

Tegan Reder has been nominated for a Young Achiever Award. Picture: David Baylis d492220

Recognition for a high achiever

TALENTED St Norbert College swimmer Tegan Reder has again been nominated in the Young Achiever Awards for her accomplishments in and out of the pool.

Tegan was born completely blind but has never let this adversity prevent her from

achieving her goals. Associated and Catholic Colleges of WA inclusions officer Gina Grayson-Cassey said the organisation's integration of multi-class/classified swimmers into mainstream swimming carnivals meant Tegan was able to represent St

Norbert at an inter-school level.

"It was an unforgettable moment to watch her swim and the noise from the crowd moved staff from the ACC, among others, close to tears," she said.

"Tegan now has her sights set on bigger and

better competitions including the Pan Pacific Games."

In August, Tegan competed in the Swimming WA Short Course State Age Championships and won two gold medals, one bronze medal and broke four Australian records.

Burglars eye local suburbs

BECKENHAM recorded the second highest number of break-ins in 2018, according to recently released figures, with Queens Park, Belmont and Kewdale also targeted.

RAC data from 2018 showed homes in Armadale were broken into most, with Beckenham and Gosnells properties rounding out the top three areas where the greatest number of claims were lodged.

Queens Park was fourth, followed by Fremantle. Belmont was seventh, between Boulder and Kalgoorlie, with Kewdale and Bedford rounding out the top 10.

Unsurprisingly, thefts spiked in December and January. Almost 2500 theft claims were lodged through RAC over those two months between 2014 and 2018, totalling over \$7.5 million.

"We definitely see a spike in home burglaries at this time of year, with many West Australians going away over the Christmas break," RAC spokesman Glen Walker said. "Our advice to holidaymakers is to ensure your home doesn't look vacant while you're gone. Ask friends or family to water your plants, put the bins out and collect your mail."

"Don't make it easy for thieves by leaving spare keys in obvious places and avoid advertising your holiday plans on social media."

"If possible, increase your home security by installing sensor lights or an alarm system and remember to turn them on before you leave. We also want to remind people to maintain high security standards even when they're home."



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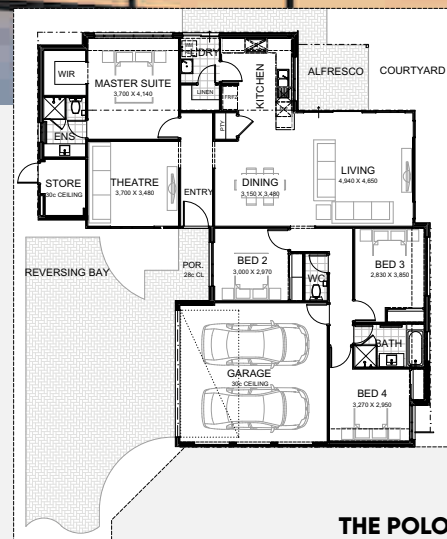
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