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## Mayor's welcome

I am pleased to announce that the Town will be developing its first Community Health Plan in the coming months. This document, with input from our community, will outline the Town's future role in supporting community health and wellbeing at a local level (page 13).

The act of volunteering can contribute toward good health and wellbeing, and if you have an interest in the environment, a new research project tracking oblonga turtles is seeking your support in monitoring the turtles' movements (page 7). Since reopening earlier this year, the Claremont Museum has seen an increase in community members giving their time freely. This has resulted in a new heritage walking tour being established and run by volunteers, and I recommend booking into a tour to explore the Town's rich history while engaging in mild exercise (page 6).

In this edition we have also included the details of murals in and around the town centre, an opportunity for a self-guided walk on a sunny spring day (page 10).

Best wishes

Mayor Jock Barker

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## It all adds up

There are numerous challenges facing small business operators today in WA, some of which include marketing, attracting customers and government regulations. These are areas which the Town is taking proactive steps towards assisting our local small businesses and supporting our local economy.

At the July Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to revoke one of its planning policies that restricted the number of small bars within the town centre to just four.

"Our town centre is a place where people can gather and strengthen their community connections. It is anchored by retail and dining, and by prohibiting the number of any one of these uses, we were potentially restricting the growth of our business community." Mayor Barker said. "We know it is the consumer who drives business success, but cutting red tape is one way the Town can support small business owners."





Other initiatives that Council provides includes grants to generate night-time activity, marketing support and networking opportunities.

Lesley, owner of La Lucca in Old Theatre Lane said, "It takes more than just passion to keep a small business in operation, so it is great that my shop is in a local government area that understands the value of small business to the community. I have accessed the night-time grants and it has been a wonderful way to expand my business and client base."

For more information contact the Marketing Manager CTC on 9285 4300

### A decade of learning

Nestled alongside the beautiful parklands at Claremont Park is a place where little people are learning at Bright Beginnings. Teaching pre-kindergarten and kindergarten aged children for a decade, Director Brooke McAuliffe reflects on how the centre was established.

"My experience teaching in both private and public schools in Perth gave me the knowledge of the essential components for a pre-kindergarten and kindergarten program," Brooke said.

"I wanted my sons' introduction to schooling to be one filled with genuine warmth, kindness and fun. They were both foundation students in 2012 and are my biggest supporters still to this day."

In that time, Brooke and her wonderful teachers have seen a plethora of children, siblings and families come and go – growing up and moving on to their next stages. "One of the best parts of the job is being able to catch up with old students when their younger siblings come through the doors in the following years," she said.

This year, Bright Beginnings have two families who have their fourth child coming through the Bright Beginnings program.

"It's incredible to think that, in the space of ten years, I've had the opportunity to teach all four children from these families," Brooke said. "Being able to see each of them grow up, and become incredible little individual people, that's my mission accomplished."





### Scarecrows on show

The Perth Royal Show will again entertain thousands of people from 24 September to 1 October. This year some of our local schools will be competing in the 'Across the Season Scarecrow' competition, creating a scarecrow which highlights and celebrates foods produced from each season.

"This competition is becoming very popular and is a creative and meaningful way for young people to engage with the Show and the Agriculture industry," Royal Agricultural Society of WA CEO Robyn Sermon said. "Schools around WA can use the competition and the educational resources to raise awareness of where our food and fibre comes from and how seasons influence a variety of local plants and animals."

Christ Church Grammar School have been gathering recycled resources from around the Town and are drawing inspiration for this year's submission from sustainable practises. They also hope to use homegrown crops from their vegetable garden.

Pre-Kindergarten Teacher Asha Kiani said early years learning is a pivotal time to nurture play, creativity, and curiosity in young minds.

"Not only is it an exciting learning activity, but also a fantastic way to recognise, celebrate and represent the children in our community," Ms Kiani said. "I can only imagine their bright smiles when they go to the show and see their scarecrow amongst many great creations."

