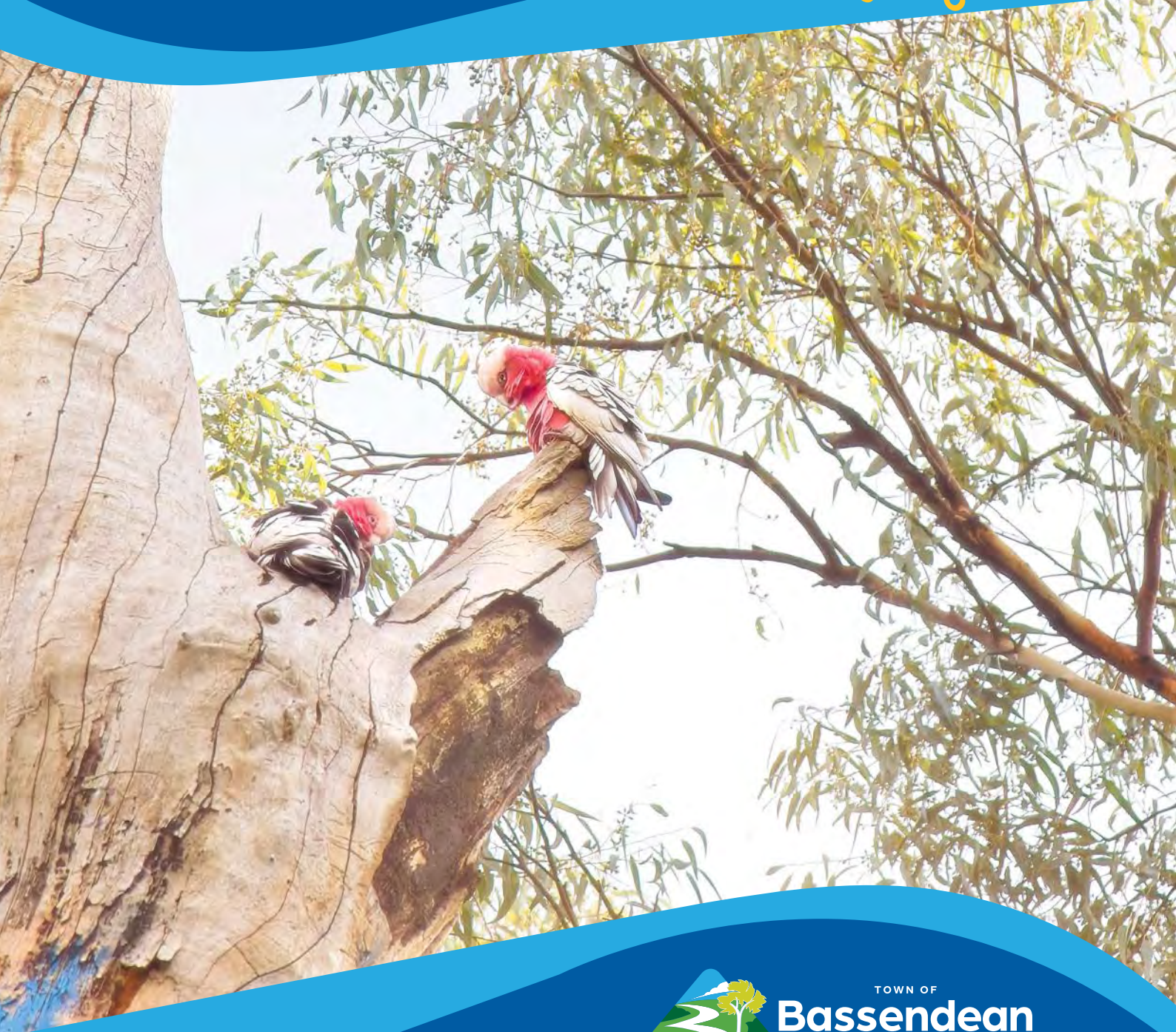
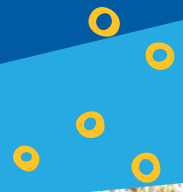




# AROUND THE TOWN

LIVE LOCAL: LOVE BASSO, ASHFIELD & EDEN HILL **MAY 2026**



TOWN OF  
**Bassendean**

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### Kaya everyone,

We have entered Djeran, the Noongar season of change that brings cooler nights and dewy mornings—an excellent time to connect with our beautiful natural areas.

