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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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Mayor's welcome

It has been a dry and hot summer, and as we transition to autumn, I look forward to some cooler weather and much needed rain.

The importance of our tree canopy has never been higher, as we battle the polyphagous shot-hole borer. With the Lake area particularly under threat, the Town is creating new initiatives to support additional revegetation (page 2), and a way you can be involved.

Supporting our younger generation is key to building a healthy community, and it is so pleasing to see new opportunities such as our youth arts mentorship program kick off (page 1).

I am looking forward to our annual family event 'Luminous' held in the April school holidays (page 10), and shortly after that, I hope that you can join me on Anzac Day as we commemorate the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

Best wishes

Mayor Jock Barker



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Internationally recognised urban artist Fieldey in her studio with Swanbourne local Chloe

Young artist scores mentorship

18-year-old Swanbourne resident Chloe McDermott has been awarded the mural art mentorship with internationally recognised urban artist Haylee 'Fieldey' Fieldes.

As the recipient of the Town's first exciting youth art mentorship, Chloe will have the opportunity to showcase her creativity publicly in a street mural to feature on the side of the hit-up wall at Rowe Park.

When asked about how she felt when hearing she was selected Chloe said, "I'm very honoured to have been selected for the program. It means a lot to me as I love learning new ways to create art and I'll be able to gain valuable experience in a new environment. This is an amazing opportunity and I'm so grateful to be able to receive the mentorship which I have no doubt will help me improve a great deal as an artist. I can't wait to get started!"

Chloe is in her first year as a Bachelor of Arts student at the University of Western Australia where she is studying towards a double major in Fine Arts and Art History.

Chloe will be mentored in the creation of the mural by Haylee 'Fieldey' Fieldes, an experienced visual artist who is internationally recognised for her iconic street art and striking murals that feature across locations here in Perth, as well Valparaiso (Chile) and Cartagena and Bogota (Colombia).

Battling the borer

The polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) continues to impact on Western Australia's precious tree canopies, and the Town of Claremont remains in the Quarantine Area for this exotic pest.

A tiny yet extremely destructive beetle, the PSHB can severely damage host trees once it takes hold, and certain tree species are at risk of dying within two years of being infested.

Currently there are no known treatments, making pruning and the removal of infested trees the only mechanisms available to prevent further infestation to neighbouring trees.

This coming winter the Town and the Friends of Lake Claremont will be planting native trees and understory plants at the site where Moreton Bay Fig trees were removed due to PSHB infestation in early 2023.

In addition, we are trialing both native and exotic trees in local parks to identify which species are more resilient to infestation.

What can you do to help?

Adopt a Tree

A new initiative, the Town's Adopt a Tree program is a special way to help support our restoration efforts at the Lake, and for the health of the planet. You can choose the size and species from a specifically chosen range of trees which are more resilient to the borer. When you adopt a tree, you can also choose to purchase a plaque with your own wording.



Report signs of the borer

Report signs of borer damage (or any unusual pests) via the MyPestGuide® reporter app or the Pest and Disease Information Service on (08) 9368 3080, or at padis@dpird.wa.gov.au.

More information on signs and symptoms of the PSHB can be found by visiting agric.wa.gov.au/borer



Symptoms of PSHB damage in trees



Planting the seed

Waterwise Verges



The Town has retained Gold Waterwise Accreditation status from the Water Corporation and was recently awarded a 'Waterwise Greening Scheme' grant in recognition of our efforts in water conservation. The grant will allow the Town to plant demonstrative waterwise verges within the area to highlight the ways in which both irrigated and non irrigated verges can be designed to help save on watering. These verges will be on display at the end of May in time for the winter rains.



Native Plant Subsidy

The western suburbs native plant subsidy scheme will be running again in April/May this year through APACE Nursery. Make sure you're subscribed to our e-newsletter to stay up-to-date with more information on both of these initiatives!



Green Lab

On the 3rd Sunday of every month, Millenium Kids partner with Friends of Lake Claremont in holding 'Green Lab' events at the Lake. Kids can get involved with cool activities run by young people for young people. Bring your own waste free lunch, hat and water bottle. Visit milleniumkids.com.au to register your interest.





Active Discovery playground concept

Your say on your play

A brand-new playground is coming to John and Jean Mulder Park after community members got busy voting for their favourite design.

A popular community space on the eastern fringe of Lake Claremont, Mulder Park and its playground facilities are enjoyed by many community members. With the playground now at the end of its useful life, the Town sought feedback from the community.

