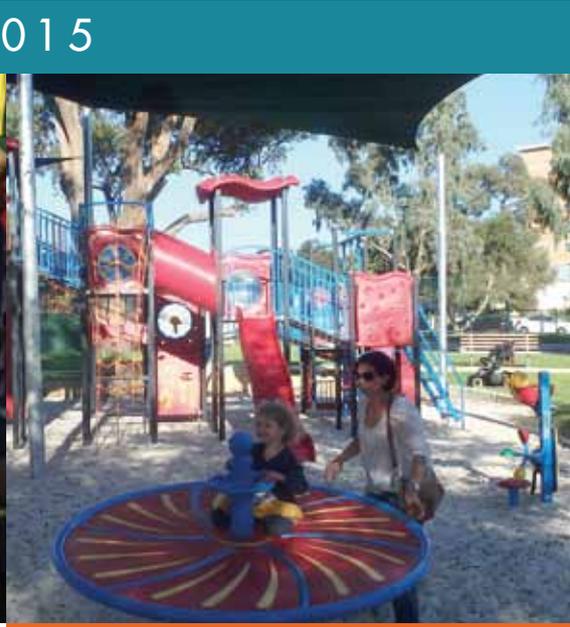




Town of East Fremantle News

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TOWN OF EAST FREMANTLE

Strategic Community Plan - Biennial Review

With amalgamation well behind us, the Town of East Fremantle elected members and staff recently embarked on the two year (biennial) review of the Town's Strategic Community Plan 2013-2023 (*the Plan*).

The Plan was initially developed and adopted by Council in 2013 and sets out the vision, aspirations and objectives for the Town over the next 10 years. And, to ensure that what is planned for can be achieved, consideration is given to the financial, asset and workforce constraints that we work within.

With that in mind the review process involved a number of workshops with the Mayor, Councillors and senior staff who set about reconsidering the stated objectives in the Plan. An assessment of responses in the Community Perceptions Survey (the Survey) undertaken in September 2014

was a key factor in deciding whether the direction of the Plan was still relevant.

There has been some rewording of the Plan to include Governance and Leadership and Council is confident that the strategic direction outlined in the updated Plan will in turn shape actions that will deliver realistic benefits for the community.

The Council is looking forward to the major review of the Plan, which will involve a comprehensive community consultation component. It is envisaged the major review will commence in early 2016 and

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Exhibition Army Art -
7-9 August at Leeuwin Barracks

Council Meetings -
21 July 2015, 18 August 2015

Garage Sale Trail -
26 October 2015

the consultation and engagement process will be widely advertised to ensure there is an opportunity for stakeholders and community members to get involved.

A copy of the (revised) Strategic Community Plan 2013-2023 will be available late July - please go to our website www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au or email admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au to obtain a copy.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Jim O'Neill



Council has recently undertaken the two yearly review of the Town of East Fremantle 2013-2023 Strategic Community Plan. Adopted in 2013, the Plan ensures the long term

viability of the Town as a discrete local government and provides a blueprint for the planning and delivery of sustainable and relevant services and infrastructure. Like you, we understand the significance of protecting our river foreshore; of equitably supporting and fostering community groups and clubs (many of which are well over 100 years old), and preserving our special heritage places and the natural environment. We are confident that we can deliver realistic services in

a considered and planned way for the community.

The proposed Perth Freight Link route continues to be a high priority for Council. I urge you, your friends and neighbours to become familiar with the issues and get involved. Council is in no doubt that the traffic congestion and environmental impacts of the current proposed route, namely noise, emissions, pedestrian and cyclist access, will have negative results for East Fremantle. This issue transcends party politics and Council is of the view that it simply cannot go ahead without examining all other options. We believe the \$1.5 billion to be spent on the link would be better put towards bringing the Outer Harbour at Kwinana into operation sooner - the State government already acknowledges the requirement for another harbour as Fremantle reaches its limit, why not allocate these funds now? We continue to work with the City of Fremantle on this matter to convince the State government of a more environmentally sustainable option.

On a recent South West Group Economic Development Tour focusing on Climate Change Adaptation, it was evident that Councils in the eastern states are taking climate change and its potential impacts very seriously. Many local governments are planning ways to reduce the environmental impact of increased severe weather events, heatwaves and droughts. For example, planning the construction of sea walls; planning urban forests to reduce heat; and researching the harvesting of rainwater stored in underground tanks. The Town is taking climate change seriously and is collaborating with the South West Group to develop regional plans and strategies that will best suit the needs of our Town.

Again thank you for the commitment and interest you show in our Town. Please contact your local Councillor, myself or Council staff if you have any concerns or advice regarding our Town.



Long Term Financial Plan - Annual Budget Process

In conjunction with the Strategic Community Plan review, Council has revised its Long Term Financial Plan - the ten year rolling plan that demonstrates the Town's ability to deliver on strategic priorities. Council's challenge has been to ensure a balanced budget and deliver on the priorities in the Strategic Community Plan.

