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# Palmer win: 'Poll tactics worked in my favour'

## by STEVE GRANT

**BAYSWATER** councillor Sally Palmer has won the North Ward by-election comfortably, saying political manoeuvring before the vote probably worked in her favour.

Friday's by-election was forced when mayor Filomena Piffaretti resigned from her ward seat just five days before last October's general election, robbing Cr Palmer of an opportunity to take the vacancy as the runner-up ("Shock resignation," Voice, October 19, 2023).

While Ms Piffaretti posted to social media that the move would help her achieve a "clear mandate" and an opportunity to lead in her own right, Cr Palmer said not all voters saw it that way

"A lot of people could see through what was going on, and to have an election in January and February was a killer, and that had people offering to help," she said of her campaign.

"I was upset because when you are walking the streets in 40 degrees, you start to wonder 'why am I doing this'.

"We had people in their 80s walking the streets and they'd come back and they were covered in perspiration, but you'd say

they'd done enough and they'd just say 'no, give me some more pamphlets' because they believe in working for goodness."

Cr Palmer said despite the controversy around the election, she wasn't harbouring any bitterness and would be happy to work with the mayor and her political allies.

## Dynamic

"We have a good dynamic and variety, with young people, different genders and different ages, and that should be used for healthy decision-making for the community, not for factions.

Cr Palmer said being voted onto council was an honour and she hoped to set a "mature example".

"Maybe this nonsense has been like a couple who have a row, but learn from it," she said.

Keeping spending down so rate increases could be kept to a minimum was high on her agenda for the next term, saying she'd like to see the end of councilorganised mini activities like yoga in the park that attracted only a handful of people, preferring the funding be spent on showstopper festivals that attracted thousands and gave them a good impression of the city.



 Youth Advisory Council members Nilani and Osadhi Muthumuni Arachchige and Angela Le with Deputy Mayor Councillor Elli Petersen-Pik.

# **Natural connection**

BAYSWATER council is helping youngsters reconnect with nature in a series of workshops for Youth Week, April 5 - 124.

The workshops are being held in the city's green spaces and are aimed at inspiring young people aged 12 to 25 to express their creativity, learn sustainable life skills and connect with others.

Deputy mayor Elli Petersen-

Pik said the City's Youth Week celebrations aimed to create a sense of belonging in local young people.

These workshops are a great way for young people living, studying or working in the City of Bayswater to meet like-minded people and explore the City's picturesque natural environments," he said. "Young people can choose to enjoy

a photography workshop at Eric

Singleton Bird Sanctuary, a birds of prey meet and greet with an afterdark walk through Lightning Swamp Bushland, or learn how to create their very own take-home veggie garden.

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Dear Vincent community,

We're fortunate to live in an area that is also home to many beautiful established trees.

Not only do these trees improve the look of our streets and public open spaces, they also play an important environmental role.

Urban canopy contributes significantly towards local biodiversity, visual amenity, community wellbeing and reduces the impact of urban heat island effect. It also helps mitigate the effects of climate change.

We have seen a growing number of trees on private land being removed due to the influx of infill development in the inner-city.

Some local governments have recently proposed more protection of mature trees but have not received support from the State Government.

Council has agreed to prioritise the progress of its planning controls and advocate for the State Government to allow greater protection of trees on private land.

Our tree canopy is also facing another threat, with many of the iconic trees in Hyde Park and other Vincent parks sadly being removed due to the infestation of the Polyphagous shot-hole borer.

I am just as devastated as our community is about this situation.

We are committed to replanting as quickly as possible and will continue to work closely with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to look at ways to ensure existing trees are preserved.

Best wishes,

Alison Xamon



# **VINCENT NEWS**

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# Xamon wants state support for canopy

VINCENT council has called on the Cook government to do more to protect trees on private land.

Mayor Alison Xamon championed the cause, raising a notice of motion at Tuesday's council meeting aimed at tackling the City's low canopy cover.

"Our inner-city suburbs, and the rest of WA, are literally feeling the heat from very low canopy cover and the increased loss of trees on private land," Ms Xamon said.

"Urban canopy contributes significantly towards local

biodiversity, visual amenity, community wellbeing and reduces the impact of urban heat island effect.

"It is also an important contribution to addressing the impacts of climate change.

