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Help Us Design East Freo Oval

The redevelopment of East Fremantle Oval is reaching an exciting phase and we need your help to ensure the design concept is the best it can possibly be. In August, the Town hired a multidisciplinary design team to take the early designs from the vision process to the next level of detail to assist with securing the necessary funding.

To ensure that we have got the design right, and that it meets community needs and expectations, we invite you to attend a series of workshops.

Residents are invited to attend one of the following events to have input into the new design.

Design workshops: Wednesday 23 September: 3.30pm – 5pm or 5.30pm – 7pm
Drop in session to view revised plans on Wednesday 14 October: 3.30pm – 7pm
at the East Fremantle Town Hall, 135 Canning Highway.

To RSVP, visit our website or call Coordinator Community Engagement, Karen Dore on 9339 9339 or send an email to kdore@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

Community Calendar coming soon

We are putting together a Community Calendar for 2021 featuring images of our beautiful Town. The theme for the calendar is "Why I love East Freo" and we are inviting residents to submit high-resolution images for inclusion. Send your entries to admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au with a brief story (50 words max) to accompany your image. The calendar will include key dates in the year, a community directory, info on waste and recycling and a Town map.

The calendars will be available for collection by residents in early December 2020. The perfect addition to your wall or a gift to share.



News in Brief

Preston Point Oval Works

Relevelling works are now taking place that will improve the playing surface and the turf to provide a better facility for all to enjoy. Town contractors have begun these works in September to bring you these upgrades by Christmas. Please observe the signage at the site and take care while the works are underway. We thank you for your patience during this process.

Landscaping at Niergarup Track and Riverside Road

At Riverside Road, significant improvements worth \$1.9 million to date have enhanced access for cyclists and pedestrians and improved the road surface and kerbing.

At Niergarup Track, we have re-sheeted the limestone path to improve access. The next step for both of these projects is to implement our landscaping plans. These can be viewed online at our website.

Mooring Pens for Lease

Need somewhere to store your boat? The Town has mooring pens available for lease. There are 2 x 10 metre pens and 5 x 8 metre pens available.

Book in for a Swimming Pool Inspection

With Spring already here and Summer around the corner, the Town will be conducting pool inspections soon. All pools and spas in the Town must be inspected every four years to ensure they are safe.

The Town will soon be writing to all residents with pools and spas on their properties to arrange an inspection.

For details on all of the above, visit our website at eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

Library Access Secured

East Fremantle residents will be able to access the complete range of services available at the Fremantle Library under a shared services agreement signed on Friday 4 September 2020, including to the new Library when it opens next year.

"This agreement is a great result for our Town", Mayor O'Neill explained, "as they are able to access an exciting range of print, online, early childhood literacy services and digital services at the City of Fremantle Library, but at a fraction



of what it would cost us to create such services locally."

Residents of East Fremantle can access the Fremantle Library from Monday to Thursday 9am-6pm, Friday 9am-5pm, and on the weekends - Saturday 9am-1pm and Sunday 11am-3pm.

Residents can join in person or online at fremantle.wa.gov.au/fremantle-library

Containers for Change

Containers for Change is a new state-wide container deposit scheme that lets you cash in eligible containers for 10-cents each.

The City of Fremantle will be counting and processing containers at the City's new refund point located at Fremantle Recycling Centre. The scheme starts on 1 October and businesses, community groups, schools and charities can now apply to have their eligible containers collected and recycled. By registering for this service, the City of Fremantle's Waste team will deliver bins to collect the containers in, and will arrange collection.

Containers for Change aims to: reduce litter and landfill, increase recycling, create jobs, provide opportunities for social enterprise and benefits for community organisations and help raise funds for the community.

For more information visit: fremantle.wa.gov.au/containers-change or containersforchange.com.au

In other green news...

Thank you to everyone who took the challenge (including Mayor O'Neill) to go Plastic Free in July. We hope you enjoyed our month-long campaign of suggestions on how you can make simple switches to reduce your use of plastic. Don't stop now... let's keep the momentum going!

We hope residents are enjoying their new Waste Calendars for 2020/21. Soon a letter will be arriving which includes your pass to access the City of Fremantle Recycling Centre and Bulk Drop Off Service. The pass enables residents to make four (4) visits to the Centre to dispose of bulky waste and unlimited recyclable waste. Keep your letter as you will need it to access the Centre when you go, and residents should also take photo identification with proof of their address.

Bulk Waste Dates 2020/21

21 September 2020 and 8 March 2021 (Green Waste)

12 October 2020 (bulky waste)

For all the dos and don'ts on placing your bulk waste for collection, check your 2020-2021 Waste Calendar.

And stay tuned for the Garage Sale Trail coming later this year!

Strategic Community Plan 2020 – 2030 Help us set our priorities for the future

Local governments throughout WA create Strategic Community Plans which guide their decision making and set the agenda for the future development of the area.

