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PEPPERMINT GROVE 2018 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDEES

We are fortunate to have amongst our residents, **Mr John Cunningham** who is our Citizen of the Year for 2018. John was the inaugural Chairman and a founding member of the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation which provides educational opportunities for Indigenous children, encouraging them to aim high and supporting them to achieve their aspirations. This support comes via three programmes: Follow the Dream Partnerships for Success, Maths and Science Centres of Excellence and Learning Clubs. Currently, over 1,200 students across Australia are involved in the programmes and all are encouraged to complete Year 12, enter tertiary studies or undertake other post school training or employment.

John sits on several Boards; these organisations connect Indigenous people with job opportunities in mining, construction and marine projects in Western Australia.



▲ *Mosman Bay Sea Scouts, Shire President Rachel Thomas, Angel Chen & John Cunningham.*

In the 2017 Australia Day Honours, John was awarded an OAM in recognition of his service to the Indigenous community.

Angel Chen is Peppermint Grove's Youth Citizen of the Year for 2018. In recent years Angel has worked with many community organisations demonstrating an unwavering commitment to active citizenship with a particular focus on mentoring and empowering young women.

Angel wears many hats and has been nominated for numerous awards.

One of her most recent awards was the Social Change Agent Award by the Centre for Social Impact at the UWA Social Impact Festival. She was also recently selected with 500 other women to attend the highly regarded Women@Forbes Under 30 Summit in Boston to work on technological solutions that can address the gender gap.

Peppermint Grove's Community Group award for 2018 was presented to the **Mosman Bay Sea Scouts** that operate out of the boathouse at Keanes Point

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and have provided young people in the area with the opportunity to experience outdoor adventures, to test themselves, to discover strengths and abilities that they didn't know they had and to build confidence in those abilities.

In the past two years, the Sea Scouts has grown from a group of only eleven youth members to a group of fifty members who are now taking the opportunity to acquire life skills whilst having lots of fun. A Cub section for 8 to 10 year olds was established in 2015 and a Joey section for 6 to 8 year olds in 2016. The older Scout and Venturer sections continue to meet twice a week including a weekend sail.

The revitalisation of this long-standing community youth group is an achievement well worth celebrating.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR AWARDEES FOR 2018.

BUILDING APPROVAL - COMPLETION OF WORKS AND NOTIFICATION

THE SHIRE ISSUES BUILDING APPROVALS TO BUILDERS TO CARRY OUT WORKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVALS (CONDITIONS AND PLANS).

The process has been streamlined in recent years and now it is possible for building Surveyors to certify that projects comply with the Building Code of Australia and other Building laws. This aimed to reduce the red-tape and to deliver faster decisions and cut costs to builders and property developers.

To make it work there are some check points whereby the onus is on the builder to undertake actions to ensure their work is compliant and

Shed a Light on Men's Health
DURING MEN'S HEALTH WEEK



JUNE 11-17 IS MEN'S HEALTH WEEK AND TO CELEBRATE, THERE ARE MANY EVENTS BEING HELD AROUND THE COUNTRY; AFTER ALL, APPROXIMATELY 50% OF OUR POPULATION ARE MEN!

Thanks to funding from the Australian Men's Shed Association, the Mosman Park Community Men's Shed along with the Shire of Peppermint Grove and the Towns of Mosman Park and Cottesloe are going to *Shed a Light on Men's Health*

on Thursday 14 June with an all-day event to be held at the Mosman Park Community Men's Shed. Commencing at 8.45am and including morning and afternoon tea and lunch, men can enjoy a day of information pertinent to men's health, along with a smattering of camaraderie and a few laughs. This is a FREE EVENT and all men are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact Tony Lalor at the Mosman Park Men's Shed on 9383 3354.



HEART FOUNDATION WALKING GROUPS' MORNING TEA

IT TURNS OUT THAT FRIDAYS ARE POPULAR WALKING DAYS FOR RESIDENTS OF PEPPERMINT GROVE AND GROUPS OF PEOPLE WHO LIKE TO WALK ALONG THE FORESHORE EARLY IN THE MORNING!

Shire office workers were up early on Friday 13 April, preparing a breakfast of yoghurt, fruit, pastries, muffins and hot drinks so that our Heart Foundation Walkers didn't go hungry while enjoying their annual Heart Foundation get together with other familiar and new faces.

