

Come and help us celebrate our sixth birthday! Old Perth Road Markets turn 6!

Birthdays are about surprises and we've got a few up our sleeve for the Old Perth Road Markets' sixth birthday on Sunday morning 28 August!

If you have any 8, 9 or 10-year-olds and you don't mind if they get a little messy, or perhaps a 3-year-old who you don't mind getting lost in a story, and if you like a little Ed Sheeran, Jack Johnson, Angus and Julia, Matt Corby and more, then make sure you pencil in the Markets in your diary.

The giant birthday cake will be no surprise for our regular birthday attendees and if you have meandered around the Markets before, we're sure that—after these Markets—you'll have something different to bring home and it will be more than what your children have been making... oops, that's supposed to be a surprise!



Check the Markets' Facebook page where much will be revealed closer to the time!



Remembering John van Hoek

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Former Councillor, John van Hoek, who passed away recently, will be remembered for his outstanding commitment to the community of Ashfield.
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John was a passionate advocate for the community in Ashfield, having lived in the suburb since 1966; he was a Councillor at the Town of Bassendean for 3 terms from 1990 to 2001; he was the inaugural coach of the Ashfield Dynamo Soccer Club, and amongst many other community roles over the years, was President of the Ashfield Soccer & Sports Club for 27 years, with this contribution being recognised in 2013 when the Town named the John M van Hoek Stand in his honour.

John is a loss to the Town of Bassendean community.

Partnering with Act–Belong–Commit

Town of Bassendean is now a proud partner of Act–Belong–Commit!

ACT–BELONG–COMMIT is a health promotion campaign run by Mentally Healthy WA that aims to enhance the mental health and wellbeing of Western Australians by strengthening individual resilience and building community cohesion.

The Town is committed to promoting the A-B-C guidelines for positive mental health in our Bassendean community.



Keep mentally, physically, socially and spiritually active. For example take a stroll with Bassendean's walking group by the river, discover the Library, get closer to nature at the Cyril Jackson Senior Camp's Artshouse Community Gardens, get into rhythm with the Bassonovas drumming group or visit the markets.



Join one or more of the many community groups in Bassendean—the Men's Shed, the Bassendean Arts Community, the Ashfield Community Action Network, Sonshine Mondays, Lions Club, Rotary and many, many more!



Take on a cause, a challenge or something new. Get in touch with the Bassendean Volunteer Centre and see what you can do to get involved and make a difference. You could drive a community transport vehicle, mentor a student, or support events, among various other opportunities available.



To find out more about how you can Act–Belong–Commit contact the Bassendean Volunteer Centre on 9377 2191, go to www.bassendeanvolunteer.com.au, check out the Town of Bassendean community noticeboard at www.bassendean.wa.gov.au, or visit the Act-Belong-Commit website at www.actbelongcommit.org.au.

Contributing to a liveable town

Last November, in a departure from the traditional format, Council established a committee that seeks out community input.

The Liveable Town Advisory Committee (LTAC) was, as the name implies, established to improve the liveability of the Town. It resulted from the amalgamation of the Cultural Development, Children and Family Services and the Economic Development Committees and is charged with establishing working groups on specific projects or tasks, be they short term or of an ongoing nature.

The working groups are generally comprised of 6 to 8 members of whom 2 or 3 are members of the LTAC, with the remainder drawn from the community—selected for the skills they bring to achieving the working group's objectives.

To date the Committee has established the Regional Nature Based Playground and Urban Forest and Renewable Energy Working Groups and has agreed to establish Bicycle Boulevards and Public Events Working Groups.

The establishment of other working groups will be considered by the Committee at each bi-monthly meeting.

The LTAC is seeking nominations from the Town's residents who are willing, on a voluntary basis, to offer advice and assistance to working groups to improve the liveability of the Town. Those interested will be asked to complete a brief form that includes their name and contact details and areas of expertise.

i If you want to know more about the process, or are keen to register your interest, please email Graeme Haggart, Director Community Development, on ghaggart@bassendeand.wa.gov.au or phone 9377 8000 to request a nomination form.

Calling all seniors!

Bassendeand Senior Citizens' Association Annual General Meeting

The Bassendeand Senior Citizens' Welfare Association Inc. will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 31 August 2016 at 1.30 pm at the Bassendeand Seniors and Community Hall, 50 Old Perth Road, Bassendeand.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

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WE NEED

Children's Services

Rubbish Collection?

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Markets

Volunteering

Environment Events

your views

The Town of Bassendeand is writing the new Strategic Community Plan. Get online to join in the conversation on where your rates are spent.*

www.weneedyourviews.com.au

*A paper-based version is available on request. Survey closes 9 September 2016.

