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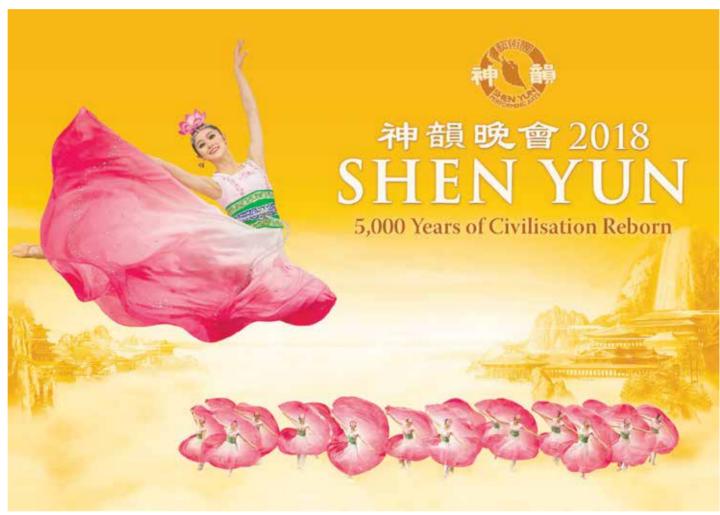


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# From the editor's desk



HAPPY New Year and here's to a happy and prosperous 2018 for us

I had a lovely break over the festive season and we are now back in the office settling in for a terrific year for Have a Go News

We are proud to be delivering this WA family owned and operated paper to you for the 27th year of publication.

To kick off the new vear our friends at Scoot and AccorHotels have given readers the opportunity to win a trip for two to Singapore.

You can read more about this and find out how to enter on page

\*\*\* We have a new team member in the office and I take this opportunity to welcome aboard Lynda Butler.

Fringe World commences this month with a plethora of shows popping up all around the city and Northbridge. We have featured some of the shows in this issue with lots of giveaways on our website and you can keep up to date with regular show listings and reviews there. The web-

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site is updated daily so please make a visit.

A new item for the paper this year is the introduction of our opinion column on page seven. This month Lee Tate tackles an age-old debate since Federation of WA succeeding from Australia. We want to hear from you and what you think. Email, write to us or head to Facebook and add your comments to the post there.

We have also introduced a fuel watch section on the website to keep you up to date with the cheapest days and places to buy fuel. We publish a lot of interesting and informative items we can't fit into the paper so it's worthwhile visiting regularly.

If you are looking for a guest speaker for your club or group, we will recommence our Living Histories program in February. The talk covers our Living Histories project which has seen hundreds of people share their stories of what life was like for them in WA in the 1950s and 60s.

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Michael Lennon wrote to me after reading my editorial in relation to scammers in last month's

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Another tip was that if an email looked suspicious don't touch the "Reply" key. If a suspicious email shows the email address of a client or friend, the best thing, other than phoning them, is to click on "Forward" and then either manually type in the person's email address or insert it from vour contacts' address section. Ask your friend or client if they sent the email which you have forwarded. If you click on "Reply" your request would not go to your friend or client but back to the scammers. Thanks to Michael for taking the time to share this information which helps keep us all digitally safe.

\*\*\* I wish you a happy and healthy January.

Jennifer Merigan

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### Have a Go News Quick Quiz

- 1. Which West Aussie took over hosting the European Song Contest?
- 2. Name Australia's Attorney-General in 2017.
- 3. Holden operated in Australia for 65, 77 or 70 years?
- 4. The Batavia munity off WA's coast was in the 16th, 17th or 18th century?
- 5. Name WA's cricket coach in 2017.
  - 6. When was Have a Go News established 1991, 95 or 99?
  - 7. Which State has Qantas Founders Museum?
  - 8. Where's the Tamar Valley?
  - 9. Where was WA's first official business conducted?
  - 10. When did ABC program Countdown start? See page 43 for answers.

## Ageing research snippet

Thinking and feeling young helps you live longer...

RESEARCHERS from University College London found that older people who felt three or more years younger than their actual chronological age had a lower death rate than those who felt their actual age or those who felt older than their

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## **Funny** historical fact

THE ancient Egyptians devised the first 365 day calendar and the earliest recorded year in human history is 4236BC.

#### Word of the month

**Jejune** adjective

Arousing no interest, attention, curiosity or

"This was a jejune novel.

#### **Quote of the month**

"Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence. Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance. Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence. Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance."

Yoko Ono

## **Great West Aussies** - Did you know?

DAISY Bates was accepted as the first real white friend of Aboriginals who called her "Kabbarli" or grandmother. Bates catalogued Indigenous nomadic lives and their many dialects. (She wed Edwin Murrant "Breaker Morant").

# **Urban** slang

#### **Avatar**

an icon, pictorial or 3D representation of a person online. In the online gaming community for example a character seen by other players is their avatar. Origin Hindu mythology - an avatar is a physical incarnation of a deity on

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# The spectrum of life is captured through this professional photographer's lens





Above; Tai chi in the park taken exclusively for Have a Go News Second row, left to right; Frances Andriiich © Clair Negri - Canal Third row; Frances Andrijich captured the late Heath Ledger

Rocks © Frances Andrijich

get close to the decisionmakers and leaders.

"Portrait photography can be incredibly personal and you sometimes get close to people. You have to form a quick connection. I am incredibly lucky doing what I do," she told

"It's a big responsibility, especially doing magazine covers.

"You have to meticulously plan the shoot. gather your equipment. get to the venue, arrange other members of the team, be organised and committed but receptive to things out of your control - including the people and the weather.

"You can't lose your cool. Clients and editors never want to hear about excuses. You've got to get the shots," she

Arriving back from China, Frances is required in the south west but squeezes in time with her partner, prominent WA documentary-maker Michael Muntz.

"And I always set aside four weeks a year to spend time with my grandsons Freddy and Artie and daughter Annaliese, (host of radio show The Queen Sesh with Constance Hall on Hit network), in Sydney or when they come here.

"Hanging out with my daughters and grandsons, reading them children's books, is my favourite thing in the world," she said.

Working odd hours, Frances nevertheless tries to maintain regular stretching exercises along with pilates and regular walks.

She's also target for her mum Jagoda's Croatianbased cooking.

"After a tough assignment in the south-west I can't turn down a bowl of mum's home-made soup or biscuits on my way home," she laughs.

Frances came to Australia from Croatia with her dad, Nicola, and mum when she was four.

"As a migrant myself, I have always appreciated the way new arrivals to these shores shape our identity," Frances explained in an introduction to her works.

Most of Frances's work is centred on stills photography but in the new era she takes in video computer-based new media requirements as well as the drone.

Frances acknowledges that with the stresses and strains or professional photography with its long hours she can't continue indefinitely but feels her calling will last for several more years.

As she has put it: "The kaleidoscope of colours that splash along the Swan River, the spectacular sunsets of our coast and that astonishing rock of an island, Rottnest, with its secluded bays and crystal-clear waters - all have a majestic, distincti-

ve beauty. "Mother Nature is an expert artisan," says the artist who has captured it all on camera.





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#### by Lee Tate

PERTH'S Frances Andrijich, 61, stepped up to photograph 40 smiling, older women performing their morning tai chi exercises in a Chinese park recently.

Her endearing images captivating but were they weren't destined for Frances's photo album. They may instead feature in some of the world's best magazines.

The tai chi photo shown above, is exclusively for *Have a Go* News.

Frances is the artist behind the works that have dominated magazine photography in WA for a generation.

Hardly a household name, Frances Andrijich, though, is familiar to the publishers and editors of Australia's elite magazine publishers, including newspaper magazines and glossy supplements.

If you have opened an Australian magazine in your lifetime, you will have seen a photograph by Frances: A landscape, an entertainer, a winery, a surf beach, a rocky coast, an enticing dish or a cuddly pet. Even a clothesline or three.

On her shoots, the mother-of-two grandmother oversees a team which may include a stylist and make-up artist with hand-picked clothing, props and light-

Frances has built a creative collaboration with stylist Paul O'Connor and hair and make-up artist Hendra Widjaja. Permanent assistant Clair Negri manages the cameras, lenses, computers and tripods.

For outside shoots, they may engage their eve-in-the-skv drone many of her previous outings, shooting from helicopters.

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replaced

Her subject may be a model, film star or sports champion like female soccer player Sam Kerr. Heath Ledger kicked-up his heels in his 90-minute photo shoot.

Or it might be an upcoming international name like Perth's beautiful Mikhaila Todd, a model and DJ at some of the world's hottest nightclubs who happens to be Frances's daughter.

In China, Frances was a guest of the West Australian government to photo-showcase the best of our state to the Chinese. At the exhibition, Frances catchesup with WA's Professor Barry Marshall whom she photographed as Nobel Laureate.

Premier Mark Mc-Gowan and Tourism Minister Paul Papalia were at the China Art Museum with WA's Tania Malkin and Hugh Brown and renowned Chinese photographer, Madame Yu Huiwen.

Frances' skills are known to governments and corporations and she spends much time shooting in the southwest, particularly Margaret River

Back home, she can be heading to the red dust of the northwest or the cool, green south west where she's a constant and well-recognised photographer at winery events, beach breaks, rocky coastline or international festivals and product launches.

Frances has contributed to 14 books including popular The West, featuring amazing WA images, and quirky Consider Clotheslines with text by Susan Maushart

Whether in dangerous South African town sites, meandering through Moscow's great halls, traversing Indonesia's remote islands or capturing the Croatian countryside, Frances finds fuel for her life's passion.

"In my work I see the whole spectrum of life, meet the people in the bush, see what happens behind the scenes and



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At Christmas time memories are stirred and we recall events, places and people of that distant past.

of interesting things.

Dear Editor,

Reflecting on those times so long ago I think of the traditional lunch we enjoyed of roast chicken or duck, roast vegetables and of course plum pudding.

HOW could we forget our early

childhood? It was so vivid and full

The plum pudding was always a highlight, made so by the thrill of finding a threepenny piece or hopefully more than one. Our Dad was always the joker and how he did it was a bit of fun and mystery for he always seemed to have more than usual success at finding those little silver coins.

The following afternoon a trip to South Beach, with the much prized coins safely in deep pockets, was an agreeable aspect of Christmas.

To many people, these days South Beach only means a loca-

Submissions may be edited for clarity and space. tion of Fremantle but in the time I am reflecting on that this destina-

**Letters to the Editor** 

tion meant a totally different thing. Merry-go-rounds, chair-a-planes, swings, Ferris wheel, hit-em-and knock- em and the dart stalls plus how could we forget, the slot machines.

The penny slot machines were always the winner even though we thought we were going to come out the victor and never did. The chance machines were many and varied. Some gave the opportunity to have a money back option and some were of the fortune teller variety. All fleeced the gullible of their pennies.

The main pleasure, for me as an eight or nine year old, was to cross the road from my home and swim in the ocean. The open ocean was a natural facility, always available and appreciated by the young of the area. Boredom was a word never used or known with so much fun so close to home.

I never ventured further out than chest high - a height at which I felt safe and secure. Even then sharks were an ever present thought. My mother always insisted I was not to take our dog with me when swimming. The belief was dogs attracted sharks.

As I aged from a tot to a teenager I ventured forth to swim at South Beach where there was a shark proof area attached to the jetty. The enclosure had heavy mesh wire around substantial piles. The back fenced area had a supporting corner with triangular decking and the far side had a similar triangle. Swimmers used these decked spaces to either rest after a long swim or to sun

A building adjacent to the beach was known as the Hydra Dome. Change rooms were available and a small shop traded in the summer.

This was the South Beach I remember, much different now to those days of long ago.

Yours sincerely,

D. M. Morris

Dear Editor,

TO start the New Year with stories in the media about restricting 80 year olds holding driving licences is a disgusting farce.

Yes, I agree if at 80+ years you are incompetent or demented, that is a natural course of events.

But many older persons are more competent than the rest of the world's population, especially when compared to the politicians who make up these rules.

To remove the right to drive from older people who are often volunteers at this very point of their lives, is a complete slap in the face. Many worthwhile organisations simply would not exist without volunteers, many of whom are over 80 years of age. Their importance as volunteers has been not been considered nor understood.

Many volunteeers locate themselves to where they can help with the community's needs, be it at hospitals, education

centres or other care fa-

To take this away because of an uneducated guess is to remove all credence of a government run by incompetents.

For example if we were to remove an 80 year old Justice of the Peace's driving licence, we have also lost another signatory at a signing centre.

How is an 80 year old JP going to get to a signing centre, without battling the bashers on public transport? Is the Department of Justice,

going to provide a taxi pick up and drop off, for our 80 year old JP... I think

But thanks for your years of service and happy new year.

Kindest regards,

Terry Weston JP Secret Harbour

Ed: A public opinion poll found 45 per cent of Australians said all drivers over 80 should lose their licences. The State government has no proposals to change the law relating to seniors driving

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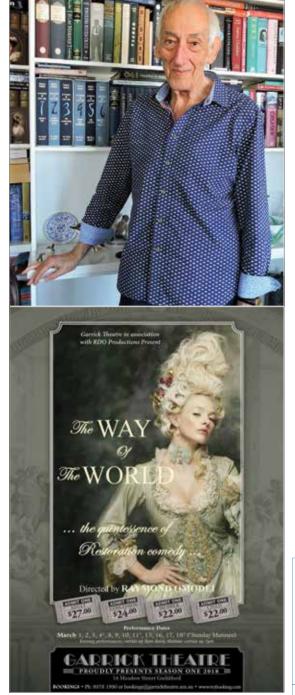


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# Ray Omodei - back on stage



Right; Ray Omodei, 82 years young Above; Ray Omodei returns to Garrick Theatre to direct The Way of The World

#### by Josephine Allison

AT almost 82, revered Perth actor and director Ray Omodei is gearing up for a busy few months - with no plans for retirement. He is about to embark on directing the celebrated William Congreve play The Way of the World for his fourth time, now at Guildford's Garrick Theatre.

The play premiered in early March 1700 in the theatre at Lincoln's Inn Fields in London. It is regarded as one of the best restoration comedies and is still occasionally performed. At the start, it struck many audience members as continuing the immorality of previous decades and was not well received, but social mores changed and it went on to receive acclamation

Omodei, who has been busy at rehearsal in the weeks leading up to Christmas, is directing a cast of six men and six women, with some doubling up in various roles. Some of the dialogue has been adapted for the times.

"I saw the play at the National Theatre in London in 1969 and had read it as a schoolboy," he said.

Omodei went on to direct the play at the

Hayman Theatre in Bentley, the Hole in the Wall Theatre in 1984 and at John Curtin Senior High School in Fremantle. He considers The Way of the World the best restoration comedy with celebrated British actress Dame Edith Evans appearing in productions in 1924 and 1948.

"It is the top of anything, the crème de la crème and one of about six plays I have done more than twice. All the action happens in the space of a day, there is love, lust, greed and revenge and a strong feminist message."

The play will be done in period costume at the Garrick. It centres on two lovers Mirabell and Millamant, in order for them to marry and receive Millamant's full dowry, Mirabell must receive the blessing of Millamant's aunt, Lady Wishfort. Unfortunately Lady Wishforst is a very bitter woman whose despises Mirabell and wants her own nephew, Sir Wilfull, to wed Millamant.

Have a Go News first interviewed Omodei in 2013 and he said then that he had no plans to retire. He was born in Wiluna in 1936 and when gold ran out in the area in 1947 his family left the town and settled

in in Kalgoorlie. The Kalgoorlie Repertory Theatre became the young Omodei's weekend haunt and break from school.

He trained as a teacher at Graylands Teachers College and excelled in designing sets, props and costumes for many productions. As a teacher at Kalgoorlie Senior High School he was involved with staff and students staging grand operettas in the Town Hall.

His full-time professional career started in Perth in October 1971 when the late Edgar Metcalfe invited him to join his National Theatre Company at the Playhouse in Pier Street as an associate director. In January 1973 Omodei joined Sydney's renowned Old Tote Theatre as a director at the new Opera House, where first production was The Playboy of the Western World.

He was the first director permitted to premiere Patrick White's plays in WA and his premiere productions of Educating Rita and

Shirley Valentine, the with Amanda latter Muggleton, helped establish Willy Russell's name in Australia. His wide repertoire covers classic, modern international and contemporary Australian playwrights. He has produced and directed more than 200 major plays.

"For as long as I can remember theatre of some form has been integral to life itself - as have all the arts," he said.

Omodei has received a string of awards down the years includ-ing WA Citizen of the Year for services to arts, culture and entertainment and Heritage Award for outstanding lifetime achievement in the performing arts.

"I love what I am doing and if something appeals and I am approached, I will do it. Life is too much fun to retire completely," he said.

The Way of the World runs at the Garrick Theatre, Guildford, 1-18 March. For bookings garricktheatre. email asn.au.

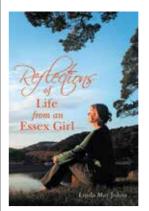
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Reflections of Life from an Essex Girl by Linda May Johns

#### Reviewed by Pat Paleeya

BEING an 'Essex Girl' myself I was expecting to be taken on a trip down memory lane immersed in Linda's musings whilst she was walking through the bluebells in Okenden Woods, or picnicking on the village green in picturesque Finchingfield.

But alas no such memories were to be found. However Linda's poetry is simple, nonindulgent and honest.

She has been writing poetry from an early age, so the poems span around 50 years, from fifteen-years-old to present day. It is interesting to note the change in perspective and attitude as Linda matures. There are poems written as a teenager that are angst ridden and rebellious, and those that are sentimental and questioning as Linda experiences love, loss and happiness throughout her life.

This is a slim volume,

nothing is hard to understand, these reflections and observations are universal – such is life.

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# ove, perception and dementia care on a personal level

to share personal details



TO START the new year Alzheimer's WA's chief executive officer Rhonda Parker would like to share the following story from the husband and carer of someone with dementia. One of the objectives of Alzheimer's WA is to give people living with dementia a voice. Please read Bill's moving story.

#### by Dr Bill Jenkins

MY NAME is Bill Jenkins. I am a retired academic and psychotherapist. In 2009 my wife, Heather, a professor of special education, was diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia. I cared for Heather at home until 2012, when she moved into a dementia care facility. Currently, I am an advocate,

a father, grandfather and (biljenkinspoet. com). I begin this piece on love, perception and dementia care with a story from my childhood. I was born and raised in a fishing village in the north of Scotland. When I was a boy, on Friday afternoons after school, my friends and I would rush down to the harbour wall to watch the fishing boats return from five days at sea.

The boats had left a minute past midnight on Monday (bad luck to go out on the Sabbath) and they returned on Friday between about three to six o'clock to unload their catch for sale the next day. The reason we went to the harbour wall was to see who could recognise the boats first as they came over the horizon. It was a vigorous competition. In all the years that I took part in this weekly ritual. I never once recognised a boat first. Why not? I wasn't visually impaired, but the following information might help you understand.

All those years ago, my father was in business and all my friends' fathers were fishermen. Their fathers were on those boats. When I strained to identify a boat, I was looking for physical characteristics, for the name on the prow, where the cabin was placed, colour and so on. I was just looking for things, my friends however, were looking for their fathers.

In 1923, the Austrian philosopher Martin Buber, wrote an essay called I and Thou. In this essay he made a distinction about the way we perceive the world. He made a distinction between seeing other human beings and seeing objects. He named our perception of other human beings as forming 'I - Thou' relationships and our perceptions of objects as forming 'I - It' relationships.

Getting back to the harbour wall, my friends were looking at the boats in 'I - Thou' terms, personal terms, as the father they loved and missed might just be on board. They were looking for a beloved person; I was just looking for things. Different motivations - I make this distinction because it points to an extremely significant issue in my experience of dementia care.

During the year or so leading up to Heather's diagnosis, I had been aware of various subtle changes in Heather and in our relationship. She was less emotional than she had been, more likely

of our life together, even with strangers, and she appeared to have lost interest in some of our shared interests. As a couple we had been very close and we had been married for 35 years at the time of the diagnosis. We loved each other and we knew each other very well. But as a consequence of the emerging dementia our mutual and loving relationship came to an end. However, something significant happened once the dementia became well established and I had been caring for Heather for a year or so. The development of dementia is usually seen as progressive loss of function: mental confusion, incontinence, recognition failure, apathy, memory loss, irritability, aphasia, dysphasia and so on. This increase and gradual progression in our partner's dysfunction can change the way we perceive our loved one. It is largely insidious, it creeps up on us.

Being totally embedded in caring for my wife Heather, I was completely unaware that my perception of her had changed. I had stopped seeing her as my loving partner, and started seeing her as an object of care. During my caregiving the way I saw my wife had shifted from an 'I - Thou' relationship to an 'I - It' relationship, without me being aware

One day I had a brain snap and realised what was happening. Memories of my time as a student of philosophy, in particular of the work of Martin Buber broke through the fog of dementia care. I had been thinking of Heather largely in terms of her deficits, and my care in trying to help compen-

sate for them. I didn't fall in love with Heather 45 or so years ago because of all the amazing things she could do, I fell in love with a human being, a person, a lovely and wonderful woman and that hadn't changed. I had just stopped seeing it. The dementia had blinded me to the love in

Reflection on this re-

alisation pointed to the importance of not losing sight of the personhood of the individual with dementia. It is such a destructive disease, not only does it deprive the individual of crucial functions, it is destructive of fundamental and mutual love, it also destroys relationships with family and friends. At the core of this destruction is the loss of the perception of the person, where the person becomes seen in dysfunctional terms.

Normally, the perception of who we are, our identity, is firmly connected with what we do, and what others expect us to be able to do.

However this expe-

rience with Heather taught me that who the person is does not change, even when their capabilities change. I would like to stress my belief that dementia does not change who the person is, despite changes to their functional capacities.

But what about love?

The love that Heather and I shared mutually had gone, and there was no hope of its resurrection. But when I looked into Heather's eyes, I loved her still. This realisation helped me to see Heather in the light of a different kind of love, a love that persists and transcends the circumstances in which we might find ourselves. It is a love that enabled me to focus solely on who Heather is, not on what she could or couldn't do, what she could or couldn't share. So we could say that this kind of love helps us to see our world in a different way, in a way that is solely other directed, not self-directed.

Those of you with knowledge of ancient Greek thought will have detected that I have talking been about two different kinds of love. The mutual love is known as Eros - romantic love, which creates a loving space through mutual physical and emotional attraction. attraction. The other is Agape – the kind of love that does not rely on mutuality, it does not need reciprocation. This is the kind of love that saved me from the chaos of dementia.

Finally, in my caring, why did I come to focus on Heather's loss of function, and lose sight of her personhood? I believe that it was self protection, a way of reducing the focus on the loss of our mutual love, in particular the loss of her expression of loving emotion towards me. However, I suspect, that this may be a more complex issue.

The experience that I have tried to describe above is, I believe, an experience shared by many loving partners when one of them develops dementia.

I believe that it is crucial to not lose sight of the person, it is also crucial to allow oneself to love without the need for reciprocation.

With this kind of love we are able to assert and support the personhood of our loved one, without expecting anything in return.

With this kind of love we are able to support our friends and family.

With this kind of love we are free to open our life and our experience to others.

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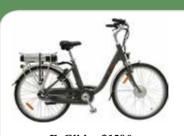
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# Where opinions matter - secession and independence for Western Australia debate



TO celebrate the New Year we introduce a new opinion column for our pages and we want to hear what you think about the subject. Feel free to email or write with your opinions. We want to encourage healthy and friendly debate... Ed

#### by Lee Tate

THE tide is turning, I believe, on our true great debate: Western Australia's secession.

Many of us who asked why should WA secede, now ponder why not?

The issue that has been fermenting is fanned by a GST that even Canberra concedes is vastly unfair to the West.

Secession supporters are no longer coming primarily from the ranks of loonies, the hard-doneby, academic dreamers. business hopefuls or political agitators.

So, we are headed for heated debate. Let's be ready for it. The issue is obviously divisive but let's not build a case based on bitterness against the

Sure, the 2.5 million of us domiciled west of the border have good reason to be genuinely aggrieved.

But we would do well

to develop a strategy focused on the future, not with an anti-East sentiment. The goal would be a better life for West Australians. A prospering nation run by our own people.

Western Australia has the resources, the knowhow, the people, the skills. the attractions and the geography to stand on its own resource-rich

If Western Australia was a separate country, it would be among the top 50 economies in the world by GDP. Our exports account for about half the nation's total.

