water and most campers stay for just one night, spending a few hours wandering around the statues which spread over 10km² of the lake bed dotted with seven

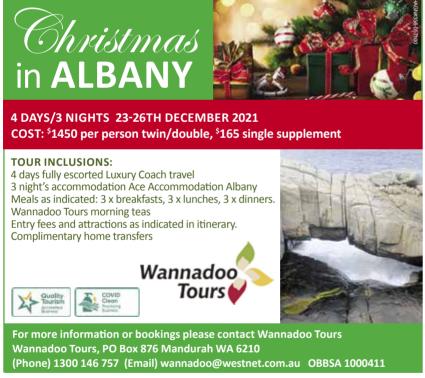
We spent a couple of hours wandering, then watching the sun go down and the statues disappeared into darkness but the sky was, by then, filled with stars. Watching the marvel unfold was a gentle reminder of our tiny place in the scheme of things.

Everything - including our by now beloved motor home with its idiosyncrasies and jingle jangles - was all right with the world.

When someone finally spoke - they said. It is definitely overwhelming.

And it is a journey definitely worth taking.















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A look at life in Kenya - just one of the interesting talks at U3A



Kenya's Maasai men

KENYA is located on the equator in East Africa. Before becoming a British colony in 1888, Kenya's long coastline on the Indian Ocean had been visited by Arab traders and explored by Portuguese and Ottomans.

The 'lunatic line' railway was built 120 years ago and links the port of Mombasa with the capital Nairobi before continuing into Uganda. Railway workers suffered the hazards of man-eating lions, tsetse flies, malaria and hostile tribes in opening the interior of Africa for European settlement and bringing the modern world to Iron Age peoples.

The film *Out of Africa* told of life there in the early 20th century through the experiences of Karen

Kenya gained its full political Independence in 1962. The cities

have expanded rapidly, with huge slums, open drains and a high crime rate. Many tribes, such as the ancient hunter-gatherer Bushmen and Maasai herders, have retained their distinctive traditional lifestyles.

Despite large-scale poaching, Kenya still has an abundance of big game like lions, elephants and rhinos with massive wildebeest migrations on vast savannah grasslands. There is also great scenic beauty in the dramatic Rift Valley, lakes and mountain highlands. Most of northern Kenya is desert.

China is now building new highways and repairing existing roads which had not been maintained since Independence.

Jane Bwye has lived most of her life in Kenya and explained to members of U3A North Coast that despite the changes brought about by Independence, 'life goes on'.

She recalls the resilient, smiling people, their happy greetings and infectious laughter despite the poverty and poor conditions.

Jane has two adult children living in Kenya and still supports a charity which provides micro-finance to assist up-country village women establish small, grass-roots businesses, enabling them to become fully self-supporting.

This is just one of the many interesting talks in the U3A North Coast regular weekly program of meetings, talks and discussion groups at Stirling Leisure Centre, 20 Belvedere Road (off Beach Road) Ham-

New members are most welcome. Call Don Manning on 0419 040 813 for details.

Discover the gardens of Tasmania with Deryn Thorpe next year





Explore the gardens of Tasmania

JOIN garden media personality Deryn Thorpe on a tour of some of Tasmania's most beautiful gardens next October (2022) with Travelrite International.

The tour visits the is-

land's gardens when tulips, spring blossom, rhododendron and peonies are at their peak.

Some of Australia's most spectacular gardens are in Tasmania. The tour includes cottage gardens, vegetable gardens, native gardens and historic woodland gardens. Showstoppers include Old Wesleydale, an 1829 property with historic stone walls surrounding one of the

most beautiful cottage gardens in Australia, Kaydale Lodge with an espaliered pear walk and gardens full of Fritillarias, Erythroniums, Trilliums and daffodils and fields of tulips at Table Cape Farm.

Tree lovers will enjoy Crawleighwood Garden in the Huon Valley where there is a Gondwanan arboretum and many maples in their decorative spring foliage, the Hobart Botanic Garden and Culzean in Westbury where tour members can stroll around a 1.2 hectare lake surrounded by mature trees, some planted in the 1870s, underplanted with masses of daffodils, bluebells and wood anemones.

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She'll provide a wealth of plant and design knowledge on the trip and help tour members work out how to create similar displays in their own back yards.

As well as gardens the tour will visit historic homes, take in inspiring scenery on scenic drives between gardens

and have leisurely lunch stops in quaint historic villages to enjoy some of the Apple Isle's delicious food and wine.

Designed to make travel easy, the tour minimises packing and unpacking with two nights in Devonport, four nights in Launceston and four nights in Hobart where there is a free afternoon for visiting the Tasmanian Art Gallery, MONA (Museum of Old and New Art) or strolling through the streets to view the historic houses of Battery Point.

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They have pledged to convert their entire

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consumer product packaging usage to recycled polyethylene terephthalate (rPET) within the next 12 months. Widely used for packaging and more, polyethylene terephthalate (PET) is a

water, and it's the most recycled plastic world-

So, when the often single-use PET plastic gets recycled, it lessens the pressure for landfill and becomes what's known as rPET. This means that rPET packaging has a much lower carbon footprint than a standard virgin PET bottle.

lightweight plastic commonly used for bottled

The company have significantly reduced the use of cellophane and unnecessary packaging in stores, instead, bundled products are tied with biodegradable twine.

Plastic tamper-proofing for products such as lipsticks are being replaced with paper tamper-

Gift hampers too have a makeover underway, with plastic soon to be scrapped in place of 100 per cent plant based sustainable packaging, using process residues from agricultural tree

Post-consumer recycled packaging is the way to the future. So, watch this space and fingers crossed that the shop will have environmentally friendly gift boxes in time for the Christmas season.

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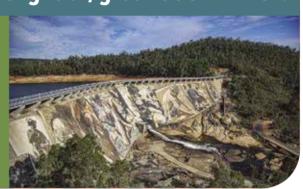


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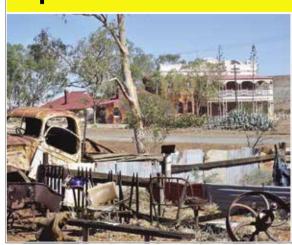




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Fishing for Samson - a powerful fish to catch and tasty to eat



Samsons are not only a tough proposition to catch; they taste okay as well

by Mike Roennfeldt

WHILE often much ma-

ligned for what has been seen as its poor eating quality, our powerful

Samson fish is always challenging to catch and capable of putting on a fight that tests both tackle and angler.

streamlined, muscle bound fish usually hangs out in reefy country and around structures. It is known to grow to around 50kg, although I once saw one at the Abrolhos that must have weighed at least 20kg more than that.

Most times Samsons are accidently caught by anglers chasing other more glamorous bottom species such as snapper or dhufish. So power driven is the fight, that it usually doesn't take experienced anglers more than a few seconds to correctly call a hooked fish for a Sambo.

They don't have any serious teeth and normally just swallow their prey whole. At least a couple of times I've been fishing for skippy and have had hooked fish of around a kilo in weight swallowed by a Samson during the fight. On both occasions the Samson swam around for ten minutes or so while I just hung onto the little spin rod hoping for the best. Each time the Samson coughed up the fish and I was able to wind in a

skippy that was by now a bit the worse for wear.

The accidental nature of most Samson catches turned around a few years ago when big spawning aggregations of the fish were discovered in deep water behind Rottnest. Jigging for these great fish with heavy metal jigs became an almost overnight craze and many a fisho, fishing with a locked drag for the first time, had a taste of what it feels like to be brought to their knees by the brute force of a freshly hooked Samson.

It was a catch and release fishery that lost some of its gloss when the shark population hehind Rotto woke up to what was happening and moved in for an easy feed of hooked fish.

Successful boats like Shikari continued to do well by finding other, smaller aggregations of Sambos that hadn't yet been discovered by the sharks.

Samsons are still about in reasonable numbers off the metro coast and are still keeping anglers honest. And as for their bad reputation for eating quality, that largely came about as a result of some fish being infected by a tiny parasite. While harmless to humans, it turns the flesh to an unattractive mushy texture when cooked. It's something we don't seem to hear much of these days and I've eaten Samsons on numerous occasions.

The best way to cook them I've found, has been to fry thin fillets in batter. Done that way, Samsons are every bit as good as some of our more highly prized fishand-chip species.

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A range of tours and activities is available, including fishing, snorkelling, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, boat hire, 4WD bus trips and Dinner Under the Stars events.

The marine wildlife is nothing short of amazing, with sea turtles, dolphins, dugongs, stingrays, wobbegongs, crayfish, gropers, colourful tropical fish and beautiful coral formations. Whales visit the islands during their migration and calving season in July and August and they are a magnificent sight. Bird watching is also a popular activity, and at night you'll see the sky light up with millions of stars.

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L-R; Katanning is located south of Perth - The newly renovated Premier Mill Hotel in Katanning - rabbit proof fence

by Allen Newton

KATANNING isn't the first WA tourism destination that comes to mind.

The town, in the heart of the Great Southern region, first settled by Europeans with the arrival of the Great Southern Railway in 1889, has established itself as a rural hub for crop and livestock farming, but it also has plenty to offer the curious traveller.

That's particularly the case since the crumbling 127-year-old Katanning flour mill was given a twoyear multi-million-dollar restoration and opened as the luxury Premier Mill Hotel in 2018.

It's become very much the focus for an inland Great Southern tourism experience - and as part of that experience has developed a series of oneday tours, based around Katanning to highlight the region's beauty, industry and history.

The hotel has created several beautiful little booklets which guests are free to take from their rooms. They outline various aspects of the hotel's history, a guide to the Great Southern's wine region, a printed map of the day tours, and the hotel services.

They can also be found online at premiermillhotel. com/our-trails.

The day tours are a fabulous way to get a better understanding of this lesser-known region of WA, particularly while travel to other states and overseas is restricted.

The hotel is certainly a stylish spot to base yourself for a few days to get out and about with trips that offer insights into the region's Noongar history, Lake Dumbleyung, Castle Rock's Skywalk with its fabulous views over the mountains, the more than 90 world class wineries in the region and of course, Bluff Knoll, one of the rare places in the state that gets a smattering of snow.

Discover Katanning is the first tour on the list and it makes sense to get to know a little about the town where you are based with either a walk, cycle or drive.

This takes in the local historical sites including the museum and arts centre, along with Kobeelva House, an extravagant property overlooking Katanning, built in 1902 and now used as a conference centre and retreat, and the ruins of the Piesse family vinevard.

There's also a nod to the town's multicultural nature with its mosque; to leisure where an impressive building is one of the biggest single span structures in the Southern Hemisphere; an all-ages playground and the largest undercover sheep saleyards in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Coast Less Travelled is a drive to Bremer Bay and its beautiful beaches, skirting the north-eastern edge of the Stirling Ranges through Gnowangerup and Borden, taking in the rural landscape set against the ancient mountains. It explores the Goreng Noongar country and some of the more recent European history at Peppermint Grove where the first house built in the region stands among a group of faithfully restored buildings from the 1800s.

The Mountain Wine Trail takes in the spectacular Porongurup Mountains with its surrounding farmland and unique habitat for flora with 10 species of plant found nowhere else and fauna that are relics

from Gondwanaland.

The region has also developed a spectacular reputation for its cool climate wines, in particular Riesling, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Many of the wineries here offer lunch to accompany their wine tastings.

The Eastern Waterholes takes in a circular from Katanning route through Broomehill, Gnowangerup, Ongerup, Pingrup, Nyabing and Badgebup before returning to Katanning.

