

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Sunday 8 July at about 4:45pm two girls about 10 years of age decided it would be a good idea to tip over, rip apart and scatter the contents of my two wheelie bins at the back of my shop. The equivalent of at least 1 ½ bins of rubbish and recycling was strewn over an area the size of two garden sheds. Glass was smashed and bags of rubbish were ripped open and emptied including a 10kg bag of flour spread over the entire area. On top of all that they thought that lighting a fire in my toilet area would be fun as well. These girls came back in the morning and were confronted by my wonderful next door neighbours who told them they could return to clean up the mess. Their parents were also informed of what they had done. They did come back to clean up their mess but the result was an insult. Not only did they use my broom without asking and left it lying on the ground, they also left half an hour's worth of cleaning and rubbish removal for me and my partner. I now have two wheelie bins in need of a hose out due to the rubbish and flour thrown into the bins without bags. Neither of these girls or their parents has had the courage or sense of responsibility to front up and profusely apologise for what was done. NOT GOOD ENOUGH. You would detest it if someone trespassed into your yard (my shop is on private property), emptied, spread and smashed your rubbish over half of your backyard, lit a fire close to your house and then did an insulting cleanup which you had to finish off. What a sad state it is when this sort of thing is not taken more seriously.

Sara Hanwell
Health 'n' Herbs

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING DOES NOT MATERIALISE

Councillors and Council staff were extremely disappointed to learn that funding for Sounness Park through the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) will not be coming to Plantagenet.

Indeed, no RDAF funding will be coming to the Great Southern at all.

Only four projects were successful in the whole of Western Australia which included projects in Broome, Carnarvon, Margaret River and Geraldton.

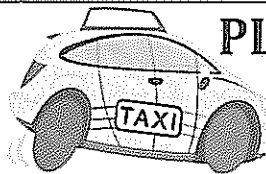
CEO Rob Stewart said 'I thought that our major competition would be our large regional neighbour of Albany. If Albany had been successful, this would still have benefited the people of the Great Southern.'

Although the loss of funding will not prevent the Sounness Park Project from going ahead, it will make the completion of the project that much more difficult.

Manager Community Services Ms Nicole Selesnew said 'this application was not something that we put together at the last minute. It had our own blood, sweat and tears in it.'

Fifteen projects were funded in New South Wales, 9 projects in Victoria, 8 projects in Queensland and 7 projects in South Australia.

CEO Rob Stewart questioned why only four projects over the whole of Western Australia would be funded but could not be drawn on why this should be.



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