



## **TOWN OF EAST FREMANTLE**

The Municipality of East Fremantle was created in 1897, when it separated from the Town of Fremantle to become an independent local authority. The Town has a population of approximately 6,500 and is 3.2 square kilometres in area. It is bounded to the north and west by the Swan River, across which many properties enjoy expansive views. To the east it shares a common boundary with the City of Melville, to the south and west with the City of Fremantle. It is a few kilometres from the centre of Fremantle and other major retail areas and is well served by public transport.

The Town has a rich history. The local aboriginal tribe known as Nyungar obtained food and drinking water from the river edges and open grassy areas. The track which linked the fledgling Swan River Colony based in Fremantle to the future city centre of Perth in 1831 is documented traversing along the East Fremantle cliff edge finishing at the river ferry crossing at Preston Point. Early settlement of the area consisted of large farm holdings, however as the colony prospered during the 1890's gold rush the nature of settlement altered dramatically, rapidly changing to a residential area.

The Plympton precinct today consists of charming worker's cottages which were established largely between 1890 and 1910. The annual East Fremantle Festival is held in historic George Street, the main street of Plympton. Riverside was established by the merchant elite of Fremantle and is perched high on the cliffs overlooking the River. Gracious homes of the goldrush era are dotted along the escarpment. Further northwards, the Preston Point area was developed in the 1950's with houses typical of the period also enjoying the expansive views over the river.

The Woodside and Richmond precincts contain many homes dating from 1900 – 1940. Described as 'sweetness and light' this area is characterised by its fine brick and tile bungalows on generous (quarter acre block or similar) sites with mature garden settings.

The Town of East Fremantle has strongly resisted the push for infill development and encouraged the retention of the many heritage homes, gardens and streetscapes in the municipality. Whilst pressure from various sources to increase densities may ultimately prevail, in East Fremantle the community and families currently enjoy the standard of amenity of their forebears, with space for children to play and a sense of history and community unparalleled elsewhere.

## *The Town At A Glance*

### **THE TOWN AT A GLANCE**

Established as a municipality:	2 April 1897
Population:	6,500 (approx)
Number of dwellings:	3,000 (approx)
Number of rate assessments:	3,188
Area:	3.2km <sup>2</sup>
Area of parks & gardens:	65ha
Location:	25km from Perth GPO
Length of roads:	40km
Annual Operating Expenditure:	\$5,978,398
Rate revenue:	\$2,574,329 General \$1,738,917 Specified Area
Employees:	42
Principal Officers (at 30 June 2001)	
Chief Executive Officer	Stuart Wearne
Executive Manager Finance & Admin	Laurie Griffiths
Finance Manager	Mike Costarella
Acting Town Planner	Kelvin Oliver
Principal Environmental Health Officer	Vic Andrich
Works Supervisor	Paul McGinty
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*Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2001*

# *Mayor & Councillors*

## *Mayor & Councillors*

(as at 30 June 2001)

### ***Mayor:***

*2001-2005*

Mayor **Jim O Neill**

72 Allen Street

East Fremantle WA 6158

**9339 2425**

### ***Councillors:***

#### ***Plympton Ward***

*1999-2003*

Cr Alan **Fenna**

90 King Street

East Fremantle WA 6158

**9339 8775**

*2001-2005*

Cr John **Kirkness**

87 Duke Street

East Fremantle WA 6158

**9319 2371**

#### ***Woodside Ward***

*1999-2003*

Vacant

*2001-2005*

Cr Don **Hogg**

78 Irwin Street

East Fremantle WA 6158

**9339 4541**

#### ***Richmond Ward***

*1999-2003*

Cr Judith **Wheeler**

130 Preston Point Road

East Fremantle WA 6158

**9339 4894**

*2001-2005*

Cr Liz **Lovell**

33 Osborne Road

East Fremantle WA 6158

**9339 6755**

#### ***Preston Point Ward***

*1999-2003*

Cr Chris **Roberts**

32 Pier Street

East Fremantle WA 6158

**9339 8375**

*2001-2005*

Cr Marilyn **Carosella**

190 Preston Point Road

East Fremantle WA 6158

**9319 1595**

## *Mayor's Report*

My first two months as Mayor have been a huge learning curve and I would have to say that the financial year ended 2001 was one of change. The Town of East Fremantle saw a large number of programs commenced and we look eagerly forward to their completion. There have also been significant staffing changes in the town planning and finance departments.

Before going any further, I would like to thank the previous Mayor Andrew Smith for planning and initiating a large number of programs. In my brief time as Mayor, it has been rewarding to see the commencement of the East Fremantle Junior Football Clubrooms, the near completion of the reticulation of reserves, the new Town Planning Scheme No 3 and the finalisation of underground power are but a few that spring to mind. I look forward to the next three years and ten months for the completion of the above as well as a new footpath and road construction and maintenance program, improved playgrounds especially in Glasson Park, a comprehensive approach to traffic management, including Marmion Street and also to ensure the Town has the necessary level of services to improve and protect the amenity of its people.

### ***Finance***

As a result of changes in the finance sector with the appointment of Mr Laurie Griffiths (Executive Manager Finance & Administration) and Mr Michael Costarella (Finance Manager) the Town has witnessed significant changes. The Town has adopted a more transparent financial system and annual reporting in an effort to allow better understanding of the Town's financial position. We ended this year with a budget surplus of \$770,000. Most of this was brought forward to the next financial year due to a large number of uncompleted major works programs. This financial year has already seen a number of these near completion.

### ***Underground Power***

Without doubt the largest public works program undertaken by the Town. After some engineering difficulties in the Plympton area, the underground drilling recommenced. The vast majority of the Town has been completed and Plympton should be up and running by early 2002. I would like to thank the people of the Town and in particular Plympton for their enormous patience whilst Western Power and associated contractors have carried out this project. Stuart Wearne, our CEO, was instrumental in getting the project resumed after these engineering difficulties and we all look forward to reaping the many benefits of the underground power system.

### ***Other Public Works***

Council has recently completed a number of playgrounds within the Town. These include the East Fremantle Lawn Tennis Club and Stratford Street. The Stratford Street Park has become a major focal point in the neighbourhood allowing parents and children to meet and socialise. I am told by reliable sources that the odd sundowner is held there fairly regularly. I would like to thank local residents for the input and effort they put into the planning and construction of this playground and in particular Robyn Hughes for the organisation of public participation. It was a great display on what can be achieved when people work together for a common goal.

