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Kambarang Noongar Season

Season of Birth (Wildflower season) October/November

Kambarang season, the Season of Birth, marks the arrival of blooming native flowers in the region.

The most common wildflowers you may encounter during this time are yellow Acacias, Banksias, Kangaroo Paw and Orchids, to name a few. The Australian Christmas Tree or "Mooja" and its orange/yellow flowers signal the heat of summer is on its way.

As the weather warms up in October, you will also come across reptiles, including snakes, as they awaken from hibernation. Many other forms of wildlife become active during this month with families of birds appearing in nests, as baby Magpies (Koolbardies) and other native species sing for food.

During this season you can expect longer dry periods with less rain as we edge closer to the end of November.

Permission to use the Nyoongar seasonal calendar is granted by "South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council".



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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 our 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.

Town of Bassendean Community Awards 2023

The Town of Bassendean Community Awards is an exciting opportunity for the Town to recognise and acknowledge individuals, community groups, and businesses for their excellence in the community.

Nominations opened on 24 October 2022 and can be lodged either online or by hard copy.

Key Dates	
24 October 2022	Nominations Open
31 January 2023	Nominations Close
February - March 2023	Nominations assessed
April 2023	Finalists and Award recipients will be notified
May 2023	The Town's Community Awards are presented as part of the Citizenship Ceremony. Final date to be confirmed, coinciding with National Volunteer Week 2023 (15 May - 21 May)

Award Categories

Community Leadership Award

For groups or individuals that have made a significant contribution to the local community. They will have enhanced community life, having been involved in a significant initiative that has brought about positive change and/or significantly contributed to achieving connections and inclusion within the community.

Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering

This award will be presented in recognition of a senior individual (65+ years) who has made an exemplary life-long contribution to volunteering and who through this volunteering, has contributed to the betterment of the Town of Bassendean community.

Youth Achievement Award

Presented in celebration of an individual aged 12 - 25 years who has made an outstanding voluntary commitment, has been an exceptional role model, or has made significant achievements in the arts, sporting, or academic fields.

Best Verge Award

Presented in recognition of an outstanding verge garden (or a collection of verge gardens on the same street) within the district, taking into account edible or native plants, water-wise design, and safe access.

"Bassendean means Business" Award

Presented to a business operating within the district that has made a positive community impact, shown significant business agility, provided outstanding customer service or proactively contributed to environmental sustainability in their business practices and/or in the community.



To find out more please visit:
www.bassendean.wa.gov.au

Town of Bassendean Community Award

2022 Winners

Left to right:

Bassendean 55 plus (Norma Karasinski) Mayor. Cr.Kath Hamilton, David Blampey, Lucy Bromell, Petra Richardson



Artwork at Mary Crescent Reserve

A new mural has been installed at Mary Crescent Reserve to represent the flora and fauna of the park in a colourful and engaging way.

Local artists, Kat Ferguson and Nicola Cowie, were commissioned to design and install the artwork, which features The Sacred Kingfisher and Moaning Frog amongst dragonflies, wattles, and flowering gums and placed against a background motif representing the reserve's water source and landscape.

The project was initiated by Eden Hill Community Action Network (with support from the Town of Bassendean) and received Lotterywest funding through Greening Australia's Our Park, Our Place Project.

If you would like to find out more about Eden Hill Community Action Network, please visit edenhillcan.org.au



Left to right:

Nadine Wright Toussaint, Kat Ferguson, Kathryn Hamilton, Evelyn Carey, Nicola Cowie, Christina Carey, Daniel Wilson.



Power to the People Wrap Up

Sunday 9 October marked the end of the Power to the People activation, in partnership with RAC's Reconnect WA Initiative.

The Town would like to thank all businesses, community groups, and individuals who contributed to the success of the project.

The purpose of the activation was to trial a pedestrian-only zone on the northern lane of Old Perth Road; a possibility that is contemplated by the Bassendean Town Centre Masterplan.

The outcomes and future of the trial will be considered at the November 2022 Council Meeting, based on the feedback received from residents, business owners and those who attended the activations.



Seniors Week

6 - 13 November 2022



This year Senior's Week runs from Sunday 6 November to Sunday 13 November, 2022.

The Town of Bassendean would like to acknowledge and give thanks for the lifelong contribution from our senior residents. Those who have dedicated their time and energy to enrich our communities, infrastructure, workforce, and armed forces.

Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering Award

This award will be presented in honour of a senior individual (65+ years) who has made an exemplary life-long contribution to volunteering and who through their volunteering has contributed to the betterment of the Town of Bassendean community.

If you have someone in mind you would like to nominate, please visit www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/forms/lifetime-contribution-to-volunteering/56



Terry Bolland

A Lifetime of Adventure

Local Ashfield resident Terry Bolland has travelled the far-reaching corners of the globe, written several books, is an avid photographer, champion Kayaker and has recently raised almost \$18,000 for prostate cancer research.

Terry Bolland has lived a life of adventure and he has a lot to show for it.

He was born and raised into a farming family near Boston, Lincolnshire in England in the 1950s.

From the age of sixteen, Terry had the urge to travel the world and with his sights set on Australia, he set about making his dreams a reality. Terry saved a total of 100-pound sterling before setting off on his first quest.

Before making it to Australia, Terry and his friend hitchhiked across Europe, the Middle East and Asia, crossing through Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and then onto Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. By the time Terry landed in Western Australia, he had visited over 22 countries.

Terry then worked in the Kimberley on an irrigation farm for 18 months, a sheep farm in Kojonup and then in Port Hedland on the new South Hedland housing development.

Prior to meeting his wife Jenny, Terry had travelled to 40 countries and found his love of kayaking in 1976, while exploring Australia with his friend.

After Terry and Jenny got married in England, they travelled across Europe and Russia on the Trans-Siberian Railway, visited Japan, Taiwan and Bali and settled in Ashfield, where they still live today. However, Terry was never destined to live a life of normalcy. After realising he could combine his love of travel, with his new love of kayaking, Terry set off on a lifetime of never-ending tours around the globe.

Throughout the 1980s, Terry remained close to home, his first expedition, kayaking alone around the Kimberley coast from Broome to Mitchell Plateau for 100 days. He then completed four more three-month expeditions around the Kimberley Coast. Eventually he added running and cycling to his repertoire, touring Australia for exactly one year. When Terry arrived back in Perth, he had paddled, cycled and run a total of 24,000kms.

But Terry was nowhere near finished exploring. In 1998, he took on a solo trip to America, paddling, cycling and backpacking 16,000kms. In later years the adventurer completed multiple two-month stints, kayaking some of the most famous waterways in the world; the Mississippi, the Missouri, the Yukon, the MacKenzie River and three expeditions in Canada, bringing his total distance travelled in North America to 22,000kms.

Terry was always aware of the dangers that faced him, kayaking deadly, shark and crocodile infested waters, paddling through rapids and around whirlpools, but it all became a part of him. In his own words, Terry says he adjusted to the danger and had the skills to get himself out of sticky situations.

Terry described one particularly hairy incident on the Prince Regent River. "A crocodile came, and there were mangroves and mud on both sides of the river so there was no escape. The crocodile started coming and I thought 'this is it', I just had to keep paddling down the river and hope for the best. Thankfully it eventually dropped off." When asked how it felt to be chased by a crocodile Terry said, "You just go into survival mode and go."

In between trips, Terry operated a Kayak shop on Railway Parade in Bassendean for fifteen years, before moving it to Bayswater. However, due to competition like BCF and Anaconda, Terry shut up shop five years ago, when he was 65 years old. But Terry never gave up on kayaking, continually setting new challenges for himself.

At the age of 60, Terry decided to paddle 6000kms which he achieved. Then at the age of 65, he paddled 6500kms.

In 2018, Terry was diagnosed with prostate cancer. After his initial diagnosis and six months after treatment, Terry went to Canada, paddled up the coast of Vancouver to Alaska, then to China, for the world kayak marathon championships coming third in the masters 65+.

