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Disabled priority call for Towers

by DAVID BELL

PEOPLE with disabilities should get priority in a rebuilt Stirling Towers in Perth so they can live close to the city and essential services, Vincent mayor Alison Xamon

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The public housing building on the corner of Stirling and Smith Streets in Perth was closed nearly 10 years ago and successive governments have not been able to progress the rebuild.

In December the Cook

government announced a proponent had been found to handle the first stages of the project under the newly named "Smith Street Buildto-Rent project".

A consortium made up of Community Housing Limited and Tetris Capital won the job to demolish and prepare the site for redevelopment into a mix of social housing and affordable rentals in a "build to rent" model with a 50-year ground lease.

At this week's Vincent council meeting, Ms Xamon said: "I first want to say how pleased I am to see that the derelict Stirling Towers, which was vacated of all the social housing quite some time ago, is finally looking to get redeveloped.

"As someone who lives in that local area I want to say what a relief it is, and not only for myself and my family but I think for everyone around there. "It's been very

unfortunate that since Stirling Towers was cleared out that it has effectively become a hub of antisocial behaviour and vandalism and that continues to cause considerable distress for

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Stirling Towers have been empty near 10 years, and are a popular spot for urban explorers despite the security measures. Photo by www.streetkidindustries.com

Disability priority

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local residents around that area as well, as the fact that it's a lost opportunity to ensure that we've got social and affordable housing in what it what should be a high density area."

Ms Xamon said there'd been some discussions between Vincent council and the state government's Department of Communities about what the final build would look like, and she had been advocating "that it's quite important that priority be given, with the social and affordable housing, to people with disability, most notably people with physical disability.
"People with physical

disability often need to be located centrally... to be able to access services but importantly a lot of people with physical disability have limited mobility and may not have a car. And so that means that access to public transport and to affordable Ubers and taxis becomes really quite critical."

Building inner-city apartments without car bays has long been the urban planners' dream across the globe, with visions of public-transport reliant tenants who don't add to local road traffic. But it's been tricky to accomplish so far, with most Perth citizens being reluctant to say goodbye to their car during an inner-city move.



In this case Ms Xamon said it could be a win-win for the people and the locale. Reducing the number of parking spots frees up space and funds to make the extra accessibility upgrades in the apartments, and has the side-benefit of lowering congestion.

While Vincent council won't actually get to make any decisions relating to this state government-led project, Ms Xamon said talks were ongoing and "I look forward to continuing to have very productive discussions with the Department of Communities

to try to ensure that we can get these outcomes, because I think it's positive for our city but it's also importantly a very positive development for people with physical disability who otherwise may be left in outer suburbs and fairly stranded".

Housing minister John Carey told us: "My understanding is there is some NDIS housing, however it will be confirmed as part of the final design which will go out as part of community consultation."

A state government media release says further detail on construction is due "early 2024".





MHPS students trying out the new courts this week. Photo by David Bell

The colour of money

AN IMMENSE fundraising effort by Mount Hawthorn Primary School's P&C has seen \$56,550 raised for new basketball courts.

The old courts were getting hammered hard by phys ed classes, after-school training, and being open out of hours for community use.

The worn and cracked surface had seen a few scratched knees in recent years so the

tight-knit school community pulled together for a series of fundraising events throughout term three last year.

It all culminated in a monumentally messy colour run on the last day of term 3 in September 2023 as students ran a gauntlet being covered in coloured cornstarch.

The efforts saw an enviable \$56,550 profit raised by students and parents, allowing the resurfacing to go ahead over the Christmas holidays in time for the new term.

The event was coordinated by P&C events team members Kirsten Petrovski and Natalie Cameron, and Ms Petrovski said "when the school gave the P&C the fundraising goal to revamp the basketball courts,



• There were plenty of scratched knees thanks to the tired old courts.

the school community rallied; the students showed incredible drive and passion, and their parents and families matched that with unwavering support".

Ms Cameron said "it was a very special collaboration throughout a whole term that included plenty of teachers being 'slimed' along the way", with staff pledging to let students cover them in buckets of slime when funding milestones were reached.

While the courts are already a hit compared to the kneegraters of old, there'll be an official launch Friday February 23 with an after-school students v teachers basketball game.



