



Season's Greetings

*The Mayor, Cr John Gangell,
the Councillors, the CEO and staff of the Town of Bassendean
wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and joyful New Year.*

One new councillor elected to Council

Following the recent Local Government elections, the Town of Bassendean welcomed one new Councillor—Cr Jennie Carter. Cr Carter, along with Cr John Gangell, Cr Anne Brinkworth, Cr Gerry Pule, Cr Kara Collins and Cr Mike Lewis, who were all returned at the election, were sworn in at a special meeting of the Council on 18 October.

At the same meeting, Cr John Gangell was elected Mayor and Cr Gerry Pule was elected Deputy Mayor for a two-year period.

Mayor Gangell said, 'I would like to thank the public for their support at the election and I am honoured to have been elected Mayor for a second term'.

Councillors Lynda Butler, Heinrich Benz and Don Yates were not returned at the election. The Mayor expressed his appreciation for their commitment to the community during their term of office.

Council for 2011–2013

The composition of the present Council is:



Cr John Gangell,
Mayor (2015)



Cr Gerry Pule,
Deputy Mayor (2013)



Cr Anne Brinkworth
(2015)



Cr Kara Collins
(2013)



Cr Mike Lewis
(2013)



Cr Jennie Carter
(2015)

The year in brackets denotes expiry of election term.

Mosquitoes—our control program

The Town's Mosquito Monitoring and Control Program focuses on the breeding of mosquitoes in wetland areas adjacent to the Swan River. Approximately 95% of the mosquito problems experienced in the Town are associated with these areas.

Wetlands are low-lying areas saturated with water for long enough periods to support vegetation. Wetlands are important as they help improve water quality and regulate nutrient flow. However it is important to recognise that this environment also provides mosquitoes with ideal breeding conditions. Many of these breeding sites are very close to residential areas and therefore may impact significantly on the health and lifestyle of residents and visitors to the Town.

The program

The Town's program commences at the beginning of the mosquito-breeding season, usually around September, and concludes at the end of the season, approximately in May each year. The program involves:

- inspections of sites two to three times a week during breeding season;
- treating the sites when breeding is found with approved larvicides;
- regular trapping of adult mosquitoes to identify species and populations;
- treatment of mosquito breeding on public land;
- enforcement of local laws in relation to breeding on private property;
- investigation of complaints regarding excessive breeding;
- inspecting stormwater drains when required;
- follow-up questionnaires with residents who contract a mosquito-borne disease;
- health promotion activities; and
- regular meetings with neighbouring local authorities, (the Cities of Swan, Bayswater and Belmont and Department of Health), to exchange information, compare results and ensure a co-ordinated and consistent control program.

Take precautions

It is important to recognise that despite there being a mosquito management program in place, and the fact that total eradication is not possible as mosquitoes are a part of our natural environment, those who reside near or frequently visit the wetland areas must take their own protective measures to avoid being bitten.

The essential measures that should be taken to reduce the risk of being bitten and minimise contracting a mosquito borne disease are:

- reduce outdoor activities during high mosquito activity periods (dawn and dusk);
- cover up by wearing light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and long pants that are loose fitting;
- apply personal insect repellent containing DEET or Picaridin if possible;
- ensure fly screens to doors and windows are fitted and maintained; and
- check your property for potential breeding sources.

Around the home

Mosquitoes breed in standing water! It is therefore important to ensure that your property is also free from mosquito breeding.

To prevent them breeding in your backyard:

- get rid of containers that hold water;
- keep mosquito-eating fish, like goldfish, in garden ponds and eliminate vegetation around the edges of the pond;
- keep swimming pools well chlorinated, filtered and free of dead leaves;
- fit rainwater tanks with insect-proof mesh, including inlet, overflow inspection ports;
- ensure your guttering is water-free; and
- empty pot plant drip trays once a week or fill them with sand.

There are a variety of products that can assist in reducing mosquito numbers around your property that can be applied to vegetation and surfaces.



For information about these products please contact your pest control company or hardware store.

