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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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Swanbourne Village 2024
Image courtesy of Miles Noel Studio

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Mayor's welcome

It's a busy time ahead for the Town, with the winter tree planting program about to commence imminently. The long-awaited rainfall will support a bigger than usual annual planting season, with Council committed to maintaining the canopy devastated by the borer.

I am so pleased a number of residents have taken up the Adopt a Tree program (page 2), which will further aid this endeavour.

In other exciting news, the Swanbourne Village has welcomed a new mural depicting elements of the history of the precinct (page 6). And don't forget to visit the Youth Photography Exhibition at the Community Hub and Library (page 1). This shortlist of 24 images on display for the month of June is guaranteed to engage and amaze you.

Best wishes

Mayor Jock Barker



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Happy snaps

The Town's Youth Photography Competition got cameras clicking as young people created their 'happy' snap.

The competition asked young people aged 12-18 to capture an image that makes them happy. The result was more than 60 diverse and imaginative entries, making it extremely hard for the judges to narrow down the finalists. Photos were judged on originality, image quality, and portrayal of 'what made them happy'.

The top 12 finalists for each of the two age group categories are on display at the Claremont Community Hub and Library until 28 June; each finalist will receive a free workshop with renowned photographer (and judge), Michael Pelusey. The workshop will include theory-based learning followed by a practical session where students can put their new knowledge into action.

Councillor Jill Goetze, who was part of the judging panel, said "The competition is a fantastic initiative that challenges young people to harness their creativity and think about things differently.

I'm sure the youth of today are no strangers to snapping a pic on their phones, maybe a selfie or two, but thinking about photography as an art form is very different. There may even be some who discover a hidden talent or passion because of this competition." she said.

The winners of each of the six categories will be announced on 20 June.



Harrison Osgarby 'Connection'



Maya Pushpalingam 'Literary joy'



Aerial view of Lake Claremont Nature Playground off Stirling Road
Captured by the Showgrounds Community Men's Shed Photography Group

Adopt a Tree

The Town's Adopt a Tree program has taken off as residents – and councillors – do their part for Claremont's tree canopy.

When the Adopt a Tree program came across her desk, a seed was planted for Claremont Councillor Annette Suann. Quick to jump on the idea, Cr Suann and her mother, Carmel Luca were the first to apply for the program, choosing to adopt two trees to commemorate Cr Suann's late father, Cosimo Luca.

"My mother and I are eager to commemorate my father, who passed away in 2022," Cr Suann said.

"He had a deep appreciation for nature, often enjoying walks and visits to the parks in Claremont, and his passion for gardening was evident in our home. The thought of having a tree planted in his honour would have brought him

immense joy, knowing that our family will find solace in watching it thrive and grow over the years."

The Adopt a Tree program aims to help restore the Town of Claremont's canopy as the Polyphagous shot hole borer continues to wreak havoc on Perth's trees. Cr Suann spoke of the need for tree replacement and expansion initiatives to mitigate the losses caused by the destructive beetle.

"By participating in this program, our community can unite to restore and enhance our tree canopy. Together, we can plant new trees and nurture their growth, revitalizing our environment and preserving the beauty that defines Claremont," she said.



Cr Suann and her mother Carmel Luca

The program has had more than a dozen adopters so far and Cr Suann is hoping that even more residents take the opportunity to dedicate trees to their loved ones.

"The knowledge that these trees will stand as enduring symbols of our love and remembrance, providing a place for our family to gather and reflect, holds profound significance for us all."

For more information on the Adopt a Tree program, visit claremont.wa.gov.au/environment/trees/



When art meets science

The Heritage Collective is excited to announce the inaugural Artist in Residence program with artist Angela Rossen.

Angela is both an artist and a biodiversity educator; having worked as a science communicator in the School of the Biological Sciences at UWA for fifteen years, as well as the position of Adjunct Artist with the Australian Institute of Marine Science.

As Artist in Residence, Angela will be inviting people from all walks of life throughout the community, local schools, disability support organisations and Curtin Heritage Living residents, to take part in a program of exciting events over the coming months.

Participants will undertake a biodiversity survey of the plants and animals of the coast and near shore marine environment. This will include field days with naturalist and conservation organisations, nature studies, painting, and photography workshops, incursions and excursions with schools, presentations by specialists on the complexity and beauty of the marine and coastal environment, family discovery mornings on the beach and community biodiversity survey field events.