Sustainability and environmental awareness are high on the priority list for students at Methodist Ladies' College (MLC) who entered 'Queen Bee' in the 2021 Scarecrow Competition. Queen Bee's dress represented the Noongar six seasons of the year and some of the girls embroidered the season name and a plant or animal, that was a focal point from each season.

"We try to embed sustainability and environmental awareness as much as possible into our curriculum to help the girls develop real world skills, that they can use to improve their planet," Junior Year Teacher Pippa Depiazzi said.

"Creating a scarecrow that was environmentally friendly and sustainable fitted into the school's mandate very clearly and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the challenge."

Queen Bee is hard at work doing her job and happily part of the local ecosystem at the MLC vegetable garden.



### Volunteers walk the walk

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much. Helen Keller

Volunteers bring enormous benefit to our community through their willingness to give up their time to help others. Claremont Museum volunteer, Brian Heller, has lived in the area all his life and previously volunteered for more than 30 years at His Majesty's Theatre. When the Museum reopened this year Brian offered his time to help with the task of scanning the thousands of pages of paper archives.

I've always seen the value of volunteering and the Claremont Museum has given me a great opportunity to learn new skills.

Brian Heller at the age of 8

At the age of 83, after decades of working in banking, Brian enjoys connecting with people of all ages. He happily shows visitors around the Museum, brushing up on his own history knowledge at home to be able to answer questions.

Susan Pestana and Annie Sullivan are two other local residents who also volunteer with the Museum. Both are qualified tour guides and using these skills, Susan and Annie will be leading the 'Claremont Meanders Walking Tours'; guided walking tours exploring the Town of Claremont's rich history.

Giving tours enables me to meet new people, share my knowledge and get exercise all at once!

Susan Pestana



To learn more about the walking tours, or to book on a walking tour please visit www.claremont.wa.gov.au/Parks-and-Recreation/Walking-Trails

### Turtle trackers wanted

WA's snake-necked turtle (turtle oblonga) population is dwindling, but Murdoch University researcher and passionate conservationist Anthony Santaro has a plan.

Santaro and the Saving our Snake Necked Turtle (SOSNT) project team are providing vital training to empower community members to help save this iconic species - by monitoring turtles and their habitats in a community lead Turtle Tracker program.

Anthony said information sessions will provide interested community members with knowledge about turtle ecology and the threats to the species.

"By attending one of the turtle information sessions, community members can learn all about turtles and then start recording any turtle observations they make on the TurtleSAT app," Anthony said.

"This includes where and when they see turtles, both alive and dead, as well as where and when they see turtle nests, both intact and destroyed."

The Town, along with Friends of Lake Claremont volunteers, will be assisting with tracking and nest protection through the Turtle Tracker initiative, which will see community members patrolling areas of Lake Claremont at allocated times and being trained in turtle observation skills and techniques to protect nests from predators.

"For those who can dedicate their time to a few shifts a week during the nesting season, sign up to be a Turtle Tracker at Lake Claremont," Anthony said.

"By doing so, you will be able to help reduce the mortality of nesting females and destruction of nests, which will contribute to hatchlings entering the populations – therefore growing the future population at the Lake."

To become part of the Town's Turtle Tracker Team, members of the community will need to attend the upcoming workshop which will be held on Thursday 15 September at 6pm at the Claremont Lawn Tennis Club.

For more information on the workshop head to our website.

To report sightings of turtles download the TurtleSAT App **here:** 









### Street trees ahead

Here at the Town, sustaining and enhancing our leafy streets is a critical step towards supporting a greener, cleaner environment, and our Street Tree Master Plan (STMP) has recently been revised considering the dieback disease affecting many of our Peppermint Trees.

"These trees, both mature and newly planted juvenile trees, are failing in large numbers despite our best efforts to both nurture and replace them, and so it was necessary for us to revise the street tree selection to provide a more sustainable tree planting program," Cr Kate Main said.

"We undertook a significant review, and from this have recommended a range of trees more likely to thrive to replace the WA Peppermint Trees."

