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At the Claremont Oval

A TASTE OF THINGS TO COME

Your hub to connect and create

AT THE HEART OF IT

A new community service opens
in Claremont

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Acknowledgement of Country

The Town acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, and pays its respects to Elders past and present.

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Claremont Artisan Markets

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Mayor's welcome

It's such a joy to continually see improvements to our facilities, such as the Bay View Community Centre.

With development imminent in the town centre that is adjacent to the former library, I believe this new location next to Claremont Park will support safer access and improved surrounding amenity (page 2).

Further plans for the centre include a garden area for shading, greenery, cooling, and enjoyment. And it is exciting to see some initial concept designs through our competition with UWA students (page 1).

There is so much on offer over the summer months, with outdoor markets (page 9), A Night on Bay View featuring the WASO (page 4 & 5), and of course the annual Christmas Carols in the Park, which I hope to see you at!

Best wishes, and a safe and happy Christmas.

Best wishes

Mayor Jock Barker



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Grand green designs

With a commitment to providing sustainable spaces for our community to enjoy, the Town is planning an outdoor 'green' gathering space and community garden/park in front of the Bay View Community Centre.

In an exciting initiative, the Town has partnered with students of Landscape Architecture at the University of Western Australia through a design competition to design concepts for the space, with a focus on accessibility, sociability, attractiveness, and sustainability.

Cr Ryan Brown said the Town was pleased to provide this opportunity for students to nurture their passion and develop their skills.

"This project provided students the chance to get creative and employ their skills towards a real-life project," said Cr Brown.

Simon Kilbane, Discipline Chair of Landscape Architecture, School of Design, UWA added, "The students formed small teams and worked within a short three-week timeframe, to create and illustrate a series of design concepts that were specific to the site and with strong consideration to the environmental challenges and opportunities."

The students' designs will be on display at 308 Stirling Highway, first floor, from Wednesday 4 to Thursday 12 December during office hours.



Bay View Community Centre

A taste of things to come.

The new home for our library and community hub was met with great anticipation for its return to the beautiful surrounds of Claremont Park at its opening in early October. Since then, many new and regular faces have come to experience the Bay View Community Centre to relax, read, and enjoy the outdoor space.

As the finishing touches are made to the building, such as a patio, accessible sliding doors and internal

bifold doors, the Town is offering a 'taste of things to come' program for the remainder of the year.

The programs on offer centre around art and leisure, both serving as a powerful tool for fostering creativity, enhancing cognitive abilities, and promoting emotional wellbeing.

"The 'taste of things to come' series will give the community a chance to trial some activities, and provide

feedback on what the community is interested in", Said Cr Annette Suann.

Commencing on 2 December, the centre will welcome *Story Time*, *Baby Rhyme Time*, *Yoga for Parents*, *Chair Yoga for Seniors* and *Painting for Adults*.



Senior's Week dancing class at Bay View Community Centre

Kids Christmas crafts and games

Fun children's activities from 16 to 20 December

Date	Activity	Age	Time	Cost
Monday 16	Japanese Mochi-Dango Christmas Food Art with Nami Osaki <i>Bookings essential</i>	9-12 years	3pm – 4.30pm	\$25
Tuesday 17	Your Move – Boardgames for Kids Bring your own or just join in!	4-12 years	2pm – 4pm	Free
Wednesday 18	Christmas Collages <i>Bookings essential</i>	5-12 years	1.30pm – 2.30pm	\$25
Thursday 19	Christmas Crafting – Make a Reindeer Gift bag	5-8 years	2pm – 4pm	Free

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult



Photo courtesy of Daniel James Grant



For the love of music

Gaining a love of music from a young age, it was only fitting Jen Winley became the first Associate Conductor in the 96-year history of the West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO).

“For as long as I remember, I have been creating and engaging in music, so I can’t even imagine doing anything else,” Jen said.

