

Message from the Shire President (cont.)

alley, a wide range of internal and external stalls, incredible rides, an archive section celebrating the history of the school, a dedicated area for young children, and for the adults - fabulous food and an open bar.



Graham & Anna representing Cottesloe Primary School (Centre)

In last year's July edition of PepTalk, I advised that the Shire had adopted a Public Tree Management Strategy. The Strategy aims to ensure that Peppermint Grove retains its treasured leafy green streetscapes through sound management of all trees on public land. However, many local governments in the metropolitan area are concerned over the loss of mature trees on privately owned land. Much of the decline in tree canopy cover is a result of infill development on small lots. Whilst this form of development is not prevalent in the Shire, we do often see the loss of mature trees when older houses are demolished, and new development occurs. Perth is predicted to become hotter and dryer in the coming decades and mature trees will be essential for

mitigating the effect of our warming climate. In the coming months, the Council will be looking at how it can work with property owners to encourage the retention of existing mature trees particularly when redevelopment occurs. We will be consulting with residents on our ideas.

The State Government has recently introduced a number of changes to local government elections and representation. A number of the changes, such as the abolition of wards for small local governments, are not applicable to the Shire. However, we will be affected by the introduction of optional preferential voting in the next local government election.

Elections will be held this year in October and I encourage all eligible residents to participate in the democratic process and vote.

As part of the Shire's Public Art opportunities, a mural is being considered on the east facing wall of the toilet block in Manners Hill Park. A workshop, hosted by the arts organisation, FORM, was recently held with interested community members and Council will consider the outcome of this before proceeding further.

May I take this opportunity to remind home owners of houses on the Shire's Heritage List, that they may be able to receive a grant for works associated with repairs or maintenance. There's more information inside this edition of PepTalk and on the Shire's website.

Best wishes,
Cr Rachel Thomas
Shire President

Native Plant Subsidy Scheme 2023

Back by popular demand, the WESROC Native Plant Subsidy Scheme will be running in May.

Each residence has access to 80 gorgeous native plants for only \$1.75 each from APACE WA Nursery – 1 Johannah Street, North Fremantle.

Plants are available while stocks last, and proof of residence will be required for the discount. Please check the APACE website for stock availability and variety: apacewa.org.au



Wardrobe Refresh for Kids

WMRC combined with the Shire held their first Wardrobe Refresh for Kids on Sunday 19th February from 10am - Noon.

The 2 hour clothes exchange was a success with 38% of the children's clothing brought into the Community Room being taken to be reused, the remaining balance was donated to ParaQuad. Thank you to our volunteers on the morning Susan, Christine, Kirsten and Moniqua.



Did you know...



The 2021/22 Annual Report is now complete and available on the Shire of Peppermint Grove website. <https://www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au>



Never bin a battery! It's simple. Batteries and devices can cause fires when placed in household recycling or general waste bins. This puts drivers' lives, trucks, recycling facilities and workers at risk.



As the Shire no longer has the recycling hub you can now go to Woolworths recycling unit in Cottesloe Central to deposit used batteries and old mobile phones and phone accessories. Cottesloe Post Office accepts printer cartridges and the West Metro Recycling Centre corner of Lemnos St and Brockway Rd in Shenton Park accepts light bulbs.



Electronic Rates Notices – You can elect to receive your rates by eNotice. To request this please email admin@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au with your assessment number, name and property address.



The 2023 Council Meeting dates they can be accessed on the Shire's website, on the digital board in the foyer and in the display cabinet located in the foyer outside the Shire office.



For the second year running your tip passes (2 bulk & 2 green) will be located at the bottom of your first rates notice for 2023-2024, you will receive this in July. Please do not throw them away, keep them in a handy location ready to use.

Westcoast Community Centre

WCC is situated at the Grove precinct, 1 Leake Street, Peppermint Grove.

Our objective is to create a congenial meeting place for members of the community to increase their knowledge and skills through a variety of activities including Mah Jong, Pony Canasta, Cooking Demonstrations, Guest Speakers, Walking Groups, Social Lunches, Dinners and visits to Places of Interest.

We welcome new members! To learn how to enrol, visit our website westcoastcommunity.com.au or call 9286 8676.

Vacancies - Traffic Wardens

The WA Police Force, Children's Crossing Unit are seeking to fill Traffic Warden positions in the area to ensure safe pedestrian access of children across carriageways at children's crossings.

