

Message from the Shire President (cont.)

Community events do not happen without the efforts of volunteers and staff, so I would like to thank the Shire's Community Development Officer, Penny Askin, for her hard work in bringing these events to fruition.

Many thanks also to Tonia Bates, Rosemarie Gianotti and Caroline Kimble, the volunteer committee for Carols by Candlelight, for their time and commitment to making the concert such a success.

I am pleased to announce that the Council has recently introduced a Heritage Grants Scheme to assist the owners of houses on the Shire's Heritage List. Subject to eligibility requirements, the Shire will match costs up to \$6,500 for works to maintain, conserve or reinstate heritage features of listed houses in Peppermint Grove. Please refer to the Shire's web page for more information.

Best wishes,  
Cr Rachel Thomas  
Shire President

Australia Day 2022



Awardees, new citizens and the general public

Each year residents of Peppermint Grove look forward to the combined councils' Australia Day Celebrations and this year was no exception.

It was Peppermint Grove's turn to host at Manners Hill Park and we were blessed with perfect weather for the morning. We had family entertainment from Glenn Swift and The Mighty Camelot Choir sang the National Anthem.

Peppermint Grove welcomed 4 new citizens to the Shire and with much pride and pleasure, Shire President Rachel Thomas presented Graham Dart with the Citizen of the Year Award and Peter Iancov & Team 32 were presented with the Active Citizenship - Community Group of the Year Award.

Graham Dart has been the Principal of Cottesloe Primary School for over ten years. Graham is a dedicated, inspirational teacher and leader. As a result of Graham's commitment to the positive culture he has fostered at the school, it now attracts highly capable and well credentialed teachers, all of whom give up significant amounts of their own time to run everything from Drama and Performing Arts clubs to sporting groups.

The school has high academic standards and supports and encourages the development of well-rounded children. Graham Dart embodies the values of the school - excellence; integrity; respect; perseverance and kindness. Primary schools are a vital part of local communities and, under Graham's leadership, we have a school that reflects the community spirit and aspirations of the families in our local area.

Their continuous fundraising and commitment to a number of important charitable causes also includes The Black Dog Institute pioneers in the



Jenny Davis, Australia Day Ambassador 2021 delivering the Australia Day Address

identification, prevention and treatment of mental illness, Beyond Blue which addresses issues relating to depression, suicide, anxiety disorders and other related mental illnesses and Legacy which supports the families of our veterans.

All the Peppermint Grove residents who attended enjoyed a sausage sizzle breakfast, cooked by Mosman Park-Cottesloe Rotary Club and served by Mosman Bay Sea Scouts.



Glenn Swift storytelling

Did you know...

The Shire of Peppermint Grove has once again been re-endorsed and recognised as a Waterwise Council for 2022. We have been congratulated for our achievements in sustainable water management and for demonstrating our commitment to building waterwise communities over the 2020/2021 reporting year.



**For a fee you can secure your dinghy on the river foreshore in the Shire's designated storage area.** We currently have a limited number of vacant bays available. Please contact Penny at the Shire 9286 8600 for more information.

**The Shire of Peppermint Grove's street sweeping day is the first Tuesday of each month.** To enable the sweeper to do more of a thorough job residents are requested, if possible not to park on the street on this day.

If you have excessive garden waste to get rid of you can **use your bulk verge valet pick ups as green verge valet pick ups.**

The verge valet team request when organising a green pick up you place loose leaves in cardboard boxes, the empty boxes will be left behind for you to dispose of. Please do not place leaves in bags.

**The Shire has a purpose built recycling hub in its foyer for you to drop off your old batteries, light globes and printer cartridges.**

Blown leaves and grass cuttings can find their way into the drainage system when not cleaned up properly increasing drain cleaning costs for ratepayers. To avoid these issues **please ensure your mowing contractor or gardener uses the Go green bin provided for greenwaste.**

**Due to public holidays there will be no Verge Valet collections on Monday 18/4/22 and Monday 25/4/22.**

Recycle only these 5 - rinsed, loose, lids off

- paper not shredded
- cardboard flattened
- cans aluminium or steel
- plastic bottles and containers
- glass jars and containers



Shire of Peppermint Grove



**Shire of Peppermint Grove**  
Shire Office, 1 Leake Street, Peppermint Grove  
PO Box 221, Cottesloe WA 6911

**Office Hours:** 8.30am - 5pm Monday to Friday  
**Cashier Hours:** 9.00am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday

**Telephone:** 9286 8600  
**Email:** admin@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au

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)



SHINE are desperately seeking to fill support worker positions for community aged care.