Glasson Park in Plympton has been earmarked for a major upgrade in the coming year. Open space and playgrounds are a rare commodity in Plympton and Council recognises this and is planning a state of the art park in an attempt to somewhat address this imbalance. This park should be a focal point in George Street and cater for all ages.

Traffic treatments to address some of the danger spots in the Town have been planned and commenced. The construction of the roundabout at Petra Street and View Terrace is currently taking place. The roundabout at St

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commence soon. The Town is working with the City of Fremantle to address traffic problems on Marmion Street east of the Stirling Highway extension. On the western side of the extension in Marmion Street a number of nibs have been constructed as well as the removal of the slip lane into King Street. Following the completion of the underground power project, I will work to ensure traffic and footpaths are the next priority.

### ***Drainage***

The Town has over the years had difficulties with stormwater drainage. Residents in Fletcher, Fortescue and Irwin Streets to name a few know only too well these problems. The reason for the problems were that the system was old and requiring major maintenance. Under the supervision of Mr Paul McGinty (Works Supervisor) we have undertaken major maintenance works in the stormwater drainage area. This is both costly and time consuming but must be done to ensure that the previous problems are addressed. We all hope that the work already undertaken and planned will solve the drainage problems.

### ***Reticulation***

To improve our parks and adopt a more responsible approach to water usage, all the parks and reserves in the Town are intended to be reticulated. Most have already been completed with only a few to be done including East Fremantle Oval.

### ***East Fremantle Festival***

The festival will return to George Street in 2001 and it looks like being better than ever.

### ***Henry Jeffery Oval Clubrooms and Reticulation***

After years of planning and numerous plans, the new clubrooms are finally underway and they look great. Their renovation will have no impact on local residents in the small increase in the existing roof height. This combined with the reticulation of Henry Jeffery Oval will ensure a top quality venue for our junior

I would like to thank all Councillors, staff, members of the East Fremantle Junior Football Club and local residents for working together to finally get this facility up and running. The clubroom renovation was made possible by a significant increase in funding by the Town of East Fremantle, together with a third contribution from the Department of Sport and Recreation as well as an in kind contribution from the East Fremantle Junior Football Club.

### ***Bowling Club***

The Town has also made significant financial contributions to the East Fremantle Bowling Club and these will be further increased to allow the Bowling Club to have a secure future in our Town. Hopefully the Council's contribution will ensure that this valuable club remains viable in our Town.

### ***Soccer Club***

The Council also made a significant financial contribution to the junior soccer club to improve lighting for training as well as reticulation to improve the playing surface.

### ***Cricket Club***

Council has also made funds available to upgrade the practice nets and reticulation to improve the playing surface.

### ***East Fremantle Yacht Club***

The Council is also working with the East Fremantle Yacht Club to finalise a number of outstanding issues. I am sure given the contribution this club makes to our Town, these issues will be resolved to the satisfaction of club members and the benefit of the people of East Fremantle.

### ***Ulrich Park***

After much negotiation, the Education Department has agreed to provide funding to remove and replace the existing sump. This work will be undertaken in January 2002. Following completion of the sump, Council will undertake to landscape and develop a Bernhard Kaiser playground in Ulrich Park.

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I would like to thank local residents, parents, teachers and of course the children for their patience whilst Council tried to resolve this matter. I am sure that Mrs Green and Mrs Stewart-Magee will be pleased when the park and playground are completed.

### ***Town Planning***

As all residents and local businesses would be aware, the new Scheme has nearly been completed. After public advertising a few adjustments have been made. The new Scheme will allow for better understanding of the requirements in developments within the Town. It has adopted a density policy that reflected the people of the Town's wishes and allows for more life to be injected into George Street by adopting a mixed use approach and relinquishing the residential component. Hopefully, this will allow for greater flexibility in this area.

Council will continue to review its committee and Council proceedings and what comes of this will always be what is in the best interests of the Town. The new Scheme will need to be reviewed around once a year as required to meet community needs.

I would like to thank Kelvin Oliver, Shelley Jenkinson, Dirk Arkeveld, Joe O Keefe, Peta Cooper and Georgina Cooper for all their hard work and effort in the Development Control Unit.

### ***Recycling***

The Town has continued to refine its recycling program. It has been a huge success and has resulted in a huge drop in the amount of waste going to landfill. More and more waste will be recycled further reducing landfill. This will become more evident when the recycling plant in Canning Vale is completed.

I would like to thank Cr Hogg and Vic Andrich, Council's Principal Environmental Health Officer for all the hard work they have put in on behalf of the Town in this area.

### ***Swan River and Centenary of Federation Trail***

As many of you would know the Niergarup Track was opened earlier this year. It allows a scenic walk along the cliff top from Merv Cowan Park. It has a number of historic photographs along its short route. Along with my predecessor I would like to thank the Friends of East Fremantle Foreshore, in particular John Bawden and Alec Robinson. We shouldn't forget the students from Richmond Primary School and teachers for all their hard work along the river in removing weeds and shrub planting. If you have not walked along the Track, I would encourage you to do so regularly. It is a very pleasant, interesting and scenic route.

The Swan River is another priority with this Council. We have worked with the Friends of East Fremantle Foreshore in earmarking areas of concern such as erosion. The Council installed a sea wall near Sunnys to reduce erosion which had badly eroded under the footpath and was becoming extremely dangerous. Other areas of concern like John Tonkin Park will be addressed soon. We all need to assume responsibility in protecting our river and the WA Government needs to ensure adequate funds to address concerns to restore and maintain our great asset.

### ***Monitoring Panel***

The Council worked closely with the Monitoring Panel to oversee the implementation of the recommendations of the Inquiry into the Town. The Monitoring Panel established a good working relationship with the Council and I would like to thank its members Messrs Harry Morgan, Eric Lumsden, Alistair Burvill and Stuart Fraser for ensuring a positive working relationship. Many of the recommendations have been implemented and considerable ground has been made on those remaining.

### ***Royal George***

As many of you would know, the Council has been offered the Royal George Hotel at what

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Many Councillors have expressed an interest in acquiring this building. But we are also hesitant to commit ratepayers' money after the Town contributed significantly to its restoration in the 1980s as well as losing a significant number of rateable houses in the Stirling Highway extension.

Whatever Council does, it must ensure it is in the best interests of the people of East Fremantle. Many Councillors are keen to maintain its community arts focus.

### ***Recognition of Community Groups***

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work done by Anne Reeves and the Glyde-In Committee. Many programs are being offered and it is a real focal point in the Fremantle area. We thank them for their commitment to the community.