New graffiti contractor

The Town has appointed a new graffiti contractor—**Graffiti Force**
Tel: 1300 798 143 or email: info@graffitiforce.com.au

Graffiti Force will remove graffiti from:

- Council owned assets including but not limited to office buildings, public halls and facilities, public toilets, aged accommodation, signage, playground equipment, reticulation control boxes, bus shelters, fencelines and walls, streetlights, entry statements, and parks and street furniture.
- Public or private service provider assets, such as (Telstra, Alinta Gas, Water Corporation, Western Power, Public Transport Authority, MRWA etc) that either abut or are wholly located on Council owned land. These include but are not limited to light and power poles, signage, control boxes, fence lines and walls and bus stop indicator poles.



If you notice any graffiti contact Graffiti Force on 1300 798 143 to have it removed.

For public comment

The Town of Bassendean is seeking feedback for our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan for 2012-2016. Download and complete our survey from the Town's website www.bassendean.wa.gov.au
More details can be found in this issue.

Ashfield Underground Power project

THE TOWN is pleased to advise that the works to underground the power supply in Ashfield are scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2012. Western Power has advised that the Ashfield Underground Power design is near completion and final approvals are being obtained. It is anticipated that a project start up newsletter will be sent to all property owners shortly before the project commences which will have details of the different aspects of the work to be done and a map showing the flow of work through the area.

In December 2011, the Council will consider the term and the method of recouping the underground power costs and it is planned that the first instalment of the underground power costs will be listed in the 2012/13 rate notices.

Mary Crescent Reserve —Gathering Site

IN 2005, Council approved the Mary Crescent Reserve Concept Plan and since then has been progressively implementing the plan by removing the old dilapidated public toilets, undertaking the renovation of the existing Alf Faulkner Hall—including a new roof—and by constructing new public toilets.

Recently, the Town was successful in obtaining grant funding from the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Round 3 to construct the Mary Crescent Reserve Gathering Site. As a result, the Town engaged Mr Peter Farmer to prepare detailed drawings and to construct the gathering site.

The gathering site construction phase is due to commence shortly in the approximate location shown on the Concept Plan, which is towards the north-east side of the reserve.



Comment sought on naming the Ashfield fishing platform

THE TOWN of Bassendean is seeking public comment for the proposed naming of the fishing/viewing platform at the bottom of the French Street steps in Ashfield, in recognition of local Ashfield resident, the late Mr Roy Hookway, who passed away on 14 August, aged 85.

Mr Hookway was a well-known local and one of our longest serving residents of Ashfield having purchased a block in Ashfield Parade in 1953 for £250. He made a significant contribution to the development of Ashfield. In his later years Roy was a familiar face walking his dog down along the river where he would always have time for a chat.

The AshfieldCAN raised the request and Council has approved in principle the platform being named the 'Roy Hookway Platform' and is seeking public comment on the proposal. A report will be referred to Council at the conclusion of the comment period for a final determination.

Landgate has confirmed the fishing platform has no registered name at present, and supports it being named to assist emergency services attending to any call outs.

Comments are to be received by the close of business on Monday 16 January 2012 and should be addressed to the CEO, Mr Bob Jarvis, Town of Bassendean, PO Box 87, Bassendean WA 6934, or by email to mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au.



For further information on this proposal, or on the AshfieldCAN, call Graeme Haggart on 9377 8016.

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan review

AT THE TOWN of Bassendean we're committed to an inclusive and accessible community for all, and we need your help to tell us how to make this happen.

The Town of Bassendean is working on our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan for 2012–2016, and we are seeking your help!

Anyone can be involved and you can help by:

- Completing the survey online; or
- Picking up a copy of the survey from the Bassendean Memorial Library or the Customer Service Centre in Old Perth Road; or
- Attending a community forum to workshop the survey results.

You can download our current Disability Access and Inclusion Plan from the Town's website www.bassendean.wa.gov.au.

Your feedback is important. An inclusive and accessible community makes life better for everyone.

Hard copies of the survey should be returned to the Town by Monday 30 January 2012. The workshop details will be promoted in early 2012.



For further information contact Graeme Haggart on 9377 8016 or by email on ghaggart@bassendean.wa.gov.au.



Battery update and thank you!

The Town of Bassendean collected a colossal 316.3 kilograms of batteries for the period May–August 2011.