Upon his return, he set in motion a fundraiser to raise money for Prostate Cancer research. Terry set about to paddle 7,000km in his 70th birthday year, on the Swan River. COVID restrictions may have prevented him from travelling, but it wouldn't stop him from kayaking.

"I started on June 3rd, my birthday, with a 70km paddle on the first day and then I paddled six or seven hours every day averaging 40kms to 50kms a day. I got to the 7000km in seven months. Everyone said, 'you can finish now' but I had already said I was going to paddle every day for a year so I kept paddling."

Terry pushed himself to the limits, packing in a huge 7000kms into the next five months and doubling his goal to 14,000kms. "Some nights I was paddling up to Midland and back to Maylands and back to Midland. I'd be going around Maylands peninsula at nine or ten o'clock at night. One night I didn't get in till quarter to twelve." With two weeks to spare, Terry paddled a huge 1000kms to finish the year. "Some of the last ones I was paddling 90kms a day. From seven in the morning to almost midnight".

"I raised 18,000 dollars for prostate cancer. It was my last big trip; it would have been nice to have raised more but my circle of friends is limited and I didn't get much publicity."

In addition to his enormous contributions and personal achievements, Terry is also an avid writer and photographer, taking special interest in the birdlife around Bassendean and the Swan River.

"As a paddler you can go down and see different birds every day. "I am hoping to get a book together about the birds."

Terry has already written five books, two on canoeing, one on the Avon River and three on the trips he has done. These are currently available at the Town of Bassendean Memorial Library.

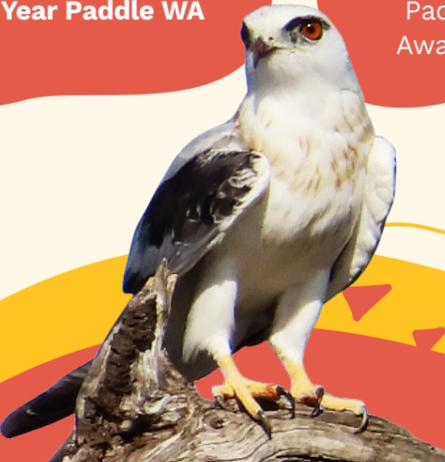
Terry also hopes to publish a book based off his personal diaries and some of these can be read at his personal website terrybolland.wordpress.com.

Having lived multiples lives in one, Terry is satisfied with his achievements, "I've had a good life" he said. Terry is an inspiration and proof that life can be whatever you make it, at any age.

Terry has lived in Ashfield/Bassendean for 44 years and loves the area.

If you would like to find out more about Terry, or to donate to his fundraiser please visit the websites below.

Terry's Awards and Achievements

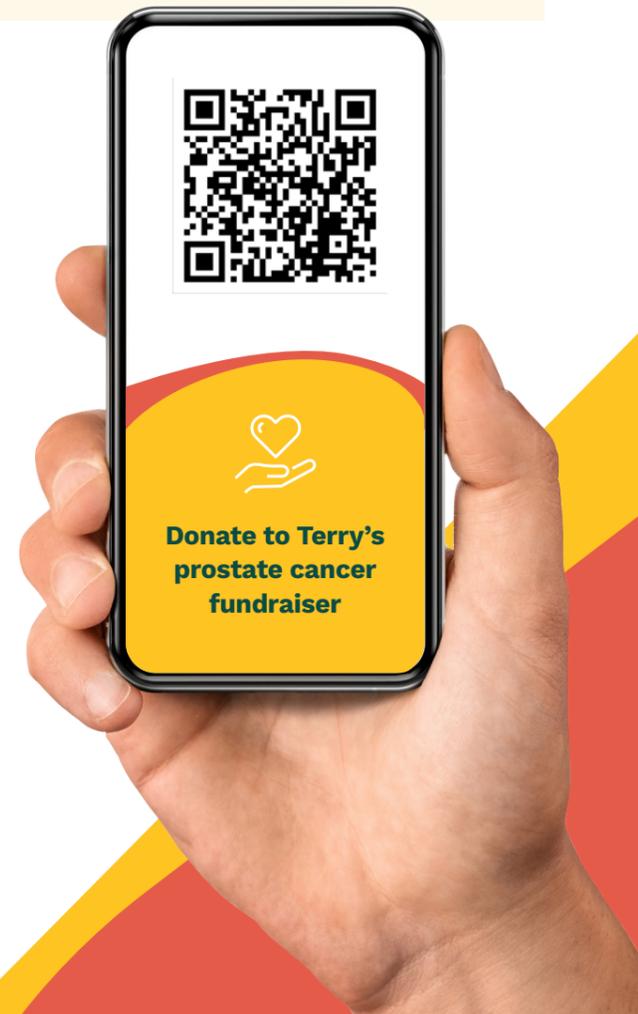
<p>1983</p> <p>Winner of the OLEGAS TRUCHANAS Canoeing Award</p>	<p>1989</p> <p>Ascot Kayak Club, LIFE MEMBER.</p>	<p>1991</p> <p>Canoeing of West Australia, RECREATION AWARD</p>
<p>1991</p> <p>Perth's Lord Mayors of Perth's ENDURANCE AWARD</p>	<p>1992</p> <p>Australian Geographic, SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE AWARD.</p>	<p>2005</p> <p>Canoe WA LIFE MEMBER</p>
<p>2011</p> <p>Winner of the OLEGAS TRUCHANAS Canoeing Award</p>	<p>2016</p> <p>Avon Descent Legend</p>	<p>2018</p> <p>Paddle WA Hall of Fame</p>
<p>2019</p> <p>Master Paddler of the Year Paddle Australia</p>	<p>2022</p> <p>Master Paddler of the Year Paddle WA</p>	<p>2022</p> <p>President's Award title Paddle Australia Awards in Sydney</p>
<p>Canoeing of West Australia, PRESIDENTS AWARD, awarded three times.</p>  <p>Photo by Terry Bolland</p>		

As well as paddling 14,000kms this year he has also achieved much more:

- WA Wild Water Champion in the 65+ (2022)
- Australian Wild Water Champion in the 65+ (2022)
- WA Marathon Champion in the 70+ K1 & K2 (2022)
- WA C1 Slalom Champion in Masters and 3rd K1 in the 65+ (2022)
- WA C1 Slalom Champion in Masters and 3rd K1 in the 65+ (2022)
- Australian Masters Kayak Marathon 70+ K1 (2022)
- He organised the 2022 Australian Masters Games Kayak Marathon which was a two day event.
- He is on the Board of 'Paddle WA' making decisions about paddling in Western Australia.
- He is on the WA Kayak Marathon Committee organising local paddling races.
- He teaches and organises paddling sessions for Ascot Kayak Club once a week.
- He runs a coaching course for the WA Wild Water Committee for 8 weeks in January/February.
- He puts out a Paddling Newsletter every Friday. So far, he has put together 772 newsletters.
- He has been an Australian Flat Water, White Water and Senior Sea Instructor for 46 years and he still passes on his knowledge and expertise.
- He has paddled the Avon Descent 29 times

Author of 6 adventure books

- 1 **Canoeing Down Under** (the Basics & Beyond)
An Instructional canoe/kayak book
- 2 **Kimberley Challenge**
(A year paddling along the Kimberley Coast)
- 3 **A Race Along The Way**
(A 3300km Journey down the Yukon River)
- 4 **The Long Way Home**
(A 24,000km walk, cycle and kayak around Australia)
- 5 **The Avon River Guide**
(Maps, information and photographs of the rapids on the Avon River)
- 6 **Three Rivers to Tuktoyaktuk**
(A near 4000km journey down the Athabasca, the Slave & the Mackenzie Rivers)



TADWA, 35 years Improving the Lives of the Ageing and Disabled

TADWA (Technology for Ageing and Disability Western Australia) is a not-for-profit organisation based in Bassendean, that provides in-home and accessibility solutions for the ageing and disabled populations across Western Australia.

