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The City of Fremantle acknowledges the Whadjuk people as the Traditional Owners of the greater Walyalup/Fremantle area and we recognise that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important today.

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A QUICK WORD...

Welcome to the winter edition of FRE-OH! magazine.

As the weather freshens up, Freo comes alive — in fact, it's one of the best times of year to get out and enjoy everything our vibrant port city has to offer.

We're excited to see the return of much-loved favourites, with Hidden Treasures bringing live music to our suburbs and 10 Nights in Port promising a wonderland of creative and unusual experiences. Freo Builds is also back these school holidays — a highlight for families and a great way to spark creativity.

Inside, you will go backstage with the Hidden Treasures curators, find plenty of inspiration for family-friendly things to do, pick up tips to make the most of your verge garden this winter, and enjoy a spotlight on North Fremantle – its places, people and must-try dishes.

So whether you're heading out to a local gig, wandering your neighbourhood or settling in for a cosy day at home, I hope this edition inspires you to enjoy winter.

MAYOR BEN LAWVER



LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

With the cool weather setting in, now is the perfect time to try your hand at a new hobby that allows you to stay warm and toasty, while sharing a few laughs and forging lifelong friendships — enter Tabletop Freo.

Every Wednesday night the club takes over Hybrid Warehouse with a plethora of card games, boardgames and no shortage of players. There are pizzas on offer or you can bring in your own food, plus a free drink is also included with the \$15 entry free.

On Monday and Thursday evenings at the Esplanade Hotel you can try your hand at Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) and other tabletop role-playing games (TTRPGs).

“Giving people something wholesome to do, play games together, make friends, build a broader community, I think that is the best way to combat the negative stuff that’s going on in this world,” says Tabletop Freo founder, Nick Petrou.

Nick says he has always been a bit of a nerd and started playing Magic the Gathering with a few friends about a decade ago, but when he moved to Freo he realised that he didn’t have that anymore and there wasn’t really a tabletop community.

He started regularly playing Magic the Gathering (Magic) with his friend Dave out and about in cafes in Freo, and it wasn’t long before they had Magic players wanting to join in.

Then Nick met Mike Bullen who had started DND Fremantle around seven years ago and the two decided to combine forces and Tabletop Freo officially came into existence in February 2025.

“I first joined when there were about eight people sitting in the back at Clancy’s, it was really good because I had just moved here and was looking to make some new friends,” says Connor who is now on the Tabletop Freo community council.

Last year’s *Roll For It* event was a full day of tabletop gaming in Fremantle Town Hall, that saw about 450 people come through the door and created a huge boost in the regular Wednesday session numbers.

“It was really good for increasing awareness. A lot of people who even live in Freo, didn’t know [about it], so it was like a beacon for them to come out.”

Nick says it can be a really easy thing as a nerd to stay inside and play video games.

“It’s not good to stare at screens for multiple reasons and it’s not good to sit like a barbeque prawn on your computer chair for 12 hours at a time either, my back can attest to that,” he jokes.

“The act of leaving your house, being face to face, sharing a drink together, standing outside and watching the sunset, they’re not comparable,” Nick says.



“When we’re busy, we’ll have two or three boardgames happening; two tables of Old World or Mordheim, three or four tables of Kill Team, maybe some Warhammer 40K happening as well, and some people playing other card games. It’s a melting pot night where we just play a whole lot of different things.”

For those who’ve never given tabletop gaming a go, Nick says, “Just come down, we can teach you Magic really easily and there’s quite a few people who enjoy boardgames who haven’t quite made the jump to the more nerdy stuff.”

RE-ROLL FOR IT

Join in on Saturday 13 June 2026 for this free community event. For more details — tabletopfreo.com.au

LaunchPad Golf

Construction has begun on a new multi-level golf experience at the Fremantle Public Golf Course.

LaunchPad Golf Fremantle combines interactive driving range technology with entertainment and hospitality, appealing to a broader audience of social golfers, families, corporate groups and visitors.

The development will also include a new pro shop, upgraded amenities for the existing 9-hole golf course, and a cafe connection to Booyeembara Park.



Victoria Hall upgrades

Victoria Hall will be easier for artists, creatives and community groups to use, with the addition of some new production equipment.

The City of Fremantle received a Lotterywest grant of \$282,000 to fund new audio-visual, sound and lighting equipment for the heritage-listed building.

Over the past year, since the City opened the venue up for bookings, there's been a steady stream of hirers using it for drama, art, dance, music, festivals, school and civic events, public meetings and even a wedding.



VISIT US

Customer service opening hours
8am–5pm (Monday to Friday)

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Walyalup Civic Centre
151 High Street, Fremantle
Walyalup Koort
PO Box 807, Fremantle WA 6959



Celebrating trees

Around 1,000 people turned up to the annual Samson Tree & Wildlife Festival, which this year, was the launch event for the 2026 WA Tree Festival.

Families, community groups and environmental organisations came together to celebrate the vital role trees play in supporting wildlife and creating cooler, greener neighbourhoods.

Samson Park recently received \$1.7 million from the federal government to improve its ecological health and public accessibility, by improving stormwater drainage and creating a network of pathways with educational signage.

Curbing Freo's convenience stores

The City of Fremantle has taken a significant step in its fight against the proliferation of convenience stores openly selling illegal tobacco and vapes in the city centre.

Council approved a change to the planning scheme that will mean convenience stores will no longer be able to set up without approval.

Instead of being an allowed use, they will become a discretionary use, requiring operators to lodge development applications that will need to be publicly advertised.

The move comes after more than a year of advocating to the state government for increased inspections and tougher laws allowing closure orders and harsher penalties.

Memorial repaired

The North Fremantle War Memorial received some restoration work, in the lead up to Anzac Day.

The soldier's rifle, which had been vandalised, was replaced using 3D scanning technology and crafted with a durable, marble-like material.

The plinth received a clean and some of the names were re-painted.



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1300 360 666 (Community Safety Officers)





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Community citizens honoured

STS Leeuwin II Captain James Rakich and homelessness advocate Freya Cheffers are Fremantle's joint 2026 Community Citizens of the Year.

James was recognised for his dedication to youth leadership through sail training on the Leeuwin over many years and for leading the rebuild of the tall ship following its dismasting by a container ship in August 2024.

Freya Cheffers volunteers her time helping people experiencing homelessness, by providing meals, clothing and medical items, as well as transporting people to appointments and giving other assistance.

The West Australian Skateboarding Association received the Active Citizenship Award for bringing people together through food and music, while also educating the community on skateboarding.

Major exhibition

Fremantle-based arts organisation, Vessel Contemporary, has secured a major exhibition by internationally acclaimed Australian artist Khaled Sabsabi.

Between Suns runs concurrently with Sabsabi's representation of Australia at the 2026 Venice Biennale.

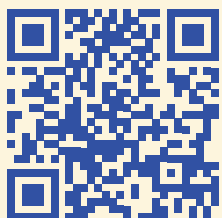
The exhibition, curated by Mikala Tai, brings together Sabsabi's works spanning 1998 to 2026, taking audiences on a multi-sensory journey through painting, video, sound, smell and installation.

The exhibition will be held at The Naval Store from 7 August to 20 September 2026.



Right: Mikala Tai and Khaled Sabsabi at Vessel Contemporary. Photo credit: Ebony Vukelic. Left: (top-bottom) Khaled Sabsabi, 2024. Anna Kučera. A Hope by Khaled Sabsabi, at Campbelltown Arts Centre. Anna Kučera. Aajyna by Khaled Sabsabi, at Campbelltown Arts Centre. Photo credit: Andrew Curtis.

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FRESH ON THE SCENE



THIRD WHEEL

18 COLLIE STREET, FREMANTLE
(SECOND LOCATION IN FREQ)

Bringing a pinch of colour to Collie Street is a new local, promising good food, coffee and plenty of vibes.

If the name Third Wheel rings a bell (and it should) it's because its sister-cafe has become a South Freq institution.

"The original venue built its reputation by being consistent and community-driven. When expanding, it was really important for us to carry over that same feeling," said Aurora, one of the three owners of Third Wheel.

"Our loyal customer base and confidence in what Third Wheel stands for is why opening a second location felt right."

"Taking over a space after the much-loved and well-established Duck Duck Bruce was definitely a bit daunting at first, especially given its reputation. But the feedback since opening has honestly been incredible," said Aurora.

Head chef Adrien Becet and their amazing team have been tirelessly testing new dishes and the food offerings have also expanded.

Currently their Tokyo Benny is their number one seller, but the Bunbelievable and Corn To Be Wild are close behind.