The Home and Community Care Programme run by Sue Limbert provides a number of services to allow people to remain in their home and community. These many volunteers and helpers (and those involved in the respite care centre at Wauhop Park) do a great job and on behalf of the community and Council, I would like to thank them.

The Town Planning Advisory Panel, after a number of years, continues to provide community input into town planning within the Town.

Neighbourhood Watch, under Noel Nimmo and his many helpers, continues to provide a sense of caring and security within the Town.

As mentioned earlier the Friends of East Fremantle Foreshore continue to do vital work to enhance and protect our foreshore and river.

East Fremantle has a great sense of community. It is a place where people care about their neighbours and residents. We have a strong sense of pride and a desire to protect the things that make East Fremantle a great

School Fete to the East Fremantle Festival, we all recognise that to make a community work, we need to put in the effort to ensure that we look after all members of the local community.

I would again like to reiterate how proud I am to be the Mayor of East Fremantle and on behalf of the Council take this opportunity to thank the CEO, Mr Stuart Wearne, Ms Janine May and all the staff, volunteers and helpers for their efforts in the past year. We wish them and all residents a safe and enjoyable festive season.

Last but not least, I would like to acknowledge the important contribution Andrew Smith has made both as a Councillor and Mayor. Andrew was Mayor during the Inquiry and at all times maintained a strong defence of the Town and kept our chins up. Andrew consistently placed the well being of the Town and its people as a priority. Whilst on a few rare occasions we did not see eye to eye he always represented the Town with distinction. He has left the Town in good shape ensuring that proactive change will occur in response to the changing role of local government. On behalf of the Town, thanks Andrew, we wish you well in your retirement from local government.

I would like to wish all residents and local businesses, Councillors and staff a safe, enjoyable and spiritually rewarding festive season.

*JAMES O NEILL*  
Mayor



## Chief Executive Officer's Report

The 2000/01 financial year saw the Town of East Fremantle build on the process of organisational change which was initiated in the previous year, whilst continuing to provide a high level of service and commitment towards meeting the many needs of our community.

The Mayor's and the departmental reports outline the more significant initiatives and achievements which occurred during the year.

Whilst this was a productive and rewarding year, many challenges remain. These include:

- increasing the effectiveness, efficiency and quality of Council services.
- further changes to the organisational structure to better meet the needs of the community.
- development of new policies, practices and local laws.
- extra responsibilities (generally devolved from the State government) without matching resources.
- management of the transition to Town Planning Scheme No 3.
- balancing the community expectations of additional services and amenities with Council's available financial and human resources.

I thank all staff for their support, hard work and commitment which has been unstinting despite the added stresses of organisational change and in some cases less than optimal working conditions.

I thank the Mayor and Councillors for their support and encouragement of myself and Council staff and for their dedication to their role in guiding the Town in identifying and better meeting the needs of the community they have been elected to serve.

I particularly wish to thank the former Mayor, Andrew Smith who retired in May after 16 years of largely unbroken service to this Town, having first been elected as a Councillor in 1977. Andrew was CEO in 1999

and since, I greatly appreciated Andrew's personal support and encouragement, his thoughtful insights and creative ideas, his leadership of Council and finally for his selfless loyalty, dedication and invaluable years of service to the Town. A contribution *par excellence*.

East Fremantle has survived, as a small, intact urban village (some describe it as having the feel of a country town) against the odds.

It has survived because people like Andrew Smith, and Councils like the current Council, have been prepared to defend the Town's reputation and fight for its survival. The motto 'Small but Strong' was borne of this history.

Amalgamation attempts, on occasion backed by Royal Commissions; highway proposals drawn up not for the Town's benefit and which would have effectively destroyed the Town; and unjustified Government Inquiries have all been answered with full or partial success.

The Town survives. It remains strong. Its size presents particular challenges for Council's administration, due to the magnitude and nature of some of the tasks which must be tackled by a small council infrastructure. However the positive benefits for the East Fremantle community of a small responsive Council are considered to far outweigh any possible disadvantages associated with its size.

Most notably the size ensures elected members are able to be in touch with the aspirations and concerns of the community, in a way which is generally not possible with larger councils. The community has a chance to be heard. Council is thus in a position to more accurately and effectively respond to its citizens' aspirations and concerns.

As a consequence Council in turn, and in comparison with most other metropolitan

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in shaping and promoting values which are of importance to the community — for example values concerning community participation in Council decision making, environmental protection, the promotion of public amenity considerations in town planning decisions, appreciation and conservation of the Town s heritage, care for the frail aged, disabled and other disadvantaged persons in our community and finally a culture of robust political debate led by an active and democratic local government.

For this the Council should be proud.

In concluding, I wish to record my appreciation for the support and hard work of my Personal Assistant, Ms Janine May. Ms May is a long serving Council employee whose wide experience, detailed corporate knowledge, commitment, wise counsel and above all unflappable calm and good humour in the face of any difficulty or challenge is invaluable. I express my heartfelt gratitude to Janine for this.

It is with pleasure that I now present the following reports for each of the Town s operating divisions.

*STUART WEARNE*

*Chief Executive Officer*

## *Finance & Administration*

The function of the Finance and Administration staff of the Town covers a broad range of activities from Council Support, Financial Reporting, Rating and Debt Collection and administrative services. These include Asset Management, Records Management, Human Resource Management, Payroll, Accounting and Information Technology.

Its primary focus is on Financial Management and statutory compliance in terms of transparency and disclosure. To this end, the Town prepares a Principal Activities Plan, an Annual Budget and audited Annual Financial Statements each year. During the year regular financial reporting assists the Council in their role of the management of Council's financial and physical resources. All of these documents are available for public inspection at the Council Office between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm weekdays (public holidays excluded).

### ***PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES PLAN***

The Principal Activities Plan outlines the Town's major activities over the next four years and establishes performance measures and desired outcomes in respect of each. It is updated annually and effectively forges a link between the Council's Strategic Plan and its Annual Budget. The Town's Principal Activities Plan for 2000/2001 identified the following goals: -

- Infrastructure Maintenance;
- Travel Management;
- Heritage & Conservation;
- Environmental Management;
- Image and Profile;
- Corporate Services & Resourcing;
- Health & Community Services.

A statement showing variances between the Town's 2001/2002 to 2004/2005 Principal Activities Plan and the actual results for the year are attached with the summarised financial statements.

The 2001/2002 financial year will see the Town re-focus on its goals under a restructured administration.

