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YOUTH PHOTO COMPETITION

Capturing moments in their world

CHEMICAL TRIAL

Trees showing positive
signs of fighting the borer

SUPPORT IN SPORT

Football provides a pathway
for Aboriginal young players

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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.

Front cover

Harriet Hockings | Eye of the Story
Winner 12 – 15 years category, 2025
Youth Photography Competition

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Mayor's welcome

It never ceases to amaze me how active and engaged this wonderful community really is. Whether I am in the town centre, or visiting the Lake, I see members of our community out and about and enjoying our amenities and connecting with each other.

Volunteering is a great way to contribute and participate, and if you are looking to serve the community the Northshore SES might be for you (page 8). Alternatively, you could join an art group (page 6), or sporting club (page 4); there are so many ways to get involved.

We are also privileged to have amazing services right on our doorstep, such as the GPs on Bayview, and the plethora of retail choices in the town centre (page 14-15).

If you are looking for things to do over the cooler months, head to the Claremont Museum to view the Youth Photography Competition shortlisted entries (page 1), or check out the What's on page to view the raft of other activities that are all happening in your community.

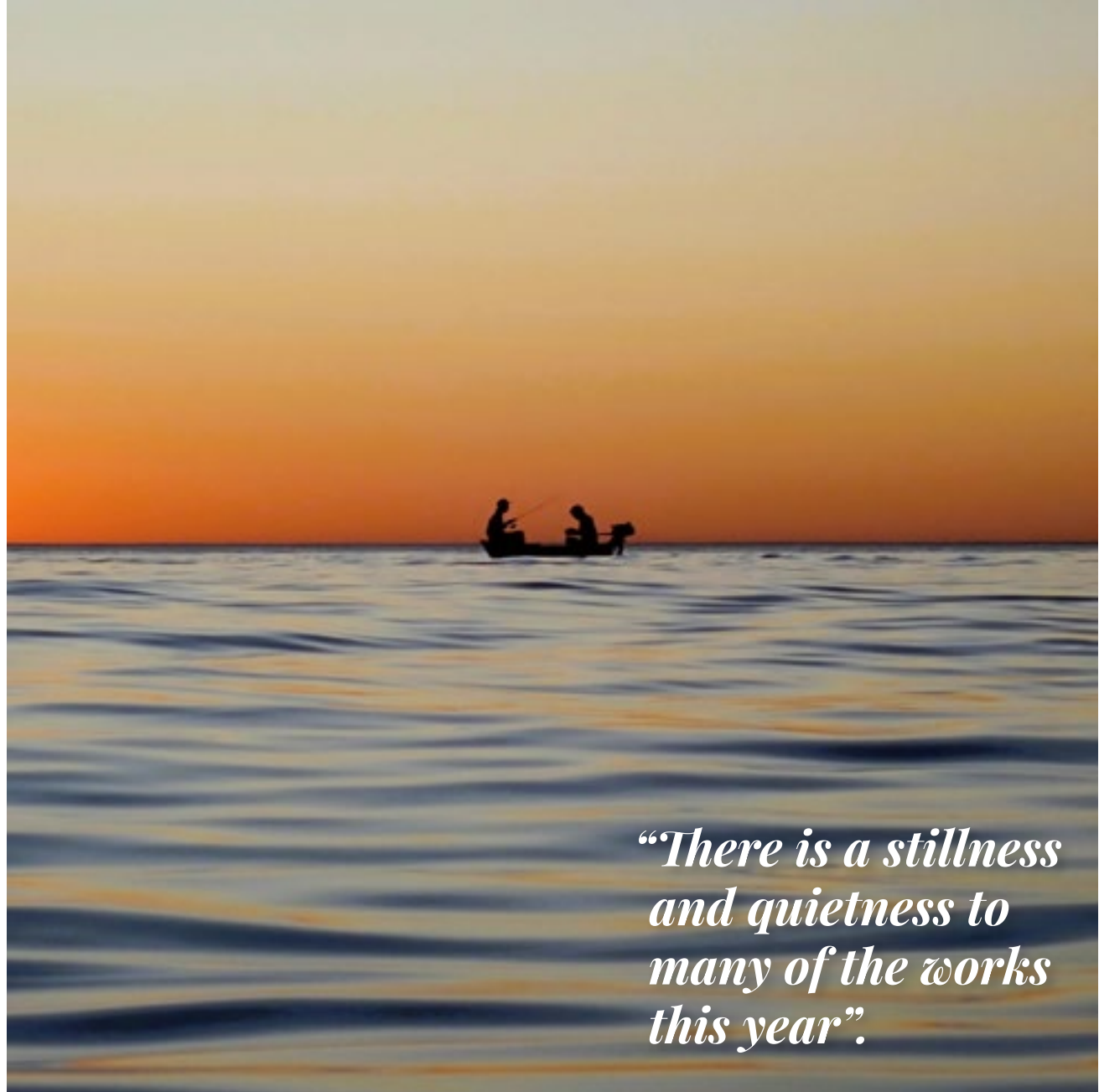
Keep connected and warm this winter.

