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*Harbour Rise Association Inc.*Web: [www.harbourrise.org.au](http://www.harbourrise.org.au)Email: [info@harbourrise.org.au](mailto:info@harbourrise.org.au)**Newsletter**

*The Harbour Rise Association Inc. (HRA) was formed for the interest of the home owners of Harbour Rise Hillarys, to monitor and facilitate the maintenance and use of common areas in the Harbour Rise estate. The HRA consists of voluntary committee members. Home owners wishing to participate on the committee are encouraged to contact the HRA via email to: [info@harbourrise.org.au](mailto:info@harbourrise.org.au) leading up to the annual general meeting in October, where the committee is voted in.*

** Letter from the Chairperson**

Welcome to this year's Harbour Rise community newsletter which gives both interesting news and views, plus an overall picture of what has and is taking place on our estate. This year our newsletter has expanded to include several new topics. One of the new additions is a 'younger person's view on living in Harbour Rise' and we are grateful to Danika Lenzarini for sharing her thoughts with us.

It is simply amazing that Harbour Rise celebrates its 20-year anniversary as the estate still looks as pristine and fresh as it did then. You will be fascinated to read the article on our history and we are grateful to Mr Adam Collins for providing some very interesting archive photos. In fact, a committee member Mr Peter Levy and his wife Karen were one of the first residents when the estate was in its early formation. Peter recalls how looking up at the hill it was just bush, a very different picture to today's landscape.

Speaking of time, the year for the Harbour Rise Association begins and finishes at our AGM which is traditionally held in October. Such was the case with our 2019 AGM, that was strongly supported by over 85 home owners and a wide array of dignitaries. In summary, Mayor Albert Jacob addressed the achievements and vision of Joondalup, whereas our MP Ian Goodenough spoke on the infrastructure investments and gave us the welcome news that funding had been granted towards the installation of the Whitfords Nodes Exercise Staircase (a "Jacob's Ladder" style staircase) at Whitfords Nodes Park. Peter Katsambanis MLA has been heading a drive to have CCTV installed at the Boat Harbour, assured us that this will soon be implemented. Senior Sergeant Mark Stoneman who has strongly supported this project, spoke on its need to combat hooning. Lastly, James Hamp, head of Landscaping for the City, took us through the planned improvements for the estate. All were thanked for being with us and for their strong support of Harbour Rise. However, the last vote of thanks was saved for our outgoing Chairman Mr Martyn Glover, who had led the committee for the last three years. Martyn was thanked for his energetic and intuitive chairmanship that has brought Harbour Rise to its present state of excellence.

Turning to other matters, your committee was approached by the COJ (City of Joondalup) to discuss two concerts that were being proposed at Whitfords Nodes Park of Fatboy Slim and Castaway. At the meetings with COJ and the police our aim was to minimise the impact to the residents of such events. We were happy to see that many of our recommendations were taken into account and the Fatboy Slim concert went off without too many problems. However, there were some issues and lessons learnt and at a recent meeting to discuss future events at the park, we were pleased to see the extra precautions that will be employed to further reduce any inconvenience to the residents, including the blocking of several access roads to the estate. We would like to thank Mr Shane Fraser of COJ and Sr Sgt Stoneman for their diligence in minimising disruption to the residents.



Then came Covid 19 and we had lockdown and time stood still for many of us. Whilst WA has weathered it better than many places the world has changed and many of us have become well acquainted with Zoom, Microsoft Teams or one of the many other video media apps. One casualty is that we can no longer meet at the Hillarys Yacht Club due to their reduced opening times, **so this year's AGM will be held at the Akoya Suite, upstairs at The Breakwater on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7:00pm.**

April saw the delightful event of the installation of the Whitfords Nodes Exercise Staircase and at the invitation of Mr Ian Goodenough MP, members of the committee including Mr John Billington and Mr Paul Mavor attended the ground-breaking ceremony. This was most appropriate as it was John who put forward the idea of a "Jacob's Ladder" style staircase at a meeting with the COJ in 2012 and Paul who has strongly supported this from its inception. We congratulate John and Paul for bringing this iconic attraction to Hillarys.

Landscaping continues to be the number one priority of your committee and for those new to Harbour Rise we are one of three Specified Area Rates in Joondalup, where an additional levy is charged on top of the rates for maintenance of the estate. This work is taken care of by COJ through an annual maintenance contract that sets out service levels and which is signed-off by the COJ and the HRA. This contract covers all the flower beds, grass areas and parks of Harbour Rise but trees and fountains fall outside of it as they are the property of the city.