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Home by the Swan





Your recycling actions affect the planet!

Did you know that some of Australia's most-loved brands have established a soft plastic recycling program that 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 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 & 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 one of the Town's Customer Services Officers on 9377 8000.



Town of Bassendean 2016 revegetation

The Town of Bassendean has recently undertaken revegetation of natural areas by the direct planting of tubestock—planting a total of 6,000 seedlings.

Green Army grant funding was received by the Town, and planting was undertaken by the Green Army Team. Each seedling was provided with a biodegradable tree guard that will protect it from predation, trampling and wind damage.

The benefits of revegetation include:

- enhanced biodiversity by re-establishing native vegetation on a degraded site that would not regenerate naturally
- prevention of erosion and protection of water quality in the catchment
- restoration of wildlife corridors and expansion or buffering of existing remnants
- provision of shade, protection from wind, shelter for stock and improvement of bushland values
- improved visual amenity of a bushland.

River foreshore stability is also largely maintained by vegetation. Plants growing in riverine areas perform important functions, such as:

- contributing to the nutrient cycle of the system
- anchoring the soil and acting as a buffer against wind and water erosion
- acting as a wind, sand and salt trap protecting the vegetation directly inland
- providing habitat for native fauna
- providing an aesthetically pleasing environment.

The Town will continue to revegetate its natural areas and appreciates the support from the community in helping these seedlings survive by avoiding walking through recently revegetated areas.



Pay your rates by 26 August 2016 and win!

1st Prize	10 cash prizes from the Town of Bassendean. Valued at \$500 each.	
2nd Prize	Two double passes donated by the West Australian Symphony Orchestra Asher Fisch & WASO: Stuart Skelton sings Wagner at Perth Concert Hall on Saturday 26 November 2016	
3rd Prize	Two double tickets donated by Black Swan State Theatre Company For Molière's <i>Tartuffe</i> on Saturday 22 October at 7:30pm at the State Theatre Centre of WA	
4th Prize	A \$50 voucher for factory direct seafood at Catalano Seafoods. Open to the public on Fridays 11 am–4 pm and Saturdays 7.30 am–1 pm at 301 Collier Road Bassendean	

Pay your rates and charges in full by 5.00pm on 26 August 2016 and you will automatically be in the draw!

No entry form is required.

All winners will be selected by computer. With the exception of pensioner deferred rates, all arrears must be paid.

Scan this QE code

Use your smartphone to access Council's website to pay your rates account and to obtain more information about your 2016/17 rate assessment.



If you object to your property being included in the draw, even though you have paid your rates early, please advise the Rates Section.

Fun and games at Mary Crescent Reserve

A new nature-based playground is being planned for Mary Crescent Reserve.

Mayor John Gangell said, "Council has allocated \$150,000 in the budget to build a nature-based playground at Mary Crescent Reserve and has appointed Ecoscape, a specialist playground design company, to work with the community and produce the design.

"Ecoscape propose to produce a design that is inspirational, invites the unexpected and captures the imagination of users," he added.

Achieving this ideal requires your input: what is it that users would like to see in the playground?

In recent weeks the consultants have visited and engaged with the children at the Eden Hill Primary School and Sparx Early Learning Centre.



A community event was held on-site last Saturday with face painting, sausage sizzle and entertainment. Residents had the opportunity to discuss the design one-on-one with the consultants and were provided a questionnaire into key playground features.

But it's not too late to have your say.

The questionnaire is available on the Town's website at www.bassendean.wa.gov.au or phone 9377 8000 and we'll arrange for you to get a hard copy.

Hurry though! Submissions will be received up until the close of business on Wednesday 14 September.

Library corner

Free WiFi in the Library!

We are happy to announce the return of free WiFi in the Library. This service allows you to connect to the internet for basic browsing for 120 minutes.

To connect, select 'Bassendean Library' in your device's WiFi settings and accept 'Terms and conditions'.

New look for the Library Catalogue

You will notice book cover images appearing on your Catalogue search screen. Click on the image to reveal more information—a summary of the book, information about the author, a table of contents, or a book review—making your search just a little more informative!

Use your phone to borrow from the Library

Too many plastic cards in your wallet? We can accept your library card barcode on your phone. Simply download a loyalty card app that enables you to scan a barcode onto your phone and use it when you want to borrow books, DVDs or magazines from our fantastic collection.



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 \$1,000 for a range of community events, such as community picnics, all ages events, Youth Advisory Concerts, open days and celebratory days (Christmas etc).