Best wishes

Mayor Jock Barker



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*“There is a stillness
and quietness to
many of the works
this year”.*

Winner 16 – 18 years category
Violet Davis-Rohr | Sitting in silence

In their own world

This year, young people were asked to capture an image that reflected their perspective of being ‘in their own world’.




The Town’s annual Youth Photographic Competition, open to all young people aged between 12-18 years who reside in and/or go to school in the western suburbs, had 64 entries this year.

Judge and Cr Ryan Brown said “I really enjoy being part of this project, seeing young people’s creativity depict the world through their own lens so to speak. There is a stillness and quietness to many of the works this year, which I found fascinating.”

Cr Brown was joined by Bianca Venturi – Presbyterian Ladies’ College and Rob Di Giallonardo – John XXIII College, to make the difficult choice of winners for each category.

Shortlisted artworks will be on display at the Claremont Museum between 29 May – 4 June during museum opening hours. Visitors can vote for their favourite photograph for the People’s Choice category at the exhibition or online via the QR code.



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Trees stand trial

Together with Treeswest, the Town has begun a new treatment trial to stop the Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) wreaking havoc across the Town’s tree canopy.

This trial uses funnel traps coated in an attracting chemical which mimics the scent of the Box Elder tree, the preferred host for PSHB. The trees are then injected with a mixture of insecticide and fungicide which inhibits fungal growth almost immediately.

Pleasingly for the Town’s tree canopy, early signs are showing promising results with many beetles being captured in the traps.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development have placed log traps in the eastern buffer on Lake Claremont where the highest infestation of the borer is believed to be to draw them out of the bushland.

Cr Sara Franklyn said initiatives like this will help the combat the borer.

“Everyone here at the Town is encouraged by the results so far and how well it’s working,” she said.

“The Town is known for its lush green canopy and it’s pleasing to see this trial positively supporting this asset.”

PSHB was first detected in East Fremantle in August 2021 and since then has been found across 30 Local Government areas in WA.

The beetle helps the growth of a fungus inside the tree which then kills it by restricting or preventing water and nutrients moving throughout it.

Other local Governments across Western Australia have taken part in this trial with similar results.

Bird waterer

In February, a Bird Watering Station was installed at Lake Claremont.

This design provides a permanent fresh water supply for birdlife, to help protect vulnerable bird species in a drying climate. The waterer is located three to four metres above the ground to ensure for the birds’ safety while avoiding inference to the water supply.

The Town worked closely with Birdlife Australia in selecting the optimal location for the device to be installed. The bird waterer can be found in the northeast corner of the Lake Claremont bushland – near the Friends of Lake Claremont shed.





“Chase every opportunity you are given and believe in yourself...”

AFLW Futures Game 2025 Jasmine Roberts (far left)

Support in sport

Celebrating NAIDOC Week.

Maley Hayward became the first Aboriginal player to represent Claremont in league football more than 90 years ago and since then many more Aboriginal players have played for the club.

Today, there are 10 Aboriginal players across the club's League, WAFLW, Reserves, Colts, Rogers Cup and Futures teams.

Over the past 60 years, the Claremont Football Club (CFC) has been at the forefront of pathways for Aboriginal WAFL players. This enables both Aboriginal men and women to develop their football skills and give them a purpose in life.

