



Suburb battle gets pointed



• North Coogee supporters gathered more than 300 signatures opposed to the name change, but say their posters with Q-codes kept getting ripped down.

by STEVE GRANT

A GROUP of North Coogee residents hoping to block a proposed name change for their suburb have gathered a 300-strong petition, saying it shows a rival group's choice is too divisive.

In December last year Cockburn council submitted a proposal to the state's Geographic Names Committee to split North Coogee in two, with the northern half to be renamed Catherine Point and the southern half Port Coogee.

The name change is backed by the Catherine Point Community Group, after an initial bid to be known as South Beach was knocked back by the committee in 2021.

But resident Kereth Harris says while the CPCG consulted widely about becoming South Beach, it was strangely silent about moving to plan B.

"Residents signing the petition are angry they

haven't been told about this," Ms Kereth said.

"This is about our identity and we don't relate to the Catherine name."

Ms Harris says how the point - these days little more than a groyne - got its name seems to have been lost in time, but it harked back to the state's colonisation and that didn't sit well with her supporters.

Roadblocks

"Coogee is an Indigenous name, and it's one of the most beautiful suburbs, really connected and social," she said.

"But this name change has created this great division."

Ms Harris says she tried to reach out to the CPCG to discuss the issue, but faced roadblocks.

"We've had our posters with the QR code pulled down, and Facebook posts have been altered and blocked."

Ms Harris says a submission from CPCG to the council suggesting



• Calling it North Coogee Gate, a group of residents say the process behind a proposed name change hasn't been transparent enough, but showing how the issue has divided the community, as they posed for the Chook's photo several others walked by and cheekily called out "Catherine Point" to show their support for the alternative. Photo by Steve Grant

Catherine Point was riddled with "hyperbole" and said the council should have done more fact-checking before contacting the Geographic Names Committee.

"Cockburn appear to have been hoodwinked by the Catherine Point group - the group said they speak for all of us in North Coogee and this simply is not true."

Ms Harris said the final insult was a sign on Rollinson Road now welcomes people to Catherine Point because of the community group's recent name change, which she acknowledges was

done under the rules of its constitution.

The CPCG issued a statement to the Herald saying it recognised a 300-strong petition demonstrated significant opposition and it had requested more information.

"A petition which includes a significant number of relevant community signatures, demonstrating opposition to the proposal, can potentially represent new and important data for the CPCG committee to consider," the statement said.

But the CPCG said it's done its best to

communicate with residents.

That initially came when it decided to change its own name from South Beach when that name was knocked back.

Communicate

"The community group committee then undertook to try and communicate this proposed community group name change and why this was being considered - via flyer drops, social media, commercial media, email and at community meetings.

"At the June 2023 community group AGM

this considered community group name change was proposed and voted on, with the proposal being passed."

The CPCG says it seemed obvious that Catherine Point was the most likely name to be accepted by the names committee and with the Port Coogee Community Association it developed a proposal which was submitted with the council.

It says Landgate is likely to make a decision on whether the name change can proceed by June, and after that the whole shebang would have to be sent back out for formal consultation by the City of Cockburn.

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Superannuation on Paid Parental Leave

I recently moved a motion which recommended superannuation be included on government Paid Parental Leave, as part of the Albanese Labor Government's ongoing pledge to advance gender equality and improve women's workforce participation. I am proud to be part of a Government taking steps to close the superannuation gap and promoting a dignified and secure retirement for more women.



World Police and Fire Games

As Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Friends of Law Enforcement and First Responders, I hosted an event in Parliament promoting the World Police and Fire Games. WA will host the World Police and Fire Games 2027, bringing thousands of visitors to our state. I believe it is so crucial to support the wellbeing of the Police Force and the Fire Department as the Games will boost morale, build comradery, and encourage teamwork through sports.



Melville Cricket Club Shade Sails

I'm glad to announce the completion of another campaign promise! Shade Sails Project for Murdoch University Melville Cricket Club is a welcome addition to the club, providing sun safety and enjoyability for members and visitors alike. The club is in the heart of our electorate and continues to serve people of all ages who want to come together over a good game of cricket. I am so glad to see this club recognised and supported by the Albanese Labor Government.



Anzac Day

As Anzac Day approaches, I remember and honour our veterans' sacrifices.

I encourage Tangney residents to explore the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) digital Anzac Day Kitbag. For kit access and any assistance, scan the QR code or contact my office.

Let us honour our heroes' courage and sacrifice. Lest We Forget.

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Trucks creeping back on Hampton

by IMOGEN WALSH

HAMPTON ROAD residents have reignited their battle against heavy vehicles after noticing a rise in container trucks using it as a shortcut to Fremantle Port.

Early this month two makeshift signs appeared on one of Hampton Road's median strips between High Street and South Street, calling for all "CONTAINER TRUCKS OFF HAMPTON RD NOW".

Along with the signs came a notice in letterboxes asking if others had noticed the increase in the number of semi-trailer container trucks and urging them to contact Fremantle council to show the rising community concern.

Sign-makers Rachel and Thierry told the Herald they'd noticed the increase in traffic and container trucks, along with air and noise pollution on Hampton Road, over the past six months.

The couple said they tried opening a dialogue with the council to see if any action could be taken to enforce an existing ban, but weren't thrilled by the response.

After contacting the council, they say they were told to collect "photographic evidence" before the council would take it further.

"It's ludicrous to expect residents to stand in the street photographing container trucks and counting them," Rachel said.

The couple requested a traffic counter instead and while one has not been installed the council told the Herald it was "actively monitoring truck traffic on Hampton Road and is sympathetic to resident concerns."

"Hampton Road has a restriction in place, prohibiting large heavy vehicles from using it as a through-route."

The council says Main Roads enforces breaches of the restriction and it passes on any report from residents.

According to Main Roads' website the recommended route for truck drivers is Leach Highway and Stock Road, leading to Stirling Highway which goes directly to Fremantle Port.

Fremantle Ports said the vast majority of truck drivers were professional and used the MRWA-recommended routes to keep locals on-side.

"We find a very small



• Fremantle council says it's monitoring trucks on Hampton Road and is sympathetic to residents, but they are calling for stronger action.

Photo by Imogen Walsh

percentage of container trucks use Hampton Road and those that do are generally servicing the businesses in the local area," Fremantle Ports spokesperson Neil Stanbury said.

Friends of Hampton and Ord founder Julie Murphy says she has repeatedly raised the health, safety and pollution issues with the council since 2016.

"Hampton is no different than any other [residential] street in Perth," Ms Murphy said, noting there are several schools along Hampton and many pedestrians using it each day.

Crosswalk attendant Chris Maston recently suffered multiple broken bones after being hit by a speeding car while ushering Fremantle Primary School students across the road.

Mr Maston now says he "wouldn't even walk his dog across Hampton Road".

While a container truck was not at the root of the incident, Mr Maston points out that "quite a few" are using Hampton Rd, adding to an unsafe

environment.

Road to Rail Campaign founder Barry Healy believes it is "insanity to have heavy-duty trucks driving through the suburban streets of Fremantle".

Road to Rail started in 2010, calling for more use of rail as the "least environmentally destructive" alternative to get goods to the port.

Mr Healy says that if the public were aware of the severity of the health damage diesel trucks could cause, including lung cancer from a fug of particulates, it would become the "Achilles heel" for WA's Environmental Protection Authority.

