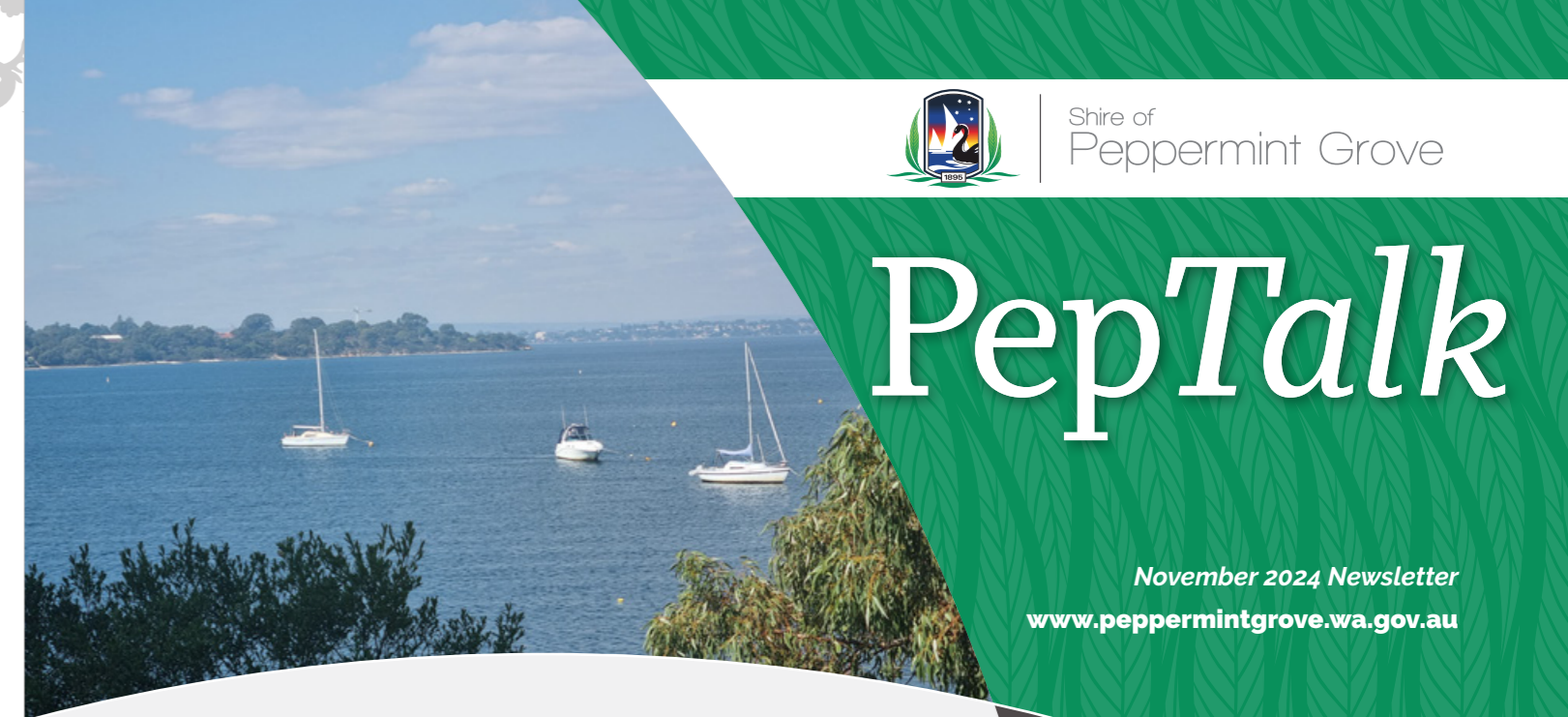




# PepTalk



## Message from the Shire President (cont.)

The festive season is fast approaching, so I remind residents that our annual Carols by Candlelight event will be held on Sunday 8 December.

On behalf of Councillors and Staff, I wish you all a happy festive season and a safe New Year.



Best wishes  
Karen Farley SC



Digital Parking Sign at The Grove

## Carols by Candlelight Sunday December 8th

We hope to see you gathered once again for carolling at Manners Hill Park commencing at 6.30pm.

Carols by Candlelight is an annual community event where residents of Peppermint Grove generously support The Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Enjoy an opportunity to catch up with friends, family and neighbours while singing carols, entering the raffle and enjoying picnics. We have another incredible range of prizes for you to win donated by local businesses.

