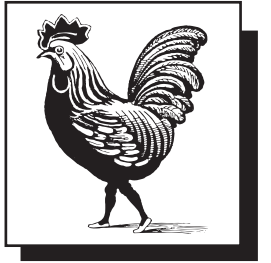


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• Could Freo's old traffic bridge become a pedestrian and cyclist tourism mecca?

High hopes for bridge

by STEVE GRANT

A NEW community group has emerged to try and convince the McGowan government to save Freo's old traffic bridge and turn into a tourism mecca known as a "highline".

Main Roads wants to demolish and replace the old bridge, saying it's no longer safe, would be too expensive to fix and will be in the way of the replacement.

But Isadora Noble from the Save the Old Fremantle Bridge Alliance says the department is basing its decision on modelling that only considers a traffic bridge, not one dedicated to pedestrians.

Ms Noble says the group is already gathering a coterie of influential people including engineers, doctors and former politicians including former WA



• Former WA premier Carmen Lawrence with Save the Old Fremantle Bridge Alliance co-convenors Richard Evans and Isadora Noble at Thursday's Highline concept launch.

premier Carmen Lawrence to back their idea.

"We are proposing an alternative use that was actually proposed by Fremantle council in 2019, which was for a highline like the ones in New York, Paris and Melbourne," Ms Noble said.

"It's a winding

pedestrian and cycle path that has a bridge as part of it, connects people to areas that have previously been under-utilised, and creates a flow where they are not disturbed by cars."

Ms Noble said New York's highline, created amidst great controversy

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Vujcic joins race

by STEVE GRANT

ANOTHER Fremantle councillor has put their hand up for the top job, with Marija Vujcic revealing a four-strong ticket which includes a forensic accountant, a lawyer and a businessman.

"We will bring back a city delivering best value for ratepayers," Cr Vujcic declared at her launch on Tuesday, noting she wants another 10,000 of them living in Freo.

"We want the smart, innovative people returning from overseas to step up right now and make the changes for Freo," Cr Vujcic said.

She later told the *Herald* she wants that innovation to stretch to architecture so new residents have something to look forward to if they're heading home to more density: "You can't put up a rectangle and get excited about it," she said.

Opera House

Cr Vujcic even cited the spectacle of the Sydney Opera House as something to aim for when the city's port operations are moved south to Kwinana and the vast expanse of North Mole is opened up for redevelopment.

"You really want something bold and with an international flavour, more than just some rectangles," she said, calling out some of the recent developments along the border with Cockburn as bland and disappointing.

Cr Vujcic said she'd be seeking to develop a strong relationship with the state government to get good outcomes for the city on the port redevelopment, but also wants to "increase the pool of developers" operating in Fremantle to



• Marija Vujcic and team, including Steven Pynt and Jason Amaranti. Photo by Peter Zuvela

boost private investment and innovation.

She noted that she'd be the underdog in the race; having not always seen eye-to-eye with her council colleagues and having publicly criticising the council's financial transparency, she wouldn't be their flavour of the month.

"I opposed \$1.3 million of ratepayers' money going to business operators," she said, also taking credit for exposing the city's \$8.5 million loss and massive land devaluation.

Her City Ward candidate is chartered accountant Craig Ross, who peppered the council with questions

about the cost of the Walyalup Civic Centre during public question time on Wednesday.

Mr Ross claimed he'd calculated the true cost of the project so far at \$53

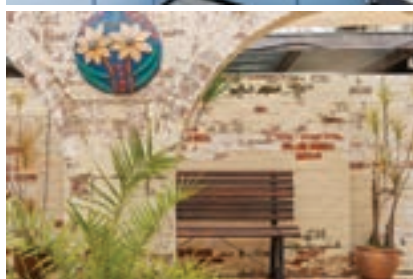
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Locals chill about Covid ships in port

by SAXON OMA
and STEVE GRANT

FIVE sailors and a passenger from another Covid-affected freighter at Fremantle port were moved into 14-day hotel quarantine on Thursday to protect them from their infectious shipmates.

The Chinese bulk carrier MV Darya Krishna moored at Fremantle Port for a medical emergency on Monday, with three of the crew evacuated to Fional Stanley Hospital where they tested positive to Covid-19.

The transfer led to one of WA's most serious safety breaches when a lift in the hospital used to take the crew to the intensive care unit malfunctioned and took two unvaccinated hospital staff on two rides before the breach was discovered and they were sent into quarantine.

Since then six more members of the crew have tested positive to the virus, but they are well enough to stay on board.

Also staying on the ship are five crew who are not considered infectious (though four returned "positive serology" results) who are considered necessary to keep

the Darya Krishna safe.

The ship joins the BBC California which is still berthed at C-shed after the bulk of its crew tested positive to Covid. Both ships travelled through virus-ravaged Indonesia before arriving in WA, and premier Mark McGowan was due to raise the issue of bans at National Cabinet on Friday (July 30).

Despite the protocol breach, a quick poll by the Chook showed that Frem residents still mostly trust the government's handling of the pandemic and were pretty relaxed about having two infected ships on the doorstep.

Storms wash up deadly sea snakes

AND you thought snakes were only a summer problem.

Four highly venomous sea snakes have washed up on Fremantle and Cockburn beaches during storms in the last month, creating an unusual risk for dogs and dog walkers.

The latest Pelamis Platurus, more commonly known as the yellow-bellied sea snake, washed up on the Fremantle end of CY O'Connor beach on Wednesday morning. Fremantle rangers were quickly on the scene and kept watch from a safe distance until snake wrangler Dave D'Anger arrived.

Mr D'Anger told the *Herald* the yellow-bellies were risky because they lacked the lateral scales of their terrestrial brethren and were essentially marooned on the beach. People mistook the motionless snakes for dead ones and tried to pick them up, only to have a deadly wriggler on their hands.

"The yellow-bellied sea snake has much smaller mouth and fangs than its land based relatives, but it is highly venomous and should be approached with caution," Mr D'Anger said.

"The snake has a black upper body and a golden yellow belly, and is pale yellow to white with black spots along its tail.

"It has the distinction of being the world's most wide ranging snake.



• Snake rescuer Dave D'Anger deals with a deadly yellow-belly.

"It's also the most aquatic, never having to set scale on land or sea floor its entire pelagic life."

