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Welcome to *Our Neighbourhood*

Welcome to the first edition of our community magazine for 2026, previously known as *Talk of the Town*. You may notice it has a fresh look, reflecting our commitment to keeping residents informed in clear and engaging ways.

Earlier this year, the Town ran a competition to rename this magazine.

Thank you to everyone who entered and congratulations to Bernadette Pilkington and Tijana Vujic. Both suggested *Neighbourhood Notes*. As Mrs Vujic eloquently put it, the word neighbourhood reminded her of the connection between her children, other families and the places they love to spend time in.

"Neighbourhood feels nurturing. A space that ties us together. It could be your immediate neighbours or a bunch of families scattered around your street," she said.

"Neighbourhood looks different to everyone but tends to feel the same – caring and trusting."

I couldn't agree more. Nurture, trust and connection are some of things that make East Fremantle so special. The winning suggestions inspired our new masthead: *Our Neighbourhood*.

We hope this magazine will continue to be a place to celebrate the people, news and stories that are quintessentially East Fremantle.

When I think about our community, I am also always proud of our ability to collaborate with our neighbours in Fremantle, Melville and beyond.

This edition's cover features City of Fremantle Mayor Ben Lawver and I playing the interactive waste sorting game 'Everyday Zero' that we have recently launched. I encourage you to give the game a go. It's informative and fun! You can read more about it on Page 3.

It has already been a busy start to 2026 and we're pleased to update you on several major projects. Don't miss a list of upcoming events and workshops and turn to Page 6 for a story celebrating the significant contribution of a Town Officer.

All the best.

Tony Natale
Mayor

2026 Council Meeting Dates

Did you know that 2026 Council meeting dates, agendas and live recordings of Council meetings can be found on the 'Council Meetings' page of our website?

Council meetings start at 6pm and are held in the Town Hall.
For more information visit eastfremantle.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/

Artwork featured throughout this publication
by Indigenous artist Yabini Kickett



Are you a waste warrior?

You can now test your knowledge with 'Everyday Zero', an interactive waste education game designed to boost community knowledge and reduce landfill contamination.

The Town recently partnered with the City of Fremantle to share the game with our communities.

Participants are given 30 seconds to sort as much waste as they can by dragging and dropping each waste item into the matching waste disposal option.

Town of East Fremantle Mayor Tony Natale said the game would give both Councils access to real time data on common mistakes, demographics and contamination trends, allowing them to tailor future waste education strategies.

You can give it a go at the City of Fremantle Library or via our website.



Shaping our plan for the future

The Town is progressing with developing a plan for the future.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Council Plan Community Workshops in February. We value your feedback which is being refined into a Draft 2026 to 2036 Council Plan, previously known as the Strategic Community Plan.

Also encompassing the Corporate Business Plan, the endorsed Council Plan will

become a strategic roadmap outlining the community's aspirations and priorities for the future.

The Plan is expected to be endorsed by Council in mid 2026 following a four-week public comment period for further input and feedback.



Norm McKenzie river wall and plaza project

Keep an eye out for construction works on the Norm McKenzie river wall and plaza.

These works will deliver significant improvements to the durability, amenity and safety of the foreshore area. This includes replacing the existing retaining wall, seating and enhancements to the plaza area and restoration works between Norm McKenzie Park and the beach.

The \$430,000 project is jointly funded by a \$181,339 Riverbank grant from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, with the Town funding the difference.

For more information, please visit our project page by scanning the QR code.



What's On

Native verge garden workshop and showcase

Saturday 14 March, 9am to 12pm

Scan the QR code to register

East Fremantle Playgroup
Sumpton Green Community Centre
44 Moss Street, East Fremantle



Know your bins workshop

Monday 16 March, 10am to 11am

Glyde-In Community Learning Centre

42 Glyde Street, East Fremantle

Book online at glydein.org.au



Samson Tree and Wildlife Festival 2026

Saturday 11 April, 10am to 4pm

Sir Frederick Samson Memorial Reserve

17 Sellenger Avenue, Samson

WA Tree Recovery Program kiosk

If you are a resident impacted by tree loss as a result of shot-hole borer, did you know you may be eligible for a rebate worth up to \$150 for every tree you replace? If you have already replanted or would like to, but need help with claiming your rebate, come talk to the WA Tree Recovery team.



Monday 23 March, 9.30am to 12 noon

Glyde-In Community Learning Centre

42 Glyde Street, East Fremantle

Did you know?