SHINE enable people to live independently and safely at home for as long as possible, duties cover a range of jobs supporting the elderly, such as domestic duties, personal care, shopping assistance and respite care.

If you have the time or know of someone who might be interested in this type of work please contact El Bennett for more details and email your resume through to: [operations@shinecs.com.au](mailto:operations@shinecs.com.au)

Message from the Shire President

COVID-19 continues to affect our lives as we enter the third year of the pandemic.

I'm pleased to report that, despite a few restrictions, we have continued to hold several community events in recent months. The Carols by Candlelight concert at Manners Hill Park was attended by around 500 residents who enjoyed a lovely December evening and the enthusiasm of The Mighty Camelot Choir. The concert raised \$4,557 for the Salvation Army's Early Learning Centre in Balga. This is a very worthy cause that has been supported by the Carols by Candlelight event for many years.

We joined with our neighbouring councils of Cottesloe and Mosman Park to provide a Seniors' Morning Tea in November. We also joined with the Towns of Cottesloe and Mosman Park for Australia Day celebrations. The event was hosted by the Shire this year and held in the beautiful surroundings of Manners Hill Park. I am sure that everyone who attended would agree that Manners Hill Park is a wonderful venue for such an occasion and the weather on the day was perfect to welcome our new citizens and acknowledge the Citizen of the Year awardees.

I was delighted to present the Shire's Citizen of the Year Award to Graham Dart. Graham has been the Principal of Cottesloe Primary School for over ten years. During that time, he has built an exceptionally strong school community. He has ensured that a school that is over 100 years old continues to develop and adapt to provide a broad and inclusive education that reflects the community spirit and aspirations of the local area.



(Left to right) David Lake representing Peter Iancov, Shirene Varendorff (Team 32), Shire President Rachel Thomas, Celia Hammond MP, Graham Dart & Lisa Spiers (Team 32)

The Community Group of the Year Award was presented to Peter Iancov and his Team 32, who raise funds for a number of charities including the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, the Black Dog Institute, Beyond Blue and Legacy. Many congratulations to Graham and Peter and Team 32.



Shire of Peppermint Grove

PepTalk

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Carols by Candlelight

Sunday December 12th 2021 the Shire of Peppermint Grove held the annual Carols by Candlelight at Manners Hill Park and once again it was a resounding success uniting the local community giving residents the opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours.

We had a huge turn out of almost 500 locals attending with family members, picnic blankets and baskets.

The evening was opened by Shire President Rachel Thomas who welcomed everyone to the popular event, the crowd loved the bagpipes and they sang a chorus of Christmas Carols along with The Mighty Camelot Choir who were accompanied by the Salvation Army Band.

Thanks to the generous donations from local businesses organised by the Carols by Candlelight committee, hundreds of raffle tickets were sold and together along with the proceeds from the sale of song books \$4557 was raised and donated to the Salvation Army's Balga Early Learning Centre.



Carols by Candlelight crowds



Raffle ticket sales queue

Volunteers Wanted

The Shire is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to ensure Carols by Candlelight can be enjoyed by everyone in 2022 and beyond. Do you have a few hours spare in the months leading up to Christmas? If you can see yourself working with friendly like minded people to organise this much appreciated community event, please email Penny Askin at [admin@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au) for more details.

Local Heritage Conservation Grants Scheme

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

A conservation grant is now available 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 [www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au](http://www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au)



Native Plant Subsidy Scheme

Back by popular demand, the WESROC Native Plant Subsidy Scheme will be running in April 2022.

Each residence has access to 80 gorgeous native plants at 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](http://apacewa.org.au)

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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

**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)

Baseball cap – decorate

Hey kids why not design, colour and create your custom baseball cap? Everything is supplied along with some great design ideas too.