By helping to recycle these batteries you are protecting the local environment from heavy metals like zinc, lead, and manganese, as well as avoiding the mining of new steel for new steel products, and preventing these batteries from ending up in landfill.

The elements from the spent batteries are re-used as follows:

Metal	Reused as
Zinc	Galvanising (e.g. streetlights)
Manganese	New batteries and steel alloys
Steel	New steel products (e.g. rainwater tanks)

Where to find our drop-off centres

Drop-off centres in the Town of Bassendean are at the Bassendean Memorial Library, 46 Old Perth Road, and the Customer Service Centre at 35 Old Perth Road.

A big thank you to you for your continued support in responsible disposal of household hazardous waste.



Home-based business survey

Home-based business operators tend to be isolated yet there might be three times as many of these businesses around Bassendean in all the residential areas as there are factories and organisations in the Tonkin Industrial Area.

Help us learn about you...

Here at the Council we want to know about you. Are you in business and how are you going? Not only can working at home be isolating, it can be stressful and difficult to manage your time.

In partnership with our colleagues at the Swan Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Centre East Metro in Midland and the Central Eastern Business Association we are encouraging home-based business owners to log on, get involved with other businesses and do some networking. It's good for business and it's good for your health.

Understanding your needs

To help us understand your needs and priorities we have put a survey up on our dedicated business website at www.bassendeanmeansbusiness.com.au. It will take you about 10 minutes to complete.

Every completed submission from Bassendean based home businesses will automatically receive a special Bassendean Means Business 4Gb thumb-drive and a 25% discount off the membership of your preferred business association, either the Central Eastern Business Association or Network 2000 Membership, Swan Chamber of Commerce.

Additionally, these hard-working business groups are giving away prizes worth over \$1,200 and your name will be in the draw for one of these as well.



For full details go to www.bassendeanmeansbusiness.com.au and follow the links for Home Based Business Survey.

A woman with dark hair and glasses is sitting at a desk, looking stressed. She has her hands on her face, resting her chin on them. To her left is a very tall stack of papers. In front of her is a laptop. A yellow sticky note is pinned to the laptop screen.

While you're on the website have a look around, subscribe to our regular newsletter, place your business on the business directory and find out all about the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

The Photo Wall Amateur Photography Competition ends 18 December

Since May, amateur photographers have entered over 50 photographs into the Photo Wall Competition, making the foyer of the Bassendean library come alive with colourful, bright and dramatic takes on the Old Perth Road markets scene.

So make sure you join us at the markets on Sunday 18 December for the announcement of the winners. There are a number of cash prizes to be awarded, including the People's Choice award nominated by visitors at the Markets in November.

Along with the People's Choice Award, six Encouragement Awards and three Category Awards will be announced. The overall winner will have the amazing opportunity to spend a day on a photoshoot with the advertising and marketing agency 'All of the Above'.



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM TOP:

Photographer: Sharon Morskate

Title: Dog meets Pig

Category: People

Special Effects used: montage with text

Photographer: Norma Schwind

Title: Inclined to Read

Category: Design and Detail

Special Effects used: Lightroom/Photoshop minimal processing

Photographer: Spellbound Art

Title: You Know

Category: People

Special Effects used: Zoom lens

Photographer: Alana Clark

Title: Rainbow Forest

Category: Design and Detail

Special Effects used: None

Photographer: Yasmin McCann

Title: Harpist Perspective

Category: People

Special Effects used: None



Free Tours of Red Hill Waste Management Facility

What happens to your rubbish after you put it in the bin? Where does it go and who looks after it? Find out by taking a free, one-hour tour of the Red Hill Waste Management Facility.



For further information and bookings phone 94-24 2271, or email rgang@emrc.org.au.

Summer is here! New operating hours for the Markets: 8.00 am to 1.00 pm



At dawn on the last Sunday of each month the surreal morning scene in Old Perth Road is quickly transformed into a thriving 'tent land' of craft, colour, food and entertainment—it's Market Day!

Each month we have an average of 70 stallholders including many regular vendors who love the friendly atmosphere and great location and we watch in amazement as stallholders pour out their wares from vans, trucks and cars and set up ready for business.