The services provided by TADWA allows those who may have ordinarily needed to go into care, to remain independent and in their own homes.

TADWA was first initiated in 1984, by a Telecom worker whose mother was no longer able to operate the dial telephone. He invented a solution for her, which she shared with her friends and the demand for the modified telephone became exponential. From that point, TADWA grew into a small group of volunteers, running from a premises on Lord Street, Eden Hill.

In 2002 TADWA received its first funding from the Department of Health's Home and Community Care (HACC) program. With increasing demand, TADWA then moved offices into a purpose-built building on Collier Road, Bassendean, complete with two large workshops and an office area.

TADWA now delivers tailored and innovative solutions including;

- occupational therapy assessments
- home modifications (kitchen and bathroom renovations)
- recreation and mobility
- technology and computer assistance
- computer training
- tailored solutions

"In 2017 the 'Mechatronics' unit was created to reinvigorate TADWA's focus on technology solutions and tap the growing opportunities in electronics and robotics."

"In 2018 Launch of the 'Brain:Body Pain Solutions' service to bring innovations in pain management, including Virtual Reality, to the range of services provided by TADWA."

To find out more about TADWA phone **1300 663 243** or visit **tadwa.org.au**

Imagine if your home could adapt to your changing needs as you age? A home that actually gets easier to move around, and safer, and easier to control. TADWA can make this dream a reality, enabling you to stay living independently in the comfort of your

TADWA



As people get older, and we are proving this more and more all the time, you need to do two things; keep up your exercise and keep up your social contacts. Social contact and exercise keep people together and healthier longer. When things go wrong, I realise I haven't been exercising as much as I should. You don't have to be bosom pals with everyone, just a hello, a wave and a chat". – **John Sutherland, former President and current member of 55+ Bassendean and Wider Vision**



Bassendean 55+ and Wider Vision are community organisations run for seniors, by seniors. These community groups provide older residents of Bassendean with an array of activities including:

- choir
- qi gong
- chair yoga
- craft groups
- line dancing
- men's group
- drop in games
- guest speakers

Members of 55+ are also invited to join various bus trips and excursions including dinners and lunch trips. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please contact:

Bassendean 55+
bassendeanplus@optusnet.com.au or
call 08 9279 1944.

Wider Vision
rossanddoreen@bigpond.com or
call (08) 9296 8994

Bassendean 55+ and Wider Vision are both operated from the Seniors Centre at 50 Old Perth Road, Bassendean.

Ann Begg, Worldly Wise



Ann Begg has lived in Bassendean since 1994.

She was a teacher, wife, and mother who after retirement, taught in China. Ann was a QiGong and Tai Chi aficionado, a REVISE tutor who volunteered in the WA outback, and a zoo guide.

Ann became involved in Bassendean 55+ (Formerly Bassendean Senior Citizens Association) in 2003 and was secretary for some years. She is still an active member who organises their monthly social dinners. Ann is also a member of Bassendean Wider Vision and now organises their weekly guest speakers.

Ann has stated that “It is important for older people to stay engaged and active, both mentally and physically.” Bassendean 55+ and Wider Vision offer both social and support networks for seniors in the Town, providing older community members with information and new skills. Both initiatives help broaden their horizons whilst keeping them socially active.

While visiting in China, Ann saw groups performing Tai Chi in the parks around Beijing and Shenzhen. Ann’s chiropractor had previously told her it would help with her back pain, so she began learning with a Tai Chi and QiGong master. Ann also taught Tai Chi and Qi Gong for some years after her master returned to China.

Ann incorporated her learnt skills into her classrooms, asserting that just fifteen minutes of practice would calm her students and improve their focus. Another hobby Ann acquired while living in China was karaoke, as there was a karaoke machine in almost every household. Her students taught her ‘My Heart Will Go On’ by Celine Dion which became her go-to karaoke song. Ann now sings in the Swan Valley Voices choir. The choir is currently seeking new members.

Ann has visited China a total of six times, her longest stay being for six months where she taught Oral English at a teachers’ college in Yinzhou. This experience gave her a new perspective on life, discovering that a key cultural difference was the emphasis on friendship and physical closeness. Her students held her hands whilst walking in the street and this she found a bit disconcerting. Ann also belongs to an international women’s group, 5 W, that encourages women to travel and engage with people worldwide.

Like many older people, Ann has proven that life experience and travel can allow a person to add value to the lives of others. Ann has brought inspiration and knowledge from all her adventures back to the Bassendean community.

John Sutherland, a Pillar of Community Leadership and Excellence.



John Sutherland has spent a lifetime serving the community.

Originally from rural Western Australia, John moved to Anzac Terrace, Bassendean with his brother in 1980. John was a restaurateur and in the early 1970s, he ran a grill house in Katanning that was famous for its high-quality steaks. “Those days you didn’t go down to the supermarket to get meat you went to the butcher, so the meat tasted better “. Many people would drive for miles to eat at John’s restaurant including high profile figures like Sir Charles Court. In the late 1970s, John took the licence of the Bunbury Hotel, which he ran for five years before the business was devastated by Cyclone Alby.

John then moved up to Perth, where he ran a restaurant on Benara Road called Swan Valley Restaurant with his brother.

In 2003, John was elected as a Councillor at the Town of Bassendean and joined the Senior Citizen Welfare Association at 50 Old Perth Road, where he became President, alongside Ann Begg (Secretary), for many years. John was integral in transitioning the association from its previous operations into what has now become Bassendean 55+.

In 2008, John was elected to join the board of TADWA (Technology for Ageing and Disability Western Australia), where he still serves today.

John Sutherland was born in 1935 in Cunderdin, into a farming family.

His ancestor was a sea captain who immigrated to Australia in 1828 from Caithness the Town of Wick in Scotland. Upon arrival he was given a large plot of land in Benedict Moran in NSW, where the family lived for a couple of generations. However, to avoid inbreeding in the small Town, the Sutherlands eventually packed up and relocated to Western Australia.

From the age of seven, John was sent to school at a Roman Catholic convent, due to his family living too far out of town for him to go to a state school. John did not fit in at the convent, being the only boy in the class and a Protestant. He was also left-handed, which until the mid-20th century, was considered a ‘defect’. (Attempts to train children out of left-handedness were common).

John says life is very different now compared to back then.

When asked what advice he has for younger generations, John says “fresh air and physical activity are ultra-important. It will keep your strength up for longer, I’m 87 and a quarter and still in reasonably good health.

Some people are quite wealthy, but they have neglected their health. People are dropping off the perch at 60, it’s too young to go. You are just starting to enjoy life then” (laughs).

Shoulder to Shoulder – Bassendean Men’s Shed

The Australian Men’s Shed Association (AMSA) was officially founded in 2007 as means of preventing social isolation amongst older Australian males.

Starting from humble beginnings in rural New South Wales in the 1990s by former miners, the Australian Men’s Shed Association has evolved into a federal government-supported, not-for-profit organisation, with more than 1,200 sheds across Australia.

The goal of ASMA is to build connected communities to better Men’s health, by providing a safe and busy environment for men to continue to feel valued.

Statistically, men are less likely than women to reach out for help when they are having mental, physical, or emotional health issues and as a result, men are far more likely to die from suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, or high-risk behaviours.

Men’s Shed provides a support system for those who may otherwise become isolated and unable to cope with life’s challenges. It is a meeting place for those seeking belonging and mateship.

If you visit a shed, you will find men working together on projects, restoring and building furniture, crafting, learning new skills, or simply sitting back and enjoying a cup of coffee together.

Bassendean Men’s Shed

Bassendean Men’s Shed is located at the corner of Railway Parade and Holman Drive, Bassendean.

Originally initiated by the Lion’s Club of Bassendean in 2008, it took several years for the development and establishment of Bassendean Men’s Shed in 2014.