## **Private land**

While recent changes to the state's R-Codes recognise the importance of retaining canopy on private land, Ms Xamon said the Cook government hadn't gone far enough in requiring development approval for removing mature trees. "This is contributing

significantly to the decline of canopy cover within our suburbs and shows that the current system is failing," she said. "Local governments are facing

increased challenges in retaining trees as they tackle the need to accommodate increasing housing density and the infestation of the polyphagous shot-hold borer.

"The council will be continuing to plant hundreds of trees on public verges, parks and carparks, as part of our annual winter planting season, and will be planning for more replacement trees in areas impacted by the PSHB," Ms Xamon said.

# **FROM \$1 Councils call for** He Lied When He Said He Was... station overhaul

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## by STEVE GRANT

THE mayors of Vincent and Cambridge have banded together to try and convince the Cook government to overhaul the Leederville train station.

Vincent mayor Alison Xamon and Cambridge mayor Gary Mack have written to premier Roger Cook, transport minister Rita Saffioti and planning minister John Carey saying the aged station is holding up the revitalisation of the surrounding precinct.

Ms Xamon said there had been a big focus on the Leederville town centre after her council's decision in November last year to sell its Frame Court and The Avenue carparks for a transit oriented development.

"One of the things we are keen to do is to tap into the state government's interest in supporting transit oriented developments and ask that key consideration be given to prioritising an upgrade - not just an upgrade, but a complete re-do of the Leederville train station,' Ms Xamon said.

"People would know that the Leederville train station is pretty old; I would say that the



· A decade ago Vincent and Cambridge came up with this plan for a link, but it went nowhere.

disability access is pretty woeful. "At the moment it really doesn't serve the precinct very well, particularly in terms of providing an attractive option between the Town of Cambridge and connecting up with the City of Vincent.

"At the moment the pedestrian overpass at Leederville doesn't have any shelter, it's not particularly safe, and as I say the lack of disability access is a particular concern."

Ms Xamon noted there was another state election in one year's time, and said she'd love to see "duelling announcements" from Labor and the Opposition about upgrades to the station.

It's not the first time the two councils have teamed up to try and improve their linkage, as they're split by the Mitchell Freeway and only have the spaghetti loop of a footbridge that takes some serious effort to cross.

Back in 2011 Cambridge produced plans for a \$5.5 million pedestrian decking or a \$13m viaduct bridge which could later be upgraded to allow traffic to cross as well.

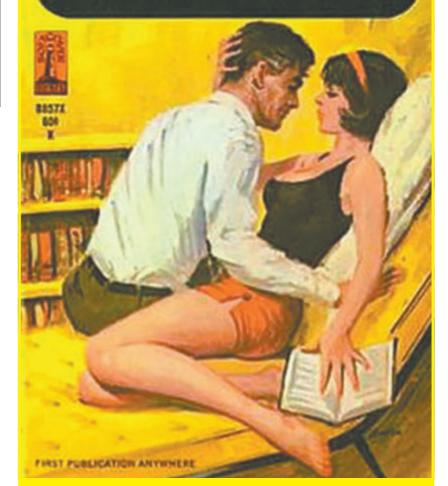
The plans were rubberstamped by Vincent councillors despite the concerns of thencouncillor, now-state planning minister Carey, who described them as "pie in the sky".



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### John Keene



The conductor is critical in giving the orchestra a raison d'être: shaping the music into an exciting, new interpretation, exploring the scope of the emotions contained in the composition in the limited time of a few rehearsals. John Keene has a deep understanding of the score and innovative approaches. He is also FCO's new Artistic Advisor and also a brilliant double bass player.

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Those who were unfortunate to miss the November concert can find the those and many more recordings on FCO's own YouTube channel.

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# Making history:

MARCH is Women's History month, and although the women being profiled are not historical, they are certainly making history. Environmental engineer Carolyn Oldham was one of the 2024 inductees to the Western Australian Women's Hall of Fame this month.

#### by KATHERINE KRAAYVANGER

CAROLYN OLDHAM has been in the environmental engineering field for more than 30 years, witnessing first-hand the changing landscape of gender equality in the scientific and academic world.

When Prof Oldham started at UWA, there was one important detail about her that was at risk of derailing her career.

"I arrived three months pregnant," she said with a laugh, "and it was like all of their worst nightmares happened.

"They got a woman, and a pregnant woman at that."

At the time, it was common for pregnant women to stop working, so it was a lonely endeavour for Prof Oldham to begin her career, working up until the weekend before she gave birth to her son.

"They just weren't used to having pregnant women in the workplace," she says.

