



Town of East Fremantle News

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Leeuwin Barracks Update

Since the announcement that the Australian Government intends to sell Leeuwin Barracks, the Town of East Fremantle has been liaising with the Department of Defence and Assistant Minister for Defence, Darren Chester.

Council sees this as a 'once in a generation' opportunity for stakeholders to collectively map out and shape the future development of this unique riverside site.

Mayor, Jim O'Neill, said the Town is eager and committed to working with the Department of Defence and the Western Australian Government. This working collaboration will aim to ensure a successful outcome, both in terms of sale and return on investment, and to ensure that the site optimises the amenity of the Town.

"It is a chance to create something relevant and irreplaceable, not only for the immediate community of East Fremantle to enjoy, but for the region and the city. Its proximity to the river makes it important that the site is developed with an eye on the past and the future.

"Although we have had no formal commitment from the Minister at this stage, the Town is eager and committed to working with the Department of Defence to create opportunities for community members to have a say in the vision for the Leeuwin Barracks site," he said.

"Council has long recognised that the Leeuwin Barracks is a significant site within the Town and it is identified in the 2015-2025 Strategic Community Plan as having the potential to achieve economic prosperity and community amenity in the town," said the Mayor.

Issues about land use and what could be developed on the site will be a

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matter for the Western Australian State Planning Commission and the Town of East Fremantle, as the planning authority, along with the purchaser.

Defence representatives held information sessions in early November about the process involved in selling Leeuwin Barracks. The sessions attracted approximately 60 people who were told that marketing for the property would commence early 2016.



Jim O'Neill



As the year comes to a close I look back on what has been an extremely busy and significant year for Council, the staff, and the community in general.

This time last year, we had commenced working with the City of Fremantle in regards to the impending local government amalgamations, we were prioritising infrastructure projects in preparation for this, the Perth Freight Link issue was heating up, and our Community Perceptions Survey had just been completed.

Fast forward to February 2015; ours and other eligible local government communities exercised their democratic privilege and voted 'NO' to the proposed amalgamation, leaving the government with no choice but to abandon the local government reform process altogether - for the foreseeable future at least.

Since February this year, Council has been working with our sights firmly fixed to the future.



Our Community Strategic Plan has been updated, with a four year budget and long term financial plan; our focus is on the development of a comprehensive revenue strategy, recognising that the Town cannot rely on rate revenue alone; we are undertaking the Recreation and Community Facilities Plan that aims to guide the decision making process for sustainable recreation and community development; and the Foreshore Master Plan is nearing completion.

Council continues to advocate on behalf of the community in relation to the Perth Freight Link. Sincere thanks go to the Rethink the Link Alliance for their commitment to organising rallies, meetings, forums, and media coverage to ensure this issue retains a high profile.

The most impactful news of late came from the Australian Government's announcement of the proposed sale of Leeuwin Barracks. Council sees the Barracks as a significant strategic site within the Town, as identified in the 2015-2025 Strategic Community Plan, with its potential to achieve economic prosperity and community amenities.

Council is liaising closely with the Department of Defence and the State Government to ensure future development of the Leeuwin Barracks site provides the best outcomes for stakeholders.

Importantly, this year's local government elections resulted in four new Councillors. I warmly welcome Councillors Andrew McPhail, Dean Nardi, Luke Nicholson, and Andrew White on board, while Cr Cliff Collinson is also back representing Plympton Ward.

A fond farewell and sincere thanks to outgoing Councillors Sian Martin, Maria Rico and Julie Amor. I appreciate your support, commitment, and contribution during your time as Councillors.

A huge thank you to the remaining members of Council, Cr Jenny Harrington, Cr Michael McPhail, and Cr Tony Watkins. I look forward to working with you again over the next two years.

Finally for 2015, I wish all residents and community members a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. The future for East Fremantle looks bright and exciting for 2016.



Recreation and Community Facilities Plan

The Town of East Fremantle have recently appointed SGL Consulting, in conjunction with Creating Communities, to undertake the Recreation and Community Facilities Plan.

The plan aims to provide a strategic framework for addressing the current and future recreation and community facility needs in the Town. The project will guide future investment and management of recreation and community assets. This is the first time that all facilities have been considered as a whole rather than individually. Once complete, Council will consider options that align the principles of equity and sustainability with community needs, expectations and capital funding availability.

Over the next few months, Phillip Gray and his team from SGL Consulting, along with Alan Tranter and his team at Creating Communities, will be working to engage with the Council, the community, stakeholders, clubs and community associations to identify key issues relating to service provision within the Town. A community engagement and consultation strategy will get underway and aims to include as many people in the community as possible.

If you are interested in being involved in this project, and would like to participate in any of the engagement strategies that will be undertaken over the coming weeks and months, please do not hesitate to contact the Town via our email admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au or phone (08) 9339 9339 and leave your details.

Information about the progress of the project will be posted on the Town of East Fremantle website and Facebook page over the next few months.



