



Town of East Fremantle News



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Town Welcomes New Chief Executive Officer



The Town of East Fremantle welcomed their newly appointed Chief Executive Officer, Gary Tuffin on 14 March 2016. Mr Tuffin takes over from Gary Clark who has been acting in the position for the past 12 months.

Mr Tuffin has a Bachelor of Commerce and has worked in local government for nearly 20 years, serving 15 years as CEO for three other local governments, the most recent being the Shire of Chittering.

Mayor Jim O'Neill said that the appointment of Mr Tuffin is in line with the direction the Town is heading in and Council is looking forward to working with him.

"Mr Tuffin is a great fit for the Town and is focused on improving our delivery of services to ensure residents and ratepayers not only have a responsive, but also a forward thinking administration", said Mayor O'Neill.

The Mayor also thanked Gary Clark for his diligence and hard work over the past year and said that Council is very appreciative of the stability and continuity his leadership brought to the organisation following an uncertain and stressful period. Mr Clark leaves East Fremantle in a very strong position across all aspects of local government.

New Look Website

The Town of East Fremantle has been working on upgrading the current website and we are pleased with the results of stage one. A new, brighter look along with more functionality over the coming months is the focus of this first stage. The Town is working with Market Creations through the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) CouncilConnect program to develop the site. East Fremantle is the first metropolitan local government to join the WALGA program.

This artwork is for display purposes only.
Final website coming soon.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Jim O'Neill



It is my pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to our new Chief Executive Officer, Gary Tuffin. Gary has recently commenced in the role and we are very excited to have him on board.

Gary has hit the ground running in terms of some of our big issues and challenges, namely the proposed Perth Freight Link, the master planning initiative for the Leeuwin Barracks site and the upcoming review of the Strategic Community Plan. The Council and I are very confident that he is up to the task!

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Gary Clark who very ably guided the organisation over the last 12 months as acting CEO. Gary secured a firm footing

for the organisation following a period of uncertainty. His commitment to the staff, to the integrity of the organisation and to providing sound and consistent strategic advice to the Council cannot be understated. He has achieved a great deal in a short time and we wish him well with future endeavours.

The Town continues to lobby the Minister for Transport and the state government in relation to an alternative solution to the current proposed Perth Freight Link. In conjunction with the Cities of Fremantle, Cockburn and Kwinana, we agree that a new harbour in Kwinana is an essential and urgent requirement, irrespective of the current debate over Roe 8 and the Perth Freight Link route.

We are also making very positive progress with the Department of Defence in relation to the proposed sale of Leeuwin Barracks. The Town is currently working with them on developing a comprehensive Master Plan for the site, with the aim of optimising the Town's amenity and return on investment.

The Recreation and Community Facilities Plan is well and truly underway with an online survey and telephone questionnaire being undertaken over the last two months. We know the community places a high value on our recreational spaces and Council is committed to supporting our community groups to create sustainable facilities. Future engagement strategies regarding the project will be promoted on our (new look) website as well as on our Facebook page. This project is a key element in providing us with up to date data and information and will enable us to better manage our recreation and community assets in the future.

Please take the time to have a look at our new website. We have recently upgraded the look and are working on improving functionality of the site, with the first stage seeing a brighter, fresher 'landing page'. Future development will aim to improve our customer service responses as well as providing options for paying rates, fines, building application fees and the like online. We would like to hear what you think.

Recreation and Community Facilities Plan - Update

The Recreation and Community Facilities Plan progresses, with an online survey and telephone questionnaire and key stakeholder interviews being undertaken during February and March. The data and information gathered is currently being put together for the next phase of community engagement and consultation. Over 560 people participated in the survey and questionnaire. More information about the next stage of consultation will be advertised via Facebook and our Website.

Pool and Spa Safety Inspections

Swimming pool and spa safety inspections are scheduled to be carried out in the Town of East Fremantle commencing in July. The inspections are required by legislation to occur every four years to ensure that safety and security around swimming pools and spas is maintained.

Residents and property owners will be advised by letter of their inspection time before an authorised inspector visits their property. The inspections will include a review of gates and latches, fence height, climbable objects, windows and doors that open on to pool areas etc.



Half Price Native Plants

Residents of East Fremantle will be able to purchase native plants from APACE Nursery for half price, thanks to the Council's generous contribution. APACE in North Fremantle will offer the native plants for \$1.50 each, with a limit of 20 plants per person. Residents will have to provide proof of residency in East Fremantle to claim the subsidy.

The native plant subsidy scheme runs from 2 to 28 May, between 8am-3pm Monday to Friday and 9am-12pm on Saturdays. For more information you can visit the APACE website www.apace.org.au



Royal George Hotel Redevelopment

Minister for Lands the Hon. Terry Redman MLA recently announced that Saracen Properties have reached a deal with the State Government to conserve and revitalise the Royal George Hotel site.

Town of East Fremantle Mayor Jim O'Neill expressed his and the Council's delight with the news and thanked the Minister for his time and effort in dealing with the issue. He said that Council are keen to see what the developers have in mind and acknowledges that there are a number of steps in the town planning process to work through before any actual work begins on the hotel. Information about the proposal will be promoted through the Town's website in coming months.

