

Talk of the Town

June 2025 (Makuru edition)

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Season of fertility begins

Welcome to your June edition of the Talk of the Town.

This month we enter the Nyoongar season of fertility, Makuru. This is the coldest and wettest time of year and was a time where Nyoongar people moved inland away from the coastal winds and weather. During this season animals pair up in preparation for breeding.

Sign up to e-Rates

Visit the 'Register for e-Rates' page on the Town's website to sign up by Sunday 6 July.



Interested in running for Council?

Local Government Ordinary Elections are held every two years and this year the community will be invited to vote on **Saturday 18 October**.

If you are interested in running for Council, visit the Western Australian Electoral Commission to find out if you're eligible and how to nominate once nominations open.

Before nominating, all candidates must complete an online induction via the Department of Local Government, Commerce, Industry Regulation and Safety.

Keep an eye on the Town's website, socials and media channels for more information later in the year.





Community encouraged to plan for bridge closure

The State Government recently announced critical changes to the Fremantle road network in preparation for the closure of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge for up to 12 months in early 2026.

Currently much of the new bridge is being constructed while the existing crossing is open. However, as it's being constructed on the same alignment as the current bridge, it is necessary to close the bridge to complete the works.

Based on the current timetable, closure of the bridge for up to 12 months is anticipated to begin in early 2026.

However, traffic modelling shows that the closure of the bridge will have a severe impact on the road network with commuters likely to experience delays. As a result, some temporary network modifications are essential to keep traffic moving during the closure.

The proposed changes are explained in detail in the Main Roads Road Network Changes Fact Sheet and interactive map.

Changes to the network will begin in late May until the end of 2025 in readiness for the bridge closure.

For more information – including the road network changes and interactive map – and to subscribe to project updates, visit the **Main Roads website**.



FIND OUT MORE

Green and Bulk Waste Collections

The Town is working to secure a contractor and confirm dates for the 2025/26 bulk white/metal goods and green waste verge collections.

Keep an eye on our website, follow our socials, sign up to our e-Newsletter, or look for the Across the Town advert in the Fremantle Herald newspaper each month. Once dates are confirmed, we will communicate the news via these channels.

In the meantime, you can visit the Fremantle Recycling Centre, 19A Montreal Street, Fremantle or Henderson Waste Recovery Park, 48 Dailson Avenue, Wattleup for bulk waste drop offs.

Please visit the cities of Fremantle and Cockburn's websites for conditions of entry.



Neighbourhood Link seeks art and craft skills

Thank you to all the musicians and singers that responded to Neighbourhood Link's call out for musical volunteers earlier this year. They had a great response and now have some fabulous entertainment for our seniors at the day centre on Wednesdays.

If you missed our call out, and would like to be involved later, or have skills and experience with an art and craft activity, please have a chat with the team by calling 9339 9381.

Snap, Send, Solve it!

Did you know that there are several ways you can report an issue to the Town?

One of the more convenient ways is via the Snap, Send, Solve app.

You can use the app to send a photo of an issue or incident and choose from a range of popular options including:

- Litter
- Parking
- Pavement
- Road
- Street cleaning
- Trees

The issue is sent to the Town as a service request through our email system and is then processed like any other request.

Download the app from your app store today and give it a try.



NAIDOC Week celebrates 50 years

The Town is committed to building respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories by celebrating and sharing information about NAIDOC Week.

The Town acknowledges the 50-year milestone of NAIDOC Week, and the significance this year's week marks in celebrating strength, vision and legacy.

This year's theme "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy", celebrates the achievements of the past and the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of young leaders, vision of their communities, and the legacy of their ancestors.

To find out which NAIDOC events are happening around Perth between 6 and 13 July, visit www.naidoc.org.au/local-events/local-naidoc-week-events



East Fremantle's George Street Festival on pause to allow for review

In March, the Town reluctantly decided to pause East Fremantle's George Street Festival for 2025 to allow for a review of the scope and sustainability of the festival and other Town events.

While the decision was not made lightly, the Town has faced increasing challenges while delivering the award-winning event including rising costs, inconsistent external sponsorship and the capacity of staff to offer an event that met community expectations.

As part of its review of the festival and other events, the Town will conduct

extensive community consultation to learn which events and event outcomes are important to residents, businesses, Clubs and local groups.

We look forward to hearing from our community and to planning events that celebrate all of the things that make East Fremantle unique.

Seven ways to recycle your second-hand clothes

Did you know that you cannot recycle unwanted clothes in the household recycling bin?

Here are seven ways to reduce, reuse or recycle your textiles:

- **Turn old clothes into cleaning rags** – perfect for spills, dusting, and car cleaning.
- **Re-gift or sell:** If your unwanted clothes are in good nick, why not donate them on a community gifting page or try sell them on Marketplace or Gumtree.
- **Get crafty!** Upcycle old fabrics into reusable gift wrap, DIY totes or pet bedding.

- **Drop off at local collection points** – Many op shops and charity stores accept worn textiles for reuse or recycling.
- **Label your bins clearly** – remind everyone at home: no textiles in the yellow bin
- **Donate** old towels and blankets to animal shelters
- **Gardening:** Use natural fibre fabrics as weed mats or frost covers in your garden.





Help our community to Look Local

Are you a business or community group in our Town?

Whether you're new or have been in the Town for a while, you can update or register your details on our Business and Community directories. Visit the Look Local page on the website for more details www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au/enjoy-east-freo/look-local

Do you know what you can FOGO?

If you're new to the Town and to FOGO, here is a list of what you can put in your FOGO bin (green lid).

- Food waste including meat, fish, bones and dairy
- Coffee grounds and loose tea leaves
- Animal waste: pet poo can be added either loose or in a certified compostable liner (look for the AS 4736 logo)
- Garden organics including lawn clippings, branches, flowers, weeds and leaves



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