



## Budget Update – From our Mayor

This year, Council has cast the Budget as our local community emerged quite strongly from last year. Hopefully this will continue, and I thank everyone for the contribution you have made to look after your neighbours and friends during this time.

Council has set aside a \$6 million allocation (\$5m in loans, \$1m in own source funding) over several years to fund the redevelopment of East Fremantle Oval. These funds will combine with the \$20 million promised by the State Government. As the plan progresses, local businesses will get every opportunity to contribute to the new facilities, and we will plant many new trees and make the new buildings as energy-neutral as possible.

Major renewal works will go ahead this year with our footpaths, and upgrades to drainage. Our plans for reconciliation and action on climate change will progress to deliver real change in these areas that we know are important to all of us. Last year, we froze salaries and rate increases in response to the pandemic. This Budget will keep rates affordable while providing services, which – our recent biennial survey have revealed – are high quality and valued by you. Our staff are committed to helping everyone in our Town to ensure the best possible services and infrastructure with a focus on addressing climate change. I thank residents for their contribution, staff, CEO and my fellow elected members for their hard work.

Mayor of East Fremantle  
Jim O'Neill

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## Budget Bulletin Coming Soon

Our Annual Rates notices are now being prepared and will be delivered soon.

In your rates pack, you will receive our Budget Bulletin, which explains how the rates you pay will provide great services and facilities in our Town. There is also a customer feedback form included so you can share your feedback on how we can help you better, or any great ideas you want to share.

If you are experiencing financial hardship and need support to pay your rates, we can help. Call us on 9339 9339 to discuss how we can assist you.

## Are Your Details Up to Date?

It's important that we have accurate details so we can stay in touch with you. To update your details, pop in and see us, visit our website or call us on 9339 9339 to speak with one of our friendly staff!