- School days, Monday to Friday, 1 hour in the morning, 1 hour in the afternoon
- Hourly rate \$25.90 which includes 20% loading in lieu of payment for public holidays, annual leave and sick leave
- Motor Vehicle Allowance payable under certain conditions
- Full training and uniform provided

For further information and an application package please tel: (08) 6274 8731 or email: Childrenscrossingsunitsmail@police.wa.gov.au

Shire of Peppermint Grove

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The Combined Councils Australia Day event for 2023 was held at the Town of Cottesloe's Civic Centre.

I was delighted to present our Joint Citizen of the Year Award to Tony and Gwenyth Lennon. Tony and Gwenyth have been instrumental in helping to enrich the lives of Peppermint Grove residents, as well as neighbouring communities, through their extensive support of local arts and philanthropic organisations. Tony and Gwenyth, established the Lennon Family Charitable Fund in 2006 and, together, have sought to identify opportunities to assist many local, state and national organisations, charities, groups and individuals through their benevolent endeavours. As long-time patrons of Cappuccino Concerts, they have enabled the growth and success of this concert series at The Grove, providing an opportunity for local residents to access the best that classical music has to offer in the areas of instrumental and chamber concerts. In 2022, this included a number of benefit concerts to

support charitable organisations assisting those affected by the war in Ukraine. Tony and Gwenyth are also generous supporters of Sculpture by the Sea, The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, the Ear Science Institute of Australia and many other important charitable and community organisations.



Anthony & Gwenyth Lennon with Rachel Thomas and Dr Sandy Chong, Australian Ambassador 2023

The Shire's Community Event of the Year Award was given to Cottesloe Primary School P and C for their Anniversary Fair. In November 2022 Cottesloe Primary School celebrated its 125th Anniversary with an exciting community event which recognised the school's heritage and looked forward to the future. The Anniversary Fair included great entertainment, a sideshow

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Local Heritage Conservation Grants Scheme 2022-23

On behalf of the local community the Shire continues to find ways of supporting the protection of our local heritage.

Conservation grant funding remains available for this financial year from the Shire to support applicants to undertake repairs and maintenance work which will conserve the heritage value of their heritage listed properties. Applicants will need to demonstrate their projects will preserve the heritage fabric of the building and contribute to the streetscape of the Shire to be eligible for the grants scheme. Eligible properties must be privately owned and on the Local Planning Scheme 4 heritage list.

This scheme is to encourage and support owners in their quest to conserve and repair their heritage property.

Find out more on the Shire website Local Heritage Conservation Grants Scheme Guidelines » Shire of Peppermint Grove or contact Development Services to discuss eligibility.

Long Board Surfing Exhibition

The Grove Library held an exhibition from February 25th – March 10th to celebrate the history of Long Board surfing along the Cottesloe Coast in the 1960s. The presentation displayed old photographs and memorabilia.

The Cottesloe Long Board Club helped source material for the event and members marked the occasion with a fantastic night of story-telling by surfing enthusiasts of the day. For those of you who missed the exhibition Community History Librarian, Sally Purser has a folder of donated photos which are available to view in the Library's Local History room.



1967 Jacko, Ian Cains & Arty.
Photo by Rod Taylor.

Peppermint Grove residents support Good Sammy

The Shire of Peppermint Grove participated in a successful donation collection trial by iconic WA disability employment and training provider Good Sammy. The trial saw Good Sammy collect donations of clothing and other quality goods directly from households in our community. Good Sammy employees and volunteers delivered donation drive fliers and collection bags to homes across the Shire in November and returned to collect the generous donations the following week. Donations were taken to Good Sammy's recycling facility for sorting to identify items that could be sold in their numerous Op Shops and Online Store to help raise funds to support Western Australians with disability.

An average of 10.1kg of donations was collected from each participating household. Amongst the goods donated were high quality suits, office wear, winter clothing, handbags, jewellery and shoes.

These donations will help the environment as much as they will help Good Sammy. Through the eventual purchase and reuse of these donated items (rather than people buying equivalent items brand new) it will prevent 11,100kg of carbon dioxide being produced!

Good Sammy extends its thanks to Shire of Peppermint Grove households who generously donated to their recent donation drive.

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The Grove Library
1 Leake Street
(adjacent to the Council Office)
9286 8686
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

Easter Egg Colouring Competition 2023

Colour and decorate an Easter egg for a chance to win a yummy Chocolate Egg for Easter. The most creative festive Easter Eggs will be chosen as the winners.

