



AROUND THE TOWN

LIVE LOCAL: LOVE BASSO, ASHFIELD & EDEN HILL DEC 2025/JAN 2026



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Kaya everyone,

With summer just around the corner, it's a wonderful time for locals to enjoy longer days, warm evenings, and all the activities the season brings.

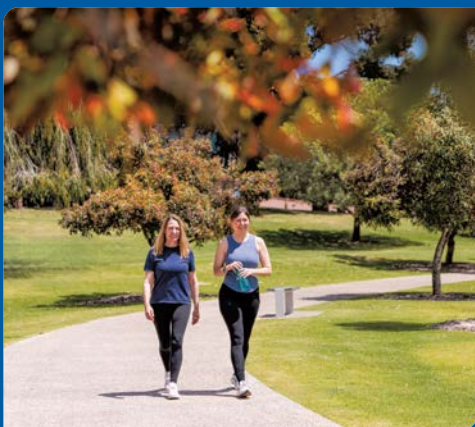
It's also a perfect opportunity to consider simple things we can do to help wildlife cope with extreme heat, such as placing shallow bowls of fresh water in shaded areas of your garden.

Refresh the water often to keep it cool and to discourage mosquitoes, and add a few stones or sticks so smaller creatures have a safe place to perch. Small actions can make such a difference, assisting wildlife to thrive, and in turn making our local environment more enjoyable.

I hope you enjoy this summer edition of Around the Town that provides updates on new programs and projects, timelines for upcoming events, and plenty of local stories that are perfect summertime reading.

Kath Hamilton

Mayor, Town of Bassendean



On the cover

Enjoying a walk around the BIC Reserve before a workout at the new active zone.





Lighting upgrade underway at Jubilee Reserve.

Jubilee Reserve Redevelopment tender awarded

The Town of Bassendean has taken a significant step forward in the redevelopment of Jubilee Reserve, with Council awarding the tender for the design and construction of the upgraded Stan Moses Pavilion and Caledonians Soccer Clubrooms.

The redevelopment will deliver modern, inclusive, and accessible facilities that support growing community demand and increased female participation in sport.

Key features include:

- an upgraded Stan Moses Pavilion with all-abilities access, improved storage, and improved viewing areas
- new community meeting and activity spaces
- modern unisex changerooms and upgraded public toilets
- refurbishment and extension of the Caledonians Soccer Clubrooms, including at least two additional unisex changerooms.

Jubilee Reserve is one of the Town's most popular sporting grounds, home to soccer, football, cricket, and little athletics.

The redevelopment is supported by \$2.6 million from the State Government, \$2.6 million from the Federal Government and a minimum \$2 million contribution from the Town of Bassendean, with an additional election commitment of \$2.6 million from the Australian Government being delivered under the Major and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

The Town has also committed \$1.6 million for reticulation and lighting upgrades, supported by a \$570,000 State Government grant through the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport.

Irrigation works are almost complete, and lighting upgrades will be completed by end of January 2026.

Construction of the new clubrooms and pavilion is expected to begin in 2027.



Learn more at bassendean.wa.gov.au/jubileereserve

Verge Collect bookings open

From 12 January 2026, *Verge Collect* will kick off in the Town of Bassendean. This new pre-booked loose verge collection service replaces skip bins and offers a more flexible, community-supported approach to bulk and green waste disposal.

To ensure your waste is collected:

- place up to 3 cubic metres of waste (3m x 1m x 1m)
- put items out no more than 3 days before your scheduled Monday collection, and by 7am on the day
- ensure waste is in front of your property and clear of trees, walls, and services
- separate bulk waste from appliances, scrap metal and mattresses to support recycling
- hazardous items, e-waste, soil, and building materials are not accepted.



Taking a photo of your waste once it's out can assist with illegal dumping investigations.



Bookings are open now.

Visit our website to book your collection and view accepted items.

New trees, new watering truck, new growth

The Town has wrapped up the 2025 Winter Tree Planting Program and we're thrilled to announce that 500 new trees have been planted across our streets, parks, and reserves.

That's 500 more reasons to breathe easier and enjoy our greener streets!

To help our young saplings thrive, we've also welcomed the latest member of our fleet—a brand-new water truck, complete with a solo water cannon, built and fitted out by our talented in-house mechanic.