“Conducting came about as part of my role as a classroom music teacher. What started as some professional development to improve my skills for school ensembles, quickly snowballed into my full-time occupation and passion,” she said.

“Looking back, however, I do think there was a certain inevitability of my becoming a conductor and all the various experiences I have had until this point were helping to prepare me for this complex and remarkable role,” she added.

Beginning her career in percussion and timpani, Jen has worked principally with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra Victoria and WASO.

Following a successful career as a percussionist and music educator, Jen has had a meteoric rise in the conducting world and made her conducting debut in 2020 as part of WASO’s 2020 and 2021 Emerging Conductors program.

A highly versatile conductor, Jen launched her film conducting career in 2021 for *Home Alone in Concert* and she’s also part of an exclusive group of conductors around the world who are approved to conduct *Disney in Concert*.

Jen said “It is a tremendous honour to have this role created for me. WASO have always been so supportive of my development and this role allows me to continue to stretch myself and to consolidate my relationship with my home orchestra.”

“It’s not lost on me how rare it is to have a position like this in Australia and I work as hard as I can to make the most of it,” she added.

On 15 February 2025, Jen and WASO will return for the sixth iteration of the Town’s annual concert, *A Night on Bay View*. This year marks Jen’s fourth time conducting and she has nothing but praise for the event.

“I’m really looking forward to being part of the wonderful atmosphere of the evening. I just love looking out into the huge audience all enjoying a picnic under the festoon lights as the sun is going down and sharing some wonderful music with them,” Jen said.

“In February, you are nearly always guaranteed a balmy evening and a beautiful sunset. The grounds are always set up so beautifully with a very happy and relaxed audience ready to enjoy the sounds of WASO,” she said.

Jen remains tight-lipped about what to expect at *A Night on Bay View* so it’s best to head down to Claremont Park to hear the beloved classics, stunning operatic arias and some special musical guests.

From 7:00pm, the West Australian Symphony Orchestra will hit the stage. Bring a picnic or enjoy what’s on offer from the food trucks and enjoy some world class music under the stars.

WASO will also feature at the annual Carols in the Park at Claremont Park on Saturday 7 December, 4:30pm-8:00pm. Visit claremont.wa.gov.au for more info.

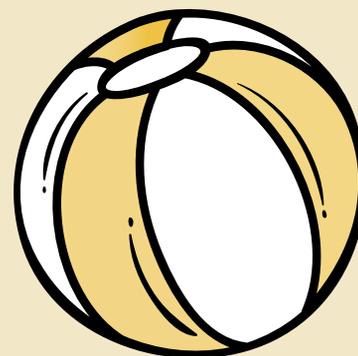
Summer holiday fun

The Claremont Aquatic Centre will be hosting a fun day out to celebrate the start and finish of the summer school holidays. Keep cool these school holidays with fun activities and pool inflatables to enjoy.

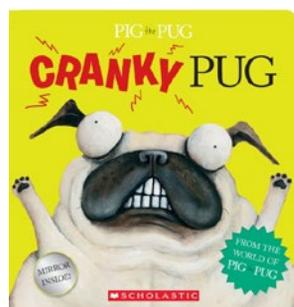
End of School Pool Party | Saturday 14 December, 11am-3pm

Back to School Pool Party | Saturday 1 February, 11am-3pm

* Please note standard entry fees apply



Top picks for our little readers



Age 5+

The “Pig the Pug” series by Aaron Blabey are fun, engaging books that help young children understand and manage emotions, with expressive illustrations and a light-hearted tone, perfect for teaching behaviour and friendship.



Age 7+

“The Eerie Excavation: An Alice England Mystery” by Western Australian author Ash Harrier, delivers an engaging mystery set in a familiar local setting, perfect for curious young readers who enjoy adventure and problem-solving.



Age 10+

“The Boy Who Fell From The Sky” by Benjamin Dean is a captivating adventure story filled with mystery and discovery, perfect for young readers who enjoy imaginative worlds and the themes of bravery and resilience.