The most rewarding part of running Third Wheel is without question the people, they said.

"Watching strangers become regulars, customers become friends, and staff grow with the business is the best part."

OPEN EVERY DAY FROM 7AM-3PM

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Comforting cafes, boutique lodgings and coastal dining — visit the latest cafes, venues and restaurants in Freq.



PEARLA AND CO

25 LEIGHTON BEACH BOULEVARD,
NORTH FREMANTLE

Modern seafood in a relaxed space that encourages you to slow down and enjoy it.

"Pearla really came from a desire to do something absolutely true to myself," said Scott Bridger, owner and executive chef of Pearla and Co.

The restaurant is also a tribute to Scott's grandma Pearl.

"Although not the best cook in the world she always cooked from the heart, and with passion and generosity. That's what we try to carry through at Pearla. It's not just about the food, it's about how people feel when they're here."

Specialising in dry-ageing seafood, a process that removes excess moisture and concentrates flavour allows them to cook the fish in new unexpected ways.

"You can't cook simply and well without trust in your produce, and that comes from knowing the people behind it," said Scott.

"The fisherman we work with rely on healthy fisheries for their future so there's a deep respect for the ocean and a real understanding that it needs to be looked after properly," said Scott.

"Once people realise seafood doesn't have to be intimidating, they tend to open up pretty quickly, the Exmouth tiger prawns or Fremantle octopus are a good entry point," Scott said.

"If people leave feeling better than when they arrived, more relaxed, more connected, then we've done our job."

OPEN WED TO SUN 12PM-11PM

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OWSTON HOTEL

17 HIGH STREET, FREMANTLE

In the West End, along High Street, the new Owston Hotel has made its place.

This building is no stranger to change. Once a Federation-era shopfront, it now steps into a new chapter, holding its history lightly while embracing something contemporary and considered.

"The idea for Owston came from recognising a gap in Fremantle's accommodation offering, particularly in the West End. There are many great places to stay, but few that feel really connected in the neighbourhood. We were drawn to the opportunity to create a stay that captures the character of the West End (including its history and hospitality). The building itself was a big catalyst. With its history, and association with the Roma Restaurant, we wanted to reintroduce it in a way that respected the past while giving it contemporary purpose," said Nina Trimboli of Owston Hotel.

Local lords Remington Matters shaped the carpentry and furniture, while Rezen Studio brought the interiors together with a careful, restrained hand, working within heritage constraints and the character of the West End.

"With just eleven rooms, we're a more intimate alternative to traditional hotels, more focused on design and local hospitality. We're a small team by design. That gives us the ability to be attentive in a way larger hotels can't always be."

That intimacy extends into the guest experience — designed to encourage connection with the neighbourhood, its people, and its rhythm.

Owston is an invitation to experience Fremantle's West End not just as a visitor, but as someone who briefly belongs to it.

OWSTONHOTEL.COM

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5 MINUTES WITH...



JUDY MCLEAN

Principal Solicitor & Coordinator

Fremantle Community Legal Centre

What made you want to become a lawyer?

My legal career has really been shaped by where I come from. Growing up in Apartheid South Africa, I saw injustice and powerlessness up close, and that left me with a strong sense of social justice. At the time, revolution felt like the only answer, but seeing close friends killed or imprisoned made me realise that lasting change needed a different path.

Studying law wasn't an option then — as a Coloured person, I was limited to segregated institutions, and access to historically white universities was tightly controlled.

I wasn't prepared to settle for an inferior education, so I followed other professional paths, always knowing I'd come back to law when the chance came. That opportunity arrived when our family migrated to Australia. It's why I love this country and why I've raised my children as proud Australians.

DID YOU KNOW

For **more than 40 years**, the Fremantle Community Legal Centre has provided a range of legal and non-legal services to low-income members of the local community.

It is the only community legal centre in Australia operated by a local government.

From humble beginnings in Apartheid-era South Africa to President of the Law Society of WA, Fremantle Community Legal Centre's Judy McLean has an inherent sense of social justice that gives her meaning and purpose. She speaks about the privilege of helping vulnerable clients, cases that have stayed with her, and why this is the most rewarding role of her career.

What does a typical day look like for you as the Principal Solicitor and Coordinator at the Fremantle Community Legal Centre (FCLC)?

A typical day is busy and mixed.

I might be acting as an Independent Children's Lawyer, meeting with children, talking with professionals, reading reports and spending time in court. Court days involve hearings, case conferences, negotiations and a fair bit of waiting. Alongside that, I manage staff and help keep the Centre running well.

That includes working on the City of Fremantle budget, overseeing finances, and attending both in-house meetings, including training, and external meetings with funders and other stakeholders. And then there's the paperwork, lots of drafting and lots of reading.

It's demanding work, but it's meaningful, and most days end with a real sense of purpose.

As an accomplished lawyer, you could probably work in highly-paid legal roles elsewhere. What draws you to the work of the FCLC?

I came to this role to develop my managerial skills, but I stayed because it has become my favourite role of my legal career even though I could earn significantly more elsewhere. Being a lawyer is a privilege.

Anyone can do a law degree — as Elle Woods famously said, "it's not that hard". It does however take a lot of effort, but the real work comes from dedication to the craft, a commitment to continual improvement, and the belief that "good enough" is never good enough.

It is an enormous privilege to be invited into people's lives at their most vulnerable, and I never take that lightly.

What makes this work so special is that we can support people through deeply distressing times without adding financial pressure to their pain. We have the time to unravel complex, layered issues and to work with clients holistically, often helping with matters that sit alongside or beneath the legal problem that first brought them through the door.

Is there a particular person or case that has stayed with you in your work in Freo?

It's hard to single out one case — there are too many that stay with me.

I think of the father who hadn't seen his children for five months after a unilateral decision by their mother; those children now live primarily in his care. I think of the mother who was required to send her child to spend time with a father who had assaulted his stepdaughter — that child has had no contact with him since the trial.

And I remember the father whose son survived an attempted familicide driven by the mother's psychosis; that child now lives safely with his father but has been able to maintain a relationship with his mother through carefully drafted court orders and empathetic, considered negotiations.

Each of these matters reflects the complexity and gravity of this work, and the real lives affected by the decisions made within the legal system.

These are but a few...

What does it mean to you personally and professionally to be the President of the Law Society this year?

Being President of the Law Society is a real honour for me. On a personal level, it feels like a full circle moment from being excluded from the law to now representing a profession I care deeply about.

Professionally, it's about service. Listening to members, standing up for what matters to them, and using the role to support integrity, access to justice and wellbeing.

For me, it's not about status it's about bringing people together and leaving the profession a little more accessible than I found it.

Outside of your professional work, what do you like most about working in Fremantle?

The coffee, the food, and the vibe.



This June, Fremantle’s much-loved music festival, Hidden Treasures, returns to the suburbs to transform both North Freo and Hilton bowlos into multi-room music experiences.

The two nights of music programming is curated by some of Freo’s finest local acts – plus, bonus selections by the City of Fremantle’s Creative Programs team. **Boox Kid, Drea, Lubly Dae Crew,** and **Siobhan Cotchin** have been busy locking in the stellar Hidden Treasures lineup leaving audiences with little excuse to stay at home this winter. FRE-OH! asked each artist curator about their lineup selection and what they hope audiences will take away from their performances.

HERE’S WHAT THEY TOLD US —

BOOX KID

The acts I selected are all super talented artists - **Ricky Neil Jr, Coco Elise, Elianie,** and **Edie.**

I wanted to have a diverse lineup of artists and varying styles of music that I personally enjoyed, and felt others would resonate with. It was important for me as an Aboriginal artist to ensure Aboriginal representation, so choosing Ricky Neil Jr was a no brainer. His music is energetic, catchy and his live performance is fantastic. He holds the stage and oozes charisma.

There’s a delightful arrogance to it that makes you want more (he won’t mind me saying that). Melody and songwriting have also been a factor. I love melodies and feel that Coco Elise, Elianie and Edie all have that. I want the performances to stick. I really feel the bands I chose and their music is memorable. I want the melodies to get stuck in people’s heads. For those people to go back and listen to their catalogues and continue to support local artists.



BOOX KID

DREA

I’ve selected **Navisha, Persia, Elianie,** and **Edie** because the thing I wanted to do is really give the girls a chance to stand out and be known.

All my selected acts have very different styles — performing and writing. However, what I love the most about all of them is that they all support each other offstage, which is why I picked them all together.