The consultation received 233 responses and almost half of the respondents are regular users of the playground. In the end the majority voted for the Active Discovery concept. Cr Ryan Brown explained the importance of such a survey.

“We wanted the residents to choose the new design; it’s a part of their neighbourhood and they know what their children like to play on.”

Additional upgrades are also planned for 2024 and 2025, including shade sails, scooter track upgrades, and fence extensions to separate the playground and dog exercise area.

To keep having your say on what happens in your community, keep an eye on the Town of Claremont social media pages and visit claremont.wa.gov.au/community/communityconsultation.





Aerial view of the upcoming community centre

You name it

An exciting new community space in Claremont is just around the corner, and we want you to name it!

Anticipation is building for the new Claremont Community Centre as the refurbishment of 64 Bay View Terrace enters its final stages. The facility will become a beating heart in the centre of Claremont, allowing residents and visitors to foster community spirit while participating in a range of programs, activities, and initiatives.

“The community centre has been redeveloped to provide indoor spaces for a range of leisure

activities, and cater to a variety of age groups,” said Cr Annette Suann, member of the working group for the development.

“We are excited about hearing what names the community puts forward for Council to make a decision on.

Over the coming months, the works on the building will be completed, and when we open it to the community, we would like to announce the new name.”

To enter the ‘name our community space’ competition and for further details please visit the link below.

The winning choice will receive a brand new iPad!



Aid for St Aidan's Church

A heritage listed building more than 100 years old is the home of Claremont's St Aidan's Uniting Church. When the foundations started to weaken, important restorative work saved the iconic structure and earned an award at the Town of Claremont's 2024 Civic Design Awards.

St Aidan's Church was initially built as a Presbyterian church in the early 1900s, when land was donated by a local timber merchant. The building is a striking example of a Federation Gothic style church and hall, designed by renowned Perth architect James Hine.

It is on the Town of Claremont's Heritage List as a Category 1 place, described as being essential to the heritage of the locality, and is a much-loved place of worship and gathering space for the western suburbs community.

In 2020, a structural engineer surveyed the property and found significant risks to the building and public safety, and expensive restoration works became the only option if the building was to survive. The Town's Mike Balfe Heritage Grant provided \$10,000 to assist with the restorative works and ensure St Aidan's kept its spot as one of Claremont's iconic heritage buildings.

Councillor Paul Kelly said the heritage grant is an important contribution of funding to help maintain Claremont's identity.

"One of Claremont's defining characteristics is the abundance of heritage facades throughout the Town. The significance of heritage to the Town is reflected in the heritage legislation that Mike Balfe helped develop as a councillor many years ago," he said.

The Town's Civic Design Awards promote Claremont's rich history by honouring exceptional projects which conserve, maintain, and adapt our heritage places, and this year St Aidan's won the Conservation of Heritage Places category. The judges were particularly impressed by the subtlety of the critical works, which are almost invisible until pointed out, meaning the church lost none of its original attraction.

Visit claremont.wa.gov.au to view the full results for the 2024 Civic Design Awards.



The first pipe organ built in Western Australia, completed by R. C. Clifton in 1879 and still in use today.



Freshwater Bay foreshore

Measuring our waste

The Town is committed to working towards a more sustainable and greener future. We're pleased to share with our community the results of some of our recent sustainable initiatives that have been supported by our wonderful community.

Good Sammy Kerbside Collection

The Town recently trialled Good Sammy's textile collection service which saw an amazing 4,200 kgs in yellow bag donations. Importantly, most donations were saleable items meaning not only did the collection achieve significant reduction in potential landfill and carbon emissions, but it also helped Good Sammy create employment opportunities for West Australians with a disability. The results speak for themselves.

Next kerbside collection

Missed the last Good Sammy kerbside collection? The good news is another one is planned for the 6th May. Keep an eye on our website and social pages for more information.

Participation data

5,000	BAGS DELIVERED
474	HOUSEHOLDS THAT PARTICIPATED
477	BAGS COLLECTED
10%	PARTICIPATION RATE
4,220	TOTAL KG COLLECTED
8.8	AVERAGE KG PER HOUSEHOLD
112,210	KG CARBON EMISSIONS AVOIDED

Green events

Our much-loved community events will continue to have a strong 'green' focus into 2024.