Age 12+

“The Kindness Project” by Deborah Abela is a heartwarming book that teaches empathy, kindness, and resilience, perfect for young readers dealing with similar themes like bullying and self-discovery.

A-mazing space

Next March, Claremont Park will stage 'Art in the Open', a temporary, immersive art experience consisting of a large-scale pop-up maze.

Cr Jill Goetze said the Town continuously looks for opportunities to enhance community life through various forms of arts and culture.

"The Town is proud to offer the chance for creativity to flourish by providing unique and engaging experiences for our residents and visitors alike," Cr Jill Goetze said. And Claremont Park is such an amazing space for these activities."

More permanent art projects are also on the horizon. The Town is currently working with a local artist for a new sculpture poised for the south-western corner of Claremont Park. The selected artist has been asked to ensure the design is reflective of the parks most

beloved visitors to the space, for example the family dogs and/or birdlife.

This artwork will contribute to the many pieces in the Town's Public Art Trail, including recently unveiled 'Meeting Place' by WA artist Tania Spencer. Spencer's work, featured on the south wall of the Council building, is an intricate design that celebrates the history of the building.

Make sure you are following the Town of Claremont on our socials or sign-up to our e-newsletter to keep abreast of the latest progress in these public art initiatives.



Photo courtesy of Miles Noel Studio



Lucy Couanis at the INA Super Nationals, held in Brisbane

Support for striving teens

As part of the Town's funding program, residents aged between 12–18 can apply for up to \$200 to help pay expenses if they represent Western Australia at a state or national level.

Swanbourne resident and avid netballer Lucy Couanis used the funding to help purchase airline tickets for the INA Super Nationals, which were held in Brisbane.

"I heard about the grant from a friend who had received one from another council when they were selected to represent the state in surfing. My mum and I looked into what grants the Claremont council had on offer and found this one," Lucy said.

Getting into the sport at a young age, Lucy said "I love being involved in a team sport where you get to play for each other and have the opportunity to make friends."

"I got into the sport in primary school because lots of my friends were playing it and my friend's mum was our coach," she added.

Lucy reflected on the competition and what it meant to be a part of it.

"I felt proud and grateful to be given the opportunity, especially as I was the youngest in the team," she said.

"We played both forms of indoor netball at the tournament; 6-a-side and 7-a-side. We placed third in the 6's but unfortunately, we didn't make the finals in the 7's," she added.

Visit www.claremont.wa.gov.au/community/claremont-community-funding for more information on the grants and to apply for one.

Funding will be provided to applicants until allocation is exhausted.

Music, markets, merriment

Located at the Claremont Oval, the Claremont Artisan Markets offer more than uniquely crafted products and gifts for that someone special.

With live music, eats and plenty of open space to picnic, or even kick a footy around while enjoying the merriment of good company. And courtesy of the Claremont Football Club, the Tiger Bar will be up and running.

“The artisan markets are a great opportunity for residents to relax, get to know each other, all while supporting local small creative businesses”, said Cr Kate Main. “The December market will have a special Christmas theme, a great opportunity to purchase for that hard one-of-a-kind gift.

The next market will feature musician Jhoe Mura who is known for his smooth guitar playing and earthy vocal tones. Mura will complement the balmy weather with some laid-back classics as well as his beautifully tailored top 40 classics.

Saturday 14 December –
featuring musician Jhoe Mura

Saturday 18 January –
featuring musician Jo Boshell

Saturday 22 February –
featuring musician Steph Cleary



The heart of community care

Based on the site of the old dry cleaners on Stirling Highway in Claremont, Western Suburbs Cares supports people in the western suburbs to live healthily and happily in their own homes as they age. The service is an expansion of Melville Cares, which has supported the Melville community for over 40 years.

Chief Executive Officer Maria Davison said “As a resident of the western suburbs myself, it makes me very happy and proud to be doing something special for my local community.”

