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Mayor's Christmas Message

Welcome to our final edition of Talk of the Town for 2022.

It has been another busy year within East Fremantle, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support they have given to Council's focus on climate change and reducing our environmental impact, reconciliation and further developing meaningful relationships, respect and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and our efforts to continue to improve our infrastructure, facilities and customer service across the Town.

Best wishes for the festive season,
Mayor Jim O'Neill



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Community Pumped at Opening of Gourley Park's Pump Track and Nature Play!

Our East Freo community was pumped at the official opening of the nature play and pump track facilities at Gourley Park. Funded by the State Government and the Town, the new facilities were opened by Lisa O'Malley MLA and Mayor Jim O'Neill who were joined by Councillors Cliff Collinson, Kerry Donovan, Tony Natale and Mark Wilson. Nine-year-old Albie impressed the crowd during his pump track demo and those in attendance enjoyed

free ice creams! The Town is thrilled to install these new facilities, which are true "community builders" and we would like to acknowledge Nature Based Play and Three Chillies Design for their involvement. Local residents from across the road made a point of commenting on how impressed they are that people of all ages truly share the pump track in a respectful manner – it really is a community builder.



Oval Precinct Project Update

With Council granting site possession to the builder, Cooper and Oxley, at the Special Council Meeting late last month, it's finally all systems go! The previous delays, as seen across the construction industry, were largely due to escalating costs and the need to finalise the costings against the design. We look forward to providing project updates as the works progress via 'Major Projects' on our website and encourage you to subscribe to TownTalk if you haven't already. The estimated completion date is now February 2024.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY SURVEY

The Town is developing a Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) which will influence what Council will do to respond to climate change across the next decade, a critical period.



Please scan the QR Code and complete our brief survey.



Hosting a Community Event in East Freo?

If you're hosting an event in East Fremantle, be sure it's listed on our website's 'Events' page.

Head to our homepage and follow the 'Events' quick link!



Town Opens Electric Vehicle Charging Station

Mayor Jim O'Neill and Climate Action Reference Group (CARG) Member and local resident, Rebecca James, officially opened the Town's Electric Vehicle Charging Station.

Located on the southern side of the carpark at the Town Hall (135 Canning Highway, East Fremantle), the Electric Vehicle Charging Station is available at no charge until the end of this year. Fees will be charged from 1 January 2023.

The installation of this charging station supports Strategic Objective # 1 Energy (Council will encourage the community

to transition to zero emissions by 2030) and Strategic Objective # 4 Transport (Council commits to no greenhouse emissions from its fleet by 2030) of the Town's Climate Emergency Strategy, which was adopted by Council in March this year. 'It is wonderful to see aspects of the Climate Emergency Strategy being implemented in our Town and well before finalising our Climate Emergency Action Plan,' Mayor O'Neill said. 'We are pleased to be able to offer electric vehicle charging, free of charge, until the end of this year.'



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Neighbourhood Link

Social Connections. *Quality of Life.*

The Town's Neighbourhood Link provides a comprehensive range of group social activities and daytrips for people over the age of 65 from East Fremantle and surrounding areas.

You can choose the days and activities that suit you, plus you can bring a friend! For more information about Neighbourhood Link's social activities and daytrips, please call 9339 9381 or email neighbourhoodlink@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au or visit Neighbourhood Link under 'Community Services' on our website.



Reconciliation Australia Officially Accredits our Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

The Town's Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), the first in Reconciliation Australia's RAP Framework, was officially accredited by Reconciliation Australia in early November.

Mayor O'Neill is "personally looking forward to Council and the Town's inclusive community embracing the reconciliation commitment to ensure further development of meaningful relationships, respect and opportunities for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work or recreate in our community."



Head to our website to read about the Artist, Yabini Kickett, and Yabini's description of her Reflect RAP artwork, which will resonate with each of you. You can also view a copy of the Reflect RAP in full.

WASTE COLLECTION OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

Normal waste collections will take place over the festive season as both 25 December 2022 and 1 January 2023 fall on non-collection days.



'Push Me, Pull You' Silas Street Sculpture

Designed by Judith Forrest with Dan Gentle as the maker, 'Push Me, Pull You' has recently been installed at our Silas Street roundabout and doesn't it look fabulous?

'The sculpture represents a range of individual characters and by incorporating appropriate costumes, suggests activities,' explained designer Judith Forrest.



Enhancement of East Fremantle River Wall Habitats

Researchers from the Rivers and Estuaries Science team are working with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) Riverbank program, the Town and the Sydney Institute of Marine Science to study how habitat panels influence biodiversity. They undertook a series of baseline surveys before these special 'Living Seawall' panels were installed at three sites along the lower Swan River. Researchers will continue to monitor all three sites to see how marine biodiversity and abundance changes over the next three years compared to adjacent river walls without panels, providing crucial data on how to support and improve our river and estuary ecosystems.

The river walls in East Fremantle are getting a makeover, all in the name of science!



Town's Festive Season Opening Hours

The Town of East Fremantle's administration will close at 12noon on Friday 23 December 2022 and reopen at 8:30am on Monday 9 January 2023. During this time, calls will be diverted to our Call Centre.

2022 George Street Festival Sponsors

We would like to extend a special thank you to the sponsors of this year's George Street Festival. Without your support we would not have been able to present this free, much-loved community event. Thank you.



Year 3 students from Richmond Primary School helped design the artwork!

Our Splash of Colour along Riverside Road

Water Minister Dave Kelly was joined by Lisa O'Malley MLA, Mayor Jim O'Neill, artist Nathan Hoyle, and the year 3 teacher and students from Richmond Primary School at the unveiling of the recently revitalized water pump station through the Water Corporation's Splash of Colour program. Year 3 students from Richmond Primary School helped design the artwork during a workshop which also taught students about the water cycle and the importance of being waterwise. Students from Richmond Primary School were very excited to be involved in the design process and are pleased they can ride, walk or drive past the vibrant building.

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