Having a greater variety of tree species across the Town, while still maintaining aisles of single tree species on a street, should make Claremont less susceptible to such mass failures in the future while still being able to cultivate avenues of trees of a consistent look and type.

It is also proposed that where streets have an existing avenue of mature mixed tree types, categorised as biodiverse, that this diversity be supported to provide a range of habitat and food sources for native wildlife.

We are seeking your feedback on your street tree preference relating to the specifics of your existing street landscape.

Keep an eye out on our website and in your letterboxes for more information.

## On the verge

Spring has sprung and many trees and wildflowers are now blossoming. Take a wander through the local parks and wetlands to gain inspiration for your own native verge garden.

The Town encourages native verges and has developed guidelines for the installation of your own native verge garden. Parks and Environment Supervisor Cloe said, "The key to a successful native verge is maintenance and selection of species."

"Our verge landscaping guidelines request plants to be 50cm in height or less to ensure safe sightlines for traffic and pedestrians, with no spines or poisonous plants."

"There are several species of Grevillea that would be suitable for this area, including Juniper, Bronze Rambler and New Blood," she said. "But to find out more about what other native species are appropriate, visit the Water Corporation website and type in Claremont / Swanbourne in the suburb search and you will be presented with the most suitable plants for the situation."



If you would like to create your own native verge garden, please review the guidelines and complete a submission here for council www.claremont.wa.gov.au/sustainability





## Win a native tree

Win one of four beautiful Coral Gum native trees thanks to Bunnings plus some Yates dynamic lifter and soil wetter. Visit www.claremont.wa.gov. au/Community-and-Living/competitions







Claremont town centre is home to some amazing murals, including the newest addition by local artist Jennie Nayton, in the recently opened Claremont station underpass.

This 400sqm bold and colourful mural took Jennie a total of 15 months from beginning to end, with the painting part taking place over a period of four months with various breaks for rain, heat waves, working around construction, as well as pausing for Christmas/ New Year.

The theme of the artwork is 'heritage reflections from past to present' and aims to celebrate local identity. Some of Jennie's inspiration has stemmed from Claremont's historical buildings, and the flowers from local parks and gardens.

"The work all began with a five hour photoshoot where I walked around Claremont and photographed the heritage patterns from local buildings." Jennie said. "These included pressed tin ceilings from a number of the local shops on Bayview Terrace and Princess

Road, art deco designs from the façade of Claremont Municipal Chambers as well as wooden motifs from the ceiling of Claremont library. These patterns from the local build environment were then paired with native flowers which are endemic to the area".

"I hope the mural inspires a feeling of familiarity and recognition with local residents, as well as bringing a sense of joy to people passing through. I wanted the artwork to be bright, uplifting and unique to the area, so it hopefully is embraced as part of the local identity."

#### **Murals in Claremont**

Other murals to experience in the Claremont town centre

**Anya Brock**, *Birds of Lake Claremont*, Stirling Road Subway, 2016

Kyle Hughes-Odgers,

Taking boats out of the ocean, Gugeri Street carpark, Claremont Town Centre 2012 **Kyle Hughes-Odgers**, Forest Dance, Maude Jackson Walk, Claremont Town Centre 2021

Peche,

Walt Drabble and local flora, 1 Leura Avenue, 2019 Queensland based artist **Fintan Magee**, *Road to Nowhere*,

4 Bay View Terrace, 2015

**Amok Island**, *Mushrooms*, Gugeri Street Subway, 2017

# Building shelter, building community

Renders of proposed shelter

We all know and love the Goods Shed; your local space to enjoy exhibitions, artists talks, community engagement and great coffee.

Now FORM wants to enhance the space by adding a louvred shelter, protecting visitors from the winter rain and summer heat and creating a comfortable place for arts, and coffee lovers all year round.

But they need your support to help fund this proposed shelter and they will only get there with your generosity. Please consider donating to and supporting this initiative here www.form.net.au/donations



#### Upcoming exhibitions

#### Coalesce: Artists of the Margaret River Region 16 September - 30 October

This exhibition is intended to provide an introduction to the distinctiveness of Margaret River's arts community.