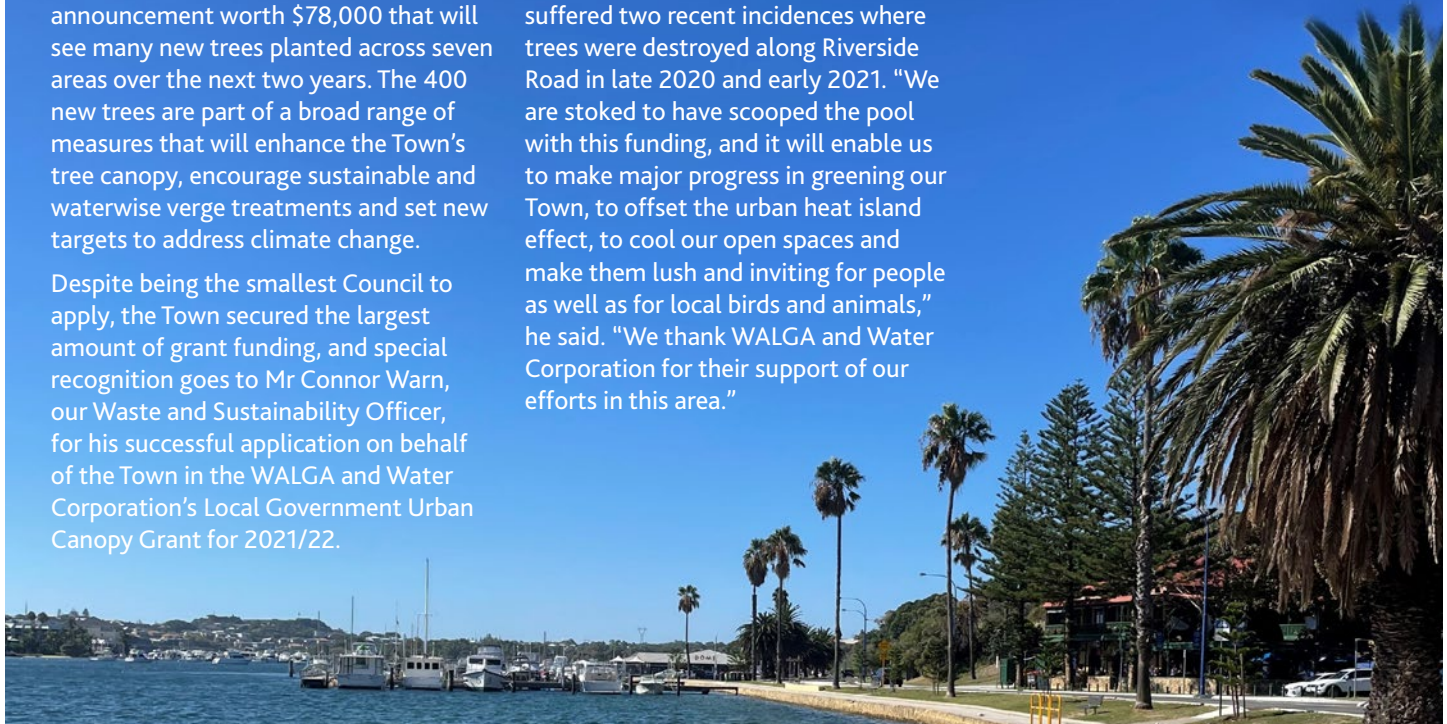


# Top of the Tree in New Green Grant Funding

The Town of East Fremantle has come out on top in a recent grant funding announcement worth \$78,000 that will see many new trees planted across seven areas over the next two years. The 400 new trees are part of a broad range of measures that will enhance the Town's tree canopy, encourage sustainable and waterwise verge treatments and set new targets to address climate change.

Despite being the smallest Council to apply, the Town secured the largest amount of grant funding, and special recognition goes to Mr Connor Warn, our Waste and Sustainability Officer, for his successful application on behalf of the Town in the WALGA and Water Corporation's Local Government Urban Canopy Grant for 2021/22.

Mayor Jim O'Neill was delighted with the news, which has come after the Town suffered two recent incidences where trees were destroyed along Riverside Road in late 2020 and early 2021. "We are stoked to have scooped the pool with this funding, and it will enable us to make major progress in greening our Town, to offset the urban heat island effect, to cool our open spaces and make them lush and inviting for people as well as for local birds and animals," he said. "We thank WALGA and Water Corporation for their support of our efforts in this area."



## Bulk Waste – Save These Dates

 Green Waste collections – 20 September 2021 and 7 March 2022

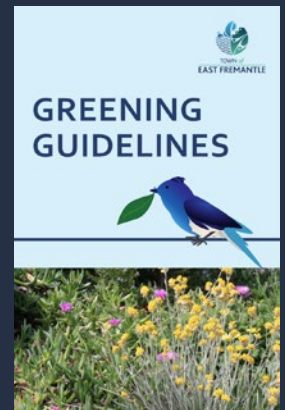
 Bulk Waste collection – 11 October 2021

Please place your waste on the verge by 6am Monday as the contractor will only service your verge for Green Waste once.

Advice on what you can put on your verge for this collection is available at our website and in your waste calendar, which is being delivered in the coming weeks – keep an eye out for it.

## Greening Our Town – Have Your Say

In order to make our Town as green and inviting as possible, we have developed new draft Verge Greening Guidelines and Verge Treatment Policy, and we want your input. The documents will assist residents in the construction of verge gardens with a focus on native waterwise vegetation. To view the Policy and Guidelines, please visit our website – submissions are welcome until close of business on Monday 21 June 2021.



## Strategic Objectives to Address Climate Change

The Town's Climate Change Action Group have developed a set of strategic objectives to guide Council in its efforts to address climate change in our Town. Recently the Objectives were circulated for public comment and we thank everyone who took the time to have input. We are now considering those submissions before finalising our Climate Change Strategy and taking practical action to address this issue that we know is important to you. Stay tuned for updates.