Mr D'Anger said being stuck on the land, it was an easy capture for him and the Pelamis

was later released somewhere a little safer.

Anyone spotting a sea snake on the beach should call Fremantle rangers on 1300 693 736 or contact Dave D'Anger on 0448 283 152.




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Are you lockdown ready?



by Mark Douglas FCPA
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One thing that's certain in business is the uncertainty that COVID brings. Compared to most of the rest of the world, the economic impact for West Australian businesses has been minimal so far, and I certainly hope it stays that way.

But with the growing outbreak in New South Wales, the risk of a case in WA is increased, and we all know that a single case of the Delta strain in the community will put us into immediate lockdown.

So if you're a business owner, you should be 100% lockdown ready.

I'm not suggesting you panic or take drastic measures, but you should do what you can to prepare your business now because things can become hectic very quickly.

If you have staff, can your team work remotely? Have you tested their home IT equipment, and is their home internet stable? Currently in some parts of NSW non-essential workers cannot leave their local government area, so having access to the workplace is not always a given.

The Delta strain spreads easily and can force large groups into isolation. Do you have reserve staff you can call in on short notice?

How about setting up a central SMS system or a team group chat system so that communication is easier?

Can your receptionist take and transfer phone calls from home?

Do you understand your obligations under FairWork or state employment laws? Can you stand down workers, and can you ask them to take leave? Have you communicated your policies so that your entire team is clear on how it all works?

If you deal with clients, do you have a sufficient video conferencing system? Can your team use this from home, which means they need access to cameras and microphones?

Also have a think about what other resources might get locked away in an emergency. If key people in your business were incapacitated, would you

If you're a business owner, you should be 100% lockdown ready.

lose access to information, processes, contacts or passwords?

Now might also be the time to review your financial arrangements and organise an increase in credit facilities. Prepare some cash flow projections and then do some "what if" analysis across differing lockdown periods. Prepare a strategy around cost reduction, delay of capital outlays etc. that you can implement quickly in an emergency.

Our lockdowns to date have been relatively short and sharp, but remember that lockdowns in other places have gone on for months. The best thing you can do now is put some time aside, think through all of the possibilities and make an action plan. Hopefully you won't need any of the strategies you put in place, but as they say "forewarned is forearmed".

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Rock on

ANYONE walking from the J-Shed to Bathers Beach needs to be aware of the risk of rocks falling on their heads.

Work around the Whalers Tunnel is costing ratepayers a rock-load of cash but has fallen short at the rear of the J-Shed.

Even with funds from ratepayers and the state governments Fremantle council, the sustainable council, cannot find the cash to complete the works to make this a safe place for people to walk.

Council has "a duty of care" to all and must make this a priority.

Not exactly a photographic opportunity for visitors wishing to take a snap or two of the heritage-listed Whalers Tunnel.

Hopefully in the new hiked budget council has allocated funds to make this tourist precinct safe for all to enjoy.

Bill Massie
Samson

This year council brags it is spending \$3.06 million on heritage, but \$500,000 is money carried forward from last year borrowed from Emperor McGowan for repairs at Arthur Head. A further \$2.2 million is for basic roof maintenance at the Fremantle Markets that should have been done years ago, with \$1.7 million of that to come from the market managers in return for another long lease without going to public tender.

That leaves a paltry \$360,000 for a world famous town with around 4,000 listed heritage properties.

The Fremantle Society appreciates that council has overspent by millions on their admin building, but even though Emperor Julius was unfortunately decapitated in 461, I am sure he would have chopped a few hands off along the way to protect Fremantle's heritage.

John Dowson
President
The Fremantle Society

Answers hidden

LACK of due diligence by Fremantle council continues on the stagnant civic centre project.

Answers still remain hidden by the council on total project costs.

Yet here we are with the council taking on additional financial risk with the rushed appointment of a new project managing contractor without proper due diligence.

Cursory background credit check, open ended contract, no penalty clause for delays, unclear defects liability responsibility, draft contract not available, audit committee to only review contract after signing, and vague references to unspecified legal advice and risks.

All voted to proceed happily by councillors last week (except Cr Vujcic) with glowing self-congratulations on a job well done, meanwhile the ratepayers will be left to clean up the financial mess for the next generation.

Craig Ross
Little High St, Fremantle

Handy idea

ROMAN Emperor Julius Majorianus (457-461 AD) was an heroic figure and a keen fan of heritage.

He stated: "We, the government of the state wish to put an end to the unhealthy practice which has created much disgust, because one permits buildings to be destroyed and thereby robs the town of its majestic appearance. Therefore we command that buildings constructed by the old shall not be desecrated. Those police officers who do not intervene when monuments are threatened by violence shall, after they have been whipped, have their hands cut off."

If Julius was Emperor of Fremantle he would be aghast to see how little money council allocates each year to heritage, the destruction of places like King's Square - and the impending demolition of the wooden traffic bridge.

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Why you haven't heard of calipers

by SHEILA ROBBSHAW

EVERYONE knows about Covid – but how many folk today have heard of poliomyelitis?

When I was a child at school, people from the health department came round and every child was given a sugar cube with a dab of polio vaccine on it.

No consent forms, no debate, no side effects.

And guess what? Polio, which had been rife throughout the world, tapered off to nothing.

Words like “iron lung” and “calipers,” in common usage at the time, are no longer in our vocabulary – in fact, many folk today would have absolutely no idea what they mean.

Ask yourself, how many people do you know who are scarred by smallpox, who have died of tuberculosis, have had a child born with birth defects because the mum contracted German measles during pregnancy?

How many babies do you know of who have died because they caught whooping cough?

How many children these days are deaf – or men, who would love to be dads, but are sterile – because of mumps?

If your answer is none, ask yourself why.

The reason is widespread vaccination, which has curtailed – even totally eliminated – many diseases which were, in the past, life-altering, and frequently fatal.

The Spanish flu epidemic of the early 1900s affected nearly 500 million people with an estimated death toll of upwards



of 17 million people (no-one knows for sure).

So far, Covid has been responsible for 4 million deaths world-wide, and counting.

But not only do we have to consider the death rate, there is a nasty aftermath called “long Covid,” which can, and does, cause significant chronic disease.

The new, highly transmissible Delta variant is particularly virulent and could be the precursor of something even worse. Who knows what is waiting in the wings.