The former McGowan government proposed the new Outer Harbour in Kwinana as a way of reducing truck traffic in Fremantle and Melville, but Mr Healy and the Road to Rail campaign say they are "heavily against the idea of moving the problem, rather than solving it" and want to see more investment in rail.

8 REASONS WHY YOU NEED TO CHECK OUT THE NEW EAST FREO COMMUNITY PARK

The residents of East Fremantle can rejoice at the news that the long-awaited East Fremantle Community Park is just days away from opening to the public.

From April 30, Carnaby's Café and the all-abilities playground will be open to enjoy, with the B Active Health Club, Carnaby's Bar and Restaurant, skate zone and half basketball court following closely behind on May 9. The dog exercise area and oval will open in June.

There will be something for everyone at the state-of-the-art venue which has been developed with the community in mind, encouraging movement and activity for all ages with the following facilities:

- 1 B Active - a 1,000 sqm Health Club which will host 80+ classes and additional virtual classes each week
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 - 4 An open oval for community/WAFL club use
 - 5 An all-abilities playground
 - 6 An outdoor basketball 1/2 court
 - 7 A Skate Zone
 - 8 An enclosed dog exercise park
- The Health Club, B Active, will

feature a range of amenities and services including state-of-the-art gym equipment, free weights and cardio machines. Also on offer will be Reformer Pilates, group exercise, a cycle studio and small group functional training. B Active memberships are selling now, and group tours will begin on April 30 with the opportunity to save up to \$500 before May 9 (*T&Cs apply).

The other jewel in the crown - Carnaby's Café, Bar and Restaurant - is looking to distinguish itself as a premier hospitality destination through its dedication to a menu that caters not only to a diverse clientele, but also celebrates local botanicals, embraces international culinary influences and embodies a sustainable ethos from the passionate kitchen team.

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Stop Biden your time

WHO makes the major decisions in Israel?

Is it Netanyahu, the son of Polish/Jewish migrants, Itamar Ben-Gvir, the son of Iraqi and Kurdish parents, Bezalel Smotrich of Ukranian extraction or, Joe Biden?

The last candidate authorises arms sales to Israel and at the same time supplies aid to Palestinians in Gaza.

Knowing that the US sales to Israel eclipse those from Germany and the UK by a large margin and if the sale or gift of arms to Israel ceased, the war in Gaza would end swiftly.

He knows that Israel could not do serious damage to Iran if arms gifts/sales dried up.

Biden also knows that the US electorate is gradually rejecting the carnage being perpetrated on the Palestinians by the IDF and he does not trust Netanyahu, so, perhaps Biden, who wishes to be re-elected, yields more power in Israel than we think.

Jono Farmer
East Fremantle

Divisive

THE Port Coogee Community Association has sparked controversy by pushing for a name change for the northern section of North Coogee to Catherine Point, claiming it's to assert their identity.

However, this move reveals underlying privilege and divisiveness.



Deborah Shorter, a Port Coogee Estate resident describes the estates as having distinct personalities, suggesting a lack of vibrancy in the northern section.

The Catherine Point Community Group, (formerly the South Beach Community Group) representing the northern section, has pursued the name change without transparency, leading to mistrust among residents and leaving one to wonder who they are actually representing.

Meanwhile residents in South Beach and Shoreline Estates maintain strong connections to Coogee with the majority rejecting the proposed name change.

Considering the broader plan for the Cockburn Coast, the South Fremantle Power Station and CY O'Connor Beach are seen as unifying elements, contrary to the proposed division.

Shoreline's development also

promotes integration.

If Port Coogee Estate residents insist on a change, they could adopt Port Catherine, the original proposed name for their estate and leave the existing name of North Coogee to those of us who are proud to have it.

S Brooks
North Coogee

Great paper

I HAVE been meaning to write since my husband and I visited our daughter and new grandson in Fremantle several weeks ago.

But I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed your publication.

I'm a graphic designer, and while working for our local newspaper, I was involved in a

much needed redesign of our pages.

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I also passed the newspaper to a friend who trains people in newspaper design and the computer software used in the profession.

I just wanted you to know you are doing a great job.

Newspapers are taking a beating in this world of instant online news coverage, but local news still holds an important part in keeping the public aware of their community news and events.

Karen Geary
Paris, Tennessee, USA

Loved to death

WHAT happens when a place like Leighton Beach is loved to death?

What happens when the urban planning and design efforts of North Fremantle ignore the liveable qualities of both old and modern cultural landscapes?

What happens to a loved place when the balance between the wishes of the local community and those of greedy developers are inequitable?

What just happens? These are huge, difficult questions for a local community to grapple with.

Especially when we seek a genuine balance between urban conservation, environmental protection and liveable development.

Where living heritage values are recognised as contemporary attributes of a strong, healthy and sustainable place.

North Fremantle has been at the cross-roads for too long.

Now, more than ever this community seeks support from all leaders to level the playing fields between the 'hell-bent' developmental wishes of a state government, those who privately own these special coastal lands, and the care and stewardship of the local community and region.

It is time for some clever and creative urban coastal design to integrate coastal recreation, conservation and urban development.

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Where the biodiversity of an urban street and local park network, for example, is designed, valued and managed in much the same way as the resuscitated coastal dune system.

Where commercial land uses also benefit from an equitable conservation-lead urban living model.

A win-win for mixed-use, place-based, resilient community living.

As we all face the facts, we are left with a North Fremantle that is losing its living heritage.

Losing its beaches and local connectivity.

It has become an unfortunate pinch-point for the greater regional development of Fremantle and surrounds.

It is time for creative and integrated coastal development. Our last chance, perhaps?

Grant Revell
North Fremantle

Are you sophisticated?



by Mark Douglas FCPA
Managing Partner of Francis A Jones
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If I asked you whether you are sophisticated, what would your answer be? You might say that's it's all about smoking, drinking, never thinking of tomorrow, nonchalant, diamonds shining, dancing, dining with some man in a restaurant. Great answer, especially if you're a sophisticated lady like Ella Fitzgerald.

Or you might answer that it's about having \$2.5 million in the bank and \$250,000 in gross income. Not quite as romantic, but an equally good answer, particularly if you want to access potentially lucrative wholesale investments.

That's what you currently need under the Corporations Act to qualify as a "sophisticated investor" - \$250k of gross income in each of the two previous financial years and \$2.5m in net assets, including the family home, super and controlled entities.

Sophisticated investors can be offered investments without many of the consumer protections offered to retail investors - for example, without a prospectus.

There are two major problems with the rules. Firstly, the test thresholds were established in 2001 and at the time resulted in 1.9% of the population being classified as sophisticated investors. Since then property values have risen by about 290%, and we now have a 16% "sophisticated" population, projected to hit 29% by 2031.

The second problem is that having a bit of wealth does not make you Warren Buffett. I've met pecunious persons who are more at home at an all-you-can-eat buffet than dancing and dining in fine restaurants, never mind making decisions about complex and substantial investments.

Fortunately the government is finally reviewing the sophisticated investor rules. This week a parliamentary joint committee inquiry was commenced to consider the wholesale investor tests, with written submissions due 15 May 2024.