A group show featuring the work of 10 artists, Coalesce is part of FORM Building a State of Creativity's Southern Exposure exhibition.

Southern Exposure showcases the richness of contemporary creative practice in the Great Southern, Peel, South West and Wheatbelt regions.

#### He is Myself: The Art of Nyaparu (William) Gardiner 11 November - 16 December

He is Myself celebrates the remarkable life and work of the late Nyaparu (William) Gardiner, one of the most iconic artists to emerge from Western Australia's Pilbara region.

Featuring over 50 artworks, including some never seen before, He is Myself is a retrospective of the nationally-acclaimed body of work Mr. Gardiner.

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## Inspiring a journey

In Claremont, we love art. We aspire to foster a creative community and recognise the significance arts and cultural development plays towards community enrichment and engagement.

We love providing the community with platforms to explore their creative prowess via town initiatives, events and programs.

A recent creative initiative encouraging the community to enter a piece of art for the WALGA Showcase in Pixels Competition, saw entrant Jessie submit a drawing of our beautiful Lake Claremont.

In Jessie's Tuesday art class at DADAA Fremantle Gallery she started to discuss mediums for her entry piece.

Jessie has Cerebral Palsy and attends DADAA which is an arts and disability organisation. It plays an important role in providing opportunities for people with disability to participate in the arts as well as a space to make new friends, develop their own creativity, voice and be part of a diverse and active community of artists.

Jessie's Mum Sarah said the journey was a positive experience and Jessie was focussed and committed.

"She enjoys creating art works, it is an outlet for her expression," Sarah explained, "we discussed how trees live and die and how the lake has changed."

"Jessie has been participating in DADAA's art program for about a year. DADAA is fabulous!"

If you are lucky enough to include Lake Claremont in your weekly routine like residents Jessie, Sarah and their three dogs, you would have noticed the many old, deceased tree trunks.

Jessie drew inspiration from these walks and said, "My artwork is about Embracing Change. The tree in Lake Claremont is dead. Trees change. Trees live and die. How has the Lake changed?"

### Friendships and fun

Students from Scotch College head down to Claremont Nedlands Cricket Club at Creswell Park each Friday evening from October to March to spend their time actively engaged with the All Abilities Group cricket program. A community initiative that's available to people of all ages, with varying disabilities and special needs or for anyone who is not yet comfortable with joining a mainstream team or program.

The group has been running for several years with their main goal being to cultivate community spirit and inclusivity. Since its inception, Scotch College has been involved in running training sessions, teaching basic cricket skills and coordinating modified games with the players.

Founder of the program Ralph Goodman said with Scotch's help, the program has become a huge success, creating enrichment in the lives of those who participate.

"The way we have structured it is to provide a facility where people can meet regularly and be part of the cricketing community in a non-competitive environment. Our KPI is having fun!" Ralph said.

Social activities and outings are also a main part of the group's program with Scotch students fundraising each year so everyone can enjoy post-training sunset BBQs and a visit to Optus Stadium to watch the Perth Scorchers play.

"Friendships have evolved since the beginning and it gives everyone involved a chance to have a couple of hours a week to socialise in a beautiful location, we even have high profile players such as Matt Kelly and Joel Paris regularly come down," Ralph said.

For more information on getting involved with the All Abilities Group cricket, contact Ralph Goodman on 0419 740 443 or at aac@cncc.org.au







# Little beetles - big damage

Be on the lookout for the Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer (PSHB). A tiny, introduced beetle the size of a sesame seed that bores into living trees, which can result in tree death.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has introduced a quarantine area across 21 local governments, including the Town of Claremont, to support its ongoing surveillance program to determine the spread of the pest.

To help contain the spread of PSHB, people living and working in the quarantine area can't remove any wood or plant material outside of the quarantine area. This includes bark, potted plants, firewood, tree pruning, logs, plant cuttings, mulch, timber, wood or wood chips larger than 2.5cm in diameter. Your grass clippings are not affected so continue to place them in your green bin or use with compost for mulch instead of wood chips.