While our teams will continue regular watering, your help makes a big difference. If you have a new tree near your property, a little extra water will go a long way in helping it grow strong and healthy.

Thank you to all the residents who requested trees this season—you're helping to support our growing canopy.



Winter Planting Program 2025

This winter, our staff and community came together to plant over **12,000** trees and plants:

500 street trees planted

2.5k plants supplied to community groups

3.9k seedlings planted

6.2k plants installed by La Salle College and Wind in the Willows.



Telethon Community Cinemas returns

We're excited to welcome the Telethon Community Cinemas back to BIC Reserve!

Starting on 3 December 2025, you can enjoy a range of movies under the stars while feeling good about raising funds to support Telethon.

Tickets are available to purchase online or at the box office on the night of the screening. There are also gift vouchers available to buy online – a great Christmas gift idea for friends and family.

Like previous years, you can hire a beanbag, pack a picnic or choose from a range of food options available from the cinema.

The season runs through to April, so start planning your next movie night!



Check the online schedule:
communitycinemas.com.au/Bassendean

Free family movie screenings

THE FREE SCREENINGS ARE SUPPORTED
BY THE TOWN OF BASSENDEAN.

This summer, you can enjoy a range of fun family films for free!

Bookings for free screenings open online a week before the event, so make sure you secure your tickets.

- Sunday 21 December – Jingle All the Way
- Wednesday 7 January – Jungle Book (1967)
- Monday 12 January – The Sandlot
- Monday 19 January – Minecraft Movie
- Monday 26 January – The Castle
- Wednesday 28 January – The Witches



Book online: communitycinemas.com.au/Bassendean



Christmas markets a celebration of the season

This year the Town partnered with Bassendean Markets to deliver a magical Christmas edition of the monthly market—a night of festive cheer for all ages.

Visitors were entertained by the fun and festive Lucille Bauble, along with musical duo Bing and the Gal, who filled the evening with charming renditions of everyone's favourite Christmas tunes.

A highlight of the night was the beautiful performance of traditional and contemporary carols by the Perth Undergraduate Choral Society.

Children got creative at the Christmas craft station, designing their own festive cards, while others enjoyed delicious dishes from a variety of food trucks. Many took the opportunity to get a head start on their Christmas shopping, finding treasures from local stallholders and artisans.

In a special first for the event, the towering Norfolk Pine Christmas tree was lit up, complete with presents beneath it and a shining star at the top.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and joined us for this special celebration. It was a wonderful way to welcome the festive season with our community.




End of year operating hours

Throughout the festive period in December 2025 and early January 2026, the Town will have adjusted operating hours.

Our Customer Service Centre, Library, Depot and Administration Offices will be closed from Wednesday 24 December and will reopen on Monday 5 January 2026.

Ranger Services will not be available on Christmas Day but will be available all other days, with reduced hours on public holidays.

 Find out more details about holiday operating hours on the website: bassendean.wa.gov.au/contactus



End of year bin collections


The Town of Bassendean will provide additional bin collections over the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

From Monday 22 December 2025 through to Saturday 3 January 2026, residents can put out all three bins each week: General Waste, FOGO and Recycling.

Due to there being no bin collections on Christmas Day or New Years Day, bins will be collected a day later than usual for the following scheduled collections:

- Thursday 25 December and Friday 26 December 2025
- Thursday 1 January and Friday 2 January 2026.

In areas where bins are usually collected on Thursdays, they will be collected on the Friday. For areas where they are usually collected on Fridays, bins will be collected on the Saturday.

 For questions about bins, skip bins, or waste collection over the holiday period, please contact Veolia Customer Service on 9350 7195 (excluding public holidays).

Red Hill Waste Management Facility will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day. Baywaste will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Protect your pets this summer

