

# WA Plastics Free Programme

To support the implementation of Western Australia's Plan for Plastics, the WA State Government has partnered with Boomerang Alliance, to deliver a programme called WA Plastics Free Programme. Boomerang Alliance was formed in 2003 and are a peak community not-for-profit organisation working on waste minimisation and recycling in Australia.

Plastic Free Places is a hands-on behaviour change programme that works directly with food retailers, events, markets and other organisations, to assist them to switch from single-use plastics to better alternatives, such as reusable (preferred) or certified compostable items. On July 1st, 2022, a state-wide ban was enforced on certain single use plastic items, as part of a national effort to combat plastic pollution.

Boomerang Alliance work in communities across Australia and the combined impact of all of their programmes as of February 1, 2022, has enabled the elimination of over 14,000,000 pieces of plastic.

They target the six most littered food & beverage packaging items.

- 1 Plastic water bottles
- 2 Any thickness plastic bags
- 3 Plastic coffee cups & lids
- 4 Plastic straws
- 5 Plastic takeaway containers
- 6 Plastic cutlery & other food ware (including plastic cups, plates etc.)

# September's Adult Wardrobe Refresh

Once again, the Shire combined with WMRC (West Metropolitan Regional Council) held another Wardrobe Refresh in the fight against landfill, it was another resounding success.



The volume of people who attended far exceeded the previous Wardrobe Refresh; we had more than 150 people walking through the doors. There was a steady stream of people coming in with bags and arms full of clothing, shoes, hats, active wear, and various accessories to donate. People were leaving with pieces they had found for themselves and family members.

This year we weighed all the clothes being donated which totalled 374.62kg and then weighed the remaining balance after the event had closed. As a result, we found there was an 89.43% diversion rate from landfill, which is a commendable figure.

The Wardrobe Refreshes are such an enormous hit we plan to run four per year.

The next one is for children's clothing and scheduled for Saturday 11th February 2023 from 10am-12pm, so mark the date in your diary and start collecting now in preparation to donate, no doubt you'll find some gems for your children and grandchildren.

Clothing swaps promote slow fashion versus fast fashion and are an environmentally friendly reuse strategy that helps reduce our environmental footprint while supporting a circular economy.

A new report has found Australians buy 14.8kg of clothing, or 56 new items every year, and most of it ends up in landfill, making Australia one of the highest consumers of textiles per capita in the world.

# Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2022-2027

Have your say. In pursuit of its commitment to building a friendlier more welcoming community. The Shire of Peppermint Grove is currently undertaking a review of its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP).

Your valuable contribution is required to assist the Shire in the development of a revised DAIP 2022- 2027 through identifying necessary improvements, which will facilitate better access and inclusion for people with disabilities.

You can contribute by sending an email to [admin@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au) or by phoning the Shire (08) 9286 8600 with your suggestions or by survey which can be printed off from the Shire's website at [www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](http://www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au)

Input into the DAIP review process closes Tuesday 28th February 2023.

## Did you know...

The **Shire Office** will close for the festive season from **Friday 23rd December** and will reopen **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**.

There will be **no change** to your standard waste collection days over the festive season. Please note response times may be slightly delayed for missed waste bins and repairs during this time, as the customer service centre for waste will not be working during the public holidays.

There will be **no Verge Valet collections** between 23rd December and 6th January 2023 please plan accordingly.

You can elect to receive your rates via email: Register at [peppermintgrove.enotices.com.au](http://peppermintgrove.enotices.com.au) with your eNotices reference number (a 10 digit combination) which is stated on the front of your rates notice.

Any out of date **parking permits** are invalid and a Ranger may infringe you if you attempt to use them within the Shire from 1st January 2023.

You can access the **2023 Council Meeting dates** on the Shire website, on the digital screen in the foyer as well as the display cabinet outside the Shire located in the foyer.

### Shire of Peppermint Grove

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The information provided within PepTalk is also available on the Shire's website at

[www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](http://www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au)

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# Cottesloe Primary School P&C Association

On Saturday 26th November Cottesloe Primary School P&C Association hosted a fair to celebrate the milestone 125 year history of the school, and raised funds for some much needed development of the school grounds.

They have plans to develop the dilapidated play spaces of their Early Learning Centre and create a safer, more inviting "Beelias" pathway through the grounds, with an expected cost of \$200K over the next 5+ years.