This year's WA Tree Festival offered a wonderful way for the community to do just that, with fauna night walks in our local reserves, tree-themed library activities, and a free outdoor movie screening.

The popular Plants and Trees to Residents programs have also returned, giving residents the opportunity to add waterwise native plants and trees to their gardens, while our annual winter planting program will see hundreds of trees planted on verges across the Town.

Greening our suburb has never been more important, and I'm grateful to the residents who contribute to growing our tree canopy and improving biodiversity in our suburbs.

I hope to see you out and about enjoying this special place we call home.

#### **Kath Hamilton**

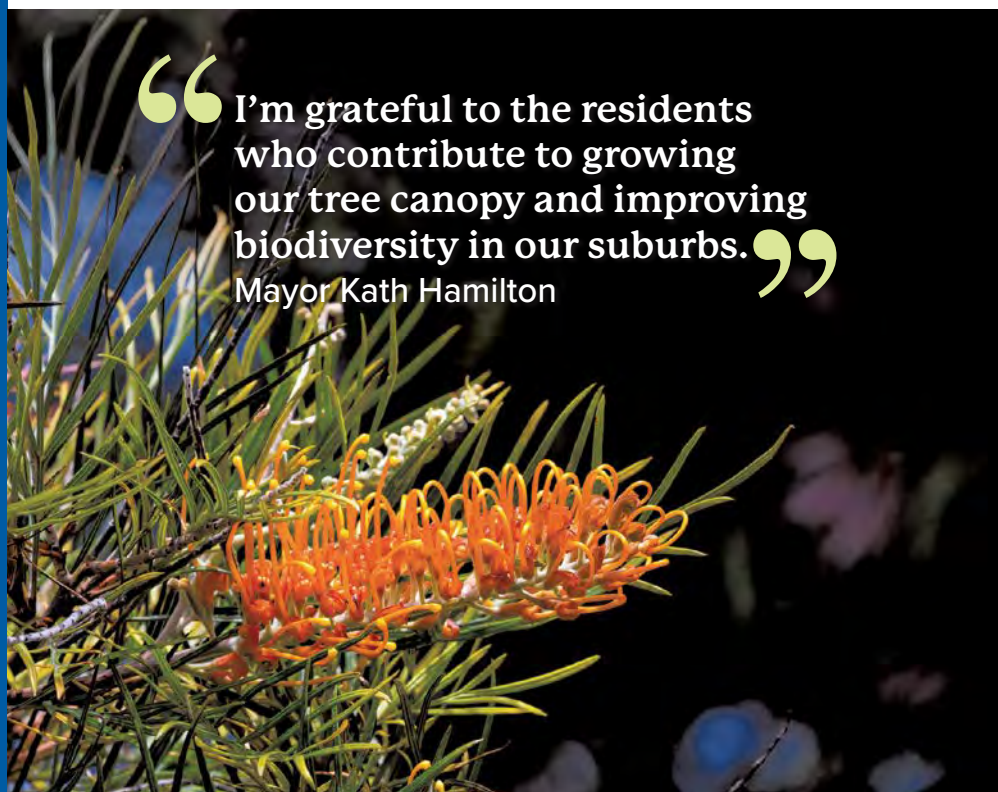
Mayor, Town of Bassendean



#### On the cover

Galahs preening high up in the 'Blue Tree' in Mary Crescent Reserve.

