

# Talk of the Town **March 2023**

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## Town Farewells CEO, Gary Tuffin

After almost seven years at the helm of the Town of East Fremantle, last month Gary Tuffin resigned as CEO.

Providing three months' notice.

Gary's resignation will take effect from 18 May 2023, after which Gary will take up the position of CEO at the Town of Cambridge. The Town's Elected Members and Staff whole-heartedly congratulate Gary on his new appointment, however they were very quick to comment on how much Gary will be missed at the Town.

"Gary transformed the organisation's culture and strengthened working relationships within the organisation and with Elected Members and external stakeholders. I will miss Gary both professionally and personally and wish him all the very best at the Town of Cambridge,"

Mayor O'Neill said. Commencing in the role in March 2016, Gary has been instrumental in shaping cultural change, providing strong leadership through the COVID-19 pandemic and guiding and delivering on many strategic priorities and projects across the Town, including leading the community engagement, design and business plan development for the \$33.5 million East Fremantle Oval Precinct Redevelopment project, which includes a funding commitment of \$25 million from the State Government.

"It has been an absolute privilege to serve the Town of East Fremantle as CEO, and as my fourth CEO appointment, it has been a very difficult decision to leave this team of Elected Members and Staff," Gary Tuffin said. "We work cohesively in a positive and impactful environment, and I will truly miss the people." The Town appreciates Gary providing the full three months' notice and is confident a suitable CEO will be appointed. Head to 'Latest News' on our website to read more.

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# **Town Receives \$1.3 million Lotterywest Grant!**

Earlier this month Sport and Recreation Minister David Templeman presented the Town with a \$1.3 million Lotterywest Grant for an all-abilities nature play space and skate zone at our East Fremantle Oval Precinct Redevelopment. "It is an honour to accept this Lotterywest Grant for \$1.3 million towards intergenerational community facilities and a nature playground," Mayor O'Neill said. Once complete this will be a space for members of the community to gather, connect, recreate, and participate, offering community gardens, a café, health club, function centre, meeting rooms and the all-abilities nature play space. To read the full article, visit 'Latest News' on our website.



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## 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

You can view the Town of East Fremantle's 2021-2022 Annual Report on our website. Find it under 'Our Town' and 'Corporate Documents'. In line with our ongoing commitment to sustainability, the Town prints a limited number of hard copies which may be viewed at the Town Hall.





## Request a Verge Tree

Verge trees help create ecosystems that provide habitat and food for birds and other animals and they provide shade for pedestrians, improve the appearance of our streets and create corridors between natural areas for wildlife. Plus, tree-lined streets can also increase property values, reduce cooling costs and improve the overall health of our community.

To request a verge tree, submit an online application located on our website under 'Residents', 'My Street' and 'Street Trees and Verges', before 31 May 2023.



The Town's Neighbourhood Link helps people stay active, connected and as independent as possible by offering a range of flexible in-home services, as well as accompanied activities like running errands and helping with shopping. Neighbourhood Link also provides flexible respite support options. To find out more about Neighbourhood Link, please call the friendly team on 9339 9381, email neighbourhoodlink@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au or visit Neighbourhood Link on our website under 'Community' and 'Community Services'.



## Apply for a 2023-2024 Community Assistance Grant

The Town of East Fremantle's Community Assistance Grants Program continues to provide an opportunity for local sporting clubs and community groups to build capacity within the club and the community.

Applications for the 2023-2024 funding will open on Monday, 27 March 2023 and close on Friday, 12 May 2023 at 4pm.

Application forms, guidelines and a timeline outlining the process are available on our website under 'Community' and 'Community Programs'.

Need help with your application? Please reach out to us via phone on 9339 9339 or email admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au Talk of the Town March 2023













# Yabini Kickett Creates Town's Artwork for the Six Nyoongar Seasons

In recognition of the Town's commitment to reconciliation and our acknowledgement of the Six Nyoongar Seasons which represent and explain the seasonal changes we experience annually, Aboriginal artist, Yabini Kickett, has created this stunning artwork, unique to the Town of East Fremantle.

You may recognise Yabini's name? Yabini also created the Aboriginal artwork for our Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan and has also been working with the Town and Richmond Primary School through the Know Thy Neighbour project.



You can view the artwork on our website under 'Reconciliation' and 'Nyoongar Seasons' or scan the QR code to take you directly there. We hope you enjoy Yabini's interpretation as much as we do.



The first stage of the HMAS Perth (I) Memorial, which commemorates the loss of HMAS Perth (I) at the Battle of Sunda Strait in March 1942, was completed late last year.

Located on Riverside Road in East Fremantle, the Memorial comprises a granite Wall of Remembrance complete with five flag poles and a half-size replica of one of its propellers mounted on a compass rose. It is open to the public at any time and as it's fully lit, makes for an excellent photo opportunity.

### **Native Plant Sale**

The Town partners with APACE nursery in North Fremantle each year to provide native plants at a discounted price for our East Fremantle residents. To learn more about our Native Plant Sale, please visit 'Residents', 'Our Environment' and 'Native Plants' on our website.





**Glyde-In today** to East Fremantle's oldest and most successful community learning centre, which offers a diverse range of courses and activities. Supported by the Town of East Fremantle, Glyde-In is always keen to welcome new members. To find out more, call **9339 3964** or drop in at 42 Glyde Street, East Fremantle.

### Are you 'Across the Town'?

Check out our monthly ad in the Fremantle Herald. To view copies on our website, head to 'Our Town', 'News and Publications' and 'Across the Town'.





Did you know the Town has installed a dual drinking fountain at Gourley Park for you and your four-legged, furry friends?



## **Sunny Celebrations at East Freo Kindy!**

Celebrations at East Freo
Kindy last month marking the
installation and activation of
their rooftop solar system.
Mayor O'Neill is thrilled the
Town (as building owner) was
able to contribute to this project,
as it's a win-win financially

and environmentally. A special community wide shout out to the Town's East Fremantle Climate Action Reference Group (CARG) and East Fremantle Kindy for driving this project and Lisa O'Malley MLA and the generous community members. Thank you.

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