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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.

Front cover Whistler Rufous (male). Image courtesy of David Free

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Mayor's welcome

Welcome to the 2023 Winter edition of Flourish. Our community just seems to get better, as new businesses such as Spare Parts Puppet Theatre and Calico and Ivy establish themselves in Claremont, and are offering vibrancy and connection through the arts (pages 1 and 14).

Our environment is continually enhanced and supported by the work of volunteers such as David and Pam Free who patiently collect data on our Lake birdlife. Each quarter, the Frees attend the Lake rain, hail, or shine to observe and count each species, which provides a fantastic indicator of the health of this wetland (pages 6–7).

With an overview on good reads from the Community Hub and Library along with some winter fashion picks, I hope you enjoy reading the latest happenings on our community life.

Warm regards Mayor Jock Barker



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Puppets move to Claremont

For over 40 years, Spare Parts Puppet Theatre has entertained and enriched the lives of millions of audience members through the art of puppetry. Now the artistic company has stretched its strings to Claremont, a new place to call home.

Established in 1981, for the purpose of sharing stories through puppetry, this arts organisation has continued to deliver. Working closely with schools, Spare Parts have been able to engage with thousands of children aged between 5–15 years, and their families.

Executive Director Katie Henebery said, "In addition to our regular in-theatre works, we also offer an early learning program called Puppet Playtime for children aged 3–5. This program is designed to introduce young children to the magic of puppetry and encourage their creativity and imagination."

Katie advised that Spare Parts was excited about being a part of Claremont and offering performances at the Ellie Eaton Pavilion at the Showgrounds.

"We are so excited to bring cultural and community value and activation to a well-loved community asset in Claremont," said Katie.

About the move to Claremont, Cr Jill Goetze said, "We are thrilled that Spare Parts are currently residing in Claremont at the Showgrounds. We know the benefits that the arts can have on our community, supporting health and wellbeing as well as contributing to the local economy, and I am really looking forward to attending their next production, Blueback."



Upcoming Show

Blueback, a story by Tim Winton, depicts the life of a young boy, Abel, and his mother, their relationship with the environment and desire to protect it. This production is an underwater menagerie of exquisite puppetry and celebration of the WA coastline.

Blueback

Venue Ellie Eaton Theatre, Claremont Showgrounds, 1 July to 15 July



Checking off crime

The Town's Community Safety team operates seven days a week, aiding the reduction of crime through a wide range of initiatives including community and hotspot patrols.

Currently the Community Safety Team are working on a home safety checklist tool to help residents and business owners identify and prepare their home and property against crime and burglary.

This checklist will incorporate elements of the 'Designing Out Principles' (DOC), a proven crime prevention approach.

Councillor Paul Kelly says residents and business owners can best arm themselves and their property against criminal behaviour by applying the Designing Out Crime principles.

"The idea behind DOC it is to design or modify environments in ways that reduce or prevent crime," Councillor Kelly said.

"We're looking to incorporate these principles into a practical and effective checklist tool that our community can refer to in preparing their own home or business to deter criminals when it comes to burglary," he added.

Councillor Kelly said he was aware certain groups of the community felt more vulnerable to crime and burglary than others.

"Crime prevention is understandably a main concern amongst some of our senior community members in particular and we are designing this checklist tool with those members in mind."

The checklist tool will cover off several areas including surveillance, access control, management and maintenance, security measures and territorial reinforcement.

If you have concerns or suggestions regarding community safety in the Town, please email the Town's Community Safety Team on toc@claremont.wa.gov.au

Community Safety Officers keeping eyes on the streets

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Men's Shed cooking up a storm

The Showgrounds Community Men's Shed is known for providing a wide range of engaging activities and projects for its members and they have perhaps cooked up one of their most valuable yet.

Taking a break from the work bench and power tools they head to the kitchen to prepare meals for the growing number of homeless people in the community.

This service is provided in cooperation with the Matilda Bay Rotary Club who serve the meals and assist with providing the ingredients. It's expected that between 150–200 homeless people will attend each service and benefit from their delicious home cooked meals.

Everything from salads to sausages in summer to hearty meat stews and mash in the winter with homegrown herbs and spices from their Men's Shed garden.





Shed members demonstrating their culinary skills

The kitchen group have a varied background with the vast majority not having worked in hospitality during their active careers. Werner Ribul, member of The Showgrounds Community Men's Shed, said "We have anything from engineers, accountants, lawyers, teachers to business people who share a love of cooking. The age group of our kitchen team members is also quite large from 50–92 years!"

