

Talk of the Town

November 2021

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Funding for River Wall and Marine Life

The Town recently received funding from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to help us protect and care for the Swan River and the many creatures living therein.

The project will generate design documentation for the short and long-term future of the Town's river walls and a river pool (for sea creatures only) along the river adjacent to Riverside Road. The total project submission was \$150,000, for a co-funding agreement where 50% of funds were sought from DBCA, and 50% funded by the Town. Mayor-elect of East Fremantle, Jim O'Neill, welcomed the announcement, and thanked the State Government for its ongoing support for important local projects. "The Swan River is an essential part of our Town in every aspect – visually, recreationally, and it is key to our way of life. We, as custodians of our part of the foreshore, are pleased to be able to proceed with these plans to care for our River frontage and the creatures who live there."

EAST FREMANTLE FESTIVAL

Sunday 5 December

See inside for event map and lineup



East Fremantle Oval Precinct – Project Kicks Off

Final plans for a new and much improved facility at the East Fremantle Oval Precinct will soon be underway. Council has recently engaged the services of Donald Cant Watts Corke (DCWC) as Project Manager to deliver the vision developed by our community, under the guidance of Council.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) have been sought from local businesses that may be able to assist with either, an element of construction, or the operations of the facility once constructed. Thank you to those businesses that have lodged an EOI, these will be included in our tender packages for the facility's construction and management.

Tenders have now closed for Architectural and Lead Consultant Services, and Quantity Surveying



Services, with a decision to be made by Council on their appointments next week. Once appointed the first job will be to revisit the proposed design due to current cost escalations in the market.

Prior to the commencement of final detailed design, we will be seeking tender submissions from potential facility operators for the site to manage the hospitality/function space, commercial gym and allied health services on behalf of Council.

For project updates, visit our website at eastfremantle.wa.gov.au



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Henry Jeffery Oval Update

You may have noticed that Henry Jeffery Oval is fenced off until February 2022, as we complete much-needed upgrades to this facility including a new playing surface and new turf.

To find alternative places where you can go for a walk or run, do kick-to-kick or roll a few overs in, search our website for "parks and reserves" or give us a call.

Get Ready for Bushfire Season

As the weather warms up property owners must make preparations to comply with the Bush Fires Act 1954. All inflammable matter must be cleared from land and firebreaks created, as well as the removal of all cut or slashed material from the land. Residents can use their FOGO bins for the disposal of grass cuttings and other green matter to assist with this process. For advice and to read the guidelines, visit our website or call Rangers on 9339 9339.

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Seasonal Waste Collections

Normal waste collections will take place over the seasonal break as both 25 December 2021 and 1 January 2022 fall on non-collection days.

Project Updates

LEEUWIN DIVESTMENT NEWS

The Department of Defence (Defence) advises that they are temporarily suspending the disposal of Leeuwin Barracks to allow for a study of the long-term Defence estate requirements in the Perth and Fremantle region. The study is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2022, and pending the findings, Defence will inform the community about the outcome for the future use of Leeuwin Barracks. For updates, visit: defence.gov.au/id/propertydisposals/Leeuwin.asp

SWAN RIVER CROSSINGS

Main Roads advise that the alignment of the new crossings has now been confirmed, with construction of the new Fremantle Traffic Bridge and the new passenger rail occurring between the existing road and rail bridges.

The project is now progressing into the development phase where design details will be progressed along with further investigations around the constructability, environmental assessments, scheduling, and detailed costing. To find out more, visit mainroads.wa.gov.au and follow the links to Swan River Crossings.

PIPES FOR PERTH

Water Corporation will soon be renewing 3km of water pipes in East Fremantle, Bicton and Palmyra. This work will improve the security and reliability of the water supply to the area for decades to come. Construction work is planned to begin in late 2021 and will be completed in a staged approach which will continue through to mid-2022. At yoursay.watercorporation.com.au/eastfremantle see the pipe alignment, access business support resources, ask a question, and subscribe for updates.

Library News

It is with great excitement that we can advise that the new Fremantle Library will open from 22 November 2021. Located in Walyalup Koort, the new Fremantle civic centre, all of the Library's services are available for our residents. To explore online, visit fremantle.wa.gov. au/fremantle-library or pop in!

Green News



Garage Sale Trail

Over two weekends 13/14 and 20/21 November 2021, you can host a sale or shop the trail and find a bargain. For more information visit garagesaletrail.com.au



Reminder About Staying WaterWise with Your Pool/Spa and Verge

A reminder to residents that the new policies on waterwise pools and spas are now in effect. For guidance on how these apply to your property, and to find out how to design and create a Waterwise verge garden at your place, visit our website.