## Tree planting program

The Shire's winter tree planting program is wrapping up with over 160 new peppermints planted in street verges and parks.

This season has seen a record number of trees planted in Peppermint Grove with many more locations earmarked for planting in 2025, especially in the Shire's parkland areas.

These young trees will receive weekly care from a water truck until they are fully established, but any additional assistance residents can give the young trees such as an occasional drink over the hot summer would certainly be appreciated by both the tree and the Shire.



## You're good to FOGO from March 2025

### What is FOGO?

FOGO stands for **F**ood **O**rganics and **G**arden **O**rganics. FOGO is a new version of our three-bin system and uses our existing red, yellow and green lid bins to get a better outcome for our planet. Your current Go Green bin will transition and become your FOGO Bin with the aid of a FOGO sticker.

### Who does this apply to?

FOGO services will be standard for residential single unit dwellings with separate kerbside services. All eligible properties will have at least one FOGO (green lid), General Waste (red lid) and Recycling bin (yellow lid).

### Why is FOGO a good thing?

Research shows our General Waste bins contain approx. 55% organic material, including food waste, contaminated cardboard, paper towels, shredded paper, tissues, organic kitty litter and more. This material is currently landfilled.

Processing the organic material from our FOGO bins will allow us to divert waste from landfill, cut greenhouse gas emissions and convert this valuable organic matter into high-quality soil enriching compost.

### What happens next?

In March 2025 a kitchen caddy will be delivered as close to your doorstep as possible. The kitchen caddy will contain a roll of compostable bags to line your caddy, along with FOGO information to help get you started. You will either place your new caddy on your kitchen benchtop or under your sink for easy access..

These changes are part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability and waste reduction in line with the State Governments Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030.

More detailed information will be provided closer to the FOGO roll out.



## Draft of Local Planning Policy 7 – Tree Retention

Following initial community consultation, Council has decided to undertake a further round of consultation with residents on the proposed Local Planning Policy 7 – Tree Retention.

The policy seeks to preserve the garden suburb attributes of Peppermint Grove and arrest the decline of Perth's urban tree canopy.

The damaging or removal of regulated trees is discouraged and would require Shire approval. Regulated trees are those that satisfy at least two criteria pertaining to height, canopy diameter, and trunk circumference.

Maintenance pruning or the removal of trees listed as a Weed of National Significance, or declared to be a harmful plant or pest under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 is permissible without Shire approval. Residents should have already received a flyer inviting you review the draft policy and consider making a submission.

Submissions can be made via email to the Shire at admin@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au, drop a submission into the Shire office or go onto the Shire's webpage to the "Have Your Say" page. The policy can be viewed on the Shire's website and further information obtained from Development Services staff.

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This publication and all other Shire publications are available in alternative formats on request.

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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## Message from the Shire President

In this edition of PepTalk we provide more information on some of the projects the Shire is working on.

- The Memorial wall overlooking Freshwater Bay (near the Scotch boatshed) is now completed and memorial plaques can now be requested. Application forms can be found on the Shire's website, [www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](http://www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au)
- The Food Organic/Garden Organics project (FOGO) is scheduled for introduction in March 2025. The article in this edition provides more information on the implementation of FOGO.
- The digital parking sign at the entrance to the Grove is now operational and will advise of the number of parking bays available in the under-croft parking area.

Residents of the Shire have made it clear to Councillors that the protection of the tree canopy in the Shire is extremely important to them, and a critical feature of the Shire.

Council adopted a Street Tree Strategy for the Shire managed verge and park trees. A substantial annual budget is provided for the management of these trees, with 163 trees being planted during this winter.

These were either new trees where space permitted or replacing a number of the existing trees that had been assessed as dead/dying, mainly due to age.

We have been extremely fortunate so far that the polyphagous shot hole borer has shown no interest in attacking our peppermint trees.

Council is looking at a new Local Planning Policy 7 (LPP7) that will, under certain circumstances, protect very large trees (deemed two or more of the following - 8 metres or higher, or average canopy of at least 6 metres or a trunk circumference of at least 1.5m, measured 1.4m above ground) on private property from being removed without Council approval.

