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celebrates a century

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### Acknowledgement of Country

The Town acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, and pays its respects to Elders past and present.

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'Here and There' by mentor and artist James Giddy and mentee Layne McFarlane.

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## Mayor's welcome

Welcome to the winter 2026 edition of *Flourish*.

This edition highlights many of the people, projects and events contributing to life in Claremont. Read about the Claremont Football Club's 100th anniversary, the Town's Poppy Project recognising local military history, and the Youth Photography Competition highlighting the creativity of young people across the western suburbs.

You'll also find stories from Lake Claremont, the Youth Mural Mentorship at the Aquatic Centre, winter wellbeing ideas, upcoming NAIDOC Week events and programs for families and children.

Thank you to the residents, volunteers, community groups and businesses who continue to help make Claremont a vibrant and welcoming community.

I hope you enjoy this winter edition of *Flourish*.

*Warm regards,*

**Peter Telford**

**Mayor, Town of Claremont**

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# Honouring our Veterans

The red poppy is an internationally recognised symbol of military service to remember those who died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

By placing an image of a poppy on a street sign – directly related to people and events from military history – we can ensure their stories and courage are not forgotten.

Poppies are already in place on street signs throughout New Zealand, in some parts of Canada, in Queensland and more locally in the City of Cockburn.

The late Kevin Bovill, a RSLWA Claremont sub-branch member, had the idea to bring this project to the Town of Claremont.

Eight street signs throughout the Town display a poppy to honour military service: Avion Way, Brian Walker Lane, Judge Avenue, Kott Terrace, Needs Lane, Renown Avenue, Riley Road and St Quentin Avenue.

“This project ensures that the bravery of those who fought for our country isn’t forgotten and also highlights significant points of interest throughout the Town,” Cr Fernandes said.

Read more about the Town’s *Poppy Project* on our website.





*'Home within Reach'* by Violet Davis-Rohr

## Close to home

The Town's annual Youth Photography Competition returned for 2026, and young photographers got inspired to snap their piece and showcase their skills behind the lens.

The competition sought young individuals aged between 12 and 18 who reside and/or go to school in the local government boundaries of Town of Claremont, Town of Cambridge, Town of Cottesloe, Town of Mosman Park, City of Nedlands, Shire of Peppermint Grove and City of Subiaco.

With the 2026 theme of *'Close to Home'*, 45 young photographers submitted their portrayal of the theme in their own creative ways.

Judges assessed each piece based on the connection to the theme, the originality of the work and the image quality.

Cr Brown returned to judge this year alongside Bianca Venturi from Presbyterian Ladies' College and Rob Di Giallonardo from John XXIII College.

"It was fascinating to see the different lives of today's youth through their lenses, providing a glimpse into their world and experiences," Cr Brown commented.

"This initiative provides a platform for young individuals to express themselves and share their talents. It's always inspiring to see the creativity and talent on display," he added.

Congratulations to all award winners across the seven categories including Adelaide Soo's *'Small Gestures'* and Violet Davis-Rohr's *'Home within Reach'*, winners in the 12-15 year old category and 16-18 year old category, respectively.



**Scan the QR code to see  
all the finalists and winners  
on our website.**

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*'Small Gestures'* by Adelaide Soo



Photo: Jason Clark

## 100 Years of the Claremont Football Club

Initially known as Claremont-Cottesloe when they joined the Western Australian Football League in 1926, the Claremont Football Club (CFC) celebrates its centenary this year.

The CFC, nicknamed the Claremont Tigers, played its first game at the Claremont Showgrounds on 24 April 1926 against East Perth who were ultimately too strong with the home side going down by 71 points.

The next 10 years saw the Tigers become more competitive, however they didn't win many games.

Their luck turned around at the end of the 1930s when they won three consecutive premierships in 1938, 1939 and 1940.

Over its history, the CFC has won 12 League Premierships, 3 Women's Premierships and multiple Reserves and Colts premierships as well.

Former player, coach and CEO of the CFC and current Chairman of the club's 100th Anniversary Heritage Committee Graham Moss spoke of the club's history.

"The club has grown from humble beginnings in the 1920s and 1930s, survived the burning down of its



Claremont Tigers inaugural team of 1926



Claremont Tigers, Premiers of 1938

*“The Town of Claremont is proud to be an Official Partner of the Claremont Football Club.”*

wooden grandstand in 1944 and more recently has formed part of the redevelopment of Claremont Oval with the building of its new clubrooms,” Graham said.