You can collect **two free rolls** of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bags during business hours from the Town Hall. Please bring ID for proof of residency.

Do you have questions about the Commonwealth Home Support Programme?

Neighbourhood Link is a provider of the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP), providing Social Support to eligible residents aged 65 and over.

Social Support is delivered in group and individual social support settings through a daily activity program of bus outings and day centre activities, and one-on-one support (such as shopping and transport to medical appointments), as required.

You could become a Neighbourhood Link client by registering and undergoing an assessment with My Aged Care, who will then refer you to us for services.

Eligible East Fremantle residents who attend the day centre will not be charged the cost of transportation for the day centre attendance although you will be required to pay a small contribution towards attending the service.

For residents with higher needs, you can apply for Support At Home (SAH) from My Aged Care. Neighbourhood Link can still assist with your social support and transportation services, with your SAH provider agreement, if required.

If you'd like information about Neighbourhood Link, or have a question about the CHSP and would like assistance to register with My Aged Care, please get in touch with the friendly team at Neighbourhood Link on 9339 9380.

Containers for Change BAGS

The Town has a limited supply of free Containers for Change bags available for residents. Visit the Town Hall during business hours with your ID for proof of residency to collect yours today.





Spotlight on East Freo Street Jam

The Town was proud to host several summer events, including the East Fremantle Street Jam in January.

Fifty young people and their families descended on the skate zone at the East Fremantle Community Park for an afternoon of fun learning lots of new skills.

Attendees enjoyed free scooter, skate and BMX workshops with Freestyle Now. Also on offer was free face painting, an art

activation with Art Jam, a sausage sizzle with the East Fremantle Lions Club, youth activities with the Cities of Fremantle and Melville. Young people were also able to engage with headspace Fremantle.

Thank you to everyone who attended and completed the Youth Event survey. East Fremantle resident Ethan Haynes was the lucky winner, taking home a \$50 SetteBello Pizzeria Napoletana voucher.

This event was hosted by the Town and proudly supported by the Cities of Fremantle and Melville.

Search Image Gallery on our website to view more photos from the event.

APACE Native Plant Sale

Beautify your garden and provide habitats for native animals and pollinators with subsidised waterwise native plants in May.

Residents will be able to purchase up to 20 native plants from \$3 each from APACE Nursery, 1 Johannah Street, North Fremantle from Friday 1 May.

This offer is valid once per household and while stocks last. Please bring proof of residential address and photo ID. APACE will be open for the plant sale Wednesday to Saturday from 8.30am to 2pm. For additional information, please visit the 'Annual Native Plant Sale' page on our website.



A lifetime of service: Celebrating 50 years with the Town

Janine May is pictured centre



In early December, Executive Assistant to the CEO and Governance Coordinator, Janine May, celebrated 50 years of working for the Town. This is a snapshot of her fondest memories...

When she walked through the Town Hall doors in December 1975, Janine May was just 16 years old. Young, eager and unbeknown to her, she was stepping into a workplace that would set the stage for a lifetime of transformation.

Fifty years on, Ms May's career stands as a living testament of how work, governance and community life has evolved.

Like all administrative staff in those days, Ms May started as the Town's Receptionist, moving through the ranks as someone left, including Rates Clerk, Records Clerk, and Minute Secretary for all committee and Council meetings, before becoming the Town Clerk's Secretary.

In the mid 1980s, Ms May took maternity leave to have her daughter, returning 11 months later as a casual employee and gradually returning to work three days a week, and then full time.

Ms May said when she returned to work, she coordinated the Planning Department.

"I then returned to the role of Personal Assistant to the CEO, where I was later formally recognised for the governance responsibilities I performed," she said.

It's a role she continues to carry out today.

In what now seems like another world, the office culture in the 1970s was shaped by strong hierarchies, clear gender roles and fewer workplace protections than exist today.

Women were permitted to wear skirts or dresses only. Pants were a firm no, a rule strictly enforced by the Town Clerk's Secretary.

In the lead-up to Christmas, a cassette player and speaker were placed in the Mayor's office. The windows would be opened, and the sound of Christmas carols blasted across the East Fremantle Shopping Centre and surrounding streets.

Morning tea was baked for staff daily.

Ms May reminisced that tummies would start to rumble as the smell of freshly

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made scones or sausage rolls would waft from the kitchen.