Media has speculated an increase to the net assets test from \$2.5m to \$4.5m, although Minister Stephen Jones denies that any decision has been made. It's estimated that raising the threshold to \$5m would bring the number of sophisticated households back to 3.1%.

“having a bit of wealth does not make you Warren Buffett”

Accountants are asked to sign off on sophisticated investor certificates, and before we do so we vigorously check that applicants meet financial eligibility requirements. This is not straight forward since the Corporations Act does not define "gross income" or "net assets", and guidelines around "controlled entities" are somewhat vague. We are not asked to assess other factors like experience, investment suitability, competence, smoking, drinking and thinking about tomorrow. The certified applicant might have received an inheritance yesterday, having never before owned an investment.

It's not the funnest job for busy accountants and is an insurance claim waiting to happen if an investment goes bad - not because accountants have done anything wrong, but because professional indemnity insurance is an easy target for a sophisticated plaintiff.

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Who's got friendly?

by KATHERINE KRAAYVANGER

COCKBURN is set to become officially "owl friendly".

The council has adopted BirdLife Australia's Action Kit to protect the city's threatened owl population.

As part of the scheme, the council will encourage residents to steer away from rodenticides which can kill owls via second-hand ingestion.

Currently, second generation anticoagulant rodenticides are the most popular and effective method to kill rats and mice, but they are so strong they can be fatal to any animal who ingests the poisoned rodents.

There can be a significant lag between ingesting an SGAR bait and death, giving owls ample time to hunt the rodents and die from second-hand poisoning.

Cockburn councillor Phoebe Corke flagged the move back in February and says it is vital councils do what they can to minimise the "horrendous effects" of SGARs.

"It's slightly more expensive to get the first-generation baits or traps as a way of killing the vermin," Cr Corke said.

"But if it's going to save the owls, it's got to be done, it's a

no-brainer."

Cr Corke hopes to see SGARs off the Australian market soon, following in the footsteps of other countries in Europe and North America.

"There's so much evidence about the widespread impact on wildlife and damage that they're doing," Cr Corke said.

"We're trying to get the other member councils of the Perth South West Metropolitan Alliance to follow our lead as well."

Cr Corke, who is the Cockburn representative on the PSWMA's environmental forum, plans to discuss being an owl friendly council at the next meeting and says other council are already enthusiastic.

Cockburn will only use first generation anticoagulant rodenticides on its properties and facilities, though they need to be consumed numerous times before causing death.

But they don't generally kill anything apart from the intended target, meaning wildlife can consume the dead animal relatively safely.

The Council will also continue its use of mouse and rat traps in favour of the second-generation baits, and its contracts with pest control companies will also be altered to include the details of the owl friendly policy.



• MPs Simone McGurk and Josh Wilson came along for the mass birthday celebration - 600 years!

Villagers' incredible 600-year milestone

by KATHERINE KRAAYVANGER

SIX White Gum Valley residents celebrated their 100th birthdays this week with a buoyant and colourful celebration at the Italian Village Fremantle.

The piano accordion was playing, and song was plentiful as Denis Hickling, Celso Berlotti, Giovanni Pintaudi, Isobel Diaz, Richard Win, and 'Mrs K' celebrated their centenaries.

All six have either turned 100 or will celebrate their birthdays shortly.

Resident Celso Berlotti, who turned 100 in September last year, says it feels "normal" and no less

special to have achieved a century of life than any other day.

"Altogether, it's been a good day," he said of the party.

Mr Berlotti moved to Australia from Italy in 1951, and he and his wife had four children.

His secret to longevity? "My family," he said with a smile.

Balloons adorned the walls and there was food aplenty as residents and their families acknowledged their long and intricate lives, and the time passed since they were born.

A star-studded crowd attended the birthday party, including federal MP Josh Wilson, WA minister Simone McGurk, and Fremantle mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge among

the lucky guests.

Italian Village CEO Fifi Schirripa says it is "extremely important" for the elderly community to celebrate significant milestones due to the mental health benefits which may be inhibited by old age.

"Happiness is probably the second most important element in aged care, after the food," Ms Schirripa said.

"When people are contented, they normally don't have any behavioural issues, and they're happy in their environment.

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over night in new hotels.

In the meantime though, Freo has a multitude of quirky small specialty shops, and an abundance of hairdressers and barbers.

We have quite a few shoe, clothing and ops shops, and three book shops. We even have a sex shop.

We also have the Fremantle Markets at the alleged abandoned Cappuccino Strip with 155 small retailers.

That is many more retailers than any of the other metro retail strips can boast about!

Nothing to do in Freo? What about the Fremantle Arts Centre and the other very good art galleries we have, or the Maritime and Shipwrecks museums, Fremantle Prison and the Roundhouse.

Stunning

Or go for a stroll and enjoy the stunning heritage buildings we have plenty of.

Freo has a working port and the Fishing Boat Harbour, and four great beaches in Leighton, Port, Bathers and South beach, plus the Swan River.

We have a town square with a children's playground and a fantastic skate park on the Esplanade.

We have two cinemas, plus outdoor movies on Victoria Quay.

We have a lot of festivals and concerts.

There is always something on

in good old Freo, especially on the weekends.

What Fremantle does not offer is sterile shopping in climate controlled shopping centres.

Centres that are occupied by the same franchises.

Freo also does not have the vacant shopping malls, that Perth has.

The port city offers unique character, as opposed to boring sameness.

Fremantle is not perfect. No city is. We have our issues, and like so many suburbs, Freo is still recovering from Covid and the many shop closures.

But it has picked up a lot and new businesses are coming to town.

We just need to learn to be a bit more patient, as the whole of Australia is dealing with a construction crisis.

There is very little doubt that Fremantle will grow and prosper in the foreseeable future, so give it a chance.

If you don't come to Fremantle, because there is supposedly nothing to do, than inform yourselves, instead of sprouting ignorant nonsense and talking our gorgeous city down.

Check out social media, read the Chook, come explore and discover all the lovely hidden treasures Freo has to offer, as many thousands of people do every week of the year.

Ask overseas and interstate visitors about Fremantle and the vast majority will tell you that they absolutely love our little city and its people.

Freo has many flaws, but boring it ain't!

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Kings Park guru joins surf protest

by KATHERINE KRAAYVANGER

KINGS PARK'S long-serving director of science has thrown his weight behind a campaign to stop a surf park in Jandakot.

Kingsley Dixon, who's also a professor at Curtin University's School of Molecular and Life Sciences, says Perth's rapidly dwindling banksia bushland is important habitat for the endangered Carnaby's black cockatoo and its protection should be a government priority.

"The economic benefits argument should be consigned to history," Prof Dixon said, "because that economic rationalism is what has given us the conservation crisis of today.

"Economics in Western Australia always wins over environment."

As the Herald reported last month, environment minister Reece Whitby acknowledged the bushland's importance but favoured economic benefits the surf park will generate when giving approval for proponent Aventura to clear the site ("Wave park clears bush hurdle," Herald, March 23, 2024).

Prof Dixon, who has been working at Kings Park for 30 years, said the surf park represents a "death by a thousand cuts" for Western Australia's bushland.

"The government has a responsibility to govern for future generations and to protect the environment," he said.



• The protestors march to Dumas House. Photo by Miles Tweedie

"Why they're doing it is unclear, but it is out of step with any clear-thinking government.

