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Ace taking on world

Christ Church Grammar School student Zachary Viiala, who was crowned Australia's best tennis player for his age group, will represent Australia in an Under-14s Asian World Group qualifier competing against players from Qatar, South Korea, China and Japan. Report, page 25



Net position: Young tennis champion Zachary Viiala.

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NEDLANDS' 34-year-old town planning scheme will be replaced, creating a flurry of emotions in residents and Mayor Max Hipkins. "We said we wanted to discuss the LPS3 (Local Planning Scheme) further with the State Government but they didn't come back

to us - instead they just came back with an instruction," Mr Hipkins said. Planning Minister Rita Saffioti announced last week the scheme would enable more housing choice and higher residential density around transport areas, including the Dalkeith neighbourhood centre on Waratah Avenue, sections

of Stirling Highway, UWA and the QEII medical centre. Mr Hipkins said the City agreed to advertise an LPS3 with a 4400 density increase, but the Government asked it to promote a plan with an increase to 9000. "We weren't happy with the alternative that was put to us so we decided not to

support any scheme," Mr Hipkins said. The new LPS3 includes a reduced number of about 6000 dwellings. Mr Hipkins said although the plan called for less than 9000, it was still "unsatisfactory". "The minister said we refused to co-operate but once we decided not to sup-

port the scheme, it was taken out of our hands and we didn't have any opportunity to negotiate," he said. However, Dalkeith architect Sandy Anglie disagreed, saying the density increase in Dalkeith and Nedlands was needed to accommodate the population diversity in both suburbs. **More, page 3**

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Zachary Viiala has performed consistently to be ranked best in Australia in his age group.
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Viiala taking on Asia's best

Victoria Rifici

CURRENTLY Australia's best tennis player for his age group, Zachary Viiala is set to represent Australia at a qualifying event in Malaysia this April.

The Year 8 Christ Church Grammar student will represent Australia in an Under-14s Asian World Group qualifier, where Viiala will compete against players from Qatar, South Korea, China and Japan, among others.

Viiala will be part of a three-player Australian

team playing off for one of four spots in the Under-14s World Group finals in the Czech Republic this August.

After playing internationally and winning national tournaments throughout his young sporting career, 13-year-old Viiala is ranked number 1 in Australia for his age group and has held the title for about three years.

"The weight of all his results have landed him best the best in the country," John Thorpe, Viiala's coach of eight years, said.

Claremont resident Viiala has been playing tennis since he was three and trains for a total of 17 hours a week.

"It's tough balancing tennis with my schooling but I try to get most of my homework done on the weekend," he said.

He said he hoped to one day qualify for the Australian Open and follow in the footsteps of his idol, Roger Federer.

"I would love to play all grand slams hopefully one day and win some if I get to that level," he said.

Women's giant strides in the sand



The 1965 female State Rescue and Resuscitation champions.

NORTH Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club (NCSLSC) will host a Women in Surf event this weekend as part of its centenary celebrations.

Guest speakers will include Olympic gold medalist and NCSLSC member Lyn McKenzie (nee McClements), former Australian Women's Rugby Union player Debby Carley (nee Hodgkinson) and Fremantle Dockers inaugural AFLW coach Michelle Cowan.

While women were not allowed to join weekend surf patrols until 1980, they now make up

THE ESSENTIALS

WHAT: Women in Surf
WHEN: Saturday, February 9, from 2pm
WHERE: North Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club
TICKETS: \$60 from <https://www.trybooking.com/453379>

about 40 per cent of the third oldest WA club's membership.

President Ian Clarke said women had played a vital role in the club.

Pat Kidner (91) is one of NCSLSC's oldest female members and will attend the event.



The 1960 female State Rescue and Resuscitation champions.

Beale's the real deal

STATE League tennis returned at the weekend and players didn't disappoint fans.

In the men's competition, world 538 left-hander Jeremy Beale made his debut for Dalkeith Tennis Club in a big five rubbers to one win over Peppermint Grove. Beale, who recently competed in the Australian Open wildcard qualifying tournament, dispatched John Peacey 6-1, 6-0 in gusty conditions.

Top-ranked world junior Tristan Schoolkate posted a decisive win for Dalkeith over European player Frank Moser 6-2, 6-2.

It was a sharp reality check for Peppermint Grove after their win over Mt Lawley 4-2 in front of a good crowd on Friday night.

League leaders Hensman Park welcomed the return of Brydan Klein to overwhelm Mt Lawley on Saturday in a convincing five rubbers to one win.

Royal Kings Park delivered a strong 5-1 win over a depleted Cottesloe, which continues to support juniors Luka Brown and talented Will Hann, who pushed seasoned Brenton Bacon, also a left-hander, to



Jeremy Beale debuted for Dalkeith.

go down 4-6, 6-7.

Alexander Park cruised to a 6-0 win without dropping a set against Bayswater, with the highly ranked touring pro Harry Bouchier, who last week played in a round of 16 in the Launceston International.

In the women's competition, Hensman upset league leaders Cottesloe in a tight 4-8-62 to 2-5-54 finish to draw equal with Royal Kings Park and Blue Gum as the four top teams make their run to the finals.

Warren Harding

Melville make Hay while Sean shines

MELVILLE has won the 2018-19 T20 grand final, defeating Subiaco Floreat by eight wickets following a dominant display on Sunday at the WACA.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, the Lions struggled to adapt to the heat of the match early, losing Calum How and Jeremy Fatouros to be struggling at 2-11.

However, David Lane and Cameron Green swung the momentum of the match back in the Lions' favour, belting out a quick-fire 75-run partnership.

The loss of Lane for 39 at 3-86 did nothing to slow down Green's momentum, as he partnered with Aaron

Lilly to add a further 40 runs to the total.

With the Lions on the brink of a huge total, the Storm were stung into action, taking the valuable wicket of Green at 4-126 before constricting the Lions to 7-141 at the end of the 20 overs.

Green was superb with the bat, smashing 66 runs from 53 deliveries, while Thomas Kerr-Sheppard (2-31) and Mark Turner (2-16) did the damage with the ball for Melville.

With a tricky target to chase down, Melville also struggled to get through the awkward first few overs, losing openers Luke Towers and Blake Reed to be 2-

58. However, Fraser Hay joined Sean Terry at the crease and proceeded to dismantle the Lions' bowling attack.

The dynamic duo were at their brilliant best when it mattered most, producing a match-winning 85-run partnership to seal the premiership win after just 17 overs.

Hay (51 n.o.) and Terry (44 n.o.) were instrumental in getting Melville over the line.

Melville also defeated Joondalup in its two-day game at Tompkins Park on Saturday, chasing the away team's score of 231 and declaring at 6-273.

Dustin Edwards

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