

## Focus on premature births

To mark World Prematurity Day on November 17, WA Governor Chris Dawson and his wife Darrilyn hosted a special reception for the Subiaco-based Women and Infants Research Foundation (WIRF) at Government House.

The event was a chance to raise awareness about preterm birth and the potentially devastating impact it can have on families.

It also celebrated WIRF's achievements to prevent early birth and improve pregnancy outcomes.

In his speech, Governor Dawson referred to WIRF's vital work in driving scientific breakthroughs and research to help mothers bring their babies to full term.

The event was also a chance to celebrate 15 years of collaborative perinatal research between WIRF and Tohoku University Hospital in



Subiaco-based Women and Infants Research Foundation CEO Deb Portugues, left, with Joanne Beedie, Dr Patricia Woods and Dr Zoe Bradfield at Government House for World Prematurity Day. LEFT: Preterm babies face significant challenges.

Sendai, Japan.

Preterm birth is the leading cause of death and disability in children up to five years of age.

One in 12 babies in Australia is born premature. For Aboriginal babies, the rate is almost double at 15%.

WIRF is a world leader in the field of preterm birth prevention.

Its pioneering work, including artificial womb technology and antenatal

steroid studies, continues to inform the national approach to preventing preterm birth and its social and economic impacts.

Worldwide, an estimated 13.4 million babies are born preterm each year. For one million of them, the day they are born is the day they die.

Those who survive may suffer from cerebral palsy, chronic lung disease, blindness, diabetes,

developmental delay and many more lifelong complications.

WIRF is a partner in the Every Week Counts National Preterm Birth Prevention Collaborative, which aims to safely reduce preterm and early term births across Australia by 20% through supporting hospitals in the adoption of evidence-based changes in clinical care.



## bowling

### Cambridge

Last week's results:

Monday Pairs 1 Di Godson, Geoff Parker; 2 Dominic Ward, Andrew Ness; Plate Dave Hughes, Phil McShane; 2 Game winners Frank Honey, David Foulsham.

Only a few hearty souls braved the heat for Wednesday Mixed Social, and the winners were Michael Marsh, Brian Dick and Audrey Belotti.

For Friday Mixed Social, the heatwave depleted numbers. Winners were Gavin Arrow, Michael Marsh and the runners-up Elizabeth Arrow and Ann Ruzich.

Saturday RAC Mens group 1 Brian Dick, Cliff Racey, Frank Oliver; 2 Jim Sweeney, Warren Smith.

There were good results in the Ladies Tuesday Pennants and the Mens Saturday Premier Division, both having wins.

The Men's Thursday pennants were cancelled.

### Hollywood Subiaco

A hot Thursday was forecast last week so Bowls WA sensibly cancelled all bowls.

On an equally warm Saturday, however, Hollywood hosted Lake Monger. Brian Marsland, Haydn Lowe, Tony Byrne and Dan Byrne sneaked home 21-19, while David Lindsay, Mark Wilde, John Hall and Glen Morey romped to a 30-16 win. Billy Gerlach, Peter Hiatt, Vern Jones and Campbell York won 24-15 and Jack Wara, Ron Middleton, Milton Byass and Rob Campbell cruised home 27-10.

5Purple visited Manning where Mick Canci, Thera Howatt, Beck Byrne and Betsy Tapley lost 13-27. Max Hipkins, David Allport, Janette Middleton and John Horsfall cruised home 31-12, and Josh Aisler, Colin Graves, Phil Hobbs and Wally Graham tried hard to lose but survived 18-17.

### Dalkeith Nedlands

The Ladies Fours Championship concluded last week with Heather Hince, Bev Davis, Kerry Chernoff and Wendy O'Meehan being victorious.

The Mixed Pairs has also concluded with Leigh and Lindsay Richardson proving too good, with a 12 shots to nine win over Gwenda McIntosh and Jesse Brown.

In Ladies Tuesday Pennants the 1st Div. side were badly defeated by North Beach while 3rd Div. gained 5.5 of the six points available.