Entries will be available online and in the library.

When: Launches Wednesday 1st March

Winners Announced: Monday 3rd April

Easter Story Time at the River – Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for songs, stories, sun and chocolate. It's Story Time at Perth's best river reserve!

When: Tuesday 4th April
Time: 10.30 am – 11.30 am

Location: Manners Hill Reserve and Pavilion

Ages: Preschool and lower



The Fall of Rome

Turning Points in History for Kids

Kids - Join us for the collapse of The Roman Empire, the greatest power to have ruled the Mediterranean. The Empire stretched from England to Syria, making it the largest empire of the ancient world. At its peak, almost 20 percent of all people were subjects of Rome.

Why did it fall? – Join us to find out why.

When: Tuesday 11th April

Time: 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Location: Community Room

Ages: 9 – 12 years



Decorate a Wooden Door Hanger with Jewels

Go personal - Create your very own unique hanger for your bedroom door with gems and ribbons!

When: Tuesday 18th April
Time: 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Ages: 4 years +



Egg Hatching Program 2023

“Chickens in the Library” over the whole of the April school holidays. With colouring pictures available, it's a fun time for the kids watching the chickens grow.

When: Tuesday 11th April to Friday 21st April



By Popular Demand Kandinsky Art Workshop for Kids

The challenge of creating their own mini masterpiece.

Make a start with our Kandinsky Projects for elementary school inspired by Kandinsky.

When: Thursday 13th April

Time: 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Ages: 4 years +



Carols by Candlelight 2022

Our beloved annual tradition of Carols by Candlelight was held on Sunday December 11th in Manners Hill Park. Once again our community supported The Salvation Army BALGA Early Learning Centre by donating to the hand held collection boxes circulating through the crowds, and buying copious amounts of raffle tickets to raise funds for this worthy cause.

The evening commenced with the bagpipes being played by Sophie Hall from PLC and Joshua Holborn from Scotch College. Rachel Thomas Shire President welcomed everyone to the event, Reverend Sam Song said a prayer and Jenny Simpson our MC commenced the evening. A chorus of carols were sung by The Mighty Camelot Choir and crowd accompanied by the Balga Community Band.

In the lead up to Carols our 3 new volunteers worked tirelessly, liaising and sourcing an incredible diverse array of raffle prizes from local businesses and the results far exceeded anyone's expectations. Our volunteer's dedication was greatly appreciated and paid off tenfold resulting in the most amount of money ever being raised at this event, the grand total was **\$5839.85!!** The BALGA Early Centre were over the moon and the funds were bestowed to the children and families most in need.

Thank you to all the local businesses who participated in giving quality prizes and to our Peppermint Grove community for their incredibly generous support.

Have you registered your furry friend?

All dogs and cats whether they live indoors or not must be registered with your local council. Registration runs from Nov 1st to 31st Oct, you can register for 1 year, 3 years or a Lifetime. As well as it being a legal requirement, having your animal registered with the Shire means we can use the information provided by you to return your best friend home if the need arises.

Bin tagging 2023

The Shire is working with the Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) and the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) for their bin tagging project. The aim is to help residents put the right things in the right bin. WMRC has received funding from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) via WALGA to undertake bin tagging of 2000 properties across Claremont, Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove. This is part of a three-year funded program and we expect the tagging to be undertaken in March for Peppermint Grove.

Bin tagging is a direct household by household education process to decrease contamination in kerbside bins. It consists of friendly Community Waste Education Officers assessing contamination levels in bins just prior to collection by lifting the lid and viewing the immediately visible contents. A tag with either a happy or sad face is then placed on the bin handle, there is space to indicate contamination types and all tags show which material should go into which bin. Bin taggers tag 100- 150 bins per hour and do not look further than what is immediately visible in the bin. Rest assured, they won't be collecting any



personal information about you or your household. If you'd like to know more, please contact the WMRC on 9384 6711 or visit www.wmrc.wa.gov.au/bin-tagging for answers to common questions.

Households are visited on at least three occasions over six weeks to gauge changes in bin contamination. If any consistently severe contamination issues are found, bins are taped shut and not collected on that occasion. Experience shows that contamination decreases on repeat visits and only a handful of properties are taped.

Thank you for your efforts to help us to recover and recycle valuable resources.