

Community Day - Sunday 26th October

The inaugural Peppermint Grove Community Day breakfast was a success with 95 residents attending for a sit-down breakfast in the Roland Smith room at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

Welcome to Country was delivered by Danny Ford and Rose Walley, Rose is a Wadjuk Noongar woman with connections to other clans throughout the southwest of WA.

Shire President Karen Farley SC presented the Peppermint Grove Citizen Awards 2025. **Young Citizen of the Year Award** was presented to Poppy Mahon. Poppy has shown remarkable dedication and leadership in her efforts to protect owls and wildlife and raise awareness about the dangers of Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs).

Her proactive advocacy has reached local communities, retailers, councils, and schools—educating the public on the risks these poisons pose to owls and other native species.

Poppy is an inspiring role model, not only to her peers but to the broader community. Her initiatives—such as implementing QR codes at Bunnings and conducting leaflet drops around Claremont to highlight the impact of SGARs on quendas— demonstrate her commitment to creating lasting, positive change.

Beyond her advocacy, Poppy spends her spare time in the forest alongside Dr Boyd Wykes, Conservationist for Owl Friendly Margaret River, tracking masked owls and dissecting pellets to study their diet. Her work contributes meaningfully to biodiversity and enhances community life by helping preserve our native species for future generations.



Shire President Karen Farley SC with Poppy Mahon

The Peppermint Grove Community Event Award was presented to RFBYC for 100% Day—“All Boats on the Water”. 100% Day is a flagship initiative of the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, created to bring together the entire boating community— sailors, powerboaters, rowers, juniors, seniors, families, and volunteers— for a vibrant day of full club participation and community connection.

This unique event has transformed how members engage across generations and disciplines, fostering pride in maritime heritage and promoting inclusivity within both the Club and the wider Peppermint Grove

community. Set against the stunning backdrop of the Swan River foreshore, 100% Day is far more than a regatta or celebration—it’s a dynamic showcase of collective spirit, featuring:

- Competitive sailing and powerboating races and rallies
- Family-friendly entertainment onshore
- Recognition of community service contributions
- Environmental stewardship initiatives

The day culminates in a festive evening of shared meals, live music, fireworks, and awards, bringing together members, residents, and invited guests in a joyful celebration of unity, tradition, and community pride.



Shire President Karen Farley SC with RFBYC Commodores

The President’s Acknowledgement Award was presented to Stewart Farley. Stewart consistently goes above and beyond in his role as the children’s librarian, inspiring, delighting, and enriching the lives of our community’s youngest members. His unwavering dedication and heartfelt passion for engaging with children of all ages and abilities is truly remarkable.

Stewart’s infectious love of books, reading, and storytelling has sparked a lifelong joy in countless young minds. Stewart is thoughtful, attentive, and genuinely caring. He always makes time to help a budding reader, whether by finding the perfect book or ordering one specially. Every school holiday, he thoughtfully curates engaging, hands-on activities that captivate children and spark their creativity. His weekly Baby Rhyme Time and Story Time sessions are consistently filled, a testament to their popularity and his ability to connect with families. Stewart continues to ensure the library remains a vibrant, welcoming space for teenagers. His enthusiasm and passion for sharing stories and fostering a love of reading are unmatched.



Shire President Karen Farley SC with Stewart Farley

The History of 1 Leake Street

Local History in the library has a collection of photos from the 1960s to today that has followed the story of the development of 1 Leake Street over time.

The old library (image 2) housed the first Public Computer in the area! The modern library now offers unique and well utilised public spaces for people and families to gather in and enjoy their community, work, study and attend events.

Image 1: Offices of the Peppermint Grove Road Board

Construction of the Shire office and Library began in January 1967. Prior to this the Shire offices were in the rear section of the Cottesloe Picture Theatre on the other side of Leake Street. This building was then demolished in 2009 to make way for the new Grove Library and Shire offices.



Image 2: Original Library 1 Leake Street Peppermint Grove, 1967.

Image 3: 40 years later the Library and Shire Offices were demolished. Leake street site being cleared for new library and shire offices in 2009.

Image 4: Cappuccino Concert Series at the new Grove Library opened in 2010. Tommy Seah, renowned concert pianist played to a grateful cappuccino concert crowd.



Facebook and Instagram

The Shire has Facebook and Instagram pages, so you can now follow us for regular updates.

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Message from the Shire President

The Minister for Planning, John Carey, has made the announcement that planning for residential development within an 800m radius of a train station will be taken out of Council hands and controlled by the WA Planning Commission (WAPC).