The PSHB can affect over 100 types of trees! It particularly loves to hide in the Box Elder Maple (Acer negundo) so if you have one on your property, please report it.

Yellow sticky traps with a lure that attracts the beetles have been installed throughout the Town, these are placed in a cage to prevent trapping wildlife. If you see a trap, don't touch them! They have a very important job to do.

You can help to stop this pest by looking out for multiple tiny holes about the size of a ballpoint pen tip on the trunk or branches of your trees, powdered matter extruding from the tree and entry holes and general tree decline. Other ways you can help is to disinfect your pruning tools after use and keep your trees well-watered.

To report any suspected PSHB damage please contact DPIRD on: 08 9368 3080 or padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

## Your health, Your say

Keeping active, connected, and doing something meaningful is a great way to improve your health and wellbeing.

The Town of Claremont is embarking on its first ever Community Health Plan, and we would like to get 'your say' on what you would like to see to support community health and wellbeing.

The Town boasts beautiful parks and playgrounds, paths for walking and cycling, a library and hub for connecting and learning, and an aquatic centre for swimming, team sports, and physical fitness.

In addition, there are activities and events at either low or no cost, providing access to social connection, engagement and personal development.

The Community Health Survey will be available during October 2022 for interested residents to complete. The information gathered will be used to inform the Community Health Plan and develop actions that will benefit the health and wellbeing of the community.









# National recognition for our local IGA

It's official – Swanbourne is home to a nationally recognised winner – the Swanbourne Market.

We all knew how incredible the Swanbourne Market was, and now the whole nation does as well after they were crowned the IGA Xpress 2022 National Store of the Year at the recent National IGA Awards of Excellence.

The accolade marks the first time in its 20-year history that an IGA Award of Excellence has gone to a WA store.

Owners Steve and Kirsty Carre said they pride themselves on strong partnerships and supporting local – with local suppliers, local customers, and even local staff.

"We source local products from local businesses wherever possible and employ staff locally - the majority of our 40 staff live and work in 6010 and 6011," Steve said. "We live and work here and we love our community and being a part of it."

"Swanbourne is such a special suburb that still feels like a village, where people catch up for a chat, walk to the shops and look out for each other. It really does have such a unique feel and positive vibe."

Since moving out of the corporate world and buying the business 14 years ago, Steve has turned the store around, with multiple state awards under his belt prior to this national recognition.

His keys to running a successful business include hard work, commitment, customer service, acting ethically, treating suppliers like partners and being a part of the local community.

"Community is at the heart of the IGA brand in my view," he said. "Besides the local support Swanbourne IGA offers to schools and the community, we also sponsor St Patrick's Community Support Centre in Fremantle helping the homeless and disadvantaged with our food rescue program."

And his vision for the future?

"We hope to continue to deliver on our promise of a strong partnership between our staff, our suppliers and our customers; oh and of course...source lots of great produce for everyone to enjoy with their families and friends."

# Zenith Music – a Claremont Icon

The Cranfield family have been inspiring, enriching and sharing the love of music in the Claremont community since 1969. "Music is an integral part of family at Zenith Music, family is at the heart of the business," founding owner Lionel Cranfield said. Testament to this is the four generations of the Cranfield family who work in the business, and a number of long-term staff, some working at Zenith for over 35 years.

Zenith Music is not only an iconic building but also stocks a vast collection of high-quality instruments and a comprehensive selection of sheet music. The long standing and knowledgeable family and staff have made this business a valued part of the community, encouraging and helping many people achieve their desires, be it a humble one to play at home or people becoming professional musicians, composers, or singers.

It all began when self-taught musician Lionel began to teach guitar lessons to students at the local schools, changing the perception of guitar as an instrument to play. "At the time, it was not regarded as a suitable instrument of choice," he said. As the demand grew, so did the need for space for teaching, starting the shop evolved out of the necessity for a studio, good quality instruments and sheet music.

