## **Recognising the Shire as a 'Garden Suburb'**

The original layout of the Shire of Peppermint Grove was based on the design principles of a 'Garden Suburb'. This was a planning layout designed around large lots, allowing stately homes with expansive gardens. The Shire is renowned for having large wellmaintained gardens, along with the extensive peppermint trees on the road verges which projects a very stately and serene garden image that is well regarded by many and results in an iconic look. The leafy green presentation of the Shire is why many people want to live in Peppermint Grove.

It is also important to recognise the Shire was established as a 'Garden Suburb', particularly when the State Government is pursuing infill targets in the Western Suburbs. When large residential lots are rezoned into higher density lots capable of having a number of units built on them, this can lead to the gardens and large trees being removed.

Council wants to start raising awareness to the fact that the Shire was established as a 'Garden Suburb' and is looking at branding Peppermint Grove as 'The Garden Shire'. This is to raise awareness of how important it is to keep, where possible, the expansive gardens and trees

In addition to implementing a new tag line, the Shire is looking at having its own Peppermint Grove Plates, new street signage and will consider entry statements in the 2025/26 budget. Watch this space for more information on the special Shire of Peppermint Grove plates, which will be open for residents to purchase.



## **Owl Friendly Shire**

Poppy Mahon is a young Shire resident who is extremely passionate about owls, and continues to campaign and educate people about the dangers of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) which cause devastating secondary poisoning to non-target animals including owls, eagles, possums, quendas and pets. Poppy is eager to see an end to the avoidable deaths of many animals.

SGARs represent the bulk of products available for use without restriction and can be found at supermarkets and hardware stores, due to their long half-life (unlike First Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides, (FGARs), SGARs remain in the rodent and are not excreted before death. So, the animal that eats the rodent will also be poisoned and die an agonising death, as they are basically eating a bait block. SGARs work by interfering with the blood clotting mechanism, leading to internal bleeding and eventual death in their victims.

The evidence against these poisons is extensive, many countries around the world have placed restrictions on their use, with the public unable to purchase them directly and yet Australia continues to allow the use of these rodenticides. Through education by increasing the awareness of the public and business at large, we can reduce the amount of SGARs usage, causing retailers to provide a wider range of alternatives. There are so many other options such as; live traps, digital alert traps, and simple rodent prevention methods.

The Shire of Peppermint Grove does not use baits of any kind.

## **Keanes Point Playground**

The replacement playground installation is scheduled to commence on Monday 12th May and will take 3 – 4 weeks to complete the installation.

Unfortunately this area will not be accessible to users during the installation process.

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## 2025 Native Plant Subsidy starts May 1st

The annual Native Plant Subsidy Scheme returns for the month of May.

Residents will be able to purchase subsidised native seedlings in forestry tubes grown by

This is a fantastic opportunity to choose water wise native plants that are adapted to thrive in Perth's environment. Local plant species don't just look beautiful, they provide habitat for native animals and pollinators. They also shade and cool your house and garden.

Residents of Peppermint Grove can purchase up to 80 native plants for \$3.00 each from Apace Nursery, located at 1 Johannah Street, North Fremantle. Apace retail hours are: Wed - Sat, 8:30am - 2pm (the subsidy scheme starts Thursday 1st May).

This offer is valid once per household. While stocks last. To redeem this offer at Apace, please take proof of your residential address and photo ID.





## **Changes to Verge Valet - Collections Monday & Wednesday**

Verge Valet collections in Peppermint Grove are now on Mondays and Wednesdays (except Public Holidays). You book your own collection through their website www.vergevalet.com.au

All dates available to book are presented on the Booking Request Form, where up to 8 weeks of dates are available to choose.

Each property is allocated 3 bulk waste collections and 3 green waste collections per financial year (1st July - 30th June).

Please note you can only place out up to 3m<sup>3</sup>.

You may change any of the bulk waste collections into green waste collections if you prefer just let them know on the Booking Request form. If you have used your allocation for the financial year, you can pay for collections through Verge Valet Extra.

Check on their website for accepted items and items not accepted.

The waste can only be on the verge 1 – 3 days maximum prior to the collection date, ensure your waste is placed out by 7am on collection day.