Highlights of the journev include the start of the Holland Track which early gold miners used to make their way to Coolgardie, the heritage buildings of Gnowangerup, including the open-air farm machinery museum and Noongar heritage museum, the Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre for the endangered birds, and the pink Chinocup lake

system. A Track Back in Time heads to Kojonup and its award-winning Kodia Place, an interactive visitor centre that blends the heritage of the Noongar people and the history of

the pastoral families who opened up the land, then to Carrolup which gave birth to the unique art of the Carrolup kids and to Lake Dumbleyung where in 1964 Donald Campbell travelled at 444km per hour to break the world water speed record.

The River Wine Trail is a half-day drive that explores the wine country of Frankland River and crosses paths with explorer Thomas Braidwood Wilson whose reports on the area encouraged settlers to move there in the late 1850s.

A Stirling Mountain Drive focuses on the splendid Stirling Ranges and spectacular views and takes in the history of the region including the Lily Windmill, one of the biggest traditional windmills built in Australia and the only operational flour-producing windmill on mainland Australia.

A Day in King George Sound heads south to the port of Albany, the first European settlement in Western Australia. It was settled in 1826 by Major Edmund Lockyer, aboard the brig Amity. He claimed

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The drive to Albany takes in the town of Mount Barker with its Federation era buildings and once in Albany visits the National Anzac Centre, and the rugged splendour of Torndirrup National Park.

An Outback Mission takes in some of Australia's famous rabbit-proof fence as it heads northeast through Dumbleyung, Dudinin, Jatarn-ing, Kulin, Lake Grace and Kukerin before heading back to Katanning.

Historic buildings, rolling wheatbelt fields. and the Tin Horse Highway with its humorous sculptures in paddocks mark the journey.

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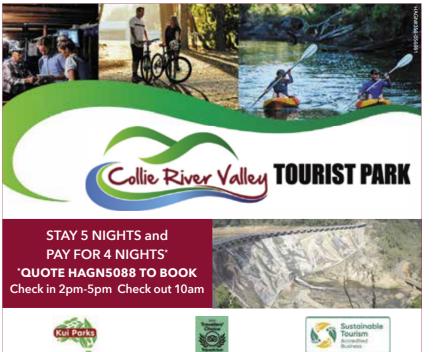
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We are tempted with bike riding, bird watchcountry walks, city strolls, open-water swims, horse racing and

as arts and culture.

A great bonus for Perth tourists is being less than two hours (175km) by car - or a country train ride which will excite the kids and grandies. The South Western Railway dates from 1893.

It's not too big an outing stretch for families to make Bunbury a full day expedition. The region has enough appeal to occupy visitors for many days.

There are bike rides in all directions. From the city, a redeveloped bicycle route takes cyclists all the way to Australind.

on Bunbury's doorstep, flocks of birds are easily observed, especially on early mornings and early evenings. A mob of roos grazes on a waterside property.

Nearly a dozen protected birdwatching sanctuaries, within short distances from the city, are available to the viewing public. Big Swamp is a two-minute drive from the CBD and, with wheelchair-friendly path, allows visitors to observe 100 recorded bird species, including raptors and swans.

. Leschenault Peninsula Conservation Park separates the ocean from the 13.5km estuary which collects water from the Preston and Collie Rivers. Up to 2,000 black swans at one time have gathered at the estuary which can be observed through a telescope provided there.

Visitors don't have to be bird experts to relish the flourishing natural world that wraps the region. There's the popular Bunbury Wildlife Park,

French explorer Captain Louis de Freycinet, mineral discoveries and widespread farming, the port is predicted to have a far bigger role in the State's trade. Keeping up with the times, the region also in-

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Greater Bunbury embraces the City of Bunbury and the shires of Capel, Dardanup, and Harvey and extends between Yarloop in the north, Boyanup to the south and Capel to the South-West.

With its population going into the 80,000s, Bunbury retains its appeal to incoming families and hobby farmers seeking sea-change and tree-change, but also as a holiday and shopping destination for South-West residents.

Few travellers can pass fabulous Bunbury Markets without stopping for provisions, especially fresh local produce to take home and for sumptuous, healthy holiday snacks.

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Take a drive down to Donnybrook - it'll be the apple of your eye





Left to right; Bridge over tranquil waters - Restored beauties

by Lee Tate

APPLES may be the core activity around Donnybrook but a bit of digging reveals a history extending from a goldrush to Australia's biggest free playground.

Donnybrook beckons with its natural environment, rural lifestyle and restful countryside. Even a day in and around the town reinforces the pleasures of taking a break from city life.

Just over two hours motoring from Perth makes Donnybrook an

ideal distance for both quick and leisurely getaways with the kids or grandkids and there's plenty of attractions for everyone once you get

Weekend in Donnybrook opens the opportunity to go further afield with the town the ideal distance to serve as a springboard to other quaint country towns.

Donnybrook, long-time home to Noongar Aboriginals, was settled by Europeans around 1842 when George Nash and others moved to the area.

Stunning forests, winding rivers, rolling hills, vineyards and lush orchards are listed among the shire's appeal. But, for the kids, there's much

Apple Fun Park was declared to be the biggest, free playground in Australia. Opened in Easter 2008, the playground, in the heart of Donnybrook, was upgraded in 2019 when the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup secured \$1.5 million under the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund. Revitalised, it was

officially re-opened recently.

The playground certainly makes a statement with an eight-metre-high apple-crate tower, treetop suspension rope tunnels, speed-spiral tube slide and curly apple peel tube

There are 26 shade sails, 125 extra play activities including swings, trampolines, double cableway, little train-track, giant hamster wheel and more than 50 activities for under five-year-olds

Donnybrook may be Irish for melee but WA's town of Donnybrook is peaceful and orderly. Donnybrook was founded by hard-living, hard-work-

ing Irishmen and women

who named the town in

1894 after a Dublin sub-

urb. Part of the town is

known as Irishtown. In 1898, the town's population was just 430, comprising 294 men and 136 women.

But that was about to change because what they found, among the rolling hills and rural beauty, was a region rich in soil, including gold, just several kilometres from the town centre. And for a few years, the area had a glorious goldrush.

Thanks to Richard Hunter's gold discovery in 1897, the government made provision for a town to be called "Goldtown". By 1901, 200 miners were camped on the goldfields but gold dribbled out in 1903 and the Hunters Venture goldmine closed.

While some fortunate souls cashed-up with proceeds from the yellow metal, seeds were being planted for a more widespread and enduring

industry.
In 1900, the first Granny Smith apple tree was planted and, after World War I, it branched out to become an orchard industry. Donnybrook became the apple capital of Western Australia.

The town introduced apple-shaped lights on the main street, at the entrance of the delightful Old Railway Station. Atop the east Donnybrook hill went a 20m-high apple-topped tower. An apple became the symbol of The Big Apple Farmstay (the former Big Apple Tourist and Wildlife

There's a seven-metre-tall, fibreglass Lady Williams big apple, declared as "one of Australia's big things." And why

In 2005, Mark Mc-Gowan opened a 60m timber and steel pedestrian bridge over the picturesque Preston River.

The centrepiece of a \$1.5 million Preston River Community Park Redevelopment Project serves as a link between the east and west sides of the Donnybrook townsites. What followed were the Preston River walk trail. Lions sandhills walk trail and Lions forest walk trail.

The town also became known for its English oak trees including Australia's largest known English oak, planted in 1893 and with a time capsule placed under it.

For tourists, apples are harvested between March and May and prominently display their blossoms in October. Today, avocado trees are replacing many apple trees and more grapes are being planted for wine-making.

Donnybrook continues to evolve

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away exercises Specific have been shown to reduce back pain by up to 30 per cent. Often when an individual gets a back spasm or acute low back pain, he or she will decide to reduce their amount of movement: this is wrong. All the research into low back pain suggests the opposite. Individualised exercises are given that do not provoke more pain. Importantly, a subsequent appointment should be made with a physiotheranist so the exercises can be progressed.

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by 30 per cent, leading to an impproved quality of life.

Any exercise should be completed in a safe manner, for example in front of a sturdy chair or table. Some exercises that can be competed in your comfort of your home include:

- · A stationary march
- Sit to stand (off a chair)
- · Standing hip extension (moving leg backwards in a standing position)
- · Side leg raises (moving leg out to side in a standing position)
- Single leg stand (with
- something in front of you) Arm/chest stretch (arms) forward with hands together)

- · Tricep stretch (by putting your bent arm behind your body when sitting and applying a downward force with the other hand to your elbow)
- Quadricep stretch (holding onto a chair, and bending one knee holding onto the ankle)
- Calf stretch (keeping the knees straight, push against a wall)

These exercises are just a guide and have not been individually recommended for you. Phone 9203 7771 to make an appointment with Robert and Jeff today for your individualised exercise program at 291 Warwick Road, Greenwood, www. ngp.net.au, 9203 7771.

Home is where the heart is for Dolly and Ken Weaver



Ken and Dolly Weaver

WITH a schedule that rivals the most active millennial, Dolly Weaver 88, might just be one of Western Australia's busiest seniors.

The octogenarian's weekly itinerary includes a part-time job, going to the gym, spending time with family and friends, shopping, visiting her church, knitting, cooking and gardening.

Dolly is also the primary carer for her husband of 66 years Kenneth, who lives with dementia.

The couple are determined neither age nor health challenges will force them to live apart. so they have engaged Baptistcare to provide home

Having a dedicated support worker visit two days per week allows Kenneth to remain in familiar surroundings with the many treasured items he has collected over the years.

It also gives Dolly peace of mind knowing her beloved husband is in good hands while she gets out and about pursuing her favourite hobbies and church activities.

Dolly said while getting help with household chores and gardening has been wonderful, the support and friendship extended to Kenneth during their support worker's visits has been life changing.

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ARTHRITIS is painful inflammation and stiffness of the joints. Inflammation is part of the body's natural response to protect joints from damaged cells; to remove irritants and infection - but also to start the healing process.

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Research now shows that the body heals itself via the migration of adult stem cells from the bone marrow. Providing they can get to the tissue, adult stem cells can become new bone cells and cartilage cells. They have also been linked with an increase of lubricin (a protein found in joint fluid that acts like a shock absorber).

As we age our stem cells migration naturally declines. By age 50 it has reduced by 50 per cent and by age 65 you only have about 10 per cent of the number of stem cells you had in your bloodstream when you were 25.

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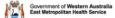
What does it involve?
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- ► Flexibility to fit clinic appointments into your
- personal schedule. Some reimbursement for any reasonable travel
- and parking expenses associated with project



If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, please contact the study coordinator for more info Royal Perth Hospital Study Coordinator, Louise Woodhams 0422 410 206, louise.woodhams@postgrad.curtin.edu.au

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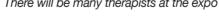
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The speaker program of 14 seminars and workshops is free with admission and will also be live streamed on zoom.

At the Expo visitors can consult with health practitioners, sample nutritional supplements, shop eco-friendly products and Christmas gifts for home and personal care. There is delicious healthy vegan friendly food as well as Himalayan momos and chai available at the Main Stage Café. There are plenty of healthy activities for kids including glitter tattoos and storytelling.

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Melville is an age-friendly city and that in-turn makes it friendly for everyone

older people as they age.

niors regularly attend city

fitness classes," says Ms

Young. "And more than

1500 attended free out-

door classes called Fit-

An unusual innovation

is a weekly quiet hour at

Melville Plaza shopping

centre. This provides a

low-sensory shopping

experience for people

living with dementia or

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"Seven thousand se-





City of Melville's director community development, Christine Young - Active in the Park offers free fitness classes

by Frank Smith

FEW cities were designed to be age-friendly, but many throughout the world are trying to become age-friendly, with varying amounts of success.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has drawn up a checklist of age-friendly city features including maintenance of well-lit, safe and attractive public areas, nonslip pavements, accessible buildings, affordable public transport, suitable housing and opportunities for social participation.