We are greatly aided in this by Mr James Hamp, Team Leader Projects and his team from the city's landscaping department. Since re-joining the department some four years ago James has been trialling different plants and bushes and whilst it was the aim to have more colour around the estate, he feels that we will have to resort to native species for longevity. It was with this focus that we decided to create the new office of landscaping co-ordinator to provide direct interactive support to James. I was pleased that a new member of the committee in Mr Peter Levy, agreed to take on this important role. Thank you, Peter, for all your work.

Christmas in the Park and Clean-up Australia Day are a regular calendar feature of Harbour Rise and both were highly successful. We were therefore sorry to see that Mr Craig Jenkins, committee member responsible for events and aided by his wife Alison, is stepping down at the AGM. We thank Craig and Alison for their two years of work on the committee but understand that the changes brought by Covid 19 to his international responsibilities make it difficult for him to carry on.

A recent development that your committee became aware of was that our constitution was not in line it with the latest act of 2015 governing Associations. We therefore amended our constitution accordingly and held a Special General Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> September where the proposed changes were approved and the new constitution of the Harbour Rise Association Inc, adopted. I thank all of you for your support in achieving this.

Lastly, I would wish to thank all who contribute in making our estate such a desirable place to live. There are many but to name a few would be Mayor Albert Jacob, Ian Goodenough, Peter Katsambanis, Sr Sgt Mark Stoneman, and the whole team at the City of Joondalup, with a special mention of James Hamp. Mr Jeff Coghill is thanked for his many years of sponsorship and continued support of Harbour Rise. However, most of all are the committee members who I sincerely thank for their tireless and vigilant work in ensuring that Harbour Rise is an outstanding place to live.

David Hudson

*Chairperson, Harbour Rise Association Inc. (HRA)*





## Letter from Albert Jacob - Mayor, City of Joondalup

On behalf of the City of Joondalup, I'm pleased to provide this update to residents of Harbour Rise via your newsletter.

The City has recently completed work on the centrepiece of the Whitfords Nodes Health and Wellbeing Hub – a 21m high exercise stairway on the northern dune. I know some of you were lucky enough to tour the project site during the construction phase. As well as the stairway itself, new lookouts at the top of the dune offer stunning views across the park and nearby coastline. Other components of the project include landscaping, fitness areas, shelters, drink fountains, footpaths and a CCTV system.

The City received \$735,000 in Federal Government funding through the Black Spot program to upgrade the McWhae Road/Marmion Avenue intersection. This project will include upgrades to the pedestrian crossing facilities and footpaths, installation of left turning lanes on Marmion Avenue and McWhae Road and modifications to the intersection island.

The City will soon commence work on reconfiguration of the Whitfords Avenue/Northshore Drive roundabout for dual lane use. Associated works will include upgrades to the nearby section of Whitfords Avenue – between John Wilkie Tarn and Northshore Drive – improved pedestrian and cycling facilities and upgraded parking facilities at the car park immediately adjacent to the roundabout.

Smaller projects recently undertaken have included parking improvements at Hillarys animal exercise beach car park, resurfacing work in Bage Court and Ellesmere Heights and renewal of the play space at Scott Park.

The City also planted Norfolk Island Pines along the Hepburn Avenue median strip and undertook infill planting along Amalfi Drive.

**If you wish to raise any issues with the City, please contact myself or your Ward Councillors Christine Hamilton-Prime and John Raftis.**

## Upcoming Events

### 2020 Annual General Meeting

All residents and landowners of Harbour Rise are invited to attend the AGM of the Harbour Rise Association Inc.

**When: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 7:00pm sharp**

**Where: The Akoya Suite, upstairs at The Breakwater, Hillarys Boat Harbour**

Afterwards, join us for supper (provided by sponsorship) and a drink (own expense), stay a while to mingle with your committee members and your neighbours.

### 2020 Harbour Rise 'Picnic in the Park'

Always the second Sunday in December, residents, families & friends are invited to a picnic in the park in front of the tennis courts. This is a great opportunity to mingle with people in our neighbourhood!

**When: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 4pm – 6pm**

B.Y.O drinks, food/nibbles, chairs, etc. See you there!



### 2020 Harbour Rise Clean Up day

As part of the *Clean Up Australia Day* event, HRA organises a clean up day for the estate parks, gardens and verges. The clean up days are generally held in March/April. It involves one good hour of clean-up usually between 9:00 and 10:00 am on a Sunday. Come and join us and support your community in 2021 at the Tennis Court – we'll let you know the date for 2021 as it gets closer.