The implementation of WA's leading reusable container provider for events, GO2Cup, along with the team from the Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) providing advice and manning waste stations at Town events, has made for a significant reduction in the amount of landfill being generated.

- Carols in the Park 2023 saw an increase of 120% in recycling compared to the same event in 2022, with a decrease of 40.22% in general waste from the previous year!
- Celebrate the Foreshore 2023 saw a reduction of 70% in general waste compared to events that did not have reusable containers, WMRC waste stations and GO2Cup (based on general waste(L) generated per 1000 people)
- Containers for Change facilities feature at our events too! Over 787 containers were saved from going into landfill at Carols in the Park for 2023.



Reducing the use

As part of our ongoing Greening Claremont initiative, the Town is taking steps to reduce the environmental impact from our communications while ensuring the connection between Town and community doesn't suffer. Part of this has been a drive to increase subscribers to our monthly e-newsletter, which delivers council news and updates straight to your email inbox to keep residents informed on what's happening in the Town of Claremont.

Cr Kate Main said, "Over the past six months, our Get in the Loop campaign has seen a 22% increase in recipients of our monthly email update. We also have an 'open rate' of more than double the industry average. It's fantastic to see so many people both engaged with their local community and interested in doing their part for the environment."

Join in by subscribing via the QR code or at claremont.wa.gov.au/subscribe



Don't forget to follow us on Instagram and Facebook as well to ensure you're fully up to date with what's going on around Claremont.



Your new locals

There is always something different to discover in the Claremont Town Centre — take a look at some exciting retailers to open recently.

The Indian Diet — authentic Indian restaurant

Level 1, 20/40, St Quentin Ave

At The Indian Diet you'll find delicious, authentic Indian dishes prepared by an experienced and talented chef. This new foodie hot spot promises 100% taste without compromising on quality.

theindiandiet.com.au



Lygon Lane

37 Bay View Terrace

Lygon Lane is WA's new go-to for Italo-Asian cuisine. Visit for a few plates of delicious food and a glass of wine in the heart of the Claremont Town Centre.

lygonlane.com.au



Greenhaus Studio

27 Bay View Terrace

Greenhaus' boutique spa studio is a sanctuary where ancient wisdom meets modern science, offering customised treatments which deliver optimal skin and wellness results. A must visit for a completely luxurious self-care experience.

greenhausstudio.com.au



Mister Zimi

38 Bay View Terrace

The arrival of Mister Zimi adds a coveted addition to the fashion offering along Bay View Terrace. Mister Zimi is known for clothing which captures the spirit of holiday and relaxation with collections of unapologetically bright, bold and fun resort wear.

misterzimi.com



New Claremont Quarter Retailers

Nude Lucy

Level 1, Shop 126A
Claremont Quarter

Veronika Main

176 St Quentin Avenue
Claremont Quarter



Follow Claremont Town Centre socials!

Make sure you follow Claremont Town Centre on socials for more information coming soon.

Did you know there is a Claremont Town Centre guide on the Town's website? Simply follow the QR code and search from a range of specialty stores, boutiques and cafes right in the heart of Claremont.



Businesses set to illuminate

Bay View Terrace is set to stage Luminous — a street festival for the senses.

Over two nights during the April School Holidays, Bay View Terrace and its surrounds will come to life as an illuminated wonderland with a host of street art and family-friendly activities, food and entertainment on offer.

This year the northern end of Bay View Terrace will be closed off to cars allowing a safe and open space for people. A number of businesses will join in, including much loved food favourites on and around the terrace.



Club's history draws a younger crowd

The Claremont Lawn Tennis Club is almost as old as the suburb in which it lies, yet its membership base is only getting younger as under 35s flock to the courts.

Sitting on the verandah of the Claremont Lawn Tennis Club overlooking the green grass of the tennis courts gives a sense of relaxation and contentment that is hard to explain but nevertheless undeniable. The expanse of courts, 18 of them all up, is picturesque, and the century old clubhouse watches over them like a proud grandparent.

What seems to define this tennis club, however, is not its enviable physical assets but its most important intangible asset – its sense of community.

“Claremont is a very welcoming club. I think that’s the main thing,” said Club Coach Andre Vaz Pinto.

“We have people of all sorts of origins, backgrounds... I’ve never seen a club as inclusive.”

Recently the club has seen an influx of younger members who gather on Thursday nights for a casual hit of tennis, some music, and to meet new people and spend time with likeminded individuals. Around 40 under 35s from all over Perth showed up to the most recent Thursday session.

