

## Idea for foot path in Wattle Grove

Dear Echo,

The Kalamunda Shire propose to build a footpath on September 5 between Lewis Road and Crystal Brook Road in Wattle Grove on the west side of Welshpool Road.

This idea was cancelled a few years ago when I drew their attention to the fact that this strip of land is designed as a bridle path for horses.

If the proposed footpath was built, people would have five lanes of traffic to contend with when crossing Welshpool Road at Crystal Brook Road to use the bus stop or connect to existing footpath which runs from there to Hale Road.

It would be more sensible to put the footpath on the east side of Welshpool Road and have a direct footpath from Lewis Road to Hale Road near the Baptist Church.

**Harry Miller  
Wattle Grove**

## We are still waiting

Dear Echo,

Eight years ago a private developer raised

to those who signed all the Petitions, to the 1800 residents who sent submissions, and to the families in need, I say call for Minister Day's resignation.

He has let us all down and more importantly, he has let down the most vulnerable in our community - our elderly and infirm, who don't have a voice.

**Iris Jones  
Lesmurdie**

## Lower rates or improve services

Dear Echo,

"Fedup" (Your thoughts Aug 27) say we should oppose local council rate rises.

The City of Swan tells us that our rate rise is due to the cost of providing services for our growing population.

We used to be told that a bigger population would spread the cost among more ratepayers and so lower rates or improve services.

The City of Swan also informs us that the population of the council area will rise to 190,000 by 2031.

This is good news for developers, estate agents and shopping centre owners but bad news for just about everyone else as we pay to have our natural, historic and social environ-

ment destroyed.

## Thought for the day

"One of the keys to happiness is a bad memory."  
**Rita Mae Brown**

The escalating costs in these delays are astonishing.

Even if the Minister gave the green light today, it would take four years for the proposed complex to be completed.

Add another two or three now that he has moved the goalposts yet again, and it will have taken an unbelievable 15 years to get the required facilities - and at no cost to the taxpayer!

Indeed, the building of such facilities will relieve congestion in Public Hospitals and save taxpayers more than \$30 million each year.

Planning Minister John Day is also our local Member of Parliament.

We haven't had a custom built Nursing Home in this Shire for 35 years.

Given John Day was Health Minister prior to his current portfolio, he has known of the mounting crisis and has had the opportunity to address and fast track this one-off opportunity.

He hasn't, and I doubt he ever will. To the church and community groups who wrote in support,

also with no result.

ment destroyed.

The same problem is evident at the state and national levels.

Why are we increasing our population?

**Robert Hammond  
Guildford**

## Condition of pathways and footpaths

Dear Echo,

I have written to the City of Swan CEO about the above matter.

I have to use a gopher and find the pathways/footpaths in very poor condition.

This is not to say all but I would like ladies with prams, shopping trolleys and gophers to write to the council and express their concerns about pathways/footpaths in their area.

Collectively, we may get some results.

Do not let the council say it's MRA responsibility because it is not.

This is a council matter.

**BP Wilson  
Midland**

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