## Harbour Rise Landscaping Report

By James Hamp (COJ) and Peter Levy (HRA Committee Member)

### Specified Area Rates (SAR) Landscaping Activities

All home owners in Harbour Rise contribute a Special Area Rate (SAR) as part of their annual rates and this is specifically used to enhance the estate through landscaping projects and elevated maintenance that non-SAR areas do not enjoy. The SAR covers all public landscaped areas but excludes street trees, home verges and nibs which are the direct responsibility of COJ. The HRA committee work in cooperation with the City to ensure:

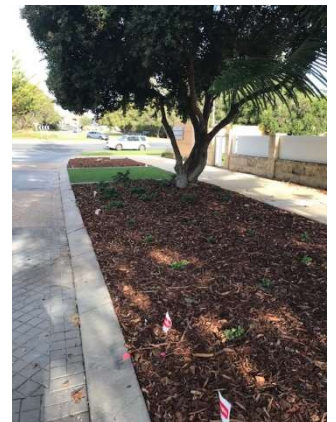
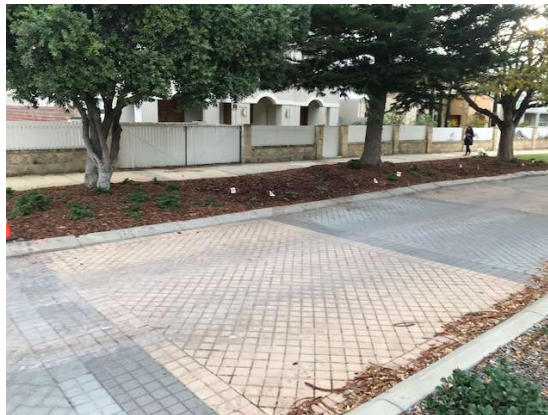
- landscaping maintenance is performed regularly and to the highest of standards
- ongoing remediation work is prioritized, planned and scheduled appropriately within the constraints of the limited “projects” budget that is available
- plant selections are consistent with the relevant landscaping themes in each park/area, are appropriate for our harsh coastal environment and have low ongoing maintenance needs

Committee representatives carry out frequent adhoc inspections of the estate to ensure any issues are reported to COJ and attended to promptly. We also undertake formal quarterly inspections with COJ where each area is inspected and scored against a set of defined criteria and maintenance standards.

I trust that most people will agree that the estate landscaping continues to be maintained to a high standard and we thank James Hamp and his COJ team for their ongoing diligence and commitment.

In 2019/20, Harbour Rise landscaping activities focused on some highly visible areas in the estate with the most recent upgrades being

- (i) the landscaped verges and entry at Amalfi Drive and Hepburn Avenue,



- (ii) landscaped verges fronting Leeward Chase at Leeward Park,



(iii) a garden bed at the pedestrian entry to Marbella Park off Amalfi Drive,



(iv) a garden bed in Oahu



(v) and boxing out/levelling of mulch around trees in Oahu.



Works included the removal of selected ageing shrubs, removal of debris, installation of shrubs, mulching and irrigation modifications. Works were as a result of consultation and support with the Harbour Rise Association..

The estate is 20 years old and a lot of the original landscaping remains, while previous major projects are reaching 8+ years old. As a result, we have now reached the point where a reasonable amount of remediation work needs to be undertaken to refresh many areas around the estate where plants are starting to reach the end of their useful life, are overgrown or already have died, and the coverage and amenity value is being affected. There is only a very limited annual budget available for “project work” to address these types of issues and so HRA and COJ are working together to put a long-term plan in place to prioritize the works and ensure all areas receive appropriate treatment through a controlled and budget-efficient approach.

The approach to the landscape upgrades is to install landscapes that offer a high level of aesthetic presentation and amenity, limiting the ongoing maintenance requirements and selecting sustainable plant species. Various species have been introduced over the last few years to add colour to the estate and garden beds, these have included: *Osteospermum* species (Cape Daisy); *Chamelucium uncinatum* (Geraldton wax); *Arctotis* (African daisy); *Hardenbergia meema* (Native Wisteria).

In some areas the results have been pleasing but in other locations the longevity, retention rate and plant growth has not achieved the desired outcome.

The City has continued to monitored the success of introduced species and the recent upgrades included species that have proven to be successful in achieving the expected retention rate and lifespan.

Recent successful plant species installed have included:

- *Carissa macrocarpa* ‘Desert Star’ - This attractive evergreen shrub comes equipped with a compact growth habit and required minimal pruning. *Carissa* Desert Star produces glossy rounded leaves and fragrant white star-shaped flowers during spring and summer. *Carissa* Desert Star is an ideal feature plant and suited to the soil and environmental conditions in Harbour Rise.



- **Rhaphiolepis indica 'Cosmic pink'** - A super tough shrub that tolerates extreme weather conditions. This medium compact shrub with a mounding habit has larger pink flowers through spring and summer. The plant is water efficient, tolerates drought, coastal conditions and suits sandy soils.

Ongoing turf management practices have continued to present the turf to the required standard and has resulted in minimal broad leaf weeds.



