

Message from the Shire President (cont.)

Also in early 2022, the Council will be adopting a formal Street Tree Strategy which sets out how the Shire will manage, maintain and increase our urban street tree canopy to ensure that this important part of the Shire's character and amenity is protected and sustained into the future.

On behalf of councillors and staff, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Best wishes,
Cr Rachel Thomas
Shire President



St Columba's Church 125 year Anniversary



In March 1896 the Reverend F A Moseley started a Presbyterian Sunday School in his home in Cottesloe. Enrolments grew quickly from the original 11 children, and permission was given to build a church hall.

Land in Venn Street was donated by Alexander Forrest and a wooden structure was built to seat approx. 100 people. Services began 23rd August

Seniors' Week Morning Tea

On Monday 8th November at Mosman Park Bowling Club the combined councils of the Shire of Peppermint Grove and Towns of Cottesloe and Mosman Park organised a high-tea style Morning Tea, where we acknowledged appreciation for our seniors' valued contribution to the community.

By popular demand 7th Heaven the popular vocal duo who sang an assortment of great tunes from the 1940's-60's returned and performed two sets, much to the delight of those fortunate enough to have attended. A number of attendees were lucky winners of door prizes the first of which was a lovely garden hamper kindly donated by Bunnings Claremont.



1896 when Reverend Robert Hanlin of Scots' Church Fremantle opened the Hall.

The Hall – now expanded in length - became a focus for the district and as well as Sunday School classes, it housed the first local government school and hosted a variety of social events such as jumble sales, theatrical entertainment, musical selections and gymnastics classes.

By 1898 the congregation was large enough to support a permanent resident Minister and Reverend Alexander McCarlie arrived from Melbourne, staying until 1912. In 1900 a manse was built for him at 12 Venn Street, the area was fenced and trees planted around the precinct. McCarlie then oversaw the construction and opening of the limestone Church in 1910.

The stained glass window - which takes pride of place in the church - was installed and unveiled in 1921, in memory of Reverend F A Moseley, the founder of the original Sunday School, who died in 1919.

This year the church celebrates 125 years serving the community, both the Hall and the Church continue to fulfil an important social and spiritual role within Peppermint Grove and the surrounding suburbs.



Did you know...

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The Council office and Library closes for Christmas from **Friday 24th December**

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The Council office and Library will reopen **Tuesday 4th January 2022**
Library items can be returned via the after-hours chute at anytime.

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The **first Tuesday of every month** the street sweeper comes around the Shire.



You can book your Verge Valet collections online by logging on to vergevalet.com.au and scrolling through the website. If you wish to speak with the Verge Valet team please call them directly **6336 7223**. Verge Valet collections for the Shire of Peppermint Grove are always on **Mondays**.



The Shire of Peppermint Grove website now has an online audio version called **ReadSpeaker** to support the visually impaired. ReadSpeaker allows the text on the website to be read out loud to you. This makes the content more accessible and the website more pleasant to visit. As a user you don't have to download anything.

To have ReadSpeaker read a selection of text, first, **select the text** you want it to read by clicking and dragging the cursor over the text. **You will see a ReadSpeaker icon** appear beside the highlighted text. Next, **click on the icon** and ReadSpeaker will begin highlighting and reading the text you selected.



Scotch Boatshed

After many years of planning, Scotch College will start work on alterations and additions to their historic Boatshed in Freshwater Bay.

The project will commence in the coming weeks and is scheduled to be finished by the middle of next year. The Boatshed extension project will provide the College with additional storage, significantly improved training facilities, and a second staging/launch area.

During construction the lower path that runs along the foreshore past the Boatshed will be closed to the public for safety reasons, however pedestrians will still have access at all times along the upper path. Whilst this may cause some inconvenience to walkers, we appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.

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Message from the Shire President

Local government elections were held on Saturday 16th October 2021 and I congratulate Karen Farley, Charles Hohnen and Patrick Dawkins on their re-election to Council.

Congratulations and welcome to our new councillor, Doug Jackson, who brings a youth focus and voice to the Council. I also acknowledge and thank past councillor, Greg Peters, for his 12 years of service to the Peppermint Grove community.

Following the election, we held a Special Meeting of Council and I was honoured to be re-elected as Shire President by my fellow councillors who also re-elected Charles Hohnen as the Deputy Shire President. I would like to thank all those who voted for their participation and I encourage everyone to exercise their democratic right to vote in the next election in two years' time.