“I'm grateful to the residents who contribute to growing our tree canopy and improving biodiversity in our suburbs.”  
Mayor Kath Hamilton





# Plants and Trees to Residents Programs return for 2026


The Town's Plants to Residents and Trees to Residents programs are back for 2026.

These popular initiatives offer subsidised native plants and trees to residents, helping them to embrace waterwise gardening and play their part in increasing the Town's tree canopy, urban cooling and improving biodiversity.

The programs give Town of Bassendean residents and residential property owners the opportunity buy up to 20 plants at \$1 per plant and five trees at \$5 per tree.

**Purchased plants and trees will be ready for collection on 6 and 7 June from the Town of Bassendean Depot.**

The Plants to Residents initiative is proudly co-funded by Water Corporation's Waterwise Greening Scheme and forms part of our ambition for the Town of Bassendean to be a leading waterwise city.

 Find more details on our website:  
<https://tinyurl.com/27audzjz>



*Sale of excess  
or unclaimed plants*

**Sunday 7 June 2026**

**12pm to 2pm or until sold out**

**Town of Bassendean Depot,  
69 Scaddan Street, Bassendean**

Any excess or unclaimed plants will be available to buy for \$1 per plant. There is a limit of 20 plants per household, and proof of residential address is required.

# Nominations for Community Awards 2026 open now

Nominations are now open for the Town of Bassendean 2026 Community Awards, celebrating those who go above and beyond for our community.

The Community Awards recognise and celebrate the individuals, community groups, and businesses who help make Bassendean a great place to live.

This year, we have taken a new, more flexible approach to the awards, with a longer nomination period to give people more time to put forward their nominations.

Award categories have also been revised with four clear award categories:

#### **Community Citizen of the Year**

– recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution, brought about positive change, or enhanced connection and inclusion within the local community.

#### **Senior Community Citizen of the Year**

– recognises an individual aged 65 years or over who has made an outstanding contribution to the community.

#### **Young Community Citizen of the Year**

– recognises an individual aged 16–25 years who has made an outstanding contribution to the community.

#### **Active Citizenship Award**

– presented to an individual or group who has made a significant contribution in any of the following sub-categories:

- Environmental or Waterwise initiatives
- Creating Economic Benefit
- Contribution to Arts & Culture
- Access & Inclusion Initiative or Program
- Building an Active & Healthy Community.



2024 Community Awards winners

**Let's come together to celebrate those who make our town a better place!**



Nominations can be submitted either online or by hard copy to the Town's Customer Service Centre.

**The nomination period will close on 15 October 2026, so there's plenty of time to consider who in our community deserves to be celebrated.**

The winners will be announced at the 2026 Thank A Volunteer event, scheduled for early December this year.



For more details on the nomination process, visit [bassendean.wa.gov.au/communityawards2026](https://bassendean.wa.gov.au/communityawards2026)

## Local Legends

# Frederic and Lilian Ordynski

Frederic and Lilian Ordynski are long-term Town of Bassendean residents with a story of lifelong community connection.

Frederic and Lilian moved to Bassendean in April 1981, when Frederic accepted a position as a Renal Technician at Royal Perth Hospital.

Over his 27-year career with Royal Perth Hospital, Frederic helped transform their dialysis program. His determination saw dialysis treatment expanded beyond the city, taking this vital care to regional and remote patients who previously had little choice but to relocate to Perth.

Lilian accompanied him on many of these trips, driving Frederic and his team the long distances so they could rest between providing treatment.

Frederic's commitment to the community wasn't limited to his professional life. As a member of the Bassendean RSL, he played an important part in the relocation of the war memorial to its current home in the BIC Reserve.

Meanwhile, Lilian built her own strong community ties through music. A skilled mouth organ player, Lilian joined the Bassendean Melody Club to sing and play music weekly for residents in the local nursing and care homes.

During her 12 years with the club, she rose to the role of president. In recent years, at the request of the Town of Bassendean's Customer Service team,

Lilian has even delivered private Christmas concerts—much to the delight of staff and visitors.