Master Plan for Leeuwin Barracks

The Town of East Fremantle is currently negotiating a funding agreement with the Department of Defence to assist with a six month Master Planning process over the Leeuwin Barracks site. The Master Plan process will include a design charrette where stakeholders (including community members) will collaborate on a vision for development. It is expected that the Master Plan will provide a level of certainty to prospective developers and potentially increase the sale value of the land. Importantly it will also inform the more detailed statutory structure planning, rezoning and subdivision process. The Town is confident that the Master Plan process will be underway in the next couple of months.

Parking Law Information – The 24 Hour Rule

The Town of East Fremantle's Local Parking Law includes a provision where vehicles are not to 'obstruct' a public place. This allows our Rangers to clear what may become an 'obstruction' within a reasonable timeframe, which is a period not exceeding 24 hours – hence 'the 24 hour rule'.

The need to clear vehicles from a verge or kerbside can occur if there are scheduled roadworks or other services are to be carried out or if a resident complains about a vehicle being parked in one spot for a long period of time, assuming it may have been 'dumped'.

If you are intending to leave a vehicle parked in the street unmoved for a significant period of time, residents are welcome to contact the Ranger Service to advise them of this. Alternately, please advise the resident at the house outside of which you are parked. For details about the Town's parking laws please do not hesitate to contact us.

Street Trees – Pruning

Street trees are regarded as an essential and important asset in an urban environment for a variety of health, aesthetic, social, economical and environmental reasons. In fact, according to the US Department of Agriculture, one acre of forest absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and outputs four tons of oxygen.

The Town would like to remind residents that while they have the right to prune any tree that overhangs their boundary back to the fence line (this includes verge trees or trees from neighbouring properties) **only** Town of East Fremantle staff or an authorised contractor is allowed to prune a verge tree within the verge or road corridor.

If you have a question about a tree overhanging your property please contact us via email admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au or phone (08) 9339 9339.



Recycle Right: Tips and Information



Recycling is a simple way that everyone can help the environment. Recycle Right, brought to you by the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC), encourages and assists residents to recycle, reduce rubbish waste and buy more recycled products. To make it easier we have developed a Recycle Right App - download it now!

Did you know the contents of your green topped bin are composted?

Remember the following items will contaminate your composting bin, so please –
NO glass or ceramic items
NO hazardous waste: chemicals, batteries or printer cartridges
NO demolition or building materials

PLEASE
Empty and rinse
Remove lids
Do not flatten containers
Items should be loose

Did you know the contents of your yellow topped bin are recovered and recycled?

REMEMBER
NO hazardous waste
NO kitchen or garden waste
NO building waste



Sea Shepherd Perth Marine Team Cleanup

A huge thank you to all the volunteers and the Sea Shepherd's Perth marine team who conducted an onshore / offshore clean-up in the Swan River, East Fremantle on 21 February 2016.

A total of 26 volunteers were involved in the clean-up including a small crew onboard 'Bruce the Rib' captained by Mike Dicks. Bruce and his crew motored up the river along East and North Fremantle, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove.

Despite windy conditions the onshore team removed 1,514 cigarette butts, 300m of recreational fishing line, 560 pieces of plastic food packaging and a whopping 473 plastic bags.

A reminder that all of this should be placed in the supplied rubbish bins as the strong winds and current carry debris down the river, affecting the marine life.

Free Outdoor Movies in the Park

15 & 16 April - John Tonkin Reserve, Riverside Road - for movie details see our website.

Waste Hotline - To report missed bins, including bins in parks please contact the Cleanaway Call Centre on 13 13 39.

Next Verge Green Waste Pick Up - 27 June 2016

Please place your waste on the verge by 6am Monday on the scheduled start date as the contractor will only service your verge green waste once.

Report Graffiti - admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

or phone (08) 9339 9339 - Help us to clean up graffiti quickly by letting us know as soon as you see it.
Thank you!

We Welcome Your Feedback

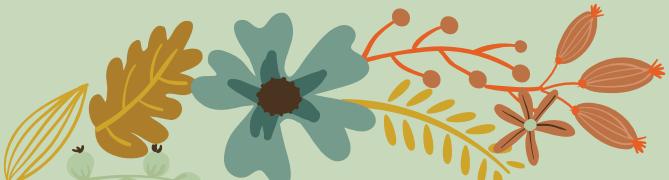
We would love to hear from you. Get in touch with us and leave your feedback. Query, question or concern - write to us via email: admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

\$1,000 to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund –

The Town of East Fremantle has donated \$1,000 to the Lord Mayor Relief Fund to assist people affected by the fires in Waroona and Yarloop.

The WAROONA AND DISTRICT FIRES APPEAL 2016 has been activated to raise and coordinate donations to support the victims. The Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund was established in 1961 to provide relief of personal hardship and distress arising from natural disasters within Western Australia.

For more details go to www.appealswa.org.au



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. We would love to hear from you about any matters in East Fremantle that are concerning you and any compliments/feedback you may have for our Town.

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