I want people to be inspired to be their true selves — whether that be loud and energetic, or soft and sensual.



DREA



SIOBHAN COTCHIN

I've selected twangy folk queen **Clare Perrott**, the whimsical **Oakabella & The Maeflies**, and prog folk faves **Symmetrical Dogs**.

I approached curating this lineup as a fan. I just thought about the bands and artists I love listening to and seeing live and went from there. I wanted there to be sonic cohesion as well, so I thought about these artists and how they complement and reflect each other. All three of these acts are very guitar driven with super interesting and powerful songwriting.

I want audiences to walk away feeling in touch with their emotions and connected to the artists. The most powerful aspect of performing live is the ability to connect with the crowd through music and I believe these three acts do that extremely well.



LUBLY DAE CREW

We put together a lineup of fierce local DJs who have been lighting up dancefloors across Boorloo's dance/club scene — **Oniike, E-V, Nathaara, Dj Borderan, Janga** and **YESNA**. Each artist brings their own sound and style, introducing listeners to new music/experiences while keeping the journey smooth.

We love the community that surround events in Walyalup and Boorloo and decided to use this opportunity to showcase our underground dance/club scene. Each artist can give you a taste of what our nights out look like, or what to expect if you attend a Lubly Dae event. They represent our community well.

We know each set will be unique but share some common threads. Sound wise, we are a very multi-genre crew who like to keep it interesting and cater to even the most niche ear.

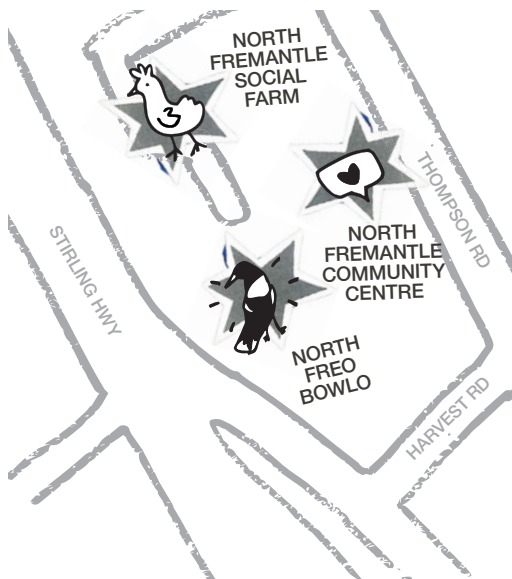
You can expect to hear everything from afrobeats, to hip hop, to house, trance and techno. Some alternative/punk rock might get a spin — but you'll have to wait to find out more.

We're big on creating intimate, standout experiences at our events, where you can have a drink with the DJ after the set or strike up a yarn with anyone. We want audiences to walk away feeling a connection — with the music, venue, DJ, or the people they met at the event. We also want them to have found a new favourite song/artist or two. DJs keep it fun with familiar favourites but also introduce you to songs you've never heard before. When that's accomplished, the job is done.



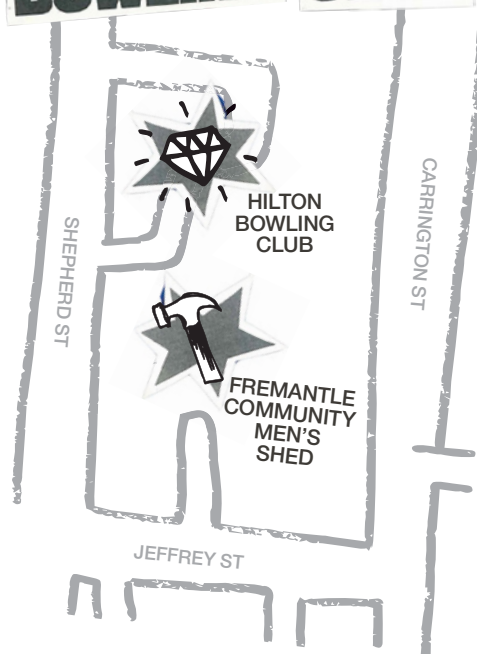
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NORTH FREQ BOWLO



18 JUN

HILTON BOWLING CLUB



EXPERIENCE LOCALS

BECOMING LEGENDS

Visit the **Hidden Treasures** website to view the lineups and grab your tickets!

North Freq Bowlo will come alive on **11 June**, and **Hilton Bowling Club** on **18 June 2026**.

SCAN QR FOR TIX



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Family life THE FREO WAY

Booyeembara Park Mountain Bike Trails

There's something special about raising a family in Fremantle.

It's the way weekends naturally drift outdoors – mornings at the beach, afternoons in parks, and coffee stops where kids are always welcome. Or maybe it's the strong sense of community, where families are supported not just at home, but right across the city.

The City of Fremantle offers a wide range of programs designed to support families at every stage, from babies and toddlers through to young adults. Whether it's building confidence in the water, learning through play, or finding creative outlets after school, there's something happening every week.

For families with little ones, early years programs focus on connection, development and play. These sessions create welcoming spaces for parents and carers to connect, while children learn through hands-on experiences.

As kids grow, so do the opportunities.

From creative workshops and after-school clubs to coding sessions, LEGO® clubs and community events, there are plenty of ways for children to discover new interests and build confidence.

When school holidays roll around, Fremantle truly comes alive. From cultural experiences to creative workshops and hands-on activities, there's something across the city to keep kids engaged, curious and entertained throughout the break.

At the heart of it all is a simple idea: **to create spaces where families can connect, play and thrive.**

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND BEACHES

Fremantle is packed with places to explore, play and unwind.

From leafy parks and upgraded playgrounds to some of Perth's most family-friendly beaches, there's no shortage of space to get outside.

Check out some recently upgraded playgrounds:

- Parmelia Park
- Horrie Long Reserve
- Virginia Ryan Park



Leighton Beach Playground

Booyeembara Park

Nature play, BBQ areas, mountain bike trails and a skate park all in one spot!

Esplanade Park

A central Fremantle favourite with shaded playgrounds and wide-open spaces perfect for running around, kicking a ball or setting up for the day with a picnic.

Beaches

From the calm, family-friendly waters of South Beach to the iconic setting of Bathers Beach and the wide-open stretches of Leighton Beach, Fremantle's coastline offers something for every kind of family day out.

SWIM SCHOOL



Fremantle Leisure Centre Crèche

Fremantle Leisure Centre

Learn-to-swim programs for 4 months+ through to advanced swimmers.

Includes:

- Free parent and baby classes (4–6 months)
- Dolphins program for children with disability

The centre also offers crèche/childcare for children aged three months to five years. (After swim school, kids can let loose at the water spray cannons, spa and whirlpool!!)

AFTER SCHOOL FUN

Creative, social and hands-on programs for school-aged children.

Hilton Creatives

Creative challenges and playful activities
Fremantle PCYC
Tuesdays | 3.20-4.20pm (school term)

CoderDojo Freo

For ages 7+: Explore coding through self-led projects in apps, games and websites.
Fremantle Library
Wednesdays | 3.30-5pm (school term)

LEGO® Club

Calling all LEGO® builders! Kids get creative, as they design, build and connect with others.
Fremantle PCYC
Tuesdays | 3-4.20pm

Game On Club

Enjoy boardgames and friendly competition.
Fremantle PCYC
Thursdays | 3-4.30pm (school term)

FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Buster: Play, learn, grow

For ages 0-5: A free program for little ones to learn through play, and build social, physical and cognitive skills in a relaxed, nature-based setting. *Winter sessions held indoors.*

Buster Wednesdays
The Meeting Place, South Fremantle
9.30-11.30am

Buster Fridays
Fremantle Library Courtyard
9.30-11.30am (school term)



Freo Toy Library

Borrow, play, return, repeat. With over 2,000 toys, games and costumes, the Toy Library helps families save money while supporting children's development. Membership is available to all WA residents.

Stay & Play sessions
Thursdays | 10am-12pm (school term)
Fremantle PCYC
34 Paget Street, Hilton

Story Time

For ages 2-5: Relaxed sessions supporting early literacy and bonding through songs, stories and smiles.
Thursdays | 9.30-10am (school term)
Fremantle Library



Rhyme Time

For ages 0-2: Learn new rhymes and songs with your baby!
Tuesdays | 9.30-10am | Fremantle Library

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Keep them busy (and happy)! From creative workshops at Walyalup Fremantle Arts Centre to cultural experiences at Walyalup Aboriginal Cultural Centre and interactive programs at the Fremantle Leisure Centre, there's always something on for kids to enjoy.

