

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN
NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE
LOCAL STUDIES COLLECTION MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Dear Committee Member

A meeting of the Local Studies Collection Management Committee is to be held in the Council Chamber, 48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean, on Thursday, 5 February 2015, commencing at 9.30am.

Mr Bob Jarvis
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

28 January 2015

A G E N D A

1.0 **DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

Acknowledgement of Country

The Town of Bassendean acknowledges the Wadjuk People of the Nyoongar Nation as the traditional owners of the land on which we gather to conduct this meeting, and pays its respects to their Elders, both past and present.

2.0 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND ADDRESS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Members of the public who wish to do so may ask questions or address the Committee at this point in the agenda.

3.0 **ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

4.0 DEPUTATIONS

5.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2014

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 5.1

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2014 be confirmed as a true record.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

7.0 BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

8.0 REPORTS

8.1 2015/16 Budget Proposal

BACKGROUND

Since its inception, the Management Committee has examined and put forward an annual budget for Council's consideration.

The future, both for Local Studies and the Committee, under the impending boundary adjustment, is not clear at this stage,⁷ so officers have developed a budget for consideration in the expectation that the first year of operation as a combined authority will be "steady as she goes".

This budget proposal is predicated on those standard operational necessities that have driven the Local Studies Collection in past years.

2015-2016 Local Studies Collection - Proposed Budget

Three Oral Histories	\$3,000
Microfilming Newspapers	\$2,600
Photos - purchases/rescue/conversion	\$800
Stationery	\$300
Stock purchases	\$500
Total	\$7,200

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.1

That the Local Studies Management Committee recommends to Council that an amount of \$7,200 be included in the Local Studies Collection operational budget deliberations for the 2015/16 year.

8.2 Local Studies Librarian's Report

The Local Studies Librarian attended Cultural Awareness Training – Intermediate, in November provided by the Kooya Consultancy.

The Local Studies Librarian attended an orientation at the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc (WAGS) in Bayswater and the Bassendean Local Studies Collection is now an associated member of WAGS. The Local Studies Librarian attended the final meeting for the Local Studies Practitioners Group in November at Belmont Museum.

The Local Studies Librarian attended a volunteer thank you lunch to acknowledge the contribution of volunteers in the Bassendean Memorial Library and particularly the Local Studies Collection throughout the year.

Collection Management

Information about the death of John Bates (second husband of Amelia Law Davis) has been identified which completes birth, death and marriage information about the three families associated with the Pensioner Guard Cottage.

Biographical information on Patrick Andrew (Paddy) Connolly has been researched and catalogued.

New items

- St. Michael's School Bassendean Centenary 1914-2014 (donation).
- Looking West : A Guide to Aboriginal Records in Western Australia (2004).
- Italian roots in Australian soil : Italian migration to Western Australia, 1829-1946 (donation)
- On the outskirts : photographs of Allawah Grove Aboriginal Settlement, Perth/Robyn Smith Walley and Tracie Pushman 2005 (donation).
- Information about Bassendean Kindergarten.
- Ephemera Beaumonde Catering, Mary Crescent.
- City of Belmont : A History of Opportunity.
- Interview with May O'Brien (educator) 2001 (transcript).
- Eden Hill Camps : Records of Racism in Western Australia by Bevan Carter.
- Concept Plan Eden Hill Culture and Environment Centre at Pyrton: A community initiative of sharing together for the Pyrton site in Eden Hill.
- Bennett Brook baseline study of flora and fauna: a National Land Care Community Project funded under the One Billion Trees and Save the Bush Programs 1994-1995.

Processing

Newspapers and Serials Indexing - 78

Books - 8

Rates Book Indexing - 49 672

Oral History

An interview was completed with Merle Gray. An interview will be arranged with Mr and Mrs Bentley to record information about the Bassendean Preservation Group in recognition of the 30th anniversary of the Bassendean Preservation Group (BPG) this year.

Some names suggested for future oral history interviews with indigenous people associated with Bassendean include:

- Gina Williams;
- Peter and Miranda Farmer;
- Lynette Cox;
- Vivienne Weir; and
- Albert and Gwen Corunna.

Enquiries

The Local Studies Librarian received a query regarding the significance of local trees for the Municipal Heritage Inventory. Photographs from the Local Studies Collection assisted with dating trees.

A member of the public was seeking information about his grandfather's house. The location was identified using the rates book index and current rates database.

A member of the public wanted information on the history of Lockridge. Information on the origins of the suburb name was provided from the Landgate website.

Surrey Street Steering Committee

The Committee met on 2 December and members discussed the architectural plan options provided and merits of the plan.

History Review Steering Committee

The Committee will next meet on 5 February 2015. A revised final draft version of five chapters has been received from the author.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.2

That the Local Studies Librarian's report be received.

8.3 Financial Activity Statement

The Financial Activity Statement up until 28 January 2015, is shown below.

LOCAL HISTORY EXPENDITURE 2014/2015

Date	Description	Credit
	Income as at 28 January 2015	\$ -
July-January	History Book	\$80.00
	Income Received from 1 July 2014 to 28 January 2015	\$80.00
	SUMMARY	
	Total Income for 2014/2015 - from 01/07/2014 to 28/1/2015	\$80.00
	Budget for 2014/2015	\$150.00
	Income required to meet Budget	\$70.00

LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT EXPENSES 2014/2015

Date	Description	Debit
July-January	TOWN OF BASSENDEAN LIBRARY - LOCAL STUDDIES - BOOK & MEETING CONSUMABLES	\$1,577.77
	Expenditure From 1 July 2014 to 28 January 2015	\$1,577.77
		\$0
	SUMMARY	
	Total Expenditure 2014/2015 - from 01/7/2014 to 28/1/2015	\$1,577.77
	Budget for 2014/2015	\$11,000.00
	Balance of Expenditure to Budget	\$9,422.23

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.3

That the Financial Activity Statement up until 28 January 2015, be received.

9.0 MOTIONS FOR WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT MEETING

11.0 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

12.0 CLOSURE

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday, 8 May 2015, commencing at 9.30am.