WHO says age-friendly environments are free from physical and social barriers and supported by policies, systems,

services, products and technologies that promote health and build and maintain physical and mental capacity across the life course and enable people to continue to do the things they value as they age.

The City of Melville joined the WHO global network of age-friendly cities and communities in 2007 as one of the pilot cities of the project. Since then, it has developed the four major priorities of community transport and health services, transportation, housing and communication and information in ways that resonate with seniors.

Director community development, Christine Young says the city's age-friendly policy was drawn up following extensive consultation with residents and community groups from diverse backgrounds.

"We target hard-tocontact groups, such as the large Chinese community, to involve as many people as possible." she said.

From these residents the city established a community reference group to advise the council

Key achievements include Melville's Fit for Life campaign to support people over 55 to exercise and maintain their health and independence. The city also subsidises gym membership; the fees decrease the older the member, to reduce the drop out of

tomers and free fruit is on offer.

"Melville has the sec-

tered on to support cus-

"Melville has the second largest number of people living with dementia who still live at home. We support local businesses to improve accessibility and help them train retail staff to become age and dementia friendly.

"Other shopping centres have expressed interest in following suite."

For people living with dementia and their carers Melville has instituted monthly memory cafés.

"There are 15 to 20 memory cafés. It is the place people go to when first diagnosed with dementia. It helps them remain socially engaged and feel they are still part of the world," she said.

Melville also supports 'ageing in place' initiatives and works to raise older people's awareness about housing choices and affordable housing options. A Housing Decisions Toolkit for Older People has also been designed.

Other innovations include bin pull. Truck drivers fetch out rubbish bins for elderly and disabled residents.

The city library stocks large print books, runs

digital literacy classes and delivers books to homes on request.

The city partners with transport providers to deliver transport information and solutions and identifies the specific transport gaps and requirements of older people. It designs and maintains pedestrian infrastructure to improve walkability.

"Evaluating what we have achieved is part of the age-friendly city model. Melville has received overwhelmingly positive responses from local government surveys, she said.

Becoming age friendly must come with some

cost to ratepayers.

"The cost of becoming age-friendly involves a

backgrounds and the city's age-friendly policies are designed to help everyone participate fully in the community.

whole range of services.

It has involved no ex-

tra staff but just ways of

working differently, train-

Ms Young says Melville

wants older people to

feel that they matter, be-

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"Making the city age friendly makes it friendly for everyone," said Ms Young.





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Karrinyup Shopping Centre's Loop offers a range of stores not seen before in Perth









A selection of pieces from Coco Republic at the new-look Karrinyup Shopping Centre



by Zofia St James

HAPPY November. I love the feel of November; not just because it's my birthday month but that vibe that starts to creep in and joyfully announces that spring has arrived as the jacarandas bloom in all their lavender glory. You can feel the warmth in your bones and excitement in the air. Nothing motivates you more than knowing there looms the date for which you had promised yourself the need to get 'stuff' done by. You all know what that is, I am sure.

As most of you may be aware, Karrinyup Shopping Centre has reached yet another milestone in their major redevelopment and unveiled a whole new section referred to as The Loop.

While the new section boasts a variety of amazing stores and a number of which you would be already familiar with, there is one that I am extremely happy to see come to our shores. That is Coco Republic.

The furniture is of a classic contemporary aesthetic and perfect for those who want a whole new feel and look, or pieces that would give some of your more treasured and traditional furnishings a more modern feel.

I was thrilled with what

I saw and felt they offer a different point of reference to what's been available here in WA for a while.

In addition to being able to peruse a beautiful range of furniture, accessories, lamps, bedding and outdoor furniture, you can ponder your decorating decisions over lunch and a cocktail in the gorgeous cafe/bar they have opened to accompany the whole experience.

Next month I have been invited back for an interview and cocktail with Jordan, the regional manager for Australia and New Zealand, who has temporarily relocated and had the mammoth task of establishing Coco Republic here in Perth.

I look forward to being personally walked through the new range that arrives shortly. I will bring you my impressions of what are the real stand outs for me.

I took only a couple of quick trips around the loop but I must say I was impressed.

The new Adairs store,

Bed Bath and Table, Myer, David Jones and all the other retail outlets and cafés give the north

side of the city a shop-

ping centre that really

does have everything

you could want or need.

But take a compass with you, if like me, your sense of direction fails dismally, even after a few visits.

Now that we have a new season remember to pack away the coats and heavy quilts and any reminder of winter, open the windows and refresh your interiors with the feelingof spring.

How about a makeover for your bedroom and ensuite? Take a peek at the new seasons looks in Adairs and treat yourself to a new quilt cover set in colours that sing and towels that breathe new life into your rooms.

Nothing makes you smile more than having something new to wear or enjoy looking at every

Thank you everyone for your calls. I take a lot of pleasure in being able to assist pointing you in the direction of what you desire to accomplish.

Have a wonderful month ahead.

Zofia offers an interior style consultation for readers and a free over the phone or video call consult. She can assist with de-cluttering, restyling, choosing furniture and personal styling. For those interested in a free styling opportunity please contact Zofia on 0406 336 607 or email zofiast james@hotmail.com

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You are part of the 'Baby Boomer Generation', one of a growing number of singles and couples who don't feel as safe or free as they should. Many baby boomers and early retirees would also love to have enough spare cash to be able to 'lock and leave' for holidays or 'live and play' with extra cash to fund a better lifestyle.



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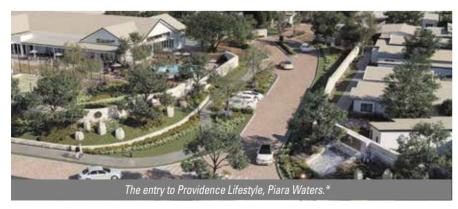
Imagine life in a brand new, secure, and carefree lifestyle resort! A place where you feel a sense of belonging, but where you own you own home and maintain your individuality and privacy.

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A prime location

Piara Waters Lifestyle Resort is just two minutes from the Harrisdale shopping centre, five minutes from Cockburn central and 400 meters from the CY O'Connor bar and bistro. It is only a 20-minute drive to the city but is surrounded by many parks and tourist destinations.

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Stage 1 - Early bird VIP buyer benefits

31 house and landscape packages priced between \$289k and \$529k are available and include one, two and three-bedroom designs. Stage 1 homes will be available in February and March giving you time to plan ahead.

The Lake House, positioned within a landscaped wetland, will provide facilities for the Resorts first homeowners, and the main Clubhouse will soon follow.



Early bird buyers in Stage 1 will enjoy zero weekly fees until the main Clubhouse is completed, as well as saving approximately \$20,000 on Stage 2 prices. Now is a great time, during this buoyant market, to sell the family home! Some of our early bird buyers have sold their family home for more than their asking price to secure



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Move into beautiful Hilltop Grove Estate within 12 months



Hilltop Grove Estate

TO celebrate the last remaining three lots on offer, purchasers can choose either a \$5000 rent rebate while the home gets built or a floor covering/window treatment package valued at \$5000.

Purchasers at Hilltop Grove Estate will also receive an impressive \$5000 grant to go towards a landscaping package and all the advice from the expert garden guru (6PR's) our very own Sue MacDougall. Sue is a qualified horticulturist and landscape architect and has been proudly nominated the Ambassador for

the Hilltop Grove Estate in Mundaring.

Sue said: "It is a wonderful place to live and so close to the unique Mundaring community."

Every backyard has the common property of retained bushland and every garden has access to this treasured outdoor space, there is even an established environmental garden with edible plants.

Great Living Homes are building some innovative homes up at the estate and are well worth your time exploring. Design your home on your lot at Hilltop and enjoy it being 100 per cent yours in the freehold 55+ estate.

Recent changes to the real estate market in the Perth Hills reflect a wider trend in the Perth metro area. In short the market is still heating up.

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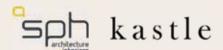


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Sight impaired volunteer heroes at SwanCare Bentley



Jenny and Trevor Dawson

THE moment you meet Trevor and Jenny Dawson, you are struck by their approachability and intelligence. But there's more to them than you may think.

They give much of their time to help others who, like them, are vision impaired

Trevor had been asked to mentor Jenny when he

worked at the CBA Bank and their relationship bloomed. In 1984 they were married and later went to live on a half-acre block in Roleystone with their two boys.

Upon Trevor's retirement they decided to make the move to Swan-Care.

"If you haven't got good eyesight, it's really important to move while you are competent enough to learn a new area," said Jenny. "SwanCare was one of the few places we visited. The transport is great here and the care facilities are on the campus."

When Trevor and Jenny moved to SwanCare six years ago, one of the first things they did was to form a support group for the vision impaired. Recently they have extended this initiative to visiting those at the SwanCare Residential Aged Care Centres, with some residents fearing the future of their eyesight.

With help from others, Trevor plays lawn bowls at the village and Jenny likes to take part in line dancing. They have both made wonderful friends and give special thanks to those that help them along the way.

Downsize to a refreshing lifestyle on the coast



DOWNSIZING provides the opportunity to enjoy a new stage in life and there is nothing better than enjoying this by the coast.

Sunset Beach Lifestyle Village is a fresh new development for the over 55s on the edge of Geraldton.

This premium coastal pocket in the Mid-West will host 80 homes with a range of exclusive designs reflective of the location.

Development Solutions is behind the project with director Craig Gemmill highlighting the coastal de-

sign selections for buyers including the Abrolhos, Batavia and Coral designs, offering centrally located kitchens and wide open spaces.

Publicly listed accommodation provider Fleetwood Housing Solutions were chosen for their logistical capability and ability to deliver homes on time and on budget.

Mr Gemmill said that the beach side location was a strong selling point along with its planned community facilities.

"The village has been crafted with active living in mind and to complement the Geraldton community which has a thriving population of those seeking lifestyle changes," he said.

"It will attract people who want to live by the beach, own a dog and have a lock up and leave lifestyle.

"I think Covid-19 got a lot of people thinking about their lifestyle options and it's warm in Geraldton, our community will be 500 metres from the beach and I think people will really embrace it."

The Sunset Beach Lifestyle Village display homes start from \$195,000 with a \$1000 deposit.

Interested people can view display homes on Saturday and Sundays from 1pm - 5pm at 18 Bosley Street, Sunset Beach.

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Wheelchairs for Kids celebrate their 50,000th wheelchair







Premier Mark McGowan officially opens the factory in Wangara - One of the wheelchairs ready for shipment - The purpose-built factory is a hive of activity

by Jennifer Merigan

THERE is no better example of the power of retirees working to change lives than the Wheelchairs for Kids story.

An initiative of Rotary Scarborough and headed up by Christian Brother's Olly Pickett AM since 1998, they have manufactured more than 50,000 wheelchairs

The band of around 250 merry volunteers are making a huge difference to the lives of children and their families one wheelchair at a time.

They are designed as a rough terrain chair adaptable for a variety of terrains and conforming to World Health Organisation standards.

Over the years they have modified the design of the wheelchair nine times and now have a fully adjustable wheelchair with spoked self-propelling wheels. rims and removable table. The chairs can adjust to children's growth and changing needs.

The wheelchairs have been sent to some of the poorest countries across the world with 27,908 chairs sent to Asia and the Pacific, 22,084 sent to Europe, the Middle East and Africa, and eight to the Americas.

More than 100,000 beautifully coloured rugs and soft toys accompany the chairs. These have been made by skilful volunteer knitters, sewers and crocheters.

On a rainy Perth October day more than 600 people came together to celebrate the 50,000th milestone achievement along with officially opening the state-ofthe art factory at 10, Buckingham Drive in Wangara.

The purpose-built workshop is a well-oiled machine which will provide a supply chain for production in the years ahead.

A village of volunteers have responded to the needs of children and families they will never meet and never know.

