



Hilton Precinct

Meeting Notes

Meeting Date	August 8, 2026
Venue	Meerilinga Hilton
Time	2:00 PM
Attendees	Emma Livesey – Convener Frank Mofflin – City of Fremantle Councillor 11 Hilton, White Gum Valley & Beaconsfield Residents

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1. Electrify Fremantle

Roy provided an update on the local electrification movement and the development of a broader Fremantle-based group.

Electrification groups across WA are increasingly working under **Electrify WA (EWA)**, allowing the state-level organisation to deal with broader issues involving Synergy, Western Power and government, while local groups focus on practical community education and support.

The existing local groups, including Electrify 6159 and Electrify Valley, are looking to consolidate rather than operate as numerous small organisations. The intention is to establish a broader **Electrify Fremantle** group, reducing duplication and administration.

The group currently provides practical advice to households considering solar, batteries, induction cooking, EV charging and other electrification measures. There was discussion about the difficulty consumers can have navigating solar companies and warranties, particularly when companies cease trading. The group is increasingly recommending trusted local electricians who can provide independent advice and ongoing support.

Future activities may include smaller **kitchen-table information sessions**, where residents can bring questions about their individual homes and receive practical advice.

Broader advocacy priorities discussed included:

- requiring new homes to be all-electric
- requiring three-phase power for new homes to better support induction cooking, EV charging and other electrical loads
- encouraging infrastructure such as conduit for future EV charging
- advocating for accessible, low or interest-free household electrification loans, potentially administered through local government.

Roy also discussed emerging EV and charging technology and the rapid pace of development in this area.



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Next steps: Electrify Fremantle will progress the organisational/name change, seek office bearers and begin reaching out across Fremantle. There is also interest in holding a larger public electrification event/showcase in Fremantle and smaller community information sessions in the future.

2. Hilton Public Art Funding

Diana provided an update following discussions with the City of Fremantle regarding approximately **\$96,000 available for public art in Hilton.**

The City has indicated that Hilton Precinct can provide input into the process before broader public consultation occurs.

Potential opportunities include connecting new public art with existing art elements around Hilton and considering whether the project could create a trail or series of pieces encouraging people to move around the suburb.

Ideas raised included:

- interactive or functional public art
- multiple smaller pieces rather than one major installation, depending on costs
- art incorporated into public infrastructure
- potential locations around Hilton, including existing blank walls or structures
- consideration of safety and amenity as part of the artwork.

The funding has some location requirements associated with the development from which it originated, although the City indicated there may be flexibility subject to approval.

The City offered two options: Hilton Precinct could administer the funding and process itself, or the City could manage the funds, consultation and Expression of Interest process.

Decision: Hilton Precinct does **not** wish to hold or administer the approximately \$96,000. The City will be asked to manage the funds and formal process.

Next steps:

- Emma and Diana to respond to the City confirming the Precinct's preference for City management.
- Establish a small Hilton Public Art working group to contribute to the initial consultation.
- Broader community consultation will follow through the City's communications process.
- City arts staff, including Amy, will continue to support the project.



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3. Hilton Park Masterplan, Tree Removal and Asbestos Works

The meeting acknowledged significant community concern regarding the proposed removal of approximately 29 trees at Hilton Park, with works expected to commence on 12 August 2026.

Residents were advised that some community members were planning a sit-in from 7.00 am on 12 August.

The history of the Hilton Park Precinct Masterplan was discussed. Community consultation began in 2023 and included planning for a junior football oval and other improvements across the wider precinct.

Discussion highlighted differing views about whether the extent of tree removal had been sufficiently communicated. While the adopted masterplan showed the junior oval in the relevant location, concerns were raised that the specific number of trees to be removed was not communicated until shortly before works.

The distinction was made between:

- consultation on the overall masterplan and location of facilities, which has been completed and formally adopted; and
- concerns about transparency around the **specific number and timing of tree removals**.

It was noted that replacement planting is proposed across the precinct, including additional native vegetation and habitat trees. Discussion also covered the presence of asbestos-contaminated areas associated with the site's historic use.

Residents raised questions about whether alternative oval orientations could reduce tree removal and remediation costs. Other participants noted that the final layout also needs to accommodate other facilities and uses within the broader precinct.

Questions were also raised about:

- timing of tree removal
- whether removal could occur at a different time of year
- fauna impacts
- replacement planting
- management of existing mature trees
- the asbestos remediation requirements
- how community consultation had been advertised.

It was acknowledged that the adopted masterplan has already passed through the formal Council process, so the immediate focus is more appropriately on the



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implementation, tree removal and transparency issues rather than reopening the entire masterplan process.

Update following the meeting:

The discussion above reflects the information available, and views expressed at the time of the meeting and should be read in that context.

Since this meeting was held, there have been further developments regarding the proposed tree removal at Hilton Park.

The City has confirmed that **26 trees**, rather than the previously discussed 29, are identified for removal as part of Stage One works for the new junior oval and asbestos remediation. The City has advised that 61 new native trees will be planted as part of Stage One. Based on the City's most recent tree survey, Hilton Park currently contains 683 trees and would contain 718 following these works.

Following significant community concern, further discussion has occurred regarding the proposed works and the tree removal process.

4. Hilton 40km/h Trial

Councillor Frank Mofflin provided an update on the 40 km/h speed trial in Hilton.

City monitoring showed that the trial has generally been successful in reducing vehicle speeds. Of the 11 locations surveyed, seven recorded reductions.

Examples discussed included:

- **Paget Street:** 85th percentile speed reduced from approximately 49 km/h to 42 km/h, a reduction of 7 km/h.
- **Oldham Crescent:** approximately 53 km/h to 48 km/h.
- **Grigg Street:** approximately 40 km/h to 33 km/h.

The results were achieved largely through changed speed-limit signage rather than extensive physical traffic-calming infrastructure.

The City is considering making the 40 km/h limit permanent in Hilton.

A report is also expected to ask the CEO to investigate broader opportunities for speed reduction across Fremantle over the next five years, including both lower speed limits and appropriate physical road treatments.

5. General Business

A question was raised regarding the City of Fremantle's laneway policy and its review/update. Further information is required.

There was also brief discussion about Fremantle harbour/passenger terminal redevelopment and improvements around the Fremantle waterfront and heritage areas.



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6. Upcoming Events

Hilton Community Garage Sale

Saturday 5 September 2026.

Residents can register their homes to participate. An official map will be published by 4 September. At the time of the meeting, approximately 11 households had registered.

Previous garage sales had performed well despite poor weather, and residents were encouraged to participate.

Spring Harvest

Saturday 12 September 2026.

Planning is underway for the annual Hilton Harvest/Hilton Precinct event. The event will include pizza, drinks, live music and S'mores.

The liquor licence has been arranged. Volunteers with RSA certification will be needed to assist with alcohol service. Hilton Precinct is willing to pay for RSA training for people interested in volunteering.

The intention this year is to simplify operations so volunteers can also enjoy the event rather than spending the entire evening working.

Volunteers are welcome to sign up via: [Hilton Harvest Community Garden: Spring Harvest 2026](#)



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LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP

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Spring Harvest

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at the Spring Harvest - you can then take it home
with you

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COMMUNITY GARDEN
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HILTON PRECINCT'S ANNUAL

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2026
8AM - 12PM**



Treasure Hunting?

The garage sale map will be published on Friday 4 September on our website and social media.

Hosting a garage sale?

Scan the QR Code below to register your sale
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