"Right now is the only time we can make the right decisions for the environment, not next year, not in 10 years.

"Carnaby's cockatoos can't survive in a surf park."

Prof Dixon's comments come after a conservation group attempting to deliver an open letter to premier Roger Cook were denied entry to Dumas House last week.

The letter was signed by eight conservation group representatives, including the Urban Bushland Council, the WA Forest Alliance, and the Conservation Council of WA.

Urban Bushland Council representative Heidi Hardisty slammed the action as "undemocratic", saying the state government had not done its due process by analysing the long-term environmental impact of bulldozing the endangered bushland.

"They have not looked at the value of keeping that bushland and they never do," Ms Hardisty said.

"They're not looking at the cumulative impacts properly, so it's very poor economic evaluation.

"In other words, it's simply greed."

Premier Cooke's office was contacted for comment but did not reply in time for publication.



• Steve from Kings of the Sun loved life in the piazza.

Freo's sun king

by KATHERINE KRAAYVANGER

FORMER bouncer and Fremantle Piazza business owner 'Steve' died after a long illness last week.

Described as a "big loss to Freo", his quirky spiritual giftshop Kings of the Sun sold curios such as crystals, sound bowls, incense, and art.

The shop was open for eight years and was a staple of the Piazza, with Steve seeing it through some turbulent issues with crime and violence in the area.

Former Fremantle councillor Bill Massey was a friend and described Steve as a "gentle giant" who loved his shop and the people around it.

"The Piazza was Steve's kingdom," Mr Massey said.

"It was Steve's law in here, he kept it clean, he moved on people who were undesirable.

"He also looked after all the other shopkeepers too."

Mr Massey describes Steve as a "complex guy" who was "cautious with his friendships" but a fierce protector of the Piazza - as well as of his surname.

"Not your typical looking businessman but he ran a very successful business."

Fellow business owner Kelly Williamson, who runs Vintage Lily in the Piazza, says Steve's death has "devastated" the Piazza community.

"He made me feel very welcome when I first moved here," Ms Williamson said.

"Everybody in the area is aware of how much he loved this little space.

"It meant the world to him."



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KePERT trial drags on

by CARLA LANE

THERE has been another delay in the prolonged trial of former Melville councillor Steve KePERT.

Mr KePERT appeared in the Fremantle Magistrates Court on April 11 for his fourth day of trial, where the department of local government concluded its case against him.

Mr KePERT is facing seven

charges, including five for failing to vote during his single term on council when his relationship with the City, AOs administration started to fall apart.

He originally faced 36 charges, but 34 were reduced to just five on the first day of trial, after the magistrate ruled he could only be charged once per meeting instead every time he didn't vote.

That left him with seven charges all up, the remaining

two being for not declaring a financial interest and benefitting from legal support.

The magistrate recognised the frustration Mr KePERT must have had with the case taking so long.

The first complaint against him was logged with the department in 2021, but it took two years before it went to trial.

Two more days of trial have been set for July 3 and September 11, where Mr KePERT can give his defence.



• Protesters splashed with fake blood urge MSC to drop its collaboration with ZIM. Photo by Steve Grant

by KATIE SMOUT

UNIONISTS staged a noisy die-in on Cliff Street on Monday to pressure the Fremantle branch of the Mediterranean Shipping Company to drop an Israeli collaborator.

A handful of police watched as protesters gathered outside MSC's Freeo office calling for it to cut ties with ZIM Integrated Shipping Services, an Israeli-owned company it signed a collaboration agreement with last year to swap and share vessels and berths.

Rumours have circulated that Zim carried weapons components and white phosphorous for the Israeli Defence Forces for the war in Gaza, though the company's CEO has reportedly denied it.

The local Unionists for Palestine protest was part of an international action by A15 Action who state their aim as to: "Identify and blockade major

Gaza die-in

choke points in the economy focusing on points of production and circulation with the intention of causing the most economic impact" to Israel.

Protesters in T-shirts covered with fake blood lay surrounded by sacks of flour while others shouted into megaphones in support of Palestine or condemning Israel for what they claim is a genocide.

Intifada

The group shouted support for an "Intifada" or Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and for the creation of an independent Palestinian state.

Protests coordinator Michelle Aitken called for all economic ties to Israel to be cut.

Ms Aitken said the flour sacks

referred to an attack in February this year where the IDF fired on civilians rushing towards an aid distribution point, killing more than 100.

She believes the group's protests have raised public awareness and are changing people's perceptions about the war in Gaza, and said further protests are planned for the future.

Similar protests were held around Australia late last year, and Melbourne Sydney and Adelaide ports have again been targeted with blockades and picket lines targeting ZIM.

The Herald contacted MSC which declined to comment.

A statement on ZIM's official website from October 15, 2023 remains the same; "despite the war situation in Israel, all local ports, in Ashdod, Haifa and Eilat, are operating as usual."

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Catherine Deneuve as Bernadette Chirac.

Madame power

STEP into the refined world of French political drama with a film that defies categorisation.

Catherine Deneuve portrays Bernadette Chirac, the unyielding force behind her husband, the enigmatic Jacques Chirac, portrayed by the talented Michel Vuillermoz.

The President's Wife unfolds as Jacque rises from Paris mayor through to his election as President from 1995-2007.

Bernadette holds the true authority although he holds the title.

Her determination, insight and wisdom guides Jacque through the course of Parisian politics.

Bernadette's journey is not all smooth sailing, as she is criticised by the political advisors in her husband's cabinet, endures her husband's many affairs and even her impeccable Lagerfeld wardrobe was meant to be updated.

Bernadette was even assigned a PR man to soften her image.

Above all this, she stands

resolute, carving her own indelible mark as the First Lady of France while Jacque emerges as a fastidious grump, begrudging Bernadette's aspirations to be more than ornament in his administration.

Beneath the façade of power, simmers tension when two particular incidents play out.

The first, when Jacque could not be reached when Princess Diana was killed in Paris and he was eventually tracked down in Italy where a woman answered the phone, calling him Giacomo.

The other when Bernadette was giving a speech and Jacque had a note passed to her, telling her to shut up - in French, of course.

Jacque does come to respect his wife's political instinct over time as she proves to be wise and in touch with the French people.

Although there's no climactic story line, the film offers a glimpse into the intricate web of love, ambition and sacrifice that defines the lives of the political elite and indomitable spirit of one woman shining in the shadows of power.

3/5 chickens

In the black



BACK TO BLACK, a new movie by director Sam Taylor-Johnson, follows the short and tumultuous journey of Amy Winehouse, immersing viewers in the highs and lows of her life through her own eyes.

From the nurturing love of her grandmother Cynthia (Lesley Manville) and unwavering support of her father (Eddie Marsan), the film beautifully portrays the influences that shaped her as an artist.

You can't help but feel sympathy for Winehouse as the story unfolds through her music, each song a poignant reflection of her deepest emotions and experiences.

The film captures her desire to express herself authentically, rejecting the manufactured pop culture of her time and carving her own path in the industry and rejecting the advice to change her stage presence to be more like the Spice Girls.

Central to Winehouse's story is her passionate yet destructive relationship with Blake, (Jack O'Connell), a love that veered into darkness despite her initial infatuation.

The film delves into the complexities of their bond, portraying love's blinding power and its ability to lead one down a treacherous path.