Premier Mark McGowan

was the special guest at the festivities and spoke of the dedication from so many people who work to provide freedom and mobility for disadvantaged children across the world.

"The craftsmanship involved in these wheelchairs is quite remarkable. They are the Landrover of wheelchairs.

"What this does is make the lives of these children a little bit easier," he said.

"The volunteer force of this organisation uses skills they may have generated in their working life or new skills they have developed here, using their abilities and time for a greater purpose.

"I am very inspired by each and every one of the 250 volunteers who work here, and I thank everyone of you," said the Premier.

There is a lengthy waitlist for volunteering opportunities for the organisation but donations are always welcome.

Find out more at www. wheelchairsforkids.org.

Perron Institute is proud of their volunteers and you can join too



Perron Institute volunteer Isaac Barry

PERRON Institute CEO Steve Arnott says every person's contribution to the Perron Institute community is unique and valuable.

"We're committed to providing our people with great opportunities and the Institute is fortunate to have such committed and community minded volunteers as part of our program," he said.

"Our volunteers are a friendly face of the Institute, here to take extra care of our patients and their carers; to help make their day easier at our specialist neurological treatment clinics."

Operations manager, Ann Convery says people volunteer for different reasons.

"The Institute understands this and we aim to fulfil the various goals of our wonderful volunteers," she said.

Postgraduate neuroscience student Isaac Barry joined the Perron Institute's volunteer team recently.

Isaac is currently undertaking his Masters of Neuroscience at the University of Western Australia, having last year completed his Bachelor of Biomedical Science (majoring in human biology) at Edith Cowan University.

Isaac's decision to study Biomed was influenced by a history of neurodegenerative diseases within his family. When his brother was diagnosed with epilepsy, Isaac wanted to understand why brain circuity can misfire or short circuit, and this was a factor in his decision to undertake postgraduate studies in neuroscience.

In future, Isaac would like to work in a lab or as a microbiologist. His long-term goal is to lead his own research team, potentially in transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), a non-invasive therapy used for depression and neurological conditions. He first saw a TMS machine at ECU and was intrigued by the potential application of guiding neuronal (brain cell) growth and creating new pathways.

"I'm fascinated by the brain and how it works. It's complex, and there's so much that is overlapping and interconnected.

"I'm honoured to be surrounded by inspiring minds at both the Perron Institute and UWA. I have thought-provoking lecturers such as Associate Professors Stuart Hodgetts and Wilhelmina (Helmy) Mulders, and I have already learned so much.

"I'm interested in neurodiversity and how neurodevelopmental syndromes develop. I hope I can make a valuable contribution in the future.'

Isaac has previously volunteered at St Vincent de Paul and continues to volunteer at Autism WA. In his spare time, he enjoys drawing and playing basketball and chess.

Volunteering at Perron Institute.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer at the Perron Institute for Neurological and Translational Science in Nedlands, please email reception@perron.uwa.edu.au.



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New way for people with disability to get information about Assistive Technology



A FREE assistive technology (AT) portal designed to help people with disability across Australia store their AT information, get specialised peer support, and build their knowledge, is being launched today by AT Chat.

AT Chat is an Independent Living Assessment initiative that creates peer-led information and peer support to help increase the confidence of people with disabilities to make AT decisions. Over the past four years, AT Chat has grown to a

community of more than 5000 people with disabilities around Australia who share their lived experience and knowledge of AT.

The World Health Organisation defines assistive technology (AT) as products or systems that enable a person to perform tasks they would otherwise be unable to do, or which increases the ease and safety with which tasks can be performed.

It can be difficult for people to find impartial information to make AT decisions, so AT Chat co-designed the AT Portal with members of the disability community to help them navigate the

complex world of selecting AT.

The AT Portal is the central hub where people with disabilities can search through more than 15,000 products via the National Equipment Database (NED) and store the information about the make, model, and service schedule of each piece of technology.

People with disabilities can also connect with AT Navigators who will answer their questions, research information, and provide a solution guide to help them reach their goals. The Navigators are expert AT users with specialised training from a health professional. They are dedicated to utilising

their lived experience with disability to support their peers.

AT Navigator, Martin Duff said working with AT Chat was a wonderful opportunity to share his experience with others about how AT shaped his life.

"AT has made such a big impact on me, so guiding people to find the right AT fit that suited them, was a challenge I was excited to be a part of," he said.

The co-design journey of the AT Portal and Navigator service began more than three years ago and involved hundreds of people with disabilities and AT Chat's research partner Dr Natasha Lay-

ton (WHO, Monash University).

AT Chat's co-design ethos ensured the that portal, and the Navigator service are a holistic, person focused, AT decision-making support model that is based on three building blocks of evidence: co-design, a peer support model and research.

Famous AT Chat community member and paralympian Elizabeth Edmondson said she was looking forward to setting up her AT Portal to stay in touch with her peers and find out about the latest technology.

"The Portal will help me connect with the AT community by having a onestop-shop for what I need and other ideas for what I didn't know I needed."

Together, with the AT Portal, the new e-Learning platform AT Discover will provide the community with a place to learn from peer-led modules. The e-Learning tool will provide users' the opportunity to learn more about a range of AT topics at their own pace.

The AT Portal, navigators and the e-Learning platform will offer people with disabilities a free space to journey, navigate, and discover the world of AT, and build their capacity to make informed decisions.

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Shane spends time collecting cans and bottles, removing lids and giving them a quick rinse in soapy water. They then sort the containers into bags and deliver them to the local refund point. Shane absolutely loves the whole process and with on-going support from Mick and the Mosaic team he plans to do more work with his local community.

Whatever you want in your life – more independence, new friends, your own home, a new hobby or a job – the team at Mosaic are here to provide support and a solution that works for you. You can contact them on 9314 8900 or visit mosaic.org.au to discover how they can help you live the life you want.

Service for safe and accessible transport for last wishes



ST John WA has donated one of its decommissioned ambulances to Ambulance Wish Western Australia, a recently established charity that aims to provide meaningful and positive end-of-life experiences for terminally ill, immobile Western Australians.

Coined the Wish Ambulance, the vehicle donated by St John WA supports fulfilling the last wish of terminally ill patients by providing the safe and accessible transport required to get immobile patients to their wish destination.

As the first ambulance secured by the charity,

the donation from St John WA marked a meaningful milestone in Ambulance Wish WA's Western Australian operations, allowing the charity to officially commence offering its services. Ambulance Wish WA anticipates the Wish Ambulance can provide about 350 final wishes each year.

St John WA CEO, Michelle Fyfe said the donation acts as an extension of St John WA's commitment to caring for the Western Australian community.

"Each and every day the staff and volunteers at St John WA support the Western Australian community with their healthcare needs — be it routine or emergency services. The donation of our decommissioned ambulance to Ambulance Wish WA acts as an extension of our care and commitment to supporting patients and the wider Western Australian community," Ms Fyfe said.

"We anticipate the Wish Ambulance will support hundreds of Western Australians in living out their final wish through meaningful and positive end-oflife experiences. These priceless experiences provide comfort not only to the patients, but also their families by knowing they have supported fulfilling their loved one's dream," she said.

Ambulance Wish WA Chair, Susie Wilson said the generous donation from St John WA will support countless final wishes for Western Australians.

"The Wish Ambulance generously donated by St John WA will enable us to make a difference by customising and honouring wishes without the burden of mobility and transport restrictions. Through our service, we aim to celebrate a person's life and bring comfort to those closest to them – acknowledging that great care includes physical, mental, spiritual support, which often extends beyond the terminally ill patient," Mrs Wilson said.

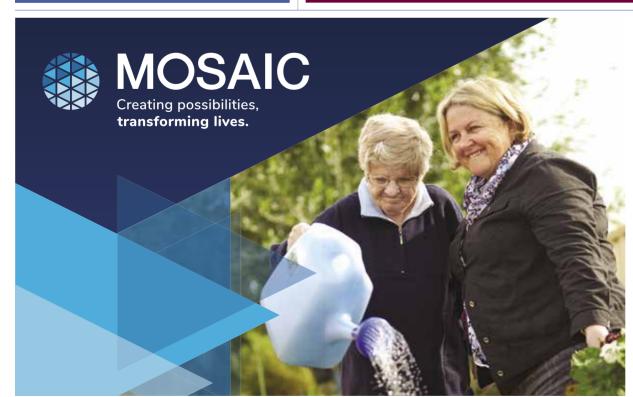
Ambulance Wish WA expects to open bookings for its Final Wish services this month. For more information on Ambulance Wish WA, visit: www.ambu lancewishwa.org.au/



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Celebrating International Volunteer Day 5 December

Late retirement results in less volunteer work undertaken by retirees



Flinders University's senior lecturer Business Economics College of Business, Government and Law, Dr Rong Zhu

by Frank Smith

THE age at which Australians become eligible to receive an aged pension is set to increase to 67 by 2023.

This will have unfortunate consequences for the number of people doing volunteer work in their retirement says Dr Rong Zhu a business economics lecturer at Flinders University.

Every year about six million Australian volunteers contribute more than 500 million hours of unpaid work for community and not-for-profit organisations, environmental and charitable activities.

Australian Bureau of Statistics estimated the value of all this unpaid work at more than A\$17 billion in 2012-3 financial year

Volunteering not only makes a major contribution to the active functioning and productivity of these vital groups but also contributes to a healthy, active and community involved retirement for older people and their families.

Dr Zhu used data from the Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey. He found ongoing changes to increase pension eligibility ages for the Australian Age Pension is prolonging working lives and causing an unintended and undesirable shrinkage in the valuable volunteer workforce.

"While examining the impact of retirement on the supply of volunteer labour, we see that retirement, as a discrete change in lifestyle, leads to increased voluntary work among both older Australian men and women," he said.

"However, the duration of retirement was found to increase volunteer labour supply of females only.

"Older people's retirement also impacts positively on the volunteer behaviour of their family members.

"All of these are important avenues for greater personal and community wellbeing and the advantages that prolonging working lives can impact," he says.

Australia has no compulsory retirement age, but most people see eligibility for the pension as a trigger to give up full time work. Over 70 per cent of older people in Australia are eligible to receive an age pension based on their income and assets, of these about two-thirds receive full benefits.

When the Age Pension was introduced in 1908, the qualifying age threshold was 65 for both men and women. It was soon reduced to 60 for women in 1910. Eligibility ages for men and women remained unchanged until July 1995, when the age threshold for women gradually increased, reaching 65, the same as men,

in 2014.

From July 2017, the qualifying age for both genders started rising again by six months every two years until reaching 67 years of age in July 2023.

Life expectancy has increased in most countries. To relieve the financial burden of publicly funded pension schemes, many governments have extended the compulsory age thresholds for pension-related entitlements.

Most countries are in the process of raising their retirement age to 67 or 68. The major exceptions are retirement in the UAE at 49 and India at 50

However, policies aiming at prolonging working lives and increasing workforce participation are not without costs.

Doctor Zhu says policymakers need to consider the trade-offs between the market and non-market labour supply of the elderly population.

Pensioners who have recently left paid work often have ample free time and many of them are potentially part of the volunteer workforce. Policymakers could provide them with economic incentives, information on opportunities and an understanding of the benefits of voluntary work.

Volunteering work is in the interests of both the seniors themselves and the welfare of the wider society, said Dr Zhu.

The research was published recently in the *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.

Looking to make a difference in your community?

EDCONNECT Australia trains and support volunteers to work in local schools, providing a safety net for young people – in school and life. They are Australia's only intergenerational volunteering organisation which operates within both primary and secondary schools.

"I started volunteering because I really needed some young people in my life. I always felt it was very worthwhile thing to do when you aren't working. By volunteering you find a purpose, you get a lot from the people you volunteer

with. It's enriched my life," said Sue Jacobs, volunteer at Hilton Primary School.