Our very popular event, Carols by Candlelight, returns to Manners Hill Park on Sunday 12th December commencing at 6.30pm. Come along and enjoy this wonderful family occasion.

Manners Hill Park will also be the venue for Australia Day celebrations for the three councils of Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove

on Wednesday 26th January 2022. The official ceremony commences at 8am. Please join us to welcome new citizens and congratulate Citizen of the Year awardees.

It is disappointing to report that we had some vandalism on Halloween night. Egg throwing and graffiti from some anti-social elements coming into the Shire spoils what is a fun evening for younger members of our community. Manners Hill Park experienced damage as did some private residences.

The Shire organised security patrols for Halloween evening but this was clearly not a sufficient deterrent and we will increase security arrangements for next year.

Community consultation on the Shire's recently reviewed Community Strategic Plan provided the Council with two strong messages from the community - the importance to residents of protecting heritage and the need to enhance our urban tree canopy. The Shire is introducing a Heritage Grants Scheme to provide assistance to property owners of heritage listed houses.

The Council is currently finalising guidelines for the scheme which will commence in early 2022.

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Rising star takes home honours at WA Tennis Industry Awards

Peppermint Grove Tennis Club State League player, Talia Gibson, dominated the recently held 2021 WA Tennis Industry Awards night, winning both the Junior Tennis Star Award (Female) and State League MVP Award (Female).

It was a first in the history of the Awards and acknowledges Talia's talent and the hard work she has put in to see her achieve the No.1 ranking in Australia in her age group and a current world junior ranking of 39. The talented 17 year old already has an impressive junior record with wins in national singles and doubles events and strong performances on the International Tennis Federation Junior Circuit. Talia has recently completed her ATAR exams with plans to combine her tennis career and studies in Sports Science.



Photos by Damo Photography

Opening Day at Peppermint Grove Tennis Club



Shire President Rachel Thomas announced the official opening of Peppermint Grove's Tennis Club season, members, non-members, friends and visitors were invited to attend.

Located on the banks of the Swan River, the club is sheltered from Perth's prevailing strong onshore winds. It has beautiful grounds surrounded by shady peppermint trees and ten immaculately maintained grass courts and four state of the art flood-lit rebound ace hard courts. The club is also renowned for its unique clubhouse, barbeque area and views.

Open every day of the year, the club offers organised social tennis as well as plenty of coaching options. There is a junior club and teenage tennis with theme days and special events and for the competitive player, tournaments and pennants. Or you may just prefer a game with family or friends.

With a strong membership base and thriving junior club, the club has special rates for young families. Individuals, couples and juniors are welcome. A full coaching program is offered by Prime Tennis and its team of professional coaches. Please visit the website for more information: <https://www.pgtc.com.au>.

Wardrobe Refresh creates a sense of Community



In October, Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) organised the inaugural wardrobe refresh in the Community Centre at the Grove which was a huge success. There was a steady stream of people coming and going all morning, the majority were dropping in with bags full of clothes, trousers, dresses, tops, active wear, etc... which the volunteers hung on the appropriately marked clothing racks.

Clothing swaps are a great way to exchange items you no longer require for new items you like or need. We often end up with things in our wardrobes that no longer fit or we no longer wear. Clothing swaps have provided an excellent way for us to give those items away to someone else who may like them, while finding items that are more appealing to ourselves.

One of the most obvious benefits is to the environment. Clothing swaps promote slow fashion vs. fast fashion and are an environmentally friendly reuse strategy that helps reduce our environmental footprint while supporting a circular economy. The manufacturing of textiles has harsh impacts on the environment, such as the disposal of large amounts of chemicals, resulting in contamination of water sources or other natural resources that are essential to both human and animal life.

The next clothes exchange is scheduled for March 2022.

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The Grove Library Hours
Monday – Thursday 9am – 6pm
Friday 9am – 5pm
Saturday 10am – 4pm
Sunday 12noon – 4pm

Join Our Email List
Get advance notice of new books and upcoming events for adults by sending a request to library@thegrovelibrary.com

Kid's Christmas Colouring Competition at The Grove Library

Hey kids release the artist within, colour in one of our Christmas pictures for a chance to win a kid's craft pack prize for Christmas.