4/5 chickens.

Not quite in the zone

A NEW movie of stark contrast by British film director Johnathon Glaser, the Zone of Interest depicts the lives of a German commandant and his family living next door to Auschwitz.

In the shadows of the barbed-wired walls of the horrendous extermination camps, Hedwig and Rudolf Hoss have created a beacon of domesticity and a stunning oasis of a garden for their entertainment and children to play in.

Knowing what we know of the terrible holocaust, it was sickening to see how these seemingly ignorant people went about their normal lives while chimney stacks billowing black smoke and gunshots and screams can be heard from the camp.

The true juxtaposition of these lifestyles is highlighted as Rudolf's love for his wife and children is evident, but his involvement in the systematic extermination and plans to build a bigger crematorium ready for trains of Hungarian Jews cast a pall.

It casts conflict knowing the horrors of Nazi concentration camps and this family living in ignorance.

Hedwig receiving bags from the

servants (prisoners) turns out to be belongings like underwear and fur coat from the prisoners, which she divvies among her family and friends.

I understand these simple treasures of war are converted, but to hear the women talking around the table about the hiding of diamonds by the prisoners in toothpaste evoked such a strong feeling of disgust for me.

A dream sequence in black and white depicts a girl planting fruit in the side of the hills, but it becomes evident that it is actually a night vision of the girl leaving fruit hidden for the prisoners to find.

This was confusing and didn't really fit with the storyline, as it is not clear whether it's a daughter who is out at night or one of the prisoners working in the house.

It is a movie worth seeing, if not for the conflicting emotions but because it tells the story of a different side of family life during the holocaust than we usually see.

The closing scenes are the cleaners going through Auschwitz now, vacuuming and cleaning the windows holding the displays of belongings from victims, ready for visitors, bringing us back to reality.

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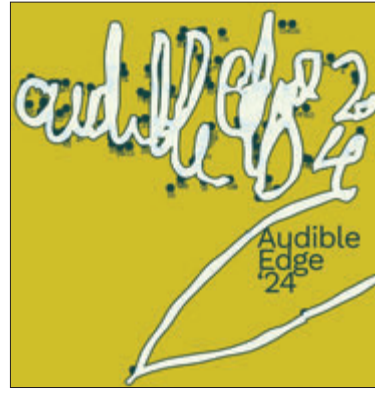
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• Liam Downey and Sophia Hansen-Knarhoi will be performing at the Audible Edge festival.



In her solo work, Hansen-Knarhoi combines her cello playing and soothing voice to create a dreamy tapestry of sound, while Downey is known for his harder-hitting electronica.

So what will this clash of genres produce at the festival?

"Although I perform and compose regularly on the cello, I still have a vulnerability with it, as if it's safer when attached to my voice," Hansen-Knarhoi says.

"In this piece I will be examining and pushing that vulnerability, in conjunction with Liam's budding exploration in live electronics and electronic ambience within his work. Our piece explores attention – how we use it and what we give it to.

"The fusion of us as artists is an interesting one – me an ambient folk composer working within minimalism. Liam, a maximalist electronic music producer. We have been finding the common ground in this piece but also highlighting our differences through our approach."

Hansen-Knarhoi, 24, grew up in Mosman Park and completed the last year of her degree studying in London, while Downey, 23, is a Hillarys lad. They both like

"boundary-pushing, genre-defying" artists like L'Rain, Jenny Hval, Arca, Julia Holter and Kali Malone, as well as artists on the fringe of the mainstream like Cassandra Jenkins.

"We are also continually inspired by the local artists we are surrounded by, many of which are also performing exciting exploratory works in the festival," Hansen-Knarhoi says.

The up-and-coming duo are just one of the experimental bands at this year's Audible Edge, which features a mix of international and local underground performers.

The festival is presented by the Perth label Tone List, who showcase artists outwith the mainstream, and was first held in 2017.

Covid played havoc with the format of the artist-run festival, but it's back with a bang with a great line-up including Anaxios, Nick Ashwood, Rebecca Lloyd-Jones and Ayo Busari.

South of the river, the festival will be held at venues including the Flaming Galah, PS Art Space, and Sullivan Hall in White Gum Valley.

Perth venues include the State Library of WA, The Bird, Local and Aesthetic, and Astral Weeks.

"It's a three-day long party where you're invited to listen, dance, cry, ask questions, be moved, move, meet new people, arrive at new discoveries, get wild and get weird," says Audible Edge co-curator Annika Moses.

"Instead of party bags you leave with a burgeoning feeling that new ways of listening and being are more than possible; they are probable and within our reach."

Audible Edge is on April 26-28. For the full program and more info see ae.tonelist.com.au.

Sonic longbow



arts
STEPHEN POLLOCK

THE cello and the synthesiser seem like odd bedfellows.

In fact, I'm struggling to think of a song where they both heavily feature.

But this makes them the perfect

combo for Audible Edge, a three day festival of experimental music in Fremantle and Perth.

The cello in question will be played by Perth muso Sophia Hansen-Knarhoi and the synthesiser by her young partner-in-crime Liam Downey.

They met while studying Music Composition and Technology at WAAPA, where a musical romance soon blossomed.

"He ran up to me in the car park to congratulate me on a presentation I was not so proud of. We hit it off instantly," Hansen-Knarhoi says.

"He is the first person I go to for feedback on my solo work, and we've always been on the same page in terms of artistic vision and integrity.

"Liam and I have been great friends for a number of years now."

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Musical freedom

by MAX BENNETTS

INSPIRED by their theatrical hit *Black Brass* from the 2021 Perth Festival, African-born musicians Mahamudo Selimane and Mararo Wangai have put together a purely musical venture which launches at Clancy's in Fremantle on April 28.

The pair now live in Perth and will release their album *Khululeko*, which means Freedom in one of the languages of the native Bantu people of southern Africa.

Kenyan-born Wangai, who has forged a name in literary circles and last year was awarded the Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli Fellowship at the WA Centre of Stories, says the album celebrates the unity which music brings.

He says it's a "healing balm, a sound of peace throughout a world full of war, oppression, and indifference.

"Music asks us to feel and connect with our spirits regardless of the languages it is sung in, or the particularities of the bodies

singing it.

"Music will always defy borders, divisions and the arbitrary walls that so-called world leaders create.

"Music connects me with my continent, and its history."

The collaborators met in Perth and worked on Wangai's show *Black Brass*, which was centred around music and went on to tour the Sydney Festival and South Africa's Bloemfontein Festival.

Wangai said it was the encouraging feedback from audiences that prompted them to work on a solely musical project, and he acknowledges that Selimane's experience in the industry brought something special to the music.

Selimane is a member of Mozambique's most successful international exports, Eyuphoro, one of the first bands to be picked and promoted by pop icon Peter Gabriel's world music label Real World.

Eyuphoro use traditional rhythms from Mozambique's Nampula province, such as tufo, namhandga, masepua



• Mararo Wangai and Mahamudo Selimane (above) will perform at Clancy's Fremantle, and (right) Peter Gabriel who signed the Mozambique band Eyuphoro, which Selimane plays in.

and djarimane, blended with a cosmopolitan mix of Latin and Arabic styles, reflective of the areas role as a meeting point of cultures.