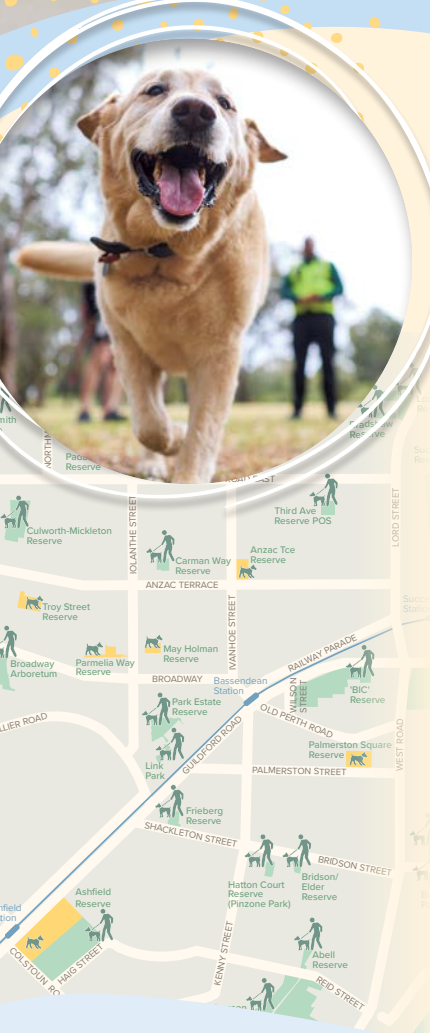
The summer is here and we're not the only ones feeling the heat—our pets are too!

Pets can overheat quickly, so keeping them cool is the best way to protect them in these hot summer months.

Here are some simple tips to protect your pets:

- Ensure your pet has plenty of cool, clean water and shade throughout the day, and where possible, bring them indoors during extreme heat or heatwave warnings.
- Limit exercise to early mornings or late evenings when temperatures are cooler. Hot footpaths and sand can burn paws, so always test surfaces with your hand before walking your dog.
- Never leave your pet in the car—even for a minute. Temperatures inside a car can reach lethal levels very quickly, even with windows open. Dogs can also overheat in the back of a ute or burn their paws on the ute tray.
- Watch for signs of heat stroke, such as excessive panting, drooling, lethargy, weakness, very red or pale gums, vomiting or diarrhoea. If you suspect heatstroke, move your pet to a cool area, mist them with cool water and seek urgent veterinary assistance.

With some care and preparation, you can make sure your pets stay safe, comfortable, and healthy throughout Perth's scorching summer.



Enjoy our dog-friendly spaces responsibly

Did you know the Town has 11 dedicated off-lead dog exercise areas?

When visiting any off-lead reserve, it's important to keep your dog under effective control. This means:

- staying close to your dog and being able to control it, if necessary
- carrying a lead so it can be attached quickly
- ensuring your dog responds to recall and commands
- making sure your dog does not chase or disturb people, animals, or wildlife.

In all areas around the Town, you are required to pick up your dog's poo and put in the bin—if you do not, you may be fined \$100.

We provide dog waste bags in designated dog areas and parks; however we recommend you also carry your own waste bags, just in case.

Together, let's keep our parks safe, clean, and enjoyable for the whole community—humans and furry friends alike!



For more tips on being a responsible pet owner, visit: bassendean.wa.gov.au/pets

Fight the bite: how to stay mosquito-safe

The Town is working hard to reduce mosquito numbers, but tides and weather can still bring them out in force.

Here's how you can stay bite-free:

- Avoid peak times: Stay indoors at dawn and dusk.
- Cover up: Wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing.
- Use repellent: Choose products with DEET or Picaridin.

For babies and toddlers:

- Use pram netting and dress them in long sleeves and pants.
- Avoid repellents with DEET or Picaridin for under 12 months; from 12 months, use up to 10%.
- Apply repellent safely: put it on your hands first, then rub onto their skin (avoid eyes, mouth, and hands).

At home, remove standing water, keep flyscreens in good shape, and maintain clean pools and gutters.



Find more tips: bassendean.wa.gov.au/mosquitoes

Stay safe while barbecuing this summer

Barbecues with family and friends are an essential part of summer, but Perth's hot and dry conditions mean they can be a common cause of fires.

Here's how to enjoy your next cook-up safely:

- Never use a solid fuel barbecue when there is a declared Total Fire Ban or a forecast of high, extreme, or catastrophic fire conditions.
- Make sure you maintain your barbecue and check any hoses and gas cylinders for damage before use.
- Keep your barbecue at least 3 metres away from any combustible material.
- Extinguish all embers when you finish cooking.
- Clean the barbecue and remove the excess fat after each use.
- Always seek approval before bringing and using your own portable LPG barbecue to a Town park or reserve—remember they can only be used if there are no Town barbecues for public use.



