

HILTON PRECINCT

Sat 13th October 2024 | 9-11am
Meerilinga Centre



Meeting Minutes

- **Acknowledgement of Country**
- **Attendees**
 - Minister Simone McGurk
 - Councillor Ben Lawver
 - 18 Community Members
- **Elected Member Update – Ben Lawver**
 - [Significant Tree Register](#)
- **Subcommittee Updates**
- **Garden Verge and Tree's Subcommittee**

The Hilton Precinct Gardens, Verge and Trees Subcommittee (GVT) is a community based group run by and for the residents of Hilton to preserve and uphold Hilton's Garden Suburb heritage.

We value our garden history and aim to protect and increase the area of sustainable native trees and plants in our precinct for the benefit and amenity of wildlife and for the education and enjoyment of current and future residents.

- **Subcommittee Actions to Date**
 - Promoting Fremantle subsidised plants through posters.
 - Busy bee activities around Hilton verges.
 - Awareness campaign for polyphagous shot hole borer; 2,500 leaflets distributed.
 - Mapping verges with development and surveying residents; 55 responses.
 - Applying for grant money for verge excavation and soil removal.
 - 3,500 tube stock from Valley Verges distributed to Hilton residents.
 - One unsuccessful, awaiting another, and preparing a third for verge projects.
- **On-going Activities**
 - Reducing second-generation rat baits, successful outreach to businesses.
 - Educating about bait-free processes and regular updates on Hilton Hub (1,000+ members).

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○ Future Activities

- Current Grant Applications
Applications with Fremantle Community Grants, and NRM for wires; one unsuccessful with Fremantle Ports for cockatoos.
- Garden Club Initiative
Expanding the Garden Club model for family gardening and DIY projects.
- Black Cockatoo Conservation
Mitigating habitat loss by planting foraging species and installing a Cockitrough with support from City of Fremantle.
- Water Authority and Grants Discussion
Approaching Water Corp for grants, challenges with being unincorporated, reliance on other organisations, importance of forming an incorporated organisation.
- Urgency of Funding Needs
Immediate funding needed for environmental projects, especially with upcoming election and delays.
- Cockitrough Installation Timeline
Discussion on procurement and costs; City of Fremantle covers installation and maintenance.
- Fundraising Initiatives
Ideas like Bunnings BBQs and selling native seed packets; need for proactive fundraising.
Approaching Housing Choices WA
Plan to seek \$500 vouchers per complex for sustainable living initiatives.
- Pledged Donations
Acknowledgment of donations from Brad Pettitt and Lauri Curtain of Curtain and Co.
- Education Campaign for Verge Planting
Organising a campaign and upcoming APACE WA workshop on November 2nd.
- GVT Meetings

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Regular meetings scheduled, next one on November 5th at 6:15.

- **Housing Authority and Revegetation**

Discussing impact of Housing Authority on local trees, suggesting partnerships for micro forests and converting sumps.

- **Social & Cultural Sub-Committee**

- **Community Garage Sale:** Successful event on September 7th with 33 participants, positive feedback, and future plans to make it annual. Local businesses like Mumma Bee's saw record sales.
- **Pizza Night:** Held on September 14th, featuring live bands and fire pits. Raised approximately \$1,200 from pizza sales and \$1,000 from mulled wine.
- **Book Club:** Meets every last Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Initially attracted 25 attendees; now selects two books per session, maintaining a group size of 6-10 for discussions.
- **Hilton Games Night:** Held fortnightly on Thursdays, flexible on the day. Needs a new organiser due to current lead's commitments. Participants bring and teach various games, usually lasting from 8 PM to 10 PM.

- **Upcoming Events & Initiatives**

- **Hiltonween Pumpkin Carving:** October 27th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, one-on-one adult-to-child ratio required.
- **Hilton Trick or Treat Trail:** October 31st, starts at 4:00 PM with a spooky fairy kickstarting the trail. Costume competition with \$50, \$100, and \$200 gift cards, photo booth by Curtain and Co, and a Google Maps-based virtual map for houses giving candy. Mumma Bee will be open, selling Taco's
- **Upcoming Movie Nights:** Halloween movie night on October 20th and a Christmas movie night on December 7 at PCYC Progress Hall. Previous movie night had mixed results with lessons learned.
- **Post-Halloween Cleanup:** Campaign to encourage residents to pick up rubbish the day after Halloween, focusing on education and community responsibility.

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- **Streets Alive Update**

The Hilton Precinct has received a \$5,000 grant from Streets Alive to implement traffic calming measures on Oldham Crescent, between Grigg Street and Lynch Place. We are grateful to the Fremantle Rotary Club for acting as our auspice to receive this grant and would like to formally acknowledge and thank them for their support.

This location was selected earlier this year during a Hilton Precinct meeting, following community discussions. Grigg Park, a popular spot for children, dogs, and other vulnerable users, is adjacent to a bus route and situated at the bottom of two small hills, making it a priority for traffic calming.

The grant will be used to create artwork on the footpath along Oldham Crescent. Additionally, Hilton Precinct has outlined a strategic approach with short, mid, and long-term goals:

Short Term Goal:

- Implement the footpath artwork.
- Host a Community Engagement & Awareness Event with the City of Fremantle in March 2025, including the launch of the Safer Streets Policy.
- Install Happy/Sad face signage to alert drivers exceeding the speed limit and collect data for future discussions with Main Roads and PTA.

Mid Term Goal:

Rewild verges in the area and throughout Hilton by planting native vegetation in line with the City of Fremantle Verge Policy. This initiative, coordinated with the Hilton Precinct's GVT subcommittee, has been shown to reduce driving speeds.

Long Term Goal:

[Low Cost Urban Road Safety Program](#)

- **Other Business**
 - **Art Contribution from Coles**
 - Coles' new building contributed \$96,000 for art, with potential locations identified. An Expression of Interest (EOI) will be issued soon.

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- Local Hilton artists will be involved in this project.
- **Community Concerns**
 - Local resident from Paget Street is having difficulty with lighting at the home, due to Coles lighting on their loading docks. This resident has asked for assistance in writing to Coles to express their wish to have the lighting on the loading dock turned off after hours.