We are flush with ironore, alumina, crude oil liquefied natural gas, nickel, gold, ammonia, wheat, wool and live sheep and cattle.

The iron ore boom may have dipped but WA can now say it has the world's largest source of lithium. Earth's lightest metal, lithium is crucial for energy storage, electric vehicles and smart phones. And the world is moving into alternative energy.

Let's have a properlyplanned blueprint to answers all our secession queries. A panel of top legislators and lawyers to map out how to move to independence, a committee to draw up a public discussion paper, a declaration from political parties on their policies and submissions from businesses, unions and economists on all aspects of future trade, business and jobs.

WA could build a significant fleet of patrol vessels to combat illegal

fishing, illegal migrants (potentially carrying diseases) and smuggling. Defence missiles could be stationed across the north-west and defence bases such as Garden Island maintained.

We will control a border, decide our policies and negotiate terms of trade with the east.

When should we act? Do we wait until WA's population reaches five million or 10 million? Whenever it is, let's be ready. Let's have the debate, spell it all out and lay the groundwork.

Our national rulers in Canberra are 3,718 kms from Perth. That's further than London to Moscow (2,500 kms).

There are many arguments why WA can't or shouldn't go indepen-dent. Let's hear them all, let's debate them and let's keep it to this side of the

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border. Western Australia for West Australians.

The Constitution Australia describes the national union as one indissoluble Federal Commonwealth and makes no provision for states to secede from the union. So let's hear from our judges and lawyers how it can done.

In 1926, newspaperman James MacCallum Smith and others established the Secession League.

In 1933, Nationalist Premier Sir James Mitchell's government held a secession referendum. Of 237,198 voters, 68 per cent favoured secession. A Labor government sent a delegation to London to petition the British government.

The House of Commons established a committee but after 18 months of negotiations and lobbying it declared it could not legally grant secession.

Iron magnate Lang Hancock founded the Westralian Secession Movement in 1974, arguing national trade barriers harmed mining and wheat export industries which earned a disproportionate amount of Australia's foreign exchange.

In 2008, former premier Richard Court said that the case for secession was strengthened while the Commonwealth continued to exploit WA's economy and failing to evenly share the prosper-

In 2011, Minister Norman Moore said WA should secede and rely on China and the US for military defence and be free from Canberra's influence.

In 2013. The New York Times grouped WA with Scotland, Wales, the Basque Country and Catalonia as "places seeking maximum fiscal and policy autonomy from their national capitals".

Liberal Party life member Rick Palmer declared: "The federation is not working the way it is supposed to".

Palmer said WA was being punished for developing its resources industry while Victoria and NSW banned onshore gas exploration, Tasmania was happy to remain 'the biggest national park in the world' and South Australia was being powered by windmills.

Mr Palmer pointed to the Australian Rugby Union's axing of the Western Force from the national competition as another example of the east coast 'screwing' WA.

After discussions in Parliament and a motion

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at the 2017 Liberal Party State Conference, a nonpartisan Western Australian Secession Movement has been born.

Fresh life comes to the debate. Do we need the difficulties, the wrangling, the pain to tackle the issue?

Well, we've had dedifficulties, of cades wrangling and pain dealing with Canberra and it's not going away.

Let's lay the groundwork and be ready to take the reins.

Let's not call it secession but independence.

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## Celebrating Christmas at the Holly Wood Tuesday Morning Show



Marie Hood and Michelle Davies

#### by Michelle Davies

OUR beautiful Perth Town Hall was very welcoming as we arrived for our final show of 2017. Christmas decorations sparkled on each round table, laden with plates of quiches, mince pies and Christmas cake.

Our final concert for the year by the Tivoli Club of WA, put us in the mood with happy Christmas songs. a chorus line of dancing and brilliant tap dancing. The costumes were fresh, colourful and sparkling as the dancers whirled around.

We welcomed our deputy Lord Mayor, together with her mother and daughter, Emily, who spoke, and wished us a peaceful and joyous Christmas.

On a table in a corner of the hall was a huge pile of gifts - donated by our generous audience members. They will be distributed to various charities, (St Bartholomew House, Women's Refuge, Spirit of the Street Choir and the homeless).

Compère, Bernard Carney took to the stage to reflect on what a variety of top quality shows we have had this year. We had our biggest attendance ever in 2017. We raised \$2,677 with raffles over the year: \$400 for St Bartholomew's House, \$400 to Wheelchairs for Kids, \$1,000 to .... With our Christmas Party we raised \$505 to go to the Spirit of the Street Choir.

Bernard called onto the stage the volunteers who helped to make it all happen over the year. He thanked each one, and then - surprise! Father Christmas arrived with a big "ho! ho!" and a big bag of presents for each of the volunteers.

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# A year of innovation for the Over 55s Canoe Club



Over 55 Canoe Club members enjoying another beautiful calm and sunny day...

#### by Jeremy Haslam

AFTER all the exertions over the year, rushing down rapids, drifting on calm and serene waters, freezing in the early mornings, or just good food and camaraderie, the O55CC 2017 season drew to a close. And what a season - the largest membership ever; innovations such as splitting the paddlers into leisurelies and mainstreamers; plenty of rain providing lots of excitement for the brave ones; and beautiful calm and sunny days too. New rivers explored; a new venue (Walpole) for the yearly campout; and ending with a revitalised committee taking us forward into 2018.

The month started with the delights of the end of season lunch held at the Swan Yacht Club. Right on the edge of our beloved river in East Fremantle this was a fitting venue for the 60 or so members, spouses, and friends to gather to enjoy each other's company. Other than the highlight of the food and drinks of course (we are good at that) there was the annual award of the ducks by our venerable Duckmaster. The rule is that if you fall in

the water from your kayak you will get a duck - a certificate for your wall and a duck badge to go on your kayak. There is no escaping the Duckmaster who has spies everywhere and whose decision is final, even if wrong.

There is a certain protocol to all this. First you must strenuously deny the event ever happened, then when faced with the witness statements you blame someone else or the weather or suggest the Duckmaster gets new specs. But none of this will work: you will get your duck. Each person of the room to hear the citation (with generously embellished facts) from the Duckmaster, photographed for posterity, and generally paraded for the amusement of everyone. Oddly enough it seems people actually enjoy it. Some even getting more than one duck so they can go through it all again.

The following week saw the members down Champion at Lakes for the annual fun and games. Balloon popping jousting, kayak polo, and slalom racing being on the menu. This is the only event where capsizes and do not qualify for ducks. Divided into teams, the paddlers used every skill they possessed to be on the winning side churning the normally calm waters of the lake into a frothing mass in pursuit of balloons or outsize polo

In the end the red team won the day, though no one can work out by what devious and secret formula the referee (aka the Duckmaster) arrived at the decision. But final is final and the season drew to a close.

Although the club is now full and not anticipating any new members in 2018 unless there are some retirements, you are welcome to phone club president Kate (9526 2168) or secretary Ken (9447 5624).





Presbyterian Care workforce have been acknowledged in the organisation's annual Care and Friendship awards, which were hosted late last month at the Raf-

The awards, which are based on nominations from residents throughout Braemar's three facilities in Fremantle and the surrounding area, together with their families, acknowledge the dedication shown by the individual staff members concerned. The overall employee of the year was Jennifer Russo from Braemar Cooinda, who was recognised for her outstanding and consistent contribution to Braemar residents over the

Chief executive of Braemar, Wayne Belcher (OAM) said the annual Care and Friendship awards were an important opportunity to recognise employees who demonstrate excellence in their work in aged care.

# Pompeii extended



Don't miss Escape from Pompeii at WA Maritime Museum

IT'S no surprise that Escape from Pompeii: the untold Roman rescue has been a hit with Western Australian audiences. The exhibition is an incredibly rare opportunity to see 2000-year-old Roman artefacts in Fremantle.

The WA Maritime Museum has announced that due to popular demand, the exhibition will now enjoy an extended season until 18 February.

The exhibition reveals the untold story of the dramatic rescue attempt following one of history's most famous and devastating natural disasters - the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of Pompeii.

As well as incredibly beautiful and ornate objects, the exhibition displays everyday objects, from saucepans to jars that stored wine, olive oil or garum (the fish sauce for which Pompeii was famous), and even some examples of food, such as a preserved loaf of bread.

Five haunting body casts of victims of the eruption are also included, capturing their final moments preserved in ash.

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# Sunday morning coming down and reminiscing about the good ol' days



by Rick Steele

BACK in the good ol' days when beer meant Swan or Emu and there was no such thing as boutique beers with lemon in them or craft beers with everything from honev to whose knows what else. Beer was beer

It was the time when Perth had the petrol station roster system which left many a newcomer like myself, driving round in circles trying to follow arrows and signs that seemed to confuse even the locals. Just trying to get some Golden Fleece n the Valliant.

It was also the time of the two Sunday sessions. Wow, this was new

Back in NZ you still could not buy a drink on a Sunday, unless you belonged to a footy club or were staying in a luxury hotel. What a bummer dude!

I recall with some clarity, that the morning hours were 11am till 1pm.

Home for lunch with the missus and kids - that was the theory anyway.

Sunday arvo session ran from 4.30 to 7.30pm. Channel Nine Sunday night movie at 8pm. Please, don't forget the drive-in movies, after session with two longnecks of Emu on the floor of the Holden behind the driver's seat with a blanket and a packet of Marlborough reds. WARNING. Smoking shortens your cigarettes!

Me, myself, personally, was forging ahead at breakneck speed, playing solo, meeting new people, learning Neil Diamond songs as fast as I could, and would quite often find myself playing in Freo for the morning thirst quencher and in Scarborough for the arvo soiree. Bottoms up!

One hot summer Sunday morning I arrived at South Terrace Fremantle and began to load in for elevensies start. I was greeted by a very grumpy and still inebriated publican's wife who was having to work the bar because the barmaid had run off with a sailor.

I could sense trouble, so I made polite noises and set about my business. She banged around behind the bar as I crooned my way through Red, Red, Wine; Fire And Rain; Solitary Man; Sunday Morning Coming Down, until our first customer appeared.

A nice old fellow, a retired Greek fisherman I think. He smiled at me and made his way to the bar to be greeted by miss sour puss 1972. He was served his first middy without incident and left his change on the bar, as was the custom. We had met before and I think he made a request for a song which was greeted with a scowl from behind

He politely asked for another middy and as he moved to pick up his change he accidentally knocked his glass and it broke.

Well, you would have thought South Fremantle had lost the Grand Final, WWIII had broken out! The language that came out of that woman's mouth would have sailors blushing.

With that she said, "You're going to pay for that," and snatched a ten dollar note off the bar. He tried to explain that in those days a middy glass was probably costing 10 or at the most 20 cents. She wouldn't listen and added that she didn't like him in her bar anyway. He looked up at me, who was watching it

all while warbling away, winked and then said to her: "Well, if you reckon I broke ten dollars' worth, I may as well break ten dollars' worth."

The small bar was mostly plaster walls with a hideous mural of seaside fishing nets, lobsters, scallop shells etc., long stained with the yellow of nicotine. Fisherman Pete picked up a tray of clean glasses and with the arm of a pro baseball player began to throw them one by one all around the room. He carefully punctuated his throws to keep in time with the music. He was like my percussion-

"Busted flat in Batten Rouge... smash, headin' for a train... smash, Bobby thumbed a diesel down... smash, just before It rained smash took us all the way to New Orleans..

The landlady ducking, weaving, swearing, cursing and screaming she was calling the

cops. He continued calmly with a big smile until the tray was empty, smiled and waved to me and

walked out the door. An hour later or so, as I launched into Song Sung Blue Mr Plod arrived.

"Hello, hello, what's going on here then?"

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about living in Australia. And remember: keep death off the roads - drive on the footpaths.

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# Some inspirational advice



by Jon Lewis

DRINK plenty of water. Exercise when you can and remember to smile, you'll be glad you did. Long walks or short

walks, either is good. Eat healthy, with a few more vegetables on the table.

Pepper's ok, salt not too much. Your doctor loves salt free.

Gossip is bad medicine, kindness is gold-

If the sky is blue, it will do. If it's grey, it won't always stay that way.
A call from a friend

should not be ignored. Reply timely and they may call again.

Share a table, if it's the last one. You were

alone and now it might be fun?

Hold your head high, there is plenty to see.

Be careful the money you spend, we don't really need more. Enjoy what you have. It's your life that's in store.

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Happy new year! All the best.

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#### **Seniors Recreation Council Jottings**



Left to right; Hon Mick Murray and Seniors Red State President, Hugh Rogers

#### Welcome to 2018 I look forward

to an exciting year for us all in WA.
Seniors Recreation Council of WA gratefully acknowledges the invaluable support of a major grant from Lotterywest towards *Have a Go Day* 2017, a LiveLighter Event which last year celebrated 25 years in Burswood Park. The grant was presented to us by Hon Mick Murray MLA. Lotterywest supports local community organisations and events. Keep the money in WA by purchasing lottery tickets from your official Lotterywest outlet.

#### **SRCWA Christmas Variety Concert**

On Wednesday 6 December, SRCWA held the 2017 Christmas variety concert at the Morley Community Recreation Centre and the audience was treated to an afternoon of entertainment of songs, music and comedy. Kate Hindle opened

the concert singing a variety of sing-a-long tunes. The *Band of Mates* Terry Bennetts, Evan Platsch inda and Ginger Cox entertained the audience with some classic songs, instrumentals and Austra-

Each year we try to introduce a new artist to showcase their talents, and this year was no exception, with the amazing voice of Johanna He-mara from Queensland. The audience laughed and sang along with feature artist Justin Standley, his comedic style and amazing vocals were enjoyed by everyone. During the intermission the crowd was treated to a wonderful performance by Sarah Broome while everyone enjoyed afternoon tea. Kingsley Day keyboard master was also entertained and was ably assisted by Phil Rego on

Thank you to Phil Paddon and Terry Bennetts along with their team of supporters who put an enormous amount of time and effort into the show. Thank you to Pat Paddon who made enough Christmas cake to feed everyone and along with her volunteers served everyone afternoon tea.



#### **Farewell to Kate Chetwin**

SRCWA held a thank you morning tea for Kate Chetwin on 20 December. Kate was employed on a four year funded contract which was unable to be renewed due to the economic climate. Kate came to SRCWA as a student in 2013 to work as part of the Have a Go Day team to complete her student practical placement hours prior to graduating with a Bachelor of Business, Major in Event Management and Major in Marketing. Kate has been an integral and dedicated member of this organisation for four years and will be greatly missed. Kate also worked closely with SRCWA Rockingham branch. The Rockingham branch went through a transition time where the they did not have a secretary and Kate took up this role voluntarily until the committee found a replacement. Kate has a very strong work ethic and her ability to manage and organise events, work within a feam environment and individually has been exemplary. We wish Kate all the very best with her future endeavours and if any organisation is looking for an event manager with a great deal of experience Kate would be an asset.

## Key Diary Dates for 2018 6 June, Annual Seniors Ball,

Astral Ballroom, Crown Perth. 18 April, Rockingham Have a Go Day, a LiveLighter Event, Aqua Jetty, Warnbro Sound Ave, Warnbro 11 to 18 November, WA Seniors Week 14 November, Have a Go Day, a LiveLighter Event, Burswood Park, Great Eastern Highway, Burswood

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#### by Nadine Georgiades

IT'S that time of the year again with plenty of open water swimming events happening. Have a Go News has been a strong supporter of our novice swims and we have two 'try

it' swims in the early part of 2018. Our LiveLighter MSWA open water swim

round three is the 2018 Swim Thru' Perth on Sunday 21 January. It has a 250m swim as does our round six swim, Coogee Jetty to Jetty Swim XX11 on Sunday 11 March.

Masters Swimming encourages people to have a go

This is an ideal way to dip your toes into open water swims and we are seeing a lot of interest in these shorter distances from a very wide variety of participants. If you are considering your first open water swim or are keen to be involved in a fun and safe event, please visit www.mswa.asn.au for detailed entry information for this event and other open water swimming events held in WA.

We also have a swim on in Mandurah on Australia Day which offers a one km as well as greater distances.

Masters Swimming is also gearing up to host the 2018 National Championships in April at HBF Stadium. This is an event for Masters members only so if you are keen to have a swim then you need to join one of our clubs for the 2018 season.

We have signed up two new official partnerships in ASB Marketing and Hopgood Ganim Lawyers which will assist with creating a fun and professional event.

If you are interested in finding out where vour closest local Masters Swimming Club is. head to our website to see a list of our clubs and their contact information on our clubs page www.mswa.asn.au.

Our members swim for fitness and health, and Masters Clubs are more fun than swimming your own - so if you have talked about this in recent years then take the plunge and have a go this year.

# It's the new year - time to reflect on what nature means to you



Left to right; Karen Majer - Red-eared firetail finch © Boyd Wykes

#### by Karen Majer

WHAT does nature mean to you? A friend asked me that question recently and I was hard-pressed to answer. It is complex and profoundly personal.

To me, nature is the natural world, whether it be deep wilderness or red-eared firetail finches eating seeds in my gar-

den. We are blessed to live in a beautiful part of the world, a biodiversity hotspot with many and varied natural environments from ocean to for-

Sadly, however, it is becoming more difficult to access true wilderness. The impacts of human activities are everywhere, from plastic in our seas to pollution, loss of vegetation and the rapid extinction of native plant and animal species. Even the atmosphere hasn't escaped, with our climate changing due to land clearing and rising greenhouse gas levels.

Everything is interconnected. The earth's crust

with its fragile soil layer, groundwater, wetlands, vegetation and the thin band of gases that make up our atmosphere, together form a life-support system for us and all the living things that share our planet. We interfere with its balance at our

As a scientist, I can describe nature in terms of ecology and the services that the environment provides. As an environmentalist, I log values and impacts and feel desolate when I see the extensive damage that we have wrought.

As a human I am nurtured by our natural world. I feel inexpressible joy at the leap of a humpback whale and can be reduced to tears by hundred-year-old trees felled and threatened ringtail possums made homeless in the path of development. Nature supports us, feeds our souls and is entitled to exist in its own

As we enter a new year, I ask that each of us takes a moment to dwell on the magnificent, fragile place that we call home and on ways that we can extend a hand to protect it. The smallest acts, maybe planting some flowering shrubs for the bees or supporting your local conservation volunteers, can add

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The WA Women's Hall of Fame provides the opportunity for women from all walks of life, from all regions in this state and from all cultural backgrounds to be recog-

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they have made to the lives of other Western Australians. ISHAR, Multicultural Women's Health Centre, proudly hosts this year's WA Women's Hall of

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Lotterywest and the Department of Local Government and Communi-ISHAR, encourages everyone to consider nominating a woman they know. It may be their mother or another relative, a colleague, a friend,

a neighbour, or simply

someone they admire. The 2018 inductees will be selected from one of the following categories: Community, Business, Health, Education, the Arts, Culture, STEM (science, technology and mathematics) and Sport. It is easy to nominate, and will take no more than 15

minutes. Nominations for the WA Women's Hall of Fame will be accepted until 5pm on Wednesday 7 February. It's easy to complete the form, simply log on to the website www.wawo menshalloffame.com.au/ nominations.htm

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## Latest coin reference guide cuts the grade



by Mickel Smits

THIS month I received into stock the new 28th edition of the Renniks Australian Coin and catalogue. Banknote First published in 1964, it is the longest standing reference for up-todate values. It is printed in A4 format comprising more than 300 pages and retails for \$40.

An innovative addition to this latest edition is a four page guide as to how to grade the condition of coins. This often determines their market value.

There are two wellknown methodologies by which one can grade a coin's condition. One is called the Adjectival Standard while the other is the Sheldon Coin Grading Scale which was developed in 1949 by an American collector, Dr William Sheldon. The two methods are executed differently and when compared could even be considered to be contradic-

late the two. Traditionally, Australian and European numismatists have used the Adjectival Standard, however the Sheldon Scale has become popular in recent years due to the international marketing of this system by independent grading services based in the USA. They have appointed agents here overseas that

charge for this service.

The Adjectival sys-

tory, The Renniks guide

endeavours to corre-

tem defines a coin's grade progressively upwards from Good, to Very Good, Fine, Very Fine, Extremely Fine, Almost Uncirculated, Uncirculated, Choice Uncirculated, Gem Uncirculated and Fleur de Coin (French for Flower of the Die". They are abbreviated as G, VG, F, VF, EF, aUnc, Unc, ChUnc, Gem and FDC. However, there can be lower and higher variants of these grades whereby a coin, as an example, might be deemed to be just shy of Extremely Fine or slightly better and so they are described as Almost Extremely Fine (aEF) and Good Extremely Fine (gEF or EF+).

The Sheldon Scale allocates a number of points to the coin. The maximum score is 70 which is designated as MS70, the MS being an abbreviation for mint state. So a coin in the ultimate condition which is adjectively described as Fleur de Coin would correspondingly be a Sheldon MŠ70. However, very few coins qualify for this standard and therefore most are of a lesser grade. This is where it becomes complicated. It is unfortunate that the Sheldon method also combines an adjectival abbreviation with its numerical score as a prefix, for example, F12, VF20, EF45 etc, however these adjectival prefixes are not the same as in the Adjectival system. In that system the aforementioned coins would be only VG, F

and VF respectively. A collector who uses the Sheldon system might describe a coin simply as 'extremely fine', but the same coin as seen by another collector who follows the adjectival method would be only 'very fine'.

Is there room for confusion here? There certainly is. Fortunately Renniks have included a table which translates the Adjectival grades to their Sheldon numerical equivalents. Renniks also add illustrations and explanations to assist the collector to fathom this vital element towards determining their coin's value.

For more information email - smits@westnet. com.au

# **Fake stamp worth more...**



#### by Mickel Smits

IT is difficult to believe, even for the initiated collector, but a forgery of Australia's rarest, regular issue Commonwealth stamp is worth more than the genuine item.

The stamp in question is the first edition £2 Kangaroo and Map stamp issued in 1913. According to the Australian Commonwealth Specialists Catalogue, a genuine used example is valued at \$6000 whereas the forgery is catalogued at \$7500. In mint condition the values are \$12,500 and \$17,500 respectively.

So how can it be that the forgery is worth more? Well firstly, the forgery is rarer with about a dozen of the used ones known to exist and just two examples of them are mint. Secondly, and in this case importantly, the forgeries were all produced by the most renowned stamp forger of all time, Jean de Sperati.

The international philatelic elite consider him a genius because he fooled most of them for decades. As a result many of his 550+ different forgeries covering about 100 countries have become highly collectable and prized. Such can sometimes be the way in collecting.

To forge the £2 Kangaroo stamp convincingly, Sperati adopted an ingenious method, which he also applied to many of his other cunningly deceptive forger-

In 1913 the Australian post office issued a series of 15 different kangaroo and map stamps ranging in face val-

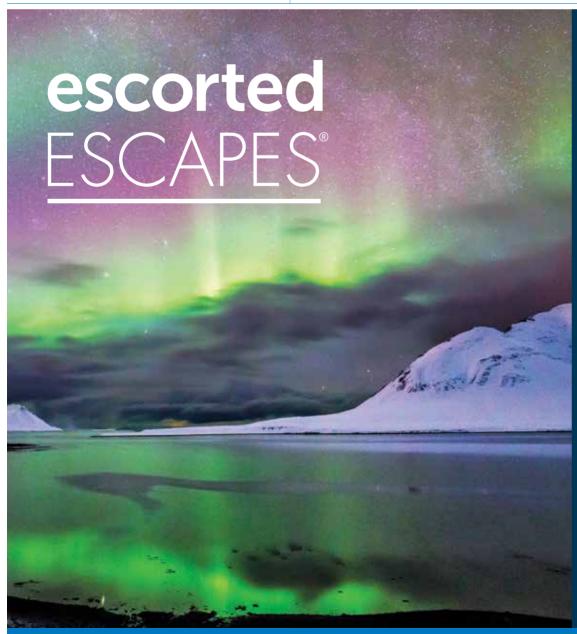
ue from a halfpenny to £2. The lower face-value stamps were printed in the millions with the numbers diminishing significantly as the denominations rose. The 10/-, £1 and £2 stamps were of limited use at the time. Sperati acquired examples of the common, low denomination stamps from the series with which he proceeded to fade out the designs by bleaching them, yet he cleverly managed to retain the postmarks. He then printed his forged design upon the blank stamp using photo-lithogra-phy. The finished item therefore exhibited the correct characteristics of paper type, watermark and perforations along with a contemporary postmark. Other forgers generally created theirs from scratch and hence were detectable on scrutinising these characteristics.