Indigenous Broome woman and CFC Rogers Cup player Jasmine Roberts spoke of her love of the sport.

“The best thing about playing football is the support, experiences and belonging I have with my mentors and team players,” she said.

“When I play football my relationship with my team is supportive in many ways, such as making me feel important, strong and to be the best version of myself.

“Playing football gives me a sense of relief as well as a boost of confidence,” she added.

Seniors Men's player Eric Benning has excelled for the Claremont Tigers in recent years, playing for both the League and Reserves sides.

“The highlight of my football career was playing my first League game with Claremont,” Eric said.



NAIDOC jumper 2024, Eric Benning

"All the people and the support in and around the footy club make the CFC a great place," he added.

Not just helping her fitness, Rogers Cup player Sienna McLaren said the Claremont community helps her grow.

"I love the community that has been created and how close all the girls are. It's a super fun and challenging environment that has let me grow so much as a person," she said.

For those wanting to play for the Tigers, Jasmine, Eric and Sienna said to go for it.

"Chase every opportunity you are given and believe in yourself," Jasmine said.

"Don't make it a chore, do it because you enjoy it," Eric said.

"The younger you start the better, there are heaps more girls joining footy and the standards just keep getting better and better. It's a really fun way to make friends, stay active and get some friendly competition," Sienna added.

The Town of Claremont is a proud Community Sponsor of the CFC Women's Team and a Community Partner for the CFC's Youth Girls Development Squad for 2025.



A stitch in time

A recent gift from the Claremont Embroidery Group has revealed several well-stitched landmarks around the Town, in a competent piece now hanging in the Town's Freshwater Bay Gallery.

The Group, an affiliate group of the Embroiderer's Guild WA, has gifted the piece to commemorate the Museum's 50th anniversary.

Based on selected imagery from the Museum, the needlework depicts eighteen individually embroidered pieces of Claremont's history, preserving the memory of these icons.

This is the second piece that the Claremont Embroidery Group has donated to the Town, sadly a piece was destroyed in a fire at Claremont Council in 2010.

Group leader Sandy Nicholson said the group wanted to stitch moments in Claremont's history and the fact it was also the Museum's 50th anniversary was extra special.

The group applied to the Town through the Community Funding Program, enabling them to frame these completed embroidery works.





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What’s all the buzz about

The rear wall at the Bay View Community Centre has come alive with the addition of a new mural as part of the Town’s Youth Mural Mentorship program.

This year, Jack Collis and Daisy Fethers were mentored by WA artist and animator Peter Ryan to design, create and paint a new public mural.

The mural, titled *Busy Bees*, depicts people from the community on one side – including a librarian, creative kids and sporty teens – controlling the strings (like puppets) of bees on the other side which are building a garden.

It’s a vibrant, lively and community friendly piece designed to bring joy and a pop of colour to the area.

“The concept [of the mural] was about community working together and building a garden, using creative imagery of puppeteering bees on banksias,” Peter said.

“The mural is a bright and uplifting artwork to compliment the future community garden.”

Both Jack and Daisy said opportunities like this help them strengthen their skills and get out of their comfort zones.

“By getting first-hand experience in the field and in the presence of

a professional, this gave me the underlying knowledge to allow me to apply myself in the field,” Jack said. “It’s always fun to see others’ perspectives on the world and the industry.”

“This opportunity grew my confidence as an artist as I learnt to embrace my creativity and get out of my comfort zone in painting which I know will help me in my future artworks,” Daisy echoed. “It also offered a unique opportunity to learn from an experienced mural artist and collaborate with others who share an interest in art.”

Now in its second year, the Town’s Youth Mentorship Program gives young artists aged between 16-25 years the opportunity to grow their skills and gain valuable experience from a professional artist.



Volunteers to the rescue

With the weather cooling down and potential storms brewing, the Northshore State Emergency Service (SES) is preparing for its busiest time of the year.

Made up entirely of volunteers, Northshore SES has serviced Claremont and surrounding suburbs for more than 50 years. Northshore SES Local Manager Nick Elliott said their volunteers are equipped to handle all types of situations.

"We train our volunteers to be able to deal with whatever emergency situation may confront them," Nick said.

