

Bassendean Briefings

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A Newsletter for the residents of Ashfield, Bassendean and Eden Hill distributed by your Council

Summertime FUN in Bassendean



movies

fireworks



carols

markets





Come and celebrate Australia Day with us!

On Tuesday 26 January 2016, you are invited to watch the sky light up over Ashfield Reserve in Ashfield for the annual Town of Bassendean Australia Day Celebrations featuring spectacular fireworks.

The safe, family-friendly atmosphere offers a great evening out with activities commencing at 5.00 pm and wrapping-up at 9.00 pm. The community event will feature live music, carnival rides and entertainment, with the magical fireworks taking place at 8.00 pm. Once again radio station Sonshine 98.5FM will broadcast live from the event, producing yet another impressive soundtrack to accompany the fireworks.

You can bring a picnic or purchase food and drinks from the many food trucks on offer.

Parking is strictly limited and attendees are encouraged to walk, ride, catch a bus or train, or car pool to the event.

Please note: This is a smoke free, alcohol free and pet free event.

i Visit the Town's website at www.bassendean.wa.gov.au for further information, or like the Town's Arts & Events page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bassendeanartsandevents. For more information phone 9377 8000.



Town's longest serving employee set to retire

The Town's longest serving employee, Allan Caddy, Manager Library & Information Services, is to retire in January 2016 after more than 40 years of service to the Town.

Allan was the first Librarian employed at the Town of Bassendean. He commenced in 1972 to set up the Town's first library.

Allan has decided to retire and as he says, "It's time to chase my recreational pursuits before it's too late!"

The Town would like to acknowledge the enormous achievements and dedication of Allan during all his years at the library.

There are many stories Allan can tell about his time at the Town and he received an overwhelming reception at the 'Allan J Caddy – A Ramble through the Memories' presentation held at the Library on 4 November 2015.

The Council and Staff of the Town of Bassendean would like to express their sincere appreciation for Allan's never-ending commitment to the Town and its community in providing a 'place of learning and fun' for the young and young at heart over the past four decades. Well done Allan!

Left: Allan receiving his Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award from the Mayor in 2011.



'We wish this day never came but it finally arrived—our wonderful boss is retiring after over 40 years at the helm of the Bassendean Memorial Library! We will cherish his knowledge, his humour and his support. We will miss our brilliant boss. Happy retirement Allan!'

Your Library staff




Local Government Elections sees two new councillors elected to Council

Following the recent Local Government elections, the Town of Bassendean has welcomed two new Councillors—Cr Bob Brown and Cr Renee McLennan—and existing Councillor John Gangell was returned for a further term.



All three Councillors were sworn in at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 20 October and will serve for a four-year term. At the same time, Cr Gangell and Cr Lewis were re-elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively.

 For a look at the composition of the current Council and their contact details, go to www.bassendean.wa.gov.au.



Our Rangers recognised as 'Ranger Team of the Year'

The WA Ranger's Association is a volunteer run organisation made up of rangers in the industry, volunteering their time, experience and knowledge to improve the standard and resources of rangers across the State.

Each year the WA Ranger's Association receives nominations for Ranger Team of the Year and for individual Ranger of the Year. This year, at the Annual Training Conference in September, the Town of Bassendean Rangers were awarded the Team of the Year Award.

Congratulations to the Team for their efforts, and it's great to see that our rangers have been recognised as the best in the State for 2015!

Festive season business hours

Council Offices

The Council offices at 35 & 48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean, will be closed from 12 noon on the afternoon of Friday 18 December 2015 and from 2.00 pm on Thursday 24 December 2015 to re-open at 8.30 am on Monday 4 January 2016.

Bassendean Memorial Library

The Bassendean Memorial Library will be closed from 12 noon on the afternoon of Friday 18 December 2015 and from 2.00 pm on Thursday 24 December 2015 to re-open at 8.30 am on Monday 4 January 2016

Bassendean Youth Service

The Bassendean Youth Service will be closed from 12 noon on Friday 18 December 2015 to Tuesday 12 January 2016.

Community Transport Office

The Community Transport Office will be closed from Friday 18 December 2015 to Monday 11 January 2016.

Volunteer Centre

The Volunteer Centre will be closed from Thursday 24 December 2015 to Monday 4 January 2016.