In 1954, following 20 years of procrastination for fear of the effect this might create in the marketplace, the British Philatelic Association succeeded in convincing Sperati to sell to them, for a princely sum, his dies, proofs and remaining forgery stock. Aged 70, with failing eyesight and apparently wishing to prevent some undeserving imitator acquiring his tools and techniques, he agreed to sell.

They couldn't beat him, so they bought him out. He died three years

The Association then exhibited his equipment and published reference books enabling collectors to study their minute design idiosyncrasies and thereby identify his forgeries.

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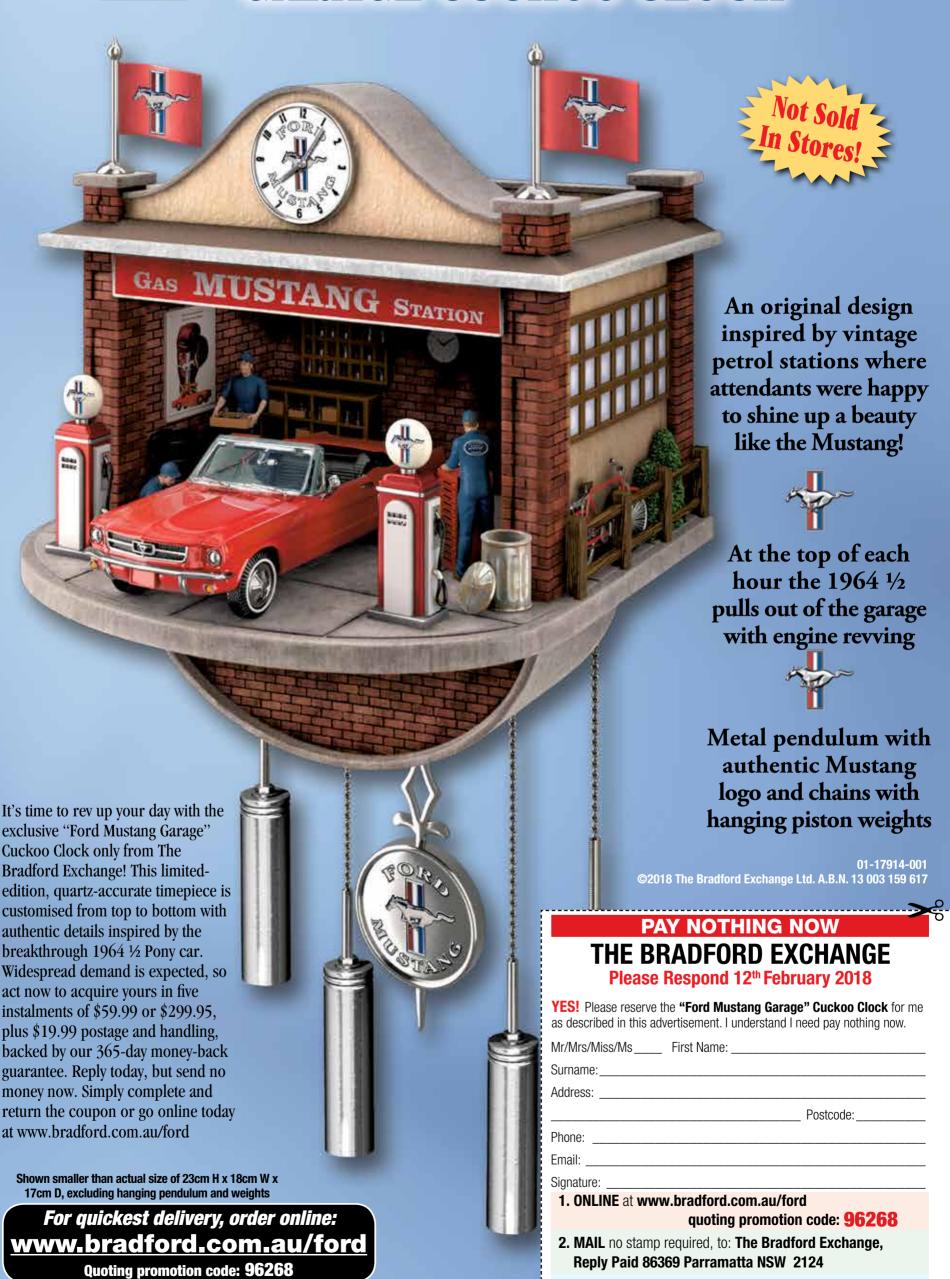




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## TV Talk - let's talk about local television for Western Australia



by Lee Tate

I'D LOVE to see a regular, dedicated West Aussie program on prime-time TV. A full-scale weekly program with West Australians talking Western Australia.

Yes, we have a few state-related programs (travel, fishing) plus Seven's Today Tonight. And there's community station, West TV on channel 44 but with coverage only of Perth.

Where on prime TV can West Aussies express their views, hear from and watch local entertainers and see debates among WA community leaders and characters?

I'm thinking part-serious but with plenty of home-grown entertainment, useful information, colour and fun.

Parochial? Certainly! Such a program would genuinely reflect WA's unique character and Visitors from flavour. interstate or abroad, Mars could gain an understanding of who we are and what we have to

offer by switching on the

There's so much diversity on TV. We watch what people are doing in Mongolia and Iceland and, of course, in the eastern states.

But what do we even know of our own people? Our own leaders and characters. What openings do we have for our own entertainers?

Complicated issues including politics and business could be explained simply and local issues debated. We could see the many now-faceless community leaders such as mayors and councillors and learn about their areas and their views.

Budding entertainers could show us what they have, get some media exposure and perhaps attract some local opportunities before they follow the well-worn road

Perhaps it requires more than one program: one for local issues, debates and interesting information and one showcasing our entertainers, past and present.

Why couldn't we have a talent blend: a budding

young singer, an inventor, a zoo keeper, a radio producer or presenter, a university expert, a northwest miner, a scientist, an indigenous elder and

an athlete? We journalists know there's endless WA talent, characters and world-class achievers coming out of the woodwork but often the first we know of it is when they make their marks abroad or interstate.

The program would have to be classy and choosy about its talent - good enough to be shown anywhere.

It might lead to a Stateof-Origin TV series. We could all watch each other's State-based programs in friendly rivalry.

Importantly, a West Aussie TV show should accurately reflect Western Australia - not an American or British copycat - with guests and hosts carefully chosen; a rotating panel of hosts or presenters; a program of surprises.

Western Australia's features are its climate. its beaches, its southwest, its north, its deserts, its national parks, its animals and plants, its mining, its food, its gold, its diamonds, its iron ore and gas, its farming, its entertainers and its sport

(there's always sport).

Most of all, it is people. Let's meet the people, hear from them, find out what drives them, what they do, what makes them laugh, what they provide to the state, what they love, what they hate.

What are WA councils across the state up to, where do our professional fishermen go,

what's happening to our seal population, who works on Garden Island, what are school students doing?

Snake handlers, sailmakers, drug-testers, private detectives, parking inspectors, dambuilders and Aboriginal kids who fly to school in Perth from the northwest each term - all have stories to tell.

Our parochial program could interview visitors. We are still interested in outsiders. We're not that parochial.

What do you think? Email leetate@live.com.

# **Community NOTEBOOK**

#### **HARBOUR SUNDAYS**

28 January – 25 February, Sundays from 5pm Maritime Museum Balcony Fremantle Live local music and DJs.

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#### **CITY OF VINCENT**

6006 in the park. Sunday 28 January 4pm-9pm Food stalls, bouncy castle, baby animal farm pop up bar and good music. Woodville Reserve, North Perth.

#### **ONE DAY IN FREMANTLE**

Esplanade Reserve 28 January from 2pm. A celebration of Australia's diversity for everyone. This is a free family event, bring a picnic and enjoy the

#### **AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS**

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE Perry Lakes Reserve

26 January 8.30am-12.30pm Entertainment provided on the day plus a free breakfast generously provided by Lions Club of Floreat.

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Evening of festivities and fireworks from 5pm-9.30pm Free family event, food stalls and plenty of activities for all ages Minnawarra Park. Ph 9394 5000

#### **CITY OF MANDURAH**

Friday 26 January 7am-11.30am Head to the foreshore, enjoy a \$6 cooked Aussie breakfast thanks to the Lions Club of Mandurah. Live music thanks to the Mandurah Concert Band. Alcohol and smoke free event. No pets.

#### **CITY OF SOUTH PERTH**

Morning ceremony 8am-9.30am. Sir James Mitchell Park, Flag Pole. Rotary barbecue breakfast \$5 from 9.30am-10.30am Coode St South Perth

#### **CITY OF COCKBURN**

Coogee Beach Reserve 26 January 8am to midday Family fun day, free sausage sizzle, sandcastle workshop and more Ph 9411 3444

#### **CITY OF ALBANY**

26 January 12pm-8pm Middleton Beach Come down and enjoy a day of food, fun and nonstop

#### **ESPERANCE**

Australia Day Adventure Land Park Rotary Shire Day 26 January 8am-1pm, The Esplanade All welcome. Local artists, bric-a-brac, jewellery stalls plus other attractions. Ph 9071 1430

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## From ballet to ballroom - Ron Barker made his mark on the Perth dance scene



Roberta Scudder and Ron Barker

#### by Adam Penn

RON Barker is a well known name on the Perth dance scene, making his mark down the years in a life of triumph and tragedy.

Born in Adelaide in September 1936 he moved to Perth with his parents at aged 10.

At 19, while on national service he realised he had no dance skills for an end-of-year ball. So he took up lessons with a friend, at Scudders in Northbridge and Gilkisons in Perth. It wasn't long before Ron decided

he 'liked this caper'.

When his national service ended, Ron continued his dancing, choosing Scudders and attending medal classes on Saturday afternoons. Beryl Cox, eventually to become his mentor, offered Ron complimentary private lessons so he could catch up with the rest of the class.

Ron was encouraged to dance competitively. In 1957 he partnered a fellow student, in a beginners' competition at the Midland Town Hall, dancing the gypsy tap and the merrilyn. He

hated every moment of it and decided to end his competitive dancing career.

But he was asked to partner another fellow student lone Hicks, in her gold ballroom medal. A lot of work followed with Ron frantically trying to learn the routines. Regaining some confidence from his more than adequate performance, Ron re-embarked upon his competitive dancing, winning the amateur new vogue State titles in 1964 and 1965.

In 1965, Ron turned professional and started dancing cabaret with Roberta Scudder. The same year, well known WA choreographer Norma Atkinson asked Bob Scudder to find four men to partner her dancers in a pas de deux ballet routine at His Majesty's Theatre.

As one of the partners, Ron found himself being instructed in classical ballet by Norma and in lift work by Ron Pashley. He learnt skills in ballet, jazz and tap dancing, while continuing to work with Roberta for competitive cabaret and new vogue events.

In 1966 and 1967 Ron and Roberta won the WA Professional Exhibition titles competing against Alwyn Dedman and others. In 1967 he went to Melbourne to watch the World Championships and take lessons from Jack and Edna McPherson, who completely changed his approach towards dancing.

In 1968 Ron and Roberta were appointed the WA representatives to the Australasian Professional New Vogue championships, making up a team with Derek and Pam Gatley, the WA professional ballroom representatives. Ron and Roberta took the Australasian cabaret title.

Ron later had a new partner Margaret Loftus (née Felton), and the pair won the South Pacific and Australasian titles in the new vogue and cabaret fields and every WA title in both categories.

Ron then partnered Robyn Grant, and the pair won numerous state and national titles in new vogue and cabaret. In Queensland they won the 1971 South Pacific championships and Brisbane Star titles. They won both titles at the Australasians in Sydney. Ron then retired from competition at the national level.

Ron started dancing standard and new vogue at state level with Leslie Norris while training for his members' ballroom under Derek Gatley. He moved to Geraldton with his job and recalled enjoying his time teaching with Doreen Dawson who asked him to choreograph two pieces and dance the role of Prince Charming in *Cinderella*. In Perth, he danced with the Perth City Ballet in the role of Woolfred in *Giselle*.

In 1974 Ron and Roberta took over the dance school from Bob Scudder, but a year later Alan Bond bought the After renting building. floor space from Winnie Wright in Piccadilly Arcade for a few months, they moved their school to Queen Street, Perth and later to Irwin Street. In 1976 Ron opened the Ron Barker School of Dancing at the Mount Lawley Tennis Club, the Mount Lawley Protestant Hall in Beaufort Street and his home base studio at St Alban's Church Hall in Highgate.

After eight years, Ron again moved his school to the Blind Association building in Maylands where he remained until 2004.

Ron married Catherine Henderson in 1991 and became the proud father of a daughter, Emily who became accomplished in music, voice and acting while sharing her parents love of dance.

Tragically, Catherine was killed in a car crash in 2004, in which Emily was critically injured. From then on Ron took on sole responsibility for his daughter's care.

For more than 30 years Ron held the office of registration officer for the WA branch of the Australian Dancing Board of Control and continued in this role with Dancesport WA. For a time, he worked for both organisations in this capacity. In the early 2000s Ron was officially recognised for his contributions to dance in Australia by Dancesport Australia.

He passed away in July 2014 after a life dedicated to dance.

If anyone in the Perth dance scene has historic photos and information for Adam Penn's ongoing dance series, please contact Adam at tophat97@ optusnet.com.au or on mobile 0412 361 917.



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Jan Cross, founder of the Extraordinary Mind Project, said a primary job of your brain is to very efficiently have you repeat what you already know exactly as you already know it. Which is good, otherwise you would have to relearn how to walk and talk each morning!

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'Ėach time I am amazed that such tiny movements make such big changes,' said Yvonne who was attending one of my Awareness Through Movement (ATM) lessons.

At the final class for December 2017, all the participants were lying on their backs on their mats, sensing and feeling for any differences they could notice now, at that end of the lesson, which they didn't notice when they first laid down on their back and felt the contact their body made with the floor.

I'd like to introduce people to some of my There's Joan class. 80) and Marg (aged (aged 79) who have been attending an ATM class for 30 years and 20 years respectively. Yvonne and Rita are in their 60s and have been coming to ATM classes for about 15 years.

When I asked them why they attend the ATM class they all had similar responses - the lessons keep them mobile and active and help them with their everyday activities.

Diana is our youngest and most recent member. She has been coming to class for nearly two vears.

She has given me permission to share why she loves coming.

"The classes themselves aren't just a movement class for me, they are almost meditative so that when I come out of them, I am very relaxed, and my body feels like it's just had a great massage," she said. "It has had a very large

positive effect on my systematic inflammatory arthritis - not only helping lessen the overall inflammation and pain but, also, when inflammation does affect different parts of the body, I am able to use Feldenkrais to work out ways to better move those parts, resulting in experiencing reduced pain and increased movement.

"Further, it has greatly helped reduce the intensity of my migraines. Since taking Feldenkrais lessons, I am better aware of different parts of my body that are feeling tense. Using Feldenkrais techniques I have learnt. I am able to lessen the tension in those areas, when I feel a migraine coming on or am experiencing one, which results in a lessening of the severity of the migraines," said Diana.

Awareness Through Movement classes are held throughout the metropolitan area and in some country areas.

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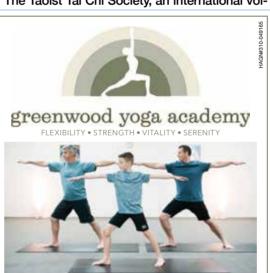
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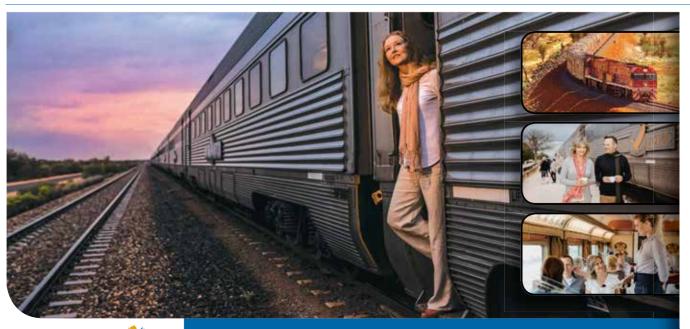
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HAPPY New Year - I'm excited to kick off this year with readers having the opportunity to win a trip to Singapore thanks to Scoot and AccorHotels. The competition will be open until 28 February, so don't delay and get your entries in. See page 22 for details.

This time last year we were preparing to visit Antarctica on the special Australia Day flight. This chartered flight occurs every two years and we are making plans to offer this to readers again for 2019. We will have details in the next issue about prices and bookings. It was an amazing opportunity to see and learn about Antarctica and was one of the most outstanding travel experiences I have had the opportunity to partake

There's a lot going on in Perth and WA over the next few months. An exciting addition to the city will be the opening of Yagan Square which will link the city with Northbridge. Most of the food and beverage outlets are finalised and will be serving a wide range of cuisines. This is a great step forward for Perth and after years of works I am sure everyone will be happy to see it completed and enjoy the new addition to our city.

There are a range of terrific events happening down south with Bridgetown celebrating its 150th anniversary with a special concert. Readers have the opportunity to win some double passes to attend this on page 25.

Taste Great Southern will be held from 8 - 25 March with a plethora of events on offer in the region. Read more about this in this section and see my interview with local chef Paul Iskov who offers a unique pop up dining experience utilising bush food.

The Perth Holiday and Cruise Expo has changed dates this year and will be held at Crown Perth Grand Ballroom on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 March. This long running expo provides people with an opportunity to plan, book and explore under one roof. The expo has been running since 1997 and remains the only independent travel expo in

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Jennifer Merigan jen@haveagonews.com.au **Travel Editor** 



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Left to right; The TranzAlpine rail on Waimakariri Bridge - Enjoy Milford Sound onboard the Milford Mariner

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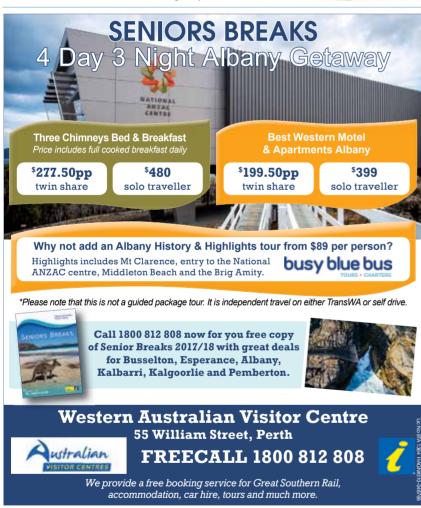
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# A hearty gourmet feast in Germany can be savoured from city to city



From left to right; City of Frankfurt - lunch in Frankfurt - Rüdesheim am Rhein - mushrooms and other fresh produce can be found at everyday food markets

#### by Michelle Karaman-Jones

NEW destinations bring new thoughts and new foods to savour. I always wonder whether our tastes change when we're in a new destination or whether that destination just has better quality food than we are used to at

My recent trip to Germany left me with this conundrum, but either way my taste buds were the winner. I was lucky enough to experience fresh produce from everyday food markets and festivals unique to Germany coupled with a few Michelin star restaurants, and I was in gourmet heaven.

German food is rich, hearty and delicious and many popular German dishes make great comfort food. Each region has its own specialties and traditional cuisine which changes from one city to the next.

The central city of Frankfurt is known for its green sauce. This is made from hard-boiled eggs, oil, vinegar, salt, and a generous amount of seven fresh herbs, namely borage, chervil, cress, parsley, salad burnet, sorrel and chives. The sauce is served with peeled boiled potatoes, accompanying either hard-boiled eggs or roasted beef brisket.

Other dishes which left their mark on me included rippchen, cooked pork served with sauerkraut or schweinshaxe (pig knuckles) that are weighed on the spot and served with mashed potatoes and sauerkraut. Another dish which was a little lighter included four boiled eggs with gruene sosse or tartarrenbrot, an open-faced sandwich with raw beef, pickles and onions.

Dishes like these have strong regional roots, but German food is more varied than you might think. Germans are intrepid travellers. This adventurous side has left its mark and has dramatically changed culinary life over the past 50 years. In fact, the Germans are among those with the most international range of food in Europe.

The seven million foreigners who live here who brought their foods with them have made important contributions to this development. Practically every cuisine is represented: Asian and Mediterranean, Turkish and African, Thai, Chinese, Indian and Vietnamese, Greek, Spanish, and Italian, to name a few.

Another major change came with

the 'organic' movement (which Germans call öko). Suddenly, people were fascinated with growing their own food. Organic foods can be found almost everywhere.

We got to visit three main cities in Germany including Hamburg, Rüdesheim am Rhein and Frankfurt am Main.

Hamburg is one of Germany's large cities. It is very liberal and its people demonstrate a strong independent streak. As I walked along the main streets, the colourful graffiti said it all. Opposition to the G20 that was held in Hamburg in July 2017 plus several other political causes were represent-

Hamburg was an independent city until German unification in 1871. Our guide summarised Hamburg simply: "No castles or nobles here in Hamburg. What we have is a harbour... we have two rivers; one for making money (import) and other for spending money (export).

Rüdesheim am Rhein is a wine region in the Rhine Gorge. It is a land of beautiful hillsides and is a part of the UNESCO world cultural heritage site. It lies in the Regierungsbezirk of Darmstadt in Hesse - it is officially known as Rüdersheim am Rhein which distinguishes it from nearby Rüdersheim an der Nahe. This region's wines are one of the world best known Rieslings.

Frankfurt is Germany's fifth largest and most international city and has some interesting contrasts. It's the financial powerhouse of the country and home to an amazing range of skyscrapers. There is also much historic architecture.

If you are interested in the history and architecture of the city, the old City Hall and the Saint Bartholomew's Cathedral are among the most impressive examples.

A population that has a good number of English speakers can be very useful if your skills in the local language are limited, and many Germans take a great pride in being able to speak English well.

I found that most people will respond in English if they realise that your German is not particularly strong.

Germany is the one of the safest countries in Europe. Crime in Germany is at a very low level, and there is a little risk for travellers when it comes to pickpockets or muggings.

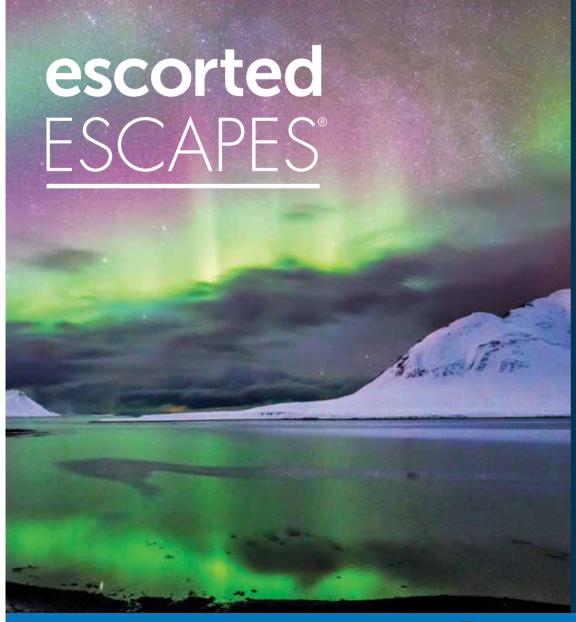
The German people are polite and generous with most happy to help if they spot you are in any difficulty.

The autobahn, a complex highway system, is one of the most famous aspects of German transport, but a good bus network and efficient trains help to make getting around the country easy and painless for travellers.

Traveling by train in Europe is an experience within itself. It's relaxing, you can see beautiful parts of the countryside and it can be a great way to meet

Our train journey started from Copenhagen and we travelled direct to Hamburg. While it's mostly an ideal way to get from place to place, there can be some be some minor hiccups with the system. Make sure you know exactly what track your train is arriving on and the train number as a train to Frankfurt may arrive 10 minutes before your train to Paris and, before you know it, you're in Germany. If you're ever unsure, there is typically always someone at an information desk around that can help.

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Mercure Singapore on Stevens, clockwise from top left; Infinity pool - Suite - Food Exchange

SINGAPORE has been a much favoured destination of Australians for years and thanks to Scoot and AccorHotels one lucky reader will be celebrating the New Year with a visit.

The Lion City offers fabulous food from hawker stalls to high-end restaurants, a range of activities including the spectacular and unique Gardens of the Bay, historical and cultural sites and an abundance of shopping.