"Preparing your home now will not only relieve pressure on the SES volunteers who respond to urgent calls

for assistance, it could save your life and protect your property.

"Now is the time check your roof for any damage, clear your gutters, external drainage points and drains, and trim trees and branches.

"The last thing we want is for the community to be caught off guard when the weather turns," he added.

For more information on Northshore SES or to become a volunteer visit their website northshoreses.com.au

A method to good health

Not just your average gym.

Method Health offers a personalised and authentic approach to wellness, helping you overcome obstacles and unlock your full health potential.

Conveniently located in Claremont, just off Lapsley Road next to the Tee Box Café and Golf Course, Method Health is led by owner Michael Lees – the heart and soul of the business.

With qualifications in physiotherapy and sports science, and nearly two decades of experience, Michael and his team understand the value of genuine care and sustainable lifestyle management.

“At Method Health, we focus on high quality individual and group fitness programs, lifestyle support, injury prevention, and ongoing health care,” said Michael.

“Our wide range of services caters to all fitness levels so there’s something for everyone and our aim is to facilitate long term health for our clients.”

On-site physiotherapy services are also available, giving you easy access to professional support when you need it most.

30 Lapsley Rd, Claremont
methodhealth.com.au

And after a great workout? Treat yourself at Lake Espresso – the café conveniently connected to Method Health – where you can enjoy a well-earned coffee and snack without going far.



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Mulder Park makeover

The Town is known for its lush parks which provide a relaxed atmosphere for residents and visitors alike.

Located to the east of Lake Claremont, John and Jean Mulder Park features a kid's playground and picnic area fitted out with BBQ facilities.

Earlier in the year, the Town sought community feedback on the design of the park and the playground renewal and received many requests for a wheelchair and disability access playground options. Council supported this new infrastructure that will be installed early winter.

Claremont resident Luc Tasker said it's great that his son now gets to enjoy an accessible playground close to home.

"We are excited that our son Nathan will have the opportunity to experience joy in this playground like other children," Luc said.

"There are many accessible playground options that would be used by children without a disability. But importantly, these selections of equipment would unlock the ability for children, like my son Nathan, to have greater enjoyment and participation," he added.

New playground equipment was also installed at Rowe Park and Hatchett Park, while Maclagan Park had a new playground, fence and shade sails installed.

For more information about the Town's parks, please visit [our website **claremont.wa.gov.au/environment/parks**](http://www.claremont.wa.gov.au/environment/parks)

The park is set to undergo further transformations with many new and exciting pieces being installed.

"Mulder Park has really had a complete makeover, Cr Graham Cameron said. "A new scooter track design has also been approved and will be installed in the coming months, which will transform this space for young families to enjoy".

"A new scooter track design has also been approved..."





Lucky dog

WA artist Steven Buckles is the creative force behind the latest addition to the Town's Public Art Trail, the Good Luck Bulldog.

To be installed in Claremont Park this winter, Buckles designed the Good Luck Bulldog sculpture to symbolise warmth, companionship and positivity.

Visitors are encouraged to pet the bulldog, particularly his copper ear, for a touch of good fortune.

His plaque will read:

'Companion loyal, constant, kind.
Embrace for luck, peace of mind.
Here together, thick and thin.
Together strong, forever friend.'



And the winner is... Baxter!

After a closely contested vote, Baxter has been chosen as the winning name of our community competition – naming the latest public artwork!

The decision came down to a slim margin, so thank you to everyone who cast their vote. We think Baxter the Bulldog is a perfect fit for this lovable larger than life puppy.

"We hope he will reflect the shared joy of spending time in the park for both humans and dogs", said Cr Annette Suann. "Come and visit Baxter in Claremont Park and give him a pat for good luck!"

Celebrating children's books

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) have revealed the 2025 Book of the Year Awards shortlist, and we're excited to be a part of the celebration!

The annual Book of the Year Awards aim to promote quality literature for young Australians, support and encourage Australian writers and illustrators of children's books and celebrate contributions to Australian children's literature.