David Price said the history of the club plays a role.

“What we’ve found is that a lot of these people aren’t actually in the vicinity of Claremont, but they’ll come from far around... so it’s become a bit of a hub,” David mentioned.



"It's often people that haven't played tennis, so they're picking it up for the first time. And the friendships they've made... they go out socially together because they met through the tennis."

The endearingly enthusiastic committee members speak glowingly of their club and its members, where people come for the tennis and stay for the camaraderie and connection.

"That social community benefit... it's a real thing here," said club President Rod O'Dea.

"Key members of our club have been here for a long time, and that brings the vibe up... people come here because they just want to be here."

The club is run by volunteers outside of the Club Coach and a part time administrator. They rely on sponsorship, fundraising initiatives, and membership fees to stay afloat, as well as a bit of elbow grease and hard work from various skilled members who build decks and huts, look after the courts, and take care of other essential upkeep.

If you're interested in being involved with the Claremont Lawn Tennis Club you can find them online, or you can pop your head in and say hello. You'll likely find someone who is keen for a hit or a chat.

Claremont Lawn Tennis Club at sunset.



Boat tales

Step inside one of the last original boat building sheds on the Swan River. Hear the tales of building boats by hand and sailing the river that date back to the early 1900s.

The Mews family have long been associated with ship writing in Western Australia dating back to 1830. In 1990 the family donated the boat shed now located at Mrs Herbert's Park, to the Town.

Local boating expert and enthusiast Chris Mews will be hosting a set of tours of this treasured gem which is an important piece of Western Australia's maritime heritage.

"Before the advent of proper roads and rail, the boat traffic up and down the Swan River was the main mode of transport for people and freight," Chris said.

"Boat building on the Swan River and in Fremantle was therefore vital for the success of the new colony.

The shipwrights working from this old shed played an important part in this process."

Boat Shed Tour dates:

- Tuesday 12 March 10am
- Tuesday 9 April 10am
- Sunday 19 May 10:30am
(coincides with A Day on the Bay)
- Tuesday 2 July 10am.

This is a free event however bookings are essential.

Please visit claremont.wa.gov.au/events for more information.



A Day on the Bay

Come and celebrate the natural beauty and life of the Derbarl Yerrigan at 'A Day on the Bay', Sunday 19 May.

This family friendly event on the picturesque waterfront of Mrs Herbert's Park includes information stalls, kids play equipment, water activities, live music and more. Pack a picnic or enjoy food from one of the stalls; from 10am to 1pm.



Safety for seniors

Did you know Western Australian Seniors Card holders can claim up to \$400 per household towards the purchase of eligible home security or safety items such as security door screens, home alarm or CCTV system?

In addition to such items, Cr Jill Goetze says that getting to know your neighbours still has an important place in creating a safer community for everyone.

"A lot of us already do it, but the simple step of getting to know your neighbours can be really helpful when it comes to keeping our streets safer," Cr Goetze said.

"Even just knowing names and contact numbers of your neighbours will mean that you can readily contact them should you need to in case of an emergency or any issues, and of course vice versa."

Remember to always:

- Ensure your house number is clearly visible.
- Never tell anyone that you are at home alone for example trades or delivery people.
- Don't leave keys in obvious places, such as under pot plants or in the meter box.
- Make sure handbags and wallets are not left in sight for example on bench tops or cupboards.

For further safety tips visit *police.wa.gov.au/Your-Safety/Safety-for-seniors*, or for details on the safety and security rebate visit *seniorscard.wa.gov.au* or phone 1800 671 233.



Sharing stories

FORM Gallery's upcoming exhibition REPRESENT - Aboriginal Figurative Practice in Western Australia (Part 2), is a follow-up show in an exciting two-part series that allows Aboriginal peoples to share their diverse stories in a powerfully direct way.

Co-developed with respected Whadjuk Noongar artist and elder Sharyn Egan, the REPRESENT exhibition series provides highlights of the contemporary generation of emerging art stars interpreting figurative practice today.

Tabitha McMullan, FORM's CEO, said, "Cultural and creative practice started and continues with Aboriginal and Islander peoples.

"FORM is committed to presenting programs and events that ensure First Nations perspectives come first."

Through a diverse program of exhibitions, workshops, education initiatives, and events at FORM Gallery, we aim to foster a vibrant arts community and encourage cultural exchange across Western Australia and beyond."