We are privileged to have access to safe vaccinations, all of which have been thoroughly tested.

We seldom hear of any severe side effects or deaths from vaccination – they are rare and relatively mild.

Dr Google is a notoriously unreliable source of information; it will give you any answer you want, depending on how you phrase the question.

Consider that you are twice as likely to be injured or die from a road traffic accident than you are to have a dangerous reaction to the Covid vaccine.

Would you consult your doctor about growing orchids?

Why would anyone trust the “advice” of, say, their hairdresser – or even their best friend – about

vaccination?

Ask your GP, pharmacist or suitably-qualified person for answers, discuss the advantages and disadvantages.

You will find that the benefits far outweigh the risks.

It is time to put aside the fallacies, the crackpot and unproven theories, and do the responsible thing.

If you won't do it for yourself, do it for your family, your friends, your colleagues.

Covid is not going to go away, so why not be protected?

The more people who are immune, the fewer cases there will be.

The Astra Zenica vaccine has had a bad rap – but it is highly effective and safe.

Sure, there have been a few incidents of blood clotting – you have a greater chance of winning the lottery – but the medical profession is well aware of any possible side effects, and how to treat them.

The vast majority of recipients of this vaccine will tell you that they have had no side effects whatsoever.

I can attest to that; I hardly felt the jab and have been absolutely fine – not even a sore arm.

When asked, “What is the best vaccine?” a wise, and well-qualified person, responded thus, “The one you are given”.

Look at the statistics, at what has happened in countries where the vaccine rollout has been effective.

The infection rate is noticeably, often dramatically, dropping.

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Just a natural

by CARSON BODIE

DRESSED to the nines and passing by one of Fremantle's many picturesque points, there's one local you'd be especially lucky to ask for a quick snap. His name is Christian Horgan and he just won two of the 2021 iPhone Photography Awards' 14 categories.

The digital dynamo took home gold in the Nature category for his photograph of a water lily and in People for his portrait of Aussie singer Montaigne in a quiet moment before her set.

Mr Horgan says his success has earned a certain amount of cred with his teenage niece and nephew and the Instagram followers that come with it. Still, he hasn't always felt so confident in his skills.

The Chook spoke to the digital dynamo in 2017 when he had just won his first IPPA, a gold in Landscape for his photograph of Singing Rock in Margaret River. At the time, he said he was so sure he wouldn't win that he didn't even bother to submit a bio along with his photos.

Now, the decorated photographer is quietly laying plans for a shot-on-iPhone documentary. A veteran visual storyteller, Mr Hogan has spent his professional career in radio and broadcasting, and is currently working on the Disney+ Docuseries *Shipwreck Hunters Australia*.

In spite of an enduring interest in telling stories, Mr Horgan says he did not come to appreciate his unique way of viewing the world until it was pointed out to him.

So different

Mr Horgan and his assistant were taking quick photos of a VW Bug on a film set when she said: "How come I stand in the exact same spot as you with the same phone but your image looks so different?"

She was pointing out something that would come to define Mr Horgan's interest in iPhone photography, though he didn't know it at the time.

Without fancy equipment and complicated editing software to hide behind, the iPhone levels the playing field, creating a form that is more about vision than technical expertise. "If you don't have a good story, then why are you telling it?"

For Mr Horgan, photography is all about vision and perspective; "presenting something in such a way that



• Christian Horgan's *Pondering the Positives*: a simple water lily or a message about appreciating the quiet beauty around us?

people can see it like they never have before".

His photograph *Pondering the Positives*, winner of the Nature category, was simply a quick snap of a water lily floating in his sister's fish pond. He took it during lockdown, "a time when people are spending a lot more time indoors and their world has changed.

"For me it was a bit of a symbol not to cut off the beauty that's in your life. It can be something you walk by every day, but just stop and have a look and try to see it from a different perspective. The beauty is there if you let it come through."

Mr Horgan delights in the sort of feedback that gives him a glimpse of others' unique perspectives as well. Of *Pondering* he says "it's clearly a photo of a flower. But people see so many different things. The other day someone told me it looks like the Olympic torch."

Curious

The playfulness that characterises photos like *Black Summer*, *Blue Montaigne* which features Montaigne's bold blue curls and bright red jacket in a sky of baby blue stadium seats, comes naturally to Mr Horgan. "I've always been really



• Horgan's *Black Summer*, *Blue Montaigne* captures his playfulness.

observant, I think. And really curious. I would hate for life to be boring."

That spirit of whimsy can be especially important in challenging times like the titular "black summer" when raging bushfires made peace hard to come by.

To see more of Mr Horgan's unique perspective brought to life, you can follow him on Instagram at @christianhorgan. To see the Chook go head to head at iPhone photography with an IPPA winner and lose embarrassingly, you can visit our Instagram @thefreoherald.

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Model Local Government Policy #3 Community Public Relations

Introducing Public Relations

"Public Relations" is one of those political "buss-terms" proffered for a few decades now but relatively poorly understood.

Professor 'Google' defines it as *"the professional maintenance of a favourable public image by an organization."* In other words, it is the intentional manipulation of your mind to persuade you the organisation is respectable.

Given that our 1995 Local Government legislation tells us that a local government was intended to deliver:

- *"Greater community participation in the decisions and affairs of local government"* and
- *"In carrying out its functions a local government is to use its best endeavours..."*

What could be a better inducement to building great partnerships though shared participatory engagements between local government and communities? **Surely this implies it should also be incumbent upon the local government to use its best endeavours to ensure community Public Relations enhancement was a natural focus for every act, action or activity of the local government?**

However, legislating local government as a *"Body Corporate"* without ownership has covertly caused local government to be deeply segregated from both its own Council and community by a power which allows local government to desert openness and accountability.

The 'Code of Conduct,' Ministerial Inquiries, threats to dismiss Councils and the establishment of WALGA as a covert government Department, are some of the symptoms of an intentional denial to make Public Relations outcomes mandated and compulsory obligations on the local government - body corporate.

Model Local Government Policy on Public Relations is a management tool available to Councils to force a Public/Community Relations obligation onto their local governments agenda.

Measuring Public Relations (Community Respect)

The best measure of community respect for local government is the extent to which the local government engages with and unifies their residents, ratepayers and their advocacy groups.

In contrast the extent of local government disrespect for community is directly measured across 'divide and conquer' methodologies used in segregating community clubs and organisations within a local government district.