Get post-FOGO Mulch for your Garden

You can now purchase compost made from 30% FOGO waste from the Fremantle Recycling Centre for \$5 for a 25 litre bag.



Green Waste Collections Paused

Due to the impact of the exotic borer and quarantine imposed by Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, green waste collections in the Town are suspended. See our website for important information on helping to detect borers in your garden and green waste. Dates for future bulk waste collections will be advised soon.

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Council Election Results

On 16 October 2021, the Town of East Fremantle conducted elections and can advise the following results of officials elected to Council whose terms will expire in 2025.

Mayor | Mayor Jim O'Neill was re-elected unopposed and will remain on Council until 2025.

Cr Tony Natale was elected by his fellow Councillors to take the role of Deputy Mayor.

Plympton Ward | Mr Mark Wilson was elected, replacing Councillor (and Deputy Mayor) Jenny Harrington.

Cr Cliff Collinson remains on Council until 2023.

Preston Point Ward | Ms Laura Mascaro was elected. Cr Tony Natale remains on Council until 2023.

Richmond Ward | Cr Andrew McPhail was elected unopposed, and Cr Dean Nardi remains on Council until 2023.

Woodside Ward | Mr Andrew White was elected, replacing Tony Watkins. Cr Kerry Donovan remains on Council until 2023.

The Town gratefully acknowledges the contribution made by former Deputy Mayor Jenny Harrington, particularly for her leadership in the Town's Public Art Panel. We are also grateful for the hard work and dedication of Tony Watkins. See page 4 of this newsletter for an updated Councillor Directory and visit our website for a full listing of the composition of Council's committees.



Biennale Lights up the Night

Over the month of November, residents of and visitors to East Fremantle enjoyed a range of free events hosted in and close to our Town including Vespers (pictured below) and the spectacular Moombaki light show over the Swan River. What was your highlight? Share with us via our social media channels.



Local Planning Strategy – Thanks for your input

Recently the Town sought your input on our Draft Local Planning Strategy. The Strategy, once finalised, will provide strategic direction for future planning and development within the Town over the next 10 to 15 years. It provides a blueprint for the planning and development of neighbourhoods and informs the preparation of a new Local Planning Scheme No. 4. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend our drop-in sessions and to make written submissions. Council will consider submissions and may propose changes by late 2021/early 2022. The Town's proposal will then be considered by the Western Australian Planning Commission for final approval. For updates, keep an eye on our website.

Mayor's Christmas Message

The Nyoongar season Kambarang (Second Spring) is here and in December we move to Birak (First Summer) with dry and hot days when the river and ocean are greatly appreciated with the afternoon sea-breeze. This is the final edition of the Talk of the Town for 2021, and I thank everyone for the support that they have given with our focus on climate change and reducing our environmental impact, reconciliation and ensuring that we continue to improve our customer service delivery, infrastructure and communication. I take this opportunity to wish all residents the best for the festive season and hope you all have a spiritually rewarding time with family and friends. I greatly appreciate the East Fremantle community which is very caring and inclusive. Individual opinions and beliefs are respected and tolerated which is also reflected by your elected Councillors, where we all work together very collegially. I thank Councillors for their commitment to the Town and ensuring the Council is cohesive and productive. I take this opportunity to thank the CEO, Mr Gary Tuffin and all our staff for their hard work, professionalism and positive attitude. Most of all I thank you, the residents, for making 'East Freo' such a great place to live. On behalf of my fellow elected officials and the staff of the Town of East Fremantle, best wishes for the festive season. Jim O'Neill, Mayor



Seeking Aged or Disability Care? Want to Volunteer?

The Town of East Fremantle's **Neighbourhood Link** Commonwealth Home Support Program provides a comprehensive range of care services to the frail, aged and people with disabilities. Based at the Tricolore Community Centre, our program embraces the wellness approach to home and

community care. This means that our staff, volunteers and students encourage our clients to develop enhanced independence, capacity building and wellbeing. Vacancies are now available for new clients and volunteers. To view details of our service, visit our website, or a brochure can be mailed to you. To discuss your support needs or those of someone you love, call us on 9339 9381 to arrange an appointment. We are here to help.

SEASONAL OPENING HOURS

Town of East Fremantle's administration will close at noon on 24 December 2021 and reopen at 8.30am on Monday 10 January 2022.

Elected Members



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