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# Several injured in dramatic weekend

TWO men had to be airlifted from sand dunes at Lancelin last weekend after riding their motorbikes off a five-metre drop.

Police said the men, aged 27 and 32, were riding as part of a larger group when they rode off the steep decline on Saturday.

The men told police they were not familiar with the sand dunes.

The pair received broken bones but their injuries were not considered life-threatening.

In a separate incident, a 26-year-old Muchea man underwent lifesaving surgery to remove pellets from his abdomen after being shot at close range with a hunting rifle on the weekend.

Police said he was one of seven men riding in the back of the utility on Friday night when a gun was accidentally discharged.

The man was shot in the abdomen and remains in a critical condition in Royal Perth Hospital.

Police are continuing their investigations into the incident and it is still not known whose gun was discharged.

Also on the weekend, two people were airlifted to hospital after their vehicles collided on Lancelin Road in Woodridge.

Police said a 70-year-old man and 83-year-old woman were seriously injured in the crash about 1pm on Sunday.



Clockwise from front: Ellenbrook Men's Shed president Phil Barton, Alan Beaman, Tony McEntee, Gordon Smith, Ron Freestone and Les Coy. Picture: Marcus Whisson  
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## Education key to fly eradication

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"We're not interested in fining people, we are more interested in addressing the problem."

In his report to the Shire, Dr Cook identified several vegetable growers who were unaware they were sources of fly breeding and by changing some of their habits they could stamp out the problem.

"Probably the most significant discovery of stable fly breeding was in a lettuce producer near Lennard Brook, where there had been ongoing problems with stable fly to nearby cattle, horse and goat producers for well over a decade," his report read.

It said the lettuce producer had

dropped up to three large bins of reject lettuce in the same spot for several years, resulting in a deep layer of rotting leaves - a perfect environment for fly larvae to flourish.

He said vegetable growers unintentionally accounted for almost all of the stable fly breeding grounds in the region and people needed to be educated about their options on eradicating the fly and to prevent it recurring.

"The vegetable growers feel picked on; they think we go there to catch them out," he said.

"The Shire needs someone going around talking to people and working with them. It's about explaining to people what they need to do."

## Shed on drawing board

ELLENBROOK men will have a place to call their second home under a proposal for a new men's shed.

A new facility will be built in the Ellenbrook town centre, but is in the early stages of planning.

The group currently meet on the last Tuesday of the month at the Coolamon Community Hall on Mornington Parkway at 7.30pm.

For more information, call club president Phil Barton on 9297 6119.

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