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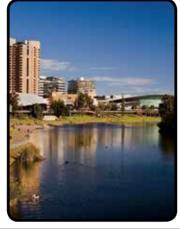
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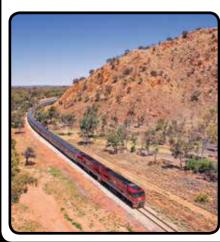








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# Perth couple's seven year travels across 13 countries











#### by Jennifer Merigan

PERTH couple Peter and Debra Holst have spent the last seven years housesitting around the world taking their retirement dreams to the next level.

It all started in 2010 when they were cycling through France and met a couple who talked

about having left their animals at home to go on holiday.

"We both wondered how they managed to leave the animals and go on holidays and they told us about the hous-esitting concept," said

"Following that trip, we were asked to housesit a chateau in the Champagne region and then the couple we met cycling asked us to housesit for them and it just snowballed from there," she said.

The Holsts' returned to Perth in 2011, rented out their house and began their housesitting sojourn across 13 countries, often with return visits to various homes.

They are currently on their 91st housesit in France but have visited Thailand, Turkey, Guatemala, USA, England, Świtzerland Belgium, and spent a festive season in the Yukon.

"If you are a retired couple - it keeps your whole retirement and the time you have together alive - it's an exciting thing for us to move around." Debra told Have a Go News.

Looking after people's animals is one of the things they really enjoy.

"The more housesitting you do, the more you enjoy the animals and it's quite fascinating to housesit for animals we've never had before - not only have we looked after dogs and cats, we've looked after ducks, sheep, pigs and even a one a half metre iguana."

They say that all the animals have individual personalities makes each housesit interesting and different.

For Peter and Debra housesitting provides a low-cost travel option and though it may cost a lot to get to some of the destinations, the accommodation is free and often the use of a car is included.

The couple take out an annual travel insurance policy through Nomads which allow Australians to renew their policy while they are overseas.

Clockwise from left; Peter and Debra's first house sit riverside near Entraygues France - Peter housesitting with Ziggy the 1.5m Iguana - Imagine having to put up with these views everyday in southern Turkey - Fancy taking four dogs walking on your own beach in Thailand - Peter and Debra Holst did - Each morning Jane and Noodles would watch for the food coming before venturing out - Snow and baquettes



Their number one recommendation for those interested in house sitting is to strive to make certain that the home owners do not worry about their house and pets while they are away.

The couple's next priority is to ensure that the owners return to a really clean house, yard and

"You have to live in the house like its your own home and we say to the owners prior to us coming - write out a list of emergency contacts, your animal's routine and the commands they understand, so we can keep everything as normal as possible.

"When we arrive, we take photos of things and make sure everything is back in the same spot when we leave, including light and power switches.

"Most of the time we know how to operate everything in the house before the owners depart,' she said.

In the seven years away the Holsts say that France has become their favoured destination, so much so that they applied and received visas for long term visits.

"France has the wow factor, it has everything we enjoy, we are very much into hiking and cycling and we take our bikes everywhere we go.

"We particularly love the Pyrenees and we find the French people lovely and the food and scenery superb.

"France has got everything that we like. We have some sort of attraction to the place and it's where we love staying the most," they said.

Debra and Peter hope that by sharing their story they may inspire other people to take up the opportunity to housesit too.

After their many years on the road they now only work with the website TrustedHousesitters.com because they've found that they operate in a professional manner and are happy to promote them.

"It's only \$99 per year to be part of that site it's a win-win situation for both parties, some homes are not luxurious but it's the experience you gain from each housesit - it's the experience of living somewhere different and not just the actual house you live in, Debra said.

Debra stresses that if you do choose to housesit that you don't cancel on the owners if you get a better opportunity. It devalues the industry and it's something that can really affect people's

"Some people just enjoy a two-day or a one week housesit, but we like anything from a week to three months.'

And will this intrepid couple return to Perth anytime soon...

"We have no plans to come home - housesitting is indefinite for us," they said.

TrustedHousesitters. com launched in 2010 and provide a global community of pet lovers who help each other travel. The site is available in 140 countries and it costs \$99 for members to list their homes or to register as sitters.



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# Bridgetown celebrates its 150th anniversary



Left to right; Deborah Conway will be performing at the Blackwood Rhapsody - National Trust Bridgedale House will be the venue

#### by Dennis Lingane

BRIDGETOWN is running a year of special events, including a mega picnic outdoor concert in February to celebrate the 150th anniversary of this picturesque south west town.

Singer-songwriter Deborah Conway will head up a diverse list of talent in this Blackwood Rhapsody, a five-hour family concert that is being staged on the lawns of the National Trust Bridgedale House on the banks of the scenic Blackwood River on 24 February.

The concert in this historic setting will showcase an exciting and entertaining range of musical performers, from local schoolchildren reciting age-old nursery rhymes to the WA Police Pipe Band (current Australian champions).

Other artists will include acclaimed opera singer Justin Freind; former WA Symphony Orchestra (WASO) concert master Ashley Arbuckle who, having defeated a neurological condition that forced his early retirement from the WASO in 1999, has embraced jazz in his musical rebirth. He will be part of the Three Merry Gentlemen with James Harwood on harmonica and David Bardsley on piano playing nostalgia jazz;

the hugely popular blues trio Ten Cent Shooters, described by legendary Australian bluesman Phil Manning as the most powerful acoustic band he has ever heard, are guaranteed to get people up dancing; while spoons performer Deb 'Spoons' Perry will add her own unique level of novelty entertainment.

The concert will also include several wellknown singer-songwriters from the south west including Tracev Barnett, country/blues/folk acoustic duo Short and Curly, Mary Myfanwy and Beth Carlessi. The event has been organised by the local awardwinning Jubilee Singers that will also perform at the concert.

The National Trust has made the gardens of the 1863 Bridgedale House available to the community for this gala event. The audience is invited to bring their own blan-

kets, chairs and picnics. Spokesperson for the organising committee Linda Vowles said: "The National Trust has been very helpful and generous by allowing the use Bridgedale House for this unique event. Bridgetown shire, local service groups and businesses are all working with us to present a fabulous event for this special year in the town's history. It will be a memorable evening."

Bridgetown, that declares itself as the Winter Capital of WA and is often referred by locals as "Fridgetown" because of the overnight low temperatures that make log fires part of the town's attraction, was rated as the place of most interest in WA during 2017 according to Wotif.com.

This interest is obviously driven by the many major events hosted annually by the town that will all be given a special focus for the 150th celebrations. These include the massively successful Blues Festival that celebrated its 25th anniversary last year; the Easter Tennis Tournament that draws hundreds of tenenthusiasts from the metropolitan area; the Blackwood Classic (the south-west version of the Avon Descent); the Blackwood Marathon featuring teams of up to five athletes (runner, canoeist, swimmer, equestrian and cyclist): Country Music Festival in March; Festivals of Country Gardens that see many owners throw open their homes to gardening enthusiasts from around the State; and the popular threemonth-long Winter Festival that includes the lavish gourmet experience Banquet on the Bridge with catering provided by the town's many restaurants.

There will be many extra events this year to celebrate the 150th including an historic transport cavalcade in September, says Bridgetown-Greenbushes Visitor Centre manager Dariel Hodgins.

"The town's popularity is because of its familyfriendly attractions including animal feeding, new swimming pool, a skate park, lots of walks, parks, river activities, wineries, funky boutiques, food and beverage outlets and organic food trails.

"Visitors are finding it is the perfect place for a stopover or as a base for exploring the south west. The tourist accommodation provides for a range of tastes and budgets from caravan park and B&Bs to high-end self-contained luxurv accommodation," said.

"Every day we have people coming into the Visitor Centre saying how they have been visiting for years and are now buying a home down here. An additional attraction is that Bridgetown is the only town to have been awarded heritage status in the south west by the National Trust.'

Blackwood Rhapsody, Saturday 24 February, 4.30pm Bridgedale House, Bridgetown. Tickets on sale now: on-

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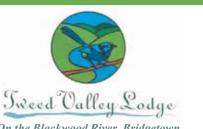
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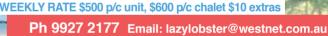




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Hotel: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands for 2 nights

#### DAY 4 BAY OF ISLANDS B

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Today is a left free for you to enjoy how you wish.

#### DAY 5 BAY OF ISLANDS TO AUCKLAND

This morning travel aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Keep an eve out for bottlenose and common dolphins before returning to Paihia. Enjoy a picnic lunch before travelling south via Whangarei, call into the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree before arriving into Auckland's north shore. You will see stunning views of Rangitoto Island, Auckland Harbour and the Hauraki Gulf.

Hotel: Spencer on Byron for 1 night

#### DAY 6 AUCKLAND TO ROTORUA B / D

This morning travel to Glenbrook Vintage Railway for a nostalgic 15 kilometre trip back in time on a beautifully restored vintage steam train. Visit the restoration workshop and on return to Glenbrook Station, morning tea will be served. Depart Glenbrook and travel through magnificent countryside of rolling hills and green pastures famous for dairying. Continue to Rotorua to visit Paradise Valley Springs, a superb wildlife park where you can hand feed rainbow trout.

Hotel: Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua for 2 nights

#### DAY 7 ROTORUA B / D

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua. There is also time for a luge ride! Next stop is the Agrodome for an action packed hour of farming entertainment and education that's unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert.

#### DAY 8 ROTORUATO WELLINGTON B/D

Travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the spectacular Huka Falls. Continue to Lake Taupo for some free time to enjoy this scenic lakeside town. Travel via the Tongariro National Park and then continue south to the capital city of Wellington.

Hotel: James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor for 2 nights

#### **DAY 9 WELLINGTON B**

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum with exhibits that embrace both Maori and European views. Reboard your coach for an extensive city tour. Enjoy time at leisure this afternoon and the evening is also free to explore Wellington's lively food scene.

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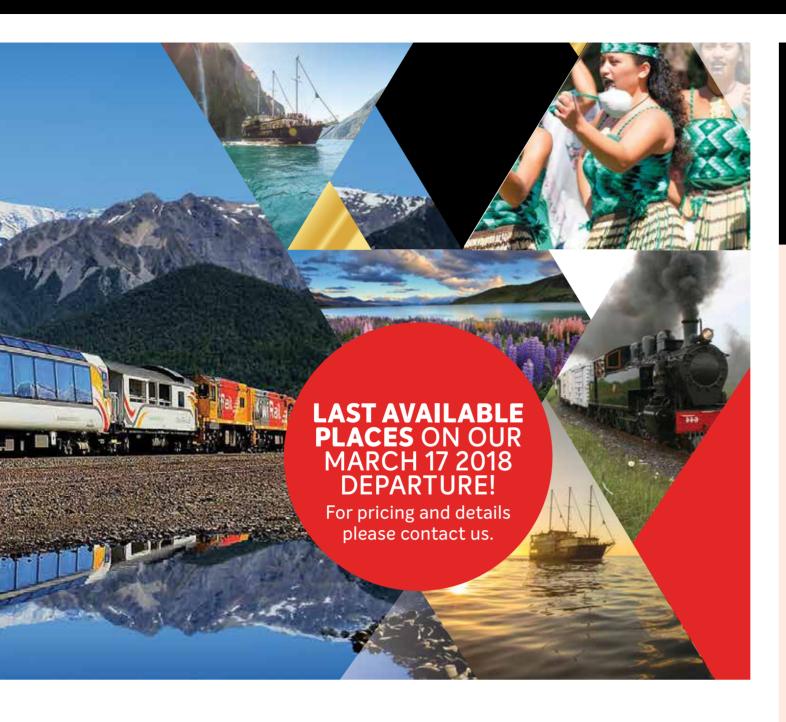








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Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Lakefrontfor 2 nights

#### DAY 14 OUEENSTOWN B / D

Today is left free to enjoy Queenstown how you wish. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a gourmet barbeque dinner which the chef will prepare in front of you at the Colonel's Homestead.

#### **DAY 15 QUEENSTOWN /**

MILFORD SOUND B / D

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#### **DAY 16 MILFORD SOUND** TO TE ANAU B / D

Start the day with a hearty breakfast before heading back out to the Tasman Sea (weather permitting) to explore more of the fiord. Return back to the wharf to meet your coach and enjoy the scenic drive to Te Anau. This afternoon enjoy a cruise across Lake Te Anau to visit the Glow Worm Caves where you will admire the incredible limestone caverns, waterfalls and mystery of the Glow Worm Grotto.

Hotel: Distinction Luxmore for 1 night

#### DAY 17 TE ANAU TO DUNEDIN B / D

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Hotel: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

#### DAY 18 DUNEDIN B / D

This morning travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea. Return to the city for some free time. You might choose to board The Taieri Gorge Limited for a journey through spectacular scenery only accessible by rail (optional).

#### DAY 19 DUNEDIN TO CHRISTCHURCH B / D

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Hotel: Sudima Hotel Christchurch Airport for 1 night

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# Marron season open THE Marron season potential to 'ghost has kicked off and fish' and impact on

has kicked off and runs until midnight on Monday 5 February.

Large numbers of marron fishers are expected at popular camping locations on the major freshwater rivers and irrigation dams in the south west.

Compliance and education officers from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development will be visiting fishing locations to ensure fishers know and follow the rules.

The ongoing sustainability of the fishery depends on strict rules, including what marron fishing gear you may use. The recreational use of traps is illegal in public waters in WA, due to their

potential to 'ghost fish' and impact on native species such as turtles, native water rats and birdlife.

Fishers are urged to remember that the Shannon River and Margaret River and its tributaries upstream of the Ten Mile Brook junction and waters within 300 metres upstream and 50 metres downstream of the Bussell Highway traffic bridge are closed for marron fishing.

Nearly 11,000 recreational marron fishing licences will be issued for this season.

Licensed fishers are urged to know the limits and rules that apply by accessing the recreational fishing guide for marron online.

You can purchase a marron fishing licence online at www.fish. wa.gov.au, where you can also access the recreational fishing guide for marron. Suspicious or illegal fishing activity should be reported to FishWatch on 1800 815 507.

The strict fishing rules makes this one of the most carefully managed recreational fisheries in Australia.

BAYVIEW



Miss an early gaff shot on a cobia and you probably won't see the fish again for quite a while

#### by Mike Roennfeldt

WHEN you have fished for a long time you come to realise that each species of fish has characteristics that are recognisable. That can be in terms of how they fight, how they feed and how they react to particular situations.

Arguably, the most obvious distinguishing characteristic is how they fight. Some species respond in a way peculiar just to them.

Take my favourite, for example, the iconic bonefish. When a bonefish takes off after hookup on a fly rod, each powerful tail beat is transmitted through

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the rod and the steady nodding rhythm of the long wand tells you immediately what you have hooked.

I can remember catching batfish on fly up north years ago. They were living around a structure, probably a rock wall or jetty pile, and when hooked they spiralled straight down. I can't recall any other species spiralling down like that.

Yellowfin tuna, in the last stages of a fight when they are tired, start circling down below. Keep enough pressure on and they will eventually spiral upwards, begrudgingly.

Apply strong pressure to a hooked Samson fish

and it will make a mad, blind charge away from you, yet keep just steady pressure on and they will often just stay in the vicinity of the boat or merely move slowly away. Yellowtail kings, close cousins to the Samsons, are equally strong but much more conniving, likely to head straight in among line snapping rocks or caves at the first opportunity.

The energy of a skippy in the first stages of a fight is unmissable. It's almost frenetic and there's no relaxing. King George whiting, on the other hand, usually let you bring them up a bit before they panic and power dive straight back down to the bottom.

Cobia are interesting and quite similar to a Samson in some ways. They will often come in really easily at the start, just to get a look at you I suspect. There is often an opportunity for an early gaff shot at this stage but be pretty sure before you have a go. Mess up the gaff shot and the fish will explode, either snapping you off as it races away under the hull or disappearing for absolutely ages as you work up a sweat on the rod trying to get it back.

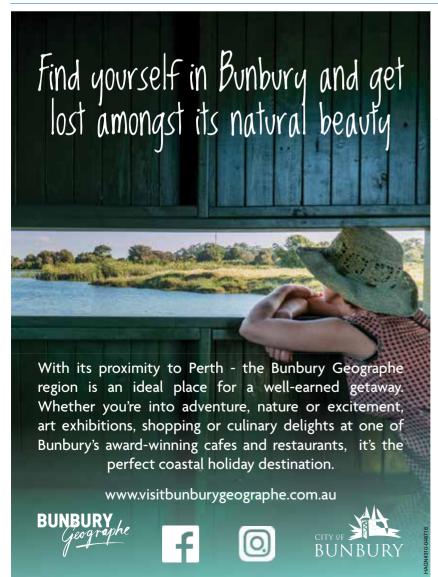
Longtail tuna, in decent sizes of 15kg or more, have endless stamina. They don't always go fast but they seem to go forever if you've hooked one on light gear.

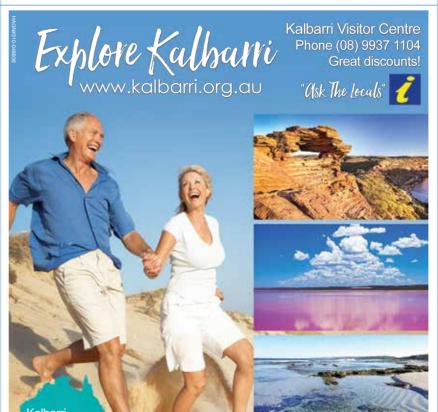
Coral trout are smashand-grab merchants, flashing up to the surface to crunch and popper or similar before bolting straight back into their ambush spot in the coral. Baldchin groper are pretty good at bolting back into the coral too and you have to be quick to stop a mangrove jack getting back into a snag before you can apply enough pressure to sway the tugof-war.

It's all part of the wonderful diversity of the sport and much of the reason why people often say: "I learn something every time I go fishing".



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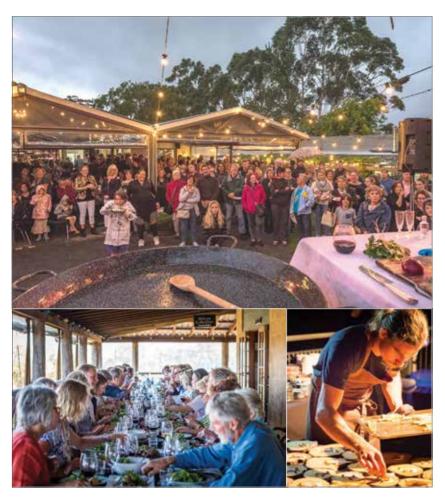




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# Have a taste of the Great Southern



Clockwise from top; Rockcliffe Night Markets - Fervor's chef Paul Iskov - celebrate 40 years with Galafrey Wines Long Table Lunch

IGA Taste Great Southern runs from 8 to 25 March with events in Albany, Denmark, Mount Barker, Porongurup, Frankland River, Katanning and Kojonup.

British chef Marco Pierre White, best-known to Australian viewers as a judge on Australian Masterchef and Hell's Kitchen will be in WA for the event.

Often referred to as the first celebrity chef and the godfather of modern cooking, White was the youngest chef ever to be awarded three Michelin

White will be making his first visit to the Great Southern region, continuing the trend over the past two years of well-known chefs like Colin Fassnidge, Miguel Maestre and Tobi Puttock being spoilt with the quality of the amazing local produce.

The Albany Wine and Food Festival is just one of around 50 events being held as part of Taste Great Southern.

On 17 March, White will appear at the Albany Food and Wine Festival and attend the Fervor Three Anchors dinner on that evening. The eight-course degustation dinner focuses on local and native Australian ingredients prepared by Paul Iskov.

White joins top Indonesian chef Chandra Yudasswara and former *Masterchef* contestant and TV cooking presenter, Justine Schofield along with

Scott Brannigan, Anna Gare, Paul Iskov, Don Hancey, Sophie Budd, Kenny McHardy, Russell Blaikie, Stuart Laws, Vincent Lim, Dan Wegener. Great Southern chefs and presenters include Amy Hamilton, Frederick Kirby, Sally Francis, Nic Lancaster, Marty Morgan, Ian Gatiens and Kade Sims.

Tourism Minister Paul Papalia congratulated the festival's organisers for securing White to appear at the event.

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#### is a massive coup to have him appear at Taste Great Southern," Mr Papalia said. Taste Great Southern is a celebration of the wine, food and tourism of the region with a line-up

"Marco Pierre White has been one of the big-

gest names in the culinary

world for decades and it

is a celebration of the wine, food and tourism of the region with a line-up of great wine, local food, craft beers, spirits, tourism product, produce, local crafts with live music and guest chefs sharing their inspiration for local produce at cooking demonstrations, along with wine seminar sessions.

For more information about Taste Great Southern visit www.tastegreat southern.com.au

WIN WIN WIN We have two double passes to the VIP opening night of Taste Great Southern to be held at the Shoe Bar, Yagan Square on 21 February. To be in the draw simply email win@ haveagonews.com. au with Taste in the subject line or write to VIP Night Taste Great Southern c/- Have a Go News PO Box 1042 West Leederville 6901. Competition 31/1/18.

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"People from all walks of life enjoy our leisurely tours, even those who have ongoing aliments; some with underlying medical conditions, and some suffering with grief from losing a loved one "One of our passengers, Barbara (pictured with a shandy on our recent Christmas Lunch Mystery Tour) has undergone countless medical procedures, but that doesn't stop her. She shows a determination to get on with life while she can," said Sharon.

Barbara says: "It hasn't been the best year for my health, but it ended up ok.

"I have osteoarthritis in my knees and need a knee replacement, but that's on hold now as I have just finished six months of chemo for Waldestrom's macroglobulinemia – a type of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"Two weeks after treatment I took off to Tasmania with Aussie Redback Tours, which helped me get over it.

"Even my pacemaker behaved itself this year. I find mixing with the other lovely passengers, whether it be on day tours or extended tours, certainly is the best medicine. But I'm sure there are people out there that have been through a lot more than me," said Bar-

"This is just one example of one of our passengers who lives life to the fullest while she can, and it certainly has opened my eyes to how we should all tackle life", says Sharon.

"Get out there, get on with it and enjoy your twilight years in the company of like-minded seniors. We at Aussie Redback Tours wish you all a wonderful and enjoyable 2018," she said.

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# Unique bush food dining experiences pop up around the state with Fervor



Clockwise from left; Chef Paul Iskov plating Jenny Feast Photography - A marron dish - Fried salt bush is one of his tasty snacks

#### by Jennifer Merigan

CRISPY saltbush, marron cooked in paper bark, pickled quandongs, smoked mullet and kangaroo sliders are just a few of the very Australian dishes on chef Paul Iskov's menu.

Iskov and his pop-up dining expe-

rience Fervor travel the length and breadth of the state, partnering with indigenous land owners to source and utilise seasonal and regional

He says it's not only about preparing and cooking the food but providing the opportunity to educate diners about bush foods.

After completing his apprenticeship in the south west, Paul spent about five years at Amusé and then went on a cooking tour working at some of the top 50 restaurants of the world including Vue De Monde, D.O.M Coi. Puiol and Noma.

On returning home in 2013 he was extremely inspired and wanted to utilise the knowledge he had garnered, so he planned a pop up dining experience in a barn which turned out to be very well received. So began

"I was always interested in native Australian ingredients and working in those restaurants opened me up to experiencing ingredients which were very local, native to their region and not often used in restaurants or cooked at home," he said.

"I love that there are so many different flavours and textures in bush food and sitting down and learning about them and working them into my cuisine."

His fully equipped commercial kitchen van travels around WA providing dining experiences in unusual places. Some of the destinations they have popped up at include the Pinnacles, Karijini, Margaret River and Albany.

"We have a core team of three of us and when we go to each location we utilise local chefs and front of house people to help out and we encourage local Aboriginal trainees to help and work with us at the events."

"One of the main things we try and get across is to do something in a respectful way with the traditional owners. They are the ones who have looked after and lived off this land for thousands of years.

"I believe this is a great way for indigenous and non-indigenous people to work together and I think it's important to include local Aboriginal people when we promote traditional bush food," he said.

Have a Go News met Paul and his team late last year when he showcased some of the dishes he will serve at the Karajini experience in

Think about cured emu in red gum ash on a brown butter damper with fresh youlk (native radish) and green tree ants. Who would guess that green ants would taste like citrus?

What about marron wrapped and cooked in paperbark which is tender. delicious and the smoky bark flavour resonates through the marron beau-

Forget about a beef slider, his kan-

garoo slider is a delicious smoky, juicy mini burger garnished with youlk pickle that totally tantalises the tastebuds.