Ranger Services

During the festive season, Ranger Services will operate from 7.00 am to 9.00 pm, except on Christmas Day, when the service will be closed. You may, however, leave a message and a Ranger will call you back the following day.

Rubbish Service

Rubbish collection dates will change over the public holiday period:

- If your normal collection day is Friday, 25 December 2015, your bin will be collected on Saturday, 26 December 2015.
- If your normal collection day is Friday, 1 January 2016, your bin will be collected on Saturday, 2 January 2016.

Any rubbish collection questions or comments should be directed to Cleanaway on 9449 3353.

The Red Hill Waste Management Facility at 1094 Toodyay Road, Red Hill, will be closed on Christmas Day, Friday 25 December 2015, and on New Year's Day, Friday 1 January 2016 and will remain open on all other days. The facility can be contacted on 9574 6235.

McDonald's COMMUNITY CINEMAS

The movies are back!

McDonald's Community Cinemas are back on the BIC Reserve with a fabulous new summer season of movies.

For all information on what's on, times, etc, go to www.communitycinemas.com.au.



December Twilight Markets

19 December 2015

The Christmas markets are our busiest of the year. There's a holiday atmosphere, it's in the cool of the evening, there's music, spice and fragrance and many, many individual merchants.

You know when you talk to the merchants that they care about what they sell and enjoy the hustle and bustle of markets. One couple who have flourished in this heady mix of early rises and long hours are Hugh and Lucy Owen-Campbell. In just two short years they've created an Aladdin's cave of confectionery.

Under the banner Golden Whisk, Lucy makes and packages an assortment of premium crunchy brittles, gourmet chocolate rocky road, nut mixes, as well as eight flavours of fudge that would make great gifts for friends or an indulgent delight for yourself!

The quality of the ingredients would be the envy of any Swiss chocolatier, and their presentation would win over the most fastidious customer. It's stylish, locally made and lovingly prepared.

Find Lucy and her products at our Twilight Markets in December.

Material on verges —waste and recycling

Did you know that as a resident or business proprietor you are only permitted to place green waste, unwanted materials or furniture on the verge adjacent to your property in accordance with the weekend set-out dates specified in the annual Green Waste and Bulk Rubbish collection program?

If you wish to place green waste, unwanted materials or furniture on the verge outside of the annual collection weekend set-out dates, please don't, because unauthorised materials may attract a \$250 Littering Fine.

If the annual collection weekends set out dates do not suit you for the disposal of unwanted material, for your convenience 4 tip passes have been attached to the 2015/2016 Rates Notice.

The important thing to remember is that you are not permitted to place any type of material or equipment on the verge at any other time apart from the annual Green Waste and Bulk Rubbish collection weekend set-out dates for your specific area.



For more information regarding the Waste and Recycling please refer to the Town's website at: http://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/7_info_feedback/info_sheet_pages/Rubbish-Recycling-Collection-HE-180507.html, or call the Customer Services Centre on 9377 8000 and they can suggest options, or guide you in the right way, to manage your green waste and unwanted materials or furniture.

The Town reduces its greenhouse gas emissions further

The Town of Bassendean's commitment to reducing its net carbon emissions is continuing with the installation of solar panels on a number of Council-owned buildings.

The first buildings to have the solar panels installed will be the Library/ Administration/Community Hall, then the Customer Service Centre and the Council Depot.

The total projected annual kilowatts of energy produced from the solar panels is expected to be 100,068kWh, with a 161.19 tonne net reduction in carbon emissions with an estimated saving of \$34,000 per annum.

Taking action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions yields important environmental and economic benefits. These benefits include a reduced risk to human health and welfare that results from lower emissions of greenhouse gases and less global warming and climate change.



Ted Lawrence, Mayor Gangell and Clive Brown.

Regional Playground and Men's Shed one step closer

TWO wonderful projects are now one step closer with Council signing a lease with the Men's Shed Association to establish a men's shed in Bassendean, and the overwhelming public support for selling off two blocks of land in the Town to fund a nature-based regional playground in the vicinity of Sandy Beach Reserve.

An application will now be submitted to Lotterywest for funding support for construction of the men's shed, which will be built on Collier Road alongside the St John Ambulance Training Centre. Membership is growing strongly now that the Association will have a place to call home.

Community events sponsorship program

FUNDING is currently available for incorporated community and charitable organisations as well as educational institutions to apply to the Town of Bassendean's Community Events Sponsorship Program.