Selimane and Wangai teamed up with local musos Lucky Oceans on steel guitar, Michael Bose on drums, Tom Greble on the saxophone and John Wilson on bass to record the album.



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THERE'S a new bandito in town.

It's not Brad Pettitt wearing a hemp poncho and an up-cycled moustache, but a restaurant called Frida Mexicana.

Back in the day, a plate of sizzling fajitas en route to your table would turn heads and was all the rage, but nowadays small tacos (taqueria) are the in-thing.

It's part of a wider movement towards share plates and grazing, with many folk not having the time or inclination to hunker down for a three-course epic.

Along with the stalwart Mexican Kitchen, there's now La Cabana and Gorgeous George, so the Mexican Wave in Freo is slowly turning into a tsunami.

Since opening last year, Frida Mexicana has gone down a storm with locals. Thankfully I booked as it was packed to the gunnels on a Tuesday night during the Easter holidays.

It felt like one of those "in" places and the restaurant was heaving with young couples, families and the odd group of pensioners who wanted to keep things spicy.

There was a lovely alfresco, where you could sit and watch Fremantle in all its ramshackled glory (it was the usual procession of eccentrics, misfits, druggies and

boring middle-class families like us). Inside was cosy and rustic, and it felt like a federation house that had been converted into a restaurant.

The menu was divided into botanas (snacks), share plates, burritos, taqueria, bigger plates and desserts.

It was a nice range that covered all the favourites as well as a few surprises like the carne y papas fritas, mango and bocconcini salad, and empanadas.

I was with my wife "Special K" and two young kids, so we decided to order the Feed Me Tacos, which was great value with all nine tacos on the menu for \$69.

Meaty kick

There was also a Frida Platter (\$90) with topos, chicken wings, ceviche tostadas, empanadas, mango and rocket salad, quesadilla and dessert.

It was very busy and Frida pride themselves on making their fresh meals from scratch, so there was a bit of a wait, but it came just in time before my kids started stabbing each other with the cutlery.

Frida hand't skimped on the toppings and there was a yummy kaleidoscope of colours and textures, almost like an impromptu artwork, with everything from pumpkin calabaza rostizada to lamb barbacoa.

Out of the meat ones, the beef carnitas was particularly enjoyable with an intense flavour kick from

the 12-hour slow cooked beef and accompanying cheese, chipotle mayo and coriander.

Coming a close second was the carne asada with perfectly cooked flank steak and some nice cheese, chimichurri and Spanish onion.

The veggie tacos weren't just there to make up the numbers and the fried eggplant was very enjoyable – a moreish mix of panko crumbed eggplant, pickled cabbage, chipolte mayo and ricotta salata cheese.

For good measure, there was a couple of seafood numbers and the tacos de camarone was my favourite from the whole meal.

A delightful combo of lettuce, prawns, avocado and tomatillo salsa. Often prawns can be like rubber bullets in Mexican dishes, but these were plump and juicy.

My wife enjoyed the baja taco with battered fish, slaw, lime mayo and pico de gallo.

The only one that didn't work for me was the roasted pumpkin, which was left on the plate after everyone had a tentative nibble.

The tacos were super filling and probably another small side would have been enough, but we had ordered the nachos bravos (\$20 plus beef \$6).

These were sophisticated, almost deconstructed nachos with the pulled beef separate from the corn chips, melted cheese, guacamole, salsa, pico de gallo soucrum and jalpenos.

Maybe I'm old school, but it was too perfect and I wanted an



industrial slag heap of nachos that collapsed into a satisfying, messy whole. The ingredients were good quality, but there wasn't that trademark flavour punch.

As I reached for my Rennies, I glanced up and saw a portrait of Frida Kahlo on the wall, the Mexican painter the restaurant was named after.

There was some nice design touches and it's no surprise the place is run by the same folk who own the popular Sana and

Sandrino next door. While lacking the refinement of the tacos at La Cabana, Frida Mexicana serves up big bold flavours with high quality ingredients, has more choice, and is well priced (especially the "Feed Me").

There's a lively buzz to the venue and it's a good shout for a fun casual meal when you're out in Freo.

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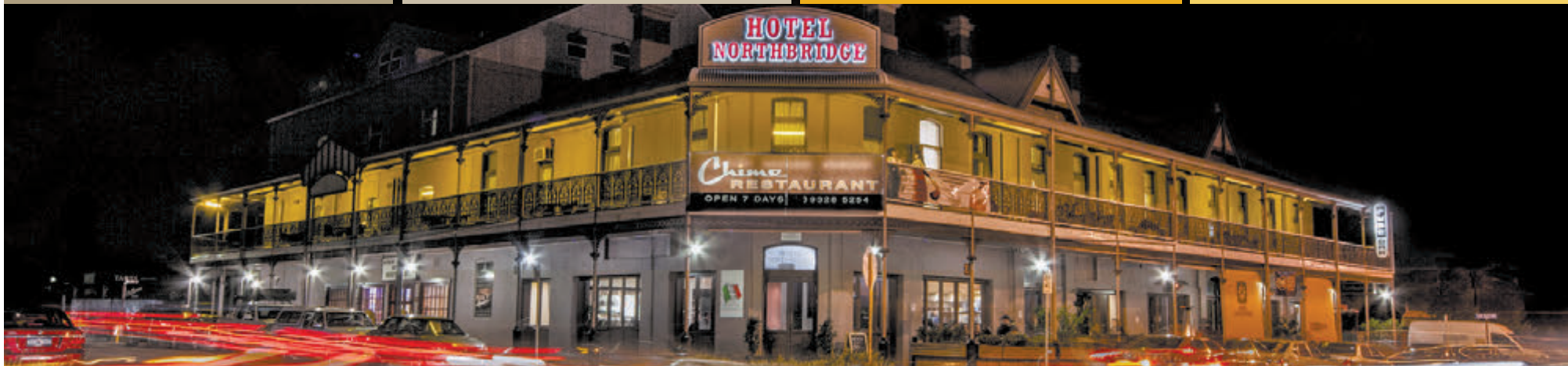
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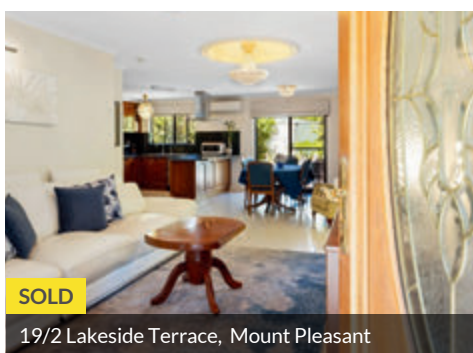
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Modern elegance

THE Chook kept thinking of the movie *Blade Runner* while viewing this luxury South Perth home.

Maybe it's the floating staircase, the sharp geometrical lines on the facade, or the minimalist decor and spot lighting, but there's definitely a futuristic bent to this four bedroom four bathroom abode.

After a hard day chasing replicants, I'm sure Deckard would love to come home and enjoy all the indulgent features in this two-storey cracker.