Joined by their love of food, their culinary creations are just one of the many interesting activities the men have on offer at the shed, but one that's making a real difference in the lives of others.

The kitchen group also cater for a range of the shed's members luncheons, sundowners, and events. For more information head to their website.







All in a Rowe

Those community members looking for a relaxing game of tennis or shooting a few hoops after school or work are now able to take advantage of the improved facilities at Rowe Park.

Works commenced in January this year with the aim of providing an upgrade to the Town's offering for youth and family recreational activities.

The existing tennis courts have been upgraded to include a new surface, new posts and tennis nets, making them the perfect practice ground for existing and budding tennis enthusiasts alike!

The basketball courts and hit-up wall area have also all been resurfaced and provide the perfect place to play some ball and have some fun.

Councillor Peter Telford said the recent upgrades to Rowe Park helps providing amenity to the whole Town. "These upgrades at Rowe Park form part of our vision to providing residents with well-maintained parks and reserves for community-friendly recreational activities," he said.

"I think the upgraded facilities at Rowe Park will be well received by our community and enjoyed for many years to come," Councillor Telford said.

More information on Parks and Capital and Works programs can be found on the Town's website.

Please note that at time of Flourish going to print, final works at Rowe Park were pending weather and contractor availability. Please contact the Town on 9285 4300 for further updates.



Nurturing female football talent

At a Board Meeting in March, the Claremont Football Club accepted changes to the constitution to formally include women's football.

This historic change paves the way for the growth and development of the Club's women's football a consolidates the Club's vision in providing elite path for women's football within the Claremont district.

We spoke to board members Jenny Rogers and Rac Asquith on their involvement with the club to gain t first-hand perspective on what it means to them an to find out a bit more about the change in constitut

Jenny's association with the club goes back to the la 1950's when she was attending home games with h father who grew up on Shenton Road. She eventual met her husband, John "Buck" Rogers, a player in th famous 1964 underdog premiership win against Ea Fremantle and later himself a Claremont Football C board member.

"When Buck passed away in 2017, I knew it was important to me and our children to remain part of the Club, which is why I nominated for a board position," Jenny said, who is now into her fifth yea as board member.



Left: Jenny Rogers and Rachel Asquith Above: Charmaine Rogers and Jasmine Stewart at the club's women's season launch.

n and thways	Club Director, Rachel Asquith, began her involvement with the Claremont Football Club a little bit differently.
achel a their and	Determined to stay involved in football despite a serious knee injury, Rachel started volunteering in 2016 and gradually worked her way up to become the Club's Women's President.
ution.	Both Jenny and Rachel are extremely proud of being the Club's recent formal incorporation of women's
late her	football into its constitution.
ially the East Club	"It's been a massive project working on this constitutional change at the Club and something we've been working hard on since 2019," said Rachel.
: d	"This change means formally protecting women's football at the Club now and into the future and allows us to continue to grow and nurture female talent and engagement," she added.
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Little Black Cormorant





Nankeen Kestrel







Flying free

Residents, David and Pamela Free, are no strangers to the world of birds; with over 40 years of observing, photographing, and painting a variety of winged creatures under their belts.

When asked about what sparked their interest in birdwatching, they noted their love for birds began some time ago whilst living in Singapore for work. What started as a way of finding a way to de-stress from a busy pace of life soon cemented into a life-long and serious passion for both.

Moving to Claremont in 1996, the Free's continued their photography and paintings of birds, with regular morning walks to Lake Claremont and the Claremont Foreshore providing the perfect opportunities in which to indulge their passions.

David and Pam are already well known within the community for their work with the Friends of Lake Claremont, which includes conducting quarterly Bird Census reports at the Lake.

In addition, Pam's bird paintings have been utilised in various signage in and around the Town, most recently on new signs at the Claremont Foreshore.

Pam said she had always dabbled in art, with her husband's photography providing the perfect canvas (no pun intended!) from which she draws her inspiration for her intricate paintings.

an Eastern Osprey.





All illustrations courtesy of Pamela Free, all photos courtesy of David Free

Some of the birds they note to look out for when visiting the Foreshore are the Cormorant (four different species can be found frequenting the area), Australasian Darter, Nankeen Night-Heron, the Australasian Pied Oystercatcher and if you are particularly lucky,

The Frees are also delighted to see the return of the Rufus Whistler species to the bushland north of Lake Claremont, something they credit to the re-establishment of the native flora.