To celebrate its 100th anniversary, a number of activities have and will take place.

On May 23, the Claremont Tigers played East Perth in a centenary match – a nod to the first game the club played in 1926.

“On its 100th anniversary game the team wore a heritage jumper, and a pre-match presentation

featured a parade of premiership cups and former players,” Graham said.

“There will also be a CFC Women’s Team of the Double Decade on Thursday 23 July. Later in the season on 9 August the club will announce its Team of the Century at a family day at Claremont Oval,” he added.

In August 2024, the CFC established its Hall of Fame with 37 players, coaches and administrators inducted with many more to be added in future years.

The Town of Claremont is proud to be an Official Partner of the Claremont Football Club.



Photo: SoCo Studios

## Here, there and everywhere

The front façade of the Claremont Aquatic Centre has come to life with the addition of a new mural.

Now in its third year, mentor and artist James Giddy and mentee Layne McFarlane designed and painted a public mural as part of the Town's Youth Mural Mentorship program.

Titled *'Here and There'*, the mural features two sea lions with the landscape of the surrounding environments such as the lake, golf course and pool highlighted inside.

"After brainstorming we decided the playful nature of the sea lions was perfect for the wall," James said.

"The landscapes and smaller details were stitched together from several site visits to keep it local and relevant to the space," he added.

Having never painted larger than a canvas before, Layne relished in the opportunity to expand her skills and try something new.

"I got to learn about paint types, planning, wall prep and sketching up features," Layne said.

Both James and Layne believe that the mural reflects the heart of the Claremont community.

"I hope that the mural brings a smile and engages patrons beyond a simple glance. It's a piece where the more you look, the more you see, so hopefully visitors can point out aspects to their friends and continue the conversation beyond the wall," James said.

The Town's Youth Mural Mentorship gives young artists aged between 16-25 years old the opportunity to hone their skills in a real-life setting.

### *'This is Claremont'* now live

A short film highlighting businesses in the Claremont Town Centre (CTC) is now live.

Titled *'This is Claremont'* and produced by Ordinary, the short film showcases and celebrates the culture, community and craft that makes the CTC the place it is.

The film highlights the faces and stories behind some well-known CTC brands such as Dolce Bellissimo, Charles Campbell Jewellery, Adam Heath and Truffle Hill Estate.



Scan this QR  
code to watch  
the short film.

# From rural roads to Lake Claremont – the story behind the blue tree

If you have visited Lake Claremont, you may have come across the painted blue tree.

Founded in 2019, The Blue Tree Project is a mental health charity that was established after a story of painting a blue tree came to light following a tragic loss in a Wheatbelt community. The grassroots initiative has since captivated the globe with currently 1,600 blue trees worldwide.

“I love the Lake Claremont blue tree location because so many locals have the opportunity to enjoy the visual reminder. Whether it’s dog walkers, park runners or nearby golfers – it becomes an important conversation starter,” CEO and Founder, Kendall Whyte OAM commented.

The blue tree at Lake Claremont was originally painted in 2022 by local volunteers and schools. A fresh repaint and some TLC is on the horizon to restore the blue tree to its former self; further details will be shared in due course.

“Lake Claremont represents a place of gathering, connection and community and is the perfect location for a blue tree. It starts a conversation that may be difficult for some and gets people talking about the initiative,” Cr Goetze said.

“I’m proud of the impact that we have had nationally and abroad and just hope that the blue trees continue to act as a conversation starter for people,” Kendall concluded.

The story of the Blue Tree Project represents hope, togetherness and support. Whether you pass Lake Claremont’s blue tree daily or every now and then, the tree sparks a powerful reminder.

[bluetreeproject.com.au](http://bluetreeproject.com.au)

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# Celebrating 80 Years of the Children's Book of the Year Awards

2026 marks 80 years of the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book of the Year Awards and we're excited to be a part of it!

In March, 36 titles were shortlisted amongst six categories – Older Readers, Younger Readers, Early Childhood, Picture Book of the Year, Eve Pownall Award and New Illustrator.

Our library has a good selection of some of these shortlisted titles available to borrow – perfect for those wanting to explore new books. These books have become incredibly popular but can be reserved online (or ask one of our friendly library staff for assistance).