With the longer days here we are starting even earlier. The summer trading hours operate from 8.00 am to 1.00 pm for the months of December 2011 through to March 2012 inclusive.

The special Christmas markets this year will be held on Sunday 18th December on the last Sunday before Christmas and they will be a truly festive affair with all the 'crafty' stalls. Also, the magnificent Salvation Army Band will be there to entertain everyone as they play swing, do solos, plus a variety of percussion tunes and all the Christmas favourites. Leading the activities for children will be the man himself—Santa Claus—who will come along to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. But before all that, Annett Raison will be on stage and will entertain all our visitors.

To celebrate the New Year, our market on Sunday 29 January 2012 will be a 'circus' including balloon twisting, face painting and pony rides! As always, we will have great entertainers providing live music to create a fantastic 'family-friendly' atmosphere while you leisurely wander among the stalls.

The market will bounce into Old Perth Road again on Sunday 26 February with a jumping castle for the kids and a big variety of stalls all backed by local entertainment and a hearty dose of community spirit. What better way to spend a summer Sunday morning?



To find out more about booking a market stall or providing entertainment check out the website at www.oldperthroadmarkets.com.au or contact the Markets Team on mobile: 0428 411 801. If you are interested in Rotary please contact Bill Scanlan on mobile: 0417 965 600.

Festive season business hours

Council Offices

The Council offices at 35 and 48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean, will be closed from 12 noon on Friday 23 December 2011 to re-open at 8.30 am on Tuesday 3 January 2012.

Bassendean Memorial Library

The Bassendean Memorial Library will close at 12 noon on Friday 23 December 2011 to re-open at 9.00 am on Tuesday 3 January 2012. Additional loan items will be available in the weeks leading up to this closure.

Rubbish Service

All bins will be serviced on their usual days during the Christmas and New Year periods.

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

The Red Hill Waste Facility will be closed on Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2011 and on New Year's Day, Sunday 1 January 2012. The facility can be contacted on 9574 6235.

Ranger Services

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





PHOTOGRAPH BY BILLIE FAIRCLOUGH.

Discover your unique shopping personality and how you can save!

MAREE WRACK—author of the book, 'Champagne Life on a Beer Budget', will be speaking at the Bassendean Library on Wednesday 1 February 2012.

Maree will provide an entertaining, fun and interactive session to give you a snapshot of your unique shopping personality. You can then use this awareness to help live the good life on less! Maree will also have copies of her book available for sale and signing.

The talk will be held in the Library meeting room from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm on Wednesday 1 February. Light refreshments will be provided.



You do need to book as seating is limited, so please phone 9279 2966.



International Year of Volunteers
10th anniversary
2011

International Year of Volunteers

In 2001 the International Year of Volunteers was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly.

Now in its tenth year, the Town celebrated International Volunteer Day on 5 December when the Town's volunteers attended our annual Thank A Volunteer event at the Bassendean Bowling Club.

The Mayor, Councillors, CEO and Staff would like to take this opportunity to send a word of 'Thanks' to all the wonderful Volunteers who assist in our community and help to make it that special place to live!



Seniors and Disability Services—are you eligible?

The Town of Bassendean Seniors and Disability Services provides in-home community and centre based services to assist people who are frail-aged or have disabilities to continue living independently at home.

Some of the program options available are, Adult Day Centre Activities, program's for younger people with disabilities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island programs, domestic assistance, home and garden maintenance, personal care, social support for shopping or transport to medical appointments, respite, meals on wheels and podiatry.



To find out if you may be eligible for assistance, please call 9279 6588, Monday to Friday between 8.30 am and 4.30pm.

upcoming events



Carols by Candlelight

Date: Saturday 17 December 2011

Time: 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

Venue: Success Hill Reserve, Seventh Avenue, Bassendean

Cost: Free entry and parking

Food, drinks and ice-creams available.

Featuring:

- Combined Districts Concert Band
- Guest Artists
- Kids Choir
- Puppets

Carols by Candlelight is a great community event that celebrates the festive season rejoiced in song. The Carols are set in the beautiful surroundings of Success Hill Reserve and organised by the Bassendean Church of Christ.