The residency program, which is generously supported by Lotterywest and Curtin Heritage Living, will conclude with an exhibition of nature studies created by the participants documenting all the living things of the coastal environment.

To register, visit heritagecollective.com.au/upcoming-events/



The Heritage Collective

Located at 40 Marine Parade, Cottesloe, facilitates the delivery of contemporary arts and maker workshops, community education and more.

Contact Arts and Culture Coordinator Ricky Arnold via [rickya@curtinheritage.com.au](mailto:ricky@curtinheritage.com.au)



Heritage Collective's Artist in Residence, Angela Rossen

Village picks

Swanbourne Village offers delicious food and gifts options for everyone. Here's our picks for winter.

Frockk Perth

119 Claremont Crescent, Swanbourne

At Frockk's flagship Perth store, you'll find clothing featuring natural fibres with linen and cotton styles that are perfect for all seasons. All clothing is ethically made and using only sustainably sourced fabrics that are printed and dyed in-house. Frockk is home to a range of beautiful cashmere items, leather accessories, jewellery, gift ideas, and Australian made spa and home scents.

frockk.com.au



Dejaxy Artisan Bakery

123 Claremont Crescent, Swanbourne

Dejaxy is a family-run artisan bakery offering delicious, handcrafted sourdoughs and pastries and serving up locally sourced ingredients that are additive-free. A range of delicious gelatos and sorbets can also be purchased by the scoop or the tub.

dejaxy.com.au



Upperhand Burgers

Lot 2, 137 Claremont Crescent, Swanbourne

Established in Swanbourne in 2018, Upperhand Burgers take flavour to the next level. Infusing a range of culinary influences into their burgers, Upperhand are proud to support and partner with local WA businesses. A recent partnership with Tommy Tacos sees the Birria Beef Burger, which fuses the flavours of classic burgers with the taste of tacos.

upperhandburgers.com.au



Merchants of Swanbourne

125 Claremont Crescent, Swanbourne

This family run boutique is dedicated to delighting customers with unexpected and distinctive finds, placing a firm emphasis on sourcing local and affordable products. The Merchant team takes pride in their relationships with loyal customers, who know that they can find a special gift for everyone, every time.

merchantshomewares.com.au





Good Sammy's gardening team with Town of Claremont Parks and Environment staff

Good gardens

Good Sammy's disability employment program is helping Claremont maintain its good gardens.

Good Sammy, one of Western Australia's largest disability employers, has more than 50% of their workforce made up of people with a disability. In fact, their entire mission as an organisation is to create employment opportunities for people with a disability.

The Town has recently engaged their services to take care of our gardens and outdoor areas located at the Bay View Community Centre at 64 Bay View Terrace.

Cr Paul Kelly said the Town is proud to work with organisations like Good Sammy.

"Providing employment opportunities for people with disability is a fantastic initiative, and the fact that Good Sammy have been doing it for more than 60 years is worthy of great respect and admiration."

The new garden at the front of the building has been planted with a range of native flora, including the rare blue kangaroo paw sourced from Kings Park, and will offer a natural warm welcome to those visiting the Bay View Community Centre in the future.

You can find out more about Good Sammy at goodsammy.com.au





Swanbourne Village mural captured by Miles Noel Studio

Swannie mural makes an entrance

Spanning 71 metres, this impressive display of contemporary art took five days and two nights to install and makes for a vibrant and intriguing addition to an iconic and much-loved Swanbourne retail strip.

Swanbourne Village, situated along Claremont Crescent, is now home to 'Swannie', one of the Town's most recent public artwork acquisitions.

Created by award-winning West Australian artist, Sioux Tempestt, this mastery incorporates design elements from existing features found at the Village. For example, the art deco motif on the tiles on the side of the Frockk boutique has been incorporated into the design.

