

Message from the Shire President (cont.)

The roll out of the Green Organics (GO bins) for the disposal of green waste has been very successful with waste diverted from landfill and turned into mulch.

The introduction of the GO bins has resulted in a reduction in our waste disposal costs and enabled the Shire to reduce the cost of second bins.

This month we are introducing a Verge Valet system for bulk waste collections.

Please read the 'Verge Valet – Peppermint Grove' brochure delivered with this edition of PepTalk which explains how the process will work. This new system will still provide three general

waste and three green waste verge collections each year, however, you will be able book the verge collection at a time that suits you.

At the end of last year, the Shire commenced a review of the Community Strategic Plan with questionnaires on resident priorities sent to all households. Thank you to everyone who provided comments and ideas. The responses are now being collated and Council will be considering all your feedback as we finalise the review of our Strategic Plan for the next five years.

Best wishes,
Cr Rachel Thomas | Shire President



Seniors' Week Morning Tea

The annual Seniors' Week Morning Tea was held in collaboration with the Towns of Mosman Park and Cottesloe at the Mosman Park Bowling Club in November to acknowledge seniors and show our appreciation for their valued contribution to society.

We had a full house, once again our seniors thoroughly enjoyed the experience listening to a medley of songs from Iona Presentation College Choir, while Seventh Heaven Duo had everyone tapping their feet to the infectious beat of songs from days gone by.

It was a terrific morning with many attendees being the lucky winners of door prizes, one of which was a large gardening hamper kindly donated by Bunnings Claremont.

Look out for the prompts in PepTalk later this year. Remember to RSVP promptly to reserve your spot for 2021 (as it fills up quickly).

Australia Day 2021

The combined councils of Peppermint Grove, Mosman Park and Cottesloe joined forces again for Australia Day.

This year it was a change of location requiring a larger space to meet social distancing requirements. It was located at Bayview Park in Mosman Park with astonishing views overlooking the Swan River and beyond.

The event was attended by dignitaries including Dr David Honey MLA, Celia Hammond MP and Patti Chong (Australia Day Ambassador), as well as the Shire President and Mayor's of Mosman Park and Cottesloe.

On Australia Day, local governments take the opportunity to acknowledge community contribution and to celebrate community engagement of people and groups within the

community. Awards are given to people who live, work or volunteer in the Shire.

Over 350 people joined our Citizens of the Year for a free community sausage sizzle cooked by Mosman Park Rotary Club and served by Mosman Park Youth Advisory Council.

A flag raising ceremony was conducted with the Australian Flag being raised by Sea Scout James Stout. Entertainment was provided by the Mighty Camelot Choir, who also led the national anthem while children's entertainer Glenn Swift entertained the younger children with stories and games.



Did you know...



Leaf Blowers and Grass Cuttings

Every now and then Shire staff find lawn mowing contractors taking the option of blowing lawn clippings and leaves onto the road rather than cleaning them up for disposal. Not only does this leave a mess behind, eventually the debris finds its way into the drainage system 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.

Dinghy Bays

We have a limited number of dinghy bays now available for hire at the river foreshore for \$200 per annum (registrations expire 31st December each year). Please contact Penny at the Shire 9286 8600 for more information about these.

Waste Passes

Your waste passes will be mailed out to you in the same envelope as your July rates for the second year running. 2 bulk waste and 2 green waste passes are at the bottom of an A4 page which clearly states in red **do not throw this away**. If you lose or misplace your passes you will need to call the Recycling Hotline 9384 6711.



Westcoast Community Centre

Westcoast Community Centre has been a hub of community learning and activity in the area for over 27 years.

Situated in The Grove Community Centre, WCC is committed to providing an eclectic range of learning and social opportunities to the local community. Dedicated volunteers work behind the scenes to deliver an engaging programme each term, including a range of arts and crafts, cooking demonstrations, opportunities for people to discover more about our beautiful city and its environs, and a diverse range of high profile speakers.

For more information or to enrol for any of the activities, please visit;
www.westcoastcommunity.com.au

Event room for hire – the Grove Community Centre

The Grove Community Centre has some limited availability, mainly in the evenings and at weekends.

This space has a fully integrated audio visual system with tables and chairs provided. It includes a well equipped kitchen, air-conditioning and accessible toilets. There is access to an outdoor courtyard with shade umbrellas.