### ***ANNUAL BUDGET***

The Council adopted a balanced budget for 2000/2001, but departed from its debt reduction strategy -

- to facilitate Stage 1 and to commence Stage 2 of the Underground Power Project;
- to increase its commitment to preserving buildings and public places that have a significant place in the heritage of East Fremantle
- to increase its Works Programme.

### ***ANNUAL BUDGET (continued)***

Exposure to long term debt was not used for normal capital project funding in accordance with Council's policy on reduction of loan fund debt. Additional short term borrowings of \$1,800,000 were raised for Stage 2 of the Underground Power.

Costs of debt servicing associated with the loan funding for the Underground Power Project and associated area enhancement is being provided through a Specified Area Rate imposed on all properties in the Town over the term of the respective loans. These loans are repayable over three years (credit foncier basis) resulting in Specified Area Rates being charged to Stage 1 properties between 1999/2000 to 2001/2002 and to Stage 2 properties between 2000/2001 to 2002/2003.

Uncompleted Works in the vast majority of instances have been carried forward to the 2001/2002 Budget.

### ***ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

The Annual Financial Report for the year 2001/2002 is available on the Council's website.

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accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations under that Act. The audit was conducted by Barrett & Partners - DFK and their Audit Report was presented to Council at its meeting held on the 19 November 2001. Copies of the Audited Financial Report are included in this document.

### *Operating Statement*

The Operating Statement shows a deficit of \$1,783,222 compared with \$229,982 for the previous financial year. This is largely the result of the abnormal item of payment to Western Power Corporation for Underground Power Stage 2 of \$1,800,000. (Estimated date of completion is February 2002).

### *Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Financial Position*

This Statement reveals a slight decrease in accumulated funds and an increase in reserves being held by the Town. The Local Government Act 1995 requires that funds raised by way of Specified Area Rates and not spent within the year of rating must be placed in a reserve account and carried forward for that purpose in the following year.

### **COMPETITION PRINCIPLES AGREEMENT**

The Competition Principles Agreement is an agreement between the Commonwealth and State/Territory Governments. It sets out how the government will apply National Competition Policy principles to public sector organisations within their jurisdiction. The agreement is also binding on local government.

The aim of the agreement is to encourage public sector organisations to operate transparently and in the public interest. To achieve this, public sector organisations must review their significant services to ensure competitive neutrality (ie they have no competitive advantage or disadvantage resulting from their status as a public enterprise).

In terms of significant services, none of the Town of East Fremantle's services fit the criteria of having an annual income over \$0.2 million. Nevertheless, the Council is committed to applying the principles of competitive neutrality to its waste disposal and recycling services as well as maintaining the element of competition in the function of purchasing goods and services at all levels.

The Council is also progressing its review of its local laws to identify and remove any restrictions on competition that cannot be justified on the grounds of public benefit.

## Town Planning/Public Domain

Council's Town Planning/Public Domain section is responsible for:

- construction, maintenance and repair of streets, footpaths, dual use paths, rights of way, crossovers and public drainage works
- provision and maintenance of street furniture and signage
- provision and maintenance of park furniture
- provision and maintenance of street lighting
- planting and watering of street trees
- refuse collection support including household and streetside bin collection
- street and selective verge cleaning and weed control
- maintenance and care of the Town's parks, gardens and recreation reserves
- maintenance of the Swan River foreshore within the Town

Plans adopted and activities undertaken in the 2000/01 financial year were:

### ***Skateboard Park***

Notwithstanding months of debate at Committee & Council meetings, extensive community consultation and site visits to existing facilities at Bayswater and Belmont, Council was unable to decide on a site for a skateboard park within the area, given there had been community opposition or Council objections to all of the sites which have been suggested so far.

### ***Sculpture — Raceway Park***

Council in conjunction with the Fremantle Trotting Club commissioned Mr Vitorio Ulinovich to create a sculpture for Raceway Park incorporating a drinking fountain and bench, which recognised the site as the former Richmond Raceway trotting ground. An official opening was held on Sunday, 17 December 2000.

### ***Erosion Along East Fremantle Foreshore***

Site meetings have been held with representatives of Friends of East Fremantle

consider serious erosion problems along the foreshore, particularly at John Tonkin Park and WW Wayman Reserve.

### ***Underground Power***

The Underground Power project (Stage 1) is nearing completion.

Stage 2 of the Underground Power Project incorporating the Plympton area has ceased due to technical and financial difficulties associated with the sheet capstone which was encountered in this area.

### ***Street Poles***

After considerable deliberations, Council resolved that the colour of the new light poles to be erected as part of the underground power project be the blue of the Town's flag.

### ***Gill Street Traffic Treatments***

Traffic treatments have been installed in Gill Street to eliminate vehicles travelling at high speed over the crest of the hill.

### ***East Fremantle Cricket Wicket***

Council provided \$4,000 for the replacement of the No 2 practice wicket at Preston Point Cricket Ground

### ***Playground Equipment***

Playground equipment designed and constructed by Bernhard Kaiser at a cost of \$23,000 was installed in Stratford Street Park.

### ***Ulrich Park***

Negotiations with the Education Department continued, ultimately achieving success when the Department agreed to fund, to a maximum of \$130,000, a reconstruction of the sump works.

### ***Henry Jeffery Oval Changerooms***

Council approved the refurbishment of the East Fremantle Junior Football Club changerooms with limestone render and a curved roof. Work is to commence in 2001/2002 and it is anticipated the building will be ready for the 2002/2003 football

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### ***Closure of ROW from Memorial Rose Garden (Preston Point Road) to Federation Trail***

Extensive investigations have taken place on the proposal to close the ROW from the Memorial Rose Garden to Niergarup Track which is being strongly opposed by the owners of 37 Preston Point Road and strongly supported by Friends of East Fremantle Foreshore.

### ***Locke Crescent Nature Reserve Management Plan***

Council adopted, with some minor amendments, a draft Management Plan for the Locke Crescent Nature Reserve prepared by Ms Pernille Hoj-Hansen as part of her university course requirements at no cost to Council.

### ***Reticulation — Preston Point Reserves***

Automatic reticulation was installed to lower and upper Wauhop Park, Henry Jeffery Oval and the Preston Point Cricket/Lacrosse ground.

### ***Niergarup Track***

The official opening of the Niergarup Track, constructed with the assistance of a \$23,000 WA 2001 Community Centenary Project grant, was held on 1 May 2001 with prominent aboriginal elders in attendance. A further \$1,300 grant was received to assist in costs associated with the opening. Tree planting along the track has been deferred pending strong Preston Point Road resident opposition.