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP

The Disability Advisory Group (DAG) will offer guidance to the City of Bayswater on issues impacting people with a disability. The group will also advise and assist with the development and implementation of the City's Access and Inclusion Plan (AIP).

Development applications and City-based works can be referred to the group to request the group's feedback.

We are seeking up to five (5) community members for a term until October 2025, who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Resides in the City of Bayswater, or represents a disability service provider or organisation within the City of Bayswater; and
- Lives with a disability or is a parent, carer, advocate
 of a person with a disability, or be able to contribute
 expertise or advice on disability.

Successful applicants will receive payment for attendance at Disability Advisory Group meetings.

For more information and to apply, visit the City's Disability Advisory Group page on the City's website.

Send your completed submission to:

City of Bayswater, PO Box 467, Morley WA 6943 or email: mail@bayswater.wa.gov.au

Please mark submissions for the attention of: Bianca Sandri, Director Community Services.

Nominations close 4:00pm on Saturday 24 February 2024.

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CITY OF BAYSWATER RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The Reconciliation Advisory Committee advises and assists the City of Bayswater in the implementation of its Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan and the development of future Reconciliation Action Plans.

We are seeking up to five (5) community members for a term until 18 October 2025, who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Identify as a person of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent:
- · Is a Whadjuk Noongar Elder;
- Is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business partner representative; and/or
- Is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative living in the City of Bayswater community

Successful applicants will receive payment for attendance at Reconciliation Advisory Committee meetings

For more information and to apply, visit the City's Reconciliation Advisory Committee page on the City's website

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY ADVISORY GROUP

The Inclusion and Diversity Advisory Group (IDAG) advise and assists the City of Bayswater to focus on promoting equality and equal opportunity for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and people who identify as LGBTQIA+ accessing and utilising the City's services and programs.

We are seeking up to 10 community members to join the Group for a term until 18 October 2025, who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Identify as LGBTQIA+; or be able to contribute expertise or advice on matters relating to LGBTQIA+ community members.
- Identify as being from a culturally and linguistically diverse background or be able to contribute expertise or advice on matters relating to people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

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If you require further information, or wish to request the Nomination Form in alternative formats, please contact the City's Manager Community Development on 9272 0608.

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Renaming on cards despite backlash fear

by DAVID BELL

RENAMING "Banks Reserve" to "Warndoolier" has been endorsed by Vincent councillors subject to receiving approval from the Noongar elders in the Boordiya Reference Group.

But concerns were raised at this week's council meeting that the complete renaming may lead to backlash against Aboriginal people.

Out of 276 submissions during consultation, 55 per cent were in favour of changing the name to Warndoolier outright, 22 per cent supported adding Warndoolier as a dual-name alongside Banks Reserve, and 20 per cent opposed a change ("Support for Noongar name," Voice, February 10, 2024).

The idea of an outright name change was raised by then-mayor Emma Cole last August.

Preference

At this week's council meeting, former councillor Dudley Maier reminded current councillors during public question time that a complete rename came after consultation with elders had already been carried out.

"It's important to make it clear what the preferences is of the elders' group," he said. "Do they prefer a standalone name, or do they prefer co-naming?

co-naming?
"That should have been
determined right at the very start.
I think it's dangerous to assume
that they would prefer a particular
outcome. They should have been

presented with both options."

He said there was a variety of views among Aboriginal people on renaming, and added they needed

to consider "the potential difficult situation you might put members of the Aboriginal community in". Mayor Alison Xamon said she'd

Mayor Alison Xamon said she'd been in two minds about whether renaming or dual-naming was the right option.

She said Vincent took a lot of pride in recording its European history by means such as funding its Local History Centre, "and so I was thinking, well how does [renaming the reserve] actually sit with that?".

"The other thing that I'm always concerned about is making sure that we aren't doing things that are ... potentially going to harm Aboriginal people within our community, mindful of how hurtful the debates around the referendum were, and how much pain that actually caused," Ms Xamon said.

The mayor referred to her work advocating for refugees, saying: "I'm also conscious that working with people who are so often othered and misrepresented... is how much they say 'please don't do these things in my name, because we end up copping all the flak, but this is not something that we've actually asked for'.

for'.