Iskov utilises kangaroo because he says it's a sustainable and healthy meat and an animal which encourages the growth of native plants, unlike cattle and sheep.

The Fervor team have a busy season ahead with events planned in Fremantle, Busselton, Albany and Kariiini.

As one of the guest chefs at Taste Great Southern he will be hosting a long table dinner on Middleton Beach.

"We love the Great Southern, the produce there is mind blowing and it's really exciting to have great ingredients to work with. At this event we will be focusing on seafood," he

This young WA chef is leading the way with Australian food concepts promoting sustainability, indigenous collaborations and damn fine food.

Check him out in Fremantle on 27 and 28 January, at Taste Great Southern in Middleton Beach, Albany on 17 March and Karijini in April.

Bookings for his events can be made through his website at www. fervor.com.au

# Delightful Dinosaur Discovery exhibition free for grandparents during January

THE WA Museum know that grandparents often help with child care during school holidays, and it can be tough keeping the grandkids entertained... that's why they'd like to offer grandparents free entry\* to their Dinosaur Discovery exhibition at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre before it closes this January.

Learn about the world of dinosaurs with

your grandchildren and prepare for a close encounter with the most extraordinary creatures to ever walk the earth.

Featuring more than 23 moving, life-size models of the Cretaceous period (145-66 million years ago), Dinosaur Discovery: Lost Creatures of the Cretaceous is like nothing you've ever experienced.

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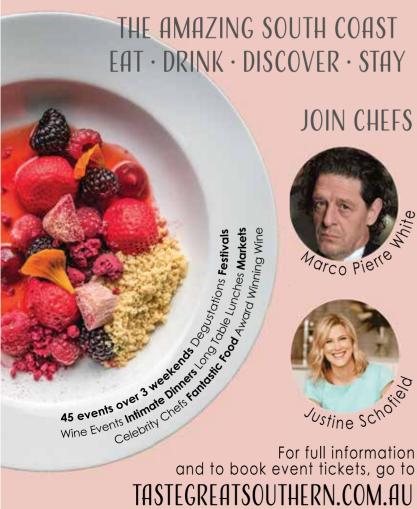
On Wednesdays and Fridays they also have free story time at 11 am.

Don't miss your chance to experience Dinosaur Discovery these school holidays - this stunning exhibition must close on 28 January, so don't miss out.

Simply quote 'Grandparents Go Free' at the ticket desk at Perth Convention and Exhibition Bureau or call 1300 134 081 to book your tickets. For more information on the exhibition visit www.museum.wa.gov.au.

\*Free adult entry for up to two grandparents to the Dinosaur Discovery exhibition with a full paying child. A saving of up to \$25 per grandparent.





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## Duyfken summer twilight sails





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And what an experience it is.

So far this summer more than 300 passengers have already stepped aboard *Duyfken* to experience life as it was 400 years ago... well sort of.

Back then life aboard ship was pretty tough. Not so today during one of the Swan River summer twilight sails. The waters are calm, the ship is stable, so sea sickness is not a threat and as a guest aboard you will re-

ceive food and beverages to compliment the sailing.

Oh yes... and did we mention the sunsets and the Perth skyline at dusk? The only place to capture these great images is aboard *Duyfken* on her three and half hour twilight sails, that depart the South of Perth Yacht Club at 4pm, returning at around 7.15pm.

Now don't let age hold you back... the oldest passenger to date has been 95 years young, and she had an absolute ball.

January is now sold out, but you can still grab a ticket or two for the sailing dates in February and March. For details call the *Duyfken* office on 0401 082 108, and mention *Have a Go News* for your 10 per cent discount.

# Community support saved the day for the little dove...

Back in October 2017, Duyfken suffered a serious setback with the flooding of the starboard engine during the last of the winter storms that lashed the city. The ship was pummelled by 45 knot winds and one metre waves for the better part of 12 hours at her berth at the South of Perth Yacht Club.

The damage bill to replace both engines (they couldn't replace one without the other) was \$138,000 - not money that a small not-for-profit foundation has sitting around in its bank account

So, this went out to the community with a crowd funding program. To date 320 donors have contributed \$119,000, with amounts ranging from \$5 to \$10,000. This was an unbelievable response to the challenge the Foundation faced. They're not quite there yet, with \$19,000 still to be raised.

Do you think you can help? If so call the *Duy-fken* office on 0401 082 108 and Pic Lee can advise on how to make a donation.

# **Melodic music at Upper Reach Winery**



ADAM Hall and the *Velvet Playboys* make their return to kick off the 14th season of twilight concerts at Upper Reach Winery on 3 February.

Winery owner Laura Pearse says the band are fantastic entertainers with a captivating performance and raw energy that will have everyone up and dancing.

The band's music is rooted in the jazz and rhythm and blues music of the 1940s and 1950s. Their music is inspired by artists such as Louis Prima, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Junior, Ray Charles, Jackie Wilson and Chuck Berry to Harry Connick Junior and *The Blues Brothers*.

Alongside Adam on vocals and trumpet, the band includes Mark Turner on guitar, Anthony Dodos on trombone, Matthew Hanson on drums, Kate Pass on double bass and Ronan Chapple on keys.

The Swan Valley winery holds its twilight concerts to celebrate each year's vintage. There will be four concerts in February and March, featuring bands with music geared to get audiences on their feet and dancing on the lawn.

*Nueva Salsa* will bring its Cuban salsa music, cha cha and samba to the winery on Saturday, 17 February, Libby Hammer and her Quintet play on Saturday, 3 March and the *Velvet Playboys* with Adam Hall return for the final concert on Saturday, 17 March.

The concerts have become a big hit in the Swan Val-

ley and always sell out so it's a good idea to book early. People can either come along with a picnic to enjoy

sunset before the show or can book in for dinner at the restaurant which overlooks the band performing on the stage below.

The menu of two courses includes a shared tasting plate as an entrée and a choice of main courses. Cost for dinner and concert is \$99.

Concert goers can enjoy Upper Reach's award winning wines, which will be for sale either by the glass or by the bottle.

General admission for the concert is \$39 per person, with free admission for children under five and \$18 for five to 17-year-olds. A general admission season pass to all four concerts costs \$120 per person.

Upper Reach Winery is at 77 Memorial Avenue, Baskerville and is open every day from 11am to 5pm.

The phone number for the cellar door is 9296 0078 and for the restaurant is 9296 3883 or visit www.upper reach.com.au.

#### WIN WIN WIN

To be in the draw to win one of three double passes to the Upper Reach Twilight Concert on Saturday 3 February simply email win@haveagonews.com.au with UpperReach in the subject line or call the office during business hours on 9227 8283. Competition closes 28/1/18.

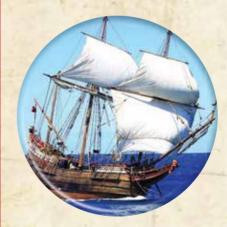
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#### What passengers have said...

Many thanks to the crew of Duyfken for a delightful sail, really nice to get the idea of Duyfken with her sails up, enjoying the wind. Anna Pembroke

That was fabulous even in the strong winds, we will recommend it to everyone.
Thank you, Leonie and Peter

Thank you all for a simply wonderful afternoon! Absolutely marvellous! **Jennifer van der Hoek** 

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# A star is born - Broome man makes good with the universe...



Left to right; Stargazer Greg Quicke - Greg carries out community, corporate and school talks between filming assignments

#### by Lee Tate

GREG Quicke's interest in the cosmos was drawn like a tide pulled by the moon. And it's turned him into an international media star.

Up in the Kimberley with its world-famous king tides, Greg's earlier life as a pearl diver was dictated by the gravitational draw of the moon.

"You can only dive for pearls on the smaller tides. The people who work and live here intensely follow the cycles of the moon," says Greg.

But that was many moons ago. With time, Greg has armed himself with an expert's knowledge of the moon, the sun, the stars, the planets and the universe.

For 22 years from a farmer's patch of property on Broome's outskirts,

Greg has been leading community stargazing.

When a couple of British television producers turned-up among a crowd of tourists, they liked what they saw and heard and reported back to London on a new discovery: Greg Quicke.

The heavens opened with a way for Greg to spread his words on the wonders outside our world to a massivelyenhanced international television audience.

At 56, Greg is copresenter, with Britain's internationally-famous British scientist Brian Cox, of the BBC/ABC popular program, Stargazing Live. The program has brought vast, new audiences to astrology.

The first series was a huge hit in Britain and Australia with Greg's long silver beard and hair evoking the image of a worldy-wise wizard. The amateur expert and the eminent scientist made a powerful team.

When the two were in NSW, Greg located a microscope to show Professor Cox a part of the universe he'd never seen and the two clicked over their mutual passion.

Greg was quickly signed for another series of Stargazing Live.

These days the boy who set out early from Bridgetown in search of adventure - and found it in a number of fields carries out community, corporate and school talks between filming assignments.

To see Broome's unlikely shining star in action, I join 48 mums, dads and kids in Greg's patch of earth, 20 minutes north of the town.

At the end of a sandy track, through a gate kept closed to keep-in the farm owner's cattle, Greg is set for the crowds that come three or four times a week to hear from words of wisdom from the wizard.

Eight telescopes and binoculars set on tripods are arranged in front of 50 red camping chairs set in a semi-circle. Small red lights are strung along a presenter's patch. (White light seriously impedes night-time viewing and is never used).

Greg's set-up has been assisted by a couple of volunteer American scientists including an astrophysicist who have come for a few months to watch and learn.

Broome's 300 cloudless nights a year with clear viewing of both northern and southern Hardly. All the kids in

won't get bored," he

our session are riveted, brimming with questions and eager to take turns at the telescopes ranging in sizes from 8in to 16in in diameter.

"Have you seen Jupiter yet?" Greg asks.

"Jupiter has 69 moons but we only see a few of them.

Greg pulls out a powerful laser torch and points to the stars and planets. As if on cue, the long tail of a bright falling star streaks across the sky.

"It's actually a meteor-

ite," quips Greg.
During the talk, the American astro physicist calls out something. Greg directs our eves west to bobbing, moving lights.

"It's the international space station with some men and probably women on board," he says.

Greg tells us plenty: the moon is actually black (we see it white only be-cause of the sun's reflection) and that in six months from now the earth, moving at breakneck speed, will be hundreds of thousands of kilometres away and halfway around the sun.

He points to where the planets and major stars are and where to find the zodiac clusters.

Like many scientists, Greg isn't a church-goer but acknowledges "an order, an intelligence out there".

Greg's brochure reads: "In the time it takes you to read this, our entire solar system will have travelled 7,000 kms through space on its way around the Milky Way galaxy. Are you having fun yet?

It's a tone that reflects his talks and his approach to life and beyond. Greg tells his audience that despite 400 years of knowing the earth is round, mankind still has a flatearth mentality.

"We still say the sun is going down or coming up but what is happening is that earth is turning away from the sun. But there's no short way to say that!"

Greg says we'd be better off consciously recognising earth's place in the big scheme of things and what is happening in space. He bemoans bright lights in urban areas interfering with what could be seen by everyone at night as part of our education and understanding.

"All the world's lights should be pointing down to the ground instead of being wasted. It would save about a third of our precious energy," he says.

Greg, whose Astro Tours has neem deliver-"intensely-practical astronomy to humanity since 1995", warns his audience that stargazing can be infectious.

He's right about that.

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At 6pm precisely as

darkness is about to fall

Greg begins to explain

what's happening above

us as and planets and

stars light up and sparkle. "In the tropics here

we are lucky. Darkness

it takes about 20 min-

utes for our eyes to fully adapt," says Greg.

of night-time experi-

ence, having spent large

chunks of his life sleeping

in a swag under the stars

when working as a me-

chanic on Top End and

Kimberley cattle stations.

entertaining and fascinat-

tion unless it's a school group. I tell parents

they're welcome to bring

children if they think they

ing. It's no lecture.

Greg's two-hour talk is

"It's an adult presenta-

And he's had plenty

comes quickly.

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# let's go travelling travel options for the mature w



# The Caribbean island nation of Cuba offers a real life time capsule for travellers



Cabbie with his superb 1955 Buick as image of Che Guevara looks on

1960 after Fidel Castro

and his revolutionaries

overthrew a corrupt, US

ment, confiscating and

nationalising hotels, gov-

ernment services, hous-

ing and civil infrastructure.

new republic immediately

fell victim to a long-stand-

ing US trade embargo

that continues more-or-

less to this day. A glim-

mer of hope was raised

with some relaxation of

sanctions by the Obama

administration, but much

of that new freedom was

reversed by a protec-

tionist Trump. Right now,

Cuba is in a sort-of re-

naissance twilight zone,

ready to move forward,

but hampered by an un-

predictable fog on the

Combined with Cas-

tro's curious brand of

road ahead.

As a consequence, the

govern-

mob-backed

by Roderick Eime

THE Caribbean island nation of Cuba has been a hotbed of revolution for nearly 500 years. And now with the passing of the controversial hero, Fidel Castro, it is poised for yet another. Roderick Eime settles in with a mojito and a Cohiba to explore the new

WITH the world tumbling headlong into a multinational homogeneity quicker than you can "would you like fries with that?", it's refreshing to see Cuba retain a staunch individuality that goes against the tide of global blandness. But for how much longer?

Let's remember that in recent history Cuba came to a virtual standstill in

Latino socialism which all but eliminated private enterprise, the freehold property market and capitalism generally, Cuba found itself in a real-life time capsule. The populace had security of shelter, education, medical and food, but little or no incentive, nor progressive mechanism beyond that. Historic Havana

"We have a wonderful heritage in our architecture and culture," says Pedro Vazquez, a noted Cuban architect and urban designer, "but the lack of ownership means little or nothing has been done to maintain it."

Vazquez is referring to the urban sprawl of civic and residential structures all over Havana that portray a confusing mixture of proud colonial revival and sad neglect. Most buildings in the UNESCO World Heritage-listed 'old town' are preserved and maintained by the state and host many thousands of tourists on a regular basis, but not far away are signs of a frail, teetering Demolition metropolis. may be forbidden, but without attention, many structures fall ageing victim to the salt air and elements and simply collapse of their own accord.

As an unabashed car nerd, my attention is immediately drawn to the mobile motor museum continuously on the move around the streets of Havana. I'm told tens of thousands of pre-1960 US-made cars still rattle and belch around the roads, kept alive by hybrid engine transplants and lashings of body filler. Chevrolet, Ford, Buick, Dodge, De Soto, Lincoln and even extinct brands like Studebaker, Edsel and Turner can be spotted by the astute car buff.

One excursion on my itinerary is a ride to 'Finca Vigia', Ernest Hemingway's former residence in a pair of well-maintained Chev Impalas operated by local auto-entrepreneur 'Nostalgicar'. Keeping these old girls in such neat trim is a non-stop labour of love as well as a healthy budget few Cubans can afford. Most of these old cars operate as ad hoc taxis, supplementing the shortage of reliable public transport and expensive (for locals) official

#### The ancient valley of

Tobacco To the west of Havana is the province of Pinar del Río, famous for its tobacco production. Here we meet Benito whose family have been here in the Vinales Valley for five generations producing the valuable crop first cultivated here by the Spanish in the 16th century. Modern tobacco is derived from the wild 'cohibo' weed used by the long gone Arawak indian

'belique' (shamans) during ceremonies. From that rough leafy plant sprung a most valuable primary product that has become a major contributor to the Cuban economy alongside coffee and sugar.

We're shown the art of hand rolling the cigar into its familiar, leafy tube. Leaves from the mature plant are selected at different times and for different purposes and 'cured' in a thatched barn identical to those used by the early Spaniards. Leaves are hung on horizontal wooden poles for weeks to dry and 'cure'.

For instance, the top leaves are called 'volado' (hot) are harvested first and used as a binder for the cigar's contents. Next, a week or so later, the 'ligero' (light) leaves are plucked and used as the wrapper. Finally, the lower leaves or 'seco' (dry) ones are gathered and used for the filler. These will dictate the final flavour and aroma of the cigar.

Like so many small private farms in the valley, 90 per cent of Benito's crop is selected for agreed government production under controlled conditions while any remainder is left for him to sell as he wishes. This is typically as 'cleanskin' cigars which come without any certified branding but smoke as well any Cohiba or Monte Cristo for a fraction of the price. Yes. I bought a clutch of 10 for not much more than a buck each. **UNESCO** time capsule:

#### Trinidad de Cuba

Along the southern shore of the island is the World Heritage city of Trinidad de Cuba where the entire central portion of the city has set aside for preservation.

One of the most visited destinations in Cuba outside of Havana, the narrow cobblestoned streets are usually filled with cameratoting tourists snapping the 500-year-old houses, painted in colourful tones. Many are still occupied by residents, while others are boutiques, restaurants, bars and curio shops.

Most of the souvenirs you find throughout Cuba are mass-produced by state factories. The magnets, postcards, carvings and baubles get a bit tiresome after a while, but Trinidad does nurture a small population of original artists like Lazaro Niebla, whose wood relief carvings feature the elders of Cuba in stunning 3D on recycled cedar window shutters

#### **Getting to Cuba**

Travel to Cuba can be a bit confusing with constantly changing regulations, so it is this writer's strong recommendation to consult an experienced agent and join a tour or cruise like Peregrine Adventures small aroup Panorama' which combines land excursions with small ship cruising to explore some of the lesser-visited locations. Alternatively, big ship fans can get aboard the 2000-passenger MSC Opera which operates year round from Havana.

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#### The writer travelled in Cuba as a guest of Peregrine Adventures.

#### Cuba Timeline

4000BC - Ciboney tribes first inhabit Cuba

1500s - Spanish colony established. Native people die out.

1762 - Britain invades and briefly occupies Havana. 1892 - José Martí founds the Cuban Revolutionary Party in New York

1902 - New independent Republic of Cuba gains nominal US protection after Spanish-American War 1959 – Fidel Castro leads a socialist revolution, nationalising foreign assets. 1962 - Cuban missile crisis. Soviet ties strengthened.

1991 - Soviet collapse leads to economic hardships and unrest. Socalled 'Special Period' 2008 - Fidel Castro re-

ceeds him. 2014 - Trade and immigration restrictions relaxed

signs. Brother Raul suc-

2016 - Fidel Castro dies

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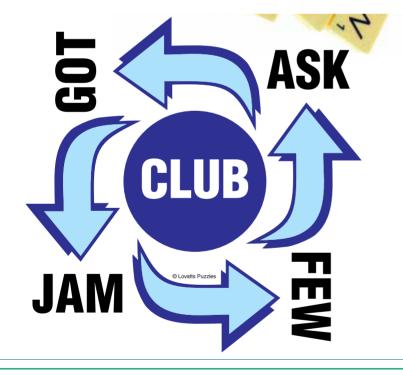
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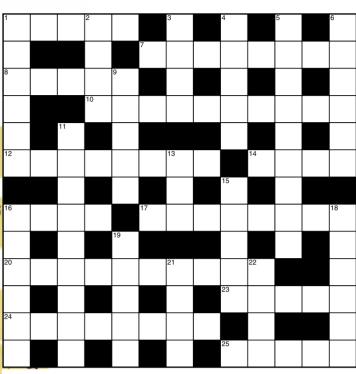
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#### **TRANSFORMERS**

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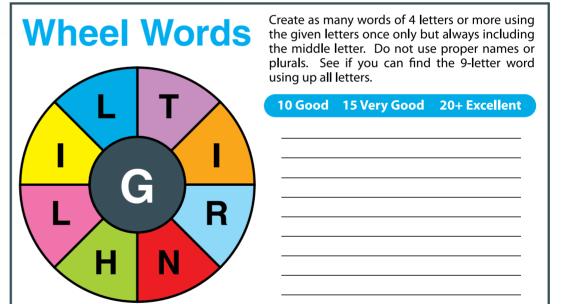


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- 17. Lecturers 20. Logos
- 23. Bitterly pungent
- 24. Fangs
- 25. New Delhi is there

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- 6. Hit hard
- Belated
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- 15. Island nation, Sri ...
- 16. Roof channel18. Actress, ... Bullock
- 19. Soft cap
- 21. Plays (the fool)
- 21. Plays (the fool) 22. Quick look-over



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# Retire in Style







# Well being in retirement



The trick is to combine

"We grow and keep

a balance of activities

that keep you engaged

our brains alive by be-

ing engaged with things that challenge us," Dr

vvnatever you choose, don't make it

too easy — or too hard.
"The sweet spot is the

stuff that's just outside

your reach, where you have to work and con-

centrate. Those are the

kinds of challenges that

help us feel alive and

and challenged.

Miller says.

engaged."

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Whatever

IN 1900, the average life expectancy of people was about 50 years old.

Due to advances in medicine, health care, diet, technology and improved lifestyle choices, the average life expectancy of Australians is now around 80 for men and about 84 years for women, with many people now making it to 100.

This means that the post retirement years provide an opportunity to create a new life stage which offers opportunities to pursue passions, give back to the community and create a new

One of the keys to tapping into this important life stage is to challenge the stereotypes formed and often reinforced in our culture. Thinking younger and feeling positive about ageing can often determine that we live longer, happier and healthier lives.

Many people think retirement is an opportunity to devote yourself to taking it easy, but this is not the case. It is a new life stage demanding that you get out and

'have a go'. Harvard University experts say for optimal well being in retirement you need to say engaged with your own interests and with other people.

After leaving behind the nine to five routine people sometimes face difficulties in creating a new routine.

This is where it is important to start planning activities and pursuits and to communicate with your partner or spouse about shared and individual goals

"If you have a partner at home who is not used to you being around all the time, there has to be a recalibration," says Dr Michael Craig Miller, assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

It's well worth having a plan as you get ready to retire. Whether it's volunteering, taking a class, joining an exercise group, learning new skills or even launching a new career, this is the time to act and do something that means something to you personally and keeps you coming back for more.

Research has found that social activity and engagement is just as important to health as exercise and a healthy diet.

# Dog ownership is good for your health and well being



Dr Ben Milbourn and Belle

by Frank Smith

A STUDY of the health records of 3.4 million Swedes between the ages of 40 and 80 has found dog ownership leads to lower levels of cardio-vascular disease (heart) in single person households and death from all causes in the general population.

In Sweden, every person carries a unique personal identity number. Every visit to a hospital is recorded in national databases. Even dog ownership registration has been mandatory in Sweden since 2001. Researchers can access this data after identifying information is de-

Associate Professor Tove Fall of the Department of Medical Science, Uppsala University, Sweden and his team studied whether being registered as a dog-owner was associated with cardiovascular disease or death from any cause over a 12 year period. People with previous signs of heart disease were excluded from the study.

The results showed that single dog owners had a 33 per cent lower risk of death from all causes and 11 per cent lower risk of heart attacks compared to single non-owners. Dog-owners in multi-person households also had lower risk of death but less so than in single households.

Dr Ben Milbourn, senior lecturer in occupational therapy at Curtin University said he believes pet ownership is good for an owner's

mental health.

"Having to look after a pet puts structure in your life. They need cleaning and feeding. Dogs bring routine and adds meaning and purpose to your life.

"It is easy to put off taking exercise on your own, but harder to put it off if your dog demands a walk.

Dogs also increase social inter-

"When walking with a dog you make connections with people; you become an instant member of the community," he said.

"The benefits of pet ownership depend on the person, their environment and other circumstances. For example an older a person who experiences decreased mobility, may want to think twice about owning a larger dog that requires long walks every day.

'Ask yourself is it worth the risk as you age? My aunt in her 90s has been a dog owner all her life. When her last dog died she adopted a plastic dog and looks after it in the same way as the real dog."

Professor Fall speculated that

the direct effects of dog ownership on health is by alleviating psychosocial stress factors, such as social isolation, depression and loneliness that have been linked to increased risk of coronary heart disease, cardiovascular death and all-cause

Just patting a pet can ease stress and reduce your blood pressure.

"A very interesting finding in our study was that dog ownership was especially prominent as a protective factor in persons living alone, which is a group reported previously to be at higher risk of cardiovascular disease and death than those living in a multi-person household.

"Perhaps a dog may stand in as an important family member in the single households. Other explanations include an increased well-being and social contacts or effects of the dog on the bacterial microbiome of the owner," says Professor

The study was published in Scientific Reports in November 2017.

Ed's note; Many retirement villages are now pet friendly.