The room can seat 80 people theatre style, or set up can be made with table and chair groupings for more intimate meetings and workshops.

To check availability and book the room please contact the Facility & Program Co-ordinator at The Grove Library on 9286 8686 or email:
comcentre@thegrovelibrary.com

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www.peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au

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Message from the Shire President

This time last year COVID-19 had just begun to impact our lives, and 12 months on, it is still affecting our activities.

I'm sure that we are all hoping that the rollout of vaccines will enable us to move closer to pre-COVID normality in 2021.

I am pleased to report that we have been able to work within COVID-19 restrictions to deliver several community events. A Seniors' Morning Tea was held in November and our Carols by Candlelight concert on 13 December. This was attended by around 500 residents and raised \$3,392 for the Salvation Army's Early Learning Centre in Balga. This is a very worthy cause which has been the focus of fund-raising at the Carols by Candlelight concerts for a number of years. Many thanks to all those who supported this event.

The 2021 Combined Councils' Australia Day ceremony was hosted by the Town of Mosman Park with attendees enjoying fine weather and beautiful views over Mosman Bay.

I was delighted to present the Citizen of the Year – Youth Award to Chloe Feil for her contribution to the Mosman Bay Sea Scouts who are based at the Blackwatch Outdoor Education Centre in Peppermint Grove. As well as chairing the Venturer section for 15-18 year-old sea scouts, Chloe also spends many hours as a volunteer helper

for the younger cub members and is part of the team organising WA's participation in the Scout Jamboree in Victoria in 2022.

The Award for Community Group of the Year was presented to SHINE Community Services for the many services their staff and volunteers provide to the elderly and the vulnerable, not only in the Shire, but also in our neighbouring districts.



I would like to thank the Shire's Community Development Officer, Penny Askin, for her work in bringing these events to fruition and, of course, very many thanks to Tonia Bates, Rosemarie Gianotti and Caroline Kimble, the volunteer committee for Carols by Candlelight, for their commitment to making the concert such a success.

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SHINE Community Services offers a broad range of community based and in-home support services, all designed to enable you to live independently and safely at home.

This includes, SHINE's Home Care packages (Levels 1 to 4) which are tailored to meet your personal needs and Home Care package budget.

If you are waiting for a Home Care package or require short-term assistance at home at significantly subsidized prices, please contact SHINE Community Services on 9253 5555, to discuss our range of aged care services and centre based activities.

Manners Hill Park - Capital Works Program

As part of the Shire's Capital Works Program the Manners Hill Park area will be receiving a spruce up.

The old paving in the Pavilion will be pulled up and replaced, plus a new pathway constructed around the toilet block linking the two facilities and improving accessibility. To provide an indication of the what is planned, sample pavers are now available for public viewing in the Pavilion.

The exterior of the Depot building will get a new coat of paint to freshen it up, as will the public toilets. To improve public safety and address Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) compliance requirements, a 1.2m open view fence will be erected around the Depot forecourt area along with a sliding access gate. This gate will be closed during Depot working hours for safety reasons but left open to the public after work and on the weekends.

Another project scheduled for FY20/21 is renewal of the in-ground reticulation system. The current pipework dates back to the early 1980's and needs an upgrade. The new reticulation infrastructure will use the latest smart technology to provide better coverage, reduced water use and increase the system's overall reliability.

Nostalgia Evenings at The Grove Library

Following the success of our Nostalgia Evenings for The Town of Cottesloe and the Town of Mosman Park, we would like to assess the appetite for a similar event for the Shire of Peppermint Grove.

If you lived in the area in the 1940s, 50s or 60s and would like to gather with fellow 'Peppie Fans' and share your memories with an interactive panel driven session then please let us know by emailing history@thegrovelibrary.com or telephone the Library 9286 8686.



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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

Rhyme time and Storytime at The Library

We offer a great range of fantastic books with opportunities for you and your child to socialise with other local families.

These sessions will stimulate your child's imagination and help to develop their language and literacy skills. All sessions are free and typically run for about 25 minutes.

Speak to the Youth Services Librarian Stewart in the library for more information.

'Name the Ducks' competition has been a quacking success!



Over 140 entries were assessed resulting in three winners.