"I'm going to be supporting this motion but I am doing it with some reservations, because I want to make sure that we're not doing anything that's inadvertently going to cause greater division. At the same time it's so critical that we do recognise the original First Nation's heritage of this land."

The vote to endorse renaming was unanimous, and the proposal now goes to the Boordiya Reference Group elders. If they are happy with the idea, an application for renaming then goes to Landgate.



• People gathered for feedback sessions last year. Photo via City of Bayswater.

Gardens forest plan progresses

FEEDBACK is sought on the draft concept design for Bayswater's Urban Forest to be built along Riverside Gardens.

The draft was drawn up following consultation last year ("Fertilising forest plan," Voice, November 4, 2023) and includes new landscaping,

revegetation, upgraded paths, quiet picnic nodes, and new furniture and amenities.

The concept design is available for viewing and feedback at council libraries and the civic centre or at *engage.bayswater.wa.gov.au* and submissions are open until February 10

Policy throws weight around

by DAVID BELL

WITH 58 per cent of adults in Vincent being overweight or obese, Vincent council is considering a new "Healthy Food and Drink Policy" calling for a reduction in unhealthy foods at council venues and events and a ban on sponsoring unhealthy brands.

A report to Vincent councillors this week says that along with the high number of overweight or obese adults, 45 per cent have less than two servings of daily fruit, and 82 per cent had less than five serves of vegetables.

In 2022 the food and drink offerings at two council-owned venues, which both have a privately-operated food and drink café, were benchmarked against state-based "Healthy Options WA" criteria.

It found more than 50 per cent of food and drink items were classed as "unhealthy", being high in saturated fat, added sugars or salt.

Following in the footsteps of Cockburn council's 2018 policy, Vincent wouldn't outright ban unhealthy foods, but the draft policy calls for the city to "ensure that healthy food and drink: is available where food is sold to community members at city facilities, including in cafes, kiosks and vending machines".

It also ensures healthy food and drink "is predominantly offered and encouraged, and unhealthy food and drink is limited and discouraged when catering is provided at city meetings, workshops, functions and events at city facilities".

Advertising containing unhealthy food will also be "discouraged". Companies complying with the policy would be taken into account when awarding tenders for food supply or tenancies for kiosks.

The policy also says "the city will not engage in sponsorship of brands and businesses directly associated with unhealthy food and drink options"

Mayor Alison Xamon said this week there'd been some chatter about the idea on "talkback radio - always fun", but that some critics "are perhaps really not looking at what it is we're passing"

perhaps really not looking at what it is we're passing".

She said it was wise to look at what was on offer at council venues and events, and discouraging the marketing of unhealthy was important given "the invidious way that advertising can impact on healthy food choices"

The policy was in the making since 2020, well before Ms Xamon became mayor in 2023, but she said "I have to say as a vegetarian who eats low carb I welcome a better range of food that I'm going to potentially be able to eat".

The draft will now go out to 21 days of consultation.



· Nikki di Costa, Filomena Piffaretti, and Ally Bannister. Photo via City of Bayswater

IWD with impact

HUMAN rights lawyer and hostage survivor Rabia Siddique is among a lineup of formidable women speaking at this year's weeklong International Women's Day celebrations put on by Bayswater council.

The headline event "Women's Impact" is an afternoon discussion with Ms Siddique, a Perth-born retired British army officer, international human rights lawyer, and a survivor of a 2005 hostage-

taking by extremists in Basra, Iraq. She's speaking on March 7 alongside Carol Innes, co-director

of Aboriginal-led collective
'Danjoo Koorliny Walking
Together' project to improve
relationships between Aboriginal
and non-Aboriginal people.
Other talks include career

Other talks include career counsellor Aly Bannister on running a business for first time female business owners and "mumpreneurs", and Nikki Di Costa's session on "Busy Women's Syndrome" and how to navigate the mental load of multiple

expectations of motherhood, a career, and a social life.

While it's International Women's Day, mayor Filomena Piffaretti says the celebrations "cover a wide range of topics, from sustainable fashion and health and wellbeing, to technology and business," including a girls' coding workshop.

