

Talk of the Town

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Urban canopy to be bolstered in coming months

The Town will begin planting over 4000 plants in May as part of a significant milestone to support its commitment to urban greening.

In September 2024, the Town was awarded a \$33,670.30 grant from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's Urban Greening Grant Program.

This funding will allow the Town to plant 111 trees and 3958 understory plants (tube stock) and 3708 plants will be used to enhance the urban canopy at East Fremantle Community Park, and replace trees lost at Town parks last summer.

The Urban Greening Grants Program is supported by WALGA and funded by the Government of Western Australia.

Apply for a street tree today!



Apply for a 2025-2026 Community Assistance Grant



Sporting clubs and community groups in the Town are invited to apply for a 2025-2026 Community Assistance Grant.

Applications will open on **Monday 24 March** and close on **Friday 2 May, 4pm**. Keep an eye on our website and socials for more information.

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, on 9339 9339 or email admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au



East Fremantle Community Park officially opened by Premier

Over 1,500 residents and visitors celebrated the official opening of the East Fremantle Community Park on Saturday 1 February.

The facility was opened by the Honourable Roger Cook MLA, Premier of Western Australia during a colourful community celebration on 1 February.

A plaque unveiling ceremony was also attended by the Honourable David Templeman MLA, Minister for Culture and the Arts, Sport and Recreation, Heritage and International Education, Town of East Fremantle Mayor O'Neill, Lisa O'Malley Member for Bicton and the Honourable Simone McGurk Member for Fremantle, plus Elected Members, past and former staff and representatives from the wide range of organisations, sporting and community groups who helped bring this key community asset to life.

At a cost of almost \$35m, the newly redeveloped park impressed visitors who enjoyed an afternoon of free, family-friendly activities including football, barefoot bowls, live music, face painting, train rides and kids' activities.

Town of East Fremantle Mayor Jim O'Neill described the East Fremantle Community Park as a once-in-a-generation development that had been a key capital works project in the Town's Strategic Community Plan.

"An underlying principle of the East Fremantle Community Park is that it is a community facility for all – an integrated and financially sustainable precinct where sports, leisure, cultural events and recreation thrive together, for the use of all residents and visitors to the Town," he said.

Located at 1 Carnaby Close, the facility is also home to the East Fremantle Football Club, East Fremantle Croquet Club, East Fremantle Bowls Club and East Freo Playgroup.

The East Fremantle Community Park was proudly supported and funded by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (\$25m), Lotterywest (\$1.345m) for the playground and skatepark, AFL Facilities Fund (\$250,000) and the Town of East Fremantle (\$8m).





Green your verge this winter

Did you know that you can apply for a street tree to be planted on your verge? During the winter/spring months the Town undertakes street tree planting to give trees the best chance of survival.

Apply for a street tree by **Wednesday 30 April** and it will be planted during

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

For more information and to apply visit our website www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au/residents/my-street/street-trees.aspx

Green waste collections coming soon

Green waste collections will commence from **Monday 7 April**.

The following materials will be accepted:

- A maximum of two three cubic metres piles
- Tree trunks up to 1.5 meters in length and no more than 30cm in diameter with cut ends facing the road
- Palm fronds
- Branches and shrub prunings.

Please remember to inspect all waste for potential signs of Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer before disposal. If you see signs of borer, keep the waste at your property and contact the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development on 9368 3080.



Explore what's on at Fremantle Library

Did you know that the Town has invested \$138,000 into library services at the Fremantle Library so our residents can enjoy the benefits of the library?

Fremantle Library offers more than just books, it also runs a range of programs, events and support services. To find out more visit www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/fremantle-library

Seeking musical talent for seniors' entertainment

Are you a talented musician with a passion for bringing happiness to others?

Neighbourhood Link is looking for someone who can play an instrument and sing to brighten the lives of a small group of seniors aged 65 and over, some with dementia!

What we're looking for:

- Musical talent (instrumental and vocal)
- Ability to give the gift of time either fortnightly or monthly at our centre in East Fremantle
- Experience or love for engaging with seniors in a group setting to share the joy of music, song and companionship.

If you have the heart and the talent to make a difference, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Neighbourhood Link on 9339 9381 or email neighbourhoodlink@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au



Apace Native Plant Sale

Beautify your garden and provide habitats for native animals and pollinators with subsidised water wise native plants from Apace Nursery in May.

Residents will be able to purchase up to 40 native plants for \$3 each from Apace Nursery, 1 Johannah Street, North Fremantle from **Thursday 1 May**.

This offer is valid once per household and while stocks last.

Please bring proof of residential address and photo ID.

Apace is open Wednesday to Saturdays from 8.30am to 2pm.

Congratulations to local artist Tony Jones

Local artist Tony Jones was awarded a State Cultural Treasure Award for his contribution to WA arts.

Mr Jones is the sculptor of some of Perth's most famous public art pieces including diver Eliza on Mounts Bay Road and the monument of engineer C.Y. O'Connor in North Coogee.

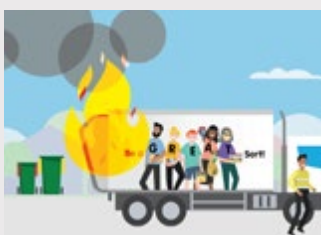
Mr Jones said he was honoured by the recognition.

Congratulations Mr Jones!



Never bin a battery

When batteries and devices are placed in household recycling or general waste bins, they have a potential to start a fire and puts drivers' lives, trucks, recycling facilities and workers at risk.



You can dispose of your used household batteries and mobile phones at our special collection drop-off point at the Town Hall, 135 Canning Highway, or take them to the Fremantle Recycling Centre, 19A Montreal Street, Fremantle.

For more information on convenient drop-off locations for electronic waste, visit www.wastesorted.wa.gov.au/batteries

Samson Tree and Wildlife Festival



The Samson Tree and Wildlife Festival is returning for a third consecutive year.

When: Sunday 13 April

Time: 11am to 4pm

Where: Samson Park, Sellenger Avenue, Samson

This event is proudly brought to you by the City of Fremantle and supported by the Town of East Fremantle.

Freo Cube-Off 2025

SpeedCubing is the act of solving twisty puzzles as quickly as possible. The City of Fremantle, along with SpeedCubing Australia and the Town of East Fremantle are proud to deliver the Freo Cube-Off 2025.

The Freo Cube-Off will return on **Saturday 5 April** from 9.15am to 5pm at the Fremantle Town Hall.

Registrations close 11.59pm, Sunday 30 March.
www.worldcubeassociation.org/competitions/FreoCubeOff2025

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