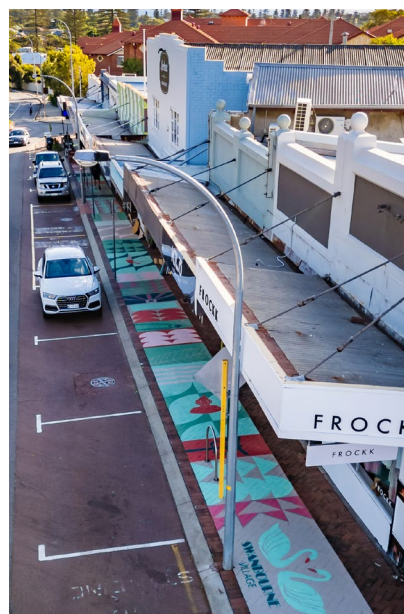
"We've had some lovely positive feedback on the work," said Rebecca Bortolotti, Store Manager at Frockk. "A lot of our customers have a strong connection to the area having grown up locally, so there is a real sense of community down here which is really great to see," she added.

Owner of the Swanbourne IGA, Steve Carre, was instrumental in the implementation of the mural at the Swanbourne Village and worked closely with the Town in the initial discussions surrounding it last year.

"I wanted to see something vibrant that would spark the interest of our community while encouraging a real connection to the Swanbourne area," he said.

"The concept of adding in the 'Love our Village' tag line came about after a trip to the UK, where I saw it on the side of a shop. It really summed up how a lot of our customers feel about the Swanbourne Village, so I was thrilled to see artist Sioux Tempestt include it in the final design," Steve finished.

Striking in its design, Swannie's colour features a light background to ensure best practice in accessibility for people within the community who have little or low eyesight. The mural has also recently received a special coating to preserve its longevity.



Public Art Trail

This artwork is now proudly part of the Town's Public Art Trail which can be viewed at the following link: claremont.wa.gov.au/community/arts-and-culture/public-art-trail/



Down to the wire

The Town's Public Art collection is set to include a new outdoor sculpture on the council's administration building.

This exciting new addition will see a large-scale sculptural wire and metal framed 'drawing' of an eastern view of the original council building, prior to the fire which destroyed a large part of the building in 2010.

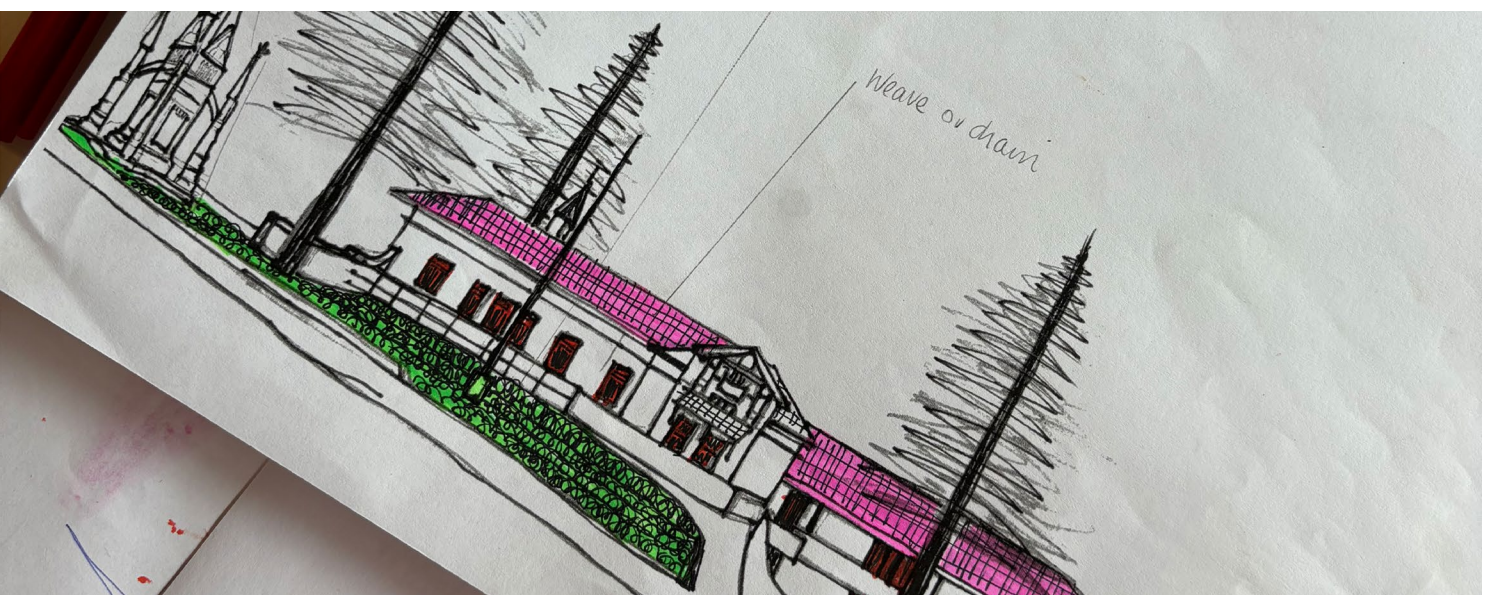
The artist, Tania Spencer, is a notable West Australian artist specialising in wire crochet and lace filigree pieces and is a multiple exhibitor for the Sculptures by the Sea.