Stay up to date with everything happening these school holidays!
fremantle.wa.gov.au/school-holidays

Freo Builds – July 2026

Mark your calendars. Freo Builds is back. Follow the trail of Fremantle's most iconic landmarks, reimagined by WA kids and brought to life by Perth's best LEGO® builders.

City of Fremantle | 6-12 July | 10am-4pm
Bookings required



Scan the QR code to book!



MORE FAMILY FUN



For even more activities to do in Freo, scan the QR code or visit the URL below!



fremantle.wa.gov.au/school-holidays

WINTER RITUALS

Winter invites us to slow down, layer up and lean into the rituals that bring comfort.

It's the season of small resets — of warmth, wellbeing and quiet indulgence. We step inside the winter lives of five Fremantle locals to discover where they find pleasure, coziness, and heat when the temperature drops.



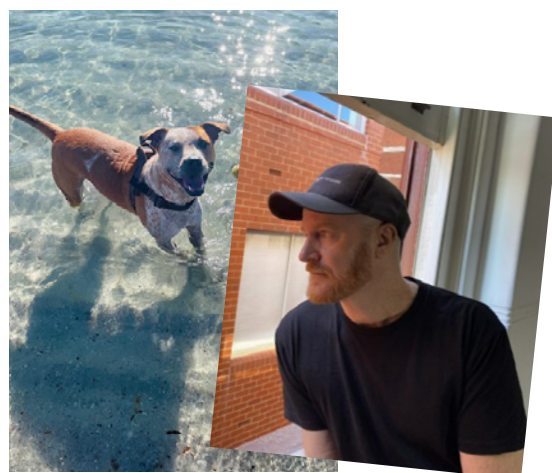
David

As a summer person, winter usually means battenning down the hatches and keeping warm with a good book for company, although my dog Cormac of course has other ideas. We love walking with him down at South Beach when the weather's clear, or when it isn't we move inland to the Beeliar bushland near Bibra Lake, where we like to keep an eye out for wildflowers, especially once the orchids come into bloom.

When it's cold outside it's comforting to meet friends in bars for sneaky pints of Guinness and a side of Irish whiskey. My favourite places to find a dark corner and nurse a pint with a friend are Darling, Darling, Mons O'Shea, The Buffalo Club and The Local Hotel.

Winter is all about footy season in this household. My daughter and I are Dockers members and attend all the home games, but when it's an away game you'll find us perched before the television, or out the back at The Local Hotel, where the craic is good. I know we're not alone in this, because even when we watch the games on television, when Freo score a goal you can hear the shouts and roars (if it's a close game) from the streets all around, and from the nearby Local Hotel.

David Whish-Wilson is a local author of mainly Fremantle-set crime fiction who lives in South Freo with his wife and children and teaches creative writing at Curtin University.



Kav

The day starts with coffee and dogs. My wife Beth and I actually wrote into our wedding vows that we'd take turns making each other coffee for the rest of our lives. On a classic winter's morning, that means whoever's turn it is (hopefully Beth's) reluctantly getting out of bed to make coffee. Not long after comes the familiar "Are you ready?" The door opens to the bedroom and our two dogs come charging in and launch themselves onto the bed. Having two dogs in winter is essential. It gets cold enough that one simply isn't sufficient. You need at least a pair, one for your feet and one for your lap.

Pulling on some walking clothes and heading out along the river in East Freo with the dogs for a morning walk. Winter is easily one of the most beautiful times of year on the river. If it's raining, it's magic. If it's a still, cold morning, I love watching the birds as we walk. So does our dog Biscuit, although she's probably more interested in eating them, which is exactly why she stays on the lead.

Usually involves stopping somewhere on the way home for a cheeky beer or red wine, it's usually after I've been in the studio songwriting or rehearsing all day, and Beth and I need a moment to ourselves before the onslaught of kids and dinner, so we stop somewhere south of South Street. South Fremantle has really come alive over the past few years, so we're spoilt for choice.

We tend to end up at Big Easy, Percy Flint, or The Local Hotel, especially if there's a fire going. I actually grew up around there. The first house I lived in was on Charles Street, and Sundays were spent at what was then the Seaview Hotel, dancing to bands like Lucky Oceans or The Jam Tarts. Every now and then they'd take requests, and without fail I'd shout for "The Hokey Pokey."

Kav Temperley is the lead singer, songwriter, bassist and occasional keyboard player of the WA band Eskimo Joe, which is currently on a national tour marking the 20th anniversary of their album *Black Fingernails, Red Wine*, including a show at Freo.Social on 12 June 2026.

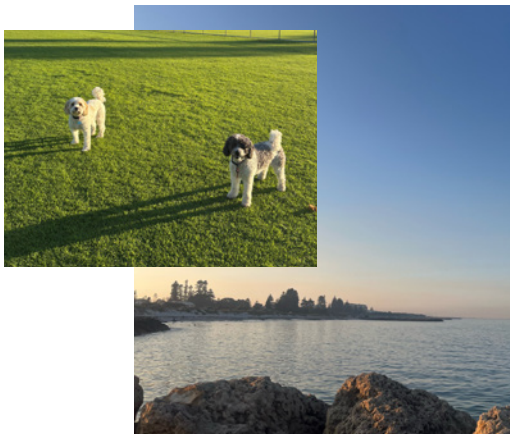
Later this year, Kav will be celebrating the music of David Bowie with a series of gigs around Australia, including at Freo.Social on 21 November 2026.



Mathilda

- 🔥 Putting on some warm clothes and walking the dogs (Alf and Leo) around Hilton Park each morning. If it's particularly cold, we will often stop past Mumma Bee Cafe for a hot chocolate to keep my hands warm!
- 🔥 Swimming at South Beach, be it a kilometre or two, or just jumping in and out. While the water isn't overly warm, it certainly energises you. It also means you need to find a way of warming up afterwards with a coffee or breakfast from Little Loaf, Third Wheel or Staples Bagels.
- 🔥 Winter means off-season from my job as a cricketer, so for a change of scenery I make use of Fremantle Leisure Centre's gym and pool. I've found it's a nice place for all types of people exercising, and the cafe there is great too.

Mathilda Carmichael is a professional cricketer who has played for WA, Perth Scorchers and Sydney Sixers. She's also studying psychology and lives in Beaconsfield.

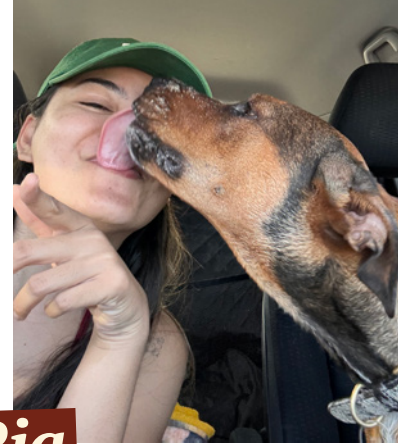


Pippa

- 🔥 Sauna and sea – Saunas in summer are not my thing (it's hot enough already) but when the weather gets cold, I love a Port Beach Sauna with ocean-plunge intervals – a sure way to waken every cell in your body.
- 🔥 Rottnest rides – How lucky are we to have Rotto just a half-hour ferry ride away? I love a winter bike circumnavigation with a bunch of friends, starting with coffee in the settlement and ending with lunch at the pub. Maybe even a swim on the way around.
- 🔥 Gardening is good for you and winter is the time for planting. While my success has been mixed, the Bookleaf Mallee I bought from Harbour Plants last winter has thrived and even flowered. The birds are loving it and with the \$150 tree rebate*, I'll be using this winter to get more trees in the garden.

Pippa Hurst is the founder and Creative Director of DesignFreo and lives in Fremantle. Fremantle Design Week takes place from 16 to 25 October 2026.

**Treebate is a State Government initiative to encourage Western Australians to plant native trees – download the ServiceWA app to claim.*



Ria

- 🔥 My favourite Sunday ritual is taking my dog to South Beach in the morning followed by brunch at The Cool Room cafe. Their soda bread is incredible, and the owners, Drew and Charlotte, are absolute legends.
- 🔥 Every Wednesday or Friday, I make sure to attend a 'flow to restore' yoga class at Little Glimmer. The space is beautiful and the owner Em is just the loveliest person I have ever met!
- 🔥 I love snuggling up in bed with my dog, Bobbi, some homemade meals, and Netflix. Could never go wrong!

Ria Zulkarnaen is co-owner of Indonesian eatery Suku Freo and lives in Hamilton Hill.