"When we started the business, people said we wouldn't last six months as the location at the time was very much a forgotten part of Claremont," he said. Fast forward 53 years, and any doubts of not lasting are truly proven to be wrong.

Over the years, the isolation of the West from the rest of the world led Lionel to travel the world to see and hear what other people were doing. During one of these adventures, he realised he needed an auditorium. Converting a space at the top of the shop enabled a place where likeminded people could gather. "The auditorium has allowed people to perform, brings teachers and their students together for music festivals and workshops, and has given the younger generation of musicians the opportunity to meet older musicians, it has been a really great place for a really long time," Lionel said.

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### We're going on a monster hunt!

These school holidays, join us for a monster hunt across the Claremont town centre from 10am to 2pm on 5 and 6 October 2022.

Eight cheeky ClareMonsters have hidden in shops across the town centre and we need your help to catch them. Grab a map and follow the trail to their last known locations to see if you can spot the ClareMonster!

Along the way, there will be monster arts and crafts, monster face painting, monster games as well as a monster castle! You'll also be able to meet some monster-like reptiles, and even hold one – if you're feeling brave!

Don't forget to don your best monster dress to win the most monsterfied outfit. With great prizes up for grabs, this is one monster hunt that you won't want to miss out on.

Looking for some kid's activities these school holidays? The Claremont Community Hub and Library have a range of events for children to take part in across the school holidays. Test your Lego mastermind at our Lego classes or come and build your own puppet character – there'll be something for everyone! Visit the Town's website for more information.



### Spring Events

#### Sept

1 | History in a Coffee Cup at Claremont Museum 10am. Dig & Discover with Trace Archaeology. claremont.wa.gov.au

**Until 26 | Ngardamarri** at The Goods Shed. Artists from Pilbara town of leramagadu. thegoodsshedclaremont.com

2 | CFC First Friday in September Lunch at Revo Fitness Stadium, 2:10pm. With Scott Cummings, Tim Gossage & Alicia Molik. claremontfc.com.au

3 | Claremont Tigers vs West Coast at Revo Fitness Stadium, 12:00pm claremontfc.com.au

**7, 14 & 21 | Quilting Club** at Claremont Baptist, 9:30am *claremontbc.com* 

**8 | Claremont Meanders Guided Walking Tour** Claremont Museum, 9:30am *claremont.wa.gov.au* 

11 | Friends of Lake Claremont Busy Bee at FOLC Shed, 9:00am friendsoflakeclaremont.org

**15 | Claremont Turtle Tracker Team** at Claremont Lawn Tennis Club, 6:00pm *claremont.wa.gov.au* 

**18 | Celebrate Lake Claremont** 10:00am – 2:00pm. *claremont.wa.gov.au* 

18 | Lost Skills Workshop Taster at Celebrate Lake Claremont claremont.wa.gov.au

**24 – 1 Oct | Perth Royal Show** Claremont Showgrounds *perthroyalshow.com.au* 

**27** | Friends of Lake Claremont Night Chat 5:30pm friendsoflakeclaremont.org

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2 | WA Chinese Guzheng Folk Music Festival at Methodist Ladies College 5:00pm chungwah.org.au/event

**5 & 6 | Claremont Town Centre Monster Hunt** at Claremont Town
Centre. *claremont.wa.gov.au* 

6 | History in a Coffee Cup at Claremont Museum, 10am. Pillar to Post with Sue Hobson. claremont.wa.gov.au

**9 | Friends of Lake Claremont Busy Bee** at FOLC Shed, 9:00am *friendsoflakeclaremont.org* 

**12 | St John Event at The Goods Shed** 5:30pm with Mark Donovan.

**12, 19 & 26** | Quilting Club at Claremont Baptist, 9:30am *claremontbc.com* 

**16 | Lost Skills Program** at Claremont Museum, 10:30am. Make-do & Mend. *claremont.wa.gov.au* 

22 & 23 | Diwali Mela Festival of India at Claremont Showgrounds, 3:00–9:30pm. *iswa-perth.org/diwali* 