East Fremantle Festival 2015

Once again, George Street opened its doors - carnival style - and visitors from far and wide came to savour all it had to offer. The annual East Fremantle Festival on George Street proudly presented by the Town of East Fremantle and supported by Lotterywest, was a tremendous success.

The festival's main stage featured Men and Their Sheds, James Wilson, Ari Davis, and The Charisma Brothers. The two busking platforms featured a range of gifted individuals who were eager to share their talents with the crowd of festival goers.

The George Street Artisan Market, renowned for its quality local arts and craft stalls, brought together a wealth of creative talent from West Australian artisans, while street food was again popular with the crowds. Tastes from around the world included Spanish paella, Italian pizza, Malaysian satays, Moroccan shak shuka and tagines,

Asian dumplings, French crepes, Japanese pastries, and Australian Roo Rolls.

Families with children were well catered for with a host of free activities in Glasson Park. There was face painting, an open community mural with an Australian outback theme, reptiles and baby animals, and a bouncy castle and PonyCycle toy - the kids' smiles were utterly infectious.

The Council would like to thank and congratulate everyone involved, especially event manager Cynthia, for another hugely successful year.



New Councillors



Cr Luke Nicholson

Having lived in East Fremantle for most of my life, and having true connections with many residents, I saw running for Council as an opportunity to not only gain experience that most 22 year olds wouldn't, but to represent the community members around me. I am a sales specialist for a national electronics company and have a good understanding of the importance of communicating and engaging with people using a range of communication tools. I have a strong commitment to ensuring that Council continue to develop IT systems which keep pace with the digital age - I am pleased we are currently updating our website which will bring with it more online communication and business functions. The recent local government reform process highlighted new opportunities for the Town, including collaborations with neighbouring councils and possible resource sharing options. There is also the opportunity for me to represent the younger people of East Fremantle as we currently face the opportunities afforded by the Leeuwin Barracks redevelopment. I am looking forward to my years ahead as an elected member and believe I have the creative energy to make a significant difference in our Town.



Cr Andrew McPhail

I have lived in East Fremantle for the last 20 years and am the Managing Director of a long established CPA accounting practice and serve on the Board of Directors of several private and not-for-profit companies. I have previously served as treasurer of the East Fremantle Junior Football Club and was Director (and Treasurer) of Youth Hostels Australia WA for 15 years. I live with my family in a heritage listed home and I have a keen interest in preserving and improving the Town's heritage, amenity, and lifestyle. I am also a strong advocate for engaging and consulting with the community about issues and decisions that directly affect them. I have strong finance, management, and business experience which I believe will be an advantage to the community when making decisions about the Town's future financial goals and objectives.



Cr Dean Nardi

I have lived in East Fremantle for most of my life. Prior to teaching in the public school system I have been a scientist and an environmental campaigner for Greenpeace and was involved in a campaign to eliminate the use of Dieldrin in Western Australia.

Having been a Councillor in the past, I have the skills to be a strong Council representative and will advocate on behalf of the community about the concerns they have. I believe a representative of our community needs to be available to listen to these concerns and, as such, I am available as often as required. Within our community I have had a part in seeing the development of a community garden behind Nine Seeds Café and would see it as a privilege to support other community initiatives.





Cr Cliff Collinson

I am a recently retired primary school teacher and have lived in East Fremantle for over thirty years. I have now been a councillor for eight years. Prior to being a Councillor, I was active in numerous community groups including Amnesty International, Oxfam Perth Bushwalkers and a number of environmental groups. I am passionate about our town's heritage and throughout my time as a councillor I have advocated on many issues, including the maintenance of our Town's independence and heritage, environmental sustainability, and social justice issues.

I very much love our town and appreciate listening to the thoughts of our residents while doing my bit to ensure that our town retains its amenity and unique feel.



Cr Andrew White

East Fremantle is a great place to live! I have previously served as CEO of an Australian sustainable plantation and timber processing company, and more recently as CEO of a Hong Kong-based international firm specialising in carbon recovery projects. I am committed to work on enhancing the way the town consults and engages with the community in decision making. I am keen to challenge the issues currently facing the town, such as the Perth Freight Link and the proposed development at Leeuwin Barracks. I want to preserve the amenity that the residents of East Fremantle have grown to love.



Perth Freight Link – lobbying continues

The Perth Freight Link remains high in the minds of East Fremantle residents, as well as neighbouring Council residents who are likely to be affected or displaced by the project.

The Town, in conjunction with the Cities of Cockburn, Fremantle, and Kwinana continue to meet with government representatives, Main Roads, and the Minister for Transport Dean Nalder, in a collective effort to get them to consider alternatives to building a toll road through precious wetlands and homes.

In October, Mayor Jim O'Neill attended a Senate Committee Hearing into the decision to commit funds to the Perth Freight

Link project and reiterated that the project is inconsistent with the existing long term plans (since 2002) to build an outer harbour and associated infrastructure in Kwinana. He stated that the commitment to allocate funds appears to have bypassed the usual processes for an infrastructure project of this magnitude.