## Whiffords Nodes Exercise Staircase

*By Paul Mavor (HRA Committee Member)*

What a great amenity for our area. From its inception over 8 years ago by Harbour Rise committee member John Ballington the idea to incorporate a local “Jacob’s Ladder” style exercise facility within the northern Whitford’s Nodes has come a long way. The area was run down, rubbish strewn and covered with graffiti when the concept was first conceived by John on one of his daily walks. The lookout itself has commanding views and the park was very underused at that stage. The Harbour Rise Association quickly adopted the idea and set about lobbying local councillors who supported the idea. The mayor at the time was not convinced until he saw the massive support on social media for the project.



The very large majority of people are not part of organised sporting clubs such as football, soccer and exercise by themselves. Given the popularity of Jacobs Ladder in Kings Park it is often at capacity, parking is difficult and there are problem with neighbours/noise etc. This location would have none of those issues and is away from neighbours, large car parking space and is easily accessible to everyone living north of the river. The specs on the staircase make it almost twice as wide as Jacobs, built of composite timber that has a good grip and features passing/resting landings. It is slightly smaller in height.



The project has evolved and incorporates a complete redevelopment of the park at the base including new playgrounds, footpaths, drinking fountains, toilet upgrades and outdoor exercise equipment. In total the project is worth about \$2 million with significant grants from Lotterywest and the Federal government thanks to lobbying by federal member Ian Goodenough. The project is fully supported by current City of Joondalup mayor Albert Jacobs and Councillor Christine Hamilton-Prime who along with Ian joined Harbour Rise Committee members at a recent ceremony to launch the actual construction of the project.



Some of the specifications of the build are very impressive. It sits atop a bush forever site and does not interfere with any vegetation with no trees being cleared for the project. Poles with a length of 3 metres were driven into the dune to hold the staircase. It was certainly over engineered as after a depth of 1m there was really good grip as the sand was well compacted. Construction is complete and the planned opening is late September 2020.

Facilities such as this really value add our amazing suburb and improve quality of life and in this case combine fitness with natural beauty. Along with many others I am looking forward to the opening and the chance to work off some of my iso-belly.






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## Harbour Rise Celebrates 20 Years

*By Adam Collins (Estates Development Company)*

Harbour Rise was a ground breaking project developed by Estates Development Company (EDC), and was one of the first estates in WA designed using the principals of Livable Neighborhoods Community Design Code. The total site area of Harbour Rise is approximately 46 hectares and now includes approximately 500 homes. Project planning commenced in 1997 and Stage 1 works on site commenced the following year. The first lots in Stage 1 were sold in 1999.



In 2006 “Harbour Rise” won the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) WA Award for Excellence in the category “Residential Development more than 250 Lots”. As winner of the WA State award “Harbour Rise” advanced to represent WA in the UDIA National awards in the category “Residential Development” in 2007, beating entries from other states to be awarded winner of the best residential development in the nation.

This prestigious award recognized excellence in urban development and provided a strong recognition of the quality of “Harbour Rise” both within the development industry and to the public at large.

The judges citation read“...A mature estate, with each stage characterized by sympathetic urban design responses to the site’s topography, vegetation and coastal location. Considerable care in developing and maintaining well-used community facilities is evident.

There is a clear market acceptance of the innovative Design Guidelines and a thoughtful approach to education of builders and purchasers. A highly successful estate. Congratulations to Estates Development Company and their project team in achieving such high-quality outcomes in urban development.”

EDC is very proud to be the developer of Harbour Rise and hope residents continue to enjoy living in this national award-winning estate.



## Street & park lighting

*By John Ballington (HRA Committee Member)*

GOOD NEWS. After a prolonged campaign by HRA the City of Joondalup have informed your committee that all of the pink plastic light pole bases are to be replaced with composite wood effect bases. The replacement process has



already commenced, the City hope to complete the task by the end of the 2019/2020 financial year. HRA will continue the campaign to have the remainder of the original timber light pole bases replaced with the composite wood effect bases.

Throughout the year regular inspections of the street and park lighting are conducted by association members. Faulty lights are reported to the City to action appropriate repairs. It is in all of our interests to have a well illuminated Harbour Rise, therefore residents are encouraged to report any faulty street light directly to the City. All of the light poles are numbered, simple quote the number of the light pole in question using: e-mail : info@ [joondalup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@joondalup.wa.gov.au) or via telephone on: 9400 4000

## 2020 Clean Up Australia Day

By Craig Jenkins (HRA Committee Member)

The Harbour Rise 2020 Clean Up Australia Day event took place at 9:00 am on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> March. Ten Harbour Rise residents met in Harbour View Park on what was a glorious morning and headed off to all corners of the estate with bags and gloves in hand to Clean Up Harbour Rise.