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

Ross River Virus and Barmah Forest Virus

Ross River Virus (RRV) and Barmah Forest Virus (BFV) are the most common mosquito-borne viruses causing human disease in Western Australia.

Where do RRV and BFV diseases occur in WA?

RRV and BFV can occur anywhere in WA when conditions are warm enough for the viruses to be active, and wet enough to allow for the breeding of mosquitoes. In nature, RRV and BFV are passed back and forth between animals and mosquitoes. The only way humans can catch the disease is by being bitten by a virus-carrying mosquito.

People living, camping or recreating within 3–5 km of saltmarshes, estuaries, tidal rivers and freshwater wetlands are at a greater risk of RRV and BFV infection than people living further away.

What are the symptoms of RRV and BFV diseases?

The incubation period (the time between being bitten by an infected mosquito and becoming sick) for RRV and BFV diseases varies from 3 to 21 days, but is normally 7 to 14 days. During the incubation period, it may be possible for humans to pass the virus back to mosquitoes that bite them. Symptoms vary from person to person, but can include painful and/or swollen joints, sore muscles, aching tendons, skin rashes, fever, tiredness, headaches and swollen lymph nodes.

It is not possible to predict how long a person will take to fully recover from either disease. Some adults recover within 2 to 6 weeks of being infected, while others will still be unwell after 3 months. In rare cases, symptoms can persist for up to a year or more.

Are treatments available for RRV and BFV diseases?

There are no vaccines or cures for RRV disease or BFV disease; medical treatment is aimed at easing symptoms. As the symptoms may be similar to some rheumatic diseases or other viral diseases, a specific blood test organised by a doctor is the only reliable method of diagnosis.

A doctor who diagnoses one of these diseases in a patient is required under the *Health Act* to notify the Health Department.

This information is increasing our knowledge about the distribution of these viruses and the environmental triggers for virus outbreaks. It also allows public health action to be taken, such as mosquito control measures or the issuing of health warnings.



Stormwater monitoring



Three main drainage lines exist within the Town of Bassendean, all of which were constructed during the development of the suburbs to lower the groundwater table, enabling the swampy land to be suitable for development.

These three main drains (Kitchener Street drain, Chapman Street drain and Guildford Road drain) all have both open and closed sections and discharge into the Swan River. Numerous local authority drains that drain stormwater runoff from the surrounding residential and industrial areas also discharge into these main drains, meaning the surface water within these main drains can be a mixture of groundwater and stormwater.

In 2007, a water quality monitoring program was conducted every second month, beginning after the first rains. The objective was to gather baseline information regarding the quality of water entering the Swan River via the main drains of Bassendean, including Kitchener Street drain and Chapman Street drain, and also to determine the location of any pollution hotspots throughout the catchment area. This was repeated in 2010, then every year thereafter with the addition of Bindaring Creek. Bindaring Creek forms part of Bindaring Park, which follows a linear shape and discharges into the Swan River. This particular site is valuable to wildlife such as tortoises, purple swamp hens and black swans that use the creek and associated wetlands.

The quality of water entering the Swan River from the Town of Bassendean drainage network via the Kitchener Street drain, Chapman Street drain and Bindaring Creek continues to be monitored and the Town would like to remind the community that dumping of chemicals into storm water catchment is a punishable offence under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. Upon conviction, the offence carries a maximum fine of \$125,000 for corporations and \$62,500 for individuals.

Illegal dumping can also have detrimental effects on the surrounding environment.

This is why the Town continues to monitor the water quality of drainage networks.



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Council Meetings Calendar

TUESDAY 23 AUGUST	
Ordinary Council Meeting	7.00pm
FRIDAY 26 AUGUST	
Youth Advisory Council Meeting	5.00pm
WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER	
Access & Inclusion Committee Meeting	10.00am
TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER	
Briefings Session	7.00pm
TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER	
Ordinary Council Meeting	7.00pm
FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER	
Youth Advisory Council Meeting	5.00pm
THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER	
Local Studies Collection Management Committee Meeting	9.30am
MONDAY 10 OCTOBER	
Hyde Retirement Village Annual General Meeting	1.00pm
TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER	
Liveable Town Advisory Committee Meeting	7.00pm
WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER	
Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting	5.30pm
TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER	
Briefings Session	7.00pm
TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER	
Ordinary Council Meeting	7.00pm

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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.

Graffiti removal

If you notice any graffiti in the Town contact Graffiti Force on **1300 308 551** 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.