



# **AGENDA**

## **Freshwater Bay Museum Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 18 December 2019**

**I hereby give notice that a Freshwater Bay Museum Advisory  
Committee Meeting will be held on:**

**Date: Wednesday, 18 December 2019**

**Time: 05:00pm**

**Location: Town of Claremont  
Claremont Council Chambers  
308 Stirling Highway, Claremont**

**Liz Ledger  
Chief Executive Officer**

## **DISCLAIMER**

Persons present at this meeting are cautioned against taking any action as a result of any Committee recommendations until such time as those recommendations have been considered by Council and the minutes of that Council meeting confirmed.

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS****2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES****3 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Section 5.12 of the Local Government Act 1995 provides that the Committee is to *'elect a presiding member from amongst themselves in accordance with Schedule 2.3, Division 1 of the Act'*. Schedule 2.3, Division 1 of the Act provides the means by which such elections will take place.

As with the election of the Mayor or President of a Council, the CEO of the Council is to *'preside at the meeting until the office is filled'*.

As the CEO of the Town of Claremont is not present at this Committee meeting, the CEO's representative, the Director of Infrastructure and Assets, will undertake this process.

For members advice, the Terms of Reference for the Museums Advisory Committee provides that;

*An Elected Member will be appointed as the Chairperson by simple majority of the Committee. The Chairperson's responsibility is –*

- a) To provide leadership and facilitate the achievement of the Committee's objectives*
- b) To ensure that appropriate conduct is observed at Committee meetings in line with the Town's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2018*
- c) To promote full participation and open debate at meetings so that relevant matters are discussed, and effective recommendations are made to Council*

**4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS****5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**That the minutes of the Freshwater Bay Museum Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 September 2019 be confirmed.**

**6 PRESENTATION**

Nil

## 7 REPORTS OF THE CEO

### 7.1 MUSEUM OPERATIONS REPORT SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2019

**File Number:** GOV/00050, D-19-42847

**Author:** Lisa Williams, Manager Museum and Heritage Services

**Authoriser:** Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** 1. Donations Register  

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#### PURPOSE

To advise the Committee of the Freshwater Bay Museum's activities from September to November, 2019.

#### BACKGROUND

An updated report is provided to the Committee for each quarter.

#### DISCUSSION

##### Museums Programs and Projects Report

- **HIACC – Fabulous Lives:** the September *History in a Coffee Cup* saw author Bindy Pritchard, former student of Claremont author Elizabeth Jolley, and literary reviewer Virginia Seymour who has over 40,000 followers, discuss their literary influences. The change in format from lecture to an interview styled conversation, led to a more informal, detailed discussion.

Museum staff shared information and objects related to local Claremont authors, including May Gibbs, Elizabeth Jolley and Fay Zwicky. The speakers were very well received and audience numbers were at available capacity (70).

- **HIACC – History of Christmas Fashion:** the November *History in a Coffee Cup* was presented by Lydia Edwards, historian, lecturer and author, to an audience of 50. This was Lydia's second presentation with the HIACC group, and again the audience was thoroughly engaged.

Staff discussed information relating to the Museum's Collections and local history records, including WW1 embroidered silk postcards and the Council Christmas tree.

- **Seniors Week:** the Museum offered a free heritage walk along the Freshwater Bay foreshore concluding at the Claremont Yacht Club, with morning tea. The tour included reflections on the much loved Claremont Baths, the Boat Shed, the Mansions and the Claremont Jetty.

Despite a temperature of 39 degrees, 60 history enthusiasts attended the walk event. Very positive feedback was received about the volunteers Ethel Lucas, Susan Pestana and Chris Mews informative talks and memories.

- **School Incursions:** Museum education staff visited 48 students at Mosman Park Primary School since the last report, conducting old-style school lessons and washing and scrubbing activities with a group of very enthusiastic Year Twos.