I am delighted to say that the estate was already very tidy with less rubbish collected than in previous years, which meant the volunteers



were able to easily be back in time to get together for a thank you coffee at Lot One Kitchen, courtesy of the City of Joondalup and the Harbour Rise Association.

A big shout out to our dedicated volunteers: Joanne, Abbey, Peter, Mary, Stan, Martin, Maggie, Julia, Alison and Craig. Come and join us next year and support your community—we'll let you know the date for 2021 as it gets closer.



## Fat Boy Slim @ Whiffords Nodes (within walking distance woohoo!)

By Paul Mavor, HRA Committee Member

What a great summer outdoor venue right on our doorstep! Prior to the event I remember seeing a social media post on a local Hillarys page from a concerned resident about the concert: "I'm all for encouraging local community events but I cannot help but think of the randoms not from our area who will be roaming through our neighbourhood on Sunday night drunk or worse... Lock up everyone!" I replied to this comment that I am a local and would be going and like most of the other attendees would be of an older demographic and given that it was held on a Sunday night straight home to bed for work the next day. A lot of other Hillarys "randoms" must have agreed with me because it turned out to be a great afternoon/night and I slept well without running amok on a Sunday night.





Having heard some of the planning that went into the event I was fairly sure it was going to run smoothly. Sergeant Mark Stoneman briefed the Harbour Rise Committee beforehand and advised us of the large ratio of police and security guards and some of the details of the behind the scenes organisation. Mark had experience with the promoter [Zaccariah Events](https://www.zaccariaconcerts.com.au/) (<https://www.zaccariaconcerts.com.au/>) who had a number of quality large scale concerts with a who's who of artists including Sting, Olivia Newton John, Mariah Carey, John Farnham and Michael Buble. The number of hoops they had to jump through to get the venue approved by liquor licensing, local council and with police sign off was substantial including traffic plans, clean up and waste management. The police considered the event to be relatively low risk. The promoter had planned to run the Castaway Festival later in the year which was previously held at Rottnest Island. This was for a younger demographic and deemed slightly higher risk and had a marginally higher ratio of security to patrons. That event is currently on hold because of COVID-19 restrictions but is hoping to be rescheduled for later in the year. Both events were licensed for up to 10,000 to attend.



across the road around 5pm. The concert was due to finish at 10pm and apart from one of the other acts 2ManyDJs did not know any of the other artists. Upon arrival the car park to Whitfords Nodes was blocked off there were minimal queues to enter the event. The entire park was fenced off a few days earlier in readiness for the concert. The promoters had totally transformed the park. There were food trucks on the left hand side as you walked in with a healthy ratio of portaloos beyond that. At the very back was the bar which was a whopping 50m or so long and a VIP area at the top of the hill. The stage was on the coast side just behind the playground. Not really sure how much those who paid extra for VIP got though it looked like they had their own bar with slightly shorter queues and their own food van and loos not that people were lining up for those. The lawn area sloped very slightly up the hill so everyone had a really good unobstructed view of the stage. I saw a couple of people loitering in the sand dunes including one who had set up a deck chair trying to avoid the ticket price. They were very politely move on by the police. Given the very large number of attendees and the amount of fizzy pop being consumed everyone was extremely well behaved. I only saw one person being willingly evicted who seemed to be on a first name basis with the security guards.

I have been to the Leeuwin concert down south a few times and I can really see this location having a similar appeal with some high profile names on the bill. Having well run events on our doorstep a couple of times a year can really value add our area. The sound quality was excellent and I asked a few people who didn't go if they heard anything from their nearby homes and the sound was minimal. Not sure if this was because of the usual sea breeze blowing or the dunes and vegetation absorbed a lot of it. The closest houses are some distance away which makes it easy to avoid noise complaints. The concert finished at 9.30pm before the 10pm noise curfew so was well within limits.

Best part for me was being able to walk home. No traffic snarls although there was a lot of congestion from buses and taxis/ubers/limos attempting to get into Whitfords Node's park to pick up passengers. Apparently a ton of people calling rideshare descended on Cornfield place next to Ern Halliday and there were big queues out the front of some of the houses there. In feedback afterwards the organisers are looking for the next event at making a rideshare pick up area a short walk away at the boat harbour so it doesn't interfere with local traffic and avoids this.

Fat Boy Slim aka Norman Smith has played in Perth a few times and has also performed at the Big Day Out a number of years back and more recently at Red Hill Auditorium. I was also in Bali when he played at Potato Head's Beach Club but was on the other side of the island and couldn't attend so imagined this would have a similar beach side vibe. Outdoor concerts in Perth over summer are always amazing so I grabbed a couple of tickets. The weather turned it on and it was high 30s and sunny. The concert started earlier in the day with a number of minor acts. After first making sure I was well hydrated headed





If you are after a review of the music and performers at concert to [https://themusic.com.au/reviews/fatboy-slim-nodes-park-sean-drill/Y1B\\_d3Z5eHs/03-02-20/](https://themusic.com.au/reviews/fatboy-slim-nodes-park-sean-drill/Y1B_d3Z5eHs/03-02-20/) . My take on this event is more around the venue. Much to my disappointment I was not offered complimentary tickets or alcohol to write this review. The truth be known I would be open to being comped VIP, box seats to watch paint dry for any future events. Bring on next summer and hopefully the return to COVID free mass gatherings!

