



# Town of East Fremantle News

APRIL 2015



## East Fremantle to remain independent

**On February 17th 2015 the State Government decided that due to Governor's orders for boundary adjustments not being supported by Councils involved, as evidenced in the three polls, it's local government reform agenda would be put on hold.**

Earlier in the month, the East Fremantle electors had made their feelings about the proposed amalgamation with the City of Fremantle known, by voting No in their Poll.

The East Fremantle community was eligible for a poll following a petition

to the state government and to make any result valid, 50% of the 5178 eligible electors in the Town were required to vote in the poll.

2,825 East Fremantle electors used their postal vote - a total of 54.56% of electors and 41.43% of those voters, that is 2,145, voted NO.

Whilst some residents of East Fremantle were 'for' the merge of councils the majority who wanted to keep their suburb independent rallied and the results speak for themselves.

Town of East Fremantle Mayor Jim O'Neill acknowledged the result and indicated that Council is keen to move on and continue to deliver services to the residents and ratepayers in the Town.

'Council respect the result and will continue to work on implementing the priorities in the Strategic

Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan to make the Town an even better place to live and work,' he said.

'While Council had agreed to engage with the City of Fremantle in the amalgamation process rather than actively oppose it, we were equally supportive of the democratic process and actively provided the opportunity for the community to participate in a poll,' Mayor O'Neill said.

'The community's position is clear and we are eager to put the Poll behind us and focus on the future of the Town.'

The Mayor was keen to acknowledge the extra workload placed on the Town's staff and thanked them all for their efforts and professionalism over the past months.

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

# Jim O'Neill



On the 7 February the electors overwhelmingly supported the retention of the Town of East Fremantle. I sincerely thank all those who participated in the poll and reinforce

that Council is indeed looking to the future of the Town of East Fremantle.

Whilst the State government made it abundantly clear that the amalgamations would occur one way or another it appears from recent comments by the Premier the matter is closed for the foreseeable future. We can now work in planning for future improvement in a number of areas without the issue of amalgamation distracting us. However a number of challenges face our Town in meeting the wishes of residents in terms of capital works and provision of services whilst working within tight financial constraints.

With amalgamations behind us, there is the opportunity for the Town to be more responsive rather than reactive in our approach to service provision and delivery, the former being more sustainable and effective than the latter. We are striving to become a model of good practice and are committed to demonstrating that a small

local government such as the Town, has the capacity to plan and deliver services in a sustainable, efficient and effective manner. We will review our systems, processes and management practices to ensure we have the capacity to deliver on our strategic objectives. And we continue to work with our neighbouring and regional Councils in relation to resource-sharing opportunities.

This year we review our Strategic Community Plan and we can now compare the Community Perceptions Survey priorities to the plan - that is, sport and recreation linkages, public open space, foreshore planning and other strategies that comprise the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) requirements. We are eager to show the community that we are planning to deliver on their priorities.

I intend to work closely with the City of Fremantle especially regarding matters such as the Perth Freight Link which will significantly impact the Town. Other issues I would like to work with Fremantle on are modes of public transport and bicycle routes, recycling and energy reduction. We all have a stake in Fremantle being a sustainable, vibrant, cosmopolitan and modern city. One positive spin off from the 'amalgamation process' is that we have developed a better working relationship and understanding of our neighbour the City of Fremantle. I intend to build on this.

As Chair of the South West Group of Councils - Town of East Fremantle, City of Fremantle, City of Melville, City of

Rockingham, City of Cockburn and City of Kwinana - I continue to be involved in significant regional issues and matters including the Perth Freight Link, public transport and bicycle routes, recycling and energy reduction.

As has been reported in the local media the Council ended the employment contract of the Town's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Stuart Wearne, on Thursday 18 February. Council considered that it was in the community's interests for both parties to end the employment relationship.

I acknowledge Mr Wearne's contribution to the governance and operations of the town over 27 years. Mr Wearne served as a Councillor and Deputy Mayor for eleven years, later becoming the Chief Executive Officer.