The aim of the Program is to enable eligible organisations to facilitate and stage events that will contribute to the overall quality of life of residents and to provide an approach for facilitating community development within the Town of Bassendean.

Eligible applicants can request sponsorship up to a maximum of \$1000 for a range of community events, such as community picnics, all ages events, Youth Advisory Concerts, open days and celebratory days.



For more information, please contact one of our Officers in the Recreation and Culture Unit on 9377 8000.



2015 Carols by Candlelight

THE Bassendean Church of Christ, in conjunction with the Town of Bassendean, is proud to present Carols by Candlelight at 7.30 pm on Sunday 20 December 2015 at Success Hill Reserve, Bassendean. The event will feature the Combined Districts Concert Band, a kids choir and an adults choir, guest artists and a puppet show.

Programs, candles, soft-drinks, ice-creams, hot food, tea, coffee and cake will be available. Disabled toilets are available for people with special needs.

Please note: This is a smoke free, alcohol free and pet free event.




Your recycling actions have an effect on the planet...

Did you know that some of Australia's most-loved brands have established a soft plastic recycling program which is now making it easier for you to keep your soft plastic packaging out of landfill?

All you need to do is take your 'soft plastic' packaging such as the empty bread bags, biscuit packets, frozen food bags, rice and pasta bags, confectionary packets, cereal plastic liners, newspaper and magazine plastic wrap and plastic shopping bags to your nearest 'soft plastic' recycling bin.

This soft plastic recycling program is a true product stewardship model where everyone involved in the life cycle of a product, including manufacturers, distributors and consumers, have a responsibility for that product throughout its entire life cycle, including its end-of-life outcome. And the good news is that recycling plastic reduces the need to use precious natural resources.

For Town of Bassendean residents, the nearest 'soft plastic' recycling bin can be found at the front of the checkout at Coles Bassendean, corner West and Guildford Roads, Bassendean.

 To find out more on the A-Z of Recycling refer to <http://www.rgang.org.au/a-z-of-waste.html> or contact the Town's Customer Services Officers.

Responsible dog management

WITH the summer months approaching, more people are getting out and about with their four-legged family members. Please remember that if you're out walking your dog, in most places throughout the Town, your dog must be on a leash. This includes in our streets, our parks and reserves and any other public areas. The only exception to this rule is in designated and signed off-leash exercise areas and Point Reserve, where dogs are prohibited altogether.


Here is a list of all the parks and reserves within the Town where you can exercise your dog off the leash:

- Carman Way Reserve
- Ireland Way Reserve
- Palmerston Square Reserve
- Pickering Park Reserve
- Gary Blanch Park
- Freeland Way Reserve
- Padbury Court Reserve
- Mary Crescent Reserve
- Troy Street Reserve
- May Holman Reserve
- Anzac Terrace Reserve
- Parmelia Way Reserve.

Please note that dog off-leash exercise areas do not include land which has been set aside as a children's playground, areas being used for sporting or other Council approved activities or car parks.

When you are in a dog off-leash exercise area there's also a few rules we'd like to remind you of:

- You must carry a leash with you, capable of restraining and controlling your dog;
- Your dog must be under effective control, if you cannot verbally control your dog, keep it on a leash;
- Your dog must not harass any other users of the area, including people and other animals. This includes your dog running up to and jumping on other people or dogs as they may not appreciate it; and
- You must clean up after your dog.

 If you would like some more information or tips about responsible pet ownership call the Rangers on 9377 7480.

Does your pool comply?

Drowning is the most common cause of preventable death for children aged 0–5. Over the past five years 16 toddlers have drowned in Western Australia. For every drowning death, it is estimated that 10 children are admitted to hospital following a near-drowning incident (160 children over the past five years).

In Western Australia, domestic swimming pools are the most common site in which drowning for children aged 0–5 occurs with 94% of drowning incidents at locations in and around the home. Of the 94%, 31% occurred at a relative or neighbour's home.

These tragic incidents can be significantly reduced if we are all aware of the potential hazards of water in our everyday life—using simple prevention methods and learning the life-saving skill of resuscitation.

Causes of accidental drowning

Most drownings occur where there is no barrier between the residence and the pool area or because the barrier is defective.