## Living in Harbour Rise

Living in Harbour Rise is enjoyable for everyone. Here are some photos taken, with permission, whilst out and about in our estate in Early May 2020. The tennis courts and parks are a real winners with young Harbour Rise residents



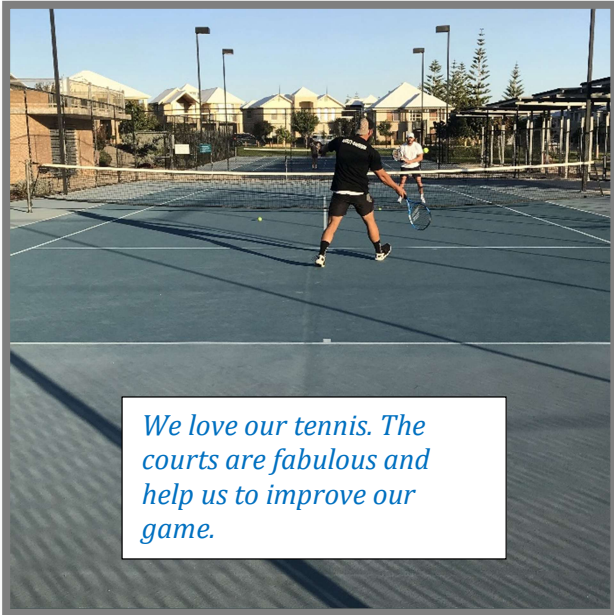
*We love the park and so do our dogs! We walk our dogs and always end up here at Harbour View Park for a chat with the locals.*







*We find it very relaxing in Harbour View Park. We like to sit in the sunshine whilst our children have a play in the park.*



*We love our tennis. The courts are fabulous and help us to improve our game.*



*I play in the playground whilst my parents play tennis.*

## Living in Harbour Rise – A Younger Person’s Perspective

*Responses from Danika Lenzarini (Harbour Rise younger resident)*

### **What do you like most about living in Harbour Rise?**

Prestige, the widespread respect and admiration felt for the estate is immeasurably the leading perception of Harbour Rise. From the manicured trees to the bright green grassed parks, the cleanliness of Harbour Rise is always beyond compare. Harbour Rise is more than an estate, it’s a community coming together ensuring the safety of neighbours and friends. The safety of the estate’s streets is conclusively the most important characteristic of Harbour Rise. Whether it’s walking home from bar 1 early hours in the morning or walking around the estate for exercise, safety is not a concern.

### **How do you use the estate in your spare time?**

A few activities I undertake in my spare time are tennis and walking. Harbour Rise is furnished with a tennis court walking distance from any point within the estate. I also love just walking casually around the estate on a beautiful warm Perth day passing neighbours, friends and people who live in the estate and saying “Hi”.

### **Does it cater for all your needs?**

As a young lady living in Harbour Rise my top needs are Safety, Friendly Environment and Social Options. Parks for exercise, beautiful friendly surroundings and Cafes within walking distance all tick my needs boxes.

### **What would you change?**

One component I would change in Harbour Rise is the coverage over the park seats, or the lack thereof. The inability to take cover in unpredicted weather changes is a concern for the users of the park.

### **How could we make the estate living, even better?**

One way the estate can be improved is by dealing with the street parking, it’s not only a concern but a danger to drivers. The inability to see past parked cars on the road is increasing the potential for accidental collisions. Another way to improve the estate is to reduce the native scrub and replace it with practical tress, ones that can give fruit. Replacing these shrubs would give the estate a livelier feel. My last idea is to decorate the conifer trees with Christmas lights to make our estate more festive over the Christmas period.

## CCTV Initiative already helping to reduce crime in the Harbour Rise area

*By Peter Turner (HRA Committee Member)*



In 2012 your Association began to lobby the local MPs and The Department of Transport (DoT) to update and expand the CCTV coverage in Hillarys Boat Harbour. It was clear that amongst other crimes that were being committed in the harbour area, there was a spill-over of anti-social behaviour and hooning from the popular venue into our neighbouring estate. Car groups, in particular, would meet in the car parks and hoon without fear of prosecution. Video footage of these people have been supplied to WA Police and our politicians to demonstrate the real danger to other road users and pedestrians alike. Although convictions would immediately result, our focus as a Committee has always been to secure a permanent solution to the problem.

