



Town of East Fremantle News



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2016

Administration to move from Town Hall

The refurbishment of office space and Council Chambers at the Town Hall will commence in early 2017

As a result, all administration staff will be relocating to Dovenby House and the Old Police Station. Reception and front counter services will be available at Dovenby House (located in Council Place behind the Town Hall) along with planning and building services, finance and administration staff. The Chief Executive Officer and other support staff will be located in the Old Police Station.

From February 2017 Council and committee meetings will be held off site - details of which will be advertised on our website and Facebook page and in the local papers. The Towns Home and Community Care administration has been relocated to the Tricolore Centre. All contact numbers and emails will remain the same.

If you have any queries, please phone (08) 9339 9339 or email admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au.

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Logo design competition update

In October, the Town launched a logo design competition. The current crest logo was designed in 1897 so after 119 years at the helm, Council decided it was time for a change and a refreshed look to showcase the Town as it is today - vibrant, contemporary, inclusive, and rich in history. This is not to say the crest will be lost, rather it will be restricted to formal uses.

Ready for a change and looking for the creative input of its residents, schools, and businesses to kick things off, 17 submissions were received. The designs are being critiqued by the committee to determine how best to develop the new logo.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Jim O'Neill



Once again it has been a very busy year in the Town of East Fremantle.

Earlier in the year, we welcomed Gary Tuffin as Chief Executive Officer. Gary has brought with him a wealth of knowledge and understanding of local government and has fitted in very well with elected members, staff and the community.

Engaging with the community has been a large focus for the Town this year, the highlight of which was the Leeuwin Vision Plan Design Forum. Largely due to the persistence of Gary and his team, the Department of Defence agreed to collaborate with the Town to develop a Vision Plan for the Leeuwin site prior to its sale. This involved a four-day design forum or charrette that was held in September. The process brought together government agencies, residents, politicians, engineering, town planning and design experts, to work through a number of key themes. The Town has been really pleased with the response from the community to the various consultation sessions. All sessions resulted in a generally positive feel

towards the project, and I thank the community for the energy and passion they brought to the sessions. A final Vision Plan will be presented and endorsed by Council before being presented to the Department of Defence at the end of this year.

We conducted Dialogue Cafés as part of the community consultation component of our Recreation and Community Facilities Plan. This brought together our sporting and community groups, residents and interested people, to share ideas to help form the strategies for inclusion in a long-term plan. This will guide future investment and management of recreation and community assets. The final report is due to be completed and adopted this year.

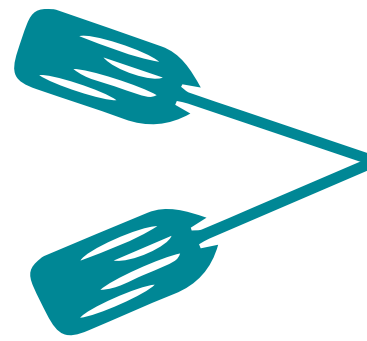
I can confidently say that engaging with and consulting our community will continue to be a priority of Council.

The Town continued to lobby against the proposed Perth Freight Link. While it remains a major focus for the Town, in conjunction with the Cities of Cockburn, Kwinana, Rockingham, Armadale and the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, we agree that a new outer harbour in Cockburn Sound is an essential and urgent requirement, irrespective of the current debate over Roe 8 and the Perth Freight Link route. There are obviously a number of issues associated with an outer harbour and the planning needs to commence now. This project has national significance and could be the catalyst for upgraded infrastructure and improved amenity across the Perth Southern Corridor. By diverting heavy freight, improving ageing infrastructure, and upgrading key roads, it will make transport links safer, faster and better able to connect our growing communities.

Another significant milestone this year was the announcement that the State Government had reached a deal with Saracen Investments to conserve and revitalise the Royal George Hotel. We acknowledge it is early days and that there are still a number of steps to work through in the town planning process before any actual work commences, but we are keen to see this iconic landmark utilised and preserved.

To the staff at the Town, thank you again for your ongoing hard work and professionalism throughout the year. And to all elected members, thank you for your commitment to your role as Councillor and for the support you provide to enable me to represent the Town as Mayor. I look forward to working with you in 2017.