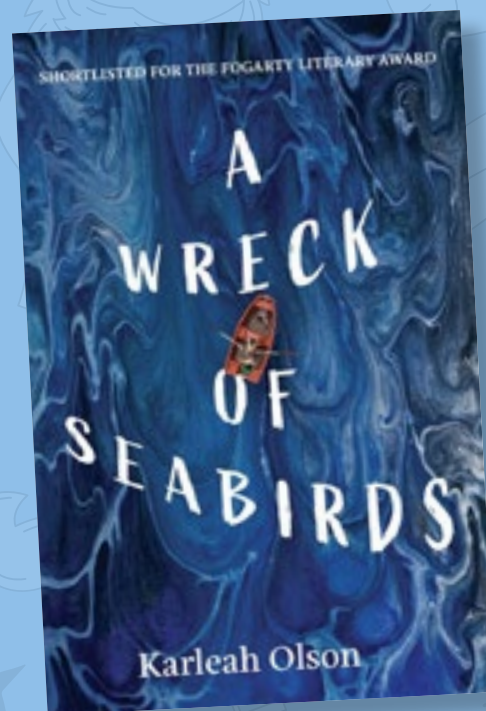
Our library has a good selection of the shortlisted titles available to borrow — perfect for young readers of all ages to explore the best in Australian children's books.

To spark a love of stories and creativity, we're inviting kids to take part by either reading one of the shortlisted books or colouring in Jess McGeachin's magical illustration for the 2025 "Book an Adventure" colouring sheet—available now at the library.

Every child who gets involved will receive a fun little reward, like a bookmark, badge, or sticker, as a cheerful thank-you for joining the adventure!

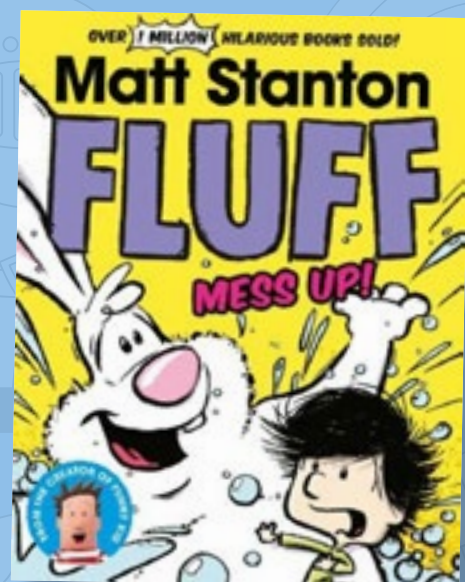
Drop into the library, discover a new favourite story, and join us in celebrating the joy of reading!

The CBCA Book of the Year Award Honours and Winners will be announced at a national event hosted by the National Library of Australia on Friday 15 August.



Older Readers

A Wreck of Seabirds by Karleah Olson

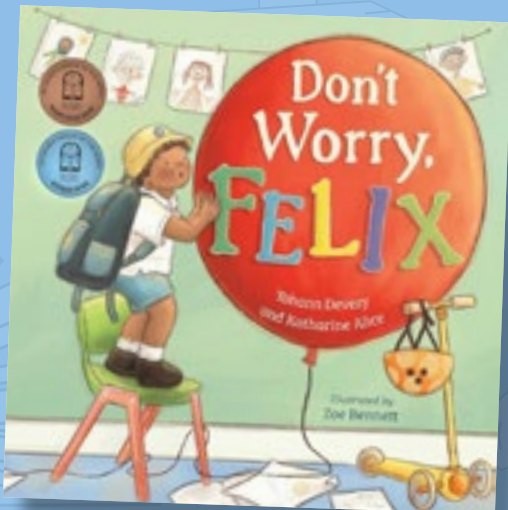


Younger Readers

Fluff: Mess Up! by Matt Stanton, illustrated by Matt Stanton

Early Childhood

Don't Worry, Felix by Yohann Devezy &
Katharine Alice, illustrated by Zoe Bennett



Eve Pownall Award

Always Was, Always Will Be by
Aunty Fay Muir & Sue Lawson

Picture Book of the Year

The Truck Cat by Danny Snell,
text by Deborah Frenkel



New Illustrator

Grow Big, Little Seed, Sarah Capon

Healthcare right here

GPs on Bay View are a dedicated team of doctors, nurses and health professionals with expertise in many specialist areas, and it's all here in central Claremont.