# Here's a great secret for golfers to tee off with this New Year

TO play golf regularly is many people's retirement dream. Secret Harbour Golf Links has an unbeatable deal perfect for retirees. The sublime Graham Marsh designed links golf course is a wonderful golfing experience, one that players will not forget in a

If you are newly retired and looking for a new activity to chal-lenge you, check out Not only has it one of the best golf courses in WA, our clubs pages at the veranda surrounding www.haveagonews. the award-winning bar and brasserie is the perfect place to watch golfers practising while enjoying a great lunchtime selection from JP's menu.

The house favourite is the steak sandwich and the off-the-menu Monday special is JP's club sand-

Secret Harbour Golf Links is one of the largest public 18 holes golf courses in Australia. Golfers will be enthralled at the way the course design incorporates the majestic natural

surrounds and large open fairways. Measuring 6095 meters from the blue tees it is a great way to get your daily exercise.

Peaceful and serene, located just metres away from the ocean it's easy to feel lost in the serenity of water, lush green fairways and carpet-like greens.

There are some great signature holes including the par four, Eight. Only 299 metres long, big hitters try to carry the water and land on the green. However, the safe approach is to knock your drive short of the water and have a 100 metre hit to the green. Beware that the huge Koi don't eat your golf ball if you hit it in the drink.

Secret Harbour offers senior card holders their mad Monday special.

Play 18 holes of golf and enjoy a JP's club sandwich with chips for just \$29 per person. Make it a regular meet up with your mates as this gives you a saving of more than 50 per cent. There is also a nine hole rate at \$19 which includes a takeaway coffee. Players can book online at www.secretsgolf.com.au or call 9524 7133.

General managers Ben Sweeny and Mitch Roberts and their passionate team look forward to welcoming Have a Go News readers to the (no longer Secret Harbour secret) Golf Links.



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# Downsizing with upside - the benefits of courtyard apartment living

better meets your requirements (when the kids are no longer boomeranging back) and does not need as much maintenance, often leads to considering apartment living.

But not everyone wants to live in a high-rise development with only a distant connection with the ground.

Some apartment developments however are different, especially in established suburbs where lower heights are encouraged. Palmyra Apartments Estate East is one of these developments. Comprising five boutique buildings of three storeys with a focus on native landscaping, the just-launched development offers a number of ground floor courtyard apartments

MAKING the decision to move into a home that that provide all the benefits of contemporary apartment living and large private open spaces

> Courtyards provide the perfect opportunity to have large outdoor al fresco settings that would normally fill a regular balcony, as well as the ability to get creative with pot plants, offering just the right amount of gardening without the back-breaking weeding.

> If that's not getting you wondering whether a courtyard apartment is for you, remember that in a brand new, gated apartment development like Palmyra Apartments Estate East, you get the security and the peace of mind of having the strata company managing all the maintenance around your new home. This provides

residents with true independence, enabling you to continue to flourish in your current way of life and take off on your next big holiday without worrying about what needs to be done while you're away.

But it's not just a question of security and peace of mind. If you sit down and work out your actual costs, including time and effort, you would be surprised to find that the synergies of paying strata fees provides a much better outcome for your wallet as well as your lifestyle.

Forget cleaning the gutters, fixing the retic, putting out the bins, cleaning the pool, mowing the lawn, sweeping up the leaves, resealing the decking, and the thousand and one other things that go to looking after a house. Your simple quarterly strata levy makes good, practical sense while being kind to your hip pocket.

In addition to the cost and time saving, there are also the resort facilities that are on hand. Imagine having a 25 metre solar heated lap pool only metres from your apartment, with a spa, pool cabana with barbecues, sauna, residents' lounge with pool table, and a gym. Palmyra Apartments Estate provides an opportunity to live how you deserve to live.

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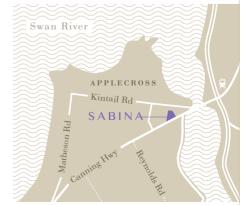
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by Mike Goodall

A HAPPY New Year to all readers. Let us hope that 2018 brings about some good news in the campaign to have our UK State Pensions paid at the same rate as if we were living in the UK.

Some positive news for Expat pensioners is that in recent weeks the pound sterling has strengthened against most world currencies. It is at it's highest level against the Australian dollar since BREXIT be-

UK trade and business is looking good, which

New year brings hope for British pension entitlement pound further and help us receive more dollars

for our frozen pensions.

The All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) meeting with the International Consortium of British Pensioners (ICBP) reiterated that they are campaigning for pension parity for all. However, they have not responded to questions as to whether they still view partial uprating as a step towards full uprating/ parity.

Many couples divorce in later life and this can mean financial hardship for one or both of the former partners. However, in certain circumstances a divorced person can claim a UK State Pension based on their previous spouse's National Insurance contributions. In the last year we have

recovered large amounts of money for divorcees who had no idea that they could be entitled to anything from the UK because they had never worked there.

It is worth checking out whether you meet the conditions and whether there could be cash owing to you.

I have received several enquiries about the possibility of returning to live in the UK on a temporary basis to receive and retain UK State pension increases. Several years ago, if you returned to stay in the UK for more than 183 days you could return to Australia and keep your uprated pension benefits.

However, over the last few years the UK have been gradually tightening up. You now have to become a permanent UK

resident. This makes you laible to pay UK income tax and could affect your will and make you liable for inheritance tax.

Before moving back to the UK vou need to get advice from a tax specialist qualified ot give advice in both the UK and Australia on how your Australian super and any Australian State Pension are treated. You will have to pay a fee but trying to do it on your own could be very risky.

Dual tax specialists are a rare breed so check out they have current updated qualifications before emplying them.

The UK International Pensions Centre say:- It is quite difficult to give definite advice as each case is specific to the actual person involved and can change from person to another

depending on their own personal criteria.

However, as a general rule as long as the person is eligible to pay utility bills such as, gas, electricity, water rates, community tax etc., and is on the electoral register and they are living in the UK for more than six months, then they should be classed as a permanently resident and receive their pension unfrozen. If they then leave the UK for a short holiday

they should retain their pension unfrozen.

If they are to be away from the UK for an extended period of time and have previously been in receipt of a frozen pension, depending on how long they are away from the UK and where they go to, they might revert to a frozen rate pension.

Any person in this situation should contact the International Pensions Centre by calling +44 191 21987777 with their

details to receive correct up-to-date information.

This is very general information as it depends on the person in question and their individual circumstances.

Anyone who would like to discuss the above in greater detail or requires help on any aspects of their UK State Pensions. is welcome to contact Mike Goodall on 08 6364 0859, 0403 909 865 or email: mikecgood all@btconnect.com

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## Ridgewood development about to start

CONSTRUCTION will start in early this year on the first stage of a \$48 million seniors housing development at the corner of Lukin Drive and Hinchinbrook Avenue in Ridgewood.

Housing Minister Peter Tinley turned the first sod at Haven Ridgewood - a partnership between the Department of Communities and Southern Cross Care (WA) (SCC).

Stage one will see respected builder Pindan release 104 lots to the market as house and land packages and incorporate 54 affordable dwellings and 36 walk-up apartments. Stage two plans for additional lifestyle apartments, a commercial precinct. medical centre, supermarket and commercial and retail spac-

About 75 per cent of homes in Haven Ridgewood will sell for less than the Ridgewood median house price of \$387,000 and all homes will sell below the Perth median house

price of \$519.000.

The Department of Communities contributed 6.8 hectares of land for the project, which at June 2014 was valued at \$7.68 million. SCC will provide apartments for social housing tenants in consideration for the land.

This will come as welcome news for the building sector. The construction phase of the new affordable housing development for people aged 55 or older will support up to 50 jobs.



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## New management at retiree friendly Willow Creek Mews in Mandurah



SIENA LIVING prepares to take over the management of Willow Creek Mews in Greenfields, Mandurah and some of their homes are being offered for sale at prices not seen for years.

The village is now four years old and after es-

tablishing itself as the most affordable village in Western Australia, Siena Living thinks it is ready to go further.

Willow Creek Mews appeals to retirees who want a quality home in peaceful surroundings and the assurance of continued affordability in an unpredictable world. This has seen the village mature, but there is more to life than affordability. A village needs to embrace all its residents so they become an integral part of their community and enjoy every day, be it within the village or outside, retired or nearly retired. It is not about the chosen few – it is about everyone.

Village manager Kellie Briggs is enthusiastic about the changes. She says: "With the long term management contract in place it means we can now have much more control on the destiny of

the village rather than just trying to influence it.

"It enables residents to get involved at the ground level and know their input will contribute to the future well-being of the village.

"The developers put the building blocks for our village in place and without doubt have created a financial structure like no other village. It is now our turn, and that of the residents, to build on those foundations to create the village they want to live in, and one we want to be involved in."

But it isn't just the financial structure that is unique, even though it has been internationally recognised and set to be trialled in Canada and the

"Every home is designed to the principles of 'Ageing in Place' where every aspect of ageing has been taken into consideration to ensure a resident does not need to move out of their home prior to nursing home care being needed."

Care can be brought to the home under a host of community care packages from an array of local health providers and this is a big draw for many retirees.

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Homes are all built with a minimum seven star energy rating and that means lower heating and cooling bills. Design features like a raised ceiling in the open plan living areas, a huge double bedroom and an extra-large study or spare bedroom all add up to make these homes that little bit special. All homes have a large undercover garage, European appliances, fitted carpets or timber effect flooring and two

outdoor living areas.
For those not wanting to buy. Siena Living has set aside several homes as rentals for suitably qualified tenants who

can, if they want, opt for long term leases.

Willow Creek Mews is located in Green-fields and convenient for shops, buses, and the Peel Health Campus. It is only a few minutes bus ride to the train station or to Mandurah foreshore where the unique lifestyle of Mandurah can be enjoyed to the full.

The village is regulated by the Retirement Villages Act and financially structured to maximise all current state and federal concessions. People can inspect villas by making an appointment with Kellie on 0424 284 889.

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Ranked on a combination of features and costs, Heartland's Reverse Mortgage stood out from the crowd through having a broad range of features, providing flexibility and no ongoing fees.

Heartland Seniors Finance CEO, Andrew Ford said they are thrilled to win the Best Reverse Mortgage award for the third year running.

"To receive recognition from *Money Magazine*'s Best of the Best awards is a great honour for Heartland. That said, our greatest satisfaction is helping thousands of Australians to live a better retirement.

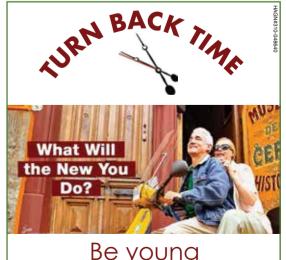
An industry leader in the reverse mortgage market, Heartland Seniors Finance truly understands the financial needs of older Australians and offers the ability to meet the ever growing gap between superannuation, the pension and retirement needs.

"Many Australian seniors are finding it hard to live a comfortable retirement. Heartland is really pleased to help older Australians release the equity in their property through our reverse mortgage product, so they can live the retirement they deserve and stay in their own home," said Mr Ford.

The Heartland Reverse Mortgage is designed to help older Australians manage their financial requirements in retirement. Common uses range from house renovations, consolidation of debt, travelling, or to simply take the stress out of day to day living expenses.

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## Quality time with grandparents important for fighting ageism in society

by Frank Smith

AGEISM stereotypes are common in western societies. What senior hasn't been called a silly old fool or much worse at times by a younger person or been discriminated against or patronised because of their age?

Research at the University of Liège in Belgium found that ageist attitudes can be found in children as young as three, but young people who say they have very good contact with their grandparents were the least prejudiced.

"The most important factor associated with ageist stereotypes was poor quality of contact with grandparents," said Allison Flamion, a psychologist who led the research team. "We asked children to describe how they felt about seeing their grandparents. Those who felt unhappy were designated as having poor quality of contact.

To assess aspects of ageism, the researchers studied nearly 1,200 children and adolescents between the ages seven and 16 in the French-speaking part of Belgium. The youths were primarily white, from both urban and rural areas, and from a range of socioeconomic statuses.

The researchers asked the youths

their thoughts on getting old and about the elderly. They also collected information about the health of their grandparents, how often the two generations met, and how the young people felt about their relationships with their grandparents.

The children and adolescents generally expressed neutral or positive views of older people. Girls had slightly more positive views than boys and girls also tended to view their own ageing more favourably.

Grandparents' health was also a factor in youths' views on ageism: young people with grandparents in poor health were more likely to hold ageist views than youths with grandparents in better health.

"When it came to ageist views, we found that quality of contact mattered much more than frequency," said Ms Flamion.

The most important factor influencing youths' views was the quality of their contact with their grandparents. The study characterised contact as good or very good when they said they felt happy or very happy (respectively) about the prospect of seeing and sharing time with their grandparents.

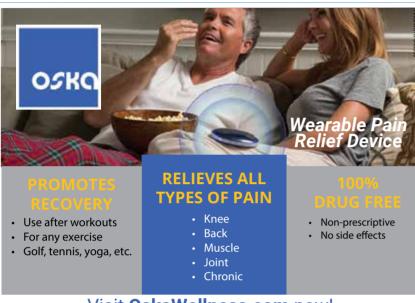
Frequency of contact, mattered much less than quality of contact.

Foster carers needed in the Bunbury area

"For many children, grandparents are their first and most frequent contact with older adults (other than their parents)," said Stéphane Adam, professor of psychology at the University of Liège, who coauthored the study.

"Our findings point to the potential of grandparents to be part of intergenerational programs designed to prevent ageism. Next, we hope to explore what makes contacts with grandparents more rewarding for their grandchildren as well as the effects on children of living with or caring for their grandparents."

The results were published in the journal Child Development last year.



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BEING a foster carer is one of the most important and rewarding roles. It's a perfect opportunity for retirees to give back and help children in our community. Each year, the number of children and young people requiring foster care grows more rapidly than the number of individuals and families who are accredited to care for them. As a result, there is a shortage of fos-

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ter carers In WA.

impact on a child and ultimately change a life. The difference a foster carer can make to a child's life is immeasurable.

Children and young people who need foster care range from newborns to 18 years of age. Foster carers can select the type of foster care that works for them and the age group that is most suitable for their household.

In Bunbury, MacKillop Family Services provides specialist foster care for children and young people who have high or complex needs. Children requiring specialist foster care may have experienced significant trauma or a difficult start to life. Specialist foster carers are provided with 24-hour support and guidance to ensure they can provide the high-level of care required.

MacKillop Family Services WA state director, Jennifer Hannan said: "Foster carers come from all walks of life. They are people committed to helping the child have the

best start to life possible, and develop a sense of belonging. Where possible, foster carers support children and young people to connect with their family and their culture."

The WA Carer Recruitment team are looking for are people who have a home that can provide a nurturing environment, people with time to spend with the child or young person adjusting to a new home and able to support the child or young person through their ups and downs over several years.

Experience in caring for children or young people and an understanding of the impact of trauma on the child, are desired. Ideally the home would not have any other young children living there, and maintain an inclusive family dynamic.

"People sometimes wonder if they could do foster care and exclude themselves with 'I couldn't be a foster carer because I don't own my own home,' or 'I'm too

old to be a foster carer.'

In fact, anyone can be a foster carer. We encourage people from any background, family configuration or socio-economic group to apply," Ms Hannan said.

Foster carers find it very rewarding when they start to see the impact a safe, stable and nurturing home can provide to a child or young person. The child can begin their journey, heal their trauma, engage in school, make friends, and enjoy a safe positive life full of new opportunities.

MacKillop Family Services is seeking specialist foster carers in Bunbury and surrounding communities. If you have passion and experience caring for children and young people, please contact MacKillop Family Services. Visit www.mackillop.org. au/foster-care or directly contact the WA team at FosterCarersWA@

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## Volunteers recognised and wanted





Above; Braemar volunteer group aboard the Astor Left; Darrell Thatcher, Braemar CEO, Wayne Belcher and Avril Rivers

TWENTY of Braemar Presbyterian Care's longest serving volunteers were recognised for their dedication and commitment during a volunteer function aboard the cruise ship *Astor* in December. The volunteers - who range in age from millennials to seniors in their 80s - were treated to a four course luncheon as well as a comprehensive tour of the ship, before being presented with a commemorative pin to acknowledge their significant contribution to the not-for-profit aged care organisation over their many years of volunteering. Braemar Presbyterian Care is currently calling for locals in the Fremantle and City of Melville area who may have a few hours to spare each week, and who would like to explore volunteering opportunities, to get in touch by contacting 08 6279 3600.









## There is much to consider before you retire...



OVER years of providing retirement planning advice KP Finacnial Planning have come to recognise that many people who are about to enter retirement are fearful of how long their money will last and if they

will be able to do the things they would like to in retirement.

While there is an obvious difference between the working years and the retirement years – money is being contributed to superannuation while you are working and being withdrawn when you retire – many people continue to invest their money in the same way.

This can be a risky strategy when you consider that poor investment performance during retirement is impacted by the requirement to draw money out of your savings in order to meet ongoing expenses, including the legislative requirement to withdraw a minimum amount from superannuation when it is in the pension phase.

The importance of properly planning for retirement cannot be overstated. There are many factors that can impact on how long your retirement income will last.

These may include stock market performance, how long you live and the ability to supplement retirement income with the Age Pension, just to name a few.

It is how these factors are dealt with that can potentially make a significant difference to how long your retirement income will last.

KP Financial Planning will be running a free retirement planning seminar on 7 February at Crown Perth.

The session has been developed to improve people's understanding of financial considerations for retirement.

It will cover the key financial risks and provide examples of strategies that can be implemented to maximise people's retirement income by utilising their own resources as well as the Age Pension where possible

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## Arthritis sufferers can benefit from a bidet

BARBARA Nash simply dreaded going to the toilet, the combination of arthritis and a bad back made what is a simple thing for most people almost impossible for her.

Her doctor had said a bidet would solve her problem but the cost for installation and space required for the traditional stand alone BIDET to be installed in her home was just too expensive. Barbara says her luck changed when visiting her friend Norma in the next suburb. While she was there she had to go to

the toilet - a thing she dreaded most while she was out.

Well she was amazed by what was on her friend's toilet! She asked Norma what it was and Norma explained that she had a COWAY Bidet toilet seat installed only a few weeks ago by The BIDET SHOP®. "The chap was so nice and helpful."

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has introduced four of her other friends to this life changing machine.

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## Upgrade your soft furnishings with January sales







Left to right; Zofia St James - Change is as good as a holiday, LTR; new towels, sheets and pillows - invite the outdoors in with a potted plant

#### by Zofia St James

CHRISTMAS and New Year has and come gone and here we go again into another year.

I do hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful festive season with your friends and family and you are feeling motivated and inspired to have a great year ahead.

I moved house in mid December and I have to say although it was executed with precision and organisation it was exhausting. I then proceeded to host Christmas at my new place which brought in a new chapter for the New Year.

It's amazing how a new place makes all your household things feel quite new again. Placing furniture and art in a different way is exciting

As traumatic as a move can be. I have to say the cull of closets and cupboards always feels

Then add some fresh new items thrown in. It's a bit like the old saying 'change is as good

as a holiday.' Which is just as well for me as the move cost as much as a holiday.

I am sure you're all aware of the amazing sales on at the moment. This is the perfect time to have a close look at what could do with an upgrade around the house.

Linen, towels, bedding and pillows are the most basic of things but actually provide the perfect opportunity to give your place a bit of a make over.

Let's start in the bathroom. A new toilet brush, soap dispenser and toilet roll holder set is a somewhat minor detail but actually provides a fashionable statement. Buy four new towels, two hand towels and a bathmat and instantly you have modernised vour bathroom.

Choose two colours that complement the room so that when one set is in the wash the other colour provides a different

Place a succulent plant on the counter and any bathroom will

Living rooms can be brought back to new life with cushions and a throw and a potted palm in the corner to invite the outdoors in.

A mini make over for the bedroom consists of new sheets and bed cover, a throw and a cushion and a new print.

We always need new pillows and often neglect ourselves here (me included). They don't need to be expensive but fresh new pillows and sheets are always going to make sleeping more comfortable.

As it's summer right now choose a new quilt cover set that reflects the season or even a coverlet in white. Coverlets are a new take on a bedspread but are the perfect summer weight with a top sheet. They are usually pure cotton or linen. I only use mine in summer and pull out the wool quilt and cover for winter.

I like having a summer look which is white and then change to a different look for winter.

Going further you could add a floor rug at the end of your bed to compliment the art at the head of the bed. Every bedroom needs a chair, it's so handy. I have just put an heirloom one in the corner.

Spending money on your environment is important as comfort is lifestyle. And lifestyle is the gift we give ourselves to live each day in comfort with style.

This is my passion and I love to preach it.

Treat yourselves to lovely comfort and style this year. Happy New Year... the best ever for

Zofia offers an interior style consultation for readers. She may be able to assist with de-cluttering, restyling, choosing what pieces of furniture to take and of course personal styling. She offers a special rate for Have a Go News readers and she knows how to style on a budget.

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## **Subdividing Transforms Lives**

What's most remarkable about a large block of land, with no money subdividing is how it can transform to afford completing the landscaping the lives of those who need it most.

Jane had her life changed forever in subdivision costs or sustain herself. the blink of an eye. Unfortunately for Jane, she had lost her husband to cancer a little over a year ago and was left in dire straits. With a loss in income, things grew increasingly difficult and Jane was unsure of what to do. Everything had been on track for her and her husband; they had built a new home in Kewdale for themselves to retire in with an aim to subdivide the rear block to help was now left with a new house and

after the new build. As well as that, she had no means to fund the

The backyard had become a chore to maintain, and still dealing with her loss, it was no doubt a challenging time for Jane. Although she knew that she had between \$250,000 \$260,000 sitting in the yard, she didn't know how to get to it!

As luck would have it, one of Jane's friends had seen an advert in Have a

of having Unlock Your Block fund With full transparency and all costs and project manage the entire subdivision, it almost seemed too good to be true! As Jane was still nervous, her friend gave Unlock their own database! The end was Your Block a call on her behalf and a touching result. The block sold

They ran through the numbers to complete her garden, as well as make sure the project was going to live comfortably in retirement. be beneficial to Jane, and guided her to seek independent financial Even better, Jane has now booked advice regarding subdividing and a flight to visit her family overseas. her retirement with the funds for the first time in over 15 years! received. With Jane optimistic and well informed, she decided to fund their retirement. However, Jane Go News about Unlock Your Block's proceed with Unlock Your Block fully-funded model. With the idea and start a new chapter in her life!

paid by Unlock Your Block, they also helped Jane to secure a buyer for her block off the market through described to us her situation at length. for \$250,000, meaning Jane could now fulfill her husband's goal and

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## GREAT HOME and GARDENING

## New Year resolutions for a prosperous summer garden









Prosperous gardening tips, from left to right; Vibrant pelargonium Big Red - inspiration succulents for a waterwise and textural look - darling dahlias - fortnightly feeds of liquid fertiliser is essential for healthy growth

#### by Colin Barlow

AFTER the excesses of Christmas and New Year celebrations you may be forgiven for neglecting your garden just a little bit. But once the mince pies, Christmas puddings and the odd glass of wine have settled, it's time to work off those extra kilos with some gardening, plus it's great fun and good for both you and the garden.

Maybe you could even encourage your children, grandchildren, partner or friends to help you out during the school holidays, so get stuck in and be a little creative too.

My tips for a prosperous garden this summer:

#### Lawns

Lawns that have hosted family gatherings, games of backyard cricket and had cars parked on them over the holiday period may be looking a little Comworse for wear. pacted lawns will benefit from aeration with a garden fork or lawn aerator/ corer. This allows air and water to penetrate down into the roots, relieving compaction. Mechanical aerators can be hired for

larger lawn areas. Apply a soil wetting agent such as Ezi-Wet. Everdrop, Wettasoil, Grosorb or Waterwise in the early morning or late afternoon and water it in thoroughly.

Increase the cutting height of your lawnmow-er and allow the grass to grow a little longer in summer. This will help your lawn withstand drought and keep it cooler.

Cut around sprinkler heads to ensure that they pop-up correctly.

Fertilise your lawn now to encourage growth and long-term health. Suitable lawn fertilisers for summer include Scotts Lawn Builder All Purpose, Bailey's Brilliance, Richgro Extra Green, Powerfeed LawnFeed and Munns Golf Course Green.



#### **Vegetable Patch**

If you don't have room in the garden, plant up some pots of vegies and herbs. Plants that do well in containers include basil, parsley, chives, oregano, tomatoes, capsicum, chillies, eggplant, cucumber and zucchini.