I wish all residents and ratepayers a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.



East Fremantle Festival 4 December 2016

Once again, the annual festival in George Street attracted visitors from far and wide. Proudly presented by the Town of East Fremantle and supported by Lotterywest, this year's festival was again a tremendous success. With Jazz Music as its theme, the main stage featured Adam Hall and the Velvet Playboys, with Libby Hammer and a host of support acts featuring many talented individuals.

The George Street Artisan Market brought together a wealth of creative talent from West Australian artisans, with people finding the perfect Christmas gift or gourmet treat.

Families with children were again well catered for with a host of free activities in Glasson Park. A range of tantalising street food proved popular with tastes from around the globe. Cuisine on offer included paella, satays, crepes, gozlemes, persian food, bagels, cakes, gluten free slices, and fresh juices and ice cream.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone involved in helping the Town present another hugely successful Festival.



Royal George Update

The Department of Lands and Westbridge Property Group (Saracen Properties Pty Ltd) have been working together to finalise Lease negotiations with the draft Conservation Management Plan being finalised. The draft Conservation Management Plan was a major project milestone and is required to formalise the lease.

With respect to vandalism and break-ins on-site, the Department of Lands advises that they have recently implemented an upgraded security system including the implementation of CCTV cameras and the addition of metal security screens on problematic access points. The Department of Lands remains committed to the restoration of the Royal George Hotel and will remain actively involved in managing the site until the lease is finalised.





Freeman Bestowal

Dr David Nelson has been awarded the title of Freeman of the Town of East Fremantle.

In front of friends, family and community at the East Fremantle Yacht Club in June, Mayor Jim O'Neill spoke of a committed and humble man who has dedicated his professional and personal life to community service. Mayor O'Neill said that bestowing the honour of Freeman is a rare thing for the Town and that it is granted to eminent citizens to recognise their outstanding service to the community.

An outstanding member of our community, Dr Nelson is known and described as a humble and modest man, he has always strived to stay out of the limelight, yet he has been a constant supportive and giving member of the East Fremantle community for over 40 years. Not only as a committed GP and church member but as a mentor for his children and grandchildren.

In response to the bestowal, Dr Nelson said he was honoured to receive the title of Freeman of the Town, however in typical fashion, attributed his achievements to many of the people at the ceremony whom he said had helped him, including his family. He also spoke of the example set by his parents, in particular, his mother, who encouraged him to become a leader in all aspects of his life.

His son David Nelson Jnr told guests that for all his father's work in the community and as a doctor, not once did he and his brothers feel as though they missed out on his presence in their lives. He said how proud they are of him and what a wonderful example he has been to them.

Dr Nelson has been a strong advocate for social health issues, such as alcohol and drug addiction.

He founded Nelson Homes to provide a supportive environment for recovering addicts and their families. He has also been with Sea Scouts for many years, is a supportive church member and organist, is a keen sailor and has been a GP in the same practice in East Fremantle for over 40 years

Community Groups and Sporting Clubs – advertise your event on our website

If you have an event, activity or function you would like promoted, send details to admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

The Town is keen to assist with the promotion of local community events and activities on our website.

Sculpture installed

The Town's latest art acquisition has been installed near the Plympton Steps named 'Lanark Steel' by John Tarry, it is made from steel from Lanarkshire in Scotland and Western Australian recycled jarrah.



E-Newsletter – subscribe now!

The Town will be introducing an E-newsletter in the New Year to provide information and news on a regular basis – if you want to receive a copy, please provide your email address via admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

Register for E-Rates

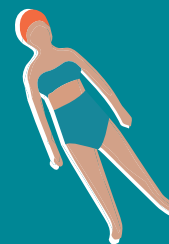
Help reduce paper usage and register now for E-Rates. Go to our website and follow the link on the front page.

Report graffiti

admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au, use the 'contact us' form on the website or phone (08) 9339 9339.

Help us to clean up graffiti quickly by letting us know as soon as you see it. Thank you!