Councillor Handcock tendered his resignation last month. I personally take this opportunity to thank Matthew for his contribution to the Town of East Fremantle. I regret but respect his decision and on behalf of Council, wish him well.

Thank you also to all involved in our local sporting and community groups. I urge everyone to take an interest, from croquet to boating, to community gardening and tennis. Remember the ABC, 'Act, Belong, Commit.'



## Perth Freight Link Moves Ahead

The Main Roads Department is currently tendering for the design and construction of the Perth Freight Link. The project is intended to improve freight access to the Port of Fremantle and includes proposed upgrades to Stock Road, Leach Highway, High Street and Stirling Highway. Work on this project is expected to commence in early 2016.

It is anticipated the project will have substantial impacts on traffic flows as well as pedestrian and cyclist access within the Town of East Fremantle.

Information about this project is available at: [www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/BuildingRoads/Projects/UrbanProjects/Pages/Perth-Freight-Link.aspx](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/BuildingRoads/Projects/UrbanProjects/Pages/Perth-Freight-Link.aspx)

Or you can check out the local group 'Fremantle Road to Rail Campaign' who are calling for freight to be directed to rail. Further information is available from [www.facebook.com/freoroad2rail](https://www.facebook.com/freoroad2rail)



## Movies in the Park wins over critics.

Over two balmy summer nights in February residents of East Fremantle were treated to a free outdoor movie night at John Tonkin Park, with over 900 people attending. The Town hosted the event and screened two movies, both great viewing for local families. Residents were invited to bring along picnics, blankets and bean bags to enjoy the movies down by the river. If you would like to keep updated with local events in your area 'Like' us on Facebook or head to our website.

# ANZAC Day Centenary Commemoration

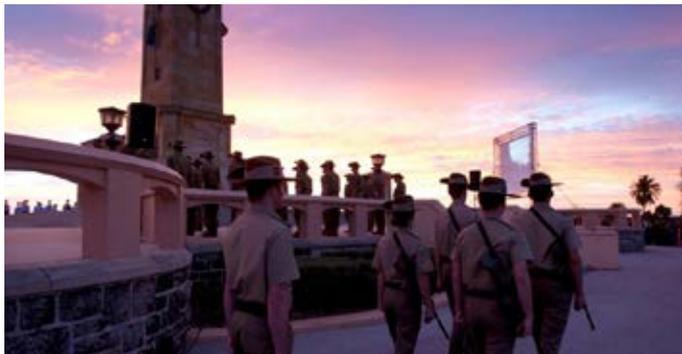
With preparations for ANZAC Day well underway residents can be part of the memorial services this year in Fremantle or closer to home in East Fremantle.

The City of Fremantle will be participating in, supporting, and hosting a number of events over the commemorative period. The people of Fremantle (including the greater Fremantle area) are proud to be part of the ANZAC Centenary commemorations and to have the opportunity to honour and pay respect to those who have and are serving our nation as part of the Armed Forces.

This year, to mark the Anzac Centenary, the City will be hosting a gunfire breakfast in Kings Square and supporting a morning service at North Fremantle memorial. After a gun salute and a brief address from the Fremantle Mayor, come and enjoy a hot meal in Kings Square to commemorate the meal taken by soldiers and sailors prior to a morning battle.

Transperth will be offering free public transport for anyone wearing military uniform or medals traveling to Anzac Day services. If you would like more information you can visit the [anzacfremantle.com.au](http://anzacfremantle.com.au) website for detailed information.

For residents of East Fremantle there will be a short ceremony and laying of a wreath at the memorial Rose Garden on Preston Point Road at 9:20am on Anzac Day.



## East Street traffic improvement plans – Feedback sought

The Town of East Fremantle and the City of Fremantle are seeking community feedback from East Street residents for the new traffic improvements to the street.

Following concerns from residents around East Street, the Town and the City invited residents to provide their views on proposed upgrades to the street.

As a result of this initial consultation, three options for traffic calming structures to alleviate speeding and improve safety have been developed.