The use of social media trolls by the City of Melville to denigrate members of the Melville Residents and Ratepayers Assn. is a topical example of measurable local government activity intended to disrespect Community Public Relations through a process that cannot be investigated nor participants held accountable.

A report generated by the immediate past CEO of Melville to quantify the costs incurred by the City in refusing resolution of disputation is another classic example of the improper use of resources to seek authoritative support to bully and intimidate upstanding community members, and who's participants again are outside the walls of investigation and accountability.

The current Melville CEO's reporting of a Councillor to SAT is yet another example of intent to bully that offends integrity of natural justice. This time an elected Community representative is harmed.

Impacts on Public Relations

The largest detriment to the reputation of Councils and Local Governments is the guided misuse of the content of the 1995 Act with respect to its prescribed intention given at section 1.3. (2) & (3).

The current reform process with its increased apartheid style class prejudices, under which the Minister, his Department, Councils, Local Governments, and Communities are each segregated before being pitted against each other. Neither the base legislation nor recent 'reforms' seek to deliver unity across these parties but do offer elements of domination of some over the others.

The corrupted decisions emanating from the Standards Panel regime has probably done more harm to the Public Relations reputation of local governments than the combined purported offences of all parties listed on the Departments name and shame page. Partly because the decisions have never undergone cause and effect analysis for identification of prevention strategies. And partly because the Panel's rules require truncation of examination.

Public Relations is further debased with the legislated removal of natural justice preventing the Standards Panel from integrity in decision making through segregating purported breaches from their causal origins or impacting persons, ensuring class bullying and intimidation remains the dominant Public Relations outcome.

It is curious the State Premier has, through mandating training and education for Councillors, encouraged his reputational (Public Relations) position to be measured in legislation as less intelligent, less educated and less skilled than that of a local government Councillor!

Will reforms lead to a covert installation of a Local Government power to close their borders to stop threats like Covid?

This Local Government Act reform exercise has at best, been little more than an exercise attempting to use Band-Aids to slow the ulceration of pox sores instead of healing the victim's disease. Although fragments of good policy have been inserted in dribs and drabs. But just like any good psychopath would use, there is enough to buy the reader's conviction of validity, while still failing measurable functional community benefit. One does not need a crystal ball to see that if exemplified changes to date are a premonition of what is yet to come, then our next generation will be continuing this fight for skilled, educated, and knowledgeable reform, well into the future.

So far, this process has been nothing more than a very blatant Public Relations exercise, in seeking to purchase public support without identifiable intention to deliver community benefit. It is an insulting impost on those who dedicate their time and energy to serving their community.

Minister Carey's mantra to:

- Reducing Red Tape
- Greater Transparency, Accountability, and Simplicity
- Clearer Roles and Responsibilities
- Stronger Financial Reporting and Traceability
- Earlier Intervention, Streamlined Resolution, Stronger Penalties

are the criteria by which Public Relation should be measured as either a natural accolade or a purposeful intention to deceive.

Minister

For identifiable benefit to WA Communities, will you cause local government reforms to be measured, reviewed and analysed, for their impact on integrity, transparency, accountability, simplicity or resolution and thus ensure good Public Relations?

Building Model Public Relations Policy

It is difficult to build a 'stand-alone' Public Relations Policy because the reputation of a local government is built on what it does just as much as what it doesn't do. And what is to be done or not done is included in the other nine Model Policies.

A second difficulty arises from the interference as opposed to assistance of State politics. Some of which is debated in the previous columns and which can apply a secondary influence on local government reputation independent of anything the local government does or does not do.

This leaves the value of a Model Public Relations Policy with the task of establishing the attributes and means against which contribution or denigration of Public Relations could be measured, analysed then enhanced or repaired, with visible integrity.

For example: Minister Cary's forewarning of "Earlier Intervention, Streamlined Resolution, Stronger Penalties" delivers a frightening threat that causation removal is to be obscured by an enhanced autocratic bullying and intimidatory regime. Model policy would redirect intervention toward root cause analysis and making the application of penalty a rare occurrence in place of current penalty focus dominance. Thus, removing the currently regularly used element of bullying and intimidation from the local government armoury.

Establishing a Model Public Relations Policy assists Councils and local government to overcome legislated debilities and focus toward establishing Community Public Relations integrity across all local government functions.

Model Public Relations Policy Examples

It is not the normal business or function of a local Government to directly donate to Disaster Appeals. However, it should be a Public Relations Policy function to support its District Community groups whose projects which may include, compassionate, emergency or disaster relief. By this, the local government is encouraging community participation and not simply pandering to prejudices in non-community application.

It should be normal Public Relations Policy to use the best endeavours of local government Officers, to avoid conflict, or disputation by measuring, analysing and development methodologies to prevent occurrences or resolve by consensus those which had occurred. Penalties are preferred applications of careless bullies as vexatious pleasure is the dominant outcome. There is an infinite historical record of the use of penalties that have delivered detriment without quantifiable benefit.

It should be normal Public Relations Policy to ensure Codes of Conduct do not segregate groups or discriminate between classes. The Codes included in recent reforms deliver increased complexity, delay intervention, remove transparency, fail accountability and disguise avenues to resolution. "Jim Crow" would be proud of such callously legislated intentional class discrimination.

A ward office for access between Councillor and Community would go a long way toward measurably improving Public Relations.

Members of the Community should lobby their local Councillors to value Model Public Relations Policy

For Model Local Government Policy #1 Corporate System Framework. See: [The Case for Model Local Government Policy http://www.fremantleherald.com/ARCHIVES/F29521.pdf](http://www.fremantleherald.com/ARCHIVES/F29521.pdf)

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All (uncongested) roads led to Bateman

BATEMAN scored the first Community Cabinet under the re-elected McGowan government last weekend.

Newly minted Labor MP Kim Giddens said she was thrilled to host the premier and Cabinet, who fronted a town hall meeting where they heard from locals on issues such as women in sport, seniors and safety, healthy rivers and small business.

"The diversity of community representatives and questions put to the premier and to the Cabinet reflected the issues that matter most to our community," Ms Giddens said.

During his southern suburbs stop-over, premier Mark McGowan talked up the work being done transforming its transport networks.

"Our government is committed to busting congestion and improving safety on our roads, meaning less time in the car and more time spent with families and friends," Mr McGowan said.