A cause for devotion

Fred Chaney Jr AO has spent a lifetime working for equality, but he's not done yet. The 81-year-old Claremont resident is still fighting for Aboriginal rights and doing his best to provide a voice for the voiceless.

Born in Perth and son of former Lord Mayor Sir Frederick Chaney, Fred studied law at the University of Western Australia and practiced in both Australia and Papua New Guinea. It didn't take him long to follow in his father's footsteps and move into politics, contesting his first election at age 30 before being voted in as a senator for the Liberal Party three years later, in 1974. He served as leader of the opposition in the senate for seven years and had a stint as Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party, but Fred eventually left the party. He says that in politics, as in many situations, it is important to know when to leave.

Focusing on reconciliation and equality for First Australians, Fred became a founding co-chair of Reconciliation Australia. Earlier he was a part of establishing the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia and co-founded the Graham Farmer Foundation, an organisation helping young Aboriginals succeed through education. On top of all of this, he has also had roles as Deputy President of the National Native Title Tribunal and Chair of Desert Knowledge Australia.

Fred's devotion to a selfless cause is worthy of strong admiration, and this was recognised in 1997 when he was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia for service to the Parliament of Australia and to the Aboriginal community. Fred admires Indigenous Australia, a culture and peoples that have endured countless hardships but continue to fight for their rights, their land, and their humanity.

"The fact of the matter is whatever has been done to them they have endured. With extraordinary courage and persistence, they have survived and maintained their various collective identities," he wrote in April this year for John Menadue's Public Policy Journal.

"It has been a triumph of the human spirit," he continued.

"...they have shown they will not be denied their identities. Those identities are an ongoing part of our national fabric... We can be proud to have the world's oldest living cultures."

Fred Chaney Jr AO recently spoke at Claremont Museum's History in a Coffee Cup event.

See page 17 for information on upcoming events.



Fred Chaney Jr AO

Winter reads

Our well-read library team have picked their top novels to cosy up with for winter. These in-demand books are all available through our Xpress Read service.



The Bookbinder of Jericho

by Pip Williams

In 1914, when the war draws the young men of Britain away to fight, it is the women who must keep the nation running. Two of those women are Peggy and Maude, twin sisters who work in the bindery at Oxford University Press in Jericho. The story revolves around the sisters in pursuing knowledge and love when World War 1 disrupts their lives.



The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Aging and reclusive Hollywood movie icon Evelyn Hugo is finally ready to tell the truth about her glamorous and scandalous life to Monique. As Evelyn's life unfolds, Monique, an unknown magazine reporter, begins to feel a very real connection to the actress, with a twist where her life takes on its own tragedy.



FROM THE WINNER OF THE BOOKER PRIZE

Birnam Wood

by Eleanor Catton

Eleanor Catton is the author of The Luminaries, winner of the Man Booker Prize and the Governor General's Literary Award and an international bestseller.

Birnam Wood is a story set in New Zealand's South Island, a thriller with a focus on environmental activists and the interaction with a local land holder following a natural disaster.



The Soulmate

by Sally Hepworth

A thrilling, addictive novel about marriage, betrayal, and the secrets that push us to the edge.

Sally writes incisively about family, relationships and identity. Her domestic thriller novels are laced with quirky humour, sass and a darkly charming tone.

world's most celebrated actors. The work of a natural storyteller who is a superb observer of other people, and who writes with love and warmth about his family. It is also his account of his life outside film, especially in Central Otago where he established Two Paddocks, his vineyard famous for its pinot noir.



Did I ever tell you this?

By Sam Neill

In this unexpected memoir, written in a creative burst of just a few months in 2022, Sam Neill tells the story of how he became one of the





Top left: The Claremont Hotel in 1942, centre: The Claremont Hotel in 1986, right: The Claremont Hotel in 2023. Images courtesy of The Claremont Hotel and Claremont Museum

The Claremont Hotel — then and now

After a several million-dollar upgrade, the Claremont Hotel reopened its doors to an eager crowd in January 2023, exactly 121 years after it first opened.

Originally built by Mr Samuel Copley and Mr Fox, the life of The Hotel Claremont began in January 1902, and during this period, the building boasted a billiard room, saloon, dining room, and 17 bedrooms upstairs. From 1908, during Showtime an additional 62 beds were made up along the wrap around balcony to accommodate weary travellers.