Information has been distributed to the affected residents encouraging them to select their preferred design option for East Street.

See our Facebook page for more information about these options.



## Half Price Native Plants Bloom in May for Residents

During the month of May residents of East Fremantle will be able to purchase native plants from APACE Nursery for half price, thanks to the Town's generous contribution. APACE is located in North Fremantle, along the river foreshore and 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.

Tony Freeman from APACE says "with our dry Mediterranean climate May is the perfect time for planting and re-vegetation".

The native plant subsidy scheme will run from 4th May to 30th May, operating from 8am-3pm Monday to Friday and 9am-12pm on Saturdays.

**For more information visit: [www.apace.org.au](http://www.apace.org.au)**

### QUARTERLY GARDEN WORKSHOPS: A NEW INITIATIVE FROM THE EAST FREO FARM.

Your local community garden will be offering free Fruit Fly Baiting Workshops on **Sunday 26th April 2015 at 10am - 121 Marmion Street (behind 9 Seeds Café)**. Learn how to stay in control of what happens to your fruit and don't let those pesky fruit flies spoil your crop.

For queries regarding this workshops or for further information on the East Freo Farm, contact Lyn MacDonald on **0402 893 064** or [macdol@inet.net.au](mailto:macdol@inet.net.au)



## Sport Support

Sport should be a part of every child's day and is a part of a well-rounded and long, healthy life. KidSport enables eligible children to participate in community sport by offering financial assistance towards club fees. With the help of this year's KidSport funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation, the Town of East Fremantle was able to assist 16 children play their favourite sport and be part of a team. With the help of the program kids joined the East Fremantle Junior Football Club, Melville City Hockey Club, Fremantle Rugby League Club, East Fremantle Tennis Club, Palmyra Rebels Netball, the Tricolore Soccer Club and the Fremantle Surf Life Saving Club.

If you would like more information on the KidSport program stop by the council office or visit [www.dsr.gov.au/kidsport](http://www.dsr.gov.au/kidsport)



# The Council wishes all our residents a very happy Easter Break.

The Town of East Fremantle administration office opening hours during the Easter break are as follows:

**CLOSED** Good Friday, 3rd April through to Easter Monday 6th April 2015.  
**REOPENING** 8.30 am Tuesday 7th April 2015

## Easter Church Services

**EAST FREMANTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
154 Canning Highway East Fremantle

**SERVICE TIMES:**

**Palm Sunday**, 29th March at 9am

**Holy Thursday**, 2nd April at 6pm with Eucharist Adoration to follow till midnight

**Good Friday**, 3rd April 2015 at 1pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, 2pm Stations of the Cross, 3pm Ceremony

**Holy Saturday**, 4th April at 6pm Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday**, 5th April 2015 at 9am

**EAST FREMANTLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Corner of Canning Highway and Fortescue Street East Fremantle.

**SERVICE TIMES:**

**Good Friday**, 3rd April 2015 at 9am

**Easter Sunday**, 5th April 2015 at 10am

## Waste Collection Changes during Easter

The following changes to rubbish/recycling collections will occur during Easter break period:

**FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 2015** services to be collected on **SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 2015**.

**MONDAY 6TH APRIL (Easter Monday)** No change

## Garbologie Closes

Unfortunately, the popular waste recycling facility Garbologie has recently shut its doors. In light of this, the council encourages East Fremantle residents to recycle their household waste at the Henderson Waste Recovery Park



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## Residents Help Out for Clean Up Australia Day

The Town of East Fremantle would like to say a big thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped clean up the East Fremantle foreshore on Sunday 1st March. In all, 30 friends volunteered their time and collected 18 sacks of rubbish. Event organizer Wendy Wisniewski said "It was amazing that on the surface our suburb seemed relatively 'clean', but with a bit of perseverance we unearthed a surprising quantity."

The Town would like to acknowledge all the residents who continue to clean up our foreshore on a regular basis, and thank you for this ongoing effort too.



## 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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