Add some home made compost or buy some soil conditioner, compost or manures from your local nursery and apply it as a two cm layer to the surface of the soil. Mix in a couple of handfuls of Bentonite clay and keep it away from the stems of your plants except for tomatoes. Top with a layer of pea straw or lupin mulch to discourage weeds and keep the roots cool.

Continue to feed veggies fortnightly with liquid fertiliser to encourage strong healthy growth and great tasting food. Try the organic based options including Powerfeed, Scotts Pure Organic Liquid Plant Food, Yates Dynamic Lifter Plus and Charlie Carp.

Keep a look out for cateroillars and mites on your tomatoes, capsicum and eggplants. Yates Success Ultra and Dipel are safe organic methods for controlling caterpillars. Natrasoap and Eco-Oil will help to control mites that can cause mottled or bronzed foliage, distorted growth and leaf drop.

#### Fruit

Feed avocado, citrus and fig trees with a complete fertiliser such as Scotts Pure Organic Plant Food, Richgro Fruit and Citrus Premium Fertiliser Plus or Baileys Energy every two to three months to encourage strong healthy and vigorous growth.

Continue baiting for control of fruit fly with Ceratrap, Eco Naturalure, Natures Way Fruit Fly Killer or Richgro Naturally Based Fruit Fly Spray up until harvest. My pre-ferred method is netting the whole tree with fruit fly netting to guarantee 100 per cent control. Just ensure that the netting is secure around the trunk of the tree. Commercial Netmakers in Bibra Lake sell fruit fly netting off the roll in varying lengths. Bird or veggie netting will not stop fruit fly, as the fabric weave is not fine enough.



#### Garden

Protect newly planted and moisture sensitive garden plants with an application of an anti-transpiration spray such as Droughtshield. This reduces moisture loss from foliage and lasts for up to 90 days. I find hydrangeas and coastal plants benefit the most from this during the warm summer months. Always spray both sides of the foliage, preferably in the cooler parts of the day.

Seaweed solutions reduce stress from drought, heat and pest and disease attack, so apply them every fortnight throughout summer. Eco Seaweed, Seasol and Pure Organic will stimulate your soil and protect your plants at the same time.

Check that your sprinkler heads are not blocked or covered by foliage causing dry spots in the garden.

Mulch your garden beds with compost and then add a five to 10 cm layer of coarse organic mulch such as pine bark.

Apply a wetting agent to your whole garden, so that you encourage a deep root system and avoid wasting any water via run-off.

Delay cutting any plants back hard until autumn to avoid sunburn.

#### Flower Garden

Add some summer colour to your garden beds or troughs with the vibrant pelargonium Big Red or the vast array of available petunias, zinnia, geraniums, cosmos and dahlias available at your local nursery.

Try creating your own waterwise succulent colourful display in pots

and containers and are suitable for sun or partial shade are too. Check my mobile succulent planters at Market Grounds, Kings Square, Perth for ideas. There I have used a selection of different cultivars from the Aloe, Cotyledon, Crassula, Echeveria, Kalanchoe, Mesembryanthemum, Sedum and Senecio genera of succulents to create textural and inspiring boundaries to the alfresco areas.

make an interesting and

Lightly trim hibiscus to keep them dense and

compact and continue to dead head roses to encourage another flush of flowers.

#### **Indoor Plants**

you are going away on holidays, make sure that someone will come in and water your plants while you are away. If not, place the plug in the bathtub and then put an old towel in the bottom of the bath. Partially fill the bath with around one to two cm water, so that it just covers the towel. Then place your indoor plants on top of the saturated towel. This should

keep them happy for around a week as long as some natural light is available.

Wipe the leaves with a clean sponge soaked in water to remove dust that can reduce transpiration. Alternatively place your plants outside in the shade and wash off gently with a hose.

I wish all readers of the Have a Go News a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and look forward to providing you all with more great gardening tips throughout the coming year.







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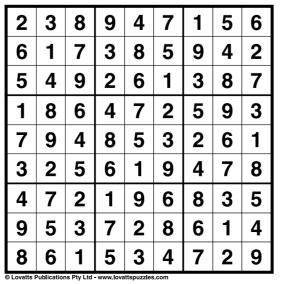
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## A giant leap towards a cure for Alzheimer's disease (and one step back)



Adopting a healthy lifestyle earlier in life may protect against dementia

by Frank Smith

A CURE for dementia remains elusive, but a team led by Michael Heneka of the University of Bonn, Germany has a made massive step forward in understanding the mechanism in the brain that causes damage.

They have found a process by which inflammation triggers the build-up of amyloid-ß protein plaques in the brains of people with Alzheimer's disease

In people with Alzheimer's disease, aggregates of amyloid-ß protein build up in the brain to form plaques, leading to nerve cell damage and memory loss. Inflammation is thought to have a role, but the exact nature of its involvement has been hard to pin down.

Professor Heneka and colleagues have show in mice that inflammatory cues trigger immune cells called microglia to release specks of a protein called ASC. This binds to the amyloid-β protein and promotes the aggregation of amyloid-β clusters in the brain.

When they applied an antibody to prevent ASC from binding to amyloid-B, it reduced the formation of plaques in both cultured cells and in live mice.

The authors think that this process occurs in the very early stages of Alzheimer's disease.

The paper was published in the prestigious international science weekly *Nature*, last month.

Professor Bryce Vissel, head of neuroscience and regenerative medicine in the Faculty of Science at the University of Technology, Sydney said this is an extremely important study for understanding Alzheimer's disease.

"This comprehensive

and elegant study from Michael Heneka's group provides strong evidence in support of a disease mechanism and a new approach for treating Alzheimer's disease," he said.

"For decades, Alzheimer's researchers have considered that amyloid is the cause of Alzheimer's disease. This is in part because amaloid plaques are often seen in the brains of people with Alzheimer's. It is not truly known what causes the plaques or whether amyloid causes Alzheimer's disease.

"Despite this, there have been numerous failed attempts to develop drugs that remove amyloid from the brain of Alzheimer's patients. Therefore we are looking for new approaches to both explain and block the disease.

"Our group has long been suggesting that inflammation is a key mediator of Alzheimer's disease. This study showed the first direct link between inflammation and amyloid deposition.

"Interestingly, blocking speck formation prevented the spread of the amyloid in the brain and also reduced the extent of Alzheimer's-like symptoms.

"This paper therefore clearly shows that ASC speck formation is instrumental in disease process showing unequivocally a link between inflammation and Alzheimer's disease. This suggests a very exciting new way of thinking about the disease and treating it," he said.

Meanwhile researchers from the Minnesota Evidence-based Practice Center (EPC) have reviewed published research of interventions aimed to help to prevent dementia in patients.

None of them worked. **Physical activity** 

Sixteen trials compared physical activity with an inactive control. There was little evidence for the effectiveness of aerobic training, resistance training, or tai chi for improving cognition, although combining different types of interventions at the same time, such as physical activity, diet, and brain training, slightly improved cognitive test performance.

#### Prescription medications

Data from 51 trials comparing the effect of prescription medication with placebo or usual care on cognitive outcomes did not support the use of any known pharmacologic treatments in people with normal or mild cognitive impairment.

**Brain training**Eleven trials of adults

found insufficient evidence that cognitive training exercises could prevent dementia. Group cognitive training improved performance only in the actual domain trained. For example, memory training improved memory, but did not improve any other aspects of cognition.

## Over-the-counter vitamins and supplements

Nearly 40 trials compared over-the-counter (OTC) supplements, including omega-3 fatty acids, soy, ginkgo biloba, B vitamins, vitamin D plus calcium, vitamin C or beta carotene or multi-ingredient supplements with placebos, for preventing or delaying cognitive decline. There was little evidence to suggest that any of these worked.

The researchers found that none of these interventions improved cognition. But it could also be that the interventions started too late in life or for too short a time.

They said adopting a healthy lifestyle earlier in life may protects against dementia in later life. Moreover it is unlikely to worsen cognition and may have other health benefits.

The findings were published in *Annals of Internal Medicine* last year.





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## **Brunch with T - great fare at Atlas**





#### by Tahlia Merigan

WE have heard lots of positive reviews about Atlas Food and Coffee in West Perth, so over the festive break Dan and I decided to pay a visit.

Although located in Hay Street, we found there was plenty of paid street parking available.

The décor is simple and bright with light wood and neutral colours. As it was a hot day we decided to sit inside rather than in the alfresco area.

It's counter service at Atlas and although it's not my favourite genre it





Left to right; Atlas Food and Coffee's flamingo cold pressed juice - miso scrambled eggs and hot cakes

seems to be pretty standard these days and the staff at the counter were very friendly. They also self-service stations with a collection of sauces including barbe-cue, ketchup, Tabasco, HP, as well as Himalayan salt and pepper. And for those with pets there's a water jug and bowl at the

water station. For drinks we both ordered the flamingo cold pressed juice (\$7.50) which was delicious and refreshing - the coconut, rockmelon, mixed apple and dragon fruit was the perfect combination for the hot day. We both wished there was more of it in the bottle...

The food came out very

quickly and the dishes were presented so perfectly that we were both reluctant to eat them.

I ordered the miso scrambled eggs (\$18.50) which had an umami twist on this brunch classic with the addition of miso, fish roe and bonito flakes. To balance the dish they added a delicious sweet element of soft beetroot jelly.

Dan ordered hot cakes (\$19.50) which had a lovely texture. The combination of peach, white chocolate foam, matcha and dried raspberry worked harmoniously. The creative presentation of the white chocolate foam inside a waffle cone in the centre of the hot

cakes was what we loved the most about the dish.

Overall, we gave Atlas four spoons for their menu, friendly service, value for money and creative presentation. I can say that Altas has left a good point on our brunch atlas and we will be back again soon.

Atlas Food + Coffee, phone 6249 6457, 1238 Hay Street, West Perth

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## Vince's ginger beef morsels



#### by Vince Garreffa

THIS meal is quick and easy for a warm evening. Prepare your meat in the marinade the night before and refrigerate it for 24 hours. The next day you only have to prepare your skewers and a salad. What a way to romance someone and impress yourself at the same time. Ingredients for 6

1kg of yearling beef rump 6 cloves of garlic chopped  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of coarsely chopped ginger  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of soya sauce

1/4 cup of dry sherry or vermouth

1/4 cup of rice wine 1/4 cup of peanut or other vegetable oil

1 tablespoon of sesame oil bamboo skewers

#### Method

Trim your beef of all fat and cut into 2 to 3 cm cubes. Combine garlic, ginger, soy sauce, sherry, vinegar, peanut oil and sesame oil in a medium sized bowl. Add the meat and toss through until it is all coated with the mixture. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate for one to two hours at room temperature or up to 24 hours refrigerated. Soak your bamboo skewers in water for at least 10 minutes before threading the meat on to prevent them burning where they are not cov-

Prepare a hot barbecue, hot coals or a hot pan. Drain the meat, keeping the marinade, and pat dry. Thread four to five chunks of meat onto each skewer, covering as much of the skewer as possible. Cook for two to three minutes on each side, turning only once and brushing with a little of the leftover marinade until browned outside but still rosy and juicy inside. Serve with a tabouleh salad.

## Letters to...Vince Garreffa

IF YOU want a particular recipe of mine, don't hesitate to drop me a line at Have a Go News.

Address your enquiry to Vince Garreffa c/- Have a Go News PO Box 1042, West Leederville 6901, or email your question to vince@haveagonews.com.au.

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#### T's spoon ratings

– overall good food and service well worth a visit!

Two spoons

One spoon

food and service needs improvement



## What's Fresh in the markets in January

Nectarines: Plentiful supplies of these summer favourites are now arriving in store and the prices are very affordable. Luscious yellow fresh varieties are sweet and juicy eating - perfect for snacking, freshly sliced on your morning cereal or as fruity sorbet, you really only need to puree and freeze. Pile them high in the fruit bowl and they will disappear

Donut peaches: A unique white fleshed peach, small and flat with a sunken centre (shaped like a doughnut). Can be eaten firm or soft and are naturally sweet and juicy. They're a huge hit with kids, as they are easy to hold in your hand, easy to eat and have great novelty factor.

Apricots: If you are blessed with excess apricots,

then making apricot jam will carry on this beautiful flavour for months ahead. It is a great surprise when you find a large piece of apricot as you spread the iam onto fresh bread.

Buy apricots that are firm, but not hard, with unblemished skins. They should be a deep, clear orange and some may even have a red blush. Apricots bruise easily, so carry them home with care.

Eggplant: Locally-grown hydroponic eggplants are plentiful now. They are best grilled or barbecued. You can easily create an impressive dish for your next barbecue by layering with good-quality fetta, fresh rocket and a dressing of finely chopped chilli, roast and ground cumin seeds, mint, lemon juice and extra virgin olive oil.

## **Dinner for one:** Avocado and prawns - two ways

Avocado and prawn kebabs with paprika mayonnaise

1 teaspoon lemon juice ¼ teaspoon finely grated ginger ½ avocado, peeled, cut into thick slices 6 large, cooked prawns, shells removed Paprika mayonnaise:

cooking: nil; serves: 1

Preparation: 15 minutes;

1 tablespoon mayonnaise (good quality or homemade)

½ tablespoon sour cream

1 teaspoon lemon juice

small pinch paprika

freshly ground black pepper chopped parsley to garnish

bamboo skewers (soak for two hours in water, this stops them from burning when placed on heat)

COMBINE lemon juice and ginger in a bowl. Mix well. Cut thick avocado slices in half. Toss them in the lemon juice mixture. Thread a bamboo skewer with avocado slice, prawn and cherry tomato. Repeat until avocado, prawns and tomatoes are used up. Combine all mayonnaise ingredients. Mix well. Heat one teaspoon vegetable oil in a frying pan on medium heat. Cook kebabs, turning as needed until the prawns are opaque and cooked through. Serve kebabs with a side bowl of mayonnaise mixture, fresh crusty bread and a small green salad.



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1/4 avocado, roughly chopped

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3 cooked prawns, peeled with tail left on

2 slices pumpernickel bread cut into 4cm rounds

3 pieces pickled ginger

dill sprias

MASH together avocado, mayonnaise and wasabi. Place a dollop of avocado mixture on each round of pumpernickel, top with a prawn and garnish with gin-

## Enjoy those tasty barbecue treats



Char-grilled swordfish on warm avocado corn salad

#### by Noelene Swain

BLESSED with long, warm days in WA it seems a pity not to take advantage and partake in a little alfresco eating and what better way to do it than with a classic Aussie barbie?

'Throwing another shrimp' has become a tongue-in-cheek part of our vernacular and for good reason. Hot grill

plates are designed for absolute cooking simplicity and it is just a matter of selecting your choice of meat and veggies, then cracking open an icy beer whilst the barbecue heats

Prawns, funnily enough, are a fantastic choice and delicious threaded onto rosemary skewers and doused with a little lemon juice and olive oil before serving. This method of

skewering also works really well for firm whitefleshed fish and Mediterranean vegetables such as capsicum, mushroom and eggplant.

Marinades are a fantastic easy way to add a distinctive touch to a barbecue. A home-made tandoori paste of lemon garam masala, paprika, garlic and natural voghurt is wonderful smothered on chicken prior to grilling. A little Dijon mustard and vinegar brushed on potatoes towards the end of cooking gives a tangy kick to an essential barbecue side. Large field mushrooms work really well marinated in olive oil, lemon juice and pepper then grilled till cooked and garnished with a dollop of a soft white cheese such as goat's, ricotta or buffalo mozzarella.

Foil Parcels filled with delicious vegetable treats are another fuss-free barbecuing option. A combination of tomato, black olives and cubed, cooked potato is lovely, as is a parcel of swiss brown and button mushrooms, butter and haloumi cheese. Simply seal and pop on the barbie until cooked to your liking. This is a particularly good option for vegetarians or fussy eaters - get them to create their own favourite combinations.

The best thing to accompany some aromatic grilling is a fresh, crunchy salad and what's more, they're one of the simplest of dishes to prepare. A classic green salad is enlivened by the addition of some toasted nuts and unusual salad varieties such as tatsoi and snowpea tendrils. A fantastic potato salad is an absolute staple of any barbecue - experiment with different flavours such as dill. mustard. bacon and cumin.

So go on... this weekend, do what those pesky foreigners expect of us and throw another shrimp on the barbie! Give the following easy classic a go.

## Knife and fork talk in Morley



Spice Rootz's mild goat curry is delicious

#### by Pat Paleeya and Judith Cohen

THE best laid plans often go pear shaped, as ours seemed to be heading on our designated lunch

The venue we had chosen happened to be shut, so with a pout and a foot stamp we boarded a bus to Morley.

make some improvements

Knife and fork talk ratings

Five forks - excellent food and service Four forks - overall good food and service

But as life pans out it turns out we made a serendipitous discovery at Coventry Markets with an Indian restaurant called Spice Rootz.

Lunch specials are under \$15 and there's plenty to choose from. We decided to share a mild goat curry and rice for \$14.90 and a vegetable thali for \$13.90.

The curried goat melted in the mouth and tasted delicious. Each dish had its own uniquely flavoured curry sauce.

The vegetable thali consisted of paneer in machan masala, chana (chick pea) in masala and sabji (mix veg) in a miloni curry sauce.

This was super nice and more than ample. A very satisfying and tasty lunch. BYO doggy bag for leftovers as they don't supply containers.

The decor has a black and white theme with Omo white tablecloths offset with comfortable modern black chairs, which altogether presented a very sophisticated dining experience. Staff were attentive and friendly. We would go back and take our friends.

**Four Forks** Spice Rootz, Shop 4, 243-253 Walter Rd., Morley (Coventry Mar-

## Char-grilled swordfish on warm avocado corn salad

HEAT a non-stick frying pan or

Preparation: 10 minutes; cooking: 10 minutes; serves: 4 4 Swordfish steaks, about 150 g

each 2 tablespoon olive oil 1 shallot, chopped corn from 2 cobs ½ red capsicum, finely diced 1 large avocado diced 1/4 cup chopped fresh coriander

½ cup white wine 2 tablespoon lemon juice 2 tablespoon red wine vinegar

char grill on high, add one tablespoon of the oil and sear the swordfish for one to two minutes or until starting to soften. Remove from pan or grill. Cover with foil and keep warm in a low oven. Put shallot, corn and capsicum in a pan and cook, stirring for one to two minutes. Add the avocado, coriander and white wine. Cover and steam for one minute or until heated through. Place avocado

corn mixture on heated plates and top with swordfish. Add lemon and vinegar to the pan and whisk into pan juices. Pour over the fish and serve immediately.



## Pink is the colour for wine this summer

















**by Frank Smith** 

Rosé wines come into their own on hot summer days. They are thirst quenching and as a red wine drinker I find them more satisfying than whites in hot weather.

There is a lot of variation amongst rosés. Most are made from the predominant grape variety of the region. All should be drink while young.

Here is a collection of good value rosés for summer enjoyment.

Jacob's Creek Le Petit Rosé 2016 is made from Pinot Noir. Grenache and Mataro in south eastern Australia. It is a very pale pink in colour with aromas of rose petal and spice. The palate is savoury and chalky with flavours of red berry fruit and a soft restrained finish. RRP \$19.99.

Angullong Fossil Hill Rosato 2017 is made exclusively from mature Sangiovese plantings. The name Rosato is a nod to its Italian varietal heritage. It is a modern

rosé with an enticing, lively, crisp palate. The flavours are of summer berries, cherries and spice which linger delightfully with a long dry, savoury finish. Serve it cool, but not too cold. RRP \$26. Lowe Estate Headstone Rosé

Biodynamic is made in the Mediterranean style; salmon pink, light in colour. The wine is majority Grenache with lashings of Zinfandel, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Shiraz from organic vineyards. It displays unusual Grenache aromas of radish with a touch of marzipan. The palate is dry with flavours predominantly from the other reds. After about 12 months it starts to complex, the colour goes more orange and it develops a bit more taste. RRP \$28.

Lowe Jodie Wilbertree sparkling rosé is a very fresh looking salmon pink wine. The aroma is of apples with a slight whiff of lemon. The palate is dry with pleasant acidity and the merest hint of sweetness. The mousse is sustained with smallish bubbles. Like most rosés the colour will change after a few months, so drink it now. This wine is sealed with a crown cork, so remember to take a bottle opener if you are going on a picnic.

Stoneleigh Classic Pinot Noir rosé is from the Marlborough region of New Zealand's South Island. The wine has a light blush colour. The aroma is perfumed, with floral notes and wild strawberry and stone fruit. The palate is light, fine and delicate, with yellow flesh plum and summer red berry

fruit flavours. RRP \$17.99. LaBise 2016 Adelaide Hills Rosé - Le Petite Frais - the small fresh one - is made from a blend of Sangiovese, Tempranillo and Shiraz grapes. It displays aromas of strawberries and raspberries with a rich palate containing little sugar. The winemaker recommends that the colder this wine is drunk the better to see the strawberry and raspberry fruits. RRP \$22.

## One forks - would not recommend

Three forks - reasonably good food and service but could

Two forks – food and service needs improvement

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#### A Rhapsody in Red featuring the CoverGirls

Fall dangerously in love with the CoverGirls - Peggy-Sue, Mary-Jane and Just Betty on their quest for love as they tease, cajole and spank the songs of delicious 60s divas Diana, Tina,

Perth band will have you swaying with delight to their Parisian tunes. Sassafras present a vibrant, acoustic mix of French gypsy, swing and jazz. This dazzling show will take you on a journey discovering the music, Shirley, Aretha and more, the heart and soul of Parbefore sending them off is. With songs from Edith for a Bex and a good lie Piaf, Django Reinhardt, Sidney Bechet and many Main Room - Conmore who lived and loved nections Nightclub - 81 in Paris in the early 20th

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The Ellington Jazz Club 191 Beaufort St, Perth 27-31 January, 1 February @ 7pm – 2-4 February @ 5.30pm.

#### Hans Mein Camp

boy-wonder Berlin Hans is hitting Perth for the first time ever with his critically acclaimed show Mein Camp. Famed for his World Record Title - for playing 29.5 hours of Madonna songs on accordion. Hans has become a favourite of audiences and stars from around the globe, performing for the likes of former PM Julia Gillard and Princess Mary, he's even duetted with Fergie from the Black

27 January - 1 February - The Pleasure Garden.

#### Exposing Edith

Returning to Fringe after rave reviews last year, Exposing Edith charts the tragic life of arguably the areatest French singer of all time, Edith Piaf. Experience her life, loves and losses through the songs that shot her to stardom including La Vie en Rose, Milord and Non, je ne regrette rien.

Playing at St George's Cathédral 31 January and 1-3 February @ 7pm.

#### Win tickets at www. haveagonews.com.au/ fringe

#### Djuki Mala

infectious, Unique, high-energy exuberant, fusing traditional Yolngu, pop culture, dance storytelling to create work that is a marvel of timing, comedy clowning, with a hefty dose of heart soul. If there is one show that is guaranteed to leave you feeling genuinely happy then this is it.

The West Australian Spiegeltent at The Pleasure Garden, James St, Northbridge.

Sun 28 January to Monday 5 February @9pm, Sun 4 Feb @ 2pm. Teatro at The Plea-

sure Garden, James St, Northbridge.

Wed 7 February to Sunday 25 February @ 6.30pm, Fri 16 & 23 Feb

@ 10.30pm, Sat 17 and 24 Feb @10.30pm, Sun 25 Feb @ 2pm.

#### Club Swizzle

After three sell-out seasons, the creators of La Soirée return to Perth with a brand new show. Loose, glorious and irresistibly fun, Club Swizzle is a night of sassy entertainment where the mayhem gets kicked up a notch. It's a melee of outrageous cabaret, air-defying acrobatics and infectious musical revelry, backed by a band with a repertoire as big as its bar tab. With no stage, no rules and no regrets, there's no place like it. Enjoy a cocktail before the show. The Club Swizzle bar opens 30 minutes before show time. Remember, every night is New Year's Eve at Club Swizzle.

The Ice Cream Factory - 100 Roe Street, Northbridge.

Season: 27-28 January, 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 23-25 February @ 7pm.