The artwork itself will be a bespoke design which celebrates the Town's local history while complementing and enhancing the characteristics of the existing modern building. Tania's exquisite metalwork techniques will be evident in the piece, which has been thoughtfully designed to evoke a sense of curiosity and reflection.

Tania, who is based in Lake Grace, said it was very meaningful for her to be working on the piece given the history behind the administration building.

"I remember seeing the fire on the news, because a local Lake Grace girl had been working there at the time. Many were heartbroken to lose so much heritage both inside and out of the chambers. I hope this work celebrates that heritage and people will enjoy the work as much as I have designing and making it," she said.

Works have commenced with an installation date anticipated for July. Make sure you follow the Town's social pages for the unveiling of the installation once completed.



Artist Tania Spencer creating the wire and metal artwork with sketch of the original Council building



Library delivery service volunteer Susanna Vos



Library delivery service volunteers Scott Banister-Jones and Jillian Loney

Delivering the joy of books

The Claremont Library's delivery service brings the joy of reading to the community and a sense of pride to the volunteers who make it possible.

"Time flies when you're having fun," says Susanne Vos of her nearly two years spent as the library's book selecting guru. Susanne attends the Claremont Community Hub and Library every fortnight, armed with a list of names and reading preferences for the delivery service's clients. She hits the shelves with a pep in her step, in search of the perfect books for each person.

"I write a little note to the person and explain the choices I've made," Susanne said. "I've got replies saying thank you, they did enjoy them, and it's opened up another group of authors they would now read."

Susanne is joined by driver Scott Banister-Jones and runner Jillian Loney, who hit the road together and deliver the carefully chosen material to community members. The service currently delivers to 22 members in total - people who may find it difficult to get to the library themselves or need a helping hand in choosing what to read. This includes individual homes as well as the Mont Clare and Alfred Carson aged care facilities.

Susanne, who spent more than 15 years volunteering at op-shops before joining the Town of Claremont, says she loves getting to the library, trying to brighten the staff members' day, and going on the hunt for the perfect literary match.

"I just love it, it's just something you can do for people, it's so nice if you're at a stage in life where you can afford to volunteer and you can find something helpful and you enjoy it yourself as well," she said.

"I like doing something for people that I hope somebody might do for me one day."

Library delivery service

Claremont residents can apply for the library delivery service by contacting the Claremont Community Hub and Library on 9285 4353 or via email at library@claremont.wa.gov.au



Claremont-Nedlands Lions Club volunteer, fundraising at Town of Claremont's Anzac Day Ceremony

A service for humanity

The local branch of a 107-year-old organisation and global leader in humanitarian service is searching for volunteers.

The Claremont-Nedlands Lions Club is seeking new members who are interested in contributing to the local community and helping to raise important funds for charity.

Founded in 1907 in America, the Lions initially focused their fundraising and community support on fighting blindness. The organisation quickly spread internationally, and the Lions Club of Western Australia is well known for founding the Lions Eye Institute, a medical research institute headquartered in our neighbouring suburb of Nedlands. These days, Lions Clubs all over the world raise money for and contribute to a diverse range of charities and initiatives.