The building boasts a large workshop equipped with woodworking and metalworking tools, there is an outdoor space for entertaining and storage, and a recreation lounge.

Men’s Shed will be taking part in the upcoming Garage Sale Trail on Saturday 12 November.

Various wood items, machinery, tools, and miscellaneous items will be on sale. All profits go back into supporting the Men’s Shed and its facilities.

Currently, there are 69 members of varying ages at Men’s Shed Bassendean, however they are always welcoming more.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member, contact Allan Wilson on **0428 791 540** or Ian Darch on **0419 199 556**. You can also email **bcmenshed@gmail.com**

“The Men’s Shed movement has become one of the most powerful tools in addressing health and wellbeing, helping men to once again become valued & productive members of our community. Men don’t talk face to face, they talk shoulder to shoulder”.

Professor Barry Golding

at the 2nd National Men’s Shed Conference in Manly, September 2007

Organisation	About	Phone	Website
Lifeline	Provides access to crisis support and suicide prevention services.	13 11 14	lifeline.org.au
Suicide Call Back Service	Provides immediate telephone counselling and support in a crisis.	1300 659 467	suicidecallbackservice.org.au
Beyond Blue	Supporting people affected by anxiety, depression and suicide.	1300 224 636	beyondblue.org.au
MensLine Australia	Telephone and online support, information and referral service for men with concerns about family and relationships, mental health, anger management, gamil violence (using and experiencing), substance abuse and wellbeing. the service is available from anywhere in Australia and is staffed buy professional counsellors, experienced in men's issues.	1300 789 978	mensline.org.au
Kids Helpline	telephone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.	1800 551 800	kidshelpline.com.au
ReachOut	Online mental health service for under-25s and their parents.		au.reachout.com
National Alcohol and Other Drugs Hotline	Hotline for anyone affected by alcohol or other drugs. Support includes counselling, advice and referral to local services.	1800 250 015	
Family Drug Support	Help for individuals and families dealing with drug and alcohol use. Also provide support groups, education programs, counselling and bereavement sercies for families.	1300 3688 186	fds.org.au
1800RESPECT	Natioanl domestic, family and sexual violence counselling, information and support service.	1800 737 732	1800respect.org.au
13YARN	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander crisis support line for people feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping.	13 92 76	13yarn.org.au
StandBy - Support After Suicide	Australia's leading suicide postvention program dedicated to aqssisting people and communities bereaved or impacted by suicide, including individuals, families, friends, witnesses, first responders and service providers.	1300 727 47	standbysupport.com.au

Male suicide

The suicide rate for males increased between 2011 and 2020 from 16.2 to 18.6 deaths per 100,00

Suicide was the second leading cause of death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males who died between 2011 and 2020. This compares to 10th for females.

Gender comparisons

- In 2020 there were 3,139 deaths by suicide. 2384 were males and 744 females
- In 2020 there were 1842 drug-induced deaths. 1187 were male and 655 female.
- In 2020 1163 people died from a motor vehicle accident. 870 were males, 293 were females.
- In 2020 1452 people died of an alcohol-induced death. 1056 were male, 396 were female.

SOURCE: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Anthony Guest

Anthony Guest joined the Men's Shed in Bassendean almost two years ago, after his wife, Patricia was placed into care. Anthony has formally been treated for stress by his doctor, but believes the Men's Shed has been integral to getting him out of the house, and into fulfilling activities.

Anthony comes to the Men's Shed three mornings per week, where he uses his skills to craft wooden name plates for children's doors.

Anthony's father was an Anglican priest, Archdeacon Frederick Guest, who was the inaugural Executive Director of Anglican Homes, now known as Amana Living.

Archdeacon Frederick Guest had the vision that "Aged people should not be moved away from the area in which they have resided for the greater part of their lives", when establishing aged care facilities.

Frederick Guest worked tirelessly to raise funds for the first home, Moline House, which opened in Karrinyup in 1965. This is where Anthony's wife, Patricia now resides.

It appears that giving and self-sacrifice runs through Anthony's veins. He worked at Royal Perth Hospital for 32 years as an orderly and care assistant. Anthony was such a dedicated worker, he was once offered a cash gift from a patient who he had been caring for. A gift he smilingly rejected. The patient instead nominated him for an employee award which he won.

Anthony left school at age thirteen and spent the remainder of his teenage years working in the pharmaceutical industry. He moved to Singapore briefly with his parents before returning to Perth and meeting Patricia, whom he married in 1971.

Anthony and Patricia Guest have one son, Colin, and three grandchildren.

Prior to working at Royal Perth Hospital, Anthony worked at Penfolds Wines as a salesman, a job he says was "Fantastic". However, the job did not offer him the stability he needed to support his wife and child.

Anthony was also previously a member of the Lions Foundation and was awarded the James Richardson Award for Outstanding Service to Lions and the Community

Since joining the Men's Shed, Anthony has recruited eight new members and is hoping to find more.



Anthony Guest (centre) with fellow Men's Shed members'

Remembrance Day

11 November 2022

'Lest We Forget'



On Friday 11 November 2022, a Remembrance Day service will be run by the Bassendean RSL Eastern Regional Sub-branch.

Starting at 1030 at BIC War Memorial and will be completed at 1100.

On completion of the service everyone is welcome to return to the RSL at 10 Kenny Street Bassendean for refreshments.

Gulf War Veteran Justin Hughes

Local resident and Gulf War Veteran, Justin Hughes, comes from a line of servicemen and women who died and served in the Australian Defence Force. His four children went to St Michael's in Bassendean with his son going on to join the Royal Australian Navy as a Combat System Operator serving on HMAS Anzac and HMAS Toowoomba. Justin now works in mining and is the Vice-President of the RSL Eastern Regional Sub-Branch on Kenny Street.

What was your reason for joining the armed forces?

My grandfather and grandmother both served in the RAF. My grandfather had been posted onboard the HMS Queen Elizabeth prior to WW2 in the Mediterranean and I was constantly shown pictures as a child. I joined the sea scouts, learned sailing, then started to spend time as a teenager on a private cray boat, learning how to be a deckhand with a family friend who had served in the Australian Navy during WW2. The thought of travelling overseas and getting paid for it, like my grandfather, interested me. Our family has a history of serving the country with my great uncle in WW1 being an ANZAC who joined Western Australia's 11th Battalion and unfortunately became one of the first 59 to fall on the landing at Gallipoli. I've also had uncles who served in WW2 for the Australian Army and RAAF and one who served in 3RAR in Vietnam's Battle of Coral-Balmoral.

How long after joining were you sent to fight in the Gulf war?

I joined the Navy in 1988 as an apprentice in Electronics Technical Communications (ETC3) to get a trade, as advice from an old sailor was to get something I could do when I got out. Following my trade training at HMAS Nirimba in Sydney, I then went to HMAS Cerberus - Melbourne, back to Perth - HMAS Stirling, where I worked in the workshops. I was then posted to HMAS Westralia for Operation Desert Storm which had a United Nations coalition of 35 countries to Liberate Kuwait from Iraq's invasion.

How did you feel on your way there?

We were anxious as chemical warfare suits and tablets were issued to us and the worry was the war would become a unification of the Middle Eastern nations in a holy war. We were extremely busy training in various firefighting and damage control scenarios so we would be as prepared as we could be in case of attack. It was the first time since the Vietnam War that Australia had been involved in a major war.



Bassendean RSL Eastern Regional Sub-branch

The Bassendean RSL Eastern Regional Sub-branch opens Monday to Friday 0900-1200 to bring veterans together in a safe place over coffee and to help them with DVA claims.

Fridays they open from 1630 for refreshments and volunteers Barbeque sausages donated by Paddy from Bassendean Gourmet Meats. The RSL runs Anzac Day 25 April, Remembrance Day 11 November and other events such as Vietnam Veterans Day 18 August and Gulf War 1/Operation Desert Storm/Liberation of Kuwait around the 28 February each year.