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**The winners will be announced on 21 August at a special ceremony at the State Library of NSW.**



***Shortlisted: Older Readers***

**Unhallowed Halls by Lili Wilkinson**



***Shortlisted: Younger Readers***

**Spirit of the Crocodile by Aaron Fa'Aoso and Michelle Scott Tucker with Lyn White**

**Shortlisted: Early Childhood**

Colours of Home by Sally Soweol Han



**Shortlisted: Eve Pownall Award**

There's a Prawn in Parliament House by Annabel Crabb, illustrated by First Dog on the Moon

**Shortlisted: Picture Book of the Year**

Dawn by Marc Martin



**Shortlisted: New Illustrator**

A Farm by the Sea by Jillian Packer



## Lake Claremont's Nature Play in the Park

Lake Claremont has been a place inspiring creativity and imagination for Nature Play WA participants.

Over eight weeks, Nature Play WA ran a course at Lake Claremont targeting three- and four-year-olds and their families. The course aimed to develop the participant's explorative mindsets.

Nature Play WA is a non-for-profit organisation that aims to support and encourage the mental and physical health of Western Australian kids by growing their connection to nature and community through play.

"Lake Claremont was chosen for its natural beauty and rich environment, which provide an ideal setting for our outdoor activities. The lake and surrounding park offer children countless opportunities to explore and observe nature, from birdlife to

other local wildlife," Nature Play WA's Health and Wellbeing Specialist Liz Mendelawitz said.

Commencing in February and running until April, the program strengthened participants relationship with nature and the outdoors through interactive and fun methods including storytelling, singing, craft activities and more.

All activities throughout the program were nature themed with minimal materials required.

The first activity involved making fairy houses. After a reading of the story 'Fairy Beach' by Sheila Knaggs, participants began the hunt for their fairy house materials including fallen bark, leaves, sticks and twigs, encouraging participants to use

their observation and listening skills. Nature Play WA provided the twine, a small wooden doll and scraps of fabric for each participant to tie bring together their 'fairy house'.

Liz said that the Lake Claremont program was a success, "both sessions attracted highly enthusiastic families, and over the course of the term we observed children growing noticeably more confident in the group setting and participating in activities alongside their families and peers."

"Lake Claremont is the perfect place to enjoy all things nature. It is wonderful to see programs like this available to the Claremont community for families and children to enjoy," Cr Suann said.

Nature Play WA runs a variety of programs across the Perth region and offers a range of home-based activities for those who are unable to attend a program.

[natureplaywa.org.au](http://natureplaywa.org.au)

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## Fauna contributing to Lake Claremont

Lake Claremont is a Conservation Category Wetland with considerable conservation value and is a prominent part of the Town's landscape.

Despite supporting abundant life both above and below the water, very few targeted surveys have been undertaken at the lake. A native bee survey and two aquatic macroinvertebrate surveys have previously been completed.

Environmental consultant Biologic Environmental was commissioned by the Town to undertake a survey to improve its knowledge needed to support the environmental management of the lake.

The survey focused on ants, native bees and aquatic macroinvertebrates due to the existing knowledge of each and how each species helps indicate the environmental health of not only Lake Claremont but the surrounding area as well.

Notably, the survey recorded nine ant species, 27 native bee species and 58 aquatic macroinvertebrate taxa at Lake Claremont. Observations of jumping spider and pseudoscorpion were new records for the survey area.

Surveys like this help to improve habitat quality and support greater species diversity, while also expanding the Town's knowledge of existing species.

"Lake Claremont is home to numerous types of fauna and it's pleasing to see this survey dive deeper into these species that help positively towards the lake," Cr Franklyn said.

"The Lake is a key part of the Town's landscape and keeping it teeming with wildlife is paramount to its success," she added.

Other fauna surveys have previously been conducted at Lake Claremont, including South West Snake Neck Turtles, reptiles, bees and quendas, along with the David Free biannual bird count.



# Winter warm up – guide to fitness this winter

Escape the cold and embrace the burn this winter. From pilates to personalised fitness coaching, there is something from everyone.



## Club Mello

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Explore the art of movement by joining a mat or reformer class at Club Mello.

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## StretchLab

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[stretchlab.com.au](http://stretchlab.com.au)



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Whether you're an experienced gym guru or just starting your gym journey, Snap Fitness caters to all levels.

