



City West Lotteries House

Newsletter February 2026

It's time for our first newsletter of 2026, and things have gotten off to a roaring start here at City West Lotteries House!

Let's take a look at what's been happening over the last few months.

TENANT NEWS

Special Olympics WA

Special Olympics WA **kicked off Term 1** with strong momentum, launching programs across basketball, bocce, bowling, golf, swimming, and a new Tennis Pilot Program at Loton Park. Their Playing for All program continues to grow, with increasing engagement from the homeschool community and a strong focus on inclusive participation. They also continue to offer opportunities in athletics, equestrian, dance, and tennis through their affiliate clubs, ensuring athletes have access to a wide range of sports across the state.

Another recent highlight was **HoopsFest**, which was delivered by the NBL. From first-time players giving it a go to fast-paced, high-energy games, HoopsFest truly reflected the spirit of Special Olympics - meaningful participation, confidence and community.

Thanks to Kendall for sending this through!

On January 29th, CWLH had the pleasure of hosting **a talk from Special Olympics WA**. SOWA staff member Kendall spoke about the

history, scale, and community impacts of Special Olympics both globally and locally, and along with her presentation we heard from a **Special Olympics volunteer**, and **two athletes** who have become coaches for their program. Thank you to all of our tenants who attended, and a special thanks and congratulations to Kendall and her colleagues for delivering such a successful talk to a **full house!**

WA Forest Alliance

In mid-2025, City West Lotteries House made the decision to stop using **second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs)**, a type of rat poison, on site for pest control. Recently, a "very disappointing" potential federal reconsideration of SGARs by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority has been open for comment from the public.

According to [this expert open letter on SGARs from Birdlife Australia](#), SGARs pose several risks to wildlife such as how long the poison can stay in the environment, and have been found in **86 species of native wildlife** such as possums, bandicoots, birds, frogs, invertebrates and reptiles, as well as domestic dogs and cats. [The APVMA's link for submissions is here](#), and **Wafa encourages people to write in** to the government expressing concern for their reconsideration.

For more information on SGARs, Jess Boyce will be delivering a **presentation at City West Lotteries House** on the evening of **March 5th**, with student activist Poppy Mahon.

Thanks to Jess for sending this through!

Australian Marine Conservation Society

In December, Serena Fletcher of the Australian Marine Conservation Society was awarded the Conservation Council of WA's **John Oldham Conservation Employee Award!** The annual award aims to celebrate "an individual employed in the conservation sector who has demonstrated tremendous commitment to our environment."
Congratulations Serena!

Thanks to Colma for sending this through!

Australian Centre for Child Protection

The Australian Centre for Child Protection and the Queensland Government have developed the **mandatory national child safety training** for the Early Childhood Education and Care sector, which will be compulsory for many staff and volunteers. The Foundation training will be available from 27th February 2026 and advanced modules will be available in July 2026. All training will be free on the Department of Education's online learning platform, Geckko.

Thanks to Melissa for sending this through!

Urban Bushland Council

Many local governments have acknowledged the longstanding efforts of several local "Friends Of" neighbourhood groups - including Sue Conlan, coordinator of Friends of Mosman Park Bushlands and UBC committee, who was awarded the **2026 Town of Mosman Park Active Citizen of the Year Award!** Other groups recognised for their contributions of hands-on care and/or advocacy include Friends of Kings Park and Friends of Shelley Rossmoyne Foreshore.

Thanks to Colma for sending this through!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CWLH

February

- 20th February - **(Phoenix)** [It's Time to Ask: Identifying & Responding to Adult Sexual Violence & Child Sexual Abuse in Family and Domestic Violence Cases](#)
- 27th February - **(PVT)** [Foundations of Primary Prevention of Gender-Based Violence](#)

March

- 3rd March - (**UBC**) Oscar Jones with 'Social Media: How we can work together with you to engage new audiences in the wonder of our urban natural environment'
- 5th March - (**WAFA**) SGARs talk with Jess Boyce and Poppy Mahon
- 5th March - (**PVT**) [Foundations of Primary Prevention of Gender-Based Violence \(online\)](#)
- 9th March - (**CWSW**) [International Women's Day 2026 - Balance the Scales](#)
- 17th March - (**Phoenix**) [Burnout Prevention for Human Service Workers](#)
- 19th March - (**Phoenix**) [Not All Intimate Partner Violence is the Same](#)

April

- 1st April - (**CWSW**) [Sexual Assault Awareness Month Forum 2026](#)
- 29th April - (**UBC**) Bruce Webber (WABSI) 'Taking action: Managing roaming cats and protecting biodiversity'

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