COZY TIPS FOR WINTER WELLNESS

1 Head to a sunrise or sunset sauna session to warm your bones

2 Join a community choir for social connection

3 Volunteer at your local community garden

4 Make a big soup and invite your friends over

5 Check out the regular writing groups at the Fremantle Library

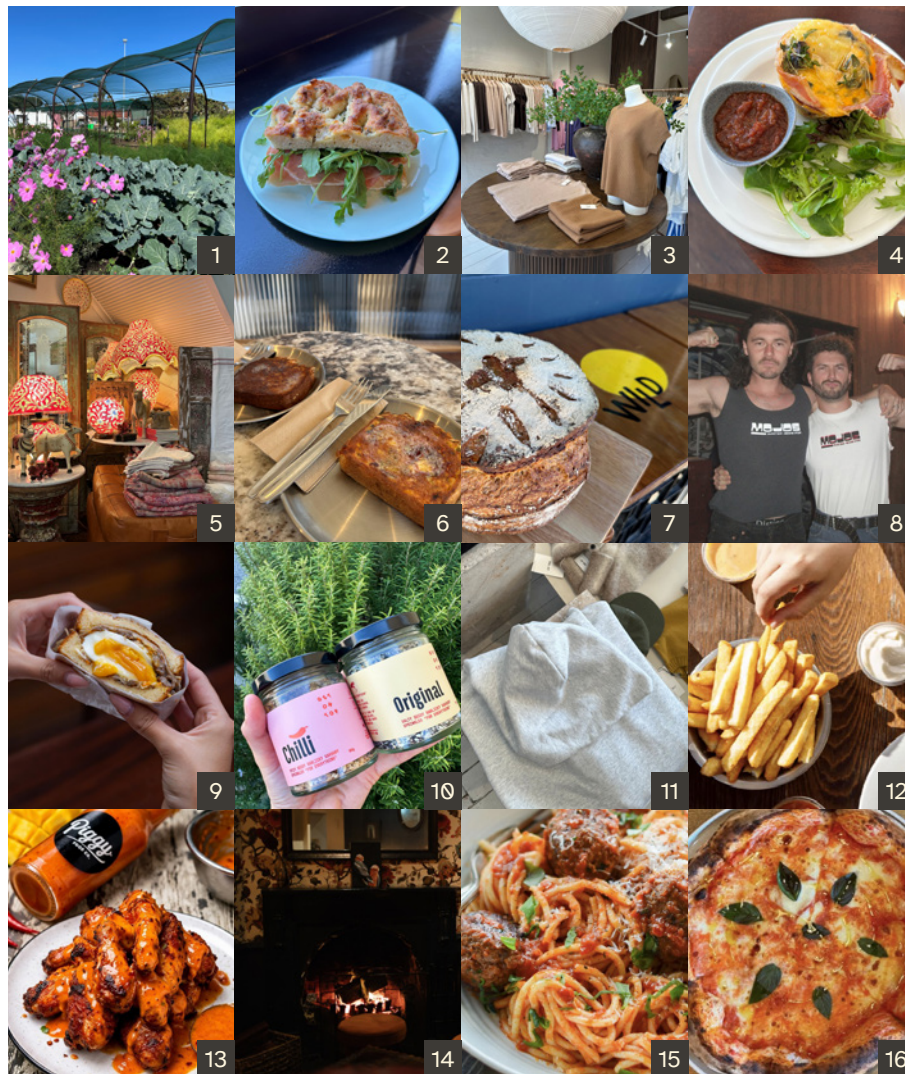
CURATED NORTH FREO

Effortlessly cool, quietly luxurious and endlessly eclectic — North Fremantle has long been a local favourite and the perfect pause point between Fremantle and Perth.

The best part? Just how easy it was to get there.

A breezy, scenic 14-minute bike ride from Walyalup Koort, a smooth bridge crossing (yes, really) and a calm mid-morning roll straight into Queen Victoria Street, the beating heart of North Freo. Once you arrive, it's refreshingly simple: bike parking right out front of almost every spot, plenty of car bays if you're driving, and a compact strip packed with quality.

Here's a curated hit list of what to eat, sip, browse and savour — with tips to make your next North Freo wander even better!



1 // NORTH FREMANTLE SOCIAL FARM

Seasonal workshops — learn how to make your own sauerkraut or flower posies this winter at this incredibly welcoming community space.

2 // ROCKY BAY DELI

Prosciutto truffle focaccia — the bread is made in-house and is perfectly paired with the fresh salads rotated every day.

3 // SCANDI & CO

Cashmere wool blend knit — a bestseller for this North Fremantle-born brand, the collection is in high demand every winter. Available in beige, chocolate and camel.

4 // BRUCE TOWN

Bacon bomb — the famous 'breakfast in a cup'. A gluten free bacon muffin with egg, herbs and cheese served with homemade relish.

5 // AMANDA NAGA

Hand-painted locally made lamps — showstopping prints to light up dark rooms. Everything here is handmade and you can find quilts, rugs, authentic textiles and vintage collectibles.

6 // OOH COFFEE

Banana bread loaf and jalapeño polenta loaf — both gluten free and baked around the clock. Pair with a specialty coffee sourced across the world, that changes every fortnight.

7 // WILD BAKERY

Cob loaf — specialists in sourdough, make a cob loaf dip or a delicious soup side this winter with some baker's artistic flair.

8 // MOJOS BAR

Hand-printed merch — grab a recycled T-shirt printed in-house by staff to support this iconic music venue.

9 // THE BRIDGE HOUSE

Bulgogi steak sandwich — customer favourite on the weekend brunch menu in a 100-year-old cottage.

10 // OLD BRIDGE CELLARS

Get On Top bagel seasoning — a gourmet pantry must-have, add to any food to make it super yum. Pairs well with a Sardinian Vermentino — a salty, fresh mineral wine.

11 // MAD ABOUT THE BOY

Box hoodies — premium, relaxed-fit streetwear that is designed in Fremantle. Get this signature design in black and grey.

12 // FLIPSIDE

Thick cut chips — say less. And all the chip dips are lovingly handmade in store.

13 // PIGGY FOOD CO

Tropic Fire Wings — think a moorish buffalo sauce with a hint of mango. Available by the bottle too, get your wings on!

14 // MRS BROWN BAR

Fire in wintertime — two fireplaces, one inside in a cozy nook and one in the courtyard, as well as heaters and blankets. Play cards, chess, or a bevy of boardgames with your tittle.

15 // NORTH FREO BOWLO

Friday Night Feeds — for an affordable dinner (meat and vegetarian options) and a roll between 5.30pm to 7pm. Capped at \$15 per serve and a changing menu every week.

16 // AUTENTICI PIZZA E GELATO

Neapolitan margherita pizza — the real deal made in a woodfired oven. Did you know it represents Italy's flag colours?

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VERGE GARDENS

quick tips

Are you looking for a new home garden project?

The wet weather makes this season the perfect time to have a crack at revegetating the verge space in front of your home.



You know, that under-utilised strip of land between the footpath and the road?

Transforming your verge creates social, environmental, and economic benefits for our community, and can also go a long way in helping the City achieve a number of goals in its greening strategy, urban forest plan, and water conservation and efficiency plan.

Fremantle is dotted with beautiful revegetated native verge gardens, so there's plenty of inspiration in neighbourhoods across the city. White Gum Valley is a great place to start with some sticky beak wandering.

In 2019, Tim Frodsham and Dave Broun — two Valley locals — founded Valley Verges as a community-led, volunteer-run initiative to transform suburban verge spaces into thriving native biodiversity gardens. The group organises practical workshops, builds habitat infrastructure, and fosters grassroots participation that educates and empowers everyday people to consider revegetating their own verges.

Over the past few years, Valley Verges has managed to plant around 15,000 native plants across approximately 5,000 square metres of verges. All while teaching more than 350 local community members on how to get started in their own patch. They even helped the City create and promote its Verge Garden Guidelines booklet.

We asked Tim and Dave to share their top tips for Freo locals who are keen to get started on their own verge revegetation project.



Tim Frodsham and Dave Broun

TRANSFORM YOUR VERGE

- 1 Start by consulting the City's Verge Guidelines
- 2 Suggest your intentions to your neighbours (and even get them involved)
- 3 As always – **dial before you dig!**
- 4 Factor in habitats for fauna, native plants that are suitable to the area, appropriate food trees, and safety sightlines for people passing through
- 5 Consider installing appropriate features like a small bench under a shady tree or safe spaces to linger (maybe even a bird or bat box)
- 6 Organise a few busy bees to share the workload (maybe even rope in the elusive teenage garden helper)
- 7 Consider installing dripline reticulation for summer survival (or devise a watering schedule)
- 8 Use soil amendments to keep the verge alive



Here's what they said!

