Town hall conservation works nearing completion

Conservation works to the Fremantle Town Hall are coming to an end with the surrounding scaffolding set to be removed in stages from mid-March to mid-April.

The works are an important once in a generation conservation project that will enhance and protect our iconic town hall for the enjoyment of future generations.

This is the largest conservation project we’ve undertaken and underpins our commitment to heritage as the foundation for Fremantle’s ongoing transformation into a vibrant 21st century city. We also view the restoration of the town hall as the first stage in the larger Kings Square cultural precinct redevelopment.

A return to 1887

You may have already noticed the slate clad turrets peaking over the top of the scaffold but once the facades are revealed you will also see the original warm grey stone like stucco finish to the walls and decorative details such as the swans.

We are respecting the original intention for the town hall to look like a high quality finely detailed stone building by revealing and conserving the self-coloured stucco finish with its natural variations in colour and texture.

With the removal of paint and conservation of the stucco, the building will not only look like it did in 1887 but it will also function as it did by acting like porous stone and allowing the walls to breathe and naturally absorb and expel moisture.

Visit fremantle.wa.gov.au/townhallconservation

Kings Square Fig Tree update

This week a bioscientist who specialises in trees will be helping our much-loved Kings Square Moreton Bay Fig (the ‘Christmas’ fig).

The tree has been in decline in recent years and we’ve been watching this closely. Recent testing revealed a build-up of toxins in the soil may be affecting the tree’s roots ability to absorb nutrients.

Work to help the tree consists of injecting its roots with a naturally occurring enzyme. The enzyme injection works by helping the tree bind toxins to improve its nutrient uptake and hopefully get back to full health.

We know you love this tree as much as we do so we’ll keep you updated on how this goes over the coming weeks and months.

Upcoming pool closures

The Fremantle Leisure Centre 25m and 50m pools will be closed for periods of the day during school carnivals between Tuesday 7-Friday 10 March, Monday 13-Friday 17 March and Monday 3-Friday 7 April.


Men’s Shed open day and tool auction

The Fremantle Men’s Community Shed (70 Shepherd Street, Beaconsfield) is holding an open day and giant tool auction on Sunday 5 March, 11.00 am-5.00 pm. The event also includes displays, BBQ and barefoot bowling.

Visit fremantle.wa.gov.au/menshed

Changes to your sporting club info session

The Department of Commerce Consumer Protection are running an info session on how the new changes to the Associations Incorporations Act will affect your club on Wednesday 8 March.

The session runs from 6.00 to 8.30 pm at the City of Cockburn (9 Crescent, Spearwood). RSVP to recreation@cockburn.wa.gov.au by Monday 6 March. Contact 08 9411 3444 for more info.

What’s on at the library

Visit fremantle.wa.gov.au/ld for more info on either event:

Library book sale

Grab a bargain at the Fremantle City Library book sale on Saturday 4 March, 9.00 am-4.30 pm. Books include fiction, non-fiction, children’s and more!

Connecting women writers, readers and characters on International Women’s Day

Join T.A.G. Hungerford shortlisted author, Mihaela Nicolescu on Wednesday 8 March, 6.00-7.30 pm. Bookings essential.

Upcoming meetings

Finance, policy, operations and legislation (F-POL) committee

Wednesday 8 March, 6.00 pm in the council chamber.