## Pollution

Throughout her career, Prof Oldham has focused on the protection of water, and addressing the growing problem of pollution.

"Whether it's groundwater, rivers, streams, estuaries, or coastal water," she lists.

She's worked on research projects which address major environmental concerns such as mine closures and wetland contamination, adopting a "trans-disciplinary" approach which integrates environment and infrastructure, among many other fields.

These include a "pioneering" study into the importance of Western Australian wetlands, and she's also collaborated in studies on the east coast and Europe.

Prof Oldham was the only woman among the 82 who studied engineering in her year, and only one of a small number promoted to Professor of



· Prof Carolyn Oldham. Photo by Karen Wheatland

'Engineers make the world we live in, and if everyone who does the design and the thinking around that is a man, we're not serving half the population'

Engineering in the country. The experience of being an anomaly in her studies led her to be a champion of women in engineering and STEM subjects.

"It was obvious from the day I started I was what they called an 'affirmative action appointment'," she said.

"It was also obvious right from the beginning that the gender questions in engineering needed to be worked on."

As Chair of a UWA women's leadership planning group, Prof Oldham acted as a mentor in engineering, stressing the importance of gender equality in the field.

"We need women in all forms of engineering so that they bring

different eyes to understanding the world's problems," she said. "Therefore designing technology that works and meets the needs of all the population, not just half of the population.

"Engineers make the world we live in, and if everyone who does the design and the thinking around that is a man, we're not serving half the population."

All diversity is key, Prof Oldham says, because each perspective offers a "different way of thinking to design the world's technology" with a "sensitivity" that more than just one gender, ethnicity, or class can offer.

She is all too aware of the lack of gender balance in STEM



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# Prof stepped up in STEM

fields too, which she says applies to anyone in an "extreme minority".

"When you're the only woman, it puts a huge burden on you," she said.

"It puts a burden on you to not just what you think, but everything you say gets labelled as 'oh, that's a woman talking or that to black person talking or that's a Chinese person talking.

"So somehow you take on the identity of your whole gender, in my case."

The unnecessary pressure of being in an "acute minority" doesn't help the experience of women in STEM, which are already often demanding environments.

"You take one step wrong, suddenly, that's just 'what happens' when you have women in the workplace," she said.

## Changing

Slowly but surely, Prof Oldham says, this is changing, especially in STEM fields, where gender equality contributes to organisational function.

"There's fewer and fewer places where there's just a single woman," she said.

"Numbers do matter."

Prof Oldham is "very much" proud of her induction into the Hall of Fame, which she says came as a surprise as someone who "likes to work behind the scenes".

"It's good for young women, particularly, but also young men to see that there's women doing amazing things in our in our world," she said.

"The inductees are faces of

the women who have achieved amazing things, so to have those faces recognised when for so long they were in the shadows, is really good."

Times have changed since Prof Oldham first walked into UWA

three months' pregnant. "No one blinks now when you see pregnant women in the workplace," she said.

"Iť́s just so normal." Now, it is also normal for

women to be in STEM professions:

something that Prof Oldham is proud to have helped changed over her career.

"My grandfather said over his dead body would a daughter of his go to university," she said.

"He was an engineer.

"It's so ironic that his granddaughter is a Professor of Engineering and in the Hall of Fame, so I wonder whether he's turning in his grave," she laughed. "We've come a long way in two generations."

# **Detour for one-way**

### by STEVE GRANT

VINCENT council has taken another breather on a plan to turn part of Harold Street into a one-way street after deciding residents hadn't been adequately consulted about which direction it should go.

The little slither between Beaufort and Vincent streets has long been a source of frustration for locals because of rat-runners and pick-ups from the Sacred Heart primary school, and last year the council ditched a Main Roads-funded plan to block right turns from Harold ("Vincent steers away from blocks," Voice, August 31, 2024). Objectors feared it would simply push the problem onto other streets.

The City's traffic planners went back to the drawing board and modelled Harold as a one-way street and found the analysis stacked up. "Overall, the study found that

providing intervention treatments that divert traffic is not desirable

because while crashes may be treated at the intersection in questions, adjacent intersections are consequentially likely to be negatively impacted with an increased safety risk," a report to this week's council meeting said.

It said traffic volumes on Harold would decrease and speeds would be slower.

Despite the planners' confidence, North Ward councillor Alex Castle successfully moved to defer the item, saying she had concerns.