“We like to grow as part of the community and even though the two main office locations are just 4km apart as the crow flies, we felt it was important to create Western Suburbs Cares as a distinct provider in this area,” she said. “We will offer people in the western suburbs greater choice and because we specialise in home care, everything we do is fully focused on helping people continue to live well at home,” she added.

Priding themselves on strong relationships with their clients, plus the consistency, punctuality and respectfulness of the team, Western Suburbs Cares ensures their clients receive tailored services, so they get the help they want, when they need it.

Some people will need domestic support, home and garden maintenance, nursing, occupational therapy or physio, others will benefit from social activities and support. Many will have a home care package, some will self-fund services and the whole community can learn from their free education events.

“I can put my hand on my heart and tell you honestly, we are the heart of community care. It’s not just our tagline, it’s an ethos,” Maria said. “We relish our role as the heart of community care for the people of the western suburbs, whether that’s as clients, employees, volunteers or members of the broader community,” she added.

Find Western Suburbs Cares at 414, Stirling Highway (opening soon). Call 9319 0999 or email info@westernsuburbscares.org.au to find out more about how these services can help.





A turtley awesome time

Photographer and self-proclaimed 'crazy bushman', Ian Barlow has a deep love and passion for all things nature and wildlife, with a particular focus on those animals that aren't considered cute and cuddly – such as turtles.

The start of summer marks the start of turtle season and Ian recently held a night walk at Lake Claremont to catch a glimpse of these reptiles.

Over the years Ian has received requests to document the turtles at Lake Claremont. And even though he has just begun, Ian has high hopes for Lake Claremont leading the turtle conservation efforts.

At the recent Night Walk, eight turtles were found within an hour at two locations which is positive.

Ian said "My main work is identifying the habitats of the turtles at Lake Claremont and seeing where the breeding congregation areas, so we minimise the guess work of where turtles are likely to go. My work allows me the confidence to say what is needed and what will work."

Friends of Lake Claremont – Monthly busy bee

November to March 7.30am – 9.30am, April to October 8am – 10am





Light up your tastebuds

After undergoing a rebrand, we welcomed Fire + Wood restaurant, plating up tapas with a Middle Eastern twist.

Where culinary artistry meets the forces of smoke, flame and heat, every dish at Fire + Wood is made using the highest quality local and global ingredients.

Boulder Dash Entertainment Group (BDEG) – the brains trust behind the Fire + Wood – has revamped its newest restaurant, Corvo Bar & Kitchen, which it added to its portfolio in August.

BDEG Founder Kym Dalrymple said “We didn’t want the legacy of someone else’s business, we wanted to start fresh with our own brand and our own style of cooking.”

BDEG began in 2018 after Director Troy Lowrey purchased a beer trailer keg dispensing unit to service weddings and other events. The first venue was a funky little restaurant named Rei Lane Eatery which served healthy and innovative Japanese fusion dishes.

“Rei Lane was such a fun experience,” Kym said.

“An opportunity then became available to take on the failed Millennium Sports Bar in Fremantle. It was retrofitted and rebranded to Ballers Sports Bar, which was a huge success during the sporting season,” she added.

Just in front of Fire + Wood is Baked & Brood, a new pop-up bakery from BDEG selling freshly baked bread, pies and sausage rolls, just to name a few, seven days a week.

For the time being, Fire + Wood’s focus will be on tapas, however, there are plans for outdoor smokers and pizza ovens, plus ice cream carts to satisfy the sweet tooth.

**Find Fire + Wood at 34 St Quentin Ave, Claremont.
Open Wednesday – Saturday, 12pm – late.**

Say cheers to the warm weather

Warm weather and outdoor dining go hand in hand and with the temperatures rising, we've rounded up some of our top picks in the town centre to enjoy a meal and drink in the open air.