Keen to get started? We're here to help!

The City provides a number of annual schemes to assist residents in creating a successful verge garden.

Residents can purchase subsidised native seedlings grown by local nursery Apace, collect free mulch from the Fremantle Recycling Centre, attend verge design workshops, or connect with City officers about appropriate design and maintenance.



Scan the QR code to learn more!
fremantle.wa.gov.au/verge-garden-scheme
facebook.com/valleyverges

WHAT'S ON

LIFELONG LEARNING | VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Rhyme Time

For ages 0-2: Come and learn new rhymes and songs in an interactive session your baby will love. Sharing books, meeting and chatting with new friends.

Fremantle Library | Tue during school terms 9.30-10am | Free | No booking required

Buster

For ages 0-5: Come and learn new rhymes and songs in an interactive session your baby will love. Sharing books, meeting and chatting with new friends.

22 April 2026 to 3 July 2026

**Wednesdays | 9.30-11.30am
The Meeting Place, South Fremantle**

**Fridays | 9.30-11.30am
Fremantle Library Courtyard**



Story Time

For ages 2 to 5: Come and enjoy stories, rhymes and songs in an interactive session your child will love, with books, music and new friends.

Fremantle Library | Thu during school terms 9.30-10.30am | Free | No booking required

Hilton Creatives Club

Afterschool kids club for all ages.

Join in the fun, spark imagination, build social skills, and explore creativity through hands-on activities and play. A relaxed space where kids can create, connect, and try new things each week.

Fremantle PCYC | Tue during school terms 3.20-4.20pm | Free | No booking required

Stay & Play

For ages 2-5: A space for kids to play and explore their imaginations, creativity, and social and emotional skills.

Fremantle PCYC | Thu during school terms 10am-12pm | Free | No booking required

LEGO® Club

Calling all LEGO® builders! Let creativity come to life as kids design, build and connect with others.

Fremantle PCYC | Tue during school terms 3-4.20pm | Free | No booking required

CoderDojo Freo

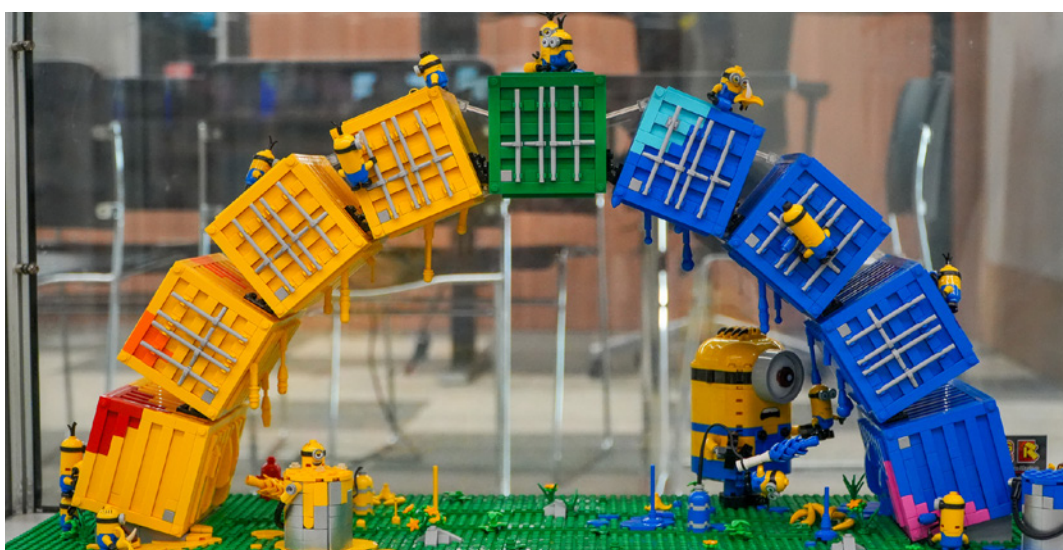
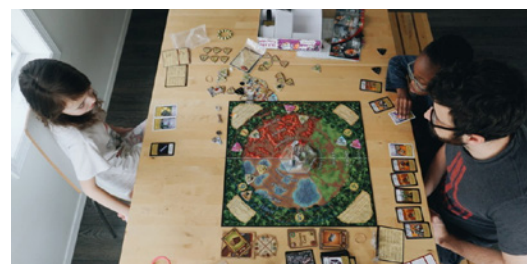
For ages 7+: Young people who use code to develop apps, games and websites are invited to bring their inspiration and ideas to CoderDojo, developing skills in Scratch and more. Mentors are on hand to help learn new skills and solve problems.

Fremantle Library | Wed during school terms 3.30-5pm | Free | Bookings required

Game On Club

A weekly all-ages program where kids and teens come together to play boardgames, make friends and enjoy friendly competition. No experience needed — come ready to play!

Fremantle PCYC | Thu during school terms 3-4.30pm | Free | No booking required



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LIFELONG LEARNING | THE MEETING PLACE 245 SOUTH TCE, SOUTH FREMANTLE

Life Journal Writing

An invitation to women to explore journal writing as a portal to inner vitality and wisdom. Join Georgina for journal prompts and guided writes rooted in her own writing practice.

Tue 23 Jun-28 Jul | 5.30-7pm
\$80 | Bookings required



Writing Memorable Characters

Character and theme are the beating heart of your story — learn how to bring them to life on the page in this interactive, lively and fun course.

Mon 20 Jul-17 Aug | 9.30-11.30am
\$80 | Bookings required

Mature Job Seekers

Join career coach Alison Bannister for a presentation designed to equip mature-aged job seekers with the tools and confidence to succeed in today's job market.

Thu 23 Jul | 5.30-7pm
\$25 | Bookings required



Eco-Printing with Eucalyptus

Join Kaya Kwobidak for a hands-on workshop exploring the art of eco-printing using locally sourced eucalyptus leaves and natural materials. Transfer natural shapes, colours and tannins onto fabric to create a beautifully patterned piece to take home.

Tue 18 Aug | 10am-1pm
\$50 | Bookings required

Uniquely Designed Jewellery

Discover the art of repurposing. Learn to transform broken preloved jewellery into something unique — develop repair skills and keep beautiful pieces out of landfill.

Mon 24 Aug | 10am-12pm
\$50 | Bookings required

Bridge for Beginners

Join this social group to learn the basics of Bridge and put them into practice in a fun and engaging group. You'll get to know the popular card game with hands-on instruction and of course, play a few rounds each week. Have fun and enjoy!

Fri 3 Jul-25 Sep | 1-3pm
\$20/quarter | Bookings required

Bridge for Early Intermediates

Build on your Bridge basics in this fun and social group. Perfect for those with some knowledge of the game, with hands-on instruction and plenty of play.

Fri 3 Jul-25 Sep | 1-3pm
\$20/quarter | Bookings required

Structuring a Memoir

Have a life story you'd like to write but aren't sure how to structure it? This 6-week course will take you through some of the key elements of a compelling, interesting story — including building character arcs, identifying internal and external plots, and crafting a satisfying resolution.

Tue 7 Jul-11 Aug | 10am-12pm
\$80 | Bookings required

Italian Elementary

Join Evana for an 8-week introduction to the Italian language. Classes are fun, supportive and interactive — perfect for new beginners.

Mon 3 Aug-21 Sep | 9.15-10.45am
\$105/8 weeks | Bookings required

Italian Pre-Intermediate

Have some Italian under your belt? Join Evana for 8 weeks to expand your vocabulary and boost your confidence in speaking.

Mon 3 Aug-21 Sep | 11am-12.30pm
\$105/8 weeks | Bookings required

Italian Intermediate

Build on your conversation skills with Evana in this 8-week level 1 intermediate course. Practical knowledge of Italian or completion of the Pre-Intermediate course required.

Wed 5 Aug-23 Sep | 11am-12.30pm
\$105/8 weeks | Bookings required



WHAT'S ON

LIFELONG LEARNING | FREMANTLE LIBRARY

Tuesday Book Club

Join this club of like-minded book lovers to discuss a different title each month.

Pick up and read the novel before the first session.

Tue 21 Jul, 18 Aug, 15 Sep
10.30am-12.30pm
Free | Bookings required

Tech Help

Need help with your laptop, iPad or mobile phone?

Simply bring along your charged device and one of our friendly volunteers will be around to assist you.