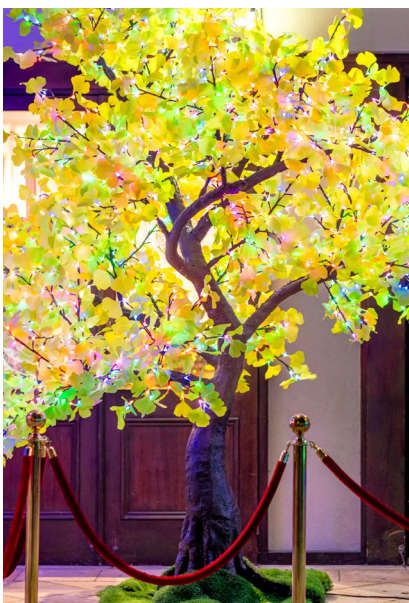
The Claremont-Nedlands Lions Club welcomes people from all walks of life and backgrounds to join their community focused group. The members participate in a variety of activities including dinner meetings twice a month with interesting guest speakers, and they even helped deliver this very magazine to Claremont residents. Over the past five years, the club has raised more than \$170,000 for charity.

If you're interested in joining the Claremont-Nedlands Lions Club or want to find out more information, please contact Dirk Avery at dirkavery2206@gmail.com, or Cassandra Nixon at nixoncas@iinet.net.au.

Out and about

Luminous Street Festival saw the Claremont Town Centre light-up with a range of immersive and interactive activities during April.

Over two nights, some 4000 visitors enjoyed illuminated activations showcasing performers and entertainers, light projections and installations along with a silent disco, face-painting, and neon canvas art.



Sustainable fun on the sunny shores of Freshwater Bay was enjoyed by the local community on a glorious autumn weekend this May at our A Day on the Bay event.

This low waste event saw the community come together to experience the beauty of the local nature reserve while enjoying the many fun activities on offer.



The foreshore was buzzing with entertainment including kite making, face painting, a cuddly animal farm, and sand sculpting. The colourful, swan-shaped paddle boats gliding out into Freshwater Bay were crowd favorites.

Mrs Herbert's Park and the Claremont Foreshore has been a popular location for gatherings for generations and it's not hard to see why.



Your community, your say

The Town is developing a plan for preserving and enhancing the Claremont foreshore. Provide your feedback by completing the short survey on the Town's website or scan the following link.



Travel with the local experts

Whether it's meeting new people, embracing a new culture, or taking some time out to relax, the benefits of travel are in abundance.

When asking the local experts at Claremont Cruise & Travel Centre about travel destination preferences, the team have noticed Europe remains as a popular destination for local adventurers. Portugal and Croatia are now some of the more coveted destinations. Sailing across the Adriatic Sea is a hit with those looking to experience the stunning beaches and fresh, local cuisine.

The lure of Japan with its amazing cherry blossoms in spring or famed ski fields makes it popular all year-round, and for those looking for a trip to remember, the safari tours

of Africa are a favourite thanks to the incredible scenery and wildlife experiences on offer.

Philip Smethurst, Director at Claremont Cruise & Travel Centre, noted that there has been a huge increase in multi-generational travel within the Claremont area.

"You've got grandparents, parents and the kids all wanting to explore the world together – whether it be a cruise, a private touring experience, a laid-back island resort stay, or even experiencing the magic of the Christmas markets in Europe," he said.



Claremont Cruise & Travel Centre are a boutique, locally owned travel agency specialising in luxury travel and cruise holidays. They boast a highly experienced team of Travel Specialists with a passion for finding great travel experiences, seeking out hidden gems and always the best value.

Claremont Cruise & Travel Centre, 17/50 Bay View Terrace, Claremont Town Centre.

Exclusive offer

Free room upgrade from Beach Villa to Ocean Villa* at the 5-star, all-inclusive Heritance Aarah Resort. Nestled within the scenic Raa Atoll group of islands in the Maldives, this premium all-inclusive resort sets the tone for the perfect getaway. Plus, guests can enjoy an array of additional welcome amenities.

The team at Claremont Cruise & Travel Centre are available now to discuss this exclusive offer and any other individualised travel needs on 08 9383 2711.

**Terms and conditions apply. Offer varies by seasonality, dates of travel and requires a minimum 5 night stay. Please call us for a personalised quote.*





July luxury nights

CLAREMONT'S NIGHT LUXE returns this July with an amazing incentive for those taking advantage of Thursday night shopping and dining.

For the month of July, anyone who spends \$50 or more in the Claremont Town Centre after 5pm on Thursday evenings can enter our spend and win campaign. Simply upload your receipt to go into the draw to win a share of \$3000 worth of luxury local business vouchers & a Claremont Quarter styling session.

Stay tuned and check our website and socials for more details.