- **Whadjuk Program:** Request for quotations were distributed for the production of a short local Noongar history film for use as an introduction to Whadjuk education programs and for general public viewing.
- **Education Collection:** Ongoing review of education collection items in line with new program development has continued.
- **Future Program Planning:** In conjunction with the Museum Manager, a draft program for events and activities for the museum reopening is being developed. These include traditional skills such as woodwork and sewing, Noongar history, craft events and history talks.
- **Future Display/Interpretation Planning:** Museum staff have been working on the display wash house and kitchen areas of the Freshwater Bay Museum. Selection of artefacts based on educative relevance, research for interpretive panels and room layouts have all been considered.
- **Promotion:** A photograph of Pennywise man, an object from the Museum Collection, has been featured in the AMAGAWA Newsletter Advent Calendar which goes out to the state museums and the galleries sector.
- **Donations – see attachment**

An additional item from the Claremont Bowling Club, a 1920's Chocolate Wheel, has been donated and is awaiting accessioning. The item will compliment a number of existing artefacts from the Club previously donated to the Museum.
- **Conservation**

40 Maritime Signal flags have been restored by the Museum's volunteer conservator. The items were donated by former Councillor, Chris Mews, and have been repacked ready for future display and public and education programs.
- **Collection Storage Update:**

The former Education/Display shed has been assessed for suitability for storing a range of items from the Collection. Depending on the location of the new Community Building, this building may hold the bulk of items which will be used by Museum staff for displays and exhibitions.
- **Ongoing projects**

Oral History project – continuing to update existing old recordings, and recording new histories  
Database updating – continuing to update records after the major audit and deaccession project  
Whadjuk Noongar audio-visual – quotations have been sought and being assessed for selection

- **Research Requests**

	Sunflower Chinese Restaurant	FF
	Matheson's Bottleshop	FF
October	Thomas Oglesby King	
	Scotch College	
November	Instone Ovens	
	Blinco Family	
	PRAC photos	
	Dot Bennett	FF
	Cricket	FF
	Dunny's	FF
	Hazel Stubbs	FF
	Boat Shed nomenclature	
	Cr Thomson image	

A number of internal research requests were for the Town's website *Flashback Friday*.

## **PAST RESOLUTIONS**

Freshwater Bay Museum Advisory Committee 05 September 2019, Resolution 010/19:

*That the Freshwater Bay Museum's Operations Report from June to August 2019, as presented, be received by the Committee.*

## **FINANCIAL AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS**

Resource requirements are in accordance with existing budgetary allocation.

## **POLICY AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

Local Government Act 1995.

## **COMMUNICATION / CONSULTATION**

Extent of communication limited to that as described within the content of this report.

## **STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN**

### **People**

*We live in an accessible and safe community that welcomes diversity, enjoys being active and has a strong sense of belonging.*

- Effectively manage and enhance the Town's community facilities in response to a growing community.
- Facilitate opportunities for social participation, health, learning and inclusion through programmed activities and events.
- Develop and implement a strategy that supports services for seniors and youths.
- Recognise and celebrate the Town's history and culture through arts and events.

## **URGENCY**

Nil.



**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple majority decision of Council required.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Freshwater Bay Museum's Operation Report September to November 2019 be received by Committee.**

Receipt Number	Date	Name of Doner/Source	Item Type	Description of Items	Significance	Action
R1919:1	14.8.19	Schwann, Maggie	Object	:1 Bodice - Black	Example of 19th century costume	Educaiton
R1920:1-11	19.8.19	Robson, Melanie	Objects Photo	:1-6 wedding clothes of Berryl Middleton :7-10 Images of Berryl and Husband	Daughter of a Claremont a Claremont Fmaily who married in 1932.	Main
R1920:1	13.8.19	Buckingham, David	Document Photo	:1 Certificate - Employee of the year :2 Museum, 1989	Objects belonged to Peggy Buckingham longtime voluunteer at the Musuem.	Main Main
R1921:1	11.9.19	Briggs, Anielka	Photo	:1 Image triplets infront of TOC Composite	Triplets are the great-great granchildren of TJ Briggs former TOC Mayor	Main
R1922:1-7	11.9.19	MacKenzie, Dorothy	Photos	Images of the Robinson Family - 11 Goldsmith Road	Claremont Family	Main
R1923:1 -18	23.10.19	Lucas, W & E	Objects	:1-14 - Books belonging to Win and Harry Lucas :15-18 Artefacts belonging to Lucas Family of Claremont	Example of young adult literature during the 1930s and 40s Claremont Family	Main Main

Receipt Number	Date	Name of Doner/Source	Item Type	Description of Items	Significance	Action
R1924:1-	23.10.19	Cavill, Valerie	Objects	:1-9 Clothing worn by the Cavill children	Claremont Family	Main
			Photos	:10-20 Images of Cavill children wearing donated clothing		Main`

- 8 OTHER BUSINESS**
- 9 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY THE PRESIDING PERSON OR BY DECISION OF MEETING**
- 10 FUTURE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE**
- 11 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING**