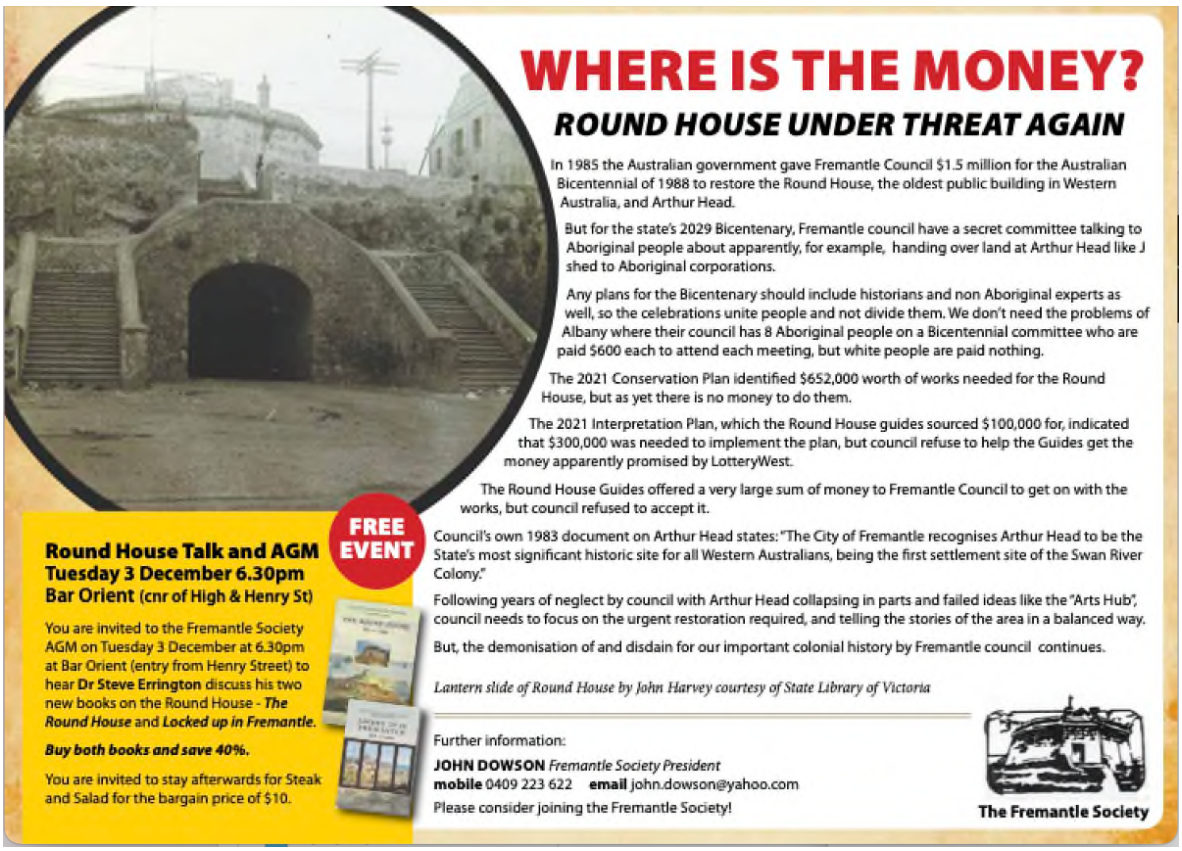
Free Event: Round House Talk at Bar Orient Tuesday 3 December 6.30pm



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ICOMOS are the international experts on heritage. This is a comment from one of those experts.

During a recent conference in WA they visited Arthur Head and the Round House.

Their scathing comments about the poor state of the Round House should be newsworthy. But who cares?

The Fremantle Society asked three questions at the 13 November council meeting about the Round House and the council instead responded with answers about Arthur Head.

The ICOMOS member prepared to be quoted said: I stand by my comments of 2020, and while the cliffs and safety walls have been addressed, the sea walls of the round house have not and the lack of mortar will lead to stones falling out soon. My national ICOMOS Visitors in October could not believe the state of disrepair on such an important building.

The same group I was walking around with included a councillor or officer from Freo, name escapes me, but she was all about the aboriginal naming, associations and history of incarceration and the Rottnest connection. Colonial history and everything since was not interesting to her. And I see the Bi-centenary going that way. All sorry stuff and no recognition or celebration of our WA achievements.

I promote the sharing of diverse cultural stories, saving the fabric and legacy of the round house, and engaging with the the Arthur Head precinct as a cultural landscape, and a marvelous platform to view and understand the connections to the Indian ocean landscape, the maritime industrial history of the port, the fishing industry, the coastal limestone and the Swan River, and the town planning and development of Fremantle as an historic town.

While you still have a Fremantle Society - support it. Who else cares more about Fremantle's heritage? Certainly not Fremantle Council.

Turn up to Bar Orient next Tuesday 6.30pm to hear juicy anecdotes about the Round House from Dr Errington's two new

anecdotes about the Round House from Dr Errington's two new books and find out what is needed to save our heritage and get it ready for a positive and unifying Bicentenary in 2029.

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