Joined by the Cottesloe Police, it was a fun and social event with door prizes for all. If you are interested in joining a walking group or would like to start your own with the support of the Shire of Peppermint Grove or the Town of Mosman Park and the Heart Foundation, please contact Vanessa O'Brien at the Shire at Vanessa.Obrien@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au or phone 9286 8600.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS

THE SHIRE IS HAPPY TO ASSIST GROUPS OF NEIGHBOURS IN HOLDING GETTING-TO-KNOW-YOUR-NEIGHBOUR GATHERINGS.

If you and your neighbours would like to close your section of the road off for a few hours to allow the kids to play on the road while all getting to know each other a little better, please get in touch with Community

Development Officer, **Vanessa O'Brien** at Vanessa.Obrien@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au or phone 9286 8600.

The Shire can provide Road Closed signage and will assist with Road Closure fees and, in the case where a road cannot be closed, offer a variety of options of where to hold your gathering.



SWIMMING POOL FENCING
LIFE CHANGING PRIORITY.

WINTER IS A TIME WHERE POOL OWNERS TEND TO FORGET ABOUT THE POOL.

It is a good opportunity to check that the perimeter and child barrier fencing is in good repair and compliant with the Australian Standard AS 1926-1993 - Part 1; AS 1926.1.2012; AS 1926.1.2007. The Building Commission in the WA Government Department of Commerce has a helpful brochure called "Rules for Pools and Spas". This is an illustrated guidance which sets out the case for and legal requirements to meet pool and spa fencing and safety standards.

With house and garden renovations, it is possible that safety criteria may change or have been overlooked. It is the onus of all pool and spa owners to ensure their pool or spa is safe and complies with Australian Standards. Aside from the social responsibility to limit risk and harm there is a legal penalty for non-compliance of pools, spas and associated fencing. The Shire undertakes periodic audits of pools and spas registered with the Shire. Although this check process is periodic it is only one part of what is a constant owner obligation to ensure that all pools and spas are safely secured to prevent drownings.

INTRODUCING ROSS MONTGOMERY

who has recently joined the Shire of Peppermint Grove in the role of Manager Development Services. He worked in Government service and private sector over many years and is qualified as an urban planner, design and landscape architect. Ross recently worked in an Economic Development role for the City of Busselton. He was also the Director of the Pilbara Strategic Planning program for the Department of Planning and a consultant for planning and design projects. He looks forward to working with the Peppermint Grove community in his role with the Shire. Ross' email address is ross.montgomery@peppermintgrove.wa.gov.au

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CAPPUCCINO CONCERTS - THE GROVE CLASSICS 2018

The Grove Library will be transformed into a classical concert venue for the GROVE CLASSICS 2018. A series of early evening concerts every Sunday from 10 June to 1 July. See the Grove Library website for more details.

THE GREAT WINTER BOOK SALE

Every year The Grove adds over 5,000 new books to the collection. To make room for all these wonderful new books we will be having our annual book sale from Monday 6th August to Sunday 12th August. Come and grab a bargain!

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

July school holidays @ The Grove.

The Grove will explode with our Kids Boredom Busting program this winter. There will be heaps for the kids to do, from crafts to movie afternoons. Kids can join in our fun, free holiday activities. The program will be available as the school holidays approach.

IONA PRESENTATION COLLEGE - JUNIOR SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION 2018

The Grove Library is delighted to exhibit art works from students from the Iona Presentation College Junior School; celebrating the excellence of art making and creativity.

Personally put together by Iona's Visual Arts teacher Lynda Charles, the exhibition reveals many influences that students have been introduced to throughout the year. The exhibition will be running throughout July in the library. Young Writers Creative Writing Competition 2018. Be creative. Be wild! Take the challenge!

A great opportunity for all budding young writers. No story is too ordinary or too astonishing, just put pen to paper and let your imagination run wild. Your story can be about anything, with a limit of 400 words or less and one entry per student. Opens 1st July 2018.

The competition is open to all young writers in Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park, and students at local schools.





TIME TO PLAN FOR THE BAN

THE BAN OF LIGHTWEIGHT PLASTIC BAGS STARTS ON 1 JULY 2018. ARE YOU READY?

Make sure you have a few reusable bags handy in the back of your car so you are never left without. As part of the Earth Carers Program, a range of activities have been scheduled to help you remember your reusable bags and say no to single-use plastic bags.

Come and visit the WMRC at Subi Farmers Market on Saturday 23rd June where there will be no-sew bags for the kids. There will also be information on how you can get ready for the Plastic Free July challenge!