Follow Claremont Town Centre socials!

Make sure you follow Claremont Town Centre on socials for more information coming soon.

Did you know there is a Claremont Town Centre guide on the Town's website? Simply follow the QR code and search from a range of specialty stores, boutiques and cafes right in the heart of Claremont.



NAIDOC Week

A national celebration running from 7-14 July, 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.

Storytelling and Nyitting Creation

Sunday 7 July, 11am -12.30pm

Experience Noongar culture with Belinda Cox. Belinda will share her ancestors' stories of creation told for over 80 thousand years in this hands-on interactive workshop.



Claremont Museum



Bead Lizard Creations

Wednesday 10 July, 10am

Kids will have fun making and decorating beads then using them to make a cute lizard!



Claremont Community Hub and Library
(kids school holiday activity)



Noongar Language Class

Wednesday 10 July, 11am

Join Dylan Collard as he shares his knowledge on Noongar phrases and culture.



Bay View Community Centre



Djirrily Dreaming Session

Friday 12 July, 10am

Kids will experience an interactive session with Belinda Cox exploring Noongar Dreaming stories, traditional artefacts, bush medicines and art.



Claremont Community Hub and Library
(kids school holiday activity)



Winter what's on

June

6 | History in a Coffee Cup:

Churches of Claremont, Claremont Museum, 10am. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

9 | Winter Sunday Funday:

Kids nature painting with local artist, Claremont Museum, 11-1pm. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

9 | Friends of Lake Claremont

Busy Bee: email: folc.wa@gmail.com for time and meeting point.

21 June - 13 July | Metamorphosis

Exhibition: Artists Talk, 6pm, FORM Gallery. www.form.net.au

21 - 23 | The Boutique Winter

Market: Claremont Showgrounds (eventbrite.com.au)

22 | 1989 Claremont Footy Club

reunion: Claremont Football Club, 12:30pm. (claremontfc.com.au)

25 | Friends of Lake Claremont

Night Chats: email: folc.wa@gmail.com for time and meeting point.

July

2 | Claremont Boat Shed Tours:

Claremont Museum 10am. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

4 | History in a Coffee Cup:

Claremont Architecture 10am. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

7 - 12 | NAIDOC week:

A range of activities at the Claremont Museum and Library

13 - 21 | Perth Royal Art Prize Exhibition:

(claremontshowground.com.au)

14 & 28 | Winter Sunday Funday:

Craft activities for kids, Claremont Museum, 11-1pm. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

14 | Friends of Lake Claremont

Busy Bee: email: folc.wa@gmail.com for time and meeting point.

23 | Friends of Lake Claremont

Night Chats: email: folc.wa@gmail.com for time and meeting point.

25 | Claremont Meanders:

Trail of Memories, Claremont Railway Station, 9am. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

25 July - 25 August | Cirque

Du Soleil: LUZIA: Claremont Showgrounds. (cirquedusoleil.com)

27 | 1964 CFC 60 Year Premiership

Reunion: Claremont Football Club, 12:30pm. (claremontfc.com.au)

August

1 | History in a Coffee Cup:

Dr Lydia Edwards Fashion History, Claremont Museum, 10am. (claremont.wa.gov.au)

4 | Claremont Football Club Hall

of Fame: Family Day and Induction Ceremony, Revo Fitness Stadium, 12pm. (claremontfc.com.au)

11 | Friends of Lake Claremont

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Wednesdays

Claremont Quilting & Craft Group

Join this crafty group every Wednesday of school terms from 9.30am-2pm at the Claremont Baptist Church. Morning tea and some equipment provided. Cost is \$5. claremontbaptistchurch.com

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

Claremont Football Club

Support your local WAFL or WAFLW team in the 2024 season. More information and tickets available: claremontfc.com.au

July school holiday activities for kids

Claremont Community Hub & Library are hosting a range of school holiday programs to keep the kids entertained this winter. Bookings open on Monday 17 June.

Check out the website for more information claremont.wa.gov.au/community/community-events/

Upcoming events

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

CLAREMONT'S

NIGHT LUXE

SPEND
& WIN!

\$3,000 of luxury prizes up for grabs when you spend \$50 or more shopping or dining in the Claremont Town Centre on Thursday nights during July.*

Upload your receipt for a chance to win!

**Terms and Conditions apply*

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