Saturday 2nd Div. Dalkeith 1 managed three points but Dalkeith 2 were not able to gain any points.

Men's Pennants were sensibly cancelled by Bowls WA on Thursday last week, due to extreme weather conditions.

With improving conditions on Saturday 1st Div. Blue took seven points off top side Kalamunda to move into 4th place on the table. Rink of the day honours went to Andrew Foster, Alek Gryta, David Fitzgerald and Michael Joyce with a margin of 16 shots.

The 3rd Div. team could manage only one point in their away game against Sorrento, but 5th Div. Purple continued their good form, taking all six points from Osborne Park and are now top of the table. The best rink was Rick Camins, Rick Mapley, Ivor Davies and Ken Brooke with a margin

### Mosman Park

Ladies' midweek bowls last week were quite successful for two teams – Premier gaining 6 points and Second Division gaining 5 points. Unfortunately, due to the forecast heat wave all the men's pennants matches were abandoned.

On Wednesday evening there was a good roll up for Scroungers. The winner was Bob Willcox and runners up Noeline Chesson, Graham Pope, Bruce Neaves, Marilyn Wilson, Warwick Gates and Roisin Green.

In weekend pennants Ladies 1 Red gained 3 points and 1 Blue gained 1 point. The Division 2 team gained a full four points, while the men's Division 3 team gained 7 points from Thornlie.

The community open day was held on Sunday, and was a great success with many locals introduced to bowls for the first time.

### Subiaco Pétanque

The heat rule was invoked last Saturday, November 25, when it was judged too hot and unsafe to play, disappointing for all because the scheduled Guy Meunier club tournament is a popular highlight of the club calendar.

The club will reschedule the event.

This Saturday, December 2, there will be another round of the President's Cup at the summer starting time of 4pm.

There is also social play every Wednesday.

Visitors are welcome on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Consult the website or Facebook pages for details.



## Travel to 'planet art' at Subi exhibition

Art lovers can immerse themselves in diverse local art at the Nothing About Us Without Us exhibition in Subiaco opening this Saturday.

The popular event, featuring works by local artists who live with a disability, returns to the Subiaco Arts Centre from December 2 to 7.

The exhibition is jointly hosted by Mission Australia (partner in the community with the National Disability Insurance Scheme) and the City of Subiaco.

Mission Australia community engagement facilitator Rochelle Brown said that though the first exhibition held four years ago was initially planned to be a one-off, its popularity led to its return.

More than 18 artists are expected to feature this year.

"The exhibition has grown every year and provides the local community the opportunity to chat with artists, hear their story and purchase their work," she said.



Jolimont artist Ashley Odgers is one of 18 artists with a disability featured in the popular annual Nothing About Us Without Us exhibition.

"It's important that we provide a platform for people with disability to showcase their work and express their creative side."

Multi award-winning Jolimont artist Ashley Odgers has featured work in each of the art exhibitions. He has sold "more than 10" pieces and by his own admission would have sold more but couldn't bear to part with some of his work.

"I would be lost without my art," he said. "Art takes you to a different place, or art planet."

Ashley is passionate about helping people produce their own art pieces and for the first time this year will be co-facilitating an artists' workshop at the exhibition.

Nothing About Us Without Us creates a platform to share lived experience, storytelling, and advocate for a more inclusive and accessible society through art.

The exhibition opening event will be held this Saturday, December 2, marking International Day of People of Disability on December 3.

For tickets go to [ticketleap.com.au/events/tickets/NAUWU2023\\_openingevent](https://ticketleap.com.au/events/tickets/NAUWU2023_openingevent).

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Items in the op shop include bargain books, rare vintage treasure, sustainable fashion, novel home decor, costume jewellery and handmade crafty goods.

There is also a Christmas table at discounted prices.

The Rotary Op Shop Collective is staffed by volunteers from the Rotary clubs of West Perth, Matilda Bay, Subiaco and Western Endeavour and all proceeds go to Rotary projects.



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