The fair was an afternoon for the whole community full of live performances, rides, games and stalls. Special features included an artful paper seagull installation, there was also a long line of bunting flags on the approach to the school, each with a very special hand written wish for the future of the school and community.



# Message from the Shire President

It was wonderful to see so many residents at this year's Carols by Candlelight concert in Manners Hill Park. Many thanks to the Carols by Candlelight volunteers for their hard work and commitment.

All the volunteers were new to the task this year and they did a brilliant job. Thanks also to the Mighty Camelot Choir for leading the singing and to the local businesses who donated an amazing range of prizes for the raffle. The event is in aid of The Salvation Army Balga Early Learning Centre, a very worthy cause which has been supported by this concert for many years.

Nominations have now closed for our Citizen of the Year Awards. Council will consider the nominations and the winners will be announced at our Australia Day event on Thursday 26 January 2023, it will be held at Cottesloe on the main lawn of the Civic Centre grounds in conjunction with the Towns of Cottesloe and Mosman Park.

The official ceremony begins at 8am. Please come along to welcome new citizens and congratulate Citizen of the Year Awardees.

In this year's Shire budget, provision was made to upgrade the Shire's street furniture, including seats, park benches, bins and bollards.

This project, along with the upgraded footpath along Stirling Highway from Cottesloe Central to the southern side of the Irvine Street intersection has been completed. Both these projects were part funded by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Programme.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the 125th Anniversary of Cottesloe Primary School this year. Cottesloe Primary has made, and continues to make, a huge contribution to the families of our community. Congratulations to the staff and students on this important milestone.

In this edition of Peptalk, there is an article about the review of the Shire's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP). Please take the time to "Have Your Say" on this important plan.

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



Shire of Peppermint Grove

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# November Seniors' Morning Tea 2022

This year's WA Seniors' Week ran from 6th - 13th November and recognises the important role that seniors play in our community and celebrates the contributions of older Western Australians.

Once again, the Shire of Peppermint Grove and Towns of Cottesloe and Mosman Park joined forces and held the incredibly popular annual Seniors' Morning Tea event at Mosman Park Bowling Club on Monday 7th November 10-12 noon.

This year we mixed it up a little, we hired NOSH for the catering and welcomed Hayley Antipas from Attuned Health, Hayley played guitar and sang some familiar



Beehive Montessori Choir

songs with our audience. Students from IONA attended and were a huge help, they accompanied our seniors to their seats as well as serving tea & coffee throughout the morning.

We also had the fabulous Beehive Montessori Choir performing as the morning's main entertainment and they were a huge hit with our seniors. The Morning Tea wouldn't have been quite the same without our favoured spot prizes. This year we had a generous \$150 Gift Card donation from Woolworths Cottesloe as 1st prize, a wonderful Gardening Hamper which was kindly donated by Bunnings Claremont and a range of 5 beautiful plants in self watering pots to give away.



Seniors enjoying the morning's entertainment

# COTA Navigating the Aged Care System

Tuesday 27th September, we welcomed Margaret a Project Support Officer from COTA (Council on the Ageing) who spoke to some of our Seniors and delivered a clear, knowledgeable introduction of the Aged Care System.

After the talk there was time for a Q&A session where individuals were able to ask her advice and direction on certain areas they found challenging, as well as the best ways of approaching situations they were unsure of.

There were also several extremely helpful printed guides at hand which covered a variety of topics which attendees could take away with them and read at their leisure, including:

- Supporting you to live at home
- Steps to enter an aged care home

- Your guide to Home Care Packages services
- At Home Guide
- Interruptions to Daily Living Guide
- Understanding the Mistreatment of Older People
- The Goodbye Guide

If you missed the workshop and have questions you'd like to ask, please call Margaret direct on 0473 625 877. I urge you to call her before the end of December in case COTA are not successful in winning the application for the new programme. Please also bear in mind there may be a slight delay in her response to you if she has a waitlist.

Please keep an eye out on the events calendar on the Grove Library website: [thegrovelibrary.net](http://thegrovelibrary.net) which keeps you informed of any events/workshops/exhibitions and talks happening at The Grove Library and in the Community Centre.