30-31 January, 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 February @

27 January, 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 February @

#### Matt Hale - Mindfoolness

Matt Hale is renowned for being one of the favourite acts in the Fringe World program. Combining the fun of total audience participation with the incredible abilities of the mind, Matt turns the traditional hypnosis show on its head, highlighting the talents and creativity of the volunteers for big laughs instead of embarrassing them. Enjoy the show from the stage or the audience, you

choose. Mindfoolness will play three shows at Sunset Verandah on the Scarborough Beach esplanade, 20 shows at Elizabeth's Palace (the new Noodle Palace location at Elizabeth Quay), rounding off the season with six shows at Noodle's sister venue - Flour Palace (at the Flour Factory, Queen St). 28 January - 23 Feb-

#### The Candy Box

Australia's queen of Burlesque, Imogen Kelly, brings the world premiere of her burlesque variety show to Fringe World Perth from 27 January to 4 February.

A variety show with a difference. The Candy Box is a cavalcade of burlesque comedy.

27 January to 4 February The Circus Theatre - Perth Cultural Centre 8.30pm to 9.30pm.

#### Jazz on the lawn at Mandoon Estate featuring crooner Jake Dennis

Romantic couples and families can look forward to an enjoyable evening of live jazz and contemporary tunes at the elegant Mandoon Estate as part of Fringe World.

The free concert fea-Perth crooner turing Jake Dennis and his band will feature songs by legends like Ray Charles, Bruno Mars, Nat King Cole, and Michael Buble.

Saturday 3 February at 5pm, 10 Harris Road, Caversham.

#### Livvy and Pete: The Songs of Olivia Newton John and Peter Allen

Helpmann award-winner Michael Griffiths and cabaret darling Amelia Ryan celebrate the songbooks of Aussie icons Olivia Newton-John and Peter Allen.

February @ De Parel 5-12 5.45pm De Spiegeltent - The Pleasure Garden, James St, Northbridge.

#### How to buy tickets

Purchase on line at fringeworld.com.au/howto-buy-tickets or go to the fringe booths to purchase tickets (some are only open just before show time) but ones in the Perth Cultural Centre are open most of the

Our intrepid Fringe reporter Tahlia Merigan will be out and about reviewing many of the shows and you can keep up to date and win tickets at www. haveagonews.com.au/ fringe

## Racism and violence in new film



Sam Neill stars in Sweet Country

#### by Tahlia Merigan

WARWICK Thornton doesn't shy away from the harsh realities of racism and violence in his new film Sweet Country.

Set in the outback of Alice Springs in 1929 we meet Harry March (Ewen Leslie), a shellshocked World War I veteran. Having taken over a new station he

visits his neighbours and fellow station owners Fred Smith (Sam Neill) and Mick Kennedy (Thomas M. Wright).

Fred Smith is a Christian who thinks of his Aboriginal workers as his equals. Harry asks for some help with some of the labour on his new station and Fred loans him Sam Kelly (Hamilton Morris) who along with his wife Lizzie (Natassia Gorey-Furber) and niece go to Harry's property.

The difference between how Fred and Harry treat the Indigenous workers is stark and Thornton has used a technique of flashback in a very powerful way, giving the audience more context and backstory to the characters, creating a powerful tension throughout the film.

Inspired by true events, Thornton has crafted this gripping film with shots of the Australian outback, the use of silence and how he isn't afraid to shy away from the violence and truth of how Aboriginal people have been treated.

The most powerful and memorable scene for me was when Sam Neill said, "What chance has this country

Almost 80 years after this film is set we are still dealing with the issues that Warwick Thornton portrays. In cinemas 25 Janu-

WIN WIN WIN To be in the draw to win one of ten double passes to Sweet Country simply send an email to win@haveagonews.com.au with Country in the subject line or call the Have a Go News office during business hours on 9227

8283 closes 20/1/18.

## Australian culture with satire of the 70s



by Tahlia Merigan

WRITER, director Stephan Elliot famous for The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert directs ing Safari will take you back to your Swinging Safari which has the own experiences of the 70s.

makings of another classic Australian film.

Set in 1970s Australia Swinging Safari tells the story of three dysfunctional families living in a quiet suburban cul-de-sac.

When a 200-ton blue whale washes up on the local beach the kids think it's the biggest thing that's happened. As our narrator Jeff tell us, "This is bigger than Ben

While the kids run wild in the wayward world of irresponsible parenting of the 70s, the parents are celebrating behind closed doors with a key party.

With an all-star cast featuring Kylie Minogue, Guy Pearce, Asher Keddie, Julian McMahon and new comer Atticus Robb who plays Jeff our 14-year-old protagonist Swing-

Australian films offer that quintessential humour that only us Aussies understand and appreciate.

Elliot has done a wonderful job of celebrating Australian culture with this nostalgic look at the 70s.

This coming of age story is a cynical parody of growing up in the 1970s with cask wine, bad hair, bad fashion, questionable choices but most importantly a good time.

Delve into a little nostalgia and celebrate summer with Swinging Safari.

In cinemas from 18 January.

#### **WIN WIN WIN**

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## The Windsors - a fictional comedy soap opera...



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Pop-up Exhibition January 29 - February 11

February 5

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THE royal family is divided: Prince Charles (Harry Enfield) dreams of ruling Britain but Wills (Hugh Skinner)

just wants to be ordinary - to fly helicopters and mingle with the people.

Kate (Louise Ford) is proud of her humble origins and wants to find her role, but Camilla (Havdn Gwynne) is plotting to destroy Wills and Kate to get power for herself.

Meanwhile, ry (Richard Goulding) might be in love with Pippa (Morgana Robinson) but has a new girlfriend, Meghan Markle (Kathryn Drysdale).

Beatrice (Ellie White)

and Eugenie (Celeste Dring) want to make it as women in business, Fergie (Katy Wix) is partying like it's 1982, and all of them are being terrorised by their joyless puritanical aunt, Anne (Vicki Pepperdine).

The Windsors is a fictional comedy soap opera, following the imagined lives and loves of a family, with big comic characters loosely based on Wills and Kate, Prince Harry and Pippa Middleton, Camilla and Charles, and various other royals.

The Windsor's series 1 and 2 box set is out now RRP \$34.95

#### WIN WIN WIN

Acorn Media is giving 10 of our lucky readers the chance to win a copy of the hilarious UK series The Windsor's box set. To be in the draw, simply send an email to win@ haveagonews.com.au with Windsors in the subject line or write to The Windsors c/-Have a Go News PO Box 1042 West Leederville 6901. Competition closes 31/1/18.



## On the Silver Screen - Films to delight and entertain in January



Clockwise from top left; Molly's Game - The BBQ's Magda Szubanksi and Shane Jacobson - Finding Your Feet is a modern comedy

#### Molly's Game

STARRING Jessica Chastain and Idris Elba, Molly's Game tells the thrilling true story of Molly Bloom, the mastermind behind a glamourous, underground poker empire whose players included the rich, famous and most powerful men in America. In a career-best performance, Chastain portrays Molly as she transforms herself into the poker princess, running highstakes games in LA and New York. But Molly's world comes crashing down when the FBI come after her, suspecting ties to the Russian mob. Academy Award winning writer Aaron Sorkin (The Social Network) delivers a quick-witted, fiery directorial debut with this riveting portrait of a smart, talented young woman who gambled everything, won big, then lost it all.

**The BBQ**Dazza has a passion for barbecu-

ing, but when he accidentally gives his neighbours food poisoning, his reputation and dignity are on the line. To make amends he seeks tutelage from the tyrannical Scottish chef known simply as 'The Butcher'. Together they enter an international barbecue competition, pitting Daza's homespun techniques against the world's best barbecue chefs. Starring a stellar Australian cast including Shane Jacobson, Magda Szubanski, Manu Fidel, Nicholas Hammond and Lara Robinson, this film will be a treat.

#### Finding Your Feet

When 'Lady' Sandra Abbott (Imelda Staunton) discovers that her husband of forty years is having an affair with her best friend, she seeks refuge with her estranged, bohemian, older sister Bif (Celia Imrie). Sandra couldn't be more different to her outspoken, serial dating, free spirited sibling. But it turns out dif-

ferent is just what Sandra needs and she reluctantly lets best friend drag her along to her community dance class, where gradually she starts finding her feet... and romance.

Featuring a star studded cast including Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Timothy Spall, Joanna Lumley and David Hayman, Finding Your Feet is a hilarious and heart-warming modern comedy proving that it's never too late to start again.

#### **WIN WIN WIN**

To be in the draw to win one of ten in-season passes to any of the above films simply email win@ haveagonews.com.au with Silver in the subject line or send an envelope to On the Silver Screen – C/- Have a Go News – PO Box 1042, West Leederville 6901. Please include your name, address and phone number on the reverse side. Competition closes 31/1/18.

#### World's favourite ballet



FOLLOWING their sellout 2017 performances of Swan Lake, the Moscow Ballet La Classique returns to Western Australia to perform the jewel of classical ballet, Tchaikovsky's ageless masterpiece The Nutcracker, a tale of bravery and dreams. It is proudly presented by Grand International Concerts.

The Nutcracker is renowned for the genius of Tchaikovsky – he created one of the most recognisable and enduring music scores ever written. Moscow Ballet La Classique with its artistic ballet mastery, lavish costumes and magnificent stage sets takes audiences on a journey back in time to the frost-covered, gaslight world of Clara, her beloved nutcracker doll and the magician Drosselmeyer.

This romantic tale with its blend of magic and realism brings to life the popular Tchaikovsky score featuring Dance of The Sugar Plum Fairy and The Waltz of The Flowers.

Moscow Ballet La Classique was founded in 1990 by its current artistic director Elik Melikov. With this delightful production of the much-loved fairy tale Moscow Ballet La Classique captures the imagination, the passion, humour and magic of the ballet.

Critics have raved with quotes such as: "As sweet as a nut, it doesn't get much better than this."

"Gloriously traditional production that captures all of the fairy tale enchantment and beauty one could wish for."

"You do not have to be a ballerina to love this lavish performance and lush music which magically brings to life one of our most loved tales." and many more.

Touring in WA in March, don't miss your opportunity to see this classic ballet.

Friday 9 and Saturday 10 March, Regal Theatre, Perth. Bookings: Ticketek 132 849/1300 795 012 or www.regaltheatre.com.au

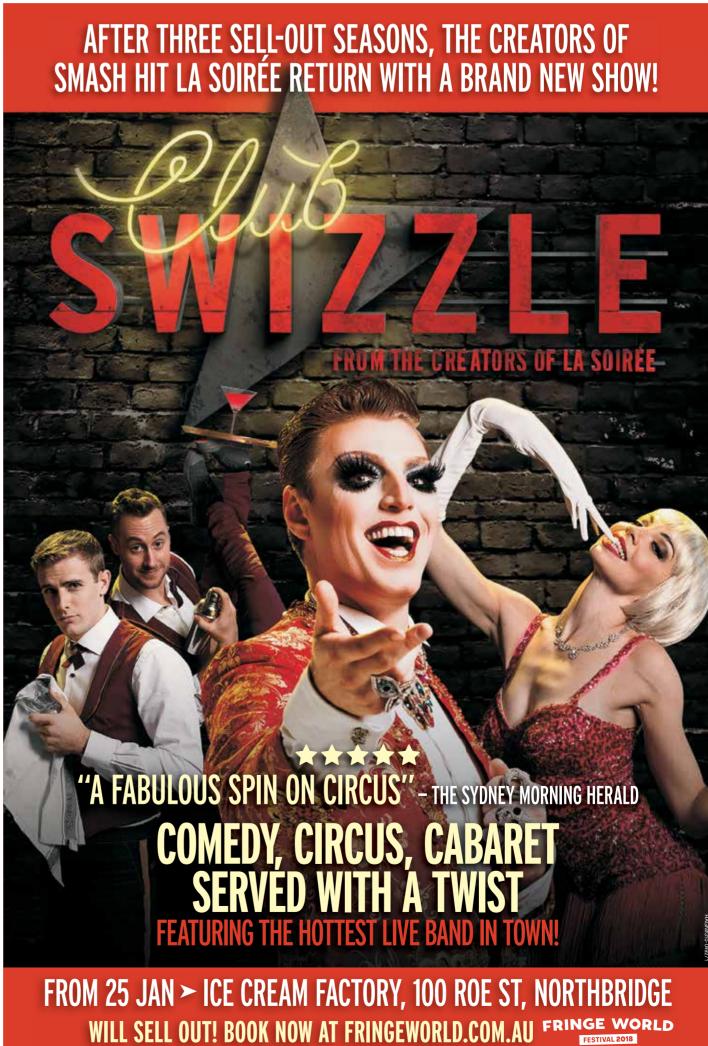
Tuesday 13 March, Queens Park Theatre, Geraldton. Bookings: 9956 6662 or www.queensparktheatre.com.au

Friday 16 March, Mandurah Performing Arts Centre. Bookings: 9550 3900 or www.manpac.com.au

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#### Seeking a Friend

A GENUINE, happy, slim lady, GSOH, WLTM gent about 75 to share interests, yours and mine, good company, conversation, long term if compatible, NOR.

Reply Box 7732 **ALBANY** widow, own home, NS, DTE. WLTM

kind man for social activities, walks, country drives, dining out. ALA

Reply Box 7750

ASIAN (Chinese) man late 60s, healthy. I am looking to meet man or woman for friendship only. Person to share interests, outings, dining or walking. Once or twice weekly.

**Reply Box 7737** 

AUSSIE guy, 73, unhappy ties, normal looks, seekdiscreet, amorous, blissful, enjoyable, ongoing daytime encounters with a happy, uncomplicated, compatible lady to relish exquisite cuddles at your place. Meet for coffee first

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ing out doing things but just as happy to relax at home

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love again & be loved. Slim, attr, well grmd, fair hair,

British, sk caring, honest, active man 68-75 & make

the most of life.

NORTH BEACH GENT 78 loves local & overseas travel &

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o/look, very active, on large property, old fashioned

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**AUSTRALIAN** lady, 67, NS, DTE, genuine, caring, likes nature, music, movies, family. WLTM intelligent, respectful gent, NOR, friends first, view to relationship if compatible. Reply Box 7739

CHRISTIAN mature, oriental widow, warm personality, positive disposition in life, easy laugh, adventurous yet prefers basics in life. "When a man finds a good woman he finds worth more than a jewel!" WLTM gentleman 62+.

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ENGLISH Aussie guy, young 66, sensitive, caring, Piscean dreamer, lost soul, passion for quality rock music eg Genesis, Gabriel, Sting, Chris Rea and many more. Also loves nature, cinema and WLTM lady concerts. 55-65, friendship maybe NOR, SD, NS, more. GSOH.

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likes travel, movies, dancing, bush walking, dining out, bicycle riding, spending time with friends, seeks genuine lady, 55 to 65 for friendship relationship.

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GENT 66, 5'6", medium build, NS, SD, fit, healthy. WLTM lady to 65. Loves music, movies, barbecues and short country drives etc. Ideal New Year gift to deserving lady, very happy go lucky man. Reply Box 7730

**GENT** 70, 5'6", widowed, loving, caring, NS, SD, GSOH, TLC. Interests; cooking, movies, walks. WLTM lady, honest, sincere, not scared to walk hand in hand, enjoys social activities, life in general, 65-75, living SOR, 6164. Let's meet for coffee, chat.

Reply Box 7725

**GENT** 70, looking for lady friend, 60-70, coffee first then who knows. Genuine offer, sensible, creative, caring is a start, that's me, is it you?

Reply Box 7728

**GUY** late 60s, 5'10", professional, near north. healthy, cheerful, fin se-Philosophy, hiscure. tory, sunset walks, travel. WLTM genuine lady. Reply Box 7753

IS there a lady SOR who WLTM a mature gentleman; caring, considerate, own home, fin sec. Let's meet for coffee and see how we get on. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Looking forward to hearing from you ladies. Reply Box 7748

LADY mid 80s, postcode 6111, WLTM gent around similar age, catch up for coffee, GSOH, young at

Reply Box 7722

PERTH gent 60, fit, NS, SD, WLTM a happy, healthy lady, 55-65. Reply Box 7738

SENIORS, wish to join a group of daytime happy, socially adjusted people? Weekly programs, SOR, CBD, participants must have integrity and present with neat dress code, NS, SD. email address and mobile numbers appreciated.

Reply Box 7729

Love the movies? See the latest movie

GENT 60, NS, SD, 6'1", VERY nice lady, widow, educated, various interests, looking for nice sincere gent, NS, NG for sincere gent. NS, NG for long term friendship/relationship. Must be financially secure. Meet for coffee SOR, 70-80 age group only please.

Reply Box 7736

WELL presented gent mid 60s, Asian born, medium build, educated, financially secure, semi retired, professional, NS, SD, live close to Perth, looking for 70+ Caucasian lady for friendship and more. ALA. Reply Box 7731

WHERE is that special lady? I'm 75, live NOR, SD, NS, DTE, WLTM lady, 70+ who enjoys music, movies, country drives, travel, cruises and more. Future relationship may

Reply Box 7749

WIDOWED gent 68 NOR. Seeking happy lady companion travel-mate to share life with into future. Me; GSOH, DTE, NS, SD, NG. You; 55+, medium build, NS, NG, SD, no sarcastic, bad mannered verbal abusers need apply.

Reply Box 7726

#### Seeking a Partner

ASIAN lady, slim, 60+, Interests; kindhearted. walking, cooking, gardening, music, travel, dining out, socialising, GSOH. Looking for decent, genuine, gent with good manners, similar age, NS, NG, SD for permanent relationship if compatible. Reply Box 7

AUSSIE gent 70, has own home in Albany, seeks Asian lady mainly as a travelling companion. I love visiting Asian countries in particular using train travel and cruising. NS, SD and GSOH. Reply Box 7735

AUSSIE male, 70yrs, into boating, fishing, dining out, movies, fitness and horse racing, not a world traveller, NS, SD, to meet slim lady, similar interests,

SOR, 169cms tall.

Reply Box 7724

**GENT** 65, fit and active, well presented, young at heart, GSOH, NS. Enjoys movies, dining, travel, TLC, fin sec. WLTM caring, affectionate lady, age open, let's meet for a coffee and chat.

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**GENT,** well presented, fin sec, retired businessman, non-controlling, seeks intelligent, refined, attractive, church involved, born again Christian lady, youthful 60+, any nationality, GSOH, wide range of interests for quality long-term partnership.

Reply Box 7741

LADY 60s WLTM gent who is caring, genuine, honest, GSOH, SD, NS for company outings, quiet nights at home together

Reply Box 7727

LADY 65, fit, independent. WLTM gent, good natured, DTE, TLC, kind, for company and possible relationship. Interested in travelling, movies, walking, culture and arts. Genuine replies only please. SOR.

Reply Box 7751

LADY 70+, caring, sinlikes gardening, cere. family life, outings, social dancing. WLTM gent with GSOH, DTE, SD, NS to share good times together. NOR.

Reply Box 7754

LADY 71, educated, fin sec, NOR, NS, ND, DTE, GSOH, slim to medium build, WLTM gentleman, similar interests, walking, movies, dining out, country drives, healthy, travel, lots more to explore, similar life values. Genuine. Meet for coffee and chat. Reply Box 7743

**NEW** year wish. I am hop-

ing 2018 will be good to me. Lady, 66, blonde, wants nice gent, GSOH, SD, NS, SOR, WLTM partner to share happy mes and life experiences together.

Reply Box 7721

**PEACEFUL** in nature, 61, gent, grateful for every day, slim to medium build. WLTM same, Euro Asian Caucasian to 65, have calming values, believes in truth, honesty, still looks at sunsets, trees, being who you are Reply Box 7752

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PRETTY blonde, lady, 60s, very young at heart, smart, UK, loves WA, also Italian culture, travel, good music, shows, diverse interests, stable homelife, countryside. WLTM lifetime partner, similar values, loves the sea and lovely people.

Reply Box 7742

REFINED lady 69, UK born, well/groomed, educated, fin secure, medium build, GSOH, ND, enjoys reading, walking, current affairs, good conversation. WLTM unattached sincere, well presented gentleman, 65-72, SOR, genuine replies only. ALA. Reply Box 7740

SERIOUS slim, Euro gent, SD. NS. SOS. WLTM slim lady, 60+, active, easy going. ALA.

Reply Box 7747

Seeking a **Travel Companion** 

I WANT to travel to Kalbarri, Monkey Mia in July. I'm 53, Christian, lady, attractive, trustworthy. If you are honest, reliable, with solid moral, ethical values, 46-60, love travelling, please respond. Reply Box 7755

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# SCENE SOCIALLY







SCENE (1): THE Holly Wood Tuesday Morning Show held its final show for the year in December and the Christmas spirit was alive and well with a huge crowd attending the event. Over the year funds from the morning tea and various raffles were distributed to organisations including St Barts, Wheelchairs for Kids, Spirit of the Streets Choir and Manna. The crowd enjoyed being entertained by the Tivoli Club which put on a very special Christmas show. The Holly Wood Tuesday Morning Show returns to Perth Town Hall on Tuesday 13 February at 11am.

SCENE (1): Top row, from left to right; Maureen Felton and James Gray - Rhett Peach and Janice Hill - Pat Harrison and Helen Mountstephen - Sonia Yeates, Margo Reburn, Fil Allen, Jack McEvoy and Ramon Reburn - Volunteers Pia Kehal and Jessie White - Denise Atkins and Natalie Braithwaite. Second row, from left to right; Sonia Yeates with deputy Lord Mayor Jemma Gree - Eleanor and Bernard Carney with Colleen Dixon - Manna's John

Santa wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Third row; Philip Surtees, Anne Holland and Pauline Jerman

and Bev Lowe - Staff from the Perth Town Hall, vol-

unteers, along with compere Bernard Carney and

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SCENE (2): T'was season to be jolly at Nedlands Community Care in Dalkeith on Wednesday 20 December as clients and staff came together to celebrate all things festive.

More than 30 people took part in a Christmas morning tea to wrap up the year. Operated by the City of Nedlands, the centre provides a range of in-home services to assist people to remain living safely in their own homes.



SCENE (3): CAROLE Metcalf and Judi Grant (pictured) won the Masters tap duo for WA and are off to Melbourne to represent WA in the National Follow Your Dreams dance competition. Have a Go News wishes them the best of luck for the competition.



SCENE (4): 95-year-old resident, Doris Field got up close and personal with a giant python when local reptile handler and educator, Brian Bush, came to visit Baptistcare's Yallambee Residential Care in Mundaring. Doris said she was nervous about introducing herself to the giant python visitor.

"But Brian assured me the snake wouldn't hurt me and I ended up with it around my neck like a scarf which is something I never imagined doing," said Doris. We think you are very brave!





SCENE (5): SINCE 1986 Southcare has provided much needed support to those in need at Christmas. Rising costs and continued unemployment levels in WA meant requests for emergency relief increased, with many families finding they needed assistance for the first time. More than 710 local families were given practical help to share in the joy of the season.

The hamper food items and gifts were made possible by the generosity of people, churches, schools and service organisations in the community who kindly donated to the Southcare Christmas Appeal. Spearheaded by manager volunteer and community services Southcare, Vicki Morrell who took around four months to co-ordinate the appeal.

The appeal could not be achieved without the dedicated team of volunteers who collect and make up food hampers, and, collect and distribute donations of gifts for children. In addition to the many private donators from the community who helped make 2017's appeal a success Southcare would like to give special thanks to Aquinas Junior College, City of South Perth, Collier Primary School, Como Baptist Church, Como Primary, Como Rotary Club, Curtin Primary, Duncraig Early Learning Centre, Friends Perth Royal Perth Hospital. Kensington Primary School, Lions Club South Perth, Mill Point Rotary, Penhisian Club, Penrhos College, Soroptimist International of South Perth, South Perth Early Learning, South Perth Primary School, Victoria Primary School, Waterford Plaza Shopping Centre and Wesleyana for their contribution and support.

SCENE (5): Clockwise from top left, left to right; Volunteers preparing to serve people and families queuing outside of Southcare Central:, Southcare volunteer Tracey, centre manager Waterford Plaza Shopping Centre Vivienne Steur, Southcare volunteer Marie-Claire, CEO Southcare Dr Nicky Howe, Lions Club volunteer Lyn, Manager volunteer and community services Southcare Vicki Morrell; Southcare volunteer Sharne, Lions Club volunteer Geoff; and, Southcare volunteer Stephen - Southcare volunteers Marie-Claire and Tracey gifting children's Christmas presents - volunteers preparing to serve people and families queuing outside of Southcare Central: , Southcare volunteer Stephen, Southcare volunteer Sharne, Lions Club volunteer Lyn, CEO Southcare Dr Nicky Howe and, centre manager Waterford Plaza Shopping Centre Vivienne Steur.