### ***Reserve Lighting***

- Replacement lighting installed at Chapman Reserve as the existing lighting columns had deteriorated to the point that one has fallen over.
- With the assistance of a \$5,000 contribution from the East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club (spread over two financial years), replacement lighting was installed at Wauhop Park lower ground.

### ***Works Depot Offices***

The Works Depot office was refurbished at a cost of approximately \$12,000.

### ***Road Resurfacing Program***

Council adopted a road resurfacing program encompassing funding of \$137,751 from the Federal Government under the Roads to Recovery Program (Council funding of \$103,036.75 to be allocated from 2001/2002 budget) which will see the following works carried out:

- Dalgety Street between Marmion and Canning Highway
- Irwin Street between Marmion and Canning Highway
- Duke Street between Marmion and George Streets
- Fraser Street between Windsor and Petra Streets
- Fraser Street between Alexandra and Osborne Roads

### ***Travel Smart Program***

Council in conjunction with the City of Fremantle employed a part-time Travel Smart Officer to assist the Department of Transport to achieve the goals of the Metropolitan Transport Strategy ie to reduce car driver trips and for greater use of public transport, cycling and walking.

### ***Gourley Park***

Permaculture plan adopted for Gourley Park to commemorate the cultural history of the Gourley Brothers as exotic fruit growers has been implemented. (Existing boat inspired playground equipment commemorates their boat building skills.)

### ***Footpath Construction***

A number of footpaths or sections of footpaths were constructed or repaired under the Footpath Program. This was despite the Underground Power Program continuing to have a large impact on the program, not only delaying the commencement of works but in many cases causing completed works to be dug up by Western Power subcontractors

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repeatedly told Council further works would not be required. Under this process the new model footpath in Staton Road had to be repaired five times after its initial construction. Footpath works in Plympton, were all put on hold during the suspension of underground power works in Plympton.

### ***Other***

- Works carried out in Hamilton Street to upgrade footpaths and crossovers and install semi-mountable kerbing
- To ensure that public reserved land within the catchment of East Fremantle residents was used in a way consistent with orderly and proper planning, Council provided a submission on the MRS Amendment Zoning of John Curtin High School.
- Council received advice that Black Spot funding has been received to construct a roundabout at the corner of View Terrace and Petra Street in conjunction with the City of Melville.
- Council resolved to adopt new street signs for the district.
- Ongoing negotiations with a private developer for the establishment of an outdoor cinema at Wauhop Park.
- Street trees infected with wood borer replaced.
- Bernhard Kaiser prepared a concept plan for playground equipment at Glasson Park.
- Extensive drainage cleaning has been carried out with the resolution of some drainage issues, particularly in the vicinity of Fletcher/Fortescue Streets, although further works are still to be done.

### ***Staff***

Mr Peter Symonds, seconded from the City of Melville, completed his term as Acting Works Supervisor in December 2000.

Mr Paul McGinty commenced duties as Acting Works Supervisor in January 2001.

Greg Smith, Planner Public Domain, left Council's employ in March 2001.

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#### ***Food Premises & Food Surveillance***

Food premises are monitored to ensure the maintenance of hygiene standards and product quality.

Routine food sampling is carried out to ensure food manufacture is in accordance with the relevant standards of the Australian Food Standards Code.

The Town of East Fremantle, in conjunction with the food section of the health Department of WA conducted surveys to determine bacteriological and clinical standards obtained for defined food products. Results are compiled by the Health Department of WA and are available to the public.

A total of 38 Food Product recalls were recorded for 2000/2001 comprising:

- Class One 5 (immediate action)
- Class Two 11 (follow-up)
- Class Three. 22 (information only)

Council's Principal Environmental Health Officer ensures all food recalls are removed from public accessibility.

#### ***Water Sampling Testing***

Water sampling of public pools is carried out to determine water quality and contamination by amoeba.

Where problems are detected immediate action is instigated to ensure public health is not compromised.

#### ***Notifiable Diseases***

For the period under review 11 cases of notifiable diseases were recorded. Follow up action by Council's Environmental Health Officer ensured that no hazard was evident to the public.

The diseases reported were:

Amoebiasis	0
Giardiasis	2

Giardiasis	6
Shigellosis	1
Salmonellosis	1

#### ***Head Lice***

During the year, Council received a constant flow of enquiries relating to head lice. The solution for the treatment of this parasitic insect pest is available free of charge from the Council.

#### ***Pollution***

Like most members of the Community, residents of the Town are becoming more conscious of the environment and unnecessary pollution.

Council's Principal Environmental Health Officer is available to provide advice in relation to most environmental matters, and can investigate complaints relating to noise, air and water borne pollution. In the event that Council's officer is unable to help, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Swan River Trust may be of assistance.

#### ***Disability Services Plan***

Council continued its commitment with the Disability Services Plan. During the year works on improving footpaths continued. As per the requirements of the Disability Services Amendment Bill 1999 Council is required to include outcome-based achievements as part of its annual report and these are set out below:

*Existing services are adapted to ensure they meet the needs of people with disabilities.*

Council continued to provide a number of procedures which provided opportunities for people with disabilities, their families and carers to provide comment on access to services they received. This is achieved through special client surveys (via HACC services) and direct contact through designated officers and complaints processes.

*Access to buildings and facilities is improved.*



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Council buildings are monitored to ensure that access requirements are maintained.

*Information about services is provided in formats that meet the communication requirements of people with disabilities.*

Council is able to provide information in various forms including large print, disk and tape upon request. A Better Hearing card is displayed on the reception counter. Fax and email addresses are displayed on all Council letterhead. Council developed a web site to further improve information services — [www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au](http://www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au).

*Advice and services are delivered by staff who are aware of and understand the needs of people with disabilities.*

Council's Principal Environmental Health Officer continued to liaise with the Disability Services Commission to be kept informed of issues related to disability access.

*Opportunities are provided for people with disabilities to participate in public consultations, grievance mechanisms and decision making processes.*

People with disabilities are able to participate at public meetings, functions, Council meetings and in local government elections. Should there be any difficulty in access, Council officers are keen to assist with any enquiry.

### **Freedom Of Information**

No Freedom of Information (FOI) application was received during this period.

### **Waste Management & Disposal**

Council continued its active participation in the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council, which researches and develops waste minimisation strategies on a regional level.

Resident use of the yellow top recycling bins has led to increases in recycling tonnages.

strategic plan and the integration of Council's waste and recycling collection service into the standard adopted by the southern Metropolitan Regional Council.