The impact on students is immense, with participating schools reporting that 98 per cent of students in the program have improved social skills, 99 per cent improvement in self-esteem and 96.5 per cent improvement in concentration.

"I think the benefits flow both ways. The volunteers bring a breadth of experience so our students feel very comfortable. They often ask if the volunteers are coming.

For the volunteers there is a great sense of purpose because maybe for that child, for that day, having that person is the one thing that makes them smile and allows them feel much more comfortable, and competent, and confident at school," said Steve Routledge, principal at Spring Hill Primary School.

For more information or to start your application, visit www.edcon nect.org.au or call 1300 668 550.





Volunteers play an integral role in much-needed City of Perth services including the Citiplace Community Centre, the Access and Inclusion and LGBTQIA+ Advisory Groups, Heritage Perth and the iCity Visitor Service.

The volunteer team are invaluable to the City, its visitors and the local community. As such, the City of Perth would like to thank the volunteers for their time, energy and incredible commitment in 2021.

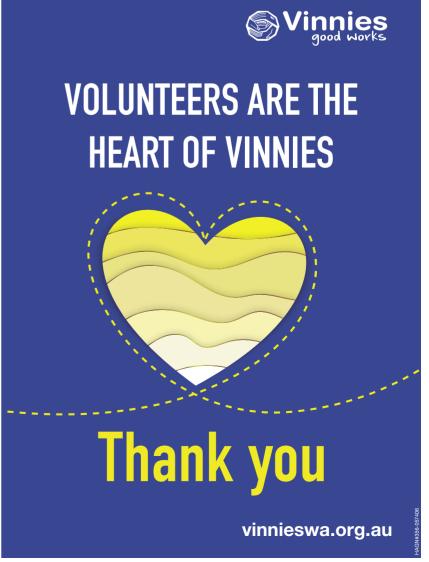
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Celebrating International Volunteer Day 5 December

Charity celebrates 40 years of community care



Left to right; City of Stirling Mayor, Mark Irwin, Kachie Taylor and Cassi Richardson - Wendy Gardner and City of Stirling Mayor, Mark Irwin

by Jennifer Merigan

THERE are a variety of charities which provide community support throughout Western Australia which often slip under the radar. One of those is Uniting Aid which provides amazing community support within the City of Stirling. This year marks their 40th anniversary

In 1981 the churches in the Yokine Region Uniting Parish began a phone contact service from the Dianella church offering to assist people in the local community with emergency food, domestic help, shopping and respite support for home carers.

Caring services for people in need were extended during the first decade with training courses offered in a variety of areas including budget cooking, keeping fit classes and a free legal advice service.

These services have continued since then and evolved to become Uniting Aid today. This operates out of a purpose built facility in Nollamara.

In the last 10 years this charity has provided more than \$1 million in relief payments and food to 20,000 family units in the City of Stirling.

CEO Margaret Weller said they want to celebrate their amazing volunteers and all they do dy Gardner were recognised for their service to the community with two rooms at the facility named in their honour.

Two of their volunteers,

Charis Page and Wen-

Volunteers are the backbone of this important service and Have a Go News was pleased to attend the event and find out about the important work this charity does week-in week-out.

Wendy Gardner was one of the inaugural volunteers of the charity. After completing a diploma in voluntary welfare studies she accepted the role of coordinator in 1983. Her administration skills, great compassion and sense of following a dream have enabled her to spread help and friendship for many years. The Uniting Aid reception room was named in her honour.

Charis Page passed away in 2020 at the age of 94 but her contributions to the organisation were abundant over many years. Her life mission was to help the underprivileged and she was described as a strong, generous and loving person. The pantry was named in her honour.

Uniting Aid is always keen to welcome volunteers or donations. Contact CEO Margaret Waller at admin@unitingaid.org.au or call 9344 3840.

Organisation celebrates 100 years



Soroptimists prepare shoe boxes

SOROPTIMIST International (SI) is celebrating 100 vears of servicing projects local, national, and international which impact the lives of women and girls.

Since the founding of the very first Soroptimist club in Oakland, California in 1921, Soroptimist International has sought to bring about change to the lives of women and girls worldwide. Through its global network of four federations and its dedicated volunteer membership of over 75,000, SI is driven by its mission of transforming lives through education, empowerment and by enabling opportunities.

The SI vision is that women and girls will achieve their individual and collective potential, SI's advocacy work and on-

the-ground projects seek to drive the realisation of these aspirations and ensure that women and girls have an equal voice in creating strong and peaceful communities, now and in the future.

The name Soroptimist was coined from the Latin soror meaning sister, and optima meaning best - so, Soroptimist is perhaps best interpreted as 'the best for women'.

Soroptimist International Joondalup was formed in 1978 and is now the largest club in the South West Pacific region. During the last 43 years SI Joondalup has organised, funded, and supported many projects local, national, and international.

include East These Timor Chicken Coop Project, Wheelchairs for Kids, Jacaranda Lodge, Aged Care, Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren, Youth Future, Days for Girls, Amana Living Dementia Care, Kiva Micro Finance, Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation.

To celebrate Soroptimist centennial, International SI Joondalup planted 100 trees in collaboration with the Shire of Joondalup at Penistone Park, Greenwood. This project was deemed appropriate as the first project SI initiated was "Save the Redwoods" which were being felled extensively.

Members knitted hundreds of beanie's, scarves and mittens for the homeless people in Perth and the Salvation Army. They also filled shoe boxes with goodies/essentials and donated them to Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren and SOS (Starting Over Support).

While members work to foster the wellbeing of women and girls, they also have fun, meet likeminded people, enjoy monthly business dinner meetings at the Currambine Bar and Bistro and many social occasions.

New members are always welcome, for more information contact Wendy Wheildon (membership) on w-wheildon@bigpond.com or Maggie Church on email sijoondalup@siswp.org



Come and meet Perth Mobility Scooters at Have a Go Day Volunteers wanted in Rockingham area...

SENIORS Recreation Council Rockingham branch is seeking volunteers to help out with a

variety of events.

The branch organises a mini Have a Go Day every year, along with concerts and other events

promoting recreation for seniors in the area.

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Uniting Aid marked its

40th anniversary with a

special ceremony last

month attended by City

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MLA and other dignitar-

tired." she said.

"It also shows what

best solutions for them.

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their clients.

If you would like to help them out and be a part of this important organisation please contact Carole Overington on 0412 715 173 or email: caroleoverington@iinet.net.au.

Volunteer and support people living with cancer SOLARIS Cancer Care is looking

for qualified therapists across their five centres who can provide relaxation massage, reflexology, Bowen therapy, hand and food massage and Kinesiologist. They rely on volunteer therapists to support people with cancer and their carers.

The ideal volunteer will be trained and have practical experience with the above therapies or have worked with people who have a cancer diagnosis. If you are a volunteer who can offer other support please still get in touch.

Solaris Cancer Care has been providing cancer support services to the WA community for more than 20 years. Based on that experience, the evidence-based approach can help people living with cancer feel more informed, empowered, and supported. They offer a range of ways to learn and experience how simple lifestyle changes can support health and wellbeing.

Solaris locations are at Perth (Cottesloe, SCGH - Nedlands and SJOG - Subiaco), Bunbury and Albany

To deliver therapies and services to help people live well with cancer Solaris rely on volunteers. If you can spare a few hours a week, a fortnight or a month please get in touch by with Aimee at admin@ solariscancercare.org.au or call 9384 3475.

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With modern, spacious showroom facilities, they offer a unique space to trial mobility scooters and power wheelchairs.

For those who cannot make it into our showroom they also have a personalised mobile showroom service bringing mobility scooters and power wheelchairs out to

Perth Mobility Scooters will be at the Have a Go Day on Wednesday 10 November at Burswood Park, Great Eastern Hwy. Located at Site #10 there will be equipment on display, giveaways and great prizes to be won.



Volunteer and support people living with cancer

Locations: Perth (Cottesloe, SCGH - Nedlands and SJOG - Subjaco), Bunbury and Albany





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Cost of registration is \$50 per person for the three-month program. You will need to bring your own pool noodle, beach towel, water and sun screen. The program will run every Tuesday & Thursday during January, February and March 2022, commencing from Tuesday 4 January and Thursday 6 January 2022 onwards between the hours of 8am and 9am.

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Come and enjoy this year's Have a Go Day - see you there...

READERS are encouraged to come along for a fabulous free day of fun and entertainment at Burswood Park on Wednesday 10 November from 9am to 3pm.

Have a Go Day is specifically designed for older people to get out, have a go and see the range of information, services and activities.

Minister for Seniors and Ageing

Hon Don Punch MLA will officially welcome everyone at 10.30am at the entertainment stage site 98.

Try your hand at canoeing on the river, test your skills on the climbing wall, have a go at throwing a boomerang, find out about the latest technology and enjoy great entertainment.

Event organisers' Seniors Recre-

ation Council of WA remind everyone that age is no barrier and invite everyone and anyone over 50 to come along dressed to participate.

Are you looking for a new hobby? There is a huge range of clubs and groups for people to join from dancing to collectables to exercise groups.

Have a Go News runs the hospi-

tality tents and our famous chocolate wheel will spin every hour from 10am to 2pm with great prizes to win.

Enjoy free tea, coffee and water and take some time to sit and relax before you head off to have more fun.

Social distancing is the new buzz word and all Covid requirements will be observed at the event. Hand sanitisation and extra space has been provided to enable people to enjoy the opportunity to the event in the grounds of Burswood Park, Great Eastern Highway, Burswood.

There is so much to see and do – if you have never been before you will be amazed at this unique event for the mature demographic. See you there!

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"As a Government Approved Home Care Provider, our experienced staff love helping to find the best services and guiding people through the process.

"It's vital that we work together to ensure that West Australians receive the best possible quality of care – they deserve it.

"We look forward to sharing the Comfort Keepers' 'Stay at home Experience' with more families, in the future."

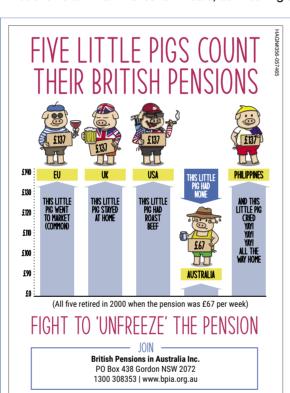
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From left to right; Colin Barlow with TerraCottem products - Louisiana Iris - Bob Melville's Open Garden

by Colin Barlow

SPRING is the perfect season to be planting in your garden. So, anything that can make it more successful must be worth looking at. Recently I used Terra-Cottem, an all-in-one product that enhances the growth of trees, shrubs, general plants and lawns and is ideal for the dry and sandy soils of WA.

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Spring showstoppers!

Take a trip to one of the many spring shows and plant sales on this month.

· The Bonsai Society of WA presents the Bonsai Awareness Weekend 2021 "Tranquility" at the Morley Sport and Recreation Centre, 12 Wellington Road on the corner of Mangini Street, Morley, opposite Coventry Village. The show is open from 9am until 5pm on the 13 - 14 November. Entry is by gold coin donation. For further details go to www. facebook.com/groups/ bonsaisocietyofwa/ or www.bonsaisocietywa.

 The combined WA Fern Society and Palm and Cycad Society Plant Sale will be held from 9am to 4pm on 13 - 14 November at the Manning Community Centre, 2 Conochie Crescent, Manning. Entry is by gold coin donation. There will be some interesting plants on display and for sale. Speak to the growers and pick up a few tips on the best varieties to grow ndoors or outside in Perth. For information call George Sevastos on 9448 4816 about palms or Ray Chester from the Fern Society on 0402 045

 The Late Flowering Orchid Display in conjunction with The Orchid

620.