"The High Street upgrade is an impressive project and is on track for completion later this year," he said on a visit to see the installation of the large roundabout and road realignment.

Other works already under way on soon to start include a dual use path along the Kwinana Freeway from Leach Highway to the Mt Henry Bridge, the completion of the Fremantle share path between Victoria Street and North Fremantle train stations, the controversial



•Bateman MLA Kim Giddens and premier Mark McGowan meet locals during the Community Cabinet. *Photo supplied*

replacement of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge, a pedestrian bridge across Stock Road to replace the one damaged by a truck driver and a fix for the

intersection of South Street and Carrington Street in Hilton including an extended turning lane, due to be completed in August.

Interested in running for Fremantle Council?

Find out what is involved in standing for Fremantle Council in the 2021 local government elections, the role of councillors and the mayor and how to submit a nomination:



Date: Monday 16 August

Time: 6pm

Location: City's administration building - Garden room (Fremantle Oval, 70 Parry Street, Fremantle WA 6160)

The local government elections will be held on Saturday 16 October 2021. The positions of mayor and six councillors are up for election, each for a four-year term.

This information session is for people considering standing in our local election. It will cover the election process and the roles and responsibilities of elected members.

To be eligible to nominate for the council elections, you must be on the electoral roll for the City (resident or owner/occupier).

Residents who are on the State Electoral Roll are automatically enrolled to vote. If you have recently moved to Fremantle, enrolment forms will be accepted until 5pm, Friday 27 August 2021.

Visit fremantle.wa.gov.au/elections

Have your say: Access and Inclusion Plan



The City of Fremantle is seeking your feedback on its new Access and Inclusion Plan. The plan is a strategic approach to improve access and inclusion for people over the next five years.

Barriers to access can affect how included and welcome people feel, and whether they're able to connect with and participate in community life.

To view the plan, for more information and to share your input visit mysay.fremantle.wa.gov.au/AIP2020 by Saturday 21 August 2021 or come by the drop-in session at Fremantle Library on Tuesday 17 August, anytime between 3 and 5pm.

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Preparing boys for life

Highline a mecca?

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in 2009, has since turned into the city's greatest attraction, with its 6 million annual visitors surpassing event those going to the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building.

Converting the disused elevated rail into parkland didn't come without a hefty price tag – \$25 billion, but that was for 2.3 kilometres of track.

Ms Noble says highlines integrate significant heritage buildings, infrastructure and landscape into their designs, and she can see Perth's version eventually linking Hillary's Boat Harbour through to Woodman Point.

Dr Lawrence says the battle to save the heritage-listed bridge shouldn't have been left just to the "beleaguered residents of North Fremantle" and the decision should have been broached with the entire state.

"It is an issue of significance for all Western Australians," Dr Lawrence said.

"It is clear that this decision has not been made carefully, with proper weight being given to heritage and community

amenity and long-sighted urban planning."

One of the new alliance's criticism of Main Roads decision is that it's centred its designs around freight access into the port, yet the McGowan government has already committed to moving its functions to Kwinana.

Sorry record

Dr Lawrence said WA had a "sorry record" of heritage protection, particularly of its industrial past.

"Governments generally underestimate the importance of our heritage to our wellbeing, appearing not to understand the extent to which we are connected to and influenced by our social and physical environments, our cultural landscape."

The highline concept has the enthusiastic support of Fremantle Society president John Dowson, who was at the alliance's official launch on Thursday evening, as was mayoral candidate Marija Vujcic who said the highline concept was just the sort of innovative thinking she was hoping to attract to Fremantle.



• How Freo's highline bridge could look from above.

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Vigil call for homeless deaths

by KELLY WARDEN

THE family of a homeless woman who died on the streets are calling for a vigil to raise awareness of her death, and the 56 other Western Australians who died without shelter last year.

Alana Garlett's eldest sister Michelle Garlett said Alana will be remembered for the way she used to dance in the streets to Ed Sheeran's romantic ballad *Thinking Out Loud* and for her signature whistling. "[But] we shouldn't have to have her as a memory, we should have her alive and in housing, with her children around her," she said.

Alana Garlett's funeral was held last on Friday (July 23) following her nine-year battle with homelessness.

"Now she's got a place to call her home," her grieving mother, Norma Garlett, said.

At present, Norma Garlett and her husband Allen, are in a Homeswest house in Armadale, where at least six of their children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren live with them at any one time.

Mr Garlett suffers dementia, but Michelle says he starts crying at mention of Alana's death; he clearly remembers.

After suffering generations of homelessness, poverty, and overcrowded housing, the family have now been left with unanswered questions about the

cause of Alana Garlett's death.

Michelle Garlett said the family was told Alana died of cardiac arrest, but officially, the death certificate says her cause of death is subject to a coronial investigation.

"We feel like we've been kept in the dark, but at the end of the tunnel there should be a light," she said.

The Garlett family are reiterating the demands of First



• Alana Garlett

Nations housing advocates, who are calling for a bigger commitment from government to build more housing, before more Aboriginal mothers die on the streets.

"Unconscious behind a church, that's how they found her," Michelle Garlett said.

"It's so sad how the government is treating people.

"They slip through your fingers because there's no housing".

Vujcic queries Pindan pay

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million and rising, while the council claims it will be able to complete the job under \$48 million.

Cr Vujcic said she wants to get to the bottom of why the council doubled its payments to builder Pindan just weeks before it went into receivership, saying she had "no trust" in the official explanation; she thinks the builder was trying to rake in cash before the crunch and the city got sucked in.

The team's Hilton candidate is metallurgist and businessman Jason Amaranti, who has purchased several buildings in the Freo CBD in the

hopes of creating a small mining hub.

Steven Pynt will run in South Ward; a commercial lawyer operating in Fremantle for 20 years, he says he'd like a review of density in the Heart of Beaconsfield redevelopment and parking in South Fremantle, and would bring experience in contractual overview and oversight to the job.

Cr Vujcic also told the *Herald* she has a brand new approach to tackling homelessness in the city, and while she wouldn't go into detail yet, indicated it could involve training that could get people into employment within weeks.

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Aqua Skills is just one of the many seniors activities offered by Fremantle council through its Age Friendly City Plan, which aims to decrease loneliness, and increase social participation and volunteering in the over 55s.