How did going to war change you and your perspective on life?

I realised the local people in some respects were the same as ourselves, had similar thoughts and family was important. It places you in an extremely high-pressure environment where you realise a team of mates has your back and you will be friends for life due to the experience. War is not a good thing for any of us and the destruction that I witnessed is similar to what we see in Ukraine right now, even though years later, the current war is like when Iraq annexed Kuwait and persecuted their population. I travelled to Kuwait soon after the war ended with my ship's Captain and Navigator, we witnessed firsthand the destruction of infrastructure, and the environment, and the cruelty that can be inflicted on fellow humans.

What values do you stand by?

Loyalty, honesty, and respect, and being a proud citizen of Australia.

Do you have a message or advice for younger generations in relation to those values?

I believe the values I mentioned should be carried by the younger generations and we should defend the freedom we have today as unfortunately others in the world have different beliefs than ourselves and our life in Australia will be very different if we don't defend this

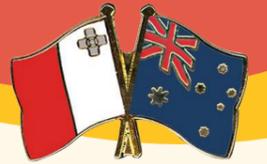
What do you like about life in Bassendean?

Life in Bassendean allows us to have a close community in a beautiful location, close to the river, where over time you get to know various people. You can have a nice chat at the local coffee shop, or in my case as a war veteran, we have a unique RSL which draws various people who have served our country and community, where we can feel safe and support those that need help.



Justin (far left) in Kuwait during the Gulf





Five Generations of Heroism

Justin's Grandfather, Roland Horner, served in the RAF as an aircraft hand on Hawker Audax's in Egypt. In Malta, he posted onboard the HMS Queen Elizabeth which was in the Mediterranean prior to WW2. During WW2 he was a Flight Sergeant training personnel on the use of barrage balloons.

Roland came from Leicester, England. His father Walter (Justin's Great-Grandfather), served in WW1 in France. Walter was mustard gassed twice and machine gunned on top of a trench as a bugler.

Justin Hughes' Grandmother, Winifred Horner, was born in British Borneo (Kuching, Sarawak).

She was adopted as a young child prior to WW2 and moved to the UK where she joined the RAF as a telephonist.

The pair married before emigrating to Perth in the 1960s with Justin's mother and his uncle, Tony Horner (3RAR Vietnam Battle of Coral – Balmoral).



Justin Hughes with his son



Tony Horner



Roland and Winifred Horner



Justin's Great Uncle, Henry Boardman, died in Gallipoli

Maltese Association – Community Centre HALL FOR HIRE

The Maltese Association of WA is a place where people of Maltese descent can meet and interact to learn about & preserve their Maltese Heritage.

The premises were built by volunteers and the constructions led by brothers Alf and Henry Wettinger.

It is equipped with a full chef's kitchen, bar, stage, seating and parquet flooring.

The building is available for hire to ALL individuals and community groups.

The Maltese Association is located at 1 Holman Drive, Bassendean.

For more information please contact President Stephen Cauchi on **08 9377 2902** or visit malteseassociation.org.au



Lost Love by Stephen Cauchi

Stephen Cauchi is the President of the Maltese Association in Bassendean. Here he shares the story of his mother, Salvina.

My Mum was born Salvina Xuereb on the 16th March 1928 on the Island of Gozo, Malta.

During the war my Mum worked at the armed forces mess (a place where military personnel socialize & eat) helping to prepare meals for the allied forces that were stationed in Malta and would take their R&R on the Island of Gozo.

During her time working at the mess, Mum met a young Scottish soldier who she liked very much. After a short time a romance blossomed and soon they began to speak of a possible marriage once the war was over.

By the end of the war in 1945 Mum was seventeen years old. At the time this was an age considered to be appropriate for a young girl to wed.

Before shipping out and going back to Scotland, the young soldier declared his love for Mum. He vowed to write to her often and asked her to write back with a view to him returning to Malta to take her back to Scotland as his wife.

While waiting for his letters, the days turned into weeks and the weeks turned into months and the months into years with no word from her wartime Scottish love. As life after the war on Gozo began to return to normal my mother attracted the attention of a local boy named Francis Cauchi and in what seemed no time at all Mum was married with three sons, Damien, Angelo and John. She soon found herself on her way to Australia aboard the Surriento. The Surriento docked in Brisbane Australia on the morning of the 6th September 1949 and that evening Mum and my brothers were on a train to Mackay in North Queensland (Dad had arrived a few weeks earlier on a separate ship for men).

The early years in Australia were hard with Dad cutting cane for six months of the year and then working on a road gang for the other six months. Mum was raising three young boys and in 1953 she welcomed into the world her daughter, Emily, my only sister.

In 1954 Dad went to visit a cousin in Sydney and never returned to MacKay, instead he purchased a market garden consisting of seven acres of land and a small modest house. He then sent word to Mum to "pack up the kids" and catch the train to Sydney. Finally Mum was happy as she now had her own home and could set down roots. My Mum was the quintessential homebody and she created a happy and comfortable home in the suburb that was then known as Model Farms and is now called Winston Hills.

In March 1958 I "turned up" along with our first television set in December of the same year. Five years later in 1963 my brother Raymond was born. In 1965 tragedy struck the family when my oldest brother Damien was killed in a car accident whilst my Dad was on his first visit back to Malta since coming to Australia in 1949. Mum didn't take the death of my brother very well, it was left to my Sister Emily who was only twelve years old to keep the family functioning during this sad time.

Fast forward to 1977, my father, now retired, was no longer happy living in Australia and announced he, Mum and my youngest brother Ray, fourteen years old at the time, were moving back to Malta. I was nineteen years old and had only finished high school the year before and still living at home, but not for much longer.

Mum wasn't that happy about leaving the majority of her children and by now, a growing number of grandchildren behind in Australia. However, as was the case with most marriages of the time, Dad made the decisions and the rules. In June 1977 I shed a tear as I said goodbye to my Mum and my younger brother Ray (I was too mad with Dad for taking my family away from me just as I was starting life after School to care about him), it would be four years until I saw my Mother and brother again.

Fast forward again to 1986 and my Grandmother (Mum's Mum) was dying and Mum was caring for her and by her side as much as possible. Grandma had been on her own for over forty years as Grandad had died at a very young age in 1944.

On her death bed Grandma would tell my Mother something that would shock her (and me) to the core. Grandma revealed that the young Scottish soldier that had fallen in love with her all those years ago had indeed written to Mum, in fact he had written twenty-two times, asking Mum to marry him and to write back with her acceptance. As you can imagine Mum was shocked and bewildered as to Grandma's motives for not passing on the letters.

Grandma explained that after the war her children were all leaving her (and remember she had also just lost her husband in 1944). Of her five children, one son and a daughter had migrated to Australia, one daughter had become a Nun and was sent to France and another Son had become a merchant sailor and had shipped out, leaving my Mum as her last child at home. She didn't want to lose her to Scotland, so she had hid the letters from my mother in a bid to keep her in Gozo.

The irony of Grandma's action was that only a few years later Mum married Dad and he whisked her away to Australia, leaving Grandma to her greatest fear of being alone.

Mum didn't show too much emotion when she told me this story many years after Grandma's death bed revelation, however I knew by looking at her, she was thinking the same thoughts as myself, "what could have been and how all of our lives would have been so different if Grandma had given her those letters".

By Stephen Cauchi

Alf Wettinger – An Arduous Journey in a Strange Land

After the Second World War until 1967, thousands of Child Migrants, between the ages of four and fourteen years old, immigrated to Australia from Malta and the UK without their parents.

The British Government's Child Migration Scheme was active between 1922 and 1967 and was introduced to increase the migrant population in British Overseas Territories; child migrants assimilated to the Australian culture before adulthood. This would ensure the children would remain in the country and contribute to the defence and workforce of the nation. The slogan 'The child, the best immigrant' was popularised during that time.

These children boarded ships with excitement, hope and the promise of a better future.