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*Nude Lucy*



**2. UGG Tazz II** \$199.99  
*Stylerunner*



**4. Ryan & Co Candle in Cape Leeuwin** \$45  
*Merchants of Swanbourne*



**5. Nico Reusable Cup in Dark Olive** \$34.95  
*Country Road*



**3. Salted Caramel Hot Cocoa** \$24.90  
*Koko Black*



**6. Rolute Facial Concentrate** \$239  
*Aēsop*



**7. DALI IO-8 Wireless Headphones** \$899  
*JB HiFi*



**9. Ruby Long Hot Water Bottle** \$24.95  
*Bed, Bath n' Table*

WINTER WARMERS

shop guide



**8. Rosalie Eyeglasses in Tortoiseshell** 2 pairs from \$289  
*Bailey Nelson*



**10. Shai Salad Servers** \$59.95  
*Seed*



**11. Iluka by Cassie Stroud** \$32.99  
*The Lane Bookshop*



**12. Linton Lambswool 1/4 Zip Knit** \$299  
*R.M. Williams*



**13. Raquel Bracelet** \$149  
*Arms of Eve*

**14. Jerome Dreyfuss Harry Small Bag in Camel** \$1210  
*Adam Heath*



**15. Oribe Moisture & Control Deep Treatment Masque** \$105  
*Oz Hair and Beauty*





## Escape the winter blues

Trade Perth's cooler months for sunshine and tropical weather and travel somewhere you've never been before.

When asking the experts at Claremont Travel, Southeast Asia remains a popular destination due to its proximity to Australia.

"Phuket is a go-to thanks to its tropical beaches, luxury resorts and vibrant nightlife," Claremont Travel Team Leader Lee Van Dongan said.

"Vietnam is growing in popularity, particularly destinations such as Da Nang and Phu Quoc, which offer warm weather, rich cultural heritage and exceptional value alongside a growing choice of high-end hotels and luxury cruising," he added.

Don't discount staying in Australia though. With its rugged landscapes, pristine coastlines and iconic natural wonders, head north to Broome or Darwin for a 4WD trip or even an expedition cruise.

According to Lee, holidaying in high-end, regionally inspired resorts in untouched locations is gaining popularity.

"Well-travelled holidaymakers are increasingly seeking eco-conscious, nature-focused escapes in remote settings that deliver truly distinctive experiences," Lee said.

"The upcoming Club Med resort in Borneo, opening later this year, is a perfect example. Set among lush rainforest, crystal-clear waters and jungle trails where wildlife encounters with orangutans and monkeys are part of the experience.

"Just one direct flight from Perth to Johannesburg opens the door to premium resorts in South Africa, where beach relaxation can be seamlessly paired with unforgettable safaris to see the big five – elephants, lions, rhinos, leopards and buffalo, among unspoiled private reserves," he added.

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**bctravel.com.au**

# NAIDOC Week

A national celebration running from 5 – 12 July 2026, NAIDOC Week recognises the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

During the week, the Town will be providing a range of interactive and engaging activities and events.

## Seeing the Noongar Seasons Storytime

Monday 6 July, 9am – 9.45am & 10am – 10.45am

A special story time with Ebony Froome, Author of *Djinang Bonar: Seeing Seasons*. Come along to learn about the Noongar Seasons and Noongar language.

**Bay View Community Centre**



## Aboriginal Art Workshop

Monday 6 July, 3pm – 4.30pm

Experience a hands-on Aboriginal art workshop with Gija & Yamaji Artist Deborah Bonar exploring acrylic painting, symbols and storytelling.

**Bay View Community Centre**



## Weaving Workshop

Friday 10 July, 10am – 12pm

Join Priscilla Morrison from Kankuji Designs and Nyikina Elder Coral Foley for a weaving workshop this NAIDOC Week. Learn traditional Aboriginal weaving techniques while creating a woven basket.

**Bay View Community Centre**



## Sunday Funday: Paper Bark Painting

Sunday 12 July, 11am – 1pm

Celebrate NAIDOC Week through a reflective and hands-on paper bark painting experience, where participants will engage with Bibool (paperbark) as a living expression of Noongar culture, memory and Country.