This loss of planning control by Council could see significant infill, higher density and height issues in a large part of the Shire. Council was working on a Local Planning Strategy (LPS) that would have seen the Shire increase density along Stirling Highway, transitioning height back from the highway. The Shire would have thereby exceeded the number of dwellings the Shire is required to meet as set by the WAPC, however this objective has been thwarted by the Minister’s decision.

Council will be working with other impacted local governments and with the WA Planning Commission (WAPC) to pursue a more balanced and reasonable outcome that doesn’t impact the community so severely.

Thinking about becoming a Councillor? At the close of nominations for the Shire elections in September, sitting Councillors Hohnen and Dawkins, along with myself were elected unopposed. I was privileged to be re-elected by the Councillors as your Shire President for the next two years. One spot remains unfilled, and an extra ordinary election will be held on Thursday 26 March. I encourage anyone interested in running for Council to consider nomination.

More information on how to nominate will be made available in the new year. If you are still not sure, I encourage you to discuss what is involved in being a Shire Councillor with an existing Councillor.

Doug Jackson decided not to renominate, and I thank Doug for his service as a Councillor in the Shire over the last 4 years.

On Sunday 26 October, we held our inaugural Shire of Peppermint Grove Community Day. This comprised of a naturalisation ceremony, Peppermint Grove Citizens of the Year Awards, Shire President’s Acknowledgement Award and presentations on the library youth services and proposed planning matters. More information on the award winners is contained in this edition, and I congratulate them on their achievements.

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

Best Wishes
Cr Karen Farley SC
Shire President.



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Minister's Announcement - Cottesloe Station Precinct

On 16 November 2025, the Minister for Planning announced that the State Government would be cutting red tape and fast-tracking housing around 10 train station precincts, including Cottesloe and Mosman Park.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/media-statements/Cook%20Labor%20Government/Fast-track-for-housing-around-train-station-precincts-20251116> (External Link)

The Minister announced that an improvement plan and schemes would be established up to 800m around Cottesloe Station to facilitate housing development and enhance consistency in planning and decision-making. The 800m radius around Cottesloe train station encompasses the majority of the Shire.

The improvement plans and schemes will establish the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC), on behalf of the State, as the responsible decision-maker that will also set the height and zoning density settings within the precinct.

The Shire encourages interested parties to register their interest in updates via the Department of Planning, Heritage and Lands (DPLH) website (external link above). All queries should be redirected towards the Precincts and Projects Team at the DPLH.

Background and Context:

Since 2019, the Shire in partnership with the Town of Cottesloe, has been working on plans to revitalize the Cottesloe district centre, culminating in the Draft Cottesloe Village Precinct Structure Plan (CVPSP). Since April 2025, the draft CVPSP has been with the Minister for his consent to advertise and engage with Shire residents.

Specifically, the Draft CVPSP creates a modern urban planning framework to meet the projected population and economic growth of both Councils, whilst respecting the ‘*garden suburb*’ character of the Shire, that makes it a highly sort after place to live and visit.

Council Elections – Extraordinary Election

At the close of nominations on 11 September, Council received only three nominations for four vacancies. Sitting Councillors Farley, Hohnen and Dawkins were elected unopposed.

As there is still one vacancy on Council, an extra ordinary election will be held on Thursday 26 March. More information on the opening of nominations will be made available in the new year.

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Entry Statements

The Shire will be placing 5 entry statements around the parameter of Peppermint Grove in prominent positions. Entry statements or ‘gateway’ signage are a creative way to mark and define the entry to a suburb. They are designed to stand out from neighbours and communicate who and where you are. Installation of the entry statements is scheduled for early 2026.



Two New Library Pods For Hire

The Grove Library has two new Pods; Myrtle and Wattle. The pods are suitable for phone calls, zoom meetings and presentations.

Myrtle is the 4 person meeting Pod with sound reducing laminated glass, acoustic panels and a whiteboard and is suited for group study.

Wattle is the 2 person meeting Pod also with sound reducing laminated glass and acoustic panels. Pending installation it will also boast a display screen with HDMI connection. The Pods are available to hire to general public for \$12 per hour or \$3 per hour for students (uni or high school). Check availability online.

<https://thegrovelibrary.events.mylibrary.digital/browse-rooms>



Myrtle Pod



Wattle Pod

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The Grove Library Hours

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

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

This past year at The Grove Library has been a vibrant chapter of growth, discovery, and connection. We’ve seen record-breaking attendance at our programs, expanded junior collections and continue to foster a space where young minds feel welcome and inspired to explore.