In May, elected members worked through the four year budget allocations with staff to prioritise the next, and future years activities, mindful of community feedback and expectations.

Key projects that are earmarked for the next financial year include:

- a comprehensive recreation and community services facilities study that aims to provide a clear outline of the requirements for the Town's recreation services, community facilities, parks, playgrounds, public open space, connecting footpaths and cycleways and providing support to clubs and groups;
- a Revenue Strategy to ensure appropriate resources to deliver strategic priorities and continue everyday important services;
- a Major Review of the Strategic Community Plan including comprehensive community engagement and consultation to ensure the community continues to be involved in the evolution of the Town.

Operational programs such as footpath upgrades, road pavement repairs, waste services, community safety and public health activities will of course continue. Further details will be available once the 2015/16 Budget has been adopted.

Food Hygiene and Safety in the Kitchen for Food Handlers Course

A training session for local food handling staff was held at the Town of East Fremantle in May. Based on the National FoodSafe program, 10 local chefs and cooks attended.

The Food Act 2008 and Australian Food Safety Standards requires that all food handling staff be capable of performing tasks needed to ensure the safety of the food they are handling and know and understand why these tasks need to be done to make the food safe.

The training aims to complement any 'in house' training by the food premises to ensure the legislative requirements are met.

Facilitated by Sue Judd, City of Cockburn and Shelley Cocks, Town of East Fremantle, the session utilised real life examples and demonstrations to cover topics such as symptoms and causes of food poisoning, personal hygiene responsibilities, food handling & storage practices etc.

All participants received a Certificate of Participation.





GLYDE-IN COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE

Community Learning Centre opens its arms to residents

Supported by the Town of East Fremantle, the Glyde-In Community Learning Centre, 42 Glyde Street offers courses, talks and activities that aim to enrich knowledge and foster a healthy community life.

1. **SPEAKERS UNLIMITED:** These talks cover history, health, weather, astronomy, holidays and more.
2. **BETTER HEALTH:** Talks and discussions on many of the health issues that concern people in the community.
3. **OUT AND ABOUT:** These might be coach trips to an olive farm or the Observatory, off to lunch somewhere pleasant.
4. **LANGUAGES:** Beginners and ongoing sessions in European and some Asian languages.
5. **CREATIVE:** Classes in painting, drawing, mosaics, knitting and various other creative pursuits.
6. **INSPIRE OUTDOORS:** Kayaking, bushwalking and other events are regularly run in conjunction with friends from 'Inspiration Outdoors'.
7. **COMPUTER COURSES:** Specialised in teaching mature age beginners but also run courses for more advanced users - includes sessions on social media, iPads and Genealogy.



GLYDE-IN I.T. CAFÉ/CLINIC - members can bring in their queries about their mobiles or tablets or other computer devices. We have volunteer 'experts' to answer their queries. Check out the website and get involved today! www.glydein.org.au

Town rejects proposed Perth Freight Link

Town of East Fremantle has voted to reject the proposed Perth Freight Link and work with the City of Fremantle to urge the Government to rethink the current proposal, and seek information on alternatives that provide a higher long term cost/benefit to freight movement to Fremantle Port.

Council also agreed to provide in-kind support for the alliance of community groups to run their campaign against the Perth Freight Link, and to promote awareness of the 'Rethink the Link' on the Town's Facebook page and website. Council will strongly advocate on the Town's behalf about concerns including traffic noise and pollution; pedestrian and cycle access as well as connectivity and traffic congestion in the Town.

Town confirms support to redevelop Royal George Hotel

Council has resolved that the best means of facilitating redevelopment and conservation of the Royal George Hotel site is through the recent Scheme Amendment 10 to the Town of East Fremantle Planning Scheme No.3.

To date, current zoning arrangements have not resulted in the successful reuse of the hotel building, and the more flexible zoning arrangement in the Amendment will allow for the preservation and reuse of the building, through creative planning and design initiatives.

The Town will work closely with the state government, who owns the site, to encourage financially viable redevelopment strategies for the preservation and reuse of the building. The Royal George Hotel building and site are unique, and Council acknowledges that any redevelopment will require a viable return on investment.

Army Art

Started in 1974, Army Art has become one of *the* cultural art events in Perth.

Army Art's purpose is to support local West Australian artists through showcasing their works, and giving to the community by donating proceeds to worthy local causes.

As an entirely 100% volunteer run organisation, it has a rich history of support, a sense of community and giving that is intrinsically tied in the past to the Special Air Service Regiment (SASR) and today still to the Defence family.

The event will be held at
**Leeuwin Barracks East Fremantle,
7-9 August 2015.**

For art sales and opening night tickets visit
<http://www.armyart.org>



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

Winter Sprinkler Ban Reminder

A permanent winter sprinkler bans applies to all scheme and bore water users in Perth, Mandurah and some parts of the South West, from 1 June each year.

For information about your watering days, go to the Water Corporation website -
<http://www.watercorporation.com.au/save-water/watering-days>

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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