Recreation and Community Facilities Plan update



During the past 12 months, the Town has been working with SGL to develop a Recreation and Community Facilities Plan to provide a strategic framework for addressing the current and future recreation and community facility needs. The project has consulted and engaged with the community via an online survey and telephone questionnaire, discussions with representatives from sporting, community and interest groups and two Dialogue Cafés.

The information gathered from the community has provided the Town with up-to-date data which has been used to develop a range of strategies with which to move forward.

Across all engagement activities, there were common themes that emerged. This included suggestions relating to multipurpose community and recreation facilities, such as the redevelopment of East Fremantle Oval and the remainder of the 'A' Class reserve it is located on, as well as facilities at Leeuwin; co-location and resource sharing between clubs and associations and neighbouring local governments; the changing demographic of the area and the need to provide facilities and services accordingly; and, maintaining community access and use of the foreshore.

The final report to be adopted by Council will provide high-level recommendations. Any progress of these recommendations, particularly concerning co-location of groups or clubs, or relocation and development of facilities will require detailed investigations such as master plans, business case development and further comprehensive consultation and engagement with residents, facility users and the community. Once adopted, the Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy will be available on the Towns' website.



Leeuwin Vision Plan Project

Following many months of discussion and collaboration, the Town of East Fremantle, with support from the Department of Defence commenced the comprehensive process to establish a future planning vision for the Leeuwin Barracks site.

Council views the sale and subsequent development of the site as a 'once in a generation' opportunity for stakeholders to collectively assist, map out and potentially shape the future development of this unique riverside site. It provides the chance to create something relevant and irreplaceable, not only for the immediate community of East Fremantle to enjoy but for the region and the city. Its proximity to the river makes it so important that the site is developed with both an eye on the past and the future.

A steering committee was formed to oversee the development of the Visioning Plan, consisting of the Town of East Fremantle, Defence and the Department of Planning representatives.

With the services of TPG Placematch to manage the Vision Plan project, a four-day Design Forum was held in September. Over 200 people participated, including members of the Tingira Australian Association who represent the former Junior Recruits some made the trip from the eastern states to participate.

The Vision Plan is not a statutory document, however, through the process of engagement, the new owner and the Town will have a guide for future planning over the site, as to how the Leeuwin development could be shaped. It is important to remember that once the site has been sold, there will be a number of required planning processes to go through to progress any redevelopment of the site. All of these processes will include community consultation and engagement with a range of stakeholders.

The aim of the Design Forum and the process was to reach out and involve as many people as possible, including government agencies and community. The Town achieved that.

A summary of the Outcomes of the Design Forum has been circulated to participants and is available on the Town's website.

Council will endorse the final Leeuwin Vision Plan and then forward to Defence at the end of this year, prior to the site being made available for sale on the open market.



GARAGE SALE TRAIL

Town of East Fremantle statistics

- Number of Garage Sales/Stalls - 33 (Last year it was 31)

Individual Sales - 20

Group Sales - 2

- Number of Stalls at Group Sales - 13
- Average Number of Shoppers; 44 in the Local Are (Increased from 42 last year)

Sellers - 100% are more conscious about the role they can play in reducing waste; on average they sold 66 items ; 60% may not have otherwise has a garage sale

100% knew that council supported the program.

Shoppers - 100% are more conscious about their role in reducing waste ; 100% plan on participating again next year; 68% shopped to grab a bargain



Pioneer's Luncheon



The Town's valued seniors were invited to the annual Pioneer's Luncheon, held at the East Fremantle Yacht Club. Again this year, the Mayor and Councillors celebrated the contribution of members of the community aged 60 years or over, who have resided in the Town for over 30 years.

A delicious three-course meal was served and guests were entertained by the Richmond Primary School chorale and duet Robyn and Bruce.

As happens each year, the Town celebrates a pioneer and this year Mary Lo Presti joined the Mayor in cutting the Christmas cake. The Lo Presti family are well-known in Fremantle and East Fremantle for their store on Canning Highway which has been running since 1964. Prior to this, Mary and her late husband Claude, ran a store in Fremantle at 62 Adelaide Street, selling continental foods and wholesaling to businesses around Perth. This was around the time when Italian cuisine started to make its mark on the Australian palate.