Sadly, their expectations were soon dashed, as they were 'handballed' into various orphanages and institutions, and subjected to terrible counts of deprivation, abuse and slave labour. They were to remain under these conditions until the age sixteen, by which time their hopes and spirits were destroyed.

During the post-war era, an estimated 5,000 to 10,000 children immigrated to Western Australia under the Scheme. One of these children was Alf Wettinger, who was sent from Malta at the age of ten years old, along with his older brother, Henry. They were placed in the infamous Boys Town in Bindoon, some 100kms out of Perth.

This is Alf's story.

After the Second World War, Malta was in economic disarray due to relentless attacks on the small Island by Hitler's army. Work was very hard to come by and there was little opportunity for people to build a life for themselves.

For Alf Wettinger's mother, widowed with five sons, it seemed like a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for one of her sons Henry, to take advantage of the Child Migration Scheme which was on offer by the British and Australian Governments.

Her application was initially rejected, stating that Henry, fourteen, was too old to join the Scheme. However, they would accept him if she provided her youngest son, Alf, who was ten years old. In Alf's own words, he was the 'Sacrificial lamb', to grant Henry's entrance into Australia. Alf's mother transferred guardianship of her children to the Australian government believing they would be properly cared for.

For Henry, Alf and the other Child Migrants boarding the ship SS Toscana in 1952, coming to Australia filled them with anticipation and excitement. People in their seaside village, Mellieha, believed Australia was the promised land, and that the children would eventually arrive in the big cities of Sydney and Melbourne, where many other Maltese people were migrating after the war.



Alf with his older brother Henry in Malta

However, upon arrival in Fremantle Harbour on the 8th of January 1953, the children soon realised that the sheer vastness of the country had placed them thousands of miles from where they had expected to be. Perth was no more than a big country Town at the time, with limited infrastructure.

The boys, along with the other child migrants, spent one night at Clontarf Boys Home in Manning. In the early hours of the morning, they were transported 100kms out of Perth, on the back of a truck, to their new place of residence, Boys Town in Bindoon. On their way there, Alf was filled with fear, as another Maltese boy who was sent out three years earlier, gave him a run-down of the strict rules and punishments dealt out by the Christian Brothers who ran the facility.

Within 24 hours of arriving in Australia, the Child Migrants were confronted with not the school they had imagined, but instead what resembled a large construction site.

Upon arrival in desolate Bindoon, Alf was stripped of the brand-new clothing bought with the little money his mother had saved, and replaced with a numbered uniform, only one singlet, a pair of donated old baggy khaki military shorts and a few toiletries. He was told if he lost or damaged these items, there would be retribution. No shoes, socks or even underwear were provided.

The main administration building was under construction using forced child labour. The building programme took precedence, and the children did not receive the education they were promised. During their days there, they were placed in workshops, where paid Italian craftsmen migrants

taught them trades in the building industry or worked on the farm. Contrary to the lies sold to his Mother, the education Alf received in his first four years at Boys Town was nothing compared to what he had received back home.

Alf's body was burnt and searing with blisters in the hot Australian sun, without adequate sun protection and he and the other children were forced to walk barefoot on the gravel roads and footpaths around the grounds of the building. Unfortunately, that wasn't the only pain he was made to endure. Alf and the other children lived in constant fear of being beaten for the slightest misdemeanours.

"The brothers were strict, did not hesitate to hit or belt us, and abuse us physically, emotionally and sexually. They were dealt with in the court but the memory and hurt still remains"

"In the first couple of years I used to look forward to going to bed at night, sometimes crying myself to sleep and dreaming about being back home playing with the neighbourhood kids. I wished that my dreams would last forever and not be interrupted by the loud sound of the awakening bell in the morning when 'reality strikes'".



Alf in Malta with his first pet 'Waggy'



Each child was given chores they were to perform outside of their school hours. For Alf, he was given the task of cleaning toilets and grease traps, until his older brother caught wind of it and convinced one of the Christian brothers to place him in the carpentry workshop alongside him.

The skills the children learnt in the workshops were used in the construction of the administration building. On the 4th of October 1954, the brothers held an opening ceremony, inviting members of high society, from politicians to footballers to attend. The children sat and watched from afar, as the guests were lavished with drinks and fanfare.

At the age of fifteen, the children were taken out of school and made to do farm and building maintenance work. At the age sixteen, they were released from Boys Town and placed into jobs that aligned with the chores they had been given.

Fortunately for Alf, he had advanced sufficiently in his studies to become eligible to sit the public examinations. Alf and the three other boys who sat the exam that day passed, and received their Junior Certificates.

After five painful and terrorising years at Boys Town, Alf left Bindoon and his care was taken over by Child Welfare. The Christian brothers got him his first job as a cadet draftsman in a large steel fabrication factory in Welshpool.

Eventually, Child Welfare found him a home with an elderly widow in Victoria Park, who treated Alf like her own son for four years. He never heard from Child Welfare again, though it had been their duty to check on him every six months. Unfortunately, in 1962, Alf's loving carer passed away, leaving the 21-year-old Alf totally alone in a place he felt he did not belong.

Over the next ten years, Alf fought feelings of loneliness and depression by throwing himself into his work and furthering his studies. He attained a Structural Draftsman Certificate and Structural Engineering Diploma at Perth Technical College but outside of his career prospects, he found it very difficult to connect with people, especially the opposite gender. His time at Boys Town had destroyed his self-esteem and he continued to become more isolated and depressed.

Thinking his life may be better back home, Alf returned to Malta in 1963 but soon realised things had changed a lot since he left. The Maltese children had been forbidden from speaking their own language at Bindoon, and so Alf was standing on the precipice of both cultures, belonging to neither. His feelings towards his mother were mixed, angry that she had sent him away and confused as to whether he should stay. Alf decided to leave Malta and return to Australia. This was the last time he saw his mother.

For many years afterwards, Alf yearned to build social relationships with his Australian peers but continued to feel like an outsider. He could not relate to the sports-minded Aussies, as he had no experience in that field and he received racial abuse from the locals. They used slurs like "dago" and "wog" to ridicule the young man, who had an accent, tanned skin, and a curly black hair. Because of all of this, Alf's mental health spiralled, and suicidal thoughts entered his mind on several occasions.

Eventually, despite all odds, Alf managed to turn his life around.



Alf (centre) in the metal workshop at Bindoon Boys Town

In 1965, Dianne came into his life. She was the cousin of his brother's wife Betty. Because Alf's self-confidence was so low, when he met Dianne, he never dreamed she would be interested in him. However, they later began dating and were eventually married in September 1968. In Alf's own words, Dianne was a blessing, she supported him and helped him cope with his painful memories, slowly building back his confidence. "Dianne saved me from self-harm and if she wasn't around, I don't think I would be here today". They eventually had four children together and now have five lovely grandchildren.

Alf also made many strides in his career, starting his own successful Drafting business "Statewide Drafting Services", that he operated for over forty years before retiring in 2014. He is now debt free and enjoying a life surrounded by the love of his family. A love and support that, in his dark days, he never thought would be possible. Alf is an avid golfer and plays at least three times a week at a private club, he also plays bingo and Rummikub with friends.

In the late 1990s, Alf discovered the Maltese community in Bassendean, where he was able to reconnect with his culture and language which he cherishes. He served on their committee as the treasurer until the building of their new club rooms that were opened on his birthday, the 7th December 2003. Alf became the President of the Maltese Association in 2005 and served in that role for three years, all on top of running his business. During this time, Alf and his brother Henry, set about planning the construction of the Maltese Association Headquarters that now exists today.

Henry, a registered builder, dedicated two years of voluntary work, supervising the build of what is now a beautiful hall, equipped with offices, a full-size chef's kitchen, a bar and a stage. In recognition of Henry's sacrifice of time and energy, the club awarded him a Lifetime Membership. Henry passed away four years ago but the legacy of his efforts is not forgotten by the Maltese Community.