For more information about fire safety in the Town, visit our website at: tinyurl.com/33swtuy5



What's on

A circular inset image featuring a portrait of Paul Grace, a man with a beard and short hair, wearing a green button-down shirt. The text "PAUL GRACE" is overlaid in white capital letters on the top left of the image.

PAUL GRACE

Literary Salon with Paul Grace

Join us for an evening with Perth author Paul Grace, presenting his acclaimed debut book *Operation Hurricane: The Story of Britain's First Atomic Test and the Legacy That Remains*.

Drawing on extensive research and a deeply personal family connection—his grandfather served in the RAAF during the Montebello Islands tests—Grace offers a compelling Australian perspective on an event long overshadowed by British accounts.

Free event but bookings are essential.

Wednesday 14 January 2026 | 5:45pm – 7:30pm

Bassendean Memorial Library

Book your tickets online at: <https://tinyurl.com/PaulGraceSalon>



Ocean Discovery Workshop

Calling all little ocean lovers!

Get up and close with live marine invertebrates (sea stars, hermit crabs and brittle stars) and explore an interactive ocean specimen display.

The team at Ocean Discovery Education will help us learn about these amazing creatures.

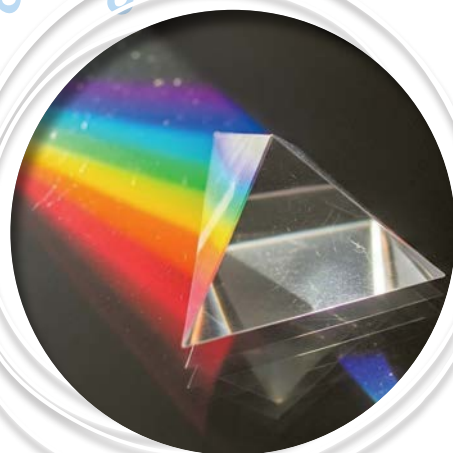
For children 4 to 12 years old, to be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday 21 January 2026 | Session 1: 1pm – 2pm

| Session 2: 2.20pm – 3.20pm

Bassendean Memorial Library | Meeting Room 1

Book your tickets online at: <https://tinyurl.com/y566unk9>



Sunbeams and Me with Einsteins Australia

Summer means spending time outside in the sunshine. While UV light helps our skin produce vitamin D, it can also cause sunburn.

Join the team at Einsteins Australia to discover rainbows of refracted light and play safe with sunbeams.

For children 7 to 12 years old, to be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 29 January 2026 | 10am – 11am

Bassendean Memorial Library | Meeting Room 1

Book your tickets online at: <https://tinyurl.com/2rya4p54>

A photograph of two children lying on their stomachs on a yellow beach towel, reading books. The child on the left is a girl with blonde hair wearing a white sun hat and heart-shaped sunglasses. The child on the right is a boy wearing a blue and white striped bucket hat and sunglasses. The background shows a beach and the ocean under a cloudy sky. Red wavy lines are on the left, and blue circles are at the bottom left.

Summer Reading Challenge

Earn entries into the summer challenge prize draws!

Bassendean Memorial Library is excited to launch the Summer Reading Challenge—a fun way to keep the pages turning all summer long!

From December through to January, you can borrow, read, and explore to earn entries into the summer challenge prize draws.

This year it's about much more than just reading. You can earn points by getting involved in all the fantastic services our library offer—play a board game, reserve a book, print a page, attend a program, borrow a puzzle, or even volunteer your time.

Every activity brings you closer to some great rewards.

Annual General Meeting of Electors

The General Meeting of Electors provides an opportunity for electors to discuss the contents of the Town's Annual Report and Audited Annual Financial Statements, and to address any other general business.

Tuesday, 3 February 2026 (subject to change) | 6pm
Council Chambers | 48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean

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Role of Council

The Council governs our Town's affairs and is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions. Council also oversees the allocation of our Town's finances and resources; and determines our Town's policies.

Role of Mayor

The Mayor presides at meetings, provides leadership and guidance to the community in the district, carries out civic and ceremonial duties on behalf of our Town; speaks on behalf of the Town, and liaises with the CEO on our Town's affairs and the performance of its functions.

Role of Councillors

Councillors represent the interests of the electors, ratepayers and residents of our Town. They provide leadership and guidance to the community and facilitate communication between the community and the council.

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