"If we make this road one way I realise that would achieve a drop in volume, but we are restricting movement between Harold Street heading north, because if you were to go Beaufort to Vincent you can only turn left, you can't turn right," Cr Castle said. "The other bigger concern is

that when we discussed this at council last time the reason we didn't make a decision at the time we because we wanted to consider it in the context of the entire precinct.

"I'm really cognisant that the

community is desperate for a solution and I'm not comfortable that we are taking so long with that, but I also don't like a proposal that hasn't got the rest of the precinct planned in it."

Cr Castle was also unhappy that residents hadn't been consulted on which was the traffic should flow if Harold went oneway

Several residents fronted public question time to urge councillors not to delay a decision.

Ian Merker lives a block away on Broome Street and said Harold had been acknowledged as a black spot, though a note in the planning report said while it hadn't been assessed as such, Main Roads had approved a black spot project.

Mr Merker said he was a little alarmed by the council's consultation which found that out of 60 respondents, 34 were against any change to the flow and only 21 supported it.

"I'd like you to look a little bit deeper into those numbers, because a lot of the people who were against it, we believe were parents from the school who just want to look at literally dumping off their children in the morning and picking them up after school,"

Mr Merker told the meeting. Mt Lawley resident Ralph Greenwell said those parents would be more likely to support the change if they prioritised safety over convenience.

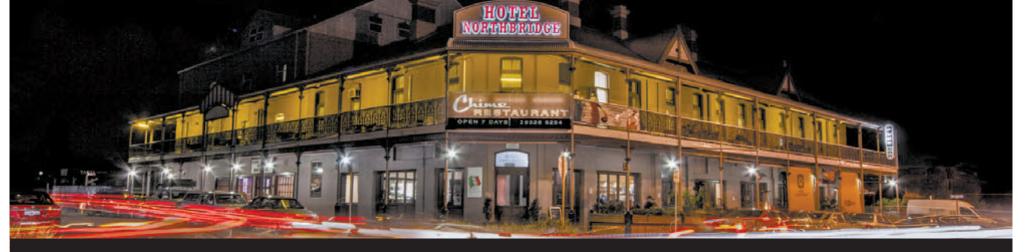
"We are all aware the community will be voting for immediate change following a child, parent or resident being seriously injured," Mr Greenwell said.

"As Harold Street residents we have all witnessed motorists speeding up our street to Vincent Street.

"My recent experience was on the first day of school in late January when a motorcyclist decided to do a wheelie up the street from outside our house at 8.15am in the morning.

"Just 15 minutes later when the school drop-off started, who knows what might have happened."

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filled 'La Parisienne' baguettes. There was a mind-boggling range with everything from classic ham and cheese to Lebanese vegan, Shanghai duck, cranberry turkey, and curried egg. The place was busy with

hungry office workers flooding in for their carb fix, but the cafe had a large number of efficient workers behind the till, so I didn't

have long to wait. I got an assortment of baguettes to take home and also got one of Jean-Claude's tote bags as I didn't want to carry four javelin-sized baguettes across West Perth (I might have got mugged by some ravenous tradie who had been on the tools all morning).

The skinny vintage-style baguettes had a lovely rustic texture and an irregular finish

with an artful dusting of flour. The minute you bit into the bread you got an ear-splitting crunch that was off the charts.

The bread seemed to defy the laws of the physics and was incredibly light, almost floating out your hand and making its way towards the sky like some carb rocket built by Elon Musk.

The filling in the vegan baguette (\$11.10) was a delicious mix of green salad, avocado and sun-dried tomato.

The tomato was yummy and the salad had a herby, slightly spicy dressing, adding an extra flavour dimension (it could have easily been a bland, vegetarian slog).

My young kids, Bamm-Bamm and Pebbles, were tucking into their classic French-style ham and cheese baguette (\$12.10) which also had slices of fresh glossy tomato.

It was a hit and I couldn't resist a sneaky taste - the soft mild cheese and ham instantly



whisked me back to the streets of Paris with Joe le taxi reverberating around my head. It was super authentic and delicious. We rounded the carb-fest off by sharing the roast beef (\$12.10) and chicken avocado (\$12.10) baguettes.

They continued the same high standard and I liked how Jean-Cluade didn't skimp on the fillings, cramming it with tender roast beef and moist chook.

The prices were good too with my most expansive baguette costing \$12.10.