For information about how you can help, or become involved, go to the Rethink the Link Facebook page.



Pioneers Luncheon

The Mayor and Councillors recently hosted the 2015 Pioneers Luncheon, an event which celebrates the contribution of long-time Town residents, aged 60 years and over. Having lived in the Town for over 30 years, this celebration ensures that we are recognising and valuing our town's 'pioneers'.

The celebrations included a delicious three-course meal at the East Fremantle Yacht Club as the Friends of RT and the Richmond Primary School choir entertained the guests.

As happens each year, the event recognises a town pioneer, and this year the honour went to Mrs Marjorie Green O.A.M. J.P, who moved to East Fremantle in 1926 and had worked as nurse at Royal Perth Hospital and Royal Women's Hospital in Victoria.

She became the first female elected to The Town of East Fremantle and served from 1974 to 1985, acting as Deputy Mayor during this time. She was elected on a number of Council committees such as Town Planning, Health and General Purpose, and Finance.

Marjorie was awarded medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division in 1982. She has also served as a Justice of the Peace for over 25 years. Marjorie is a true pioneer of the Town of East Fremantle.

Other special guests included the Hon Melissa Parke MP, Hon Simone McGurk MLA, Hon Lynn MacLaren MLC and Town of East Fremantle Councillors.

Marine Education - A Must This Summer

One of East Fremantle's landmarks has undergone a transformation with a new jetty built at the State's busiest marine education facility.

Nina Lyhne, Managing Director Transport Services, officially opened the new jetty on 1 December 2015. Over 50 people attended the opening and were provided with a guided tour of the new structure.

Open throughout the year, the boatshed is a hands-on learning facility that provides marine safety education for primary and secondary school students, at-risk youth, vocational education and training students, and university undergraduate and postgraduate studies.

The specially trained educators help schools incorporate marine safety education into their regular curriculum. Courses and activities range from water safety, yachting training, and survival swimming to canoeing, rowing, snorkelling, and sailing expeditions (including the Recreational Skipper's Ticket).

Each year, more than 12,000 students visit the boatshed to learn valuable knowledge and skills in marine safety.

For more information about the education programs and other activities, go to their Facebook page by searching 'Marine Boatshed Freo.'



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Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide

As the weather heats up, we would like to remind all of our residents to be safe in the sun this summer and remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide.

Results from the Cancer Council's National Sun Survey showed that 50 per cent of adult sunburn occurs during everyday activities such as gardening and chores around the house, along with passive recreation activities such as reading, enjoying a picnic in the park or having a BBQ.

These 'incidental' sunburns are catching people out so make sure you check the sun protection times each day to find out when the UV levels are at 3 or above. During these times, remember to slip on clothing, slop on SPF30+ (or higher) broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen, slap on a broad-brimmed hat, seek shade, and slide on a pair of sunglasses.

Sun protection times are available for locations across Australia via Cancer Council's SunSmart app or at www.bom.gov.au/uv



KidSport - Council Sport Support

Sport should be a part of every child's day and is a part of a well-rounded, healthy life. KidSport enables eligible children aged 5-18 years of age to participate in community sport by offering financial assistance towards club fees.

Kids who join clubs feel part of the community, develop a sense of pride in that community and make great friends.

If you would like more information on the KidSport program, stop by the council office or visit www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/kidsport

Garage Sale Trail – Another Success

This year's Garage Sale Trail was a hopping success. According to the campaign report;

71% of shoppers and 64% of sellers felt more connected to their community as a result of taking part in Garage Sale Trail. Shopper attendance increased by 40%.

Our congratulations to all involved.

Important News About Your Rubbish Bin Service

To report missing bins, including bins in parks please contact the Cleanaway Customer Service Hotline on 13 13 39

Rubbish/Recycling Services Over Christmas And New Year Break

The following changes to rubbish/recycling collections will occur during the Christmas and New Year period:

FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER services to be collected on
SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER

FRIDAY 1 JANUARY services to be collected on
SATURDAY 2 JANUARY

Please note that Cleanaway will not return to bins that are not put out for collection on the alternative dates as stated above.

All other collection days are not affected.

For all enquiries phone the Cleanaway Customer Service Hotline on 13 13 39.



We Welcome Your Feedback

We would love to hear from you. Get in touch with us and leave your feedback. Query, question or concern - write to us via email: admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

Council Office Hours Over The Christmas And New Year Break

The Town Hall office will be closed from 12noon, 24 December and open again 8:30am, Monday 4 January, 2016.

The Mayor, Councillors and staff wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.



Your Elected Representatives

Your Mayor and Councillors are elected by you to represent the Town's residents and ratepayers. Contact details are provided should you wish to discuss a Council matter or offer any suggestions. We would love to hear from you about any matters in East Fremantle that are concerning you and any compliments/feedback you may have for our Town.

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