The intent of this policy is to ensure the removal of these significant trees does not take place without reasonable cause. Community consultation on LPP7 is still being undertaken and Council is yet to make a final decision on the adoption of this policy. More information can be found on the Shire's webpage.

Whilst on the subject of trees, the Shire has installed a bird watering trough (Cockitrough) in amongst the trees at the corner of The Esplanade and Keane Street. This provides a watering station, out of the reach of dogs and cats, with fresh water for the birds during the dry summer months.

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## Dementia Talk Tuesday 28th January 2025

In the New Year we will be running a workshop on Dementia.

Sadly, it is a very topical subject, affecting more and more people each year. The aim is to offer clear action plans, practical strategies, and education for carers and support teams, and provide assistance to manage complex care needs and changing behaviours, without medication.

It is necessary to book for this presentation so please keep a look out for more information from December in posters, fliers, on our electronic promotional boards in The Grove Library and the foyer as well as the Shire website.

If anyone wishes to be well informed by email of any Community based workshops or has specific questions / topics relating to Dementia they would like answered on 28th January please email them through to Penny at: [admin@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au).

## Navigating Aged Care Presentation

On Monday 28th October we held another well attended workshop on Navigating Aged Care in The Grove Community Centre which was delivered by Kathryn from Home Instead.

Community Services felt it necessary to have another talk on this subject due to the recent legislation changes and the New Aged Care Bill 2024 introduced to Parliament on 12th September. It was important to have clear guidelines for our Seniors to follow, the best course of action for them to take and an explanation as to why it is so important to register and get into the Aged Care system early and not to leave it too late.

A clear explanation was given of what information is required to have at hand before picking up the phone to avoid unnecessary delays, what to be mindful of, all the top tips to assist with the process of what to do and how best to do it.

Such as;

- Where to start
- Making the right choices
- What to look out for
- Being prepared for your telephone screening call to register
- Things to consider
- Time frames / Waiting times
- Being proactive
- Making a checklist
- Home Care Package Levels 1-4
- Care Services available

We allowed plenty of time for a Q&A session afterwards.

## Cockitrough Bird waterer: providing clean fresh water for our birdlife

A 'Cockitrough' bird waterer has been installed in Manners Hill Park on the corner of The Esplanade and Keane Street to create a permanent, safe, clean, low maintenance water source for the many bird species that visit Peppermint Grove's bushland and tree-lined streetscapes.

The structure has four water troughs with chunky jarrah perches that can accommodate 12 or more birds at any one time. The wooden perches are an important feature of the design as they provide a natural surface for black cockatoos to gnaw and sharpen their beaks as well as a secure point to grasp to maintain their claws.

The troughs are refilled via a pipe through the pole controlled by an irrigation valve to provide fresh water twice a day from the mains water supply. Locally designed and manufactured by the Town of Victoria Park, these bird waterers are made on a not-for-profit basis and aim to preserve and protect vulnerable bird species in an ever-drying climate.



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### The Grove Library

1 Leake Street  
(adjacent to the Council Office)  
9286 8686  
[www.thegrovelibrary.net](http://www.thegrovelibrary.net)

### The Grove Library Hours

Monday – Thursday 9am – 6pm  
Friday 9am – 5pm  
Saturday 10am – 4pm  
Sunday 12noon – 4pm

### Library opening hours over the Christmas holiday period:

Everyone at The Grove Library would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Safe New Year.

Please note the library will be closed from **COB Tuesday 24th December** and reopen on **Thursday 2nd January 2025**.

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

### Santa and Christmas at The Grove

Gather around, curl up and get ready for Christmas with an extraordinary story time with Santa. There will be stories and songs as well as a chance to grab a photo with Santa Claus.

This is a traditional family friendly event, so we encourage all the young and the young-at-heart to head down to The Grove Library.

**Where:** The Grove Library

**When:** Wednesday 11th December

**Time:** 6:30 – 7:30pm



### 'Have a Go with Peppermint Grove' programs

2024 has been a very busy time with Peppermint Grove Council continuing its sponsorship of a series of programs and events in partnership with The Grove Library.

Over the last financial year these events include:

- Author & Illustrator Gabrielle Evans writing workshop
- Einstein's Australia – Science with a Harry Potter workshop.