We wish to congratulate **Jack Crossing** for 'Matilda', **Jhih Stamp** for 'Waddles' and **Averil Balfe** for 'Morris'. Shire President Rachel Thomas awarded each winner certificates and vouchers for The Coffee Grove café.

The three life-size brass duck sculptures will be permanently attached to a new seat inside the Grove foyer.

The names of the ducks will be engraved on plaques.



Easter Fun at Keanes Point Reserve

Families will be out in force at the end of March for The Grove's Story Time at the River.

With songs, stories and an Easter Egg hunt, it's going to be a fantastic morning. Bring your picnic rug and join in the fun.

Date: Tuesday 30th March

Time: 10.30am – 11.00am

Location: Keanes Point Reserve Peppermint Grove



Chickens in the Library

One of the library's most popular activities will be in the library again this Easter!

Children will get a front-and-centre view of the life cycle of chickens, they'll watch them hatch and grow over the whole school holiday period; from egg to chicken. The hatchery will be up and running in the library from 29th March through to 16th April. Parents can relax, while their kids colour-in chicken pictures.

Easter Egg Competition is back for another year!

Get your favourite colouring-in tools out kids, because we have a fun and exciting contest just for you!

Grab an entry form for your chance to win a yummy chocolate bunny for Easter by showcasing your decorating and colouring in skills. Winners will be chosen based on the most creative and festive Easter Eggs. Entries to be handed in to The Grove Library by Sunday 28th March 4.00pm.



Stay safe and download the Covidsafe app



Carols by Candlelight 2020

Sunday 13th December was another huge success with hundreds of local residents convening in Manners Hill Park Reserve to spend an evening with family, enjoying picnics, raffles and the evening's music.

This year it was "Carols with a difference", COVID-19 safety required registration of all attendees by scanning QR codes or manually registering upon entry and the obligatory squirt of hand sanitiser applied before entering the carefully measured cordoned off area. There were two entry points and each person was counted in enabling us to keep a tight tally on the amount of people joining us to celebrate in safety.

The evening started with the sound of bagpipes played by Zoe Burke from PLC & Declan Reilly from Scotch College, followed by an opening prayer from Reverend Song. Anna Watkins, our vocalist for the evening opened with 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas'.

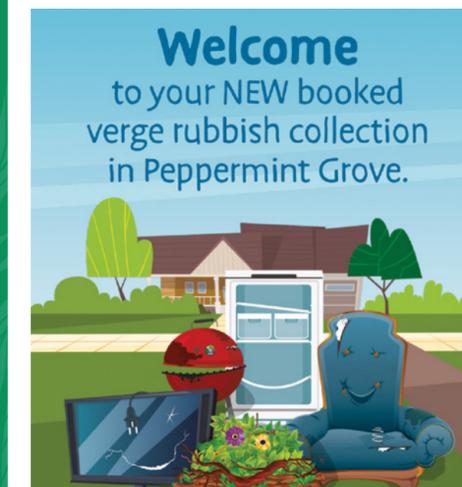
The Mighty Camelot Choir along with the Balga Community Band kept us entertained with a range of Christmas carols. As always, the range of raffle prizes sourced by the committee was impressive, as a result there was a lengthy line of people waiting to purchase raffle tickets.



Verge Valet™ Peppermint Grove

Verge Valet is the convenient new bulk rubbish and green waste collection. Book yours online for a date that suits you, go to vergevalet.com.au or call 9384 6711.

Refer to the Verge Valet information brochure delivered with this edition of PepTalk.



2021 Council Meeting Dates

Please note standard distribution dates are affected by public holiday/s. All meeting dates are subject to change by a decision of Council.

Agenda Briefing Forum	Ordinary Meeting of Council
2nd Tuesday of every month at 5.30pm (except in January when Council is in recess)	4th Tuesday of every month at 5.30pm (except in December: 3rd Tuesday & January when Council is in recess.)
9 February 2021	23 February 2021
9 March 2021	23 March 2021
13 April 2021	27 April 2021
11 May 2021	25 May 2021
8 June 2021	22 June 2021
13 July 2021	27 July 2021
10 August 2021	24 August 2021
14 September 2021	28 September 2021
12 October 2021	26 October 2021
9 November 2021	23 November 2021
14 December 2021	21 December 2021