All for the boys, nothing for creatives

Rita Saffioti is proud of her three-year deal for the WWE (*Opinion*, 3/9).

Tickets for Eastern States soccer fans were subsidised by the State Government. A $217 million racetrack is being built at Burswood.

Meanwhile, three music festivals have cancelled in WA, including the Laneway, as has Beetlejuice The Musical which was booked for August-September.

The 2027 Australian tours of Matilda — our own Tim Minchin's creation — and Moulin Rouge! The Musical will not come to Perth.

No subsidising theatrical artistic shows it appears. Back to being baristas, you actors, musicians and theatrical crews.

WA, The macho State.

Suzanne John, Fremantle

Playing favourites

Rita Saffioti's 10th point is: "WA will host three WWE Weekend Takeover events from 2026 to 2028 at RAC Arena, a great opportunity to showcase our State to the world."

Showcase our State to the world?

I've watched many sporting events around the world, with glimpses of the host city, and I have never thought, "gee, that city looks good, I'll have to go there, I'll book a trip right now". And I love travel!

Beetlejuice isn't coming to Perth.

My guess is that this is just another vanity event for Saffioti and Roger Cook.

Perhaps they don't have the time to travel overseas to see their favourite performers, so why not use taxpayers' dollars to bring them to Perth under the guise of it will benefit the State? Coldplay, soccer, cage fighting, WWE, rugby, Supercars, wrestling — the list goes on.

And as for those looking for a home, let them eat cake.

How about Labor focuses its efforts on the real issues that impact West Australians?

And they wonder why One Nation crushed them in the Secret Harbour by-election.

John Warren, Morley

Don't blame us, Roger

Once again, seniors are being blamed for taking up bed spaces in hospitals, which is contributing to ambulance ramping (*News*, 4/9).

Having spent four days in hospital recently, I would suggest that perhaps Roger Cook looks at what is really happening. The fact is that there are no hospital beds because we are an expanding population — not just seniors, but all people who need care.

The solution is to listen to what your constituents want. Build more hospitals, provide more staff, create a transitional facility where rehabilitation can be conducted in a professional manner, where physios, doctors, nurses and ancillary staff can work in a calm environment away from the continual pressures of a busy public hospital.

As for ambulance ramping, if there are no spaces in ED maybe we could have trained paramedics assisting and assessing priorities while patients wait for care.

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