"Whatever your interests or background, there's something for everyone"

The talks are free and times and bookings are via *bayswater.wa.gov.*

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support and can't be thankful enough to our community of clients."

In recognition of the practice's commitment to Fremantle, David Shanahan Optometrists was named as a Finalist at the 2023 Fremantle Chamber of Commerce Business Awards.

FCC Chief Operating Officer Chrissie Maus said the success of David Shanahan Optometrists is an example of the real sense of community that's back on the streets of Fremantle.

"The Fremantle Chamber of Commerce congratulates David Shanahan Optometrists for their commitment and success over the last 20 years in our unique Port City," Ms Maus said.



"David Shanahan Optometrists are independently and locally run whilst providing a unique offering - this to which I believe is the recipe for future business success," added Ms Maus.

"There is a groundswell movement for supporting local businesses, this is seeing more people understand the impact they can have by supporting local businesses and a real sense of Community is back now more than ever on our local Fremantle streets.

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Bonzer brunch



ELCOME to Vic Park. As I parked the Voice jalopy on the Albany Highway, some guy across the road was going ballistic at a driver for parking in a bus stop and it nearly all kicked off.

There's always a bit of hubbub and pistols-at-dawn when I go to Vic Park for lunch, and I love that gentrification has not been fully embraced yet.

The dining scene is great too an intoxicating and unpretentious mix of global cuisine that still has

You can literally get anything you want on the Albany Highway restaurant strip from Lebanese

cakes to Filipino street food.

Today I was heading to Sixteen
Ounces cafe to try out their breakfast/brunch dishes.

The modest one-page menu had some burgers (brekkie, wagyu beef and vegan) but it was mostly breakfast-style fare.

The line-up was quite inventive and had everything from Salted Caramel French toast and Brunchetta to Eggs Benedict and Mushroom Deluxe.

There were light dishes like crunchy granola, and your basic eggs with ciabatta for \$14.50 was very reasonable.



Mushroom Deluxe (mixed

mushrooms, creamy garlic sauce,

poached eggs, spinach, parmesan

and toasted Turkish bread) which

While waiting for my meal, I

It had some coconut shavings

Before long, the smiley waitress was back with my Salmon Keto.

It was nicely presented – a

cauliflower and zucchini fritters,

precarious, leaning tower of

smoked salmon and sliced

slugged down a Tropical Blunder

(\$9.50) a refreshing smoothie that wasn't too sweet and had a

on top and looked as exotic as it

refreshing zing.

avocado.

sounded yummy, but ended up

ordering the Salmon Keto (\$25)

It was a nice mix that piqued your interest without being too

Sometimes you can tell a place is going to be good the minute you walk through the front door.

Sixteen Ounces had a casual up-market vibe with exposed brickwork, dangling lights and stylish decor reminiscent of a European cafe.

The waiting staff were wearing those trendy leather aprons imagine Geppetto dressed by Armani – and were polite and friendly.

There was a nice pavement alfresco and the inside was well air-conditioned on a hot February

I nearly went for the

delicate and fragrant, they tasted incredibly fresh and were the star of the dish. When you combined it with the smoked salmon, avocado and

The fritters were amazing -

a little squirt of lemon, it was a delicious cacophony of flavours.

There was a poached egg, artfully placed at the side of the plate, which tasted nice but was a little over for me.

I prefer the yolk slightly runny, but it was firm.

The accompanying Romesco – a thick Spanish sauce made from charred fomatoes and roasted red peppers – added a lovely smoky refrain to the dish and wasn't overpowering or sickly. It was more like a dip than a sauce and was very moreish.

Smoky refrain

Rounding things off was some kale. I think it had been blanched, which made it a bit softer and easier on the palate.

Initially, I thought there wasn't much on the plate, but the Salmon Keto was deceptively filling and the produce was top quality.

It could have done with a second poached egg and a bit more seasoning on the fritters, but that aside it was spot on.

I've previously taken the family to Sixteen Ounces for brunch, and I can report their burgers and Full Pound breakfast was just as good.

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Deadly dinner



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IQUID LSD and strawberry daiquiris kickstart an explosive ✓ school reunion that veers into dark Freudian waters in Potluck for

A black and sometimes chaotic comedy, the play follows Jaz as she hosts a high school reunion potluck dinner at her swanky new CBD apartment.

