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Over 70 community voices helped to shape George Street Place Plan

In late July, representatives from George Street did a walkshop through the street. Following the walkshop, around 70 community members including Councillors came together for a community workshop to help shape an inspiring, community-led vision for the future of George Street.

Placemaking consultants Village Well are now drawing on the ideas and insights shared during the workshop to create a Collective Place Vision that reflects what the community values, aspires to, and wishes to protect, enhance, or introduce.

Alongside the vision, they are also developing a Community Action Plan – a practical roadmap designed to activate George Street with place-based programming, creative activation ideas, and clear pathways to community-led governance.

This plan will help turn the vision into real, on-the-ground impact, with actions that both the community and Council can champion.

The Town expects to soon receive a final report featuring achievable 'small wins' as well as longer-term actions that may be considered in future Council budgets.

Stay tuned to the Town's communications channels for updates on the progress of the report and next steps in bringing the community's vision for George Street to life.

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BEN signs boost river safety and emergency response

River safety and emergency response times have been improved following the installation of 12 Beach Emergency Number (BEN) signs along the river foreshore.

The two-sided signs have been installed near river entry points including at J Dolan Park, East Fremantle Boat Ramp, John Tonkin Reserve, Norm McKenzie Reserve and W Wayman Reserve.

Each sign features a unique identification code with an area prefix, followed by a one-to-four-digit number. This code is directly linked to the coordinates of the sign's location.

The signs also contain key location details including the official location name, address, suburb and the nearest intersection.

This information is integrated into emergency services dispatch systems, playing a vital role when emergency services are deployed in the event of an emergency.

The signs are fully funded by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development through the State Government's grant program.

To see the full list of locations in the Town, please visit the Beach Emergency Numbers page on the Town's website.

Upgrades set for Norm McKenzie Reserve

Works will begin early in the new year on major upgrades to the river wall and plaza at Norm McKenzie Reserve.

The existing retaining wall will be replaced with limestone terraces, creating a more inviting space for visitors to enjoy the water, views, and nearby café. Additional seating will be installed as part of the redesign.

The plaza will be enhanced to support a wider range of community activities, with new surfaces for pedestrian use and interpretive signage providing information about the river and local environment.

The project is fully funded by a \$133,000 Riverbank grant from the State Government.

Green waste and white/metal goods collection dates

The Town has secured the following bulk verge collection dates for 2025/26:

Material type	Week commencing
Bulk green waste collection	27 October 2025
Bulk green waste collection	25 May 2026
White/metal goods collection	29 June 2026

Community members are asked to note that due to the limited availability of suitable contractors, collection dates have changed significantly from those in previous years.

This service is available to residential properties only. Bulk waste may be placed on the verge no more than seven days before the collection date.

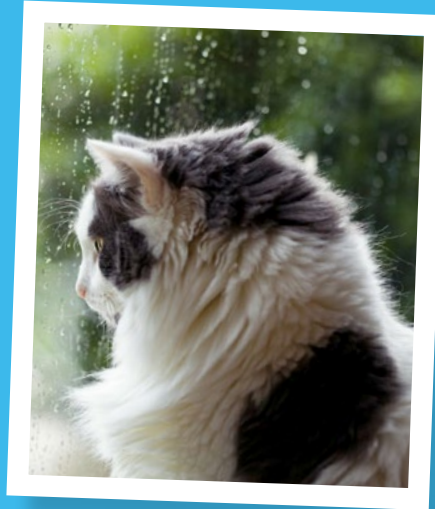
If you wish to dispose of bulk waste before these dates, please make use of the Fremantle Recycling Centre or Henderson Waste Recovery Park.

Please check the Cities of Fremantle and Cockburn websites for entry details.

Given the difficulties experienced this year with securing a contractor, the Town will be reviewing how these services are provided in future years, including investigating a valet service.

Give your cat the gift of happiness at home this spring

We've all heard the saying that cats need to roam the streets to live their best lives. While they may strut around like royalty at home and love a good outdoor adventure, the truth is they're happiest and safest indoors.



Cats that roam the great outdoors may face many dangers, including:

- **Traffic** – even the most street-smart cat can come into danger of a local car.
- **Predators** – roaming dogs and other wildlife can be a threat to your cats' safety. Not to mention, cats are a predator to our precious wildlife.
- **Disease and parasites** – from fleas, FIV, to ticks and parasites, the outside world is full of threats to your furry pal.
- **Getting lost or stolen** – with Christmas around the corner, your beautiful feline may end up as someone else's prized present.

Keeping cats inside protects their health, extends their lifespan (and saves your wallet), and still gives them plenty of ways to explore and play.

Here are a few things you can do to create a stimulating environment that allows them to engage in natural behaviours:

- Install rollers or netting on fences to stop your cat from jumping or climbing out of the backyard.
- Build a catio.
- Close gaps in and under fences.

Your cat may give you some 'cattitude' at first, but with lots of toys, cuddles, treats and a sunny window spot, your cat will soon rule their indoor kingdom!



Community Perception Survey results to be released soon

Thank you to everyone who completed our MARKYT Community Perception Scorecard recently.

The results are being collated with the report due soon. Keep an eye on our communications channels including the Town's website for more details.

2025 Local Government elections

Local Government elections will take place on **Saturday 18 October**. Look out for your election package in the post this month! Visit the Town's website for candidate information.

Fremantle Biennale

The Town of East Fremantle is proud to once again support the Fremantle Biennale.

On Saturday 22 November at 6.15pm, the Biennale will feature Vespers – a sound music and performance piece imagined for and carried across the river at John Tonkin Reserve.

For more information visit fremantlebiennale.com.au/program/



It's that time of year again

A friendly reminder from your four-legged friends, cat and dog registrations are due for renewal by **Saturday 1 November**.

Keeping their registration updated helps to ensure that they are identifiable as residents and we can reunite you if they get lost.

Renewing is quick and easy – simply visit the Pet Registration page on the Town's website.

Local Planning Scheme No. 4

Earlier this year Council agreed to begin working on a new Local Planning Scheme No. 4 (LPS 4).

Community engagement events will be held throughout the process. To get involved, please email your name and contact number to admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

For more information on the preparation of LPS4 please visit the Town's website.



Save the Date – Seniors’ Christmas Lunch

Residents on the Town’s Seniors’ Christmas Lunch VIP list can mark their calendars for this year’s feast at Carnaby’s Bar and Restaurant on **Monday 1 December** from 11.30am.

The annual lunch celebrates residents who have lived continuously in the Town for 30 years and are over 65 years. Eligible residents can expect to receive their invites in late October/early November.



Tree rebates on offer

The State Government has invested over \$14 million into two new rebate programs to encourage residents to plant native trees in their backyard to help boost urban canopy.

The WA Tree Recovery program offers eligible residents up to \$150 to replace trees lost due to infestation by the Polyphagous shot-hole borer.

In addition, for the next four years, up to 10,000 Western Australians a year can claim a rebate on the purchase of native trees to plant in their backyards.

If you are interested in applying for a rebate visit the ServiceWA app or claim via the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation website.

Spring into waterwise living

Spring is a great time to refresh your habits and save water at home and in the garden. Here’s how:

In the Garden

- Water before 9am on your allocated watering days to reduce evaporation.
- Mulch garden beds (5 to 10cm deep) to lock in moisture and prevent weeds.
- Choose native, drought-tolerant plants suited to Perth’s climate.
- Hand water with a trigger nozzle or watering can, to target roots.

Around the home

- Check for leaks in taps, toilets, and irrigation systems.
- Install water efficient fixtures (WELS 4 star+ rated).
- Run full loads in washing machines and dishwashers.

Pool and Outdoor Areas

- Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation by up to 90 per cent.
- Sweep patios and driveways instead of hosing.

Did you know you can Snap, Send, Solve it?

You can report an issue to the Town using the Snap, Send, Solve it app.

You can use the app to send a photo of an issue or incident. 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.

Go paperless this Spring with e-Rates

Sign up to e-Rates to receive your 2026-27 Rates Notice by email.

Visit the Register for e-Rates page on the Town’s website to learn more.



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