20 Bay View Terrace

Women's Health

GPs on Bay View have recently announced the launch of The Claremont Clinic, a clinic dedicated to women's health and menopause. Drs Lucy Rigden, Susan Cann, Tonia Sebbes and Chiara Curnow from GPs on Bay View are committed to guiding women and their health journey with personalised, compassionate care.

claremontclinic.com.au



Skin Cancer

Did you know two thirds of Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 60? This makes skin care more important than ever. The Skin Cancer Clinic prioritises your health by employing accredited skin cancer doctors and advanced technology to treat skin cancers early.

skincancerclaremont.com.au/about-us



Medicine for Seniors

GPs on Bay View offer a comprehensive annual health review for patients over 75 years of age. This is a great opportunity for senior members of the community to receive support for physical, social and psychological wellbeing.

gpsonbayview.com.au/our-services/medicine-for-seniors



Mental Health

Our mental wellbeing is just as important as our physical. GPs on Bay View are trained in the recognition and treatment of depression and anxiety and can provide a link to psychological services where necessary.

gpsonbayview.com.au/our-services/mental-health





1. Illuminate Belted Cape \$1,250
Zimmermann



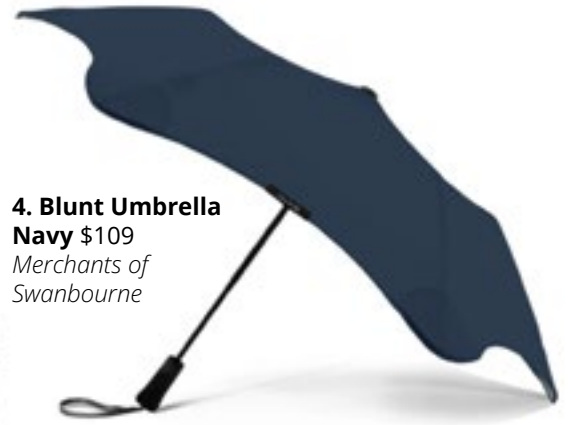
2. Natural Woolly Slide \$79.95
Peter Alexander



3. Dark Hot Cocoa \$24.90
Koko Black



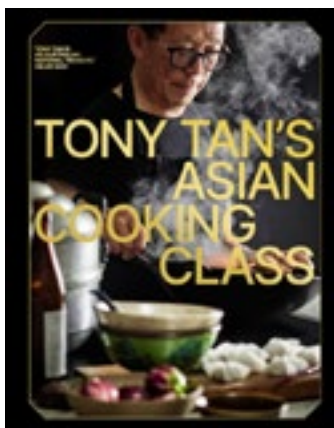
5. Moss Wood Pinot Noir 2022 \$64.99
Liberty Liquors



4. Blunt Umbrella Navy \$109
Merchants of Swanbourne



6. Veiga Ultrasonic Diffuser \$64.99
Merchants of Swanbourne



7. Tony Tan's Asian Cooking Class \$59.99
The Lane Bookshop

WINTER WARMERS

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9. Comfort Craftsman Boot \$749
R.M. Williams



8. Missoni Nastri Porcelain Coffee Cup Set of 2 \$530
Ricarda



10. Reidel Decanter \$90
David Jones



11. Newport Lily Pad Chunky Knit Throw \$140
Adairs



14. Cashmere Tie Sleeveless Tank \$350
Scanlan Theodore



12. Ammla Light Choc Suede Boots \$379.95
Midas



13. Geranium Leaf Body Balm \$47
Aēsop

What's on



Tote-ally worth it

Beginning in Australia in 2011, Plastic Free July has been adopted worldwide to avoid using single-use plastics and plastic waste.

It's one of the most influential environmental campaigns across the globe with millions of people taking part every year. In support of Plastic Free July, customers who shop local in the Claremont Town Centre will receive a free branded tote bag to hold their purchases.

"Plastic Free July encourages us to take a look at our environmental footprint and potentially reduce it and be more sustainable," Cr Jill Goetze said.

"These totes can be used all year round not just for Plastic Free July; with their timeless design being totally worthy of everyday use," she added.

Interested businesses wanting to take part can contact the Town on **9285 4300** or email **ctc@claremont.wa.gov.au** by 30 June.