Australia Day

The Town of Bassendean presents
Australia Day Celebrations

Date: Thursday, 26 January 2012

Venue: Ashfield Reserve, Guildford Road, Ashfield

Time: 5.00 pm–9.00 pm

Cost: Free event

Featuring:

- **Live Entertainment:**

The Rough Housers—Rockabilly

Formed from a mutual love of all things rockabilly: The Rough Housers guarantee an amazing night of revelry and fun toe-tapping songs!

West Road—a local band

This is an original band from Bassendean. Their sound is pop-rock with bluesy abrasions and they were the recent winners of the 2011 'Central Park Battle of the Bands' competition.

- Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards
- Fireworks at 8.00 pm

Ashfield Reserve is adjacent to Ashfield Train Station, so catch the train. Parking is available adjacent to the event for a \$3 donation. If coming by car, why not car pool?

Proudly supported by Lotterywest, and 98.5 Sonshine FM who will provide a special live broadcast of the evening's entertainment and an exclusive fireworks sound track.



For more information go to
www.bassendean.wa.gov.au.





rangers' corner

Dogs: is yours a nuisance?

IS YOUR DOG being a nuisance and you don't realise it? We all like to have our four-legged best friends with us whenever we can but did you know that your dog jumping up on someone or rushing up to them can be considered a nuisance under the *Dog Act*? In some cases this can even be considered a dog attack and result in infringements or prosecution?

When out with your dog remember that unless you are on private property or in a designated dog off-leash area, your dog must always be on a lead and under effective control at all times. Even when in a dog exercise area you must have a collar on your dog and you must have a suitable leash with you. Your dog must be under your control and not be allowed to harass other users or animals in the area.

When off the lead, effective control includes, but is not limited to, the dog immediately responding to and obeying a command to return to you, or the dog is kept within easy reach for you to grab hold of its collar to physically control or restrain the dog.

 If you have any questions about control of dogs or dog exercise areas, please contact the Rangers on 9377 7480.



Cats: Responsible Cat Ownership laws passed

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS will soon be empowered to reduce the large number of stray cats being euthanased each year and promote responsible cat ownership in their communities to reduce the unwanted impacts of cats on the community and the environment.

The *Cat Act 2011* came into force on 9 November 2011 and will come into operation over two phases. The first phase will commence on 1 November 2012 to give local governments the opportunity to put the necessary administration into place.

Phase two will begin from 1 November 2013, when all cats that have reached 6 months of age will need to be microchipped, sterilised and registered with the local government where they are usually kept; and prior to the transfer or sale, all cats must be microchipped and sterilised.

The *Cat Act* will give local governments the power to deal with owners that are not responsible, including cat hoarders, and with cats that are not owned. In addition, local governments will be able to create local laws for the control of cats within their district.

The Department of Local Government will also be developing regulations to support the legislation in relation to registration tags and some fees and charges payable under the legislation. The local government sector, along with other stakeholders, will be consulted during the development of the regulations.



Wildlife: who do you call?

AS WE ARE nearing summer there may be times when native animals in the area are increasing their activity, particularly snakes.

When dealing with any wildlife, be that injured, orphaned or just a nuisance, the people to call are the Wildcare Helpline on 9474 9055.

This service is run by the Department of Environment and Conservation and they operate 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. They are a telephone referral service and they can put you in touch with the most appropriate person or organisation to help you and our native wildlife.

Council Calendar

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY	Ordinary Council Meeting	7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY	Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting	6.00 pm
THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY	Local Studies Collection Management Committee Meeting	9.30 am
WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY	Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting	11.00 am
WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY	Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting	1.00 pm
THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY	Cyril Jackson Physical Education & Community Centre Management Committee Meeting	8.30 am
WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY	Children & Family Services Committee Meeting	7.00 pm
TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY	Tree Consultative Committee Meeting	7.00 pm
THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY	Reconciliation Action Plan Working Party Meeting	12 noon
THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY	Youth Advisory Council Meeting	5.00 pm
TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY	Ordinary Council Meeting	7.00 pm

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Bassendean Arts Community

'We're serious about having fun with art'

Fibrant Group – fibre and textile artisans.
All welcome – Thursday mornings.
Contact Joyce: 0423 185 263.