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My wife "Special K" has been a long-term fan of the Swiss bakery, which opened in Subiaco in 1997 before expanding with another patisserie in West Leederville in 2005

Anytime she was in the vicinity of Jean-Claude's, she would return with an assortment of exquisite cakes, fruit tarts and chocolate eclairs.

They were always gorgeous

accompaniment to afternoon tea. I had heard good things about their bread, but never tried it, so I fired up the *Voice* jalopy and headed there for lunch on Jean-Claude's West Perth is

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THERE'S still time to catch some great French movies at Luna Leederville before the Alliance Francaise Film Festival winds up on April 2.

Now in its 35th year, the 2024 festival has a diverse line-up of 41 films with everything from gritty dramas to lavish period pieces.

It's not short on star power either with movies starring Johnny Depp, Juliette Binoche, Catherine Deneuve and Michel Gondry.

"Our stories reflect struggles, triumphs, passion, and possess an extraordinary ability to touch hearts," says festival director Karine Mauris

If you fancy seeing an all-time classic, the 1945 film *Children of* Paradise is screening tomorrow (Sunday March 24) at 3.30pm. Voted best film of all time by

the Association of French Cinema Journalists, it's set in the Parisian theatre scene of the mid-1800s. At the heart of this cinematic

gem is an enigmatic woman pursued romantically by four very different men, including the film's most iconic character, the tragically lovelorn mime, Baptiste.

Created under oppressive conditions in Nice and Paris during the dark days of the Nazi occupation, it's a bit of a miracle Children of Paradise got made.

Released shortly after liberation, many hail it as the greatest French film of all time, with Marlon Brando once declaring it "maybe the best movie ever made."

If you fancy something a bit more light hearted than check out





• (left - right) Jeanne du Barry, Take a Chance on Me, The Sitting Duck, and Children of Paradise are showing at the Alliance Francis French Film Festival

# **French** fancies

the comedy *Take a Chance on Me*.

The movie revolves around a down-on-her-luck young woman Marie-Line and an older male judge, who rules against her in court.

The two are complete opposites, but the judge sees something in Marie-Line and hires her as his driver.

This leads to a poignant, funfilled and ultimately life-changing road trip, filled with heated debate, misadventures and personality clashes.

French pop singer Louane Emera, who made her acting debut in *The Bélier Family*, is great as the downtrodden yet high spirited Marie-Line, while legendary stage and screen veteran Michel Blanc (A Good Doctor) plays the curmudgeonly judge with

conviction and humour. Take a Chance on Me is showing at 11am on March 26.

If you like a good old thriller, then go and see *The Sitting Duck*, the electrifying real-life tale of whistle-blower Maureen Kearney.

She was a trade unionist who challenged the powerful nuclear industry at an immense personal cost.

Feared, admired and loathed for her considerable influence, Kearney's world takes a harrowing turn when she exposes the unsettling details of a clandestine deal between French and Chinese power companies.

This revelation leads to a brutal assault that sets off a chain of events exposing the failures of the justice system and the endemic corruption within government and



big corporations. The Sitting Duck is showing at 11am on March 28.

They'll be a pinch of Hollywood glamour at the festival with Johnny

Depp starring in the Australian premiere of *Jeanne du Barry*. The lavish drama from writer / director Maïwenn is inspired by the life of the rags-to-riches social climber Jeanne Bécu.

The working-class woman became the mistress of King Louis XV, played by Depp in his first French-language speaking role.

Shot on location at Versailles and featuring majestic costumes and production design, Jeanne Du *Barry* is a visual feast for the eyes.



It's showing at 1:15pm on March 30.

The 35th Alliance Francaise French Film Festival is at Luna Leederville and Luna SX Fremantle until April 2. Some films have multiple showings. You can see the full program at affrenchfilmfestival.org.





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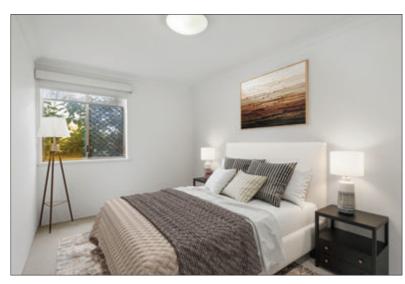


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# Maylands gem

THE Voice has always had a soft spot for Maylands. It's Art Deco buildings, proximity to the river and leafy avenues make it a relaxing

bolthole with a fascinating history. At offers over \$300,000, this two bedroom one bathroom Maylands apartment is a bit of a steal.