Rangers may issue fines for non-compliance / littering if the correct process is not followed.



### **FOGO**

In May the Shire is introducing FOGO (Food Organics **Garden Organics**) to Peppermint Grove.

Your GO green bin will transition into a FOGO bin identified by a circular FOGO sticker stuck to the lid. You will also receive a kitchen caddy zipped tied to the inside of your FOGO bin, inside the caddy will be a roll of compostable bags and FOGO instructions.

You can now redirect all your food scraps from your red bin to your FOGO bin. Position the kitchen caddy in a convenient location on your benchtop, line your caddy with a compostable bag and place all food waste into the caddy. Your FOGO bin, Red bin and if you have an additional GO Green bin will be emptied weekly, the only bin which will be emptied fortnightly is your Yellow re-cycling bin.

## **Adoption of Local Planning Policy 7 - Tree Retention**

Council adopted Local Planning Policy 7 – Tree Retention Please contact Development Services staff should (LPP7) at its December Ordinary Council Meeting with minor amendments to the readvertised version. LPP7 is now in effect.

The minor amendments clarified that as-of-right maintenance pruning includes lopping any branches that overhang a private property line and that branches overhanging a public road or right-of way can also be lopped by the Shire or subject to the prior written consent of the Shire.

you wish to remove a significant tree to confirm whether development approval is required, and the policy criteria for lodging an application and obtaining approval. Please note that the Shire does not engage arborists to assess the health of private trees or structural engineers to assess risk to infrastructure or buildings.

Local Planning Policies can be viewed on the Shire's website: www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au/development/ planning/local-development-policies.aspx

#### **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

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In this edition of PepTalk I am excited to provide an update on a number of initiatives the Shire is undertaking and links to important reports the Shire has commissioned.

- The Keanes Point Playground is due for replacement in May. The final design was agreed on by Council following input from a small local reference group of parents who use the playground. We can't wait to see it!
- · Improvements to the verge parking on Bay View Terrace and Keane Street opposite the Peppermint Grove Tennis Club and Manners Hill Park are also scheduled in winter. The works will see parking formalised which will see less mud and dust created from parking on the verge area.
- FOGO is now being rolled out. Each householder will receive their bin caddy and liners along with instructions on how to best maximise this service. You can still put your garden cuttings and lawn clippings into the green lid bin, however FOGO now means that your kitchen food scraps can be added to that bin.
- Garden Shire recognition. Residents have made it clear to Council in a number of surveys that the Shire's tree canopy and expansive private gardens are an important feature of the Shire. Council has adopted the tag line of "Peppermint Grove – The Garden Shire," to reinforce the importance of maintaining tree canopy and the private gardens in the Shire. The layout of the road network and large blocks that were created when the larger land holdings were subdivided are based on the design movement of "Garden

Suburbs," which encompass large lots with extensive gardens. To us, Peppermint Grove is synonymous with large, expansive gardens, and this should be preserved and celebrated.

- · Aligning with "The Garden Shire" tag line, Council will consider introducing special Peppermint Grove car number plates, updated street signs and the installation of entry statements.
- Two reports that may be of interest are our annual update of street trees and a traffic report on vehicle speeds and vehicle volumes on our roads. Both are available on the Shire's website. Our trees are doing well, but we need to be constantly vigilant about safety on our roads.
- Once again the Carols by Candlelight concert was a great success, with over \$3361 raised for The Salvation Army's Early Learning Centre.
- The Shire's 2023/24 Annual report has been given a clean bill of health from the Auditor General, with no areas of non-compliance or areas of concern.

Please feel free to contact the Shire if you would like further information on any of our current initiatives.

**Best Wishes** 

Cr Karen Farley SC Shire President



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## **Seniors Week November 2024**

The Shire of Peppermint Grove, Towns of Cottesloe & Mosman Park collaborated once again to offer a fun filled week of free activities for Seniors Week which was jam packed with activities.