Hear the stories behind the beautiful artworks rich in cultural heritage at the Artist talk on 21 March. For more information visit their website form.net.au/gallery-cafe.

Exhibition details

- Exhibition open:
8 March – 4 May 2024
- FORM Gallery,
4 Shenton Road, Claremont
- Opening Hours:
Weekdays 9.00am – 3.00pm,
Saturday 8.00am – 12.00pm



Tyrown Waigana, Beyond Blue Bug and Black Eye



Wendy Warrie, Out on the Horizon



Wendy Hubert, Ngurra (Yindjibarndi Country)

Autumn what's on

March

7 | History in a Coffee Cup:

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

8 Mar to 4 May | Represent FORM,
The Goods Shed, Claremont
(form.net.au/gallery-café)

8 | The Sentimental Bloke

silent film Christ Church 6:30pm.
(Claremont.perth.anglican.org)

10 | Friends of Lake Claremont

Busy Bee, email: folc.wa@gmail.com
for time and meeting point.

12 | Fashion Thrift Society Market

Claremont Showgrounds 10am –
3pm. (fashionthriftsociety.com.au)

12 | Claremont Boat Shed

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

19 | Night Chats with the Friends

of Lake Claremont, email:
folc.wa@gmail.com for time,
location and topic.

2 | Claremont Meanders: Cobblers

& Convicts: meet at Claremont
Council, 9:30am. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

21 – 24 | Perth Caravan & Camping

Show Claremont Showground,
9 – 5 daily.
(caravanandcampingshow.com.au)

31 | Souled Out Music Festival

Claremont Showgrounds, 12pm.
(souledoutfest.com)

Sundays Fundays at Claremont Museum

A range of free children's activities to
discover more about the Museum's
latest exhibition, Fashionable Stories,
11 February to 24 March.

Upcoming events

Do you have an event on in Claremont for June to August?
Let us know at toc@claremont.wa.gov.au

April

4 | History in a Coffee Cup:

Interview with Ros Thomas
Claremont Museum 10am.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)

9 | Claremont Boat Shed Tours:

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

13 | The Muster – Rodeo & Music

Festival Claremont Showground
10am – 11pm. (themuster.com.au)

14 | Friends of Lake Claremont

Busy Bee, email: folc.wa@gmail.com
for time and meeting point.

16 | Night Chats with the Friends

of Lake Claremont, email: folc.wa@
gmail.com for time, location and topic.

20 & 21 | 3 in One Market

Claremont Showground
9.30am – 4.30pm.
(treasuredcraftcreations.com.au)

25 | Anzac Day Ceremony

Claremont Park, 7:30am.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)

28 | Perth's Annual Wedding Expo

Claremont Showground 10am – 3pm.
(weddingexposaustralia.com)

Claremont Community Hub & Library

Don't forget the **Claremont
Community Hub & Library** host a
great range of free weekly activities
including language conversation
groups, knitting, art, book club and
story time.

May

2 | History in a Coffee Cup:

Cottesloe Beach, Claremont
Museum 10am. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

5 | Millenium Kids Greenlab,

email: cathy@milleniumkids.com.au for
time and meeting point.

12 | Friends of Lake Claremont

Busy Bee, email: folc.wa@gmail.com
for time and meeting point.

19 | A Day on the Bay:

Claremont
Foreshore, Mrs Herbert's Park, 10am
– 1pm. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

8 – 11 | Cathedral: a play by Midnite

Youth Theatre at CCGS Drama
Centre, 7pm. (midnite.ccggs.wa.edu.au)

18 May | Bindaring Clothing Sale

Claremont Showground, 9am – 3pm
(bindaringsale.com.au)

21 | Night Chats with the Friends

of Lake Claremont, email: folc.wa@
gmail.com for time, location and topic.

23 | Claremont Meanders:

Rediscovering the Terrace: meet
at Claremont Post Office, 9:30am.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)

Wednesdays

Claremont Quilting & Craft Group

Join this crafty group every
Wednesday of school terms from
9.30am–2pm at the Claremont
Baptist Church. Morning tea and
some equipment provided. Cost
is \$5. claremontbaptistchurch.com

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

TOWN *of* CLAREMONT

ANZAC DAY

CEREMONY



25/04/2024
7.30AM
CLAREMONT
PARK



Visit Town of Claremont
to find out more about
our community events.
claremont.wa.gov.au

