

## Introduction

Today, is the first time a sitting State government has asked to have their Cabinet meeting at the Town of East Fremantle in 123 years, so **I or we** would like to welcome and thank you Minister Templeman as Minister for the Arts for meeting with us today, your time is much valued and appreciated.

Some important information about this group and its involvement in our community.....

The Town of East Fremantle, recognises that *culture and the arts* are intrinsic to building stronger communities, stimulating the local economy, contributing to a shared identity, and creating enjoyable places which is very important to us all.

To support Public Art, Council currently allocates **\$45,000 pa** to a ***Public Art Reserve***, and we have adopted a percentage, for public Art Policy that requires development proposals requiring planning approval, of a **construction value greater than \$3,000,000** are required to provide public art under this policy.

The public art contribution, has set at a contribution rate of **1% of the construction cost**. We have a number of these projects coming along in the Town over the next 5-10 years such as The ROOFING 2000 BUILDING, THE ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL, The LEEUWIN REVELOPMENT AND THE FORMER WOODSIDE MATERNITY HOSPITAL TO become AGED PERSONS' ACCOMMODATION UNITS, which we feel will house impressive public art projects in the foreseeable future.

To ensure appropriate outcomes for these funds, Council adopted a **Public Art Strategy in September 2017**, which articulates a clear direction for a coordinated approach to the development **of public art** in the Town of East Fremantle. *I have a copy for you interest.*

With the above in mind, and everyone seeing differing values and appreciations of all forms of art, Council felt the need that **The Strategy** be supported by a **Council formed Public Art Committee**, that oversees and makes recommendations to Council on matters related to:

1.1 the strategic direction, policy and public program matters of the Town of East Fremantle Public Art Strategy.

1.2 the development of public art project briefs;

1.3 the deaccession, relocation, removal and disposal of public artworks; and

1.4 to assess and determine the suitability of percent for public art proposals submitted in accordance with the Town's Percent for Public Art Policy

It is now my pleasure to **introduce** some of the Committee members we have with us today

- Mayor Jim O'Neill
- Ms Carmel O'Neill – Practising Artist
- Ms Soula Veyradier - Practising Artist
- Mr Tony Jones - Practising Artist
- Ms Wendy Robertson - Practising Artist
- Gary Tuffin (our CEO)

However before inviting committee members to speak, I would now like to invite you Minister to address the meeting.