These groups are now being successfully targeted with the new CCTV system that is in place across the road from our estate in the boat harbour car park.

In late 2019, with the support of Ian Goodenough MP & Peter Katsambanis MLA and WA Police, new CCTV was installed in the Hillarys Boat Harbour northern car park. Importantly, the system includes cameras at the entrance/exits of the venue and potentially



captures information that can be used to assist Police either at the time of a crime, or later.

This new CCTV is currently owned and operated by the DoT but WA Police are confident that the system will be control through the State Operations Control Centre (SOCC) in future and will include automatic number plate recognition.

The system has already been successful in securing convictions for dangerous driving, hooning, assaults and damage to vehicles. Police are confident that the CCTV initiative will continue to drive crime figures in the Hillarys Boat Harbour downwards with the addition of signage on the entrance ways.

## Property Report



*By Jeff Coghill – Peard Real Estate and Sponsor of the HRA*

Dear Harbour Rise Residents,

Thank you once again for allowing me the opportunity to sponsor and support your association, it's a pleasure.

It has been a very unusual year for everyone, up until the Covid-19 rolled in, the real estate market was shaping up beautifully, with volumes of sales activity and price increases which we had not experienced in some areas for many years. We will look back on 2020 as an extraordinary time in our lives where everything froze in time. Now with restrictions loosening it's good to feel and see some normality forming back into our lives. It is still unknown what the full effect of this will be on our futures the economy and housing market. With that in mind we can report on what we are currently experiencing.

Covid-19 created a lot of uncertainty, in March Australia experienced a 0.3% decline in GDP, which confirms a technical recession is currently underway. Australia's total wages paid fell 5.4% between March and early May, and the Australian housing market values saw its first month-on-month decline since June 2019. Unemployment figures have climbed to 8.1% in WA with 104,000 jobs lost and 7.1% nationally.

Locally there are signs of the market stabilising since May as restrictions have started to loosen. Home sales have risen with REIWA reporting an improvement of sales by 43% in May after a particularly weak April. The buyer demand is outweighing the volume of new listings being supplied. Listings in May were 3.3% lower than April and 30% lower than May 2019 last year. There has been calls for the Government to cut stamp duty short term to help incentivise buyers and boost the WA housing market, however the Government has not confirmed if this will occur.

Since the government state and federal building stimulus has been released land sales have been extremely strong with a potential land shortage looming. West Australians can reportable access up to \$45,000 in grants to put towards a new build or major renovation or \$55,000 if you are eligible for first home buyers' grants, plus the bonus of record low interest rates. WA looks to be heading for recovery faster than most other states.

The Perth Rental market is also showing strong signs with occupancy rates dropping by 17% in May, which is the lowest they have been since November 2013. Reports from REIWA have said that leasing activity has increased in Perth by 26% for the week ending 14/06/2020 with members reporting 1,000 properties leased.

Many people with short term AirBNB rentals have now placed them on the long-term rental market as international travel bans are still in place. It appears that there are a lot of people relocating into WA with FIFO workers from overseas and interstate buying and calling WA home. This new economic chapter has still got a very long way to play out. Lets all focus on the positive and be grateful we all live in such a great country and in particular Western Australia. I wish you all the very best for the coming year and hope it is positive and prosperous for you all. If I can help you with anything Real Estate, please call I'm here to help.

## Rangers Report

By Karen Thompson (Acting Manager Rangers Parking and Community Safety, City of Joondalup)

### Cat Owners basic responsibilities

- Your cat must be registered sterilised and micro-chipped from the age of six months
- Your cat must wear a collar displaying council registration tag
- It is recommended you include a name tag with owner's name and contact number attached to the cat's collar
- Contain your cat to your own property
- Keep your cat indoors at night

Registration, sterilisation and microchipping assists with:

- Reuniting lost cats with owners
- Reducing the large numbers of cats euthanised each year
- Better control and management of stray and unwanted cats

### Nuisance cats

Cats are considered a nuisance if they roam, attack wildlife or create a disturbance in or around a property.

The following information has been provided to enable residents to deter unwanted cats on their property in a safe manner.

- Speak to your neighbours to try and resolve the issue
- Try spraying the cat with water. If the cat associates its visits with an unpleasant experience it is unlikely to return
- Use a loud sudden noise to startle the cat
- Use motion activated sprinklers or ultrasonic devices
- Motion sensors use infra-red to detect when an animal enters a defined territory
- Use of scent repellents can be a useful tool – naturally based products such as the Coleus Canina plant emits an odour that may deter cats.

Residents must be mindful that any action taken to deliberately injure or harm a cat is not acceptable and is an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 2002.