In these early decades, the Hotel had many different licensees, the majority of which were men, with one licensee subsequently called away during World War 1, leaving his wife in charge of running the business.

In 1985 extensive renovations were undertaken and the hotel was renamed Cagney's on the Terrace. Further refurbishment in 1990's included a drive-in bottleshop (Cagney's Cellars), and a cocktail lounge (Top of the Terrace). It later became known as the Continental (not to be confused with the Hotel Continental on Victoria Avenue), and then Redrock Hotel and Redrock Bottleshop.

Over the years The Claremont Hotel has provided a meeting place for community groups, businesses and socialites, and continues to be a vital community amenity in the Claremont Town Centre.





A hand made tale

Shared passions and the space to explore creativity are key ingredients of a tight-knit community. A local team have turned this philosophy into a lifestyle in the heart of the Swanbourne Village, resulting in a community hub in which inspiration is abundant, and creativity thrives.

Calico and Ivy is a yarn and fabric store that was first stitched together in 1983 before moving to Claremont Crescent, in December 2022. The business offers a wide variety of knitting and sewing related materials from Australia and all over the world, but what really makes it hum are the community workshops that are offered to keen seamstresses and seamsters.

The classes range from learning to knit, crochet, stitch and seam, to smocking workshops and quilt making groups. The Wednesday Afternoon Knit + Chat is particularly popular, where 'knitfolk' of all abilities get together to work on their projects, learn from each other, and enjoy each other's company.

Owner Josie Parnell says the attraction of creating something of one's own is a big drawcard for the workshops.

"So many people now are keen on 'making'... spending time sewing clothes to wear, knitting sweaters, crocheting blankets and stitching quilts to snuggle under," she said.

"People want to create, be mindful and be in the moment, as well as meet other like-minded people."

While relatively new to the scene, Josie said the team loves being part of a vibrant shopping strip, where they can bring colour and creativity to an established Swanbourne locale.

Calico and Ivy have fostered a culture of respect, inclusivity and selflessness in their business and workshops. They are vocal in their support of social causes and encourage the community to join them and have a strong code of conduct for their classes. Their support of sustainable practices led them to host sustainable quilting classes, where customers use recycled or scrap pieces of fabric to create their items.

These strong values are representative of the vibrant community base that the business has become.

"Calico and Ivy has been a place of happiness and creativity for so many years, and we will never change this."



Calling all visual artists

The Town's biennial Art Awards and Exhibition is fast approaching, and entry is now open for all interested emerging and experienced West Australian visual artists to apply and be in the running for several awards totalling \$11,000.

"The Awards & Exhibition provides the opportunity for both established and emerging artists to have their artwork judged by professionals and exhibit their work for sale," Mayor Jock Barker said.

"I am very proud of the Town's cultural program," he said. "The Art Awards & Exhibition is just one of many opportunities to enjoy a cultural experience on your doorstep. And a first prize of \$5,000; it really is a great opportunity for visual artists."

In 2021 first prize was awarded to Jane Tangney for her piece Koi Kyenu-ruff (Stirling Range). The judges said the work was a beautiful reflection of contemporary conversations about our landscape and history and evoked the sense of struggle in moving forward.



"I was thrilled to win First Prize — this being the first time I have entered," Ms Tangney said.

Art Award curator Paola Anselmi said, "With the great support of the visiting public, the Claremont Art Awards has quickly become an important biennial event, and one which has highlighted new artistic voices across a variety of mediums. Art programs contribute to developing a shared sense of community pride and identity."

"The expression of a community through the arts is very much a reflection of the health of a society, fostering lively discussion, celebrating differences, engaging with local narratives, proposing new ways of seeing by inviting the public to explore the world through a new lens," said Paola.

Art Awards and Exhibition

Entry into the Art Awards closes Sunday 2 July 2023.

The Exhibition will be held at the Council Administration Building from Saturday 12 August to Sunday 27 August. All artworks are for sale.

Hot winter picks

We asked local businesses to choose their hot fashion picks for this winter season. Here are the top three.

The South Coat

Mode and Affaire

22 St Quentin Ave, Claremont

Sarah Clark, Founder/Creative Director from Mode and Affaire says the South Coat is her choice for winter glamour. Featuring faux shearling outer and faux leather inner lining, this coat is luxurious, with tactile textures for day or night.