Tue 10am-12pm | Wed 9.30am-12.30pm
Free | No booking required

English Conversation Group

Want to practice your English in a fun and informal way?

Join our free, drop-in group where you can get help with your English, meet new people and become more confident talking to other people.

Mardoo room
Every Fri during school terms | 2-3.30pm
Free | No booking required

Freo Library Writers' Group

Join fellow Freo writers for a peer group supporting your writing practice. Use the time to write, edit, share and discuss your work with prompts provided. Writers of all levels welcome.

Quokka room | 1st Sat of the month
2-4pm | Free | No booking required

Freo Library Travel Writers' Group

Love adventure and want to capture your experiences? Join our new travel writing group to write, edit and share — for articles, blogs or personal travel diaries.

Quokka room | 1st Tue of the month
4.30-6pm | Free | No booking required

Monthly Technology Workshops

Join us in a welcoming learning environment, where we will cover topics such as using the Cloud, introduction to mobile banking, avoiding scams, and more. Keep an eye on our newsletter for the workshop topic and booking link at the beginning of the month!

Quokka room | 2nd Tue of the month
10-11.30am | Free | Bookings required

Freo Readers

A monthly meet-up featuring a suggested reading list and plenty of book chat. Come away with new perspectives, plenty of reading recommendations, and first looks at new books. Upcoming winter themes: Oceans (Jun), NAIDOC (Jul) and Poetry (Aug).

Quokka room | 2nd Tue of the month
4.30-6pm | Free | No booking required

WA Poets Workshopping Group

Join Jaya Penelope from WA Poets Inc. to workshop your latest poem in a small, supportive group. Please bring 8+ copies of a poem draft (1 page or less) for feedback — and your sense of humour.

Quokka room | 4th Wed of the month
10am-12.30pm | Free | Bookings required

Grandmothers for Refugees Talk with Poet Ali Reza Yawari

A talk with poet, filmmaker, educator and activist Ali Reza Yawari — a refugee living in Indonesia for over a decade. His story is not only one of survival, but of courage, creativity, and resolute belief in dignity and belonging — a rare and deeply human perspective on forced displacement today.

Mardoo room | Wed 17 Jun | 6.30-8.30pm
Free | Bookings required

Embroidery Workshop: Flower Power Bookmark

Learn how to embroider from some of the best embroiderers in the West! Facilitators from the Embroiderers Guild of WA will guide you step-by-step through a hands-on embroidery project, helping you build your skills along the way. You'll leave with a beautiful handmade bookmark. All materials are provided.

Mardoo room | Sat 25 Jul | 1.30-3.30pm
Free | Bookings required



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POSITIVE AGEING | VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Freo Men's Group

An open group for men wanting real connection and honest conversation — a safe, confidential, judgement-free space to share, listen and support one another. No fixing, no pressure, just men showing up together to navigate life, relationships, and personal growth. All men welcome, minimum age 18.

South Fremantle

Wed 3 Jun, 1 Jul, 5 Aug 7-9pm | Free
Bookings essential — call 0499 076 925

The Singing Circle Fremantle

A place for people to meet and sing — for the love of it, the fun of it, to feed your soul. No performances, no experience needed; just a safe space to explore your voice. Second Wednesday of each month.

North Fremantle Community Centre
Wed 10 Jun, 8 Jul, 12 Aug | 7.30-9pm
Free | Bookings required

Seniors Scam Prevention Forum

Hear from Consumer Protection about the types of scams to watch out for and how to protect yourself and loved ones. From online banking to simply staying in touch with relatives, learn how to use technology safely and securely. Hosted by Simone McGurk, State Member for Fremantle.

Walyalup Civic Centre, Council Chambers, Level 1 | Fri 24 Jul 10am-12pm
Free | Bookings required
(refreshments provided)

A Stitch in Time — Sewing Circle — Mend It, Don't Throw It

Choose repair over replace! Learn to fix torn jeans, fallen hems and make simple alterations. Bring your own sewing project or learn to use the sewing machine and overlockers available.

Mardoo room, Fremantle Library
Fridays from 5 Jun | 11am-1.30pm
Free | No booking required

*No sessions 10 & 17 Jul

Wise Up — Rise Up: Stir a Cuppa

Join us for a welcoming morning tea bringing older residents together for connection and conversation. Learn how to recognise and respond to elder abuse, and how we can stand together in support of older people in our community. We encourage you to wear purple to show your support.

Mardoo room, Fremantle Library
Mon 15 Jun | 11am-12pm
Free | Bookings required

Create Your Own Unique Scented Felt Balls (Over 55s)

Craft your own beautifully scented felt balls and upcycle old jewellery into something unique. Learn needle felting basics and how to incorporate embellishments into your designs. Bring any old jewellery, your creativity and a desire to have fun!

Sullivan Hall | Tue 4 Aug | 10am-12pm
\$10 | Bookings required

Connections Cafe: Community Conversations

Join us for this series of gentle, open community conversations. Bring your curiosity about how we live, learn and care ~ together. Come as you are, or bring a friend, neighbour or family member.

Hybrid Warehouse, 5B Quarry St
Thu 4 & 18 Jun | 10am-12pm

The Meeting Place, South Terrace
Sun 14 Jun | 2-4pm

Free | Bookings required

Noticing the Signs — When to Consider Support at Home

Missed medications, unopened mail or a reluctance to go out can be early signs that extra support is needed. Learn to recognise these changes, start care conversations with confidence, and explore options through My Aged Care. Gain clarity and practical next steps so you can support your loved one early.

Mardoo room, Fremantle Library
Thu 2 Jul | 11am-12pm
Free | Bookings required

Keeping Homes, Keeping Futures

Are you a renter looking for tenancy advice, advocacy, or local support?

Learn practical ways to resolve issues early, strengthen communication with landlords, and reduce the risk of eviction. The session will include ~ real case studies, tips for common tenancy challenges, local support services, and a Q&A session. Light refreshments provided. All ages welcome.

Mardoo room, Fremantle Library
Tue 18 Aug | 10.30am-12pm
Free | Bookings required

Planning for the Future

Planning ahead empowers people to make choices about who can make decisions on their behalf.

Elder Rights WA will explain legal documents including Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA) and Enduring Power of Guardianship (EPG), how to formally record your wishes and how to safeguard your rights.

Mardoo room, Fremantle Library
Wed 22 Jul | 10.30am-12pm
Free | Bookings required

Advance Care Planning

Do you want to have a say in what happens in the last part of your life?

Join us for a free community workshop with Palliative Care WA on end-of-life planning - how to get started, what documents you need and how to talk about your wishes with your family, loved ones and health care providers.

Walyalup Civic Centre
Reception room, Level 1 | Thu 20 Aug
10am-12.30pm | Free | Bookings required



WHAT'S ON

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

WALYALUP ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE

6 Seasons Workshops

An engaging workshop with Kaya Carson designed to build knowledge on what each season represents and the changes we see.

MAKURU Season | Thu 4 Jun | 11am-12pm
DJILBA Season | Thu 6 Aug | 11am-12pm
\$30pp | Bookings required

Beginner Didgeridoo Class

Join first nations facilitator Levi Islam with this beginner workshop. Learn the necessary skills to start your didgeridoo playing journey using breathwork techniques. For cultural reasons these sessions are for males only.

Fri 5 Jun, 3 Jul & 7 Aug
10.30am-12pm | \$60pp | Bookings required

Art Class: Gumnut Painting

Join artist Amanda Hart where you'll get to yarn while you paint gumnuts using a range of different coloured acrylic paints.

Wed 10 Jun | 11am-12pm
\$30pp | Bookings required

Mereny Workshops

Damper making with Kaya Carson — learn the history of damper and how it was traditionally made, then create your own to enjoy.

Thu 11 Jun | Thu 23 Jul | 11am-12pm
\$30pp | Bookings required

Film Day: Triumph of Nomads Parts 1, 2 & 3

FREE film sessions featuring some of Australia's best — from documentaries to fiction and non-fiction.

Fri 12, 19 & 26 Jun | 1-3pm
Free | Bookings required

Noongar Language Classes

Come along and learn the basics of Noongar language in this 2-hour course, facilitated by Jayden Boundry.

Wed 17 Jun, 1 Jul & 19 Aug
10am-12pm | \$60pp | Bookings required

Basket and Earring Weaving

A 2-week class in Aboriginal weaving. Create your own basket or earrings using natural and dyed raffia while yarning about Aboriginal culture with Sandra Egan.