### Cat and Dog Registrations

- Local Governments are required to keep an accurate and up to date register of cats and dogs within their jurisdiction.
- All cat and dog registrations expire on 31 October each year.
- All expiring dog and cat registrations for that year are sent Renewal Notices to residents to renew their dog/cat registration with options to pay for one year, three years or lifetime registration. As these animals are already registered with the City the dog owners are able to pay online by Credit Card or by BPay using reference numbers provided on the renewal form.
- It is important pet owners advise the City of Joondalup in writing if there is any change to the animals record details i.e. Change of address and contact details, change of ownership sterilisation or death.

### New Dog Exercise Area

A new enclosed dog exercising area is now open at Elcar Park, 11 Elcar Lane, Joondalup.

This park has 2 designated areas specifically for small dogs and larger dogs. Within the Elcar Park Dog Exercise Area dogs may run off-leash, under voice control, within the confines of the fenced area. Dogs must still be kept under effective control at all times.

Maintenance closures - scheduled maintenance activities at the Elcar Park Dog Exercise Area are undertaken on Tuesday and Friday each week between 10.30am and 12.00 noon. The facility will be closed to the public during these times. Unscheduled maintenance activities may occur outside of these times.



## Barking Dogs

Barking not only causes serious noise issues for residents, but it can also cause friction between neighbours. City Rangers can provide useful information for both dog owners and residents to help with barking dogs.

## Rangers and Patrol Officers in the Community

During this challenging time of Covid19, City Rangers, Patrol Officers and Parking Officers have been actively engaged in monitoring beach carparks for displaced persons caught up in the border closures, along with patrolling City Parks and open space for compliance to social distancing. Hopefully the restrictions will be lifted soon so that everyone can get out and enjoy our beautiful City.

## Updates from our Local Officials



### **Peter Katsambanis MLA - State Member for Hillarys**

The Covid-19 pandemic has been the dominant issue in the first half of 2020. Despite the health and economic challenges that it continues to pose, one of the positive things to emerge out of the crisis is the resilience and strong community spirit in our area. It was also pleasing to see so many residents out and about with their families and their pets enjoying the natural beauty on our doorstep.

From the first stages of the lockdown through to now, my office has been open and available for the many local residents who needed assistance or guidance to cope with the unique challenges they were facing. From accessing support services and government programs through to helping family members negotiate quarantine and self-isolation requirements or just understanding what the applicable rules are in their circumstances, my staff have worked hard to ensure that locals can access this information as easily as possible. We also proactively reached out to senior citizens to ensure their special needs were being met at a time when many services had shut down their operations.

One issue that remains a major concern for many locals is hooning in our local streets. Many of you are aware that late last year – after strong lobbying by yourselves, the HRA and myself – the Department of Transport finally installed CCTV cameras in the northern carpark of the Hillarys Boat Harbour. I was proud to assist in delivering this priority project that has already led to several arrests, the impounding of many vehicles and a steep reduction of hooning activity within the car park.

However, the hoons have sadly not left our area completely. The new tactic they have employed is to meet at the car park at Whitford City shopping centre then travel in large and loud groups along Whitfords Avenue and down to the roundabout at the main entry to the marina. This activity is both dangerous and a terrible nuisance to local residents.

Our local police are doing their best but I am working to obtain more specialised covert hooning cameras so that one of these cameras can be permanently located in the Hillarys area. On the few occasions these cameras have been used in our suburb, the operation has been highly successful with many hoons taken off the road. By having such a camera permanently located on our local streets, the strong message will be delivered to hoons that they will not be able to get away with their law breaking behaviour.

I know many of you have been supporting our wonderful local businesses through these times. On their behalf I thank you for the support you have provided and urge you to continue to support local jobs by shopping local.

My office and I remain at your disposal to assist you with any local or state-wide issue. Please feel free to contact me or just pop in to say hello.



### **Ian Goodenough MP - Federal Member for Moore**


The main focus in Canberra is on rebuilding and leading the economic recovery in the aftermath of the coronavirus crisis. In terms of local infrastructure projects, soon to commence is the \$70 million widening of Mitchell Freeway between Hepburn Avenue and Hodges Drive. The City of Joondalup has also been successful in securing \$2 million in federal funding to improve local roads under the *Roads to Recovery* and *Black Spot* programmes. To shorten the long waiting queues in the busy emergency department at Joondalup Health Campus, construction work on a major \$300 million expansion is due to commence this year. I am also committed to securing funding for additional aged care places to satisfy current unmet demand. A number of new facilities within the City of Joondalup are planned by leading aged care providers. A number of volunteer


organisations such as the Rotary Club of Hillarys received community development grants to support their local charitable work. Locally, the much anticipated exercise stairway at Whitfords Nodes fitness precinct is now under construction as a result of a \$500,000 federal grant.

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