The couple also served together in the Western Australian State Emergency Service. Frederic was a founding member of the SES in the Bassendean area, but within a year he was asked to join state headquarters to support radio communications services. Lilian followed, qualifying as an advanced procedures instructor within the communications team.

Together they were with the SES for over 8 years where they helped countless West Australians in times of need.

A perfect team in many ways, Frederic and Lilian have been married for 62 years. When asked, Frederic said he is most proud of his wife being alongside him in all these endeavours.

Today, Frederic and Lilian are still active in the town, and their story reflects all of the good that comes from dedication, generosity and community spirit.



**Know a local legend? We'd love to meet them and tell their story. Email us at [communications@bassendean.wa.gov.au](mailto:communications@bassendean.wa.gov.au)**

## Piper helps WA score a place in football history

Eden Hill resident Piper Dowe has gone down in history as a member of the first Western Australian team to win the Emerging Matildas Championship (national youth championships) since the tournament began in 1975.


The WA team won all seven matches across the tournament and secured a 2–0 victory over Victoria to claim the title.

Piper played a key role throughout, scoring WA's only goal in the semi-final and opening the scoring in the final, helping the team to achieve its historic success.

Piper is also a proud recipient of the Town's Dudley Robinson Youth Grant, which provided her with \$250 to use towards costs of participating in the Emerging Matildas Championship event.

Amazing work, Piper!



** Learn more about youth grants: [bassendean.wa.gov.au/communitygrants](https://bassendean.wa.gov.au/communitygrants)**



## Verge trees to green Bassendean streets

New street trees are being planted this winter to help shape a greener, leafier future for our Town.

The Town is dedicated to planting at least 500 trees this winter and has notified selected residents that a verge near them is set to welcome a new street tree.

As part of this year's tree planting program, residents can also register their interest to have a verge tree planted, subject to availability and site suitability.

Trees are carefully selected to suit local conditions and planted during winter, helping young trees settle in before the warmer months.

**Street trees play an important role in shaping the character of our town. They bring beauty to our streets, support local wildlife, improve air quality and enhance the look and feel of our neighbourhoods.**

Over time, they help create more comfortable, inviting streets and a stronger sense of place for the community. Every verge is different, with services, access and existing infrastructure carefully considered during planning.

**Together, we're growing Bassendean's urban forest.**



## WA Tree Festival comes to Bassendean

The Town of Bassendean was in full bloom during the WA Tree Festival, celebrating the importance of urban trees and beyond.

Running from 11 April to 10 May, the Town marked the festival by delivering a mix of free and low-cost events for the community to enjoy.

These included a free screening of *The Lorax* at the Telethon Community Cinemas, tree-themed story and rhyme time events at the Bassendean Memorial Library and interactive fauna night walks in Bindaring Park and Mary Crescent Reserve.

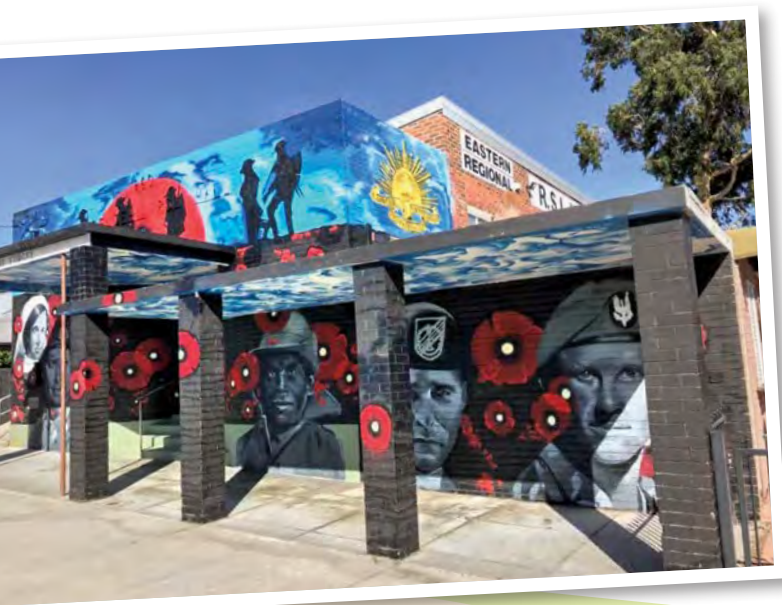
Local community groups also got on board, hosting their own tree-themed activities, such as a palm-tree embroidery workshop from the Embroiderers' Guild of WA.