The plan has become especially important during covid, which has restricted people from getting out and about.

Launched earlier this year, the Together Again Café is proving to be a big hit.

"It's a free monthly social outing featuring morning tea and live entertainment from a variety of cultural performers," says the city's positive ageing officer Kay Raymond.

"We created the Together Again

Café to celebrate older people, cultural diversity and people of all abilities, and enable everyone to feel welcome, safe and happy in their own community.

"There's also the Memory Café at Fremantle Arts Centre, which offers local people living with dementia and their carers a monthly catch-up to meet new friends, share experiences and access support from Alzheimer's WA.

"We've expanded the Tech Help program at Fremantle Library to three times a week, which provides free support and one-on-one training for over 55s on how to use technology including smart phones, laptops and tablets."

With access to a diverse range of facilities including Fremantle Library, Fremantle Park Sport and Community Centre and The Meeting Place, the city is able to offer seniors everything from IT classes to carpet bowls.

"Some of our program highlights include the 'Come and Try' activities, where there's something for everyone across



• Seniors enjoy a game of badminton at Samson Recreation Centre.

arts, crafts, health, wellbeing and technology," Ms Raymond says.

"In fact, this term we have an exciting program on offer comprising yoga, tech help, basket weaving, beaded jewellery making and carpet bowls.

"The Wanjoo Lounge is a wonderful space for over 55s that's run by volunteers, where

everyone is welcome to come in for a cuppa, have a chat, read the paper and make some new friends.

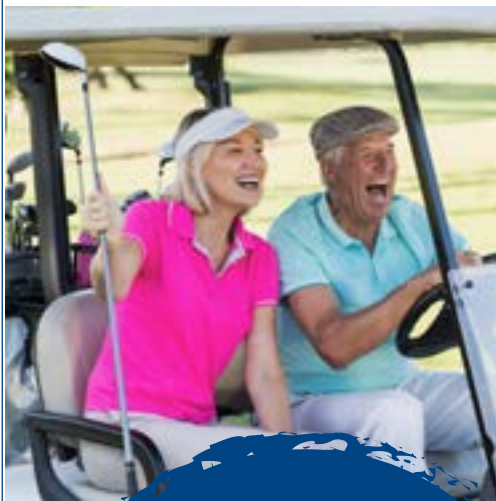
"Several of our social groups meet at the Wanjoo Lounge and The Meeting Place in South Fremantle for walking days, knitting and crocheting, and new members are always encouraged

to join in on the fun. I encourage everyone to take full advantage of the wide range of over 55s activities on offer and have fun, learn new skills and meet new friends in the community."

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"Aged care is more about a collaboration with family," he says.

"The emphasis on encouraging older people to get the most out of life and recognising the value of older Australians is certainly taking hold."

This year the expo will be on August 14 and 15 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (PCEC).

The Care & Ageing Well Expo was created by Leading Age Services (LASA) in 2017.

Speakers at the Perth expo will include CEO of Council on the Ageing in WA, Christine Allen who will focus on the value of

older West Australians.

Speakers on the Bethanie Lifestyle Stage will hold sessions on retirement and aged care choices, cybercrime, and safety for seniors, caring and dementia, financial planning, demystifying aged care, retirement living, palliative care, and a lawyer discussing wills and advanced health directives.

The more casual Ageing Well Lounge will consider attributes for ageing well, aged care as a career gateway, LIFESPAN dance presentation, assistive technology and home design, a presentation from WA Police on 'Safe and Found', a session on connecting with the NBN, the Bethanie Dancers, hearing health, nutrition, and pet therapy.

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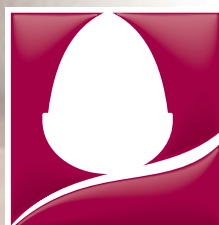
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 **food**
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Use your loaf

BREAD junkies will be very familiar with Little Loaf Bakery.

It has built up a cult following thanks to the excellent bread, pastries and savouries in its South Fremantle store (its cinnamon scrolls are the stuff of middle-class legend – “More loose-leaf tea, Nigel?”)

Recently owners Lachlan Bisset and Craig Stewart opened a Big Loaf Factory Bakery in O’Connor, with a store outlet open to the public.

Situated in an old ice cream factory in a light industrial zone, the parking is decidedly off-piste with grass mounds and earth doubling as bays.

As my wife and I walked around the perimeter of the factory, a tired worker on a deckchair was checking his phone in the loading zone, then as we turned the corner, a dusty yard with a smouldering oil drum fell into view.

I half expected a mob of Teamsters to rush out the factory and bludgeon me with lead piping, but jokes aside, it was a bit of an adventure and infinitely better than some generic, soul-destroying

shopping mall.

The outlet was a cute little grotto, crammed with all manner of pies, cakes, dips, cured meats, flour, drinks, savouries and of course bread.

My continental baguette (\$10) whisked me back to the streets of Paris with *Joe le taxi* and bottles of absinthe.

It was the best baguette I’ve had since leaving Europe a decade ago, and was filled with a tasty assortment of continental meats, tomato, pickles, mild cheese and lettuce.

There was just enough mayo and the flavours were nicely balanced with a peppery refrain.

The baguette was huge and I struggled to finish it (it could easily feed two people with smaller guts than me). Great value for money.

My wife was getting tore into her potato, kale and leek pastry (\$6) and an old-school glass bottle of iced coffee (\$6).

“You can tell it’s really good quality coffee they’ve used and it

tastes very thick and fresh,” she noted. “The pastry is delicious with lots of creamy potato and a nice balance of kale and leek.”

We also bought a fougasse (the French equivalent of focaccia \$12) which was bigger than my big head (see photo) – perfect for a tear-and-share with pumpkin soup in winter.

Rounding the feast off was a delicious looking vanilla slice (\$7) which was both light and decadent.

The tiny store was heaving on a Thursday lunchtime and I wouldn’t be surprised if they expanded it soon.

I imagine the baguettes are particularly popular with lunchtime workers, while the staff were all very friendly and personable.

Oh, and yes, the cinnamon scrolls (\$5) are as good as the Nigels and Wendys in suburbia would have you believe – a heavenly mix of sugar and spice.