25 | Friends of Lake Claremont Night Chat 5:30pm friendsoflakeclaremont.org

#### Nov

1 | History in a Coffee Cup Claremont Museum 10am. Dig & Discover. claremont.wa.gov.au

**7, 14 & 21 | Quilting Club** Claremont Baptist, 10am *claremontbc.com* 

11 | Friends of Lake Claremont Busy Bee FOLC Shed, 8am friendsoflakeclaremont.org

18 | Celebrate Lake Claremont Lake Claremont east at the greenspace just off Elliott Road, 10am - 1pm claremont.wa.gov.au

**18 | Lost Skills Program / Repair Lab** Claremont Museum, 10am *claremont.wa.gov.au* 

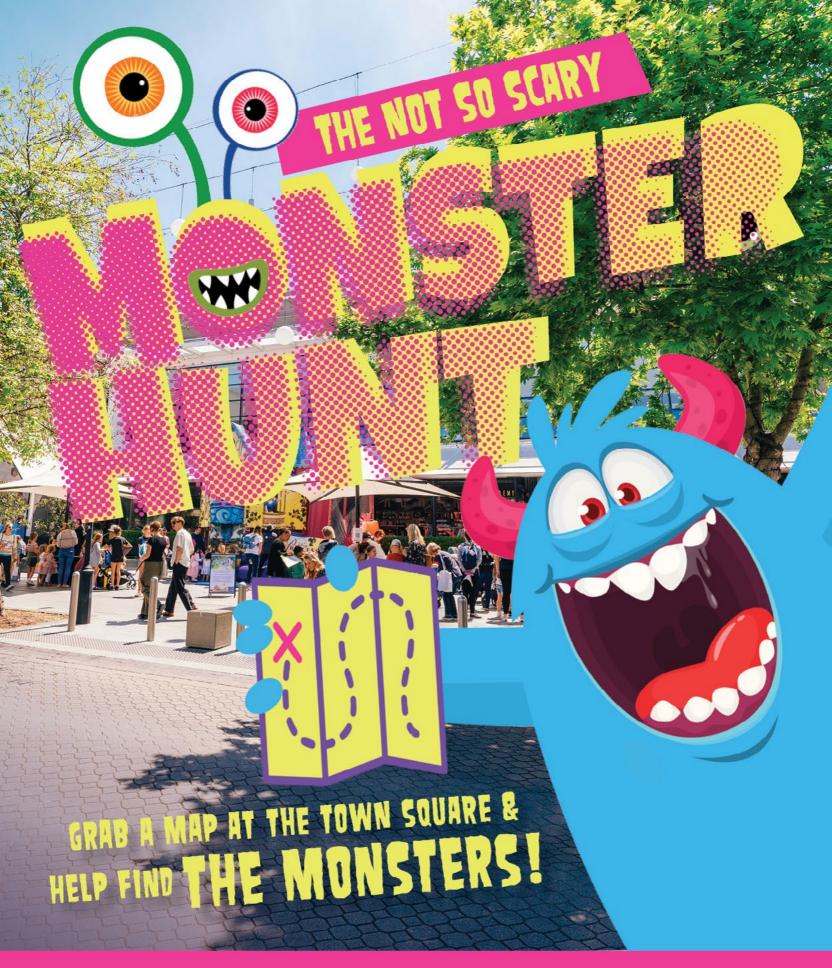
**24-1 Oct | Perth Royal Show** at Claremont Showgrounds *perthroyalshow.com.au* 

**27** | Friends of Lake Claremont Night Chat 5:30pm - 7:30pm friendsoflakeclaremont.org

**Claremont Community Hub & Library** – School holiday activities, programs and groups on offer every week *claremont.wa.gov.au* 

**Lake Claremont parkrun** – join the free, fun & friendly 5km community event every Saturday at 8:00am, meet near the Tee Box café.

Do you have an event on in Claremont for December – February? Let us know at **toc@claremont.wa.gov.au** and we can include it in the next Flourish!



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