

Home-open heist a fine of the signs

By RHIANNON SHINE

Nedlands council staff removed four real estate home-open signs and asked for \$1200 for their return.

The council confiscated the signs from the Jutland Parade verge on Friday, September 29, after a resident complained about them.

They were advertising a home open for the next day.

Real estate agent Tonia McNeilly said that when she

called the council on Monday, she had been told it would cost \$1200 to get them back because they had been held over the weekend.

“I am disgusted at their nerve to try to make a profit,” Ms McNeilly said.

“[And] their inability to explain to whoever complained that it is normal for real estate agents to have pointer signs out the day before a home open.

“Instead of using their common sense and communicating with the resident who com-

plained, they just reacted and removed them without even a phone call to me.

“It is beyond hysterical that they tried to charge me \$1200 – I was gobsmacked.”

Nedlands chief executive officer Greg Trevaskis said when Ms McNeilly phoned the council to argue her case he had “agreed to reduce the impound fee, on a one-off basis, down from \$1200 to \$400”.

But Ms McNeilly said it was not worth it.

“The signs cost me \$60 each so they can keep them – burn them, I don’t care,” she said.

Mr Trevaskis said the city received regular complaints from residents about real estate firms that left signs advertising home sales, auctions and viewings along street verges for many days.

“Residents object to their streets being littered in this way and appeal to the council to remove the signage,” he said.

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Tonia McNeilly's signs will stay with Nedlands until she pays up.



Peter Goh getting into the heart of the bumper fun in an inflatable ball that will bring soccer bouncing back to Nedlands foreshore. Photo: Paul McGovern

Soccer in a bubble

By LINDA CALLAGHAN

Soccer is bouncing back to Nedlands foreshore this weekend, in a bubble.

Inflatable balls that allow players inside them to rock and roll, somersault and knock each other off the target are the latest fun craze.

Hockey player Peter Goh has imported 20 and expects them to replace paint balling as a fun day out.

Peter, a mining business analyst from Claremont, said riding and playing sport in the bumper balls were popular in Europe and the US.

The balls come in two sizes to fit anyone between about 1.5m and 1.98m tall.

Riders are harnessed into place and use handles inside to control the ball’s direction.

There would be no danger of the balls going into the river, Peter said.

“We will be about 30m away from the river’s edge.”

Peter plans to have the balls on the foreshore between noon and 5pm each Saturday.

Bookings can be made on 0401 500 770.

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Big push on for Rokeby market

By LLOYD GORMAN

Rokeby Road could become a bustling and popular weekend marketplace, according to backers of a new plan.

A vacant shop in Doyle Court, on the corner of Rokeby and Bagot roads, has just become the new offices of the Venn

Property Group, which is leading the initiative.

Directors Evan Briers and Hadley Missell were both with Hawaiian, which was responsible for building Claremont Quarter.

“Markets are the heart of Subiaco and markets need to be in the heart of Subiaco, and that’s Rokeby Road,” Mr Briers said.

“Subiaco needs to address this now.

“It can’t wait until the next blow to the system.

“There isn’t any other developer out there with an alternative.

“This is a game changer, a real plan to bring people to the heart of Subiaco.

“If Subiaco wants to redefine itself, here’s a chance right here, right now.”

Mr Briers and Mr Missell say they will put high-quality covered market stalls in Rokeby Road, with the aim of eventually installing them the entire length of the strip.

The stalls would be erected on a Friday night and taken down on Sundays, within a matter of hours.

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