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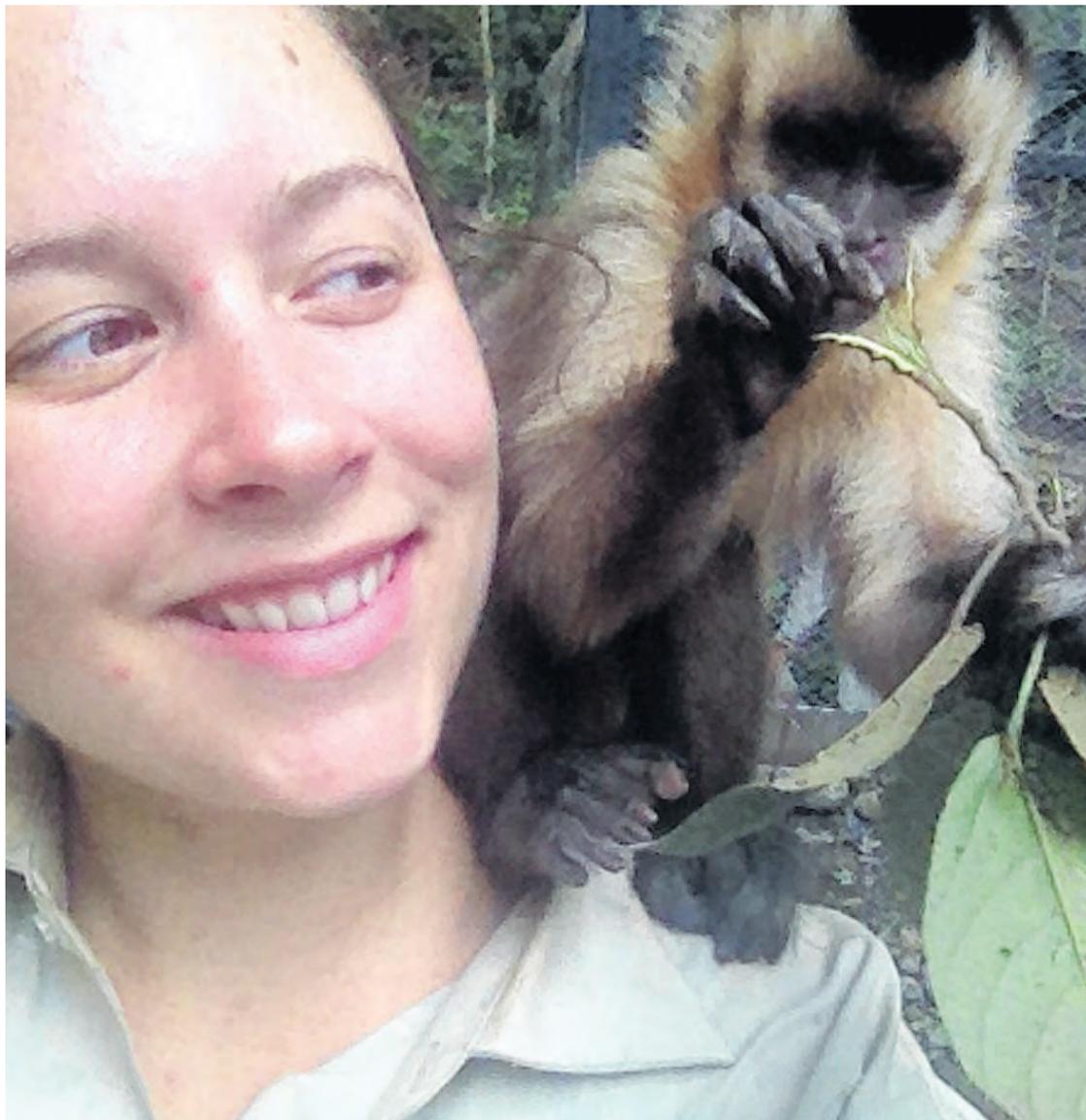
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## Morgan shows she cares

Warnbro environmentalist Morgan Pettersson got up to plenty of monkey business when she spent five magical weeks caring for endangered animals on the edge of the Amazon rainforest. The 24-year-old, who has just returned from a trip to Antarctica, looked after exploited animals such as Andean spectacle bears and capuchin monkeys. **MORE PAGE 7**

## Rail line hauls in a record

■ Brian Oliver

The Mandurah train line is on track to pass a new milestone with the service steaming towards 21 million patrons who have used the train line for the 2012-13 financial year.

Latest statistics from the Public Transport Authority reveal 600,000 more passengers have used the service in the nine months to March.

Passenger numbers peaked in March when more than 1.9 million passengers used the Mandurah line, taking total passenger numbers to 15,669,291.

Figures increased 9.5 per cent last year on the Mandurah line and an increase of just 3.5 per cent increase in passenger numbers this year would see the 21 million number reached.

Warnbro MLA Paul Papalia said he was not surprised by the statistics and has renewed his calls for a new station between Warnbro and Mandurah.

"I just think those figures confirm what everyone is experiencing, and what everyone believes, there is massive demand and there needs to be a lot more serious expenditure on public transport in the southern corridor," he said.

"The current infrastructure will be massively overwhelmed, it's already at capacity and that's why at

the last election we (Labor) promised a new station at Karnup.

"It's desperately needed."

Transport Minister Troy Buswell said there were no immediate plans for any additional stations on the Mandurah line.

"While the draft Public Transport for Perth 2031 plan proposes that a station be built on the Mandurah rail line at Karnup near Paganoni Road, this is likely a long-term project, subject to more detailed analysis," he said.

Mr Buswell said the Government's \$4.5 million upgrade to the bus interchange at Warnbro train station was aimed at reducing the demand on parking spaces.

"This decision was taken with population growth squarely in mind and because there is no capacity to increase parking at the station," he said.

Mr Papalia said he supported the new \$80 million station at Aubin Grove, announced last year, but insisted residents living between Warnbro and Mandurah deserved a dedicated station.

"To do anything less is condemning everyone in the southern corridor to overcrowding on the roads and trains," he said.

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