Society of WA will be held at the Senior Citizens Centre, 3 Downey Drive, Manning on 13 -14 November from 9am to 4pm on Saturday and 9am to 3pm on Sunday. Entry is \$5. To learn more about what orchids will be on display, contact Helen Stretch on 0419 197 043

· Also taking place on the weekend of the 13 - 14 November will be the Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Show at the South Perth Community Centre Hall, on the corner of Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth. Make sure that you get in early for the best bargains

and unusual varieties. For more information contact Bob Hunter on 0438 905 229.

· Open Gardens WA have a couple of gardens open this month including The Lakehouse in Beverley which features a large lake next to a fairy tale stone cottage. The owner's love affair with daylilies and irises resulted in Lakehouse Nursery with over 750 hybrid daylilies and over 300 varieties of tall bearded and Louisiana iris. The gardens are

open on 13 and 14 November from 10 am to 4pm each day. For more information visit www. opengardenswa.org

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Have a Go News PUZZLES SOLUTIONS

Solution for BIG Crossword page 54

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Solution for Sudoku page 55

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PRISM solution page 55:

Snap, Ludo, Scrabble, Monopoly, Patience, Dominoes.

Answers for Have a Go News Quiz page 2:

- 1. Gascoyne 2. Wesfarmers 3. One tonne
- 4. Perth Mint 5. Virgin 6. Sports coach
- 7. The Clan 8. Whale Sharks 9. Journalism 10. Roger Cook

Solution for Crossword page 55

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WASO talent shines in final 2021 mainstage concerts

WESTERN Australia is a hotbed of incredible talent. Across 2021 the West Australian Symphony Orchestra has showcased some of the finest musicians from across the country, but their final classical concerts for the year bring the focus closer to home.

Shining a spotlight on the orchestra's very own talented musicians, Miracles and Triumphs and Mozart and Bruckner put WASO players centre stage, performing as soloists and demonstrating that the State orchestra in one of the most isolated cities in the world is nothing less than world-class.

Miracles and Triumphs features WASO's blazing horns performing Robert Schumann's virtuosic showpiece, *Konzertstück* for Four Horns and Orchestra. Reputed to be the trickiest instrument to play, the French horn can also be one of the most exciting and evocative. In the hands of WASO's horn section, this joyously euphoric piece bursts with energy in a rare treat from the orchestra.

Mozart and Bruckner then showcase some of WASO's finest string players, with

assistant concertmaster Semra Lee-Smith and principal viola Daniel Schmitt in harmony for Mozart's labour of love, Sinfonia Concertante. Regarded as Mozart's most successful work that sits between a symphony and a concerto, the work soars with the composer's irrepressible ideas and talent to create a work of sheer beauty.

Neither concert is one to miss, as WASO rounds out its mainstage program for the year with the very best homegrown talent. Book now at www.waso.com.au

New telemovie a timely story of hope and friendship



STARRING Emmy award winning actress Jodie Comer (Killing Eve) and Stephen Graham (The Line of Duty), Help is a timely story of tragedy, profound friendship and hope.

When Sarah starts a job in a nursing home, to her surprise she is really good at it. She's a natural with the residents and begins to form a special bond with Tony, a younger resident who has early onset dementia.

The home is chronically un-

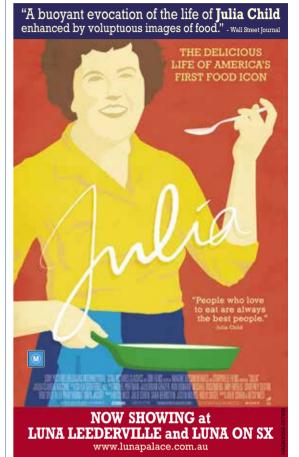
derfunded and when the Covid pandemic hits, it suffers from understaffing, sickness and heartbreaking losses. Seemingly forgotten by the system built to protect it, a feeling of helplessness engulfs Sarah as one by one the residents fall fatally ill.

Her fears turn to Tony, unable to bear the thought of losing him too, she sneaks him out of the building. If she can hide him for long enough and prove he isn't sick, he might stand a chance of being moved out. Whatever happens, the home is no longer safe, he cannot go back there.

Help on DVD and digital is out now. RRP \$34.95

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Nothing is impossible when you believe... don't miss this film

A BOY Called Christmas will be the family film to see for Christmas 2021, starring an incredible ensemble cast including Maggie Smith, Jim Broadbent, Sally Hawkins and Kristin Wiig.

The origin story of Father Christmas is re-imagined in Gil Ke-

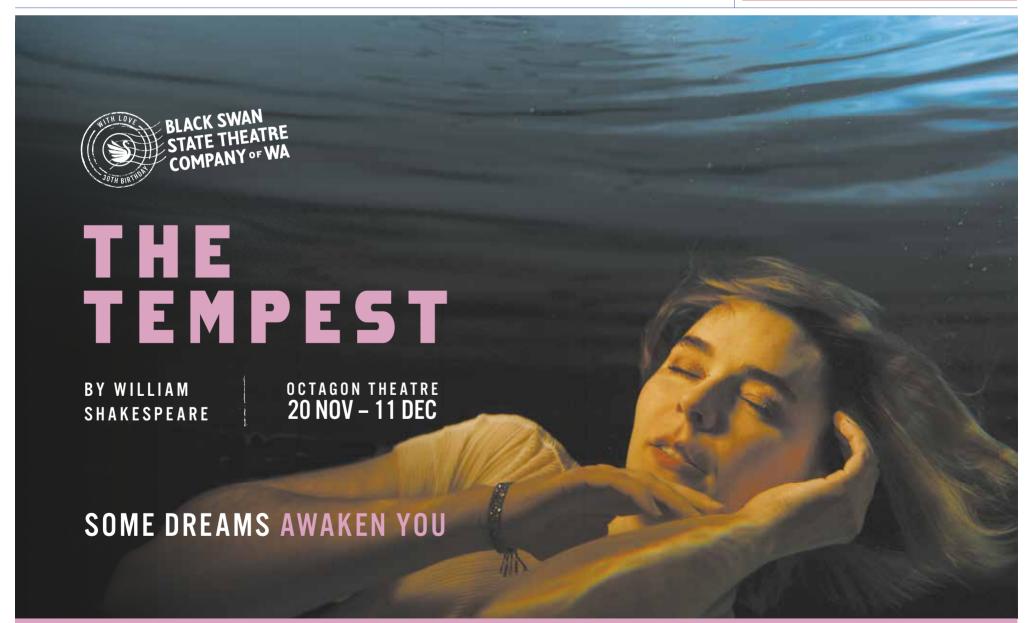
nan's live action A Boy Called Christmas. An ordinary young boy called Nikolas sets out on an extraordinary adventure into the snowy north in search of his father who is on a quest to discover the fabled village of the elves. Elfhelm.

Taking with him a

headstrong reindeer called Blitzen and a loyal pet mouse, Nikolas soon meets his destiny in this magical, comic and endearing story that proves nothing is impossible

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We invite you on a dream-like journey through a strangely familiar world. Sea shanties crash against Indian raags, on an island brimming with music, magic and wonder. *The Tempest* is a 400 year old lesson in love that asks: What do you need to let go of? Join us for an experience that will awaken you.



VIEW THE TEMPEST







At Optus Stadium, don't let the players on the field have all the fun



Chris Parry enjoying the highest seats at Optus Stadium

by Chris Parry

THE Romans knew the value of a good stadium didn't they? Can you didn't they? Can you imagine doing a tour of the Colosseum when it was at its peak? Game day at the Colosseum may have had more on the line for most of the participants but just to have walked through the service tunnels and holding cells and then maybe walking around the top, seeing up close the linen sails that extended outwards on elaborate rope and pulley systems to provide shade for the audience, would have been amazing.

Having zipped up my zone 'Ghostbuster' Ozone jumpsuit and climbed into my harness and adjusted my straps, I walk with the other members of our merry band through the bowels of Optus Stadium, past crates of plates and all sorts of things destined for what is above. There are no lions, gladiators, Roman centurions or terracotta amphorae filled with wine, but there's still a lot going on.

But we're going higher

than those who are sitting in the seats and corporate boxes, we're even going higher than the stadium's halo roof, a continuous fabric cantilevered structure that circles the stadium, providing valuable shade and spectacular lighting displays.

We're heading more than 40 metres off the ground to a small row of seats where harnesses keep you safe but can't restrain your excitement as you watch a match unfold from a perspective even Roman Emperors couldn't dream about.

This is what amplifying your experience is all about when you come to Optus Stadium. Getting as much out of your experience as possible and being a part of the narrative of your adventure, not just relying on the teams playing on the field below you to provide all of the drama and excitement.

If the height and the view is not quite enough of a challenge then you can always do the lean out, relying on your tour leaders' instructions and your harness to prevent your fall. With your back to the field, you inch your way backwards, right to the very edge, and hold your harness line and then lean out and let go of your

A few photos will be taken that show you holding your arms out or pretending to handball a footy. I've already decided to do the tour again because I want to do the lean out and pretend I've gone up for a big mark of the footy.

This experience is all about levels. Literally and metaphorically. You literally go up to the highest level of the stadium to reach your seat. You ride a lift, climb 78 steps, emerge through hatches and at each level the view gets better and better. On a catwalk alongside the stadium lights, you walk around the stadium until you're at the eastern end.

This is where you'll find your seat, the highest seats in the house and if you think it can't get any better that's when you can take it to the next level and lean out over the edge.

From a sporting perspective I enjoy my footy but have mates who love it more. I couldn't help thinking of my mates, not just for the excitement of the experience, but for the perspective you have with an aerial view.

Every twitch of a player, the transfers of play, the switches and flow of the game is entrancing. It's like watching the coach's magnet board come to life!

As a precinct, get ready to do more than watch some great sport when you come to Optus Stadium. Get ready to participate. Get ready to lean out off the edge of the most beautiful stadium in the world and let rip with a huge scream.

With the HALO experience, Matagarup Bridge climb and soon to be launched 400m zipline, plus Aboriginal cultural tours and stadium behind the scenes tours, there's so much you can do with your time when you visit Optus Stadium.

There doesn't even need to be a game on. Optus Stadium is more than a beautiful sporting arena, it's already got history and atmosphere and even though it's new, it has that rite of passage feeling about it that means you want visit it, whether you're visiting Perth or looking for a day out if you live in Perth.

Want to know more?

The Ozone booking office and merchandise store is located at the western end of Optus Stadium and their website is www.theozone.com.au.

Verdict

With only a moderate level of fitness you can do the game day rooftop experience all year long, or on a quiet weekday with no sport. The HALO experience will meet your need for an awesome view and level of excitement with great staff and great harnesses. And you get a free

Spiderman returns...



FOR the first time in the cinematic history of Spider-Man, our friendly neighbourhood hero is unmasked and no longer able to separate his normal life from the high-stakes of being a Super Hero. When he asks for help from Doctor Strange the stakes become even more dangerous, forcing him to discover what it truly means to be Spider-Man.

Spider-Man No Way Home, stars Tom Holland, Zendaya, Benedict Cumberbatch, Jon Favreau, Jacob Batalon with Marisa Tomei and is directed by Jon Watts.

In cinemas 16 December.

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Celebrating the life of Edgar Allan Poe



DARK and dazzling, bizarre and beautiful, Nevermore - The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe is a unique and wildly theatrical musical play combining haunting music, poetic storytelling, and stunning stagecraft to chronicle the fascinating and moving life story of iconic American writer

Edgar Allan Poe, one of the world's most famous and fascinating writers.

Nevermore blends fact and fiction to create a darkly immersive experience that is difficult to describe, but impossible to forget. A literary rock star in his day, Poe struggled with tragedy and addiction, poverty and loss, yet produced some

of the world's most original, visionary and enduring literature before dying in unexplained circumstances at the age of 40.

