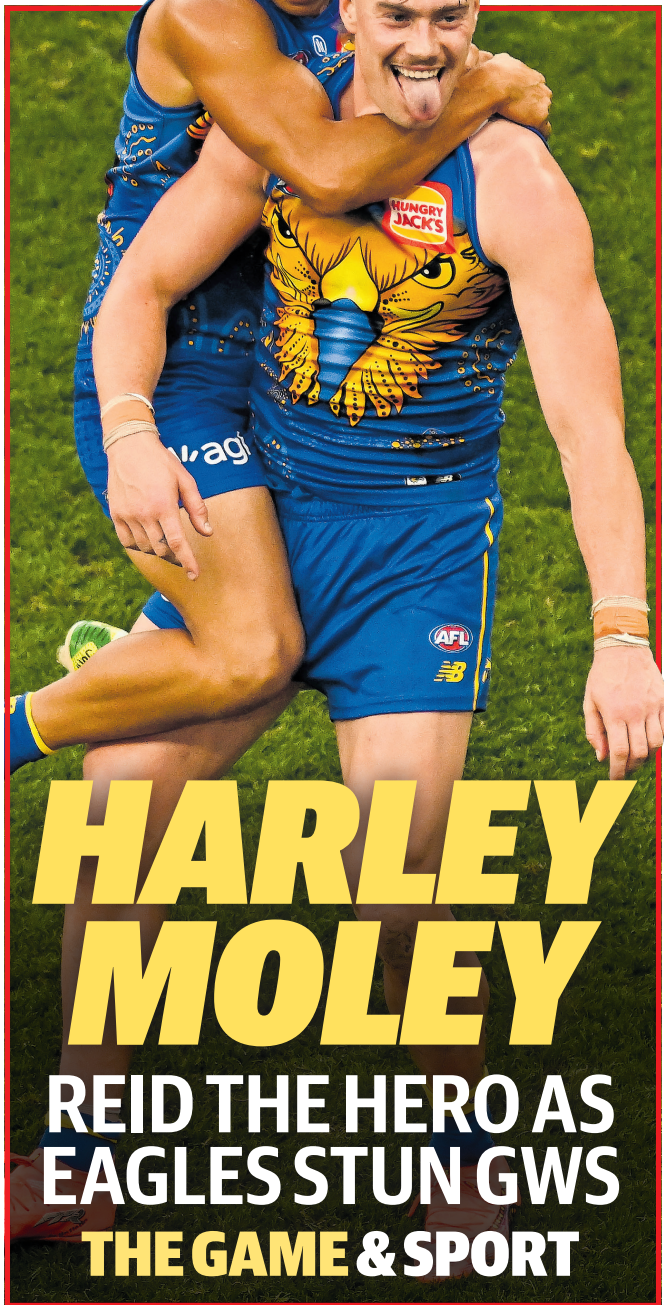


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'Incredible dad lost too soon'

Wife's tearful tribute to father killed in Rotto shark attack

BETHANY HIATT

A Perth father who was killed by a shark while spearfishing near Rottneest has been remembered as a fiercely loyal and generous man who would give the shirt off his back.

Steven Mattaboni, 38, was in the water with friends when the predator, reportedly a great white, attacked before 10am on Saturday.

His devastated wife Shirene led tributes to the "one-of-a-kind gentleman", describing him

as an avid fisherman who lived and breathed the ocean.

"Our daughters have lost an incredible father far too soon," she said.

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PRIVATE MATTER FOR OUR KIDS

BETHANY HIATT

Thousands of extra students have flocked to private schools this year as enrolments continue to grow at a faster rate than public schools across the State.

Despite rampant cost-of-living pressures, nearly 4000 extra children are learning in either Catholic or independent schools.

The public share of

the West Australian market fell for a sixth consecutive year, falling from 67.9 per cent in 2020 to 65.3 per cent this year.

More than one-third of students now attend a private school.

AngliSchools CEO the Rev. Peter Laurence said many parents now sought the type of "values-led" education they provided.

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PERTH 8-23 Partly cloudy. Tomorrow: Sunny, 9-25. Yesterday: 7.3-21.6

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