Art Awards and Exhibition

The Town's ever popular biennial Art Awards & Exhibition returns in August.

In its ninth year, the Awards have gone from strength to strength attracting large numbers and quality artworks.

"The Claremont Art Awards & Exhibition is a testament to the serious regard and understanding of the importance of the visual arts in a community," Curator Paola Anselmi said.

This year's calendar will include the Artist Meet and Greet, on Saturday 9 August from 11am – 3pm and a Curator's floor talk on Sunday 10 August at 11am.

All shortlisted artworks will be on display in the Town's Administration building from 9 August to 22 August and are available for purchase.

For more information visit **claremont.wa.gov.au/community/arts-and-culture/art-awards-exhibition**

Winter what's on

June

- 1-17 | Airship Orchestra:**
Claremont Quarter 8am – 9pm.
(claremontquarter.com.au/discover/airship-orchestra)
- 5 | Crafternooners Monster Puppets:** Bay View Community Centre 3.30pm – 4.15pm.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)
- 5 | History in a Coffee Cup:**
Claremont Museum 10am – 11.30am.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)
- 8 | Friends of Lake Claremont Busy Bee:** FOLC shed on the northeast side of Lake Claremont 8am-10am.
(friendsoflakeclaremont.org)
- 12 | Crafternooners Cardboard Binoculars:** Bay View Community Centre 3.30pm – 4.15pm.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)
- 19 | Crafternooners Sponge Painting:** Bay View Community Centre 3.30pm – 4.15pm.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)
- 20 | Quiz Night at Claremont Football Club:** Revo Fitness Stadium, 3 Davies Road 6.30pm.
(clarmeontfc.com.au)
- 21 | WA State Jigsaw Puzzle competition 2025:** Jim Webster pavilion at Claremont Showground 9am – 4pm.
(australianjigsawpuzzle.org.au)
- 22 | Sunday Funday Winter Solstice Lantern Making:**
Claremont Museum 11am – 1pm.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)
- 26 | Crafternooners Paper Plate Sailboat:** Bay View Community Centre 3.30pm – 4.15pm.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)

July

- 3 | Crafternooners Rocket Ship Craft:** Bay View Community Centre 3.30pm – 4.15pm.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)
- 3 | History in a Coffee Cup:**
Claremont Museum 10am – 11.30am.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)
- 5-19 | Beanstalk:** Ellie Eaton Pavilion at Claremont Showground 10am & 1pm. (sppt.com.au)
- 6 | Sunday Funday NAIDOC Week Kids Activity:** Claremont Museum 11am – 1pm. (claremont.wa.gov.au)
- 7 & 9 | NAIDOC Week Activities:**
Bay View Community Centre
(claremont.wa.gov.au)
- 8 | Claremont Museum – Boatshed Tours:** Claremont Museum 10.30am – 11am. (claremont.wa.gov.au)
- 13 | Friends of Lake Claremont Busy Bee:** FOLC shed on the northeast side of Lake Claremont 8am-10am. (friendsoflakeclaremont.org)
- 27 | Sunday Funday Christmas in July – Make Your Own Decorations:**
Claremont Museum 11am – 1pm.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)

August

- 3 | Claremont Museum – Boatshed Tours:** Claremont Museum 10.30am – 11am. (claremont.wa.gov.au)
- 7 | History in a Coffee Cup:**
Claremont Museum 10am – 11.30am.
(claremont.wa.gov.au)
- 8-10 | Mold x Pinot Palooza 2025:**
Silver Jubilee Pavilion at Claremont Showground. (pinotpalooza.com.au)
- 9-22 | Art Awards and Exhibition:**
Town of Claremont's Administration building (claremont.wa.gov.au)
- 10 | Sunday Funday Science Week – Magnet Fun:** Claremont Museum 11am – 1pm. (claremont.wa.gov.au)
- 10 | Friends of Lake Claremont Busy Bee:** FOLC shed on the northeast side of Lake Claremont 8am-10am. (friendsoflakeclaremont.org)

Upcoming events

Do you have an event on in Claremont for September to November?
Let us know at toc@claremont.wa.gov.au

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

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

ART AWARDS & EXHIBITION



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