At once gorgeous and grotesque, exploring the events that shaped Poe's character and career Nevermore gives pow-erful expression to Poe's words "all that we see or seem is but a dream within a dream.

This production has adult themes and will run at the Subiaco Arts Centre from 1 – 4 December.

For bookings scan QR



British films on show



BRITISH Film Festival returns to Perth from 3 November - 1 December, presenting a program of 31 films screening at Palace Raine Square, Luna Leederville, Luna on SX and Windsor Cinema.

Highlights including Dame Helen Mirren and Jim Broadbent in The Duke, Joanna Lumley in Falling for Figaro and Sir Michael Caine in Best Sellers. There is a plethora of fabulous films across the festival.

See the full program online at www.british filmfestival.com.au.

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Thanks to Palace Cinemas we are giving away 10 x double passes valid for any film screening at Palace Raine Square excluding Special Events. To be in the draw simply email win@haveagonews.com.au with British in the subject line. Winners require an email address to receive tickets for this film. Closes

Stories on stage returns to Koorliny Arts Centre this month



Sara Foster

Quarry Amphitheatre

City Beach

BESTSELLING author Sara Foster will be in conversation with fellow WA author Monique Mulligan for Stories on Stage at Koorliny Arts Centre, Kwinana, on 24 Novem-

They will chat about Foster's new release, The Hush, a pulse-pounding thriller that is already tipped to be one of the books of the year. Anything can change in a heart-

flinching look at a society close to tipping point and a story for our times, highlighting the power of female friendship through a dynamic group of women determined to triumph against the odds.

beat ... The Hush takes an un-

Sara Foster has written five critically acclaimed novels: Come Back to Me, Beneath the Shadows, Shallow Breath, All That is Lost Between Us and The Hidden Hours.

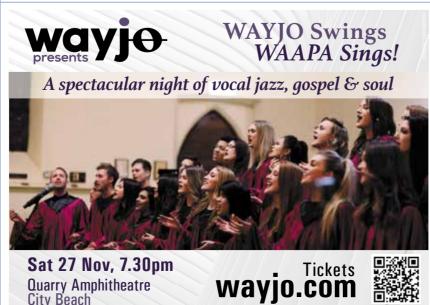
She was born and raised in England, and moved to Australia in 2004. She lives in Perth with her husband and two children.

Stories on Stage starts at 7pm and costs \$15, which includes supper, door prizes, book sales and signings. Bookings are essential on 9467 7118.



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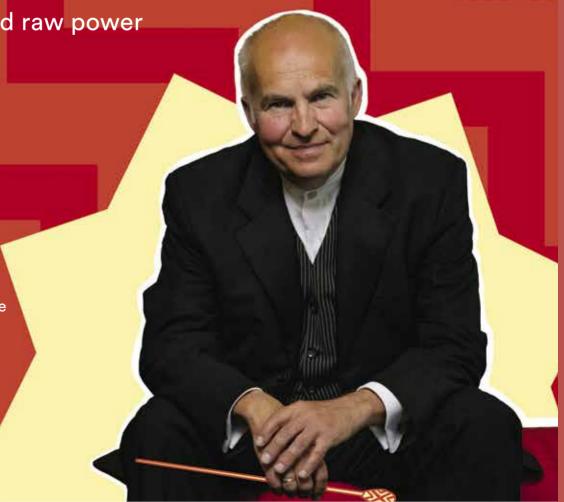
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Parish priest keeps his eyes down to engage with his community



Father Stephen Conway

machine for the Monday

night markets as part of

a way to build community

His first stint will be on

8 November at the Red

Fox Den bar in the car

park next to the Ingle-

Lawley, Father Steve jug-

gles parishioners from all

walks of life, and bingo

is another way to involve

himself in community,

which is at the heart of

When he was appoint-

everything he does.

From Maylands to Mt

resilience

wood Library.

by Allen Newton

BECOMING a bingo caller is just one way for Anglican parish priest Father Stephen Conway to show his commitment to community.

Treasurer for the Inglewood on Beaufort community group, which runs the Inglewood Monday Night Markets and is the prime driving force behind St Patrick's Mt Lawley Christmas Festival, Father Steve, will be getting out the bingo

Christmas, celebrate something he set about changing and which has now grown into a daylong affair which sees a section of Beaufort Street closed off and more than 5000 people enjoying the This year's St Patricks,

Mt Lawley Christmas Festival, will be on Sunday 28 November from noon to 8.30pm.

ed to run St Patrick's

Church in Mt Lawley

around six years ago,

he was a little surprised

to discover the church

didn't have an event to

Held along Beaufort Street, at Copley Park and at St Patricks Church the community fun family day will feature activities including a Christmas pageant, water slides, kids' rides, live music and other entertainment, an old-world fair, artisan markets with 30 stalls, 25 food trucks, Carols by Candlelight and lighting the big star on the 30-metre St Patrick's Christmas

And while the annual Christmas festival is a big feature in Father Steve's community efforts, his role as treasurer of community group Inglewood on Beaufort and its Inglewood Monday Night Markets, which operate every Monday for six months of the year provides a more regular community focus.

Father Steve shares his time equally ministering at St Luke's in Maylands and St Patrick's and in both parishes community events are an important outreach.

He says the church has the wherewithal to get involved in community and it is important to be open-handed with those resources to promote community spirit for the life we want to promote for friends and family.

When he found out that St Pat's had no Christmas event it was an obvious hole to fill.

"We're the Church and we have naming rights over Christmas, so it seemed good and appropriate for us to be able to do that," he says.

"I often lament going to local shire Christmas events that they have very little to do with the historic Christmas and a lot to do with modern commercialism. Therefor the capacity to build something from scratch and to be supported by the City through their grants process and Inglewood on Beaufort through the contacts with vendors and all of the in-kind help that they are able to provide, has been really amazing.

'The festival has grown into a bit of a Leviathan and something now we would never have dreamed of doing five or six years ago - shutting Béaufort Street and bringing the local community together.

"Because of the City's generosity and because of our vision for the Christmas festival, we really want it to be family friendly and child friendly - I only have two kids, but I know of others who have five, six, or seven and we all know about the Royal Show kind of experience where you go as a family and pay a fortune.

"It's very tough as a parent, especially as a parent who might not have great means, so for us what's key is keeping family tickets at \$35 for as many kids as you have, so you can ride the things and do it all for free and do it all day cheaply.

"We want it to be a less commercial kind of thing, a family experience and a community experience.

"The other thing that's key for me is we keep the historic Christmas story in front of people for that next generation who are growing up with a whole bunch of other narratives and critical thought, which is fine, but often to the detriment and exclusion of the Church's cultural story.

Father Steve believes events are important to build communities.

"It's the only reason I

markets, we don't run for money, it's not a profit-making exercise, it's run largely by volunteers and it wouldn't run if it were a commercial enterprise. It runs purely to get community activity happening.'

While Father says that from looking outside in, these events seem like well-oiled machines they rely on the contributions of volunteers to make them work.

"It's really up to people to put their hands up and participate. Coming to the event is great and that's wonderful, but thinking of the talents and skill set you have, how can you offer that in different contexts is really important for the longevity of these things so that we can still be doing a Christmas festival in 20 years' time.

"I want to put the call out for people to be brave and to put their hand up and to contact their local community group and volunteer.

We are such stuff as dreams are made on, and our little life is rounded with sleep



The Tempest Group © Garth deBruno Austin

IN celebration of Black Swan State Theatre's 30th birthday, they asked their audience which of the Bard's 37 plays they should perform at the end of the 2021 Sea-

More than 1,800 votes were cast, and they are thrilled to be staging The Tempest, where it all began for Black Swan State Theatre 30 years ago - at the Octagon Theatre, on the beautiful grounds of UWA.

The season runs from 20 November to 11 December.

The Tempest, written in 1611, is considered to be Shakespeare's final masterpiece. It is set on a desert island inhabited by the flawed yet powerful magician Prospero, his virtuous daughter Miranda, a wild man and a magical sprite, Ariel.

Join them on a dream-like journey through a strangely familiar world. Sea shanties crash against Indian raags, on an island brimming with music, magic and won-

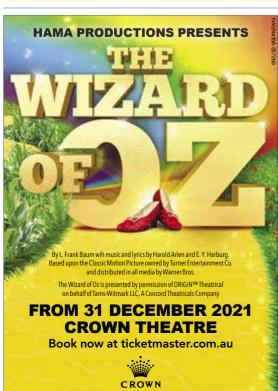
Tempest is directed by award-winning Matt Edgerton, whose career has included positions as artistic director of Western Australia's Children's Theatre Company Barking Gecko, and resident artist at Australia's national Shakespeare Company, Bell Shakespeare.

Matt has described The Tempest as: "the most musical and magical of all of Shakespeare's plays. The script is lyrical, mysterious, funny, filthy, violent, delicate and wise. It was likely Shakespeare's last solo-authored play and is infused with a world-weariness set against the giddy wonderment of youth"

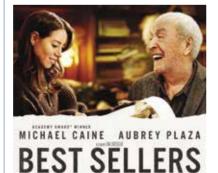
The Tempest is full of both fresh and familiar faces and will be performed with live music by a multi-generational ensemble of 11 extraordinary Western Australian actors who never leave the stage for the entire performance.

The Tempest is a 400-year-old lesson in love that asks: What do you need to let go of? Join them for an experience that will awaken





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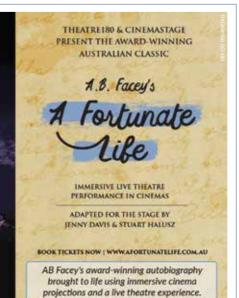
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A Fortunate Life, live in cinema



Christine Harling (Albert Facey's granddaughter) and Jenny Davis © Green Man Media

WESTERN Australian theatre company Theatre 180 and new entertainment platform CinemaStage are thrilled to return their highly successful unique account of the beloved West Australian true story A Fortunate Life by AB Facey, to Perth; this time to Grand Cinemas, Joondalup 27 and 28 November and 4 and 5 December.

The live performance in a cinema setting production has already toured to Midland, Albany, Busselton, Geraldton. Rockingham and Warwick cinemas as well as a number of regional centres, but due to popular demand has scheduled two special weekends of performances.

Adapted and written for the stage by Jenny Davis and Stuart Halusz and using the large screens in cinemas as the backdrop to re-create significant landscape scenes filmed by Green Man Media, the live performance from Theatre 180 takes place within the cinema as a cast of three bring to life the story of Albert Facey's much-loved and award-winning biography.

A Fortunate Life was published in 1981, nine months before Facey's death. It chronicles his early life in Western Australia, his experiences as a private during the Gallipoli campaign of World War I and his return to civilian life after the war. A documentation of Facey's extraordinary life of hardship, loss, friendship and love; the story is a favourite among readers all over the world and continues to be studied within the school syllabus.

All performances are at 3pm, and tickets can be booked on: www.afortunatelife.com.au or at Grand Cinemas Joondalup

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LIKEABLE caring widower, 81, NOR, postcode 6066, WLTM petite, attractive widow in mid 70s, Fin sec, smart dresser for Covid-safe alfresco outings, 1-2 days per week. Nature lover for walks, picnics. Must be NOR near postcode.

Reply Box 8959

PERSON 60+ wanted for some help with some chores for lady with rheumatoid arthritic hand, no personal care needed, police clearance, current driver's licence and car, references from three people. Suit person working full-time or part-time. Rent free. 3 months trial.

Little dog okay. Reply Box 8970

Seeking a Partner

A BLIND date for a lady 81, needs dance partner aged 70-80. I am a fit dancer, New Vogue is my favourite plus Old Time. Me; 5'3", 58kgs, NS, DTE, ND, apply phone number 0421 061 538.