For more information email earthcarers@wmrc.wa.gov.au

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE PEPPERMINT GROVE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

PROPOSED FOR 11 NOVEMBER 2018

FAREWELL TO JOHN MERRICK

AT THE END OF JUNE WE WILL BE SAYING GOODBYE TO OUR CEO, JOHN MERRICK, WHO IS RETIRING AFTER A CAREER OF OVER 35 YEARS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.



▲ John Merrick, CEO.

John joined the Shire in 2012 when the State Government had council amalgamations at the top of its agenda for local government. John was a safe and experienced pair of hands as we navigated our way through what was a difficult time before the Government withdrew its proposals.

Careful navigation and persistence was also needed to resolve the problems created by the abandoned building at 2 Bay View Terrace which was a serious nuisance to neighbours and the wider community. John and his team managed what many thought unlikely – the complete demolition of the building, carried out safely, efficiently and cleanly with the cost reimbursed in full by the overseas owner.

John was also instrumental in negotiating arrangements for the new café on the foreshore which has been very well received by residents and visitors alike. He tackled some difficult financial issues arising from higher than anticipated operational costs for the library and community centre and brought the budget back into balance. He has also overseen the drafting and introduction of our new Local Planning Scheme 4 which involved lengthy, and largely successful, negotiations with the Department of Planning. John has had a very busy and productive time with the Shire.

On a personal note and on behalf of all councillors, I would like to thank John for the guidance he has given to us over the past six years. We will miss his thoughtful advice.

On behalf of councillors, staff and residents, I would like to thank John for his service to the Shire and wish him and his wife a very happy and relaxing retirement.

Rachel Thomas | Shire President

INCOMING CEO DON BURNETT

DON BURNETT HAS BEEN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF CITY OF SUBIACO SINCE OCTOBER 2015, AND TAKES UP HIS NEW ROLE AS CEO AT THE SHIRE OF PEPPERMINT GROVE IN MID-JUNE.



▲ Don Burnett, CEO.

Prior to this, Don was the CEO at the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder for ten years, CEO at the Town of Northam also for ten years and has been in local government for over thirty years, working at councils including the City of Wanneroo and the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley. Prior to his career in local government, Don spent seven years in the state public service, working in the Department of Local Government and the State Audit Office. He has an MBA from the University of WA.

Don is married to Wendy and has two daughters and three grandchildren.

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 2018

In August 2018 The Grove Library will celebrate Children's Book Week. Running from Saturday 11 August to Friday 24 August 2018; the library has gathered together a super special group of authors and illustrators for local students to meet over the week.

Guests include:

Karen Blair – illustrator

Wendy Binks - author and illustrator

Meg McKinlay - children's writer and poet

Sally Murphy - children's author

HVAC PRE-WINTER CHECKS AVOID NOISE AND THE LAW

Now that winter is around the corner it is a good opportunity to check that air-conditioners and heaters are serviced and able to operate efficiently and without causing problems.

A regular service will ensure that pumps and compressors are working, bearings lubricated and air filters clean this means that you can relax in comfort and so can your neighbours.

All HVAC equipment is designed to operate within Australian Standards and to meet these standards it must be installed to the specifications of the manufacturer. Builders, owners and operators are responsible for ensuring that all equipment is installed and operated as per specification to meet noise efficiency and other standards.



HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

SHINE COMMUNITY SERVICES IS NOW A HOME CARE PACKAGE PROVIDER

SHINE Community Services is delighted to report that we are now offering Home Care Package's - Level 1, 2, 3 and 4.

With over 35 years of expertise in aged care, SHINE is your local not-for-profit community aged care provider offering a personalised and quality service. Previously known as TAPSS, SHINE is located in the historic Cottesloe Post Office, at 81 Forrest St, Cottesloe.

Our vision is Independence Matters. Our values reflect our commitment to provide personalised care by working in collaboration with you to meet your needs. Our staff always act with integrity and respect.

Our services offer a fresh approach to aged care. They focus on your wellbeing and goals for independence. We strive to assist you to live a fulfilling active and safe life in your home, whilst remaining connected to your community.

Home Care Packages are available across four levels (basic to high) depending on your assessed need for support. This could be as simple as shopping, gardening or cleaning to more complex support such as personal care, allied health and therapy services.

To find out more about Home Care Packages, please call SHINE Community Services on 9253 5555 or email reception@shinecs.com.au to register for one of our upcoming free information sessions on Aged Care Options:

**Tuesday 26th June 2018
11.00 am – 12.00 pm**

**Tuesday 25th September
11.00 – 12.00 pm**

Carers, friends and family are all welcome to attend.

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