The Claremont

1 Bay View Terrace

An institution of Perth's western suburbs since 1886, the newly restored The Claremont boasts the perfect rooftop terrace for those warm summer nights and long weekend sessions. Enjoy views of the stunning Town Centre and pair the drinks with The Claremont's produce-led menu that showcases the best of WA.

theclaremont.com.au



Miss Chow's Petit

37 Bay View Terrace

Formerly Lygon Lane, Miss Chow's Petit has returned to Claremont. In the outdoor parklet dining space, visitors can enjoy an array of dumplings and fresh wok fried dishes that offer only a slight modern and contemporary twist. Wash everything down with one of the local, domestic or international wines on offer, or opt for a classic cocktail with an Asian twist.

misschows.com.au/miss-chows-petit



Nolita Italian Café

16 Bay View Terrace

Say 'ciao' to your little slice of Italy and enjoy a delicious glass of vino at Nolita Italian Café in the heart of the Claremont Town Centre. This western suburbs favourite offers trattoria style Italian cuisine plus an everchanging wine list.

nolita.com.au



Bellissimo Claremont

24 Bay View Terrace

At Bellissimo Claremont, you'll find wood-fired pizza and traditional Italian dishes in an airy and modern space with alfresco and indoor dining options available.

ibellissimo.com.au

[instagram.com/bellissimoclaremont](https://www.instagram.com/bellissimoclaremont)

Out and about

A snapshot of celebrations and commemorations in Claremont.

Celebrating environmental sustainability

Once again, our community turned out to enjoy the many activities and entertainment taking place at our Celebrate Lake Claremont event. With clear sunny skies and a gentle breeze, the weather was perfect for this environmental and sustainability-focused event.

Friends of Lake Claremont and their volunteers work closely with Town officers to assist in the conservation and enhancement of the Lake, a 'Bush forever site' and significant conservation area. If you're interested in helping volunteer with Friends of Lake Claremont with their Monthly Busy Bee, email contact@friendsoflakeclaremont.org

A gigantic adventure

There was lots of school holiday fun in the Claremont Town Centre when kids came out in their droves to take part in the Jurassic Adventure Trail. Supported by retailers within the Claremont Town Centre, this promotion saw young families collecting their Adventure Trail passport and making their way to find the clues from eight destinations. Much fun was had along the way with plenty of dino-inspired activities and entertainment to enjoy.

Bay View Community Centre Open Day

Residents were able to see for the first time the new home for the Town's library resources at the Bay View Community Centre open day. Visitors enjoyed coffee, and families were entertained with face-painting, craft activities and a bouncy castle.

Remembrance Day

A small ceremony marked the occasion of the end of fighting on the Western Front on November 11, 1918. Attendees were moved by the reciting of the Ode by Mr John Burrige, Vice president of the Claremont RSL, and a moving performance by a young bugler from Churchlands Senior High School, Lia Fritz.

Celebrating our Seniors

Seniors Week was in full swing with a variety of engaging, interesting and educational events taking place, including the ever-popular Twilight Cruise. These events were thoroughly enjoyed by our residents and community members who took the opportunity to come together to enjoy some favourite and new activities. Sign-up to our e-newsletter to stay on top of what's happening and all our upcoming events.







1. Lulu Dress in Acapulco \$249
Mister Zimi



2. Unisex Fedora \$185
Modern Era



3. Mens Prada Aviators \$607
Eye Station



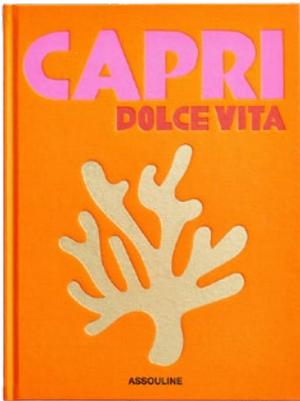
5. The Tommy Chair \$399
Monde Design



4. Scallop Trim Raffia Tote \$149.95
Seed Heritage



6. Miller Harris – Unisex Scherzo Parfum \$362
Greenhaus Studio



13. Capri Coffee Table Book \$185
Empire Homewares

HOLIDAY
gift guide



12. Monza Sneakers \$545
Parker & Co



11. Leif Wild Rosella Candle \$79
Ricarda



10. Dazed Wrap Halter Mini Dress \$420
SIR The Label



7. Feel Good Inc Tropical Sunscreen \$32.95
Advantage Pharmacy



9. Mr Muk Beard Oil \$28
Empire State Barbershop



8. Waubs Harbour Port Storm Single Malt Whiskey \$212
Liberty Liquors

Summer what's on

December

3 | **Claremont Boat Shed Tours:**

Claremont Museum 10am.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)