Council's streamlined domestic refuse collection service has had improved significant effect on the service. This was achieved by utilising a side lifting refuse truck. The service is augmented by three bulk rubbish/green waste verge collections, fortnightly recycling collection and two landfill tip passes. Compost bins are also still popular at \$45 including free delivery and a booklet on How to Compost.

### **Regional Waste Activities**

2000-2001 has been a year of continuous development for the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) in terms of achieving its primary objective of minimising the environmental impact of municipal solid waste on the regions environs.

Throughout the year the SMRC has undertaken research and development work with the following areas:

- Research & Development
- Education & Communication
- Regional Officer Working Group
- Financial
- Corporate Administration

### **Cities for Climate Protection Program**

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) initiated contact with *Cities for Climate Protection Australia* with the aim involving member councils in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Throughout the year Council has been steadily working to achieve milestones within the program. Council achieved milestone two setting greenhouse gas emission targets for Council and the East Fremantle community. Work in the coming twelve months will continue this program.

### **Miscellaneous Services**

Council's Environmental Health Service

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including free rat bait and head lice location, and at cost Coopex household insecticide, ant baits and East Fremantle licence plates.

### *Community Services*

*Sue Limbert Community Services Officer*

The purpose of Town of East Fremantle Neighbourhood Link is to prevent unnecessary institutionalisation of people who are frail aged or have a disability, enhancing the quality of their lives and that of their primary caregivers.

### PRINCIPLES

- The right of people to make choices in their own lives
- The right of people to dignity, respect, privacy and confidentiality.
- The right of people to access services on a non-discriminatory basis
- The right of the community to accountable and responsive service.

### OBJECTIVES

- That people who are frail aged or disabled can remain in their own home.
- That primary care givers are supported in their role.
- That Neighbourhood Link operates in an effective, efficient and accountable manner.

In preparing this report and reflecting on the past year I was struck with the difficulty in trying to talk to and compare this year with that which preceded it, this year has been an eventful and demanding one in providing assistance to an ever increasing number of clients (326 at present).

The service must stand tall or fall by the quality, expertise and experience of its 13 paid and 81 volunteer personnel, and Neighbourhood Link is well served in this regard.

For those people who are not fully aware of the services that we offer. Neighbourhood

day care, respite care, meals, home maintenance, transport, counselling, support, information , advocacy, assessment, case planning, review and co-ordination.

In terms of delivery of services, the coming year will see a greater emphasis by the service in providing supports to people who have complex or multiple needs. Our approach is based on the one stop shop concept where a client can agree with us a package of services which best meets their needs. This may involve co-ordinating the work of a number of agencies who provide part of the package

Over the last few years, Neighbourhood Link has been fortunate in receiving additional funding to enable it to expand its services which has helped to meet some of the increase in demand for home care.

The client data base Services Management System (SMS) simplifies the way our statistics are generated for our funding bodies, it provides a significant management tool for the use in the planning of future services. A great benefit of the system is in the monitoring of the services we provide to ensure that individual client outcomes are met.

The service has, for a number of years, maintained its commitment to provide training for all staff through the HACC Training Brokerage. The services focus is to provide care for a range of levels and therefore there has never been a greater need for direct care staff to maintain existing skills and to develop new ones to respond to the changing needs of our clients.

23 Work opportunities have been undertaken by the Work for the Dole Project within the various Council departments. The participants are unemployed persons who are currently receiving government benefits for a period of six months or more. The work for the Dole program helps the participant to work in a team, build confidence and communication

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independently, to motivate and become dependable.

Neighbourhood Link offered twelve fieldwork placements for students from The Western Australian School of Health & Community Services Project. Project Assignments offers opportunities for students to demonstrate competencies expected from the various levels in community services and to apply skills and knowledge acquired in off the job training workplace. The projects undertaken by students were of great benefit to the Neighbourhood Link Service.

On a personal level this is an exciting time for me, having been with the organisation for twelve years I feel privileged to be part of a service which can do much to help a wide range of people. I offer my grateful thanks to my fellow council colleagues, to the volunteers who contribute their time and expertise, and to the Neighbourhood Link staff who have worked hard throughout the year to maintain a quality service to our clients. Special thanks go to the Chief Executive Officer Stuart Wearne for his constructive support and commitment throughout the year and to the HACC Project Officers in the State and Commonwealth their encouragement and assistance to the service is very much appreciated.

### *Community Arts*

Council conducted two major community arts events for 2000/2001. These were the East Fremantle Art Awards and the East Fremantle Festival.

#### ***East Fremantle Art Awards 2000***

The 2000 Art Awards attracted many entries and provided a focus for the art community.

#### ***East Fremantle Festival December 2000***

The 2000 East Fremantle Festival was held at John Tonkin Park in conjunction with the Fiesta Kultura Closing Ceremony. Other highlights included:

- badge making
  - petting farm
- as well as a number of exciting performances and street theatre.

### *Neighbourhood Watch*

Suburb Co-Ordinator	Noel Nimmo
Area Suburb Managers	Barrie Renouf Norman Baker

47 Area Co-Ordinators & Street Reps  
25 Volunteers Delivering Newsletters  
1792 Estimated Neighbourhood Watch Members

Neighbourhood Watch received funding from Safer WA of \$10,199 this financial year for a part time worker to co-ordinate various projects.

The Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter is delivered to all homes in East Fremantle about the second week of the each month.

A second grant of \$5,000 was received from Safer WA to produce an additional monthly newsletter for Seniors which covers crimes that have occurred around their area. East Fremantle has been divided into five areas, so if you live on one side of Canning Highway you will not receive the same information as those living on the other side of the highway. It is hoped that the newsletter will alleviate the fear of crime by advising Seniors of what has happened, no names or addresses, only street, day and time and a general description of the crime. The object of the Senior s newsletter is to:

- promote protection and security for seniors at risk.
- assist in dealing with telephone solicitations and door to door salesmen.
- advise of current frauds and scams
- advise of crime prevention programs for Seniors.
- provide information on how to avoid becoming a victim of crime.
- provide home security information and inspections by police.

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- promote expanded involvement in Neighbourhood Watch

A monthly raffle for a chance to win a smoke alarm is also incorporated in the Senior s newsletter.

Apart from the Senior s competition, 25 smoke alarms and 1 personal alarm were given away during the year.

If members advise Neighbourhood Watch they will be away, other members will regularly check the front of the house.

When graffiti is reported to Neighbourhood Watch, a photo is taken and the details recorded. This information is then passed on to the appropriate departments involved with removal of the offending material. A follow up photo is taken to check the graffiti has been removed.