## Coming Soon... Plastic Free July

Once again the Town will be encouraging our residents to sign up to support Plastic Free July, to find ways to reduce and eliminate single use plastic. Mayor O'Neill will be sharing the switches he is making so that going plastic free becomes the norm. Will you make the pledge? What switches will you make? Start thinking now.

# SURVEY SAYS...

## East Freo Tops with Locals

The Town of East Fremantle has received very strong endorsement from our community in its most recent biennial community survey.

Highlights include our Town receiving the highest rating as a place to live in all WA, overall performance ranked 3rd out of all WA Councils and a strong result for Council's leadership and the articulation of a clear vision for the area. The Town scored well on efforts to manage climate change, management of parks, reserves and marine facilities, as well as being a place to own or operate a business, for our management of responsible growth and development, and our footpaths and cycleways.

The survey also identified some areas where the Town needs to improve, including the provision of services for

youth and those with disabilities. It also showed the Town needed to do better on traffic management on local roads, with a major strategy on movement in the Town due to be released soon. The survey showed the community want Council to invest more in recreation and sport facilities and services, a priority which will be addressed - at least in part - by the vision for the redevelopment of East Fremantle Oval that in January secured a \$20 million funding commitment from the State Government.

Full survey results are available at our website: [eastfremantle.wa.gov.au](http://eastfremantle.wa.gov.au)

## Thank You to Volunteers

During this year's National Volunteer Week, we recognised the contribution made by these wonderful people and all they do for our community. The theme for NVW 2021 was Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine.

On Saturday 22 May, to show our appreciation, the Town of East Fremantle took a special group of volunteers on a day out for lunch in the Swan Valley on our new bus! Later that day, a specially invited group of volunteers were hosted by Mayor O'Neill with Deputy Mayor Cr Jenny Harrington, and Councillors Kerry Donovan, Andrew McPhail and Michael McPhail at the East Fremantle Football Club during the President's Lunch. Our guests were Elaine Christy, Robert Potts, Nancy Tucker, Trevor Vincent, Marion Hood, Beck James and Maureen Flynn.

On both occasions, Mayor O'Neill expressed his sincere thanks for the huge contribution that our volunteers make.



## Supporting our Community

Thank you to everyone who submitted an application for our Community Grant Scheme. Lots of terrific ideas were submitted for consideration and we look forward to announcing the recipients soon. In other community news, we welcome Ms Carly Filbey, who has joined us as our new Community Engagement Officer.

Carly will be getting out and about to meet all of our clubs and community groups soon and is looking forward to working with all of you, as well as organising the George St Festival – see the back page for event details.



## Youth in Focus

A major finding of the community survey was the need for the Town to do more to support our youth. At our first East Freo Youth Meet Up event in April, a good start was made in hosting an event just for them and finding out the services and facilities young people need in our Town. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported that event and congratulations to our major prize winners Leo Sambrailo (pictured) and Bea Fuller. Stay tuned for more youth-oriented content coming soon.

*P.S. did you know the Town now has a TikTok account? Find us, follow and share your videos of our Town!*





## Have Your Say on Royal George Redevelopment Application

A development application comprising the restoration of the Royal George Hotel for commercial purposes and the construction of 23 apartments has been submitted to the State Development Assessment Unit (SDAU). Please note that the Town is not the decision-maker on planning approval for this application. It will be advertised and assessed/determined by the SDAU/WA Planning Commission (WAPC) with all enquiries to be directed to them by calling 6551 8002. If you wish to comment on the proposal or think that redevelopment of the site will impact you, **submissions close on Friday, 18 June 2021.**

All relevant documentation associated with the application can be accessed at the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage (DPLH) Consultation Hub website at: <https://consultation.dplh.wa.gov.au/reform-design-state-assessment/hotel-refurbishment-and-apartments-east-fremantle/>



## SAVE THE DATE – George St Festival

Interested in being a stallholder?  
EMAIL US:  
[events@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au](mailto:events@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au)



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>  
December 2021  
11am til 6pm**

A community celebration filled with Summer fun!

[George Street Festival](#)

[www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au/events](http://www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au/events)

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