It is our turn to review our existing Plan to ensure that we are delivering on the priorities that you value. To ensure the new Plan meets community needs

and aspirations for the future, we need your input.

Simply head to eastfremantle.wa.gov.au/consultations to complete an online survey or to register for a workshop. The workshops are planned for Wednesday 16 September (6.30pm), Thursday 24 September (1.00pm), Friday 9 October (10.00am – Youth focus) and Thursday 15 October (7.00am – Business focus).

If you need support in completing the survey or in registering for an event, please call us.

For more information, please contact Karen Dore, Coordinator Community Engagement by email to kdore@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au or by calling 9339 9339. To view our current Plan, visit our website and search for 'Strategic Community Plan'.

Community Cabinet Came to Town East Fremantle hosts Premier and Cabinet, raises local issues

The Town of East Fremantle was the epicentre of participatory democracy on Monday 27 July when we hosted Community Cabinet in our historic Town Hall, where our Mayor and Councillors focussed the attention of the Premier and State Government Ministers on local issues.

Among the guests were The Hon Dave Kelly MLA, Minister for Water; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science; Youth who grew up in East Freo. During the meetings, Mayor Jim O'Neill and CEO Gary Tuffin sought the support of Premier Mark McGowan and his Cabinet for local priorities including the redevelopment of East Fremantle Oval (read on for further details). Deputy Mayor Jenny Harrington held discussions with Minister Templeman about the Town's public art programme. In his remarks, Mayor O'Neill explained that the Town – although small – punched above its weight. He explained the Town is financially viable and sustainable, is a sought-after location where people want to live, run a business and invest, and a place that is hosting many exciting new projects for which State Government support is needed.



Town Takes Action on Reconciliation and Climate Change

Thank you to all residents who have expressed an interest.

Council is responding to community sentiment and values by convening two new working groups, one on Climate Change, and one on Reconciliation.

The Climate Action Reference Group (CARG) was formed through an expressions of interest process that began mid-year and nine excellent candidates were found. Terms of reference have been accepted by Council and available on the Town website. The CARG will be a community led reference group whose purpose is to assist in identifying targets, corporate projects and actions that the Town can undertake with community and local businesses to build the community's capacity to identify and address climate-based issues.

In late July, the Town also called for expressions of interest for its Working Group to develop and implement its Reconciliation Action Plan. The development of the Plan is an important step in the Town embedding its corporate values which include Respect and Empathy and these are cornerstones of how the Town approaches this issue. Going forward the Town will work to include our local Noongar/Whadjuk peoples, their history and culture and people into our recruitment practices, signage, and much more.

To learn more about both of these Working Groups, visit our website.



L-R: Premier McGowan and Member for Bicon, Lisa O'Malley at Sweetwaters in East Fremantle. Community Cabinet hosted in East Fremantle's historic Town Hall.

Town Recalls its Racing Past

Legends of Racing Celebrate New Art Installation

Did you know that the Town of East Fremantle was once home to the Richmond Raceway that was established in 1928 and ran until 1991?

Although the sounds of thundering hooves and the flash of racing silks are a memory, a new public art installation now records this dynamic part of the Town's past. Where the racetrack once stood is now bounded by Marmion, Silas, George and Moss Streets with Raceway Park in the centre. The original turnstiles, within pockets of public open space, stand as a reminder of 63 years of harness racing.

Streets close to the track still bear the names of famous horses.

The names of the horses recalled in the artwork are:

Dainty's Daughter - Trainer-Driver: Bernie Cushing

Mount Eden - Trainer-Driver: Jack Miles

Pure Steel - Trainer: Russell Roberts / Driver: Mark Roberts

Royal Force - Trainer: George Kennett / Driver: Dudley Anderson

San Simeon - Owner: Lyall Porter / Trainer-Driver: Lou Austin

Sylvia Mint - Trainer: Bill Johnson / Driver: Max Johnson

Bay Patch - Owner: G Martin / Trainer-Driver: Alby Boag

Speedy Cheval - Trainer: Ross Olivieri / Driver: Phil Coulson

Westgrove Boy - Trainer: Harry Schrader / Driver: Jim Schrader

Village Kid - Trainer: Bill Horn / Driver: Chris Lewis

Local artist, Ben Jones with the support of his father Tony, infused their combination of local knowledge, personal passion and professional pride into the artworks which are a stunning addition to the Park. At 10am on Saturday 1 August 2020, (1 August being the date known internationally as the day of all horses' birthdays in the Southern hemisphere), our Mayor and Councillors gathered with local residents and racing luminaries to toast the newly installed artworks. We invite you to visit the site to learn about our Town's racy past, or go online to the Streets of East Freo website at streetsofeastfreo.com



Artists Ben (pictured) and Tony Jones brought the stunning artworks to life. Photo by Kyle Spyrides, Soul Gazing Photography

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