Abstract Art Classes
Thursdays 9.30am-12noon.
Casual \$25 per class. Term \$165 for 8 weeks.
Contact Lindy : 0408 090 078 or 9471 1540
Web: www.bassendeanarts.com

Look out for Trunk Art Festival in March

Casa Mia Montessori Playgroup

Fostering children's love of learning. Enrol now for term 1. Tues and/or Wed 9:15–11:15am.

Email: bassendean.montessori.playgroup@gmail.com

Swan Districts Softball Club

Training Wednesday evenings and fixture games on Saturday.

Based at Ashfield Sports Club.

A great social club with a mind-set of giving back to players with low club fees and social events throughout the season.

Contact Michelle Morys on 0439 433 499
or michelle.morys@mosaiccc.org.

Tuesday Dance Group

Join in the fun Tuesdays at the Bassendean Community Hall from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Dancing to CD music you can experience Ballroom, Latin and New Vogue dance styles. A great way to exercise, meet people and practice your dancing.

Contact Lynne on 9377 5392.

Bassendean Wider Vision (Inc)

Over 50s group catering for those looking for something other than arts, crafts, sports, etc. Guest speaker each week followed by socialising over tea and biscuits.

Non-political, non-sectarian and non-profit making. Wed from 10.00am to 12 noon.

New members welcomed.

Enquiries Doreen: 9296 8994 or Neville: 9275 1272.

Bassendean Community Playgroup

Playgroup for children aged 0–6 years meets each Monday morning in the hall of St Mark's Church, off Parker Street, 10.00 am–12 noon.

New members welcome.

Phone Tracy on 6278 2930.

See us on facebook at Bassendean Community Playgroup.

Sahaja Yoga Meditation

Freely available to anyone with a genuine desire to know the true self, with a quest to evolve to a higher level of awareness, understanding and enjoyment.

Tuesdays 7.00pm–8.30pm, Bassendean Library.

Contact Diana: 9279 7314 or email: selentin@westnet.net.au

Bassendean Senior Citizens and over 55s

50 Old Perth Road, Phone 9279 1944 Office Hours 10.00am–1.00pm Mon–Fri

Ongoing Activities

Monday	9.00 am–12 noon	Sewing and Craft Group— Last session December 12, resumes January 30.
Tuesday	8.00 am 10.30 am–3.00 pm	Swimming at Altone (Bus pick up). Drop In Day—Social and Board Games. Will continue throughout Dec/Jan
Thursday	1.00 pm–4.00 pm	Karaoke is Fun! (All welcome.) No Karaoke January. Resumes February 2.
Friday	10.00 am–12 noon	Carpet Bowls Morning Tea. Last session Dec 16. Resumes Jan 30.

Bus Trips

A variety of interesting and fun trips planned for December/January (keep watching the noticeboard and if you want to go, jot your name on the list).

Monthly Events

Concerts 2nd Wednesday

(\$5 includes Afternoon Tea and door prize)

14 Dec Let's celebrate Christmas with song.

January No concerts.

8 Feb Thomas Entertainers.

(Bus pick-up Bassendean area is available for concerts)

55+ Diners Club 3rd Wednesday

Will resume in February 2012

Please note the Seniors Office will be closed from 17 December to 30 January

BUT Tuesdays 10.30am–3pm our notice-boards can be accessed where our bus trips will be displayed so that you can place your name on the list and copy of our Newsletter can be collected.

Arthritis Support Group
The Arthritis Support Group holds passive exercise.
New members welcomed.
Further enquiries: 9279 9382.

Anyone over the age of 55 is eligible to join Bassendean Seniors.

It's \$12 per year for membership. We have many excursions and dinner trips so come along and check us out before you join and if you like what we do, then become a member. For more information call our office.

St Mark's Benefit Op Shop

St Mark's Anglican Church—new and second-hand clothing, bric-a-brac. Open 9.30 am–12 noon, Mon to Sat. Benefit Op Shop also open on Market Days with special cakes and preserves stall in Church Hall.

Voices of the Valley Choir

welcome new members to a friendly, no auditions choir, conducted by enthusiastic professional musician.