With a whole series of new events planned for 2025, it's going to be an exciting year. The council encourages residents to register with the library to keep up to date with kids and family events throughout the year. Email Stewart the Youth Services Coordinator at [sfarley@thegrovelibrary.com](mailto:sfarley@thegrovelibrary.com) to be added to the list.

### Parents and carers join us for Rhyme Time at the Grove.

Rhyme Time is a fun, early literacy programme especially developed for children from birth to 2 years of age.

There's always lots of singing, rhymes and reading. Stay afterwards and enjoy a coffee and chat with other grown-ups, with toys for the babies. This is a drop-in event...No bookings necessary.



Baby Rhyme Time & Story Time details as follows:

**Where:** The Grove Library

**When:** Monday and Thursday

**11 months of the year:**  
February through to December

**Time:** 9:30am and 10:30am

**Running time:** 25 minutes

### Wrap up: Young Writers Creative Writing Competition 2024

One of the library's most popular competitions is our writing competition where local students wrote about anything that inspired them.

The competition was open to all young writers in Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park, and students who use The Grove. It was very pleasing to see entries from such a wide number of local schools.

All entries will be on display in the library from Thursday 2nd January to Tuesday 14th January 2025.



## Forrest Street

Named for Premier Sir John Forrest, although Lord Forrest never lived in Cottesloe or Peppermint Grove. He and Lady Forrest lived in The Bungalow in Hay Street, Perth.

He was however, one of the earliest investors in a substantial parcel of land from his brother Alexander's syndicate, including five acres on the south corner of Forrest Street and The Esplanade. He did not build on that land but sold it to Edmund Shelley Barker in 1893.

By 1901 the available funds of the Peppermint Grove and Cottesloe Roads Boards were depleted. A group of Cottesloe and Peppermint Grove residents put a request to the Premier, John Forrest, that Forrest Street be metalled from the ocean to the river at the government's cost.

There was some embarrassment when it was realised two members of the delegation had a vested interest in the outcome, as they lived at opposite ends of



1900 A young boy repairing Forrest Street by hand

Forrest Street; they were Frederic North and Edmund Shelley Barker. North was the first Chairman of the Cottesloe Roads Board and was related to Sir John by marriage.

His home Catlidge later became the Sea View Golf Club House (now demolished). Barker was an inaugural member of the Peppermint Grove Roads Board. His home Chanony was at 147 Forrest Street.

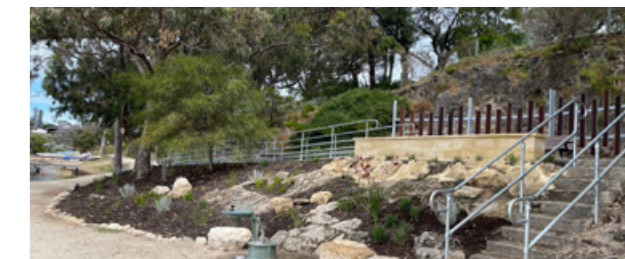
## Memorial Wall completed

A memorial wall has been constructed in a beautiful bushland setting that overlooks the river at Freshwater Bay Foreshore.

This provides residents of Peppermint Grove with an opportunity to place a memorial plaque recognising loved ones in a picturesque quiet place of reflection.

The design features recycled jarrah to compliment the backdrop of the limestone cliffs and includes a ramp and handrails to meet accessibility standards.

To find out more, please refer to the Shire's website [www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](http://www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au) for details and an application form.



## Readvertising of Scheme Amendment No.2

The Minister for Planning has directed the Shire to readvertise Planning Scheme Amendment No.2 (AMD2) for the purposes of rezoning Lot 24 and Lot 26 (No.12) Johnston Street, Peppermint Grove from Residential R15 to Residential R80.

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) recommend that a higher R80 density coding than the R40 previously supported by the Shire has greater planning merit as it will better facilitate the State's prescribed infill density targets.

The new Local Planning Strategy will continue to acknowledge and champion the garden character of Peppermint Grove as a garden shire whilst demonstrating a pathway to exceed the State Government's ambitious minimum infill density targets to be approved by the WAPC.

AMD2 can be viewed online at [www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au/consultations/](http://www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au/consultations/) or at the Shire's Administration Offices at 1 Leake Street, Peppermint Grove.

Submissions may be lodged through the 'have your say' web portal, or in writing to the Shire of Peppermint Grove on or before 17 November 2024. **For more information, please contact the Shire.**

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