They ranged from Seniors Morning Tea with two forms of entertainment, a film screening of 'The Sapphires' at the Heritage Theatre Cottesloe, one day of Hearing Tests by Connect Hearing, Prime Movers Exercise Classes, a Sundowner Special at The Heritage Club Lounge Cottesloe, Zumba Classes,



Bones n Balance Classes, an Active Aging Workshop, Improve Your Health Workshop as well as a full day of Foot Assessments by The Foot Clinic.

To ensure there's no disappointment for Seniors Week 2025 make sure you book the activities which interest you the most in plenty of time.

Make a note in your diary to call the appropriate numbers as soon as you see the promotional material at The Grove Library and on the council websites around October.



## **Shire Verge and Park Trees Data**

The Shire has over 1700 verge and park trees under its management. The Shire is well known for its leafy ambience and having one of the highest percentages of canopy cover in the metropolitan area, with the iconic weeping peppermint making up nearly 96% of the trees, mainly situated along the street verges.

The Shire has a comprehensive data base of all of the trees, with each tree numbered and registered with a GPS.

The trees have a regular health assessment by a qualified arborist and their health is assessed as good/fair/poor/ very poor and is also assessed

by an age class, young/semi mature/mature/post mature.

Each year a tree planting program is undertaken. In the winter of 2024, 160 trees were planted, either replacing dead/ dying trees or new plantings.

The arborist's report also identifies the life expectancy of the trees, recommends the removal/replacement of trees and a works list.

An experienced and qualified tree pruning company is engaged to undertake necessary works.

This report is available on the Shire's website.

## **Memorial Wall Official Opening**

The Memorial Wall official opening at the foreshore was held Thursday 14th November 2024.

Shire President Karen Farley marked the ceremonial event by cutting the ribbon along with Sacha Chiaramonte a shire resident who initiated the idea

of creating a memorial space within the Shire in memory of his daughter Olympia.

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

## **Bay View and Keane Street Parking**

Work is anticipated to start in the winter months to improve the parking for Manners Hill Park and the Tennis Club users along Bay View Terrace and in Keane Street from Bay View Terrace towards The Esplanade. The current parking arrangements will be formalised with kerbing and sealed bays. Some of the old/dying peppermint trees will be replaced.

## **Road Network Traffic Review**

Over a number of years the Shire has undertaken traffic counts on the Shire roads to assess vehicle volumes, crash data, movements and speeds. The most recent survey is being provided to residents, with the survey covering all streets in the Shire.

The survey is available on the Shire's website. Concerns are sometimes raised about speeding vehicles, however it is interesting to note that the survey actually shows that the speed of vehicles across most streets has reduced over a 10 year period.

## **Foreshore Management Plan**

The Shire is in the process of developing a management plan for the Foreshore Cliffs, from the bottom of Leake Street to the top of The Esplanade at Bindaring. The plan will outline the key areas that the Shire needs to manage in this area, including bushfire management, cliff safety, vegetation and fauna management and ensure safe access for the community. A survey seeking community feedback is available on the Shire's web page or through our Facebook page.

Please note the survey closes 21st April.



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adjacent to the Council Office) www.thegrovelibrary.net

#### **The Grove Library Hours**

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

#### Join Our Email List

Get advance notice of new books by sending a request to; library@thegrovelibrary.com



#### **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 required.

**Baby Rhyme Time & Story Time** details as follows:

Where: The Grove Library

11 months of the year: February through to December When: Monday and Thursday Time: 9:30am and 10:30am Running time: 25 minutes

#### **Easter Egg Colouring Competition 2025**

#### Launched Saturday 8th March. Winners announced Monday 14th April.

Colour and decorate an Easter Egg for a chance to win a delicious Chocolate Rabbit for Easter. Winners will be chosen based on the most creative and festive Easter Eggs.

Entries will be available online and in The Grove Library.



#### **Egg Hatching Program 2025**

#### From: Monday 14th April - Thursday 24th April 2025.

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

School holidays are never boring at The Grove library.

If you have a current Grove Library Card, you can join us for lots of fun



and entertainment during

If you need more information,

the school holidays.

All events require bookings, so when you receive your email, please be quick to book a spot to avoid disappointment. Emails are sent out 2 weeks prior to the school holidays.