Contact Dianne: 0407 145 580 or 9454 8181.

Lions Club of Bassendean (Inc).

Established 1991, meets at the RSL Hall, Kenny Street, Bassendean 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at 7 pm.

Phone Clive Brown 6278 2237

The Lions Club of Bassendean Men's Shed Project

Opportunities for those wishing to volunteer for a local project, with carpentry, fitting & turning, boilermaking, welding or painting skills. A few hours each week is all that's required.

If interested, please contact Project Coordinator, Ted Lawrence 9377 3987 or gypsyted@iinet.net.au

Swan Bassendean Weight Watchers

A member of Weight Watchers Federation Inc. WA. Meet at the RSL Hall, Kenny Street, Bassendean 6pm on Tuesday evenings and welcome new members. A low cost community based group promoting healthy eating and healthy lifestyle with support and encouragement of others.

Pop in and say hello.

Podiatry Clinic

Every Tues and Thurs 9.00am–11.30am. Basic podiatry treatment available. Qualified podiatrist. For Seniors & Disability Services clients. Phone 9279 2609 on Tuesday or Thursday am.

Epiphytic Cacti & Hoya Society of Australia Inc.

Meetings held 3rd Sunday of the month (Jan–Nov) 1.30pm–4pm at Bassendean Community Hall, Old Perth Road. Join like-minded gardeners and enjoy a social afternoon over refreshments after the meeting.
Contact Rex: 9342 7563 or Alf: 9444 6694.

St Mark's Badminton Group

Join this group of ladies for a morning of social badminton. 9.30am–11.30am Tuesday mornings, St Mark's Hall.

Contact Coral on 9279 3107

Bassendean Primary School Playgroup

Sessions run Tuesday and Wednesday 9–10:30am Room 15, Bassendean Primary School.

Contact Tammy McEwan 0419 049 922



Reconnect with your Community!

The Bassendean Historical Society (Inc) meets on the last Thursday of each month (Feb–Nov) at 7.00 pm, at 1 Surrey Street.
New members welcome.

Phone Lesley on 9279 9058 for more information.

Bassendean Bowling Club

Community Bowls

7 pm Wednesday nights. Singles welcome. All equipment provided and coaching available.

Phone 9279 1949 for more information.

Scrapbooking & Stamping Club of WA

Third Sunday of the month, 2.00–6.00pm, Small Hall, Bassendean Council Offices, 48 Old Perth Road. Cost \$75 per annum or \$40 for 6 months or \$8 per month.

Contact Violet: 9295 5498 or Julie: 9378 3276.

Volunteers Centre

Volunteers are the heartbeat of the community. We are here to help promote your organisation or club. If you are looking for volunteers please give us a call.

Phone 9377 2191 and talk to Audrey or Colin.

Bassendean Tennis Club

invites community members to join in social play every Wednesday at 9.00 am, Friday evening at 7.00 pm and Sunday afternoons at 2.00 pm.

New members and visitors welcome.

Located at the Guildford Road end of Hamilton Street.

Check the website for more details
www.bassendeantennisclub.com
or call Kathryn on 9377 1462.

Living Smart Bassendean

Learn about living more sustainably and meet like-minded locals. Meet first Wednesday each month 7–9 pm meeting room at the Bassendean Library. First meeting for 2012 will be February.

Contact Rebecca Benson

becbenson@hotmail.com 0404 399 893 or
Noala Degasperis ntj@iinet.net.au 0409 295 100

Ashfield Sports Club

The ASC manages a team in the Football West All Flags State League Division One competition and has enjoyed the best season in several years, both on and off the park, in 2011. For 2012 the Club wishes to build on that success and offers more to the people of Bassendean by fielding teams in the Ladies, Amateur and Junior leagues. Players and assistance required at all levels. Looking for people who want to be actively involved in the running of the club, coaching and/or participation in the sport. Ashfield SC is also the home for Ashfield ladies darts and Swan Districts Softball Clubs.

Any one interested in being part of the Ashfield SC family can contact the club by email at ashfieldsc@iinet.net.

