



Ron Gomboc will take a selection of his works to Canberra and join a delegation of businesses from the City of Swan who will promote the region and its produce next month.

## A trip to showcase businesses

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WORLD renowned sculptor Ron Gomboc will showcase his handiwork in Canberra as part of a delegation to Parliament House to promote the Swan Valley and surrounds, and other businesses are welcomed to jump on board.

Gomboc Gallery Sculpture Park in Middle Swan will join the City of Swan at Parliament House as part of the Swan Valley and Surrounds Endless Experiences showcase on June 23.

The city is showcasing the Swan Valley in association with Member for Pearce Christian Porter MP, Member for Cowan Luke Simpkins MP, Member for Hasluck Ken Wyatt MP and Member for Perth Alan-nah McTiernan MP.

City of Swan Mayor Charlie Zannino said the initiative would be a chance for those who are passionate about the region to spread

the good word in Canberra.

Mr Zannino said the crème de la crème of the region's offerings would be put in front of a national audience.

He said the sculpture park, which has been an innovative industry leader in the arts for the past 35 years, was certainly the cream of the crop in the world of sculpture and art.

Gomboc Gallery exhibits both Australian and international artists and for the past three decades Ron and Terrie Gomboc have generously hosted – and self-funded – an annual sculpture survey, which in 2014 celebrated its 31st year.

The survey features works by acclaimed international and national sculptors and dozens of tertiary students currently enrolled in sculpture classes in WA.

Gomboc has also designed and produced iconic artwork for the Australian film industry – the The Australian Academy of Cine-

ma and Television Arts (AACTA) Award.

These AACTA Awards are making their way across the globe and into the hands of the very best film performers and practitioners.

Famous AACTA Award recipients include Russell Crowe, Meryl Streep and Robert De Niro.

The Malaga and Districts Business Association is also heading to Canberra to ensure the needs of local businesses are brought to the fore.

Malaga and Districts Business Association chief executive officer Clive Haddow said it would be satisfying to be able to share the successes of local businesses with a national audience.

"This is a great opportunity for us to bring forward issues which are important to us as a business group, and to develop strategies, as part of a larger group promoting the Swan Valley and surrounds."

Business operators

will have the opportunity to promote their produce, wine or business and allow them to develop a stronger professional network with contacts from interstate and overseas.

Businesses interested in attending can find out more by calling the city's commercial and economic development team on 9267 9358.

The City of Swan has also partnered with the Swan Chamber of Commerce to present the Swan Connect Economic Conference on Friday, May 22 at Mandoon Estate to help business operators.

Swan Connect will partner people with possibility and bring together leaders in business, industry and government.

The conference will discuss the major projects that will change the face of the Swan region and also explore strategies the City of Swan has adopted to encourage regional economic growth and development.

## Business women's awards

MEMBER for West Swan and Opposition Spokesperson for Women's Interests Rita Saffioti has welcomed the opening of nominations for the 2015 Telstra Business Women's Awards.

Now in its 21st year, the awards provide a unique opportunity to showcase exceptional business women in the local West Swan area and around the state.

Mrs Saffioti said from Malaga through the Swan Valley and up to Ellenbrook, West Swan is home to many businesses with women in leadership roles such as higher management

or as owner-operators, contributing jobs and productivity to the wider Western Australian economy.

Award categories include the Business Owner Award, the Private and Corporate Sector Award, the Community and Government Award and the Young Business Women's Award.

National awards including the prestigious title of Telstra Australian Business Woman of the Year will be announced at a gala dinner in Melbourne on Wednesday, November 25.

To nominate someone

or find out more please go to [www.telstrabusinesswomensawards.com](http://www.telstrabusinesswomensawards.com) or call 1800 817 536.

Mrs Saffioti said the leadership and success of Western Australian business women played a crucial role in driving the nation's productivity and performance, ensuring our state and our country remains competitive.

"I urge the community to get behind our local business women by nominating them for the 2015 Telstra Business Women's Awards as a way of recognising their hard work and dedication."

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## Discussing a proposal on Wilkins Rd

THE Shire of Kalamunda is inviting residents with questions regarding the proposed Aged Care Facility at Lot 59 Wilkins Rd in Kalamunda to speak one-on-one about the proposal.

The session is being held on Thursday, April 30 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Lesmurdie Hall on Gladys Road in Lesmurdie.

Kalamunda Shire chief executive officer Rhonda Hardy said residents who

have questions on the Wilkins Rd proposal are strongly encouraged to attend.

She said residents would be able to speak to planners and environmental experts regard-

ing the proposed development and the related process.

For more information contact the Shire of Kalamunda on 9257 9946 or go to [www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au](http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au)

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