#### **Trident Kids Club 2025**

#### Hey kids it's time! Pick up a Trident **Club Card from The Grove Library.**

Each time you come into the library you collect one sticker on your club card. When your card is full bring it to the counter to collect a spot prize.

A club that rewards years 1 to 6 and students for reading.



#### **Story Time at the River** Easter Egg Hunt

Where: Manners Hill Park Pavilion When: Tuesday 8th April 2025 **Time:** 10.30am - 11.30am **Ages:** Preschool anda lower

Join us for songs, stories, sun and chocolate; it's Easter Story Time at Perth's best river park!



Facebook and

Instagram pages, so you can now follow us for regular updates.

## Carols by Candlelight 2024

On Sunday 8th December in Manners Hill Park our Peppermint Grove community gathered once again in support of The Salvation **Army Christmas Appeal. Residents** dug deep and bought raffle tickets for their chance to win some incredible prizes.

As is the tradition the evening commenced with the bagpipes, this year played by siblings Zeke Richie from Scotch College and Jasmine from PLC. Shire President Karen Farley welcomed everyone to the event, Reverend Sam Song recited a prayer and Jenny Simpson our MC commenced the evening.

Throughout the night a chorus of familiar Christmas carols were sung by The Mighty Camelot Choir accompanied by the Balga Community Band.

The Shire is extremely grateful to our dedicated volunteers Janice Rooney and Julia Hayes whose assistance has been invaluable over the last 3 years in sourcing and organising an array of raffle prizes from local businesses. Unfortunately, both Janice and Julia have both stepped down from their volunteer positions to dedicate their time to other things, therefore, if anyone is interested in volunteering and helping with our annual Carols by Candlelight please contact Penny directly on 9286 8620.

For 2024 the grand total raised was \$3361 for The Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal.

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



Rooney, Karen Farley



## **Save the Date - Peppermint Grove Community Day**

Planning for the Shire's inaugural "Peppermint Grove Community Day" is underway. This is scheduled for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October as a breakfast at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. The morning will be all about Peppermint Grove, including the presentation of Citizen and Community Group/event of the year awards, naturalisation ceremony, a meet and greet of the Shire Councillors and executive staff including meeting the new Shire Councillors following the local government elections the week before and thanking councillors retiring for their services. More information will be sent out closer to the event on how to register for this free event.

### **Keane Street**

Keane Street was named after Edward Vivian Harvey Keane (1844 – 1904). Born in England, Keane was apprenticed to railway contractors William Dargan, Peto & Betts and became a civil engineer. He emigrated to Victoria in 1876 and then to South Australia where he married Lilla Rebecca Wharton White in 1877.

Four of the most famous Peppermint Grove families were subsidised by the unique hardwood forests of the South-West. Arriving in Perth in 1882, Keane established a building company and made many strong friendships with Perth's most influential men, including John and Alexander Forrest.

The year he arrived in Perth, he successfully tendered to build sections of the Guildford to York railway and in 1895, the extension of the line from Bunbury to Boyanup, and from Geraldton to Walkaway. Keane's company built the Fremantle Town Hall and the Perth Cathedral.

In 1893 he bought 16 acres of land from the original syndicate that subdivided John Butler's 250 acres, costing around £127 per acre. His purchase included Butlers Hump, which was promptly renamed Keanes Point. Atop a hill with a panoramic outlook Keane built his single storey Cappoquin House, named after his homeland in Ireland, a grand home whose beautiful gardens became a well-known showpiece. Whilst the house was called Cappoquin by the family, the property was always known as Keanes Point.



Edward Keane and grand

Keane's fortunes turned and he resigned as mayor in 1892 for health reasons. After a decade of controversy and severe financial and physical hardship, Keane died in 1904 aged just 60. Cappoquin House was used as a rehabilitation home for returned servicemen after WW1 and later in 1936 became the Clubhouse of Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

Keane Street is said to be the first road formally laid in Peppermint Grove because of Edward Keane's decision to build a direct link from the Perth-Fremantle Road (Stirling Highway) to his home at Keanes Point. This made access to the Cottesloe train station easier than ferrying goods across Freshwater Bay to access Claremont train station.