Thu 18 & 25 Jun | Wed 22 & 29 Jul
Thu 13 & 20 Aug

11am-12pm | \$50pp | Bookings required

Bush Flower Essence Workshops

Join Nikki Quartermaine to learn about the benefits of Australian Bush Flower Essences and the vibrational healing qualities of native Australian flora.

Wed 24 Jun, 29 Jul & 26 Aug
11am-12pm | \$30pp | Bookings required

Artist in Residence

Behind the scenes with artist in residence Francine Kickett as she works on her latest piece. Discover her processes, background and inspirations as you wander through our beautiful cultural centre.

Fri 10, 17, 24 & 31 Jul | 10am-3pm
Free | Walk-in welcome, or book via QR



Early Childhood Incursion

School holiday fun for little ones and parents/ carers, enjoying a range of engaging and interactive cultural activities to help kids grow their understanding of Aboriginal culture.

Wed 15 Jul | 11am-12pm | \$10 per child
Bookings required



Tool Making Workshop

Learn how traditional tools were made by Aboriginal people for thousands of years with this informative workshop facilitated by Jayden Boundry.

Wed 12 Aug | 11am-12pm | \$35pp
Bookings required

Cultural Awareness Workshops

Reflect on history and deepen your understanding of Aboriginal culture at the Walyalup Aboriginal Cultural Centre.

Thu 2 Jul & 27 Aug | 11am-12pm
\$35pp | Bookings required

Community Canvas

Join artist Amanda Hart and contribute to a meaningful, community canvas that celebrates connection, culture, and creativity.

Fr 21 & 28 Aug | 11am-1pm | Free
Bookings required

School Holiday Fun

Come down during the school holidays for this fun and informative cultural activity, tailored specifically for little ones and their parents.

Thu 9 & 16 Jul | 11am-12pm
\$10 per child | Bookings required



LEARN MORE

For more events and to register your spot scan the QR code or visit the URL below

events.humanitix.com/host/walyalup-aboriginal-cultural-centre

WHAT'S ON

EVENTS & FESTIVALS VARIOUS LOCATIONS

WAFL Season

Support the South Fremantle Bulldogs at their home ground. The reigning premiers will be keen to defend their title when the finals roll around in September.

Fremantle Oval

Apr-Aug home & away fixtures
Various times | From \$15 | Book online

EOFY Car Park Wine Clearance and Wagyu Barbeque

Don't miss cellar tastings, exceptional wine deals, and a wagyu BBQ, courtesy of Plantagenet Wines and Futari Wagyu.

One day only!

31 Cliff Street, Fremantle | Sat 6 Jun
10am-3pm | Free

plantagenetwines.com



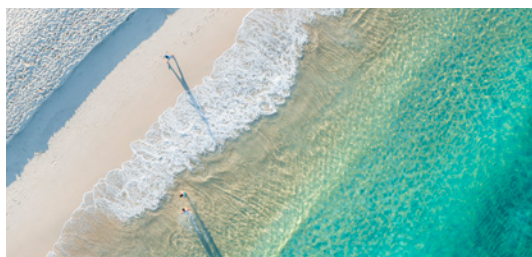
WA World Ocean Day

Discussions on science, conservation and community.

A family-friendly atmosphere with ocean education front and centre — bring the kids and spark their curiosity — exclusive FREE 2026 WA World Ocean Day t-shirts (limited stock, first come, first served)

Gage Roads Brew Co. | Mon 8 Jun
5-9pm | Free | Bookings required

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Fremantle Truffle Festival

This year's family-friendly program features something for everyone, from truffle dog agility and engaging truffle talks to live cooking demonstrations, signature dining events, tastings, wine pairings, truffle hunts, and a vibrant festival marquee — plus interactive activities, games, and experiences designed to delight younger visitors.

Henderson Street Mall | Fri 10 Jul
6.30pm | Free

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Plastic Free July Quiz Night

A fun quiz night celebrating Plastic Free July — test your sustainability knowledge!

The Flaming Galah | Tue 15 Jul | 6.30pm
\$10 | Bookings required

10 Nights in Port : Walyalup Fremantle Festival

Fremantle will be set aglow with music, sensory splendour, fire, ceremony and art.

Taking place on the streets, in parks, the historic town hall and other hidden venues, explore the program of warming winter experiences for young and old.

20-30 August | 10nightsinport.com.au



FREO YOUTH EVENTS

Freo Builds 2026

The school holiday trail is back! Discover Freo's famous landmarks reimagined by WA children and brought to life by Perth's best LEGO® builders across Fremantle City.

Fremantle City | 6-12 Jul | 10am-4pm
Bookings required

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Safe Space: Youth Drop In

A relaxed, welcoming space for young people to hang out after school, meet new friends, and feel supported in a safe environment.

Come along to chill, chat, and take part in optional activities like games, crafts, snacks, and mindfulness colouring. Stay as long or as little as you like — no pressure to participate every week.

Quokka room, Fremantle Library
Mondays | 4-5pm | Free
No Booking required

STAY IN THE LOOP

Subscribe to our Freo Youth newsletter to keep up to date with the latest events, workshops and festivals.



WHAT'S ON

EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS | WALYALUP FREMANTLE ARTS CENTRE

Hidden Treasures

Fremantle's winter music series returns!

Hidden Treasures takes over two suburban bowling clubs for two nights of original live music, handpicked by Freo favourites Boox Kid, Drea, Lubly Dae Crew and Siobhan Cotchin.

**North Freo Bowlo | Thurs 11 Jun
5.30pm | \$35 incl. booking fee**

**Hilton Bowling Club | Thurs 18 Jun
5.30pm | \$35 incl. booking fee**

Bookings via hiddentreasuresfreo.com.au



Pasar Malam / Night Market: Contemporary Printmaking from Indonesia and Australia

Pasar Malam (Night Market) is an immersive exhibition of screen-printed works exploring the transgressive, shadowy spaces that exist in our communities. Each artwork has been created by Krack Studio in collaboration with leading Indonesian and Australian artists.

**WFAC | 9 May - 2 Aug | 10am-5pm
Free | No booking required**

FAC Yeah! Community Choir

Led by local music sensation Natalie Gillespie, FAC Yeah! is a fun, drop-in community choir.

Fill your lungs and your heart while having a ball singing together with new and old friends.

**Fremantle Town Hall
Last Tue of each month | 7-8.30pm
\$10 | No booking required**

Leyla Stevens: GROH GOH (Rehearsal for Rangda)

GROH GOH (Rehearsal for Rangda) re-imagines performance lineages surrounding the mythological figure of the Rangda; Bali's queen of the graveyard and patroness of black magic.

**WFAC | 9 May - 2 Aug | 10am-5pm
Free | No booking required**

Ida Lawrence: A Bigger Misha

Ida Lawrence's 'narrative paintings' combine text, images and patterns to tell stories of (mis)understanding, (dis)connection, generosity, failure and surprise.

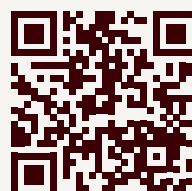
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WANT MORE?

ART IS FOR EVERYONE!

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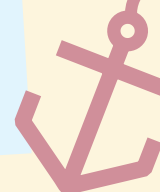
Producer Tuesdays

An industry networking event for arts producers, artists & administrators. A space to connect with others who make things happen, share ideas and workshop topics. Whether you're deep in delivery mode or dreaming up your next project, this is your chance to connect with people who get it.

**WFAC | Last Tue of each month | 6-8pm
Free | Bookings via wfac.com.au**

PORT CITY

POP QUIZ



QUESTION 1

Landing in Fremantle in 1868, what was the name of the last ship to bring convicts to Australia?

QUESTION 2

First elected to the seat of Fremantle in 1928, who was the only Prime Minister to represent a Western Australian seat in the Federal Parliament?

QUESTION 3

Who did the Fremantle Dockers defeat in their first-ever AFL home game?

QUESTION 4

Name two ARIA Award-winning artists or bands from Fremantle.

QUESTION 5

Who is Fremantle's longest serving Mayor?

QUESTION 6

What is Fremantle's smallest suburb by population?

QUESTION 7

What is the name of the shipping lane that brings ships into the port of Fremantle?

QUESTION 8

Which author won the Miles Franklin Award for a novel published by Fremantle Press in 2000?

Extra points for the title!

QUESTION 9

The Nyoongar people know Fremantle as Walyalup.

What does Walyalup mean?

QUESTION 10

Fremantle has Western Australian's second oldest surviving European building. What is it?

Have you got a cracking question for a future *Port City Pop Quiz*?

Send it through to freohmag@fremantle.wa.gov.au

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