The coat is a creative collaboration between Mode and Affaire and Showroom X in Claremont. At the 2023 Fashion Week in Sydney, the South Coat made its debut at the 'We Wear Australian' closing night runway alongside 50 iconic and emerging Australian designers.

The Neo Boot

Zomp Shoes 2 Bay View Terrace, Claremont

Zomp's National Sales & Marketing Manager, Alexa Wesson recommends the snakeskin embossed leather knee-high boot by Neo. Hand crafted in Spain, this versatile boot is a refined yet edgy interpretation of a modern classic. A must have pair to elevate any winter wardrobe.

ZOMP provides an expansive, yet refined, selection of contemporary classics, sartorial staples, and seasonal injections for the woman who knows what she wants and isn't afraid to try seasonal trends imbued in each collection.



La Lucca

Old Theatre Lane, Claremont

La Lucca owner Lesley Thomas' top pick for winter is the store's range of beautiful scarves made with Western Australian Merino Wool. Lesley believes that supporting Australian artists is important, and many of the designs on the scarves are by local artists.

As a lightweight fabric that efficiently traps in warmth, these scarves are the perfect stylish addition to any winter outfit.







What's on Winter

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1 | ATSA Independent Living Expo at Claremont Showground 8.30am– 4.30pm. *claremontshowground.com.au*

3-7 | 2023 Model Railway Exhibition at Claremont Showground 9am–5pm. claremontshowground.com.au

10 | WAFL Claremont Tigers vs Peel Thunder at Revo Fitness Stadium at

11 | Friends of Lake Claremont **Busy Bee** at Lake Claremont 9–11am

11 | WAFLW Claremont Tigers vs Swan Districts at Revo Fitness Stadium at 2pm. *claremontfc.com.au*

15 | Claremont Meanders — Cobblers and Convicts historica walking tour meeting at Claremont Museum for departure at 9:30am.

17 | WAFLW Claremont Tigers vs West Perth at Revo Fitness Stadium at 2pm. *claremontfc.com.au*

22 | Shaking the Universe Performance Informed Art at the Goods Shed from 6-7.30pm

24 | WAFL Claremont Tigers vs West Coast at Revo Fitness Stadium at 1.10pm. *claremontfc.com.au*

27 | Ordinary Council Meeting — Town of Claremont from 7pm

29 | Mythical Mask Making **Sculpture Workshop for Adults** at the Goods Shed from 6–8.30pm

in Claremont between September — November? Let us know at

Saturdays

1 | WAFL Claremont Tigers vs **Subiaco** at Revo Fitness Stadium at 2.10pm. *claremontfc.com.au*

July

2 | NAIDOC Week Smoking Ceremony at Lake Claremont with Owners at 11am

6 | History in a Coffee Cup — Walking Forward, Together with Owners who will share their stories of their families and their life experiences from 10–11.30am.

9 | Friends of Lake Claremont Busy **Bee** at Lake Claremont 9–11am

11 | Ordinary Council Meeting — Town of Claremont from 7pm

12 | Mythical Mask Making Sculpture Workshop for Young People at the Goods Shed from

22 | WAFL Claremont Tigers vs West Perth at Revo Fitness Stadium at 2:10pm. *claremontfc.com.au*

25 | **Ordinary Council Meeting** — Town of Claremont from 7pm

August

3 | History in a Coffee Cup — WA **Convictism** with historian Joanne Hyland from 10–11.30am.

13 | Friends of Lake Claremont **Busy Bee** at Lake Claremont 9–11am

19 | WAFL Claremont Tigers
vs Swan Districts at Revo Fitness
Stadium at 2:10pm. *claremontfc.com.au*

26 | WAFL Claremont Tigers vs Perth at Revo Fitness Stadium at 2:10pm. *claremontfc.com.au*

12–27 | Town of Claremont 2023 Art Awards & Exhibition. 308 Stirling Highway.

29 | Ordinary Council Meeting — Town of Claremont from 7pm

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*

Thursdays

Claremont Lawn Tennis Club — improve your tennis and meet people of a similar age (20–30 years) 7pm–8.30pm until 22 December 2023. Cost is \$10.

Tiger Bar at Claremont Football Club — open every Thursday night. Happy Hour from 4–6pm and watch

Lake Claremont parkrun — join the free, fun & friendly 5km community event every Saturday at 8.00am, meet near the Tee Box café.

Claremont Lawn Tennis Club

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

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