**Dog Poop.**  
Dog owners need to be more considerate.

**It's common courtesy.** If you've ever had to clean dog poop from the bottom of your shoe, you don't need to be told stepping in the stuff can ruin an unsuspecting person's day. Add to that the impact dog waste can have on the environment and public health, and it's not hard to see that picking up after your dog not only makes you a responsible dog owner, but also a considerate neighbour. **It's simply the right thing to do.**

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**The Grove Library**  
1 Leake Street  
(adjacent to the Council Office)  
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[www.thegrovelibrary.net](http://www.thegrovelibrary.net)

**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](mailto:library@thegrovelibrary.com)

## Wrap up: Young Writers Creative Writing Competition 2022

Over the years we have found one of the library's most popular competitions is our writing competition, local students write about anything that inspires them, with a limit of approx. 400 words.



Special drawing session with Gabrielle Evans

The Young Writers Creative Competition was open to all young writers in Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park as well as students who use The Grove. It was very satisfying to see winners from such a wide number of local schools.

All entries will be on display in the library from Tuesday 3rd January to Wednesday 18th January 2023.



Yoga for kids

## 'Have a Go with Peppermint Grove' Programmes 2022

2022 has been a very busy time with the Shire of Peppermint Grove continuing its partnership with The Grove Library by sponsoring a succession of programmes and events.

The programmes are specially designed to get the kids off the couch, running around and jumping while enjoying some new experiences in a safe, fun and non-pressured environment.

This year we included an introductory session of Taekwondo; a special preliminary session of Yoga and a unique drawing session with Gabrielle Evans who is one of Western Australia's top graphic artists.

With a whole new series of contemporary events planned for 2023 it is going to be an exhilarating year and definitely one to look forward to. The council encourages local residents to register with the library ensuring you keep up to date with kids and family events throughout the year.

To be added to the library list please email Stewart the Youth Services Coordinator; [sfarley@thegrovelibrary.com](mailto:sfarley@thegrovelibrary.com)



Taekwondo for kids



## Library opening hours over the Christmas holiday period

At The Grove Library we would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We would like to remind everyone the library will be closed from 5pm Friday 23rd December and re-open Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Library items can be returned anytime via the after-hours chute.



# Harvesting Photos

For many years The Grove Library has preserved and celebrated the diverse history and heritage of Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park.

The Local History Collection housed at the library provides a vast array of resources for members of our community to access this collection.

However, a local history collection can only continue for future generations with the support of its community, and we need your help to keep the history of our local area thriving.

By sharing your stories and donating any images or documents relating to our local history you can help shape our collection.

What's in your garage or storage cupboard? Do you have any photos, yearbooks, event programmes, diaries, letters, newsletters, records, scrapbooks, or memorabilia? We are grateful for original donations or loans that we can copy and return.

If you would like to donate items or if you have an enquiry for which you need support, please make an appointment with our Local History Librarian, Sally Purser by email [history@thegrovelibrary.com](mailto:history@thegrovelibrary.com) or by calling (08) 9286 8699.



Girls at the Beach

Our gratitude to you for supporting us, is to continue to provide our service of answering your historical enquiries to the best of our ability.

Visit us in Local History at The Grove and explore our growing collection of photographs, books, and articles about our beautiful region, or jump on our website and look at what local history resources are available to you. Perhaps you would like to record an oral history of an aging loved one by accessing our webcam memories programme?

# Short-Stay Accommodation

Short-stay accommodation and Bed & Breakfast accommodation often listed on platforms such as Airbnb and Stayz is controlled through the Shire's Local Planning Scheme and requires development approval.

Landowners are reminded that development approval will need to be in place and any pool barrier must be compliant to be covered by their insurance policies.

The Shire will require an applicant to demonstrate there is sufficient on-site parking and suitable management practices in place to ensure the local amenity is protected. Comment from immediately abutting neighbours and your body corporate for strata developments will also be sought. Development Services can assist further should you be contemplating these uses, or be concerned about premises offering short-stay accommodation.

# Community Recycling Stations

Until recently, the Shire had a Community Recycling Station in the foyer which received old household batteries, light globes, ink cartridges and toners.

The station was provided by the West Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) and it was emptied by them on a regular basis. The station has been removed by WMRC, mainly due to a change in the recycling of household batteries. The Federal Government has introduced a stewardship programme (B-cycle) which means the retailer that sells batteries has an obligation to take them back for recycling.

Even though the recycling station has gone from the Council foyer, there are other recycling options nearby. Woolworths in Cottesloe Central will take batteries and mobile phones, Cottesloe Post Office will take ink cartridges and toners.