**Claremont Museum**



# Winter what's on

## June

**4 | Crafternooners Paper Plate Caterpillar:** Bay View Community Centre 3.15pm-4.15pm.  
([claremont.wa.gov.au](http://claremont.wa.gov.au))

**11 | Crafternooners Create What You Like!** Bay View Community Centre 3.15pm-4.15pm.  
([claremont.wa.gov.au](http://claremont.wa.gov.au))

**14 | Friends of Lake Claremont Busy Bee:** FOLC shed on the northeast side of Lake Claremont 8am-10am.  
([friendsoflakeclaremont.org](http://friendsoflakeclaremont.org))

**14 | Sunday Funday – Sardine Tin Collage:** Claremont Museum 11.00am-1.00pm. Bookings are required.  
([claremont.wa.gov.au](http://claremont.wa.gov.au))

**18 | Boatshed Tours at the Claremont Museum:** Claremont Museum 11.00am-12.00pm. Bookings are required.  
([claremont.wa.gov.au](http://claremont.wa.gov.au))

**18 | Crafternooners Cardboard Binoculars:** Bay View Community Centre 3.15pm-4.15pm.  
([claremont.wa.gov.au](http://claremont.wa.gov.au))

**18 | Nature Play in the Park:** Lake Claremont 9.00am-10.10am and 10.10am-11.10am.  
([claremont.wa.gov.au](http://claremont.wa.gov.au))

**25 | Crafternooners Create What You Like!** Bay View Community Centre 3.15pm-4.15pm.  
([claremont.wa.gov.au](http://claremont.wa.gov.au))

**28 | Sunday Funday – Sun Print Nature Art:** Claremont Museum 11.00am-1.00pm. Bookings are required.  
([claremont.wa.gov.au](http://claremont.wa.gov.au))

## July

**2 | Crafternooners Spaceship Alien Craft:** Bay View Community Centre 3.15pm-4.15pm.  
([claremont.wa.gov.au](http://claremont.wa.gov.au))

**12 | Friends of Lake Claremont Busy Bee:** FOLC shed on the northeast side of Lake Claremont 8am-10am.  
([friendsoflakeclaremont.org](http://friendsoflakeclaremont.org))

**16 | Boatshed Tours at the Claremont Museum:** Claremont Museum 11.00am-12.00pm. Bookings are required.  
([claremont.wa.gov.au](http://claremont.wa.gov.au))

**25 | Christmas in July:** Wilkinson Gallery 9.30am-5.30pm. Free parking, free entry.  
([eventbrite.com/e/the-boutique-christmas-market-tickets-1988742076085](http://eventbrite.com/e/the-boutique-christmas-market-tickets-1988742076085))

**26 | Christmas in July:** Wilkinson Gallery 9am-3pm. Free parking, free entry.  
([eventbrite.com/e/the-boutique-christmas-market-tickets-1988742076085](http://eventbrite.com/e/the-boutique-christmas-market-tickets-1988742076085))

**25 | Dilettante Circle:** 2 Bay View Terrace 10am-5pm.  
([dilettante.net/pages/circle](http://dilettante.net/pages/circle))

**26 | Dilettante Circle:** 2 Bay View Terrace 9am-4pm.  
([dilettante.net/pages/circle](http://dilettante.net/pages/circle))

## August

**9 | Friends of Lake Claremont Busy Bee:** FOLC shed on the northeast side of Lake Claremont 8am-10am.  
([friendsoflakeclaremont.org](http://friendsoflakeclaremont.org))

**9 | Boatshed Tours at the Claremont Museum:** Claremont Museum 11.00am-12.00pm. Bookings are required.  
([claremont.wa.gov.au](http://claremont.wa.gov.au))

## Upcoming events

Do you have an event on in Claremont for September 2026 – November 2026? Let us know at [toc@claremont.wa.gov.au](mailto:toc@claremont.wa.gov.au) and we can include it in the next Flourish.

## Saturdays

**Lake Claremont parkrun**  
Join the free, fun & friendly 5km community event every Saturday at 8.00am, meet near the Tee Box café. [parkrun.com.au](http://parkrun.com.au)

**Claremont Lawn Tennis Club**  
Visitors are welcome on a Saturday afternoon all year round. They offer court hire, coaching for all levels, social and competitive play and a welcoming, fun atmosphere.  
[claremonttennis.com.au](http://claremonttennis.com.au)

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**MON - THURS:** 10am - 4pm

**FRI - SAT:** Closed

**SUN:** Second & fourth Sunday of the month, 10am - 2pm

*Closed public holidays*