7 | **Carols in the Park:**

in Claremont Park 4.30pm – 8pm.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)

8 | **Friends of Lake Claremont**

Busy Bee: Watering. Meet at the cul-de-sac on Strickland Street, Swanbourne on the northwest side of Lake Claremont. 7.30am – 9.30am.
(friendsoflakeclaremont.org)

8 | **Sunday Funday Crafting with**

Shells: at Claremont Museum
11am – 1pm. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

13–15 | **The Boutique Christmas**

Market: at Claremont Showgrounds, Wilkinson Gallery Space ([facebook.com/theboutiquechristmasmarket](https://www.facebook.com/theboutiquechristmasmarket))

14 | **End of School Party:**

at Claremont Aquatic Centre,
11am – 3pm. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

14 | **Claremont Artisan Markets:**

at Claremont Oval, 3pm – 8pm.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)

16–19 | **Kids Christmas Crafts &**

Games: at the Bay View Community Centre (claremont.wa.gov.au)

January

12 | **Friends of Lake Claremont**

Busy Bee: FOLC shed on the northeast side of Lake Claremont (near footbridge on main bike path) 8am – 10am. (friendsoflakeclaremont.org)

18 | **Claremont Artisan Markets:**

at Claremont Oval, 3pm – 8pm.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)

19 | **Wedding & Bride Summer**

Expo: at Claremont Showgrounds, Robinson Pavilion, 9am – 3pm.
(weddingandbrideperthbridalexpo.com.au)

23 | **Claremont Football Club Kids**

Holiday Workshop: at Revo Fitness Stadium Claremont, 9am – 3pm.
(claremontfc.com.au)

February

1 | **Back to School Party:**

at Claremont Aquatic Centre, 11am – 3pm. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

2 | **Sunday Funday Luck Dragons**

at: Claremont Museum, 11am – 1pm.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)

9 | **Friends of Lake Claremont Busy**

Bee: FOLC shed on the northeast side of Lake Claremont (near footbridge on main bike path) 8am – 10am.
(friendsoflakeclaremont.org)

13–15 | **Perth Pool Spa Life Expo:**

at Claremont Showgrounds, Robinson Pavilion (www.poolspalife.com.au/expo/western-australia)

15 | **A Night on Bay View:**

at Claremont Park featuring WASO, from 7pm. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

16 | **Sunday Funday Bubble**

Trouble: at Claremont Museum, 11am – 1pm. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

22 | **Claremont Artisan Markets:**

at Claremont Oval, 3pm – 8pm.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)

Saturdays

Lake Claremont parkrun

Join the free, fun & friendly 5km community event every Saturday at 8.00am, meet near the Tee Box café. parkrun.com.au

Claremont Lawn Tennis Club

Visitors are welcome on a Saturday afternoon all year round. They offer court hire, coaching for all levels, social and competitive play and a welcoming, fun atmosphere.
claremonttennis.com.au

Claremont Museum: Made in the 70's Exhibition – 3 October to 13 April

Upcoming events

Do you have an event on in Claremont for March 2025 – April 2025? Let us know at toc@claremont.wa.gov.au and we can include it in the next Flourish.



A NIGHT ON BAY VIEW

PERFORMED BY _____

wa80 West Australian
Symphony Orchestra

15 FEBRUARY

FREE CONCERT FROM 7PM
CLAREMONT PARK

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