

# Talk of the Town

## December 2025 *Kambarang* edition

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## Mayor's Christmas Message

It is with great pleasure and pride that I was elected as the Mayor of Town of East Fremantle. I am both humbled and honoured to serve our wonderful community in this great Town, where I have lived with my family for 28 years.

Thank you to the residents who voted. We had a 32 per cent participation rate (above the average), including many first-time voters. Your engagement and support reflect the strong community spirit that makes East Fremantle such a special place.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank former Mayor Jim O'Neill for his leadership and contribution to our Town over the past 24 years, including 18 years as Mayor. His dedication and commitment have left a lasting legacy.

I warmly welcome our newly elected Councillors Stephanie Boyd, Rebecca Cutter and Antony Brockmann.

I also thank and re-welcome returning Councillors Mark Wilson, Cliff Collinson and Andrew White and extend my gratitude to our current Councillors Jenny Harrington and Deputy Mayor, Lucinda Maywood for their continued service and hard work.

I look forward to working closely with each of our Councillors as we move into the new year, focusing on strengthening sustainability, building economic resilience, and delivering better outcomes for our community.

I am committed to keeping East Fremantle a great place to live, guided by openness, trust and a community approach in every decision.

As we approach the festive season, I wish everyone a happy and safe season.

May this time bring connection with family, friends and neighbours. I look forward to an exciting and productive year ahead for our town.

Warm regards,

**Tony Natale**  
Mayor



## Save the Date

### East Freo Street Jam

Young people, aged six to 15, are invited to the East Fremantle Community Park on **Saturday 10 January** from 3pm to 7pm.

This is a collaborative event between the Town and Cities of Fremantle and Melville. Freestyle Now will be conducting a free scooter, skate and BMX coaching session from 4pm to 6pm.

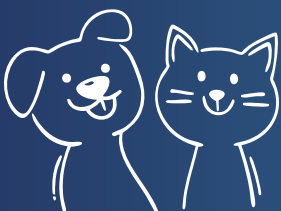
Visit our website and social media for more information.



**East Freo BITES & BEATS**

**FREE EVENT** **LIVE MUSIC** **FOOD TRUCKS**

Sat 21 Feb 2026  
3pm to 8pm  
East Fremantle Community Park



## Missed the pet registration deadline? Register now!

If you missed the **1 November** deadline to re-register your pets, don't worry, you can still register them now via the Town's website. Keeping your pets registered helps ensure our Rangers can quickly identify and return them to you if they ever get lost.

## Festive season bin collections



Due to the Christmas and New Year public holidays, regular bin collection days are scheduled for the day after normal collection is due.

Date	Rescheduled Collections	Collections
Thursday 25 December 2025 (Christmas Day)	Friday 26 December 2025 (Boxing Day)	FOGO and Recycling
Friday 26 December 2025 (Boxing Day)	Saturday 27 December 2025	
Thursday 1 January 2026 (New Year's Day)	Friday 2 January 2026	FOGO and Waste
Friday 2 January 2026	Saturday 3 January 2026	

## 2026 bulk waste collection dates

Material type	Week commencing
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.

## Town's festive season opening hours

The Town's administration will close from 12 noon Friday 12 December and reopen on Monday 15 December.

It will then close for the Christmas and New Year break on Tuesday 23 December, and reopen at 8.30am on Monday 5 January. During this time, calls will be delivered to our call centre and a core team covering Rangers and Technical Services will be available.

## Is your under 16-year-old ready for the social media ban?

From Wednesday 10 December, the Australian Government will ban children under 16 from many social media platforms including TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, Snapchat and more.

Many young people might be feeling anxious about how they will stay socially connected with their friends or how they will cope with life without digital media.

Here are some screen-free ways to keep your young person engaged and thriving this summer:

1. **Get active at the East Fremantle Community Park** – encourage them to take up a new hobby such as bike riding, skateboarding or basketball. The Town will be hosting a scooter, skate, BMX coaching session in early January.
2. **Stay connected the old-fashioned way** – encourage your child to ask their friends for their phone numbers so they can stay connected via text or WhatsApp
3. **Discover the modern world of libraries** – The Town of East Fremantle invests in the City of Fremantle Library so residents can experience a treasure trove of imagination. The library offers more than just books. Discover the gaming zone or book into an event.
4. **Explore nature** – Walk the Niergarup Track at Merv Cowan Reserve or enjoy a day fishing on the river.
5. **Get talking** – For young people, this change might feel big, so keep the conversation open. For more support, HeadSpace Fremantle can be contacted on 9431 7453.

For further information and resources, please view the eSafety Commissioner website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



## Future Local Planning Scheme (LPS 4)

The Town is progressing with preparing a new Local Planning Scheme No.4 (LPS 4).

In November a community drop-in session was held for residents and landowners to seek information and provide feedback on proposed changes to dwelling densities in particular planning areas. The areas can be viewed on the Town's website.

Any further community engagement opportunities relating to LPS 4 will be advertised in 2026.



## Keep an eye out in 2026 for...

### Community workshops for events

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent Community Events survey. We received a fantastic response with 150 people completing the survey. Next steps include an opportunity to participate in a community workshop early next year. More information to follow.

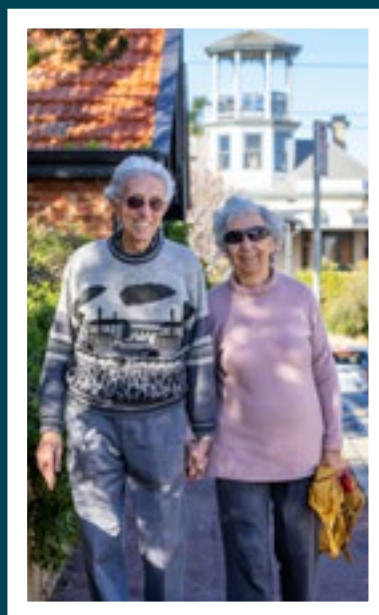
### Have your say on our Council Plan

Our 2025 MARKYT Community Scorecard results were released in September and saw the Town of East Fremantle ranked number one overall as the best place to live with a score of 92 out of 100, 18 points above the industry average.

The Town was also voted the best place to operate and own a business.

The results will help inform our new Council Plan which will be drafted in the new year, with workshops and further community consultation planned.

Information on how to participate will be shared soon.



## Collect your free FOGO liners this summer!

Did you know that residents are eligible for two free packs of FOGO (Food Organics and Garden Organics) bin liners each financial year?

Pop into the Town Hall at 135 Canning Highway before we close for Christmas to collect your free bags and keep those Christmas leftovers and garden clippings out of landfill.

It's a small way to make a big difference for a cleaner, greener new year.



## Help keep our parks clean this summer

A friendly reminder to dog owners to please pick up after your furry friends when visiting our parks and open spaces.

By disposing of dog litter responsibly, you are helping to keep our beautiful sporting ovals and recreation areas clean, safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Dog waste can carry harmful bacteria and parasites that may affect other animals and people and pollute the river and harm wildlife.

To avoid pollution and harm, the Town invests approximately \$28 per registered dog, on dog waste bags each year. Please help yourself to the free bags as picking up after your dog helps to protect everyone's health, including our hard-working outdoor staff who maintain these spaces.

## Be bushfire safe this summer

A friendly reminder that all landowners and occupiers within the Town are required to remove combustible materials and install and maintain firebreaks (where applicable) until 31 March 2026. For more information, please visit the BushFire Safety page on the Town's website.

## Give the gift of local this Christmas

This festive season, look local and support the wonderful businesses right here in East Fremantle. Whether you're searching for a special gift or a place to celebrate, choosing local helps create jobs, support families and strengthen our community.

Why not gift an experience this year? A shared meal at a local restaurant or cafe, a local class, or simply time spent together having a picnic in one of our beautiful parks. It's a meaningful way to celebrate connection over consumption.

Find local businesses in our Business Directory and make this Christmas one to remember.

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