She's confident it's going to be a great night, but someone at the table is still feeling those playground scars and is out for revenge.

"I believe how we are treated in our formative years definitely has an effect on us that can last a lifetime," says Ella Randle, who wrote *Potluck for Penance*.

"Highschool is rough. Nobody comes out wanting to do it again. Kids can be cruel, and this can affect us well into our adult lives.

"The show explores the idea of past actions that can be forgiven, and those that

The setup is a well-worn trope and in lesser hands it could have been formulaic, but Randle deftly weaves in weighty social issues like sexual assault, suicide and eating disorders

"I wanted to write a farcical drama set

at a dinner table that emulated the chaos I feel when at a social gathering, featuring overlapping dialogue and satirical characters," she says.

"Around this same time, a WA man was given a two-year suspended sentence for a sexual assault. This was nothing new. It

happens time and time again.
"But, I thought, what if the idea of 'justice' was taken out of the hands of the court? This kickstarted my writing."

The play isn't a virtuous, preachy slog and there is a healthy dose of laughs to keep the audience entertained.

My plays are usually quite dark, focusing on themes surrounding mental health, loss and grief, so I often balance this with humour to make it more palatable,'

"This show is angry, resentful, but with a heavy dose of chaos and humour to match.

Potluck for Penance is produced by Curtin University's Hayman Theatre Company, which provides a platform for students to showcase their work.

The play is part of their Stage One initiative; giving a WA playwright the opportunity to write and premiere a new play, and acting and technical students the chance to work on the professional show.

A recent Curtin graduate, Randle has enjoyed early success as a playwright with 28 Grams, Mosquito and Melon.

Many of her plays have won or been nominated for awards, and she's already

a three-time Fringeworld weekly award

"Writers I'm consistently influenced by are Martin McDonagh, Sarah Kane and Eugène Ionesco," Randle says.

I find writers discussing the dark and macabre in weird, gritty, and funny ways the most inspiring when developing my personal style."

She hopes to be a full-time playwright one day, but for now is doing odd jobs to supplement her income as she chases the theatre dream.

Directed by Gita Beard (The Advisors, All That Glitters), Potluck for Penance is on February 19-24 at 7pm at the Blue Room Theatre in Northbridge. Tix at blueroom.org.au.

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Inside there's classy bamboo flooring that really pops when the downlights are on.

It looks especially good in the open plan lounge/kitchen/dining area, contrasting with the white colour scheme and stainless steel appliances.

From the airy and bright lounge, you have lovely views of the back garden courtesy of the floor-to-ceiling glass doors, creating a great indoor-outdoor flow.

Situated in the corner, the kitchen is a cracker with natural grain cupboards and drawers, a double sink and enough benchtop space for a breakfast bar, giving you options for casual meals and get-togethers.

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ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Venus, Mars and Pluto are within three degrees of each other. This suggests that your relationships are diving into a new level of real. Pluto is the big mover here and his agenda is regeneration and renewal; whether we are ready for it or not. Buckle up your intimacy seat belt. Enjoy the ride.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 20) Venus, your planet, is in Aquarius, conjunct Mars and Pluto. With Pluto, the archtransformational catalyst as a part of the party, life is bound to place the cat amongst the pigeons in the realm

and reality to come forthrightly to the fore.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

of relationships. Expect any dissonance between ideals

The Moon begins her week in Gemini, filling your heart with feeling, and the desire to reflect. She is in a positive relationship with Venus, Mars and Pluto who have all recently moved into Aquarius. Your sense of wonder takes the sting out of matters that are intensely problematic for others.



CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

The Moon begins her week in Gemini, setting a swarm of thoughts loose in your head. On Monday the Sun moves into Pisces, deepening your sense that life is full of depth and wonder. Come Wednesday, the Moon will move into Cancer, bringing you fully back home to your feelings.



LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)

Come Monday, the Sun moves into Pisces. This takes you into a world of emotion that challenges you in such a way that you discover something new about yourself. It will wake your heart up to the wonders of imagination in ways that are surprising and new. Use this to master your art.



VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22)

As the Sun moves into Pisces on Monday, so life begins to shine her light into your blind spots for a month. This will be especially so in your relationships. With Venus, Mars and Pluto conjunct in Aquarius, there's a good chance this will be a truly transformational ride. Embrace this freely.



LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 23)

Venus has joined forces with Mars and Pluto, in Aquarius. This adds a powerful intensity to the process of personal regeneration you are already in. It really is time to set your priorities on track. A burst of determination is in order. Life will motivate you, if you can't get yourself into gear



SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 21)

Bring your sensitivity together with your determination, and your capacity to get things done. The outcome will be creative and surprising. The Sun will be in Pisces on Monday, softening some of the challenges that are facing you. Your feelings makes perfect sense. Life is now affirming it



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

The more open you can be to fresh ideas, ones that are big enough to shift you on your axis, the more the authority of your perception is noticed and appreciated. Saturn, who crystalises things, and Jupiter, who expands things, are operating in harmony. Enjoy a feeling of competence.



CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

As the Sun and Mercury pop into Pisces, so your moves will derive more from the way you feel. There will be less logic involved and quite possibly more grace. Give your true friendships energy and attention. It by sharing with like minded souls that fresh ideas and visions are hatched.



AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Venus moves into Aquarius, joining Mars and Pluto. Within a couple of days, Mercury and the Sun move out. Adding the love planets to Pluto, the planet of regeneration and transformation, means that relationships are in for a creative overhaul. Nature renews itself constantly. So must we.



PISCES (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Come Wednesday, the Sun will be in Pisces. The Sun rejuvenates our passion to claim our individuality from the collective pressure put on us to be what others expect us to be. Apollo, Greek God of the Sun, was the breaker of family curses. Slip out of the curse of conditioned



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• The cast of Black Swan's The Pool - worth a pool car drive out to City Beach where you can join them at the Bold Park Aquatic Centre.

Black Swan making a splash

by BARRY HEALY

LACK Swan State Theatre Company seems to always come up with surprises and their new production, *The Pool* is no exception. The publicity promises "theatre that makes a splash" and they deliver.

For a start it is staged not in a normal theatre but at Bold Park Aquatic Centre in City Beach. For another, the audience is issued with individual headsets so they can follow the dialogue as actors use the full space of an Olympic-sized pool as their

That Australian swimming pools are egalitarian is the guiding philosophy and the script was formed by Steve Rodgers by interviewing people at suburban pools. So, if you have ever idly wondered about the people you see at your local pool, what they are talking about, what problems they have, their fears and dreams this is for you.

The soothing quality of water and hypnotic rhythm of swimmers gliding back and forth doing laps is calming and so familiar. Slowly, the audience is entranced by characters' interactions at different spots around the venue. The experience is partly cinematic, like a camera's point of view as your head swivels to catch the action, partly theatrical and partly dreamlike.

The sound direction, by Tim Collins is more than up to the challenge, allowing the audience to eavesdrop on intimate conversations and even hear the inner ruminations of characters. The technical achievement is as spectacular as it is unobtrusive. You simply forget that these actors are miked up as they talk and swim.

The story is episodic rather than linear. Snatches of conversation convey slices of information that slowly meld into an individual's narrative. Some are amusing, others touching and some are profoundly

A highlight is an adult's breakthrough in

learning to trust a swimming teacher after decades of bruising emotional trauma. The sequence, beautifully choreographed by Kate Champion and superbly performed by Joel Jackson and Emma Jackson is quiet, enthralling and deeply moving.

There is a group of silent swimmers who form a chorus, accompanying characters, sometimes acting out their reminiscences and at other times artistically representing

If you have the courage, you can join in the show. Audience members who register in advance can jump in the water for the final sequence as an aqua aerobics class.
All-in-all, *The Pool* is well worth the trip to

City Beach.

The Pool

By Steve Radgers

Directed by Kate Champion Black Swan Theatre Company and Perth

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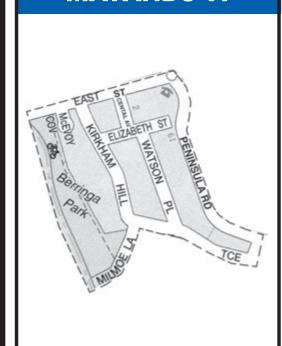
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