

# Long wait for musical's premiere

A new musical based on George Eliot's classic *Silas Marner* will be presented by the Midnite Youth Theatre Company from March 13.

Like so many of Eliot's novels, it is set in a rural English village and it follows the life of Silas, a solitary linen weaver who has his faith in humanity restored by his adopted daughter, Eppie.

The composer and lyricist is John Taylor, a UWA graduate who has recently returned to Perth after a life in theatre, mainly based in London.

"Having his knowledge and experience around has been great," Greg Jones artistic director of the theatre company said.

He originally wrote the musical in 1993 but this production, in Christ Church Grammar School's Drama Centre, will be its premiere.

Midnite Youth Theatre Company, which is in its 33rd year, brings together young actors from around the state aged from 18 to 25.

The company has toured internationally 13 times and includes Tim Minchin among its former members.

The musical will run until March 16 and tickets can be bought online through Trybooking.

RIGHT: Alice Chaney, will play Eppie, and Gabriel Sheehan will play her future husband, Aaron.  
Photo: Billie Fairclough



# Stop and think about relationships

**Relationships Australia is offering a series of courses to help people establish better relationships in families and the community.**

Learn useful strategies around how to parent in a step-family or a blended family at a workshop called Understanding Step-family Relationships on Saturday, March 16.

Parents can also learn how to help their children to recognise what they are feeling and why at a course titled Emotion Coaching Your Child (Tuesday, March 19).

It explores the most helpful way of responding to children to help them learn to regulate their emotions.

Mothers play a vital part in developing their sons' identities and a session called Mums Raising Boys (Tuesday, March 26) includes ways to build confidence and competence in sons and set boundaries.

There will also be a Rock and Water program (Saturday, March 30) run by an accredited trainer. It will go from simple self-defence, boundary and communication exercises to a strong notion of self-confidence.

The courses will be at Relationships Australia, level 1, 22 Southport Street, West Leederville, on the corner of Cambridge Street.

For more information and to book, go to [relationshipsaustralia.org.au/courses-and-seminars](http://relationshipsaustralia.org.au/courses-and-seminars) or call 6164 0239.

## Clean up Mossie Pk

Clean Up Australia Day is coming to Mosman Park this Sunday, March 3.

Meet at Point Roe from 8.30 to 10.30am wearing Sunsmart clothing and with a water bottle.

Morning tea will be provided for all volunteers.

# Get primed for rhyme time

**It's not just hip hop artists who bust out the rhymes - Mt Claremont library has sessions for babies and toddlers every Wednesday.**

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during school term and help develop essential pre-literacy skills in a fun and engaging way.

It's an opportunity for very young children to be introduced to the joys of literature and language, readying them for learning how to read and communicate.

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