Broadway II Band Afternoon Tea Dance

We invite you to join us for an afternoon of live music, dancing and companionship at the Bassendean Community Hall, Monday and Friday afternoon from 12.45pm to 3.30pm. Public holidays included (except Good Friday). Admission \$5.00 per person. Ladies requested to bring a plate. Lucky Spots and Door Prizes awarded throughout the afternoon.

Contact Mrs Gwen Fenech on 9279 2756.

Bassendean Cultural Advancement Group

A spokesgroup for the Aboriginal Community in the Town of Bassendean.

Help us to work on issues effecting Aboriginal People in the Town: Culture – Health – Sport – Children – Education – Training – Employment.

New members welcomed. We can make a difference together.

Contact Lynette on 0421 560 047.

Ashfield Community Action Network

For more information about coming events contact Lucy Bromell on 0402257965 or check the website at www.ashfieldcan.info

The AshfieldCAN is here to support any positive community initiatives that will improve or promote Ashfield as a great place to live. We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Neighbourhood Watch in Ashfield meets at the Ashfield Sports Club.

For details contact: Verna Schreuders: 9279 3157

Bassendean Melody Club Inc.

Invitation

Join us to enjoy fellowship and singing along to the golden oldies.

Venue: Bassendean Community Hall

Time: Fridays 10.00–11.45am

(except Christmas break and Good Friday)

Cost: 50c or gold coin on 1st Friday of month.

Contact Helen Barber on 9299 6742.

Bible Lessons for Kids

We will be in recess during the school holidays, recommencing on Sunday Feb 5th 2012, 9.30–10.30am at the Bassendean Community Hall.

Enquiries Keren 6278 1910

Sponsored by Bassendean Christadelphians

St Michael's Playgroup

0–kindy, Parents, grandparents and carers of young babies and children welcome. Tues 9–11 am during school term. Term 1 starts Feb 7. Just drop in to the Kindy Room via the playground of St. Michael's School, \$10 per term + Playgroup WA 2012 Craft, outdoor play, indoor play, shared fruit break, story time and much more. Bring a piece of fruit, water bottle and sun protection.

Part of the community for over 25 years.

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The Railway Museum Bassendean

Volunteers Wanted

It's fun! Could you help greet visitors to our museum? Sell tickets? Keep exhibits tidy? Maintenance/handyman/gardening?

Contact us at 136 Railway Parade, Bassendean
Phone 9279 7189 bookings@railheritagewa.org.au

Bassendean Junior Cricket Club

Players welcome from 5–17.

Phone Kylie 0409 102 063 or email bassendeanjcc@gmail.com for details.

Bassendean Al-Anon

Bassendean 'Hope For Today' on Sundays 6.00–7.30 pm at Bassendean Community Hall, 48 Old Perth Road (entry at rear). No charge.

For information and help phone 9325 7528
or www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia/wa.html

Bassendean Preservation Group Inc

Protecting and Enhancing Bassendean's Qualities

Our aim is to foster a care and concern for the environment, in particular the reserves, the river and wetlands of Bassendean, and to work with Commonwealth, State and Local Governments to coordinate and assist volunteers to achieve this.

For more information contact Steve @ 9326 6950

Bassendean Walking for Pleasure Group

We meet each Monday morning 9.00 am in and around the Bassendean area. Also Monday and Wednesday 6.15 pm, and Saturday morning 8.00 am. We walk for approximately 1 hour.

Phone walk leaders Dawne and Bill Power on 9378 6006 or contact Town of Bassendean Recreation & Cultural Services on 9377 8000.

All very welcome.

Bassonovas Community Samba Drumming Group

Learn Brazilian percussion in a fun easy way—no experience necessary!

Call Bassendean Recreation & Cultural Services on 9377 8051 or check website:

<http://sites.google.com/site/bassonovas/>

Is your organisation missing out on this opportunity to promote its activities and coming events?

Give us a call on 9377 8073 from 8.30am – 3.30pm Wednesday to Friday or leave a message for Julie Hein with our Customer Service Centre on 9377 8000.

Close-off date for the next issue: 27 January 2012. Limited space so please keep text to a minimum.

To the best of our knowledge, information provided is correct at the time of printing. You are advised to contact the relevant organisation/club direct for confirmation.