The rules and regulations

All private swimming and spa pools that contain water that is more than 300mm deep must have a compliant barrier installed that restricts access by young children to the pool and its immediate surrounds.

What is required?

A building permit is required under the *Building Act 2011* and the *Building Regulations 2012* prior to installing, constructing or altering swimming and spa pool barriers, including windows, doors and gates that provide access to a swimming or spa pool area. A building permit is also required for the construction of swimming and spa pools.

Whilst a portable wading pool, that does not contain water that is more than 300mm deep, does not require a mandatory child safety barrier, parents and carers need to be aware that these types of pools are still a constant source of danger to young children.

The role of the Town of Bassendean

The Town of Bassendean is responsible for issuing building permits for swimming and spa pools and their associated barriers. The approval process not only ensures that the building and barrier standards are satisfied, but that the structures are registered with the local government so that periodic inspections of the installed barrier can occur—generally once every four years, with all pools being inspected this year.

Are there penalties for non-compliance?

Owners and occupiers are responsible for ensuring that any fence or barrier restricting access to a swimming or spa pool is maintained and operating effectively. If you do not comply with the Regulations and the Standard, you risk the lives of young children as well as facing substantial fines.

This information is based on the publication *Rules for Pools and Spas* published by the Department of Commerce Building Commission.

Compliance Officer to assist residents

Town recently employed a Compliance Officer who will assist home owners, builders and others with practical advice on crossovers, verge treatments, unauthorised works and unauthorised street tree pruning and removals. The Town's Compliance Officer will have the task of ensuring that homeowners, builders and businesses comply with the Town's Local Laws, Acts, Regulations and Policies. She will also investigate complaints relating to compliance issues and, where required, undertake appropriate inspections and interviews with the relevant residents regarding these issues.



If you have a query for the Compliance Officer, contact Andreea on 9377 9027.

Public health students investigate the role of backyard breeding mosquitoes in Bassendean

Two Edith Cowan University Public Health students are taking to the streets of Bassendean to determine the impact of mosquitoes over the summer. Their research aims to investigate the role of backyard breeding mosquitoes by visiting residential houses to conduct free yard inspections to determine where and when mosquitoes breed.

The students, Ram Lamichhane and Dr Samir Mainali, are both very familiar with the serious health problems mosquitoes can cause from their past work in Nepal.

The students will be visiting residential households at random over the summer period to request permission to enter and investigate yards for mosquitoes. While the study is voluntary for residents, the Department of Health, Town of Bassendean and Edith Cowan University are asking the Bassendean community to assist the students if they are approached to help with the study.

For further information or enquiries, please contact Dr Peter Neville at the Department of Health (medical.entomology@health.wa.gov.au).



Aedes notoscriptus—the container breeding mosquito.



For more information about mosquito prevention visit www.public.health.wa.gov.au.

*The Mayor, Cr John Gangell,
the Councillors, the CEO and staff
of the Town of Bassendean wish
everyone a wonderful festive season
and a safe and prosperous New Year.*



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Council Meetings Calendar

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER

Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting 9.30am

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER

Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting 3.30pm

TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER

Ordinary Council Meeting 7.00pm

There are no Council meetings during January.
All meetings will resume in February 2016.

Justice of the Peace office

The Town of Bassendean provides a Justice of the Peace document witnessing centre at the Bassendean Memorial Library at 46 Old Perth Road, Bassendean on Wednesdays from 10.00 am to 12 noon. A Justice of the Peace can witness official documents, administer an oath or affirmation, and take an affidavit.

The JP Office will be closed from Thursday 17 December 2015 to re-open on Wednesday 3 February 2016.

Alternative offices can be found at: The Galleria Morley; The Rise Maylands; and at the Midland Courthouse.

More information can be found at the Department of the Attorney-General at www.dotag.wa.gov.au.

Graffiti removal

If you notice any graffiti in the Town contact Graffiti Force on **1300 798 143** or email info@graffitiforce.com.au to have it removed. For more information about what areas can be treated or to view the Graffiti Information Sheet, please go to our website.

Community Groups' Noticeboard

Do you want to know more about activities and services available in our local area? Check out the Community Groups' Noticeboard on the Town's website at www.bassendean.wa.gov.au, via the 'Community Noticeboard' link on the right side of the home page.

To start advertising your group or service on the Noticeboard contact 9377 8000 or mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au.

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