Engraving of valuables can be arranged through Neighbourhood Watch. Items that cannot be engraved can be photographed for members.

Crime statistics are collected from the police each week and are then broken down to particular crime scenes. A Crime Alert is then delivered to homes or units around this area as soon as possible after the crime. This year, 986 Crime Alerts have been handed out in 75 streets.

### *Ranger Services*

#### **Overview**

The Town of East Fremantle From 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 was under manned due to a number of mitigating circumstances, reduced to one full time Ranger from December 2000 to June 2001.

Despite this, a consistent service was provided and the overall results reflected an increase of infringements issued given the current climate, due to the dedication and hard work of its officers. A number of private

upon to assist with the deficiency in the service.

For these reasons Ranger Services instigated its own review in July 2000 (Purpose And Direction — Proposal). This review covered all areas of the Ranger Service from Procedural to Customer Service issues and included a Security analysis. The review established guidelines and set targets to be achieved. This resulted in a restructure of the systems and procedures of the service to enable a more efficient and productive response to stakeholders needs.

#### **Other Services**

Rangers are Authorised Officers under the following Acts and Regulations:

- Dog
- Litter
- Bush Fires
- Off Road Vehicles
- Local Government
- and all Town of East Fremantle s Local Laws

Council s Ranger Services are also responsible for:

- Conducting and evaluating traffic management flows
- Assisting with road closures
- Parking and temporary permits
- Mooring pens
- Cash collections and banking
- Courier duties
- Community education programs
- Insurance applications
- Safety and security of Council property
- Leasing with emergency services

#### **Dog Statistics**

##### Attacks

From 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, nine (9) major dog attacks involving actual injuries to persons and dogs occurred. Seven out of the nine files have now been closed with most cases settled with medical and/or veterinary costs reimbursed by the dog owners. In one

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destroyed on Ranger s advice with one case scheduled for a court hearing on 12 November 2001.

On average Rangers attend between three (3) and five (5) minor dog attack incidents per week, with numbers increasing during the summer months. These minor incidents usually involve a dog s intimidating and aggressive behaviour or general nuisances. Some of these problems are solved over the telephone, however many require a Ranger s immediate attendance.

### Barking

Rangers have investigated thirty three (33) official dog barking complaints. Official complaints involve at least three complainants, two from different residences for each complaint. Comprehensive barking diaries are completed by each complainant for a nuisance to be declared. Rangers provide the owners of barking dogs with many alternatives to modify the animal s behaviour including restricting the animal s view of the street and increasing exercise times, to provide information and contact details to numerous animal behaviourists and trainers.

Of the thirty three (33) official complaints, all but two have been solved with the cessation of the problem barking. Two cases are continuing through the process prescribed by the Dog Act and Rangers are confident of positive results.

Rangers have three ongoing cases that have been reported on since 1998. As of July 2001, two of these cases have been closed with one continuing.

### Stray/Impounded Dogs

Total dogs reported lost	109
Returned to owners	68%
Dogs never found	20%
Dogs unknown status	12%

Total dogs impounded	53
Dogs reclaimed by owners	76%

Dogs destroyed 1.8%

### Registrations

For financial year 2000/2001, Council received \$7324.90 in dog registrations. This is a 9.5% increase on the previous financial year. Eight hundred and thirty seven (837) dogs were registered with the Town with 72% of these dogs sterilised.

For the second year, reminder letters were sent in January to dog owners who failed to renew their dog s licence at the end of the registration year in November. This resulted in a 100% response with dogs either re-registered or those that have left the district coded appropriately on the computer system. Previously there was limited followup in this area.

### *Fire Breaks*

Fire breaks were checked in November 2000 with fifty four (54) properties requiring attention. Eleven (11) of these properties did not comply with the November 30 deadline resulting in nine (9) properties receiving fire infringement notices and accounts from Council for charges associated with complying with the order ie Council ordered mowing etc.

This was the first year that infringements have been issued against property owners.

### *Parking*

#### Launching Ramp

During the 1999/2000 financial year the Town of East Fremantle had three ticket machines operational at the Leeuwin Launching Ramp facility. However due to the continual breakdown of the oldest machine and the increasing costs of repair, this machine was shut down resulting in two fully operational machines during 2000/2001. These machines are emptied up to six (6) times a week in peak summer periods.

Income from these machines totalled \$91,048.89. This is a 65% increase on the previous financial year which totalled

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\$59,477.30. Council has no control over these figures, external influences such as weather conditions have a direct impact on machine totals. To try to increase revenue over the winter months, Ranger Serves is investigating the feasibility of holding small boat activities.

Council issued 100 permits to ratepayers wishing to utilise the Leeuwin Launching facility reflecting a small increase from the 96 issued in 1999/2000. The launching ramp facility was 50% upgraded with new timber being added and rubber buffers installed. The installation of water washdown facilities was also commenced. Lighting has also been upgraded with an emphasis on improving safety and security in this facility.

### Parking Infringements

In financial year 2000/2001, Council received \$94,345.57 in parking infringement penalties. This is a 8.8% increase on the previous financial year in which Council received \$83,599.00 in penalties.

Of the total sum of parking infringements issued, 5% were revoked after written appeals were sustained. This is a significantly lower figure than previous years when withdrawal figures reached as high as approximately 22%.

### Parking Schemes

Rangers instigated a review program of all parking within the Town. Numerous changes to existing parking facilities were made including a list of examples as follows:

- Sewell Street: Lines marked to prevent parking in business driveways and residential parking bays installed.
- East Street: Implementation of parking bays to improve visibility of intersection of East and George Streets
- Staton Road: No Standing Road or Verge signs installed to prevent obstruction of footpaths and verges.
- Richmond Circus: Two Hour Parking signs installed to prevent illegal parking

by nearby retail workers, with One Way and parking bays installed with great success.

- Moss Street: Football parking scheme introduced.

### *Traffic Surveys*

New traffic counting units were purchased this year and a number of successful surveys have been conducted throughout the Town.

## Town Planning/Private Domain

The general purpose of Town Planning is to ensure development meets the existing and future amenity needs of the Town. Amenity relates to pleasantness and is defined as the sum of the expectations of the residents concerning the character and quality of their environment.

Town planning has two discreet but interrelated themes, referred to as Orderly Planning and Proper Planning.

Orderly Planning, based on procedural theory, relates to the processes involved in assessing development, making Policy, Scheme amendments etc. Examples of Orderly Planning include:

- Seeking neighbour comment on a boundary wall
- Seeking public comment on Policies, Town Planning Scheme amendments.