It's in a superb elevated spot with fantastic vistas of the treetops, Swan River and Optus Stadium.

The apartment isn't too shabby either with a superb open plan living/dining/kitchen area, which is spacious and airy with plenty of room for a large dining table and sofa.

The carpets give it a premium feel and they will come in very handy with autumn on our doorstep. The corner kitchen is neat and functional with handleless cupboards and a stainless steel oven with induction hob.

Doing the dishes will be a joy with the window above the sink conjuring up views of the lush trees in the apartment complex.

The bedrooms are well appointed with both featuring floor-to-ceiling mirrored robes (a bonus as usually it's only the main).

The toilet is neat and functional (if you are moving in you'd probably want to renovate further down the line, but if it's an investment property you could leave as-is).

Nestled on the border of Mt Lawley, this ground-floor flat is a



stone's throw from Bardon Park and the river, where you can enjoy leisurely walks and cycles along the foreshore.

It's perfect for a first-time buyer or as an investment property.

Home open today (Saturday March 23) and tomorrow 11am-11:30am Offers in the mid to high \$300,000s Sale by auction April 7 11am 12/7 Riverslea Avenue, Maylands Beaucott Property 9272 2488 Agent Paul Owen

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# These are this weeks HWU changeovers.

10% of all storage hot water units die between April – July. How's yours?

# Case Study March 24 **Fancy Tap Water** Plumber wisdom with Tony Young

Water filters are the flavour of the month and there are a lot of them on the market at the moment.

I must admit I am a bit sceptical, as mostly they over spec'd and over priced in my opinion... So, lets have a think about this logically before you part with \$4000 – 5000 and \$500 annually to maintain.

### A. I guess my starting point is 'WHY'?

ie My son has eczema and hard water and chlorine affects it... and then identify what you are trying to filter out...

Solids... sand, scale

Colour... iron

Taste... chlorine, organic,

Chemicals... chlorine, fluoride, calcium Bacteria... eColi

## B. How are we going to filter out these impurities

Filtering of solids is usually done by forcing the water through a porous medium .. ie ceramic, sand, fibre and measured in micros 1/1000th of a millimetre 2 – 5 micros is common for this type of filtering. Tastes

# Standard and world Health org standards?? First world problem?

Start with the name brands that are familiar... Puretec is one that springs to mind, the last one I priced was \$2500 installed... but in my in my opinion does no better job (than this human body can detect) than the \$400 double cannister unit under your kitchen sink.

Be aware that...

- They can cost up to \$500 per year for maintenance (ie if a big heap of rubbish comes through the mains after a burst in the street... could wreck a few filters in a row?)
- 2. You can pay a lot for a fancy cover, for a apparatus that is the same underneath... but



and odours are attenuated by carbon filter cartridges. Bacteria by Ultra violet light treatment.

#### C. Where in your house you need to protect...

ie Do we need to filter garden and toilet water filtered? Your hwu, your shower or your kettle?

In my opinion, the \$75 filter in my fridge water does a pretty good job. So I get a little dubious about the benefits of \$4 -5k units I see advertised and installed, when the water that we drink starts above Australian ultimately it is only the filter medium that does the work (the filtering).. so all the rest is window dressing.

On a re read that all sounds a bit cynical, but it can all lead to very fancy expensive tap water, 99% of which comes out of the tap for free

Conclusion... give the 'whats and whys' a bit of thought before you go all in

Goodluck!

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# 13 Hawkins Street Embleton

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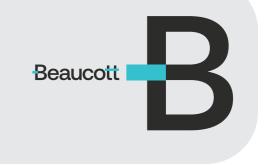
# 104 Drake Street Bayswater

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Nestled atop one of the highest spots of Bayswater with breathtaking views across Hillcrest Reserve and beyond to the city, this home is in one of the best locations money can buy. Boasting a bright, light, and airy ambiance this property was built in 1987, and offers substantial accommodation and beautiful gardens.

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# **COMPETITIONS!**

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### March 23 - March 30, 2024



### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

There's a full Moon and a lunar eclipse in Libra on Monday. A lunar eclipse happens when the earth comes between the Sun and the Moon, casting a shadow on the Moon. Your yin and your yang will be at odds on this day. Come Tuesday, you will be able to reflect and express again.



### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 20)

Somehow you are bringing your capacity for delight and your need for some kind of discipline in line. This gives you lots of traction, with very little effort needing to be expended. The full Moon in Libra on Monday will reinforce your susceptibility to love and beauty. Know your strength



## GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

With Mercury scooting through Aries, you are likely to be a little hot-headed and somewhat prone to jumping to conclusions. The full Moon in Libra on Monday, combined with a lunar eclipse, will slow you down for a moment and give you cause to reflect. To be self-aware is a saving grace.



# CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

There's full Moon on Monday, combined with a lunar eclipse - in Libra. This will give you a moment to reflect on what it means to be a genuinely harmonious being. Expect to be temporarily nudged out of your usual routine. Neither procrastination nor obsessive action is the answer.



### LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)

The Sun is in fellow fire sign, Aries. This makes you feel at home. Energy, action and bravado are being given a big existential tick of approval. On Monday, there is a full Moon in Libra, along with a lunar eclipse. This will give you a brief moment in which to explore the eye of your cyclone.



## VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22)

Mercury is in Aries, making you a little more jumpy than usual. Rather than try to hold yourself in, or calm yourself down, let it out. Dance, walk. run, swim - do whatever feels good. If you do, you will soon find a natural relaxation arising. Watch out for Monday's full Moon and Junar eclipse



### LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 23)

There is a full Moon in Libra on Monday. along with a lunar eclipse. The earth will move in front of the Sun and caste it's shadow on the Moon. This magic moment will slow down all the rambunctious influences that have been buffeting you, and give you a chance to calm down



### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 21)

The lunar eclipse on Monday gives you just the kind of experience that you crave. It will provide a brief break from the monotony of normality. Keep your eyes peeled for those moments in which life's gears are temporarily unengaged. Halt your wheel of thoughts for a moment, and reflect.



## SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

The full Moon, and lunar eclipse in Libra, give you a moment of clarity on Monday that helps you to make sense of things that aren't easy to make sense of. All the noise stops briefly. In the stillness and silence, insight dances onto centre stage, making the difficult, simple, for a brief moment.

## CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The Aries Sun's propensity to rush into things invariably throws well-laid plans into disarray. The Libran Moon's tendency to procrastinate, leads to missed opportunity. On Monday, as the Moon swells into fullness, and the earth comes between the Moon and Sun, understanding appears.



### AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Contrary to opinion. Pluto is not stirring

up mayhem for you as he settles in to Aquarius. In fact, he is working seamlessly with the Aries Sun, to put positive changes into place. The Libran full Moon and Junar eclipse, briefly stop time in its tracks, allowing commonsense to surface



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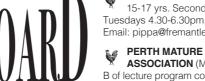
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## PISCES (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Though the Sun has moved into Aries. there are still four planets in Pisces.

There is plenty of action taking place under the surface, in your own private universe. Venus and Saturn are bringing delight and discipline together. Mars is giving you strength. Neptune is opening your imagination up.



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# 20 Almondbury Road, Mount Lawley

# **Absolutely Stunning**

Welcome to 20 Almondbury Road, Mount Lawley! A King of the Castle character home set behind impressive limestone pillars and wrought iron gates. This stunning 6-bedroom, 3-bathroom house is the perfect blend of luxury and comfort. With a spacious land area of 860 sqm and a building area of 400 sqm, this property offers plenty of room for the whole family.

The property features beautifully landscaped gardens, perfect for relaxing or entertaining guests. The open parking spaces can accommodate up to 3 vehicles, in addition to the 2-car garage. The architecture of the house is truly impressive, with hardwood flooring, chandeliers, and high-quality furniture throughout. It's elevated wrap verandah and huge entry add to the grandeur. An enormous formal living room at the front of the property will also impress. Huge family living with a gas fireplace and another living room that could be a formal dining room or a play room. A spectacular chef's country kitchen with a large scullery/laundry and a casual meal area. This all overlooks the swimming pool and the gorgeous landscaped gardens. With 6 huge bedrooms and a study there is room for not only a big family but plenty of room for guests too. The master has sweeping views to the city and a large walk in robe. Three bathrooms, two with baths is perfect to accommodate the busy mornings.

Located in a prime position in Mount Lawley, this property offers easy access to the city and all its amenities. Whether you're looking for a peaceful retreat or a stylish urban oasis, this property has it all. Seldom do properties of this calibre and magnitude come along so don't miss out on this incredible opportunity - offers are invited for this one-of-a-kind property. Contact us today to arrange a viewing!



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