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City of Fremantle

CITY WARD NEWS

What do your Councillors actually do?

Council is responsible, under the Local Government Act. We do this while specifically representing the people in our (City Ward) district. Council makes decisions by delegating authority, to Committees and City Officers and by Council resolution. Adin is a member of the Planning Committee and Rachel is a member of the Finance Policy and Legislation Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee and the Audit and Risk Management Committee. On average we both spend two evenings a week on Council related meetings, community consultations, precinct meetings and external committees. We also spend approximately 10 to 15 hours a week on resident liaison and communication. A part of our role which we enjoy a great deal and the primary reason we donate so much of our time, is to represent you, our community. So please do contact us if you feel you have any council related issues that we could assist you with.

Kings Square update

The Kings Square project is underway. This project will, bring 2100 new workers into Fremantle and inject \$358m into the local economy. Two City properties, the Queensgate building and carpark have been sold and will be redeveloped. The Myer building will become offices and retail outlets. Find out more at kingsquarefremantle.com

New look for old police station precinct

This month our Planning Committee supported a recommendation to the South-West Metro Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP) to approve the development concept for the old Police Station and Courthouse precinct in the Fremantle city centre. The JDAP approved the development application on 19 March. Until recently this site was owned by the state government. We're lucky that the asset was sold quickly after the Police moved out, allowing utilisation and re-purposing of an otherwise dormant asset. The development will allow pedestrians to walk right through the previously fenced site which will encourage access to the amazing heritage buildings that have been hidden for decades.

The newly created space will give new opportunity for unique retail and hospitality offerings. There is also new office space within the development which will help us to create the 7 day trading economy in Fremantle.

While there has been a 3.6m height increase to one of the buildings within the complex, we're relatively comfortable that this won't block sight-lines from the prison toward the heritage-linked Warders Cottages. Initially the developer had requested a much taller structure but our team negotiated a better/lower outcome. The height increase allows viability of the project, namely the 68 room hotel which will bring more tourists to Fremantle.

Community Safety

The City's Community Safety Team patrols the CBD and suburbs from 7am - 9pm, 7 days a week and until 2am on Wednesday - Saturday. Our officers work with local police to reduce anti-social behaviour, street drinking and nuisance behaviour. If you need assistance, call the Safety Team on 1300 360 666.

The Safety Team is also introducing an updated Neighbourhood Watch program, which will be discussed at the Arts Centre precinct meeting on 10 April.

See a problem? Report It!

The city has an easy way you can report problems you see or experience around the city. Simply visit the "Report a Problem" page on the city's website to have the problem addressed (fremantle.wa.gov.au/report).

So if you see litter, or mess in the CBD, graffiti or vandalism, damaged trees, sprinklers, roads, signs, footpaths or play equipment, simply report the problem and city staff will address it right away.

Free Parking for Residents

Free parking for City of Fremantle residents has been expanded and simplified to encourage people to shop and recreate in central Freo. Street parking is free with a residents permit from 3pm until 11am, 7 days a week. You can apply for a residents parking permit and get more information on the conditions at fremantle.wa.gov.au/residentparking

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New Recycling and Junk Drop Off Centre

An upgraded recycling centre is located opposite the golf course on Montreal Street in Fremantle. Residents can drop off metal, batteries, clothes and e-waste like TVs, computers and monitors or green waste, mattresses and clean bricks, slabs and pavers for recycling or appropriate disposal. The recycling centre is open every Friday (12pm - 4pm) and on weekends (8am - 4pm).

There is also a pick up services for local residents aged over 65 (conditions apply). For more information, visit fremantle.wa.gov.au/waste

Council Meetings - now in North Fremantle

As part of the King's Square development, which includes demolition of the existing Council Chamber, Council are now holding all public meetings at the North Fremantle Community Hall, Thompson Road. Public meetings are held from 6pm every Wednesday.

For agendas and minutes visit fremantle.wa.gov.au/agendas

Next Precinct Meetings:

South City Precinct: 7pm Thursday April 12 at Fremantle Primary School, Brennan Street. Keep in touch via the facebook group: facebook.com/groups/SouthCityFreo/

Arts Centre Precinct: 6pm Tuesday April 10 at the Fremantle Leisure Centre Training Room.

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