Date: Tuesday 19th April  
Time: 1.30 - 2.30pm  
Where: The Grove Library  
Age: 5 - 10 years  
Price: \$3.00

Turning Points in History for Kids



Alexander the Great

**Join us for the Age of Alexander the Great.**

His army swept across the world like a tsunami. In his life time he became a god! "Until the age of the internet, Alexander the Great was probably the most famous human being who ever lived.

His astounding career of conquest inspired not just Julius Caesar and Augustus but also Mark Antony, Napoleon, Hitler and other would-be world conquerors from the West."

Date: Tuesday 15th March  
Time: 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
Where: The Community Room  
Age: 9 - 12 years  
**Bookings essential**



Chickens in the library

By popular demand the library will be having "Chickens in the Library" throughout all of the April school holidays. Colouring pictures will be available, it's a fun time for the kids watching the chickens grow.

Have a go with Peppermint Grove

April is sure to be a fun month in the library with special introductory sessions of Yoga and Taekwondo;

**Session 1 – Kid's special introductory session of Yoga**



Kid's Yoga

Tamara Yoga is about finding harmony between mind and body. Kid's Yoga teaches children how to relax, reduce stress, improve strength, flexibility and coordination.

Date: Tuesday 12th April  
Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm  
Where: The Community Room  
Age: 7 - 11 years  
Price: \$5.00

**Session 2 – Kid's special introductory session of Taekwondo**



Taekwondo for kids

This session will be a brilliant way to introduce kids to Taekwondo in a safe, fun and non-pressured environment. The class will be packed with activities for kids that are both fun and constructive.

Date: Thursday 14th April  
Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm  
Where: The Community Room  
Age: 7 - 11 years  
Price: \$5.00

Council Meeting Dates 2022

Agenda Briefing Forum 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5.30 (except in January when Council is in recess)	Ordinary Meeting of Council 4th Tuesday of every month at 5.30 (except in December - 3rd Tuesday & January when Council is in recess)
8 February 2022	22 February 2022
8 March 2022	22 March 2022
12 April 2022	26 April 2022
10 May 2022	24 May 2022
14 June 2022	28 June 2022
12 July 2022	26 July 2022
9 August 2022	23 August 2022
13 September 2022	27 September 2022
11 October 2022	25 October 2022
8 November 2022	22 November 2022
13 December 2022	20 December 2022

Olive Evans - The 'Grannie' of Peppermint Grove



Olive and William were loving parents, devoted to family life. They gave their children the opportunity to live an idyllic childhood with the river as their playground, all set in a semi-rural environment. The family owned domestic numbers of livestock which occasionally grazed the nearby parkland, now known as Manners Hill Park. The original double block size enabled them to house their horses, cows and poultry behind the home. The children rode horses in and around the river and used them to commute to school.

Olive Evans was a stalwart of the community, affectionately known as 'Grannie' she was always ready to lend a helping hand, from caring for children in need, to hosting the Red Cross Sewing Circle at her home during World War I.

In addition to being a devoted mother and grandmother, Olive, with her sister Bessie Rischbieth, was a founding member and State President of the Women's Service Guild of Western Australia. The relationship between the two sisters was close. They shared a vision that the opportunities of life should be open to everyone. In many ways, both within and beyond the family circle, Olive was seen as muse and mentor of her more publicly prominent sister, Bessie.

The Evans family have been active and valued members of the Peppermint Grove Community for over a century and, as early pioneers of the area, have not only contributed to the development of the suburb but have also made great contributions to Australia as a nation.

A truly remarkable, wise woman with a charitable heart and compassionate nature.

Olive came to Perth for the first time in 1901 to visit her sister Bessie Rischbieth.

There she met William Evans, whom she married in 1905. They bought a large block of land and built Glan-yr-Afon, a fitting name, as it means 'Banks of the River' in Welsh. The house, situated on the corner of The Esplanade and Keane Street still stands, and now extended has become a gracious home.

Glan-yr-Afon was originally a single storey bungalow of rendered brick, timber and tile, built in the Federation Arts and Crafts style. Here Olive and William lived for the rest of their lives, raising six children, Rachel, William, Barbara, Margaret, David and Mary. It was their home for over 60 years.