Reply Box 8956

ATTRACTIVE cultured, simple. healthy lifestyle, gent, Indian Portuguese, 60, GSOH, NS, enjoy nature, togetherness, walks, beach, gardens, picnics. Seeking genuine longterm relationship with caring, attractive lady. Happiness is sharing and creating memories together. Let's explore.

Reply Box 8957

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ATTRACTIVE lady, 70, med build, feminine, educated, SOR, postcode 6107. I enjoy reading, walking, music, country drives, gardening, socialising, WLTM fin sec, well presented gentleman, 65-75, (not separated) who lives Kalamunda or Hills area for long term permanent relationship. Genuine replies only. ALA. Reply Box 8968

DEAR HAGN lady, we've met twice, you came with me to Bells Rapids, Swan Valley, House of Honey, Chocolate Factory. But tragedy! I've lost your phone number! Please call ASAP. I'm pining for your lovely smile. **Reply Box 8954**

DON Quixote of the Hills. A self-made man, fit, slim, philosophical. spiritual, each day is a gift, a mystery. Seeking adventurous, similar build lady, 60-70. I will change your life forever, come join me. Reply Box 8963

DOUBLEVIEW lady, WLTM a gentleman, 67-75, active to enjoy my life's pleasures, play golf, beach walks (Scarborough Beach), also I have lots of love to give. I take pride in myself. Love to hear from you, if you are wanting the same thing. **Reply Box 8965**

GENT WLTM sweet, loving, attractive Asian lady, 48-60ish, with similar and other varied interests. If you're still wanting to enjoy/share life with someone. Let's get to know each other and see where it goes.

Reply Box 8953

LOOKING for lady 66-75 for outings and dancing, movies and dining out also travel. Prefer NŠ and SD. Would also like to have GSOH.

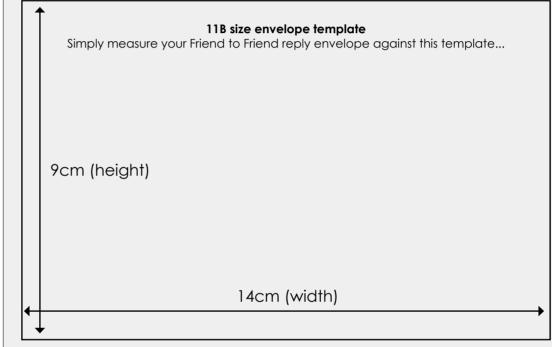
Reply Box 8962

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MATURE guy, 70, well presented, GSOH, NS, SD, romantic, SOR, 6210, enjoys caravanning, camping, social outings, music, car shows, good conversation, cooking, WLTM that special lady for friendship that will grow into a solid relationship.

Reply Box 8967

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it is essential that all Friend to Friend replies are sent in a 11B size envelope see diagram below.

No greeting cards, bulky items and photos. All replies will be forwarded early in the next month. All replies are strictly confidential and are not opened.

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UK/AUSSIE gentleman early 70s, non religious, Churchlands, NS, SD, NG, VGSOH, intelligent, very active, dog lover, boating, musical theatre. funny, relationship ready, hoping to hear from you. Mid 60s.

Reply Box 8971

Wishing to Contact

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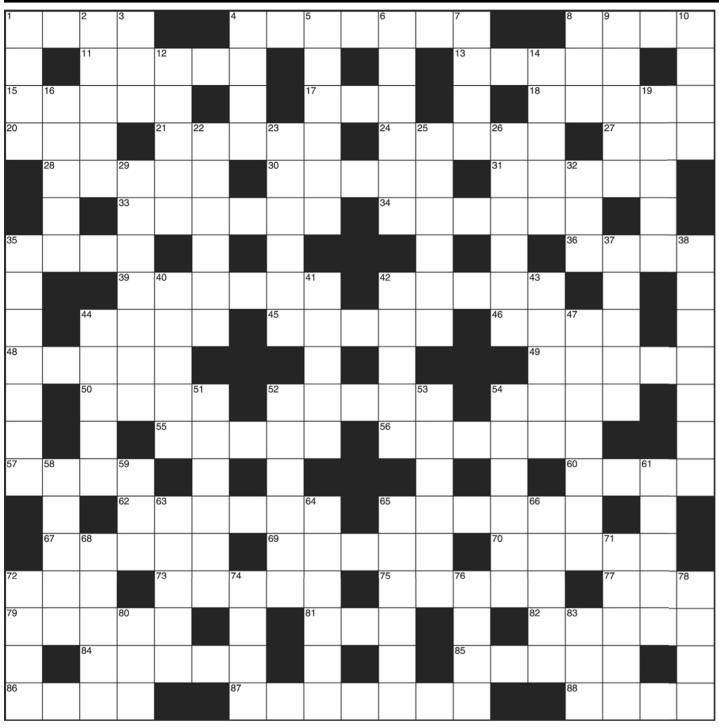
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BIG CROSSWORD - SEE PAGE 48 FOR SOLUTIONS



- 1. South Africa's ... Town
- 4. Patchy (complexion) 8. Street urchin
- 11. Speak publicly
- 13. US film award
- 15. Conveys by coaches
- 17. Deciduous tree
- 18. Authoritative command
- 20. Classifieds
- 21. Destiny
- 24. Wall fresco 27. Pub drink
- 28. Delay
- 30. Early Peruvians
- 31. Intimate (friend)
- 33. Vipers 34. Eldest
- 35. Tiny songbird
- 36. Flex
- 39. Sinew
- 42. Clear
- 44. Talk wildly
- 45. Kidney treatment, ...
- 46. Relinquish (territory)
- 48. Stop momentarily
- 49. Pop (balloon)
- 50. Work-out clubs
- 52. Exalts 54. Muscle twitches
- 55. Hillbilly
- 56. Scabbard
- 57. Outlays money 60. Oaled
- 62. Stiffened
- 65. Door sections 67. Cooking herb
- 69. Cutting blade
- 70. Adjust (clock) 72. Buck's mate
- 73. Military leaders, top ...
- 75. Taking illegal drugs 77. Meadow
- 79. Delete
- 81. Egg-layer 82. Wrongfully seize
- (power)
- 84. Serving spoon 85. Wrote in icing
- 86. Croak
- 87. Edible shellfish
- 88. Fuse (metal)

- 1. Havana is there
- 2. Sheriff's search party 3. Before (poetic)
- 4. Child's toy, teddy ...
- 5. Atlantic & Pacific
- 6. Punctuation marks
- 7. Belonging to you
- 8. Lump (of chewing gum)
- 9. Soprano solos
- 10. Doom
- 12. Invited
- 14. Stringed instrument 16. Goat mammary gland
- 19. Sanitary
- 22. Passionate 23. Reflector
- 25. Worthwhile
- 26. Sharp-tasting
- 29. Daydream
- 32. Monarch's sphere
- 35. Finishes off (5,2)
- 37. Pitchers
- 38. Made grubby
- 40. Adversary
- 41. Asian nation
- 42. Provinces 43. Show sum owed
- 44. Football code
- 47. Duke's wife 51. More promptly
- 52. Control handles
- 53. Wool clippers 54. Inn
- 58. Movie star
- 59. Hog's home 61. Step inside
- 63. Lodge deeply
- 64. Rushes 65. Swoop
- 66. Boost (3-2)
- 68. Cures 71. Avoid (capture)
- 72. Highly priced
- 74. Interrupting cough 76. Naughty kids
- 78. Imitated
- 80. Drain 83. Stitch

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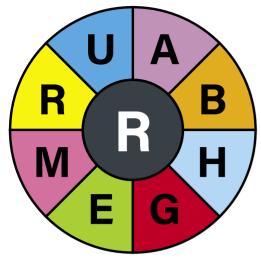




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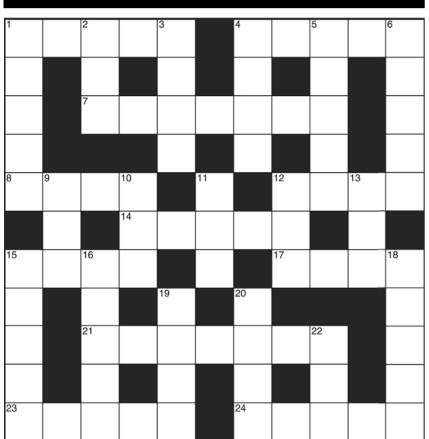
Wheel Words



Create words of 4 letters or more using the given letters once only, but always including the middle letter. Do not use proper names or plurals ending with S. See if you can find the 9-letter word using all the letters.

19 Good	28 Very Good	33+ Excellent
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CROSSWORD



STRAIGHT CLUES **ACROSS**

- 1. Makes beer (5) 4. Fire remains (5)
- 7. Goes overseas (7)
- 8. Not too bad (2-2)
- 12. Equipment (4)
- 14. Theatrical piece (5)
- **15.** Rush off (4) 17. On the market, for

- ... (4) 21. Scatters (7) 23. Chores (5) 24. Happening (5)

DOWN

- 1. Money boxes, piggy
- 2. Have a meal (3)
- 3. Wound mark (4)
- 4. Mimics (4) 5. Undue speed (5)
- 6. Take the wheel (5)
- **9.** Wise bird (3)
- 10. Lyrical verse (3) 11. A feather in one's ...
- 12. Vapour (3)
- 13. ... or nothing (3)
- **15.** Aspect (5)
- 16. Abates (5) **18.** Upright (5)
- 19. Historical ages (4)
- 20. Sugar source (4) 22. Buddy Holly song,
- Peggy ... (3)

CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Bruise, they say, develops ominously (5)
- 4. Was he seen holding cricket trophy? (5)
- 7. Valets about to include initial request for voyages(7)
- 8. Mayday circle is only fair (2-2)
- 12. Tackle transmission setting (4) 14. Crisis played out on stage (5)
- 15. Run away when the fleet takes
- 17. Shop clearance keeps Alex inside (4)
- 21. Distributes peanut butter and
- 23. Team leader makes requests for jobs to be done (5) 24. Incident in the seventies (5)

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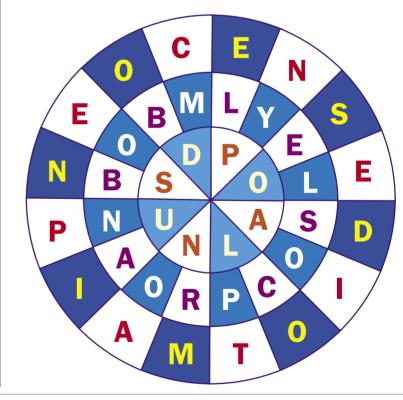
- 1. Finance houses on either side of river (5)
- 2. What you are expected to do at every other repast (3)
- 3. Such airs, oddly enough, disfigure
- 4. Monkeys seen in Budapest? (4) 5. He sat around in a hurry (5)
- 6. Guide bullock (5)
- 9. At night it flies unusually low (3)
- 10. Poem written in Rhodes (3)
- 11. Upper limit of dental crown (3)
- 12. Fuel discovered in Madagascar (3) 13. Are leading letters everything? (3) 15. East, in fact, is one surface of
- many (5) 16. Relieves most diseases (5)
- 18. Build what I heard 'e wrecked (5)
- 19. Ears damaged over long periods
- 20. Beat with walking stick (4) 22. Even assume to take action in court (3)

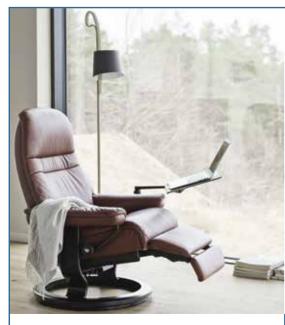
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	4			3	6	2		7
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