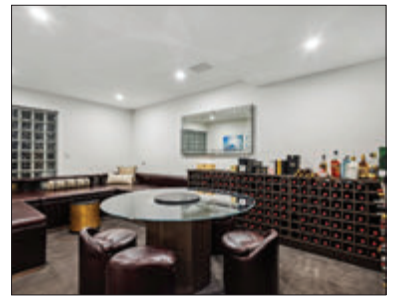
The open plan living/ dining/ kitchen area on the ground floor is like something out of a swish hotel suite with a giant sleek dining table, huge lounge with leather couches, and a massive kitchen with TV if you fancy watching the news while eating your wheaties at the breakfast bar.

If you like your vino, you'll love the dedicated bar room which has huge wine racks on two walls and leather sofas.

It's the perfect man cave for dad or a cool place to socialise with business associates.

The house has a great layout with the open plan, entertaining area and main bedroom on the ground floor, and the remaining bedrooms on the first.

There's also a sitting room up there, home office, store room and a massive balcony, where you



can enjoy a libation while gazing out at the leafy treetops in South Perth.

But you'll be pushed to drag yourself out of the main bedroom, which is like an opulent hotel suite with a ginormous walk-in robe and plush ensuite with

standalone bath. With the warm weather still lingering, the *Herald* reckons you'll be spending a fair bit of time in the pool and spa, which is beautifully lit and super atmospheric.

Situated on a 529sqm block on King Edward Street, this home

includes fully bore reticulated gardens, enhanced security features and electric curtains in key living areas. The location is an oldie, but a goldie as they say – South Perth is still one of the top suburbs in WA with the Swan River, city, airport and foreshore all at your fingertips.

It's got a quaint leafy charm and is a like an upmarket village with a nice collection of shops, restaurants, small bars and cafes on Angelo and Mends Streets.

The recent hi-rise developments near the Windsor

Hotel have given the suburb a new lease of life, with the hospitality venue The Station opening nearby.

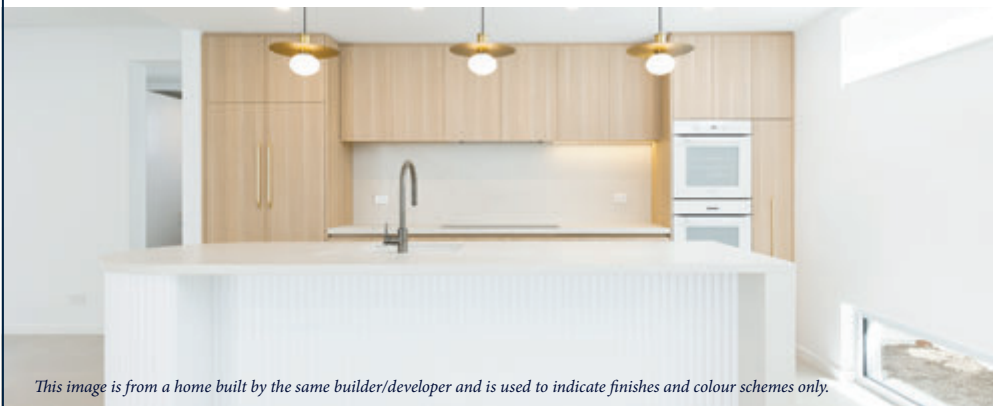
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THE open plan in this Bayswater home is a real stunner.

There's plenty of room with the owners putting in a large dining table and a swish lounge setting.

The luxury kitchen has dark, sleek cabinets that really pop against the white walls and marble splashback.

Completing the pretty picture are some stylish lights dangling above the breakfast bar.

It really is a show-stopping kitchen that will wow guests as they arrive for dinner.

The entire area is bathed in natural light courtesy of the large floor-to-ceiling glass doors leading to the courtyard.

Continuing the high standard, the rest of this three bedroom two bathroom home is a joy.

It's the little touches that set it apart from its peers including the gorgeous aquamarine feature tiles in the ensuite and the coffered ceiling in the lounge.

Baysy beauty

There's also some stunning marblesque tiling in one of the bathrooms, which includes a large shower cabinet and cute bath tub.

Out the back is a sheltered alfresco with low-care garden beds and a neat grey Colorbond fence.

By adding some blinds you could make this an extra room and enjoy sitting outside all-year round.

It's a low maintenance and stylish back yard, but not the biggest you'll ever see.

All the bedrooms are spacious with the main featuring a walk-in robe and beautifully finished ensuite. The other two bedrooms have mirrored built-in robes and share a chic family bathroom.

This 2022 home has no strata

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Significant changes to residential tenancy laws passed through parliament this week heralding a strengthening of tenants rights as they relate to residential leases. The following key changes will impact residential tenancies:

1. Tenants will be allowed to keep pets and the property owner will only be able to refuse in certain circumstances.
2. Tenants will be able to make minor modifications to the property without permission from the owner.
3. Tenants may take an owner to court if they can demonstrate the owner has acted with reciprocity against a tenant.
4. Rent increases are limited to once annually.
5. The process of bond disposals can be commenced by either tenant or landlord.
6. Disputes will mostly be heard by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection rather than the Magistrate's Court.
7. Rent bidding will be banned.

Overall, the changes are moderate and align with tenancies laws in other states and territories. Importantly, the changes stop short of prohibiting 'without grounds terminations', a silly phrase used to describe circumstances where a tenant requests a further lease term after the end of a fixed term and the landlord refuses without giving a reason.

REIWA conducted a survey into this particular element of the tenancy laws with an astonishing 61 percent of the 6,000-odd landlords surveyed saying they'd 'consider selling' the property if 'without grounds terminations' were prohibited. Given a fixed term lease has a clear end date, neither party should anticipate that an additional lease or reversion to a 'periodic lease' is assured. You don't have to give a reason to end a fixed term agreement in any other circumstance, even a marriage!

Rent increases are limited to once annually

At a time where supply of rental homes are at crisis point across Australia, new laws that actively undermine the encouragement of supply risks further disincentivizing the main cohort of property investors; unsophisticated, family investors the majority of whom own one additional property other than their home.

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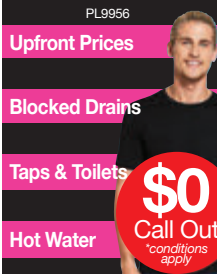


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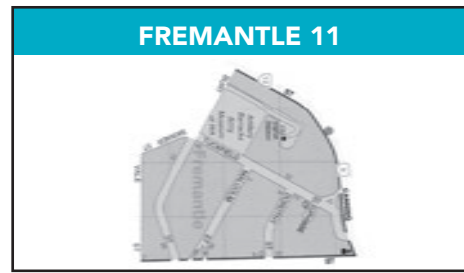
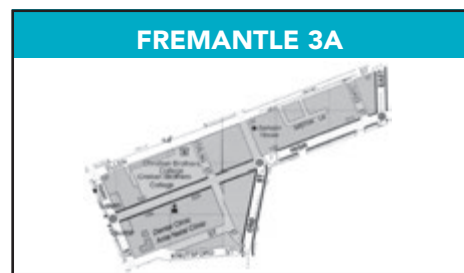
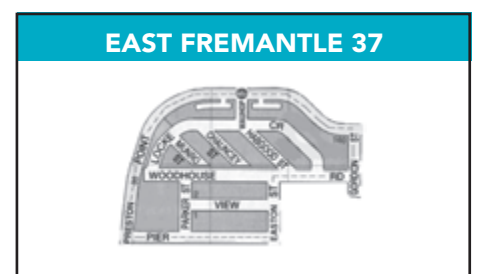
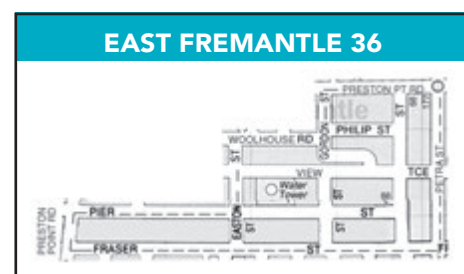
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TAURUS (Apr 21 – May 20)

The Sun has moved into Taurus. In any normal week, this would have you sitting pretty. However this week, supports you thought were in place prove not to be, and roadblocks you didn't foresee suddenly appear out of nowhere. Mercury will go direct on Thursday releasing all this tension.



GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

Mercury goes direct on Thursday, bringing a modicum of common sense back into play. In the meantime, all the acorns that you've been squirrelling away are slipping through your hands. Wednesday's Scorpio full Moon will bring a deep window of reflection, and an 'aha' moment.



CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

The Moon is waxing rapidly. She will be full in Scorpio on Wednesday. This will break the tension inside you like a tropical storm. Until then, things will be a little topsy-turvy. You are on a rollercoaster. The choice is to be terrified or excited. It's in your hands. The thrill is not gone.



LEO (July 23 – Aug 22)

The Sun is now in Taurus, and the Moon begins her week in Virgo. Both are earth signs. There is a clear message here to bring your attention to immediate concerns and not be blinded by untimely visions of imagined possibility. The Scorpio full Moon on Wednesday will help you reflect.



VIRGO (Aug 23 – Sept 22)

The Moon begins her week in Virgo. She sets the tone. Pull the plug on things that aren't working. But don't worry, if you fail to do so, life will do it for you. Pluto is involved, and he is not to be messed with. Wednesday's Scorpio full Moon will set your intuitive wisdom back on track.



LIBRA (Sept 23 – Oct 23)

The Sun has moved out of Aries, taking with it some of the tension that has been besetting you for the last month. Though Venus in particular is still wandering through the land of Rambo the Ram, the Sun in Taurus gives you the sense that there is finally, once again, earth beneath your feet.



SCORPIO (Oct 24 – Nov 21)

The Moon will be full in Scorpio on Wednesday. Go outside an play beneath its silvery rays. Even a little friendly howl wouldn't go astray. This Moon will remind you of all that is wonderful about a Scorpio. You aren't afraid of depth and intensity. You know how to turn dark clouds to light.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

As you continue through your process of reinvention, your ruling planet Jupiter, lines up directly with Uranus, the planet of eccentricity, innovation and liberation. These are the qualities to let in if you wish to come out of your present process truly refreshed. Be earthy. Feed your senses.



CAPRICORN (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

The Sun has just moved into an earth sign, Capricorn. The Moon begins her week in an earth sign, Virgo. This is a great time to have a good deep existential ponder. We all need a rock solid narrative of meaning in our lives. This is a good time to polish yours. Wednesday's full Moon will help.



AQUARIUS (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

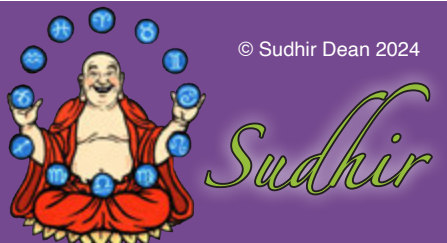
The Virgo Moon at the start of the week may give you the sense that you have collided with an unseen obstacle. This will soon pass. Retrograde Mercury will subvert clear communication until Thursday. The Scorpio full Moon on Wednesday will dip you into the sweet truth of emotion.



PISCES (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

The Sun has moved into Taurus. This will help you find your shape, your channel, your way. It will provide you with form and support, and make you feel less nebulous. The Scorpio full Moon will help you to find trust in places where trust has been bumped around on its sensitive axis.

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• Freo's Grainne McCabe (left) pushed through the MS pain barrier to raise funds for starving kids in Gaza (above).

Masterstroke

by MAX BENNETTS

FREMANTLE'S Grainne McCabe was so moved by the suffering of children in Gaza that she decided that she wasn't going to let the dual challenges of distance or her

multiple sclerosis get in the way.

Although aware of the pain she would experience, Ms McCabe set herself the incredible feat of rowing 20 kilometres in five days on her rowing machine, along the way earning \$12,000 for a Unicef

Gaza relief fund.

Unicef had issued a challenge for people to raise money through an intense physical effort, and Ms McCabe says her compassionate streak compelled her to sign up in the hope of making a difference.

There was some concern from family and friends when they

found she'd signed up that the physical challenge might prove too much, but she pushed through and completed the 20km within the deadline she'd set for herself.

Her family and friends rallied around, helping her on and off the rowing machine after each session as well as supporting her recovery with help around the house during her recovery.

Ms McCabe said she experienced fatigue and pain at the end of each day, her MS regularly flaring during her workouts.

"When we are so far away from the conflict, it is hard to know how to help, but we can always help, by lobbying our government, or raising awareness, and of course, money," Ms McCabe said.

After riding the 20km, and with little change in the situation in Gaza, Ms McCabe said her frustration fuelled her determination to ride an additional 15km, further raising awareness and taking her tally up to the \$12,000.

Ms McCabe's money will go towards clean water, food and education supplies in Gaza, where famine and disease have followed the Israeli bombs that have reportedly killed 12,300 children.

Every \$90 is used to craft 18,000 water purification tablets which can purify five litres of clean drinking water, \$160 provides 304 sachets of 'therapeutic' food and \$311 delivers a school box with enough supplies and education to keep 40 children learning.

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Notice Of Intention To Impose Differential General Rates And Minimum Payments



The Town of East Fremantle is in the process of preparing the 2024/25 annual budget. In accordance with Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, the Town invites public submissions in respect of the intention to Levy Differential General Rates and Minimum Payments.

The overall objective of the proposed rates in the 2024/25 Budget is to provide for the net funding requirements of the Town's services, activities, financing costs, and the current and future capital requirements of the Town, after considering all other forms of revenue.

The following are the proposed Differential General Rates and Minimum Payments for the 2024/25 financial year.

4.24% Model - 2024/25

Differential General Rate	Rate in \$	No of Properties \$	Rateable Value \$	Rate Revenue \$
Residential GRV	0.071860	2,966	104,808,540	7,531,492
Commercial GRV	0.121806	120	12,621,985	1,537,430
Sub Totals		3,086	117,430,525	9,068,922
Minimum Payment				
Residential GRV	1,296.00	336	4,962,640	435,456
Commercial GRV	1,938.00	7	79,940	13,566
Sub Totals		343	5,042,580	449,022
Totals		3,429	122,473,105	9,517,944

A statement of the Rating Objects and Reasons has been prepared and is available to view on the Town's website www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au and a hard copy is available from the Town Administration Centre located at 135 Canning Highway, East Fremantle.

Submissions are invited from any elector or ratepayer with respect to the proposed rates, and any related matter, within 21 days of the date of this notice. They should be clearly marked 'Submission - 2024/25 Differential Rates' and emailed to admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au or received by the CEO, Town of East Fremantle, PO Box 1097, FREMANTLE WA 6959, by 4.00pm Friday 24 May 2024.

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