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In 2021, Wind Quintet Plus performed with renowned soprano Sara Macliver for the fine music series One and Many for Perth Festival. They presented reimagined works from over nine centuries of music curated by Artistic Director Iain Grandage, and a new work, *Black Giants*, by Rebecca Erin Smith, commissioned by Tura New Music for the festival.

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Young guns



arts
STEPHEN POLLOCK

BULL Creek student Ayla Woodland has taken society to task for "idolising marriage as a life goal" in her contorted self-portrait at the WA Art Gallery.

A graduate from All Saints College, Woodland says she was compelled to paint *Next in line* after reading the play *Fences*, which follows an African-American family in Pittsburgh in the 1950s.

Woodland was struck by the mother's "lack of agency in her marriage dynamic".

"In my self-portrait as a 1950s bride I am stuck in an awkward position, feeling pressured by society to get married," she says.

"I believe that contemporary society should stop idolising marriage as a life goal and instead encourage women to be happy with or without a partner.

"I began looking into marital advice from the 1950s and found a quote from Emily Mudd, one of the advisors, 'to be a successful wife is a career in itself', which left me further unsettled.

"Continuing research brought me to Betty Friedan's *The Problem That Has No Name*, a series of anecdotes from midcentury housewives on how they live day to day, completing mundane tasks and caring for



• (left - right) *Made from 100% fruit* and *Next in line* from the exhibition *Pulse Perspectives* at the WA Art Gallery.

their husbands.

"Whilst these quotes and life stories seem extraneous to the modern ear, I wanted to see how these outmoded views have evolved into modern-day life.

"I wanted to translate the helplessness and lack of influence women had in their marital choices and evolve it into an image."

Next in line is one of 30 artworks by year 12 visual arts graduates from 21 schools across WA to be featured in *Pulse Perspectives*.

The exhibition showcases a variety of mediums including painting, sculpture and digital, with artworks tackling issues like pollution, marriage pressure and gender.

Perth student Tanna Wasserman has a pop at the fashion industry with a dress made entirely from dehydrated fruit and vegetables.

Alarmed that the fashion industry is one of the leading culprits of environmental

degradation, the year 12 Carmel pupil created the artwork *Made from 100% fruit*.

"I began experimenting with a range of different materials that were based on bioplastics such as fruit skins, dehydrated fruits and even materials made from kombucha," Wasserman said.

"In the end I chose to work with dehydrated fruit and produced a mass amount of it.

"I was inspired by the work of Donna Franklin who explores different organic materials.

"Her focus on biological processes and its relationship to the natural world was shown in her garment made from orange bracket fungus and another from fermented wine skins.

"By considering alternative fabrics I hope companies will produce clothing that doesn't negatively impact the environment."

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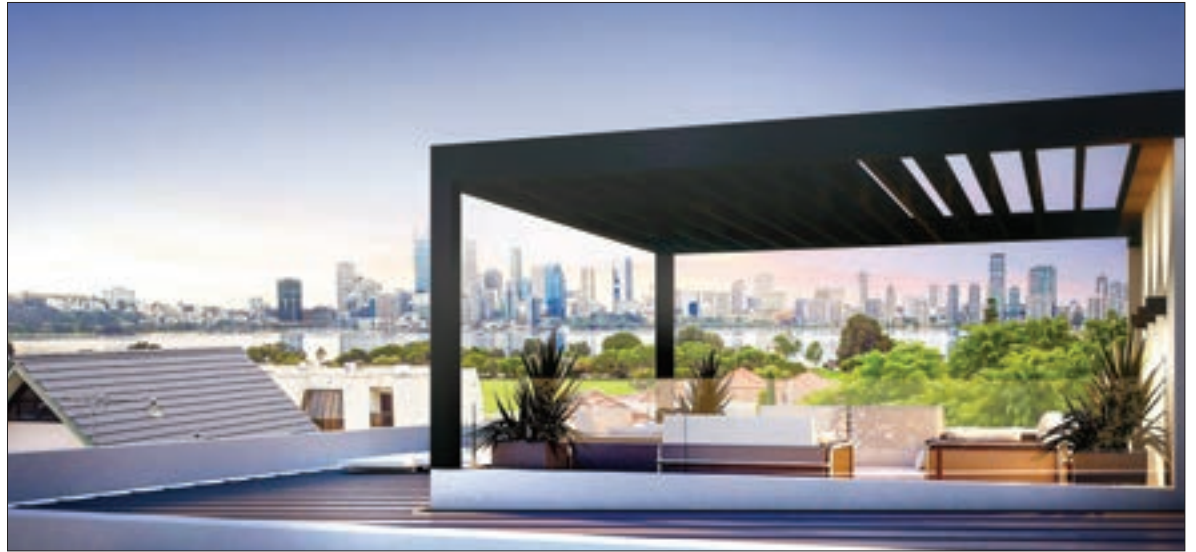
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With its jacaranda-lined streets and character homes, South Perth is literally minutes from the CBD and the freeway, making it a fantastic location with the best of old and new.

Construction of the boutique development, designed by acclaimed architect Giorgi, is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of 2022.

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During the winter months, when market conditions can be less favourable, vendors often choose to hold off on their selling plans until spring when both gardens and moods improve.

In 'balanced' market conditions, this is probably not such a bad strategy; an attractive garden can add genuine value to a property and there is a more positive atmosphere about once winter ends. Certainly, the residential rental market traditionally "nods off" during winter with notably fewer tenant enquiries for vacant properties during the cooler months of the year. REIWA statistics shows that vacancy rates often move with the seasons, even during high rental demand periods. This however has not been the case for 2021.

The artificially stimulated market of the previous boom and the most recent market downturn which ended in 2020 have muddled more recent statistics so that any vacancy rate trend is overridden by stronger market forces such as falling interest rates, rising consumer confidence, population trends and government policy.

For sellers, however, broader market conditions

have far more impact on selling outcomes than do the seasons. It would be foolish to hold off selling in winter if the market conditions were short on supply and high on demand, particularly if future trends indicated a move towards market parity.

In the current climate, the property market needs more houses for sale.

A further consideration for would-be sellers is that if many other like-minded sellers hold off going to market during winter, then spring brings with it a higher supply of properties to market, buyers become spoilt for choice and a dampening on the upward pressure on prices could ensue.

In the current climate, the property market needs more houses for sale.

It appears that any time of the year can be a good time to sell, especially if you are buying and selling in the same market conditions. Fremantle properties can be gorgeously cosy in winter, properties with great passive solar design and northern orientation shine and, for buyers, you'll know if the roof leaks.