After stepping down as President, Alf re-joined the committee and once again served as treasurer until 2016. He still goes there regularly on Friday nights for dinner, and to spend time with his Maltese friends.

Alf Wettinger conquered his adversity, through hard work, determination and with the support of Dianne. Together, they managed to build a happy life, raise four very successful children and made priceless contributions to the wider Maltese Community and the Town of Bassendean. Despite the hardships he faced as a child, he does not consider himself a victim.

He considers himself a survivor.

On 16 November 2009 Prime Minister Kevin Rudd made a formal apology on behalf of the nation to the Child Migrants from the UK and Malta, the 'Forgotten Australians'.

On 24 of February 2010, United Kingdom Prime Minister Gordon Brown issued an apology to Child Migrants.

As of 2009, there were an estimated 7,000 "Child Migrants" currently residing in Australia.





The Maltese Child Migrants prior to boarding the ship SS Toscana - Alf (far left) and his brother Henry (back, centre right)



The children and adults at Boys Town, on the steps of the completed administration building

Gwen Fenech

Mrs Gwen Fenech OAM JP, received the WA Volunteer Service Award 2017 by the Hon. Mick Murray MLA, Minister for Volunteering, for her 48 years' service to the Town of Bassendean.

Mrs Fenech served the Town as a Welfare Officer from 1979 to 2004. During this time, she was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 1992 for services to the community and was made an honorary Freeman of the Town in 2009. Gwen has played a significant role in shaping community programs within the Town, Community Transport, Adult Day Care Centre, Hyde Retirement Village, as well as numerous social activities with the Melody Club and Maltese Association.

Gwen was initiated into the Order of Malta which is made up of people with 'undoubted Catholic morality and practice, who have acquired merit over the years with regard to the Order of Malta, its institutions and humanitarian works.'

Gwen is now focusing on her family and continues to be a friendly face and a compassionate heart around the community.



Elder Abuse

The State government has launched an initiative to prevent and stop elder abuse.

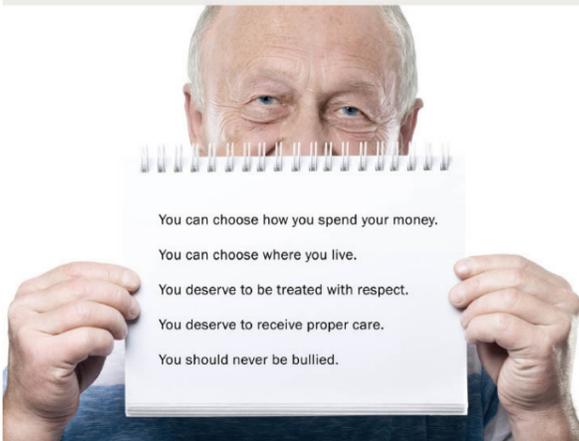
Elder Rights Western Australia is a Statewide service run by Legal-Aid WA, in partnership with the Department of Communities.

Building on the existing Seniors Rights and Advocacy Service, Elder Rights WA will provide legal assistance to older people experiencing all forms of elder abuse.

Seniors and Ageing Minister Don Punch said "Elder abuse continues to be a scourge on society and it too often remains hidden or goes unreported. That needs to change, and victims of elder abuse need to know they can come forward and have access to legal advice and representation should they need it".

Government of Western Australia
Department of Communities

Your hair may be grey, but your rights are black and white.



You can choose how you spend your money.
You can choose where you live.
You deserve to be treated with respect.
You deserve to receive proper care.
You should never be bullied.

You may be in your senior years, but you still have exactly the same rights you've always had. If someone is forcing you to make a decision you don't want to make, don't accept it.

Help Stop Elder Abuse Elder Abuse Helpline: 1300 724 679
www.communities.wa.gov.au/elderabuse

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Department of Communities

When Ana stopped coming to Friday card games, her friends got suspicious.



Ana's friends knew she wasn't comfortable becoming guarantor for her son's mortgage. She told them that he was now unemployed and pressuring her for money. They knew she was struggling to make ends meet. If you know someone like Ana who may be a victim of financial elder abuse, speak up.

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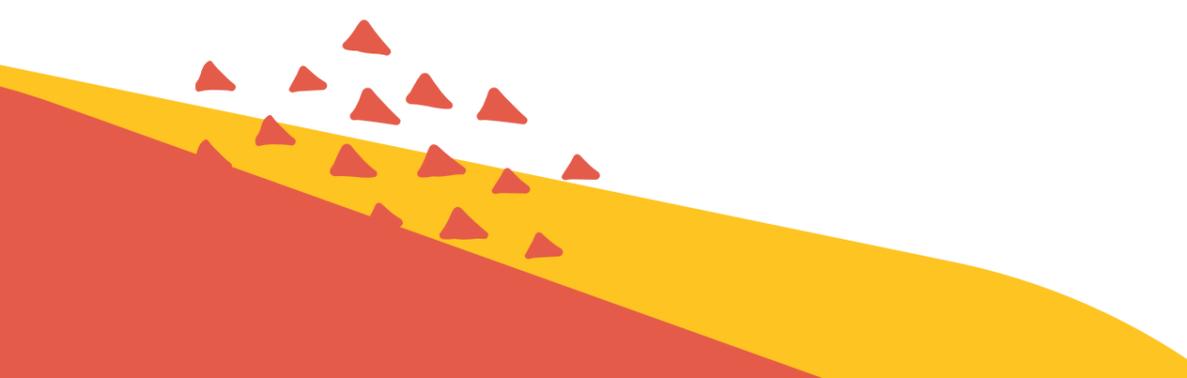
Telethon Community Cinema

Telethon Community Cinema has raised over \$11 million for kids' charities and is run by 700 volunteers across its four outdoor locations in Murdoch, ECU Joondalup, Burswood and Bassendean.

To launch this year's season in Bassendean, there will be a very special screening of Bassendream, written and directed by Bassendean local, Tim Barretto.

The screening will be held on December 1 at BIC Reserve.

Get your tickets now and support this wonderful cause by visiting communitycinemas.com.au or call Matt Campbell on **0403 560 684**



Share Shed

Share Shed Bassendean is challenging consumer culture with its community-run "Library of Things"

Members of Share Shed Bassendean get FREE ACCESS to a range of extremely useful but infrequently used communal items from lawnmowers to camping gear, without the need to purchase them for individual use.

Share Shed seeks to promote a more circular economy, by limiting excess consumption and waste, and by building a robust local sharing economy where borrowing is a better option than buying.

How people can get involved:

- sign up to become a member for free and start borrowing this weekend
- volunteer to help staff the Share Shed or behind the scenes
- donate good quality items that could be put to better use by sharing with the community. We are also thankful for any offers of financial donations and sponsorship.
- list items that you own and want to keep but are willing to share with your community from your own home

For more information visit Share Shed's website www.shareshedbassendean.org



What's on at the Library

Bassendean Memorial Library should be winding down for the year but instead, it's full steam ahead! We are still crafting, decorating, learning, and reading. Use your Library- it is more than just books!

NEW! Hoopla, a digital library platform, has been added to our eLibrary collection. Hoopla offers eAudiobooks, eBooks, movies, TV series, comics, and music to download or stream on any device – all for free with your Bassendean Library Membership card.

We have had to temporarily suspend our English as Second Language (ESL) sessions due to our wonderful volunteer teacher going back to work. If you know of someone who would be willing to volunteer in an ESL role, please phone the library **9279 2966** or email us baslib@bassendean.wa.gov.au

November edition of our Library newsletter is out- pick it up at the library or read it online

Please note: FOGO bags can now be collected from the library after 5pm on weekdays during library Opening Hours or on Saturdays from 9am-1pm

*Library Opening Hours

- Monday:** 9am - 6pm
- Tuesday:** 9am - 8pm
- Wednesday:** 9am - 6pm
- Thursday:** 9am - 6pm
- Friday:** 9am - 5.30pm
- Saturday:** 9am - 1pm

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, call us on **9279 2966** or **9377 8033**, email us on baslib@bassendean.wa.gov.au and visit us at 46 Old Perth Road, Bassendean.