Mary is 84 years young and still works in her East Fremantle store six days a week. She has four children, nine grandchildren and is a proud great grandmother to two littlies.

Mary is a proud pioneer of the Town. Having lived here since she was 15 years old, she believes the Town should never amalgamate and should remain a close-knit community. Thank you Mary for your outstanding contribution to the town and the community.



PERTH FREIGHT LINK UPDATE

Despite the Senate Inquiry conducted in October 2015 vindicating the Town's stance on the Perth Freight Link (PFL), there seems to be no let-up in State Government plans to move ahead with this controversial project. The State Government signed contracts for Roe 8 in October, advising at the time that work would commence before Christmas. However, in November, the Save the Beelihar Wetlands group said that it would be going before the High Court this month (December 2016) to argue its case for an appeal against the environmental approvals for Roe 8. Once available, information about the outcome of the hearing will be posted to our website and Facebook page.



NBN work underway in East Fremantle

If residents see NBN trucks around East Fremantle it's because the NBN has started the design process in the area.

Work has begun on designing the fixed line technology to more than 18,600 premises in parts of East Fremantle, Alfred Cove, Attadale, Bicton, Booragoon, Melville, Myaree and Palmyra.

Local residents can expect to see NBN contractors inspecting the existing phone and broadband infrastructure in preparation for construction which is due to commence in mid-2017.

Residents can register their address to receive updates on the NBN readiness by visiting www.nbnco.com.au

Website - what's new?

In April this year, the Town launched its new look website and with the new brighter look, the site has improved functionality for users. The latest updates include an option for the inclusion of facilitating increases/decreases of font size and colour contrasts. We are also working on the inclusion of a Directory module, which will enable businesses, community groups and sporting clubs to login and update details of their business or group. More information about this will be circulated as we progress.

The Town is working with Market Creations through the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Council Connect program to develop the site. East Fremantle is the first metropolitan local government to join the WALGA program.

www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au



New local laws

During the year Council has been updating its Local Laws. Copies of gazetted Local Laws can be found on the website, by searching the Council Documents under the category of Local Law.

NEW LOCAL LAWS INCLUDE:

- Cats Local law
- Dogs Local Law
- Local Government Property and Public Places Local Law
- Parking Local Law

If you have any queries about any of these and other Local Laws, please do not hesitate to contact the Town.

Appointment of Executive Manager Regulatory Services – Andrew Malone

Mr Andrew Malone was appointed to the new position of Executive Manager Regulatory Services in September this year following the departure of Jamie Douglas (Manager Planning Services). Mr Malone has been at the Town for four years (4) and is a qualified Town Planning professional. He has worked in both the Public and the Private sector gaining comprehensive management and team leadership experience. His area of responsibility includes Town Planning, Building, Environmental Health and Ranger Services.

Rubbish/Recycling Services over Christmas and New Year break

Rubbish and Recycling collection services will continue as per the regular schedule during the Christmas/New Year Break.

Please note that Cleanaway will not return to bins not put out for collection.

For all enquiries phone the Cleanaway Customer Service Hotline on 13 13 39

Council Office Hours over the Christmas and New Year Break

The Town Hall office will be closed from 12pm on 23 December and will re-open again at 8:30am on Tuesday 3 January 2016.

The Mayor, Councillors and staff wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Please note: Office hours are 8:30am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday



KidSport – online applications now available

KidSport enables eligible children 5 - 18 years to participate in community sports and recreation by offering financial assistance towards club fees.

You are now able to apply for KidSport online. Paper based forms are still available if you don't have access to the internet.

Kids who join clubs feel part of the community, develop a sense of pride in that community and make great friends.

If you would like more information on the KidSport program stop by the council office or visit <http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/kidsport>.



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Your Elected Representatives

Your Mayor and Councillors are elected by you to represent the Town's residents and ratepayers. Contact details are provided should you wish to discuss a council matter or offer any suggestions.

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We welcome your feedback

We would love to hear from you. Get in touch with us and leave your feedback. Query, question or concern - write to us via email: admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au or use the contact us form on the website.

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