Taking part in the WA Tree Festival supports the Town's commitment to sustainability and protecting trees now and into the future.



# Update on RSL Guildford Road site

The Town of Bassendean and RSL WA are continuing positive discussions about the future of the vacant site at 179 Guildford Road, adjacent to the Bassendean RSL sub-branch.



Since mid-2025, both parties have explored options to potentially amalgamate the site with the existing RSL property. This could support future redevelopment that delivers much-needed veteran housing alongside new, purpose-built clubrooms for the local sub-branch.

In January 2026, a Letter of Intent was signed outlining key principles, including discounted land valuation (subject to Council approval), planning support and advocacy for state and federal funding. RSL WA is currently progressing due diligence and a business case, with no final decision yet made.

Discussions remain ongoing, with community updates to be provided as matters progress.

## Public art set to rock Palmerston Square

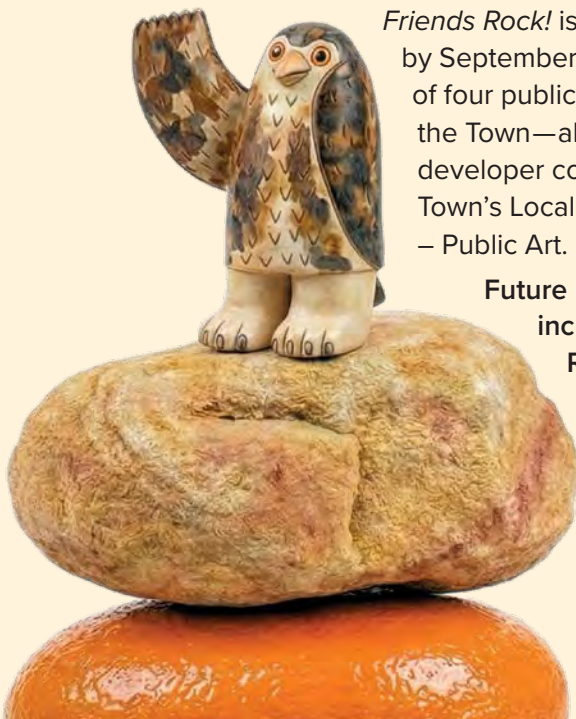
A fun and unique public artwork is coming to Palmerston Square Reserve in Bassendean. The artwork, entitled *Friends Rock!*, will feature a Motorbike Frog and Tawny Frogmouth; two species that are readily found in parks, reserves and backyards within the Town.

The two cheerful characters in the artwork will depict the joy of hanging out with friends, making it a good fit for Palmerston Square, which is a hub for local families.

Artists Amy Perejuan-Capone and Penny Min Ferguson both have a strong childhood connection to the Town, having grown up in the suburbs of Bassendean and Lockridge.

*Friends Rock!* is expected to be installed by September this year, and is the first of four public artworks planned for the Town—all fully paid for through developer contributions under the Town's Local Planning Policy No. 15 – Public Art.

**Future public artwork locations include Anzac Terrace Reserve, Collier Road, Park Estate Reserve and Success Hill Reserve.**



# Heritage post box turns 150!

This year is the 150th anniversary of the Town's heritage-listed pillar post box.

Located on North Road, Bassendean, the post box was cast in 1876. It is not known when it was installed on North Road.

