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City of Fremantle

CITY WARD NEWS



City Ward Projects underway

The 2018/19 budget was adopted with a significant focus on efficient service delivery and the Kings Square urban renewal project. Other projects funded in your local area include:

- \$2.8 million towards the new Fremantle Park Sports and Community Centre
- \$250,000 for the first phase of the restoration of the inside of the Town Hall
- \$110,000 to upgrade the Esplanade Youth Plaza
- \$70,000 for new cricket nets at Stevens Reserve and \$34,000 to refresh the clubrooms at Stevens Reserve
- \$32,000 to install an accessible footpath at Monument Hill
- \$30,000 for design and consultation to improve safety on Hampton Road
- \$20,000 for new signage at the Round House

Free Today: Creating a Welcoming City Community Safety and Crime Prevention Forum: Monday 12 Nov

6pm at the Fremantle Town Hall

Join Mayor Brad Pettitt, Fremantle MP Simone McGurk and local police and community safety officers for a discussion about community safety and crime prevention in Fremantle. The forum will help to inform the development of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2019 – 2023.

Development update

Fremantle is defying the odds with building approvals hitting another record high in 2017/18. Property developments worth \$313 million were approved last year, despite a 9.2% fall in development approvals state-wide according to WA Treasury.

The redevelopment of the Woolstores Shopping Centre received planning approval. The plans include a six-storey addition with 141 hotel rooms, new retail and office space, a basement car park, plus the refurbishment of the existing shopping arcade. It also involves alterations to the existing facades on Cantonment Street and Elder Place and minor alterations to the existing car park.

The refurbishment of the Queensgate car park is nearing completion with 500 car parking bays now open, just in time for Christmas shopping and the summer holidays. The demolition of the old council administration building is also nearing completion. Meanwhile preliminary works have begun on the redevelopment of the Old Police Station.





Significant tree register

A Significant Tree Register has been proposed to encourage people to keep and protect the trees on private land. The Urban Forest Strategy identified that about half of the trees in the City of Fremantle are on private property, and they play a significant role in cooling our suburbs.

The proposed Register is an opt-in mechanism for people to nominate trees on their own land and is currently out for public comment. You can read the detail and have your say at [Freo My Say](#).

Glysohate

The weed killer Glysohate has been in the news again, raising significant concerns about the use of the herbicide commonly known as Round Up by local councils. The City of Fremantle aims to minimise its use of chemical weed killers including Round Up.

All playgrounds, footpaths and road kerbs use chemical-free weed control methods including steam and mowing. Footpaths, cycle ways and road kerbs in suburban areas will be steam treated twice a year, while the city centre,

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high priority roads and playgrounds will be treated six times a year. However, there are some places like playing fields, parks and bush areas where chemical control is the only viable option.

A report on ways the City can further reduce the use of glyphosate will be presented to Council in 2018/19.

Next Precinct Meetings:

End of year event, 6pm Thursday 6 Dec

City Ward precinct members are invited to enjoy an end of year get together, held on the balcony at the new council administration, overlooking the beautiful Fremantle oval.

6pm – 8pm Thursday 6 December

Catering and non-alcoholic beverages

provided (BYO alcohol). **RSVP by 4 Dec:**

artscentreprecinct@iinet.net.au

Useful Info:

Community Safety Team 1300 360 666

Available 7am – 9pm, 7 days a week

Security patrols continue until 2.00 am on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights focusing on low level criminal activity within the City's car parks, main streets and the surrounding suburbs.

My Say Freo

www.mysay.fremantle.wa.gov.au

Join the email list to be notified about community consultations you can be part of.

Report a problem or request a service

www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/report

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