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Be aware

A series of 'real life' videos aims to raise awareness of dementia in Melville, which has the second highest rate of people living with the condition across councils in WA.

The three videos show dementia sufferers visiting a cafe, bank and supermarket, and how they can be affected by other people's reactions and lack of awareness.

In one video we see an apathetic teenager at a checkout and a young shopper getting impatient with a dementia sufferer struggling to pay for his groceries.

In another video a woman has difficulty ordering from a menu, while the 'Bank' video shows a man with dementia getting angry and confused.

The Melville community pitched in to help make the videos as realistic as possible, with casting held at the Melville Theatre Company and local

community actors featuring in all of the videos.

The city also got expert advice from Mind The Change, a not-for-profit that helps dementia sufferers, to ensure the films were realistic and that actors understood the behaviours and symptoms of dementia.

"A retired employee whose partner lives with dementia helped write the video scripts to ensure a true lived experience of dementia is portrayed in the videos," Melville mayor George Gear says.

"Supporting people living with dementia is a whole community effort, and it is important we feel empowered and know how to be there for each other."

A quiz was also developed to help businesses learn about dementia, and how they can make life easier for customers living with the condition.

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• A series of videos were shot in Melville to raise awareness about dementia.

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So how to get the most life out of your hot water system? A function of three things shortens the life of your hot water unit:

1. **Water temperature.** Each 5 degrees higher the water temperature takes 1 year off the life span. This is due to:
 - a. Thermal shock - the greater the differential between hot tank and cold water creates rapid changes in expansions and shrinkage of glass lined tanks
 - b. Liberation of oxygen which promotes corrosion
 - c. Dissolving of minerals and salts

2. **Number of heating cycles.** Like any appliance, the more times it is used, the shorter the life span. Therefore a hot water unit in a family of 14 which goes from hot to cold 6 times in a day will die sooner than the same unit owned by a single person. I have had plenty of elderly customers who get up to 20 years' life out of their hot water units.

3. **Water quality.** The more mineral and salts in the water, the faster the unit perishes due to corrosion. Hot water units on bore water will have a much shorter life than one run on rainwater.

So what to do about it?

1. **Drop your water temperature.** Jack Young (dear ole dad) runs his just above 'vacation mode' (Scottish influence the family thinks). If you heat your water to 70 degrees Celsius, but the

human hand can't tolerate water at 50 degrees, you're in for greater heat losses and increased \$\$\$.

2. **Less cycles increase the life span.** An appropriately sized unit (bigger the better) has a longer life as it undergoes less thermal shock.

3. **We usually have little control of what comes out of the tap from the Water Corp.** However there are some options:

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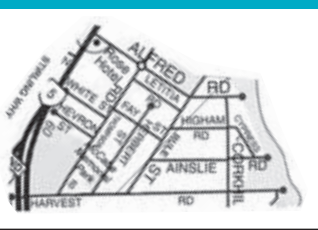

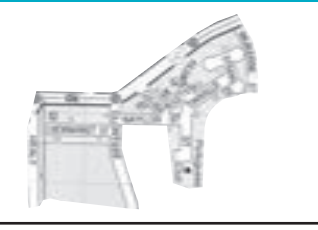
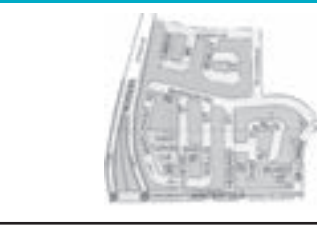




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ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Mars has moved into Virgo, slowing you down and making you get your affairs in order. If you want to shine like the Leo Sun would like you to shine, then you will have to be grounded and properly organised. This is potentially a time of renewal. Be sure to honour the cues life gives.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 20)
The Moon begins her week in Taurus, adding a soft emotional tone to your week. She will inspire an expansiveness in your soul that will allow you to navigate any bumps in the road effortlessly. You are beginning to delight in the unexpected changes that are now a fixture on the menu..

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
The Dark Moon/Liith is in Gemini meaning that you are not likely to be able to forget any unresolved gender issues that might be lurking anywhere within or without. Any grandiosity on your part will receive short shrift. Machismo is not good currency. Honour feminine power.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
The Moon's Taurean transit early in the week will soothe your soul. When there is a sense of solidity and groundedness within yourself and in the people around you, you mostly feel safe to let your feelings and your creative spirit grow. Come slowly and gently out of your hibernation.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)
Your desire to shine is tempered by the Moon's journey through earthy Taurus early in the week. The Taurus Moon will conspire to keep you coming back to life's simple pleasures, lest you get starstruck by some of the more complex ones. Saturn is ensuring that you move in wisdom.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
Mars has moved into Virgo to join Venus. Male, female or gender-diverse, you have access to both active and passive forces in your pursuit of adventure and delights of the amorous kind. Venus is being held in check by Saturn and Pluto, prompting greater awareness in love than is usual.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 23)
Venus is in Virgo. Her purpose here is to bring you back to the delights of there being a natural order. The temptation will be to create and then try to impose order on yourself. That will of course feel like a badly cut suit that must be thrown off immediately. Stop doing and start being.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 21)
Life is making sure that you don't stop listening to your sensitivity to the beautiful and the true. Venus is holding Pluto in check, insisting that you find beauty in all that is going on in your life, even if you are convinced that it is impossible. It never is. Then communicate what you find.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
For someone who loves adventure and travel so much it's interesting that you are presently so focussed on home. Either a need for familiarity and comfort is surfacing that you didn't know was there, or you are working to untangle yourself from old patterns that are cramping your style.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Play to your strengths. It is in the realm of you calling that life is treating you best. Where you have a passion, there lies your confidence and your competency. This is not a good time to try to be what you are not. Life will flow the more you are able to skip fantasy and be with reality.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
The Sun and Mercury, extolling the virtues of self-love, are confronting you directly about how much you may be lost in other people's needs and forgetting your own. Gain all the appropriate insights on the inside and your external circumstances will shift and change to match them.

PISCES (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
When you focus on the beauty of your craft; when you focus on the power of you calling, your passion to express yourself in the world, your spirit starts dancing. If you focus on games of the ego and of who is shining brightest in all the wrong places, everything gets sticky and insoluble.

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