The post box's hexagonal design is a variation of the style used in Britain in the mid-nineteenth century.

Earlier this year, Australia Post temporarily took the post box away to provide restoration and returned it in time for its anniversary.

The Town is planning celebrations to be held later this year, including a historical talk and art competition with local primary schools to create some commemorative postcards.

FROM TOP: The restored post box; detail showing Queen Victoria's royal cypher and the date; and the post box before restoration.




# Get ready for winter with a home energy audit

When the weather starts cooling, our heaters go on, and our power bills start rising, especially if your home and appliances are not as energy efficient as possible — that's where Home Energy Audit Kits can help.


The Home Energy Audit Kit includes easy-to-use tools and a simple guide to help you:

- identify energy hot spots
- reduce electricity and gas use
- cut down on bills
- make your home more sustainable.

Town of Bassendean residents can borrow the home energy audit kit for free from the Bassendean Memorial Library.

 Learn more about the kits at [switchyourthinking.com/energy/](http://switchyourthinking.com/energy/)



  
Did you know households use around **60%** of their energy on heating, cooling and hot water?



## Stop the spread of Citrus Gall Wasp

It's time to check our citrus trees for those lumps and bumps that are signs of the Citrus Gall Wasp.

The wasp attacks all types of citruses and forms distinctive gall nests on stems, which look like woody bulges, and contain hundreds of larvae which emerge as tiny black wasps in Spring.


To help stop the spread, make sure you:

- prune any branches affected by galls before winter (February to June). You can dispose of pruned material into the FOGO bin as larvae will not survive at this time of the year.
- avoid pruning or heavily fertilising citrus trees in winter, as this encourages new growth that is more susceptible to infestation.

If pruning occurs closer to the wasp emergence period (July to November), you must treat galls before disposal to prevent the wasps from spreading.

You can do this by:

- **Solarising:** Place the pruned branches in a sealed plastic bag and leave them in the sun for at least four weeks.
- Mulching or shredding the branches.
- Deep burial (at least 1 metre underground).

 For more information, visit the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's website: [tinyurl.com/citrusgallwasp](http://tinyurl.com/citrusgallwasp)



## Warm welcome for 29 new citizens

The Town proudly hosted an Australian Citizenship Ceremony on Wednesday 15 April, welcoming 29 new citizens from 14 countries around the world.

New citizens attended the ceremony alongside their friends and families, marking an important milestone as they officially became part of the Australian community.

The new citizens were welcomed by Whadjuk/Ballardong Elder Freda Ogilvie and joined by Town of Bassendean Mayor Kath Hamilton, Councillor Hayden Long and special guests Tania Lawrence MP and Freeman of the Town Gerry Pule.





## Guided walks off to great start

The Town's 2026 guided walks program got off to a fantastic start on Monday 30 March, with a walk along Old Perth Road.

Led by the informative and very knowledgeable volunteer tour guides Chris and Alan, participants were entertained and educated as they meandered down Old Perth Road, taking in the iconic sites and learning about the Town's history.

The walk received great feedback from all involved.

The Town will be running free guided walks monthly for the rest of the year.

## Next free guided walk: Further Down Old Perth Road

Step back in time and uncover the stories that shaped Bassendean in this engaging and free local history walk.

Setting off from the Bassendean Shopping Centre, we will explore how strong community spirit carried locals through decades of change. Along the way, we'll delve into the role of schools and churches, the camaraderie of sporting life, and how people supported one another through the challenges of war and the Great Depression.

Join us on this fascinating journey through the heart of Bassendean, perfect for history lovers and curious minds alike!

Tuesday 30 June 2026  
10am–11:30am

**Meeting location:**  
Bassendean Shopping Centre,  
near the Old Perth Road entrance

**Age suitability:**  
All ages, children under  
17 years of age require  
adult supervision.



Head to the Town's events page to make a booking and find details of more upcoming walks: [bassendean.wa.gov.au/events/](https://bassendean.wa.gov.au/events/)

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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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