Proper Planning is based upon substantive theory, and relates to the impact (now or in the future) of a development upon the environment. Examples of Proper Planning include:

- Height controls to ensure solar access and views are conserved
- Density controls to ensure the retention of open space
- Setback, fenestration, roof pitch controls and the like to ensure streetscape harmony
- Location of trip attractors within easy walking distance of a bus stop

Decisions made by Council on Town Planning issues are directed and guided by the Town's Town Planning Scheme No 2 and Policies.

The objectives of Town Planning Scheme No 2 include:

- to retain the district primarily as a residential area;
- to protect and enhance the environment, character and pleasantness of the district; and

- to protect the significant places of heritage value within the district.

The Town employs a Town Planner, Heritage Planner and Planning Officer/Building Surveyor to assist residents and developers with these matters. The Planning Department liaises with Building and Environmental Health departments, via the weekly Development Control Unit meetings.

During the year Kelvin Oliver was appointed Acting Town Planner, replacing John Scharf who returned to his employment with the Ministry for Planning.

Development and activity in 2000/01 includes:

- Work has proceeded on Town Planning Scheme No 3. It will replace the current Scheme and will be based primarily upon the State Government's Model Scheme Text and R codes. The proposed Scheme has been advertised for public comment and comments closed in early 2001. The document is in the course of revision and is expected to be resubmitted to the Ministry for Planning in late 2001. The gazettal of a new Town Planning Scheme is a complex process, however Council has made significant progress towards this objective.
- Ken Ferguson resigned from Council's Town Planning Advisory Panel following almost four years of service to the community.
- Council received a grant from Lotteries Western Australia to fund the preparation of a Conservation Plan for a heritage building which was relocated from 17 Allen Street in the previous year and relocated to the rear of the Council office. The Plan will direct the conservation works and future use of the building.

An application for funding of part of the conservation works by the Heritage Council of WA was prepared in 2001 and Council is awaiting the notification of the results.

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- Council amended Town Planning Scheme No 2 to create delegated authority provisions that allow it to streamline its planning processes.
- Local landmark, Penshurst (View Terrace) was entered in the State Register of Heritage Places in 2000 on an interim basis. In this financial year the Western Australian Planning Commission and Heritage Council of WA approved subdivision of the site subject to conditions and the lots were offered for sale.
- Council has continued to implement changes to its town planning practices in response to the Inquiry Panel recommendations.
- Council finalised and launched its internet site. A wide body of information is now available on this facility, including:
  - agendas and minutes of meetings
  - detailed Town Planning information
  - virtual heritage trail
  - general information on rates, rubbish collection and public transport
  - business directory

Council is monitoring the number of visits and to date the site has been well used. It is anticipated that use of the site will increase in future years.

- Following the elections there was a resultant change in the composition of the Town Planning and Building (Private Domain) Committee. Former Mayor Andrew Smith, who had had significant involvement in the committee did not nominate. In his closing address to the Town Planning and Building (Private Domain) committee he stated that it was his last town planning meeting after 24 years and when he first joined Council, East Fremantle was a town with the wreckers ball in full swing. During his time he had seen a huge change in the way planning is carried out and it had

developed into one of the most litigious areas which required good advice from staff. He was pleased to have been part of the committee that considered our town planning scheme and the application of the scheme had become one of the great areas of public education. In closing, he took the opportunity to wish everyone well for the future.

Council acknowledged and conveyed their appreciation for the work carried out by Mayor Smith during his long association with Council, in particular his time and effort as a member of the Town Planning & Building Committee.

- The State Government introduced new legislation that established a new town planning services fee system. Council's fees were therefore amended to concur with the new legislation.
- Following the State Election, the Hon Alannah MacTiernan was appointed Minister for Planning and Infrastructure. Changes to the town planning appeal system and in particular the ministerial appeal system are proposed and expected to be instigated in the next financial year.
- Knocknagow (Preston Point Road) and Woodlawn (Canning Highway) were entered into the State Register of Heritage Places on an interim basis.
- Main Roads offered for sale a substantial area of land associated with the Town Centre, Action Supermarket etc. Consequently development applications for the individual lots are continuing to be received. These will result in an increase in commercial accommodation in the area in the middle term.
- Council determined in principle to participate in the Western Australian Municipal Association's Heritage Loan Scheme, subject to the provision of further details as the project proceeds. When implemented, the Scheme will provide low interest loans for conservation works to



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owner of properties included in the Municipal Inventory.

- Kaleeya Hospital did not proceed with the car parking proposal for the residential sites to the east of the block, supported by Council in the previous year. At the close of the financial year the future of this area had not been resolved.

An application to demolish a historic dwelling on the site was refused by Council and the Appeal dismissed by the Minister for Planning.

- Richmond Primary School applied for additional pre-school accommodation on the site in preparation increased enrolments in 2001 as a result of the change in entry age.

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### **Town Planning**

Town Planning Fees Received	\$53,948	
Planning Consent Granted		147
<i>Special Approval</i>	81	
<i>Approvals</i>	66	
<i>Delegated Authority</i>	-	
Planning Consent Refused		16
Approval for Sign Licence		
Home Occupations		8
<i>Approvals</i>	4	
<i>Renewals</i>	4	
Planning Consent Appealed to		13
<i>Town Plan Appeals Tribunal</i>	1	
<i>Minister</i>	12	
Appeals		15
<i>Upheld</i>	7	
<i>Refused</i>	6	
<i>Withdrawn by Applicant</i>	2	
Subdivision/Amalgamation Applications considered by Council/WAPC:		
Considered by Council		
<i>Subdivisions</i>	13	
<i>Survey Stratas</i>	7	
Approved by WAPC		
<i>Subdivisions</i>	10	
<i>Survey Stratas</i>	8	
<i>Amalgamation</i>	1	
Refused by WAPC		
<i>Subdivisions</i>	1	
Deferred by WAPC		
<i>Subdivisions</i>	1	

### **Building**

Building Fees Received		\$36,927
Building Licences Issued:		
Class 1 (Single House)	12	\$ 2,923,085
Class 1A (Duplex)		
Group Housing		
Additions/Alterations	41	2,719,751
Patis/Pergolas	15	60,970
Garages	3	30,500
Carports	3	56,000
Swimming Pools	13	184,720
Outbuildings	17	389,200
Fences/Retaining Wall	2	40,000
Commercial/		
Public Buildings	5	652,000
Earthworks	2	956,880
	<u>113</u>	<u>\$ 7,913,106</u>
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Demolition Licences Issued		<u>7</u>