Age groups: 2-3 yrs, 4-5 yrs, 6-8 yrs and 9-12 yrs. Competition opened Monday 15th November. Winners will be notified Monday 20th December 2021.

Designer Christmas Banners

Hey kids why not drop into our Christmas Banner workshop running from Saturday 4th December 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Design and decorate your very own Christmas banner with a special festive touch. No bookings necessary. All ages welcome.

Kid's News from The Grove Library



2021 has been a busy time for the council with a whole series of new programs and events being run in partnership with library.

From the 'Kids Let's Get Moving'- fitness event at the pavilion, to our first Kid's Photographic and Kid's Halloween video competitions, there has been lots on offer for local families to enjoy. There's a whole series of new events planned for 2022, it's going to be an exciting year!

Christmas Story Time with Glenn Swift



Ho-Ho-Ho! It's almost Christmas again and our annual Christmas story time is almost here! Let's lift our spirits for this magical night.

Gather around, curl up and get ready for Christmas with an extraordinary story time with Glenn Swift **Wednesday 8th December 6:30pm – 7:30pm**. Santa will be making an appearance along with one of his elves!

This is a family friendly event so we encourage all the youngsters and the young-at-heart to head down to the library. **Bookings are essential** – please contact the Library.

The President's Reading Club 2021/2022



The Shire of Peppermint Grove in partnership with The Grove Library will be launching its inaugural President's Reading Challenge in 2021/22.

"I encourage you all to read this summer at your local library, The Grove Library!" Rachel Thomas, Shire President of Peppermint Grove. A long-time advocate for literacy, Rachel believes "when children find the right book their whole lives can be changed."

The challenge urges children and young people to discover great new books and authors; it runs from **Monday 13th December 2021** until **Wednesday 31st January 2022**. Bring your child to The Grove Library and help them select some great books from The President's Reading Club display. The library reading display tables will be active from **Monday 10th January** until **Sunday 23rd January 2022**.



Recyclables

Recycling is a morally responsible decision that is easy to organise when you have a recycling bin.

Recycling can be convenient for you because it can reduce the amount of rubbish you have to fit into your general waste bin. As you have the opportunity to recycle materials such as aluminium, glass, paper and plastic, you can divert these items from the waste stream going to a landfill and give them a new purpose after being processed and turned into new or similar products.

Before placing items in the recycling bin please ensure they are rinsed, empty and loose, do not place plastic bags in the recycling bin. Glass bottles, jars, plastic bottles and containers must have their lids removed, paper and cardboard must be flattened. Please do not put shredded paper in the recycling bin as it can cause many recycling issues, the main problem is with the small pieces. **If you have misplaced your Waste Sorting Guide please drop into the Shire to collect another.**



Announcing Webcam Memories



Well, no more excuses as we have the solution. Why not drop by the Community History Library to use the portable professional vocal booth. There is a book of questions to follow designed to guide you through the process of recording a life history. Simply answer the questions and let us do the rest. If you have any images relating to your life, we can scan them and add to the audio to create a movie for you to share with your loved ones.

The program is designed for solo use or, if you prefer bring along your son or daughter and let them ask the questions, it is a lovely way to record your life experiences. The conversation is automatically recorded, then a presentation copy will be sent to you for distribution to your family.

Collecting from the past for the future.

All too often those precious conversations you have had over the years with elderly family members fade as time goes by.

With so many of us leading such busy lives we seldom find the time to stop, listen and document those priceless tales our grandparents and parents have shared with us.

We are very excited to assist our community in helping to preserve collective memories for posterity, so please consider taking a little time to complete this important task. Don't delay any longer as we could not have made this any easier for you. If you have any questions call the library on 9286 8699 or email us at history@thegrovelibrary.com

We hosted our second Cloth Nappy workshop in November

A cloth nappy workshop was presented by WMRC in the Community Centre, clearly detailing the benefits compared to disposables.

Cloth nappies are environmentally friendly, even using them part time makes a significant reduction to a person's landfill contribution.

Each nappy change really does make a difference, not just for you now, but for your children, their children and their children too.

There are also large cost savings too, you can save almost \$2000 per child by switching to cloth full time even with laundry costs taken into account.



Cloth nappies are healthier for your baby. Parents who switch to cloth nappies notice significantly less nappy rashes. Cloth nappies are more breathable and have no harmful chemicals near your baby's sensitive parts. They are excellent at odour containment too as well as being super cute and very fashionable!