Science Mum - FREE

16 November
Library Meeting room 1 | 4pm-5pm
book via trybooking.com/CBHDQ

Decorating Christmas cookies - FREE

22 November
Library meeting room 1 | 6pm - 7.30pm
Book via trybooking.com/CDMNV

Lego League for kids - FREE

28 November
Library meeting room 1 | 4pm - 5pm
Bookings are not essential.

Mah-jong

Every Tuesday
12.30 - 2.30pm | 6pm - 7.30pm
Library meeting room 1
New players welcome for evening sessions.

Rhyme Time

Every Wednesday | 11am
Bookings not essential.

Story Time

Every Thursday | 10.30am
Bookings not essential.

Justice of the Peace

9.15am - 12pm | Library meeting room 2
Available on the first 3 Wednesdays of the month 10am - 11.30am and on the first and third Saturday of the month.

Waste Wise Calendar

Frog ID Week: 11 - 20 November

FrogID Week is Australia's Biggest Frog Count, held annually for Australians to help record frog calls through the free FrogID app, as a measurement of frog health and distribution around the nation. It aims to monitor frog distributions over time, helping us to understand how frogs and their ecosystems are responding to a changing planet.

From croaks and barks, to whistles and bleats, every frog species makes a unique sound. Using the free FrogID app, you can record the frogs calling around you and help us count Australia's frogs.

Join our growing team of citizen scientists this FrogID Week 11-20 November 2022.

Visit: frogid.net.au/frog-id-week

Citizen Science: MyPestGuide®

The MyPestGuide® family of mobile apps helps bring together a collaborative network of citizen scientist to help report, map and learn about pests and other organisms. The recent invasion of Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer was initially identified through a MyPestGuide Report, allowing the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to respond to the infestation before it became widely spread though WA.

Download the free app today:
agric.wa.gov.au/pests-weeds-diseases/mypestguide

Skip Bin Service

Based on community feedback, the Town is upgrading to a booked skip bin service.

There are multiple benefits to an on-demand skip bin service such as improved resource recovery, larger allowed volumes per collection, and booking a skip bin when it suits you.

From 14 November 2022, residents will be able to order one general waste skip bin, and one green waste skip bin per financial year. Information on how to book a Skip Bin will be distributed via leaflet drop and promoted through our social media channels.

Alternatively, residents can choose to order two green waste skip bins per financial year.

Green waste skip bins can accept the following items:

- Tree branches and prunings up to 200mm in diameter
- Palm fronds up to 200mm in diameter
- Creepers and vines
- Succulents
- Lawn clippings
- Loose leaves and prunings.
- The General Waste Skip Bin can accept the following items:
 - Household furniture;
 - Whitegoods and metal products; and
 - Bric-a-brac.

Fridges and Mattresses are NOT accepted by the Skip Bins. To arrange a free on-demand collection of these items please call the Town's waste contractor, Veolia on (08) 9350 7195. (Maximum limit of 3 mattresses per financial year).

Residents who can't have a skip bin placed on their verge may be eligible for a booked verge collection.

The verge collections scheduled for October/November 2022 and April/May 2023 are now cancelled due to the new service launching. Please do not place material out for these cancelled collections.

The Town of Bassendean acknowledges this was a hurried transition and apologises for any inconvenience caused. The ability to introduce skip bins has only recently been confirmed, and is time critical, with the next available opportunity in 2024.

It was not possible to proceed with the October/ November collection in addition to skip bins, as the cost to the Town (and residents) would be approximately double.

If you are experiencing concerns due to the cancelled verge collection, please contact the Town of Bassendean Waste Services on 9377 8095 to discuss a workable solution.





Site Preparation Underway for Palmerston Reserve Native Planting

As part of the 2022/23 Annual Budget, Council has approved the implementation of Stage 3 of the Palmerston Reserve project. This will involve the creation of a native garden bed with informal mulch paths and log seating.

From November 2022 to January 2023, the removal of turf will occur, followed by the installation of a concrete mowing kerb, mulch, and logs. In addition, 3200 low-growing native plants will be planted as part of community planting days in Winter 2023.

For further information, please email environment@bassendean.wa.gov.au or call 9377 8000.

Electric Weed Control Trials

In an Australian first, the Town of Bassendean is trialling the Swiss-made Zasso Electroherb machine, to kill weeds with high-voltage electrical currents.

The Town is one of the only Local councils taking part in the trial, as part of an initiative by The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

The Electroherb machine's effectiveness will be measured against other weeding practices, to determine its viability for widespread usage.

WALGA President Karen Chappel said electric weed control could provide an option to enhance integrated weed control of community assets, such as parks and roadsides.

For more information, www.agric.wa.gov.au

Electroweeding device at a Bassendean reserve, which could have potential application in primary industries.

Town of Bassendean's Environmental Conservation Officer Receives WALGA 2022 Young Achievers Award

Caitlyn White has received the WALGA 2022 Troy Pickard Young Achievers Award, for outstanding contributions made to Local Government.

Caitlyn commenced work at the Town of Bassendean in April 2020. She is responsible for the maintenance and restoration of the Town's natural area reserves, including bushland, wetland, and foreshore areas.

Caitlyn has also been involved in trialling non-chemical ways to manage weed problems. Most recently, she was involved in the electro-weeding trial program taking place at Hamilton St Reserve, with the Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development.

Outside of working for the Town, Caitlyn also supports numerous volunteer organisations that assist with environmental surveillance, citizen science, weed management, and revegetation.

Through this work, she helps to build relationships between the community and the environment by fostering local connections with nature, as well as enjoying the numerous social benefits associated with volunteering.



FREE RED HILL WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY TOUR

Join the EMRC Waste Educators for a FREE tour of the Red Hill Waste Management Facility.

ON THE TOUR YOU WILL GET TO SEE

- ✓ EMRC's waste diversion programs.
- ✓ Landfill Gas & Power Station site.
- ✓ Tip face and FOGO recovery.

After the site tour, participants are invited to visit Red Hill's Environmental Education Centre for a light morning tea and a look at our waste education activities.

Saturday, 19 November 2022
9:10am to 12:00pm

Bus departing from:
9.10am - City of Bayswater Civic Centre
9.30am - James St, Bassendean (opposite St Michael's school entrance)

This tour is FREE for residents in the Cities of Bayswater, Kalamunda and Swan, the Town of Bassendean and the Shire of Mundaring.

Tours are suitable for both adults and children (aged 6+).

To Register:




Thank a Volunteer Day 2022

If you are a volunteer in the Town of Bassendean you are invited to a FREE outdoor movie screening at Telethon Community Cinemas.

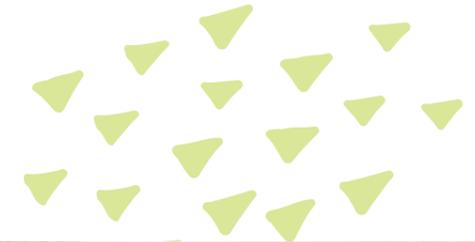
Monday 5 December
A special screening of the new film 'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris'

❖ Exclusive screening for volunteers
❖ Registrations are essential
❖ No tickets available for purchase



Limited places available, register before 20 November contact volunteers@bassendean.wa.gov.au or 9377 2191




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Remembrance Day

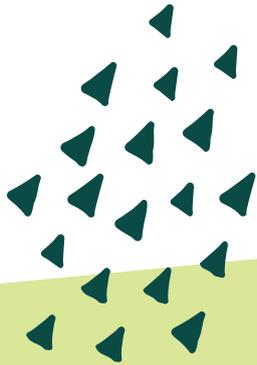
honouring Australian service personnel who have died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.



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