"In the afternoon the Receptionist would make the afternoon cuppa for everyone, delivering to their desks," she said.

The work was manual and meticulous. Minutes and agendas were printed on the old gestetner machine and 30 copies were placed out page by page on benches to collate and staple for delivery to elected members.

Rates notices were individually typed from large rate books on the desk and individually checked, folded and sorted into streets.

"We would then go out and deliver them to letterboxes with queues of residents spilling out along the Canning Highway footpath waiting to pay their rates before we had finished delivering them," she added.

Technology has significantly evolved over the years.

Ms May remembers that when the Town bought its first fax machine, it was like magic!

"To think that a letter could be sent and received in the same day!" she said.

"Moving from an electric to an electronic typewriter – with a small amount of memory – and then to a computer were all huge learning curves."

Ms May has worked with eight Town Clerk/CEOs and six Mayors.

Outside of the Town Hall windows, the urban landscape of the Town has changed as well.

"There was no Stirling Highway on the south side of the bridge," Ms May said.

"There was one-way traffic down King Street over the Stirling Bridge. St Peters Road didn't exist."

"Duke Street continued up the side of the Town Hall to Canning Highway," she added.

"There were houses on both sides of Silas Street from Canning Highway to George Street. Richmond Raceway was located from there to Marmion Street with a Golden Fleece Service Station on one corner of Canning Highway, a burger business and indoor badminton and movie theatre on the other side.

"The building next door was the East Fremantle Police Station and staff used to post the daily mail at the East Fremantle Post Office (now Yard Property)."

All this in five decades. We thank Ms May for her dedicated service to the Town and for her continuing contribution.

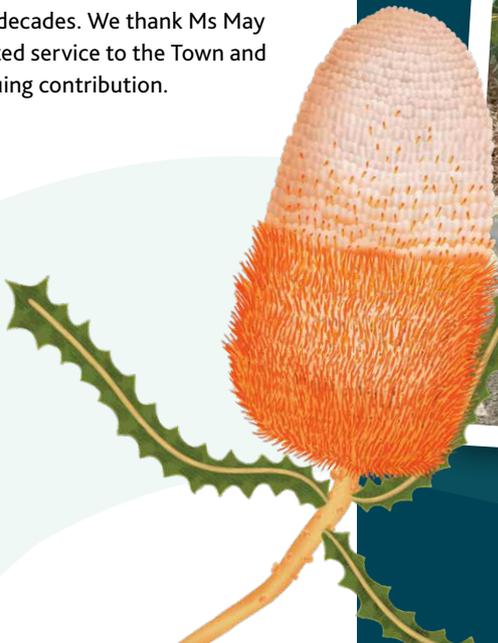


Apply for a street tree today

Did you know that during winter and spring the Town undertakes street tree planting to give trees the best chance of survival? Apply for a street tree by **Thursday 30 April 2026** and it will be planted during the upcoming months.

Applications received after 30 April will be planted during the following year's winter.

Scan the QR code to sign up apply today.



Federal Government to sell **Leeuwin Barracks**

Following a Defence Estate Audit, the Federal Government announced on 4 February 2026 that it plans to fully divest Leeuwin Barracks, along with 66 military sites across Australia.

Leeuwin Barracks had been identified as surplus to the Federal Government's Defence needs for some time, and the Town has known that the site would eventually be redeveloped.

The announcement provides clarity about the site's future. The Town believes it has an important role to play in shaping how it will be planned and developed.

Our focus is now on engaging with the Federal and State governments, and ultimately our community, as the next steps unfold. And on protecting the site's heritage, its relationship to the river, and community access.

Apply for a 2026-2027 Community Assistance Grant

Sporting clubs and community groups in the Town are invited to apply for a 2026-2027 Community Assistance Grant. Applications will open on Monday 23 March and close on Friday 1 May, 4pm.

Application forms, guidelines and a timeline outlining the process are available on our website under 'Community' and 'Community Programs'.

Please contact the Communications and Community Engagement Officer to discuss your application prior to applying, via admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au or 9339 9339.



2026 Bulk Waste Collections

Mark your calendars for:

Bulk waste collection	Week commencing
Green waste	25 May
White/metal goods	29 June

Due to the increasingly limited availability of suitable contractors, collection dates have changed significantly from those in previous years. Given the difficulties experienced, the Town will be reviewing how these services are provided in future years.

For information on what will and won't be collected, please visit the Bulk Waste Collections page on our website.



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