Our library's success is powered by robust and proactive programming that caters to all age groups, from babies to pre-teens.

For our littlest readers, Baby Rhyme time sessions bring together families for song, story, and play, strengthening caregiver-child bonds and laying a foundation for early literacy.

Our story time sessions continued to be a bi-weekly highlight, with stories that transported children to new worlds and craft activities that sparked their creativity and imagination. Nearly 10,000 babies/toddlers’ and their parents and carers attended the sessions this year. Our Dolphin Kids–‘Ready to Read’ and Trident Club cards continue to attract new generations of young readers logging their stickers and earning prizes, keeping their love for reading alive.

Special Youth programs for the year:

- MLC local community engagement session for pre-primary
- Easter story time at the river - Parents / carers and 80+ kids
- The Great Easter story time of 2025

When The Grove ran story time at the river in April we envisioned a quiet circle of maybe 20 enthusiastic kids. What we got was a fun, full-scale, 80-child attendance—glorious! But the true grand finale was the Easter Egg Hunt and bubble wand bubble blowing time. It will be back in 2026.

This competition was open to all young writers in Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park, and students at local schools. Over 90 entries were received. The library also extends its hours for students only during the Exam period, which is always well attended.

Children’s Book Week was a very successful event with students from kindergarten, preschool and school age children involved with the library during the course of the week. Over 800 students visited the library during the course of the week. Outreach visits continue all year reaching many hundreds of students from local schools, daycares and kindergartens.

The Grove Library is proud to have created an environment where kids can learn, grow, and connect with their community leading to a lasting impact.



Grove Outreach



Have A Go With Peppermint Grove



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Competitions



Family Gaming Afternoon



School Holiday Craft Session



School Holiday Craft Session



Story Time at the River



FOGO Contamination

We’ve been advised by the Transfer Station Operator that 1,680 kg of contamination has been found in some FOGO bin collections.

Common contaminants included soft plastics, cardboard, and items that belong in the yellow recycling bin. To help keep our FOGO stream clean and running efficiently, we ask all residents to please review what can and cannot be placed in your FOGO bin. Thank you for doing your part to reduce contamination and support effective waste management in our community.

10c Container Exchange Cradles and Baskets

Container cradles and baskets have been installed on some park bins throughout the Shire to make recycling easier, they are designed to collect and store empty beverage containers for recycling.

They are often found at public locations and are part of the Containers for Change initiative, which encourages people to return their empty containers for a 10 cent refund. Only drinking vessels featuring the 10c return policy apply. The purpose of them is to reduce litter and promote recycling by allowing individuals to drop off their empty containers for collection. The collected containers are then returned to designated refund points, where they can be processed for recycling. These cradles play a crucial role in the recycling process, helping to keep materials out of landfill and supporting sustainable practices.



Register to receive your Rates by email

To register to receive your rates by email please send an email request to:

rates@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au

Peppermint Grove Residents Support Good Sammy Results

The Shire of Peppermint Grove recently took part in another donation drive in partnership with iconic WA disability employment and training provider, Good Sammy.

While there was a decline in resident participation this year compared to previous years—resulting in a lower average donation weight per household—the quality of items remained high. These generous contributions of pre-loved, resaleable goods will help avoid an estimated 5.12 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions. All donations were delivered to Good Sammy’s recycling facility, where they were carefully sorted. Items suitable for resale will be distributed across Good Sammy’s network of Op Shops and Online Store, helping to raise vital funds to support Western Australians living with disability. Good Sammy extends heartfelt thanks to the residents of the Shire of Peppermint Grove for their continued generosity. Remember, reusing items is one of the most impactful ways we can all contribute to a more sustainable future.

Street Walls and Fences

Did you know that the Shire has fencing controls that requires primary street and communal street frontages to have open aspect street walls and fences.

Open aspect street fencing is one of the contributing factors to the Garden Shire narrative and ensures surveillance between the street and your home. Surveillance is one of the principles of crime prevention through environmental design and must be achieved when constructing new homes or undertaking significant redevelopment. The Shire’s fencing controls also reinforce the importance of sightlines to ensure pedestrian safety. Fencing adjacent to many existing driveways, access leg and rights-of-way have not been truncated or designed to provide for pedestrian safety. Sightlines may be retrospectively required when constructing new homes or undertaking significant redevelopment. Local Planning Policy 12–Residential Fences can be found on the Shire’s website under the Development Services tab and provides further detail.

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